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Students, taxpayers need better budget data

ASLCC reluctantly decided to support the Board of Education's proposal to increase tuition by \$2 per-credit based on the Higher Education Price Index, a measure of the relative cost of education nationwide.

Many student leaders said they had enough information after Lane Director of Government and Community Relations Brett Rowlett explained the index and the college's demand for a tuition increase to the ASLCC at its Jan. 23 meeting.

According to the latest budget proposal, the board will consider an additional \$5 per-credit tuition increase in June. As such, the board has more to explain and ASLCC has more to consider before student leaders weigh in on the next hike.

Past budgets have justified increases using four factors: the increasing demand for education, the maintenance of services, stagnant state funding and inflation.

However, the college has furnished inadequate information detailing the cost-efficiency of these services, Lane has seen its first major drop in enrollment and Gov. John Kitzhaber is seeking to link state funding to college performance, three facts that should spur the Board to re-examine its spending priorities.

According to the proposed 2013-2014 budget document, "In past years, Lane's board has heard from students that maintaining current service levels is their highest priority and has acted accordingly by raising tuition."

As *The Torch* reported in its Jan. 23 editorial, it's difficult for students and taxpayers to gauge how cost-effective these services are when the college is incapable

of releasing a line-item budget.

"Financial dashboard," the tool Lane provides to some of its employees to gauge revenues and expenditures in both current and prior budgets, often appears to be incomplete or inaccurate due to software limitations. As of Jan. 29, this tool reported the following: — *The Torch* is apparently operating at a \$16,000 deficit. That's news to us, considering the most recent departmental budget documents estimate *The Torch* has a \$0.43 surplus.

— Somehow, Lane's laundry fund went \$88,000 in the red.

— The college president's office is \$847,000 in the hole.

— The Titan Store and Infrastructure Services each owe Lane \$1.6 million.

Of course, the financial dashboard paints such a stark picture of the college's operating budget because, as the fine print warns us, the tool can only consider revenue and expenditures, excluding the interdepartmental fund transfers that form the backbone of Lane's budgeting strategy.

Any tuition hike makes education less accessible, but murky budgeting, unchecked priorities and an uncertain future makes the board's upcoming decision inaccessible to students and taxpayers, in violation of democratic principles.

The Torch continues to encourage the ASLCC to hound Lane for better numbers. Furthermore, the board should require a referendum for students to approve any future tuition hikes before we're all priced out of community college.

ASLCC supports \$2 per-credit tuition hike in strategic move



JONATHAN KLIMOSKI / THE TORCH

By TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

The Lane Board of Education is set to vote on a \$2 inflationary tuition increase during its next meeting, Feb. 6 following student leaders' decision to reluctantly support the increase.

At the ASLCC's Jan. 23 meeting, student leaders drafted an amended version of ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead's letter to the board, detailing the student government's stance on the increase.

Weatherhead said she's generally opposed to tuition increases, but the student leaders' support for an increase to stay current with inflation would put them in a better position to negotiate with the board in June, when its members will consider passing a separate general tuition increase.

The \$2 increase the board will be voting on is designed to keep Lane's tuition costs proportionate to a rise in the Higher Education Price Index — a national average of the costs for goods and services most commonly purchased by institutions of higher learning. The tuition increase would take effect in July.

During the two previous ASLCC meetings, student leaders were unable to reach an agreement on whether

to adopt Weatherhead's strategy.

A handful of ASLCC members immediately supported the strategy. Other members argued that because the board will likely pass the \$2 increase regardless of student leaders' opinions, ASLCC should stand firm on a guiding principle, that Lane should be affordable and accessible to students.

ASLCC Multicultural Coordinator Anayeli Jiminez said she was ready to amend and draft Weatherhead's letter after a presentation by Brett Rowlett, Lane director of governmental and community relations.

Rowlett emphasized the importance of the college's reserve fund, an account set aside for "rainy day spending."

"The only reason there's not massive cuts is the reserve fund," Rowlett said. "It can get us through this year — next year — but then we'll have no reserve fund."

Only one ASLCC senator, Adam Brown, abstained from the vote in protest — not because he disagreed with drafting the letter, he said, but to take a stand against the larger system in place that forces schools and students to take a mutually adversarial stance in order to make these decisions.

"It's all just a result of them taking money from us in an unjust way," Brown said.

Left: ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead discusses the Board of Education's proposed tuition hike during ASLCC's Jan. 23 meeting. Right: Brett Rowlett, Lane director of governmental and community relations, explains the role of the Higher Education Price Index in the proposed tuition increase.

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THE ROAD TO

Lane coach Bruce Chavka balances basketball and community service

By Rowen Voris



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Lane men's basketball head coach Bruce Chavka yelling instructions to the team in a matchup against Portland Community College Jan. 26. The men won 69-65.

From the hardwood to the playbook, Lane Titans men's basketball head coach Bruce Chavka has been coaching and playing basketball for over 21 years.

"Ever since I was in sixth grade, I knew I wanted to be a coach," Chavka said.

Growing up in the small town of Walsenburg, Colo., basketball provided him a sense of stability and support. While his parents were away at work, Chavka turned to basketball, where teammates became a second family and opportunities emerged that would shape his coaching career.

At 24, Chavka had earned his first head coaching position at La Veta (Colo.) High School, where he had spent just one year coaching, before he accepted a position in Gunnison, Colo. at Western State College.

There, he had the opportunity to work side by side with former UO assistant basketball coach Fred Litzenger, who had helped lead the Ducks to 10 straight winning seasons before his retirement in 2005.

Between coaching for high school and college sports, Chavka had earned a reputation as a basketball nomad, jumping from city to city in search of the perfect home-bound coaching position.

"Part of my coaching career has taken me to some crazy places that I never thought I would have lived in before," Chavka said.

Chavka worked in Colorado, Iowa and California before he made his way to Oregon.

Moving to Eugene is a milestone for Chavka. In Eugene, he is able to stay in close contact with his only immediate family, his 8-year-old daughter Hadley, while working to put the Titans on a journey to excellence.

"I'm a journey kind of guy," Chavka said.

Chavka first coached the Titans during the 2006-2007 season. Now, he's in his seventh year coaching and teaching at Lane.

"Coach C. is a good guy," freshman basketball player Keynan Middleton said. "He holds us to high expectations because he knows that the guys he recruited have unlimited potential. He has given me the opportunity to come out and improve."

Of Chavka's many coaching experiences, he said Lane has provided him the most opportunities, such as mentoring children for the Lane County Committed Partners for Youth, where Chavka is in his fifth year.

"Giving back to the community is something I've always been very passionate about," Chavka said, "as well as my team."

'COACH C'

Alex Coleman #4



Sophomore, Post
PPG: 3.20
RPG: 5.4
STPG: 1.6
APG: 1.15
FT%: 42
FG%: 37
3P%: 17

Tyler Coleman #10



Sophomore, Guard
PPG: 15.52
RPG: 3.71
STPG: 2.76
APG: 2.62
FT%: 83
FG%: 46
3P%: 33

Keenan Middleton #20



Freshman, Guard
PPG: 11.5
RPG: 4.5
APG: 1.6
STPG: 1.5
FT%: 67
FG%: 45
3P%: 45

Levi Strandberg #5



Sophomore, Post
PPG: 8.86
RPG: 3.48
APG: 1.19
FT%: 83
FG%: 46
3P%: 44

Byron Johnson #33



Sophomore, Post
PPG: 11.14
RPG: 4.43
BLKPG: 0.86
FT%: 70
FG%: 50
3P%: 36

"As a coach, you sometimes get so ingrained on who you need to recruit next, when the next game is or when the next practice is," Chavka added. "You sort of lose sight that you're really in this business to help people and be a good role model, and that's when I knew the Lane County Committed Partners for Youth was a perfect fit."

Consequently, volunteering has become a staple of the Lane basketball program. His players also take time out of their busy schedules to help the community in any way they can, such as volunteering in the annual Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

"It's always fun to hear our sophomores telling our freshmen about how fun it is to give back, because it's something that's very important to me as a coach," Chavka said.

When Chavka isn't helping out his community or spending quality time with his daughter, he's at Lane checking in on his players, making sure they're attending classes or working together with his assistant coaches, Luke Fennelly and Tyler Hollingsworth.

"I love everything about being a coach, Chavka said. "There's never a dull moment in my career, and I hope to keep this career going until I'm 72 and retired."

#BRIEFLY

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#aslcc

Student leaders will convene during the weekly ASLCC meeting Jan. 30 in the Building 3 board room.

#councilofclubs

Oregon Students Association Campus Organizer Reanna Bradley briefed Council of Clubs with a short legislation workshop at its Jan. 29 meeting. The council continued planning a club fair set for Earth Week. The council will meet Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. in Building 1, behind the ASLCC-operated student store on the second floor.

#titansrising

LCC students can meet with counselors and advisers from the UO when the Center for Meeting and Learning plays host to "UO Transfer Day: Join the Flock: Migrate to the UO" Wednesday Jan. 30.

#scholarshipdeadlines

The deadline to apply for a scholarship to Lane Community College is March 14 at 8:59 p.m.

#ortransferday

Oregon Transfer Day, a resource for community college students aspiring to transfer to

any one of Oregon's four-year universities, will make its stop at Lane Community College Feb. 5. The number of community college students transferring to four-year institutions has increased 70 percent in the past decade in the state of Oregon.

#tuitiontravels

ASLCC President Meriam Weatherhead said she'll be spending her Tuesdays at the state capital representing ASLCC and the Oregon Student Association during the state legislative session.

Weatherhead will be voicing student concerns, namely rising tuition costs. Weatherhead said keeping school affordable and accessible for students was the issue that originally attracted her to student leadership.

Oregon's 77th Legislative convened Jan. 14th.

#studentart

Media Arts instructors will hold a workshop for student artists on how to submit up to two of their works to the League for Innovation Art Exhibition. The workshop will be held Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 17, room 111. Advice, feedback and help in deciding what

work to submit will be available to attendees.

#sustainablefoods

ASLCC's Sustainable Food Committee has begun its task of making healthy and local foods available on campus with help from Lane Food Services Director Michael O'Neil.

Committee members have a broad agenda, including making food accessible to students on food assistance programs.

#schoolrecord

The Titans women's basketball team beat the visiting Portland Community College Panthers 100-28 Jan. 26 to improve their record to 20-1 and 6-1 in the Southern Region.

Lane set a new school record for fewest points allowed in a game and in a half by holding Portland to 28 points total with and 8 in the first half.

#tiedup

The Lane men's basketball team is in a three-way tie for first place in the Southern Region after defeating the visiting Portland Community College Panthers 69-65 Jan. 26. With a 5-2 Southern Region record, the Titans are tied with Chemeketa

Community College and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

#returnoftheslam

The Lane men's and women's basketball teams have the week off from games but will return to action Feb. 2 in a doubleheader against Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m. for the women and 4 p.m. for the men.

#iamthegym

Lane's Titan basketball teams will be putting on the annual "Jam the Gym" fundraiser Feb. 9 when the women's and men's basketball teams host Chemeketa Community College at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Admission is free for everyone if they bring at least one canned food product that will be donated to FOOD for Lane County.

#signingceremony

The Titans women's soccer team held its first ever "signing ceremony" Jan. 26 when eight incoming freshman signed letters of intent to play for Lane the next two years.

Head coach Dave Ellis said it was a "great experience" and

he is "very excited" to see what this incoming class will do for the team.

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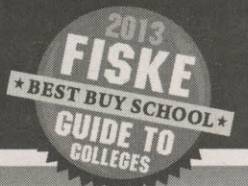
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Jensen plays to sold-out Ragozzino Hall

Students join internationally renowned trumpeter on stage

By BYRON HUGHEY

Editor-in-Chief

Trumpeter Ingrid Jensen played for a packed Ragozzino Performance Hall during her performance for the 14th Annual Lane Jazz Festival, Jan. 25 and 26.

An artist-in-residence at the University of Michigan, Jensen has toured internationally, but this was her first visit to Eugene. As an award-winning performer and soloist, she was a featured speaker and performer at the Oregon Jazz Festival at UO and Lane, of which the Lane Jazz Festival was a part.

She wrapped up her visit with her performance at Ragozzino Performance Hall.

Lane Jazz Ensemble Director Ron Bertucci and UO Director of Jazz Studies Steve Owen organized the event.

"It was a great concert," said Bertucci. "We started in 1998 ... this space is great for concerts."

Jensen, a West Coast native, blended a mix of covers and original material that brought the crowd to a standing ovation. She drew her inspiration from the "cedar trees, mildew and wet things," she explained as she opened one of her original compositions.

She also paid tribute to the late Dave Brubeck, the famed pianist and jazz composer from the Dave Brubeck Five. She explained that her cover of Brubeck's "40 Days" was an "important moment" for her.

Bertucci said Jensen's performance was "intimate and immediate."

Jensen invited three students from the clinics she taught to perform with her at the festival.

South Eugene High School student and Lane Jazz Ensemble member Ken Mastro Giovanni, a 17-year-old drummer, received an honorary scholarship from the festival along with several other students. Mastro Giovanni sat in for Gary Hobbs, the featured drummer for the night.

"It was simply amazing and a huge honor to play with her," Mastro Giovanni said. "There was no rehearsal. Ron (Bertucci) told me, 'You're going to be playing tonight.' I got a quick run-through, and that was it."

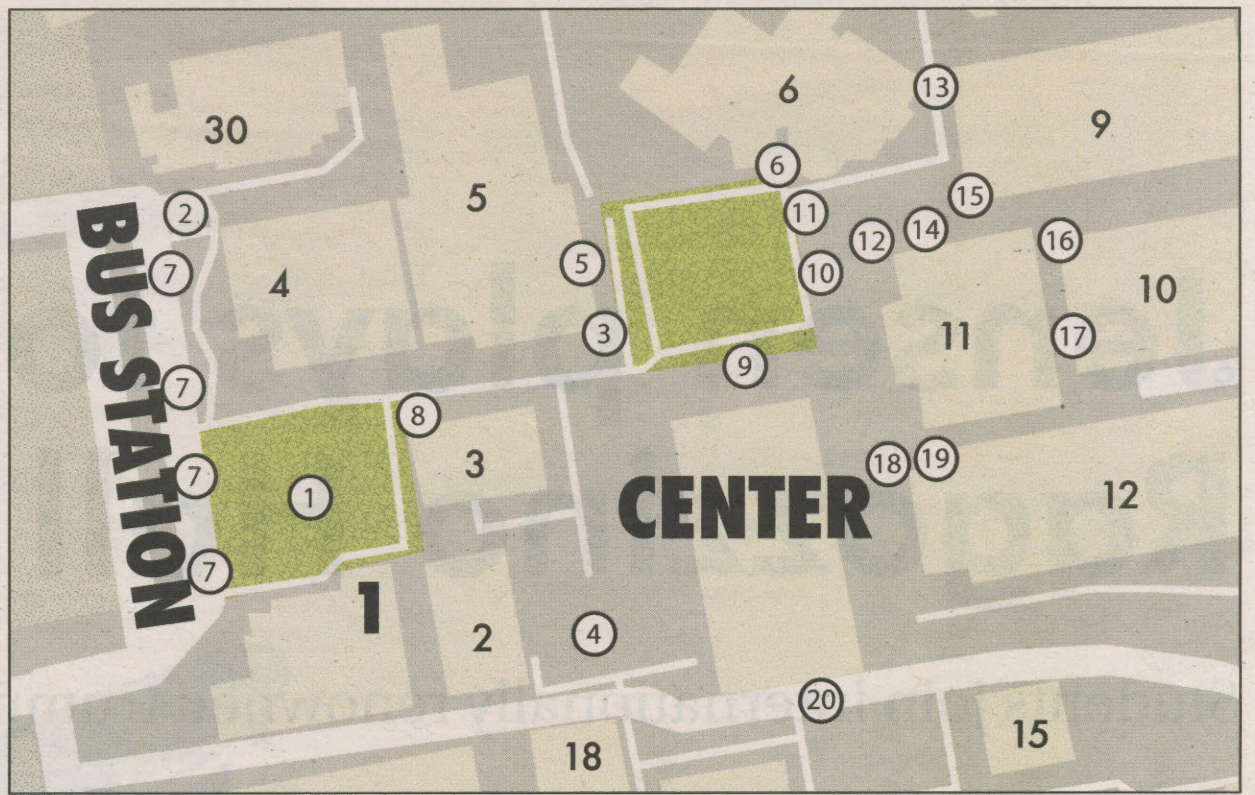
Jensen closed out the evening and the festival, thanking the students, performers and guests.

"What a great house," Jensen said.

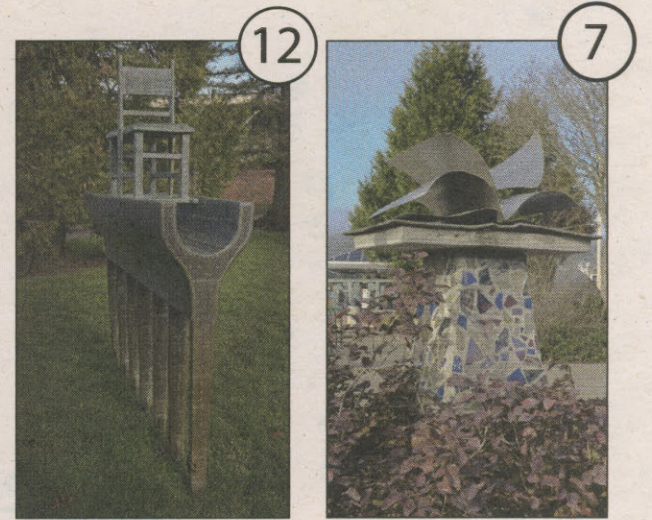
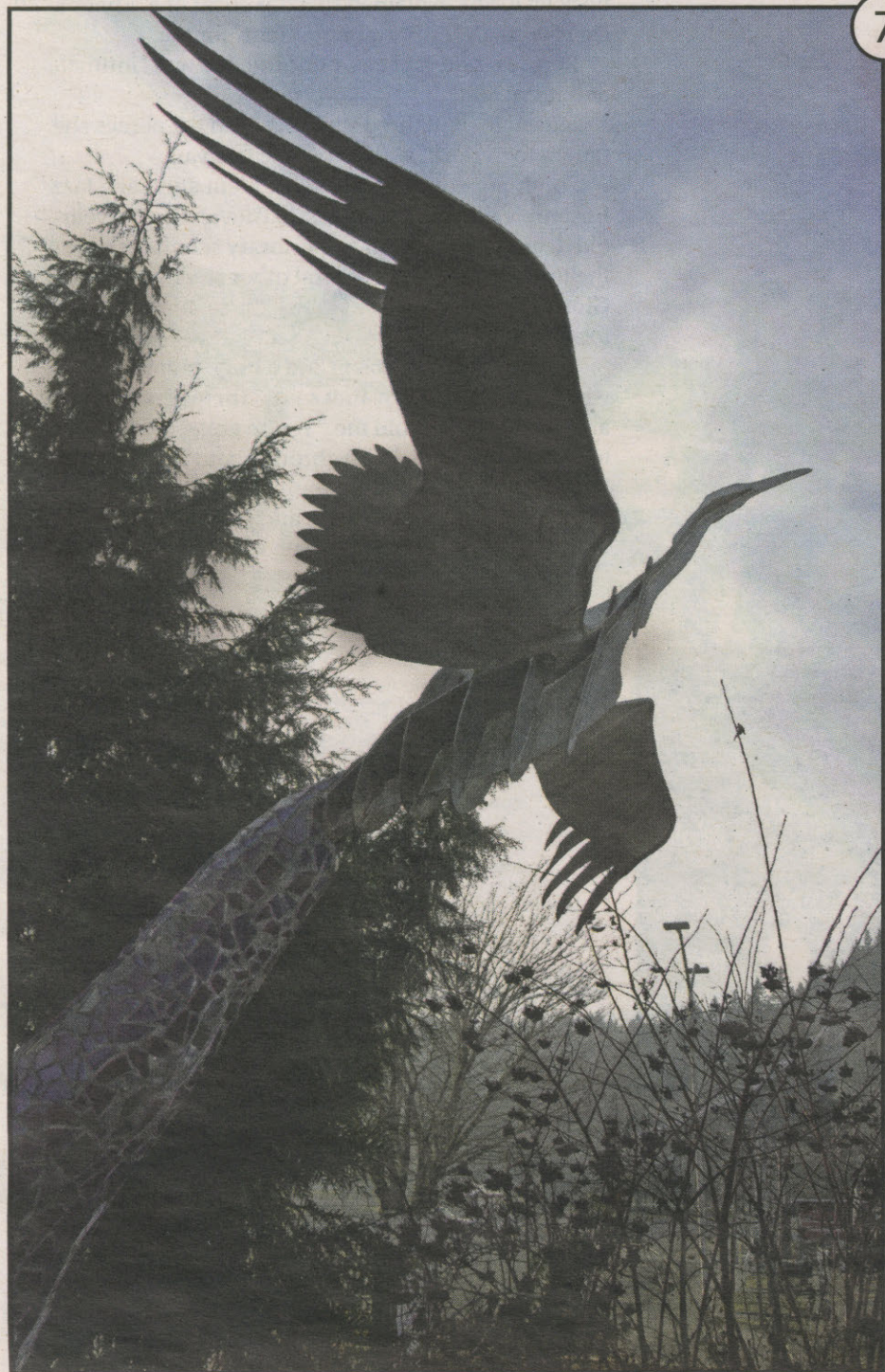
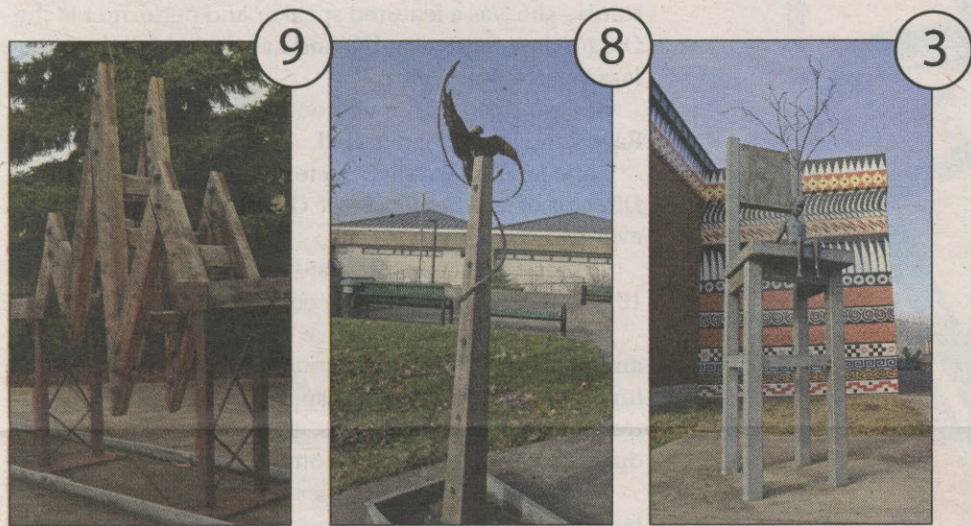


Ingrid Jensen, supported by regional pianist Randy Porter, bassist Dave Captein and drummer Gary Hobbs during the Jan. 26 Lane Jazz Festival.

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LANE A



BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

The galleries in Building 11 may be the most popular venue for Lane artists' work, but *The Torch* is challenging students to find those out-of-the-way pieces.

Taking a walk through campus, weather permitting, students can see many works of art on display. Between the Lane bus station and Building 10, there are approximately 20 works visible.

Transformation Through Education greets students at the bus station in a series of six metal pieces illustrating the evolution of a page from a book into a crane flying. Not even a stone's throw from *Transformation Through Education* is a labyrinth made of brick in the courtyard between Building 1 and 4.

Long-forgotten artists created many pieces on campus, but the art's impact perseveres as long as it finds an audience.

We would like to challenge you to name the pieces on our walk and share your suggestions with us. The top three names posted to @lcctorch on Twitter will win a \$10 iTunes card. Winners will be published on *The Torch's* Facebook page as well as in the Feb. 2 print issue.

Whether students need a break from studying, caring for children or the general stress of college, this contest is designed to bring awareness to art on Lane's campus — or at least get students outside.



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