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Lane sophomore pitcher Nic Coffman checks the runner at first base in the first game of a doubleheader against Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers April 2 in Eugene. Titans won the first game 5-2 and the second 4-2.

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You Can play anything
you want...



as long as you
don't offend anyone

Free speech needs constant consideration

The Central New Mexico Community College student publication *The CNM Chronicle* was suspended by administration officials after publishing a sex issue in March, shortly before Lane went on spring break.

We stand in solidarity with the newspaper that took third place, behind *The Torch* in the best of show category at the Associated Collegiate Press's national competition in San Francisco earlier in the month.

We also recently dealt with complaints stemming from a sex-related story in our publication regarding our Feb. 6 article "Welcome to the meets market."

Some thought the article and issue were "pro-prostitution" because we didn't openly condemn or shame the people who engage in exchanging their company and potentially their bodies for cash.

We tried as hard as possible to not judge anyone and will continue to do so.

The difference between our college and CNM is our respective administrations and the way in which they both dealt with controversial issues.

At Lane, the Media Commission, the governing body of *The Torch* and the student arts magazine *Denali*,

received a complaint regarding the story.

The Media Commission is comprised of the deans of the Arts and Language, Literature and Communication divisions; advisers, editors and representatives of the publications; student government officials; and management from KLCC.

The commission responded to the complaint in a quick and timely fashion, and affirmed *The Torch's* rights to free expression and freedom of the press.

The CNM administration opted to censor *The Chronicle's* sex issue by removing it from campus newsstands and suspending publication.

Our administration and media commission stood by our First Amendment rights and opted to respond to the complaint via a letter explaining that the college does not and will not engage in censorship or prior restraint.

We have to thank them for that.

Administrations and students take our rights to free expression for granted far too often and we commend Lane's Board of Education and its agents for respecting the First Amendment rights of publications.

Clearly, other administrations are not so diligent.

Lane website debuts after overhaul

Designers work to innovate without confounding userbase

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane unveiled a new version of its website over spring break.

Network administration specialist Lori Brenden said the project of creating a new website for the college was several years in the making — “probably about three years ago,” she said.

“But any time we have a redesign, we start thinking about the next one.”

Brenden said the latest effort to make the new website didn’t really take off until Information Technology analyst and designer Kyle Schmidt began working in the department.

Schmidt said a large amount of research went into creating the new website. The web team started out by looking at approximately 100 other college websites to see what other schools were doing. They also had two on-campus focus groups that they asked to categorize topics that would be linked on the website.

The web team also used data and analytics, from surveys to stream-graphs, to find topics that were being searched for by users. Schmidt said making the more important links readily available makes the website more intuitive.

“We’ll take the top of those results and make sure those are the ones users can find within two or three clicks,” Schmidt said.

Computer science major Frank Arana said that although he generally doesn’t like change, he thinks the new, more intuitive site seems to be easier to use.

“Anything that anyone would want to use is right

there,” Arana said as he browsed through links on the homepage. “That’s pretty cool.”

One of the site’s new features is the first mobile version, optimized for smartphones and tablets. Schmidt said creating a mobile-friendly version of the site was important, as the number of mobile users browsing the site has gone up 100 percent every year. The website is “fully responsive,” meaning that even on a full-size computer screen, the mobile version is available if the window is brought down to tablet-size.

There has been a small amount of negative feedback.

“Some of the negative feedback is stuff that isn’t really about the website,” Schmidt said. “Yesterday we got feedback about the website being really really slow, but the website is actually really fast. It was MyLane that was really slow, and students don’t always recognize that these are two different systems.”

Schmidt said that most of the negative feedback comes from users who are having trouble adjusting to the new website.

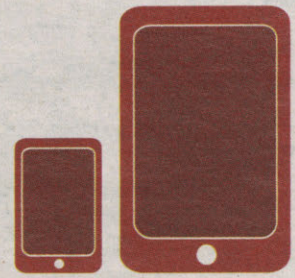
“We did months and months of research to make it more intuitive, and even if it is more intuitive, it’s harder for people who know the old site — just because it’s different,” Schmidt said.

Some students, like mathematics major Corey Hill, think that the older version of website was just fine.

“I’m sure all the functionality that was there before is still there,” Hill said. “But if you had never been to the website, I feel like this one would be easier to use.”

Lane academic adviser Cindy Lott said there will always be bugs to work out, but the new website is a good thing.

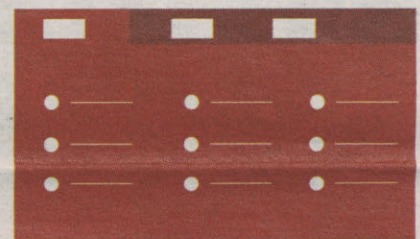
“We needed a newer version,” Lott said. “It’s definitely time.”



Lane’s site is now responsive. The site adjusts size and format for smartphones and tablets.



The new site is presented in Drupal, a content management system. Staff are being retrained to use the new system. With a new format, students are having to adjust as well.



The site now utilizes a “megamenu.” This menu includes links to major parts of the site and is intended to make most elements of the site readily available.

ASLCC aims to increase student diversity support via fee increase

APISU proposal added to deferred GSA, MEChA measure

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Members of Lane’s student government voted unanimously to support a 50-cent increase to the student activity fee to benefit the Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union at the March 13 ASLCC meeting.

The student government’s recommendation was approved unanimously later that evening by the Lane Board of Education, which was holding its monthly meeting.

The fee increase for APISU will be “tacked on” to a previous measure to increase the student activity fee for Gender and Sexuality Alliance and MEChA de Lane.

In a March special election, students voted to increase funding to those clubs before the ASLCC elections committee invalidated the election results.

A majority approval by the voting student body would bring a \$1.80 increase to the student activity fee, bringing the total to \$50.20.

GSA and MEChA would each receive 65 cents of the increase, while APISU would receive 50 cents.

APISU’s president Matthew Yook, who is also the ASLCC Treasurer, presented the rationale for a fee increase during the student government meeting March 13. Yook said he was optimistic that students would pass the referendum in the general election.

Yook said APISU puts on a number of cultural education and community events, to reach out to other groups in the community. The club was involved in bringing activist Arun Ghandi to Lane Feb. 21.

“We’d love to look at other speakers that have different cultural aspects that ... can be tied into the missions, values and goals of LCC,” Yook said. “This money will help us bring those types of speakers here.”

APISU had a similar measure that failed to pass in the ASLCC election last year.

“For this upcoming general election in spring term, we’re excited to be getting it engaged yet again,” Yook said.



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In the role of Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union president, Matthew Yook presents the rationale for approving a suggested student fee increase in support of APISU. Yook is also the ASLCC treasurer.



Triumph places Titans

Lane defeats Southwestern Oregon in

LANE vs. SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: GAME 1

After swimming in a 1-0 hole at the end of the first inning, the Lane Titans scored three runs in the second to take back the lead against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers and eventually pulled out a 5-2 victory.

Sophomore Daniel Copeland kick-started the scoring rally with one out when he singled. Freshman Cody Chagnon then drilled a double to the left-center gap that scored Copeland.

Freshman Corey Wynant continued the scoring as he blasted a two-run homerun over the fence in left-center that scored himself and Chagnon.

Lane added another run in the bottom of the third when sophomore Alex Cornwell started the inning with a walk and then stole second base. Sophomore Shaun Boehm advanced Cornwell to third with a single and he came around to score on a passed ball to put the score at 4-1.

After giving up the single run in the first inning, Coffman fought through the next five innings and was able to keep Southwestern Oregon scoreless from the mound. He finished the game with six innings thrown, giving up one run on five hits with five strikeouts.

"He battled, that's for sure. He didn't have his best stuff but he stuck it out," Titans head coach Josh Blunt said. "As a team it wasn't pretty but we found a way to win."

The Lakers made things interesting when they scored one run in the eighth and had runners at second and third with two outs before a strikeout ended the inning.

Lane answered in the bottom of the eighth as Boehm led off

with a walk and scored on a hit by freshman Jarred Goddard.

Sophomore Zach Eyster threw a scoreless seventh inning after taking over for Coffman. Freshman Jake Lessel came on in the eighth in relief of Eyster and gave up one run on three hits with three strikeouts. Sophomore Colben McGuire threw a scoreless ninth inning and ended the game with a strikeout.

Boehm finished the game 2-for-3 while Tracey and Copeland each went 2-for-4.

LANE vs. SOUTHWESTERN OREGON: GAME 2

The Titans made it a clean sweep of the Lakers by coming from behind, this time scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, to defeat Southwestern Oregon 4-2 in the final game of their doubleheader.

The game was only played to seven innings, as is standard in all NWAACC region doubleheaders.

After playing three scoreless innings, the Titans were unable to get any hits off Southwestern Oregon sophomore pitcher Trevor Roberts. The Lakers were faring no better, only able to get two hits off Lane sophomore pitcher Matt Taylor.

Taylor gave up his first run of the game when Southwestern Oregon freshman Cedric Zumwalt led the inning with a hit-by-pitch. He would later come around to score on a double by freshman Wyatt Johnson.

The Lakers would add another run in the top of the sixth to take a 2-0 lead as Roberts continued to silence the Titans' bats.

Lane struck gold in the bottom of the sixth as they scored

four runs on three hits, including a two-out two-run double by Copeland that put Lane up 4-2.

Boehm started the rally with a one-out single and advanced to second after freshman Konner Reddick was walked.

Hoping to stop the rally, the Lakers brought in sophomore pitcher Kevin Harrison. Harrison did no good as he threw a wild pitch that advanced the Lane runners up a base.

A single by Coffman allowed Boehm to score from the third and pinch runner freshman Isaias Zerufael to move up a base. Another wild pitch brought home Zerufael and tied the score at two.

A flyout by Chagnon and a walk to Tracey had runners at first and second for the Titans when Copeland stepped to the plate. After a passed ball allowed the runners to move up a base, Copeland hit the double that scored both runs. He was thrown out after trying to advance to third on the play.

Just like the first game, McGuire came in at the end of the game and shut the door on any Southwestern Oregon comeback.

"It's different closing rather than starting, but I like the adrenaline I get from it," McGuire said. "I'll do anything to help the team win so it's nice to get the victories."

For the game, Boehm and Tracey each went 1-for-2 with a run scored while Copeland went 1-for-3 with two RBI's.

The Titans return to action April 6 when they travel to Gresham to take on the Mount Hood Community College Saints in a battle for first place in the Southern Region. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.



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Left: Sophomore catcher Cody Chagnon (left) and sophomore outfielder Alex Cornwell (middle) wait at home plate to congratulate freshman infielder Corey Wynant after he hit a two-run homerun in the bottom of the second inning against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers in the first game of an April 2 doubleheader.

Top: Freshman first baseman Konner Reddick tags out a base runner.

Bottom: Lane sophomore pitcher Nic Coffman checks the runner at first base. Titans won the first game 5-2 and the second 4-2.

first in South Region

Doubleheader at home By Ryan Kostecka

SOUTH REGION PREVIEW

The Lane Titans baseball team has started South Region play with two victories over the Clackamas Community College Cougars March 30 and two victories over the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers.

Likewise, the Mount Hood Community College Saints began their season with two victories over the Lakers March 30.

It's a very fitting way for both of these teams to begin their South Region play as the Saints are ranked fourth in the NWAACC and the Titans are the only other South Region team receiving votes to be in the top eight.

"I think it's great for the South Region to get two teams recognized as top teams in the NWAACC," Titan head coach Josh Blunt said. "It's becoming a really good rivalry and hopefully it'll lead to good things."

Both teams will play each other in doubleheaders April 6 in Gresham and April 23 in Eugene.

In between those meetings, both the Titans (8-8 overall, 4-0 South Region) and Saints (10-5 overall, 3-0 South Region) will have to navigate their way through the crowded South Region, which includes the Cougars, the Lakers, the Chemeketa Community College Storm and the Linn-Benton Community College Roadrunners.

"Altogether, the region is a tough region to play in, especially when you have to travel two to three hours to play games sometimes," Blunt said. "Any team can beat anybody else on any given day."

The Titans are led on the mound by freshman Jake Les-

sel and sophomore Colben McGuire.

Considered the ace of the staff, McGuire is 0-1 on the season with two saves but holds an earned run average of 1.64, the third best in the region. He has thrown 22 innings, giving up 14 hits with 21 strikeouts against six walks.

"It's been a great start on the season for me and hopefully I can just continue to build from it," McGuire said. "We have a really good team and hopefully these wins will continue to start piling up."

Lessel has been a pleasant surprise for Lane, boasting a 1.86 ERA, fifth in the region. Lessel has thrown 19.1 innings thus far, giving up 14 hits with 22 strikeouts against 12 walks.

"Jake's got dominating stuff and is easily one of the best pitchers in the region, if not all of the NWAACC," Blunt said. "When he's on, he's dominating. The main thing for him is to keep his pitch count down so he can go longer in games."

Also finding his groove on the mound is freshman Keynan Middleton. Middleton got a late jump on the season because he was finishing out his basketball season as the Lane men's basketball team advanced to the NWAACC Championship Tournament.

Middleton has thrown 9.2 innings but holds a .93 ERA with 15 strikeouts.

"Keynon is really coming around for us but we can't rush him because we don't want to hurt his arm," Blunt said. "He's got major league potential and hopefully by the end of April he'll be a full-go for us."

Sophomore Nic Coffman has thrown a team-high 28.2 innings and holds a 2-1 record and 2.51 ERA for the Titans while fellow sophomore Zach Eyster is 2-1 with a 3.29 ERA.

Leading the South Region in batting with a .436 average is Lane sophomore Shaun Boehm. No one in the South Region is close to matching his prowess at the plate as the next highest average is .354. His batting average puts him second overall in the NWAACC. He also leads the Southern Region with 24 hits and nine doubles while being second with 17 RBIs.

"He's the best player in the NWAACC — after watching him for two years and being around for two years, it's clear to me that he's the best the NWAACC has to offer," Blunt said. "His mental toughness at the plate is incredible and he's so patient that he never gets out of place."

Sophomore Matt Taylor boasts a .417 batting average but has not played enough to be considered eligible for a South Region batting title. Taylor is second on the team with 15 hits and six doubles. Freshman Konner Reddick has a .302 batting average while being tied with Taylor for second on the team with 8 RBIs.

Pitchers freshman Clint Burris and sophomore Jon Bjorklund lead Mt. Hood. Burris holds a team-leading 2.79 ERA while Bjorklund has a 1.98 ERA. Burris has thrown 19.1 innings while Bjorklund has thrown 27.1 innings, fourth in the South Region.

The Saints have six players batting above .250 and are led by freshman Dakota Farmer with a .333 average.

HOT OFF THE BLOCK

ATHLETES VAULT INTO SPRING



Lane freshman Luke McKay cleared 4.45 meters in the men's pole vault at the UO Preview March 16 at Hayward Field. McKay placed seventh.

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Freshman Kara Hallock (right) pats teammate freshman Rochelle Pappel on the back after competing in the 400-meter hurdles at the UO Preview at Hayward Field. Hallock finished fourth with a time of 1:07.18 and Pappel finished seventh with a time of 1:10.75.

Track and field teams pins hopes on field events

BY ROWEN VORIS
Reporter

Leading one of the largest track and field programs in the Northwest, Lane head coach Grady O'Connor is confident in his 65 athletes.

"If you look at the lists this year, we have good depth," O'Connor said. "We really won't see what our team looks like until mid-April, after the Chico meet."

The road to Chico begins with the Lane athletes' first meet of the year, the Willamette University Invitational in Salem April 5 and 6.

O'Connor has highlighted several members of the team, including field throwers Madison Seaman, Ka'imilani Zablan, Leah Wilson and Hannah Persons for shot, hammer and discus respectively.

"These women will really be the key to our women's success," O'Connor said.

Of the selected women's throwers, Seaman and Persons led the Titans to victories in discus and hammer throw at the March 8 and 9 Lane Preview track and field meet. Seaman finished first in the women's discus competition with 130 feet, while Persons threw a 145'8" hammer throw.

At the start of the season, freshmen Kara Hallock and Kristen Clark are two of the team's rising stars.

Hallock accomplished two victories at the Lane Preview: clocking in 15.03 seconds on her 100-meter hurdle event, and 1:07.55 for the 400-meter. Clark led the Titans in long jump with a 17'6.25"

landing, and contributed on the last leg of the Titans 400-meter relay.

The Lane track and field athletes hope to win the region, for the ninth time, while striving to be NWAACC champions.

The men's track and field team is led by several veteran athletes, including thrower William Kunkle who returns with a personal record of 155' in last year's discus. Kunkle hopes to match or beat the Titans' discus record of 169'.

"The ultimate goal this season would be to win discus and place in the hammer so we can get some points. All of our throwers are capable of scoring big points, so it's gonna be a good year," Kunkle said.

So far, some of the leading Titans men include sophomores Thomas Cranor, Trevor Prater, Ian McNaughton, Jemiel Lowery and Brandon Nash. Nash won the Oregon Preview March 16 in the Division I high jump competition.

"I've noticed a lot of improvement so I'm really excited," Lowery said. "I'm hoping to run at least a 0:10.6 in the 100 and (set a personal record) in the 200-meter."

Lowery has improved since last year, beating both times for his top two events, the 100 and 200-meter, in this year's Lane Preview.

"We try to treat this as a team sport, meaning that although it has its individual components, we try to groom our athletes to compete for your teammates, which brings out the best in them," O'Connor said.



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Sophomore Brandon Nash took first place in the men's high jump with a height of 2.02 meters at the UO Preview March 16 at Hayward Field.

“If you look at the lists this year, we have good depth. We really won't see what our team looks like until ... after the Chico meet.”

— Grady O'Connor
Lane track and field head coach

New season, new exhibits

Oregon artist, high school students share spotlight



BRETT STANLEY / THE TORCH

Alan Denhan looks at paintings by artist Leslie Peterson on April 2. Denhan was passing through the gallery on his way to class.

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

The art of Portland native Leslie Peterson lines the walls of Lane's Building 11 art gallery in her exhibit titled *Paintings*.

Peterson, who currently resides in Tualatin, works from photos to drawings before filling in with paint.

"In choosing snapshots and photographs that involve happenstance and unpretentious expression, I show how the mundane moments of life are rich with meaning. My style is transcendent of time or fashion, and evokes the essence of life and our ageless human existence," she wrote on lesliepetersonpainting.com.

Paintings runs until April 25 with a lecture, demo and reception April 4 at 3 p.m.

The 8th annual Lane Community College High School Art Show is on display in the adjacent gallery. The show is an invitational to area high schools in Lane County. The exhibit features artists from South Eugene, Churchill, Willamette, Pleasant Hill, Sheldon, Elmira, Springfield and Crow high schools.

The exhibit runs until April 25 with a reception April 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Both exhibits are free and open to the public.

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#jazz

There will be a Swing Shift Jazz Orchestra concert at the Wildish April 5 at 7:30 p.m. The theme is "For Locals Only III." Lane's Jazz Ensemble will be opening, directed by Ron Bertucci. Four South Eugene High School students will perform as well. Price is \$5 for students, \$10 for adult and seniors and \$35 for a family.

#athleteoftheweek

Titans sophomore student-athletes Joe Hennricks and freshmen Kara Hallock and Madison Seamen were named NWAACC track and field athletes of the week for the third

week of the season.

#councilofdubs

At its April 2 meeting, Council of Clubs tabled a \$750 funds request for the Peace Symposium. The request was tabled for next week. The club fair will be on April 17 and 18. The clubs will host a preview night for interested students April 18 in the gym.

#aslcc

The deadline to file applications for 2013-2014 student government positions has been extended to April 3 at noon. Applications for ASLCC senator and executive officer positions are available in Building 1,

Room 210.

#whatsupdoc?

The Healthcare Movie, a documentary about the Canadian healthcare system narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, will be shown on Lane's main campus April 9 at 3 p.m. in Building 17, Room 308.

#buspassphotos

Students can have their bus pass photos taken this week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 19, Room 106.

#jobfair

Lane will hold its 23rd annual Job Fair April 17 from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. at the Center for Meeting and Learning in Building 19. The event is free and open to the public.

#lccfacultysgotsinging

Lane voice faculty members Gene Chin, Kathryn Reuther and Siri Vik will perform April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall. The faculty performers will be joined by several guest artists, including *Company* star Trevor Eichorn.

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