

Titans take a leap to Rio



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Former Titan Dakarai Hightower leaps over the high jump bar during the Track and Field Olympic Trials at Hayward Field on July 10. Two other former Titans competed at the trials with one getting a ticket to the big show in Rio. About the trials, Hightower explained, "Everyone was pretty cool and pretty helpful throughout the competition. It was almost like a small family." **See page 2.**

Board decision takes a turn, tuition hike is happening

Board reverses previous decision, raises tuition by \$3 for 2016-17 year

BY KIRA JONES
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A tuition increase of \$3 per credit was approved with a narrow 4-3 vote by Lane's Board of Education on June 8, 2016, reversing its April decision to freeze tuition. The increase will take effect at the start of the 2016-17 school year. Full-time students taking 12 credits will see a \$36 increase per term, taking the total in state tuition for 12 credits from \$1,194 to \$1,230 per term.

Lane Community College Education Association president, Jim Salt, was one of two people who spoke in favor of the tuition hike at the board meeting.

"What we need to do is have a system that supports all of our needs as a whole," Salt said. "We can't budget based upon individual students who this system isn't supporting."

Salt discussed a sheet, passed out at the beginning of the meeting by Mary Spilde, that outlined the student cost of the

proposed increase as well as prospective increases to certain grants that are offered through financial aid for the next year. According to this document the hike will increase the total cost of tuition for one full-time student for one year at 12 credits per term from \$15,655 to \$15,763. The document also states that the Pell Grant, Oregon Opportunity Grant, Oregon Promise, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant and Federal Work Study will all have increases for the next year — supposedly covering the tuition increase for the students who qualify for those grants.

Four students opposed the tuition increase telling their personal stories about paying for school out of pocket. Mariana Paredones, was one of those four students. She brought in 150 student pledges that pleaded against a tuition hike.

"I have previous knowledge that there's a lot of hesitation because of IP [Initiative Petition] 28 not passing or potentially not passing," Paredones said. Initiative Petition 28, now known as Measure 97, is a petition to put a corporate tax income on the ballot for Oregon voters. If the measure were to pass it would raise money for the state's general fund which could then potentially go to help Oregon

community colleges.

"I personally feel that to make a decision prior to another decision that's still pending is kind of silly," Paredones said. "We're not going to know those answers until after that happens."

Before the decision to re-vote on the proposed tuition hike, board member Gary LeClair spoke about his reasoning for changing his vote.

"I initially voted against this [a tuition increase], but I think I did so without good information," Leclair said. "It's \$108 more if we raise the tuition. That's hardly a big thing on a \$15,000 budget."

Board member Rosie Pryor also voiced her reasoning behind staying with her original vote to not increase tuition.

"My position about this tuition increase is based on a philosophy that community colleges were created in this country to represent an affordable alternative to the rapidly increasing costs of public and private four year institution college educations," Pryor said.

Board members Gary LeClair, Matt Keating, Phil Carrasco and Tony McCown voted in favor of the increase, with Sharon Stiles, Susie Johnston and Rosie Pryor opposing the increase.

NEWS



Lane Track and Field Director Grady O'Connor (left) poses with former Lane student Cyrus Hostetler after the Track and Field Olympic Trials on July 7. Hostetler won the gold medal in the javelin throw with a distance of 83.24 meters on July 4.

Lane, coaches, crucial to athletes' success

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Three former Lane students competed in the 2016 Olympic trials in July, with one of the three going on to compete in Rio, however he did not place in the finals.

Lane sophomore Dakarai Hightower, along with former Lane students Cyrus Hostetler and Jordan McNamara, joined the many track and field athletes who flocked to Eugene's Hayward Field to compete in the Olympic Trials. Though all three athletes made it to the finals at the trials, Hostetler was the only one that went on to compete in Rio.

Hightower, a high jumper and the youngest of the three at 21 years old, was still going to Lane during the trials and competed wearing Titan colors.

"Everyone was pretty cool and pretty helpful throughout the competition," Hightower said, "It was almost like a small family."

During his last meet with Lane before the trials, Hightower set a new personal best, clearing the bar at 7' 5". This jump put him in a tie for the second best jump in the nation by any college athlete, giving him a great position going into the trials. Hightower ended his Olympic run in sixth place of the final event, just three centimeters shy of making it to the games in Rio.

"I've been fortunate enough to be blessed with a solid talent," Hightower said. "I've also been fortunate enough for these last two years to be trained by Grady [O'Connor]."

Grady O'Connor has been head track and field coach at Lane for almost 19 years and has coached Hostetler and McNamara as well as Hightower. O'Connor says that having Lane students competing in the trials is great for the program as well as the rest of the track and field team.

"It's pretty rare that you have an athlete in the Olympic trials competing for any college, let alone a community college," O'Connor said.

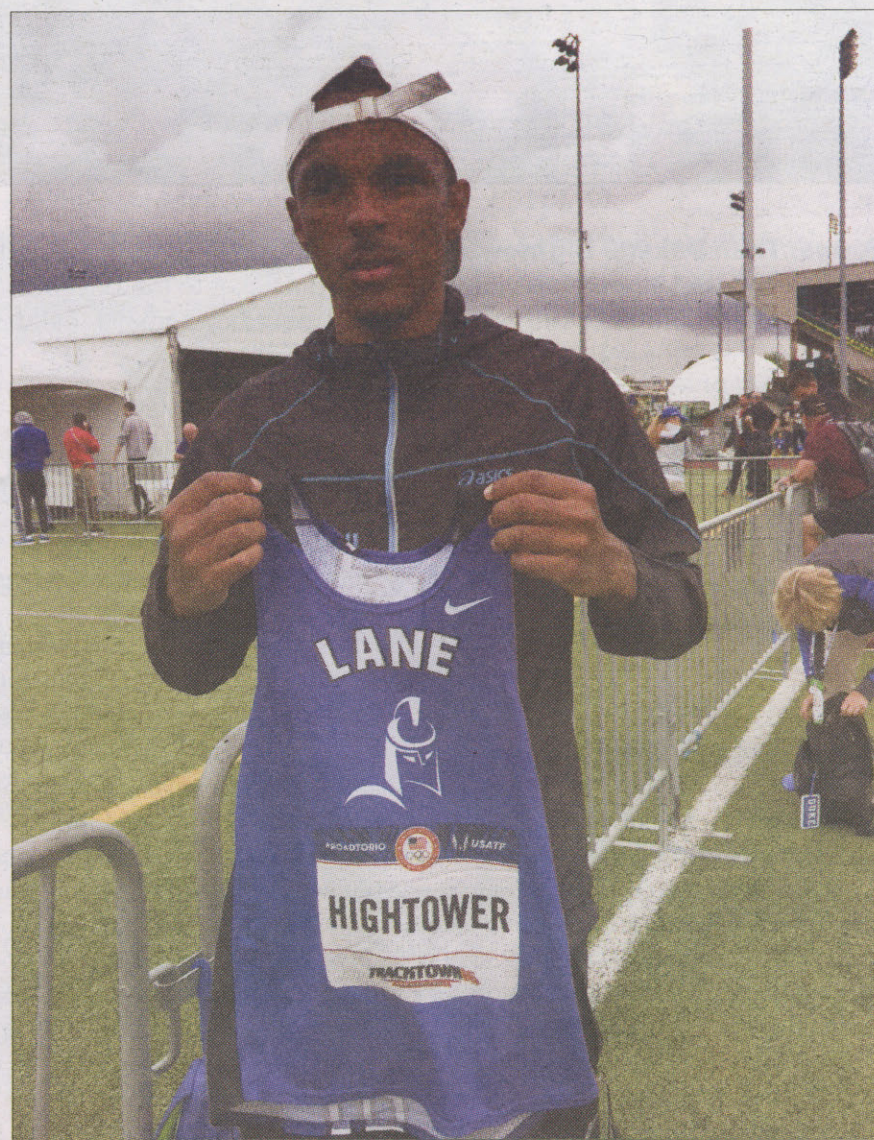
Former Titan Cyrus Hostetler competed in the Olympic Trials wearing a Lane jersey back in 2008.

"In that 2008 year I made a 35-foot improvement over the year," Hostetler said, "[Normally] maybe you'd be lucky to throw three feet farther in a year and I improved 35 feet."

This year he won first place in the trials in the javelin throw with a distance of 83.24 meters, sending him on to Rio where he got 20th and breaking the Olympic Trials record. Hostetler also made the Olympic team back in 2012 as well with a fifth place distance of 77.63 meters.

"It was a wonderful experience but something that I knew I had more potential to throw farther," Hostetler said.

Lane also had two more former students down on the field during the trials. Jordan McNamara, who is now a student at UO, competed in the 1500-meter relay and took 13th place with a time of 3:49:44. Josh Priester, a former decathlete for Lane, was also at the trials as the Santa Barbara Track Club head coach.



Photos courtesy of Grady O'Connor

Former Titan track star Dakarai Hightower holds up his jersey before the Track and Field Olympic Trials at Hayward Field on July 10.

NEWS

Center Building evacuated

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The Center Building on Lane's main campus was evacuated On Thursday, Sept. 15 impacting employees on all five floors. While conducting a routine test of the building's fire suppression system Lane's Facilities, Management and Planning department experienced a malfunction causing the system to go off.

The test calls for the person doing the test to disable the fire suppressant and pull the alarm to make sure the alarm works. The person in charge of this test disabled one of the systems and pulled the alarm not knowing that the alarm was also connected to two other systems in the Renaissance Room and food services main kitchen.

The system sprayed out a fire suppression liquid agent known as Ansul LPH R-102. According to a safety data sheet provided by the ANSUL company who provides the liquid agent, the agent has no chemical family. The sheet also states that according to the (Occupational Safety and Health Association) OSHA this substance is not considered hazardous,

however it still prompted a building evacuation in case the substance were to become airborne. The school's building evacuation and safety protocols were carried out by Public Safety. They initiated evacuation of the building, ensured all students, staff and visitors were safe and notified the appropriate parties.

Two Lane staff members and a contractor were present when the system went off. The three people were evaluated by EMTs and sent home to shower and wash their clothes. The building was cleaned out by the Servpro company and was reopened the next day. Food services remained closed through Friday.

The Center Building was evacuated again on Tuesday, Sep. 20. This evacuation was due to facilities testing the fire alarms in the building thinking the actual alarms were disabled. They pulled the fire alarms to make sure they were working and set off the alarm causing everyone in the building to evacuate. The building was reopened about five minutes after evacuation. Public safety declined to comment on either situation.



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Tony Sanjume director of retail briefs the crowd of Center building faculty on Thursday morning Sept. 15. A mishap with the fire suppression system caused alarms to sound and led to the building being closed for the rest of the day.

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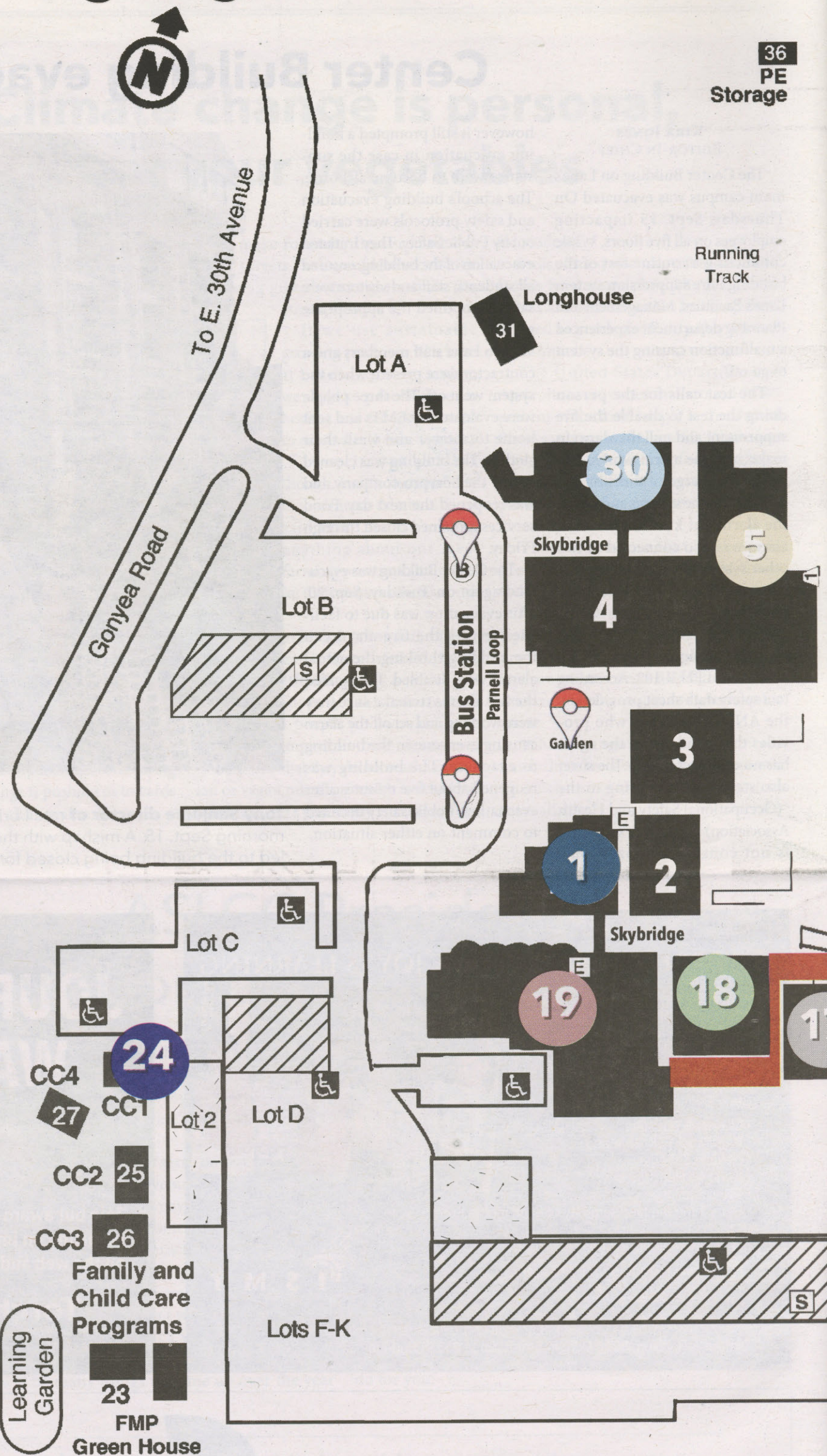
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- TRiO Learning Center

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- Science Resource Center
- Business Resource Center
- Center for Accessible Resources
- Printing and Graphics
- Specialized Support Services

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- Titan Store
- Blenders Café
- Snack Shack
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- Health and Wellness Café

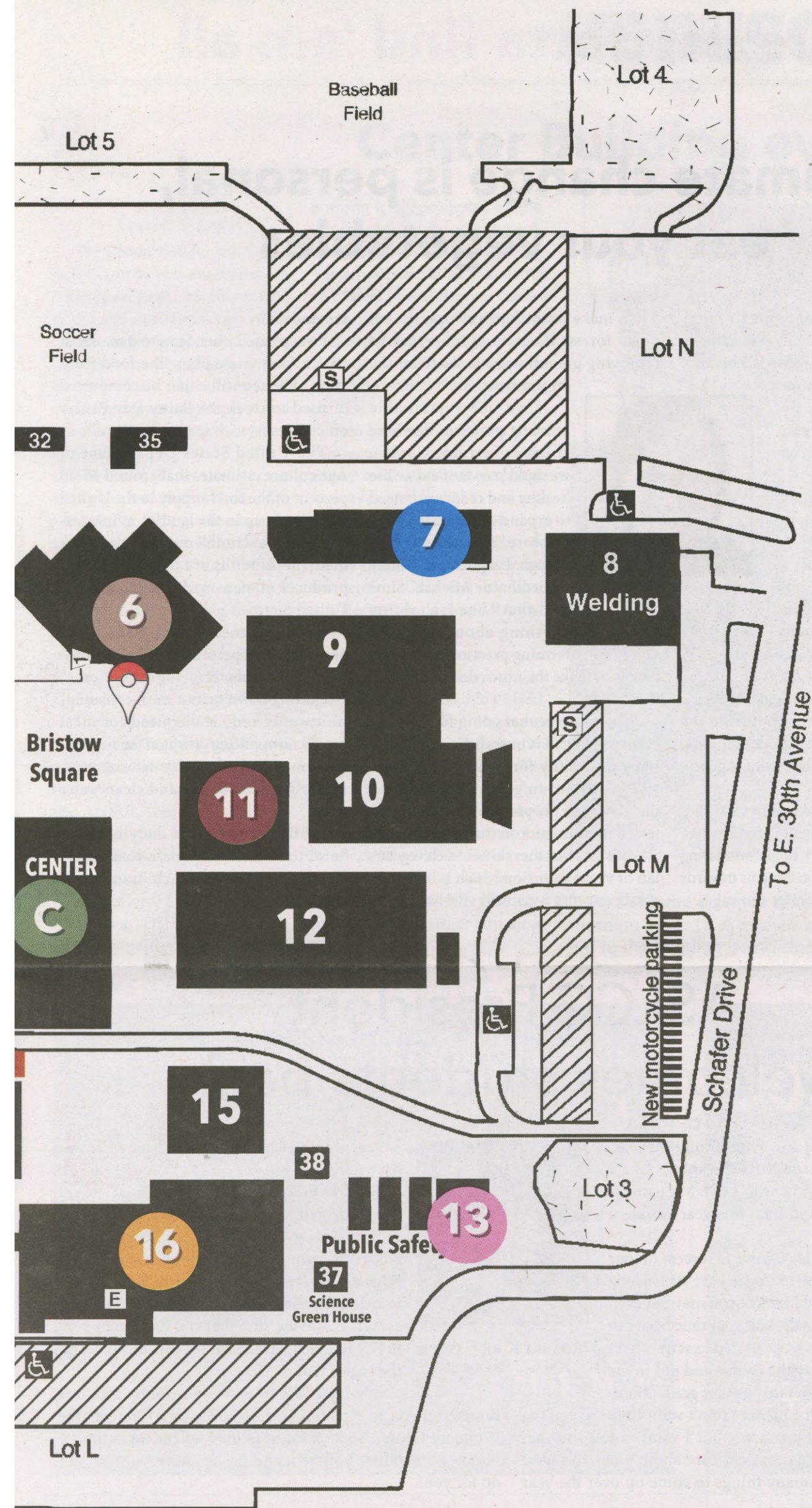
What's new?

The Center for Accessible Resources (CAR) has moved from Building 1 Room 218 to Building 19 Room 231.

The Career Pathways office has moved from Building 19, Room 231 to Building 11, Room 21.

The TRiO Stem office has moved from Building 12, Room 201 to Building 1, Room 218.

Construction on the hand-rail in front of Buildings 17 and 18 as well as on the central plant in the same area.



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Climate change is personal,
eat your vegetables

Welcome back from an extremely hot summer vacation. July was actually the hottest month in recorded history. So hopefully you are wondering what you can do throughout the school year to best reduce your effect on climate change.

Eating less meat may be the best way for you to accomplish this.

Not eating meat does a lot more than riding the bus and turning off the lights when you leave the room for the environment.

The production of meat creates 27 percent of man-made methane. Methane gas is over 30 times more potent in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide according to the Environmental Protection Agency, so that is a big deal.

A calorie of meat also requires 20 times more clean drinking water to produce than its vegetable counterpart, huge considering that climate change is pushing us towards more and more clean water shortages.

To make room for livestock, we cut down forests that would otherwise be removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.

If we use sustainable growing practices like here at Lane's Learning Garden, we could keep the land we use healthy and reduce our need to expand into forested land.

Lane is not perfect though. Lane's Sustainability Coordinator Michael Sims said that Lane isn't doing anything about our meat farming practices and wants

people to make their own decisions about their diets.

While I agree that going full on vegetarian or vegan is unrealistic and potentially unhealthy for many people, it is still important to get this information out there for people who would like to lessen their impact on the environment.

Sims said that they do not teach vegetarian or vegan nutrition which is unbelievable because it's potentially vital knowledge

for students.

I was pleased when Sims told me about Lane's food waste plan. The food from Lane's kitchen will either be composted or used to stock the Rainy Day Pantry on campus.

The United States Department of Agriculture estimates that around 30-40 percent of the food supply in the United States ends up in the landfill. While festering in that landfill our food produces methane, landfills are the third largest producer of man-made methane in the United States.

This also means that we have to produce 30-40 percent more food, disastrous for the planet.

Cutting down on our meat consumption would reduce our need for meat production, cutting down on the negative environmental effects like deforestation, excessive methane gas and clean water waste.

While changing our daily habits is hard, the effects of climate change will be much worse and much sooner than we realize.



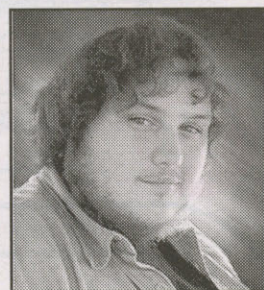
BY JORDAN RICH
COLUMNIST

ASLCC President
welcomes students back

Dear Students of Lane Community College, Welcome to Fall Term 2016! I want to take a moment to let you know who I am. My name is Robert Kirkpatrick and I am this year's student body president.

For many of you this is your first term on our campus. It may seem daunting to have such a long road ahead of you and many of you may not even know what you want to do with your time here. But remember that many have started exactly where you are right now. Stay the course and put in the effort and you can reach that goal of graduation!

Unlike previous presidents I don't want to make you big guarantees or empty promises, but I want to tell you that we in your student government care about what you have to say. There will be many things to come up over the year



ROBERT KIRKPATRICK
ASLCC PRESIDENT

and we want to actively strive to hear what you have to say.

Feel free to come meet us in Building 1, Room 210, or drop by our senate meetings in Building 3, Thursdays at 4 p.m. We hope to continue our talks with campus officials on bringing Open Educational Resources, a state-wide campaign to bring alternative textbooks to our campus, as well as making sure that you have an opportunity to give us feedback for our campus and the issues that matter.

We have lots of exciting resources on our campus for you to explore, like the Multicultural Center or the Women's Center. So look for us in the Student Government hoodies, introduce yourself, and let us know what we can do for you!

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NEWS

Classified staff rallies at board meeting



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English teacher and faculty union member Russell Shitabata plays catch with his son during a rally in front of the Center for Meeting and Learning on Sept. 20. "They [classified staff] help students all the time," Shitabata stated. "What they are asking for seems fair."

A group of rallying staff from the classified union enter the Center for Meeting and Learning Building to weigh in on the Board of Education Meeting on Sept. 20. "We've been at this [bargaining] since February," Bob Baldwin, president of the classified union, stated before the board's executive session. Talking about the board's decisions during the meeting, Baldwin stated: "That [how the money is spent] isn't about the budget. That isn't about the tuition. That's about the politics of individual members of the board."

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Compass direction
 - 4 Bedouin headband cord
 - 8 Short takeoff and landing (abbr.)
 - 12 Sound perception
 - 13 Bowling alley
 - 14 Fertilizer ingredient
 - 15 Slugger's stat
 - 16 Killer whale
 - 17 Earth
 - 18 Neckwear
 - 20 Wisp of smoke
 - 22 Irish exclamation
 - 25 Mede
 - 28 Seven (pref.)
 - 31 Broth (Scot.)
 - 33 Pool rod
 - 34 Land measure
 - 35 Winch
 - 36 Pounds (abbr.)
 - 37 Mountain on

- Crete
- 38 Great (Ger.)
 - 39 Sleep symbols
 - 40 Blacksnake
 - 42 Gob
 - 44 Within (pref.)
 - 46 Irish writing
 - 50 Adroit
 - 52 Indian red powder
 - 55 Wood sorrel
 - 56 Severe
 - 57 Geological vein angle
 - 58 Medieval money
 - 59 Distant (pref.)
 - 60 Grandson of Eve
 - 61 Political party

- DOWN
- 1 Bondsman
 - 2 Babist
 - 3 Viking
 - 4 Verbally

- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
- JOS ALAE BIBI
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BIA BLUEGLASS
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MONEY CAGY
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INS SAGA BAIT
ACRO MUNCH
SEBI SATS
LIABILITY MAA
ADD 2 IDEO IAL
NES f PARR TAB
- 5 Alligator fish
 - 6 Ancient (abbr.)
 - 7 Plant growth
 - 8 Perspiration
 - 9 Three-wheeled vehicle
 - 10 Poetic contraction
 - 11 Latitude (abbr.)
 - 19 Cloche
 - 21 Freedman in Kentish law
 - 23 Father: Arabic
 - 24 Bore
 - 26 Alb (arch.)
 - 27 Headland
 - 28 Filament
 - 29 Mother of Brunhilde
 - 30 Placid
 - 32 Son of Isaac
 - 35 Red deer
 - 39 Zero population growth (abbr.)
 - 41 Between (Fr.)
 - 43 Customs
 - 45 US dam
 - 47 Gangster
 - 48 Field
 - 49 Lady's title
 - 50 Banned pesticide
 - 51 Equal opportunity employer (abbr.)
 - 53 Romanian money
 - 54 Modified Esperanto

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

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

Lane teams deliver Saturday shutout

Soccer (M)3-0 (W)8-0 Volleyball 3-0



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Above: Titan midfielder Raul Fletes winds up for the kick as Lakers forward Andrew Porter unsuccessfully tries to block it during the Sept. 10 game against Southwestern Oregon Community College. Fletes, a 5' 10" sophomore from Eugene, Oregon, would score with that kick and make the final goal for Lane in the 89th minute. The Lane Titans would go on to win in a shutout, 4-0, and bring their standings to a total 3-1-0 as of Sept. 14.

Men's Soccer Results

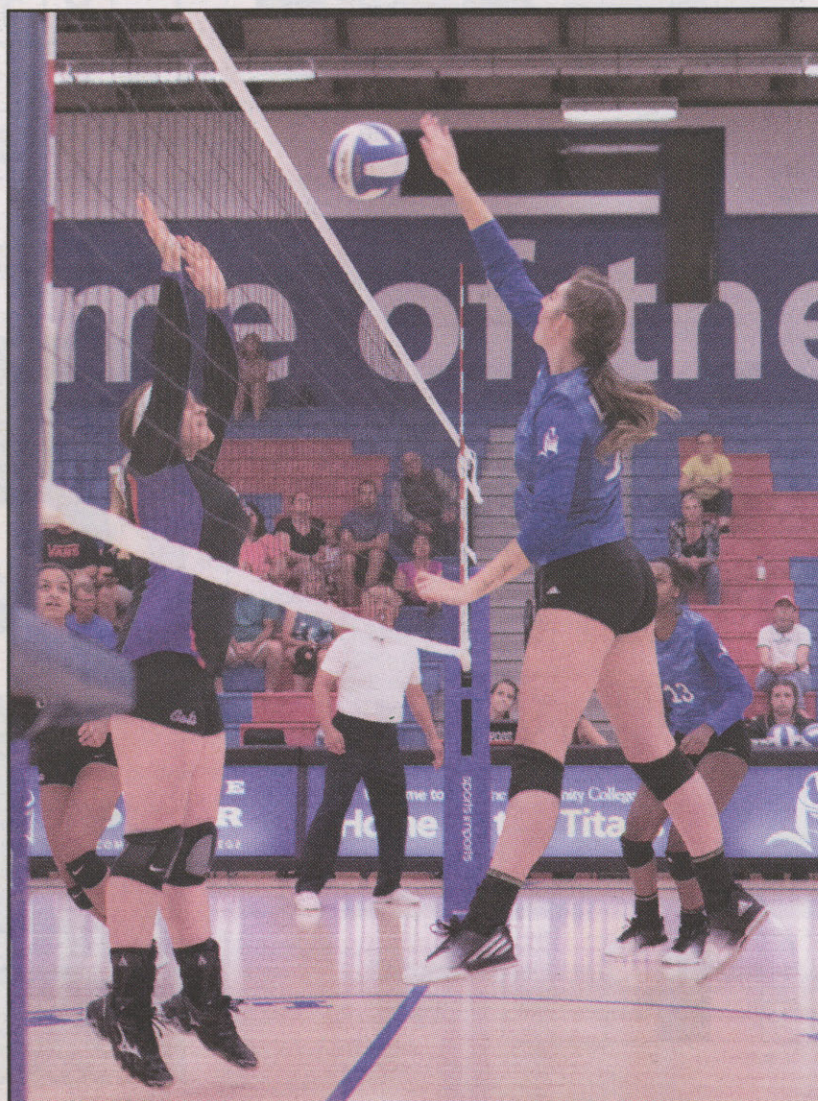
Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 27	South Puget Sound	W, 2-1
Aug. 28	Treasure Valley	W, 3-2
Sept. 10	SWOCC	W, 4-0
Sept. 14	Portland	L, 0-1
Sept. 17	Chemeketa	L, 1-3

Women's Soccer Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 2	Walla Walla	T, 1-1
Sept. 3	Columbia Basin	W, 6-0
Sept. 7	Everett	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	SWOCC	W, 8-0
Sept. 16	Clackamas	W, 2-0

Women's Volleyball Results

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 28	Whatcom	L, 1-3
Sept. 2	Diablo Valley	L, 0-3
Sept. 2	Shasta College	L, 0-3
Sept. 5	Feather River	L, 0-3



Left: Titan middle back

Kelsey Lane bats the ball over the net as a Wildcat defender attempts to block her during the game against Linfield College JV on Sept. 10. The Lane Titans would win 26-24, 25-20 and 25-11 to shutout Linfield College JV 3-0 in the match.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

Men's soccer
Sept. 24 at noon
vs Clark

Women's soccer
Oct. 15 at noon
vs Clackamas CC

Volleyball
Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
vs Clackamas CC