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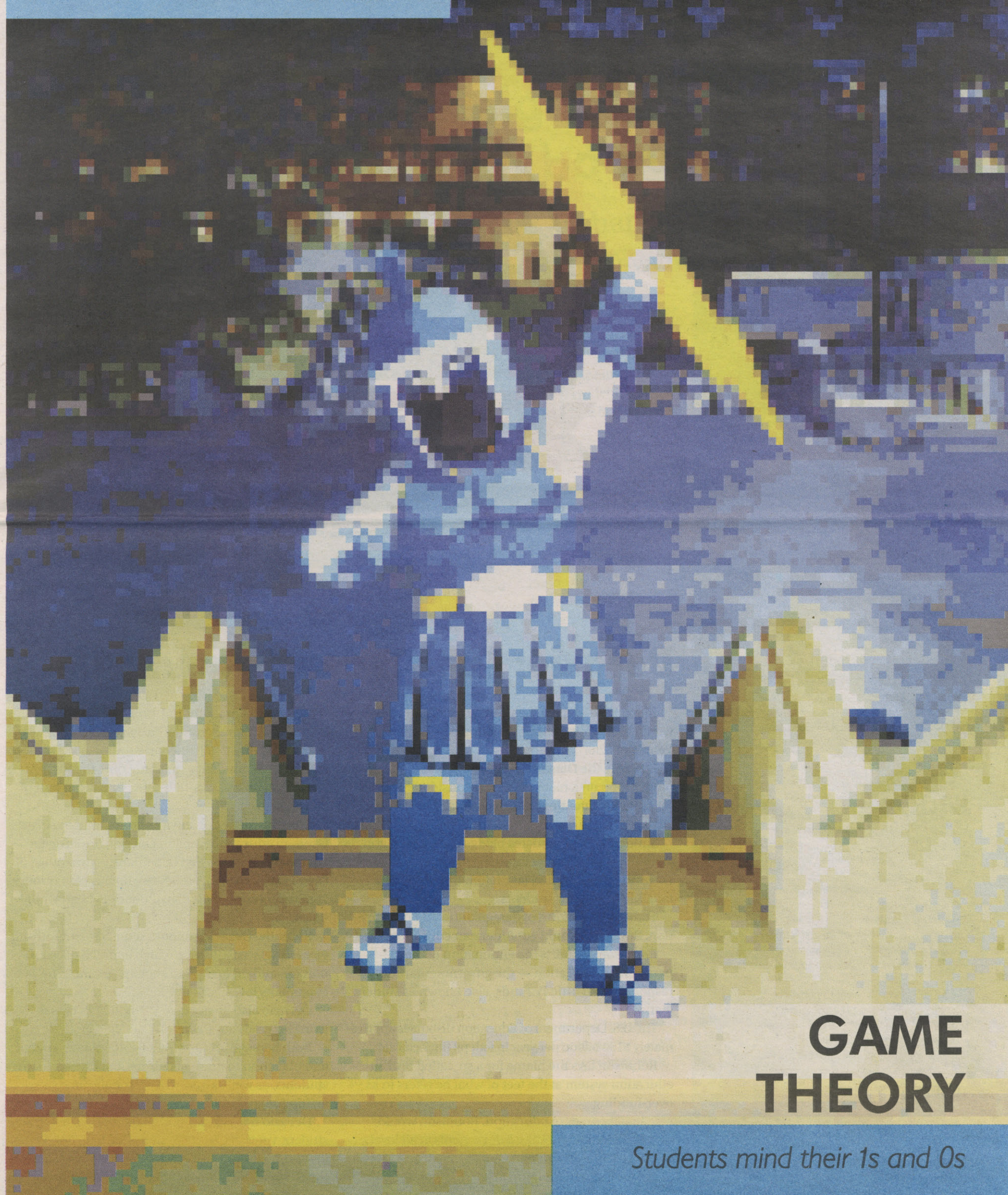
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DeFazio: The student's candidate

In the District 4 congressional race, The Torch would like to announce our endorsement of Rep. Peter DeFazio.

DeFazio, the Democratic incumbent, has consistently stood on a platform that is considerably better for students than Republican challenger Art Robinson's.

Though both candidates pledge to serve Oregon students — specifically those in District 4 — only DeFazio has supported legislation that has had a tangible benefit for students.

Through a platform of deregulation and privatization, Robinson would gut American education.

Robinson supports the elimination of the Department of Education — the governmental entity responsible for Title IV funds, also known as student loans.

The U.S. Department of Education disburses approximately \$150 billion per year in federal financial aid.

Robinson lays the blame for a so-called broken education system at the feet of what he refers to as over-funding.

When it comes to education, Robinson would revoke all federal funding from schools at all levels, from kindergartens to universities, relying on local governments to fund them instead.

The problem is Eugene and Corvallis (both are included in Congressional District 4) simply do not have the tax base to privately or locally fund their universities. Oregon as a whole would be strapped to fund its public universities and our public schools. Under Robinson's plan, education would be a private enterprise — and only for people that could afford it.

Without federal funding, both public universities would likely have to undergo convulsive changes that would drastically increase tuition costs and loan debt for students, meaning only the wealthiest of Oregonians would be able to pay the cost of attendance.

From his stance on environmental and business issues to education, we find DeFazio the stronger candidate on issues that benefit the widest range of Oregonians. He is a candidate who has continuously kept the interest of his constituency at heart while in office.

Recently, DeFazio supported the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, which ended bank subsidies for student loans and kept interest rates for loans to students low.

DeFazio also objected to \$21 billion in cuts to loans for graduate students.

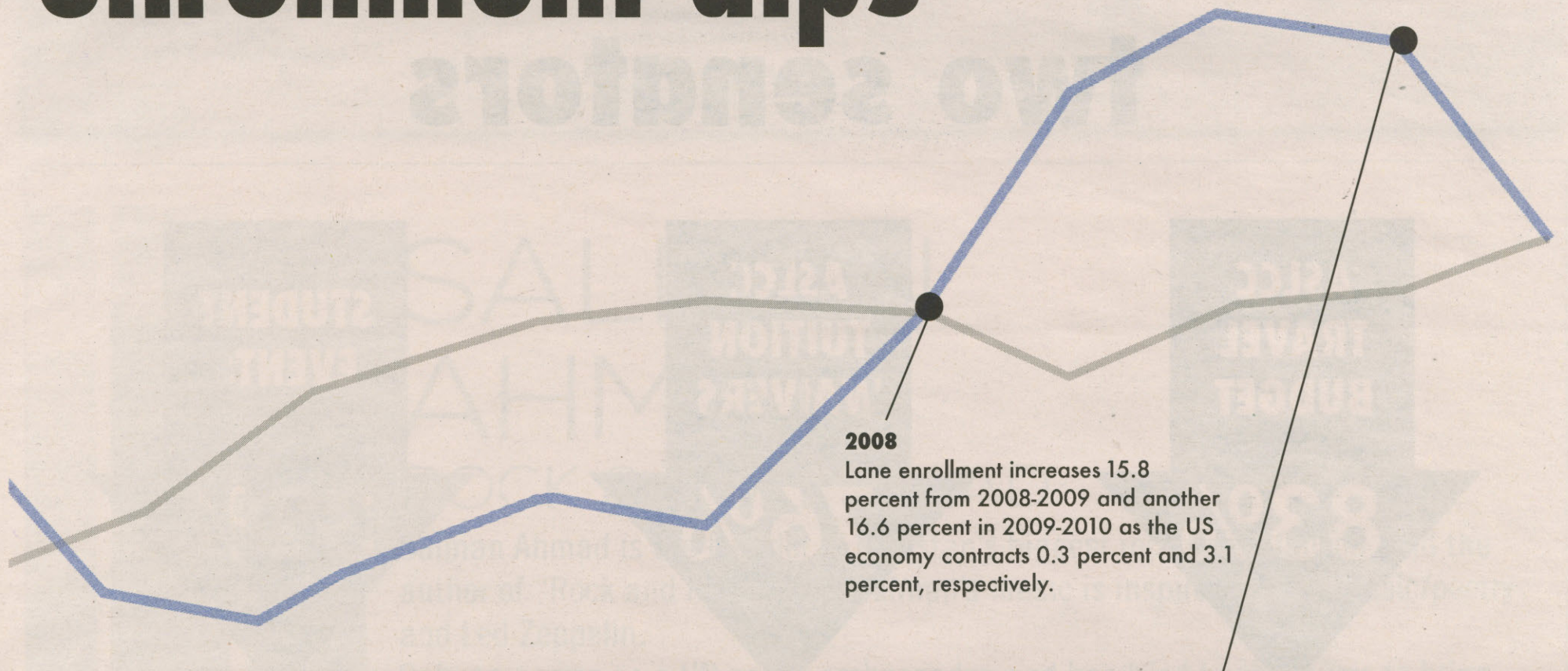
Both his support for a better student loan system and objection to funding cuts for loans to graduate students, as well as his own, personally funded scholarship program make him the candidate for students.

DeFazio has also supported increasing benefits for student-veterans. In 2008, alongside Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., he introduced a bill to increase the scope of the GI Bill to include members of the National Guard and Reserves.

DeFazio has also supported the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell and voted for the DREAM Act, which gives illegal immigrants a shot at a brighter future.

Now that ASLCC has registered 6,889 voters, let's vote this pro-student candidate into office for another term.

As economy rebounds, enrollment dips



BY CAMERON RITCHEY
Reporter

Lower enrollment means fewer classes and less money for the college, and early estimates point to a 10 percent drop in Lane's enrollment compared to last fall.

This follows on the heels of a 9 percent drop in summer enrollment from 2011 to 2012.

Lane Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan said the drop in enrollment will not dramatically affect the college's budget this fiscal year, but will result in a drop in funding for organizations that receive a portion of the per-term student activity fee, including ASLCC, Council of Clubs and *The Torch*.

In anticipation of this decline, the Lane Finance and Budget Subcommittee chose to dip into reserve funding, which will provide approximately \$3 million, in an effort to keep tuition costs down for the 2012-13 school year.

However, at the Oct. 17 subcommittee meeting, Morgan said the enrollment dip could cost the college \$3 million to \$4 million in projected tuition revenue in the 2013-14 school year.

Additionally, the budget subcommittee must grapple with more than \$6 million in projected expenses next year, which include \$2.8 million in collective bargaining costs, \$2.7 million in additional Public Employee Retirement System costs and \$600,000 in additional healthcare costs.

Apart from its budgetary impact, drop in enrollment means fewer sections of classes are offered to maintain class size, which means some instructors will teach fewer classes.

While an individual student may have any number of reasons for choosing not to attend Lane this term, Morgan said there were two major factors for this drop.

"We did expect that enrollment would probably go down some this year because of changes in the economy and a tightening of financial aid requirements," Morgan said.

Since the recession began in late 2008, people who can't find work have returned to school to improve their resume or change professions. With the economy continuing to recover, some have now found jobs and returned to the workforce, Morgan said.

In addition, several changes to federal financial aid requirements for 2012 have reduced both the number of eligible students and the amount of aid provided to each student. The federal Pell grant lifetime eligibility has been reduced from nine years, or 18 semesters, to six years, or 12 semesters, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

This change is retroactive, meaning students who have already received the Pell grant for six or more years are no longer eligible.

Also, first-time students who have tried to enroll in higher education after July 1, 2012, face stricter eligibility requirements. Students must have a high school diploma, GED diploma or state-approved home-school education.

Individuals who don't meet this requirement can no longer become eligible by passing an ability-to-benefit test or completing six credit hours of self-funded higher education. These changes were approved by Congress in the 2012 federal budget.

This drop in enrollment is not limited solely to Lane, Craig Taylor said. Taylor is the director of Lane's Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning office.

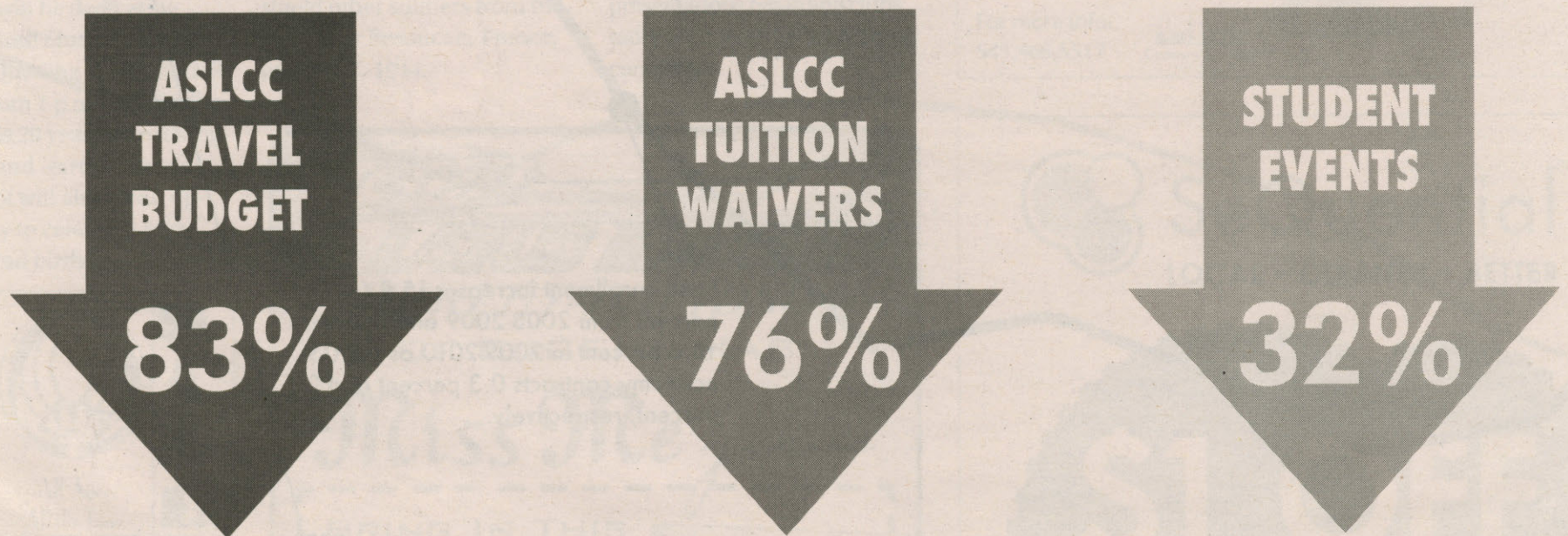
"As is often the case, Oregon community colleges — for the last few years — have been tracking pretty closely together in terms of their enrollments going up. Now, their enrollments are going down," Taylor said.

Taylor and his staff are auditing the current enrollment numbers for submission to the Oregon Community College Unified Reporting System, which helps collate the data for use by colleges as well as state officials responsible for budget, funding and curriculum decisions. Final fall term enrollment data is due in early November.

(Reporter Robert McElligott contributed to this report.)

SOURCE: LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORTS AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND HISTORICAL REPORTS

ASLCC approves budget proposal, welcomes two senators



BY TAYA ALAMI
Reporter

Facing over \$74,000 in cuts, ASLCC passed a balanced budget three hours into its Oct. 17 meeting.

ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook was the only student leader opposed to the budget, which includes cuts to student services that were agreed upon by student government members.

Some of the budget's reductions include cuts to ASLCC member benefits. Tuition waivers were lowered from six credits for each ASLCC executive member per term and three credits for each ASLCC senator to just two credits.

"With two credits, I think we'll all live," ASLCC Senator Maria Elena Gonzales said.

ASLCC Vice President Tajo Ouermi proposed a plan for each ASLCC member to give back \$5 per month in an effort to raise funds.

"It's a small thing that gives us a good outcome," Ouermi said before the plan was approved.

Ouermi's plan will raise \$945, or about 1.2 percent of the total cuts through July.

ASLCC cuts include \$7,950 in prudent reserves, \$23,364 for staff travel and \$2,500 in advertising.

ASLCC also approved \$11,647 in cuts to club, union and program support by condensing club support, student program support, culture and diversity events on campus into one "events" category.

"The Council of Clubs was created to have a budget so they could pick up a lot of this stuff too, so you don't have to spend your mean time dealing with program requests," ASLCC adviser Barb Delansky said. "You're there as supplement to the Council of Clubs, and to ensure certain things happen for your own planning purposes."

ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead explained that even though ASLCC members were among the highest paid, the estimate is based on Oregon Student Association numbers, not every college in the state.

"When we talk about the highest-paid student government, we're talking about OSA student governments. So we're talking absolute universities, and not community colleges," Weatherhead said.

Student leaders from "other community colleges get paid just as much or more as we do," she added.

Weatherhead said she still hasn't received an explanation for the \$77,000 that "mysteriously" appeared in the ASLCC's account after the start of the school year, but Weatherhead said she's actively looking into whether or not they can spend the funds.

"If it turns out we have that \$70,000, we will revisit the budget," she said.

Student government leaders at Southwest Community College are only compensated for their time with tuition stipends from talent grants. Conversely, Oregon Coast Community College student government executive leaders take home \$750 each month.

The ASLCC president currently makes \$500 per month with the Vice President earning \$450. The treasurer and multicultural programs coordinator both make \$350 with appointed staff earning \$300 per month. Senators make \$200 per month and the Pro-Tempore earns \$250. Student Finance Board members earn the least, making \$100 per month.

New senators

Two new senators were approved to bring the ASLCC to a full senate. Adam Brown and Amanda Saheed, who both gained experience in the student government through the Vote OR Vote campaign, were approved unanimously by the ASLCC.

Saheed, who is attending Lane with the intention of transferring to UO, said she wants to make the students' experience more enjoyable.

"I would just like to make their voices heard," Saheed said, "because a lot of students just kind of go to class and go home and they have all of these thoughts that are never heard."

Saheed said she aspires to take action through

committee work.

"I'm a person who likes to make things happen and follow a plan," Saheed said.

The other new senator, Adam Brown, has also volunteered for the Vote OR Vote campaign, as well as other organizations on campus.

"I've seen him very active in OSPIRG throughout last year, so that's very heartening," Yook said.

Brown said he would use his time as senator to effect social change.

"I think the biggest problems facing students right now are textbook affordability and parking," he said.

Jordan Banks was approved as the ASLCC's corporate secretary.

Banks, the only applicant for the position, will keep time during meetings and also maintain an archive of all the documents presented during ASLCC meetings.

"I would really like to have the job and I would really like to have your support," Banks said before the ASLCC unanimously voted to appoint him.

Clubs

The Gender and Sexuality Alliance, the Table Tennis Club, the Culinary and Hospitality Club, and the Green Chemistry Club were unanimously re-ratified during the meeting.

LCC Multicultural Program Coordinator Anayeli Jiminez encouraged the Culinary and Hospitality Club and the Peace Center to represent themselves at the Council of Clubs. Representatives of both groups said they would make efforts to send a representative to Council meetings.

Green Chemistry Club President Christopher Bristow presented the Green Chemistry Club's biodiesel project to the ASLCC. The project, he said, would give students an opportunity to create a renewable energy source on Lane's campus.

ASLCC Senator Colette Buchanan thanked Bristow for the Club's help making the campus more green.

"I've always supported your efforts," she said. "Thank you."

DeFazio talks loans, debt, taxes and buses

BY JEFF KNEBEL
News Editor

Serving his 12th term representing Oregon's 4th district, Rep. Peter DeFazio visited Lane this month to speak to students in instructor Steve Candee's U.S. Government and Politics class. Following the class, the Democratic representative sat down with *The Torch* to discuss his efforts in the U.S. House of Representatives to help aid college students, as well as his thoughts on a possible EmX route to Lane.

(Editor's note: This interview has been edited for length. The Torch attempted multiple times to interview House candidate Art Robinson, but he did not return calls or emails.)

The Torch: What are you currently working on that will benefit college students?

DeFazio: I recently worked to extend low interest rates on student loans for a year. I've introduced a bill that will make low-interest rates permanent — all we need is a 1 percent surtax on income over \$350,000 per year, which would still be lower than current rates, and would be more than enough money to keep the low interest rates forever.

The Torch: Over the next four years, what direction do you think the House and Senate will move in regards to students and colleges?

DeFazio: We did only pass a one-year extension for low interest rates, so we're going to have to have that debate again. A lot is going to depend on the outcome of the presidential election. Another problem, which relates more to our state, is the lack of public support as far as tax dollars for community colleges and universities — which is a huge problem. We need a lot of focus in Oregon on how much the state is contributing to post-secondary education.

The Torch: What do you think would happen if federal loan interest rates doubled?

DeFazio: I see students marching in the streets like they did in my era against the Vietnam War.

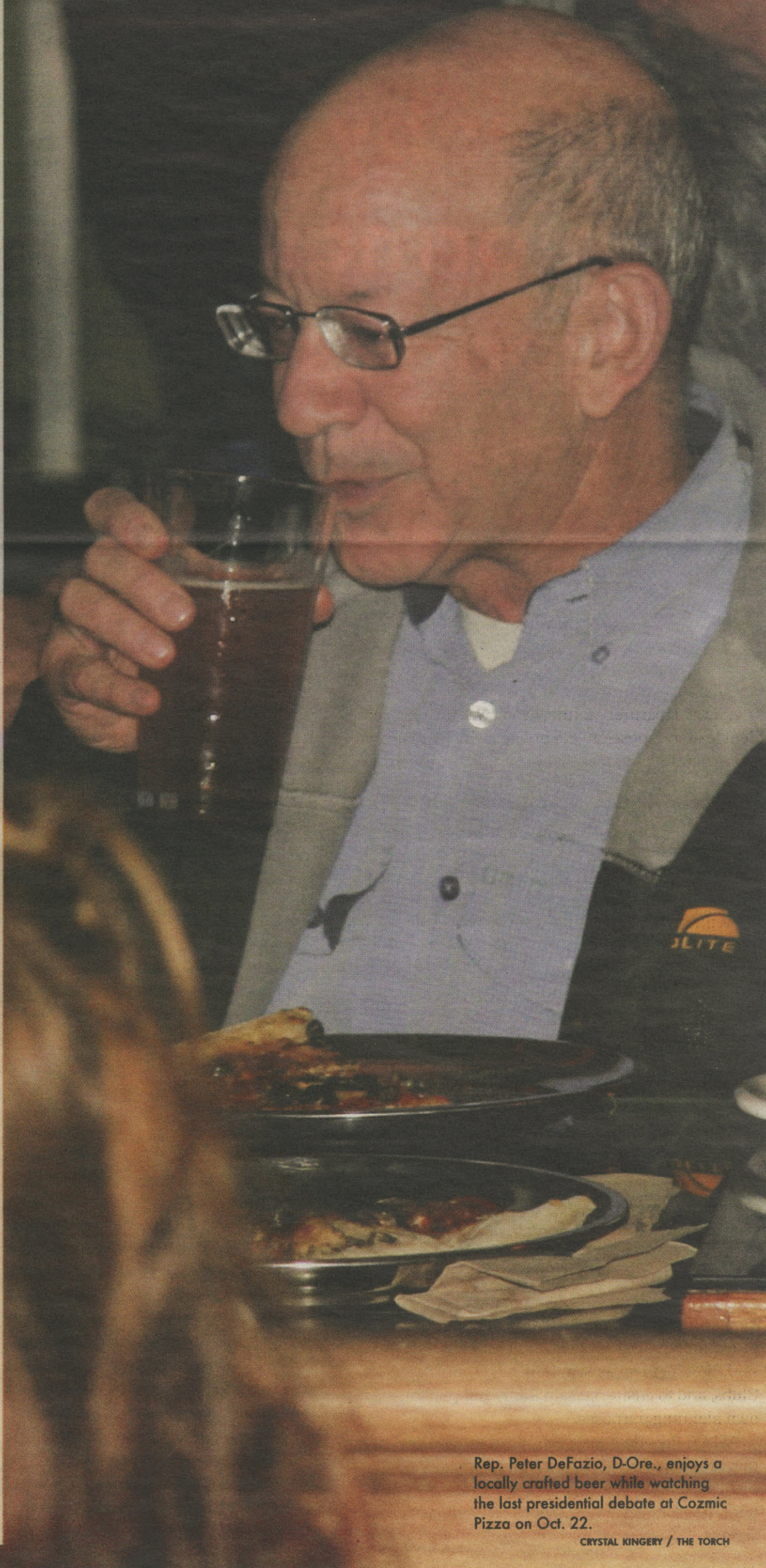
The Torch: Student loan debt recently surpassed personal debt. What reasons do you think got us into that?

DeFazio: Tuition is a major factor, and tuition is up pretty dramatically. Part of the problem is high tuition, and part of the problem is that students are getting more loans and less grants. Another big part is a lack of investment at the federal level.

The Torch: Considering the challenges that have been faced locally with EmX, do you think it is a realistic possibility bringing one to Lane?

DeFazio: I wish (LTD) had chosen either a Lane route — or North Eugene or River Road — instead of West Eugene for the third EmX route. If they had, I don't think there would be the controversy we're seeing now. There is a logical connection between downtown and here. I know this is one of the more utilized routes in the city. So, I think it is very viable.

The problem is that, for various reasons — mostly pressure from the City of Eugene after they cancelled the West Eugene Parkway — LTD said they would go out west. It's imperative that this line be done well, with a minimal amount of disruption. If West Eugene does get done right, I think there will be very little controversy with a system servicing Lane. I think there is a lot of potential.



Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., enjoys a locally crafted beer while watching the last presidential debate at Cozmic Pizza on Oct. 22.

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Bit by bit, Computer Information Technology expands and transforms

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Department seeks to keep up with newest hardware and software

By Kyle Webb

TURNER MAXWELL / THE TORCH

For some students, playing video games is homework.

Through Lane's computer information technology program, the college offers a computer simulation and video game development degree. To earn this degree, students must learn to design, program, test and debug video games.

Program lead Jim Bailey, a gamer for 45 years, plays everything from card games to PC and console games. Bailey came from working in the video game industry to creating the simulation and video game development degree. The degree came from seeing that there is a local gaming industry and a growing student interest in it, Bailey said.

Local game development companies include Pipeworks, GarageGames and Zynga, formerly known as Buzz Monkey.

"If you think you might like to create games, take CIS 125G," Bailey said.

Computer Information Science 125G is Software Tools 1: Game Development, a class that gives students a survey of computer game categories and platforms, game design and development process, and the tools used in game development. Students create rudimentary computer games.

Many students take introductory classes and get hooked into the game development field, Bailey said. "We are looking for people that have the drive to succeed — creative problem-solvers."

There are 166 annual job openings statewide in the game development field. The average cost of Lane's program is \$12,247, and the average annual salary for a game developer in Oregon is \$70,644, according to Lane's course catalog.

Like many degrees, video game development has prerequisites that have students taking classes all over campus. Students are required to take storyboarding from the multimedia design department, along with writing, math and human relations.

Bailey said the hardest part of the degree is the required discrete mathematics series because students often haven't taken college-level math.

While math classes don't drastically change year to year, the classes in the computer technology department change continually as new technology is developed.

The challenge is keeping the curriculum current by figuring out what to teach and how to choose the lag in time to teach it, division dean Larry Scott said.

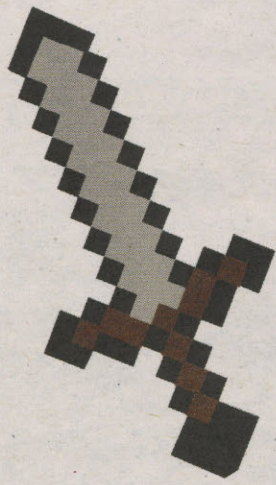
"Windows 8 comes out this month — we will teach it in the fall (2013)," Scott said.

Linda Loft, instructor in computer information technology, has worked at Lane for 40 years and witnessed the changes and integration of computers at Lane.

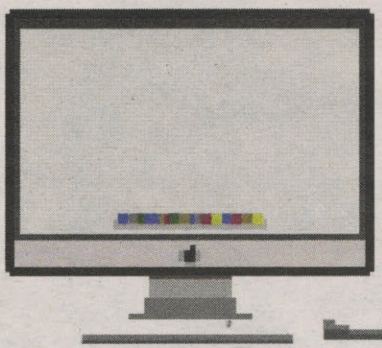
Loft worked on the very first registration system for Lane, before which Lane made term schedules by hand or through a combination of typesetting and word-processing machines.

"Nobody had laptops," Loft said. "The first computer graduating class was in 1968 and had one person."

Loft was on the task force to get Lane's campus wired for computer networking, before which students and staff had to walk from desk to desk, transferring data on floppy disks.



Computer Information Technology offers 31 classes this term from 37 faculty members.



The department has four full computer labs and two flexible classrooms with racks of laptops.



The video game development program has been a part of Lane for eight years and graduates 10 to 15 per year.



TURNER MAXWELL / THE TORCH

The growth of computer networking allowed programming to become more specialized in that people work on specific programs now rather than the computer as a whole.

By the late 1980s, Lane discarded its own home-made programs, such as the one used to register students, and purchased those from other, more specialized software companies.

The growth in computer technology led to the integration of computers into K-12 school systems, which gave students a better education before they enrolled at Lane, Loft said.

"We expect people to be somewhat savvy about computers by now," Loft said. "It surprises us when they're not."

Part-time instructor Pam Dotson supervises the Building 19 computer lab, where division students have 10 student tutors at their disposal.

"We encourage people to help each other," she said.

Dotson began as a tutor in the lab before working her way up to supervisor.

Along with teaching part-time and working at the tutoring lab, she also maintains the specialized labs the department uses for classrooms.

"Over the years, the labs have become specialized to gaming, programming and networking," Dotson said.

There is a Mac lab for the video game development classes, a lab with switches and routers for network operations classes and a flexible lab with tables and racks of laptops.

Each term, Dotson "reimages" — or resets — the computers in each lab.

"I image them every quarter to what the teachers need for their classes. It doesn't seem like a lot of labs until you have to image every computer," Dotson said.

Along with keeping the technology current, the department is also keeping tabs on the industry to tailor degrees to contemporary trends. One of the newest degrees coming out of Lane is an associate degree in health informatics.

Health informatics merges computer infor-

mation and database management skills as the healthcare industry works to digitize records.

Graduates of the health informatics program are trained to design, build and maintain these systems.

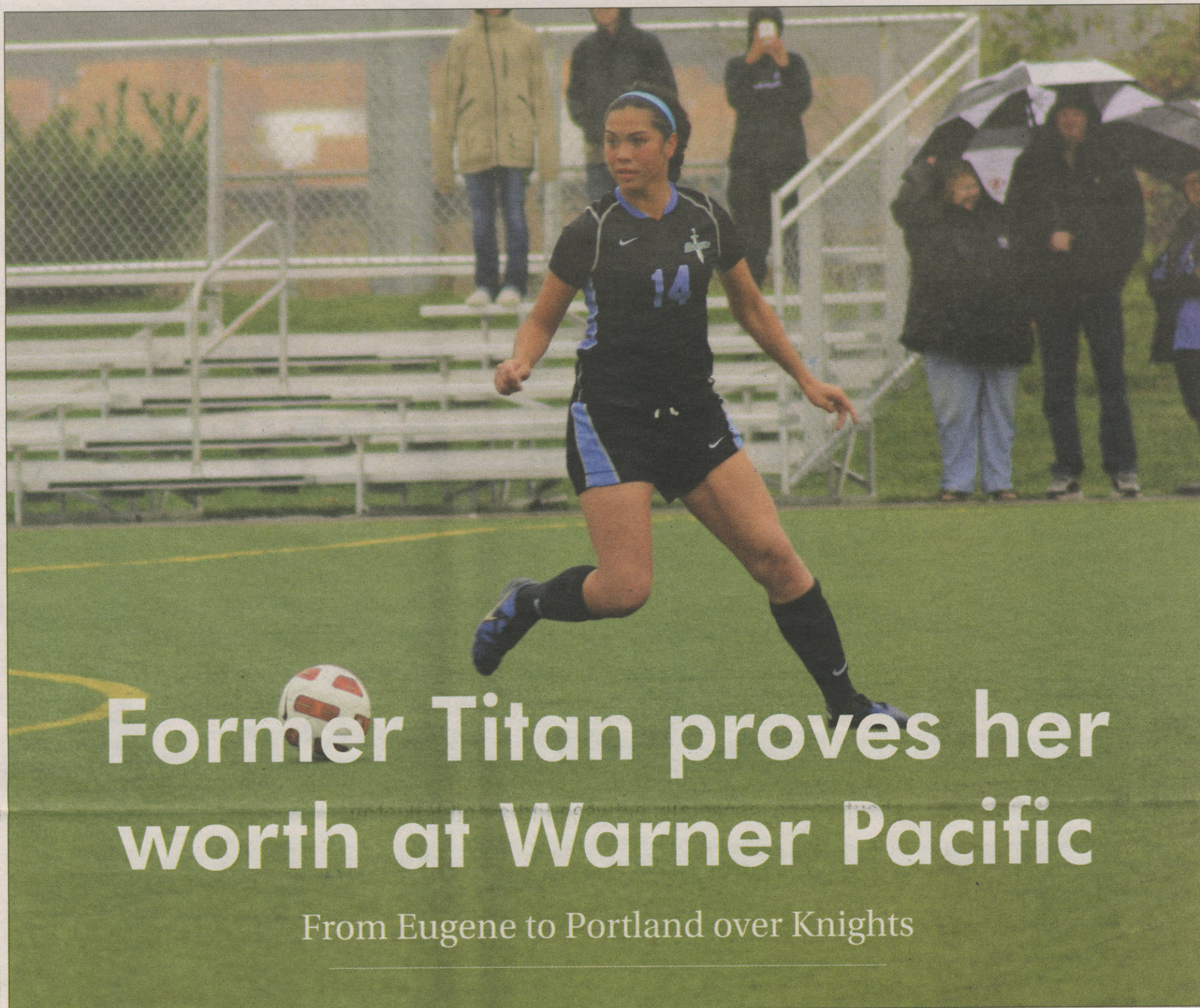
The degree started as a six-month training course and turned into a two-year degree with career pathway options, Scott said.

Paul Bunch graduated with a degree in network operations three months ago, but he returned to Lane to finish the health informatics degree.

"There are a lot of similarities and some of the same classes in both health informatics and network ops," Bunch said.

The computer industry wants people that can work in complex areas, Scott said, and students must determine whether they can meet its rigorous demands.

"It starts with a passion — you'd better make sure it is a passion because the learning never stops," Scott said. "If there is no passion, it is too much work."



Former Titan proves her worth at Warner Pacific

From Eugene to Portland over Knights

SUNNY ZYLSTRA / THE TORCH

Kiki McDonagh, former Titan turned Warner Pacific Knight, takes on Northwest Christian University in Springfield Oct. 19. The Knights won 3 - 0.

BY ROWEN VORIS
Reporter

Kiki McDonagh was living the moment every community college soccer player dreams of: silence around her, a pen in her hand and a typed contract laid out before her. This was the moment in which her hard work paid off.

McDonagh ended her Lane career in June 2011 when she signed on the dotted line, committing herself to Warner Pacific College for the next two years.

At 20, McDonagh — a former competitive dancer, Olympic developmental soccer player, daughter, sister, coach, student and Titan — is extending her college career at a four-year institute.

After playing two full seasons at Lane and leading her fellow Titans to a 9-8-3 record her sophomore year, McDonagh felt she needed to get closer to home.

There, she could continue to study as a nurse, spend more time with her family and watch her brother, freshman Kieran McDonagh, start as quarterback for the Portland State University Vikings.

"She's very tight to her family," Lane head soccer coach Dave Ellis said. "At the time when she was 18 and came here, she needed to get away and find out who she was, but by her sophomore year, it was very clear she would be going back to be closer to her family."

Ellis and McDonagh's strong coach-player dynam-

ic has history. Ellis coached McDonagh when she was 14. When Ellis was offered his position at Lane, he immediately called McDonagh and said she was coming to play for him.

"Dave Ellis motivated me to play college ball," McDonagh said. "I hadn't played soccer in two years, but my plans to go to a dance college fell through."

McDonagh is close with her family, her "rock" in life.

"My parents were worried obviously, but they knew Dave and they trusted me," McDonagh said. "In the end, they supported me in going to Eugene, but they definitely had to get to know Dave better."

After having many dinners with the McDonaghs, Ellis finally got the approval from the extended family.

A starter since she stepped onto the field for the first time as a Titan, McDonagh made an instant impact at Lane. Although she only scored four goals throughout her career, Ellis said she was a strong central defender.

"I think she probably maybe spent 10 to 15 minutes on the bench (during) her two years here," Ellis said. "She was always a leader — and always a warrior on the field."

Upon leaving Lane, McDonagh was offered multiple scholarship opportunities, but she wanted to go somewhere that would feel more like home.

"There were a few other schools that had been interested in her, but there wasn't a better fit than

Warner Pacific," Ellis said.

Warner Pacific assistant coach Julio Loza first noticed McDonagh's talent at the NWAACC All-Star game in Seattle.

"It wasn't hard to spot her as she commanded attention with her physical abilities and her long braid," Loza said. "One of the great things about Kiki is that not only is she a great soccer player, but she is a great teammate."

Again playing center-back, McDonagh will try to help the Knights sneak into the playoffs.

And her new coaches agree McDonagh has a bright future. With her position, she is an invaluable member of the team who knows how to take advantage of her size to get the job done.

"I've been very pleased with her this season and cannot wait to see what the future has in store for her," Loza said. "She is a natural leader and commands a lot of respect on the field."

Even now, McDonagh still remembers so much about the day she committed to the Knights, from what she was wearing to what she ate to her thoughts as she signed her name on the dotted line.

"I remember thinking about my family, my family at Lane and the new family I was about to have," McDonagh said. "They've all taught me so much in life, but I learned the most about life by playing sports. It's where I learned many life lessons and became the person I am today."

SPORTS UPDATE

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Overall record: 7-4-3
Southern Region record: 6-4-1
Ranked 8th of 23 in NWAACC

Results:

Oct. 13 at Seattle
Shoreline CC 3 — Lane 0
Oct. 17 at Eugene
Clackamas CC 3 — Lane 0
Oct. 20 at Eugene
Lane 7 — Southwestern CC 0

Upcoming:

Lane at Clark College,
Vancouver, Wash.,
Oct. 27 at noon
Lane at Chemeketa CC,
Salem,
Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

Upcoming:

Lane vs. Linn-Benton CC,
Eugene,
Oct. 27 at 11 a.m.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Results:

Beaver Classic, Corvallis
Men: Fourth place of 18,
Elias Gedyon — 3rd overall
Women: 13th place of 18,
Macaulay Wilson — 74th overall

Upcoming:

Lane at Cross Country Southern Regionals,
Eugene,
Oct. 27 at 11 a.m.

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ROCK & ROLL JIHAD

Salman Ahmad is the founder of Pakistan's biggest rock band, Janoon, and the author of "Rock and Roll Jihad." Salman's music is inspired by Sufi music/poetry and Led Zeppelin.

Salman serves as a UN peace ambassador, and has tried to use music to bring about peace, especially between India and Pakistan.

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#BRIEFLY

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Students, staff and community members will have the opportunity to meet World War II veteran, Medal of Honor recipient and former Lane instructor Robert Maxwell.

Maxwell founded Lane's automotive mechanics program and was an instructor in the department from 1966 to 1986.

Lane will be dedicating the Maxwell Student Veteran Center, Building 19, Room 233, Nov. 5 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., to honor his 20 years of teaching at Lane and wartime service. The event will also be an opportunity to celebrate Maxwell's 92nd birthday.

The first half of the event will formally recognize Maxwell's life of service, while the second half will be informal to allow students, staff and community members to meet Maxwell and his family.

According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Maxwell received the medal after he dove on a grenade to shield other soldiers from the blast near Besancon, France, on Sept. 7, 1944.

#ask

During ASLCC's next regular meeting Oct. 24 at 4 p.m., the student government will revisit the Student Nurses Association's \$7,000 funds request for its humanitarian trip to Thailand. At its Oct. 23 meeting, Council of Clubs approved a \$10,000 funds request for the Student Nurses.

The ASLCC will receive presentations regarding clubs ratification and the fundraising committee.

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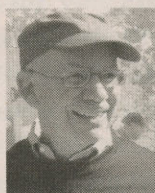
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Peter DeFazio on Financial Aid

- Supports increased funding for Pell Grants and voted to reduce interest rates for direct student loans.

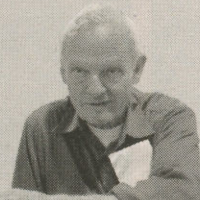
Peter DeFazio on a Woman's Right to Choose

- Believes politicians should not interfere with a woman's personal medical decisions about her pregnancy or her access to birth control.

Peter DeFazio on Climate Change

- Believes humans are contributing to global warming and supports immediate action to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

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- Wants to eliminate the Department of Education, ending all federal student loans and Pell Grants.

- Would end safe and legal abortion even in cases of rape and incest.

- Believes global warming is a hoax and wants to stop any federal or international action to tackle climate change.

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Students weigh options when buying books

Digital books gain 'market share, but
they're not taking over' / **By Taya Alami**

As an alternative to purchasing or renting physical textbooks, students are increasingly turning to digital textbook rentals through apps and websites.

The two most popular apps for reading digital textbooks are Amazon.com's Kindle and Barnes & Noble's Nook Study apps.

Many Lane students currently have the option of renting their digital textbooks for periods of 30 days to one year, and using them on their computers, tablets or smartphones.

"It's always interesting when something new comes onto the market," Titan Store Director of Retail Sales Tony Sanjume said.

According to Amazon.com, digital textbooks can save students up to 80 percent of the retail price of physical textbooks, while Barnes & Noble claims its app can provide up to 60 percent in savings.

Sanjume said students benefit from cheaper textbooks, but digital textbooks may not be the cheapest option.

"They're really not necessarily a lot cheaper, if you look at the net cost of ownership," Sanjume said.

Sanjume said when digital textbook rental companies claim to save students a certain percentage of textbook costs, they're comparing costs to the retail price of a new textbook.

If a student were to buy a used textbook at 75 percent of the cost and sell it back to the Titan Store at the end of the term, their net cost of ownership could still be lower than the digital textbook, he said.

It's something Sanjume considers a calculated risk, as selling a textbook back to the Titan Store isn't always a sure thing.

"Publishers change editions at the drop of a hat — so you could buy a book and

there could be no buyback," Sanjume said, "in which case, the digital book would be cheaper."

Newly appointed ASLCC Senator Adam Brown considers high textbook prices to be one of the biggest issues facing Lane students.

Brown said he finds the reduced costs of digital textbooks impressive.

"I think if we can push this around, inform students about it and increase the awareness, it would be very beneficial for students," Brown said.

Smith Family Bookstore is also a good option for students looking for more affordable textbooks, he said.

Because of the necessity of having a computer, tablet or smartphone, digital textbooks may still not be the best option for every student.

Nic Laszlo, an energy management student, said he likes using digital textbooks on his iPad sometimes, although it doesn't work for him in every class.

"It's definitely cost-effective — and it's portable," Laszlo said. "But when I'm taking a math course, or something where I need to be using more than one textbook at a time, it just isn't practical."

Laszlo said sometimes he feels more comfortable with a physical book in front of him.

Wider availability of digital textbooks isn't widely affecting textbook sales in the Titan Store, Sanjume said.

"It's not a gigantic hit right now," he said. "But down the road, in a few years, when you get students who are a little bit more digital, it may start to take over the textbook market. They've got market share, but they're not taking over."

'Faculti Potpourri' aims to delight the ears



Instructor-musicians play everything from classical to Indian

By CAMERON RITCHEY
Reporter

Lane music faculty members are tuning their instruments in preparation for "Faculti Potpourri," the fall-term installment of the long-running Music Faculty Concert series. The concert will be held in the Ragozzino Performance Hall in Building 6 at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25.

The concert will include music composed by Mozart, as well as Mozart's only full-time student, Johann Nepomuk Hummel, along with a suite by American composer Alec Wilder. A traditional tabla medley from India will round out the night.

The tabla is a percussion instrument from India consisting of two different-sized drums that produce a range of sounds. According to Wikipedia, there are a number of distinct traditions of tabla techniques, many of which have existed for centuries. They are passed down from master to student, traditionally with an emphasis on maintaining their distinct style, although modern tabla players now combine styles to create new sounds.

Josh Humphrey, an individual lessons instructor at Lane, learned his tabla technique from Ustad Sabir Khan in Calcutta, India, and has brought that experience back to Lane. When Humphrey proposed playing a tabla piece for this concert, his request was initially met with some hesitance. However, he quickly garnered enthusiasm for his idea.

"People were going, 'What? You're going to play what instrument?'" at first. After that, it has been a very positive reaction. People are talking about it — excited for it. I'm excited for the performance," Humphrey said.

Three of the pieces are either duets or solo performances, but the "Hummel piece, Septet No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 74," will feature oboe, flute, French horn, viola, cello and double bass centered around the piano. Nathan Waddell, an electric and upright bass instructor at Lane, will be playing the double bass for this piece. Waddell said he is eager for the chance to perform this challenging piece, which a fellow bass player turned him on to.

"I tried to pull an ensemble together to play

this piece maybe eight years ago, but it didn't work out. Last spring, I realized I wanted to try and pull it together again," Waddell said.

With the septet centered on a challenging piano composition, Waddell first approached Hung Yun Chu, a piano lesson instructor, about performing the piano part. Once she was on board, the ensemble came together.

"It's such a beautiful piece of music," Waddell said. "It's a very rich-sounding piece."

The faculty concert series runs throughout the year, showcasing a variety of performers and musical styles from classical to jazz.

"These musicians are well known throughout the area for their talents and teaching abilities. The concert has some really strong talent in it," Lane arts publicist John Watson said.

Tickets are available through Lane's online box office at www.lanecc.edu/tickets. General admission tickets are \$10, while student, staff and senior tickets are \$8. Tickets will also be available at the door while seats remain. The concert will run approximately 80 minutes with an intermission.