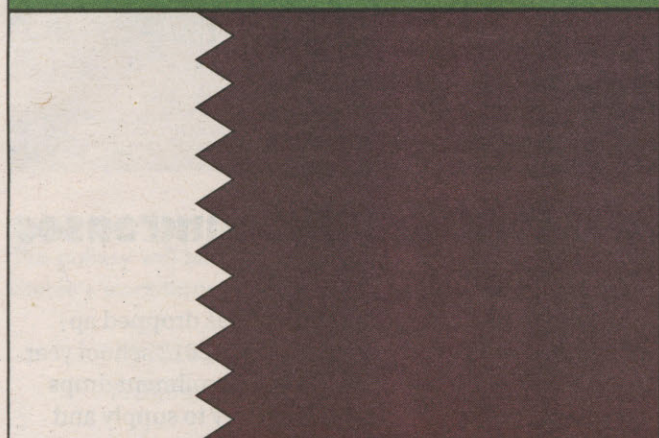
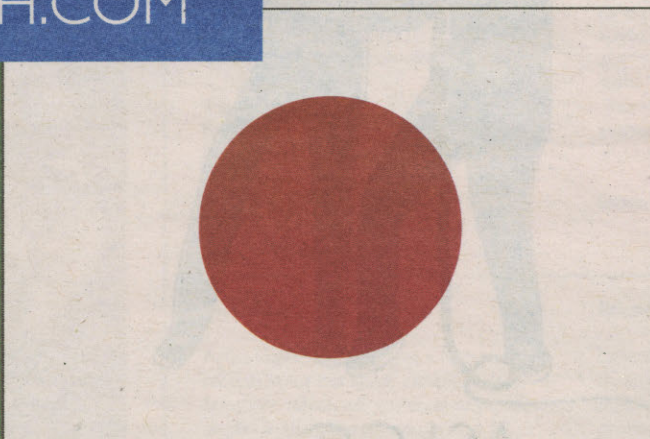


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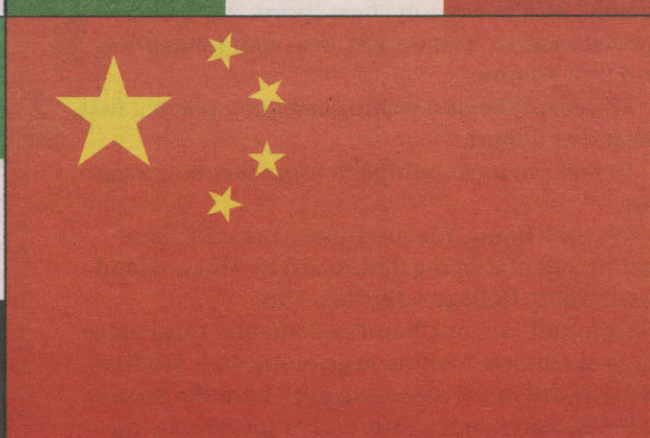
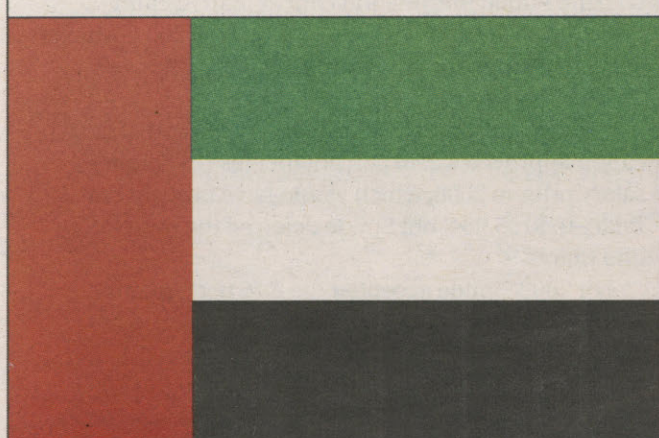
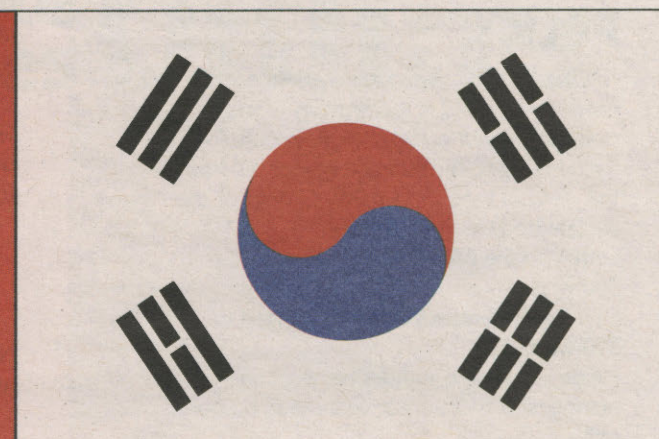
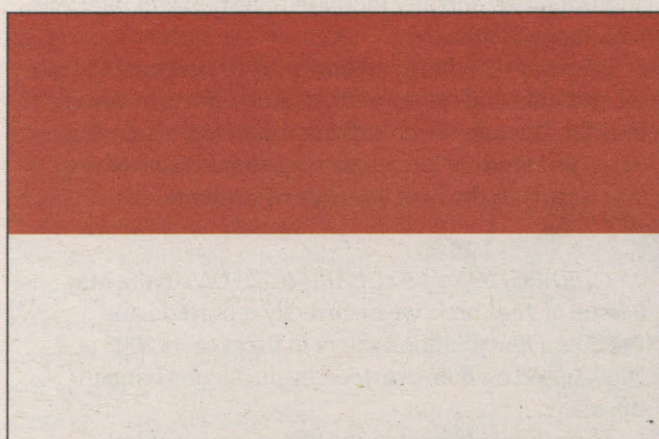
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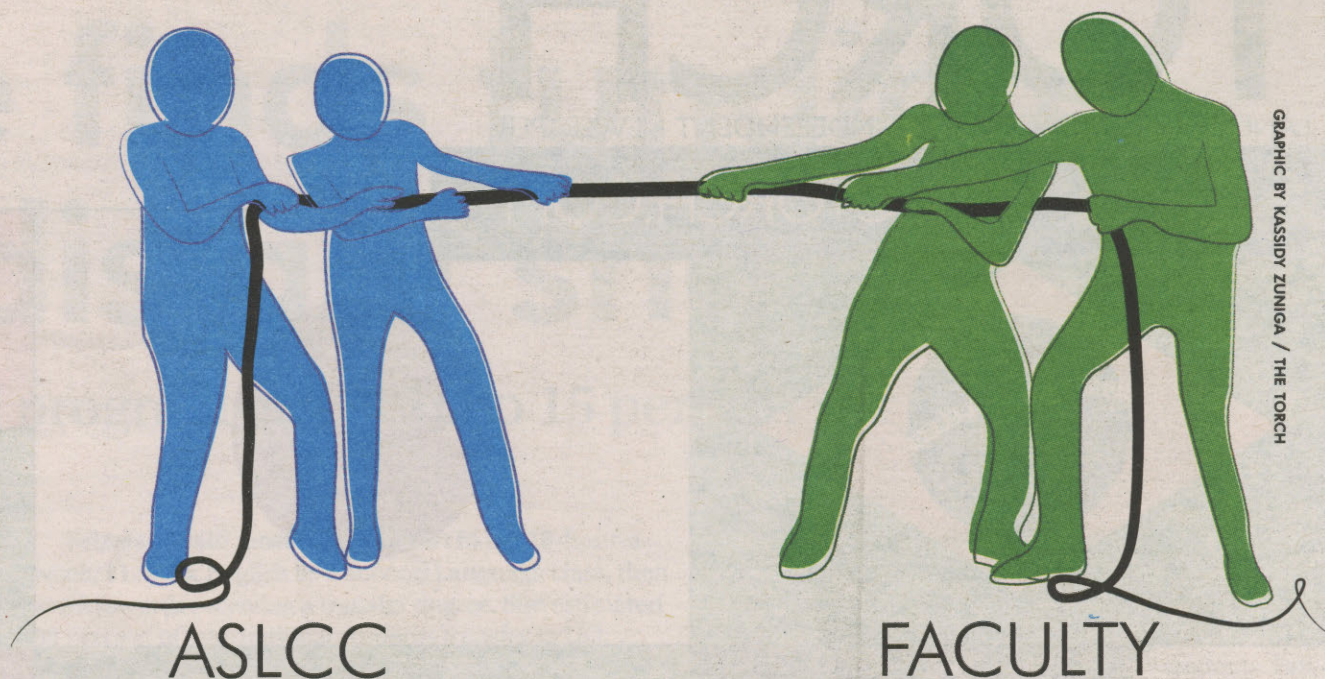
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Student government should resist further tuition increases

Since 2000, tuition at Lane has increased nearly 256 percent.

Members of the employee unions have been pushing for another tuition increase as the Lane Finance and Budget Subcommittee continues to work towards a consensus on a budget recommendation for the college budget committee.

The budget recommendation is necessary for the Board of Education to efficiently adopt a budget for next school year. Without the recommendation, the Board would have to reconcile any disputes coming from the subcommittee and the budget.

The only student voices in this debate are ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead and ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook. They have resisted any proposal involving a tuition increase in budget meetings previous to ASLCC's May 8 meeting.

Weatherhead should stick with this strategy and resist proposals to increase tuition.

Student representatives gave the flexibility to accept tuition increases as she sees fit during ASLCC's last meeting. This runs counter to student government's previous decision to support a \$2 per-credit tuition increase in order to resist further increases.

Such flexibility allows Weatherhead to soften her stance on a tuition increase, which she should not do.

Meetings with the budget subcommittee were described as "aggressive and volatile" by Weatherhead after she and Yook advocated against any per-credit tuition increase, per the senate's decision. Members of the budget committee likened ASLCC to the Tea Party as student officials were unwilling to budge on the issue of tuition increases.

The comparison is inappropriate, especially when students have seen numerous increases to their tuition over the past decade and the ASLCC is simply representing the frustration over these increases, rather than an

oversimplified ideology.

Additionally, college enrollment has dropped approximately 10 percent since the 2011-2012 school year. The idea of increasing tuition while enrollment drops is economically unsound and contrary to supply and demand principles.

One of the primary assumptions of the college budget is that maintaining services at the current level is the students' highest priority. As demand shrinks for education at the college, the supply of education and support services should decrease to match.

Meanwhile, contrary to the employee unions' assertions, compromises have been found. The student success initiative fee, a 50-cent fee students currently pay, is underused. The fee could be reclassified as general tuition, as proposed by the subcommittee in previous meetings. While not ideal, such reclassification could be well-reasoned based on the funding the college receives.

Tuition increases are simply not necessary. It's the easy way out when harder, but ultimately more appropriate, decisions should be made.

Cuts to programs, in the form of leaving vacant positions empty or more dramatic cuts, should accompany a reduction in student enrollment, not an increased price in an education that fewer people are finding accessible or worth the investment.

Ultimately, this argument is the result of inadequate state funding. Cuts have to be made in painful places. However, Lane was built to serve the community first and foremost, and any increase to tuition will interfere with that mission.

We want Weatherhead and Yook to continue to fight for students and we appreciate their efforts in doing so thus far. Despite the colorful comparisons to the Tea Party, our student leaders are fighting for something that is truly in the best interests of students.

The Torch wins state awards

The Torch has been recognized by the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association for 20 separate awards this year.

Our first-place prizes include best section, best writing, best news story, best sports story, best special section, best design, best spot news photo and best graphic.

We swept the best writing category, placing first, second and third.

In fact, we took multiple honors in most categories.

We took home a second-place prize for General Excellence, being dethroned by Mount Hood Community College's *The Advocate*.

As a staff, we took home second and third place for best editorial writing to go along with our first-place award in the same category from the Society of Professional Journalists earlier this year — an honor for which we beat out the likes of major universities in the Northwest from California to Idaho.

We've done very well at the ONPA awards every year for longer than a decade.

We're proud of our achievements and grateful for the students that support us.

CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATION: In the May 8 issue of *The Torch*, we incorrectly reported Lane President Mary Spilde's salary in fiscal years 2008 and 2009, based on data provided by the faculty bargaining team.

Lane Public Information Officer Joan Aschim provided a summary of Spilde's pay since 2007, which *The Torch* independently confirmed using Spilde's publicly available contracts.

Spilde earned \$181,519 in 2007. The Board of Education approved a 2.46 percent increase to Spilde's salary prior to 2008, which would have brought her salary to \$185,984, but Spilde deferred the raise for one year.

For 2009, Spilde accepted the 2.46 percent raise and an additional 1.9 percent, which increased her salary to \$189,516. She accepted an additional 4 percent for 2010, which brought her pay to \$197,099, an amount reduced by \$4,700 when Spilde took seven furlough days.

Spilde earned \$197,099 in 2011 and 2012. The board approved a 3.5 percent raise for fiscal year 2013, but Spilde deferred her raise for 11 months. The increase would have set her salary at \$203,997.

The Torch regrets, and is happy to clarify, this error.



ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

Lane Board of Education member Rosie Prior defends President Mary Spilde's contract at the May 8 meeting in the Building 3 board room.

Board of Education ratifies student elections

New student fees will take effect summer term

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane students will see their per-term activity fee increase to \$50.20 next year as the Lane Board of Education approved the results from the April ASLCC elections.

The board voted unanimously to ratify the changes during its May 8 meeting.

The approval raised the once-per-term student activity fee to \$50.20 by awarding 65 cents each to the Gender and Sexuality Alliance and MEChA, and 50 cents to the Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union. An additional 10 cents was awarded to Oregon Student Association, bringing its total activity fee revenue to \$2.54 per student per term.

The three groups asked students to fund them in the 2012 ASLCC election, but the referendums did not pass.

The approval of the election also ratified positions of student representatives.

Student voters elected Paul Zito as ASLCC president and Anayeli Jimenez as vice president, Zach Wais as treasurer and Nathan Campbell as multicultural programs coordinator. Zito, Jimenez, Wais and Campbell all ran unopposed.

With 12 candidates vying for 10 senate seats, voters elected Adriana Alveraz, Alex Dagget, Becky Larsen, Brandi Hoskins, Collette Buchanan, Francisco "Kiko" Gomez, Isa Anastasia Aguirre, Gilles Marius Tassimebedo, Robert Schumacher and Rebekah Ellis to the table.

Voters also elected Felicia Dickinson to the Student Finance Board. Dickinson ran unopposed.

During the board meeting, Weatherhead said she was surprised voter turnout in the ASLCC general election had decreased from the March special election.

Board member Rosie Prior said the number of voters seemed to be low and asked Weatherhead why she thought the number of voters was had decreased.

"I think that has to do with less controversy around the election because we chose not to move forward with the student activity fee changes at this moment," Weatherhead said, "so I think it has to do with less buildup around that."

Weatherhead said she felt having so many unopposed candidates also contributed to the lower turnout.

ASLCC adviser and Leadership Dean Barb Delansky said the voter turnout was not the lowest an ASLCC election has ever had.

"Every credit student on this campus that was eligible to vote received several emails and announcements on (their) myLane page, directions on how to get the polls," Delansky said. "It's unfortunate that they chose not to participate, but I think Mary (Weatherhead) is correct, that in a contested race you have a lot more interest in it."

Board member Pat Albright said he understood why there would be less voters in the general election after some of the other activity fee measures were not included in the ballot.

"If you want to see participation, take a look at county elections," Albright said. "Put a money-measure on a county election and you'll see the population participation increase threefold."

Speaking from the gallery, Weatherhead urged the board to approve the increases to the student activity fee because the groups are integral to student life.

"MEChA, GSA and APISU all contribute so much to this campus by putting on cultural events ranging from (APISU's annual) luau, the MEChA car show. This year, our GSA, in conjunction with ASLCC, will be putting on a drag show — hopefully," Weatherhead said. "(These groups) also send students to conferences, provide leadership development and do a lot of outreach to the community."

Weatherhead said MEChA also does a lot of a work with high school students, ensuring students in the

community know someone in the college system they can look up to.

Weatherhead offered the rationale for the 10-cent increase to OSA too.

"This, as well, does a lot of work for students, but I think a lot of work for the college in general," she said. "They advocate for funding for community colleges, universities, the Oregon Opportunity Grant and they're also the only organization that advocates for the Student-Parent Childcare Grant."

Weatherhead told the board that the association hosted its first Oregon Student Equal Rights Symposium this year. She also cited the success of the Oregon Coalition of Equal Rights Alliance and the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, both statewide student boards founded at annual OSA conferences, in 2001 and 1997 respectively.

"They're the only statewide organization for students that specifically has boards — institutionalized representation for underrepresented communities," Weatherhead said.

Weatherhead introduced ASLCC President-elect Paul Zito to the Board of Education during the meeting.

"I'd like to congratulate Paul and welcome Paul into the mix," board member Tony McCown said.

McCown said he knew Zito from lobbying events in Salem.

"I had never seen a student in his first visit so prepared and able," McCown said, "So I look forward to working with you."

Weatherhead said Zito has worked hard for students this school year, giving his time to student-initiatives to lower textbook costs and fight student hunger.

"I have full faith he will serve the students of this campus wholeheartedly," Weatherhead said.

Zito will take office June 1, although Weatherhead will continue representing students during some of the budget discussions going into June.



ALEX QUADRINI / THE TORCH

ASLCC Treasurer Matthew Yook (left) and senators Thomas Baitian and Collette Buchanan listen as President Merriam Weatherhead explains the college's current budget negotiations.

ASLCC permits possible tuition increase

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

Lane's student government has given ASLCC President Merriam Weatherhead the authority to advocate for more than just an absolute-zero tuition increase while she represents Lane's student body in the college's ongoing budget negotiations.

The ASLCC Senate passed a motion in January that stipulated that Weatherhead would reluctantly agree to the Board of Education's Feb. 6 passage of a \$2 tuition increase to cover approximately \$800,000 in inflation costs, with the stipulation that ASLCC would advocate against any increase in tuition for the rest of the school year.

A new motion was required for ASLCC representatives to agree to another tuition increase of any kind.

Another tuition increase would be necessary under Gov. Kitzhaber's proposed budget that would allocate \$428 million for community colleges through 2015. Under this budget, Lane faces a \$9 million budget deficit.

The large gap has ignited heated negotiations between the college administration, faculty unions and ASLCC.

"Frankly, the meetings have been getting really aggressive and volatile towards the zero-dollar tuition increase," Weatherhead said. "I've been compared to the Tea Party. It's been a really intense couple of meetings."

Weatherhead said the Finance and Budget Development Subcommittee has discussed three projected budgets based on scenarios with different totals in state funding for community colleges. In the three scenarios community colleges are given \$510 million, \$460 mil-

lion and \$428 million, according to Weatherhead.

Weatherhead said Lane could face no budget deficit if the Oregon Joint Ways and Means Committee were to pass a budget that allocates \$510 million to community colleges, although she thinks passage is unlikely.

A budget projected on the currently proposed \$428 million is what Weatherhead called "the worst-case scenario," as it carries a \$9 million deficit for Lane.

"We think we'll get a little more (than \$428 million), but not very much," Weatherhead said.

Under the \$428 million scenario, Weatherhead said a \$4.50 per-credit tuition increase has been demanded.

"In fact, Bob Baldwin, the president of the Lane Community College Employees Federation, actually said he would veto anything that changed their proposal that didn't include a \$4.50 tuition increase," Weatherhead said.

The committee wants \$460 million, she said, although \$450 million is a more accurate estimate.

Weatherhead said the committee has mostly been talking about the \$460 million budget, which includes a projected \$7 million shortfall for the college. The \$460 million proposal requires a \$1 per-credit tuition increase, in which students only pay 50 cents more per credit. The remaining 50 cents comes from the student success initiative fee.

"We were able to almost reach a consensus under \$460 (million) ... I said I could not agree to that because y'all voted, and we all voted, for zero-dollar tuition increase," Weatherhead said. "I'm 100 percent comfortable with representing that position of ASLCC

still, but if y'all are wanting to consider smaller tuition increases or giving me the authority, and Matt (Yook) the authority, to make those decisions, you can. We've been true to representing what you all voted on us to represent."

LCCEF Officer Roger Gamblin addressed the ASLCC Senate to persuade them to give Weatherhead and Yook the authority to negotiate beyond a stance of no tuition increases.

"I'm asking you to let your representatives go into negotiations with an open mind. Please don't restrict your representatives with any closed-minded 'we're not going to allow this' or 'we're not going to allow any tuition increase,'" Gamblin said.

Some student leaders expressed concern that an unpopular stance could prevent students from being invited to the table for future discussions. Weatherhead encouraged her peers to save face when making their choice.

"Don't make a decision on the fear of losing our voice, because that's a scare tactic that people use," Weatherhead said.

ASLCC Senator Maria Elena Gonzales led the way when she said, "I move to accept that Merriam makes a decision of increasing tuition if she sees appropriate at the next budget meeting."

The motion passed unanimously.

"Supposedly, we're all making concessions inside the budget," Weatherhead said.

The college budget committee is scheduled to meet May 15 in the Building 3 board room.

Student government approves budget

BY TAYA ALAMI
News Editor

The student government has passed a budget for the 2013-14 school year that still includes membership to the Oregon Community College Student Association.

Lane's student government plans to continue paying \$7,045 in OCCSA membership dues next school year, after the Senate's approval of a balanced ASLCC budget that leaves the funding earmarked to the group.

Prior to the passage of the new ASLCC budget, Weatherhead wrote in an email to her peers and *The Torch* that she doesn't support removing membership from the Oregon Community College Student Association for the upcoming school year.

"When (the obligation to fund OCCSA) was removed from the (ASLCC) constitution, it was not done with the intention to pull out of OCCSA this year," Weatherhead wrote, "but it was done so that we can start having that discussion of what OCCSA is really doing for students at

LCC and students throughout the state."

When Weatherhead originally introduced the proposed budget during the May 1 ASLCC meeting, ASLCC Vice President-elect Anayeli Jimenez said the OCCSA membership dues could potentially be used for travel and events.

"I would like to advocate to take (OCCSA membership) off our budget just because, on a personal level, I haven't seen anything from OCCSA. I have been engaged more in USSA than OCCSA, so if we're going to be taking off USSA than why not OCCSA?" Jimenez asked the Senate during the May 1 discussion.

ASLCC President-elect Paul Zito is the co-chair of OCCSA, and was absent during the May 1 meeting. Several members of ASLCC said they weren't comfortable defunding the organization until Zito could tell them what OCCSA has done.

"The reason you haven't really seen anything from OCCSA is because they're pretty much doing the same thing OSA is doing," Zito said at the May 8 meeting.

Zito said OCCSA is active on many of the same issues

that the OSA concentrates on. The only school with more students than Lane at the April 25 student rally in Salem was Linn-Benton Community College.

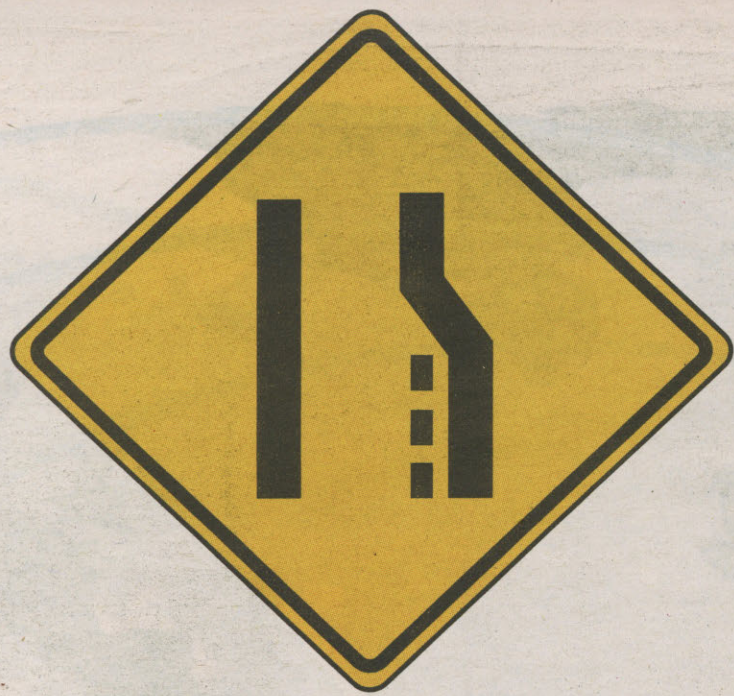
Weatherhead said she thinks that the organization has some issues, but ASLCC has made a commitment.

"I think that they have made a budget, and although we're not 40 percent of their budget, we are a portion of our budget," Weatherhead said. "I think if we pulled out now they wouldn't be able to fund the organizer, and I think that's bad for the student movement as a whole, and for the health of the student movement within Oregon."

Weatherhead said she thinks next year's ASLCC administration could potentially consider is a "probationary membership" of OCCSA that could allow ASLCC to reevaluate their membership on a regular basis.

"I think that being put on probation is something we should consider for the year and evaluate it for next year," ASLCC Senator Collette Buchanan said.

The motion to approve the budget was passed unanimously.



MERGE

Transiciones integrates foreign language speakers into community

By MISSY CORR
Copy Editor

Transiciones is re-evaluating its approach in helping non-native English language-learners complete their education at Lane, after cancelling their Spring course due to low enrollment.

Transiciones aims to help women and minorities feel less intimidated by pursuing education with a class and transitional supports.

"Cancelling the class in this program is something that we didn't see coming," Transiciones adviser Rita Rodriguez-Loop said.

She said students had verbally committed to taking the class but, even after extending the deadline, only two registered. In light of the cancellation, Rodriguez-Loop has decided to redirect her energy to finding new ways to improve the program.

"I think that we have to be more coordinated, to tell you the truth," Rodriguez-Loop said.

She said the program is meeting with an advisory committee to better serve Spanish-speaking women.

Rodriguez-Loop is also contacting all previous Transiciones participants from Fall 2011 and is organizing an event, to take place in late May, in order to get feedback from them.

"Hopefully the group will help us to strategize not only about the class, but what they want from us

and how I can serve them," Rodriguez-Loop said.

She hopes not only for at least 14 registrants in the summer term, so the class can run, but also to expand beyond serving only Spanish-speaking students.

"Some of the women in the community are from other countries," Rodriguez-Loop said. "They don't speak English and don't speak Spanish — but here they are. So we're trying to connect with that group as well."

City council candidate Juan Carlos Valle said English-language learners encounter many hurdles while building new lives in America.

"The challenges can range from linguistic, meaning they struggle to understand and speak the language, to cultural differences, to the laws and day-to-day living," Valle said.

Valle said Latinos are less likely to have a family member who has gone through the education system in America.

"Whereas the counterpart, meaning, probably, white students, they have somebody who has gone through high school that understands the system fully," Valle said. "Not to mention the language and culture itself."

The Transiciones class is not an English as a Second Language class. The class helps students integrate into credit or certificate program classes and teaches skills that help students to feel comfortable

and be successful in a higher-education environment, such as presenting in front of a class.

"Some of the students haven't been in classes in a long time," Rodriguez-Loop said. "And in these classes they do everything in their own language, so that's really nurturing."

Rodriguez-Loop said it helps students to move forward if they're not overwhelmed by learning cultural and educational skill sets in a new language.

"The students may be facing work issues, sustaining family and of course the huge one: the education system," Valle said.

He said the anxiety of being singled out in terms of speaking performance necessitates a transition program, and that higher education could be more culturally competent to better serve students.

"It can be as simple as learning about the student's culture and bringing it into the classroom on a regular basis," Valle said. "It can be as easy as the teachers learning how to pronounce student's names correctly."

Chicano/Latino Student Program Director and member of the advisory committee James Garcia said Lane could better serve Spanish-speaking students by having a translator available for every department.

"If you write something about the Transiciones program in *The Torch*, and we want to use it as a resource, it has to be in Spanish."

Lane Family Day returns

Multiple events available across Lane's campus

By SHAD HAYDEN
Reporter

Look out below and watch for children underfoot if you are at Lane May 18 for the school's third annual Family Day.

From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., students and families will come to campus for food, fun and special events.

Last year, more than 500 people attended Family Day.

Event organizer Mike O'Neal, Lane's director of food and beverages, said he expects more than 600 guests this year.

Several departments at Lane will provide volunteers for the event. Student government is funding family day, and McDonald Wholesale Co. will provide food.

"This is a chance to build our local community," O'Neal said. O'Neal has modeled the event on a United Way event he visited in the past.

Targeting kids from kindergarten to eighth grade, this event promotes healthy eating, higher learning and familiarity with the college. O'Neal believes that when it's time for these kids to think about higher education after high school, they will remember Lane.

"This kaleidoscope of learning events (will) trigger the interest in children, allowing them to participate, learn and receive an honorary diploma for one or more

workshops," O'Neal said.

In Bristow Square, there will be animals from the Zany Zoo Pet store — "scads of cute fuzzy things," store owner Nate McClain said.

This "circus of stars," as McClain calls it, performs hundreds of shows per year and has been a part of Lane's Family Day from day one.

Participating departments include:

- the Culinary Department, which will serve four varieties of healthy pancakes and provide the recipes;
- the Arts Department, which will offer clay, a potter's wheel and some basic art instruction for the children;
- the Flight Technologies Program, which is bringing a flight simulator;
- the Learning Garden, volunteers from which will give children seeds and teach them how to plant herbs and develop healthier eating habits;
- the Lane paramedic program, which will give children gurney rides and ambulance demonstrations; and
- the Science Department, which will erect experiment tables and teach children science tricks.

Children who attend Family Day are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero and meet real-life "Lane Superheroes," mascots from the participating departments. They will receive free gifts and prizes.

The event is free for attendees, but donations are accepted.

219 full-time international students at Lane

47% from East Asia
32% from Middle East

Top 6 international program countries of origin

	China	61
	Saudi Arabia	47
	South Korea	32
	Yemen	14
	Qatar	9
	Taiwan	9

47 other students come from 24 other countries of origin

\$3.7M

Resources garnered from international program fees

\$1.8M

Expenditures from international program

SOURCE: Lane budget

Bringing Lane's fr

1.7% of Lane's approximately 12,500 credit students are full-time international students

Lane administrators are venturing abroad and employing many of the same tactics larger universities use to attract international students.

Lane finds international students through online advertising, college fairs and international recruiting agents, but International Program Director Jennifer Falzerano said most students hear about Lane from friends and family. Other Oregon colleges echo this philosophy.

"Word of mouth is absolutely, by far the best way to recruit," Southern Oregon University International Program Director and history professor Gary Miller said.

Of the various recruiting methods, Miller said college fairs are the best way to get students "in the door" so word of mouth can work.

He said the cost of participating in a college fair varies by location, but has cost SOU approximately \$10,000 to send two people to China for a week to attend five or six fairs.

"Tuition for international students is about \$18,000 a year," Miller said, "and we spend \$10,000 and run into

five students. You can see we only need one or two students to pay for the trip. And we get a lot more."

Lane's Falzerano said there are cultural reasons why students study abroad.

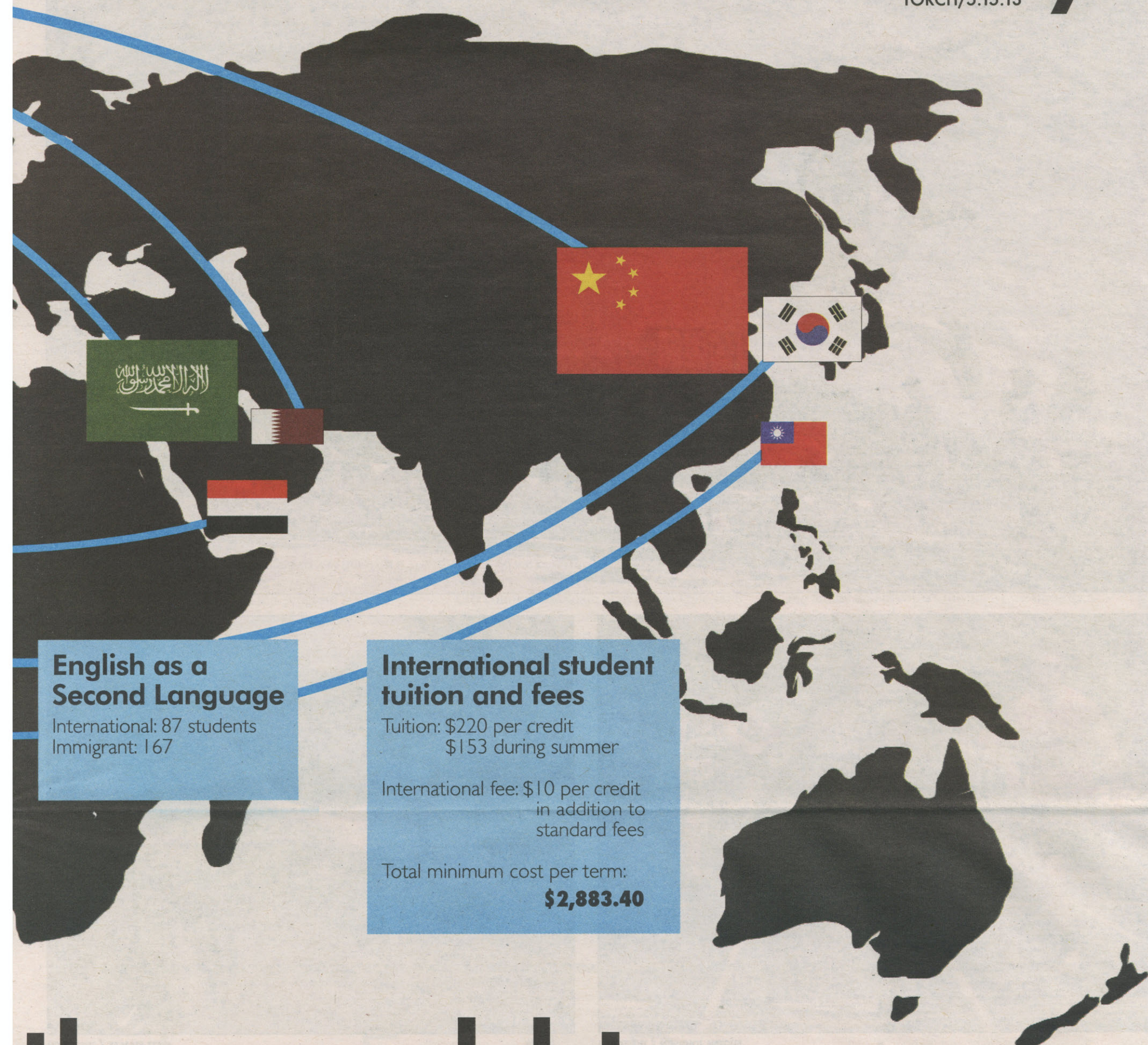
Falzerano said in rapidly developing areas of Asia with young populations, such as Vietnam, Indonesia and China, universities fill up quickly.

"China, for example, has about a million students a year that they don't have any spaces in the university for," Falzerano said. "So parents seek other opportunities."

RECRUITING AGENTS

Recruiting agents help students find and apply to colleges. Falzerano said they are prevalent elsewhere because in many countries, such as China, Vietnam and France, students take an end-of-high-school exam, the results of which dictate their post-secondary education within the country.

"In high schools in other countries there aren't guidance counselors," Falzerano said. "So students, when they want to go abroad, often go to a partner,



English as a Second Language

International: 87 students
Immigrant: 167

International student tuition and fees

Tuition: \$220 per credit
\$153 during summer

International fee: \$10 per credit
in addition to
standard fees

Total minimum cost per term:
\$2,883.40

the world to front door

College recruits international students
By Missy Corr

which is like a travel agency that also knows about schools."

For quality control, Portland State University Executive Director of International Affairs Ron Witczak said PSU does not use outside recruiting agents. PSU's international admissions staffs travel three or four times a year, mostly to China, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India and Indonesia. They attend college fairs and speak to students at one of the 100 international universities with which they have signed partnerships.

"It's just something that we're generally not that comfortable doing, of course," Witczak said, "because anybody could set up a recruiting agency. And we know our partners better, we think. And we can talk about Portland State better than anybody."

Oregon State University International Marketing and Engagement Coordinator Lindy Osborne said the agents OSU uses go through a rigorous screening process. If found falsifying information, agents could face fines, suspension and termination of contract.

"We have encountered some problems like that. I don't know if it's more than you'd find at most universi-

ties," Osborne said. "I think it's kind of a problem that happens throughout the entire world."

Osborne said most typically forged documents are transcripts and English proficiency test results.

"There are always issues of questionable transcripts," Osborne said. "I think they're fairly easy to obtain in other countries — more so than here."

She said in some places forgery is more culturally acceptable.

"So we're constantly battling that misconception that it's OK to falsify a document," Osborne said. "It's something we take really seriously."

Osborne said the language scores international students submit always have a photo on the score sheet. She said OSU has received language scores on which the photo is not of the actual applicant.

Through the organization INTO University Partnerships, OSU is connected to regional managers in 28 offices worldwide who manage agents recruiting on their behalf, with agents in 55 countries. Osborne said having staff in place gives them better ability to verify legitimacy.

"If we didn't have people on the ground who were able to do that, we wouldn't be able to know for sure if the student matched the photo," Osborne said.

ENROLLMENT INFLUENCES

"In the '80s and early '90s, OSU was actually at 10 percent international student enrollment," Osborne said. "But the economic crash of 1997 in Asia actually dropped our international student enrollment to about four and a half percent."

Osborne said Chinese students make up 56 percent of OSU's approximately 2,500 international students because more Chinese students have the financial ability to study abroad due to China's growing economy.

Saudi Arabia is PSU's most populous international demographic. Witczak said world events, such as the spring uprising in the Middle East and the resulting Pakistani and Libyan currency devaluation, affect international student enrollment.

"It really is a fickle cycle that depends on what's happening around the world and current events," Witczak said.



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Lane athletes break records on way to winning South Region

Top: Lane freshman Kara Hallock jumped 18'4.5" in the women's long jump to win first place at the May 11 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges South Region Championship at Lane.

Middle left: Lane freshman Justin Browne anchored the men's 4x100-meter relay and helped the team clinch first place with a time of 42.51.

Middle right: Sophomore Brandon Nash jumped 6'8.25" to take first place.

Bottom: Lane sophomore Hanna Person placed second in the women's hammer throw. Person threw the hammer 150'01".



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Lane freshman Gabrielle Head took first place in the women's javelin at the May 11 NWAACC South Region Championships at Lane. Head won with a throw of 131'07".

FOUR IN A ROW

Lane wins multiple events to conquer South Region

By ARYAN RAHMATI AND ASHLEY FARRELL
Reporters

The Titans track and field team slayed the competition at the Southern Region Championships May 11 at Lane, with several standout performances.

Lane faced competition from the Clackamas Community College Cougars, the Mount Hood Community College Saints, the Clark College Penguins, the Treasure Valley Community College Chukars and the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers.

None of the schools kept up with the Titans. The men accumulated 335.5 points and the women totaled 277 points.

The closest competitor for the men's team was Clackamas with 182.5 points.

Sophomore Jemiel Lowery had several successful performances for Lane, placing first in four events. He took the 100- and 200-meter championships in times of 10.59 and 21.88, respectively.

Lowery also ran in both the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relay team events and led them to first-place finishes in times of 42.51 and 3:21.40 respectively.

Running in the 4x100-meter relay team with Lowery were sophomores Joseph Hart and Joe Hennricks and freshman Justin Browne.

Freshman Austin Baker and sophomores Ian McNaughton and Hennicks rounded out the 4x400 team.

Browne finished second in the 100-meter with a time of 10.83. Freshman Dylan Hamming took third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.53.

Baker and McNaughton placed first and second in the 400-meter dash with times of 49.77 and 49.78 respectively.

Freshman Sean McGetrick placed first in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.02 and first in the 400-meter hurdles with 56.07.

Sophomore William Kunkle led the way in the field events. He placed first in the discus with a distance of 148'10", and second in the hammer throw with a toss of 151'10".

Sophomore Tre Hartney placed first in the shot put at 42'6.25".

The Titans dominated the long jump. First place went to Joseph Hart with a distance of 23'04". Second and third places went to freshmen Gabriel Rodriguez and Diego Gonzalez with distances of 22'09" and 22'02.5" respectively.

A tiebreaker jumpoff between sophomore Brandon Nash and Southwestern Oregon's Kevin Robinson in the high jump brought some of the closest competition of the day. After both men were unable to clear 6'10", Nash pulled out the win with a jump of 6'8.25". Lane freshman Cody Cowdin placed third with 6'2.25".

Freshman Zach Olivera and sophomore Trevor Prater, both from Lane, took the top two spots in the pole vault with jumps of 15'11" and 15'07" respectively.

Freshman Theo Puentes took first place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 10:04.17.

The Titans women's team outscored the Cougars 277 to 166 to take first place.

Freshman Kara Hallock continued her stellar year by taking first in the long jump with a mark of 18'4.50", and first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.16. Sophomore Shaneesa Applegate finished right behind Hallock in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.95.

The women swept the top three places in the 100-meter dash thanks to sophomore Allie Church, redshirt freshman Jahzelle Ambus and freshman Ali-sha Rowlee. Church finished first with a time of 12.02. Rowlee and Ambus followed closely with times of

Women's 100-meter hurdles

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1	Kara Hallock	LANE	14.16
2	Shaneesa Applegate	LANE	14.95
3	Tiara Fuller	CLACKAMAS	15.22
4	Rochelle Pappel	LANE	15.33
5	Charlene Manning	MOUNT HOOD	15.47

Men's 100-meter dash

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	TIME
1	Jemiel Lowery	LANE	10.59
2	Justin Browne	LANE	10.83
3	Thomas Sutherland	CLACKAMAS	10.86
4	Gabriel Rodriguez	LANE	11.06
4	Dylan Hamming	LANE	11.06

12.16 and 12.20 respectively.

Not to be outdone, the women collected another sweep of the top three spots in the pole vault. Freshman Anna Jensen took first with a mark 10'8.25". Freshman Kayla Vasquez came in second with 10'4.25" and sophomore Colleen Walsh took third with 9'10.50".

The 4x400-meter relay team, consisting of Ambus, Hallock, Church and freshman Macaulay Wilson, took second place to Clackamas by one second with an overall time of 4:05.55.

The women's 4x100-meter relay team was the clear favorite to win the race when they had a commanding lead over the competitors, but finished in last place because they were disqualified due to dropping the baton on the last handoff.

Breaking her personal record, freshman Gabrielle Head took first place in the javelin for Lane with a toss of 131'07".

Freshman Madison Seaman finished the competition with two first-place finishes in the discus and shot put. She threw the discus 138'11" and the shot put 40'4.75".

Freshman Leah Wilson took third place in the hammer throw and shot put with distances of 137'06" and 39'10.50".

The Titans will have two weeks off before May 20 and 21, when they compete in the biggest, and final, event of the year: the two-day Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships in Spokane, Wash. Community Colleges of Spokane are the reigning champion in both the men's and women's events.

Women's Hammer Throw

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	DISTANCE
1	McKenzie Warren	MOUNT HOOD	152'07"
2	Hanna Person	LANE	150'01"
3	Leah Wilson	LANE	137'06"
4	Nneeka Lankster	SWOCC	134'05"
5	Kaimi Zablan	LANE	129'02"

Men's High Jump

PLACE	NAME	SCHOOL	HEIGHT
1	Brandon Nash	LANE	6'8.25"
2	Kevin Robinson	SWOCC	6'6.25"
3	Cody Cowdin	LANE	6'2.25"
4	Spencer Blanks	CLARK	6'2.25"
5	Zack Yearsley	SWOCC	6'2.25"

PREVIEW

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges is holding its annual Track and Field Championships May 20-21 in Spokane, Wash., at the campus of the Community Colleges of Spokane.

The first event of the championships — the women's 10,000-meter run — will begin at 10 a.m. Monday, May 20. The second day of action will kick off at 9 a.m., beginning with the women's discus.

The track meet will end after the men's 4x400-meter relay, Tuesday May 21 at 2:05 p.m.

Points have been awarded to colleges based on the results of the heptathlon and decathlon championships, which took place April 30. Clackamas' Elizabeth Venzon and Lane's Dylan Hamming took home individual championships in the heptathlon and decathlon, respectively.

Clackamas Community College goes into the women's portion of the championships with 19 team points. Lane is second with 13 points, Spokane is third with nine and Olympic College is fourth with one point.

The Lane men's team begins their championships with 22 points, followed by Spokane and Clackamas with 8, and Southwestern Oregon Community College with 1.

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Titans split with Roadrunners



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Lane sophomore pitcher Nic Coffman underhands the ball to sophomore Alex Cornwell in game one, preventing Southwestern Oregon Community College freshman Justin Frazier from getting on first in a May 7 game in Eugene. The Titans won both games, 4-2 in the first and 7-3 in the second.

Team is two games behind Linn-Benton with two games left to play

Game 1

PLAYER	AB	H	R	RBI
M.Taylor - CF	3	1	1	1
A. Cornwell - 1B	4	0	0	0
S. Boehm - 2B	3	0	0	0
N. Coffman - P	4	1	0	0
C. Chagnon - C	4	1	0	0
A.Tracey - RF	3	2	0	0
C. McDonald - LF	4	0	0	0
D. Copeland - 3B	2	0	0	0
M. Hansen - PH	1	0	0	0
C.Wynant - SS	3	0	1	0

PLAYER	IP	H	R	BB	K
N. Coffman	6.1	8	3	2	2
Z. Eyster	1.2	2	2	2	1

Game 2

PLAYER	AB	H	R	RBI
M.Taylor - CF	4	0	1	0
A. Cornwell - 1B	2	1	2	0
S. Boehm - 2B	4	2	2	1
N. Coffman - DH	4	0	0	1
J. Goddard - C	3	1	1	2
A.Tracey - RF	3	2	0	0
C. McDonald - LF	3	0	0	1
D. Copeland - 3B	3	0	0	0
C.Wynant - SS	3	0	0	0

PLAYER	IP	H	R	BB	K
J. Lessel	3.1	4	4	5	2
C. McGuire	3.2	5	1	1	4

By JARRID DENNEY
Sports Reporter

The Lane baseball team had a chance to take control of their playoff hopes during back-to-back games against the Linn-Benton Community College Roadrunners May 14.

Lane was unable to earn a victory in the first game, allowing three runs in the seventh inning and losing with a score of 5-2.

Sophomore pitcher Nic Coffman was able to hold the Roadrunners to one run and five hits through five innings, keeping the Titans in contention.

The Titans got on the scoreboard in the third inning, when sophomore Matt Taylor hit a solo homerun to give Lane a 1-0 lead.

Linn-Benton evened the score in the fourth inning, when sophomore Trevor Nix scored on a double by fellow sophomore Seth Brown.

The game stayed scoreless until the sixth inning, when each team scored a run making the score 2-2.

The Roadrunners took control of the game in the seventh inning, scoring three runs. Linn-Benton capitalized on a Lane error and two walks, to score three unearned runs and pull out the victory.

Lane jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in game two, one of the runs coming on freshman Jarren Goddard's double that scored sophomore Shaun Boehm.

In the fourth inning, it looked as though Lane had lost all control of the game as they gave up four runs in the inning.

The Titans regained the lead in the sixth inning, when they were able to string together three runs on a series of Roadrunner errors and pass balls.

In the seventh inning, the Titans were able to add one run when sophomore Alex Cornwell tripled and then scored on a Boehm single, bringing the score to 6-4.



CONTRIBUTED BY MIKE EYSTER

At least a dozen professional baseball scouts traveled to Mount Hood Community College to watch Lane's freshman pitcher Keynan Middleton throw. Middleton is expected to be selected in next month's major league draft.

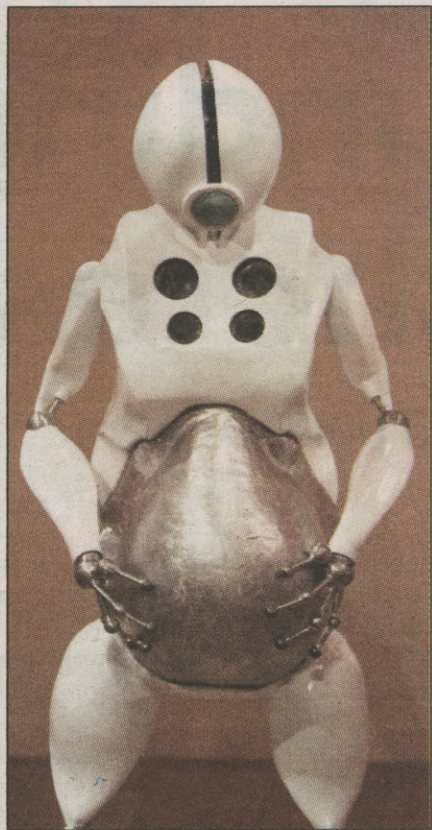
Replacing starting freshman pitcher Jake Lessel, Titan sophomore Colben McGuire was able to hold the lead in the seventh inning and preserve the 6-5 victory.

After splitting both games with the Roadrunners, Lane needs to win its final two games May 16 against the Chemeketa Community College Storm, and also need Linn-Benton to lose their final two games against the Mount Hood Community College Saints.

Mount Hood clinched the South Region title and is followed by the Roadrunners in second place. Lane is two games behind the Roadrunners and still in contention for their final playoff spot. The Storm sits in fourth place and are no longer playoff contenders.

If Lane wins their final two games and the Roadrunners lose their last two, both teams will meet in a one-game playoff, vying for the final spot. The location and date of the game will be determined after the regular season concludes.

Stuck stuck on gestation mechanics



BRETT STANLEY / THE TORCH

Baby Machine by Justin Stuck stands in the Building 11 art gallery. The gallery will be showing Stuck's work with a joint showing of Anna Stehle's work through May 29.

BY KYLE WEBB
Features Editor

There's a giant, pregnant robot in Building 11, and Justin Stuck put it there.

Baby Machine is a life-size robotic sculpture Stuck created, having drawn on inspiration from his pregnant wife.

"I hadn't been around anybody carrying a baby before, so the whole experience was new to me. It felt like all of a sudden the mother wasn't a person anymore, but a machine for making the perfect baby," Stuck wrote in an email.

Baby Machine isn't so much a portrait of a specific person as it is a portrait of this nine-month experience."

Stuck and Anna Stehle's work is on display in a joint exhibition titled *Out of Round*. This is the second year they have had a joint exhibition at Lane.

It's a tradition of the gallery for art department technicians to have an exhibit. Stuck works in Lane's sculpture studio while Stehle works in the ceramics studio. As such, Stehle's exhibits are clay and earthenware pieces, while Stuck's are sculptures.

"It is great to work with (Stuck)," Stehle said. "We've had good luck being able to connect our work."

Both Stuck and Stehle stressed that regardless of a student's field of study, viewing and experiencing art can be enlightening.

"I think that the gallery exposes Lane students to things they may never have been exposed to before. It certainly did for me," Stuck wrote, "That, and it is a way more interesting place to eat your lunch than the math building."

Out of Round is on display in the adjacent gallery in Building 11 on the main floor. There will be an artist reception May 20 at 3 p.m.

Regional artist Gigi Conot's exhibit *Natural Selections* is on display inside Building 11.

Conot's exhibit showcases her photographic work. She will give a lecture May 16 at 3 p.m. in Building 11.


"The work that I'm showing at Lane is about stopping to look at life in the present," Conot wrote in an email. "It's about enjoying your sandwich, a conversation with a friend, or watching a leaf fall to the ground. Time is very fleeting, and it is important to realize that the here and now is just as important as the future or the past."

While *Natural Selections* and *Out of Round* vary in artistic touch and cadence of creativity, both illustrate the same approach to life: Be yourself and only say no if you're content on living with that choice.

"I got to the art that you see on display because I took the side roads; it is not my first creative destination, and not my last," Conot wrote. "Making art is the most satisfying thing that I have ever done, and it has really been a difficult journey, but it's where I belong. You should feel that way about whatever you do."

Both free exhibits run until May 23. 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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Lane's student organizations and academic programs will be showcased at the Capitol with the opportunity to meet with state legislators. Students who would like to get involved can get in touch with ASLCC in the Student Life and Leadership Room in Building 1.

Salem

May 16

#artatlane

Artist Gigi Conot will give a lecture and reception for her latest exhibit, *Natural Selections*, which will continue to be on display in the gallery through May 23.

3 p.m.
Building 11

#theworks

Lane students will perform in *The Works* through May 18, a student dance concert that will showcase a range of musical genres and styles of dancing. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$10 for general admission. Proceeds will go to fund music scholarships.

7:30 p.m.
Ragozzino Performance Hall

#seasonfinale

The Lane Titans baseball team plays their last regular season game. Lane hosts Chemeketa Community College in a doubleheader.

1 p.m.
Lane Community College

May 18

#familyday

Lane students and their families are invited to the main campus for Family Day. There will be a pancake breakfast and a variety of family-friendly activities. Attendees are encouraged to dress as their favorite superheroes.

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
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May 20

#bsu

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Lane finds funding on distant shores

International program grows 10 to 15 percent per term

By MISSY CORR
Copy Editor

Students from 30 different countries contribute to stabilizing Lane's budget, paying about three times as much in tuition as Oregonians to attend Lane.

"International students pay what we call the full cost of tuition," International Program Director Jennifer Falzerano said. "Lane is a very tuition-dependent institution because of, unfortunately, some of the state budget challenges."

Oregon students pay tuition and fees, and the state reimburses Lane with the full-time equivalent of the student's tuition, but the state can change the amount of FTE it pays. International students pay the entire full-time equivalent, by taking 12 credits. International students provide Lane with a funding source of which the state government cannot change the amount.

"Their tuition covers the same amount an American student's tuition covers," Falzerano said, "plus the FTE, plus the local sales tax kick-in, plus a little bit more."

The "little bit more" accounts for extra costs that ensue in supporting international students, such as Department of Homeland Security reporting requirements.

"It covers the full amount of the cost of educating the student," Falzerano said.

Falzerano said most students start in the 18-hour-a-week, 11-week English as a Second Language class, then work towards receiving a transfer degree. She estimated 80 percent of international students transfer to UO.

"About 60 percent of our international students are in the business field," Falzerano said. "So business, marketing, finance, economics — all those things are the most popular with international students."

Falzerano said American higher education is well-regarded throughout the world and esteemed for its critical-thinking approach. "They value the opportunity to learn that way of thinking," Falzerano said, "and then they can integrate both cultures into their thinking, and be even more effective in the global market."

Falzerano said students learn English at Lane because they want to be immersed in American culture while learning.

"They want to meet the Americans," Falzerano said. "They want to live the way the Americans do, and see that."

ESL student Abdullah Almulhim, from Saudi Arabia, said he wants the class to get out in the community more, to better teach useful skills like ordering off menus.

"I get bored really fast," Almulhim said.

He said the ESL program would also benefit from more interaction with the other students.

"International students have their own place," Almulhim said. "We don't mix with American or the credit classes."

Lane's spring-term international enrollment has increased by 30 from winter term, to 320 students. Falzerano said growth has been consistent with the goal of a 10 to 15 percent per-term increase.

"I wish there were more students," second-year Armenian student Bella Harutyunyan said, "because compared to the UO, there aren't many internationals here. They're all from the same country so there isn't much diversity."

Harutyunyan, in her second term at Lane, was an international student at UO last year.

"I really love the staff here, more than the one at the UO," Harutyunyan said. "It's a smaller community so everybody knows everybody. It's warmer."

Portland Community College Director of International Education Jean D'Arc Campbell said international student enrollment has doubled to more than 700 in the last three years because students are satisfied with PCC's services and the relationships they have with staff.

"It's all built on one student (coming) here and you provide them a strong support system," D'Arc Campbell said. "Then, in return, if they are satisfied they are going to recruit for you."

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