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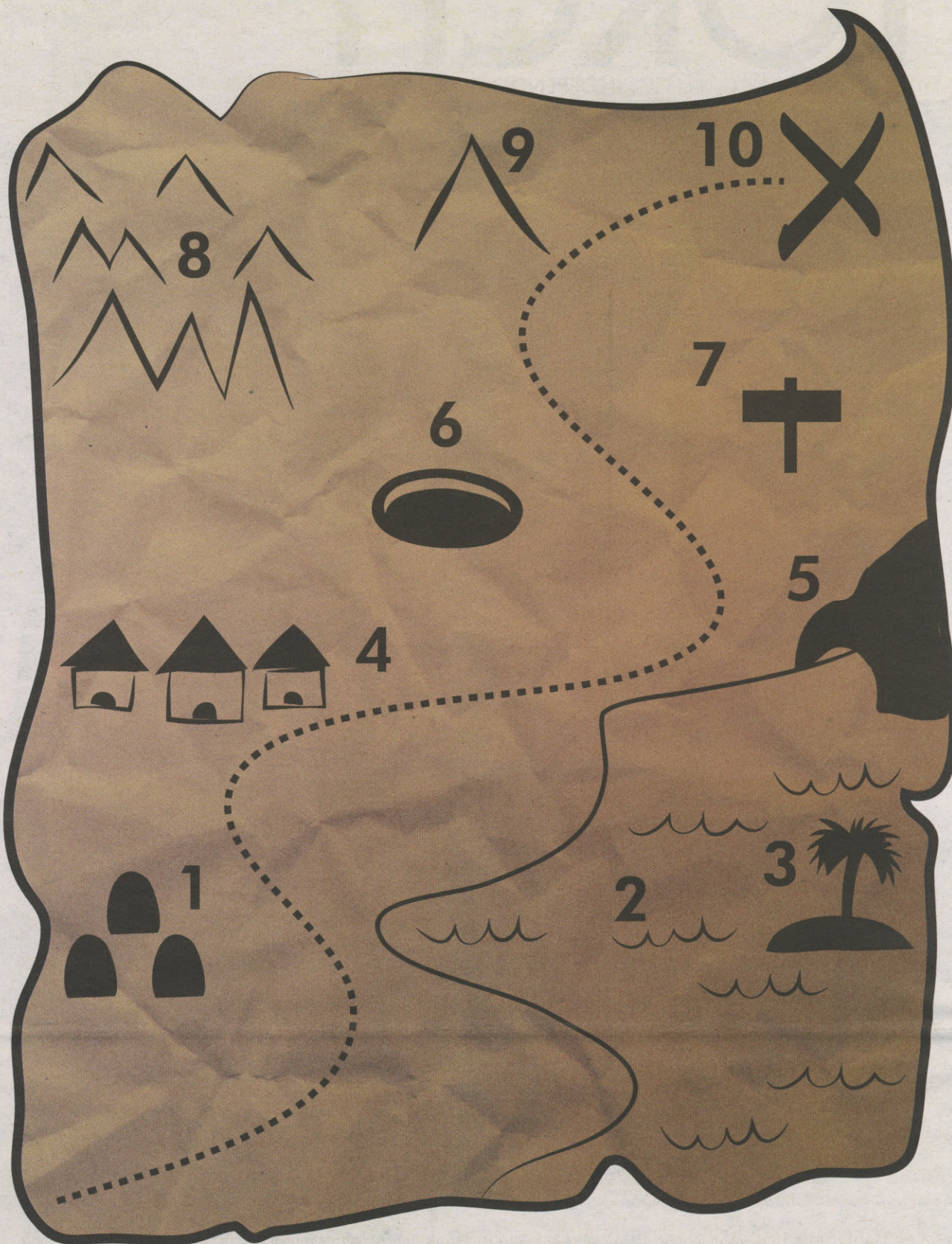
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Students gather outside the entrance of the Oregon Capitol building in Salem, April 25 during a rally put on by the Oregon Student Association. Students from all over Oregon demanded more support of higher education and lower tuition costs.

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Student leaders get on the right path

Spring is a time for growth.

If you can wipe the allergy-tears out of your eyes long enough, you'll see there's actually a lot of beautiful things going on. Trees are growing greener and the days are getting longer. What's perhaps most reassuring: Lane's student leaders are putting their time and money where they say their priorities are.

As students, we would like to take a moment to thank the students who volunteered for the Oregon Student Association and the Oregon Community College Student Association for their demonstrations and lobbying in the state capitol April 25.

Lane is currently looking down the barrel of a \$9 million deficit. This could potentially lead to cuts of programs and faculty, a potential increase in tuition, or some bludgeoning combination of both.

Our college's president, Dr. Mary Spilde, has indicated she's biased against the idea of cutting faculty when she said, "We need every contracted employee we have."

Our student president, Merriam Weatherhead, adamantly opposes tuition increases. "We can't take any more tuition increases," she said. "That's hundreds of dollars students don't have."

Something has to give.

To achieve the governor's 40/40/20 goals, our community needs an institution that provides education that directly correlates with the local economy. When it

comes to funding, all roads lead to Salem.

The unfortunate reality is that the funding Lane needs is a buried treasure, hidden somewhere deep in the hearts and minds of Oregon legislators and taxpayers.

As an organization that provides oversight of the student government, we come off as scathingly critical at times. When it comes down to it our student leaders do good things, too.

After April 25, we're happy to report that they've made sure students' voices were heard where it actually counts.

We salute the individuals responsible for organizing OSA's rally. We salute the OSA for joining forces with the OCCSA. We salute House Speaker Tina Kotek for her support of funding post-secondary education. Most of all, we salute the torrent of students who marched on the capitol to demand their education be taken seriously.

When it comes to funding post-secondary education, the only hope is state money. Students have footed the bill more and more over the past decade, with debt that's quickly approaching \$1 trillion nationally.

For so many Lane students to take time out of their lives to travel to the state capitol and demand that legislators prioritize education is a beautiful thing. We thank all the volunteers for their sacrifice.

In the end, you all make us want to do the shimmy and shake. Seriously, we tapdance and tip our hats to y'all.



Learning Garden specialist Julie Sheen shows student August Frank how to assemble the end of a drip irrigation line April 23 — part of Earth Week at Lane.

Six days for Earth Day

BY BRETT STANLEY AND SEAN BAILEY
Managing Editor and Reporter

The floodgates were open this year to kick off Earth Day at Lane with a solar-powered concert and informational booths, tours and workshops.

April 17 marked the beginning of the deluge of environmental conservationism centered around a water-based theme.

According to Earth Day coordinator Lisa Christensen, the theme was chosen by Lane's sustainability committee, which is headed by Jennifer Hayward.

"They looked at past Earth Day events," Christensen said, "and brainstormed ideas that they wanted to see in this year's event, wrote down key faculty members to approach and looked at other events happening with Earth Week on the LCC campus — in order to possibly combine any events."

According to Christensen, she started work on the fair April 1 and had some difficulty bringing everything and everyone together.

"I only was working on this project about 10 hours a week for 15 business days, and soon realized that it was impossible to organize everything in 15 days," Christensen said.

Christensen was presented with a basic outline of possible candidates to talk to about participating in the event and staffing a table.

"There were a few suggested events to coordinate," Christensen said, "like the main LCC campus water-focused tour and some sort of interactive craft activity at the fair — but unfortunately I was unable to pull these together due to time constraints."

However, she did come up with a six-day slate featuring activities from an Earth Day fair to gardening workshops.

The week began with a showing of *The Island President*, a film about a war-torn island nation in the Maldives that would be completely flooded if the sea level rose three feet.

Following the film, approximately 115 colleges and universities joined a national discussion about the film and its impact. Water conservation major Rachael Bachmeier said she was excited about the awareness this movie is raising.

Earth Day on Lane's main campus featured an information table with solar-powered smoothies as well as musicians Eric Nicholson and Cathy Martini performing in a solar-powered concert.

The events bridged downtown to a water-focused tour of Building 6. The tour outlined the building's water-collecting systems and solar panels, and how they both work together to reduce the building's carbon footprint.

More than 500 reusable water bottles were also distributed during the day between both campuses.

The rest of the week gave attendees opportunities to explore the Learning Garden with hands-on activities. These events followed the water theme by focusing in on more environmentally friendly gardening practices using different irrigation systems.

Hayward said that her committee tried to provide information, encouragement and support for people in making better environmental choices this Earth Week.

"Over 100 people participated in the Earth Week events," Hayward said, "but even if only a few of them made some changes, I feel like it was worth it."



Folk singer Cathy Martini performs at the solar-powered concert in Bristow Square during Earth Day April 22. Behind her, the solar panels that powered the concert.



OSPIRG representative Mikael Doner gives away smoothies to a group of students during Earth Day in Bristow Square April 22.



Students gathered around the OSPIRG tables during Earth Day April 22. OSPIRG volunteers were giving away free solar-powered smoothies and campaigning for various environmental issues.



Folk singer Eric Nicholson performs at the solar-powered concert in Bristow Square during Earth Day April 22.

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Free, healthy food coming to Lane

Learning Garden would donate fresh produce

BY ASHLEY FARRELL AND ARYAN RAHMATI
Reporters

Students on the Sustainable Foods Committee are one step closer to opening a food pantry on campus after meeting with the Facilities Council.

"With any luck, we should have a food pantry by the end of the term," ASLCC president-elect Paul Zito said.

The Sustainable Foods Committee, newly formed and funded by the ASLCC, has been the brains behind the operation. The committee is attempting to lower the need for basic nutrition and food security that many Lane students must deal with on a daily basis.

Members have reached out to several organizations, including the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, FOOD for Lane County and the Learning Garden, in hopes of gaining the necessary support to achieve their goals.

Using the University of Oregon's established food pantry as a model, the Lane pantry will likely begin as a room stocked with both nonperishable foods and fresh, local

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— Paul Zito, ASLCC president-elect

foods and produce. The majority of the fresh produce will be grown and donated by the Learning Garden, with volunteers and other listed organizations contributing.

Learning Garden chairman Michael Weed presented a study in which 97.8 percent of Lane students polled said they supported or may support the endeavor. In that survey, 77 percent of respondents also said they would consider using the pantry.

Presenters explained the growing need for more

nutritious food options to students who have trouble affording those foods on their own. They also showcased each step of the plan to the Facilities Council in hopes of gaining more support.

The food pantry would be fairly simple to maintain, with minimal funding necessary, Weed said, with local organizations donating food and volunteers running the operations.

The Facilities Council also must assign a location for the pantry as Lane has limited available space.

The next step in finding a place, Lane Facilities Director Craig Taylor said, is communicating more with the Facilities Management and Planning department.

"This is an evolving and growing thing," OSPIRG Campus Director Darlene Azarmi said. "There's possibilities all over the place for this."

"If students get the proper nutrition, they could do better in school, and that aligns with the mission of the college," council member Dave Willis said. "You have a passion, and you can share that passion with the decision-makers."



ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

Women's Center Coordinator Jill Bradley will be retiring her position at LCC after 28 years of service.

Women's Center coordinator to retire

Program says goodbye to major influence

BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

Lane will host a reception for Women's Center coordinator Jill Bradley, who is retiring after 28 years of service.

"I'm very happy to retire," she said, "although I'm leaving behind a job I've enjoyed doing for all these years."

Bradley played a key role in moving the center into Building 1, and considers the move a milestone of her career at Lane.

"We were able to serve many more students," Bradley said.

Bradley's peers speak highly of her work and career at Lane.

"Jill nurtures this program," Women's Program administrative coordinator Ruth Wren said, "because of her dedication and her vision in such a way, it's hard

for me to imagine that she's retiring."

Mysha Bernal, who has worked at the Women's Center for a year, is sad to see Bradley leaving.

"She's a big piece of the center," Bernal said. "She'll leave very big shoes to fill."

Women in Transitions program adviser Marge Barnhart has worked with Bradley for 17 years.

"She's a very important and valued person in the Women's Center who's had a lot of positive and valuable influence over these years," Barnhart said.

Bradley is also Lane's domestic violence counselor. "She's skillful in her interactions," Wren said. "She's very compassionate. She has very strong boundaries in dealing with sensitive issues."

Bradley plans to spend her retirement traveling and making time for family.

The reception will begin May 22 at 3 p.m. in Building 1, Room 202.

Radio station raises revenue

KLCC listeners pledge \$280,000 in biannual drive

BY SHAD HAYDEN
Reporter

KLCC pulled in \$280,000 in its biannual pledge drive and spent half the usual time interrupting programming to ask for money.

The station was able to meet its financial goals and cut down on the work effort by nearly 50 percent, program director Don Hein said.

In years past, staff would spend long hours "burning the midnight oil," staying on the air for up to 12 hours at a time.

During the pledge drive, KLCC General Manager John Stark cut staff hours by only pitching for support during the morning drive and the commute home.

KLCC hasn't always reached its goals, due to the poor economy, computer trouble and bad planning.

This year, the station increased its subscriptions by 23 percent while collecting more than \$280,000.

Staff praised Stark's efforts, Hein said.

With the support of 2,787 subscribers, KLCC receives \$197,000 from Lane and collects on a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, but it depends on help from the community.

"Since becoming the first radio station that subscribed to National Public Radio in Lane County in 1967, KLCC must generate two-thirds of its operating cost via public and local business support," Hein said.

One local contributor is the Eugene-based home and garden store Down to Earth.

Down to Earth is one of the business underwriters for KLCC, store co-manager Rachel Klinnert said, as the store donates between \$800 to \$1,000 annually to KLCC. The partnership has persisted for years.

KLCC exchanges commercial air time for gift certificates from local establishments for daily drawings.

From April 5 to 12, lucky pledgers won Down to Earth gift dollars, tickets to the Hult Center and the Cuthbert Amphitheatre or iPads.



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Students gathered on the steps outside the Capitol building in Salem during an April 25 rally put on by the Oregon Student Association. Students from Oregon colleges were demanding more support for higher education and lower tuition.

Students prod lawmakers to pay up for education

Lane students among crowd lobbying legislators

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Approximately 600 students from Oregon community colleges and universities marched on the Capitol building in Salem April 25 to demand more funding for post-secondary education.

The rally was organized by the Oregon Student Association in conjunction with the Oregon Community College Association.

ASLCC Campaign Director Paul Zito said he estimated approximately 130 Lane students attended the rally.

"That's a really conservative estimate," Zito said. "We think there were probably a lot more people because people were filling their cars and coming up as well."

The student protesters were demanding \$510 million to fund community colleges, \$115 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant and \$850 million for universities. All are substantial increases to what the governor's budget is currently proposing: \$428 million for community colleges, \$113.7 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant and an overall \$8 billion for education from the K-12 level through the university system.

Rachel Heuer, a student from Linn Benton Community College said that the continuing rise in tuition is what brought her to Salem.

"I don't want to pay more money for school. If I did, I'd be at a university and not a community college," Heuer said. "Tuition needs to stay affordable so that education can be accessible."

The Oregon Opportunity Grant is a fund that provides scholarship money for students based on economic need. The Oregon Student Access Commission uses a formula based on the economic status of the student and the student's parents to decide how much money to award in each grant.

As a recipient, ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead said the grant shouldn't be overlooked.

"I come from a very low-income family," Weatherhead said. "The Oregon Opportunity Grant is a pathway for the most neediest of families to actually receive an education, so that my brother can look up to me and see that I'm going to school and that post-secondary education is a possibility."

"Folks who graduate from college and have children — I think their children are something like 50 percent more likely to go to college. So you're not just affecting my future or my brother's future, but you're affecting my children's future."

"We're here to be letting legislatures know that they need to fund our education," Weatherhead said. "Tuition at Lane is being talked about at a \$10 increase — that's hundreds of dollars students don't have for the same education. They need to fund the Oregon Opportunity Grant so that Oregon's future isn't as bleak as it is right now."

OSA organizer Phil Shilts said that the timing of the rally is especially important because the Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee is currently working on the budget. The committee visited Lane earlier this month, when a number of Lane students and administrators asked the committee to fund education at a higher level.

"We've been doing lobby visits all day, and we'll be doing lobby visits until 5 o'clock. We're going to be hopefully speaking to everyone here. We have visits with 80 legislators and we're going to be doing drop-bys to 90, which is all of them," Weatherhead said. "That's really exciting."

Some other students were less enthusiastic.

Tom, a computer science student at Western Oregon University who wasn't comfortable giving his last name, said he and his friends were at the rally because "we were offered an opportunity to miss a quiz if we showed up to the rally. Our student president was trying to get classes cancelled today, but they couldn't do it."

After a march past the Capitol park and some chants on the steps of the Capitol building, Weatherhead introduced herself as the student body president of Lane and the chair of the Oregon Student Association Board of Directors.

"I have \$4,000 of student debt, which is going to increase after I transfer to a university," Weatherhead told the crowd before they booed the amount.

OCCSA Chair Amy Stevens addressed the crowd next.

"I have \$30,000 in student debt, and I'm still in community college," Stevens said. The crowd responded by booing the number.

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek addressed the crowd of students after Weatherhead and Stevens.

Kotek said because of the work being done by student advocates, she was confident they could pass a budget that adequately funds education this legislative session.

"We heard loud and clear that education is important," Kotek said. "The one thing we're doing this session is prioritizing education."





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Clearing the second hurdle, freshman Alexander Needham finished fourth in the men's 400-meter hurdles with a time of 57.57 at the April 25 Titan Twilight.

ON TOP

Lane places high in main events **By Ryan Kostecka**

Titan takes first in decathlon

Lane Titans freshman Dylan Hamming took home the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Decathlon Championship by posting a total of 6520 points.

The decathlon is a two-day event in which the athletes compete in five events on the first day and five events on the second day to determine the individual champion.

Hamming took first-place finishes in the 100-meter dash, long jump and 400-meter run to place third after the first day of competition.

Lane took places five through seven in the competition as sophomore Jacob Robertson, freshman Paul Bentz and sophomore Trevor Prater finished in order.

400-meter run			
Name	School	Time	Points
Dylan Hamming	LANE	50.75	780
Jon Williams	SPOKANE	51.04	767
Reuben Clark	CLACKAMAS	51.23	759
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	51.45	749
Jacob Robertson	LANE	52.32	711

110-meter hurdles			
Name	School	Time	Points
Kevin Robinson	SWOCC	15.87	747
Jacob Robertson	LANE	16.39	689
Dylan Hamming	LANE	16.88	637
Paul Bentz	LANE	16.91	634
Trevor Prater	LANE	16.94	631

100-meter dash			
Name	School	Time	Points
Dylan Hamming	LANE	11.27m	801
Trevor Prater	LANE	11.41m	771
Jacob Robertson	LANE	11.46m	761
Reuben Clark	SPOKANE	11.50m	753
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	11.70m	711

High jump			
Name	School	Height	Points
Reuben Clark	CLACKAMAS	1.98m	785
Kevin Robinson	SWOCC	1.89m	705
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	1.83m	653
Nick Murray	SPOKANE	1.80m	627
Paul Bentz	LANE	1.74m	577

Pole vault			
Name	School	Height	Points
Trevor Prater	LANE	4.25m	688
Dylan Hamming	LANE	4.15m	659
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	3.95m	603
Reuben Clark	SPOKANE	3.95m	603
Paul Bentz	LANE	3.65m	522

Javelin throw			
Name	School	Distance	Points
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	56.26m	682
Dylan Hamming	LANE	54.13m	650
Jacob Robertson	LANE	50.94m	603
Jon Williams	SPOKANE	48.79m	571
Paul Bentz	LANE	45.89m	528

Long jump			
Name	School	Distance	Points
Dylan Hamming	LANE	6.36m	666
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	6.30m	652
Reuben Clark	SPOKANE	6.04m	595
Jacob Robertson	LANE	6.02m	591
Nick Murray	SPOKANE	5.97m	580

Shot put			
Name	School	Distance	Points
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	12.80m	655
Paul Bentz	LANE	12.76m	653
Reuben Clark	CLACKAMAS	12.05m	609
Dylan Hamming	LANE	11.98m	605
Jacob Robertson	LANE	11.54m	579

Discus			
Name	School	Distance	Points
Paul Bentz	LANE	42.09m	707
Reuben Clark	SPOKANE	38.97m	644
Jacob Robertson	LANE	54.22m	548
Dylan Hamming	LANE	33.69m	538
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	32.46m	513

1500-meter run			
Name	School	Time	Points
Jon Williams	SPOKANE	4:31.58	734
Dylan Hamming	LANE	4:47.87	632
Kevin Robinson	SWOCC	4:49.02	625
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	4:52.35	605
Jacob Robertson	LANE	4:53.02	601

Decathlon final score		
Name	School	Points
Dylan Hamming	LANE	6520
Reuben Clark	SPOKANE	6443
Seth Buck	CLACKAMAS	6442
Jacob Robertson	LANE	6029
Paul Bentz	LANE	5950
Trevor Prater	LANE	5941
Jon Williams	SPOKANE	5834
Kevin Robinson	SWOCC	5756

Heptathlete holds second by narrow margin

Lane Titans freshman Kara Hallock took second place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Heptathlon. The multi-event championships were held April 29 to 30 in Oregon City.

The heptathlon is a two-day event where the women compete in four events on the first day and three more on the second.

Hallock was in first place at the end of the first day of the event by taking first-place finishes in the 100-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash. Clackamas freshman Elizabeth Venzon took first place in the 800-meter run, the last event of the competition, to overtake Hallock.

Also placing in top-eight for Lane were sophomore Rochelle Pappel and freshman Kristin Clark, who finished in sixth and seventh respectively.

100-meter hurdles			
Name	School	Time	Points
Kara Hallock	LANE	14.68	884
Rochelle Pappel	LANE	15.10	828
Ashley Sharp	SPOKANE	15.66	756
Kelsie Williams	OLYMPIC	16.07	706
Kristin Clark	LANE	16.11	701

High jump			
Name	School	Height	Points
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	1.68m	830
Kara Hallock	LANE	1.68m	830
Ashley Sharp	SPOKANE	1.53m	655
Holly Pfaff	SWOCC	1.47m	588
Rochelle Pappel	LANE	1.44m	555

Shot put			
Name	School	Distance	Points
Gabrielle Head	LANE	10.33m	551
Kristin Clark	LANE	10.10m	536
Makenzie Smith	SPOKANE	9.70m	510
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	9.53m	499
Holly Pfaff	SWOCC	9.46m	494

200-meter dash			
Name	School	Time	Points
Kara Hallock	LANE	26.37	765
Kelsie Williams	OLYMPIC	26.38	764
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	26.39	763
Ashley Sharp	SPOKANE	26.58	747
Lexie Govert	CLACKAMAS	26.88	722

Long jump			
Name	School	Time	Points
Ashley Sharp	SPOKANE	5.37m	663
Kara Hallock	LANE	5.34m	654
Kelsie Williams	OLYMPIC	5.10m	587
Kristin Clark	LANE	5.09m	584
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	4.92m	538

Javelin throw			
Name	School	Time	Points
Tiffany Forbito	CLACKAMAS	43.66m	738
Lexie Govert	CLACKAMAS	37.55m	620
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	36.66m	603
Gabrielle Head	LANE	33.59m	545
Alexa Adams	SPOKANE	31.59m	507

800-meter run			
Name	School	Time	Points
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	2:27.19	729
Tiffany Forbito	CLACKAMAS	2:30.15	691
Laura Seymour	SPOKANE	2:30:45	687
Holly Pfaff	SWOCC	2:30.45	684
Kara Hallock	LANE	2:32.01	668

Heptathlon final score		
Name	School	Points
Elizabeth Venzon	CLACKAMAS	4658
Kara Hallock	LANE	4614
Ashley Sharp	SPOKANE	4270
Tiffany Forbito	CLACKAMAS	4113
Lexie Govert	CLACKAMAS	3990
Rochelle Pappel	LANE	3981



Blair Harris ran a 2:29.64 in the women's 800-meter and finished eighth. Former Lane Titan Laura Jackson finished eleventh with a time of 2:34.15.



Sophomore outfielder Cody McDonald rounds first on a triple that started off a four-run hitting streak by the Titans in the 7-3 victory against Linn-Benton in game one of the Titans' April 27 sweep.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE EYSTER

Titans sweep Roadrunners, currently second place in region

10 games remaining in regular season

BY JARRID DENNEY
Reporter

The Titans increased their winning streak to nine consecutive games on April 27, sweeping the Linn-Benton Community College Roadrunners in a double-header.

Freshman Keynan Middleton lead the Titans to a 7-3 game one victory on the mound, surrendering only one run in five innings of work.

Middleton battled control issues throughout his outing, walking four consecutive batters at one point, but maintained composure as he struck out three Roadrunners and did not give up a hit.

It wasn't just Middleton issuing free passes to first base for the Titans. He combined with freshman Gerardo Herrera, freshman Konner Reddick, freshman Jake Lessel and sophomore Tyler Johnson to give up 13 walks in the game.

Lane took a commanding 6-1 lead after a second inning in which they scored five runs and batted through the order.

Sophomore Cody McDonald led the Titans in the big inning as he tripled to left field on a two-strike count and scored on a bunt single by sophomore Dan-

iel Copeland.

The Titans played small ball the rest of the inning, scoring four runs by way of four singles and two Roadrunners errors.

Reddick went 3-for-5, scoring twice, and sophomore Shaun Boehm also finished the game 3-for-5, bringing his season batting average to .373.

The Titans completed the sweep in game two, winning by a score of 3-2.

Sophomore Alex Cornwell picked up the win for the Titans, throwing five innings and striking out two Roadrunners batters to earn his third victory of the season in as many starts.

Freshman Jarren Goddard went 2-for-3 for the Titans and sophomore Nic Coffman also went 2-for-3, driving in a run.

The Titans are now 9-3 in their last 12 games. After completing sweeps of both Linn-Benton and Mount Hood Community College last week, the Titans are two games back of Mount Hood for first place in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges South Region with a 13-7 region record.

The Roadrunners are one game behind the Titans. The top two teams will be advancing to the NWAACC Baseball Championships May 24.



COLUMN

Be true to you

BY RYAN KOSTECKA
Sports Editor

I hope that college athletes are inspired by current NBA athlete Jason Collins' decision to come out as gay to *Sports Illustrated* in an April 29 article.

A person's sexual preference is nothing to be embarrassed about, but our society's cruel reactions can make people feel isolated and ashamed.

By being the first professional male athlete to come out as gay while currently playing in a sport, Collins took a huge step toward normalizing the presence of homosexuality in professional sports, but this can't stop with him. It must influence professional sports and trickle down to college and high schools also.

College should be one of the best times in a person's life, a time when people discover who they truly are and make memories that will last forever.

How can they do that if they are made to live a lie? College athletes, especially, are under a magnifying glass. Their opponents, fans and media dissect their every move.

People who come out of the closet should be met with open arms and support, not nasty remarks behind their back or speculation about how it will negatively affect the team.

I'm not saying that everyone on the team has to like that they have a gay teammate, but they have to respect and support them. In the end, the athlete's sexual orientation shouldn't matter. They are playing the game they love and that's what sports are truly about.

If an athlete is so ignorant that they don't want to shower with their gay teammate in fear of their teammate being attracted to them, they should be reminded that not every gay man is going to want them. They're gay, not sex-crazed.

Another issue is the stereotype that gay males are feminine in the way they dress, act and perform. This stereotype infers gay males can't withstand the competition and physical nature of playing in a professional sport.

That's a prejudice rooted in ignorance.

As a former collegiate athlete, I can vouch for my teammates knowing that if we would have had a gay teammate, we would have done everything in our power to make sure they felt included as a part of the team.

Some might say this is only a men's issue in sports, but it also greatly affects women.

For example, there is only one openly gay, well-known female athlete currently playing in the United States.

Brittany Griner, a member of the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and the No. 1 draft pick in 2013, came out as a lesbian at a post-draft press conference.

She spoke about the obstacles she's overcome to accept who she is. She battled internally over how coming out would be portrayed in the media or how it would affect her relationship with her teammates. That is why she kept her secret hidden throughout college.

Griner's advice to younger athletes is "be true to yourself — don't hide who you really are," because she "overcame it and got over" what other people said.

ESPN *SportsCenter* commentators have made a big deal over what Collins said and how it's out in the open and can't be ignored. But rather than discuss what this means for gay athletes and how it might make them proud to be who they are, *SportsCenter* repeated the question: "Is the NBA ready for a gay athlete?"

It's wrong that ESPN, the most-watched sports network in America, is taking the stance that sports come before the individuals that play them. Although that might not be the network's exact stance, by asking this question, that's the underlying implication.

The question shouldn't be "is the NBA ready for a gay athlete?"

Rather it's "what can sports teams do better to accept gay athletes?"

Public Safety, DEA collect 100 lbs. of unwanted drugs

Public Safety chief calls event a 'win-win'

BY SHAD HAYDEN
Reporter

Lane Public Safety teamed up with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency to collect five boxes of unwanted prescription drugs that weighed more than 100 pounds.

The April 27 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day allowed people with unwanted medications the opportunity to dispose of them in a way that will reduce the risk of misuse, abuse and damage to the environment.

"It's a win-win situation, a great way to safely dispose of accumulated unwanted prescription drugs," Lane Public Safety Chief Jace Smith said.

He said he was excited to help local citizens and the environment by doing his part to keep drugs off the streets and out of our drinking water.

Smith said Lane Public Safety received no rewards for participating, and its partnership with the DEA boosts the department's credibility.

People with surplus medications accounted for the biggest portion of drug disposers, but medical or veterinary clinics also made deposits.

"We have collected over 300 pounds in the last two years," Smith said. Since 2010, Lane officials have experienced no major problems, and all officers have been trained to follow DEA protocol.

Officers remained with the drug disposal box at all times, and pharmaceuticals are handled as drug evidence.

At the end of the event a law officer sealed and returned the collection boxes, to be incinerated by the DEA.

Drugs that languish in medicine cabinets represent a danger to children, adults and the environment. According to state records, off-label use of prescription drugs accounts for nearly 15,000 emergency room visits per year.

From 2002 to 2004, Oregon had the third-highest rate of juvenile painkiller abuse in the nation. The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and

friends. Medications that are improperly disposed of present a risk to wastewater systems. The wastewater plants are not designed to remove these substances, and tainted water can make its way to the soil, surface water and groundwater.

According to DEA protocol, participants disposed of prescription and over-the-counter drugs anonymously. Individuals were encouraged to remove any identifying information from prescription labels.

The DEA Diversion Control Office sponsored the event and provided training, literature and supplies.

According to a DEA notice, officers in Oregon, Washington,

Idaho and Alaska collected a combined 24,000 pounds of unwanted drugs last year.

In the last five collection drives, the DEA has destroyed more than 2 million pounds of pharmaceuticals.

Between the official disposal days, those with surplus drugs can dispose of them in drop boxes at:

- the Lane County Sheriff's Office, at 125 E. 8th Ave. in Eugene;
- the Springfield Police Department, at 230 4th St.;
- the Cottage Grove Police Department, at 400 E. Main St.;
- the Oakridge Police Department, at 76435 Ash. St.; or
- the Florence Police Department, at 989 Spruce St.

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May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7
	#selfdefense Public Safety will host a self-defense course taught by corporals Lisa Rupp and Jake Ryker. The event is open to the college and will feature hands-on exercises. Room 234, Building 19 at 3 p.m.	#trackandfield The Lane track and field teams will compete against four- and two-year colleges in preparation for the May 11 South Region Championships. Hayward Field, University of Oregon at 2 p.m. #dayoff The college will be closed Friday due to inservice. Have fun!		#hindsight2020 A presentation of a lecture called "Lewis and Clark: What They Should Have Learned: The Oregon Winter Return Trip East and the Aftermath." Lane Longhouse at 9 a.m.	#lanebloodmobile The Lane Bloodmobile will be at the Lane main campus May 6 to May 8 for a blood drive. May 6 to 8 on Main Campus	#baseball The Titans will take on the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers to begin the last third of their South Region schedule. Lane Baseball Field at 1 p.m.

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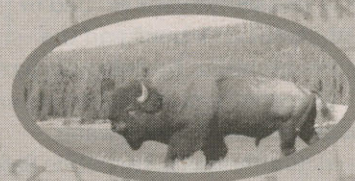
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Master instructor Ni Ketut Arini held a Balinese dance workshop in a Building 5 studio. Those taking part included Lane dance instructor Bonnie Samoa (top, second from right).

Balinese master shares techniques

BY MOHAMMED ALKHADHER
Reporter

Master instructor Ni Ketut Arini visited Lane and UO for three days to teach lessons in traditional Balinese dance.

Arini holds a master's degree in dance from the Indonesian Academy of Dance, and is regarded as a master of Balinese dance by tetamian.org, a website that specializes in Balinese classical dance and its history.

Arini taught participants the Teruna Jaya, a dance that charts "the transformation of a child entering adulthood," according to tetmian.org. "The movement is emotional, sometimes fierce, and very empathetic."

"It was a full encompassing experience for me," Lane student and Talent Scholarship recipient Azurite Stewart said, "because I spent the whole four days with her."

Stewart described the experience as intimate, and said Arini's presence was transforming.

The dance was described as a "reflection of nature,"

Lane dance instructor Bonnie Samoa said. Samoa said she did not have time to answer questions after the lesson.

"It was really a neat concept when I was trying to comprehend it all," Lane student Joshua Falin said.

"You can't teach it, you have to feel it to learn it," Lane student DJ Williams said.

Attendees were able to ask Arini questions about Balinese dance and give feedback following the lesson.

"I feel like I learned and absorbed a lot just by watching her dance," Stewart said.





“There’s a shooter in the room! What are you going to do?”
— Jace Smith
Public Safety chief

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Corporal Lisa Rupp (background) simulates an active shooter with an unloaded BB pistol while Public Safety Chief Jace Smith narrates the scenario.

Run. Hide. Fight.

Public Safety trains campus in how to react if the worst happens

BY AISLINN RENNISON
Reporter

Attention! Attention! An active shooter has been detected. Shots have been fired. Take cover or evacuate.

Someday, Lane Public Safety Jace Chief Smith said, that announcement could ring through the college’s public address system, and his department is training people in case it does.

At the department’s April 23 Violent Actor Orientation, Smith said it is vital that students, staff and instructors know how to respond.

Through Lane President Mary Splide’s directive to increase safety presentations, Smith conducted the orientation with Corporal Lisa Rupp. The presentation consisted of videos, demonstrations and information regarding how to react in different circumstances.

Smith said the most important decision after realizing there is an active shooter is to answer an essential question: Should I stay or should I go?

“It is all based on the totality of the circumstances,” Smith said.

In an exercise meant to emphasize the chaos of a spree shooting, Rupp used a fake gun to “shoot” the audience. This demonstration was to test the reaction skills of the 32 attendees.

Smith said that when the shooter has not seen you, it’s best to evacuate the campus as quickly and quietly as possible. Do not attempt to enter another building to hide. In an emergency situation, all campus doors will be locked. Otherwise, find a safe hiding spot that you can easily sneak out of, stay quiet and silence your cell phone.

However, you may be placed in a situation in which you do not have time to flee or hide — the same situation the audience was in when Rupp performed her

demonstration.

In these circumstances, Smith said, it’s best to fight.

Smith urged attendees to commit to their decision and use any sharp or heavy object as a weapon. If fighting is the only option, do not put in half the effort, Smith said.

“We will certainly get killed if we sit here and don’t do anything,” he said. “What have you got to lose?”

Smith said a shooter’s job is to kill as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. Therefore, any obstacles you can place in front of the shooter will help immensely. The gunman is looking for easy targets. He or she is not going to waste time on a single kill when there are more easy targets. Even throwing heavy objects at him or her might disrupt the shooter’s response and aim.

Math instructor Lerissa Shatalova, who was in the audience, expressed great concern for the school’s safety measures.

“We need to develop a new strategy to update safety,” she said. “We have to make adjustments.”

One of these strategies could be to teach a simple phrase that Smith emphasized during the orientation: run, hide, fight.

Even after receiving response information from the orientation, Shatalova felt that the school needed to make changes, not only through education on response, but to the buildings as well. Shatalova said every classroom needed extra safety measures such as an extra exit door or mandatory locks.

“Our system is not set to deal with a dangerous situation when they are coming from God-knows-where,” Shatalova said. “I want everyone to think about a new future, unfortunately an unpleasant one.”

A safety measure that Lane has implemented to every classroom are public address systems, or PA boxes. The

system is inside the fire alarms and can be operated manually. This box allows two-way conversation between authorities and the students or teachers in the classroom.

Smith said that in a spree shooting, the PA systems will be used to communicate the location of the shooter and of authorities. The box will not be used to give instructions because every classroom will be in a different situation based upon time and proximity to the shooter.

Lane is looking for ways to improve the PA system after malfunctions during a recent earthquake drill, Smith said.

After the shooter has been detained or killed, authorities will use the PA system and Lane alert to give an “all clear” message. Only then does Smith advise that it is safe to unlock doors and move.

Shooters may pretend to be the police and knock on the door, but Smith warned the audience unless the “all clear” message has been delivered, not to reveal themselves.

First responders will quickly arrive on campus in the event of a spree shooting. Smith said do not expect the first responders to assist wounded victims because it is their top priority to put pressure on the shooter and find him.

Smith said that if a first responder is in sight, put your hands above your head, do not make any sudden movements, be prepared to be searched and listen to instructions. Otherwise, first responders might mistake you for the gunman and shoot.

Although the presentation focused on shooting, Smith wanted the audience to be aware that knives and sharp objects can be comparable to a firearm. Smith also said Lane Public Safety will conduct orientations or trainings at anytime upon request, cost-free.

“You read the papers, you see TV,” Smith said. “This is reality.”