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Student fees need autonomy, due process

ASLCC passed sweeping changes to its constitution Feb. 20, eliminating elected positions, removing constitutional duties from the remaining elected officials, giving greater spending power to officials and most importantly creating broad, dangerous and potentially illegal changes to how the student activity fee is assessed and distributed.

At this point, the brakes need to be applied to what seems like a runaway process in which the ASLCC is calling for a special election. The ASLCC needs to stop a process that could potentially stifle proper public discourse and lead us to a better system for distributing fees. The current direction ASLCC is going suggests a power grab.

At stake is control over the \$48.40 fee paid by each Lane students enrolled in more than six credits on the main campus. Revenue from the fee funds various student activities around campus, including ASLCC, clubs, athletics, advocacy groups, *Denali* and *The Torch*. Right now, ASLCC has authority over how \$7.44 of that money is spent, with the rest earmarked for individual groups by referendum. For example, *The Torch* receives \$2.75 per student, per term which is distributed by the administration.

Under ASLCC's proposal, all groups that now receive student fee money must submit mission statements and detailed budgets for past and proposed spending before they can get money — and ASLCC decides how much they get.

ASLCC's proposal seems to create ways to circumvent the normal funding process: funding by a referendum of the student body, which is passed to the Board of Education as a recommendation to increase the student activity fee.

In the rewritten constitution, ASLCC seeks to have a Student Finance Board review current, past and future budgets for each club or group. Then, the Student Finance Board members would recommend funding for each group, and the entire senate would vote on their recommendations.

The SFB will be comprised of two ASLCC senators, two at-large student body members and one member appointed by the ASLCC president in the new constitution.

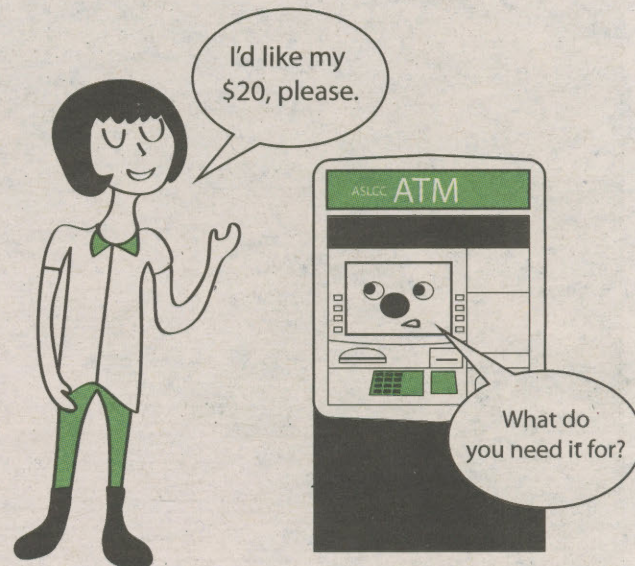
If the ASLCC president — currently Merriam Weatherhead — signs off, the recommendations will be passed to Lane president Dr. Mary Spilde. Finally, Spilde would present the recommendations to the Lane Board of Education. Should anyone in this process disagree with these recommendations, the matter would be reconciled through negotiation or a process akin to arbitration.

While this process may seem rigorous, clubs and organizations that are denied funding have little recognizable recourse in the constitutional language ASLCC is proposing. Due process is not being addressed and abuse of free speech is possible.

In 2000, the U.S. Supreme Court decided on a case regarding student fees and the First Amendment. In *Board of Regents of Wisconsin System v. Southworth*, the court ruled that it is legal for a college to charge a student fee and appropriate it to fund student groups as long as the disbursement is handled in a manner that is considered "viewpoint neutral." As long as student groups have a voice and their requests for funds are decided in a viewpoint neutral manner, the college can continue to assess the fee to maintain, reduce or expand said programs.

First, this violates a core tenet of viewpoint neutrality. The ASLCC cannot consider an organization's viewpoints or past outcomes in their funding decision if student leaders are to remain viewpoint neutral. If viewpoint neutrality is the ideal standard, then no group should be denied funding. Under this ideal of total neutrality, every group would have a right to be funded regardless of what they said, did, say, do, will say and will do as long as the organization does not discriminate against potential

Student's First Bank



members.

Second, this presents an immediate conflict of interest. ASLCC is largely funded by revenue from the student activity fee. How would student leaders ensure viewpoint neutrality in their own funding? Additionally, some of the proposed changes to the constitution vaguely affect the budget process to favor ASLCC's opinions. Namely, the SFB can achieve quorum, a group large enough to vote on proposed issues publically, with ASLCC appointments alone.

Third, *The Torch*, acts as a watchdog over student government. How can ASLCC hold the purse strings of a group that needs to objective regarding student government's activities?

Additionally, there have been further court cases enforcing the rights of the student press. *Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia* specifically defends the press rights of publications funded by student fees — even blatantly religious publications — and the press's need for autonomy and uncensored speech.

ASLCC needs to rethink its approach to the student activity fee in accordance with these legal precedents.

The Torch completely supports the right of the college to assess a student fee. It is necessary to ensure that student expression is diverse and meaningful. We want the largest marketplace of ideas the college can foster. It is a healthy part of the college experience and crucial to free speech on campus.

However, it is key that it is done legally and correctly. ASLCC needs to go back to the drawing board and rethink its proposal and the purpose behind it. Constitutional amendments regarding student activity fees need to match the rigor of viewpoint neutrality, and student leaders need to consider due process and recourse in any proposal they make.

Additionally, an appeal to higher authorities needs to be made. The Lane Board of Education should be in charge of analyzing and assessing student activity fees. Any potential advisement from ASLCC carries a risk of bias.

The ASLCC will host information sessions regarding the proposed changes Thursday, Feb. 28. In the invitations ASLCC distributed to leaders of student organizations, the authors wrote that change can be scary.

We agree, but only when the changes are rushed. While we hope some measure of good faith drives these proposals, the side effects are too catastrophic to be ignored.

Vote no on ASLCC constitutional changes

We, as a group that receives student fee funding, are urging a no vote to ASLCC's proposed changes to its constitution and student fee allocation process. The election will be held March 5-7 on MyLane.

We are urging other student groups to join us in voting no to the proposed changes. The potential for abuse by the current student government and future ones poses too great a threat to existing student groups.

Without a proper framework for redress of grievances and specific language that would bar student government from abusing their position as arbiters of money to groups, we cannot and do not support the changes that ASLCC is proposing.

Furthermore, the changes would give unbridled discretion to the student government to dole out funds as it sees fit, with little to no oversight from outside groups or the college administration and fosters self-censorship in groups that may fear being refused public money if that group's views are not in confluence with the SFB and the ASLCC senate.

In effect, the student leaders would act as a filter for funds requests they like, versus funds requests they don't, long before those requests make it to the college's Board of Education.

In short, we do not trust a group of people that have been hardly viewpoint neutral themselves and have traditionally been combative to certain other groups.



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Cardboard boxes filled with dental equipment and staff members' belongings pile up on a counter inside Building 4 in preparation for the relocation of the dental program.

Dental students **EXTRACTED** from Building 4

Class takes clinicals to Cottage Grove

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

Thirty years ago, students, patients and instructors in Lane's Building 4 Dental Clinic experienced nausea, oral pain and vertigo, symptoms of an unknown cause.

Those symptoms have returned, and the Dental Clinic has been evacuated.

According to Lane officials, they aren't sure about what caused these people to get sick but that tests are being run through the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

"We should be getting the tests results back by this Friday at the earliest, but it's more likely that we'll get them early next week," Lane's Chief Human Resource Officer Dennis Carr said. "Hopefully then we'll be able to know what made these people sick and fix the problem. We will be making some additional repairs to the building, including a new fresh-air intake system and exhaust system."

Lane responded to reports of mysterious illnesses in 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2011, but such complaints are almost as old as the building itself, which was completed in 1968.

In 2011, crews stripped out ducts, sealed openings and poured concrete into Building 4's foundations —

the latest in a series of measures Lane implemented in the prior decade to curb any health problems that might result from bacterial or sporal infections, according to *The Register-Guard*.

Dental instructors Rita Kavanaugh, Michelle Cummins and Sharon Hagan were unavailable for comment, but their students said, with the Dental Clinic shuttered, the program continues in a variety of makeshift locations.

"It's definitely been crazy, but the instructors have been bending over backwards to make sure we get our required work done," Dental Clinic student Madison Voris said. "They're doing a good job of making sure we are staying on task as best we can given the circumstances."

According to students in the Dental Clinic who wish to stay anonymous, neither their instructors nor school representatives have kept them apprised of the goings-on in Building 4.

While Lane officials are guaranteeing that those students in the Dental Clinic who are set to graduate this year will be graduating on time, speculation arises as to how the students will be fulfilling their required clinical time.

Students are traveling to Lane's Cottage Grove campus twice per week to fulfill their clinical requirements, and Lane is repurposing other classrooms on the southeast side of the main campus to serve as tempo-

rary dental labs.

"There are three dental chairs available to us at the dental clinic in Cottage Grove so we will be taking full advantage of that," Carr said. "Also, the students will be using Macready Dentistry and Whitebird dental clinic as possible locations."

Some of the students are stuck without transportation and use Lane Transit District buses to get to and from Cottage Grove, which extends their school day by an average of 50 minutes.

Disturbed by the inconvenience and the lack of communication from Lane, some students have emailed requests for tuition compensation to officials within the dental program. Those students said their requests have gone unanswered.

The annual cost of attending Lane for dental students is approximately \$10,000, according to the college's website, which includes tuition at a higher rate, the cost of materials and exam fees.

Carr said he hasn't heard of requests for tuition reimbursement or any potential lawsuits arising from illnesses students and instructors may have incurred while working in the Dental Clinic.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Madison Voris, who is quoted in this story, is related to The Torch reporter Rowen Voris.)



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Daniel Fuller, ASLCC chief of staff, leads a discussion on the student government's constitutional changes during the ASLCC meeting on Feb. 20.

Lane student government amends constitution

Sudden changes will go to a student vote next week

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane's student government has approved amendments to its constitution that, if passed by the Board of Education and student body, will give ASLCC increased power over student groups that receive revenue from the student activity fee.

The amendments were approved by a two-thirds vote of the ASLCC senate Feb. 20. The constitutional amendments will now be put on ASLCC's special election ballot. Students can vote March 5 to March 7 through their MyLane accounts.

ASLCC will still hold its annual regular election, which is pencilled in for later this spring.

Credit students at Lane's main campus pay \$48.40 per term as a student activity fee. The revenue from this fee is put into a general fund, then distributed by the college to student organizations including the Student Productions Association, *Denali*, Black Student Union, Gender Sexuality Alliance, *The Torch* and ASLCC. Almost any student group can receive a portion of that revenue through a student referendum and have it dispersed to them by the administration.

This process, among others, may be overhauled in ASLCC's amended constitution.

The amendments refer to student groups applying for activity fee funding as "contracts." Each group will be required to supply "benchmark memos" with line-item budgets that include the previous fiscal year and the projected budget as well. According to the proposal, the Student Finance Board could refuse to fund specific line items if they do not meet standards set forth in the board's bylaws, which are not visibly available on the ASLCC website.

Student groups will still be allowed to pursue funding through the referendum process, although a referendum will only be a recommendation to the ASLCC senate.

ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said the student government taking control of the student activity fee is something that's been necessary for a long time, and responds to Oregon Supreme Court decisions that question the legitimacy of student fees decided by referendum.

Meanwhile, representatives of some campus groups have criticized the proposed changes, saying they are poorly conceived and rushed.

"I think the Student Finance Board, including ASLCC, is made up of a bunch of people who don't know what they're doing and don't really know what they're getting themselves into," said Corinne Mooney, editor-in-chief of Lane's literary magazine, *Denali*, and

a former member of the Student Finance Board.

Weatherhead said the amendments are good models for other community colleges in Oregon seeking autonomy over student activity fees.

"A Supreme Court case in Oregon stated that votes by referendum aren't viewpoint neutral," Weatherhead said. "Groups that are less popular or controversial may have harder times receiving funding versus other groups."

She said the drive for student fee autonomy has gained momentum recently.

"Because of my experience the last three years of going through ASLCC and being in every branch (of student government), I really saw some of the flaws in the student activity process," Weatherhead said. "When we were at our staff and executive retreat we really decided that more control over the student activity fee would be beneficial to students and something students need."

Some students have said they haven't been made properly aware of the elections, which will end six days prior to the next Board of Education meeting.

ASLCC Campaign Director Paul Zito has been put in the unique position of helping to fill the shoes of departed ASLCC Communications Director Duskin Becker, while continuing to maintain the responsibilities of his job title by coordinating the ASLCC special election next week.

It's a difficult task, Zito said, considering he was first made aware of the special election approximately three weeks ago.

"When things like that come out, I would always prefer more time, but you kind of get saddled with the workload you end up with," Zito said. "Could we have gotten more information out a little earlier? It's hard to say no to that."

"You can always do more," Zito said. "We're definitely doing our best to make sure people know what's happening, and we're trying to stay as viewpoint neutral as we can, because that's the biggest thing."

Zito said he and his peers have done well at maintaining neutral viewpoints, but campaigning for the election is still difficult because everyone has opinions.

"It's a constant struggle," Zito said.

Lane President Mary Spilde will be working with both Lane's Board of Education and ASLCC to address the changes.

"I expect that the viewpoint neutrality issue is going to be one of the big issues the board will want to have some safeguards around," Spilde said. "That's putting the college in jeopardy, if we have any group that was not being viewpoint neutral in the way they were distributing the fee."

President Spilde said the changes to the student

activity fee must ultimately be approved by the Board of Education.

"It's ultimately governed by a board policy and the Board of Education," Spilde said.

When asked if these amendments could potentially give ASLCC the power to appropriate money to student groups like *The Torch*, Weatherhead said, "In some ways, yes. I think that there are lot of checks and balances, so it's not necessarily about ASLCC having that power, but students having that power to decide what funding goes towards."

Mooney said ASLCC is playing a big game.

"What are we really getting?" she said. "I feel like we're just being played."

Denali receives funding through the activity fee. Last year, Mooney was an ASLCC senator and one of the first to sit on the Student Finance Board — the group now tasked with approving funds to all student clubs.

Mooney is skeptical student government can maintain viewpoint neutrality when it comes to funding clubs.

"I think people will go with their own opinions and feeling about what the money is doing," Mooney said.

"(Weatherhead) has a really persuasive way of speaking to make her seem like she's right, and it blocks people from thinking critically about it for themselves," Mooney said. "But that's just a politician. It's scary."

Nine ASLCC members are earning cooperative education credits under the supervision of political science instructor Steve Candee.

While Candee said he couldn't comment on specific amendments to the ASLCC constitution yet because he hadn't read them directly, he said, "Whenever there's a change in policy, there are going to be winners and losers."

One of those potential winners or losers are Lane's student athletes. Recreational sports and athletics receive funding through a \$12 activity fee, which covers services ranging from tuition waivers to equipment.

Dean of Athletics Chris Hawken said his department doesn't know how ASLCC's constitutional changes will affect their funding.

"I received nothing," Hawken said about being notified about the amendments.

The men's and women's basketball teams will be in Kennewick, Wash., competing in the NWAACC Championships during the special election.

"I would like to see some documentation on how they plan to fund student groups," Hawken said.

ASLCC is hosting information sessions regarding the proposed constitutional changes for leaders of groups funded by the student activity fee, Feb. 28. The sessions will take place in Building 1, Room 206 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Position Cuts



The elected positions of treasurer and multicultural program coordinator are cut. Only the president and vice president will be elected and run on the same ticket.



Treasurer

Currently chairperson of the Student Finance Board and College Budget Committee. The treasurer's responsibilities include reporting, developing and overseeing ASLCC's budget and expenditures. Changes are unclear regarding who will fulfill this role, if anyone. Based on bylaws, this position may become appointed.



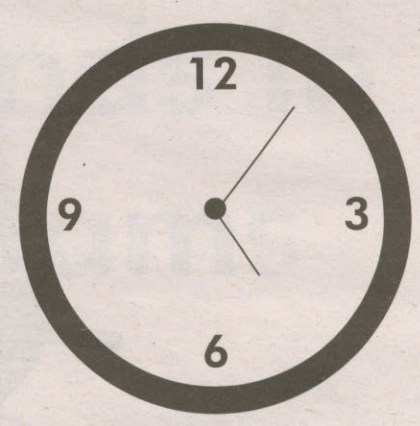
Multicultural Program Coordinator

Currently chairperson of the Council of Clubs, coordinator for the ASLCC Multicultural Program and member of the Lane Diversity Council. The multicultural program coordinator's duties include organizing events, creating safe spaces and coordinating with the campus events director. Changes are unclear regarding who will fill this role, if anyone. Based on bylaws, this position may become appointed.

Term Length

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Elected and appointed officers now serve a one-year term. Only the president and vice president served this term in the former constitution.

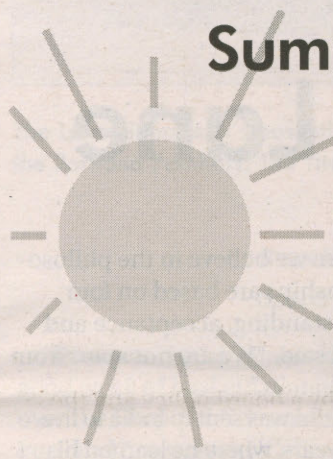


Budget Preparation

ASLCC will be expected to present a budget for the following fiscal year by Feb. 1. The current constitution requires the budget to be prepared by April 15.

PROPOSED ASLCC CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

Summer Spending

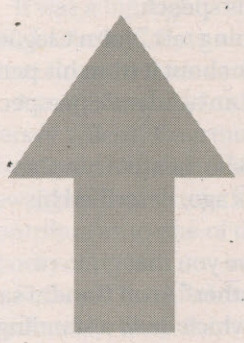


Up to **20 percent** of ASLCC's projected budget may be spent during the summer under the proposed changes. This changes the amount from a flat amount of \$6,000 with tiers of approval regarding continued spending. The proposed 2012-2013 ASLCC budget was \$927,372.

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Proposed majority required to pass a measure or amendment. The current requirement is a 50%+1 vote majority

Student Activity Fee



An entire article regarding the student activity fee is added. The new language allows the Student Finance Board to raise the fee through a process involving the ASLCC president and senate, and the Lane president and Board of Education.

Additionally, the activity fee can be raised through a student referendum if changes pass.

+200

500 signatures are now necessary for a petition, rather than the previous 300.

Contracts



The language of the new constitution addresses groups that draw upon the student activity fee as "contracts." Each group is required to supply benchmark memos, which include projected and past line-item budgets.

Only contracts meeting requirements are eligible for funding. Line items can be defunded if they don't meet Student Finance Board bylaws. Groups are allowed a 10-minute presentation and potential amendments at their respective budget hearings. This has never been required in the history of the college.

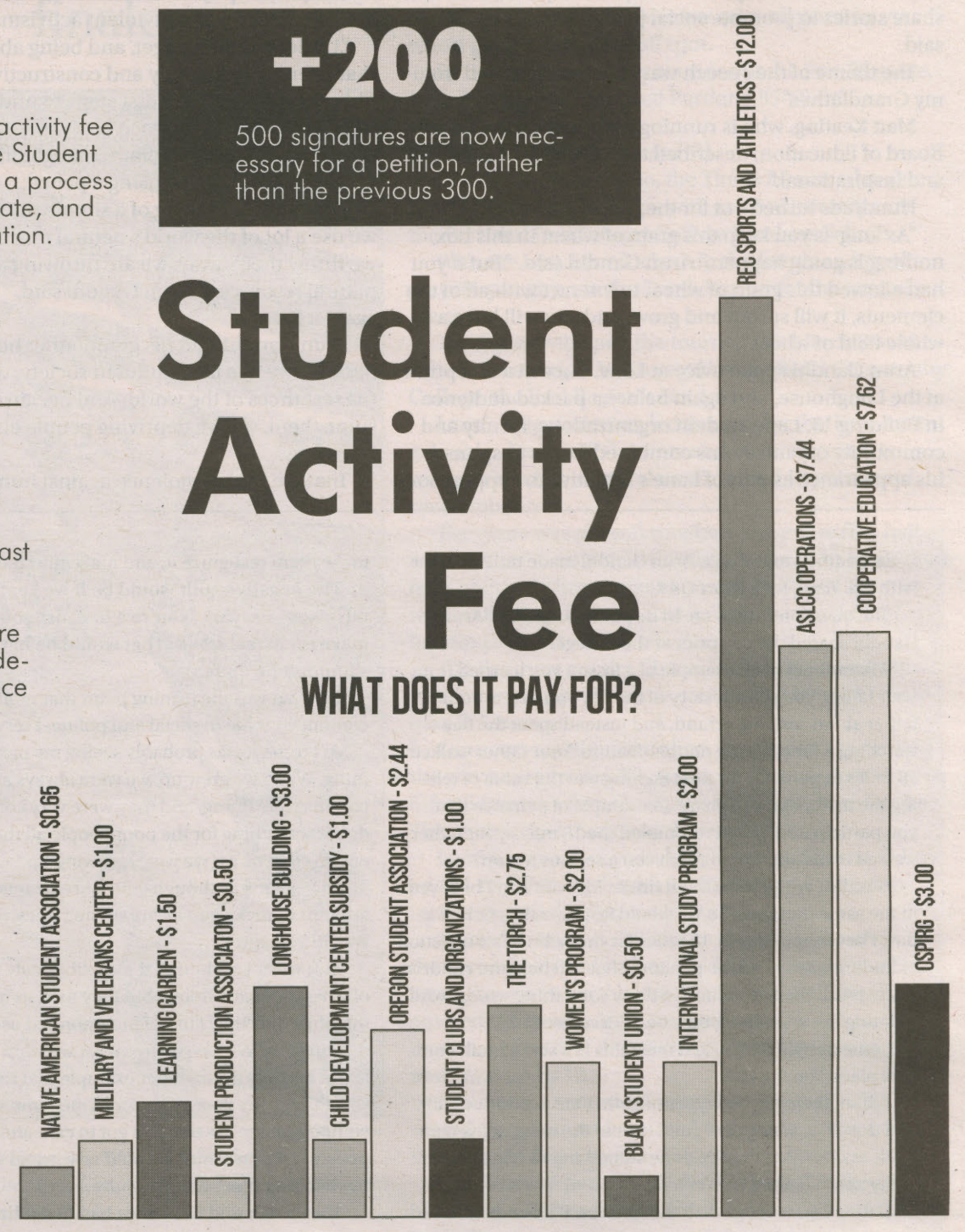
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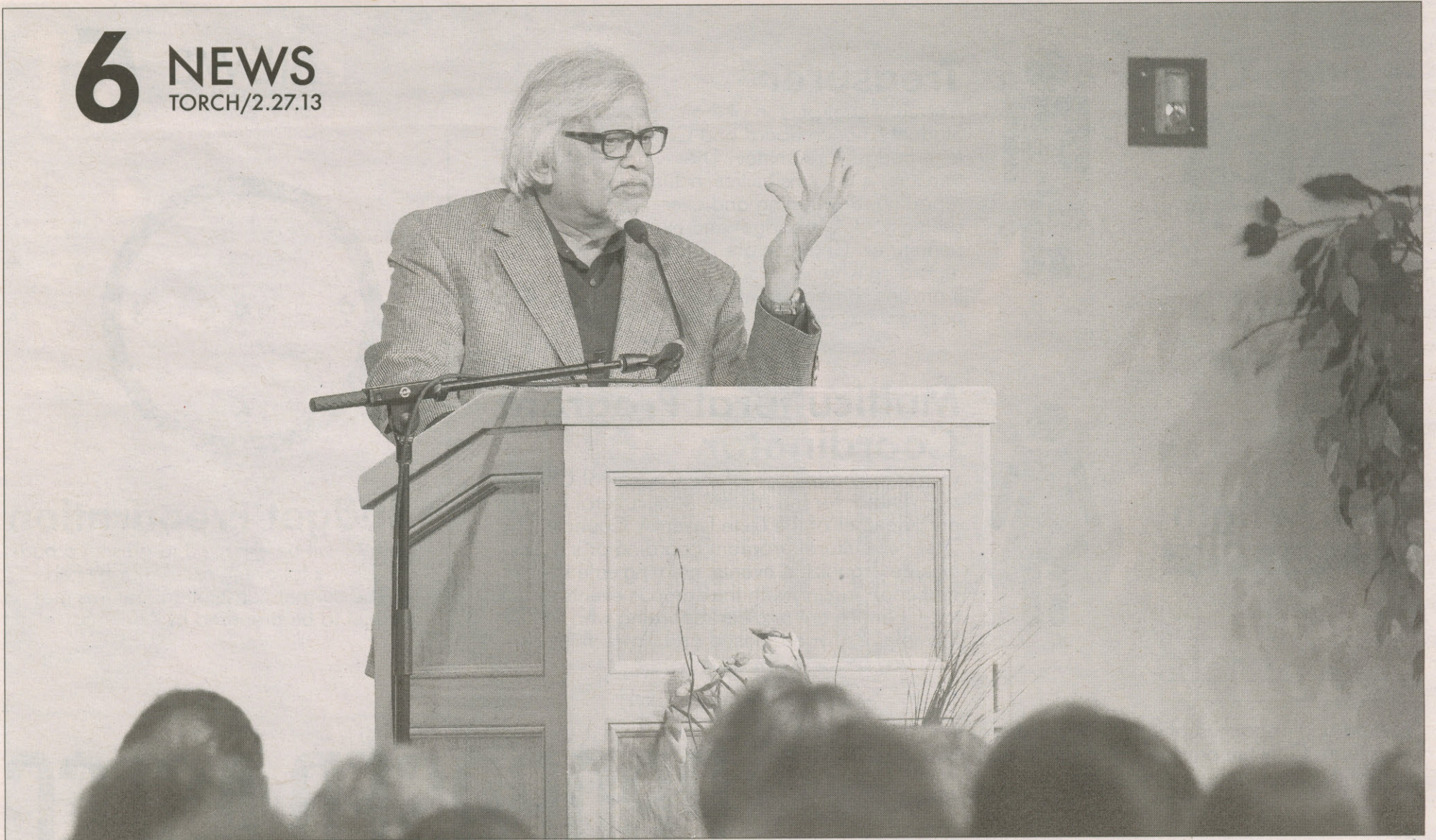


Under the new proposals, the Student Finance Board will now be comprised of an appointment by the ASLCC president, two ASLCC senators and two at-large members of the student body. This removes two student positions and replaces the student-elected treasurer with a representative appointed by the ASLCC president.

Student Activity Fee

WHAT DOES IT PAY FOR?





BRETT STANLEY / THE TORCH

Arun Gandhi, grandson of social activist Mahatma Gandhi, speaks to an audience at Lane Feb. 22. Gandhi spoke about the importance of nonviolence.

Arun Gandhi plants a seed at Lane

BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

"On its own, a grain of wheat will perish," the grandson of iconic social activist Mahatma Gandhi told Lane audiences Feb. 21. Planted and nurtured, it will grow and multiply.

"And that's a metaphor for why it is important to share stories to promote social justice," Arun Gandhi said.

The theme of the speech was "Lessons Learned from my Grandfather."

Matt Keating, who is running for a seat on the Lane Board of Education, described the speech as "exciting and inspirational."

Hundreds turned out for the free event.

"As long as you keep this grain of wheat in this box, nothing is going happen," Arun Gandhi said. "But if you had allowed this grain of wheat to interact with all of the elements, it will sprout and grow, and you will have a whole field of wheat."

Arun Gandhi spoke twice at Lane, once at a reception at the Longhouse, and again before a packed audience in Building 19. Lane student organizations, faculty and community organizations combined forces to sponsor his appearance as part of Lane's initiative to support so-

cial equality among students and staff through the arts.

Lane student Katie Ginger said she thought Gandhi's wheat metaphor was the most powerful point of his speech.

"It's important to plant seeds of peace in people and it's important for us to nurture that message and help it grow," Ginger said.

The philosophy made famous by Mahatma Gandhi is the effective use of nonviolent activism.

"Understanding anger, and being able to challenge that energy intelligently and constructively," Arun Gandhi said, "is one of the first steps to understanding the philosophy of nonviolence."

Arun Gandhi's grandfather taught him one of his most valuable lessons using a pencil.

"Even in the making of a simple thing like a pencil, we use a lot of the world's natural resources, and when we throw them away, we are throwing away the world's natural resources," Arun Gandhi said. "That is violence against nature."

Arun Gandhi said his grandfather believed that, because we live in an affluent society, we over-consume the resources of the world. And because we over-consume them, we are depriving people elsewhere of these resources.

That, he said, is violence against humanity.

"In an ideal society, where we believe in the philosophy of nonviolence, relationships are based on four principles of respect, understanding, acceptance and appreciation," Arun Gandhi said. "We are not apart from creation. We are a part of creation."

At the age of 12, Arun Gandhi was sent to India to live with his grandfather for two years, where he learned his grandfather's philosophy and participated in his activism.

"The two years I spent with my grandfather really changed my life," Arun Gandhi said. "It made me who I am today."

Audience members praised his speech.

"I think it was a very enlightening talk," John Clague said. "It was nice to hear him talk about it from his personal perspective, as opposed to an academic perspective."

Clague's wife, Cindy Clague, who heard Arun Gandhi speak approximately 10 years ago, described his stories as touching.

"I have come here today to give you that grain of wheat that I got from my grandfather," Arun Gandhi said at the conclusion of his speech, which drew a standing ovation from the audience, "and I hope that you won't let it rot and perish, but let it interact, so all of us together can change this world and make it a better place for future generations."

In addition to the talk, Arun Gandhi made time to meet with *The Torch* for a short Q&A.

The questions asked are in response to the talk Arun Gandhi shared the day prior at the college.

Alkhadher: In an example of a lesson you learned from your father, you share a story of the day you lied to your father about running errand, and instead spent the day watching a John Wayne double-feature. Your father walked 18 miles in penance for not teaching you the value of telling the truth. Can you share an example of penance that you participated in that resembled the 18 miles your father walked in his attempt to teach you a serious lesson?

Gandhi: We fasted several times. My wife and I believed in the same methods. So we would fast for a day, or half a day. I never had to walk 18 miles for them, but it's a question of finding ways to do the penance that will help the children learn, teach them that they've done something wrong, while pointing out something they need to correct.

Some people have asked me if this is a sort of guilt complex placed on the kids.

I think there are two types of guilt: One is positive guilt, and the other is negative guilt. Unless the child or even an adult realizes that they've done something wrong and feel guilty about it, they won't change.

If they don't recognize it themselves, it's our duty to

make them recognize it, and make the change.

The negative guilt would be if we kept harping on their mistakes — saying "you're a liar" or "you're bad" and make them feel small. That would be harmful, and that shouldn't be done.

Q: What was the turning point that motivated you to commit your life to social and political service?

A: I think it was probably seeing my parents do the same thing. When we grew up, we were always aware of what my parents were doing, and they were very compassionate in doing something for the poor people all the time. This got engraved in us as (we were) growing up.

Q: It seems as though your parents made a significant attempt to make you aware of the issues around you. Would you agree?

A: It wasn't as though they deliberately (made) us aware of what they were doing, but they took us into everything that they did. They kind of incorporated us as children into that lifestyle. We have to live what we want our children to learn. It's only through our example that they would learn it.

I think if my parents had told me, "you've got to be compassionate" — that I've got to care and think about poor people — I don't think I would've learned as much as I did by watching them doing it.

They never told us that we had to do these things. but

they just took us into the whole process and made us a part of it. Through that example, we learned and grew with it.

Q: So, people have referred to you as Dr. Arun Gandhi...

A: Well, actually I haven't earned a doctorate. I've got seven honorary doctorates. So, I don't like being called doctor, because it's not something I've earned, but some people just insist on doing it. (*Gandhi chuckles.*)

Q: When you said, you don't like to teach, you prefer that we learn from one another — how do you feel about the current education system in the U.S.?

A: I think the education system everywhere is inadequate because it focuses so much on giving young people a career and sending them out into the marketplace to make money. It's all money- and career-oriented. It doesn't help in building their personalities of the individuals.

So, I think it lacks a lot in that aspect.

And there's this whole idea that there are teachers and there are students, so, the impression is that the teachers know everything and they'll talk down to the students.

I think we're all learning. The teachers are also learning — and not only from the students, but from life itself.

We are all, in a way, students.

We are all learning, and we're just sharing this learning with each other. This puts us on a more equal footing, as opposed to teachers or professors.



N W A A C C

Men's and
women's teams
prepare to
make run at
championship

By Ryan
Kostecka



BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Big Bend Community College Vikings enter the NWAACC Tournament as the No. 1 seed from the East Region with a 24-4 overall record and 13-1 region record. Not only are the Vikings the East Region Champions, they begin tournament play as the No. 1 overall seed.

The Vikings enter the tournament having won 13 straight games and 16 of their last 17. Their lone loss came when they traveled to Spokane Jan. 5 to take on the Community Colleges of Spokane Sasquatch. They were beaten 90-77 as they allowed Spokane to shoot 46 percent (12-for-26) from the three-point line.

Big Bend is led by a quartet of players all averaging double figures for the team. Freshman Brendan Westendorf averages team-highs of 21.36 points and 6.04 assists while being second with 2.21 steals per game. All three averages place him in the top 10 of those categories in the NWAACC while being fourth in scoring.

Westendorf also averages a team- and NWAACC-high 35.25 minutes per game.

Sophomore Kyle Nield is next for Big Bend with an average of 18.19 points and a team-leading 7.35 rebounds per game.

Freshman Kamen McCullough is the Vikings' top three-point threat, making a team-high 82 on the season to help him average 15.07 points per game.

Sophomore Ryan Page is the final Big Bend player to average double figures, putting up 11.29 points and 6.33 rebounds per game.

As a team, the Vikings are fourth in the NWAACC in points per game with 88.32. They also sit in second place with a 73 percent (361-for-493) free-throw percentage and tied for fourth with 36 percent (256-for-714) three-point shooting.



Titans look to return to midseason form

The Lane men's basketball team failed to make it to the NWAACC Tournament last year. After a play-in game against the Portland Panthers, the Titans have made it to the championships this year. Now, they will have to win four games in as many days to get the crown.

From their do-or-die game against the Panthers Feb. 25, Lane emerged victorious with 85-69 on the scoreboard.

"It was big because it was a culmination of a good year and we worked hard this year and had buy-in from our team," Lane head coach Bruce Chavka said. "We are excited that we are in and now we can compete at the NWAACCs."

Lane is led by sophomore guard Tyler Coleman, the South Region's leading scorer at 17.17 points per game. Coleman also averages 2.83 steals per game.

He has scored in double figures in 23 of the team's 29 games so far with a season-high 34 points.

Coleman averaged 25.16 points per game in his last six games and has been named to two all-tournament teams in the preseason. He staked a claim as the most valuable player at the Green River Crossover Tournament Dec. 16, 2012.

He is Lane's top returning scorer from last year and was a part of the All-South Region first team.

"He is a tough hombre," Chavka said. "I think his mental toughness is second to none and he is the heartbeat of our family."

Following in Coleman's footsteps is fresh-

man Keynan Middleton. Middleton is second in the Titans with 11.14 points per game and 4.61 rebounds per game. Middleton also leads the team in three-pointers made with 53 and has hit 40 percent of his three-point shots, also a team-high.

Middleton has scored more than 25 points in a game three times this year while posting one double-double from his guard position.

Also contributing to the backcourt for the Titans is sophomore Alex "Mac" MacNeil and freshman Jarred Kelsay.

MacNeil averages 9.40 points and a team-leading 2.84 assists per game.

Kelsay averages 7.44 points per game but brings a steady form of ball-handling and pressure defense, joining MacNeil as two of the top defenders in the conference at the guard position.

"Mac's defense is crazy good — he can put the lockdown on people because he's so strong," Chavka said. "Jarred and Mac bring so many different things to our family — it's fun as a coach to have their skills at our disposal."

Holding down the post for the Titans are sophomores Alex Coleman, Byron Johnson and freshman Tre Clark.

While Johnson may be the flashier player with the points and monster dunks, Alex Coleman is often doing the dirty work, battling for loose balls, grabbing rebounds and causing steals.

Johnson averages 9.15 points in only 13 games played due to a combination of injury

and eligibility issues.

Alex Coleman leads the team with 5.86 rebounds per game and is the glue that holds the team together.

"Alex's attitude is second to none — that is what makes him a glue guy because no job is beneath him," Chavka said. "We could tell him to change a flat tire on the bus, guard the opponent's best player and also get seven rebounds and he is like, 'OK, what else do you need?'"

Clark started for half the year with Johnson out and is finding his form again late in the year, putting up 10 points and 10 rebounds in a Feb. 20 game against the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks.

Sophomores Levi Strandberg and Santiago Silva are those rare players for the Titans who can play in the post and out on the wing.

Strandberg averages 8.45 points per game while knocking down 39 percent of his three-pointers.

Silva does a little bit of everything for Lane, placing in the top five of all statistical categories except for points, and often guards the opposing teams' top players when Alex Coleman isn't in the game.

Lane begins the first round of the NWAACC Tournament against the Big Bend Community College Vikings. Tipoff is set for March 2 at 10 p.m. at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash.

"Big Bend can score, that's for sure — they run the dribble-drive offense," Chavka said. "It will be a great challenge for the us and we will be ready."

Experience helps Lane grow into a contender

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YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Yakima Valley Yaks enter the 2013 NWAACC Champions Tournament as the No. 3 seed from the East Region with a 16-11 overall record and 9-5 region record.

Yakima Valley has been playing well lately, winning seven of their last eight games. The Yaks suffered their only defeat by a two-point margin during an away game against the Columbia Basin Hawks, the No. 2 seed from the East Region.

During this recent run of victories, the Yaks took down Walla Walla Community College Warriors, the East Region champs, by a score of 56-50 three weeks ago.

Freshman Sammi Jo Blodgett leads Yakima Valley with 12.74 points, 4.04 assists and 1.70 steals per game, all tops for the Yaks. She also averages a team-high 31 minutes per game.

Behind Blodgett is freshman Angelique Williams and sophomores Hannah Lexson and Jaimi Cox. Williams is second on the team with 10.77 points per game while Lexson and Cox average 9.92 and 9.91 points per game respectively. Cox also leads the team in rebounds with 4.52 per game while Lexson averages 3.69 rebounds per game.

The Lane Titans defeated the Yaks 84-54 in the Dec. 18, 2012 championship game of the NWAACC Crossover Tournament. Blodgett led the Yaks with a game-high 17 points while four other Titans scored in double figures.

Last year in the second round of the NWAACC Tournament, the Titans and Yaks played a game that saw Yakima Valley dominate Lane en route to a 73-57 victory.

Game time is set for noon with the victor advancing to the winners bracket at 2 p.m. the next day and the loser falling to the losers bracket game at 10 a.m.

After coming up short at the NWAACC Tournament last year with a team full of freshmen, the Titans women's basketball team is a year older, a year wiser, and more focused and prepared than ever to make a run at the NWAACC Championship.

"We won't know until we get over to the tournament and perform," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said. "I am hoping we are much more prepared but you won't know until you take the floor."

This year's squad finished 26-2 overall and 12-2 in the South Region with their only losses coming against South Region champions Clackamas Community College and Chemeketa Community College, the third seed from the South Region.

Lane is a team with a lot of depth on its roster, as 11 of its 13 players average more than 10 minutes a game. They are the top-scoring team in the NWAACC with an average of 84.39 points per game.

Sophomore post Megan Shields leads the way for the Titans with 14.07 points, 8.75 rebounds and 3.04 blocks per game. Shields is in the top five in the South Region in scoring and rebounds while leading the NWAACC in blocks.

"Megan has been extremely consistent in her performance on the court for us this year — her consistency has allowed us to be a better team because we can count on her to be on the floor on a regular basis," Sheley said. "She is such a game-changer on the defensive end of the floor."

Sophomore Kersey Wilcox and freshman Simone Thompson are the next top scorers for Lane, averaging 10.04 and 10.50 points per game. Wilcox also averages a team-leading 4.75 assists and 2.93 steals per game, placing her in the top five in both categories in the NWAACC.

"Kersey is going to have to distribute the ball to the right people at the right time if we are going to be successful as a team," Sheley said.

Rounding out the guard play for the Titans are sophomores Madison Moore and Jordan Wilcox, and freshmen Renee Lucero and Halley Winter.

Jordan Wilcox has been Lane's hottest shooter as of late, averaging 15 points and four three-pointers in

her last three games. She and Thompson are usually assigned to cover the opposing teams' top players, as they are often asked to shut each other down.

"Jordan gives us a huge boost when she comes into the game and can really affect the flow of the game when she shoots the ball well," Sheley said. "She takes a lot of pressure off her teammates when she shoots the ball well."

Apart from Shields in the post, Lane also has sophomore Felicia Rodriguez, and freshmen Nicole Hannifan and Madeline Henshaw. The left-handed Hannifan is a nice complement to Shields, starting opposite Shields and averaging 7.36 points and 6.25 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Danielle Schmidt leads a trio of players who play in both the post and out on the wing. Schmidt has been battling injuries to her shins and calves all year but has come on strong lately, providing stability on the court for the Titans.

Schmidt led the way for Lane at last year's NWAACC Tournament, averaging 12 points and seven rebounds in the three games.

"When Danielle is healthy and confident, she puts a lot of pressure on the opponents defense because she can pass and score," Sheley said.

Sophomore Courtney Walchli and freshman Tori Mahaffie are a part of that do-it-all trio for the Titans. Walchli averages 5.81 points and 4.10 rebounds per game. Mahaffie averages 7.46 and 5.04 rebounds per game while shooting 42 percent from three-point territory, tops for the Titans.

Lane will open up the NWAACC Tournament against Yakima Valley Community College. Game time is scheduled for noon at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash.

The Titans previously defeated the Yaks 84-54 in the championship game of the NWAACC Crossover Tournament Dec. 18. The Yaks finished second in last year's tournament, defeating the Titans in the second round.

"We expect a really tough game from Yakima," Sheley said. "We have matched up against them at the tournament almost every year we go over there and they are always hard games for us."

MEN'S TOP TEAMS

EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Edmonds Community College Tritons enter the NWAACC Tournament as the No. 1 seed from the North Region with an overall record of 23-3 and region record of 13-1.

Edmonds sophomore forward Shaquille McKissic leads the team with an average of 23 points and 9.92 rebounds per game.

The Tritons open up the first round of the tournament with the Lower Columbia College Red Devils, the No. 4 seed from the West Region, at 6 p.m. The Tritons previously defeated the Red Devils 91-62 in their fourth game of the year Dec. 1.



YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Yakima Valley Yaks begin the tournament as the No. 2 seed from the East Region with an overall record of 20-8 and region record of 10-4, three games behind first-place Big Bend Community College.

Montero Rice, a sophomore starting guard, leads Yakima Valley with 14.62 points per game and 5.23 rebounds per game.

Yakima Valley starts the tournament with a first-round game against the Clackamas Community College Cougars, the No. 3 seed from the South Region. Tipoff is set for 4 p.m.

PIERCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Pierce Community College Raiders come into the NWAACC Tournament as the champions from the West Region with a 23-4 overall record and 15-1 region record.

Sophomore Tyrell Lewis, a 6'3" guard, leads Pierce with 19.08 points, 8.04 rebounds and 3.69 steals per game. With those stats, Lewis places in the top 10 of all three categories while leading the NWAACCs in the steals department.

The Raiders begin tournament play with an unfamiliar foe in the Everett Community College Trojans, the No. 4 seed from the North Region, at 8 p.m.



CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Chemeketa Community College Storm emerge from the crowded South Region to enter the NWAACC Tournament as the No. 1 seed with a 17-8 overall record and 10-4 region record.

Sophomore Trevor Phillips averages team-highs of 16.91 points and 7.09 rebounds per game.

Chemeketa opens the tournament with the No. 4 seed from the East Region, the Walla Walla Community College Warriors. Warriors freshman guard Case Rada is the NWAACC-leading scorer at 24.42 points per game this season. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m.

NWAACC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

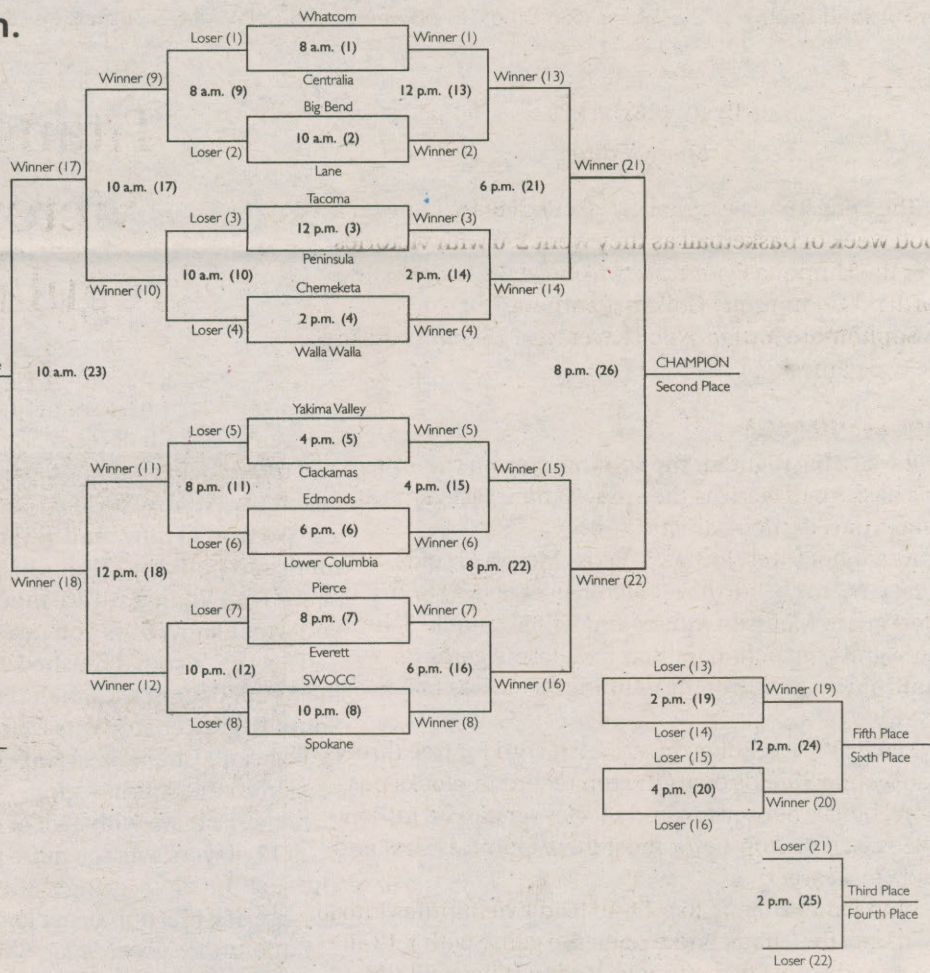
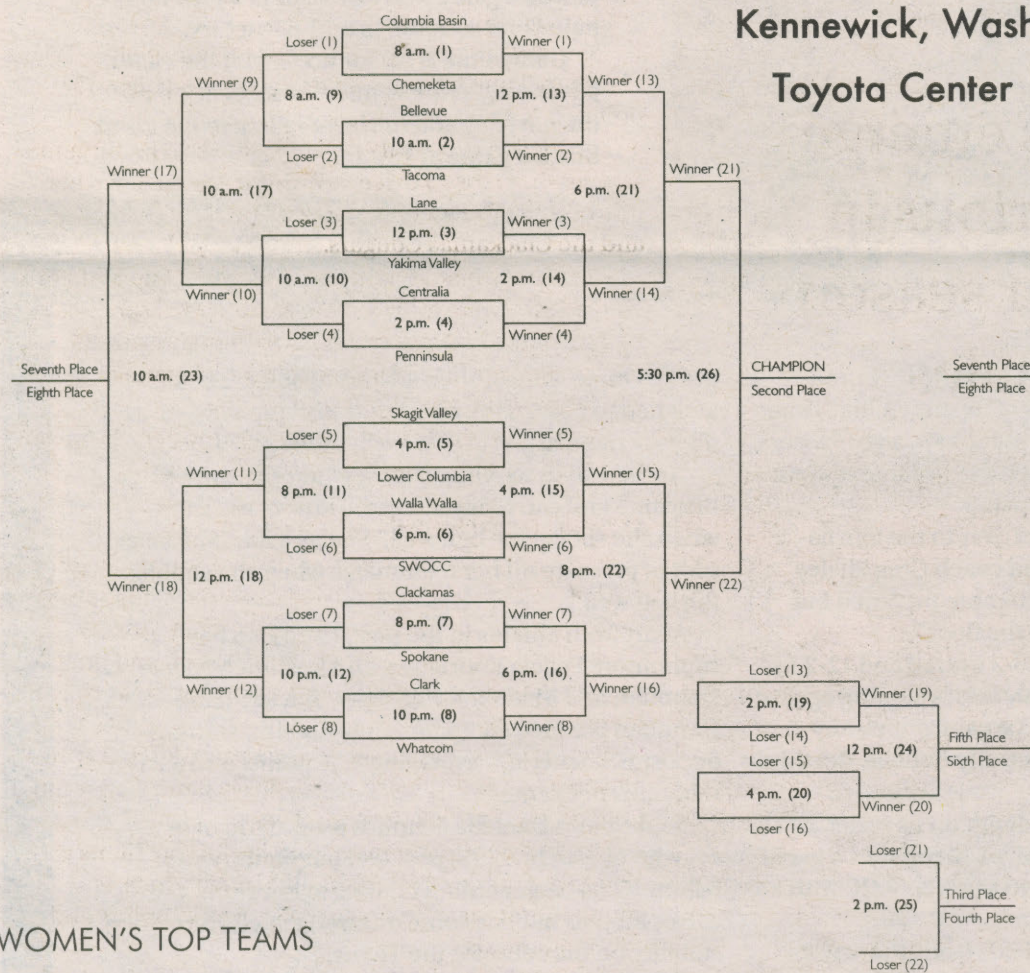
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WOMEN'S TOP TEAMS

BELLEVUE COLLEGE

The Bellevue Bulldogs are the North Region Champions after finishing the regular season with a 19-8 overall record and a 12-2 region record.

The Bulldogs are led by freshman guard Airashay Rogers who leads the team with 10.68 points and 2.68 steals per game in only 19 games played.

Bellevue opens up the first round of the tournament against Tacoma Community College (15-9, 11-5 West Region), the No. 4 seed out of the Western Region. Tipoff is scheduled for 10 a.m. The Bulldogs defeated the Titans Nov. 16 in their first game of the year by a score of 60-49.



WALLA WALLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Walla Walla Warriors enter the tournament as the East Region Champions with an overall record of 23-3 and a region record of 12-2.

Sophomore guard Michelle Seitz leads Walla Walla with 15.54 points, 8.54 rebounds and 3.77 assists per game. She is ranked in top 15 of the NWAACC in all three categories, the only player to accomplish such an achievement.

The Warriors begin the first round of the tournament against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers (15-11, 8-6 South Region), the No. 4 seed from the South Region, at 6 p.m. The Warriors and Lakers have not met this year.

CENTRALIA COLLEGE

The Centralia Trailblazers will begin the tournament as the champions from the West Region with an overall record of 21-5 and region record of 14-2.

Freshman Kristen Schoenherr leads the Trailblazers with team-highs of 16.48 points, 8.80 rebounds and 2.48 steals per game. Schoenherr shoots 59 percent (172-for-293) from the field in her forward position on the team.

The Trailblazers will open the first round of the tournament with a 2 p.m. match against Peninsula College (14-10, 9-5 North Region), the No. 4 seed from the North Region. The Trailblazers and Pirates have not met this season.



CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Clackamas Cougars are back in the tournament again, this time as the champions of the South Region with a 23-4 overall record and 13-1 region record.

Sophomore Jenny Johnson leads the Cougars with a team-high 15.44 points and 4.11 rebounds per game. Johnson is one of five Cougars averaging double figures in points and one of seven players averaging over nine points per game.

Clackamas begins the tournament against the Community Colleges of Spokane Sasquatch (15-11, 8-6 East Region), the No. 4 seed from the East Region, at 8 p.m. The Cougars and Sasquatch have not met this year.

Sophomore night ends in success for Lane teams



RYAN KOSTECKA / THE TORCH

The Lane Titans men's basketball team huddles together before the second half of its Feb. 25 do-or-die game against the Portland Panthers. The Titans won 85-69 to advance to the NWAACC Basketball Championships.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

The Lane Titans women's basketball team enjoyed a good week of basketball as they went 2-0 with victories over the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks and Portland Community College Panthers.

Sophomore Jordan Wilcox averaged 15 points during the two games.

LANE vs. UMPQUA

It was a big night for the sophomores on the women's basketball team as they played their last game at Titan Court in their careers.

As sophomores, Jordan Wilcox, Megan Shields, Kersey Wilcox, Courtney Walchli, post Felicia Rodriguez, guard Madison Moore and wing Danielle Schmidt saw significant action in their final home game as contributors to one of the winningest classes in Lane's history.

Kersey Wilcox holds the career record for free throws made while Shields owns the top record in blocks per game, blocks per season and blocks per career. Jordan Wilcox is in the top 10 for most three-pointers shot and made in a career.

With Lane clinging to a 14-10 lead five minutes into the game, the Titans broke open the game with a 13-3 run over the next five minutes. Jordan Wilcox hit three shots from beyond the arc to aid the 10-point run.

The second half wasn't much of a contest as the Titans continued to assert their dominance all over the court.

Still recovering from injury, Schmidt finished the game with six points and a team-high eight rebounds.

LANE vs. PORTLAND

Led by Walchli's team-high 12 points, the Titans defeated the Panthers 76-37 in Portland Feb. 23.

Lane sprinted to a 44-16 lead at the half on the strength of Walchli and Jordan Wilcox, who each scored two three-pointers.

Lane had been struggling from the three-point line for one-third of the season but seems to have found their outside touch again. The Titans are 25-for-71 (35 percent) from beyond the arc in the last three games, led by Jordan Wilcox, who is 12-for-24 in those games.

The Titans started and ended the second half the same way they began the game, outrunning and outscoring the Panthers once the game clock started.

Shields added nine points, 11 rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

The Titans, who have been struggling with free-throw shooting, regained their form by going 91 percent (19-21) from the charity stripe.

Titans emerge victorious in regular season finales



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Titans sophomore Courtney Walchli rebounds the ball in a game against Umpqua Community College Feb. 25 in Eugene. Lane won 89-58.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

What a week it was for the Lane Titans men's basketball team.

The Titans honored their six sophomores prior to tipoff at the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks game. It was the last home game they'll play at Titan Court. The sophomores are brothers Tyler and Alex Coleman, Levi Strandberg, Alex MacNeil, Byron Johnson and Santiago Silva.

The Coleman brothers and Strandberg have played for Lane for the past two years. MacNeil is from Allan Hancock Community College in Southern California while Johnson is from Northeast Oklahoma Community College. Silva graduated from Sheldon High School before he left for Madrid, Spain, and returned to Eugene to play for the Titans.

After handily defeating Umpqua Feb. 20 by a score of 121-79 on sophomore night, the Titans traveled to Portland for a Feb. 23 game.

After being down 17-2 within the first seven minutes to start, Lane would battle back the rest of the game. Twice the Titans got the deficit down to three but couldn't get any closer.

Strandberg scored a team-high 12 points while Tyler Coleman, Lane's leading scorer, was held to just 10 points.

Lane fell to the Portland Panthers 63-54 in the game to drop them into a three-way tie for the final two playoff spots offered to the Southern Region with Portland and the Clackamas Cougars.

Clackamas held the tie-breakers with Lane and Portland so they were awarded the third playoff spot.

The Titans had to travel back to Portland Feb. 25 to play the Panthers in a winner-take-all game to see who'd get that final playoff spot.

By the time the buzzer sounded at the Feb. 25 game, Lane had handily defeated Portland 85-69.

LANE vs. PORTLAND (Round 2)

In a do-or-die scenario, the Titans advanced to the NWAACC Championships with an 85-69 victory over the Portland Community College Panthers Feb. 25.

With the win, Lane locked up the fourth and final playoff spot given to the South Region for the tournament.

The Titans will open the tournament March 2 at 10 a.m. in Kennewick, Wash., against Big Bend Community College, the East Region's No. 1 seed.

Lane's Tyler Coleman led the way for the Titans with a double-double of 31 points and 10 rebounds. His younger brother, Alex Coleman, added 13 points and seven rebounds.

The game was close throughout the entire first half with neither team being able to pull ahead by more than nine points. A three-pointer posted by Tyler Coleman with four seconds in the first half put Lane up 41-37 heading into the break.

The Panthers cut the Titans' lead to one point with 9:42 left to play in the game on a bucket by sophomore Max D'Auvergne.

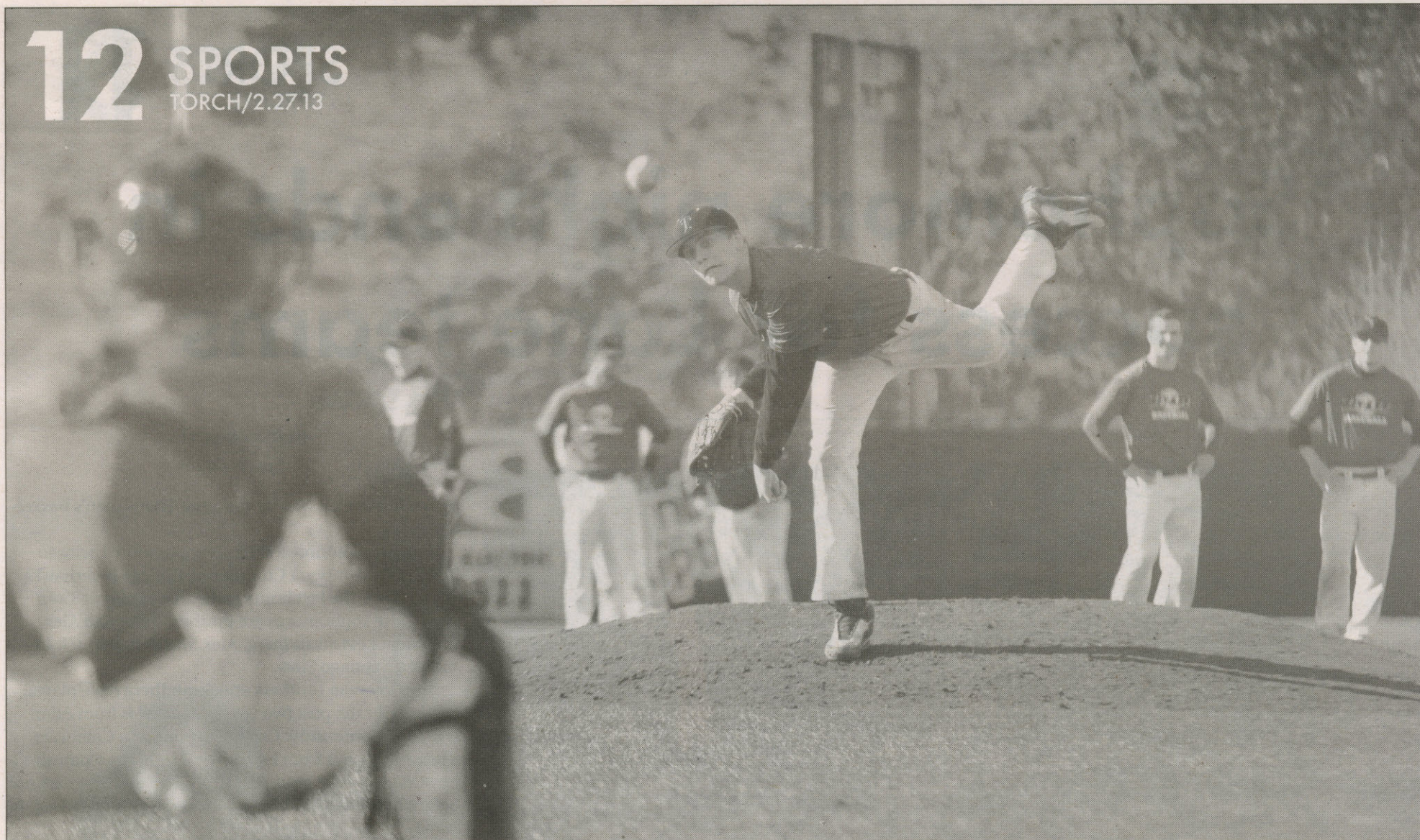
Lane outscored the Panthers by 15 points the rest of the way to secure the 85-69 victory. Tyler Coleman went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line to ice the game for the Titans and send them into the tournament.

Lane freshmen Keynan Middleton and Jarred Kelsay added 10 points each with Middleton grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out four assists.

Titans freshman Tre Clark came off the bench in the second half and helped hold down the paint when Strandberg went to the bench with foul trouble. Clark entered the game with 12 minutes to play and Lane up by three. He exited the game with two minutes to play and Lane up by 12.

D'Auvergne scored 16 points before Clark, who scored six points and grabbed two rebounds, shut D'Auvergne down.

Lane shot 46 percent (27-for-59) from the field, including a 79 percent (26-for-33) showing from the free throw line.



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Lane sophomore Chris Neifert pitches the ball during a practice Feb. 25 in Eugene. The Titans' first home game is March 17 in a doubleheader against Clark College at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL HITS THE DIAMOND

Practices begin as Titans prepare for big season

By Rowen Voris

After not making an appearance at the NWAACC Championships last year, the Lane Titans baseball team is back on the field with high expectations for the 2013 season.

Returning to the baseball field for his second year at Lane, head coach Josh Blunt is looking to win his first South Region Championship and earn a berth in the NWAACC Baseball Championship Tournament.

"Last year's team was so young, that it was about creating a winning culture and teaching them how to work efficiently," Blunt said.

The Titans approach the bases this year with 14 returning sophomores, nine freshmen, three sophomore transfers, and returning assistant coaches Jeff Lyle, Chance Cornish, Brian Vogel, and Josh Hogan.

Blunt said the Titans will be using a "small-ball" approach to the game, relying on their pitching and defense to keep them in the game and clutch hitting to win.

"We have a super-mature team this year. They've been really good and diligent with taking care of their business every day," Blunt said.

Designating three hours every day on the baseball field in preparation for their March 2 preseason opener, coach Blunt structures his practices based upon his rule of Cs: "character, commitment, and competitiveness."

"Practices have been great. Really getting after it out in the rain. Definitely feel prepared for the season," sophomore pitcher Colben McGuire said.

The Titans have two catchers at their disposal this season, first-string catcher and returning all-league player Cody Chagnon, and freshman catcher and utility Jarren Goddard.

Chagnon played 29 games for the Titans during the 2012 baseball season, contributing a batting

average of .307, the third highest on the team, as well as 16 RBIs.

A reigning second team all-South Region athlete from last year, Chagnon was chosen to attend the 2012 sophomore showcase this past fall.

"I expect my stats to be better than last year," Chagnon said. "Now that I have more experience, I hope to cut out of an early slump."

Goddard signed with Lane right out of Thurston High School. Blunt said Goddard has a strong right arm behind the plate and was a third-year starter for the Thurston Colts.

Pitching for the Titans in his second year, McGuire stands as the ace of the staff, throwing a total of 48.2 innings as pitcher with 41 strikeouts and 10 walks.

McGuire is a reigning first team all-South Region player and was also a sophomore showcase attendee with Chagnon.

McGuire's fastball is clocked between 85 and 88 mph, but it's his impeccable control that sets him apart from others, Blunt said.

"Some goals I have for this season are winning the NWAACC conference and championship, and doing whatever I need to do for my team to achieve those goals," McGuire said.

Pitching for the Titans are left-handed pitchers Chris Neifert, Alex Cornwell, Gerardo Herrera, Matt Taylor, Jordan van Engers, Konnor Reddick and Jake Lessell.

Van Engers is returning from Tommy John surgery after he tore his ulnar collateral ligament last year. Van Engers was expected to be the ace of the team last year before his injury.

Those who will be throwing right-handed off the mound are McGuire, Spencer Smith, Travis Kelley, Parker Sherrell, Daniel Copeland, Tyler Johnson, Zach Eyster, Mychal Cornilles, Andrew Tracy, Erik Ruaro, Nic Coffman and freshman Keynan Middleton.

Middleton, a freshman recruit from Milwaukie High School, had originally signed with Iowa Western Junior College for baseball as a senior in high school. Iowa Western is voted as the nation's top junior college baseball program in polls.

After considering all of his options, Middleton revoked his contract with Iowa Western and transferred to Lane as a multi-sport athlete, playing both basketball and baseball.

"I would say, if not this year, next year he should sign a pro contract," Blunt said.

Middleton held a .570 batting average his senior year in high school and was second in his conference in home runs. Middleton throws in the low 90s to high 80s, but he's expected to up those numbers when his arm gets into baseball shape.

Playing in the infield will be Coffman, Reddick, Corey Wynant, Copeland, Blake Montague, Erik Long, Taylor, Cornwell, Shaun Boehm and Isaia Zerufael.

Boehm, a sophomore, is the best player in the region, Blunt said. He was the Titans' starting second baseman last year but moved to third for this year's squad.

Outside the diamond, the Titans' outfield holds Copeland, Alex Cornwell, Spencer Smith, Andrew Morris, Matt Taylorm Tyler DuMilieu, Cody McDonald, Andrew Tracy and Matt Hansen.

Blunt said Cornwell is a player to watch. As a freshman, Cornwell hit a .339, was named to the all-South Region team, and was a gold glove winner as one of the top defensive players in the NWAACC.

Carrying out his rule of Cs, Blunt has yet choose a starting lineup for the Titans.

"There should be at least two freshmen in the mix to start," Blunt said. "Starting with double-headers, we'll probably split our starting lineups — if you're a freshman, you might play in game one, but not game two."



Bonds forged in Milwaukie remain strong at Lane

Friends share victories and losses

By ROWEN VORIS
Sports Editor

Milwaukie High School basketball stars and former sweethearts Nicole Hannifan and Keynan Middleton came to Lane as a package deal to play college ball. Both have found success on the Titans' court, she as a forward and he as a guard.

Close since middle school, the pair's bond deepened following the unexpected death of Hannifan's father, Mark Hannifan, just before her senior year in high school. Though they've split up, the two remain best friends who are pushing each other to prepare for this week's NWAACCs championships.

Since their sophomore year of high school, when Middleton moved in with his grandparents and transferred from Rex Putnam High School to Milwaukie High School, both athletes have contended for championships side by side.

They often spent their free time outside of practice shooting hoops and pushing each other to reach their full potential.

"We were either shooting together, or we were too tired to do anything," Hannifan said.

During their time at Milwaukie High School, Hannifan ran track and played basketball while Middleton excelled at football, basketball and baseball.

"Track, I didn't really care about," Hannifan said.

In her junior year, Hannifan qualified for district championships, but she only ran the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and the long-distance relay to keep in shape for basketball.

Basketball has been a part of Hannifan's life since the fourth grade. She played in the Amateur Athletic Union for two consecutive years and remained the top player on her team.

With highly supportive parents attending every basketball game, "everyone heard my dad in the crowd. He was the loudest person," Hannifan said.

While basketball is Hannifan's first love, Middleton and his family share a deep love for baseball, his favorite sport despite his success on the hardwood.

"Keynan was an outstanding high school basketball player mainly due to his versatility," Milwaukie boys

basketball head coach Kyle Bracy said. "He has the ability to score in a variety of ways. He can take guys off the dribble, he can post up and he can really shoot it. He was also an incredible defender when he wanted to be."

During Middleton's tenure at Milwaukie, the boys' basketball team found success his junior and senior years as Middleton averaged 17.5 points per game his senior year. The team placed fourth in the state in 2011 and second in 2012, while placing first in their league both years.

Conversely, the Milwaukie Mustangs girls' basketball team had a rough three years before Hannifan made it to the Northwest Oregon Conference championships her senior year, just nine months after her father's death.

"The first time I saw Nicole was between her junior and senior years," Titan's head basketball coach Greg-Sheley said. "I saw her play and liked her attitude and effort on the court."

Sheley recruited Hannifan due to her height and aggressive approach, and she signed with the Titans in April 2012.

As Hannifan prepared to attend Lane, Middleton was faced with a dilemma. Even though he had signed with Iowa Western Junior College to play on the No. 1-ranked junior college baseball team in the nation, he decided the distance would jeopardize his relationship with Hannifan, in addition to putting him half a country away from his family — as well as Hannifan's.

"Her family and my family are really close. Sometimes I'll be with my friends and I'll go back to my house and she's there," Middleton said.

Middleton played surrogate older brother to Hannifan's 15-year-old sibling, Dustin, after their father's death in June 2011.

"At the time, he was playing baseball, so he wasn't really there a lot, but he was around as much as he could," Hannifan said.

Her father's fatal stroke changed many lives in the community, as well as Hannifan's basketball team. In the spirit of Hannifan's dedicated fan and supporting father, the Milwaukie girls basketball team wore arm bands and socks adorned with his initials.

"It was really difficult, because he was involved in so many things," Hannifan said. "My parents are the type of people who would never get divorced, so it was really hard seeing my mom go through that."

Though Hannifan had lost her father, she still had the relationships of Middleton's siblings, 12-year-old Kaden and 6-year-old Jaxon.

Keynan Middleton was officially adopted at age 8, after living a separate and anonymous life away from his biological father, Keith Williams.

"I know who he is, but I've never actually seen him in person," Middleton said, "I think that's how my mother would want it, too."

Two years after Middleton's mother, Stephanie Bucknum, married Jeff Middleton, his stepfather adopted him.

From that day forward, Keynan was a Middleton.

To avoid separation from his family, Middleton reached out to Lane. He visited the campus and tossed the ball around with Lane's baseball players.

"We didn't recruit him. He actually recruited us first, oddly enough," Lane baseball head coach Josh Blunt said. "He's a pretty talented young man. Weeks after Middleton visited campus, the Titans men's basketball head coach Bruce Chavka offered Middleton a spot on the team. Chavka had seen Middleton play throughout high school."

Blunt and Chavka collaborated to present a financial aid offer to Middleton and recruited him as a rare multi-sport athlete.

With the NWAACC Championships approaching, Middleton has less time for baseball.

"I always try equally for both sports," Middleton said, but he's taking it easy on his throwing arm as he shadows Titans' ace pitcher sophomore Colben McGuire.

Blunt said he won't see Middleton as a starting pitcher for the first couple weeks of the baseball preseason, which begins March 2.

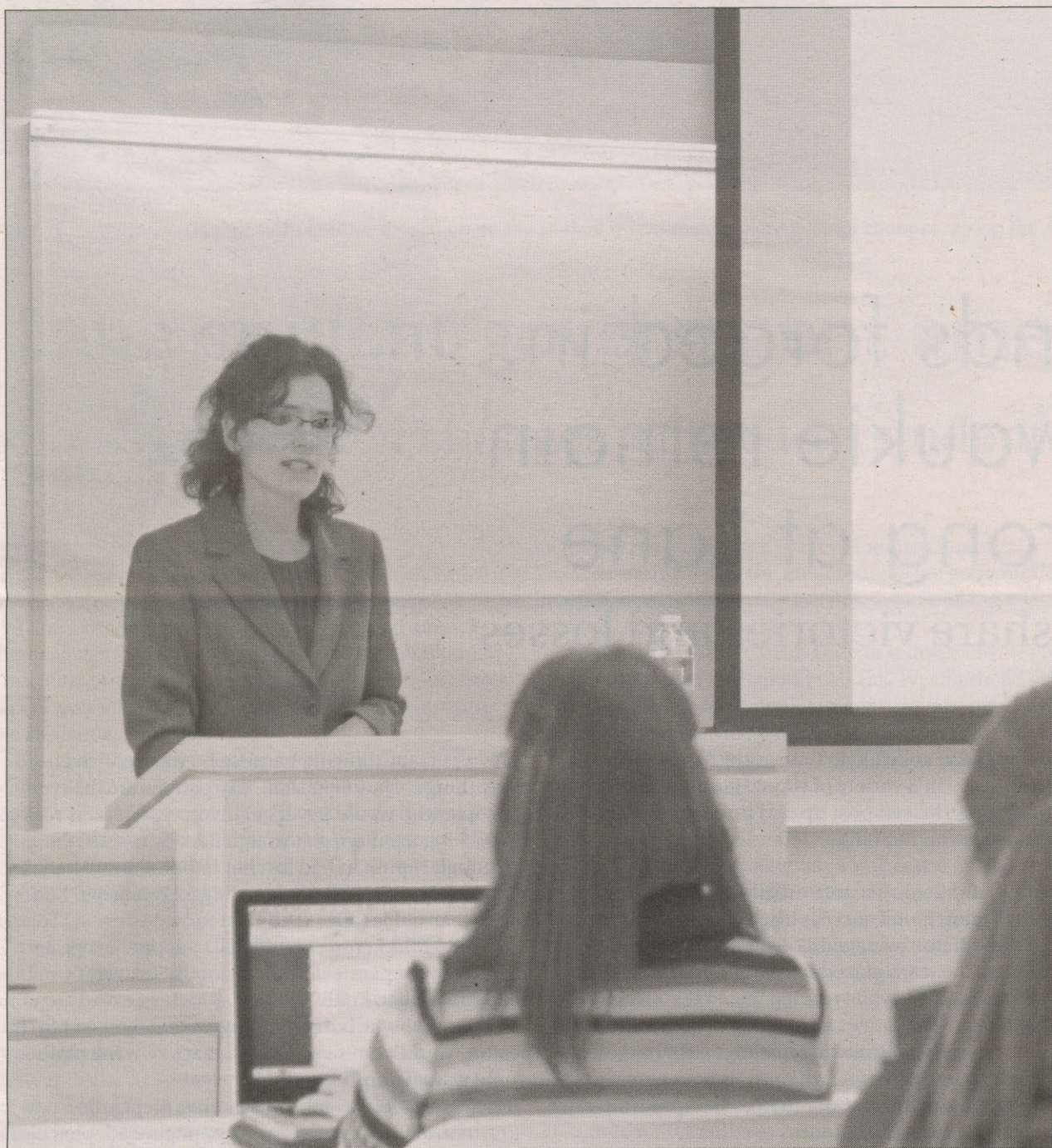
For now, Middleton and Hannifan are focusing on the basketball championships. Both hope to turn the heat up and lead their teams to victory together.

"We'll always be there for each other, and we both know it," Hannifan said.

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Black Revolution on Campus author discusses civil rights movement

Award-winning author discusses new book



Northwest University Professor Martha Biondi discussed her book *The Black Revolution on Campus* Feb. 22 at the Lane Downtown Academic Center. Following her presentation, a panel discussion was held on ethnic studies and campus organizing.

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

Black activism fueled a discussion between Lane students, faculty and award-winning author Martha Biondi as they examined the conception of the civil rights movement and how it led to the birth of ethnic studies in universities.

Biondi read passages from her newest book, *The Black Revolution on Campus*, to a packed classroom in Lane's Downtown Center Feb. 22. She fielded questions from the audience and sat on a panel of Lane faculty and activists for a discussion on current black issues.

Biondi is an associate professor of African-American Studies and History at Northwestern University. Her first book, *To Stand and Fight: The Struggle for Civil Rights in Postwar New York City*, won the Myers Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America in 2004. In 2003, she also won the Thomas J. Wilson Prize from the Board of Syndics of Harvard University Press as the best first book of the year.

The Black Revolution on Campus recounts a forgot-

ten chapter of the black freedom struggle in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Black student activists organized hundreds of protests that led to negotiations and reform which transformed college life.

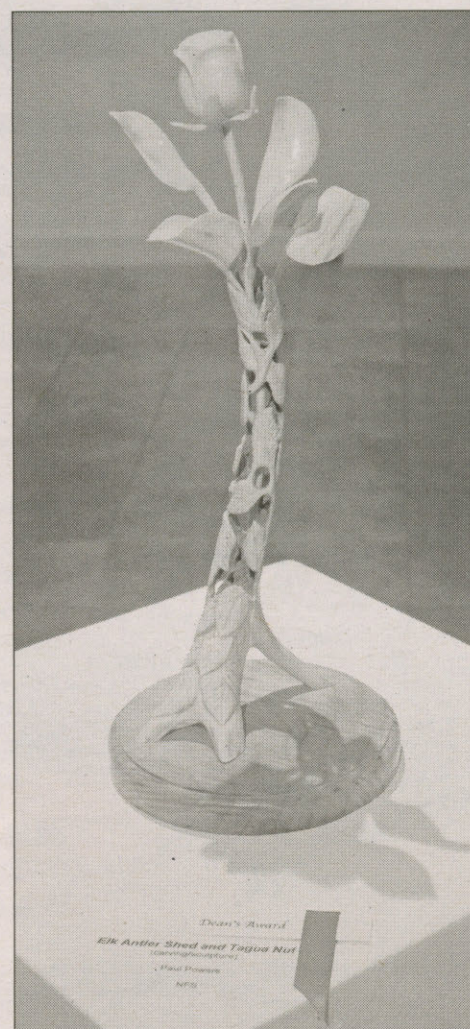
This book "tells the national story of the history of black studies," Biondi said.

Lane instructor Dennis Gilbert wrote a review of this book for the upcoming edition of the *Community College Moment*, a faculty literary magazine.

"This vivid and well-documented history is the first comprehensive account of the important student rebellions and faculty initiatives that established hundreds of black studies programs in a period of a few years in the late '60s and early '70s," Gilbert wrote in an email. "This is an inspiring, realistic account of this large-scale student activism and progressive institutional change that raises questions that are quite alive today."

Biondi discussed the importance of having black student unions in schools across the nation, saying that they are continuing the presence and legacy her book documents.

Lane's Black Student Union sponsored the lecture and also sat on the panel alongside Biondi.



Winners announced for Juried Art Exhibit

Student artists move on to nationals

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

A sizable crowd turned up to hear the winners announced for the League of Innovation at the Juried Student Art Exhibit Feb. 21 in the Building 11 gallery.

The Juried Student Art Exhibit was judged by Steve and Zoann Reinmuth, of Reinmuth Bronze studio in Eugene, who selected the recipients of the Jurors' Award, the 3-D Award and the jury's honorable mentions.

A committee of Lane faculty and staff determined whose work would be submitted for the National League for Innovation in the Community College awards.

Lane students Susan Starr, Milla Oliveira, Eugene Johnson and Korene Pearson will compete in the League's 27th annual Student Art Competition for a cash prize.

The league will reprint Starr's photo *Osage Oranges*, Oliveira's drawing *La Wee*, Johnson's photo *The Old Pit* and Pearson's votive web installation in its annual publication. Pearson's installation is on display in Building 10.

Pearson also won the Jurors' Award with her sculpture *Len, the Mystic*. Lane students Emma Gunson and Raina MacDonell won honorable mentions with *Cladonia Fimbriata* and *Three Generations* respectively.

Lane students Daniel Perrington and Paul Powers (pictured above) won the Dean's Award, presented by Division of the Arts Dean Rick Williams. Lane student Rachel Sarfati won the 3-D Award with her book *I Am Here*.

Steve Reinmuth, a former Lane student, praised the contributors for the quality of their work.

"I went here 20 years ago and we didn't have the talent when I was here," Reinmuth said.

He also offered advice to artists whose work didn't place.

"You'll have to develop thick skin as an artist. ... You will learn more from rejections than if you get accepted," Reinmuth said.

The exhibit will be on display in the Building 11 adjacent gallery until March 15.

(Editor's note: Johnson is The Torch's photo editor.)



ALEX QUARDRINI / THE TORCH
Lane students Philip Lilly (left), Sabrina Heaven (middle) and Chelsea Buysted (right) run through a dress rehearsal of "sketches in a journal from a year I can't remember," Feb. 21 in the Ragozzino Performance Hall.

Collaborations Dance provides outlet for creativity

COLLABORATIONS

Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2 in Ragozzino Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.

FEATURING

Bonnie Simoa — *Devi Slays the Leyak*
Margo VanUmmersen — *Formalities*
Anita Sanford — *Thrift Shopping and Greed Is Good*
Sarah Nemecek — *sketches in a journal from a year I Can't Remember*
Melecio Estrella — *You Came from This*

TICKETS

\$10 general admission
\$8 students and seniors
Available online at lanecc.edu/tickets or at the door

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

The inspiration for Sarah Nemecek's dance in Lane's Collaborations Dance came from trying to capture the emotional experience of the four seasons.

Collaborations Dance is an opportunity for Lane dance students to showcase routines they have been working on since fall term. The students will perform dances in styles that range from Balinese to hip-hop to modern.

Nemecek's work "sketches in a journal from a year I can't remember" captures a moment in time with emphasis on the seasons. A quartet of Lane dancers perform to a score of old-school R&B cuts.

This piece incorporates different props and elements that force the dancers to use more personality rather than dance to convey the message of the piece, first-year Lane student Philip Lilly said. Lilly was a part of UO dance program before beginning at Lane.

Accompanying Lilly are fellow Lane dance students Caitlin Nelson, Sabrina Heaven and Chelsea Buystedt in Nemecek's piece. Nelson, Heaven and Buystedt are veterans when it comes to Collaborations Dance.

It is "a lot more challenging this year," Nelson said. "The instructors seem to have found things meant to challenge us."

Nemecek incorporated modern dance style into "sketches in a journal from a year I can't remember" to illustrate the feelings of the dancers.

"Modern can mean anything to anybody," Heaven said. "It's a feeling rather than a style."

Other Lane dance faculty have pieces in Collaborations. Lead dance instructor Bonnie Simoa has her first composition in Balinese dance with "Devi Slays the Leyak." Part-time dance instructor Margo VanUmmersen's "Formalities" and fellow instructor Anita Sanford's two hip-hop pieces "Thrift Shopping" and "Greed is Good" round out the show for Lane instructors.

Guest artist Melecio Estrella will showcase "You Came From This." Estrella, from the Bay Area, has spent the last decade performing with the aerial dance company Bandaloop. He also has been a member of the Joe Goode Performance Group for the past eight years. Estrella has choreographed in dance, theater and opera, with his work presented at the San Francisco Opera Center and The West Coast Contact Improv Festival.

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#specialelection

The ASLCC is running a special student body election March 5 to 7 to pass proposed changes to its constitution. Students can participate in this election by voting online through their MyLane accounts.

#gardening101

There will be a free gardening workshop Feb. 27 in Building 17, Room 310. Lane's OSPIRG chapter and the Learning Garden are sponsoring the event.

#moviemunch

The Social Sciences film series, *Movie Munch*, continues Feb. 28 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Building 3 board room with psychology instructor Micah Cordova moderating the documentary *Bully*. The film follows five bullying victims and their families.

#collabdance

Dance students will be performing in Collaborations Dance Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2 in the Ragozzino Performance Hall, Building 6, at 7:30 p.m.

#bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile is coming

to Lane's main campus March 4 and 5. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please email fullerj@lanecc.edu or call Judy Ann at 463-5564.

#piday

Pi Day is 3.14, March 14. The second annual Pi Day Pie Bake-off will kick off with a food drive beginning March 1. On Pi Day, pie slices will be on sale for \$1, with the money going to Food for Lane County. Volunteers will collect food on the second floor of Building 12, Building 16 outside of the Student Resource Center and Building 19 outside of the Cooperative Education office.

For more information email Carol McKiel at mckielc@lanecc.edu or call Marjorie Serano at 463-3137.

#feastfortheelements

Tickets remain for the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program's 2013 International Classical Cuisine dinner, "A Feast for the Elements," featuring Chinese cuisine, March 7 in the Center for Meeting and Learning, Building 19. Passed hors d'oeuvres begin

at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. For reservations, go to lanecc.edu/culinary/classical-cuisine-dinners or email chinesedinnerlcc@gmail.com.

#choir

The Lane Chamber, Concert and Gospel choirs will perform March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall. Tickets will cost \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors.

#onemanplay

Lane instructor Dr. Stanley Coleman will perform Philip Hayes Dean's one-man play, *Paul Robeson*, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. and March 10 at 2 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall, Building 6.

#mlb

Freshman Keynan Middleton, a Titans basketball and baseball player, threw in front of scouts from the Minnesota Twins Feb. 26. Middleton has been clocked with a fastball in the low 90s and, Titans baseball coach Josh Blunt said, he has the potential to be drafted by a major league baseball team this spring.

#fourinarow

The Lane men and women's basketball teams begin the NWAACC Championship Tournament Mar. 2 at the Toyota Center in Kennewick, Wash. The men tip off at 10 a.m. against Big Bend Community College with the women starting at noon against Yakima Valley Community College.

#poy

Lane sophomore basketball players Tyler Coleman and Megan Shields have been named as the South Region defensive players of the year as voted on by the eight region coaches.

#letsplayball

The Titans men's baseball team begins its season with a double-header against Bellevue College at Pacific University in Forest Grove March 2. The first pitch of the season is set for noon.

#allstars

Sophomore basketball player Kersey Wilcox was named to the first team all-South Region team for the second consecutive year. Sophomore Jordan Wilcox was named to the second team

all-South region and freshman Simone Thompson was named to the South Region all-defensive team.

#allsouthregion

Freshman basketball player Keynan Middleton was named second team all-South Region voted on by the coaches in the eight-team region.

#coc

At its Feb. 26 meeting, Council of Clubs approved \$1,085.68 funds request for Lane MECHa to attend the annual national MECHa conference in San Diego on March 25. OSA Campus Organizer Rea Sage briefed the council about upcoming lobby days. The council discussed the budget for Lanestock. The council will meet again March 5 at 3 p.m. in Building 1.

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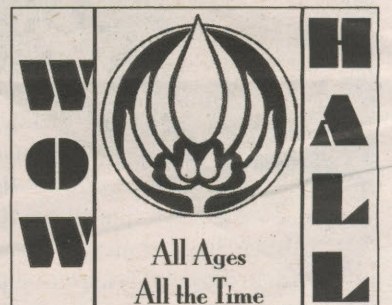
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