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Administration strives for middle-ground

By Cairo Smith
News Director

In the hours since last Thursday's shooting at a community college in Roseburg, Lane has struggled to find its position.

"I don't know what the answers are," Lane Board of Education Chair Tony McCown said during an address

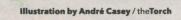
"The nature of the threat environment is changing."

— Jace Smith Public Safety Chief at the vigil held at Lane on Friday, Oct. 2, 2015 for Umpqua Community College. McCown, who experienced a similar tragedy at his high school 17 years ago, shifted his message into a call for gun regulation. "I urge you to heed [President Obama's] advice," said McCown. "Our

hopes and prayers are not enough."

Within minutes, Interim V.P. of Academic and Student Affairs Dawn DeWolf brought the ceremony back to neutral ground. "Our sympathy," DeWolf said, "our prayers, our caring is enough for now."

According to V.P. of College Services Brian Kelly, every community college in Oregon has fallen under see UCC, page 3



NEWS

QUICKNEWS

RABID BATS

An unnamed woman was scratched by a bat while walking on the Lane campus in the late afternoon of Sept. 24. After a large search of the campus, the corpse of a brown bat was found and sent to a lab at Oregon State University. OSU confirmed suspicions, the bat was rabid.

"[Bats] are the primary reservoir of rabies in our wild animal communities," Lane County Public Health information officer Jason Davis said. "Thus far this year in Oregon twelve animals have tested positive for rabies; eleven bats and one fox."

Rabies is a viral disease that causes acute inflammation in the brain of mammals, including humans. The disease can be spread through a bite, scratch, or saliva from the infected. Once symptoms start to show, it is almost always fatal.

HEALTH CLINIC OFFERS FLU VACCINE

The Lane Health Clinic is now offering influenza vaccinations on campus for the 2015-2016 school year. The flu causes millions of illnesses a year, the CDC reports, with thousands — most among infants and the elderly — resulting in death.

Every fall, flu vaccines are updated to account for the newest strains of the virus. The vaccine is the best way to protect yourself against the flu, and it takes about two weeks to start working. Flu vaccines at the Health Clinic are \$20 all year for students. In comparison, the vaccine at Safeway or Rite Aid costs \$30 or \$32, respectively.

Flu vaccines have previously been free for students in October, but this year the discount is restricted to staff. The Health Clinic is located in Building 18, Room 101. It is open from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Mon. - Fri., with the exception of lunch from 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

Something we should know about?

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POLICEBLOTTER

Notable briefs from Lane Public Safety

PRESCRIPTION PILLS FOUND

An officer found a large ziplock bag with an assortment of loose prescription pills on front desk of the Downtown Campus. The bag was evidence transport to Main Campus. Date: 9/27/2015 Location: Downtown Center

ANIMAL CHECK

A small dog was found in a white F350 with the windows cracked and no visible access to water. The dog did not appear to be in distress. The officer attempted to contact the owner. *Date:* 9/30/2015 Location: Lot L

PERSON CONTACT

Someone reported people handing out flyers advertising marijuana near Building 5. The flyer was actually advertising a movie a local theatre, and just used an image of a marijuana leaf. Public Safety confirmed that the people in question were given permission to distribute the flyers on campus.

Date: 10/8/2015 Location: Building 5

Focusing on community

Youth programs and sports caught in between debate arming public safety

By André Casey Editor-in-Chief

Speakers at the monthly Board of Education meeting discussed ways to build safe and strong communities last Wednesday Oct. 7, 2015. Youth development, new athletics programs and gun safety were among the topics discussed.

The question of whether Public Safety officers should be allowed to wield firearms has resurfaced in the wake of the recent school shooting at Umpqua Community College on Oct 1.

Safety concerns were paramount, though speakers had divisive opinions on whether arming public safety would help or hinder students feeling safe on campus. "I am more afraid by public safety officers having guns than I am of a shoot shooting," Tasha Briquet, ASLCC Senator, said.

Another student said they didn't feel fully protected since Public Safety was not armed.

A board policy prohibiting both the actual or perceived possession of dangerous weapons on campus has been in effect since 1998. Despite this, individuals who have a concealed weapons permit are allowed to carry guns on campus property, according to Oregon law.

An exception in the law allows the Board to ban lawful carry to Lane employees while they are performing work activities, which includes Public Safety officers. No motions have been brought forth to change this policy.

Lane has been building a strong sense of community through the Rites of Passage summer academies that provide young students of color in Lane County a chance to immerse themselves in their culture during a five-week summer program. It is geared towards building positive self-image and self-esteem in middle- and high-school students.

"This is kind of a lonely place for people of color, in Eugene and in Oregon in general" Herb Pendleton, parent of a student in the African American Rites of Passage summer academy, said. "It's hard to find role models."

The Rites of Passage academies include the African American, Asian Pacific American, Puertas Abiertas Latino/Latina and the Bridge of the Gods Native American programs. The African American Rites of Passage program is going on it's 20th year.

The Board approved adding Volleyball and Men's Soccer teams to Lane's athletic programs by a vote of 6-1. Chris

Hawken, Division Dean of Health and Physical Education, said that adding these programs will "help increase one of the main goals of campus: increasing diversity." Lane Athletics currently has 26% of participants identifying as "non-white" with the addition of Men's Soccer hoping to increase that percentage, according to materials prepared for the Board.

Board member Matt Keating voted against the motion in protest of adding new programs less than six months after the Board cut the Electronic Technology and Auto Collision and Refinishing programs

The meeting closed with a message urging people to not walk away from difficult conversations the Lane community will face in the wake of this recent episode of gun violence.

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> — Tony McCown Board of Education Chairman





Students embrace during the vigil held in Bristow Square in remembrance of lives lost during the tragic shooting at Umpqua Community College

UCC: Looking towards future safety

"It's about

changing

the culture

of violence

- Sky Scott-Rust

ECCO Student

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intense media scrutiny since Thursday. "I've been getting several hundred emails a day," Kelly said in offered our counseling services." a phone interview with the Torch.

Kelly's response so far has been one of quiet tact. "I feel Lane is a very safe campus," he recites. "Every day, every hour of the day, there is a public safety officer on campus. We have 35 officers who rotate shifts." As to how many officers are typically

on campus at a time, Kelly declined to answer.

Public Safety Chief Jace Smith takes a more active stance. "I don't think the students and staff understand how dangerous and complex this job can be," Smith said. Chief Smith, who commanded police during his time in law enforcement, is an adamant proponent of armed campus officers. "The nature of the threat environment is changing," Smith explained. "We get reports with frequency that someone has a we have." gun on campus, and when we go to respond to those threats; we're unarmed."

In Oregon, firearm legisla-

tion is highly divisive. "I do want a gun," an anonymous Lane student told the Torch while attending at the UCC vigil. "I want to be able to take that threat out so I can live and change that balance."

Many disagree. "It's about changing the culture of violence we have," said Early College and Career Options student Sky Scott-Rust. "I support the campus being gun-free."

Few students are aware of Lane's current firearm policies. "College and board policy prohibit firearms on campus," said Brian Kelly, "except in accordance with the lawful carry."

In other words, if it's legal to carry in Oregon the board can't stop it. Despite media assertions of UCC as a 'gun-free zone,' Oregon is one of seven states with a statewide provision that mandates the

permitted carry of firearms on college campuses. "Obviously, students, faculty and staff have concerns," Lane President Mary Spilde said in an Oct. 2 interview with KUGN radio. "That's why we've

What students can agree on is a need for safety education. "Some kind of classes are needed, just to educate people," said ECCO student Kirah Knee. "They don't teach us anything at all," added another, who declined to be named. SafeLane and the Public Safety Department have online resources detailing

> response to an active shooter, but Kelly explains that more must be done to get the information into student hands.

> Some instruction, in the form of 'Emergency Quick Reference Guides,' is posted throughout the campus. The guides give emergency plans for medical emergencies, severe weather, fire, and general evacuation, but give no mention of lockdown or active shooter protocol. The guides also provide a link to additional online information, but as of this publication that link results in a 404 error.

Shooter-specific guidelines are available online. SafeLane features training

videos, including one produced by the Department of Homeland Security, which follows the "Run, Hide, Fight" plan. The website, however, is incomplete. As of publication, the page titled 'Survival Tips,' displays only the words "content under review."

"In terms of educating the students at our campus, we can always do more," Kelly concludes. "I think it's a continual process, and that we have to engage in that work every day." Following Last Thursday morning's events at UCC, Lane's Facebook page was quick to reach out in condolence. Whether the grieving and reopened dialogue on safety will lead to concrete change, only time will tell.

*Some identities have been redacted for this article because the source was a minor.

Victims of UCC Shooting

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Game convention held at Lane's Downtown Campus

BY JUSTIN SCOTT REPORTER

Independent game developers came from across the Pacific Northwest to share and promote their current projects at Eugene's Indie Game Con, held at Lane's Downtown Campus, Oct. 3. Game development has been a growing industry in Eugene and all over the region.

Bitforest, a collective of local game developers, were major contributors in making Indie Game Con happen. Through IGC, creators and educators hope to share their knowledge of the game development industry to prospective game developers, and to help build up the local gaming community.

IGC stands apart from bigger conventions due to the fact the developers and gamers can spend more time one-on-one.

"What I really like about this one is how intimate [it is]. You can actually have a conversation with someone," said Hunter Mayer, a game developer at Appsomniacs LLC. "People can come and pretty much play as much as they want, and they can ex-

plore the app at a deeper level."

Appsomniacs' most recently completed project was Doodle Army, whose focus at IGC was to promote and play test their newest game in the works, Fail Whale.

A variety of games were on display by an assortment of developers at the convention. From mobile games to side scrolling role-playing games and arcade-style shooters, there was something to Indie Game Confor every type of gamer — veterans and noobs alike.

Some games even defied conventional genres, such as The Rust Belt, by Galvanic Games. "... It's a 2D top-down post-apocalyptic tow truck and physics destruction game, with giant rac-

coons," Explains C.J. Kimberland, a developer for The Rust Belt. "That is our genre."

IGC classes and seminars were also offered by professionals in the field. The topics included marketing and networking, creating interesting stories, using virtual reality, and many more. IGC also focused on the business side of gaming, with a business summit held at a local bar, The Wayward Lamb.

The summit was geared towards all game devel-

opers, from gaming veterans looking to expand their business to newer developers struggling to get sales.

"I like to see how people work together to get things done," said Steke Layman, a local business

analyst and computer programer. "Here's a bunch of people that are just trying to figure out how an organization works. I work with a very large company, and [we] bring people in to solve the problem and get it out the door. Sometimes it's technology, sometimes it's paper and pencil and here's people doing that with games."

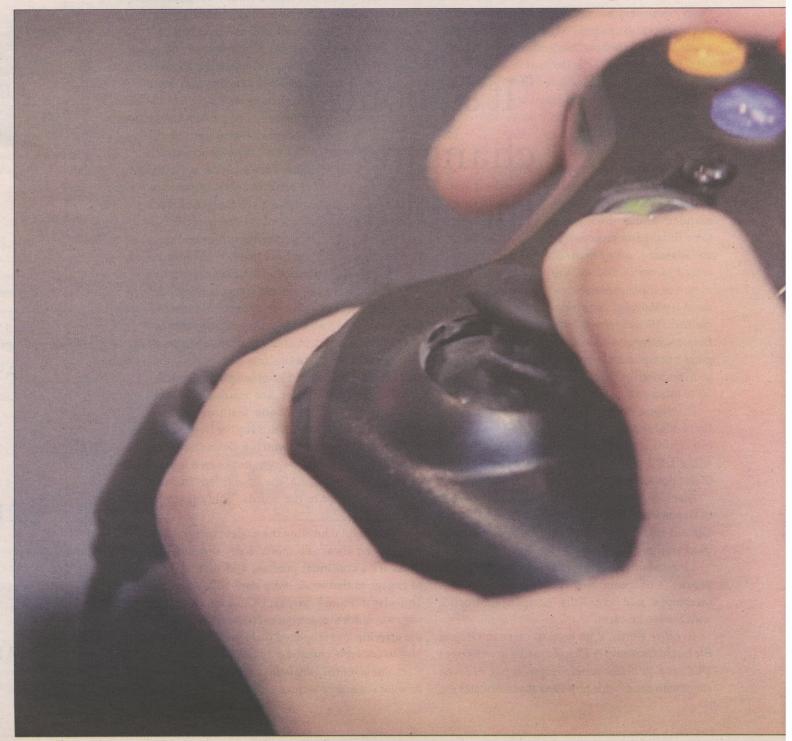
Lane has been involved in the local indie game industry for years. Instructors from the Computer Information Technology department organized the first IGC last

year, and helped bitforest put it together this time around. Both years attendance at IGC has exceeded expectations.

- Paul Wilkins

"We have studios in the area that we have built a relationship [with]," said Paul Wilkins, director of Lane's CIT department. "We've had success with placing students in internships, and then also we've had students go on after they graduated to work at studios." The gaming industry is growing and Lane faculty recognizes that.

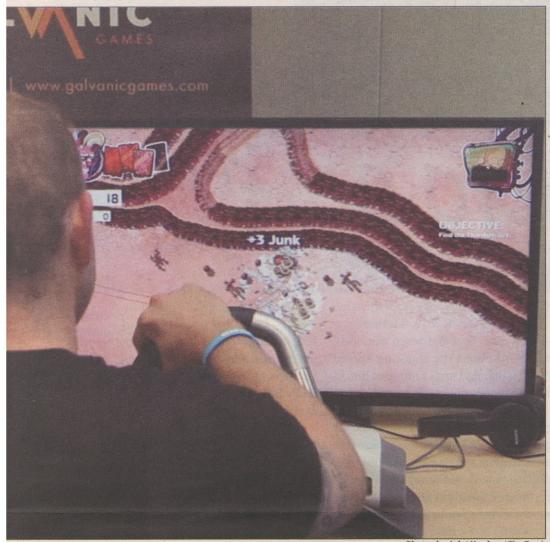




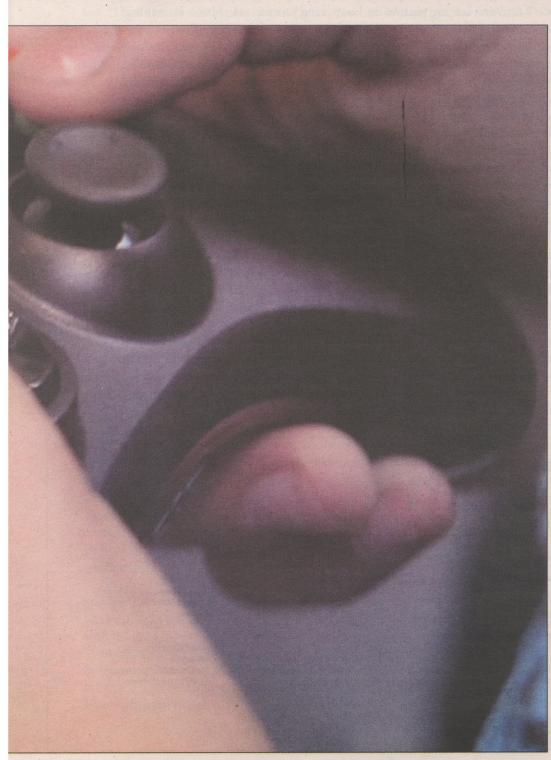
A gamer tests
Appsomniac's recently
completed game, Doodle
Army, at Indie Game Con
on Oct. 3, 2015.

LIFESTYLE

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JUMP BY ELLEN TYKESON BRONZE



The faculty art show will be on display in the Building 11 art Gallery through Oct. 21.

Faculty art on display

By Justin Scott Reporter

Lane's Art and Applied Design Department held a reception for its ongoing faculty art exhibition on Oct. 7.

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Building 11 art gallery was filled with both faculty and students. Both part-time and full-time faculty were asked to share work that best exemplifies their careers as artists. The artistic mediums presented varied widely. The exhibition featured oil paintings, bronze sculpture and photography. According to Lane Events the exhibition as a

"collection of stories and reflections of time."

"It's the idea that the students have the opportunity to see the work that the faculty has been doing," said Andy Salzman, Lane instructor and professional sculpture. "I quit my job teaching in the Midwest to come out here and teach here. The reason I was willing to do that was the reputation of the faculty."

The Art and Applied Design Faculty Exhibition is open through Oct. 21. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 11. The exhibition is free and open to the public.



TOO CLOSE TO HOME

Reflections on American gun violence

In April 1999, I was a 5th grader in a suburban town in Delaware. Without much explanation, my entire school was immediately released with a half-day. As your average 11-year-old who loves spring weather I was elated. Until I got home.

My mother and high school aged brother were glued to the news, watching the black and white secu-

rity footage of Columbine High School in Colorado reel over and over. At this age, the idea of school being anything less than a safe haven was jarring. Littleton was a small town just like any other American town. That familiarity perhaps is what made it even more disturbing. Despite this, it still seemed so far from my backyard.

When I was 19, I worked at a little Italian restaurant back East. The radio was playing in the kitchen as I hustled through the morning routine. My heart sank as the programing was interrupted by news of an active shooter on the Virginia Tech campus, my best friend's university.

I tried endlessly to text and call

her. I called my father on every break. He reported the developments that came on the television. I barely finished my shift, restless, my mind in Virginia.

It was hours before I heard anything. A call from her mother, in a shaky voice, informed me that Katie was OK and locked down in her dorm. Later that night, her parents and I drove down to Blacksburg counting our blessings, something not all families were fortunate enough to share. That day, 32 lives were taken and another 17 people were wounded, making this tragedy American history.

The following day, we watched

President George W. Bush make a speech live on the campus. He gave his condolences, embraced the grieving and offered them his prayers. Bush said later that, "I think there is an awareness as a result of some of these tragedies ... there is awareness for the adults in these schools to pay attention to behavior that is unpredictable." Is

awareness the solution?

We are in an age where we have been accustomed to tragedies like Thurston High, Sandy Hook and West Nickel Mine. They are now household names with horrific connotations. Very few would understand in 1999 the ramifications of a single event and its threat to education system.

Over eight years later, on the other

side of the country in Oregon, my heart has sunk again. Just an hour from Lane, Umpqua Community College in Roseburg faced the same terror on Oct. 1, 2015, this time leaving nine dead and seven wounded. Word about the shooting spread throughout Lane's campus at breaking speed.

As a journalism student, I immediately caught the buzz and asked my editor what our plan was to cover the situation. After an hour, my adrenaline faded and was replaced with an intense feeling of fear.

Would there be a copycat? Is Lane safe? Do we have action plans for similar situations on our campus? I drove to see my partner an hour early and sat in the car waiting for him to get off work. Being alone at home wasn't an option.

In my next math class, the instructor began her lecture with a plan. She proposed to the class we lock the doors during class time. She asked students closest to the light switches if they would be able to shut them off if needed in an urgent situation, as if they were sitting at the emergency exits on an airplane. This was no longer happening somewhere else. It became clear this was a possible threat in my school.

The naive notion that events like these are unthinkable has all but vanished. Today, student assemblies and talks on gun violence are held annually. Teachers must take classes in how to deal with active shooters or violence in the classroom. These trainings were something unheard

of 20 years ago.

As this continues to happen across the country, we realize that these shootings aren't "isolated incidents" but rather frequent occurrences needs to be addressed. This is a national ailment. It affects small rural towns and large cities. Children and adults from all walks of life are at risk.

Looking back at this, it seems most of my school career has been overshadowed by dangerously increasing odds of a mass shooting. That is terrifying. The solution is beyond "awareness."

The nation's reaction, just like that of anyone going through the grieving process, is to blame something. Everyone is searching for the reason why these things happen. This isn't about Marilyn Manson, violent video games or trench coats. The debate of gun control and mental health has still not reached a resolution, despite running rampantly back and forth in the media for years.

What is the solution? I wish I knew. Some try to alleviate the problem with restriction, while others seek defence for peace of mind. Awareness is also a factor, but do we really understand what characteristics we're looking for? Counseling during hard times is a service available on every school ground, but asking for help is extremely difficult for many people. What I do know is that everything we have tried up until now has failed to protect our schools. It's time for something new.



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Five ways to save money at Lane

OLLEGE IS WHERE you equip yourself with skills for a well balanced life. Developing a realistic budget is the first step in becoming a money- smart college student. Start by recording all of your expenses for a week or two. Once you know where exactly your money is going, plan accordingly.

Budgeting your money is a good way to start planning ahead mentally. This principle can be applied in some way to the following tips. From planning that awesome trip to Mexico a year from now, to planning a dinner out once a month, reward yourself for sticking to your budget.

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER



If you can buy in bulk, buy in bulk! Keep in mind, however, that if you buy ten water bottles at full price, you won't save much. Search for bundles and two-for-one deals on key items such as toilet paper, toothpaste or coffee. Also, learn how to use coupons.

Plan one night a week and cook a big quantity of your favorite dish. It could be chicken breast or macaroni and cheese, but make around five meals worth of food, and refrigerate it for the coming week. This will save you a lot of time on deciding what to have for lunch, which will keep you in you budget.

If you run out of your premade meal, the Student Snack Shack, located on the second floor of Building 1, offers a \$2 meal deal. "[It includes] a burrito, a hot pocket or a hot dog with a bag of 50 cent chips, and a 75 cent soda," said manager of the Snack Shack Brandon Schmidt. "Also, we have free coffee Wednesdays, and spend \$2 and get a 75 cent item for free."

The Northwest's thrifty style is gaining popularity throughout the United States. Right on campus, the No Cash Clothing Stash, located on the lower level of the Center Building, allows you to take up to five clothing items a week. You can also trade similar items as often as you'd like. Fall term hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

If you find yourself killing time in the financial aid line, look right above their office to see the SALTmoney.org/LCC banner. The website has more features than just loans, such as landing your dream job and budgeting tips," said Briselda Molina, financial aid advisor. Because it is paid for by the college, Lane students sign up for free.

Crossword

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note: there is only one valid solution to each puzzle

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Win streak grows to eight

BY COURTNEY MAITIA AND GEORGE PRIGMORE IV REPORTERS

Lane's women's soccer team had their seventh shutout in a row a home on Oct. 7, 2015, defeating Chemeketa Community College 3-0.

Pikake Hix continued her hot streak under the lights on Wednesday night, scoring three goals to lead the Titans to victory. With 14 goals, Hix is now second in overall scoring in the Northwest Athletic Conference. Emily Hillestad also contributed with an assist to Hix in the 44th minute of play.

With this win under their

belt, the Titans are now 9-3-1 overall and 6-0-0 in league play, keeping them in first place in the NWAC Southern Region. Not only is Lane on a sevengame winning streak, but a seven game shutout streak. Returning sophomore goalkeeper Erica Cogburn has not allowed a goal since Sept. 9, 2015, which was scored by Everett Community College.

This is Erica Jensen's second year as the head women's soccer coach at Lane. Despite having a large freshmen presence on the team this year, the Titans have been very successful. "We have some really strong sophomores that took the freshmen under their wings and held them to high standards," Jensen said.

Titan players were armed with pink wristbands to raise awareness for breast cancer for the game. October being breast cancer awareness month, the women continue their tradition with their sixth annual Pink Out game.

Donations were accepted throughout the game, with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation. The foundation is dedicated to cancer education, research and the search for the cure.

This year, Pink Out meant more to the Titans than bringing awareness to the game. "Our department is person-

ally affected by it," Jensen said, referring to a staff member who is battling cancer. "So, we made sure to make it about her." The Titans proved on the field that they were fighting for more than a

The Titans still have some tough competition ahead, most notably against Clark Community College. Clark is 7-0-2 overall and is in second place in the Southern Region. The Titans are scheduled to take on Clark Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 1-p.m. at home.

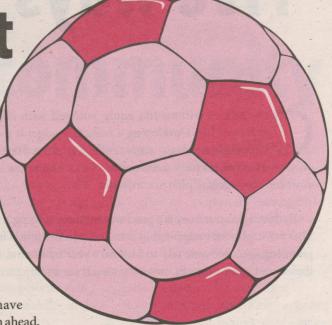


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Lane hosts Northwest Classic

Second year Lane athlete Mitra Lebuhn placed fifth in the Northwest Classic Cross Country Meet at Lane Community College on Sept. 26, 2015.



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