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Construction workers Lucas Martin (left) and Nitai Stein continue work on the west side of the Center Building which will be renamed CLASS upon completion.

**PENNY SCOTT**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It's news to no one that Lane's Center Building is undergoing reconstruction. Who can miss the giant pieces of machinery, barricades, walkway labyrinths and noise dominating the LCC landscape? Construction workers too are as much a part of the Lane community these days as staff, teachers and students.

It may be hard to imagine what it will be like when construction is complete. If work stays on schedule, fall term will see

## Navigation maps soon irrelevant

the unveiling and fruits of all the planning, construction and disruption. Being able to get from point A to point B with ease once again is sure to be one of the most welcome experiences for the campus community.

There's been no such thing as a straight line anywhere near the Center Building for months. Walkways have changed and changed again every time a different part of the building has become a focus for construction workers.

Finding food and beverages is another inconvenience people aren't likely to miss.

An open food court with a variety of culinary offerings will replace the old cafeteria. There'll be outdoor and indoor seating for patrons, and the fine dining venue, The Renaissance Room, will be completely transformed as well.

The Renaissance Room, once tucked away near the elevator in the cafeteria, will have glass walls. People walking by will be

able to see the diners inside. Diners will not only be able to view the open public area, they will have a clear view of the kitchen where their food is prepared.

The design, focused on learning, will give kitchen staff the experience of being viewed and even assessed while learning their culinary skills.

When construction is complete the building will not only have a new look, it will have a new name. In keeping with the theme of learning, the Center Building will be called the Center for Learning And Student Success.

## Are cell phones harmful?

*Film supports legislation*

**CHAYNE THOMAS**  
REPORTER

The documentary "Mobilize" warns about cell phone radiation and supports legislation for labeling cell phones as potentially dangerous. The film, shown at Lane on Wednesday, May 27, was followed by a question and answer Skype session with director Kevin Kunze.

Approximately 25 people gathered for the event, the third in a series of events aimed to educate people about health and social justice regarding technology.

"Cell phone companies are telling customers in fine print how to use their cell phones in a safer way," said film director Kevin Kunze, "yet they sued cities like San Francisco for wanting to make that safety information more accessible."

The city of San Francisco dropped their ordinance mandating the labeling of cell phones, voted into law in Feb. 2010, when threatened by a \$500,000 lawsuit from Cellular Telephone Industries Association in May of 2013.

Recently the Berkeley, Calif. city council ignored the San Francisco lawsuit and

voted to enact a "Right to Know" ordinance on May 12 this year — forcing cell phone retailers to provide information about cell phone safety on packaging and with a separate flyer included with every cell phone purchase. The ordinance aims to highlight the fine print that is already written into the language of cell phone contracts.

"... Nearly every cell phone manual includes fine-print information about radiation exposure, and the safer ways in which people can use their phones," Kunze says in "Mobilize."

Oregon currently has two similar bills proposed, House Bill 3351 which requires specific labeling on cell phone packages, and House Bill 3350 forcing the Department of Education to issue a formal statement which discloses the potential health risks of cell phones.

Electromagnetic fields are everywhere in the environment. They contain both an electrical and magnetic component. EMFs are present naturally from atmospheric changes, the earth's magnetic field and the sun. In general, humans cannot detect EMF with the exception of visible light, which is part of the electromagnetic spectrum.



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In addition to many other Lane students on campus, freshman economics major Nabiela Ismail uses her cell phone outside Bristow Square.

EMF outside of the visible spectrum has been utilized for X-rays, military weapons, radio, microwaves, cell phones, and more.

Cell phones use the existing radio frequency spectrum at relatively low levels to transmit and receive data to and from cell towers, bluetooth devices, Wi-Fi hotspots

and GPS satellites. Data is layered through the manipulation of the frequency and amplitude of waves.

The Federal Communication Commission's current safety guidelines for safe radio frequency energy levels, establish see EMF, page 7

### ACRONYM LEGEND

EMF – Electromagnetic field  
SAR – Specific Absorption Rate  
FCC – Federal Communications Commission

CTIA – Cellular Telephone Industries Association  
WHO – World Health Organization



# Conflict continues

## Administration process called undemocratic

**PENNY SCOTT**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The programs selected for elimination at Lane will end, unless something unexpected happens. They are only part of the story, however; the way in which decisions are made at Lane is in question.

According to LCCEA President Jim Salt, at the Budget Committee meeting on May 20, members Twila Jacobson, Carmen Urbina, Matt Keating and Bob Ackerman "not only refused to approve the proposed budget, but criticized the process for being undemocratic and rushed, and the substance for including program cuts that were harmful and unnecessary."

Their protests failed to change anything and the budget, which includes the program cuts, was approved. Regardless of this latest development, the potential still exists for a different kind of governance at Lane. This would require one of two things to happen:

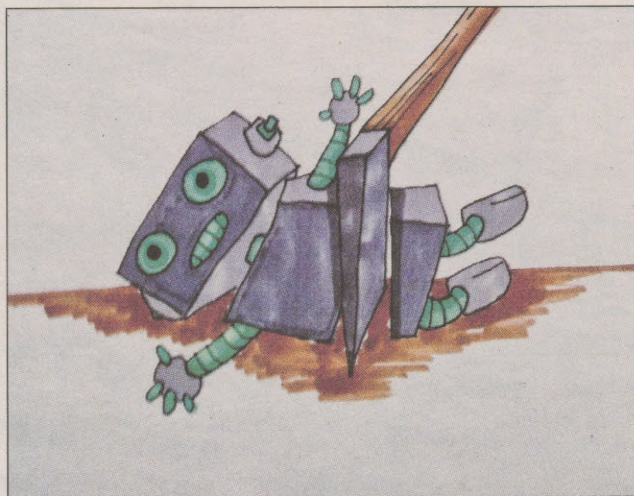
1. The administration and board advocating reversal of the decision to cut the programs and then enacting a different inclusive decision-making governance system at Lane.
2. People, faculty and others, speaking for their convictions in numbers large enough that they can't be dismissed or ignored.

When stakeholders watch from the stands, instead of getting into the game, the status quo remains.

The Board of Education does not exist to maintain the status quo or to support the administration. Rather, board members are elected to safeguard the college, which should include evaluating whether processes are fair and conducted appropriately.

Board members Keating and Ackerman not only voted against the cuts at the May 13 meeting, they think the process was undemocratic and rushed according to Salt. So do plenty of other people.

My support for reversing the decision to cut programs



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is based on there being too many conflicting opinions. Board members are elected to protect the institution and, therefore, should at least investigate what's going on.

I'm calling for a prudent delay.

I do not favor top-down management input-only-from-others models, even though they are commonplace. Lane is definitely not an anomaly in this regard. Many can identify with the effects being felt at Lane. I've seen this over and over in the corporate world.

Most companies I worked with had top-down management from their inception. Resentment and sabotage were everywhere, mostly in the form of energy-draining perpetual gossip, arguments, complaints and litigation.

One company that I loved working with, started out with a genuine shared governance system. It's employees were among the happiest and enthusiastic I encountered. They didn't want to leave and rarely did, and there was a wait list of people wanting to work there.

The company was enjoying huge success with a healthy bottom-line. Then it was bought out. Top-down management became the new order of the day, and the life drained out of the place. A climate of distrust and resentment replaced the once open and energetic environment.

The job of changing a culture from one of distrust to trust and collaboration begins with radical honesty, and it takes time and patience. Things often get worse before they get better on the way to creating a thriving healthy

### FACULTY COUNCIL INVITATION

What do you think of the recent program cuts approved by the LCC Board of Education? How should we respond? What comments or suggestions do you have to share?

Faculty Council, which provides a critical nexus of communication between faculty, staff, and administration, is hosting an open forum, "How shall we respond to the recent program cuts, and what course should we recommend moving forward?"

**When:** Tuesday, June 2, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Center for Meeting and Learning, Room 104.

All members of the Lane community are invited to attend and be heard. Light refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,  
Faculty Council

culture, but it's well worth the effort.

Rare are those who want power and control for their own sake. Rather, power and control are usually a means to an end that people really believe in. I have no doubt whatsoever that LCC President Mary Spilde is working hard towards what she believes is best for the college.

Giving up control can be scary — it can feel like things might fall apart. That's what I think we're seeing with the administration. Others aren't trusted to make the best decisions or trusted to follow through and be accountable.

I'm not taking sides when I say that Spilde should yield. It shouldn't be about "us versus them." The college currently has this divisive posturing, which is perpetuated by both sides, and that's what needs to change. Part and parcel of a new governance system would require that Salt and faculty do some yielding too.

I hate to say this, but I think programs will need to be cut. But I'm concerned about the way in which the current three were chosen and then dispensed with so quickly.

If programs must be cut, let them be chosen in a different way by different people. If the same three are chosen then it would be obvious that they must go — I doubt whether a complaint would be heard anywhere.

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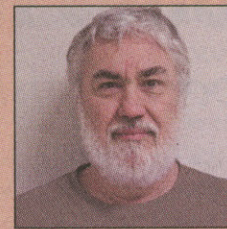
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### CORRECTIONS

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| <p>Corrections (Page 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The name of the Board of Education Chair is Pat Albright.</li> <li>• Stiles, LeClair, Pryor and McCown</li> </ul> | <p>voted in favor. (Stiles was spelled Siles.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• According to Robert's Rules of Order the board chair votes only to break a tie or create a tie.</li> </ul> |
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### EDITOR'S NOTE: RIGOROUS QUESTIONING ABSENT (PAGE 2)

In the May 22 edition of the Torch I wrote that board member Rosie Pryor called for a vote too early in the proceedings at the May 13 Board of Education meeting. Pryor did motion for a vote. However, according to Robert's Rules of Order, the purpose of a motion, for a vote or anything else, is to open up a discussion, not to close it.

This mistake was due to my incomplete understanding of RRO. I unreservedly and sincerely apologize to Pryor for making an untrue statement about her intention. Further, I am reminded how easy it is to misconstrue something and subsequently mislead others. — Penny Scott



*Kennedy appealed to the hero within and this, above all else, accounts for his immense popularity.*



President John F. Kennedy at a press conference held in the State Department auditorium on Nov. 20, 1962.

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# Kennedy not a party man

PENNY SCOTT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**T**his week, May 29, marks what would have been the 98th birthday of United States president John F. Kennedy. Standing head and shoulders above most other presidents, this charismatic, handsome, world-class orator won the hearts of not only the U.S., but the world.

These qualities that made him popular pale when compared with his powerful convictions. He stood for freedom and peace, encouraging people to contribute to the welfare of the nation through individual effort.

Kennedy appealed to the hero within and this, above all else, accounts for his immense popularity. It is this legacy from which we can learn and change things at Lane — our individual efforts can be directed toward the greater good of the college.

Kennedy is remembered as a Democratic Party icon. However, it is likely that present day democrats wouldn't give him a second glance as a party candidate. Kennedy was quite unlike Roosevelt, who created the welfare state upon which so many democrats hang their hats.

Jeff Jacoby, in an article titled "Would democrats embrace JFK now?" published in the Boston Globe on October 13, 2013, invites readers to look at Kennedy through a non-partisan lens. He says that Kennedy was "anything but a big spending welfare state liberal," pointing out that the narrative of Kennedy as a liberal hero is patently false.

"In today's political environment, a candidate like JFK — a conservative champion of economic growth, tax cuts, limited government, peace through strength — plainly would be a hero. Whether he would be a democrat is another matter altogether," concludes Jacoby.

I'm an admirer of Kennedy for many reasons, but not because he was a democrat. In fact, by most of today's measures he wasn't one. Favoring neither the Republican Party or the Democratic Party, I favor conscious responsible government by any name. I cannot support a party simply because of its name and purported values.

Taking sides creates blind spots and perpetuates conflicts. Political parties engage in incessant arguing as do their supporters. Try talking politics to anyone who votes for



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President Kennedy in the Oval Office in the White House, on July 11, 1963.

the party not of your choice and see what happens. Prudence tells us not to bother.

Having an understanding spirit geared toward collaboration is practically the antithesis of the U.S. two-party political system, which perpetuates an "us versus them" paradigm that fuels conflict between opposing sides.

The dynamics inherent in setting up opposing camps guarantees an unending supply of intractable problems, enough for each side to champion, but never solve — a great way to stay in business.

I sometimes wonder if this is by design. Or perhaps we humans are stuck on our evolutionary path in an immature paradigm of "me versus you" — unable to get past petty squabbles and the need to win; what "we" want and believe is more important than what "they" want and believe. Maybe we aren't yet mature enough for peace.

Kennedy was born into war 98 years ago. World War I was in its fourth year, 1917, the year of the deadliest attack on London by Germany which claimed 162 lives, 46 of them children. A further 432 were injured. The casualties of the war are an estimated 37 million, with more than 17 million deaths.

Beginning in 1914 and ending at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day on the eleventh month of 1918, this Great War, the one that was to end all wars, is all proof we need that war solves nothing.

*"Mankind must put an end to war before war puts an end to mankind."*

— John F. Kennedy

War is an extreme example of what taking sides and holding positions can lead to. War is our teacher and not as distant from our individual choices as it may seem. Maybe our next evolutionary step is to break down the walls that divide us, the ones we erected.

Our task then becomes to think, speak and act from values-based convictions while maintaining an unrelenting intention to finding our common ground.

In Buddhism this is the middle way; in Christianity it is loving each other as ourselves — by whatever name, this is the only way forward.

The current problems and arguments at Lane are a microcosm of the world. We can change things for ourselves, and at the macro level, by not locking into fortress-like stances. Maybe we need to sign an armistice agreement, a declaration or a constitution.



## REUNION PART 1



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Lane's Center Building in the past has been the place to check out books, attend classes, eat food and receive help with financial aid. On a day in 1999, it was also the place of a reunion.

# CENTER BUILDING REUNION

SUBMITTED AND WRITTEN BY  
TIYA CRAVEN

**M**y first year at Lane Community College in 1999 was amazing. However, the first day of my second year was life-changing.

I was about 20 people deep in a line back when Financial Aid was upstairs in the Center Building. A woman walked up to me and asked if she could help me. I knew this woman. I looked down at her name-tag just to be sure, then back up at her face. Yes I knew her. She, however, was looking at a stranger and waiting for a reply.

"Uhh ... Uhhh," I stammered. "I forgot something." Turning to my friend I said "Come on Cari, we have to go now." I felt like I had just been hit in the gut as I ran down the stairs of the Center Building. Cari stopped me and asked what was wrong. I looked up at her and said, "Cari, that was my Mom."

I had only seen my biological mother once since my dad moved my brother and me away from her, north from California, 300 miles to Oregon. I was four years old at the time, and I had no idea where my mom was all those years. As it turned out she had been right at Lane with me for the past year.

We never crossed paths until that moment, and it was all too much for me. The rest of the day was a haze as I moved from one class to the next trying to meet the requirement of showing up in order to not be dropped.

When I got home I called my grandma and my brother to share the news. We were all shocked. They asked what she looked like, and if she looked happy and healthy and if she recognized me.

"She looks older, but I could tell it was her right away," I replied. "She looks clean and sober if that is what you mean and, no she did not have a clue that she was speaking to her own daughter."

For nearly ten weeks I spied on her. I would sit up in the old library and watch

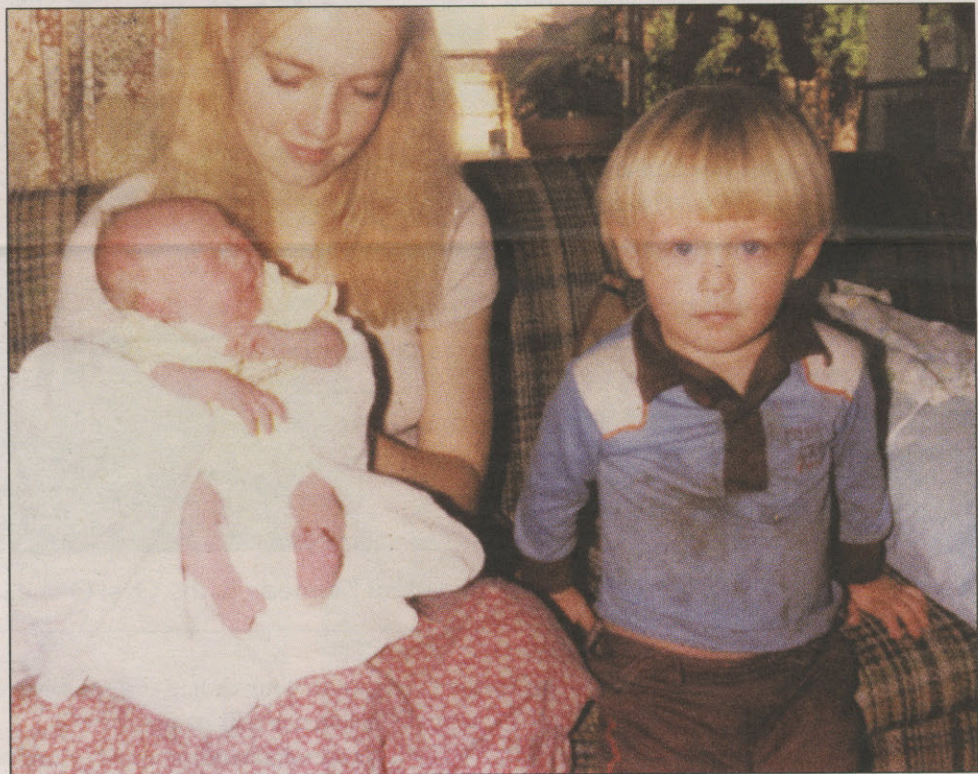


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Lane student Tiya Craven in the arms of her mother Naomi Duncan Ason next to her brother. This is an archive photograph Craven sent to her mother that led to their reunion.

her from up above through the windows that looked down into the Center Building area. One time I came out of the bathroom and she brushed my shoulder on the way in. I would watch her interact with others and watch her work at the desk.

I needed that time to feel her out, to find out if she was a safe person to allow into my life after all those years. Since I was a little girl I dreamed of the day when I would get to live with my Mommy again. I imagined her combing the earth looking for her precious daughter, desperate to find me.

There were so many stories I had made up in my head of how life would be when we were finally reunited and these stories comforted me in some very dark times. I was a victim of her addictions and yet, at the same time, felt she was my hero who would some day rescue me. It had been at least five years since I gave up all of that nonsense and left her behind as

she did me.

Could I find it in my heart to forgive her? Would I ever find the courage to reveal myself to her? I finally decided and wrote her a letter. I tried hard to keep my expectations low regarding what would happen once I made myself known to her.

I sealed the letter in an envelope, along with a picture of her teenage self holding my newborn self and my brother, then two, standing beside her with his round belly nearly poking out of his shirt.

In the photograph she looked like a happy and proud mother. I wrote in the letter that I am the baby in her arms. I told her about our meeting in the Financial Aid line and gave her my email address in case she decided that she wanted to talk. I delivered the letter to her co-worker and went home.

She responded, but the story doesn't end well.

*Continued in the June 5, 2015 edition of the Torch.*



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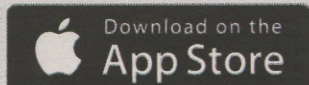
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## Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

- 1 Vehicle compartment  
4 Bad (pref.)  
8 Legal weight of a rupee  
12 Certified Public Accountant (abbr.)  
13 Chin. dynasty  
14 Olive genus  
15 Mulberry of India  
16 Hing  
18 Jutelander  
20 Mother of Pollux  
21 Dadaist  
23 Carriage  
25 Syphilis  
26 Oaf  
27 Palestine Liberation Organ. (abbr.)  
30 Lady's title  
31 Civet  
32 Limb  
33 Adjective-

### forming (suf.)

- 34 Thought  
35 Bull (pref.)  
36 Maple genus  
37 Hop  
38 Treatment  
40 Stag  
41 Acacia (2 words)  
44 Edible seed  
47 Viking  
48 Adriatic seaport  
49 Sphere  
50 Concert halls  
51 Fertilizer ingredient  
52 Drop

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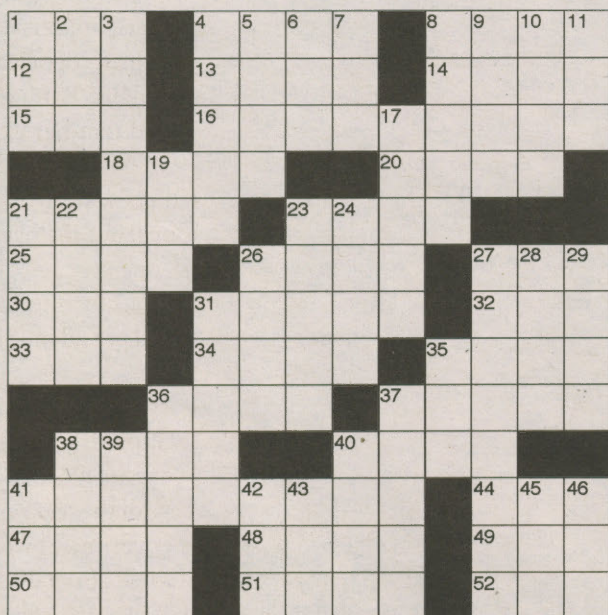
- 1 Circuit Court of Appeals (abbr.)  
2 Amazon tributary  
3 Alopecia  
4 Sing

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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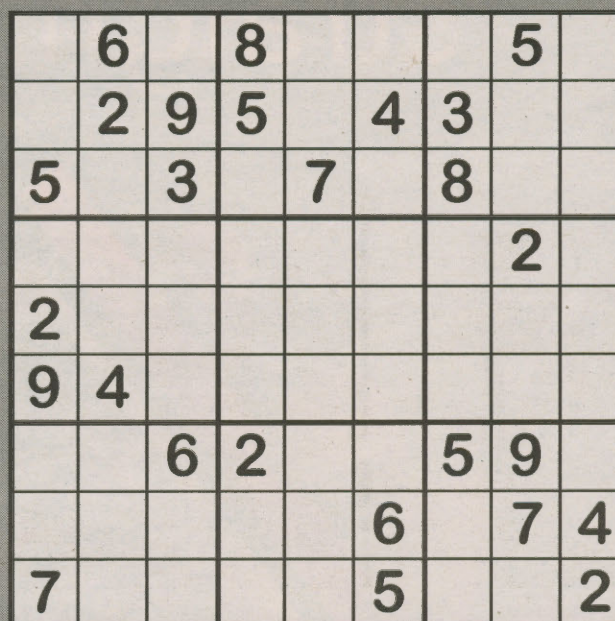
- 5 S. Afr. fox  
6 Central Intelligence Agency (abbr.)  
7 Dolt  
8 Tribe symbol  
9 Foul-smelling  
10 Maiden loved by Zeus

- 11 Wider than AAAA  
17 Overjoy  
19 Donkey  
21 Borden calf  
22 N.Z. bird  
23 Hard question  
24 Sambar deer  
26 Millrace  
27 Boll (2 words)  
28 Weakly colored (pref.)  
29 Monster  
31 Kitchen tool  
35 Pitch  
36 Braz. timber tree  
37 Rom. province  
38 Coagulated milk  
39 Female friend (Fr.)  
40 Employ  
41 Man's name: abbr.  
42 Father: Arabic  
43 Exclude  
45 Age  
46 Warp yarn



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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

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

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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: "L" = "I"

"AEMLBW LB GME XEK VEMY  
LMBXLKQYLG M QMF MLMEYJ-MLME  
XEKVEMY XEKBXLKQYLG M."

— YPGCQB EFLBGM

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "He who devotes sixteen hours a day to study may become as wise at sixty as he thought himself at twenty." — Mary Wilson Little

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## Events and Happenings

MAY 29 – JUNE 4

### Galleries

Media Arts Graduate Exhibition, Exhibit, Building 11, Main Art Gallery and Sister Art Gallery 103, 8-5pm  
The Tale of Two Palettes / Palates, Exhibit, Building 19, David Joyce Gallery, 8-5pm

### Friday, May 29

#### Arts:

Music Showcase, Building 6, Ragozzino Performance Hall, 12-1pm

#### Events:

Black Lives Matter To 4J, Building 31 Longhouse, Great Room 101, 12-9pm  
The Labyrinth, Film Showing by OSPiRG, Building 17, Classroom 307, 7-9pm

#### Student Groups:

Black Student Union, Building 1, Room 212, 1-2pm  
Anime and Manga Club, Building 19, Room 229, 1-3pm

#### Sports:

Women's Basketball HS Summer League, Building 5 Gymnasium, 2:30-10pm

### Saturday, May 30

#### Arts:

Beyond Words: Featuring Bill Bowers, Building 6, Ragozzino Performance Hall, 7:30-9:30pm

#### Events:

Drawing: Open Lab, Building 10, Room 220, 1-3:30pm

### Monday, June 1

#### Student Groups:

APISU, Building 31, Longhouse, Great Room 114, 1-2:30pm  
Students For Life Meeting, Building 1, Room 212, 12-1pm

### Sports:

Women's Basketball HS Summer League, Building 5 Gymnasium, 2:30-10pm

### Tuesday, June 2

#### Events:

Native American Craft Night, Building 31 Longhouse, Great Room 101, 6-9:30pm

#### Student Groups:

Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Building 4, Room 254, 2-3pm

#### Arts:

Dance Open Show, Building 6, Ragozzino Performance Hall, 3-5pm  
Lane Jazz Combos, Building 6, Blue Door Theater, 7:30-9:30pm

### Wednesday, June 3

#### Student Groups:

ASLCC Senate Meeting, Building 3, Boardroom 216, 4-6pm  
Film Club, Building 17, Classroom 307, 4-6pm  
Phi Theta Kappa Meeting, Building 16, Classroom 161, 2-3:30pm

#### Sports:

Women's Basketball HS Summer League, Building 5 Gymnasium, 2:30-10pm

### Thursday, June 4

#### Student Groups:

Gender and Sexuality Alliance, Building 4, Room 254, 2-3pm  
MEChA, Building 5 Classroom 240, 3-4:30pm

#### Arts:

Lane Chamber, Concert And Gospel Choirs, Building 6, Ragozzino Performance Hall, 7:30-9:30pm



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The Lane Concert Choir, directed by Matt Svoboda, sings "Here Comes the Sun" at the Winter Choir Concert. The choir will be performing on June 1 at Central Presbyterian Church.

## Lane Chamber Choir to perform free concert

Led by LCC Director of Choral Activities Matt Svoboda, the 30 members of the Lane Chamber Choir will give a free concert, singing French composer Gabriel Fauré's Requiem backed by organ and violin.

According to the press release for the event the Requiem "emphasizes light and eternal rest through subtle shifts in dynamics and harmony." Fauré saw death "as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards the happiness of the hereafter, rather than as a painful passing away," a vision captured in the music.

The Lane Chamber Choir performs choral and chamber music throughout Oregon, sometimes with guest artists. Various

soloists will be featured in the Requiem performance.

Although the concert is free, donations for supporting the Lane chamber choir program will be accepted.

The concert is scheduled for Monday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at Central Presbyterian Church 555 E. 15th Ave. in Eugene.

Contact Matthew Svoboda at [svobodam@lanecc.edu](mailto:svobodam@lanecc.edu) or call 541-463-5736 for additional information.

Information supplied by LCC administration and redacted for content by the Torch.

## EMF: Are cell phones harmful?

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lished in 1996, are based on a measurement called the Specific Absorption Rate. SAR is the highest measurement of the energy absorbed by a human-like dummy from cell phone emissions. In order for a cell phone to pass FCC standards and be sold in the U.S., it must have a measurable SAR below a safe level.

According to the FCC this does not take into account the rate at which data is transmitted over time, power fluctuations within cell phones nor different positions in which a particular device may be held to the head.

Debate revolves around whether or not the SAR standard is an adequate measure of the potential danger of routine, continual cell phone usage.

"It is not disputed that electromagnetic fields above certain levels can trigger biological effects ..." states the World Health Organization's web page on EMF, "... The current debate is centered on whether long-term low level exposure can evoke biological responses and influence people's well being."

It is commonly accepted that high energy EMF, such as X-rays and gamma rays damage DNA. The issue with the radiation from cell phones is that the energy released is so small that measuring the effects has produced varying results in the scientific community. Many researchers claim that cell phone EMF is not powerful enough to directly damage DNA, therefore it cannot be carcinogenic.

"Mobilize" claims the opposite.

Sources quoted in the movie say that over time, low-level EMF exposure may create biological effects. Even mundane things like eating a spicy chili-pepper create slight, but measurable biological effects in the body.

In the movie CTIA representative Gerard Keegan says, "It puts cell phones on par with coffee and pickled vegetables." Kunze commented that statements like Keegan's made by lobbyists for the cell phone industry are misleading.

The film claims that the burden is on cell phone companies to prove that their product is safe.

"It should be, but it's not," said Lane Instructor Karin Almquist, who helped organize the event. "It's the other way around." Science is tasked to show that there is a link between the measurable biological effects from EMF and actual harm to people.

"There's a handful of studies that have looked at ten years or more of cell phone use," says David Servan-Schreiber, Ph.D., M.D. in the film, "... these studies all find roughly a doubling of the risk of brain tumors, on the side in which people have been using their phones." The movie also presents research that suggests that long term exposure to low-level EMF from cell phones can reduce fertility in males.

These claims are not conclusively backed by the scientific community at large.

"Mobilize" claims that media reporting and scientific reports on the potential risks of low-level EMF is biased because of advertising revenue and funding by cell phone companies, which comprise

an almost \$200 billion-a-year business.

In 2011 the WHO officially classified EMF from cell phones as a "class 2B possible carcinogen." Other countries, including Israel, Canada and Russia already warn against cell phone use, especially by children who studies show are more susceptible to radiation. In January of this year, the French government passed legislation regulating EMF that, among other things, prohibits Wi-Fi in day care centers.

"Mobilize" proposes that citizens minimize the potential dangers of EMF by supporting legislation requiring warning labels, such as the House Bills currently proposed in Oregon.

People can take precautionary steps, such as turning off cell phones at night, not carrying phones on the body but in holsters or bags, limiting children's cell phone usage, using headsets or speakerphones and holding phones further from the head.

Vince Chhabria, J.D., one of the speakers in the movie said "if they [people] receive this information, of course they are still going to use their cell phones ... but they are going to use their cell phones in a different and safer way."

Elaine Weiss, retired Lane instructor, said that the showing was great. "It should be shown more widely," Weiss said.

The event was co-sponsored by the Lane Peace Center and the UO Cultural Forum.

References and further reading can be found in the online version of this article at [lcctorch.com](http://lcctorch.com).

## Outgoing senate ends busy year

*Recollections and group hug featured*

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The 2014-2015 student senate met for the last time on Wednesday, May 27. In recognition, the agenda was rearranged so that outgoing senators and staff could each speak to the gathering before handling any business.

After president pro-tempore Anastasia Vail kicked off the meeting, senators and officers reflected on the past year of student government for more than half an hour, recalling experiences, accomplishments and lessons learned.

Most of the speakers expressed appreciation for their colleagues and praised the spirit of teamwork they perceived. President Malisa Rathasing showed some emotion and said that her experience in office "was very bittersweet" and "a rocky and rough journey." Others acknowledged difficulties during their tenures, but the overall tone was positive.

When the senate was ready to turn to business, current vice-president and president-elect Ashley Jackson took the chair.

Treasurer James Wessgert requested \$250 to pay for airfare to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars conference in Florida. He explained that the total expense of the trip would be about \$1,000 and student government would not be footing the entire bill. After a brief discussion, the request was granted on a 4-0-1 vote.

Discrimination was on the agenda again. Senator Charles Stewart announced his intention to show three movies on the subject at an event open to all. Anonymous essays from attendees describing their own experiences would be collected and compiled in a book.

Stewart did not repeat his request for a student government committee to fight discrimination, but he did bring his puppy.

Next was the second reading of a \$875 request to pay registration fees for up to 25 students at an executive management training program in Portland. The request was discussed last week and the senate quickly approved it 4-0-1.

Treasurer James Wessgert presented a spreadsheet to the senators showing a proposed budget for next year. Explaining specific line items, he noted examples of budgeted items from this year that cost more than estimated or were not spent at all. Following several questions and clarifications, the senate approved next year's budget 4-0-1.

The Lanestock event promoted by the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group was discussed during the OSPIRG report. Lanestock is "going to be awesome music, awesome food," said OSPIRG chair Anthony Molinari.

Senator Evelyn Sanders expressed concern about flyers promoting a "zombie jamboree," wondering if someone was trying to take over or rename Lanestock. Molinari explained that he had spoken to the person in question, and the flyers were simply promoting one of the tables at the event.

Stewart reminded the senate that raising funds to reimburse students for damage from the tornado would be part of the event. "The fundraiser is going to be the biggest part of Lanestock," he said.

The meeting ended with officials, senators, staff and attendees coming together in a group hug after Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate Christian Mello was credited with introducing the practice.





## Students provided with tools to craft their success

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With a focus in product design, art major Jina Choi smooths the side of the vase she's creating in a ceramics hand building class.

## Administration helps students reach their goals

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As many students struggle during Spring term with the more difficult, time consuming capstone classes, administrators point to helpful strategies. Director of student success Lida Herburger said "to us it [student success] is helping students reach their goals whatever those goals may be."

Herburger said this is done by implementing well-researched outcome-based high impact practices which have proven records of aiding students in reaching their goals. Institutional research studies and surveys given at community colleges nationwide produce statistically sound benchmarks.

"High impact practices could be seven thousand things, but we utilize the ones from the Community College Survey of Student Engagement and from the Association of American Colleges and Universities," she said. "When we created the Titan Tips, all of those come from HIPs because we all know those are things that help students succeed."

Rachael Wilkerson is completing her first year as a medical office assistant. She defines student success as "getting good grades, getting a good GPA and succeeding in the major you want to go into." She said the tools she uses are "motivation — definitely, study sessions, concentration for sure and hard work." Wilkerson said that what motivates her is "knowing that I'm working towards my life goal."

Gerry Meenaghan, Honors Program Experiential Learning coordinator and International Work Experience advisor agrees that the 10 Titan Tips for student



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Fine arts major Matt Lehmann practices drawing the corner of a building in his Art 131, Intro to Drawing class on the grass outside Building 6.

success are key.

"These tips may seem very simple at first glance, but it is amazing to me that some of them are disregarded. Some of that has to do with the fact that our students tend to be very busy and overcommitted with a combination of college coursework, part or full-time work, and family and personal obligations," Meenaghan said.

The fact that Lane is a commuter college can make it easier for students to miss out on the richer experiences that help with success, Herburger said. "If a teacher knows your name, it helps with student engagement," she said. "Attending class is a high-impact practice."

Herburger emphasized that it's the student's role to set goals and decide what suc-

cess will look like for them. "The core learning outcomes, they're all based on HIPs and also what employers believe people need to be successful in the workforce," Herburger said. They are defined as:

- The ability to think critically
- Engage diverse values with civic and ethical awareness
- Create ideas and solutions
- Communicate effectively
- Apply learning

Herburger said that reviewing and preparing before placement tests can help students be more successful and place in higher level classes, commenting that said students sometimes fail to prepare and review before math placement tests. She said that it is essential to understand the basics before

### THE 10 TITAN TIPS

1. See your advising team
2. Go to class
3. Plan your time wisely
4. Do homework promptly
5. Start a study group
6. Ask questions
7. Use tutoring
8. Meet with instructors
9. Make a plan
10. Get involved

building more complex concepts.

Second year nursing major Tracy Nyseth said that good grades and GPA are how she defines success. She uses a variety of tools to achieve those goals. "For anatomy and physiology class I usually draw pictures and that really helps a lot," she said, adding that having scheduled time to study is critical. "I allot two hours of study for each class per day, because you do most of your learning outside of school," she said.

Meenaghan stresses the importance of putting in regular and consistent effort into career and job searches. She said that there are many steps students can take, while still in college, to become more prepared for entering the job market.

Meenaghan recommends starting early. "For students just starting out at Lane or just finishing the first year of a two-year program, time is on your side," she said.

Lane's soon-to-be-integrated Career & Employment Services unit, Cooperative Education Division and the Lane Workforce Partnerships office will be housed in Building 19. This union will provide an integration of career and employment services with internships and job opportunities available to students.