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Student senate suspends bylaws

André Casey Editor-in-Chief

Student government temporarily suspended their bylaws Tuesday during an emergency senate meeting in order to allow more people to qualify and apply for next year's elected offices.

Prior to this change, applications to run closed April 15. Along with the suspension, the deadline to apply has been extended to April 22.

The bylaws contain all the rules ASLCC is required to follow, including the necessary GPA and credit requirements for those applying for elected office. With the bylaws suspended, Lane students only need a 2.0 GPA and be taking six credits to run for a senate seat or on presidential ticket. Previously, a 2.5 GPA and a minimum of 18 credits within the past three terms were required.

"I don't think a .04 GPA or not having done 18 credits in the last three terms discredits me, if I've completed 41 credits here at LCC," Mariana Peradones said, who is planning on running for student government president. She currently has a 2.46 GPA, which would have prevented her from running for office without the suspension of the bylaws.

Once elected, officials need to maintain a 2.0 GPA, while those running for office in Spring Term will be required to have 2.5 GPA.

"The bottom line is that there is a lot of work to be done. If you're already struggling

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ASLCC Sustainability Coordinator

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GPA-wise, your focus should be education while you're at Lane," Bobby Kirkpatrick, ASLCC sustainability coordinator, said.

Kirkpatrick is currently running on a presidential ticket alongside Anastasia Vail, ASLCC communications director.

Other students spoke during the emergency senate meeting about how

they did not know about the deadline in time to apply. Christina Walsh, ASLCC leadership director, stated that every student received several emails notifying them of the application deadline, along with lawn signs and posters across campus.

"I don't know what else is reasonably expected," Walsh said.

Members of the gallery expressed concern and cautioned the senate to consider the legal and ethical issues of suspending the bylaws.

Only three voting members — Button

Will, Malia Hatch and Cristian Martines — of the six ASLCC Senate members were present. Vice President Maria Dresser chaired the meeting, but does not vote unless there is a tie. The senate voted unanimously to suspend the bylaws for Spring Term.

Mindy Parks, campus community director and chair of Elections

Committee, informed the senate she would not act on the senate's ruling until she personally spoke to the student government attorney.

"Calling an emergency meeting like this very much smacks of favoritism, and that is not what this body should stand for," Parks said.

OPINION

POWDER ROOM POLITICS

Fighting for the freedom to pee in peace

President Obama recently declared April to be National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

Month. In his proclamation, Obama says "preventing sexual assault begins with everyone getting involved in promoting healthy relationships and encouraging respect for the equality of others." He discussed the 'It's On Us' campaign that has attempted to work with schools and communities to stand up and speak out against sexual assault.

Unfortunately, roughly more than 700,000 Americans have been forgotten about in our efforts as a nation to promote

equality and provide safety for our fellow neighbors.

Every single day transgenders — those who do not subscribe to the traditional binary gender system — have to face an uncomfortable and often terrifying situation when having to use public restrooms.

Currently at Lane, aside from the few family oriented bathrooms, there are no gender neutral bathrooms

available to students, faculty members or guests who may identify as trans, or simply do not subscribe to the idea of having any assigned gender.

Transgenderism is by no means a new concept. Native American tribes has third gender roles that are referred to as "Two Spirit" for their members who neither identified as male or female.

Other studies show that the concept has existed all over the world for quite some time, but the system of binary bathrooms has repressed over 700,000 people in the U.S. according to a study by the Williams Institute, and has left many people in a difficult and awkward situation. What bathroom to choose. What identity to accept for the moment.

"When I use public restrooms I find myself thinking 'act normal, act normal' — because if you don't you might get a busted

face," said Alex Emmert, a student who identifies as genderqueer. Emmert presents themselves as androgynous and uses gender neutral pronouns such as they, them and their.

The big fear from opposition of gender neutral bathrooms believes that if schools and other public facilities start using these bathrooms sexual predators will exploit them and abuse innocent people. However, these ideas are nothing more than mere fear-mongering hate-filled rhetoric. Worse, the very real crisis of violence towards transgenders in bathrooms has largely been ignored.

"A trans person is way more nervous about using a bathroom and getting the living shit kicked out of them for reasons such as transphobia and the invalid belief that we are predators," Emmert said.

Gender specific restrooms restrict the rights of the transgender community, but also affect more people than one may realize. A mother with a young son or a caretaker of someone with disabilities are just a couple of examples of people challenged by the lack of gender neutral bathrooms.

With a pronounced LGTBQ community at Lane, it is hard to believe that the powers in charge have not seen the discriminatory box that has been placed around a selected group of individuals. We have not promoted privacy for our basic bodily functions equally to our fellow students by continuing this binary system of bathrooms.

It's disappointing, astonishing and downright creepy that so many people actively fight to segregate where one chooses to go to the bathroom.

The fight for equality is far from over. The battle for civil rights is happening and the time for change is now.



Christopher Palanuk / the Tor

Man's other best friend

There is a big chance that you have consumed something today that would not have been there without the help of honey bees. Besides honey — their obvious product — honey bees help produce one third of the food humans eat every day, simply

while they are out collecting their own sustenance of pollen and nectar. Everything from strawberries, to coffee to the alfalfa we feed our dairy cows is made possible by the work of bees, but this is changing.

IESSE BOWMAN

COLUMNIST

Studies have shown that many of the pesticides used on crops have negative effects on honey bees. One of the strongest is Dow and Syngenta's neonicotinoid insecticide which is applied to the soil at the base of a plant, or on the seed before it is planted. Friends of the Earth researcher Michele Simon reports that at a low level of infection, the neurotoxin attacks the nervous system, causing lower immune support and making the target insect more susceptible to disease and affecting their navigation, communication and memory capabilities.

Applying neonicotinoid insecticide directly to the plant base ensures that the toxins travel up the roots and through the plant's system so that when an insect ingests any part it receives a lethal dose. The trouble with this method is that the pesticide reaches beneficial insects too, and after exposure inhibits a bee's ability to navigate back to its hive and degrades their immune system. This is contributing to what scientists are calling Colony Collapse Disorder which was noticed taking effect on bees beginning about seven years ago with a rapid decline in population.

This problem is too important to ignore, which is why OSPIRG, the student advocacy organization on campus, is working to take the deadliest bee-killing pesticides off the market. This term I, along with other student volunteers and interns, are building

public support to get Gina McCarthy, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to put a nationwide moratorium on bee-killing chemicals.

Bees are essential pollinators in one out of every three bites of food we eat so it is in everyone's best interest to support them. The European Union has already put a ban on these pesticides and in February of 2014, Oregon passed the Save Oregon's Pollinators Act where the city of Eugene became the first city in the country to ban neonicotinoids.

A continued decrease in bee populations is going to cost billions of dollars, and should we lose bees entirely, our food supply would be in great danger. That is why OSPIRG is putting together

an educational panel of experts on the issue. This will include a representative from the Department of Agriculture, a local beekeeper and farmer and a scientist who has worked closely on the effects of pesticides. The event will take place during the week of Earth Day on Thursday April 21 at 3 p.m. on Lane's Main Campus. Students and non-students alike are encouraged to attend, learn about the issue, and connect with community members making a difference.

Whether you enjoy the honey directly from bees or a byproduct of their labor, they really are a huge part of life as we know it.



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NEWS

Rest Stop Program provides temporary housing

By Asha Bernard Reporter

The Nightingale Health Sanctuary has established a community where people who experience homelessness can sleep and securely store their belongings, while practicing a safe and productive lifestyle. All 30 residents who live in the camp are provided information and resources to help them move forward.

The Eugene Rest Stop Program, which oversees the Nightingale sanctuary, was created in hopes of getting Eugene's homeless off the streets. Behind the Behavioral Health Service building, across from Autzen Stadium, are 30 tent-like units that house the residents. Each resident must abide by the rules of the camp. An example being no drugs or alcohol are allowed on the premise.

"We have no theft [in this camp] and we police our own camp — we're all neighbors," Nathan Showers, resident and camp manager, said. Showers also mentioned six or seven Lane students who were residents of Nightingale Rest Stop last year who have since found permanent housing.

This rest stop is one of five rest stops that each hold around 20 residents. Eugene conducts a headcount of the homeless each year as required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. As of January 2016, there are approximately 1,500 people that are homeless in Eugene.

Although there are some concerns about the camps — such as cleanliness, safety and leadership — Kitty Piercy, mayor of Eugene, commends the program and its residents.

"We know that these camps are safe, well run and are neat and tidy," Piercy said

According to Eugene's official website,

the city has made it a priority to help people who experience homelessness and has invested over \$4.4 million into the Human Services Commission to help fund programs like Nightingale.

"Everyone matters. This is a 30 member community and every single one of us matters," Lori Henney, Nightingale resident, said. "I would like the community to open up more rest stops."

Piercy acknowledges the progress of the program while also noting there is still more to be done.

"I think the Rest Stop Program has been very successful," Piercy said. "We still struggle with locations. Unless people come visit and see how we operate, they still worry about it being in their neighborhood. We still have work to do in that regard."

Currently, there are no formal plans to open more rest stops, but Mayor Piercy is hopeful that the program will expand.





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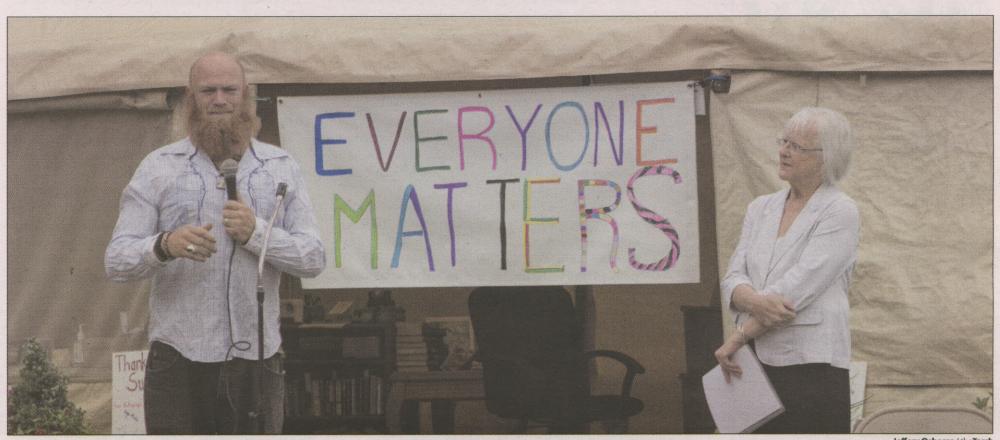
A group of camp residents, supporters and Mayor Kitty Piercy (center) display individualized "I AM," signs showing unity for the Nightingale Health Sanctuary at the Everyone Matters event on April 13.

NEWS



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Deni Milan opens her tent, revealing space for storage and a smaller tent for sleeping. Milan is a resident at the Nightingale Health Sanctuary across from Autzen Stadium, where the Everyone Matters event was held on April 13.



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Mayor Kitty Piercy stands by camp manager, Nathan Showers while he, along with other residents, share their stories with peers and supporters during the Everyone Matters event across from Autzen Stadium on April 13.

QUICKNEWS

HANDS-ON CAREER DAY

This event on Friday, April 22, hosted by Lane's High School Connections Department will bring several hundred Lane County high school students to the Lane campus, to participate in hands-on workshops featuring Career Technical Programs. Students will get the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of what is involved in these CTE programs at Lane. Campus tours will also be available to students and chaperones.

SHELEY NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

On April 13, Greg Sheley, Head Coach of the 2016 NWAC Women's Basketball Champions and the Athletic Director for Lane, was announced as the NWAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. His leadership, which led the Titans to a 32-1 record, spearheaded the South Region title victory and ultimately won the fifth Women's Basketball Championship for Lane in the past eleven years. Sheley will receive the award at the NWAC Hall of Fame Banquet at the Bellevue Red Lion, June 2, 2016.

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SAFETYBLOTTER

MAN RESTS IN RESTROOM

Police officers were called into the downtown Lane bookstore after reports that a male, who was not an Lane student, went into the men's restroom and laid down on the floor of the handicap stall. He was advised by an officer on scene that he was trespassing. The man complied with police orders and left.

Date: 4/14/16

Location: Downtown Bookstore

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

There were reports that a medium sized dog with a harness was running loose through the Main Campus parking lots. The dog was last seen running towards child care. The dog was gone when Officers arrived. Date: 4/08/16 Location: Lot L



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 **David Gans**

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Lane president Mary Spilde listens as Stefan Strek (a Lane student at the time) expresses his comments and concerns at a presidential meet and greet on Nov. 9, 2015 in the Northwest Learning Commons on the second floor of the center building. Strek is now a mayoral candidate in Eugene's 2016 election.

SPILDE SEEKS CHANGE

Soon-to-retire president has big plans for Lane's future

> By Miguel Sanchez-Rutledge REPORTER

By the end of her term as president of Lane in June of 2017, Mary Spilde hopes to achieve, or initiate, goals she promised back in February during her retirement speech. These goals include stabilizing enrollment with 11,500 students, making Lane carbon neutral by 2050, and securing further donations.

"Moving our fundraising above our major gifts campaign, and getting that further along by the time I leave," Spilde said. "Fundraising is something that we do all the time."

Ensuring donations to the school is a major aspect of a president's job. Securing funding for future endeavors is a primary goal Spilde hopes to accomplish before the end of her tenure. Furthermore, Spilde outlined the importance of other aspects she has spoken about.

"I talked about enrollment and stabilizing the budget," Spilde said. "Then, living out our value of sustainability through our climate action plan. So, I would say that all our work is moving forward."

Last year, the Board of Education approved the creation of a new Strategic Enrollment Plan for Lane. The initial purpose of this new plan is to streamline enrollment for students and to provide more resources. The plans are still being finalized by the board — with input from the community — but increased funding for more advisors has been approved. In addition, Spilde outlined her hopes to see more students enter higher education and pursue degrees.

"The fact that Oregon is 46th in the country for higher education is criminal," Spilde said. "Making the case for why community colleges need more state investment — and the impact that we have to the poorest, first generation, most underrepresented populations — is a huge task we need to continue advocating for."

The goal for the Strategic Enrollment Plan is to stabilize enrollment to between 11,000 and 11,500 full-time and part-time students.

Climate change has been a key issue for Lane administrators to tackle. Students advocated for and successfully got the school to invest in the Climate Action Plan. This plan was designed to help make Lane a carbon neutral school and to complete comprehensive greenhouse gas inventories in order to find ways to reduce emissions.

"Our biggest challenge with climate action and carbon is transportation," Spilde said. "We encourage people to take the bus or bike, but that is no small task. We're exploring all kinds of ways to deal with that."

Expanding LTD services or adding an Emx line to Lane are on the list of potential solutions, but Spilde stressed these are long term strategies without finalization.

Spilde spoke about how far along these initiatives have come over the years, but she highlighted that these would not be finished during her time as president. Instead, she reflected on these initiatives advancing beyond just her and the presidency.

"Will I get everything done, before I leave, that I want to get done? Probably not," Spilde said. "That's not the nature of these big goals."

Spilde is hopeful that with the passing of the Oregon Promise, the state initiative that provides recent high school graduates funding for some or all of their community college tuition, more people will have access to higher education. The Oregon Promise will help 4,000 to 6,000 students attend community college, according to The Campaign for Free College Tuition.

Spilde was hopeful that in the next year the administration would further advance the initiatives outlined. To accomplish these goals, help from the students would have a major impact in seeing the goals come to completion.

"We can't totally get the job done by ourselves. The goal is to get as much done and to get everything moving in a forward fashion," Spilde said. "I see students as really having the ability to be a driver in a lot of the things we have to deal with on campus."

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BREAK INTO PRINT

... with a job that will give you a valuable life experience

Applications for 2016-2017 Torch and Denali editors will be available online Monday, April 25 at lcctorch.com/join-us/ Applications are due Friday, May 13, at noon.

Denali Editor

The Denali editor selects and manages the 2016-2017 student staff, organizes a production schedule and has the final word on all matters concerning the magazine. He or she must have a concrete understanding of, or the commitment to learn, the technical skills of the production process of



a magazine. He or she can expect to work an average of 20 hours per week. A background in literature and art is recommended. Knowledge of InDesign and Photoshop is extremely helpful. The editor must be an officially registered Lane student and must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher. The Denali editor will be paid a stipend per term and will serve fall, winter and spring terms of the 2016-2017 academic year.

Torch Editor

The Torch editor is responsible for directing newsgathering and the publication process, and has control of the news and editorial content of the paper. The editor should have journalistic, management and organizational abilities,



training and/or experience. He or she should also have previous service on a newspaper staff, and have gained an adequate understanding of the operation of a newspaper.

The applicants must have completed at least six credits at Lane within the last 12 months and be registered for three credits per term at Lane while editor. The editor must maintain a 2.00 GPA or higher, can expect to work 30-40 hours per week, and will receive a monthly stipend of \$800 per month for 12 months. The editor will serve fall, winter, and spring terms of the 2016-2017 academic year.

Crossword

ACROSS Silver (Sp.) List-ending

abbreviation Health resort

12 King of Judea 13 Rhine tributary 14 Stripling

15 P.I. ancestral spirit 16 Compass

direction 17 Diminutive

(suf.) 18 Lead ore 20 Bombastic 22 Foist

24 Dutch commune You (Ger.) 28 Proverb

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32 Numerous (pref.) 34 Mountain peak 36 Two-man fight

37 Music sign 39 Evil (Fr.) 41 As written in 3 Seed coat

music 42 Gr. author 44 Nearsightedness

47 Land of King Arthur 52 Narrower than

AA 53 Naut. rope 55 Fallacies 56 Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

(abbr.) 57 Son of Apollo 58 Opposite of zenith 59 Encountered

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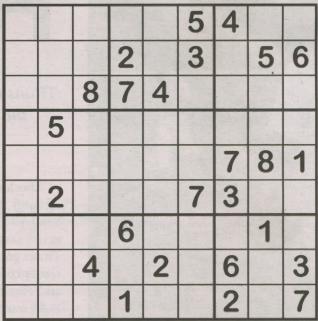
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Sudoku



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First baseman Jordan Hadley scores in the second game of a home doubleheader against the Mt. Hood Saints on Sunday, April 17. The Titans won the second game 4-2 and are now 15-9 for the season and 3-5 in the NWAC South region.



Outfielder Logan Roberts (#14) gets on base in game one of the doubleheader which the Titans lost 0-10.

Home again

Titans play first on-campus game of the season after renovations

> By Christopher Palanuk **PHOTOJOURNALIST**

After losing both games to Mt. Hood in Gresham on April 16, the Lane Titans had a lot to prove in Sunday's game. However, for the first time in the entire season, the tables would be turned as the Titans got to play at home. Mark Richardson, a trades coordinator with Facilities, Management and Planning, explained that Lane's own Titan Field was filled with standing water. With a little grooming from Titan players and Titan head coach Josh Blunt, the two teams were squared away and ready to play ball.

runs in the first four innings, losing pitcher Brad O'Connor was switched out in favor of DJ Wilson.

But the change was too little too late. Wilson, who would allow three more runs and neither Wilson or O'Connor would pitch in the second game. Logan Roberts (pictured left) and David Bellamy (#13) would come the closest to a run, but the Lane Titans would ultimately lose the first game in a 0-10 shutout.

The second game would be a shining comeback. In the second inning, the Titans would score two runs to put Lane up against the Mt. Hood Saints in an early lead. First baseman Jordan Hadley (top) would score the second of those two runs. However, the Saints would bounce back and tie the score 2-2 in the top of the fourth inning. But it was the bottom of the fourth inning that made the home game worth while. In one play, Ben Giland (#5) put Brody-Rich (#11) and Austin Vaughn (#9) across home plate in the second game for the final 4-2. The Lane Titans, The first game was a rough start. With seven who are now 15-9 in the regular season, will play the Clark Penguins next on April 22 in Washington at Kindsfather field.

DOUBLEHEADER RESULTS

GAME 1

Final: Lane Titans - 0; Mt. Hood Saints - 10 Location: Titan Field

Winning Pitcher: Nate Hunter #13 Losing Pitcher: Brad OConnor #15

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Notable Lane Players

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GAME 2

Final: Lane Titans - 4; Mt. Hood Saints - 2 Location: Titan Field

Winning Pitcher: Austin Crowson #19 Losing Pitcher: Cobi Johnson #29 Save Pitcher: Logan Roberts #14

Innings

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Notable Lane Players

P AB R H RBI BB SO AVG 14 Logan Roberts P 3 1 2 0 0 0 .306 1B 3 1 2 0 0 0 .190 27 Jordan Hadley

NEXT GAME:

vs Clark Penguins April 22 Kindsfather Field Vancouver, Washington