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Anthony Reyes / theTorch

**Linda Perkins**, a Lane construction technology major, moves a support beam into position as part of the platform the crew is building. When completed, the tiny home Perkins and Lane student Wes Shorack are building will be placed at a Whitaker area church to house a homeless man called "Cowboy."

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## Board offers money, advisory role to student plaintiff

### Details of proposed settlement await administrative action

BY JUSTIN COX  
REPORTER

In a settlement offered through Lane's Board of Education, former student government Senator Francisco Gomez would receive \$6,500 and a role in crafting the board's new policy relating to mandatory student activity fees in exchange for dropping his pending lawsuit against the board.

The lawsuit, filed in 2015, claims that the board violated Gomez's First Amendment rights when it charged him the mandatory student activity fee that credit students on Lane's main campus pay each term.

Gomez has said the motivation to file suit against the board was his dissatisfaction with the way Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group uses mandatory student fees.

The proposed policy before the board would end student voting on changes to the student activity fee and would create a new

Mandatory Fee Committee charged with advising the administration on the needs of the student body. The details on how the membership to this committee will be determined have not yet been finalized.

At the heart of the lawsuit is the issue of "viewpoint neutrality," a legal doctrine that demands indifference to the stated views of student organizations on the part of the funding committee when it makes decisions on how to allocate funds.

Unpublished correspondence between the attorney representing the college, Luke Reese, and Gomez's attorneys, Nickolaus Gower and Benjamin Rudin, demonstrates that Gomez is involved in crafting the procedure that details the workings of the new committee.

"Before anything is finalized, [Lane] would like to give Mr. Gomez an opportunity to comment and confirm that the final policy and procedures, when implemented, will resolve this case," Reese wrote to Gomez's attorneys in a letter dated Dec. 29, 2015, which included drafts of both the

See Activity Fee on page 2

### Breakdown of Student Activity Fee

- \$56 per term
- Paid by students taking credit courses on Lane's main campus
- Voted on by the student body in the spring elections

Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union .....	\$5.00
ASLCC Legal Services .....	\$4.00
ASLCC Operations .....	\$9.14
Black Student Union .....	\$5.00
Child Development Center .....	\$1.00
Cooperative Education .....	\$7.62
Gender and Sexuality Alliance .....	\$6.50
International Study Program .....	\$2.00
Learning Garden .....	\$1.50
Longhouse Building .....	\$3.00
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan .....	\$6.50
Military/Vets Center .....	\$1.00
Native American Student Association .....	\$6.50
Oregon Student Association .....	\$2.54
OSPIRG .....	\$3.00
Recreational Sports .....	\$12.00
Student Clubs and Organizations .....	\$1.00
Student Production Association .....	\$5.00
Torch .....	\$2.75
Women's Program .....	\$2.00



## NEWS

## QUICKNEWS

## STUDENT ATHLETES AND FACULTY WIN AWARDS

Lane women's soccer head coach Erica Jensen achieved South Region Coach of the Year credentials for 2015 NWAC All-Star Team.

Lane defensive forward Crystal Adame, goalkeeper Erica Cogburn, midfielder Araceli Jimenez, midfielder Pikake Hix, midfielder Anna Goodrie and forward Kylee O'Connor all also achieved all-stars status. Hix was named South Region MVP.

Lane sophomore runners Danielle Girard and Madison Schell were named 2015 Cross Country All-Americans.

Goodrie, O'Connor, Lane defensive forward Kelsie Loomis, and Lane forward Amanda Hisey were all recognized for academic excellence. The cross-country team added Girard, Schell, and Lane sophomore runner Kendall Maslin to the 2015 fall quarter list.

## 'WINTER SHORTS' AT LANE

The Student Productions Association of Lane will be presenting nine short plays in a collection called "Winter Shorts". The plays range from comedy to drama, and are written and directed by Lane theatre students. Audience members will be encouraged to provide feedback to the budding playwrights after each performance. "Winter Shorts" will premiere in the Blue Door Theatre on Feb. 5 at 7:30, and will run until Feb. 13. Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. Call (541) 463-5761 for ticket information.

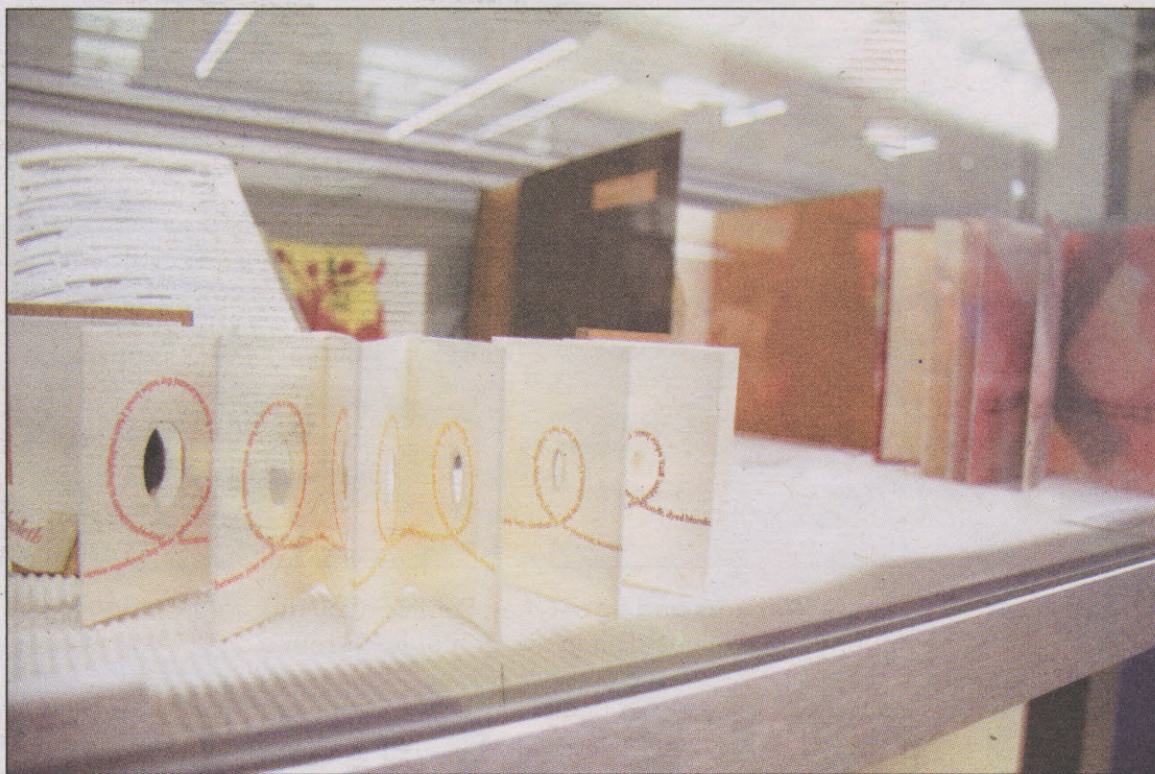
## MEN'S SOCCER TEAM FINDS COACH

John Galas has recently been appointed coach of the Lane men's soccer team. Men's soccer is new to Lane, and Galas' first priority is to start the recruiting process. Galas' professional coaching experience includes the Portland Thorns and Portland Timbers, as well as the Real Salt Lake Academy.

## Something we should know about?

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## Library displays book art



Kira Jones / theTorch

Claire Dannenbaum, the reference and instruction librarian, has curated an art exhibit "Sight Reading: The Art of the Book" on display for the rest of the school year in the library.

## ACTIVITY FEE: ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FORTHCOMING

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board policy revision and the structure of a committee regarding the student activity fee.

Gomez provided an unsigned document that he describes as his attorney's response to Reese's letter, detailing the desired edits to both the board policy and the proposed committee's procedure.

"As far as I know, the college hasn't sent me back the significant revisions that my legal counsel asked to see changed and sent them weeks ago," Gomez said.

Many student organizations on campus automatically receive certain dollar amounts of funding from the student activity fee. For example, ASLCC receives \$9.14 per term from each fee-paying student and OSPIRG receives \$3. More than a dozen student organizations at Lane have been granted guaranteed dollar amounts.

Five members of the proposed Student Fee Committee are listed in a draft of the Administration's procedure, as

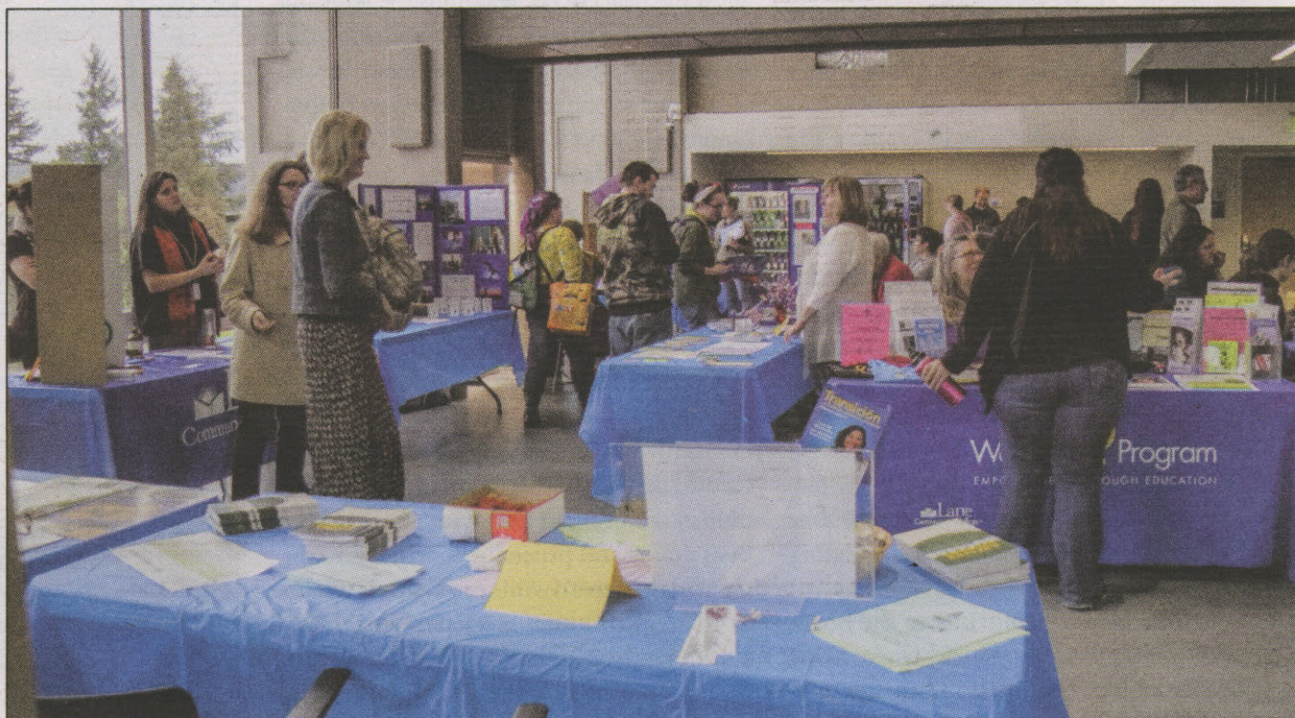
presented to the board on Dec. 9, 2015. The committee could include the ASLCC President, the Chair of the ASLCC Finance Committee, a student selected by the Executive Dean of Student Affairs, a faculty member at-large and the ASLCC Student Leadership Program Director.

"We're open to a collaborative process to get what we need so that students can feel some autonomy around the student fee, but we can also be compliant to the Constitution," President Mary Spilde said at a public board meeting on Jan. 13.

Workgroups will be held with students and clubs to develop the final procedure around the Mandatory Fee Committee, according to Spilde. The policies and procedures, once approved, will be posted on the College's Online Policy and Procedure System.

The board will vote on the proposed revision at its Feb. 3 meeting.

## Resource Fair informs students



Kira Jones / theTorch

With around 40 informational booths and a prize raffle, the Career Center's Resource Fair brought many students to the second floor of the Center Building on Jan. 20.

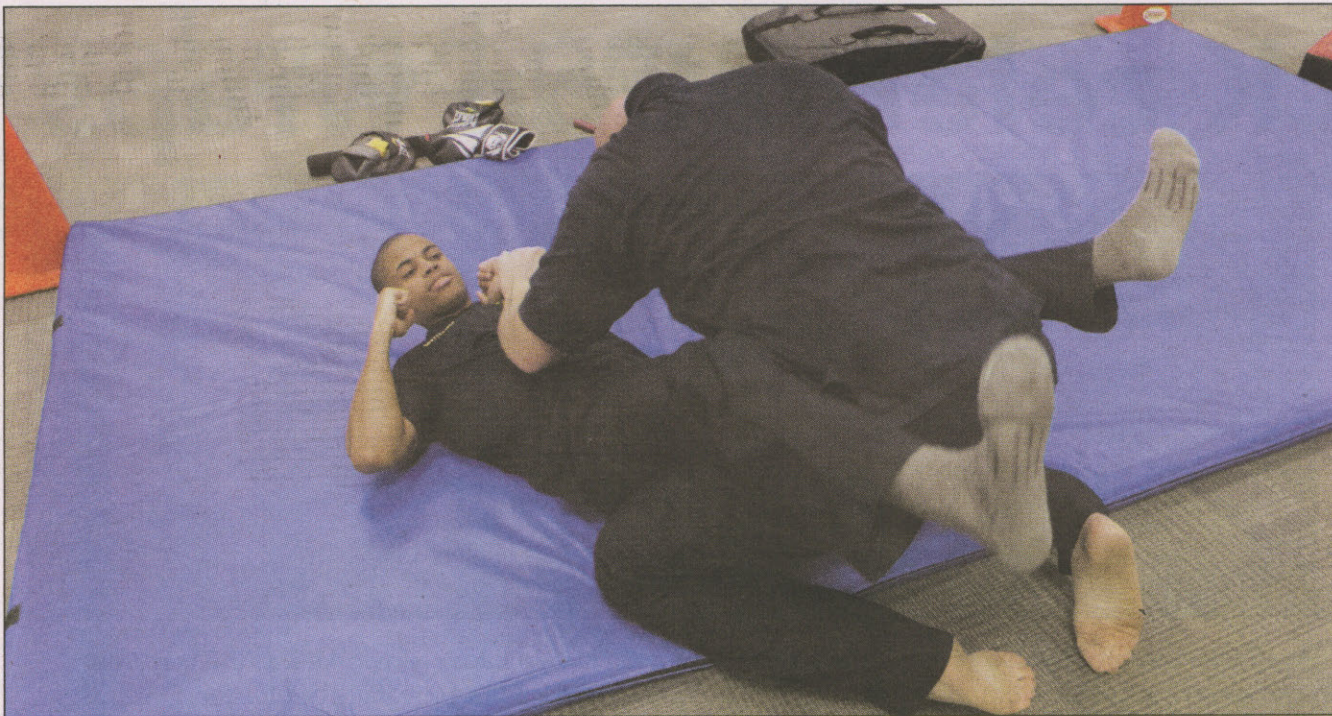
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# NEWS



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**Robin Williams and Sgt. Ryker**, Public Safety officers, demonstrate various self defence techniques during the Wellness Fair in the Center for Meeting and Learning on Tuesday January 26, 2016.

## GUNS ON CAMPUS?

### Community opinions split on action

BY MIGUEL SANCHEZ-RUTLEDGE  
REPORTER

The topic of gun control has been a national discussion recently with the recent school shootings. In the Lane community responses to gun violence are varied, but all agree some action is needed.

Some believe that gun control and mental health services should be the priority while Public Safety Chief Jace Smith proposes arming Public Safety on campus.

"I think that we are all reminded how dangerous the work we do is and how the threats of the 21st Century continue to evolve," Smith said.

Smith indicates Lane is taking measures to educate people on what they should do in the instance of a violent attack on campus.

"Since the shootings at UCC we've probably had more than 400 people in training sessions," Smith said. "Except for my new officers, every single officer has, including me, been through a law enforcement academy. So every officer has been trained by a law enforcement agency to use a firearm."

The proposal to arm Public Safety at Lane has been in discussion for several years, and some students believe it to be necessary.

"I think it would be good for people who are trained to have guns, in this case, the government or security here at [Lane]," Lane student Emerita Iboa said. "I would feel more secure."

Smith emphasized the importance of reporting any suspicious activity or people on campus.

"If you see something, say something," Smith said. "We don't mind getting those [incident] calls."

In addition to trainings, Public Safety has informational videos on Lane's website that give instructions to people in the case of an attack. Other students felt that more necessary than

arming security, students should create a message for change. Tevin Tavares, a University of Oregon student, became inspired to do something after hearing about the shootings at UCC.

"We wanted a better perspective of students because this can happen to anyone," Tavares said.

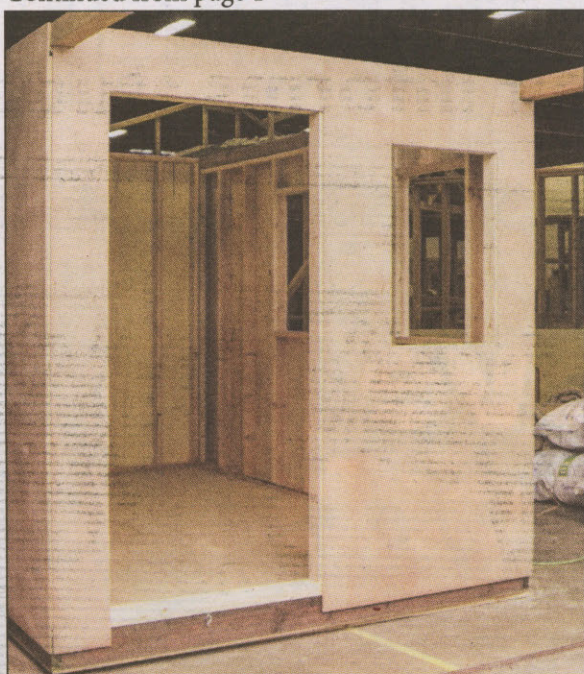
This led him and other students to create "Numb in America," a short film depicting a shooter at UO. The film has been viewed over 11,000 times on Youtube.

"America needs stricter gun control laws and more money put into mental health care," Tavares said. "Nothing will change unless we change it."

The Obama Administration has planned to increase funding for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in order to more readily enforce current gun laws. In addition, more funding for local and state administrations have been implemented and safety plans have been coordinated with thousands of schools across the country.

## Tiny homes with a large goal

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Lacey Tolman / theTorch

**The Advanced Technology department** will be offering a "Tiny House for the Homeless" class spring term. Students taking the course will build a tiny house similar to the one pictured above. The completed house will be used as a temporary shelter for the homeless.



Anthony Reyes / theTorch

**Construction Technology instructor Leonard Keen** guides LCC student Linda Perkins on the spacing measurements for the beams which will be used as supports for a plywood platform. They'll use the platform when they begin constructing the roof of the tiny home.



LIFESTYLE

MLK celebration wraps up



Photos by John Hughes / theTorch

April Ryan, White House correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks was the featured speaker at the MLK Celebration on Jan. 19 at Columbia Hall on the University of Oregon Campus.



Mary Spilde, president of LCC address the crowd at the MLK Celebration.



Ashley Jackson, president of ASLCC, presents the Community Leadership Award to Claudia P. Riumallo.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 School course (abbr.)
  - 4 Gem
  - 8 Scientific name (suf.)
  - 12 Office of Economic Development (abbr.)
  - 13 Of the ear
  - 14 Book of hours
  - 15 Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)
  - 16 Ger. philosopher
  - 17 Sicilian resort
  - 18 Disprove
  - 20 Norwegian king
  - 22 Journey
  - 25 Rom. official
  - 28 Divination by lots (Lat.)
  - 31 Czarist Russ. council
  - 33 East of Eden country

- 34 Mature
- 35 Radium emanation
- 36 Yale student
- 37 Foot (pref.)
- 38 Berserk
- 39 Malay law
- 40 Gr. author
- 42 John, Irish
- 44 Waste allowance
- 46 Alluvial deposit
- 50 Footless
- 52 Indian red powder
- 55 Fiddler crab genus
- 56 Bowling alley
- 57 Berne's river
- 58 Dismiss from a job
- 59 Maple genus
- 60 Flavor
- 61 Television channel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- DOWN
- 1 Service tree fruit
  - 2 Surrender
  - 3 Adjective-forming (suf.)
  - 4 Clown
  - 5 Luzon people

- 6 Hubbub
- 7 Outer (pref.)
- 8 Forward
- 9 Pent
- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Antiaircraft artillery (abbr.)
- 19 Possessive pronoun
- 21 Slender
- 23 Dutch cheese
- 24 Honor
- 26 Mascagni heroine
- 27 Blue-pencil
- 28 Grape syrup
- 29 Pointed arch
- 30 Sard (2 words)
- 32 Donkey
- 35 Sexual assault
- 39 Donkey (Fr.)
- 41 Bid
- 43 Acquiesce
- 45 S. Afr. language
- 47 You (Ger.)
- 48 Wound crust
- 49 Pueblo Indian
- 50 Alabama (abbr.)
- 51 Half-boot
- 53 Sheep's cry
- 54 Internat'l Red Cross (abbr.)

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Sudoku

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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

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

# Study abroad promises education and excitement

BY JOSEPH RAGSDALE  
REPORTER

On Jan. 20 and 21, Lane's International Work Experience Cooperative Education Department hosted an informational meeting to educate interested students about an upcoming opportunity to travel to France this summer.

The trip is an educational opportunity for students to study abroad and earn credit for their degree while visiting the historic commune of Caen, France. This particular trip will be led by French instructor Karin Almquist.

"We're going to spend a month in France. First at the University of Caen, which is in Normandy ... The last week will be in Paris," Almquist said.

The meeting covered several topics and addressed some of the concerns voiced by students in attendance, specifically safety.

"Health and safety on site, that's a major concern for our office. So we have an

advising team that works with you throughout the application process, pre-departure and then while you're on site as well," said

Sam Bethel, Campus and Partner Relations coordinator for the University of Oregon, Lane's partner in the study abroad program.

One of the other concerns was paying for the program. Scholarship advisors discussed financing opportunities such as the Gilman Scholarship, which was put in place specifically for undergraduate study abroad programs.

"Study abroad makes the world better. It deepens your sense of empathy, it makes you more informed globally," Bethel said. "It also helps you build skills that make you more marketable to future employers.

We want students to see study abroad as an extension and a really essential part of what they're doing in the classroom."

*"It deepens your sense of empathy, it makes you more informed globally."*

— Sam Bethel

Campus and Partner Relations Coordinator  
University of Oregon

Ariel Howe, a nursing student at Lane, was on hand to discuss her Spanish Immersion and Healthcare learning trip to Ecuador.

"We just had such an incredible range of experiences. In the mornings we would shadow doctors or staff members, wherever we were," Howe said. "I travelled to a different city every single weekend of my 10 weeks there."

Study abroad excursions are usually taken in place of campus classes, so students are able to gain college credits relating to their field of study while experiencing new countries and ways of life.

## DRONE FLOWN OVER CENTER



Photos by John Hughes / theTorch

Dean Middleton and Christopher Hawkins of the Design and Media Center gather aerial video of the Center Building during a test flight of their new drone on Monday, Jan. 25. The drone is equipped with a GoPro and is piloted by an iPad connected to a controller. The video will be shown during the Grand Opening events held on Wednesday, Jan. 27.



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## OPINION

# THE WEIGHT OF A VOTE

COMMENTARY BY BEN SCRANAGE  
REPORTER

President Obama gave his final State of the Union Address on Jan. 13. Although Washington D.C. is thousands of miles away from Lane, his words on the power of voting ring true here in our community.

A citizen's duty is as simple as checking a few boxes and then signing their name. The act of voting is itself is one of the most unique parts of being an American. Yet the percentage of voters was down in the 2012 election to a mere 57.5 percent of all eligible citizens, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center.

Out of the 2,113,430 voters eligible in the Oregon primary election, the voting number was severely lower. Only 35 percent of the state actually cast their votes.

"So, my fellow Americans. Our collective future depends on your willingness to uphold your obligations as a citizen," Obama said. "To vote, to speak out, to stand up for others, especially the weak, especially

the vulnerable, knowing that each of us is only here because somebody somewhere stood up for us."

His comments don't have to stop in Washington D.C. Lane has annual elections to choose the leaders that will be making decisions for the following school year. This integral part of the school democracy gets passed over by more than 80 percent of current students, leaving the decisions of the school up to just a few students.

School elections are important. These elected officials are the ones making the decisions as to where the budget will be spent and what clubs will get to do.

So what is the next step for a student who wants to take part in this political system?

Fellow students, take charge of what is to be, do not sit idly by and let others make decisions for the masses. The great gift of democracy is the chance to make massive decisions, however small the individual may be. Do not take this privilege for granted.

## ASLCC requests student voice in new fee policy

COMMENTARY BY DAVID NICKLES,  
ASLCC TREASURER

It has recently come to light that Lane has been the subject of a federal civil rights lawsuit concerning viewpoint neutrality and mandatory student fees. The Lane Community College Board of Education is poised, on Feb. 3, to vote on a change to board policy that would effectively settle the lawsuit — and significantly alter the process by which the mandatory student fee is allocated to various programs around campus.

As your representatives in student government we have been following the issue closely, and we would like to present to the student body the position we have taken and what we will be asking from the board.

As rumors of the lawsuit spread over the past few months and as the facts have become clearer, there has been much apprehension regarding a change to the current policy. Established fee-funded groups on campus are concerned that there could be drastic changes to their funding, or that student voices would be excluded from the decision making process entirely.

ASLCC has been in conversation with many of these groups and with college administration, and at this point there is a rather broad consensus that the board is correct in moving to change the policy

*"We will ask the board to include language in the policy that explicitly affirms the role of students in the decision making process..."*

— David Nickles  
ASLCC Treasurer

We have arrived at this position after meeting with other affected groups on campus and meeting independently with our attorney to verify the information we were given.

There is one specific change to the proposed new policy that we will be asking the board to make prior to the vote scheduled for Feb. 3. We will ask the board to include language in the policy that explicitly affirms the role of students in the decision making process as it pertains to the mandatory student activity fee. The board will remain as final arbiter of all decisions regarding mandatory student fees, and we feel that students should lead the process

by means of a mandatory fee committee.

This arrangement allows students to keep our voice while also providing an appropriate check and balance, and would bring the Lane policy closer in line with established policies in place at public universities. This much has been tacitly agreed upon in our conversations with college administration, and we would ask the board to validate our role within the language of the policy itself.

The exact composition of the new student fee committee and the procedure by which funding applications will be processed and recommendations issued to the board is yet to be determined. The details of this procedure are largely beyond the scope of the board and will be properly addressed within the framework of the college governance system.

All we are asking for now is that the role of students as principal actors this process is stated clearly in the new policy that the board will adopt.

As always, your student leaders appreciate your feedback. We believe that we have exercised due diligence and have arrived at this position after much consideration and with your interests at the forefront. If you feel strongly about this issue or would just like some more information, please feel free to contact either President Ashley Jackson or myself. We would also appreciate the support of our fellow students, and students can show their solidarity by attending the the board meeting on Feb. 3.



## NEWS

# STALKER SCANDAL REVEALED

**Faculty member files suit  
against school over lack  
of protection**

BY KEASEY FREED  
COPY CHIEF

Tenured and award-winning faculty member Nadia Raza filed a lawsuit against Lane Jan. 21 over their inability to deal with a student who threatened and stalked Raza in 2014.

According to Raza's suit, Lane failed to communicate with her, did not act when the student continuously threatened her and made it difficult for her to file a restraining order against the student. This caused Raza to start teaching online classes exclusively to

avoid the threats she was receiving on campus.

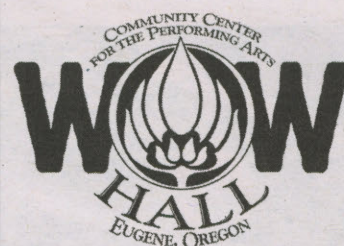
"Lane's response made a terrifying situation much worse," Raza said in a press release.

Raza, who is Pakistani-American and Muslim, believes she was targeted by the student due to her ethnicity and religion.

"As a faculty member, I rely on our college to provide a safe and non-discriminatory work environment," Raza said.

According to OregonLive, at least five female faculty members received disturbing emails from the student in 2014, and in April of that year the student was arrested in a Eugene apartment complex, where he was allegedly looking for Raza.

The Torch will be following this case as it develops, and will expand upon it in the coming weeks.



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29**

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Haunted Summer  
Snow White

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

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Porter Ray

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## SPORTS



**Titan guard/forward Usama Zaid** attempts a 2-point jump shot against a staunch Saints defense in Saturday's match-up. Zaid went on to score 21 total points on the Jan. 23 against the Saints.



Photos by Chris Palanuk / theTorch

**Titan guard/forward Mallory Shields** dribbles down the court as Titan guard Bre Dubois (center) and Saints guard Jesse Morris run ahead. Shields led with 25 points in the Jan. 23 Lane versus Mt. Hood match-up.

# SAINTS TAKE A SHELLACKING

BY SHAUN CHEEK  
REPORTER

Both Lane basketball teams won their games against the Mt. Hood Saints Saturday, Jan. 23, at Titan Coliseum. While it was business as usual for the women's team, the men's team gave fans a glimpse of their new way of doing things.

The men's team achieved their fifth straight win with a 100-63 victory over the Saints and advanced to second in the South Region with a 5-2 record.

A steal by Lane guard Davonte Cleveland resulted in a hoop from Lane guard Jacob Bigler that gave the Titans their largest lead of the game with a 39 point advantage.

There were no lead changes during the game and Lane scored 41 points off of turnovers, forced 20 steals and had five players with double-digit scoring.

In an interview following the game, Cleveland attributed the Titans' recent success by in large to improved defense. "Usually we're an offensive team but we've been locking up lately," Cleveland said.

At the end of the night, Cleveland registered 13 points, six assists and five steals. Bigler was the Titan's leading scorer with 24 points and Lane guard/forward

Usama Zaid had 21 points.

Before the game Zaid said the Titans were committed to playing with a high level of energy the entire game. Lane head coach Bruce Chavka recognized the effort.

"We showed up ready to go right from the get-go and second half also, so it was a good team effort," Chavka said. "I'm excited and hopefully we can get it rollin'."

## LANE WOMEN WIN SEVENTH STRAIGHT

Lane women's team also never gave up the lead during their 85-51 win over the Saints that added a seventh win to their flawless season.

Lane guard/forward Mallory Shields gave the Titans their largest lead with a steal that she took all the way back for a basket despite being fouled. She sank her free throw, converting the three-point play and putting the Titans up by 42 points.

Following the victory Shields said there is still room for improvement. The Titans were beginning to get to a level that would give them a chance at making a deep run at the end of the season.

"We wanted to come out and start from the

beginning playing disciplined basketball that we know how to play so I think we did a pretty good job of that," Shields said.

Shields was Lane's leading scorer with 25 points and Lane guard Shelby Snook recorded a double-double with 19 points and 11 assists.

"We had some really good shooting performances. We had a good percentage from the free-throw line, the field, the three-point line — all around," Snook said.

Equally as impressive as their offense, the Titan's defense forced 21 turnovers and allowed only 17 points at halftime.

As the Titans attempt to build their lead in the South Region, Lane head coach Greg Sheley says he is proud of his team and plans to finish the season "one game at a time."

"As long as we just keep focusing on what we need to do to keep getting better everyday we should be very successful in the remainder of the season," Snook said.

The Titans go on the road to face the Linn-Benton Roadrunners next. Lane will return to Titan Coliseum Saturday, Jan. 30, when they match up against the Clark Penguins at 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for the general public and free for students.