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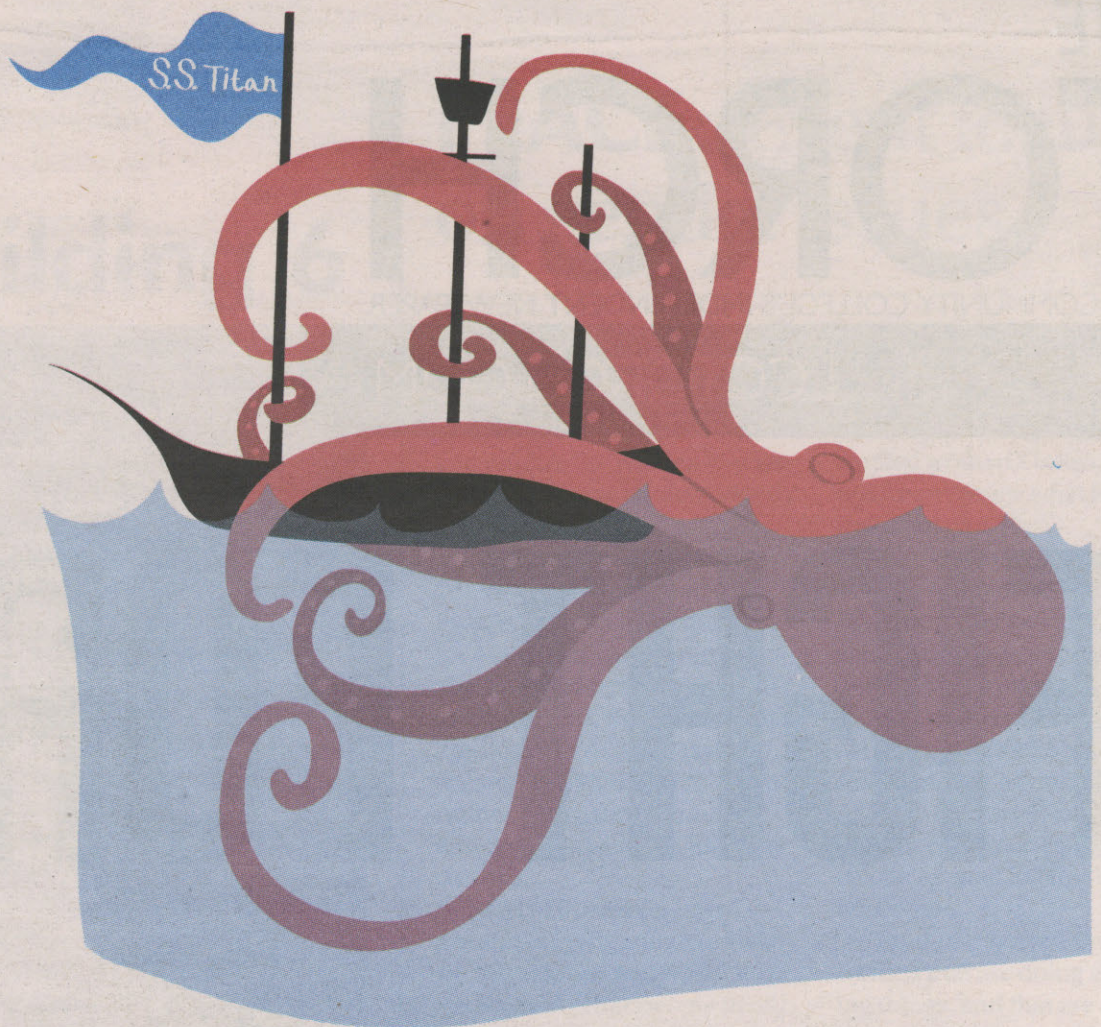
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OSA holds reign over student government execs

Last week *The Torch* urged you to vote yes for Ballot Measure No. 1 in this week's ASLCC general election, and we urged you to vote against Ballot Measures No. 2 and 3. We didn't mention Ballot Measure No. 4 — probably because we weren't aware of Ballot Measure No. 4's existence.

Sure, the student government gave *The Torch* two copies of the voters pamphlet, but neither copy included the last page, which describes Ballot Measure No. 4. In that measure, student officials are asking voters to approve a 10-cent increase to the student activity fee to benefit the Oregon Student Association.

Now that we have a full copy of the Election Committee's voters pamphlet — although the use of the word "full" is debatable, considering all three versions of the voters pamphlet differ in length — we are asking you to vote against Ballot Measure No. 4. Let's turn the tide against a state-level organization that's homogenizing student politics and advocates policies that make student governments look, think and act the same.

The last page of the pamphlet reads like a love letter to an organization that already receives \$2.44 per student, per term from Lane students: "OSA wanted to come together and fight for students, in their roles as students. In one year, all of Oregon's public universities came together to pool their resources, form a board of directors, hire a staff, and lobby at the state and federal level."

Once again, student officials have provided only a thin supporting rationale for a ballot measure. This is a clear violation of Section 9.4 of the ASLCC bylaws, which requires student officials to furnish "both the rationale for and the rationale against all ballot measures" in the pamphlet.

Shakespeare wrote sonnets with less reverence than this description of OSA. That's hardly surprising considering OSA wrote the description, which was copied from the organization's website into the voters pamphlet without citation.

If that isn't plagiarism, it's at least shady. Worse, it's copied from a website that makes at least one false claim: "Each student at every member campus would pay the same amount in dues through their student fees, which to this day have never exceeded \$1.17 per student per term."

Sorry, but if Ballot Measure No. 4 passes, we'll be paying \$2.54 per term to OSA, an organization skewed towards advocating for students at four-year universities. Although ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead presides over OSA's board of directors, Lane is the only two-year member college.

As a community college, Lane's interests don't necessarily coincide with those of a university.

Lane is governed by a publicly elected board of education, not the Oregon University System. Lane is inclusive, while universities exclude students who can't meet exacting requirements. Lane specializes in vocational training, while universities provide a more comprehensive educational experience. The cost of attending Lane is significantly lower than that of a university.

ASLCC Adviser Barb Delansky estimates that Lane students contribute more than \$100,000 annually to OSA — approximately \$32,000 more than Oregon State University students' contribution, according to OSU budget documents.

Why are Lane students asked to pay six figures to an organization that primarily serves university students? The answer is simple:

Lane's student government officials love OSA.

OSA provides leadership training and promotes the illusion that Lane's student government should be indistinguishable from university student governments.

Those governments are larger, better funded, headed by students who frequently have more political experience and regulated by student courts. University students tend to be more politically active. Candidates for student government at University of Oregon, for example, face significant opposition and base campaigns on actual platforms.

Meanwhile, candidates for ASLCC's executive positions are running unopposed and only a few senatorial candidates provide issue-based platforms in the voters pamphlet.

In short, OSA gives ASLCC representatives a sense of purpose and importance — and a prescribed set of priorities — until they're dribbling the OSA agenda down their high-fashion mint-green Vote OR Vote t-shirts.

While OSA and ASLCC have done commendable work on certain campaigns, such as registering students to vote, the sort of statewide groupthink OSA promotes hurts Lane students in the long run.

Each year, the student government is focusing more on state issues at the expense of issues central to Lane students. While OSA's interests often align with Lane's, it's troublesome that some student officials feel a greater allegiance to OSA than ASLCC.

"I'm actually more excited to sit on the OSA Board of Directors," vice presidential candidate Anayeli Jimenez said last week. "That's been one of my biggest goals as a student leader."

At the April 12 Oregon Ways and Means Committee meeting, Weatherhead introduced herself as an OSA representative first and our president second.

ASLCC should be voting to remove itself from OSA, as Mt. Hood Community College did in Spring 2011 in light of similar conflicts — not asking students to give OSA more money.

Then again, the Elections Committee shouldn't be reprinting text from the OSA website in a supposedly neutral voters pamphlet.

An advertisement for OSA does not constitute supporting rationale for Ballot Measure No. 4, and the absence of opposing rationale makes this a rigged contest — and student officials have gone to great lengths to continue the rigging, even as the April 18 deadline for voting looms.

With stars in their eyes, they still can't see OSA for what it is, a tentacled monster sucking Lane students dry even as it swims towards other oceans.

In light of all this, *The Torch* urges you to vote against Ballot Measures Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

We also urge you to hold next year's government more accountable by attending ASLCC meetings, by ensuring the student government doesn't claim for itself the power to arbitrarily change student fees, by demanding more information prior to any election and by asking OSA an essential question:

What have you done for me lately?



ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

From left: Lane President Mary Spilde and Board members Sharon Stiles, Rosie Pryor and Bob Ackerman listen as fellow board members discuss a tuition mitigation fund that was introduced in an earlier in the meeting

Tuition mitigation proposal left hanging

Ackerman's motion goes without a second

BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

Lane's Board of Education failed to come to a vote on a proposal that would have set aside \$1 million to guard against tuition increases.

"Student debt is currently at \$800 million," board member Robert Ackerman, who proposed the plan, said. "This is the least we could do based on the issues that have brought us here."

Board members Pat Albright and Tony McCown commended Ackerman's attempt to halt increases in tuition for students, but did not support it.

"I wish we had a better plan," McCown said. "Without knowing where the funding is coming from, I can't

put this decision on the board."

Lane tuition has increased 10 times in the last 13 years. Tuition was \$36 per credit in 2000.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that 20 million Americans attend college each year. Of the 20 million, 60 percent borrow annually to help cover the costs.

The Consumer Finance Protection Bureau reported that student debt has reached \$1 trillion. Approximately \$864 billion is outstanding federal student loan debt, while the remaining \$150 billion is private student loans.

Ackerman's proposal would have set aside approximately \$1 million of Lane's \$100.25 million general budget and spend it only on warding off tuition increases.

"We're looking at 1/100 of a shift in the annual budget," Ackerman said.

But the board was unable to agree on where that money would come from.

"When have we ever had a million dollars laying around?" board member Sharon Stiles said.

Lane Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan said the tuition mitigation fund would become an expense, and funding it would require taking money away from something else.

"It defeats itself," Morgan said.

Unable to agree on the issue, the board failed to second Ackerman's proposal before it reached a vote.

The board will meet again May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Building 3 board room.

Board addresses statewide fund distribution reform

BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

State commissioner Camille Preus updated Lane's Board of Education on progress made towards the customization of the funding distribution formula for Oregon community colleges by a group of community college presidents and the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

Preus, a commissioner at the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, said a committee formed by Gov. Kitzhaber is looking for ways to change how funding is distributed and which schools will get additional money.

"We'd like to change it from only rewarding colleges based on enrollment, to those enrolled who are finish-

ing and completing programs," Preus said.

Under the new formula, state funding would be distributed based on a school's performance, not its enrollment rates.

Faculty union President Jim Salt warned against moving towards a performance-based funding system.

"It's difficult to know exactly what the plan is because it hasn't been made public. Nobody's been involved in it other than a handful of people," Salt said at the board's March meeting.

Salt said that the statistics pervert the reality of the situation.

"What you see is that the higher percentage of students at a school that are Native American and black, the more money we'll lose," Salt said. "Oddly, the more students that are Hispanic, the more money (the col-

lege) would gain."

Preus said it's "entirely possible" that the reform could add additional benefits to schools that have higher racial diversity.

The board raised concerns about programs that don't provide credits or receive certificates.

"We recognize any reduction in adult education programs is difficult," Preus said. "I don't think the outcome-based system would benefit those of your interests."

The state has not decided on a set metric system to measure what performances will be rewarded, but mentioned a few that are being considered.

"We aren't going to goals that are ambiguous and hard to gain," Preus said. "We don't want it to become a distraction."



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During a March 6 ASLCC meeting in the Building 3 Board Room, Oregon Student Association Executive Director Emily McClain (left) and ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead recommend a 10-cent activity fee increase.

ASLCC seeks to remove support pledge to advocacy group

Second group could get another dime per term from students

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane's student government is asking students to take a step back from an advocacy group that specifically represents community colleges while taking a step towards a similar group that mostly represents four-year colleges and universities.

If student voters approve the amendments in the ASLCC election that ends April 18, the Oregon Community College Student Association may find the portion of funding it receives from ASLCC evaporating.

In the same election, students could approve a 10-cent activity fee increase to benefit the Oregon Student Association.

According to the ASLCC budget, the student government currently pays \$7,045 annually into OCCSA.

ASLCC Adviser Barb Delanski said students give OSA close to \$100,000 per year through student fees. OSA receives \$2.44 from each student on the main campus each term.

"This doesn't mean we're defunding OCCSA. It just means we're taking it out of our constitution," ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said.

Lane remains the lone community college represent-

ed on the OSA Board of Directors. Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham also held OSA membership until 2011, when its student government voted to leave OSA.

Mt. Hood student government Vice President Antonio Guerrero was a senator at the time Mt. Hood voted to drop its membership from OSA.

"We started to reconsider our membership because of a potential increase in dues," Guerrero said. "Also, we didn't feel OSA represented community colleges specifically as OCCSA did."

OCCSA is funded through a line item within the ASLCC budget while OSA is funded through the student activity fee.

"The lack of ability for students to participate in a group that advocates for them is my biggest concern with OCCSA," ASLCC presidential candidate Paul Zito said.

Although the amendment was put forth by the student government, not everyone in ASLCC supports the removal of OCCSA from the constitution.

"I think OCCSA is actually kind of important because it links all of the community colleges here in Oregon," ASLCC Campus Events Director Dallas Steely said. "It's completely different from OSA. I don't think removing it from our bylaws should be plausible. I think we should

stick with OCCSA, which is all community colleges, because that's what we are: a community college."

Weatherhead said it simply comes down to the student government's ability to make its own budget.

"It's not necessarily about funding one over the other, it's about whether OCCSA is funded through our budget. I think each student government should have the autonomy to make its own budgetary decisions," Weatherhead said.

Dues to OSA change based on the population of each campus.

Former ASLCC Treasurer Tracy Weimer said the student government is taking OCCSA out of the constitution to have the ability to decide not to fund it in the future.

"If we pull 40 percent of their funding, it will crumble," Weimer said. "There will no longer be a human who can service those 17 community colleges. Even if only one pulls out, that would affect all of those community colleges."

ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook said OCCSA could seek funding through a referendum process similar to OSA's.

"As the shiniest community college in the land, it's important that we lead by example," Yook said.

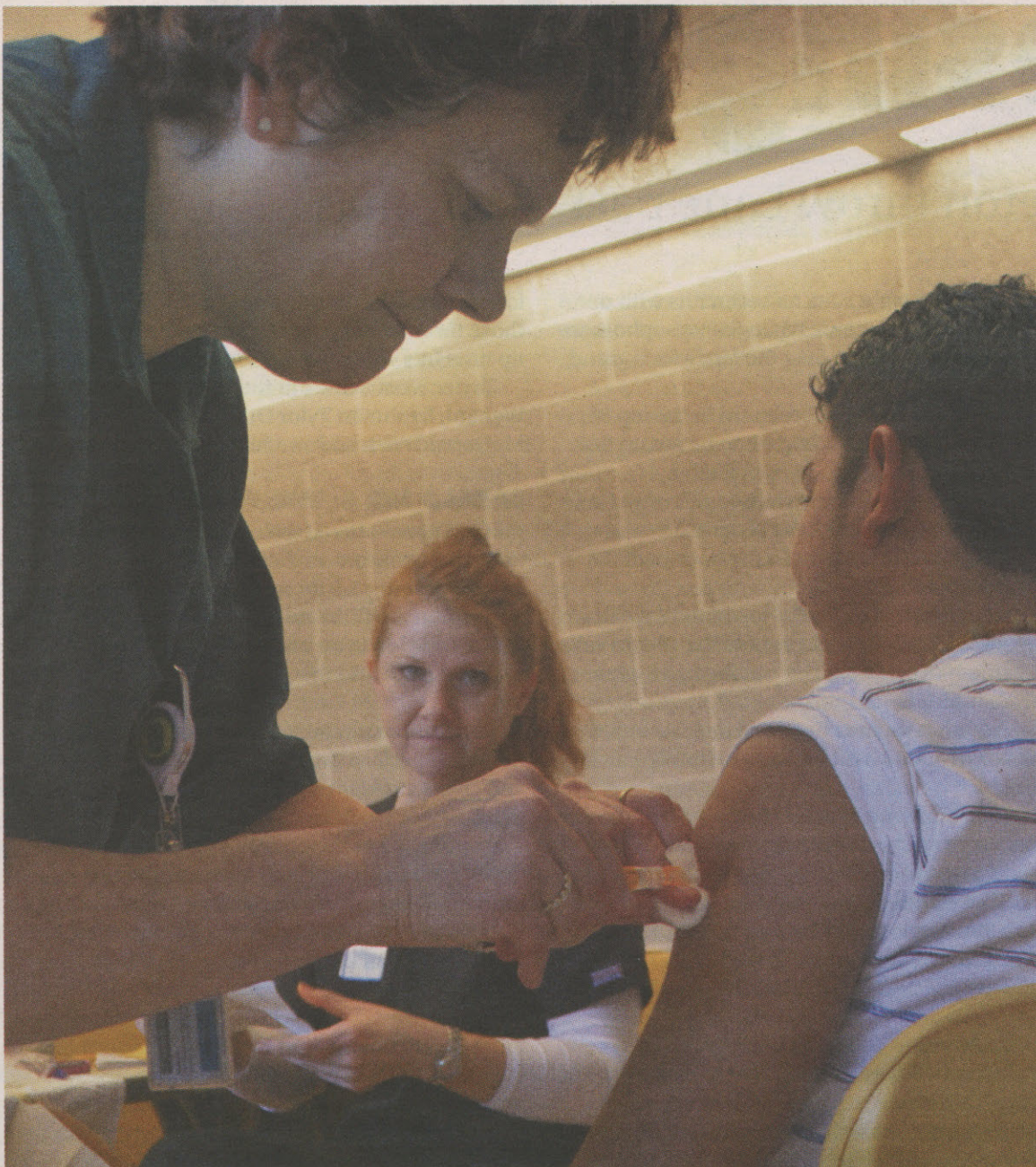


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Above: Lane County Public Health Nursing Adviser Cindy Morgan gives Lane student Monica Murillo a tetanus shot April 11. The Downtown Center hosted this free immunization event, bringing in hundreds of community members. Below: Morgan carefully injects a Lane student with the tetanus vaccine that will keep students immune for the next 10 years.

Whooping cough epidemic addressed by public health group

TDAP vaccines offered to community



By TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

A large number of under-insured and uninsured Lane students and their families received TDAP vaccinations thanks to a partnership between Lane's English Literacy Civics program and Lane County Public Health.

TDAP immunizations protect against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Lane County Public Health officials said there have been four cases of pertussis in the past two weeks.

"It's in high need," English as a Second Language instructor Indi Bakshi said of the immunizations.

"It feels like a lot (of people). We've been doing it since 5 p.m., and it's nonstop," Lane County Public Health worker Paige Collins said.

Some Lane students in the Student Nurses Association helped administer the vaccines as well.


"The LCC SNA and the ESL department allowed us to volunteer at the event because we love helping the community as much as we can," SNA member Molly Gross said. "We've met a lot of wonderful people tonight. It's been a very fun and exciting event."

Bakshi said the partnership between Lane County Public

Health and Lane's ESL Department was made possible by former ESL instructor Heather Young.

"Heather was an ESL teacher for us before she became a nurse," Bakshi said. "She said, 'Anytime you need me to do something, let me know.'"

The next free immunization sessions will take place April 17 and April 18 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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Titans freshman first baseman Konner Reddick lands a tag on Clackamas freshman outfielder Luke Marks during a doubleheader at Lane April 16. Lane beat the Cougars 9-1 in the first game and 4-1 in the second game.

Fundamental approach ends losing streak

Coffman, Middleton throw Lane past Clackamas

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

The Lane Titans baseball team rebounded from five straight losses to win their last three games and move back into playoff contention in the crowded South Region.

After being swept in two games by the Mt. Hood Community College Saints April 11 in Gresham, the Titans returned home for a doubleheader against the Chemeketa Community College Storm April 13. Lane split the two games with the Storm, losing the first game and winning the second.

Hoping to build on the momentum gained in the April 13 win, sophomore Nic Coffman and freshman Keynan Middleton each threw their best games of the year when Lane faced the Clackamas Community College Cougars April 16.

The duo led Lane in two consecutive victories and back into playoff contention in the South Region.

"It was a rough stretch there for a while but we aren't in panic-mode yet," head coach Josh Blunt said. "We still have a lot of games left and we're going to build on this momentum right now."

GAMES 1 AND 2: LANE VS. MT. HOOD

In a showdown of the two potential top teams in the South Region, Lane was held to just three hits en route to a 13-1 loss to Mt. Hood.

Mt. Hood got on the scoreboard in the second inning with three runs on three hits, with one error.

Lane fell into a bigger hole in the bottom of the fourth

when the Saints scored eight runs on seven hits with one walk. The nail-in-the-coffin came when Saints sophomore Jake Thran smashed a 1-1 pitch over the fence for a grand slam.

The Titans finally got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth as Coffman got things going when he got on first base after an error by the Mt. Hood right fielder.

Coffman came around to score when sophomore Cody Chagnon belted a double that cut the score at 11-1.

The Saints added two more runs in the bottom of the sixth to put the score at 13-1.

After Lane went down 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh inning, the game was called on account of the 10-run rule that states a game is over if a team is trailing by 10-plus runs after seven innings.

Chagnon, sophomore Alex Cornwell and freshman Corey Wynant each added a hit for Lane, with Wynant's hit being a double.

The Titans didn't fare much better in their second game of the doubleheader as they lost 11-3.

Lane began the game differently this time around, taking an early 3-0 lead after two innings.

Sophomore Matt Taylor got things going for Lane as he drilled a 2-2 pitch to the outfield for a triple. Cornwell scored Taylor with the next at bat, grounding out to second base.

Lane added two more runs in the second inning on run-scoring singles by Taylor and Wynant to complete their scoring for the game.

Mt. Hood scored 11 runs over the next three innings, starting with three runs in the third inning, five in the

fourth inning and three more in the fifth inning. Over those three innings, three Lane pitchers combined to give up nine hits.

Taylor went 2-for-4 in the game with an RBI while Wynant, freshman Tylor DuMilieu and sophomore Cody McDonald each added a hit.

GAMES 3 AND 4: LANE VS. CHEMEKETA

The Titans suffered their fifth straight loss when they took on Chemeketa in their first game of the doubleheader.

After trailing 3-0 for most of the game, Lane came roaring back in the fifth and sixth inning to tie it up at 3-3.

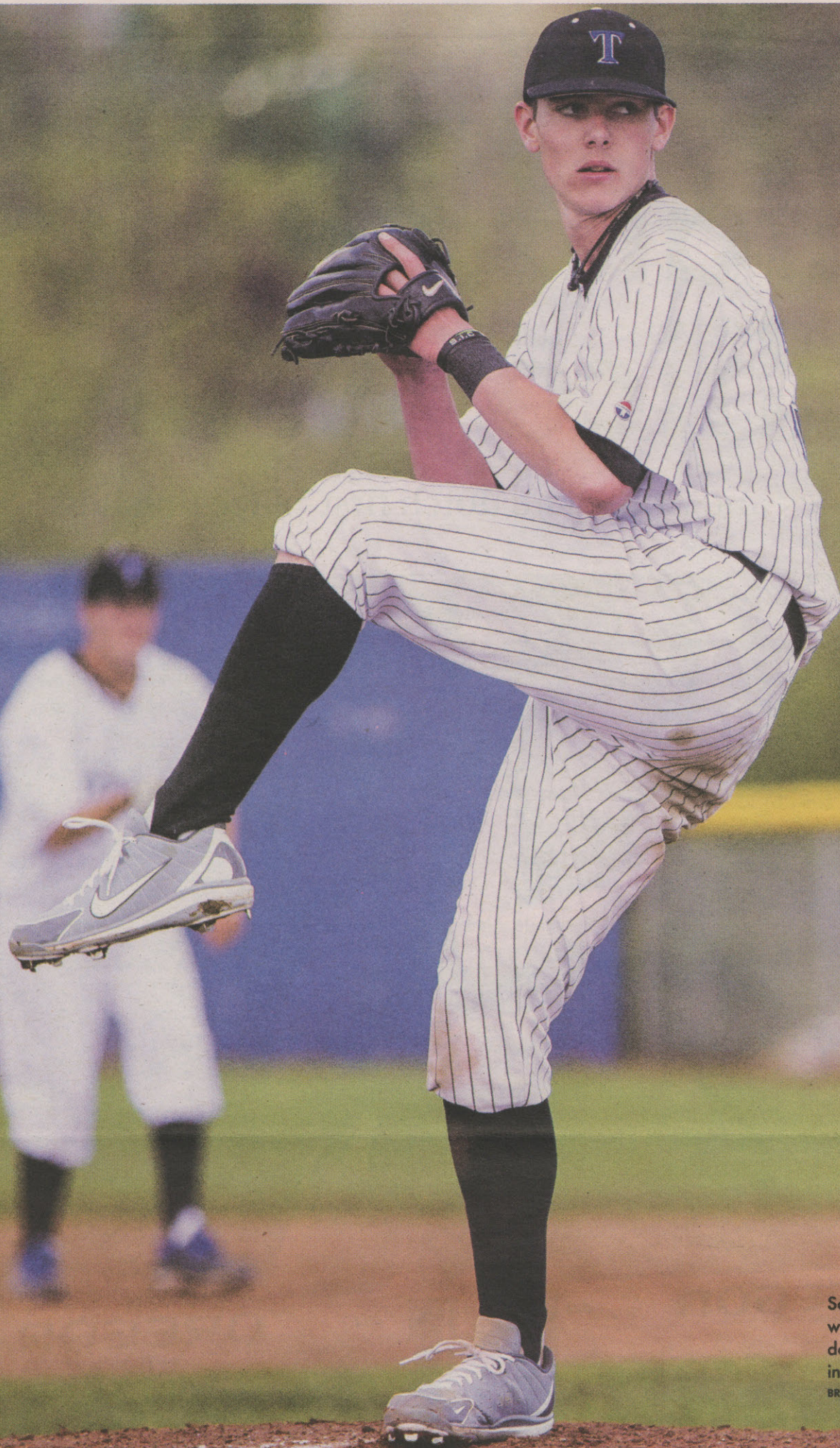
An error led to an unearned run for the Storm in the top of the seventh and that proved to be the final blow as Lane lost 4-3.

Sophomore pitcher Colben McGuire turned in one of his better performances of the year, throwing 8.1 innings and giving up four runs, one earned, on eight hits with a season-high 13 strikeouts.

Trailing 3-0 in the bottom of the fifth, Lane put their first run on the board with a walk and two consecutive singles. McDonald was walked and sophomore Daniel Copeland advanced him to second base with a single. McDonald came around to score on a single by Wynant to cut the deficit to two.

Lane added two more runs in the sixth when sophomore Shaun Boehm and freshman Konner Reddick crossed home plate on consecutive singles by Chagnon and sophomore Andrew Tracey, respectively.

In what was one of the more bizarre games of the year, Lane was held to one hit and committed two errors, and



Sophomore pitcher Nic Coffman sits in his windup during the first game of an April 16 doubleheader at Lane. Coffman threw eight innings, giving up one run on two hits.

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till pulled off a 2-0 victory over the Storm in their fourth game.

With the win, the Titans ended a five-game losing streak while climbing back into playoff contention in the South Region.

Lane's lone hit came in the bottom of the first inning when Taylor hit a 0-2 pitch for a double. Reddick followed up Taylor's double with a groundball to second base that advanced Taylor to third. Boehm came to bat next and did the same thing as Reddick, this time scoring Taylor from third for the early lead.

The score would remain the same until the bottom of the fifth when the Titans were able to push another run across the plate.

Freshman Jarren Goddard started the inning by getting out by a pitch. He was able to make his way to third base on two wild pitches and came around to score when Cornelius sacrificed him home to complete the scoring.

Cornwell started on the mound for Lane and threw 5.0 innings, giving up four hits while striking out four.

Sophomore Zach Eyster came on in the sixth inning in relief of Cornwell and got a 1-2-3 inning to preserve the lead.

Throwing the seventh and final inning was Middleton, armed with his 90-plus miles per hour fastball. Apart from a walked batter, Middleton got out of the inning unscathed while striking out two batters.

GAMES 5 AND 6: LANE VS. CLACKAMAS

Lane pitcher Nic Coffman had his best game of the year, leading Lane to the 9-1 victory over the Cougars.

Coffman threw 8.0 innings and gave up one run on two

hits with four strikeouts, in only 94 pitches. At the plate, he went 3-for-3 with a triple and four RBI's to help his cause on the mound.

As a team, Lane pounded out 11 hits that produced nine runs and scored in five of the eight innings.

After taking an early 2-0 lead in the first, Lane gave up a solo run in the top of the second that cut their lead in half. They responded with six runs over the next three innings to take a commanding 8-1 lead.

Coffman overpowered the Clackamas hitters with his fastball and then consistently switched things up by throwing his off-speed pitches for strikes. He was throwing a no-hitter until he gave up a single in the sixth inning and then gave up another hit in the eighth.

Sophomore Tyler Johnson came on in relief of Coffman and threw a scoreless ninth inning to finish out the game and complete the score.

Lane's nine-run scoring outburst in the game is more runs than they scored in their past four games combined.

Boehm, Reddick and McDonald all helped the Titans' bats get going, each producing a 2-for-4 showing at the plate.

The Titans continued their winning ways with another dominant pitching performance in their sixth game, this one coming on the arm of Middleton.

Middleton threw 6.0 innings, giving up two hits with three strikeouts to get the victory. The six innings thrown were Middleton's longest outing of the season and he now has a 1-2 record with a 3.28 ERA in 19 innings thrown.

"It was my longest outing of the season by far and I was beat tired," Middleton said. "It's nice to get the victory and hopefully we do the same this weekend."

Just like the previous game, Lane got their bats going again by scoring one run in the first and adding two more in the second.

"I've got all the confidence in this team," Boehm said. "We struggled offensively for a while but we stayed aggressive today and it paid off."

Taylor started the inning off with a single and navigated his way to third base on an error and a fielder's choice. A single by Boehm brought Taylor in and Lane never looked back.

Chagnon started off the second inning with a single for Lane and came around to score on a passed ball as Wynant, who reached base on a walk, moved to second on the same pitch. Wynant eventually scored when DuMilieu knocked him in with a single to right field for the 3-0 lead.

The Titans added the final run in the fifth inning when DuMilieu led off with a single and came around to score on another single by McDonald.

Reddick threw the seventh inning in relief of Middleton, who had thrown a season-high 74 pitches. After loading the bases with one out in the seventh inning and a run already scored, Reddick got the next two batters out to end the game and pick up the save.

PREVIEW

The Titans return to action April 20 when they face the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers at 1 p.m. in Coos Bay. The Titans swept the Lakers in a doubleheader April 2.

Lane returns home April 23 for a doubleheader against Mt. Hood at 1 p.m.

Titans shine in Chico Twilight

Hallock and Applegate notch first-place finishes



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Lane sophomore Shaneesa Applegate took first in the long jump with a leap of 18'1" and fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.44 at the Chico Twilight April 12 and 13. (Pictured) Applegate clears the second hurdle in the women's 100-meter hurdles at the UO Preview March 16 at Hayward Field where she finished seventh with a time of 15.26.

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

The Lane Titans track and field team headed 386 miles south to compete in the two-day Chico (Calif.) Twilight April 12 and 13.

In what was their biggest competition to date, Lane faced off against numerous two- and four-year colleges from California.

The women's team put on a good showing for the only community college representing the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges as two freshman brought home first-place finishes and 11 other athletes placed in the top five of events.

Freshman Kara Hallock and sophomore Shaneesa Applegate were Lane's lone victors on the women's side.

Hallock took first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.00 flat, fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:07.46 and third in the long jump with a leap of 18'01".

Applegate took first in the long jump with a leap of

19'1.5" and fourth in the 110-meter hurdles, finishing with a time of 15.44.

Freshman Leah Wilson was the top field competitor for the women, finished second in the shot put with a launch of 44'0.50" and sixth in the hammer throw with a throw of 142'01".

Both of the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay teams finished in third place out of six teams competing. The 4x100 team finished in a time of 48.73 and the 4x400 team completed the race in 4:06.94.

On the men's side, sophomore Brandon Nash and freshman Trenton Kershner led Lane with a pair of first-place finishes. Eight other men finished in the top five of their respective events.

Nash was the winner in the high jump with a height of 6'9.75". The next closest competitor was 3.75 inches lower than Nash.

Kershner took first in the 1500-meter run, finishing in a time of 4:12.76, more than one second ahead of the next competitor.

Lane's 4x400-meter relay team had a strong showing, finishing in second place out of 11 teams. Sophomore

Joe Hennricks ran the first leg of the race and passed off to freshman Codey Fields. Fields then handed off to sophomore Ian McNaughton who then handed off to freshman anchor Austin Baker. Lane came within .47 seconds of taking first place away from Southern Oregon University.

In the individual 400-meter run, Baker was the top finisher for Lane in a time of 49.59, good enough for fourth place. McNaughton finished seventh with a time of 50.18, Hennricks finished 10th with a time of 50.41 and Fields finished in 17th with a time of 51.73.

Three Titans placed in the top five of the pole vault. Freshman Zach Olivera finished in a tie for third with a vault of 15' even. Sophomore Trevor Prater and freshman Luke McKay tied for fifth place at 14'06".

Freshman Neal Larsen was the top middle-distance runner for Lane, finishing fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.97.

Freshman Sean McGetrick was the top hurdles runner for Lane, finishing in eighth both the 110-meter and 400-meter hurdles. He completed the 110-meter race in 15.86 and 400-meter race in 57.53.

ASLCC appoints new communications director



ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

The new ASLCC Communications Director Robert Schumacher at the April 10 student government meeting.

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane student government has hired student Rob Schumacher as communications director for the rest of the school year.

"It's been superb," Schumacher said of his new position.

Schumacher said he's been very involved with the Associated Students of Lane Community College for a couple of terms in an auxiliary role and said he's excited to be holding his new job.

"There are a whole lot of leadership opportunities available at Lane," Schumacher said, "and there are a whole lot of opportunities for students to become successful."

The position had been vacant for approximately a month, since Feb. 14, when ASLCC fired the previous director, Duskin Becker.

Schumacher said he hopes to be appointed to the same position next fall under the new administration.

"Now is my time to shine," he said. OSA campus organizer Rea Sage said she approves of the hire.

"Rob has been doing a really awesome job," Sage said. "He's really gone above and beyond."

Public safety battles car theft

Officers look for stolen Honda

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

A 1993 Honda was stolen from Lane's campus April 12.

"Hondas and Camrys are the two most stolen vehicles in the United States," Public Safety Sgt. Chantal Thomas said. "Most often, vehicles are dumped here. We've had three in the past week."

Public Safety Director Jace Smith wrote in an email to staff, "Public Safety has increased officer patrols, is processing evidence, reviewing video and work-

ing closely with the Lane County Sheriff's Office to stop these crimes."

In the meantime, Thomas encouraged students to be extra vigilant when securing their vehicles.

"Keep things locked, and I would highly recommend getting a (steering-wheel) club. I think they're sold in the downtown Titan Store for around \$15," Thomas said.

Thomas said students should contact Public Safety at (541) 463-5558 if a student sees a vehicle that appears to be abandoned.

Tuition equity bill passes into law

Undocumented students get path to higher education

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber signed Oregon House Bill 2787 into law earlier this month after a decade-long statewide tuition equity initiative.

The tuition equity bill gives undocumented students the ability to attend college while paying in-state tuition as long as they meet certain requirements. To be eligible, students must have a clean criminal record, be an Oregon high school graduate and have attended an Oregon high school for at least three years, among other criteria.

"We should just celebrate for a second," ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said during the April 3 student govern-

ment meeting, "because that is fucking awesome."

Weatherhead is also chair of the board of directors for the Oregon Student Association, a group that held a consistent presence in Salem during the lobbying process.

"It's pretty jammin'" ASLCC Campaign Director Paul Zito said. "It was really fun to watch also."

Zito said he was impressed by State Senate President Peter Courtney's behavior.

"One of the pens that was used to sign the bill into law, he collected it and is bringing it to the lady who wrote the original email 10 years ago to start the battle for tuition equity," Zito said.

That lady is retired Woodburn High School principal Laura Lanka, who attended the signing of the bill April 2.

Aircraft purchase, loan approved

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane student aviators and mechanics will take to the tarmac with two new airplanes after the Board of Education approved the purchase of two aircraft.

The Lane Aviation Academy is now clear to secure a loan to purchase the planes at a total cost of \$230,000.

Academy Director Steve Boulton presented a two-part proposal to the board before a vote during the board's April 10 meeting.

According to Lane Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan's recommendations, the purchase will pay for itself over five years because the program will be able to have more flights and ultimately graduate more students.

"At worst, this is revenue-neutral," Boulton said. "At best, it can bring some additional revenue in for flight tech."

"The new airplanes were assembled at the Eugene Airport's new factory, with the components manufactured in Aurora," Boulton said.

"We're short of aircraft right now," Boulton said. "We've had some increases in enrollment in flight tech and we've been having trouble scheduling students in aircraft because we don't have enough (aircraft)."

Boulton said the current fleet is 30 to 40 years old and students have logged approximately 10,000 to 13,000 hours of use in each airplane.

"If you're driving a 1970s car with 300,000 miles on it, it's going to spend quite a bit of its time in the shop keeping it serviceable — and the same is true with airplanes," Boulton said.

Boulton said there have been advance-

ments in manufacturing and performance, and that purchasing new planes would bring the academy into modern times.

For example, newer airplanes have improved avionics — the instruments in the plane that read airspeed, altitude and navigation. The new airplanes will be "glass-panel," which mean the old analog dials will be replaced with digital screens.

"Pretty much any airline our graduates go to to fly will have these glass panels," Boulton said. "It gives them a great advantage if they can train on these glass panels while they're still at Lane."

Boulton said the new two-seat airplanes have fully functioning autopilot technology similar to the autopilot on larger aircraft.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, fuel used by the new aircraft will be far more environmentally friendly. The Cessna 152 burns a fuel that contains lead while the new Van's Aircraft RV-12 runs on premium automobile fuel.

By supporting the Lane Aviation Academy, board member Pat Albright said, the board is supporting the City of Eugene.

Albright said the Lane Aviation Academy and Flight Tech Program would be in jeopardy if it weren't allowed to upgrade its fleet. Because the academy's operations account for 50 to 70 percent of the operations at the Eugene Airport every year, the airport is eligible to receive millions of dollars in federal funding.

"Somewhere along the line we need to recognize it was some of the good graces of the city that allow us to sit in the particular meeting right here (in the Downtown Center)," Albright said. "It's a way we can kind of indirectly pay back the city for their support."

The board voted unanimously to approve the department's loan and purchase.

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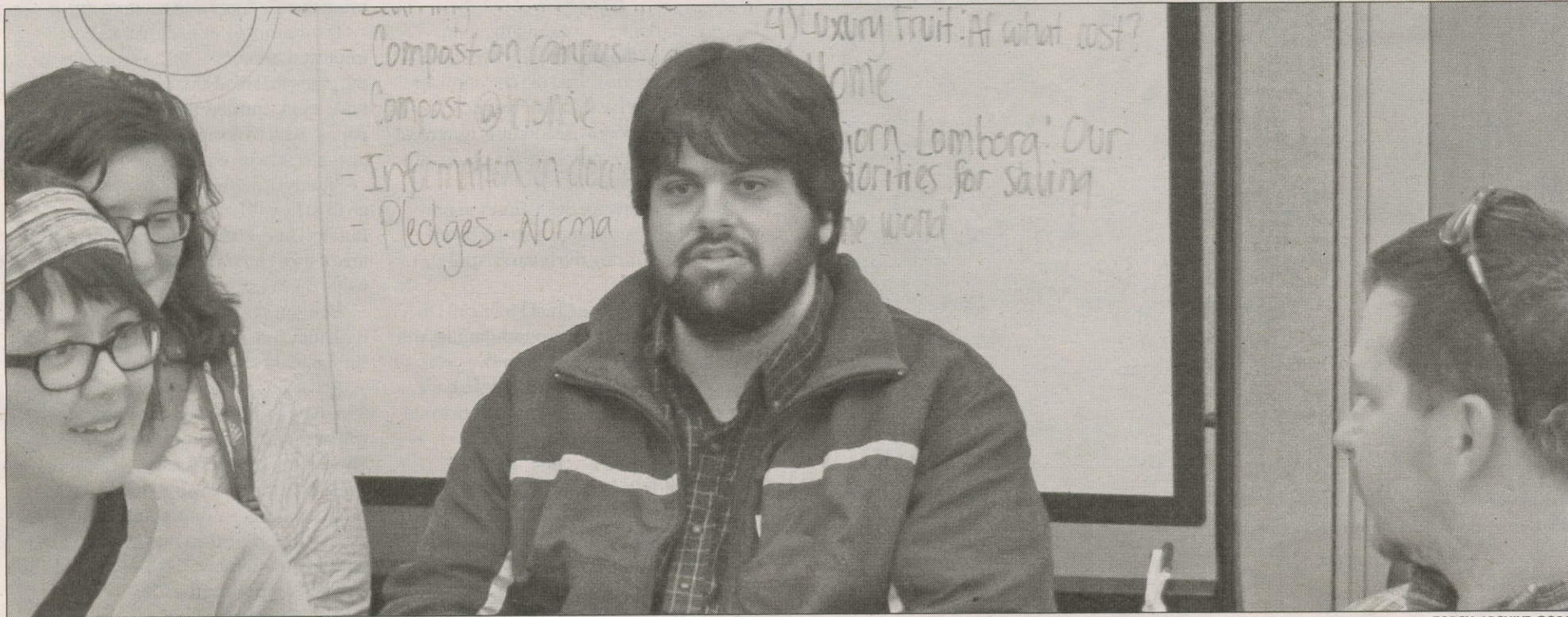
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Emails shed light on SFB



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Former Oregon Student Association campus organizer Philip Shilts (center) helped ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead (not pictured) craft proposals that would have broadened the Student Finance Board's powers, according to documents released April 15. Students rejected those proposals in a March election before the ASLCC ruled the election invalid.

By TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Student officials have furnished internal correspondence to *The Torch* detailing its abandoned effort to expand the Student Finance Board's scope — efforts that extend back to July 2012, shortly after those officials took office.

Had voters approved a constitutional change in the March special election, the SFB would have assumed the power to audit every student-funded organization at Lane. Students narrowly rejected the proposal, and the ASLCC Elections Committee invalidated the results.

According to an email correspondence between ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook and President Merriam Weatherhead in July 2012, they each acknowledged that Oregon Student Association representative Philip Shilts had a hand in crafting the proposed process, which would shift oversight of student fees from the Lane Board of Education to the SFB.

Shilts "was suggesting that instead of fee proposals going through student referendum, they'd present it to the SFB and then they'd go through viewpoint neutral procedures," Yook wrote in a July 2, 2012, email to Weatherhead.

If the SFB's supporters "could show them that the SFB will maintain that line through transparent checks and balances," Yook wrote, "they might be willing to delegate us more power."

Weatherhead responded the following day: "Phil and

I came up with that actually when we first created SFB. ... As much as I love referendums, I feel for a couple of years, we will have to get rid of them. It will also force departments, like athletics, to go through SFB."

"We learned from our mistakes really early on," Weatherhead said in an April 16 interview. She said her suggestion was the product of "brainstorming sessions" and "something that we definitely did not move forward with."

In February, former ASLCC Senator Amanda Saeed asked Weatherhead to approve her resignation letter as she was planning to leave the SFB.

"I simply have a loss of interest completely and entirely in the group," she wrote.

In numerous emails, ASLCC executive staff members referred to draft constitutions as confidential documents.

In a Feb. 4 email, Weatherhead asked recipients of a draft constitution, three of whom served the SFB, not to "share it with anyone within or outside of ASLCC."

Weatherhead indicated in a Feb. 15 email to Lane President Mary Spilde that she had "addressed the fear of college employees being defunded."

Some college employees' salaries are paid by student activity fee revenue.

At a Feb. 28 information session, Weatherhead and ASLCC presidential candidate Paul Zito said they weren't sure if the SFB had met or made quorum, but in a Jan. 23 email from Saeed to Weatherhead, Saeed indicated the SFB had been meeting regularly.

ASLCC met quorum via email Feb. 15, when Weath-

erhead issued a draft constitution to 21 recipients, including six senators, three SFB members and two OSA representatives, one of whom was Shilts.

Weatherhead said Shilts received the email because the ASLCC maintains a large mailing list, but that the student government "stopped consulting with him towards the end," when he was no longer OSA's representative to Lane.

"In the beginning, he was our campus organizer and he was helping us last year with some of the constitutional changes — just to bounce ideas off of, as our campus organizer," Weatherhead said.

Student officials conducted their business via Google Mail because they had problems with Lane's official email service, she said.

Shortly after the March elections, *The Torch* issued a request for the ASLCC's correspondence under the Freedom of Information Act. With numerous delays, as ASLCC submitted the documents for legal review, *The Torch* received copies of student officials' correspondence on April 15, during the general election.

A month elapsed after the request, Weatherhead said, because "it's something that I've just never dealt with. ... I really didn't know how to respond because until I received that request, I didn't even know what it meant."

ASLCC removed all proposed constitutional amendments relating to the SFB prior to the general election, which ends April 18. Students can vote in the election via myLane.

Symposium addresses gender issues

Peace Center hopes for action through social justice

By MISSY CORR AND MICHELLE EVENS
Copy Editor and Reporter

In its sixth year, Lane's Peace Symposium will attempt to bring awareness about gender inequality to campus with workshops, presentations and two keynote speakers.

The Rise to End Gender Violence symposium, sponsored by Lane's Peace Center, aims to educate women and men on the larger repercussions of gender bias, Stan Taylor, the center's chairman and a social science instructor, said.

All funds to put on the symposium are raised by the center, with the cost totaling between \$12,000 and \$13,000. Financial support has come from outside organizations and student groups, including Lane's student government, the Council of Clubs and the Women's Center.

"Privileged groups are often blind to that which others

are lacking," Taylor said. He said attaining peace is about various types of justice, not just the absence of war, and a good start to achieving justice is demonstrating relevance to those who think they're not affected.

Jensine Larsen and Jean Kilbourne, the two keynote speakers, will explore different facets of the relationship between women and media.

Jensine Larsen will share her experience empowering women globally by connecting them through technology. Larsen founded World Pulse, an organization that uses technology to bring women together, from remote places and otherwise, to encourage change through unity.

Jean Kilbourne has been studying gender stereotypes in advertising for over 30 years. Kilbourne is an award-winning author, filmmaker and lecturer. In Kilbourne's presentation, she will display advertisements that exem-

plify destructive gender stereotypes commonly perpetuated by advertising, and explain their effects on both men and women.

The Lane Women's Center hosted an April 11 screening of *Killing Us Softly*, a 1999 documentary in which Kilbourne argues that modern media exploits and dehumanizes women through their models.

In many media representations, non-white women are portrayed as animalistic or exotic, Kilbourne says, and women are frequently prized for their silence and sex appeal.

Furthermore, today's advertising targets young girls, she argues.

"Having a teenage daughter, it makes you think a lot," Lane student Kim Lemon said after the screening.

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Jamie Pilson looks at Cameron DeDore's *Chuck Chunks* while her daughters Monica (middle) and Erica (left) look on. Cottage Grove High School student Monica Pilson painted a portrait of Marilyn Monroe, which is on display during the eighth Annual High School Art Show until April 25.

High school artists showcase talents

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

Young artists gathered April 11 to nab their awards for the eighth annual High School Art Show, on display in the Building 11 art gallery.

The art show was open to students from all Lane County high schools, and displayed work from students from Elmira to Cottage Grove. Each school with an art program was allowed to enter five students per teacher.

This year there is "a lot of good art on display. It is amazing not only to see what the students did, but also what the teachers are doing with limited resources," Gallery Director Jennifer Salzman said.

Some teachers offered this opportunity to their stu-

dents as an assignment, while others offered it in place of a final. Keelie Fisher from Willamette High School painted *Impression of Impressionist* as part of an assignment for her art class and entered it in the show.

"We were studying impressionists in class and I chose this one," Fisher said, "and I thought I would just go for it."

Fisher's art won her the Lane Scholarship award, a \$300 scholarship to Lane. Cameron DeDore of Churchill was awarded the Dean's Award for *Chuck Chunks*.

Other awards given out included three Titan Bookstore Awards, a UO Bookstore Award, two Oregon Art Awards and seven honorable mentions.

Although not every submitted piece received an award, the atmosphere at the reception was celebratory.

Hope Harbaugh from Willamette was eager to discuss her series of car drawings.

"My love for cars started in eighth grade when I fell in love with the General Lee from *The Dukes of Hazard*," Harbaugh said. Harbaugh puts a lot of time into researching the cars she draws and has been painting since she was 7 years old.

Salzman addressed the crowd of parents and young artists, congratulating all the artists who entered and won awards.

Your art has been admired and has inspired students on Lane's campus, Salzman said.

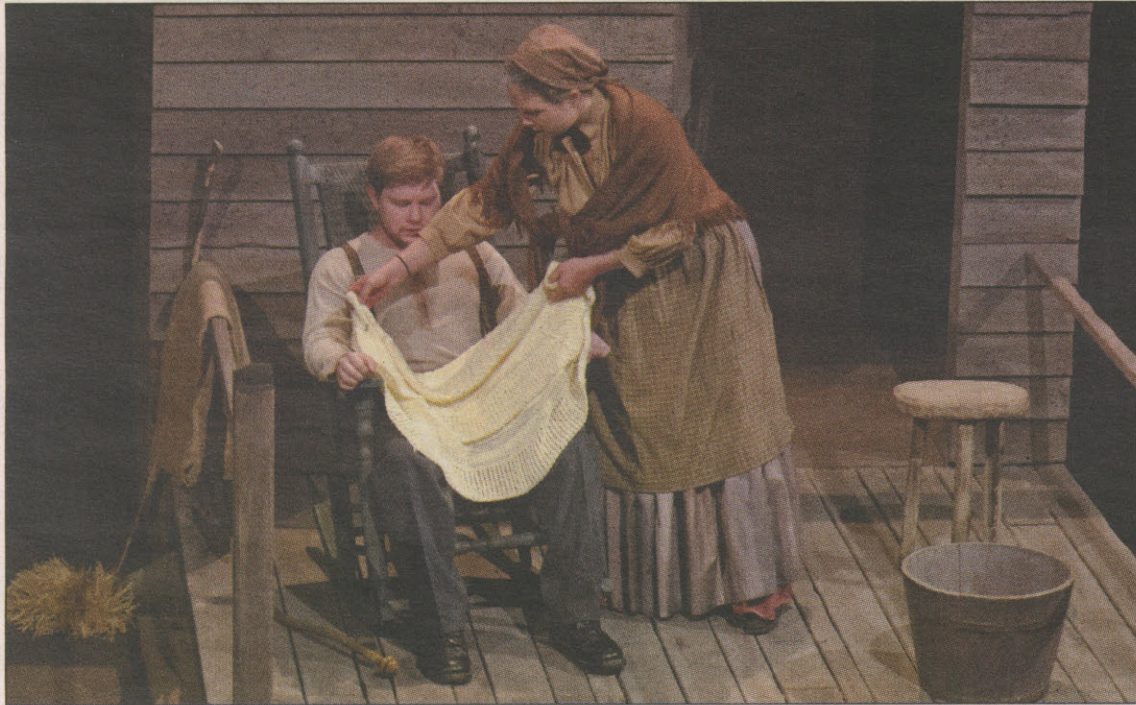
The exhibit will run until April 25 in Building 11 just outside the Main Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Shirley and Horace Aubertine view some of the art made by local high school students in the Building 11 art gallery.

Play opens in Building 6



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In a scene from *The Bridegroom of Blowing Rock*, Jacob Farthing (Ben Buchanan, left) is comforted by his mother Elsa Farthing (Sarah Glidden). The play runs weekends through April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Door Theatre with one matinee on April 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students/seniors.

PEACE: Event focuses on gender issues

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"It's just shocking to me how much of what she said is true and reflects the women you see in society," Lane student Wendy Trujillo said.

Lane women's program administrative coordinator Ruth Wren said it's important for both men and women to attend the symposium in order to understand the larger social implications of a patriarchal society, one in which the institutions are male-dominated, and how it affects the life of its citizens.

"Part of liberation in self-perception is figuring out how we relate to the world and how we relate to other people in our lives," Wren said. "If you understand the patriarchy, you're able to make better decisions as an individual about what kind of person you want to be."

She said the symposium is an opportunity to hear from women who "are knowledgeable about women's issues, have studied women's issues in the media and know what it is to be a woman globally."

Lane student Alia Grimm, who serves the Peace Symposium steering committee, said she would like to see more student participation than last year.

In her second year working on the committee, she said the symposium is a good opportunity for students to learn things outside of the classroom that can be applied to their life and education.

"Students can see these women that are doing amazing things, and that are strong examples," Grimm said.

The symposium will be held in the Center for Meeting and Learning April 19, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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#aslcc

ASLCC elections end April 18 at 5 p.m. on myLane. Students can vote through the "Complete an Online Survey" link, found after logging on to myLane. In addition to voting for ASLCC officers and senators, other issues include potential funding increases for MEChA de Lane, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Asian-Pacific Islander Student Union and the Oregon Student Association, through an increase of the student activity fee. Students can also vote on changes to ASLCC's constitution and elected positions.

#northwestchristian

Sophomore basketball player Danielle Schmidt has agreed in

principle to sign with Northwest Christian University in Eugene to play basketball beginning the 2013 season.

#warnerpacific

Sophomore basketball player Courtney Walchli is signing her national letter of intent to play for Warner Pacific College in Portland on a basketball scholarship beginning in Fall 2013.

#balidance

Balinese dancer Ni Ketut Arini will present a series of workshops, presentations and lectures at Lane and the University of Oregon April 22 to 24. Arini will present Balinese dance workshops April 22 and 24, 2:30-4 p.m. in Building 5, Rm. 132.

Additional workshops on modern Balinese dance and storytelling will be presented April 23 at 2:30-3:50 p.m. in Building 5, Room. 136 and 4:15-5:15 p.m. in the Building 6 Blue Door Theater, respectively.

#nwaacc

Freshmen track and field athletes Sean McGetrick, Macaulay Wilson and Kayla Vasquez all earned NWAACC Athletes of the Week awards for their performances at the Jenn Boyman Invitational in McMinnville April 6.

#battingaverage

Sophomore baseball player Shaun Boehm is posting a .347 batting average, good enough for second in the South Region

of the NWAACC.

#getvaccinated

The Student Nurses Association will offer free TDAP vaccines to uninsured people ages 19 and older from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 17 and 18 at the Council of Clubs Fair. The vaccine protects against whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria.

#ospirg

OSPIRG will host its General Interest Meeting April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 310 of Building 17. There will be free Voodoo doughnuts.

#jobfair

Job Fair 2013 will be held April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Center for Meeting and

Learning, Building 19. This is a free event open to the public. To see a list of participating employers go online to www.lanecc.edu/ces.

#killingussoftly

A screening of *Killing Us Softly*, a 34-minute video about advertising's portrayal of women, will be held in the Women's Center, Building 1, Room 202 April 17 from 3 to 3:35 p.m. and April 18 from 11 to 11:35 a.m. The video features Jean Kilbourne, one of the keynote speakers at the Lane Peace Symposium.

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