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JOY OF DANCE

By Christopher Palanuk Photojournalist

Bonnie Simoa, lead dance faculty instructor, performs a traditional Balinese dance — the Legong Kutir — in front of Lane Child Care children and onlookers on the second floor of the Center Building on Wednesday, April 6.

"They caught wind that I was going to do it," Simoa said. "So they wanted to come and I know children love it because it's like I become a superhero [...] It's the same way in Bali too. The children love to see the dances."

Simoa, who has been studying Balinese dance since 1996, responded quite positively to the child audience.

"How the weight is carried is quite complicated. There are these beautiful serpentine lines that run through the body in relation to gravity and it's not logical where the weight is in those beautiful shapes," Simoa said. "So it wasn't until [six] years ago that I felt like I could do it well enough to be able to wear the costume while I was doing it."

"... I know children love it because it's like I become a superhero ..."

Bonnie Simoa
 Lead faculty, Dance





Brian Haimbach, lead faculty with Theatre Arts, leads a discussion about how media arts students can collaborate with performing arts students while working on multimedia projects.



Lights, camera, act!

By John Hughes PHOTOJOURNALIST

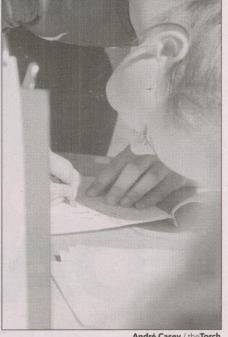
Both Media Arts and Theatre majors got a chance to build their respective skills at last week's Visiting Artist Series. Brian Haimbach, Theatre Arts faculty, led a workshop focused on the relationship between directors and actors on Friday, April 8, in Building 17's Media Arts studio. Haimbach focussed on topics such as how to prepare scripts and how to communicate with actors in order to get believable performances on film.

"Students get to hear career advice directly from experts in the field, people who have spent their lives working in media arts," Jeff Goolsby, Multimedia Department coordinator, said. "Whether it's graphic design, filmmaking, acting, recording studios, concept development or other media arts professions."

The Visiting Artist Series has hosted a variety of incredibly talented and knowledgeable professionals — from Don Carson, a concept artist who designed Toon Town for Disney World, to Brian Conery, a renowned graphic designer from the Bay Area.

HIGH SCHOOLS





André Casey / the Torch

The Math Skills Fair drew eight high schools to Lane in a competition of speed and endurance. Crow High School student (right) works on simplifying an algebra problem during the timed relay. The fair has been happening at Lane every year since 1978.

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TER TO THE EDIT

GET 'EM HOOKED

Torch boxes more than just an eyesore

By JEFF HARRISON ENGLISH TEACHER

You know those big blue obnoxious metal boxes that are scattered around campus, with huge blank spaces for advertisements? They're ostensibly Torch boxes — I eventually looked in one and saw a few copies of the Torch stacked up in there — but they're actually much more disquieting.

Those large rectangular blank frames are intended for ads. In my writing classes, as part of my goal to help students improve their critical thinking skills, we examine the ways media, especially commercial media, try to manipulate us to do things that might not be in our best interests (mainly, buy stuff). These media bombard us constantly, and I believe that writing, thinking and reading are skills that can strengthen our resistance to that bombardment.

So imagine my chagrin when I noticed recently that one of the boxes features, in the unoccupied advertising frame, a big fish hook and the phrase "Get 'em hooked!" Lane is inviting corporations to place an ad in that space that will successfully

turn our students into fish blindly biting into some attractive bait and "getting hooked" — exactly what I exert tremendous energy trying to help our students avoid.

It's enough to make ya crazy! The very institution which hires me to, I thought, teach students to think, to write, to read — to discover, as John Trudell and Paolo Freire would put it, that they are human beings — is trying to turn them into blind, thoughtless fish, biting at the next pretty hook that comes along.

Dang.

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Crossword

ACROSS Of the kind of

(suf.) Distress signal

Chinese (abbr.)

12 Gooseberry 13 List-ending

abbreviation 14 Small armadillo

15 Fringe of curls

or bangs 17 Mother of Horus

18 Hebrew letter

19 Expiate

21 Greek letter

22 Atlantic (abbr.)

23 Rim 25 Jap. three-

stringed instrument

29 Eur. porgy 32 Malay law

33 June bug 35 Haw. feast

36 Tamarack

38 Bank

40 Eng. dramatist

(abbr.) 45 Night (pref.) 47 Have (Scot.)

43 Her Royal

50 Authentic

Highness

(abbr.) 52 Jamb (2 words) 54 District

55 Deviate 56 King Atahualpa

57 Diagonal 58 Compass

direction 59 Wife of Esau

DOWN

Formerly betroth

Poi source In the same place (Lat.)

Fr. pronoun Eight (Ital.)

DARE EDIT

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GENER

ADAM

RAMP

TACK

ELAN

PALE

PIPEDIDO

SAIGABHDTV

SANA

10 Egypt. bird

OMEN

SUP

TARSII

Consumer price index (abbr.)

Evening star 11 Heb. patriarch's

16 Food 20 Electronic data

DER

CACO

EMIM

EOLUS

AGA

ZANA

UDICSERAC

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24 Dance 25 Gal of song 26 Ohio college

27 Ledum (2 words)

28 Land of Cain 30 Lively (Fr.) 31 Absent

34 Renew 37 Chin. dynasty 39 Duo

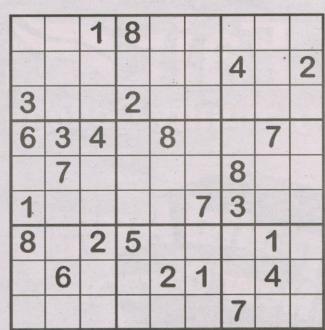
41 Germanic gods 43 Mayan year

44 Country (Lat.) 46 Preserve in brine

47 Assistance 48 Reliquary 49 Greenland town

Laughter sounds 53 E. Indian herb

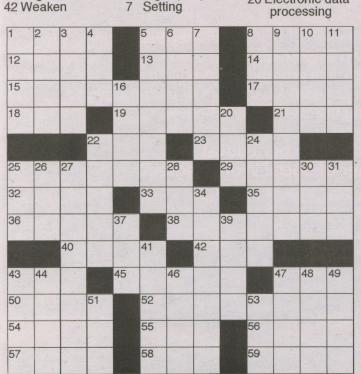
Sudoku



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

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





LIFESTYLE

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS SECOND CHANCES

Sponsors, Inc. helps people transition from incarceration to school

By Miguel Sanchez-Rutledge Reporter

Life after prison can be difficult, but there's something that can help. The six-year-old Mentorship Program annually helps over 100 people in the Eugene and Springfield area integrate back into society after being behind bars. The coordinators believe that Lane has been an integral part of this process.

"It's our best community resource," Andrew Provencher, volunteer outreach coordinator, said. "It is not exactly an easy sell [finding mentors]. We will do a presentation somewhere and, frankly, I am happy if I get even one mentor. I've done presentations at LCC where we get four or five."

The program works in reorienting former inmates back into society and in helping them find resources to support themselves. Sponsors Incorporated was started in 1973, and spawned The Mentorship Program evolved from that organization, and started in 2010. The Second Chance Act, passed in 2008 by President George W. Bush, allocated \$362 million to create opportunities like this.

The Mentorship Program is a non-profit organization. There are no costs for participants, and once each mentor and mentee are paired together they stay together for a full year. Each matched pair receives \$100 to spend on activities. The money is to help the mentors and mentees foster a better relationship with each other and to prevent any financial restrictions between them.

As a non-profit organization, Sponsors relies on outside money from the community to continue programs they have implemented. They believe that these opportunities benefit not only people coming out of prison or jail, but also better society as a whole.

"We do accept donations from community members and organizations," Provencher said.

"We write a lot of grants at the federal level, state level, and county level."

Mentees within this program often attend Lane, as in the case with some of the employees that are part of the Mentorship Program, Provencher said. The school provides a way for people to reorient and better themselves. Lane also provides help in other ways than just education.

This next year the mentorship will get a grant of \$1 million for new projects being developed to help the mentees. Part of the new projects is the ability for the Mentorship Program to contact and create a match for a mentee while they are still in prison or jail to make the transition from release easier. The program is getting ready to start matching mentors with mentees this April.



