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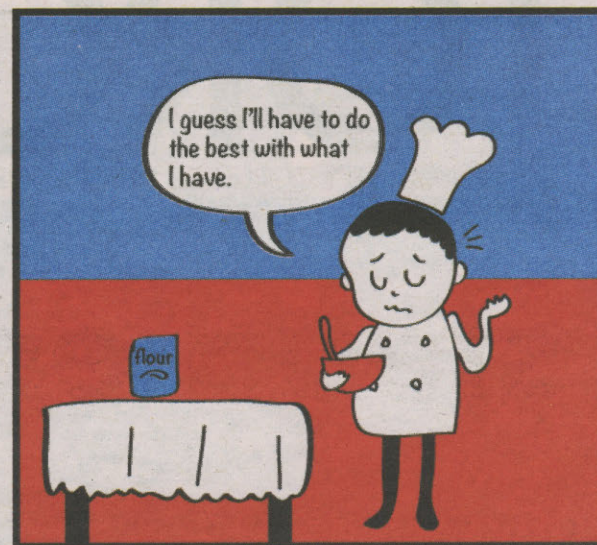
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Lane freshman Elias Gedyon hits the ribbon with the winning individual time of 25:08.8 at the Nov. 10 NWAACC Cross-Country Championships in Spokane, Wash.

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Objectivity takes precedence over perception

We've received some criticism for the front page we ran last week.

Specifically, we've been labeled as "liberal" by some campus conservatives and criticized for running the color blue next to the headline "Victory" with a picture of a ballot with President Barack Obama's name checked.

It appeared that we, as a newspaper, were voting for Obama.

That was not our intent.

We had multiple versions of our cover design and front page headline planned before the election was over. We waited for the election to be called in favor of Obama or former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney before we finalized the design.

Perception altered the delivery of what was intended to be an objective message. We realize how that cover might be perceived as biased.

We would have run a similar, Romney-related photo with the same wording and contextual color scheme had Romney won the election.

To be fair, there are several members of *The Torch* staff who are very liberal while others are more conservative.

Everyone has biases, but it's the journalist's job to keep our opinions out of the news. As students, we are trained to this standard. As employees of *The Torch*, we are bound to it.

Our job is to present factual material as documentarians, not as flag-wavers. We do not and will not ever fly the flag of a department, a team, our school or the administration. We simply report what happens.

We are held to this standard by our editorial staff and advisers, who have years of experience working at newspapers, both collegiate and professional.

We also write according to Associated Press guidelines, the standard by which most news sources write their content to ensure unbiased writing and wording of articles.

This week, we are running a story on Lane Stu-

dents for Life, a club that was ratified by the ASLCC at its Oct. 31 meeting. We refer to the club as "anti-abortion." Club president Sierra McClain prefers the term "pro-life," but the journalistic guidelines of the Associated Press demand that we use this term.

If we refer to a group as "pro-life," we imply that groups that are "pro-choice" are "anti-life." What's fair to both sides of this issue is to refer to the "pro-life" crowd by something that doesn't unfairly imply something against the other side, however subconscious it may be.

We admit this can be a poor compromise, but it is as unbiased as possible under the circumstances.

These are the ethical discussions that rage on in our newsroom for hours — sometimes days. We have these discussions because objectivity and accuracy are our primary values this year.

According to multiple sources, previous editorial boards, reporters and editors-in-chief of *The Torch* have made enemies of staff, student government and the student body.

Make no mistake: This is a new year at Lane and also at *The Torch*. We have a new staff and editorial board that is dedicated to being as unbiased as possible and to rebuild bridges previous staffs burnt.

We will never fly your banner, but we promise we will never go out of our way to smear you. Our job as an independently funded student-run newspaper is to report on our community and to foster a public discourse and forum for the students, staff and faculty of Lane.

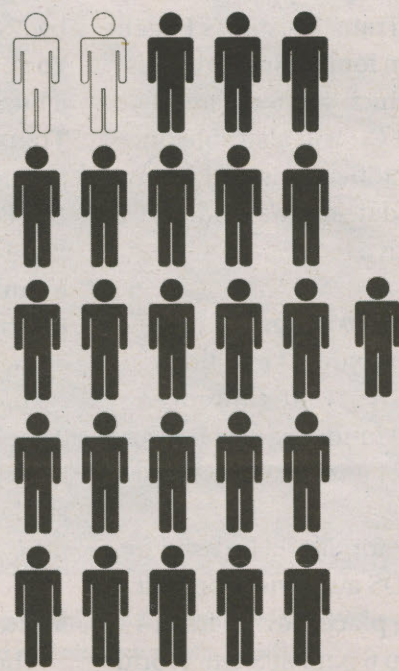
We will strive beyond measure to achieve this goal.

If you still feel we are biased, talk to us. Tell us the truth. Be a witness. Talk to us when we call on you for a statement. Refusing to comment or to go on the record is worse than being uninformed. It makes sources seem as if they are not credible, or that they are hiding something.

Don't remain silent. This is not our soapbox. It is yours.

Enrollment drop decreases class sizes, steadies growth

9%
enrollment drop
2011 to 2012



The average fall enrollment of 26 students per class decreased one to two students from 2011 to 2012

BY CAMERON RITCHEY
Reporter

Official enrollment numbers gathered during the fourth week of fall term confirm initial estimates, showing a 9 percent drop in enrollment at Lane compared to this time in 2011.

Aside from reduced tuition revenue, declines in enrollment can affect the amount of state funding the college receives.

However, Lane President Dr. Mary Spilde said some perspective is required to understand this drop.

"We've grown over 40 percent in the last three and a half, four years. So even with a 9 percent dip, we're still over 30 percent larger than we were in 2008," Spilde said.

Spilde said Lane's drop in enrollment reflected a trend involving most community colleges across the state. While she expects to see similar numbers in winter and spring terms, Spilde said this drop has some positive aspects.

"We actually see this as a bit of a positive signal that the economy is beginning to turn around. People are going back to work, and we think this is a good thing for the community and Lane county," Spilde continued.

Lane's Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning office reported 3,891 full-time equivalent (FTE) students for fall 2012. This was a drop of 384.4 FTEs, compared to the 4,275 FTEs reported in fall 2011. According to the IRAP website, FTE is the measurement by which state funds are disbursed to community colleges.

The Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development defines an FTE student as one who carries 510 clock-hours over three terms of instruction, or 170 hours in a term. Colleges use FTE to calculate how many hours of instruction a college is providing instead of how many individuals are enrolled. A single full-time student taking 12 credits each term is equal to four students taking one three-credit class each term when calculating FTE.

"This decline in enrollment represents maybe one or two students in each class," Spilde said. "One or two seats in a class can create this kind of enrollment decline."

Lane's continued growth over the past three years was not going to be sustainable, Spilde calculates. The school had nearly exhausted the community's supply of available teachers as it tried to keep up with the yearly increases in enrollment. Some classes may see fewer sections offered, but many will simply be less a couple students than in previous years.

"We can expect some compression (of classes). It's going to be an art of balance. There are going to be some classes — second-year courses — that we are going to have to offer because they are part of a student's sequence," Spilde said.

Students want tuition to remain stable, but that may not keep the same number of faculty employed, James Salt said. Salt is a sociology instructor and president of the Lane Community College Education Association, which helps represent the faculty's interests.

"We've been balancing our books with the extra

tuition revenue. If we don't get more state money at the same time we're losing tuition revenue, that will push student and faculty interests up against each other," Salt said.

ASLCC president Merriam Weatherhead said they too expected the drop and the ensuing pressure on students and faculty. She believes the most important way she can help students is to lobby in Salem for increased state funding to offset the drop.

"Instructors and students are natural allies, and we don't want to break that alliance. With the state disinvesting in higher education, it can put those natural allies at odds with each other," Weatherhead said.

IRAP Director Craig Taylor said dropping enrollment is a statewide trend.

While the drop is a sign of the economy's improvement, it is also a function of more stringent federal financial aid requirements coming into effect in 2012. Those include a reduction in Pell Grant eligibility from nine years to six years, and a tightening of rules regarding GEDs, home-schooling and ability to benefit from instruction that came into effect with the 2012 federal budget.

After conversations with colleagues at community colleges across Oregon, Spilde concluded that Lane's drop in enrollment is fairly typical.

"The drop is not a crisis in any way, and won't provoke any extreme reactions," Spilde said. "We expected it. We thought it would be this year. We will continue to focus on the students that we have, and make sure their experience is good, and that we're doing as much as we can to help them reach their goals."

#BRIEFLY

#boardofeducation

The Lane Board of Education will meet Nov. 14 for its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Building 3 board room on Lane's main campus.

Items on the agenda include:

- The review of study findings to use a construction manager or general contractor for the remodel of Building 11. If the board approves authorization, a public hearing on the issue will be held during the December board meeting.

- A report on Lane's Downtown Campus, which will include updates on housing and options for use of the existing Downtown Center.

- Selection of the yearly tuition rate index. Each year, board policy calls for selection of an index to apply to tuition for inflation.

The next meeting of the Lane Board of Education will be Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Building 3 board room.

For more information, contact the president's office at (541) 463-3000 or visit lanecc.edu/president.

#aslcc

ASLCC will meet Nov. 14 for its regular weekly session

at 4 p.m. in the ASLCC office, Building 1, Room 216.

On the agenda is an initiative to request a shelter at Lane Transit District's Eugene Station for the Bus 82 terminal, which services Lane.

ASLCC will also vote on club ratifications and receive an update on the student initiative fee.

#councilofclubs

At its Nov. 13 meeting, Council of Clubs approved a \$350 funds request for the Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

The funds will be used for an AIDS awareness benefit taking place Nov. 29 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Skate World in Springfield. The event will cost \$5 at the door. Roller-skates will be provided.

The motion to approve the funds request went unopposed. However, the request was not tabled in accordance to ASLCC constitutions and bylaws, which dictate that funds requests exceeding \$250 be tabled for a week to allow the ASLCC Senate to consider the motion.

Multicultural Program Coordinator Anayeli Jimenez said she would review the process by which funds

requests are approved or denied and present her findings at the next Council meeting.

The Council was briefed by ASLCC Treasurer Mathew Yook on an initiative to build a bus shelter at the Lane Transit District Eugene Station for students who ride Bus 82 to Lane. Yook circulated a petition for Council members to sign. More information will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Council will meet Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. in Building 1, behind the ASLCC-operated student store on the second floor.

#gsa

The Lane Gender and Sexuality Alliance held a bake sale, selling rainbow cupcakes Nov. 6 to Nov. 8 to help raise money for students to pay for room and board while attending The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference from Jan. 23 to Jan. 27 in Atlanta.

The Conference is the premier annual skills-building event for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities and their allies.

The five-day program features more than 350 work-

shops that teach leadership and networking skills.

"I joined the GSA because I wanted to have a place where I could go hang out and socialize without being judged for my sexuality," GSA member Sabrina Tyler said. "I also joined because I want to make a difference in how the queer community is perceived. My message to (Lane) students is that the GSA is a safe and respectful place for everyone, queer or straight — just anyone."

The GSA, which hoped to earn at least \$300 from the bake sale, raised \$163.25.

#lanefoundation

The We Care Committee Campaign, a Lane effort to raise funds for organizations including United Way and the Lane Foundation, began Oct. 17 and will continue until Dec. 7.

This year's theme is "student success starts here."

Last year, Lane employees donated more than \$112,000 to benefit the Lane Foundation and United Way.

The Foundation has received a total of \$56,014.38 to date, and United Way has received \$13,645.40 from Lane faculty.

Donations can be made by check, cash or payroll deduction.

Donors can specify whether they want their contribution to go to the Lane Foundation, United Way or other charities.

#mycology

Fungi specialist Jay Shindler will lead the second part of a seminar that introduces students to mycology Nov. 16 at noon in the Learning Garden.

Shindler was an engineering student who changed his major after reading a book on mycology. He then left school to study fungi in Southeast Alaska.

"We are here to basically learn what fungi is doing in the environment," he said.

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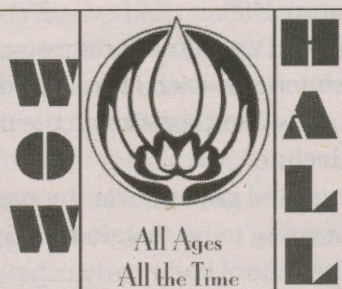
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ASLCC splits ranks to ratify Students for Life

Two senators concerned by club's anti-abortion stance

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Lane Students for Life President Sierra McClain (green sweater) attends the Nov. 13 Council of Clubs meeting in Building 1. The club was ratified at the student government's Oct. 31 meeting despite opposition from two senators who were uncomfortable with how the club's anti-abortion stance might influence the services it offers expectant mothers.

BY TAYA ALAMI
Reporter

The two newest senators in the ASLCC voted against ratifying Lane Students for Life at the student government's Oct. 31 meeting, marking the first time a club has not received a unanimous nod of approval from the ASLCC this year.

Senators Adam Brown and Amanda Saeed voted against ratifying Lane Students for Life, a club with a broad women-centered agenda, saying the club's anti-abortion views played a role in their decision.

Lane Students for Life was ratified despite their opposing votes.

In a later interview, ASLCC Senator Madeleine Galo, who voted to ratify the club, said senators who supported the motion might have done so under the impression that Lane Students for Life would remain neutral on abortion issues.

"I thought that they would be a good support group for women on campus — for women who may not know where to turn," Galo said.

Lane Students for Life President Sierra McClain said the club is a student-led, service-based group with a goal of supporting and empowering women. Although the club is uncomfortable with being labeled as anti-abortion, McClain said the club is "pro-life."

"A lot of women feel like they have to choose between their child and their education," McClain said. "We want to empower them to choose life."

Although Saeed and Brown believed a club with the purpose of helping expectant mothers would be a positive thing for a large number of Lane students, they were concerned by the possible consequences of coupling a stance on a polarizing issue with services that benefit people in vulner-

able positions.

"I do agree that it would be great to have a club to help pregnant women, but after hearing that the club was opinionated and pro-life, even though they say they will be open to help the women seeking abortion as well, I just could not agree to it," Saeed said.

She said her choice to vote against the club's ratification was a tough decision for her that had nothing to do with her opinion on abortion — a sentiment echoed by Brown.

"I simply opposed because I want all women who want to seek out help and support to be able to go to the club without the fear of a biased opinion," Saeed said.

Brown was conflicted when he voted against ratifying the club, saying he liked what they're planning to do for women, but he didn't believe an anti-abortion agenda should drive those services.

He found it especially strange that the club says they support women and their choices, regardless if they choose to have an abortion.

"If there isn't anything more to it, why not just be pro-choice? Isn't that the definition of pro-choice?" he said.

McClain said the club is a nonpartisan and secular group that currently has more than 150 members.

Although it is an anti-abortion group, it's not an official chapter of the controversial national group with a similar name, Students for Life of America — although she said the group hopes to coordinate with Students for Life of America when planning some of their events.

ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said she was familiar with some of the events the national group, Students for Life of America, hosted

at UO, at which the national group publicly displayed graphic images of aborted fetuses.

ASLCC executives, including Weatherhead, neither propose motions to ratify student clubs, nor vote on such motions.

When asked whether the group would display graphic images on campus, McClain said the club plans to show documentaries and share information, but all events will be held behind closed doors, where students walking to class can't see them.

"We want to be there to support women who have had abortions," McClain said. "We want to be there for them, not to condemn them and not to make them feel uncomfortable. We'll be educating women in a positive way — not in a way that's harsh or uncomfortable."

At least two members of the ASLCC Senate remained skeptical.

"I feel like each pregnancy has its own private story behind it," Saeed said. "I feel that by taking the pro-life stance, women who do become pregnant and want an abortion will be drawn away by the club's pro-life opinion and advocacy."

McClain told the ASLCC that the group's long-term ambitions are to coordinate with other groups that support women to implement expanded child care, diaper drives and baby clothes donations.

In the more immediate future, McClain said the group is planning on advocating for the implementation of lactation rooms and changing tables on campus.

"Women often have to sit in a car or feed in a bathroom, which can be uncomfortable and unsanitary," she said.

(Features Editor Kyle Webb and News Editor Jeff Knebel contributed to this report.)

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL ENGLISH PROGRAM

PROLOGUE

Building a diverse curriculum

By KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

When offered the choice between continuing to teach at UO or teaching at Lane, English instructor Michael McDonald quickly jumped at the opportunity to teach at Lane.

McDonald, along with colleague Jeff Harrison, said the drive to teach at Lane stems from the diverse student body and flexibility in teaching methods.

"Here there is joy in teaching students who want to be taught," Harrison said.

Harrison and McDonald are two of 62 instructors in Lane's English program, which offers courses in composition, literature and film. The English program is a subsection of Lane's Languages, Literature and Communication Division.

With 14 full-time and 45 part-time instructors on the composition side of the English program, Lane is able to offer upwards of 445 composition classes per year. Many of the instructors also teach literature classes.

The program offers basic writing classes beginning with Writing 80, where students learn about the parts of speech and basic sentence patterns. One of the more advanced classes offered is Honors Argument, Style and Research, where students dive deeper into course topics at a faster pace.

Regardless of where students land on the spectrum of writing classes, McDonald and Harrison said they have the ability to enrich the lives of students who are working and going to school.

In his Technical Writing class, McDonald allows students to write about topics that are relevant to them.

"We are working with students on issues with which their lives are closely involved," McDonald said.

McDonald said he wants students to write — and think critically — about issues that concern them in an effort to help them find themselves.

"There is no 'finding-yourself department,'" Harrison said, "but in writing, you can do that."

Among the English program's other offerings are in-

troductory courses in literature and cinema.

Lane's ability to offer a diverse range of classes is tied to the diverse community of students that inhabit the classrooms and the instructors who come up with classes to offer, McDonald said.

Instructor Siskanna Naynaha, who also serves as the program's composition coordinator, teaches a section of every writing class offered at Lane.

Naynaha is working on a pilot course aimed at students who test into Writing 115. The class will fast-track students through Writing 121 within a single term.

While writing classes represent approximately 88 percent of the English curriculum, 12 percent of Lane's offerings are literature courses, Language, Literature and Communication division dean Susan Carkin wrote in an email.

"The faculty has a strong commitment to traditional and contemporary texts, and especially to texts by diverse writers," Carkin wrote.

Lane offers courses in which students explore literature by female, black, Asian, Hispanic, Native American and Muslim writers. In other courses, students can study international, British and American literature, or the poetry of Bob Dylan, Carkin wrote.

The range of course offerings is tied to the number of instructors available to teach them. Lane has many full-time faculty positions that haven't been filled in many years, McDonald said.

"With more full-time faculty we could work more with other departments and work on synthesizing departments," McDonald said.

With departmental "synthesizing" Lane's departments could work more closely to tailor students' experiences to their personal goals, McDonald said.

Students have various reasons for attending Lane, very different backgrounds and different educational plans.

"When I meet with students from any (Lane) class ... I am always impressed by their complicated lives and their determination to make their education work for their own particular vision of success," Carkin wrote.



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Second-year Culinary Arts students Sara Sweatt (left), Hallie Hinchee (middle) and Alan Blake fill bags with turkeys to be transported to the Whiteaker Community Head Start Center in Eugene in preparation for the Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Whiteaker dinner preparations on schedule

Organizers are still accepting donations and volunteers

BY CAMERON RITCHEY
Reporter

Preparations for the Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, including the Nov. 9 delivery of 1,500 pounds of turkey, continue on schedule, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management instructor and chef Clive Wanstall said.

The dinner is served on Thanksgiving at the Whiteaker Community Head Start Center in Eugene.

Those interested in donating can deposit money in the Sock Jars at any of the food service cash registers. Those donations will go to providing warm socks for the less fortunate. Last year, more than 800 pairs of socks were distributed to those in need, Beverly Farfan said. Farfan is the head coordinator of the dinner.

Volunteer slots are still available, both on Thanksgiving and the following day, for those interested in lending a hand. Drivers are especially needed on Thanksgiving to provide rides for an hour or more. Call (541) 485-8179 or visit wcddinner.org for more information.



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Cooperative Education coordinator Beverly Farfan talks with Culinary Arts and Hospitality instructor Clive Wanstall during the Nov. 9 delivery. Farfan is the head coordinator of the Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sophomore Jacob Berkner finished second at the Nov. 10 NWAACC Cross-Country Championships with a time of 25:21.8. Freshman Elias Gedyon finished first with a time of 25:08.8.

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Lane grabs first and second

Men's cross-country team places second overall at NWAACC

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

Freshman Elias Gedyon and the Lane men's cross-country team finished their successful season with a second-place finish at the Nov. 10 NWAACC Championships in Spokane, Wash.

"Crossing that finishing line was the best feeling ever," Gedyon said. "Winning the NWAACC Championship showed that all my hard work, with the help of my teammates, paid off."

Gedyon also realizes that the competitiveness of the team is what allowed the Titans to flourish late in the year.

"As a team, this season turned out amazing for us," Gedyon said. "Everyone stood out in their own element, and having us all together has made us a team with a competitive attitude."

After inheriting a talented group of men from former head coach John Scholl, Lane head coach Mike Blackmore wanted to keep up the previous success of the Titans.

"My goal was to take these guys and just not screw up," Blackmore said. "I knew some of them hadn't run as much as they probably needed to over the course of the summer, so I had to be careful with our workload and how fast we progressed."

One of Blackmore's concerns for the season was how his freshmen were going to handle being on their own for the first time and if they'd be healthy enough to reach their potential.

"A new home, a different school schedule—a bit more freedom to learn life skills by making mistakes can be a challenge for some," Blackmore said. "And all that can present challenges to staying healthy."

The Titans season began Sept. 15 when they competed in the Oak Knoll Loop Run in Independence, Ore. Freshman Javier Velasco led the way for the Titans, completing the 6,000-meter course in a time of 19:35.

The men returned to action Sept. 22 in the Northwest Classic, which was hosted by Lane. Once again, Velasco was the top finisher for Lane, leading the Titans to the men's team championship among community colleges.

After two weeks of rest, Lane traveled to Bellingham, Wash., to compete in the Oct. 6 Western Washington Classic. Gedyon was the first finisher for Lane, completing the 10,000-meter course in 31:42. As a team, Lane finished sixth out of 16 teams competing.

"We raced really well for about 4.5 miles, then faded a bit. I was OK with that, because we don't train for a 10k," Blackmore said.

The Titans returned to race the following weekend in Portland when they competed in the Oct. 13 Adidas Classic. Gedyon led the way again, this time finishing second overall and leading Lane to a third-place team finish.

The Oct. 19 Beaver Classic was the Titans' next event. Lane finished fourth out of 14 teams. The Titans were led by Gedyon and sophomore Jacob Berkner, who placed third and 23rd respectively.

"I sensed some confidence after the Beaver Classic — we had some big breakthroughs in getting things done over the entire race distance, and the guys who didn't perform as well as they wanted understood what went wrong," Blackmore said. "Learning from mistakes and being positive about it is huge, and I knew that they were ready for the next step."

Oct. 27 was the next meet for the Titans as they competed in the NWAACC Southern Region Championships. The Titans clinched the regional championship with a team score of 18 points with Gedyon as the individual champion, while Berkner finished second.

After winning the Southern Region Championship, the stage was set for the Titans to compete at the NWAACC Championships. Gedyon and Berkner led the way with first- and second-place finishes but the Titans could only muster

up a second-place finish as a team, placing behind Spokane Community College.

"Jacob ran a ridiculous race in Spokane and really made the whole race happen," Blackmore said. "He left the group after about 600 meters and forced the pack to make a decision. Nobody went with him, and after about two miles, Elias bolted from the group, caught Jacob, and they made a team getaway."

In his first year running cross-country for Lane, Gedyon won the Nov. 10 NWAACC Individual Championship, the highest honor available to NWAACC runners.

Gedyon, a track and field All-American in three events last spring for Lane, covered the 8,000-meter course in a time of 25:08.

Berkner was another bright spot for the Titans. Berkner, who took last year off from cross-country, first competed in the NWAACCs in 2010, when he finished in 12th place at the championships.

He improved this time around by finishing second at this year's NWAACC Championships in a time of 25:21, 13 seconds behind Gedyon.

Berkner also finished second at the Southern Region Championships, finishing 22 seconds behind Gedyon with a time of 26:09.

Also running for the Titans and placing at both championship races this year were freshmen Aaron Kirch, Theo Puentes, Javier Velasco and Sam Van De Velde and sophomore Kyle Ruhlin.

The Titans will be losing sophomores Ruhlin and Berkner to graduation and Van De Velde to transfer.

Blackmore said Ruhlin is leaving for basic training while Berkner is finishing his education at Lane's culinary school. Van De Velde is transferring to Western States College in Gunnison, Colo., for winter term.

Next year, Gedyon and Velasco will lead the returning team, including four runners who redshirted this year.



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Left: Freshman Macauly Wilson was Lane's top finisher at the Nov. 10 NWAACC Cross-Country Championships in Spokane, Wash. Wilson came in 24th place with a time of 21:27.5 while the Titans placed seventh overall with a team score of 162. Right: Freshman Allie Church finished in 26th place with 24:40.3.

Titans persevere through grueling season

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

It was a season of firsts for the Lane women's cross-country team: the first time any of the women ran at the college level, the first time they ran cross-country and the first time they ran for Titans' head coach Mike Blackmore.

"Our women's team is literally a group of women who appeared at almost the 11th hour. They are a group with very little experience, not having run all four years in high school," Blackmore said. "This was also their first year of collegiate cross-country, so I had a big challenge on my hands to convince them all that they could handle what we were doing, and really had to bring them along slowly."

With only eight runners this year, all of whom are freshmen, Blackmore knew this season would only be a trial run for the next.

Of those eight runners, only three ran cross-country in high school, while a few others were recruited to Lane as sprinters for the track and field team, which doesn't begin competing until Spring 2013.

Freshman Macauly Wilson, Blair Harris and Ana Villa-Amparo "are our true distance runners. Ana probably improved the most over the season, Blair was the first to figure out and succeed with our racing strategy and Macaulay gained a lot of aerobic strength that will make her pretty tough on the track in the spring," Blackmore said. "The other four women need to be admired for how tough they were to accept the challenge of moving

from 100-meter or 400-meter hurdles or throwing a discus to running a 5,000-meter race."

Lane's Director of Cross Country Grady O'Connor said Blackmore asked a few of the sprinters to run cross-country so they could have a complete team when competing.

The season began Sept. 15 at the Oak Knoll Loop Run. Wilson was the top finisher at the 4,000-meter event, finishing in a time of 16:14. Harris was the next finisher with 17:17.

Lane returned home to race in the Northwest Classic Sept. 22.

Wilson and Harris led the charge once again, finishing 18th and 26th, respectively. The freshmen led Lane to a fifth-place team finish.

After taking two weeks off from competition, the team returned to race in the Oct. 6 Western Washington Classic in Bellingham, Wash. Wilson and Harris were the only two finishers for Lane to place among the competition's top 75.

Lane ran next in the Oct. 19 Beaver Classic in Corvallis. Wilson, Harris and Villa-Amparo were the only runners to finish in the top 100. Wilson completed the 6,000-meter race in 25:31 while Harris and Villa-Amparo finished in 26:32 and 29:32 respectively.

The Titans came together to defend their home course at the Oct. 27 Southern Region Championships. Wilson and Harris both posted top-10 finishes while Villa-Amparo and freshmen Allie Church and Rochelle Pappel finished in the top 18. As a team, Lane finished third out of the three

teams that qualified for a team score.

The women finished out their season Nov. 10 at the NWAACC Championships, placing seventh of the eight competing teams. Once again, Wilson and Harris finished first and second for Lane in times of 21:27 and 21:35 respectively.

Wilson, a late commitment, was one of the Titans' standouts this year, finishing first out of Lane runners in every race. She struggled towards the end of the season due to fatigue and asthma.

"Macauly will be the first to tell you that she likes to run fast, and sometimes struggles with learning the system — and her asthma has been acting up recently as well," Blackmore said.

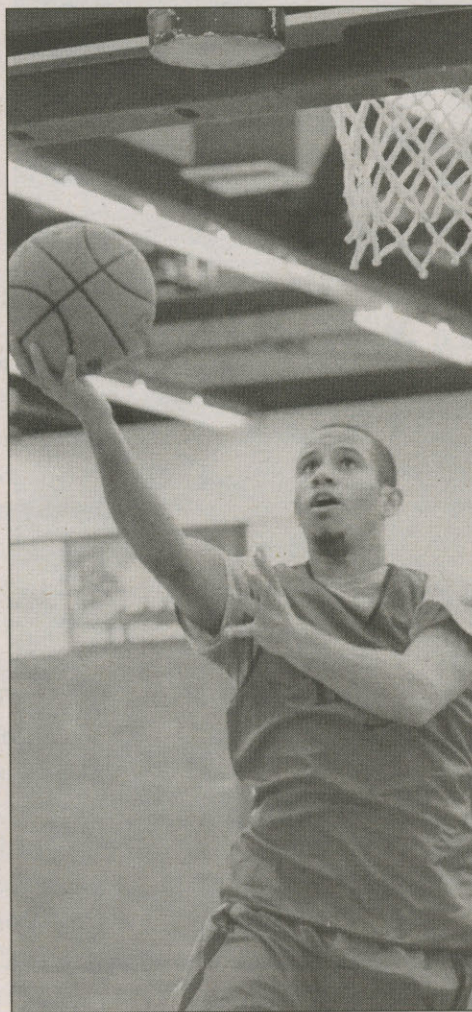
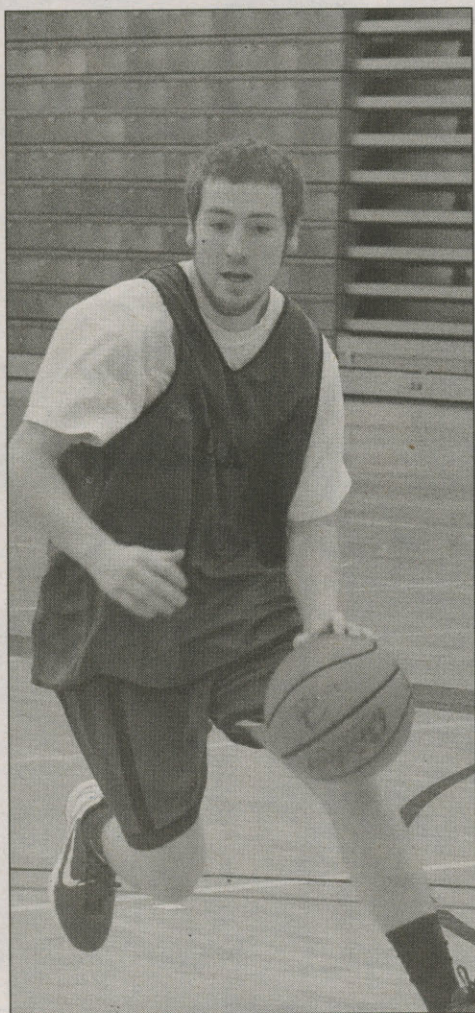
Wilson's best race of the year was the Southern Region Championships, at which she finished fourth in 20:59.

Harris placed second in every race of the year for the Titans, consistently closing the gap in time between her and Wilson.

Harris' best race of the year was also the Southern Region Championships, at which she finished 10th in 21:52.

Blackmore is setting the team's goals high for next year.

"I want to see our women's team back in the upper half of our conference," Blackmore said. "There are some deep personal relationships associated with Lane Community College that have made me the person I am, and I won't be satisfied until I bring this part of our athletic program back to what it can be."



TURNER MAXWELL/THE TORCH

Left to right: Lane Titans Tre Clark, Jared Kelsay, Keynan Middleton, Chris Goodlow run technique drills during one of their daily 6 a.m. practices in the Building 5 gym Nov. 13. The four Titans make up the incoming freshman class for the Lane men's basketball team.

Men's basketball bolsters roster with new recruits

Four freshmen and three transfer students look to offer talents to Titans

BY ROWEN VORIS
Reporter

Lane men's basketball head coach Bruce Chavka calls his 2012 freshman recruits the most talented group he's ever coached.

The Titans will take the court Nov. 17 with four new Western Region athletes for what is expected to be a highly competitive season.

This year's roster is an example of just how seriously Chavka and assistant coaches Luke Fennelly and Tyler Hollingsworth take recruiting.

Scouting athletes from all over the Northwest, Chavka garnered a group of talented young men, including Tigard High School point guard Jared Kelsay, Milwaukie High School shooter Kynan Middleton, Evergreen High School power forward Earnest Clark III and Chaparral (Las Vegas) High School shooting guard Chris Goodloe.

Chavka said he looks for the characteristics of attitude and effort when recruiting male athletes.

"We want guys that are coachable — guys that are team players," Chavka said.

Kelsay said the team is quickly becoming close-knit.

"I can't really skip out on practice, or else I'm skipping out on my family," Kelsay said.

The Titans' basketball coaches have already implemented strategic plans using their new freshman, as well as three new transfer students — Alex Macneil, Jeff Fields and Byron Johnson — to help jump-start the season.

"We've got our work cut out for us, but I love our team right now, and we're progressing right along," Chavka said.

With a new approach guided towards the team, and a new freshman class, the Titans stand a good chance against what Chavka thinks will be their toughest opponents yet, Chemeketa and Clackamas community colleges, both of which the Titans will play within the first two weeks of the season.

"Last spring, we sat down and evaluated some things and really put a ton of effort trying to get new blood into the program recruiting-wise. I knew we were going to have such a strong nucleus coming back, and I think adding the three transfer students and the four freshmen coming back, we were going to have depth, and going to be a strong unit," Chavka said.

The Titans basketball team is now bolstered by 15 athletes who are all battling for a position in the starting lineup, which Chavka said will change periodically throughout the season.

"I tell them, 'We didn't bring you here to sit you. We brought you here to compete, get better and earn a starting spot,'" Chavka said. "Just because you're a sophomore, or returning leading scorer or some big-time freshman recruit, you gotta earn your minutes on the hardwood."

Originally recruited for the UO men's basketball team as a walk-on, Kelsay declined the offer because he expected to sit the bench. He came to Lane thinking if he showed hard work and dedication here, it would pay off with a UO scholarship and more playing time in the future.

Kelsay, who stands 6'0", averages 16 points, five assists and two rebounds per game. He's a double threat, playing both shooting guard and point guard for the Titans.

Middleton, who hails from Milwaukie, plays both basketball and baseball, with his fastball clocked at approximately 90 mph.

This first-team all-league baseball and all-state basketball player came to Lane on a full-ride scholarship for both basketball and baseball.

"I love the coaches," Middleton said. "I wasn't going to come down here because I wasn't able to find a place to live. That's where the coaches really helped me out."

Student performers cast keen eyes towards hell in 'No Exit'

REVIEW BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

Hell may not be fire, brimstone and torture. It may simply be the forced company of three strangers stuck in a room ... together ... for eternity.

The Student Production Association's rendition of Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit" illustrates the meeting of Inez (Julie Moore), Estelle (Ali Thoreson) and Cradeau (Jesse Ferreira). All have been brought to hell by an odd doorman simply named Boy (Ralph Steadman). As they arrive one by one, they ask nearly the same question: Where are the thumbscrews and torture?

No whippings or waterboardings occur. The characters dole out far more torture to one another, as they were stuck with each other for eternity.

The actors played their characters shockingly well. Ferreira plays a womanizing batterer to the nines as Cradeau, in a fit of rage, slams Inez to the floor. Moore plays a wife-stealing manipulator equally well. Thoreson flutters as an innocent, well-mannered flower with a dark secret.

SPA did a great job of bringing Sartre's ideas to life, making this play a worthwhile effort, but this is edgy material that may not be for everyone.

By definition, existentialism holds that the starting point of philosophical thinking must be the experiences of the individual. Sartre's inclusion of a female wife-stealer, highly taboo for the time, put him at the forefront of 1940s existentialism.

With a cast of four people in the intimate setting of Lane's Blue Door Theater, the play sucks you in and forces you to contemplate everyday reality. It begs you to examine two essential questions: "What kind of life do I lead? If I die tomorrow, would I go to hell?"

While the play deals with the heavy ideas involved with questioning one's own humanity, it has great moments of comedic relief as the characters transformed from the personas they occupied in life into the stark naked truths of who they really are: a baby killer, a wife beater and a malicious manipulator.

Cradeau said it perfectly: "Hell is other people."

Tickets cost \$8 for students, staff and seniors and \$10 for general admission, with performances Nov. 15 to Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Building 6 Blue Door Theater.



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Above: Inez (Julie Moore) and Estelle (Ali Thoreson) argue during the Student Productions Association's Oct. 29 rehearsal of "No Exit." Below: Estelle (Ali Thoreson) sits on Cradeau (Jesse Ferreria) during an Oct. 29 rehearsal in the Blue Door Theater.





TURNER MAXWELL/THE TORCH

Lane freshman goalkeeper Sam Schoene scurries to the soccer ball on an attempted goal during the Titans' Nov. 10 second-round playoff game against Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Wash. The Peninsula Pirates, who are ranked 11th nationally, defeated the Titans 3-0 after a scoreless first half.

Titans wrap up season after second round of NWAACC playoffs

BY ROWEN VORIS
Reporter

After a long and eventful season full of team goals and personal records, the Titans landed in the No. 2 spot in the Southern Region just before the NWAACC playoffs, after what head coach Dave Ellis called the best defensive season they've ever had.

The Titans lost in the second round of the playoffs 3-0 against the Eastern Region's leading team, Peninsula College.

"The game was good. We went into the second half tied 0-0, but it was evident in the first half that it was only a matter of time until they scored," sophomore midfielder Emily Strome said. "We played hard, but didn't win the 50-50 battles on the ground. All in all, I felt that on an individual level, we were nearly evenly matched, but as a team it was obvious that they train harder and earned their ranking."

By only allowing 13 goals to sneak past the Titans' freshman goalkeeper Samantha Schoene, Lane headed

into the playoffs with hopes of taking home this year's first-place title. The Titans ended the season second at 7-5-2 in the region.

The Titans started the season with five returning sophomores and 12 talented freshmen, who began the season strong and faced some of the toughest teams in the region.

"I thought this season we played substantially better soccer than the last few years. We struggled to score goals, which is always a little bit frustrating, but potentially we've had the best year we've ever had — a lot of that is down to Samantha Schoene, Jenessa DeWitt and Katie McKirdy, who performed well above expectation," Ellis said.

The Titans did lose a significant number of players due to extensive injuries. As a result, the Titans rotated players through new positions to account for the loss, even as they were facing their stiffest competition.

"Injuries were hard for us this year," sophomore Erin Satterfield said. "Personally, I was out for the first two

weeks with an ankle injury. Our other sophomore, Mariah Pupke, was out another two weeks with similar ankle issues. Then, when Serena Boehm was tripped by a goalkeeper, breaking her collarbone, we really took a hit, losing a vital player."

But injuries weren't the only challenge the Titans faced this season.

Freshman defender Cori Coon was recently dropped from the Lane soccer program for reasons Ellis declined to explain. Sources with knowledge of the incidents who wish to remain anonymous said she was removed from the Titans for violating conduct rules when she posted updates and pictures on Facebook and Twitter indicating her use of marijuana and alcohol.

However, the loss of Coon on the defensive side of the field didn't stop the Titans from remaining focused and maintaining the momentum they needed to finish the season strong.

Looking back on the 2012 soccer season, some of the most effective players on the field were the sopho-

mores themselves: team captains Erin Satterfield and Mariah Pupke, Kaitlyn Choy, Chantal Paradis, and Strome, all of whom will be leaving Lane this next year.

Ellis said Satterfield was planning to return to Southern California, Pupke is transferring to Oregon State University to major in engineering, Strome hopes to play soccer at a Portland-area school and Chantal is undecided.

While the returning sophomores will be leaving to pursue future life-goals and potentially continue their soccer careers, Ellis will be busy recruiting players within the Northwestern Region to contribute to their 2013 soccer season next fall and continue to build their rankings.

"At Lane, our goal is always to host the first round, whether that be first or second place, always make playoffs, and to always have a winning record. We wanted the Southern Region, but a little bad luck conspired against us, and that's just always a difficult thing," Ellis said.