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2nd year ET students Jeff Lizotte (right) and Michael Adam (left) work on a lab in their Programmable Controllers 3 class on Thursday, Apr. 9.

Administration decisions getting pushback

PENNY SCOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It was standing room only at the April 8 Board of Education meeting when the Lane administration proposed eliminating the Electronics program, Automotive Collision and Refinishing program and suspending the Medical Office Assistance program. This was the main topic of discussion at the meeting.

Almost 30 people, including Lane faculty, staff and current and former students, along with Eugene employers addressed the board. Speakers protested against the proposed cuts and complained about how the process was handled.

Faculty were not consulted or made aware of a survey that was conducted with local businesses as part of the decision-making process. The survey was done in secret, according to Lane Community College Education Association President Jim Salt.

Lane president Mary Spilde said that the process began in August or September last year. Board members had asked the administration to look at expenses rather than revenues, she said, adding that they also indicated they may have reached their limit regarding tuition increases.

Spilde said that when the college was facing a \$12.6 million deficit last year, the administration started with a long list of programs and disciplines under review. They looked at the multiple criteria developed in the past and approved by the board

for budget reductions and applied it to the short list of programs.

The survey was used to confirm or negate the data Spilde said, adding that employers were selected by asking the Oregon Employment Department, division deans, advisory committee members and Cooperative Education faculty for input. "There was nothing secret about this," Spilde said. "People were involved in identifying employers to interview."

Spilde said that information had been posted to the website and communications were sent to all staff. The LCCEA was informed about the possibility of layoffs and, a couple of weeks previously, were informed of the specific programs being recommended. Confidentiality was asked for, she said, and no alternatives were offered.

Administrators expect 75 percent of future students who would have enrolled in the cut programs, would attend Lane anyway, studying something else. Salt commented that there is no data to support this belief. Out of the 56 students who were asked if they would have come to Lane to study a different program, had their desired program not existed, only five said they would.

Board member Tony McCown said that the MOA program is "super expensive to run." This brought protests from the gallery, refuting his claim.

"The cost per FTE is \$10,435. The average cost per FTE at the college is \$4,391," he said. "The average net revenue for the college per student is \$1,400. The net revenue for a MOA student is negative \$5,092. It's an expensive program," McCown said conclusively.

"You do not need to do this to save money," Salt said, adding that not only is the stated saving of \$386,000 a tiny amount of money, the figure is unrealistic. One teacher can't see current students through to completion in each of the programs being eliminated. It would take two teachers for each program, he said.

"In a time of constrained resources,



Over 140 people filled the Board Room and spilled out into the hallways as students, faculty and local business leaders came together to protest the cutting of programs at the Wednesday, April 8 Board of Education meeting.

we can't do everything," Spilde said. She explained that multiple factors impact decisions, including labor market demands for different types of jobs. Decisions to cut programs, she said, aren't just about saving money.

Regarding the MOA program, employers commented that the college is not doing things it needs to do she said. That could be a question of resources — the college has

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Television isn't what it seems

Mass media is not your friend

PENNY SCOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The following two questions aren't new — but they make a good point: What happens if you throw a frog in boiling water? It jumps out. What if you throw a frog in warm water and turn the heat up slowly? It sits there comfortably.

In the same way, people sit in front of television comfortably buying — buying stories, hype, lies and "stuff" by having their thinking and emotions manipulated. I realized this quite by accident and as a result, gave up television completely 25 years ago.

While watching an innocuous program I was suddenly blasted, at higher volume, by a preview of a program about rape. Instantly gripped by fear, I turned the television off and for hours and into the next day pondered what had happened.

I was like Truman in the movie "The Truman Show." He was living in what he thought was a normal world. Then a set light fell in front of him. Suddenly he knew something was not quite right, and his quest to know the truth began. I knew something was amiss, too. So, for several weeks, rather than just passively watching, I studied what was behind what I saw and heard on television.

The manipulation was soon apparent — systematic — purposeful — fear-inducing. But the methods for making people afraid weren't always jarring and in-your-face; they could be quite subtle, conveying the message that something was wrong — often with the viewer, but buying Product X would remedy that.

Several people these days are trying to get people's attention to warn them of the dangers of television and the media. At his talk titled "Media and Democracy" at Lane on Thursday, March 5, David Barsamian de-



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livered such a warning. He said that people are being manipulated by media conglomerates serving special interests that dominate corporations and the government.

Where television once informed my world view, now when exposed to "programming," I'm the frog thrown into boiling water. This happens occasionally when I visit other people's homes and the television is on, or if I'm at an airport. From what I've seen, nothing has changed, except the heat has been turned up.

Fear remains the dominant emotional transmission, but it's much stronger now.

No wonder our media-saturated society is so fearful.

Political activist and researcher Dallas Smythe, who died in 1992, invited people to see audiences as a commodity to be bought and sold. He maintained that this is the lens through which advertisers see people, and his invitation is an opportunity for individuals to see how they are being manipulated.

Well-written, engaging and intelligent programs exist, but rare is the person who watches only those. People sit comfortably for hours being programmed by mind-

numbing shows apparently designed to short-circuit critical thinking.

The planning that goes into programming and commercials is exacting. Everything is carefully designed to give viewers emotional experiences, to alter their perceptions and thinking and to take them to predetermined destinations. Nothing is random or left to chance.

I was taught how this is done and how to do it in multimedia design at Lane. I was also warned of the responsibility that goes with this kind of knowledge and power.

Arizona State University Regents Professor David Altheide has written several books on the subject of mass media and its use of fear to control and persuade people. He believes that much of the fear people feel is unwarranted. He encourages individuals to seek a more realistic perspective of actual dangers.

His books include "Creating Fear: News and the Construction of a Crisis" and "Terrorism and the Politics of Fear."

Television programs exist to serve the agendas of network owners. Visitors are entertained, gripped by drama and made to laugh, otherwise they'd leave — but that is not the purpose of television. Just like casinos, which do not exist for the betterment of gamblers: the house always wins.

It's time to ask probing questions. Is it possible that a climate of distrust is being manufactured by the media? Who stands to gain when people are afraid?

Mass media doesn't encourage this type of critical inquiry. Rather, it marginalizes those who would engage in it by labeling them conspiracy theorists. Now people are even afraid of that. How did two simple words like conspiracy and theory, when put together, get such bad press?

Sometimes circumstances get our attention and help us see through a different lens, as happened to me. It's also possible to consciously put on different glasses. Smythe's suggestion is a good place to start.

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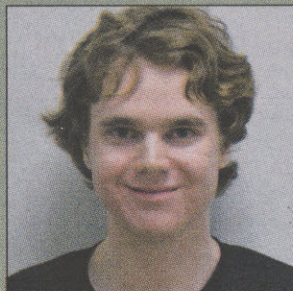


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Council of Clubs financial dealings questioned

Student seeks help from ASLCC

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Fencing Club treasurer Carl Knoch expressed his concern to the ASLCC senate at their March 18 meeting regarding Council of Clubs funds appropriations and expenditures.

The COC is supposed to receive \$1 per student from the activity fee each term. However, only 12 cents out of each COC allocated dollar goes to the council Knoch said. The other 88 cents, he claimed, goes toward paying administrative personnel.

COC by-laws, said Knoch, state fees shall be controlled and maintained by the council. "The Council of Clubs has never, since I've been at this college, controlled or maintained its own funds," he said. "The funds have been maintained and controlled by our advisers. We have no idea where the money goes and where the money doesn't go."

Knoch told the senators that he voted for them and brought this matter to their attention because he had faith that they would confront the issue. "I need you to look into this and ask the hard questions," he said.

A COC expense totaling \$2,738.16 for office supplies was another matter Knoch brought to the attention of senators. He commented that he couldn't imagine what office supplies the COC might need that would cost that much. The expenditure was not voted on by club members, he said, nor was a break-down given describing what exactly was purchased.

Knoch called for transparency and adherence to the by-laws. He criticized a recent suggestion he said was made by ASLCC Adviser Barbara Delansky, that student activity fees be raised. "This is a terrible idea," Knoch said. "We need to be good stewards first."

Soon after his complaint, Knoch responded to a round of questions by sena-

tors and gallery members regarding a Fencing Club funds request for \$1,895.

"I have been part of several clubs and unions on campus and none of them have had to buy things for their events out of their own pocket," said Student Resource Center Director Brittany Healy. "They are paying tuition here. That fee comes out of their tuition, so they are already paying to be part of that club."

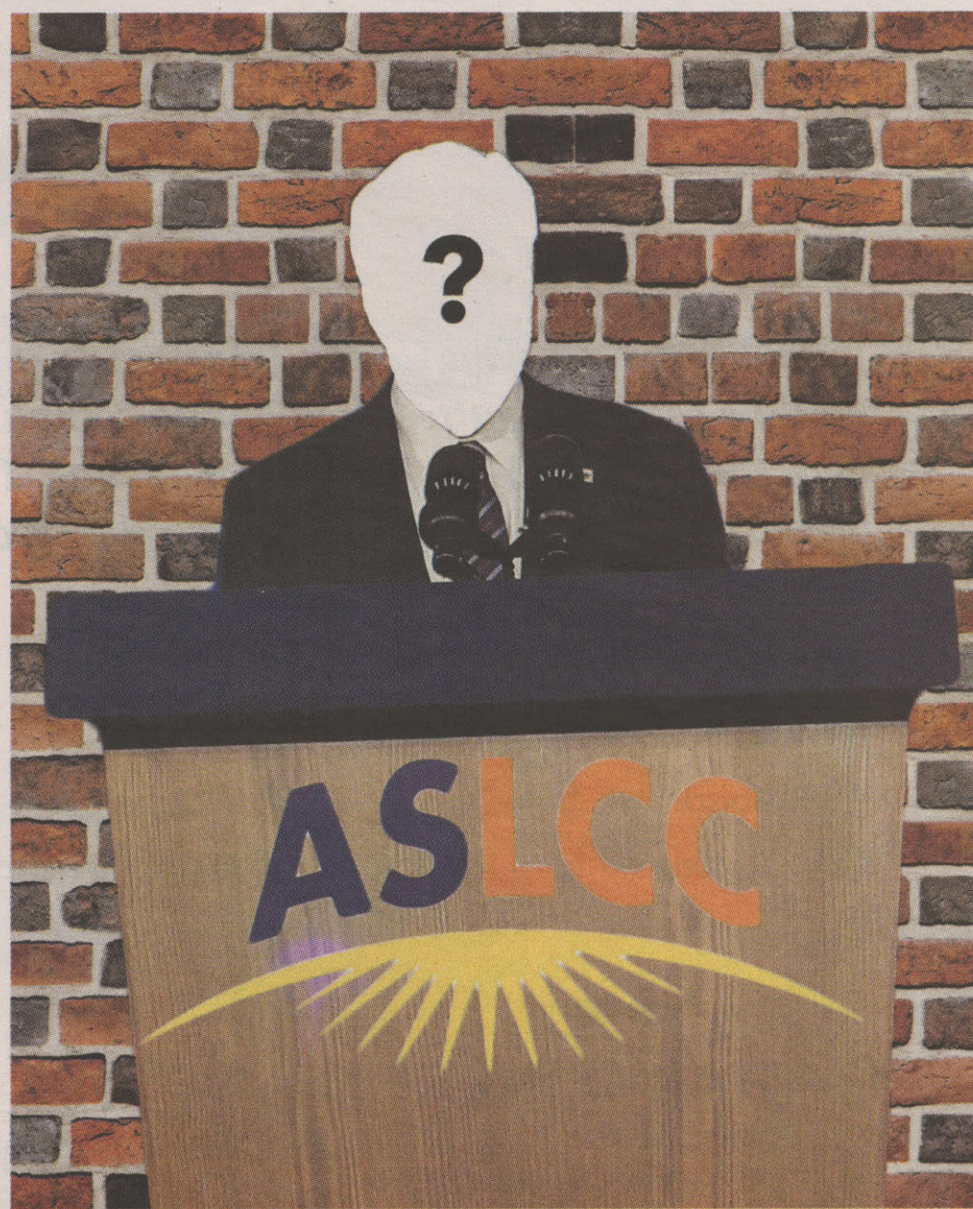
Senators had discussed this funds request before. The original amount, requested in February, was for \$3,790. It was later split into two equal amounts of \$1,895. COC approved the first and ASLCC approved the second by a unanimous vote, but not before clarifying the propriety of approving two amounts.

"Because the Council of Clubs is part of ASLCC and they (the Fencing Club) have already received funds for this request, although not the entire request, from Council of Clubs, does receiving funds from ASLCC create a situation of double dipping and if so is that a problem?" asked senator Scott Compton.

It was clarified by Christina Walsh, ASLCC student life and leadership development director, who said that the two requests were separate line items from two separate budgets and, therefore, not a problem.

Earlier in the meeting, Lane Peace Center chair Stan Taylor requested \$2,000 for the upcoming Peace Symposium being held on Thursday, April 30. He said that he will be requesting a total of \$3,000 from the ASLCC and COC combined. Taylor said that he will be making the remainder of the request separately to the COC.

Split funding requests between COC and ASLCC dominated the meeting and now appear to be resolved. The issue of transparency, however, remains unresolved.



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Student government elections coming up

Applications available now

ASLCC elections are happening soon. The filing deadline for candidates is 6:00 p.m. on April 16. Credit students on main campus who have paid the student activity fee for Spring term are eligible to run. The election will be held in early May.

Students can run for president or apply for senator positions. Students can also run for ASLCC Student Finance Board positions. ASLCC positions are paid and come with benefits that are budgeted each year. Typically, the president receives a \$500 monthly stipend and the vice president receives \$450 monthly, and both receive a 12 credit tuition waiver per term while in office.

Serving on student government is a way to be involved in decision-making that can directly impact Lane students. Belonging

to ASLCC is also a way to gain leadership experience and learn about government processes.

"We are the ones who are on the front lines navigating the plans of our institutions to ensure we are stakeholders in all conversations," ASLCC President Malisa Ratthasing said. "This includes, but is not limited to, policy work, tuition setting and student service creations like our food pantry."

Candidate application forms are now available at www.orgsync.com under the forms tab.

Applicants are advised to read eligibility and orientation requirements carefully before applying. There will be a student government elections information meeting on Monday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in Building 1, Room 224.

Snack Shack steps up to fund Peace Symposium

NICOLE RUND
REPORTER

For the first student government meeting of the spring term on April 1, senators debated how best to fund the annual Peace Symposium. Last term Stan Taylor, Peace Center chairperson, asked for \$3,000 from ASLCC. Senators decided to take \$2,000 from Snack Shack's profits and ASLCC would fund the other \$1,000. The Snack Shack, located outside the ASLCC offices near Building 1, Room 210, is the main fundraising arm of ASLCC.

Senators also ratified The Film Club as the newest club on campus. The club's mission is to watch movies and discuss them.

Senatorial candidate James Wesker spoke about why he wanted to be a senator. After answering questions about his qualifications, the business major was ratified by a vote of 3-0-1.

A representative of the Outdoor Adventure Club asked for \$300 for a camping trip to Silver Falls from May 1-3. The request was approved 4-0-1.

Time was allotted for discussion regarding the upcoming Board of Education meeting. The BOE is considering making

cuts to two degree programs: Automotive Technology and Electronics Technology. The Medical Office Assisting program may also be put on hiatus due to the retirement of one of the instructors.

In preparation for her attendance at the Board of Education meeting that night, President Malisa Ratthasing asked senators what they thought about potential program cuts proposed by college administration.

Vice President Ashley Jackson urged senators to find students who would be affected by the cuts and bring them to the meeting to show how cuts affect real people. "If we don't find students impacted

by this move, what are we doing here?" Jackson said.

"Expect the worst, hope for the best," Chief of Staff Robert Schumacher said about the cuts. He said he talked to affected students who said they are very worried about their future careers if these cuts are approved. Senators put the discussion on hold until next week, after the results of the BOE meeting are known.

The next order of business was electing a new president pro tempore. Senator Anastasia Vail was nominated at last week's meeting. Vail was elected to the position unanimously by paper ballot.

FEEDING

With the remodel of the Center Building well underway, and the cafeteria gutted, navigating campus to find food (and coffee) has become a challenge. This map has all the food and vending locations the Torch knows of as of this printing.

LEGEND

-  = Food
  = Drink
  = Salads
 = Coffee
 = Fresh Smoothies
 = Construction





(A) TITAN CONVENIENCE STORE
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30am-6pm
 Fri 7:30am-4pm




(B) SNACK SHACK
 Hours: 7am-4pm Mon-Fri





(C) CRUSH BURGER FOOD TRUCK
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 7am-4pm
 Friday 7am-3pm


(D) TITAN TACO
 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-2pm





(E) CONCESSIONS BOOTH
 Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-2pm





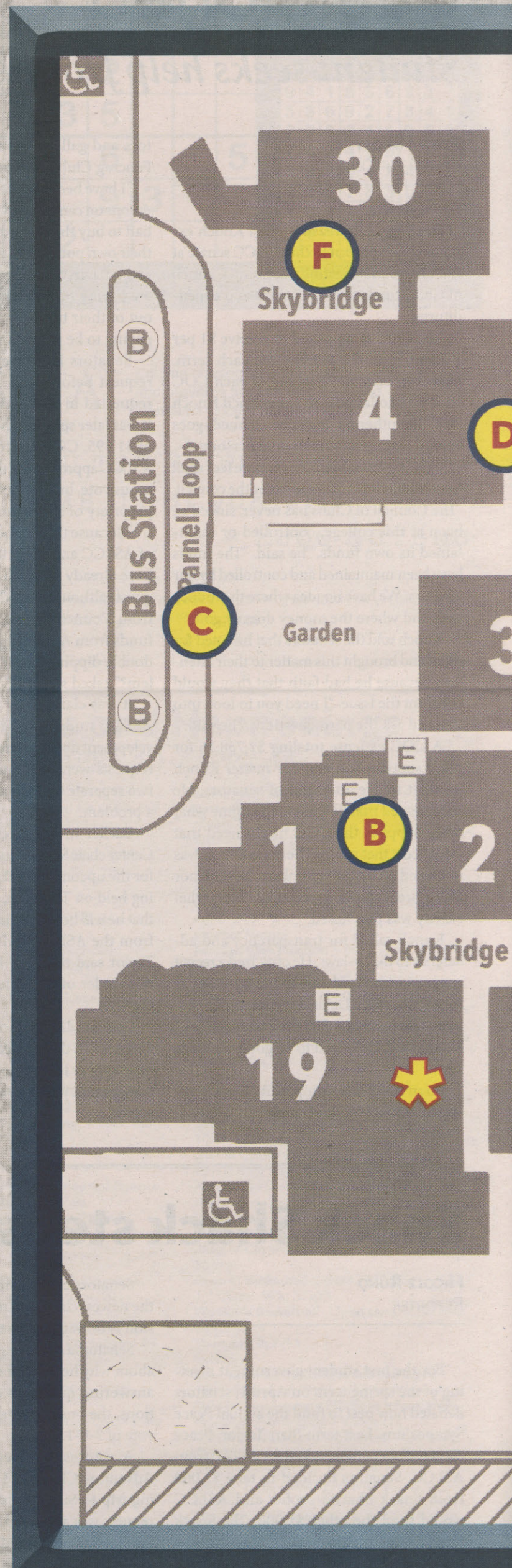

(F) HEALTH & WELLNESS CAFÉ
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 7am-4pm
 Friday 7am-3pm





(G) TERRACE CAFÉ
 Hours: Mon-Fri 7:45am-2pm


VENDING MACHINES



FRENZY



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Bath (Fr.)
5 Explode
8 Of the kind of (suf.)
12 She (Fr.)
13 Jap. apricot
14 Para-aminobenzoic acid
15 Differ
17 Arabian chieftain
18 Greek letter
19 Tree
21 Asbestos (abbr.)
22 Burmese knife
23 Incessantly
25 Lt. marble
29 Tilled land
32 Common man
33 Siesta
35 Adjective-forming (suf.)
36 Agave fiber
38 Daw
40 Soft mineral
42 Guido's note (2

words)

- 43 Noun-forming (suf.)
45 Yarn
47 Hawaiian frigate bird
50 House (Sp.)
52 Ern (2 words)
54 Monad
55 Feline
56 South African
57 Senior (Fr.)
58 Donkey (Fr.)
59 Salver

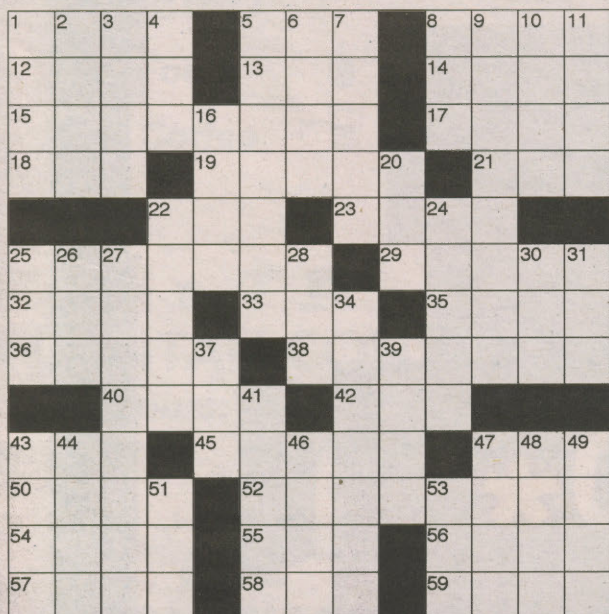
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3 "Casablanca" characters
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6 Buddhist sacred mountain

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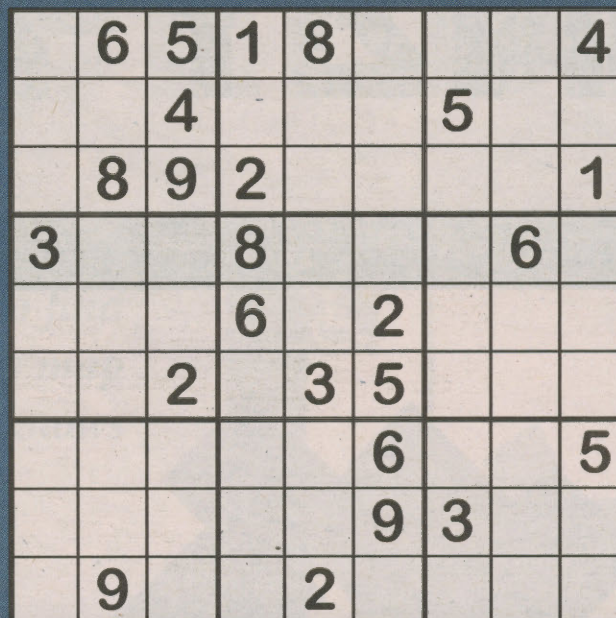
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NINEMUSES ICA
ODER AHAB NIG
GAON LIKE GSA

- 7 Pique
8 Amazon tributary
9 N.A. tree
10 Wading bird
11 Carbon (pref.)
16 Objective
20 Stowe character
22 Old Sp. gold coin
24 Heath evergreen
25 Consumer price index (abbr.)
26 They (Fr.)
27 Peccadillo (2 words)
28 Horse
30 Arabic letter
31 Cheer
34 Bishop
37 Sprite
39 Away from the wind
41 Slayer of Caesar
43 Ecuador (abbr.)
44 Hindu queen
46 Hit on the head
47 Frankenstein's assistant
48 Olive genus
49 Eagle's nest
51 Daughter of Zeus
53 Amer. Ballet Theatre (abbr.)



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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

9	4	1	8	5	6	2	3	7
5	3	6	9	2	7	8	4	1
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1	8	7	2	3	4	5	6	9
3	5	9	1	6	8	7	2	4
6	2	4	5	7	9	3	1	8

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ENIGMA™ CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "Q" = "L"

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D QXDHC EDMB D GDI QDKIJKY."

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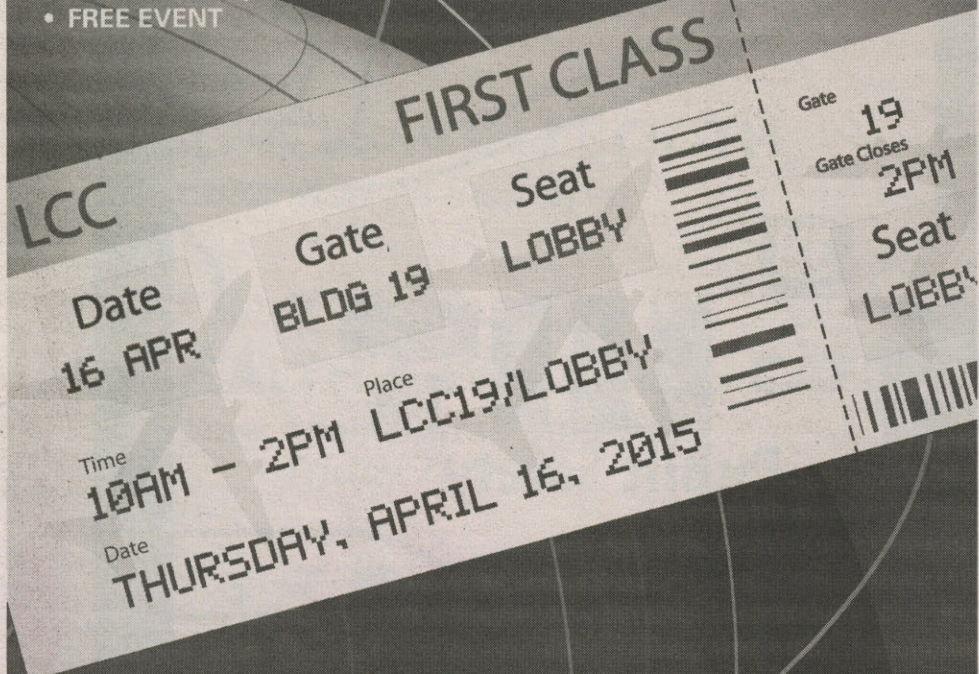
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Events and Happenings

APRIL 10 – APRIL 16

Art Galleries (ongoing)

LCC 10th Annual High School Art Show, M-F 8am-5pm, M-F 8am-5pm, Bldg 11 Main Art Gallery
The Tale Of Two: Palettes/Palates, M-F 8am-5pm, Bldg 19 David Joyce Gallery 200A

Friday, Apr. 10

Events:
Free Tax Help, 9am-3pm Bldg 19, Room 260
Workshops:
In-person Keys To Success Workshop, 2-3:30pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 222

Sports:

Baseball At Clackamas, 2-6:30pm, Clackamas Community College Field
Track Meet At Chico Twilight Invitational, 4-10pm, Chico State University Field, Chico, CA

Student Groups:

Black Student Union (BSU) Club Meeting, 1-2pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 212
Anime & Manga Club Meeting, 1-3pm, Bldg 19 Classroom 250

Saturday, Apr. 11

Events:
African American Parent/Family Conference, 10am-4pm, Downtown Campus
Cherokee Nation - Willamette Tsa La Gi, 11:30am-2:30pm, Bldg 31 Longhouse Great Room

Workshops:

4J Digital Dojo-DCA, 12-4pm, Downtown Campus Bldg 61 Small Classroom 104

Student Groups:

LCC RPG Group Meeting, 9am-5pm, Downtown Campus Bldg 61 Conference Rm 420

Sports:

Baseball Vs Clackamas, 1-5:30pm, LCC Baseball Diamond
Track At Chico Twilight, 4-10pm, Chico State University Field, Chico, CA

Sunday, Apr. 12

Workshops:
4J Digital Dojo - DCA, 12-4pm, Downtown Campus Bldg 61 Small Classroom 104

Monday, Apr. 13

Events:
Student Government Elections Information Meeting, 2-3:00 PM, Bldg 1 Room 224
Student Groups:
Students For Life Meeting, 12-1pm, Bldg 1

Conference Room 212

Asian Pacific Islanders Student Union (APISU) Meeting, 1-2:30pm, Bldg 31 Longhouse Meeting Room 114

Tuesday, Apr. 14

Events:
Free Tax Help, 9am-3pm Bldg 19, Room 260
Council of Clubs Meeting, 5-6 pm, Bldg 19, Room 243

Student Groups:

Fencing Club Practice, 6:45-9:15pm, Bldg 5 Gym 203
Gender And Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Meeting, 2-3pm, Bldg 4 Classroom 254

Workshops:

In-person Keys To Success Workshop, 4-5:30pm, Bldg 1 Classroom 224

Wednesday, Apr. 15

Events:
TAXES ARE DUE!

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

Women In Transition (WIT) Orientation, 10am-12:30pm, Bldg 1 Conference Room 212

Global Conversations, 3-4:30pm, Bldg 19 CENTER for Mtg Lrng 214 Conference Room

Associated Students of LCC (ASLCC) Senate Meeting, 4-6pm, Bldg 3 Boardroom 216

Student Groups:

OSPIRG Spring Kick-off Meeting, 3:30-5pm, Bldg 17 Classroom 310

Sports:

Drop-in Basketball CRN#43971, \$5 Per Term, 1-1:50pm, Bldg 5 Gym

Women's Basketball - Open Gym, 6:30-9pm, Bldg 5 Gym

Thursday, Apr. 16

Events:
Lane Community College Job Fair 2015, 10am-2pm, Bldg 19 CENTER for Mtg Lrng

Student Government Elections Information Meeting, 3-4pm, Bldg 1 Room 212

ASLCC Senator Campaign Forms Due: 6pm, 4/16/15

Student Groups:

Gender And Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Meeting, 2-3pm, Bldg 4 Room 254

Fencing Club Practice, 6:45-9:15pm, Bldg 5 Gymnasium 203

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

Student success goes on steroids

Underdogs set to win

PENNY SCOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"My last job, before I decided to go back to school, was digging graves in the graveyard where my father was buried," said Greg Evans, 2015 Vice President of Eugene City Council and Lane Student Life and Leadership Development instructor.

While in the mud "squaring out a hole to put somebody in there" a crew member and convicted felon warned him: people with felony records cannot get good jobs, get licensed or have careers, unless they do something exceptional to break out. "Go back to school," he said.

Having already engaged in "nefarious activities," as he put it, Evans listened. "I took that to heart," he said. "I got out of that hole and I went back and I finished my education."

Evans spoke at a Roadtrip Nation event hosted by Lane Community College on Thursday, April 2. Approximately 80 people, mostly Education Career and College Organization students, attended the event.

Roadtrip Nation, a grassroots career exploration movement, helps marginalized students find their passion and then helps them match their passion with career opportunities. "Define your own road in life" is their motto.

Some staff are full time employees.



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Roadtrip Nation, a grassroots career exploration movement that helps marginalized students find their passion, held an event at Lane Community College on Thursday, April 2.

Others, called roadies, are hired for shorter periods to go on road trips visiting areas where high schools and colleges have high dropout rates. Their mission is to help students find their paths in life.

"It's a very uplifting experience because we get to reach kids from different areas and different backgrounds," Roadtrip roadie Nekeed Upshaw said. "As I talk to them, I'm finding my own path as well."

Specialized skills aren't required to become a roadie. The organization teaches successful applicants what they need to know, Upshaw said.

"When you're on a road trip it's like being in a time warp," he said. "When you come

out of it, you are a whole different person because of the process you go through."

Roadtrip Nation began 15 years ago with three college graduates, unsure of their direction in life. Mike Marriner, Brian McAllister and Nathan Gebhard sought out successful people from different walks of life to find out what made them successful.

It took time and effort to reach top people in organizations, but they persisted and succeeded. Two of the people they interviewed were Starbucks Chairman and CEO Howard Schultz and Michael Dell, founder and CEO of Dell Inc.

Their question to everyone they reached was "How did you get to where you are to-

day?" The common element — passion. Inspired by their own passion to create Roadtrip Nation, they bought an old RV, painted it green, because that was the cheapest paint they could find, and took to the road in search of people to help.

They made a documentary that aired on PBS 15 years ago. PBS has been airing the ongoing Roadtrip Nation story ever since. The founders and staff believe that with the right encouragement anything is possible, and that's what they teach.

Lane ECCO students are all participating in a 12-lesson curriculum designed by Roadtrip Nation. Participating in the program typically costs \$25 per person.

However, in this case AT&T is sponsoring 300 Lane students. AT&T is providing funding for 60 events and for 15,000 students across the country to go through the curriculum.

Aaron Farley, national events and logistics strategist for Roadtrip Nation, said that marginalized students are often told what they can't do. "We show them what they can do," he said, adding that "we are trying to get Roadtrip Nation to the students who need it the most."

The program is not just for the young, it's for older people as well, Farley said. "It's for anybody who wants to switch it up and find a job that resonates with them and motivates them," he said.

The book, "Roadmap: The Get-It-Together Guide for Figuring Out What to Do with Your Life," was released on April 7.

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Wowed by music, song and dance



PHOTOS BY MARILYN WALKER / THE TORCH

Host drummer Lawney Havranek (left photo, top right) leads the ceremony with the host drumming circle. Approximately 350 people attended the Native American Student Association annual Powwow at Lane on Saturday, April 4. Guests were treated to Native American music, dancing and singing. Vendors sold hand-made crafts including, jewelry, drums, organic teas and lotions.

CUTS: Administration decisions getting pushback

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not been able to buy capital equipment because of cutbacks to save people, she said.

"It isn't just copying machines," responded board member Rosie Pryor emphatically, ignoring Chairman Albright's protest that she was speaking out of order. "You can't teach students on 19th century equipment when they (students) are trying to get jobs in a 21st century world."

Commenting on a perceived pattern of behavior by the administration, Salt said they arrive at well-intended conclusions and then defend them. He maintains that, in spite of contradictory evidence and arguments, the administration locks into a position.

"There's a reality and it's our job to figure out what that reality is and work together and make decisions based on the reality," he said, asking the board not to focus on proposals that have been presented, but to focus on that reality.

"I learned about this on Friday. That's collaboration? If we work together, we can accomplish tremendous things," Salt said.

Board member Garry LeClair expressed concern regarding salary increases. "I continue to be appalled at our inflexibility on contracted personnel expenses despite 25 percent reduction in enrollment," he said, adding that it makes no sense.

Regarding union members, he said "when all the parading is done and all the crying and gnashing of teeth is done, they always get a raise. I've been on this board five years. They always get a raise."

College administration has begun the process of informing affected faculty and students. Advisors have been asked to work with the students in helping them complete their courses of study if the board approves the program cuts. However, no

new students will be accepted into the programs in question.

The final decision regarding the proposed cuts will be made at the May board meeting. Board members commented that they had heard conflicting opinions and data. They asked for more information and time to digest what they had heard.

"No matter what we do, somebody gets hurt because there isn't enough money to do all the things we want to do. So how are we going to decide who gets hurt," LeClair said.

According to an email Salt shared with the Torch on Tuesday, April 7 he claim that initially, administrators said the decision to cut the programs was to save money. However, when challenged, he said, they revealed that the real motivation behind the cuts is concern over quality and graduates' ability to get jobs.

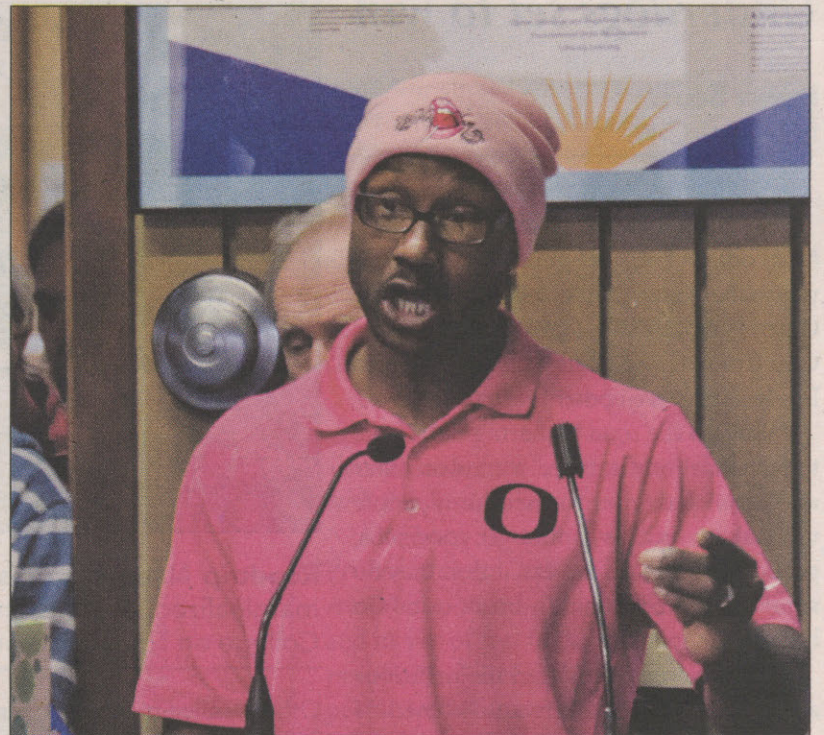
He also challenged the administration's choice of who to include in the survey. Local large employers were included, rather than actual employers of graduates, he said.

Salt contended that the administration's plan is to suspend the MOA program, until current faculty have retired or lost their recall rights, then reopen the program and hire new faculty.

Salt complained that faculty members were not involved in analyzing the quality of their own programs or made aware of the survey. There was no valid selection process in choosing who to interview he added.

In some cases, Salt stated, the Division Dean and administrators are retaliating against faculty members for standing up for their rights.

Association representatives pointed out the problems inherent in this course of action, Salt commented, adding that they urged administrators to work with faculty regarding ways to restructure curriculums, but were not listened to.



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(top) Charles Stewart spoke out about the importance of higher education and spoke against the dropping of programs. (above) LCCEA President Jim Salt expressed disagreement with the cutting and suspension of programs at the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, April 8.

Speakers protest program cuts

KIMBERLY TAITNER: LANE STUDENT

I'm an upcoming MOA student. I'm to apply in June as soon as this term is over. I have over 43 credits towards this program. I'm enrolled in another 16 this term... I have already racked up over \$25,000 in student loans. If you suspend this program, I will not have the means to repay those loans. This would devastate me.

ERIC SCHOFIELD:

PRESIDENT SCHOFIELD ELECTRIC

I've been associated as an advisor to the ET program for the last four years. They have been using and teaching technology that we are installing on a daily basis. It's not irrelevant. Its current, it's what is being used.

I understand from an interview that I had with Ms. Newton that my name is in this report that is putting the ET program and others on the chopping block. I would like to have the opportunity to read that report and see if my comments are taken out of context or just misconstrued in

the way they're being reported ... If I'm going to be quoted, I'm going to be quoted correctly.

THOMAS POTTER: PEDIATRICS EMPLOYER

I too, am apparently a surveyed victim. We are having a very difficult time finding certified medical assistants. ... we're using medical office assistants to do the scribing for the provider in office. They have to have a certificate in order to meet the meaningful use requirements, but this makes the providers more efficient.

MARIANNA PAREONES: ASLCC CAMPUS COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

Shame - shame that you have decided, or have proposed to cut, suspend programs that people's lives depend on ... you are failing your vision ... you are failing your values. And you are failing the students ... I am disgusted that this is even a proposition. I am disgusted that students have to fear for their futures, that faculty have to come up here and defend their programs that have so

much prestige and so much respect. That they have to defend that, it's disgusting.

KEN JORDAN:

AUTO COLLISION INSTRUCTOR

I'm a graduate of the program ... I found employment almost immediately ... opened my own business. I take time out of my day and come and teach class. I really enjoy it. If that's not a testament to student success, I don't know what is. I'd just like to take this opportunity to invite any of you down to the shop. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and I'll give you a personal tour and show you what we do.

KELLY COLLINS: MOA INSTRUCTOR

Take an already successful program and suspend it ... what about those employers? They emphatically say, don't stop the program ... This is the finest medical assistant program in the area. Why go through suspension where you damage the program, not this year, but next year and the year after that and the year after that.

MARTY PITTMAN:

MOA PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The last five years we've had 158 graduates, 96 percent pass rate on the national AAMA certification test. Leading medical facilities, such as OFA2, hires only AAMA certified medical assistants. Employment each year of these students is between 80 and 90 percent within six months of graduation. Of those that want to work, 100 percent employment is within nine months.

ANDREW MOSER: ELECTRONICS

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM GRADUATE.

I went and got an electrical engineering degree from UO. I will say that the only reason that I'm employed by the company that I'm currently employed with is because of the skills that I learned here in the electronics program.

What they are teaching is extremely relevant to how things are manufactured today, the robotics, the industrial controls they have — they are teaching exactly what we do every single day. It's not just important for Lane County to have this program. This is important for the state of Oregon — for the United States ... What's being taught there is used all over the world ... it would be a huge mistake to cut that program. I have lost all confidence in Lane's administration.

VERONICA COLLINS: LANE STUDENT

I'm a current student at LCC and I just started in the fall. I'm taking my pre-recs for the Medical Assistants Program. I was planning on applying for it in June ... I've earned 25 Lane credits working towards the program, soon to be 38 at the end of spring term ... If it was suspended, it would be a devastation to me.

JIM O'BRIAN: INSTRUCTOR, ABSE

A growing number of events caused me to question the ability of Lane's current administration ...

TERRY DALE: ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR

I was surprised, I was shocked to learn just yesterday that the quality of the [electronics] program was under question and the viability of that program to allow students to get jobs in the community was not up to par. Not once, in six years that I've been teaching here, has the administration in any way expressed concern about the subjects we are teaching or the methods with which we teach.

DEAN BERGEN:

AUTO COLLISION INSTRUCTOR

For the last seven to ten years, we had a two to three year waiting list to get into the program. So we're told there aren't any jobs ... I think whoever looked at this, looked at a very narrow scope.



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The Board of Education is considering cutting two Lane programs, Electronics and Automotive Collision and Refinishing, and suspending the Medical Office Assistant program.