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## Student complaints drive positive change

When Titan Court first opened, the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce praised what it saw as a potential for the student housing complex to reverse Downtown Eugene's fortunes.

In that sense, the city — which sold the land on which Titan Court was eventually built to Lane for \$1 — was counting on Titan Court to usher in a brighter future for Eugene. For Lane, Titan Court represented the college's emphasis on modernization and expansion.

Titan Court now represents something more.

In November, Titan Court faced an occupancy rate that fell below expectations; residents' complaints regarding what they saw as substandard living conditions and expensive rent; power and Internet outages due to construction on the academic wing; and safety concerns arising from Titan Court's location in Eugene's worst neighborhood.

As such, property management firm Blanton Turner served the college notice that it would back out of its yearlong contract.

Enter Campus Advantage, the property management firm that initially lost to Blanton Turner in the open-bid process when Lane was searching for a company to run its \$20 million complex.

Campus Advantage has taken the reins in Blanton Turner's absence, and representatives have announced changes that may address many of these issues.

While it remains to be seen whether representatives from Campus Advantage will turn Titan Court around, many of their proposals are promising.

These changes, as we're reporting on Pages 6 and 7, include a decrease in rent, quality-of-life improvements and quick responses to residents' complaints.

Campus Advantage can do little to fix the surrounding neighborhood, the city's most dangerous according to Eugene's 2011 crime statistics, but the company's doing a lot to fix what it can to reach its contractual goal of attaining 95 percent occupancy in Titan Court and ensuring residents are happy.

In other words, the City of Eugene and Blanton Turner were playing SimCity. So far, Campus Advantage is playing The Sims.

What, then, does Titan Court represent to students?

Titan Court represents the ideal outcome of citizen action — the driving force behind the concept of democracy — in that the vocal few can bring about positive change. People complained and Titan Court's management responded in this political microcosm.

These are good tidings at a time when only 57.5 percent of voters cast ballots in presidential elections, 51 percent approve of the president and an appalling 14 percent approve of an inert Congress.

And it's a good lesson too. Keep complaining. Keep demanding more. Keep squeaking, and eventually that grease will come.

**CORRECTION:** In the Feb. 13 issue of The Torch, we incorrectly reported that board members Gary LeClair and Sharon Stiles were "stepping down." LeClair and Stiles's terms expire this year.

Also in the Feb. 13 issue of The Torch, we incorrectly reported that board member Rosie Pryor abstained from voting for the \$2 tuition increase because she is a credit student. Pryor abstained from voting because she pays tuition for a full-time student.

The Torch regrets these errors.



# EVOLUTION EUGENICS

## MAAFA 21

### Film alleges links between eugenics, abortion

BY KYLE WEBB  
Features Editor

An anti-abortion club at Lane is sponsoring a screening of the documentary *Maafa 21*, which alleges that Planned Parenthood is rooted in eugenic practices targeting blacks.

Eugenics is a term used to describe the control of a population's genetic traits through selective breeding.

Lane Students for Life's President Sierra McClain said the film is meant to honor Black History Month, while a Planned Parenthood representative said the documentary is a thinly veiled attack on the organization.

*Maafa 21* was written and directed by Texas anti-abortion activist Mark Crutcher. Crutcher, who is white, is the founder of Life Dynamics Inc., an organization whose motto is "pro-life: without compromise, without exception, without apology," according to its website.

The movie is "a part of black history and ties into abortion and the history of Planned Parenthood," McClain said.

"This documentary is not just about the issue of abortion, nor is it merely about the issue of racism," McClain later wrote in a letter to *The Torch*. "Rather, this is a human issue, one that affects us all. This is about our society viewing certain groups of people as less valuable than others. And that kind of rationing of justice, that kind of discrimination, is wrong and always carries devastating consequences."

After researching *Maafa 21* and conferring with Planned Parenthood's national office, regional Planned Parenthood communications director Sarah Moseley said the film's allegations are "crazy arguments not grounded in truth."

Martin Luther King Jr. received the Margaret Sanger

Award from Planned Parenthood in 1966 and was one of its first recipients. Planned Parenthood issues the award annually to recognize excellence among leaders in the reproductive health field.

The film claims that the leading cause of death for blacks today is abortion, a statistic Moseley could neither confirm nor deny.

*Maafa 21* begins with a discussion of the history of eugenics and associates the practice with the theory of evolution. The filmmakers assert that Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger did so with the intent of reducing the black population.

"To say Planned Parenthood targets black people is ridiculous," Moseley said. "Sanger was supported by African-American leaders — eugenics is not her gig."

ASLCC Campus Events Director Dallas Steely said the documentary series is an opportunity for student clubs to present a variety of perspectives on social issues.

As such, Steely said he does not audit the films before the screenings.

"It's not my job to go through all of the documentaries and fact-check them," Steely said. "We are giving an opportunity to offer different points of view."

Steely said he tries to stay viewpoint-neutral.

"I try not to turn anything down," Steely said.

Sarah Lushia, who teaches African American literature at Lane, said she can understand if Lane Students for Life want to talk about this part of history but the club needs to be prepared to "stand behind it, with the fallout and ramifications it could bring, and understand the source and the larger context of the history."

"Learning about these topics gives us context in history," Lushia said. "Films like this can facilitate conversations, which is good."

The screening is scheduled for Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. in Building 1, Room 222.

#### DOCUMENTARY SHOWINGS

Feb. 22 – *How to Die in Oregon*  
sponsored by Student Nurses Association

Feb. 28 – *Maafa 21*  
sponsored by Lane Students for Life

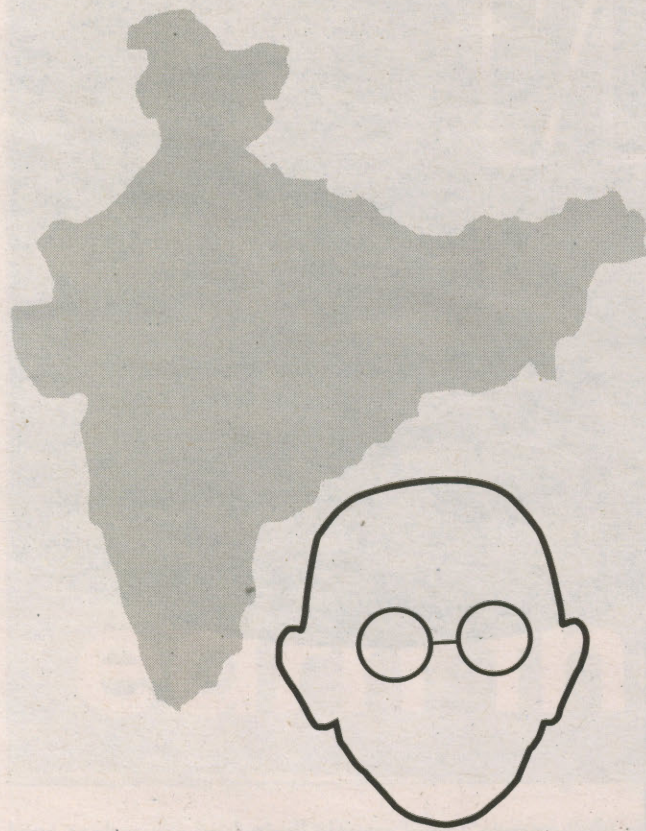
Mar. 7 – *Out in America*  
sponsored by Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Mar. 14 – *Good Hair*  
sponsored by Black Student Union

Mar. 21 – *An Unreasonable Man*  
sponsored by OSPIRG



## Ghandi's grandson visits Lane



## Icon's kin brings message of non-violent protest

By MOHAMMED ALKHADHER  
Reporter

Dr. Arun Gandhi, the grandson of the iconic social activist known as Mahatma Gandhi, will visit Lane Feb. 21 to deliver a lecture emphasizing storytelling as a platform for achieving social justice.

In 2012, professor and education activist Dr. Lee Anne Bell introduced a lecture series at Lane, *Storytelling Model for Social Justice Through the Arts*. This year, Dr. Gandhi will continue that tradition with his lecture.

"Through using the great experiences and insights in what Dr. Gandhi refers to as 'Lessons From My Grandfather,' it will be more than obvious how the Gandhian philosophy, message and legacy relate to the issues of the day," Victor Spence wrote in an email. Spence is Dr. Gandhi's manager.

While living with his grandfather, Dr. Gandhi experienced the most intense periods of peaceful and violent protests in India's struggle for independence.

By using his personal experiences and the lessons learned from his grandfather, Dr. Gandhi will be lecturing on how prevailing histories' inaccuracies and methods of exposing the truths concealed popular history. He will also relate his firsthand experiences of being a part of a marginalized community, Spence said.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps of social

service and peaceful activism, Dr. Gandhi lectures at universities worldwide and founded the M. L. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence.

Dr. Bell is a scholar who wrote *The Storytelling Project*, a curriculum designed "to teach about race, racism, and social justice using storytelling and the arts," according to Columbia University's website.

"The curriculum asks students to consider what we lose when stories of and by diverse groups are concealed or lost, and what we gain as a society when we listen to and learn from the multitude of stories available for our consideration," Dr. Bell wrote in the curriculum.

Lane instructor James Garcia teaches Chicano studies, which is based on Dr. Bell's curriculum.

"I am part of the group that is guiding the concept of storytelling for our diversity efforts at Lane," Garcia said. "My role in the group is to articulate an understanding of the Storytelling for Social Justice model to interested staff."

The event will be put on by a combination of Lane's departments, student organizations and community organization.

Dr. Gandhi "greatly looks forward to participating in a question-and-answer session with the audience immediately following the talk," Spence wrote.

The event will be held Thursday in Building 19, rooms 103 and 104 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

## ASLCC hears presentation on new Lane website

## IT department demonstrates new design

By TAYA ALAMI  
News Editor

**25.9 PERCENT**  
of Lane's website pages  
have been deleted  
since 2012

SOURCE: LANE  
WEB TEAM



ASLCC received a sneak preview of Lane's new website at its Feb. 13 meeting, when Lane's Information Technology Department unveiled a prototype of *lanecc.edu*.

Information Technology representative Kyle Schmidt said his department was able to find out what users needed from the new site through a series of focus-groups over the past year.

One of the main goals of the project include making the site less cluttered. The present version of Lane's website features access to approximately 70,000 different files.

"We've been told it's kind of like the show *Hoarders*," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the department plans to tailor the site to "who you are," whether that be a current or future student, community member or Lane employee.

ASLCC Campaign Director Paul Zito said he was excited by the customizability of the site and a feature that will allow instructors to post their office hours, although he was concerned that all instructors may not take advantage of that feature.

Schmidt said users can expect to encounter more engaging content, including a docked Twitter feed and a visible list of campus events.

Establishing a mobile or tablet version is also a crucial part of project.

"Mobile use has gone up 100 percent every year," Schmidt said.

Information Technology hopes to launch the site March 24.

## Titan basketball teams keep grades high

## High GPAs garner players academic honors

By RYAN KOSTECKA  
Sports Editor



Sophomore Kersey Wilcox topped the academic list of Lane athletes with a 4.15 GPA.

Six Lane basketball players, all sophomores, have been named to the NWAACC All-Academic Basketball team for the winter term.

Women's basketball players Kersey Wilcox, Jordan Wilcox, Danielle Schmidt, Madison Moore and Courtney Walchli, as well as men's basketball player Alex MacNeil, have been named to the team.

To be eligible, an athlete must be a sophomore, have completed 36 credits and maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA. A player must also be nominated by their

college to be on the team.

Kersey Wilcox leads the group of Lane athletes with a 4.15 GPA while her twin sister, Jordan Wilcox, is in second with a 4.07 GPA.

Last year Kersey Wilcox was named as the Southern Region Player of the Year and she is also Lane's all-time leader in free throws made and attempted in a career. Jordan Wilcox is in Lane's top 10 for three-point shots made in a career.

Schmidt, who is next on the list with a 3.71 GPA, is followed by Moore with a 3.39 GPA and Walchli with a 3.28 GPA.

MacNeil maintained a 3.64 GPA while leading Lane on the court as the starting point guard for the team.



# Lane Budget Committee member announces candidacy for board

By TAYA ALAMI  
News Editor

Matt Keating said he knows Lane Community College.

"And most importantly," Keating said, "Lane Community College knows me."

With Lane Board of Education member Susie Johnston stepping down, Keating is the first to officially announce his intention to run for the District 4 seat in a county-wide election May 21.

In 2011, Keating was appointed to the board's budget committee by board member Pat Albright. At the Feb. 6 board meeting, he was one of two people to voice opposition to the \$2 per-credit inflationary tuition increase, which the board passed 4-1.

A former student at Lane, Keating participated in approximately a dozen plays for the Lane Student Production Association, and was elected president of the student group in 2006.

Keating's SPA presidency was his first step in a seven-year political sprint.

"I realized very quickly that I was part of something special," Keating said.

Compromising in an effort to balance the budget is what Keating said originally spurred him to run for a seat on the board.

"I'm realizing that there's a disturbing trend — and my fellow board members would attest to this as well. We have made a habit of balancing the budget on the backs of students," Keating said. "We've reached a point where we need to reverse that trend and put it to a stop."

In Keating's opinion, the college is the engine that drives Lane County.

"Seventy-five percent of families are connected to Lane, while 85 percent of students will stay in Lane County," Keating said. "I can't underscore enough the importance of supporting a system that is essentially the economic engine that drives Lane County. Lane is vital not only to the economic growth of Lane County, but for our safety as well."

He said those involved in collisions are likely to be treated by first responders who were trained at Lane Community College.

"This is the premiere job training center in Lane County. We need to invest in our higher education system, because that's an investment that will pay off," Keating said.

Keating said he is fundamentally opposed to raises in tuition and cuts in services, as one doesn't necessarily follow the other. He said a better solution entails lobbying at the state legislature to improve funding to colleges.

"It's critical that we empower colleges to raise their own revenue through bonds and levies," Keating said.

One solution, Keating said, is to work to reverse the effects of Measure 5, legislation passed in 1990 that capped the portion of property taxes that could be diverted to education.

Regardless, Keating said he was concerned by the sharp increase in tuition and how that affects Lane County residents' access to higher education.

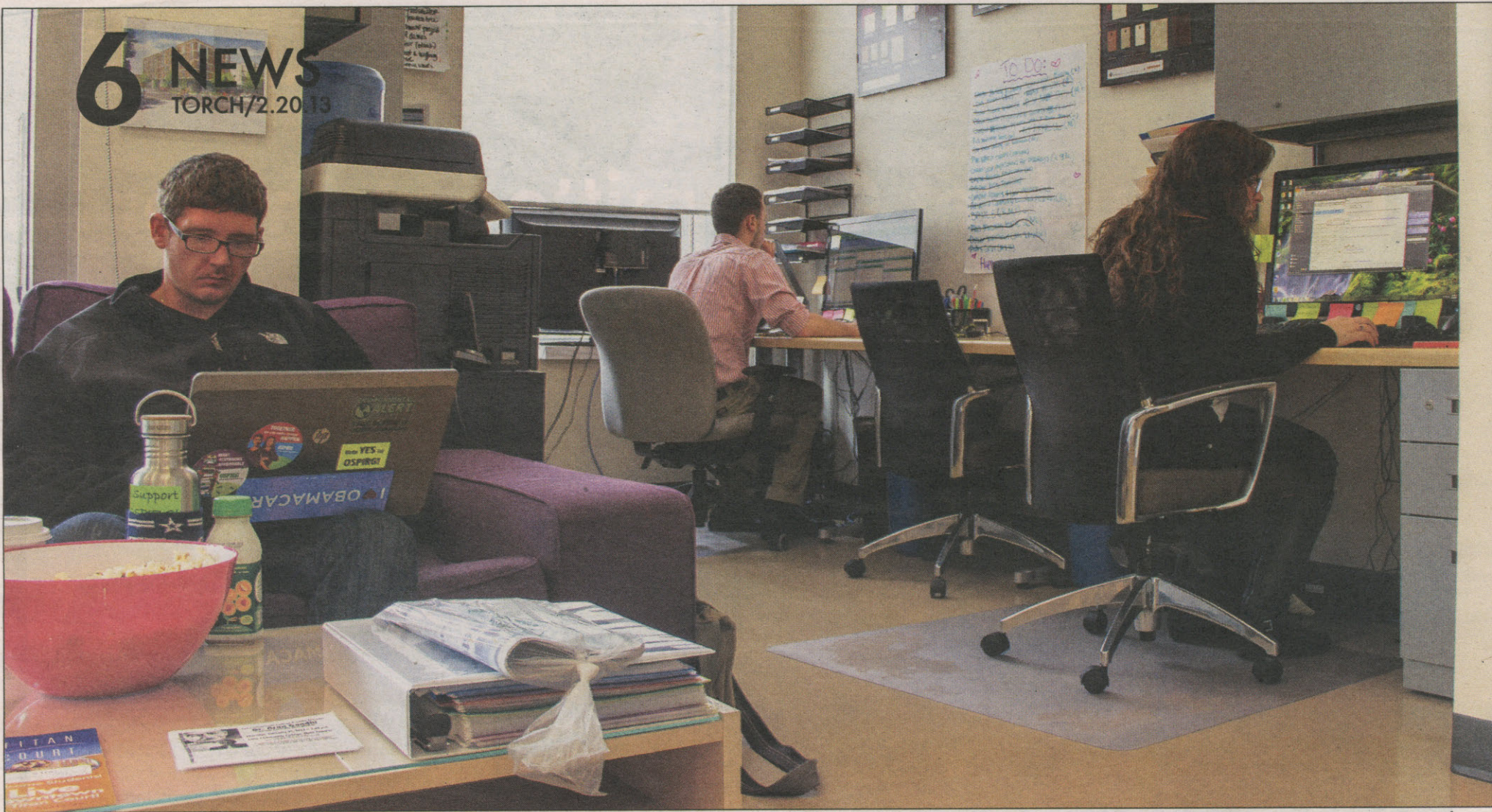
"Ninety-two dollars per credit is akin to what I paid for an entire class when I first started here at Lane in 2005. In my lifetime, or at least since they started keeping track in 1978, tuition has gone up well over 1,100 percent," Keating said.

Should voters elect Keating to the board, he said he will work to ensure education is accessible to members of the community regardless of perceived socioeconomic barriers, a sentiment that hinges on the college's ability to advocate for increased funding in Salem.

"If our workers are training for 21st-century jobs, it's critical that the state fund us at a 21st-century level," Keating said.







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Left: Max Pritchett, Chris Lay and Katie Ewoniuk work in the residence office for Campus Advantage. Ewoniuk is a leasing agent and Lay and Pritchett are community assistants for Campus Advantage, the company responsible for managing Titan Court.

# Management firm introduces plans to improve Titan Court

## Campus Advantage rolls out remedies to raise occupancy

BY ROWEN VORIS  
Reporter



BRETT STANLEY / THE TORCH

Titan Court houses students who attend Lane and other local colleges.

Six months after Titan Court's ribbon-cutting, property management firm Campus Advantage has a plan to reverse the student housing complex's low occupancy and address residents' complaints.

Campus Advantage took the reins from Titan Court's previous management firm, Blanton Turner, after Lane and Blanton Turner parted ways in November.

"They did a great job with the startup, which was what their startup agreement was for," Lane's downtown campus director Jenette Kane said.

When Lane initially reviewed bids from property management firms, the college selected Blanton Turner over Campus Advantage due to Blanton Turner's lower asking price.

Under Blanton Turner's management, Titan Court's occupancy rate was 30 percent.

As part of its contract with Lane, Campus Advantage must plan for marketing and promoting student rentals for Titan Court for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a 95 percent occupancy rate.

So far Campus Advantage has raised occupancy to 50 percent and plans to further raise occupancy by employing new marketing strategies and improving amenities at Titan Court.

Under the old management, residents had posted a number of complaints to Titan Court's Facebook page, citing cheap construction, uncomfortable furniture, hot water shortages, bad Wi-Fi connections and safety concerns.

At 975 Charnelton St., Titan Court is located in the neighborhood with the highest crime rate of Eugene's 23 neighborhoods, according to the city's 2011 crime statistics.

Scott Manning, regional manager for Campus Advantage, said safety concerns arise whenever colleges build student housing in busy neighborhoods, but he's never felt

unsafe at Titan Court.

Resident Isabella Peck said little has changed since she expressed dissatisfaction with Titan Court in the Jan. 16 issue of *The Torch*.

"They haven't done anything," Peck said. "There isn't really anything they can do."

Peck said walking around downtown after dark can be a little unnerving, especially with Titan Court's proximity to several bars.

"Sometimes people talk to themselves and are weird," she said. "The other night, this guy was super drunk outside of the apartments."

However, Peck said she hasn't been the victim of a crime. In January, some residents complained about smoke odors infiltrating their units from neighboring apartments and the adjacent alley.

Since then, Titan Court General Manager Makenzi Sargent said Campus Advantage has implemented policies designed to reduce smoking on site. These policies include a three-strikes rule for smoking violations.

Residents who wish to smoke should do so across the street, Sargent said.

Sargent is optimistic that Campus Advantage is a good fit for Titan Court.

"We're going to do our best to make sure our tenants are having a good time here at Titan Court, and promote the positive aspects of Eugene," Sargent said.

In addition to installing ping-pong and foosball tables, Campus Advantage will implement a social networking tool for its residents and lower rent for each resident by \$20 per month for Titan Court's four-bedroom units.

While Campus Advantage is promised a year-long contract as a result of this agreement, as well as 5 percent of Titan Court's gross rental agreement during this period, Lane could void the contract if Campus Advantage fails to meet the stated goals.

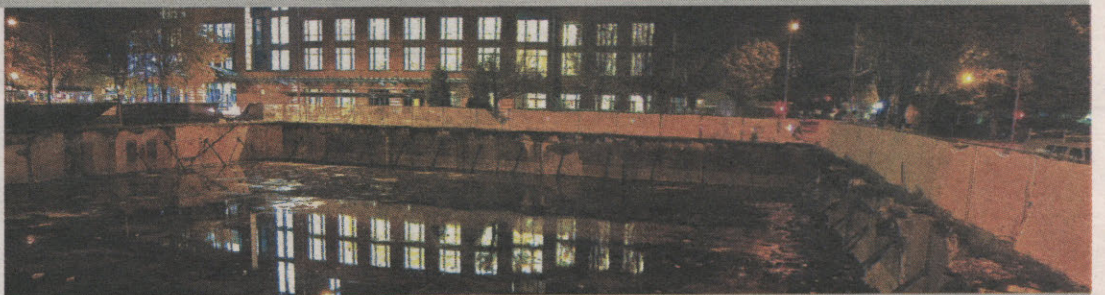
"You always have to stay competitive in the market-



# TITAN COURT: Construction and management timeline

**January 12, 2011**

Titan Court and a new Downtown Academic Center were approved by the Board of Education. Construction of the two-building campus cost \$53 million, mostly raised through a 2008 bond measure.



**March 4, 2011**

Ground is broken at the former "pit" between Charn-leton and Olive on 9th Avenue. in downtown Eugene. The "pit" had to be refilled before construction began.



**April 2012**

Property management company Blanton Turner is ap-proved to run Titan Court. Blanton Turner is based in Seattle, Wash.



**Blanton Turner**

**September 18, 2012**

Titan Court officially opens. The ribbon-cutting is met with fanfare, but initial leasing is slow. Construction continues in the Academic Center next door.



**November 2012**

Facing less than 50 percent occupancy and growing complaints about amenities and problems, Blanton Turner gives 30-day notice to Lane, giving up its con-tract. Campus Advantage agrees to increase occupancy to 95 percent within one year of contract approval.



**January 7, 2013**

Classes are held in the Downtown Academic Center, with a final completion date set for March 15. Classes from the former Downtown Center are relocated to the new campus.





# Big week propels Sheley to 500th career victory



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Top: Lane head coach Greg Sheley compliments Clackamas' sophomore Jenny Johnson after their Feb. 16 game. Johnson scored 20 points while Sheley got his 500th career victory in the Titans 66-63 victory. Right: Titan sophomore Courtney Walchli (left) and Cougars freshman Laci Effenberger (right) battle for a loose ball in their Feb. 16 matchup.



BY RYAN KOSTECKA  
*Sports Editor*

Lane women's basketball team had a big week.

After suffering a 67-63 defeat to the visiting Chemeketa Community College Storm Feb. 9 in its annual Jam the Gym game, Lane came back to score two decisive victories on the week, the second of which was their biggest game of the year.

After defeating the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers in Coos Bay Feb. 13 with a score of 65-49, Lane returned home to take on the Clackamas Cougars, the No. 1-ranked team in the Southern Region and NWAACC.

Lane came from behind to pull off the 66-63 win against the Cougars Feb. 16. With the victory, the Titans also secured head coach Greg Sheley's 500th career win, a major milestone in collegiate basketball coaching.

## LANE vs. SWOCC

Titans sophomore Megan Shields led Lane to victory in Coos Bay with 31 points, 17 rebounds (eight offensive), eight blocks and four steals, including 56 percent (14-for-25) shooting from the floor.

"She was just overpowering. She couldn't be contained, especially in the second half," Titans assistant coach Jeff Wingate said. "Every time she got the ball, it felt like you knew she was going to score."

Lane started out the game on a 6-0 run, but the offense quickly stalled as Southwestern Oregon began to slow the tempo of the game down, something Lane is not accustomed to.

Because of the frustration the Lakers forced upon Lane, the Titans went into halftime with only a six point lead.

Lane began the first ten minutes of the second half on an 18-7 run to stretch the lead to 50-33. Shields keyed that run with multiple baskets and rebounds, allowing Lane to run the court and get the fast break points they often score.

"I knew the game meant a lot to us so I just did what I could to help us win," Shields said. "I didn't let anyone stop me and took control of the paint."

The Titans would stretch the lead to 19 over the final 10 minutes but would eventually settle for the 16-point victory.

Shields was the main factor in the second half for Lane with 18 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Titans shoot 42 percent (14-for-33) from the field.

Also contributing for Lane were sophomores Courtney Walchli and Kersey Wilcox. Walchli scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds while Wilcox added a team-high five assists.

## LANE vs. CLACKAMAS

With the Titans' 66-63 triumph over the visiting Clackamas Cougars Feb. 16, Sheley reached 500 career victories.

"It's cool. It really is because when I first began coaching, I was just hoping to win some games and prove I can do so at this level," Sheley said. "The girls and other coaches were probably more excited than I was because I was just happy to get the victory against a very good team."

With the win, Sheley improves his career record to 500-160, a .756 average, and becomes the coach with the most wins in Lane's history.

Shields continued her dominating play with 18 points, six rebounds and four blocks.

Titan sophomore sisters Jordan and Kersey Wilcox combined for 27 points and 11 rebounds, including a 10-for-11 showing from the free throw line.

Clackamas sophomore Jenny Johnson, Shields' rival for Southern Region Player of the Year, finished with 20 points and five rebounds but shot only 26 percent (5-for-19) from the field.

Lane came out ready to play right from the opening tip, jumping out to a 9-2 lead after the first four minutes of the game.

With the score tied at 33-all and four seconds left in the half, the Cougars tried to inbound the ball but it was stolen by Titan sophomore Danielle Schmidt at midcourt and she laid-up the ball at the buzzer to give Lane a 35-33 lead at the half.

The second half began in a positive way for Clackamas as Johnson hit back-to-back three-pointers to open the half and then added another bucket after a Shields score to give Clackamas a 41-37 lead two minutes in.

This game was beginning to look like the last time the two teams met when Clackamas outscored Lane by 21 points in the second half en route to a 13-point victory.

Two things happened next that made the difference

for the Titans. Sheley called a timeout and put Lane freshman Simone Thompson in the game with instructions to guard Johnson.

"She did a great job of staying in front of her and not letting her get a clean look at the hoop. You can't stop (Johnson), but you can contain her, and Simone did a great job of that," Sheley said.

Thompson limited Johnson to just six points the rest of the half while Jordan Wilcox scored 15 of Lane's remaining 29 points.

"We needed to score to win the game and I wanted to be that person who brought energy to the floor and shoot like I know how to," Jordan Wilcox said. "I didn't shoot the ball in the first half so I wanted to come and look for my shot and contribute to the team."

After a pair of free throws by Clackamas' Johnson put the Cougars up 63-59 with four minutes left in the game, Lane would go on a 7-0 run the rest of the way.

Shields would add the final point of the game on a free throw with 10 seconds left after grabbing a rebound off a missed Cougar shot.

"This was a huge victory for us - we definitely have a rival with Clackamas and it's always a battle so this game meant a lot," Shields said. "I think this win will give us a lot of confidence for the next two weeks going into the NWAACC tournament."

## PREVIEW

Lane returns home for sophomore night Feb. 20 against the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks at 5:30 p.m. Lane (24-2 overall, 10-2 Southern Region) will look to secure the second seed of four from the Southern Region in the NWAACC playoffs with a win.

Umpqua is the second-highest-scoring team in the NWAACC, behind the Titans, and is led by freshman Kynal Charleston with 16 points and two steals per game.

A pregame ceremony will take place honoring all the sophomores on the team, as it will be their last career home game as a Titan.

The Titans finish out the season against the Portland Panthers Feb. 23 in Portland at 2 p.m.

Lane defeated Portland 100-28 the last time the two teams met.

The Panthers are led by sophomore Kiara Berry with 14 points, five rebounds and three steals a game.





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# Lane still in control of its own destiny

## Titans tied for final playoff spot with two games remaining

Clackamas sophomore Brock Lutes (left) is out of bounds while touching the ball with Lane freshman Keynan Middleton (right) in their Feb. 16 matchup. The officials awarded possession to Clackamas, ending the Titans' bid for a comeback.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA  
Sports Editor

What began as a promising week for the Lane men's basketball team ended in a rough way as Lane fell out of the second playoff spot in the Southern Region and into a tie for the final spot.

The Titans began the week with a 69-64 victory over the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers Feb. 13.

After the victory, Lane had all the momentum heading into its Feb. 16 showdown with the Clackamas Cougars.

The Cougars came to Titan Court and stripped that momentum away, leaving Lane speechless and with a 73-69 loss.

### LANE vs. SWOCC

The Titans snagged a 69-64 victory from the Lakers on the strength of sophomore guard Tyler Coleman's game-high 34 points.

"He's starting to become more aggressive, which is benefiting us as a team," Chavka said.

The game against Southwestern Oregon was for second place in the Southern Region.

For the game, Lane hit eight three-pointers from beyond the arc with Coleman accounting for seven of them. Freshman Keynan Middleton added 11 points while sophomore Alex Coleman, Tyler's brother, added a game-high nine rebounds.

Lane sophomores Levi Strandberg and Tyler Coleman went a combined 11-for-12 from the freethrow line with most of those 11 coming down the stretch when they mattered most.

"It got scary there for a while but we did a much better job this game than we did against Chemeketa," Chavka said. "We showed that we are learning how to play down the stretch and have that killer instinct — plus we held our own and showed composure to get the win."

### LANE vs. CLACKAMAS

The Titans were flying high after its Feb. 13 victory over the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers put them into second place in the Southern Region.

All those vibes came to a screeching halt after the Titans couldn't claw their way to victory against the Clackamas Cougars, suffering a 73-69 loss and falling back into a tie for the final playoff spot in the Southern Region.

Lane drops to 19-7 overall and 7-5 in the Southern

Region while Clackamas improves to 14-12 overall and 6-6 in region play.

Sophomore Tyler Coleman led the Titans with 15 points, five rebounds and five steals while sophomore Byron Johnson added 11 points and five rebounds in a limited role due to injury.

The Titans fell into a huge hole out of the gate, trailing 15-2 after the first five minutes.

An 11-0 Lane run over the next three minutes, during which Johnson got the dunk after Coleman missed a layup, got the Titans right back into the game.

"They (Clackamas) came out and hit us with a hay-maker but I'm proud of how we battled back," Coleman said. "We never gave up and kept fighting."

The second half began with an energetic Lane.

Titans freshman Keynan Middleton sparked an 8-0 run with a mid-range jumper, which saw Lane close the gap 41-39 four minutes into the half.

Clackamas would extend the lead back up to double-digits after a basket by sophomore Jordan Barber at the 11-minute mark.

With five minutes left and trailing 63-57, Lane went on an 8-0 run to take a two-point lead with two and half minutes left in the game. Coleman stole the pass and went the length of the court for a layup to give the Titans the lead.

A three-pointer by Clackamas freshman Michone Hopkins gave them a 66-65 lead with two minutes left in the game and they wouldn't relinquish it the rest of the way.

For the game, Titans sophomore Alex Coleman add-

ed a team-high eight rebounds to go with his six points.

The Titans were done in by the three-point shooting of Clackamas as they were outscored 33-12 in points from beyond the arc.

"We dug ourselves a hole in the first half and struggled to climb out of it," Lane sophomore Alex Coleman said. "We are working on that as a team and hopefully we can continue to make progress to play a full 40 minutes."

### PREVIEW

Lane returns to action Feb. 20 when they play host to the Umpqua Riverhawks at 7:30 p.m.

It will be a special night for the seven sophomores on the team, as they will be suiting up in their Titan uniforms on their home court for the last time.

"Having the opportunity to play with my brother for the first time has been amazing," Tyler Coleman said. "It's been an amazing journey going from college football to college basketball."

The Titans will travel to the rose city Feb. 23 for their final game of the season against the Portland Panthers at 4 p.m. The Titans and Panthers are tied for the final playoff spot in the Southern Region and this game will be a major factor in deciding who goes to the NWAACC tournament and who does not.

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Lane sophomore basketball players Tyler Coleman (left) and Alex Coleman share a laugh after the first quarter of the Feb. 15 Sheldon High School versus Churchill High School boys junior varsity basketball game. The brothers were officiating the game.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA  
Sports Editor

For Tyler and Alex Coleman, sophomore athletes on the Lane men's basketball team, their dreams stretch further than playing basketball.

They both acknowledge that although they love the game, their hearts lie in officiating.

Both of them have been officiating games for more than 10 years and first discovered this love when their father, Lionel Coleman, introduced them to it.

Lionel has been officiating in the Eugene community for over 35 years. Now, he sticks primarily to high school varsity games.

"My dad is the one who got us started, and for some reason, we both just fell in love with it," Tyler Coleman said. "It's a great way for us to stay connected with the game when we aren't able to play."

"He's the sole reason I do this and now I love what I do," Alex Coleman said. "I owe it all to him and he's very supportive of us, coming to our games and such — it's really cool."

Tyler Coleman, 26, and Alex Coleman, 22, began their refereeing careers officiating for children in Eugene's YMCA and Kids Sports leagues.

There, they nourished a passion for understanding the intricacies of the game and coaching children to play it properly.

"When you're doing games for children at that age, you're more of a coach — helping them learn the rules mainly and what they can't do," Alex Coleman said. "That's a lot of fun though because you get to see their improvement from game-to-game and year-to-year."

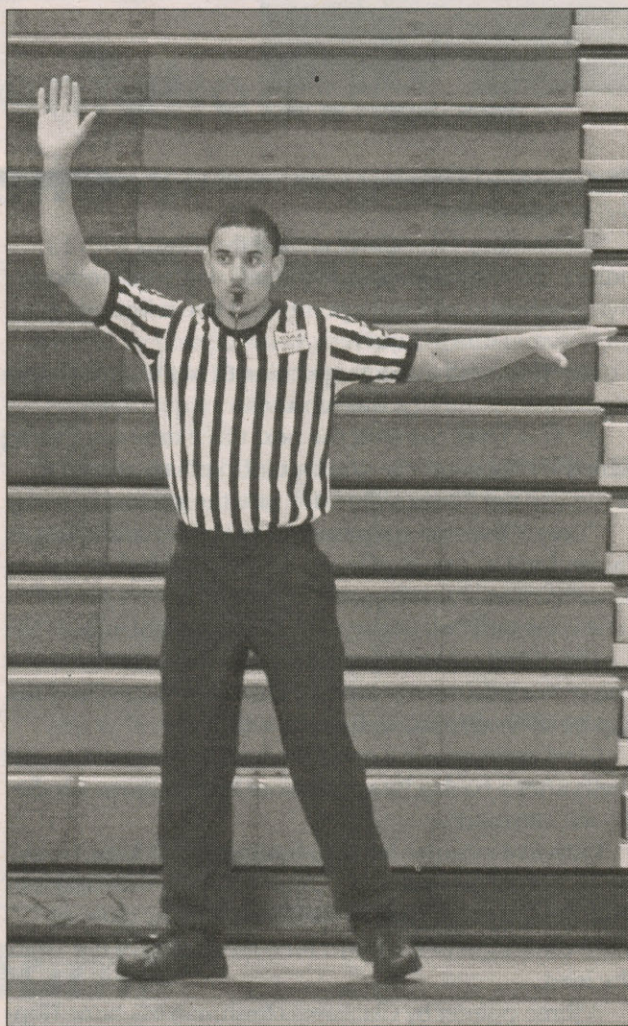
While both brothers said they love teaching the younger children about the game, they're happier officiating games at the high school level.

"It's just a quicker game, something I'm used to because it's closer to the level that I play at," Tyler Coleman said. "Plus, at the high school level, you get to see which players might have a future in the game and which ones won't."

Tyler Coleman has been officiating high school games for the last few years and remembers the biggest game he ever officiated, his first varsity game.

He was living in Portland at the time and just finished officiating the freshman girls' game between Jesuit and Tigard high schools. While he was watching the varsity game, one referee went down with an injury and Tyler was called into duty.

"This was a game between two of the top teams



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Above: Alex Coleman, 22, signals a countdown of five seconds to throw the ball in for a Sheldon High School junior varsity basketball player during a Feb. 15 game. Below: Tyler Coleman, 26, runs up the court during a junior varsity game Feb. 15.



in the state so the crowd was going crazy and here I was — my first varsity game ever — just nervous," Tyler said. "Jesuit had Liz Brenner on the team and went on to win state that year, so it was pretty cool to have that be my first game ever."

Brenner is currently a three-sport star athlete at UO and has been named to numerous all-conference and all-American teams in her career.

Alex Coleman shares a similar story. In 2012, he had just finished officiating a game when he was asked to referee a varsity game after an official went down with a hamstring injury.

"It was crazy because it was my first varsity game and I have to ref my alma mater, South Eugene High School," Alex said. "I knew the coach because I played for him so it was a little weird having this power over my old coach."

As Lane basketball players, head coach Bruce Chavka loves to see his players give back to the community, especially one that means so much to the Colemans.

"It's great because faculty members will come up to me and tell me that the boys refereed their kids' game," Chavka said. "It's just great for our team and for the boys. I've been truly blessed to have them these past two years."

The Colemans have refereed for Lane Athletic Director Greg Sheley and his daughter's basketball team, a team of which Sheley is also the head coach.

"It's great because I see them on the court playing the game for Lane, and now they're officiating my daughter's game," Sheley said with a laugh. "They do a great job and are very professional but of course I have to give them a little bit of a hard time."

Career-wise, Tyler Coleman wants to play professional basketball overseas, but admits that his first love is officiating and he'll continue with it whenever he can.

"There are tons of leagues in Europe and South America where you can get in and play so hopefully I'll be doing that," Tyler said. "It'll give me a cultural experience, and if it doesn't work out, I'll come back to refereeing."

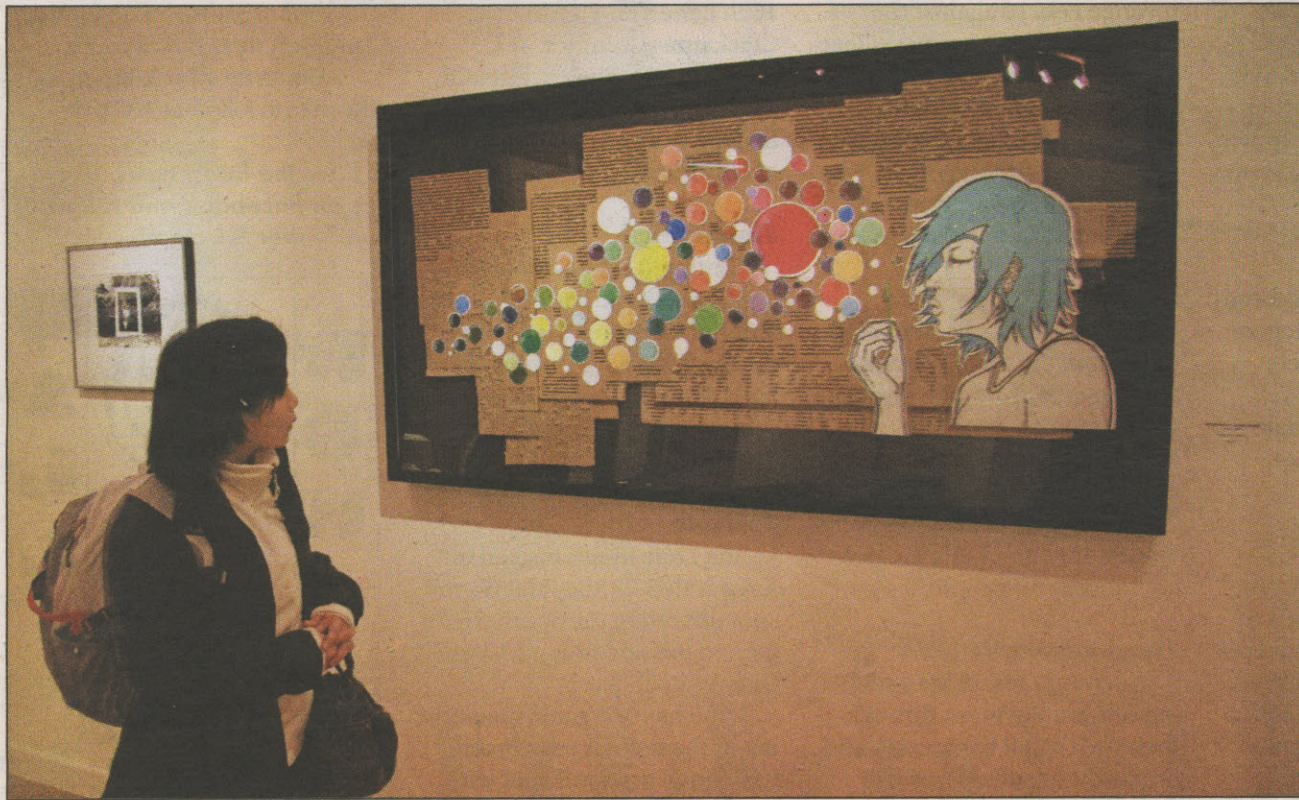
Alex Coleman has a slightly different spin on things, wanting to make officiating his career first and foremost.

"I've been told by our administrators that I have the potential and natural instinct to go far with refereeing," he said. "They say I can go as high as I want, so doing Division 1 college or professional (basketball) is my goal and we'll see from there."



# Gallery displays Juried Student Show

Art submitted for judging and prizes



Freshman student Hidemi Fukushima views *84 Shades in a Single Breath* by Charlene Houweling in the Juried Student art exhibition at the the main art gallery in Building 11.

ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

BY KYLE WEBB

Features Editor

There are currently 31 pieces displayed in this year's Juried Student Art Exhibit, with artists directly competing against each other for various awards.

Students submitted work they created during the past academic year for the event, which began Feb. 11.

Jurors will choose four artists to represent Lane at the National League of Innovation Art Competition. The winners will be announced at a Feb. 21 reception at 3 p.m. at the adjacent art gallery in Building 11.

At the national contest, first- and second-place winners leave with \$800 and \$300 respectively.

"The pieces will be returned to the students after the exhibition and, of course, the students will have bragging rights for having been featured this year," gallery director Jennifer Salzman wrote in an email.

This year's jurors are Steve and ZoAnn Reinmuth, who founded Reinmuth Bronze Studio in Eugene. As a mainstay of the Eugene art community for more than 15 years, Steve Reinmuth's work is displayed throughout Eugene including on Lane's main campus.

Both exhibits will be on display until March 15. The galleries are open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibits are free and open to the public.

## Chamber orchestra raises funds for scholarships



Lane Chamber Orchestra performing in concert on the main stage of the Ragozzino Performance Hall in Building 6.

ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

BY TAYA ALAMI

News Editor

Winter in Hamburg melted into a Parisian spring when Lane's Chamber Orchestra performed the works of Poulenc and Mendelssohn Feb. 17.

Upon the conclusion of the performance, Chamber Director Hisao Watanabe took a moment in front of the Ragozzino Performance Hall audience to thank his performers for putting up with him.

"Orchestra is high-maintenance. It requires a lot of dedication and support," Watanabe said. "Without the support of the audience and community we wouldn't

be able to play this at all."

The Orchestra performed Poulenc's "Sinfonietta" and Mendelssohn's "Symphony No. 4 in A, Op. 40."

Performing under Watanabe's direction was a positive experience for violinist Sharon Hawks.

"He's very precise, very dedicated. He works very hard," Hawks said, "and he works well with other people."

Bassist Christian Castro is in his first year as part of the ensemble.

"Even though it was difficult, it was still really fun," Castro said.

Proceeds from the event will help fund Lane's music scholarships.

## Artist brings family, humor to Lane

### Immigrating to America shapes Tie Li's work

BY KYLE WEBB

Features Editor

Tie Li immigrated to the U.S. at 23, but he still has trouble calling it home while his extended family remains in China.

"Why can't we call it home?" Chinese-born artist Tie asked his friend at a Feb. 14 lecture.

Tie came to the U.S. to travel and because his wife, whom he met in China, was American.

"I just tagged along," Tie joked.

In his exhibit *Dreaming Across Time and Space*, which runs until March 15 in Building 11's main art gallery, Tie includes work that ranges from small charcoal drawings to life-sized portraits of his family members.

Tie knew he wanted to be an artist in elementary school. As he grew, so did his art. He said the biggest impact on his art and life was immigrating to the U.S.

"I couldn't think about doing this work in China," Tie said.

Tie said he's still trying to find where he belongs "spiritually, socially and culturally."

After a brief lecture, Tie opened the floor to questions from the audience. He was honest about the meaning behind each of his works, even joking to the students asking about his artistic process.

"I will tell you my process if you buy this one," Tie said as he pointed to portrait of his grandmother.

A common theme Tie emphasized was personal honesty.

"My advice is to be truthful to yourself," Tie said. "Some get lost in schooling, technique and process — you've got to nurse your subtleties and not lose them."



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## #askc

The ASLCC will hold its weekly meeting Feb. 20 in the Building 3 conference room.

Student leaders are scheduled to vote on proposed amendments to the ASLCC constitution.

## #dancecollab

Lane's Dance Program will present Collaborations Dance 2013. Concerts will be held Feb. 28, March 1 and 2 at the Ragozzino Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$10 for general admission or \$8 for students and seniors.

## #gandhi

Dr. Arun Gandhi, grandson of famed activist Mahatma Gandhi, will present a lecture titled "Lessons from My Grandfather" Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and Learning, rooms 102 to 104. The event is free and open to the public.

## #boardelections

Former Lane SPA President Matt Keating officially announced his candidacy for District 4 of Lane's Board of Education. Keating is the only

announced candidate as of press time. In a May 21 county-wide election, voters will have the opportunity to select a replacement for board member Susie Johnston, who is not seeking re-election.

## #thegreatdebates

Members of the Lane's forensics team will travel to Oregon State University to compete in the ninth annual Earl Wells Speakeasy, a two-day debate tournament Feb. 23 and 24.

## #sustainablefoods

ASLCC's Sustainable Foods Committee is working towards implementing new systems of food distribution that would potentially allow Lane students to use their Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits on campus.

## #building4

Building 4 has been abruptly closed, leaving the Dental Program scrambling mid-term to find replacement facilities.

## #clapback

The Lane Titans women's basketball team exacted

revenge Feb. 16 against the Clackamas Community College Cougars in what was a show-down of the top two teams in the NWAACC. Led by sophomore guard Jordan Wilcox, who contributed 15 points in the second half, Lane won 66-63.

## #jettset

Wendy Jett has been named director of the Lane Foundation, an organization comprised of community volunteers who seek to raise funds for Lane projects.

Jett said her colleagues in the foundation "are really passionate, wonderful people."

## #inspiredtoaspire

A seminar for women seeking self-employment through their own small businesses and nonprofit organizations will take place Feb. 21 in Building 1 at 11:30 a.m. Patsy Raney's Sociology 207 students will host a panel of local female entrepreneurs.

## #careermilestone

Lane's women's basketball head coach Greg Sheley scored his 500th career victory Feb.

16 in Lane's 66-63 win over the Clackamas Community College Cougars. Sheley, already the winningest coach in Lane history, now has a career record of 500-160.

## #futuretitan

Churchill High School student Eane Rodriguez signed his letter of intent to play for Lane's baseball team, beginning Fall 2013. Eane hit .306 as a high school junior and had a 2.21 ERA in 12.67 innings pitched.

## #playoffsbattle

The Lane men's basketball team is tied for the final playoff spot offered to the Southern Region in the upcoming NWAACC Championships.

Lane has two games remaining in the regular season and will clinch a playoff spot with a victory in either one of the games.

## #sophomorenight

The Lane Athletic Department will be honoring the sophomores of the men's and women's basketball teams prior to their respective tipoffs Feb. 20. It will be the last time

the sophomores suit up for the Titans on their home court.

Women tip off at 5:30 p.m. with the men to follow at 7:30 p.m.

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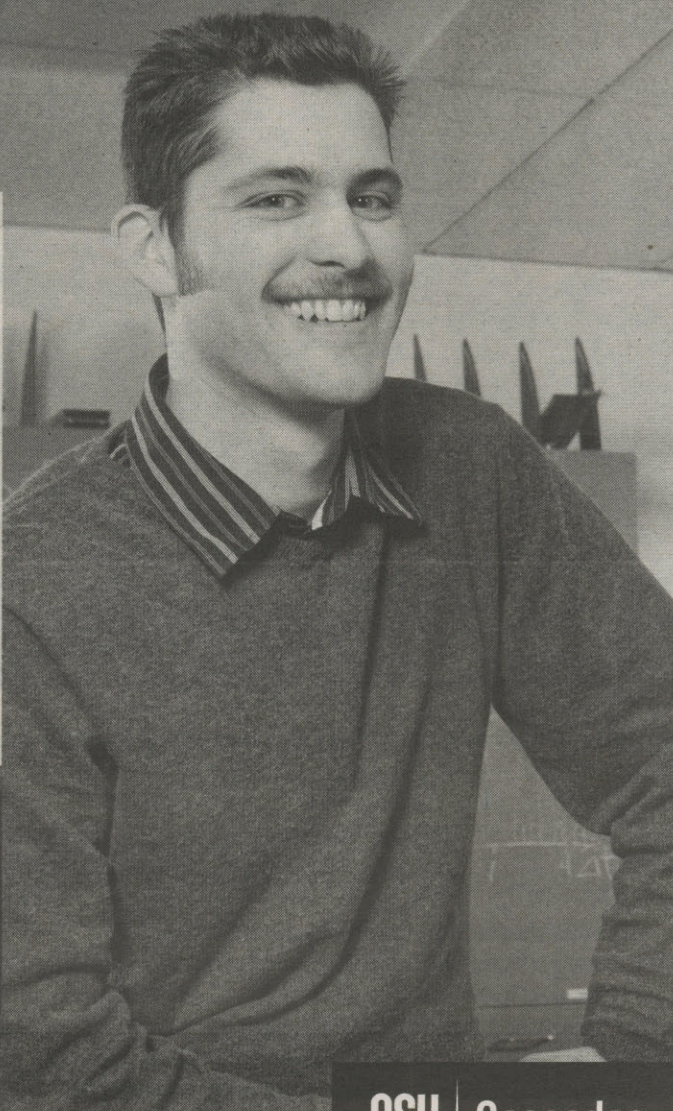
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