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The Torch remains free and objective

In the Feb. 6 issue of *The Torch*, we reported on Lane County students using *seekingarrangement.com*, a website that matches those with money, or “sugar daddies,” with those without money, the “sugar babies.”

Some readers perceived this as an endorsement of prostitution. To be clear, we do not endorse prostitution. We do not endorse what we cover. We also do not judge men and women who engage in such behavior. By extension, *The Torch* makes no judgments of Seeking Arrangement's users, some of whom explicitly state their unwillingness to exchange sex for money.

In the three weeks the editorial staff spent developing, writing and editing the report, we engaged in many debates regarding the subject matter and agonized over the tone of the report.

Therein lies the value of diversity in the newsroom. Several editors, with considerably different opinions of Seeking Arrangement, collaborated to ensure the report was as objective as possible.

The response this report elicited, partly directed at Lane's administration, spurred the college to reaffirm *The Torch's* independence. Indeed, Lane has no control over what we choose to print in this newspaper.

We are not the official newspaper of the administration, the Board of Education or the ASLCC. We are inde-

pendent for a reason: We exist to serve you, the student. Our role is to report the news freely and objectively.

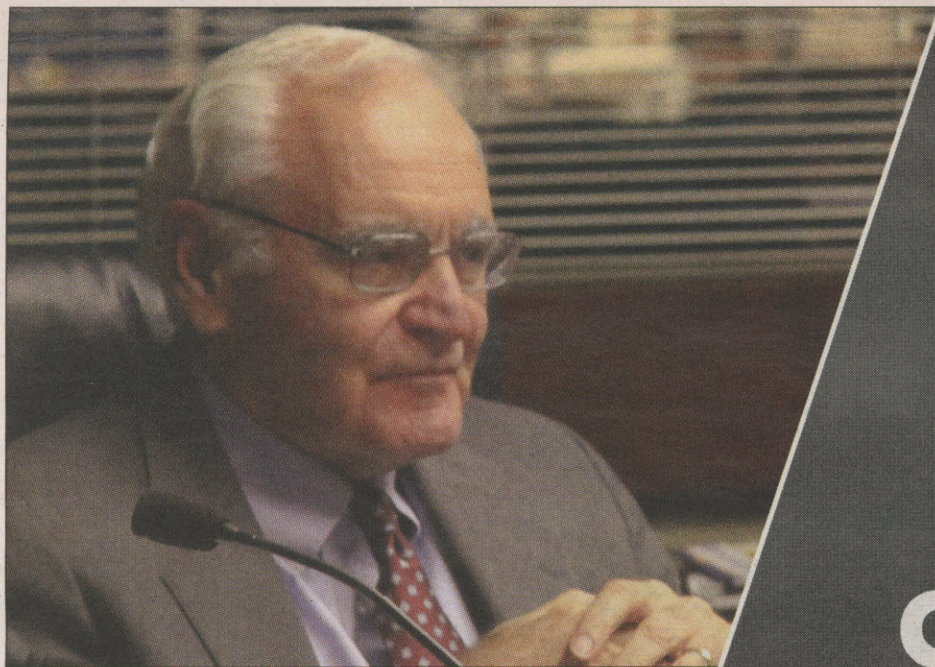
This is how news should be reported. It's a troubling time for journalists, one in which media outlets compete for your attention by reporting the news in a manner that appeals to your views and prejudices — and quotes are selected accordingly.

Such biased reporting, the kind that primes you to expect journalists to air bias with every successive report, is a serious ethical concern in this era of new media.

Fortunately, *The Torch* is an educational opportunity and we are taught as student-journalists to select quotes that succinctly represent a perspective. We do not endorse the quotes we select. We choose them because that's what our sources say and because they tell the stories we are covering.

As we promised in our inaugural editorial of the school year, even in the age of new media, *The Torch* adheres to old standards. Our goal is to learn the correct way to report the news before we're corrupted in the cubicles of media conglomerates whose only responsibility is to turn a profit.

After all, we can only reverse the new media's worst tendencies by raising a new generation of responsible journalists and critical readers.

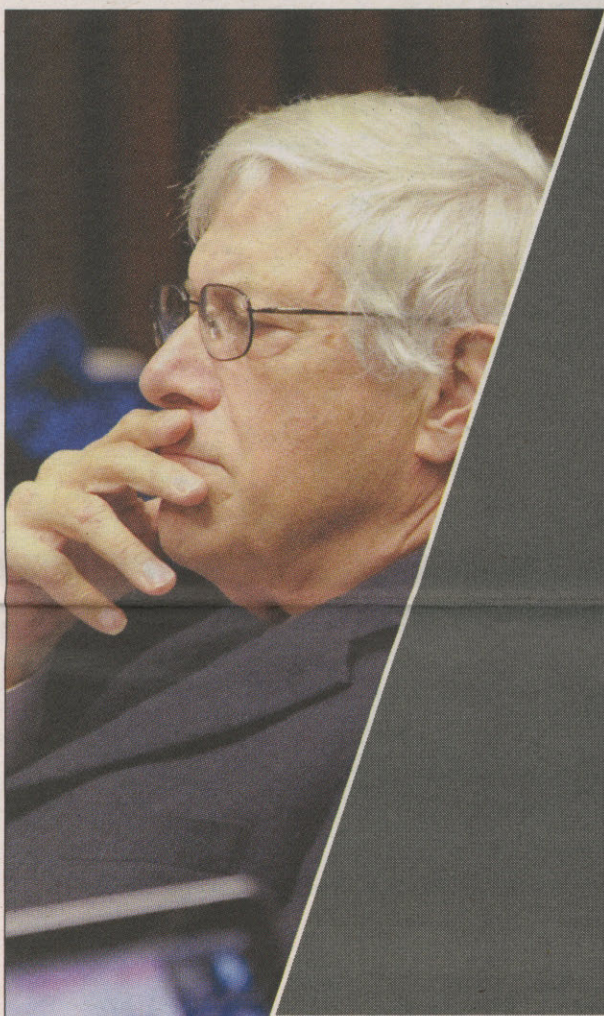


Above: Board member Robert Ackerman cast the only vote against the \$2 tuition increase during the Feb. 6 board meeting.

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Below: Board members Gary LeClair and Sharon Stiles are stepping down from their respective positions, along with Susie Johnston (not pictured).

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Board battles conscience on tuition increase

\$2 hike passes 4-1

By Mohammed Alkhadher and Taya Alami

The Lane Board of Education passed two proposals that could increase the cost of attending Lane as early as Spring 2013.

The board approved a \$2 per-credit tuition increase after each board member took the opportunity to comment on the proposal at the board's Feb. 6 meeting.

The increase will raise the cost of tuition to \$92 per credit beginning July 1.

The \$2 hike is based on an increase in the Higher Education Price Index, a national average of the costs of goods and services most commonly purchased by colleges. The index is compiled by The Commonfund Institute, a nonprofit organization that monitors college endowments.

The atmosphere was somber as the board arrived at the topic.

"I'll be reluctantly supporting the increase," Lane President Mary Spilde said.

Board members Tony McCown, Susie Johnston and Gary LeClair voiced similar sentiments.

"Given the limitations, we are kind of stuck between a rock and a hard place," McCown said. McCown served as ASLCC president during the 2004-2005 school year.

"I always want to vote no, on the principle of not raising tuition, but on the other hand, I understand what that \$800,000 means in cuts," he said.

"I don't know how else to do this," board member Susie Johnston said. "I think I'll support this, but it's hard to do."

"The increase is not due to mismanagement, or driving excessive fees," board member Gary LeClair said. "The only way we are able to keep a comprehensive program together is to put it on the backs of students, and though I do find that unconscionable, I don't see an alternative at this point."

Board member Robert Ackerman cast the one vote in opposition to the increase. Ackerman proposed a policy change that "creates a fund to offset or mitigate the issue of tuition in the future."

The board is scheduled to review and discuss his proposal at its March 13 meeting.

Matt Keating, who serves on the board's budget committee, also made a case to oppose the increase.

In a press release, Keating announced he is seeking election to the board at the May 21 special election, when LeClair, Johnston and board chairwoman Sharon Stiles's seats will be up for grabs.

"All too often we balance the budget on the backs of students, which is fundamentally wrong," Keating said, as tuition revenue now covers half of the college's costs.

"That's higher now than the actual state funding for the first time in history," he said.

ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead read a letter from the student government in which student leaders pledged reluctant support for the increase.

"Community colleges are supposed to be accessible and affordable to people of all economic backgrounds," Weatherhead said. "Although we reluctantly approve of the HEPI, I hope you all have a serious discussion about what that means for students here on campus. It may just be for inflation, but it hurts students the same way a tuition increase would."

Board member Rosie Pryor abstained from voting as she is a credit student at Lane, citing conflict of interest.

After the board passed the tuition hike, its members voted unanimously to allow students to vote on a \$1.30 fee that would benefit the Gender Sexuality Alliance and MEChA.

At its Jan. 30 meeting, ASLCC voted to send the proposal to the board.

GSA advocate Max Jensen said the fee would augment the two student groups' fundraising efforts and build a coalition between GSA and MEChA.

"The total amount of funds will fluctuate year by year," Jensen said. "The fee will help us lessen the focus on internal sustainment (and) give us the ability to help in the community and do charitable work."

Spilde said the fee could be released to the groups as soon as spring term.

"These groups are among the most active on this campus and advocate for underrepresented students here and bring so much to the community here at Lane," Weatherhead said. "This is something I am incredibly excited to support."

Board members shared Weatherhead's enthusiasm.

"Student fee autonomy is a good thing," McCown said. "Student elections are a good thing."

Coach a true 'triple-threat'



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Greg Sheley, Lane head women's basketball coach, talks to the team during a break in action in a Feb. 9 game in Eugene against the Chemeketa Community College Storm.

Family support propels Sheley through work

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

Most people know Greg Sheley as the Lane women's basketball coach and athletic director.

What a lot of people don't know is that Sheley also coaches his daughter's sixth-grade basketball team.

Kailyn is 11 years old; Sheley has coached her teams since the first grade.

"I love coaching my daughter's team because they've all been playing for years now and it's nice being able to watch them grow up together," Sheley said, although he admits it's tough on him because he doesn't get to see the rest of his family as much.

"My days are long — that's for sure — but I wouldn't change what I do for anything in the world," Sheley said. "I'm lucky enough to have a family that supports me in my long hours every day."

Sheley's family includes his wife, Sharrie Herbold-Sheley; Kailyn, his 15-year-old daughter; Kerissa and Nathan, his 5-year-old son.

"His family definitely comes first to him. That's something that's very obvious to everyone," Titans assistant coach Melissa Montes said. "Coaching is his passion and his family understands that so they do a great job of making it work."

Montes was part of Sheley's 2009 NWAACC Cham-

pionship-winning team, the last time Lane raised the championship banner.

Sheley isn't the only busy member of the family. Herbold-Sheley ensures their children are caught up with homework when they're not attending practices and games.

"She's the one who makes sure that our family runs smoothly," Sheley said. "She does a tremendous job of making sure the kids have everything they need and get to the places they need to be at."

Herbold-Sheley is a health instructor at Lane and one of the pioneers for Lane's online learning program. She now teaches all her classes online, which allows her to remain the backbone of her family.

Kerissa is on the Sheldon High School dance team, which performs year-round.

"I coached Kerissa growing up, but she went the dance route and I couldn't be prouder of her for that," Sheley said. "She's extremely talented, and it's great to be able to watch your daughter succeed at something she truly loves."

Nathan is exploring a variety of youth sports and Sheley said it's great to see his son growing and playing the same sports he did when he was a little boy.

While the family is so busy, they do what they can to have a family dinner once a week, although it doesn't happen on any particular night. Due to their hectic

schedules, Sheley said they sometimes settle for a "picnic in the living room."

"Sometimes we'll get Chipotle and all go in the living room and eat it on the floor," he said with a laugh. "We'll break out the fine china — paper plates and plastic forks — so this way my wife doesn't have to do the dishes afterwards."

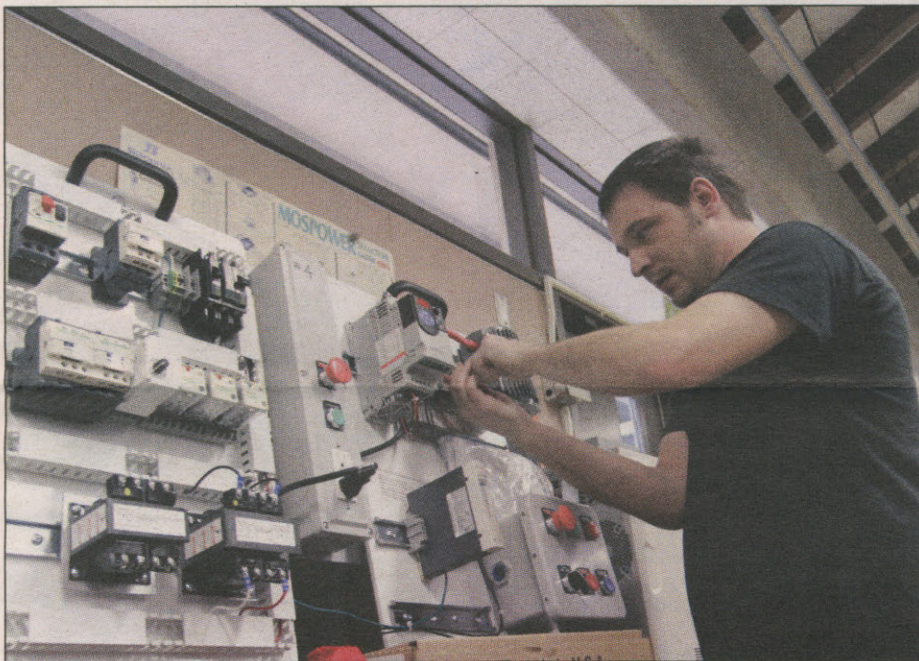
Sheley said it would be difficult to choose between the roles he fills.

As the Titans' coach, he gets the competition — something he misses from when he was a basketball player at California State University at Chico. As his daughter's coach, he gets to rediscover his childhood love for the game. As Lane's athletic director, he forges relationships with colleagues in the same profession throughout the Northwest.

"He does a great job of being able to balance out being the athletic director and our coach," sophomore basketball player Megan Shields said. "I'm sure it's a lot of pressure but he never lets (it) affect him when he coaches."

For now, though, he's very happy doing what he does.

"I have the best job in America when I can coach and be in athletics all the time," Sheley said. "There's nothing I'd rather be doing with my life and hopefully I'll be able to keep doing it for a long time."



Top: Lane student Jacob Solomon re-wires a control box during a class exercise. Bottom left: In Building 15, Lane student Don Austin gets hands-on experience wiring a motor control panel. Bottom right: Inside the Building 15 electronics lab, students have access to a Fanuc Robot. The robotic arm is used for assembly in various industrial applications.

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Source: Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries



BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

As industry demand for new occupations continues to rise, so does the need for specialized training.

"We are trying to meet the needs of the industry while preparing our students to meet those needs," Joy Crump said. Crump is an administrative specialist in Lane's Advanced Technology Division.

The program consists of 8,000 hours of state-approved on-the-job training, related instructional credit classes and core-related training.

Norman Slater, a second-year student pursuing a plant journeyman certification, said his apprenticeship at Lane is going "extremely well."

Slater was promoted into the program off the floor of a Cottage Grove saw mill.

"They pay for (the tuition) as long as I get an A or B," Slater said.

A minimum of 39 core-related credits must be completed to receive a certification from the apprenticeship. These courses vary from Electrical Theory to more specialized courses such as Programmable Controllers, where students learn to program a computer to automatically follow a mechanical procedure and repeat, like cutting planks of wood.

While in his Programmable Controls class Slater learned to program a logic controller to cut even planks of wood, "this way no one has to press a button all day."

Another student, Nick Glidewell, had begun wiring houses when he found his niche in the electrical field. Glidewell hopes to find an internship with Weyerhaeuser, a multi-purpose lumber company that operates largely out of the Pacific Northwest, and a common destination for many in the class.

Internships are a large portion of the apprenticeship's curriculum. Students are expected to complete as many as 8,000 hours of on-the-job training before gaining certification.

The program also provides statewide transfer opportunities, laddered certificates of completion and an optional transfer path into the Oregon Institute of Technology's Bachelor of Science program in operations management.

In order to participate in the apprentice program, students must be registered with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, and must also be accepted by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Applicants must demonstrate basic arithmetic, reading and writing skills through Lane's placement exams.

Titans suffer third home loss in a decade



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Lane sophomore guard Kersey Wilcox is pressured by the Chemeketa Storm defense and passes the ball to freshman guard Renee Lucero in a Feb. 9 game in Eugene. The Storm won 67-63.

Shields' double-double almost brings Lane back

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

Although losing at home is a rare thing for the Lane Titans women's basketball team, losing at home to the Chemeketa Community College Storm is becoming an annual tradition.

The Titans' Feb. 9 narrow defeat at the hands of the Storm, with 67-63 on the scoreboard after the buzzer sounded, marked the third home loss in 13 years. Last year, the Storm defeated Lane with a 67-57 victory.

Sophomore Megan Shields did all she could to keep the Titans in the game by posting 15 points and game-highs of 14 rebounds and four blocks.

"It was a tough one to lose — real tough — but the only way for us to go from here is up," Shields said. "We have to put it behind us and focus on the rest of the season."

Sophomore Danielle Schmidt, who is recovering from injuries to both her legs, came off the bench to contribute 11 points, seven rebounds and two blocks in just over half the game played.

Schmidt is dealing with her pain and soreness related to compartment syndrome in her tibialis posterior muscle, which is located between her shins and calves.

"Megan and Danielle were the ones who kept us in the game and gave us our best chance to win at the end," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said. "Their play was one of the positives we have to take from this game."

Lane struggled in the first half, shooting a dismal 30 percent (12-for-40) from the field, including 14 percent (2-for-14) from three-point territory to go into halftime

trailing 35-27.

"This is the second game in which we shot horrendous, and this time we weren't able to overcome it," Sheley said. "We are losing confidence in our shot and we need to find a way to fix that."

The Storm opened the second half with an 11-6 run after the first five minutes to take a 46-33 lead.

The Titans cut the lead to single digits, 54-45, after a pair of free throws by sophomore Kersey Wilcox.

From there, Lane would battle back to cut the lead to three at the four-minute mark. Schmidt grabbed an offensive rebound after a miss by Shields and was fouled. She converted both free throws to cut the Storm's lead to 59-56.

After a bucket by Chemeketa, sophomore Jordan Wilcox hit her second three-pointer of the game to trim the lead to two.

Both teams would trade baskets during the following two minutes before Lane missed a pair of layups that would have given them the lead.

After a timeout by Lane at the one-minute mark, freshman Renee Lucero launched a three-pointer but the ball bounced off the rim, thus ending the hopes of a Titan comeback.

"We lacked poise and execution in the end of the game and that was shocking to me," Sheley said. "We've been working on that for the past two or three weeks and just failed to do so."

For the game, Lane shot 32 percent (25-for-79) from the field and an even worse 13 percent (4-for-30) from beyond the arc. To make matters worse, Lane shot only 50 percent (9-for-18) from the free throw line.

"Bottom line is that we should have won this game,

and that's what is most alarming to me right now," Sheley said. "We have some big games coming up so we'd better be ready to go if we want to achieve our goal in the end."

PREVIEW

The Titans (22-2, 8-2 Southern Region) head to Coos Bay for a Feb. 13 showdown with the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers at 5:30 p.m. The Lakers are currently seeded fourth in the Southern Region, clinging to that last playoff spot by a half-game with a 12-10 overall record and 5-5 in regional play.

Lane previously defeated Southwestern Oregon Jan. 16 with a score of 106-78 in the team's only meeting this year.

Sophomore Quynne Eharis leads the Lakers with 18.73 points and 12.82 rebounds per game, making her the top rebounder in the NWAACC. Also contributing for the Lakers is freshman Jazmin Bemby with 12.95 points and an NWAACC best 6.05 assists per game.

"It's never easy to travel to Coos Bay on a game day and play in that environment so it'll be a good test for us," Sheley said.

Lane returns home Feb. 16 to face the Clackamas Community College Cougars (20-3, 10-0 Southern Region) in a contest between two of the top three teams in the NWAACC. The Titans defeated the Cougars Dec. 9 with a score of 72-68 before they were outplayed Jan. 19, when the Cougars bested Lane 77-64.

Clackamas is led by sophomore Jenny Johnson, one of five Cougars averaging double figures in scoring with 15.26 points per game. Johnson torched the Titans for 25 points in the teams' previous matchup.



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Above: Chemeketa Community College Storm freshman forward Trevor Phillips blocks Lane freshman forward Tre Clark's shot in a Feb. 9 game in Eugene. The Storm won 95-85. Right: Lane sophomore guard Tyler Coleman heads to the net with the ball after it came loose downcourt in a game against the Chemeketa Storm Feb. 9 in Eugene.

Lane loses first-place battle

Tyler Coleman's 33 points not enough for Titans



BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

After holding a 16-point lead with eight minutes left in the game, the Titans were outscored 32-6 en route to a 95-85 loss at their Feb. 9 match with the Chemeketa Community College Storm.

"We played good but not for the full 40 minutes, and it cost us a win," Titans freshman Keynan Middleton said. "We know what we did wrong and what we have to do to fix it so now we just have to do it."

Lane sophomore Tyler Coleman scored a game-high 33 points on 13-for-25 shooting. He also added a game-high eight assists to go with seven rebounds.

"I've been in a slump lately so I wanted to come out and be aggressive right away," Coleman said. "With the talented point guards we have, I just try to find an open space on the floor because I know they'll find me."

Sophomore Gavin Kauffman led the Storm with 27 points, including 50 percent shooting (5-for-10) from beyond the arc and a team-high nine rebounds.

During the first 10 minutes, both teams traded multiple baskets while neither team took a lead greater than five.

After a basket by the Storm, freshman Trevor Phillips tied the score at 28 with seven minutes left. The Titans went on a 13-4 run over the next four minutes.

Tyler Coleman led the way with eight of Lane's 13 points while Middleton knocked down a three-pointer.

After being up 46-36 with two minutes left in the half, Lane's defense would falter down the stretch, allowing the Storm to go on a 6-0 run and cut their lead to 46-42.

Tyler Coleman led Lane with 17 points at the half while Middleton chipped in 11. Titans sophomore point guard Alex MacNeil added five points and five assists to the four-point lead.

The second half began with Chemeketa fighting its way back into the game. At one point in the first five minutes, the Storm managed to close the gap to a single point.

Ahead by one at the 15-minute mark, Lane went on a 22-7 run over the next seven minutes to go up 79-63 with eight minutes left in the game.

Four straight free throws by Phillips and a pair of three-pointers by Chemeketa sophomore guard Jordan Batey ignited the 32-6 run that ultimately led to the Titans defeat.

Middleton totaled 17 points in the game while MacNeil finished with 11 points and six assists and freshman guard Jarred Kelsay added 10 points. Sophomore

Alex Coleman finished with six points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Phillips added 23 points and five rebounds for the Storm while Batey chipped in 16 points.

For the game, Lane shot 47 percent (32-for-68) from the field and 48 percent (10-for-21) from beyond the arc.

The Titans were outscored 27-12 in points off turnovers and 21-11 in free-throw points, ultimately leading to their 10-point defeat.

"These next four games are huge for us," Alex Coleman said. "We control our own destiny as far as getting into the NWAACC tournament and we want to finish with some momentum going into NWAACCs."

UP NEXT

Lane heads west to Coos Bay Feb. 13 to take on the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers at 7:30 p.m. The Titans (18-6, 6-4 Southern Region) are sitting at third place in the region while the Lakers (12-10, 7-3 Southern Region) enjoy No. 2 ranking with a one-game lead.

The two teams previously met Jan. 16 in Eugene, where Lane posted a 95-67 victory.

"We can expect a lot of running out of SWOCC because they want to force teams into their style of play," Alex Coleman said. "We have to do what we do best and just play our game."

Freshman Dexter Williams Jr. leads Southwestern

Oregon with 14 points and 6.25 rebounds per game. Williams was named to the all-tournament team at the NWAACC Crossover Tournament hosted by Lane in mid-December.

Lane returns home Feb. 16 to face the Clackamas Community College Cougars in a last push for a top seed in the upcoming NWAACC tournament.

The Titans defeated the Cougars Jan. 19 with a score of 87-80. The game was tied at the final buzzer and the two teams were forced to play an extra five minutes, in which the Titans outscored Clackamas 14-7 en route to the victory.

The Cougars are led by sophomores Brock Lutes and Jordan Barber and freshman Michone Hopkins, who each average more than 12 points and five rebounds per game.

Lane's Middleton and Hopkins both graduated from Milwaukie High School last year and played together for their men's basketball team.

"We are a family and we have been knocked down a few times this season, but we have to get up again," Middleton said. "We are a tough group of athletes that are hungry to win so we should be good to go."

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A new ATM was installed in the Center Building Feb. 11, replacing the one that was vandalized over Christmas break.

#atm

After being without a Higher One ATM on campus for over two months, the college has had a new ATM installed in the Center Building.

#aslcc

The ASLCC appointed a new senator, Sarah Shepherd, to fill

the senate's vacant seat at the ASLCC's Feb. 6 meeting.

#councilofclubs

Council of Clubs approved a funds request for Lanestock at its Feb. 11 meeting. The funds account for Lanestock from last year has a \$2,000 deficit after spending its \$8,000 funds request.

The Council discussed proposals to reduce the size and cost of the event for this year. More information will be discussed at the Feb. 19 meeting at 3 p.m. in Building 1 behind the ASLCC-operated snack shack.

#stormdrain

The Lane Titans men's and women's basketball teams were both defeated by the Chemeketa Community College Storm Feb. 9 in Eugene. The men lost 95-85 while the women lost 67-63.

#returntoaction

The Titans basketball teams hit the road Feb. 13 to travel to Coos Bay, where the men and women will play the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers for playoff seeding. The women's game will begin at 5:30 p.m., after which the men will tip off at 7:30 p.m.

#playoffs

The Lane women's basketball team is in second place in the Southern Region, two games behind Clackamas Community College Cougars with four games left to play. The men are seeded third in the Southern Region, only

one game ahead of the fourth and final playoff spot.

#asiancelebration

Lane will be represented by a number of student volunteers and performers when the Eugene-Springfield Asian Council presents the 28th annual Oregon Asian Celebration Feb. 16 and 17 at the Lane Event Center. Admission is \$6 per day and \$10 for both days, while admission for children 12 and under is free.

#1billionrising

Community members will dance to raise awareness of violence against women in Lane County and around the world. The dances will be held Feb. 14 in the Lane cafeteria at noon and the Wheeler Pavillion at the Lane County Fairgrounds at 5:30 p.m. For more information go to facebook.com/womenspace.

#chinesenewyear

The International Program will celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Lane Longhouse.

#chamberorchestra

The Lane Chamber Orchestra

will perform Francis Poulenc's Sinfonietta and Felix Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 in the Ragazzino Performance Hall. General admission tickets are \$5 while tickets for students and seniors are \$3. Proceeds will fund Lane music scholarships.

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