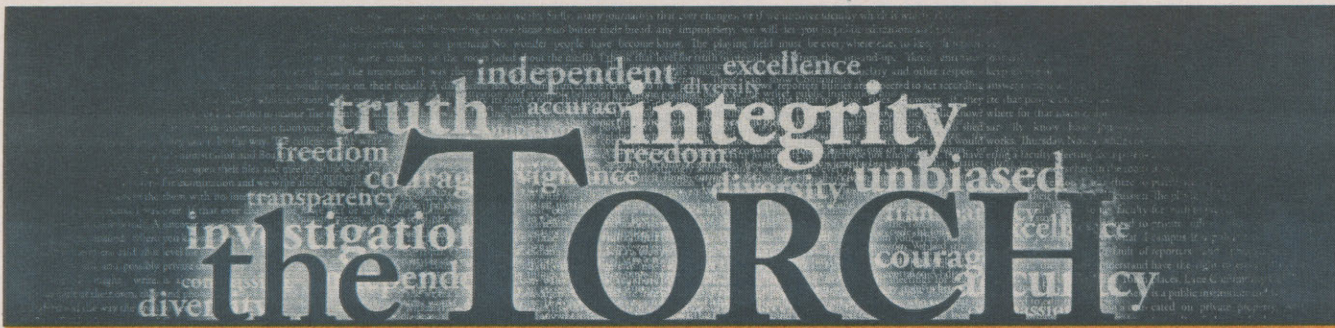




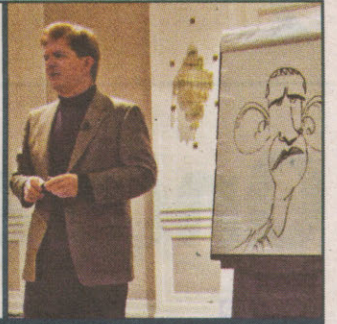
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Smart meters spark controversy



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The true costs of wireless devices such as cell towers, cell phones and smart meters were brought into context at "Unplugged: Are Wireless Technologies Worth the Convenience?" event on Thursday, Feb. 25.

Forum raises awareness about wireless technology risks

DAEMION LEE
REPORTER

Wireless technologies — which make logging in, posting and tweeting easier than ever — might have hidden costs, including health risks and the erosion of civil liberties. A forum on Feb. 25 brought together about 60 community members at the LCC main campus in order to explore this issue.

The event, called "Unplugged: Are Wireless Technologies Worth the Convenience?" included several presentations, starting with a video conference

call with director Josh Del Sol about his movie "Take Back Your Power," a 2014 documentary about smart meters. Dr. Paul Dart also made a presentation about the health effects of radio frequency (RF) and Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorensen discussed the politics of building cell phone towers.

Are smart meters dangerous?

Del Sol's movie, screened to kick off the event, documents how utility companies are installing smart meters across the country. These radio-controlled devices, installed on residential buildings, automatically transmit usage data back to the utility.

All wireless devices — including cell phones, laptops, Wi-Fi routers and smart meters — use radio signals to transmit information, Del Sol explained during the movie, but he singled out smart meters as particularly dangerous.

"Take Back Your Power" includes testimony from numerous people who suffered adverse reactions to smart meters, such as headaches, bloody noses and sleeplessness. Radio signals from a smart meter are 1,000 to 10,000 times stronger than cell phone signals, Del Sol said during the conference call.

In some cases, the documentary shows,

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New Titan Store officially open

Big changes lie ahead — construction continues

NICOLE RUND
REPORTER

"We're very excited for the new store to be open," Titan Store director of retail services Tony Sanjume said as he greeted

customers and encouraged them to take complimentary coffee, lemonade and cookies.

On opening day of the new store, students received 30 percent off all LCC clothing and a coupon for 20 percent off any

purchase. A free Ty (Lane mascot) bobble head doll was included with any purchase over \$25.

New store smaller, but better

Shoppers could also enter a drawing for a new backpack filled with an Amazon Kindle and Titan clothing and gear. Gail Bingham and Gertie Powers, who both work in Food Services, were excited for the new store as

they dropped their names into the jar. The drawing took place at the end of the day, and Kaydee Johnston was announced the winner.

The updated and remodeled main campus bookstore relocated from the third floor to the first floor of the Center Building. The official opening of the

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Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout

Food for thought as cookie season rolls around

ELLA JONES
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It's that time of the year again. For those who haven't already seen them, booths with Girl Scouts selling cookies are beginning to pop up outside neighborhood grocery stores.

Some run toward us - others run away

There are two kinds of people when cookie season rolls around. Some people run screaming with excitement towards the booth and some conveniently get a phone call right before they leave the store. Yes, we know you're faking it. Nice try though.

The words, "Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?" have left my mouth so many times I almost ask the girls standing outside stores before they have a chance to ask me. I joined Girl Scouts in 2002 and was active until I graduated high school in 2013.

A place to grow and find ourselves

My troop became a second family. Half the things I did throughout my school experience were done with them. These girls became my sisters. Our troop leader, who was lucky to make it out with her sanity, was a second mom to those who showed up to a recruitment meeting one day in 2002.

We went to Hawai'i, took a cruise to Mexico and spent a weekend at the Oregon coast every summer. We all graduated with 400+ hours of recorded community service, but what really happened in that decade is we grew, I grew.

People don't typically see the full story that is Girl Scouts. It's seen as a place for little girls to do arts and crafts and sell cookies, but this is just a small fraction of what really goes on.

The mission, as listed on the organiza-

tion's web page, is "Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." It has never been anything more than helping girls grow and think for themselves while learning valuable life skills.

When you buy a box of cookies, or ten, there's more to the transaction than the exchange of money for tasty cookies. The money goes towards trips, camps and other smaller troop activities.

Girl Scouts are given opportunities that are hard to find anywhere else during the K-12 years. We're a group of girls who all want the same experiences to grow with and to have someone to turn to when life gets rough. We want people to travel with, learn with, gain leadership skills with and so much more. For some, scouting may be the only break they get from a rough home life.

We have controversy, too

Not everyone agrees with some of the decisions the organization has made. All over the Internet there is controversy about different decisions.

People are talking about the granting of membership to transgender girls. They're talking about high school badge books that include lessons about safe sex and women's reproductive health, including the decision to list resources for teens and websites for more information. This is information they might really need but can't get anywhere else.

We need to keep in mind that this is 2015 and society isn't the same as it was when the first Girl Scout activities were introduced in 1912. It's not like we're taking field trips to the abortion clinic; we're just progressing with the times along with everyone else.

We're not directly taught controversial things, but shown both sides and encouraged to think for ourselves. In my opinion, all young

people need someone to show them both sides and let them experience and decide on their own in a safe, guided environment.

Our troop was unconventional

I'll admit not every troop gets as much out of the experience as mine. There will always be the few troop leaders and adult volunteers who are far too controlling for the girls to grow on their own. Children are going to be exposed to things adults don't agree with; the best we can do is give them a safe environment and an outlet for expressing how they feel.

Troop 361 wasn't the most conventional, I'll admit. Before the end of our troop activities there was talk about what we should do that would be special, since this was the end of an era for us. We joked for years about getting matching tattoos. People still think it's a joke when I tell them the roman numerals on my arm are actually my troop number.

They really don't believe that five of us have tattoos with 361 incorporated into them, all done by Etzel at The Parlour, our honorary Girl Scout tattoo artist.

Buying cookies helps shape lives

So, for those who avoid the booths at all costs, remember that people might not know just from passing by how much cookie sales could be shaping lives. After all, these children are our future. If you're not sure if it's an organization you want to support, talk to the girls. See what they're doing.

You might support the troop's decisions or even the girls' goals, but you won't know if you're answering a fake call or speaking a foreign language that day. Girl Scouts changed my life, and I hope it will be something I'm always a part of and something the community continues to support and take interest in, regardless of what the first impression may be.

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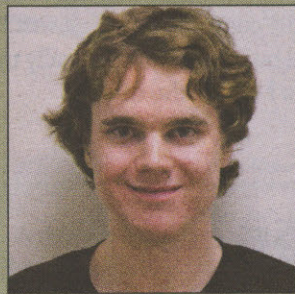


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- Kate Ali is no longer an instructor at Lane. She works for the Oregon Arts Commission.
- The Lane Art Department is part of the League for Innovation which includes the art competition with 18 other United States community colleges, not 800.

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Wireless technology: too good to be true?

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these meters are installed without homeowners' consent. "It is by definition taking away people's rights," Del Sol said about mandatory smart meters. "It does teeter on the brink of something akin to fascism."

News footage included in the documentary shows authorities arresting two women for protesting the installation of smart meters on their homes in Naperville, Ill. The incident made headlines in the Chicago Tribune and other media sources in Jan. 2013.

Dart focused his presentation on a review of research on the effects of RF from wireless devices. "There's clear evidence in the research literature that RF can damage DNA," he said. He argued that regulations are out of date and wireless signals are not as harmless as they are made out to be.

"Government codes and regulations are 20 years behind the science," he said, explaining that that Federal Communications Commission guidelines do not take into consideration non-thermal effects — which include cancer and infertility. The effects of wireless signals, he added, are particularly

pronounced in children. "This is why I didn't buy my kids cell phones until they were out of high school," he said.

Measures people can take to protect themselves, according to Dart, include using ethernet cables, turning Wi-Fi off at night and putting cell phones on airplane mode when not in use.

Finding a solution

Commissioner Sorensen, who spoke about cell phone towers — particularly the one proposed at Crossfire Church in South Eugene — said that telecommunications companies have powerful political influence. "It really comes down to big money and big money in politics," he said.

But local citizens have more political leverage than they might think, Sorensen pointed out. He explained that even though the FCC regulates telecommunications, there is still room for local interpretation. "They didn't explicitly prohibit local governments from regulating where cell phone towers are located," he said.

"I would hate to see this as a fight over this particular site and not a reform movement," he added, regarding to the Crossfire Church cell tower.

AT&T is seeking to purchase the rights to

build the Crossfire cell tower, despite neighborhood resistance. The church offered to abandon the plans in exchange for \$750,000, the Register Guard reported on Jan. 14. This issue remains unresolved.

A community member who attended the event, Dale O'Brien, said he had heard different people's opinions about Dart's presentation and wanted to find out for himself. "I've been interested in hearing Paul Dart's scientific presentation on the subject," he said. Dart, known locally for his activism, works as an osteopathic physician in Eugene.

Another forum attendee, Kathy Ging, said she has worked for years to raise awareness about smart meters and helped advocate against Eugene Water and Electric Board's planned implementation of smart meters. "There was no medical consultant," she said when EWEB was initially studying smart meters. "Nobody investigated what happened in California." The first rollout of smart meters in the U.S. happened in California, Del Sol's documentary showed.

At the Feb. 17 board meeting, EWEB approved an "opt-in" approach to smart meters, allowing homeowners to choose whether to participate in the smart meter installation program. "We are the first in the



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Students check their phones during lunch in the Lane cafeteria on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

country to do an opt-in," Ging said. Most utilities use an "opt-out" model, meaning that every customer receives a smart meter unless they specify otherwise, which usually carries an additional fee.

The Lane Peace Center and the Lane Student Chapter of OSPERG sponsored the event.



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The Titan Store held its grand opening on Feb. 26 at its new location on the first floor of the Center Building. The new facility includes an all new Titan Cafe.

Construction keeps things interesting

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Titan Store was held on Thursday, Feb. 26. Construction was completed by Lease Crutcher Lewis in January and the bookstore has been open for business at its new location since Jan. 26.

The new Titan Store, though smaller than the old bookstore, now has a section similar to a convenience store. Among plenty of snack items available for purchase, students can get hot dogs and fountain drinks at the Titan Store, two options that were

not available previously.

Lane is seeking a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certification for the newly remodeled Center Building, to be renamed the Center for Learning And Student Success. In order to help achieve LEED Silver certification, the new bookstore features reclaimed wood from the old library, which is still undergoing renovation. The reclaimed wood is used as ceiling accents over the convenience store area and as trim around the customer service desk.

Sandy Wilhelm, who works in printing and graphics, had her arms full while shop-

ping early Thursday. "It's cool," Wilhelm commented about the new bookstore on campus. "A lot of work went into it. Too bad you can't see it from the outside due to the construction. The grand opening didn't get the exposure it needed."

Entrance location changes as construction continues

As construction on the Center Building continues, the entrance to the Titan Store will need to change. Until the second week of spring term, the entrance will remain in close proximity to the cafeteria. After that, access will switch to the south side of the

Center Building.

"We're going to try to get as many signs up on campus as possible to redirect them [students] and hopefully we'll get those signs up before finals," Sanjume said.

The final look and bright open courtyard near the entrance will be unveiled during fall term 2015. For now, the front doors are inaccessible to students and construction equipment is operating outside.

Sanjume said they chose to have the grand opening now, to give students a preview of the new store. Bigger festivities are planned for the completion of the first floor and new cafeteria in the fall.

Journalism faces huge challenges

Small space, unsure future

PENNY SCOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The small, although hugely populated, world of smart phones is where journalism is headed. It might not survive the journey, however, or find its proper place there. Even though democracy depends on journalism, its survival is far from assured.

A lot is missing from the equation. For starters, we need role models. How many journalists today stand out as exemplars of the values and ethics of the profession? Who is there to inspire, lead and guide those new to journalism? These questions occupied my thinking during the keynote address of

CNN's "Reliable Sources" host Brian Stelter.

New York Times reporter David Carr, who was originally scheduled to speak at the convention, died suddenly on Feb. 12, and Stelter took his place. Carr was his mentor, and the impact of the loss on Stelter was obvious.

"David Carr was the most influential media reporter of our time," he said. He remarked that, at a time when polls indicate that media professionals in general aren't trusted, Carr stood out as someone who was widely trusted and respected.

Crafting his talk around Carr, Stelter shared anecdotes and stories about their relationship and communicated what he believed Carr might have said to us. I came away from his talk with a strong sense that losing Carr was a severe blow to a profession struggling to survive.

Stelter advised attendees to seek out and nurture mentoring relationships. It's advice I wholeheartedly endorse for everyone, not just journalists. Sadly though, the message conveyed between his words was that Carr could not easily be matched or replaced. From what I know of Carr, I'm inclined to agree.

Democracy in danger

Democracy depends on journalism, keynote speaker Melanie Still reminded attendees. "We need people telling the truth," she said. Still who is the vice president of content for KPCC radio in Los Angeles, said that the need for the service that journalism provides has not diminished. She added, however, that opportunities for journalists have.

Still encouraged attendees to choose journalism, saying the profession needs us. It certainly does need people choosing journalism. However, they need to be the right people because not everyone is cut out for this fast-paced, demanding profession. With the cards stacked against the whole profession, it's a tough career choice for anyone.

As public trust in the profession is low and revenue streams are disappearing, print media is likely gasping its last few breaths. Journalistic reporting, unyielding in its demand for accuracy, is labor intensive and the financial rewards, for most, are likely to be meager and hard-earned. This is hardly inspiring or encouraging. More skills required of journalists

More skills required of journalists

Speakers at the convention instructed students in practical skills and encouraged diligence in mastering them, in knowing the trends, embracing new technologies,

doing hard work and being exemplars of the ethics of the profession.

Another message delivered by a number of speakers is that journalism professionals these days are expected to be all-around producers. Increasingly, they said, journalists are required to do all the footwork: research, interviewing, writing, photography, even videography and design.

Added to that, in the ever-changing maze of social media, where journalism is expected to make a home, manipulation is rife, according to Brandon Mendelson from Earth's Temporary Solution; when something goes viral on social media, it's not due to people's natural curiosity. The whole thing is artificially manufactured according to Mendelson. Holding up a cell phone he said "this is where journalism is headed." Small portable devices, several speakers echoed, are the means by which people get news and opinions or learn about anything that's happening in the world.

Breakthrough needed

Will voices for truth prevail in hand-held devices and against such odds? Only time will tell.

I fear for journalism's future. My concern is not new though; rather, it was brought into sharp focus as a result of attending the ACP convention. To succeed as a journalist in today's climate requires passion, commitment and multiple skills. It also requires mentoring and probably a healthy dose of luck.

Journalism's survival, at its highest level of integrity, is vitally important. Truth being our stock-in-trade, false hope has no place here; journalism needs strong committed players. Mostly, it needs a pivotal breakthrough.

On a personal note

I can attest to the hard work required of journalists; even though I've owned and operated several businesses, never before in my working life have I been under such sustained pressure. Having little journalistic experience before becoming editor-in-chief accounts for some of it. However, most of it comes from the demands inherent in the profession.

Now that I know my way around somewhat, I'm taking a bird's eye view whenever I can and am thinking strategically about the profession as a whole. My commitment to Journalism's code of ethics and high standards is unwavering. It's what drew me to the profession in the first place. On that count, I'm well inside in my comfort zone.



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Brady Teufel from California Polytechnic State University shows off the school's unmanned aerial vehicle in the "Don't Call it a Drone: The ABCs of UAVs" session on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Career not for the easily discouraged

On Feb. 26, members of The Torch editorial board attended the Associated Collegiate Press annual national convention at the Sheraton Universal Studios Hollywood.

Hundreds of students from all over the country spent four days attending specialist sessions, critiques, workshops, keynote addresses and more. With as many as six or seven sessions to choose from in any given hour, the event offered learning in diverse subjects, a broad range of speakers and valuable insights into the profession.



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Jack Ohman, editorial cartoonist for the *Sacramento Bee*, draws a cartoon for the audience during his speech "Drawing Fire: American Political Cartooning in the 21st Century" on Sunday, March 1, at the ACP convention.

A career worth fighting for

AUGUST FRANK
PHOTO EDITOR

Never before have I attended such an event as the Associated Collegiate Press convention. It was a new experience in many ways.

From Francine Orr of the *Los Angeles Times*, I learned about dignity and photojournalism. From Gerard Burkhart of the Press Photographers of Greater Los Angeles, I learned how to photograph brush fires and that fire can kill you, in many ways apparently.

From Frank LoMonte of the Student Press Law Center, I learned ways to avoid getting shot or going to jail when photographing something. The most important lesson I learned from LoMonte, though, was that anywhere I wouldn't drop my pants would be considered public space and thus acceptable to photograph.

Two messages stood out at the convention. The first is that in our current climate and times, journalism's future is uncertain. Newspapers, which were once the primary means by which the public received news, are in decline and struggling to stay afloat. Internet and social media sites are quickly changing the ways people receive news. More and more, journalists specializing in one area are being called on to wear

many other hats.

Journalism has devolved from its heights of power when journalists, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, were able to expose the Watergate Scandal or when reporting on the Vietnam War showed the public the truth of the war or when Walter Cronkite was seen as the most trusted man in America. That's something you won't find today.

Many might point to these as reasons why the profession is dying. The picture isn't all bleak though.

We can learn from great journalists. We can adapt the ways in which we inform the public, probably more effectively than ever before. People's trust in the media is not forever gone. We have the choice of regaining public trust or losing it. I for one will be choosing the former.

The loudest message wins

The second message that stood out at the ACP convention is how important journalism is. Many speakers encouraged attendees not to abandon it. The difference between successful and unsuccessful journalists, according to Orr is not giving up.

This message was by far the louder. Keynote speaker and Vice President of Content for KPCC Radio Melanie Still said that the world needs journalism and journalism needs us.

Even though journalism is struggling,

the goal will always remain the same. Orr said that the photojournalist's job is to tell a person's story. This can be applied to all types of journalism.

Walking along the Universal City Walk as part of a session titled "Humans of L.A." I was able to do this. I spoke with people and photographed them in order tell their stories.

Among the people I met, John Cirola told me of his 27 year involvement in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and how helping troubled youths makes him a better person.

Koemen Doze told me of the brothers he made in Vietnam and how they will remain his brothers for all of time. He explained how such an experience makes you cherish and respect life and makes you seek to become a better human being.

To tell a person's story, to capture their suffering in a photo and to help others become aware of their plight is true journalism. By telling a story we are able to give power to the forgotten and the voiceless.

Journalism has changed and will continue to change. However, as long as there are journalists telling people's stories authentically, it will never die. I believe there will always be those who are willing to carry the torch and continue the work of journalism. I am willing to do this and in the words of John Lennon, "I'm not the only one."

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Student government quorum not met

*Fencing club waits
another week to find
out about funds*

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REPORTER

There were several empty seats at the student government meeting, Wednesday, March 3. President Malissa Ratthasing and Vice President Ashley Jackson were both absent as were the majority of senators. Senator Felicia Dickinson, as president pro tem, led a quick meeting.

Quorum was not met. Therefore, voting could not take place.

The most pressing issue awaiting a vote was the fencing club's funds request, a topic under discussion for the last three meetings.

ASLCC adviser Barb Delansky told the fencing club's representatives, Ian Johnson and Mindy Parks, that they might have to have a plan B because they might not get the full amount of funds they requested.

Due to quorum not being met, the senate was also unable to ratify two potential senators, Seth Joyce and Robert Kirkpatrick. Joyce and Kirkpatrick are both waiting for their opportunity to say why they want to be senators and be voted into office to fill empty seats. During her report, Delansky made it clear that it is very important that those seats are filled in the upcoming May elections.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 First principles
- 5 Small goby
- 9 Bird
- 12 Vegetable
- 13 Hence
- 14 Yellow Sea arm
- 15 Evening (Ital.)
- 16 Bosh
- 18 Grandfather of Saul
- 20 Weight allowance
- 21 Hog's guts
- 23 Biddy
- 24 Begin
- 25 Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
- 26 Double (abbr.)
- 29 Ibsen character
- 30 Science class
- 31 3 (Rom. numeral)
- 32 Sp. article
- 33 Fishing line cork
- 34 Desolate

- 36 Bird
- 37 Headstrong
- 38 Scientific name (suf.)
- 40 Card
- 41 Dire
- 43 Freshwater worm
- 46 Grab
- 47 Gray wolf
- 48 Eight (pref.)
- 49 Father: Arabic
- 50 Elbe tributary
- 51 Interpret

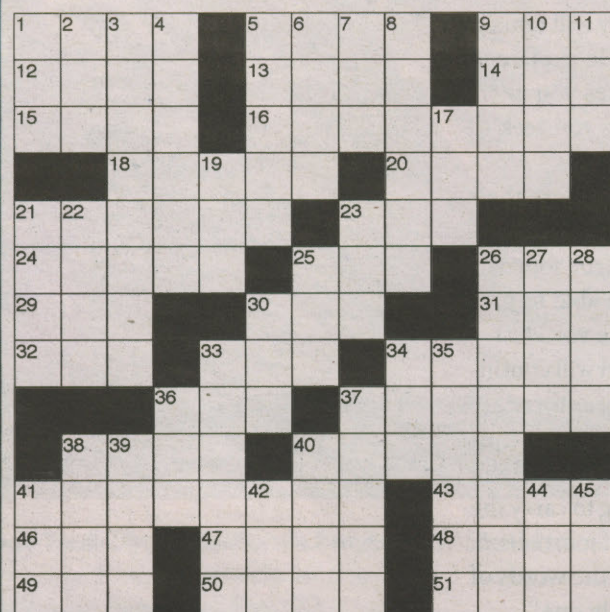
DOWN

- 1 Able-bodied seaman (abbr.)
- 2 Stinging insect
- 3 Horned viper
- 4 Firm
- 5 Fr. artist
- 6 Absent without leave (abbr.)
- 7 Son of Hermes
- 8 Edible shellfish
- 9 Without (Ger.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

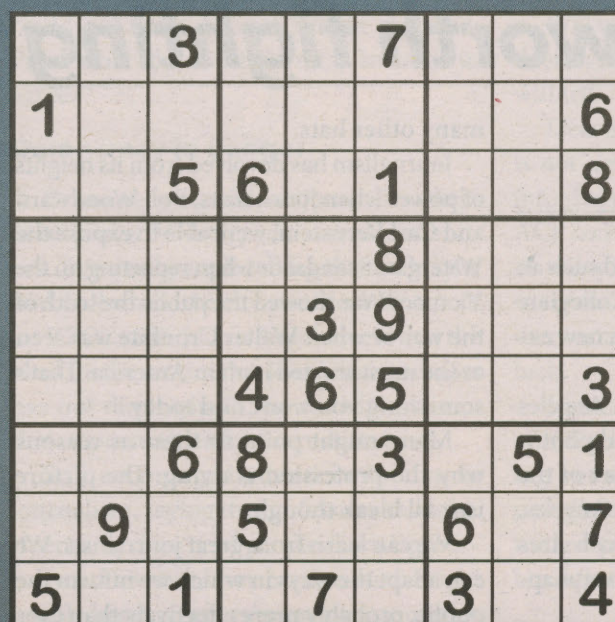
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- 10 Old-style verb
- 11 Tall tale
- 17 Sea eagle
- 19 Comparative ending
- 21 Cure
- 22 Handle
- 23 Habakkuk (abbr.)
- 25 Drop
- 26 Shame
- 27 Chew
- 28 Song (Ger.)
- 30 Afr. eye-worm
- 33 Church officer
- 34 Cooking vessel
- 35 Trojan hero
- 36 Cyclades island
- 37 Sorrow
- 38 Arabic (abbr.)
- 39 Phil. island
- 40 Rood screen
- 41 Genetic letters
- 42 Daze
- 44 Thus (Lat.)
- 45 Arabic letter



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Sudoku



Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9

note: there is only one valid solution to each puzzle

Answer to Sudoku

5	1	3	8	2	4	7	6	9
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"RZMCF QOMWVWP EZNE POCS VW
VND QOBNE."

— URWYZQVW GMZWLCVW

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." — Chinese proverb

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Lane locks up second in region

Heading back to NWAC tournament despite injuries and inexperience

JARRID DENNEY
SPORTS REPORTER

The Lane women's basketball team isn't often a darkhorse come tournament time.

With four final four appearances and two Northwest Athletic Conference titles in the past six years, the Titans have been one of the most dominant teams in the conference, and have consistently been the top team in their region.

However, after locking up second place in the NWAC Southern Region with a 78-49 win against Chemeketa Community College on Feb. 28, the Titans are flying under the radar as the regular season comes to a close.

"I like being the favorite coming in, but this is definitely a new role for us and I think we're embracing it," Lane head coach Greg Sheley said. "A lot of people are probably a little nervous about playing us right now."

Hopes were high for Lane to top last year's fourth place tournament finish, but two of the Titans' top returning guards suffered season-ending injuries before the season began, and a third chose to redshirt, leaving sophomore forward Marikah Wright as the only returning starter from last year's team.

Despite unfortunate injuries and the transition to an almost entirely new starting lineup, Sheley's Titans have navigated through the ultra-competitive NWAC South Region and managed to finish with a 22-7 record — good enough for second in the region.

"I wouldn't say we're surprised, because that's the expectation that we have and that our kids have," Sheley said. "I would say that other people outside of the program definitely would be surprised at our success, just because of who we are missing."

Last year, the Titans tore through the conference with an explosive offensive attack that leaned heavily on three-point shooting and dribble-drive penetration. That team led the NWAC in scoring and finished fourth at the NWAC tournament.

This year's squad has been nearly as successful, albeit with an entirely different, less flashy offensive approach.

Lane has taken 400 less three-point shots than they did last year, and in turn have found a dominant post presence in freshman center Jordan Kimbrough.

Kimbrough is fifth in the conference in scoring at 18.03 points per-game and second in rebounding at 10.90 per-game. She leads the Titans in nearly every offensive category and has shot an efficient 53 percent from the field.

She has been supported by sophomores Jacia Jointer and Carmen Wright, two

guards who have stepped up to solidify the Titans' backcourt after playing reserve roles on last year's team.

Marikah Wright is second in scoring for the Titans with 11.28 points per-game, and freshman forward Bre DuBois has been consistent, leading them in minutes and pulling down 7.21 rebounds per game.

Lane will now prepare to face Skagit Valley Community College, who finished the regular season at 19-11, good for third in the NWAC North Region.

The Titans have survived what Sheley called the most injury-filled season he has ever experienced and now have a favorable first round matchup.

"We definitely aren't as talented of a team as we were last year," Sheley said. "But we're heading into the tournament with a little bit of momentum and a confidence boost ... it's really exciting in that sense."

MENS BASKETBALL

Titans tournament bound

Sophomores lead Lane to best regular season finish since 2001

JARRID DENNEY
SPORTS REPORTER

With their 101-99 victory over the Chemeketa Community College Storm on Feb. 28, the Lane men's basketball team clinched second place in the Northwest Athletic Conference South Region — their best finish since 2001 — and punched their ticket to the NWAC tournament.

Lane entered the game in a three-way tie for second place and, depending on how other games around the conference turned out, were in danger of finishing as low as fourth in the region.

They were able to outlast the Chemeketa Storm in a thrilling overtime affair that featured nine ties and 16 lead changes.

"We ended it with defense; we had to get a stop," sophomore forward Dale Baker said. "It starts with defense and it ends with defense, that's what we always preach."

Baker led the Titans with 25 points, seven rebounds and five assists, and freshman guard Duce Namazi also poured in 24 points.

Chemeketa forfeits season

Chemeketa had already clinched first place in the region earlier in the week, but it was announced prior to the game that their season would be forfeited after school officials were informed that an ineligible athlete had played for the Chemeketa Storm during the season.

The player hasn't been named, and representatives of the school could not be reached for comment, but as of March 3, the Storm record was 0-29 according to the NWAC website, and they will not be eligible for post-season play.

The Clackamas Community College Cougars were crowned Southern Region champions following Chemeketa's disqualification.

The Titans now have their eyes set on a first round matchup with the Everett

Community College Trojans in the NWAC tournament coming up March 7.

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, Lane head coach Bruce Chavka has found success with a group that features five sophomores, three of whom have been with the program for three years.

"It been great to have guys that have been around the program ... guys who have that third year leadership," Chavka said. "I think that's why we're having some success — these guys have been around the block a little bit. They're a little older and they provide the sort of leadership that you don't really get from freshman."

Despite the lack of a true go-to scoring threat, the Titans have been a consistent offensive force this year thanks to a balanced scoring attack that doesn't depend on any one player to carry the offense.

Baker, the team captain, does a little bit of everything for the Titans. He is averaging 11.76 points, and 7.04 rebounds per-game while also shooting 41 percent from three-point range.

Sophomore forward Tre Clark is Lane's leading scorer and rebounder and provides a dominant defensive presence, and sophomore guard Jared Kelsay leads the team in assists.

Sophomore forward Aaron Smith, a 6-foot-6 transfer from New York, is ninth in the conference with 1.35 blocks per-game, and guard Willy Malos is a third year sophomore who leads the reserve unit.

"Some years [team chemistry] doesn't come together," Chavka said. "This year it has come together really nicely. They've bought into what we're trying to do, they've bought into the team aspect ... the five sophomores have just been invaluable."

Freshman guard Malik Leaks is also averaging 13.50 points per game, but has missed the past seven games with an ankle sprain. Chavka said Leaks should be cleared to play for the NWAC tournament.



TAYLOR NEIGH / THE TORCH

Duce Namazi dribbles down the court as the Lane men's basketball team took second place in the NWAC South Region by taking the win over Chemeketa Community College on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Winter concerts hit the right note

Improv solos fill the groove

VICTORIA STEPHENS
REPORTER

At the end of each term, Lane Community College's choirs and bands engage in public performances as the grand finale for their classes. This gives students a way to demonstrate the skills they have developed during the term.

"I'm excited and a tad nervous at the same time," Corey Stanger, first year student trumpet player in the Symphonic Band, said. "I'm looking forward to it nonetheless."

The March 5 performance was a collection of choirs: the Concert Choir, Chamber Choir directed by Matthew Svoboda and the Gospel Choir directed by Vicki Brabham.

Apart from the on-campus shows, musicians also perform at area high schools as part of their outreach and recruitment efforts. "It takes a lot of leadership and commitment, but it's a part of what we do," Svoboda said. The purpose is to give the high school students a preview of what to expect if they choose to attend Lane.

Lengthy rehearsals pay off

Band and choir members devote a great deal of time and effort practicing and rehearsing. Karissa Sinclair, third year student in the Chamber Choir commented that apart from rehearsals three times a week, outside work is expected. "Some of us put in three to five hours a day," she said.

"It's going to be really good. This is the best it's ever been," said Steve Jahnke, who has been in the Chamber Choir on and off for several years.

Upcoming performances

On Tuesday, March 10, a collection of seven jazz combo groups from the Lane Jazz Studies program will perform in the Blue Door Theater at 7:30 p.m. Combos have five or six members and each combo will play 15-minute sets of both well-known jazz tunes and lesser-known pieces of historical significance.

The Lane Symphonic Band, comprised of about 40 musicians, is scheduled to perform Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature a classical trumpet concerto in the Ragozzino Performance Hall.

The Winter Term Concert Series concludes Friday, March 13 with the 16 member Lane Jazz Ensemble appearing at the Ragozzino Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Improv a key ingredient in jazz

Jazz instructor Paul Krueger directs the Symphonic Band, the Lane Jazz Ensemble and Lane Jazz Studies Combo groups. "In jazz, swing or groove improvisation is a key ingredient. There will be a huge number of solos," Krueger said, adding that there will be some improvisations with each instrument.

Improvised solos are made up by the individual musicians and can be practiced or spontaneous. "That's part of the fun and what makes it hard, too. We are always trying to make great music," he said.

"We've all been working hard to help others to enjoy this," Alvaro Sanchez, Symphonic Band trumpet player, said. "It is wonderful what we are doing here. We feel really pumped when people tell us we're doing a good job."



VICTORIA STEPHENS / THE TORCH

Raul Smith plays trombone, Christopher Vaszquez plays euphonium and Justin Scott plays bass (left to right) in the Lane Community College Symphonic Bands rehearsal in Building 6 on Friday, Feb. 27.

The Winter Term Concert Series began Thursday, March 5 and will continue through Friday, March 13.

Tickets are \$3 for students and seniors 55 and older. Tickets for the general public are \$5.

Order advance tickets at: lanecc.edu/tickets. Or call 541-463-5161 for more information.

MENINGITIS ADVISORY

What is meningitis?

Meningitis is an inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, usually caused by bacteria or a virus. Type B bacteria are suspected to be the cause of a recent outbreak in Eugene. Most people recover, but it can cause brain damage, hearing loss or learning disabilities.

What are the symptoms?

Early symptoms are similar to the flu and can include fever, headache, a stiff neck, confusion, drowsiness, rash and increased sensitivity to light. Symptoms can appear quickly, but typically develop within three to seven days after exposure.

If you notice symptoms, call Lane's Health Clinic to be screened over the phone by a health professional. If symptoms are severe and sudden, consider going to a hospital emergency room. If the clinic is closed please call Lane County Public Health Department or visit your local emergency room.

Resources

Lane Health Clinic: (541) 463-5665
<http://www.lanecc.edu/healthclinic/flu-infectious-disease>
UO Health Center: 541-346-2770
<https://healthcenter.uoregon.edu>
Lane County Public Health: 541-682-4140
<http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/HHS/Pages/default.aspx>

Information provided by Lane Community College administration.

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Events and Happenings

MARCH 6 – MARCH 12

Art Galleries (on-going)

Juried Student Art Exhibition, M-F 8am-5pm, Bldg 11 Sister Art Gallery 103

Process, Continued - By Satoko Motouji, M-F 8am-5pm, Bldg 11 Main Art Gallery 119

The Tale Of Two: Palettes/Palates, M-F 8am-5pm, Bldg 19 David Joyce Gallery 200A

Friday, Mar. 6

Events:

Free Tax Help, 9am-3pm Bldg 19, Room 260

Student Affairs Council, 1-3pm, Bldg 3 Boardroom 216

Student Groups:

Black Student Union (BSU) Club Meeting, 11am-12pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 222

Students For Life Club Meetings, 1-2pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 222

Anime Club, 3-5pm, Bldg 19 Classroom 250

Saturday, Mar. 7

Workshops:

iPhone Photography Workshop with Susan Bein, 9am-5pm, Bldg 11 Classroom 114

Sports:

Track Meet At Linfield College, 9am-6pm, Linfield College Field, McMinnville, OR

Women's Basketball Vs Skagit Valley-NWAC Championships, 12-2pm, Toyota Center Gymnasium, Kennewick, WA

Men's Basketball Vs Everett-NWAC Championships, 10pm-12am, Toyota Center Gymnasium, Kennewick, WA

Student Groups:

LCC Gaming Group Session, 9am-5pm, Downtown Campus Bldg 61 Conference Rm 420

Art & Entertainment:

Buckner Figure Session, 10am-1pm, Bldg 10 Metal Room 124/Room 125

Sunday, Mar. 8

Workshops:

iPhone Photography Workshop W/Susan Bein, 9am-5pm, Bldg 11 Classroom 114

Monday, Mar. 9

Art & Entertainment:

Satoko Motouji will be present in the Bldg 11 Main Art Gallery every Monday practicing calligraphy, 1-3 pm

Student Groups:

APISU Meeting, 1-2:30pm, Bldg 31 Longhouse Meeting Room 114

Black Student Union (BSU) Meeting, 2-3pm, Bldg 19 Classroom 245

Tuesday, Mar. 10

Events:

Women In Transition (WIT) Orientation, 1:30-4pm, Bldg 1 Conference Room 212

Honors College Symposium, 2-4pm, Bldg 4 Classroom 104

Native Craft Night, 6-9pm, Bldg 31 Longhouse Great Room 101

Free Tax Help, 9am-3pm Bldg 19, Room 260

Council of Clubs Meeting, 5-6 pm, Bldg 19, Room 243

Arts & Entertainment:

Lane Jazz Combos Concert, 7:30-9:30pm, Bldg 6 Blue Door Theatre 103

Wednesday, Mar. 11

Events:

ASLCC Senate Meeting, 4-6pm, Bldg 3 Boardroom 216

Free Tax Help, 9am-3pm Bldg 19, Room 260

Student Groups:

Asian Pacific Islander's Student Union (APISU) Meeting, 12:30-3:30pm, Bldg 19 Classroom 234

OSPIRG Meeting, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Center Bldg, Rm 21

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Meeting, 2-3pm, Bldg 16 Classroom 161

Arts & Entertainment:

Chamber Orchestra, 7-10pm, Bldg 6 Music Room 122

Thursday, Mar. 12

Arts & Entertainment:

Lane Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30-9pm, Bldg 6 Ragozzino Performance Hall 212

Student Groups:

Students For Liberty, 12-1pm, Bldg 1 Conference Room 212

Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA)

Meeting, 2-3pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 224

Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán (MEChA) Meeting, 3-4:30pm, Bldg 5 Classroom 240

Workshops:

Emotional Intelligence Workshops, CML Bldg 19 Room 104, 8:30am-12pm and 1:30-5pm