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WARMING CENTER OPENS DOORS



Kira Jones / theTorch

With temperatures rapidly dropping, Lane opens up an Egan Warming Center so that people like Tony McNellis can get food, watch a movie and have a warm place to sleep in Building 4, Room 104 on Nov. 25, 2015.

Campus shelter provides relief from freezing nights

EDUARDO ORTIZ
REPORTER

Lane students with nowhere to sleep on cold nights will now have access to a warming center on campus, through a new partnership between the Egan Warming Center and Lane's Public Safety office. Lane's warming center is located in Building 4, Room 104.

Every time the weather forecast is predicted to be below 30 degrees the warming center will open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. Warming center volunteers will then provide various amenities such as food, a hot shower, and access to blankets and mats.

The warming center will be catered with breakfast and dinner donated by the culinary program on campus.

"We have a variety of food, generally sandwiches and soups. If the school is open, then we give them a voucher to come in and get food from the food service [on campus]," Chef Clive Wanstall said. "It's just the right thing to do."

The warming center was first piloted last winter called an 'activation,' which is what all warming centers under the Egan Warming Center are called when first opened. Public Safety seeks to help the student community by providing a warm and safe refuge from the predicted freezing temperatures this winter.

"We are here for the community," Jace Smith, Public Safety Chief said. "There are students and non-students that camp in the woods, that are living in their cars and sometimes it's a matter of

embarrassment. [People] don't want to say something."

Although open to anyone in the area who is in need of a warm shelter, the warming center was organized specifically for homeless Lane students.

"It's good to help the next person, even if we don't know them. They're somebody's child," Amanda Ervin, ethnic studies major said. "When I moved to this country [from Mexico] when I was 17, I was homeless with my mom so it was helpful to have people who didn't know me be very giving."

Despite the outpouring of support from the college community, organizers are worried that a lack of attendance or awareness from people who need to use this space will ultimately lead to the permanent cancellation of the center.

The best way community members and students can provide support for the warming center is by spreading the word and letting people who might need shelter know.

NEWS

UCC shooting through the eyes of Lane officers

VICTORIA SCHMIDT
NEWS EDITOR

After the shooting at Umpqua Community College on Oct. 1, 2015 that left eight students dead and the campus in chaos, Public Safety officers from Lane were sent to help keep UCC safe.

"Being down at UCC was an honor," Officer Valeri Miller said. "To be able to help the staff and students feel safe and secure again was a humble reminder why I do what I do as an officer. It's been my goal to do what I need to do for the community — to ensure a safe environment and help those in need."

In a recent edition of the Lane Public Safety Department's newsletter, officers had the opportunity to express their experiences while aiding UCC in active patrol.

"However tragic, UCC and the surrounding community came together in what is an example of triumph in the sense of community," Corporal Ryan Sager expressed in the newsletter. "I was rewarded with the opportunity to take part in assisting this community. It was a humbling experience to say the least."

Almost all of the officers expressed how influential it was

being able to talk to those affected by the events at UCC.

"The stories they told painted a picture in my head with every word they spoke. Each story was so descriptive," Miller said. "One student told me he instructed the students to pile tables in front of the door and to stay out of the way of the window. He said he went through his bag and encouraged others to pull out anything they could make a weapon

out of. He said they sat there with scissors in their hands ready to attack [the shooter] if he came in the room. I couldn't help the tears in my eyes listening to stories like this."

"I anticipated hatred and intolerance of anybody representing public safety and law enforcement, for failing to protect them in a time of need," Chantal Thomas, Lane Public Safety sergeant, said. "The very thought of this broke my heart, as since the first day I put on a uniform and badge, I only wanted to do

good, to protect those in need, to be the voice of reason, to be the one who made things better. I had long ago decided that I could lay down my life for another if the need arose."

"The stories they told painted a picture in my head with every word they spoke."

— Valeri Miller
Public Safety officer

SAFETYBLOTTER

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT

During a routine patrol check, a Public Safety officer observed an intoxicated subject trying to gain entry to Titian Court via the fire escape. The subject claimed to be a resident but was unable to provide a key card. The man was verbally noncompliant while being escorted from the property.

Date: 11/30/15

Location: Titan Court

SAFETY HAZARD

A Public Safety officer observed a subject on closed circuit TV riding inside a blue transportation cart while inside an elevator.

Date: 11/29/15

Location: Titan Court

SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT

Suspicious vehicle was observed in Lot N at 10 p.m. Male stated he was on campus to play a game on his phone.

Date: 11/27/15

Location: Lot N, Main Campus

SUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS

A man was found in the first floor of Building 1 in just his underwear and a t-shirt, standing at the sink washing his clothes.

Date: 11/25/15

Location: Main Campus

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Public Safety responded to a four-year-old female who had copper rings stuck around her fingers.

Date: 11/24/15

Location: Lane Family Connections, Main Campus

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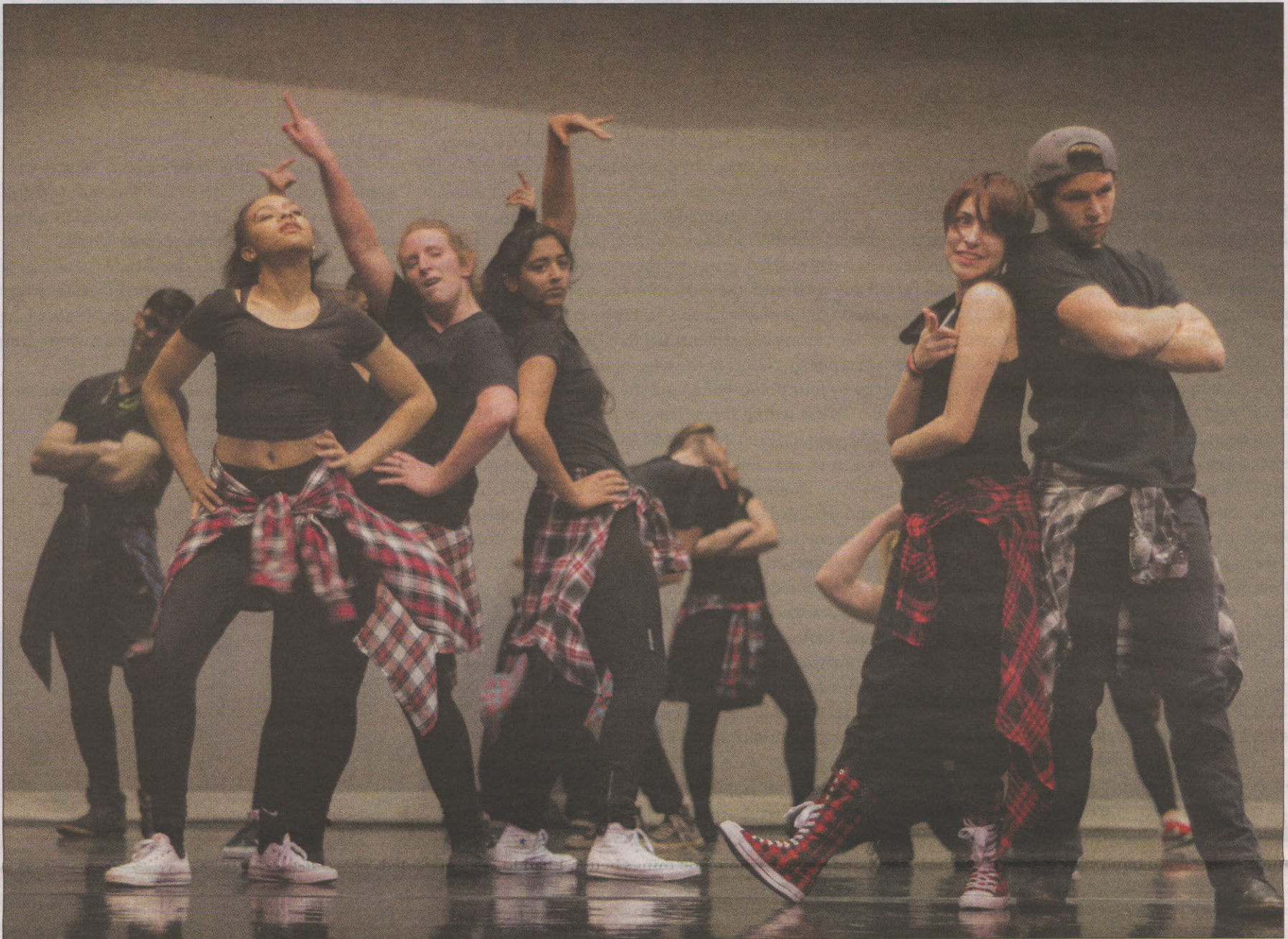
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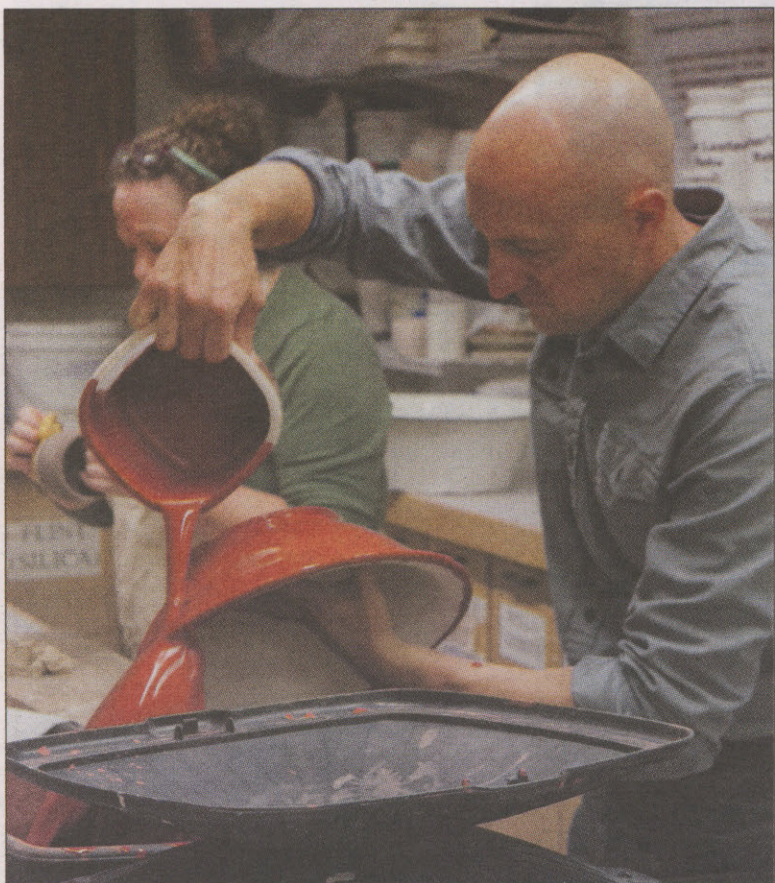
Recital kicks off final performances



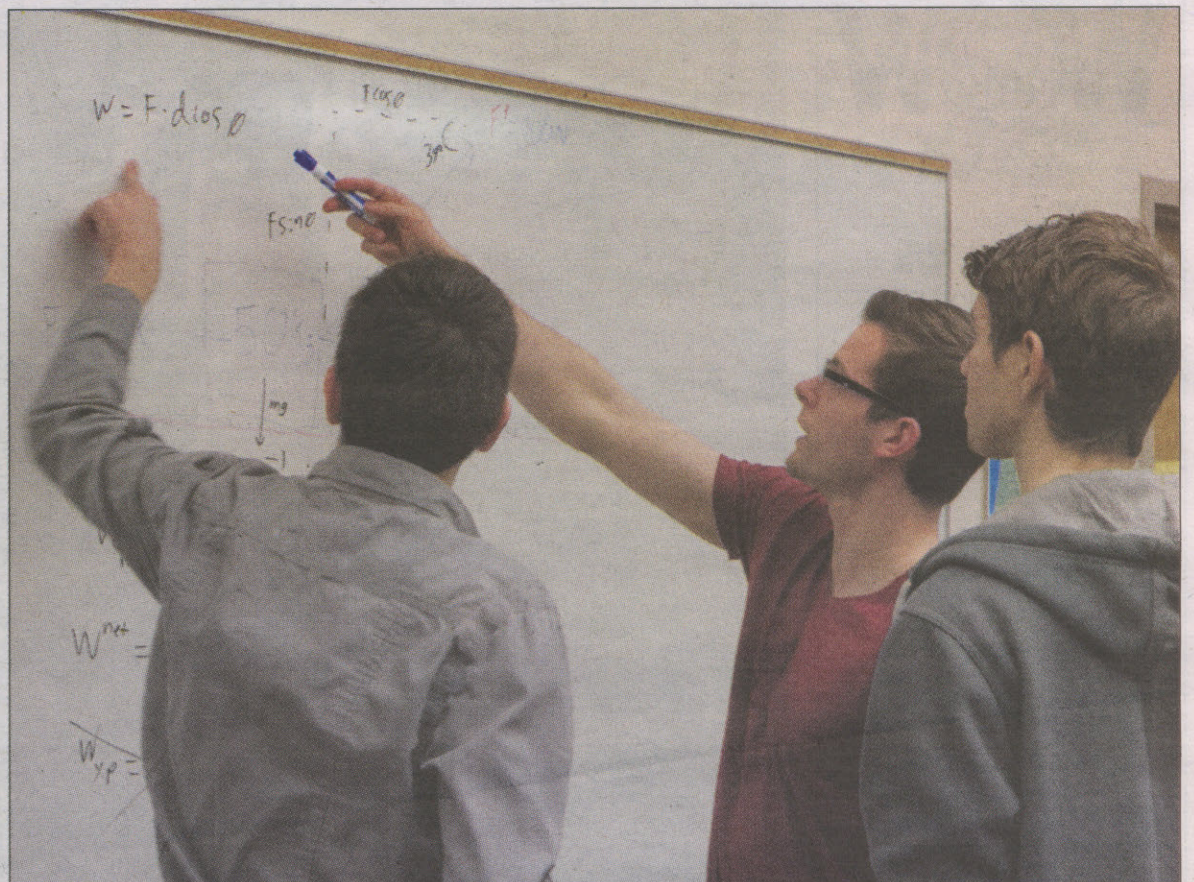
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Dancers halt in the grand finale of the dance recital held at Ragozzino Performance Hall on Dec 1, 2015. The Lane Concert & Chamber Choirs, the Music Showcase and the Acting Showcase will follow on Dec. 3, 4 and 5 respectively. For more information check the Performing Arts box office online at www.lanecc.edu/perarts/online-box-office.

Countdown to finals begins



Wheel throwing instructor Dan Schmitt glazes a ceramics piece in Building 10 during open lab hours, where many of his students were busy finishing final projects. He advises students to "[keep] track of deadlines. Once you missed [them] then you're out of luck. That's kind of a big thing."



Photos by André Casey / theTorch

Engineering students Drew Dymock, Jon Weiser and McKenzie Meldrum (left to right) practice turning physical situations into mathematical equations in preparation for their final exams in Physics 211. "The class is extremely hard. The average grade on the test is a D," Dymock said, hoping he'd do well. "Six people got B's on the last one."

SPORTS

Titans come out on top

SHAUN CHEEK
REPORTER

The Titan Classic delivered 12 games of basketball excitement last weekend. Spectators from all over the Pacific Northwest gathered for the three day invitational basketball meet. Lane hosted Pierce, Linn-Benton and Spokane community colleges.

"We never lose at home," Titan's sophomore guard Shelby Snook said. "That's our goal every year. It's something that is really important to us and we take great pride in defending our floor."

The Titan defense forced 64 turnovers, paving the way for a lightning-fast offense. The Titans scored a combined 213 points (87 off turnovers) while only allowing 111 points in their victories over both the Pierce Raiders and Linn-Benton Roadrunners. Spokane won its first two games in similar fashion and awaited the Titans in the final event, sporting warm-up uniforms that read "Bigfoot basketball never stops."

"Lane is one of the best teams in the [Northwest Athletic Conference], we know that," Spokane head coach Bruce Johnson said. "We [also] think we're one of the best teams in the NWAC."

Titan's head coach Greg Sheley knew a win over Spokane would not come easily. "[Spokane's] got a good high/low game, and an effective half court defense," Sheley said prior to stepping on to the court. "We're going to have to execute a little bit better against Spokane to get the victory, but I think we can."

Both teams huddled around their respective coaches for final instructions and words of encouragement. Each team's huddle broke with a roar and the players confronted each other at mid-court.

Fans held their breath in anticipation of seeing which team would first possess the ball. The ball tipped to the

Titans and Snook took it straight to the basket for a quick two points and an early Titan lead. But with 4:59 left on the clock, the Titans lost their lead for the first time in the match.

The Titans countered with an aggressive move to the basket that took Snook to the free-throw line — a place she found herself ten times over the course of the game — where Lane reclaimed the lead. Johnson responded by flipping through his playbook and promptly calling for a time out.

Johnson's adjustments led to a back and forth slugfest that put spectators at the edge of their seats, and Spokane up by four points going into the second half.

"We're letting them drive to the basket way too easy," Sheley said. The Titans would have to finish the game with an emphasis on defense if they were to defeat Spokane.

The Titans responded to Sheley's call and were able to end the third quarter with a seven point advantage, but Spokane held true to their motto and never quit. They knocked in five three-point shots and pulled down 20 rebounds in the second-half. The Titans sealed the three game sweep with a final score of 85-80.

At the end of the night, Khandija Neumeyer was given the Most Valuable Player award for Spokane and Jordan Kimbrough took home the award for the Titans.

"It was our first tournament of the year so we got to learn how to play together as a team," Neumeyer said of her experience at this year's Titan Classic.

Titan guard Shelby Snook recorded seven steals, 18 assists, 16 rebounds, 67 points and made her way to the free throw line 23 times over the three games earning her the 2015 Titan Classic overall

MVP award.

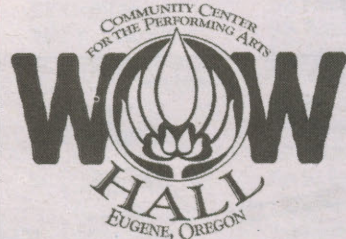
"I'm very proud of how we [the Titans] were able to come together and win under pressure tonight," Snook said. "Everyone is going to want to beat us so we need to be prepared enough to win every night."

Beyond the spectacle, the Titan Classic has proven to be a valuable way for all participating teams to strengthen their programs early in the season. It also marked the beginning of what is expected to be a most exciting season for the Titans this year.

"We got a tough early season matchup that was every bit as competitive as we expected," Sheley said. "I think that is going to be good for us going forward."



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Tommy Hogan

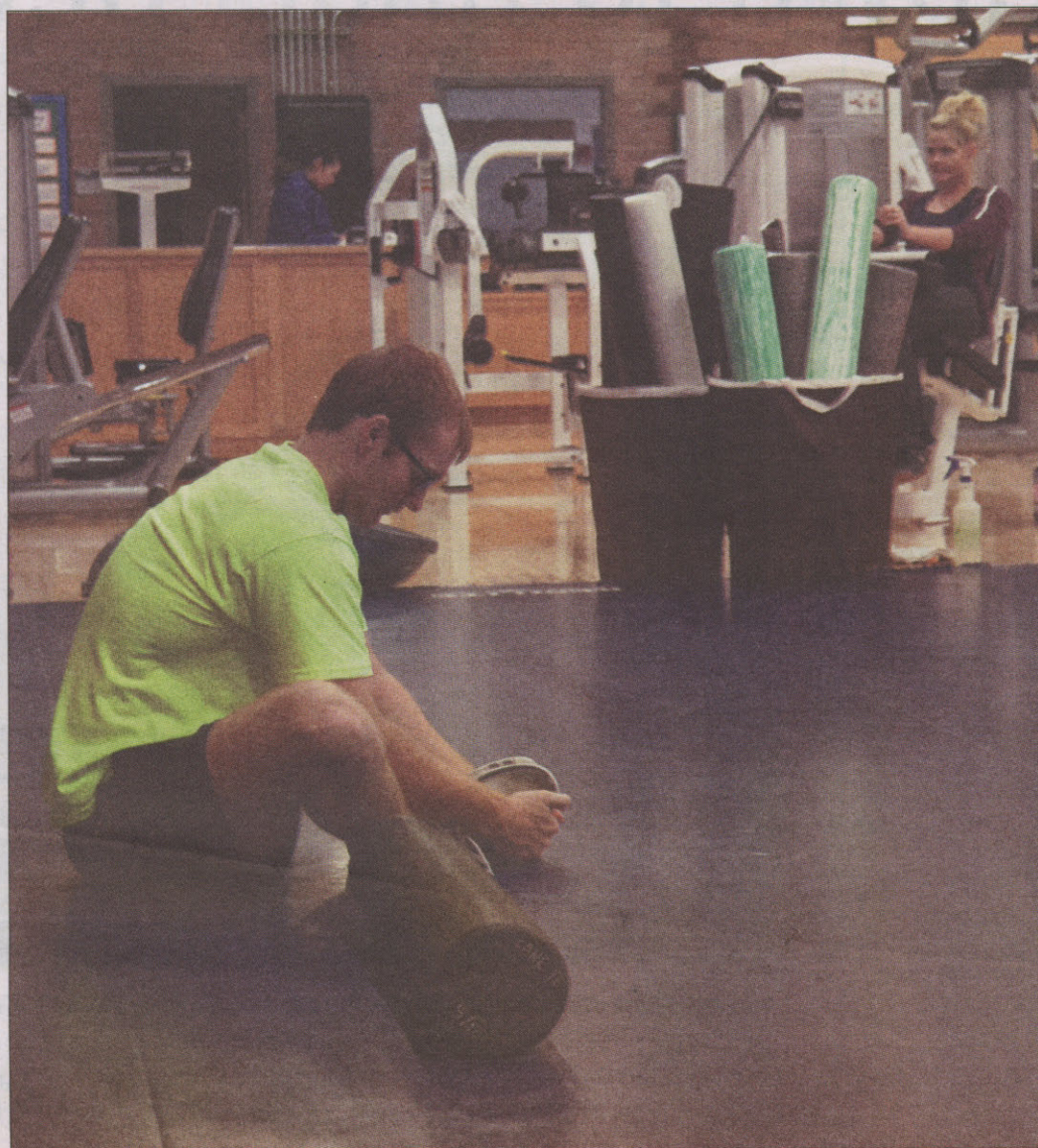
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Free gym access during finals week

Austin Fisher, computer science major, stretches in the Fitness Education Center in Building 5 on Dec 1. The FEC will be free to everyone to exercise, students and non-students alike, during finals week. FEC staff suggests "dressing down" in comfortable attire, such as a t-shirt and shorts.

André Casey / theTorch

SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETES GIVEN END-OF-SEASON AWARDS

SHAUN CHEEK
REPORTER

Cross country coach Mike Blackmore awarded sophomores Kendall Maslen and Carlos Camacho the 2015 Titan Character Award, which demonstrated high integrity and persistence on the trail as well as in the classroom.

Maslen attended high school in Glennallen, Arkansas, where she stood out as a distance and relay runner and earned all-state honors playing for an amateur basketball team. She is also a talented volleyball player and represents the Titans in track and field.

Comacho went to high school in his hometown of Newport, Oregon. "He's a treasure," Blackmore said of Carlos, also a member of Lane's track and field team. "[On his own time] he works out in 50 mile per hour winds in Newport."

Also recognized for their outstanding contribution to the team were sophomores Danielle Girard and Madison Schell and freshman Elmer Shelvey.

"I'm more of an 1800 or 1500 runner so cross country usually stretches my legs a little further than I'm used to," Girard said. She was also recognized

"I just stay relaxed and focused on the race. Once the gun goes off I'm like, 'let's see what you got.'"

— Elmer Shelvey
Cross country runner

as Northwest Athletic Conference athlete of the week this season.

Schell showed vast improvement day to day and became a breakout star. She was the top Titan finisher at the NWAC Championship where she finished fifth overall. Schell, a member of Lane's track and field team, plans on continuing her running career after graduating from Lane. "Without them we're sunk," Blackmore said of this year's sophomore runners. "Our women's team was composed of four 800M runners, a

heptathlete and a 100M hurdler, but they got it done this year."

The Titans reached the Regional Championships this season with a women's team that turned out to be a diamond in the rough and a men's team composed of mostly freshmen. "Elmer walked up to the rock at Amazon Trail one day while we were working out and asked if he could try out," Blackmore said. "He ended up being our number one guy."

Shelvey finished the NWAC Championship race ninth overall and has high hopes for his running future. "The moment I wake up on race day I get into a routine," Shelvey said. "In the hours before the race I like to eat peaches and toast and drink tea and water to stay hydrated. Then, I just stay relaxed and focused on the race. Once the gun goes off I'm like, 'let's see what you got.'"

Shelvey is set on returning to Titan's cross country team for the 2016 season. In the meantime he says he is committed to becoming better by continuing to train hard and eating right. "I like how [Lane] is back here in the mountains. It helps me focus at a high level," Shelvey said. "Next season, I want to go for that championship."



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A LOOK THROUGH THE LENS OF STEVE SMITH

BRANDON BYERS
REPORTER

As part of the *Media Arts Visiting Artist Series*, Lane welcomed Steve Smith, a commercial photographer, to speak with students on Nov. 20.

Smith has been working in the Eugene area since 1992. He moved back to the region after graduating from the Brooks Institute in California.

"I am just a boy from the small town of Stayton, Oregon. If I can do it, so can you," Smith said. "I took a chance, got an education and worked hard. After a few years, I got my feet underneath me and had a career in something I love."

He showed highlights of his work with popular local clients such as Ninkasi, Sacred Heart, Market of Choice and Bowtech. This gave audience members the opportunity to see his process.

Smith stressed the importance of technical knowledge, equipment, camera use and using Adobe programs as tools, not crutches to fix mistakes.

"Underpromise, overdeliver and never miss a deadline," Smith says these are words to live by as a professional in this industry.

The discussion ended with an informal question and answer session for the attendees.

"That was motivating," Leif Larson, media arts student, said. "It is encouraging to think I too could have a business of my own someday."



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Steve Smith, owner of Steve Smith Photography, discusses his role as a commercial photographer with a group of photo and design students.

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ACROSS

- 1 Metrical rhythm
6 Poetic contraction
9 Choke
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13 Cheer
14 First-rate
15 Excess of solar year
16 Bureau of Indian Affairs (abbr.)
17 Container
18 Fr. historical provinces
20 Chemist's pot
22 Caster
24 Romanian money
27 Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
28 Toothed formation
32 Arabian Sea gulf

- 34 One who is (suf.)
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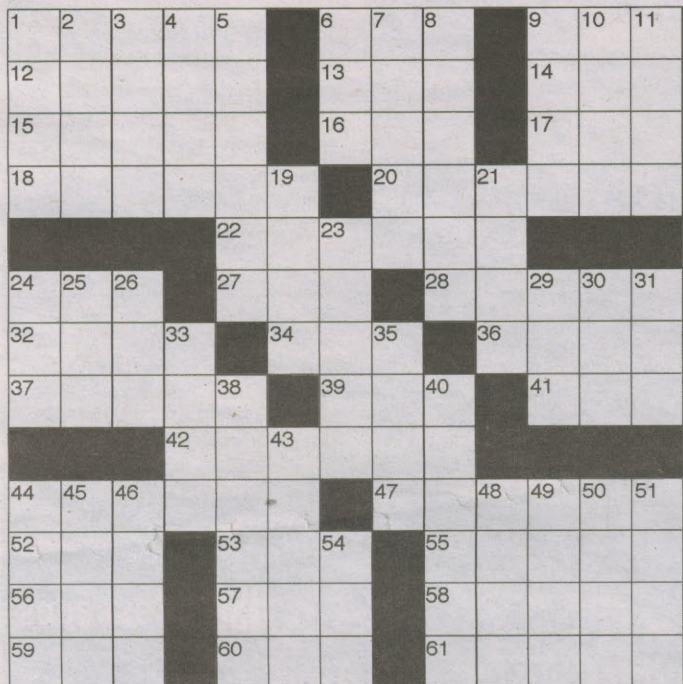
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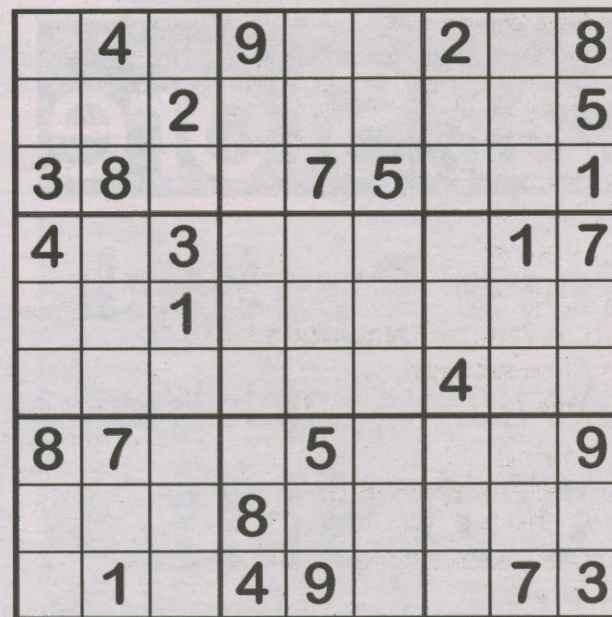
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Sudoku



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
"Northwest Mixtape: Hip Hop Culture & Influences" talk:
with journalist Donnell Alexander
Eugene Public Downtown library.
Free

Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Lane Concert and Chamber Choir
Building 6, Ragozzino Performance Hall
\$3 for students
\$5 for general admission

Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
Cottage Grove Theater
\$19 for adults
\$16 for youth

Dec. 4, 6 p.m.
First Friday ArtWalk
Downtown Eugene
Free

Dec. 5 & 6, 10 a.m.
Saturday Market's Holiday Market
Lane Events Center
Free

Dec. 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Egan Warming Center: Volunteer training
opportunity
First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St. in Eugene
Free

Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m.
Acting Showcase
Building 6, Blue Door Theatre
Free

Dec. 6, 3 p.m.
A Dickens of a Christmas Concert Choir
Hult Center, Silva Concert Hall
\$22.50+

Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Jazz Combos
Building 6, Blue Door Theatre
\$3 for students
\$5 for general admission

Now to Dec. 9
Tenth and Yamhill, A Painted Narrative
Building 11, Sister Art Gallery
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Ongoing
Tale of Two Palettes/Palates: Colorful
Cultural Stories
David Joyce Gallery, Building 19
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Ongoing
"Taking Flight": A Visual Voyage
David Joyce Gallery, Building 19
Free

5 THINGS
TO LOOK FORWARD TO AFTER FINALS

ANDRÉ CASEY
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Finals are coming. Ten weeks have flown by and there is no turning back now. You are either feeling confident or freaking out about that final looming over you like a medieval executioner, ready to slay your GPA. You could be one of the few star students who finished studying last week and have color-coded flashcards that you've reviewed four times already.

Regardless of your particular preparedness level, no one can deny the allure of a well-deserved break. Keep your eye on the prize. Here are five things you can promise yourself for having survived finals week.

5. Sleep

Let's be real, you haven't been getting much of it. Sleep deprivation a rite of passage in college, pushing yourself to the point of utter exhaustion in order to cram in as much information as possible before the big test.

Sure, you've been told to study weekly over the course of the term, but something always gets in the way. Like attending that concert in Portland you've been waiting for all year (totally worth it). Or maybe you had to care for a sick kid, or yourself, putting you a week behind. Either way, you've got some catching up to do. You look back to start of term when you were bright-eyed and well rested — a memory far too distant given the actual passage of time.

Think of how glorious it will feel once you've taken your last final and you can sleep for three days straight. Surely that makes up for all the stimulant-fueled, sleepless nights leading up it, right?

Speaking of stimulants...

4. Enjoying coffee again

It's a wonder how anyone gets anything done without the wonder-drug that is caffeine. Plenty of people do, but it's no secret that coffee is the stimulant of choice among most college students. It's easily available both on and off campus, it's effective and even free on Wednesdays (thanks, Snack Shack). Even the most dedicated coffee connoisseur realizes at some point during the term that caffeine has become a requirement to function, instead of a savored luxury — especially for those 8 a.m. classes.

You may have rejoiced when the pumpkin spice latte returned to café menus, only to start wishing this week that intravenous caffeine drips were

actually a thing. Just be glad you are one of the 66-percent that would choose not to use Adderall to get through the finals season, according to a surprising stat from the National Institute of Health. You can feel better about your coffee addiction as it may actually reduce your risk of death by ten-percent, which is nothing to sneeze at. The NIH makes it clear that the link between coffee and lower death rates is not a direct causal relationship, but reassurance is necessary after the fourth cup of joe you down to finish that group project.

3. Guilt-free Netflix binges

After you've recovered from a three-day hibernation and have returned to a reasonable level of caffeination, you're finally ready to binge watch *Master of None* on Netflix — or rewatch if your willpower failed and you streamed instead of studied. Maybe Marvel's *Jessica Jones* is more your style. Either way, binge watching TV shows is a past-time 61-percent of us enjoy, according to a Netflix-sponsored survey.

Stress-watching TV shows instead of studying this week will not help you on that Chemistry test, no matter how much *Breaking Bad* you watch. Add on the guilt you'll feel going into that final totally unprepared and you've got a recipe for a mental breakdown.

Just say no to Netflix, until next week. Trust me, you won't regret the feeling of a guilt-free TV show binge ... unless your friends spoil the ending first, but that speaks more to your choice in friends.

2. Saying "Hello" to life again

If you haven't been living under a rock this past month — despite how much easier that would make it to not compulsively stream *Orange is the New Black* for the third time — you've at least heard of Adele's newest hit "Hello." It's been spoofed by Saturday Night Live as "A Thanksgiving Miracle," and will perfectly sum up your emotional state after finishing that last final.

Because you made it! Finals are over and you made it to the other side, and you're sorry for making the past couple weeks so hard on yourself.

Then you remember that Christmas is just around the corner, which means...

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Keep your eyes on the prize, and muscle through finals week. It's better on the other side.

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Oblio Stroyman (left) and Grace Goodrich (right), two of the organizers of the Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil, wrap up preparations for the event on Nov. 20.

VIGIL PROMOTES VISIBILITY

BY KEASEY FREED
COPY DESK CHIEF

An air of sadness filled the Atrium Building downtown last Friday as participants in the 17th annual Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil read through a list of names of gender diverse people who were murdered this year.

Candles were lit during the Nov. 20 vigil and a two-minute silence was held to honor those who lost their lives. For Grace Goodrich, one of the organizers of the vigil, this is not only a time for mourning, but also a warning.

"I definitely am warned every day to be careful of who I'm around, and who I present around," Grace said. "Crossing a street, you look down, you see a group of guys and you think, 'maybe I shouldn't go that way.' You always have to look out for yourself."

According to the Transgender Day of Remembrance website, there have been 90 confirmed cases of transgender and gender diverse murders worldwide in 2015 alone and 78 confirmed cases in 2014. These numbers do not account for trans people who have committed suicide due to being bullied or ostracized. According to The Williams Institute — whose research specializes in sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy — 41 percent of transgender people have attempted suicide at least once.

"Oftentimes what people think about is how [trans] people are murdered because of ignorance or direct violence," Oblio Stroyman, another organizer of the vigil, said. "People who give the glares, who bully, who

aren't kind to people who are gender diverse, really create an environment where people kill themselves. That is also violence."

Some members of the transgender community believe the best way to bring an end to these tragedies is by being in the public eye and educating the community.

"Part of the mistreatment of the community comes from not understanding our community, as well as our community being silenced. Working against that can help educate those folks that are bigoted [against] folks

like myself," Reid Ellingson, ASLCC's Gender and Sexual Diversity Advocate, said. "Visibility is incredibly vital to our community."

Ellingson also feels that gender diverse people are not properly represented at Lane, adding that very few faculty members acknowledge transgender students.

He urges Lane students and staff to educate themselves and each other on how transgender people ought to be treated, so that they can feel like part of the community.

"As a transgender man, [I] can count on three fingers the number of teachers who have used my pronouns for me, as well as respected that part of my identity," Ellingson said. "The majority of my instructors, despite telling them what my pronouns are, haven't used them."

Despite representation and treatment of transgender people improving over the decades, many feel there is still a lot of progress to be made.

"I can see why people would be afraid, because we're different, but all we want to do is live our lives," Ava Galtere, attendee of the vigil, said, echoing what many were saying that evening. "Just be nice, not just to transgender people, but to all human beings."

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A memorial chain made by Lane students hangs at the vigil. Written on each link is the name of a trans or gender diverse individual who has been murdered since the '70s.