



Eric Howanietz / the Torch

Lane students march around the LCC main campus chanting, "The new Jim Crow has got to go," as part of a walkout in support of the Sanctuary Campus Movement on Nov. 16.

Lane joins peers in nationwide walkout

Students and faculty rally to protect undocumented immigrants

DONNY MORRISON
REPORTER

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 more than 60 students rallied outside of the Center Building at Bristol Square, holding signs and chanting demands to make Lane Community College a safe space for undocumented students. The protest was part of a nationwide movement

to declare schools as sanctuary campuses.

Lane ethnic studies and political science major Mariana Sofia Paredones helped put the event together after hearing about the movement taking place at over 180 campuses across the nation. Paredones was born in Sonora, Mexico raised in Arizona but has lived in Oregon for the past three years.

"We're trying to promote solidarity for students who are going to be the most vulnerable under a Trump administration and create policy on our campuses that ensures the safety and

protection of undocumented and immigrant students," Paredones said.

As an undocumented student herself, Paredones knows the struggles and anxieties immigrant students face on a daily basis.

"There are a lot of students who are unsure if they even want to continue their education. International students who are questioning their academic future in America," Paredones said.

Sanctuary campuses materialized out of a national immigrant rights group called Cosecha, that fought for the safety and protection

of migrant workers.

LCC President Mary Spilde spoke at the rally about the importance of creating an inclusive environment on campus.

"We will do everything we can to provide a safe learning environment, and we will walk with you in solidarity to protect your right to be a Lane Community College Student," Spilde said.

Paredones was grateful for attending a school with a supportive president who made it a priority to show up for the rally.

Lane student Emilie Beath felt fortunate to be a part of a movement that strives to protect all

students regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation or class.

"I believe everyone holds the right to an education and fortunately this walkout proved that LCC students are willing to speak up in regards to the protection of undocumented students," Beath said.

Paredones recently presented a list of demands to the Board of Education and was pleased with the immediate feedback from the president and faculty alike. She's currently making plans for future events on and off campus, as well as continuing a dialogue with organizers across the nation.

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'We will be remembered'

Annual memorial recognizes those lost to transgender related violence

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In memoriam of those lost to transgender related violence, LGBTQ+ organizations and advocates around the world observed the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20.

In 2014 the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs received reports of 1,359 incidents of hate violence from lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, plus and HIV-affected survivors. According to the same report by NCAVP, 55 percent of victims were transgender women and 50 percent of homicide victims were transgender women of color.

The Transgender Day of Remembrance was initially created by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil in honor of a transgender woman, Rita Hester, who was killed in November, 1998. The day has become an annual memorial to commemorate all victims who were lost due to hate violence throughout the year.

"Through the vigil, we express love and respect for our people in the face of national indifference and hatred. Day of Remembrance reminds non-transgender people that we are their sons, daughters, parents, friends and lovers. Day of Remembrance gives our allies a chance to step forward with us and stand in vigil, memorializing those of us who've died by anti-transgender violence," states the "about" page on TDoR's website.

Many events throughout multiple countries were listed on the TDoR website to be held on Nov. 20. Here in Eugene, an event was held at the Hult Center to conclude a week of awareness events sponsored by TransPonder and University of Oregon LGBT Education and Support Services. Lane's Gender and Sexuality Alliance participated in the day of remembrance which came to a close with performances and speeches from local advocates. One speaker was Bethany Grace Howe, a Ph. D student at the UO.

"No longer will we die inside the tomb of ourselves or be left outside by our nation. We will not leave our history to be drafted by others. For however uncertain our destiny may be, we will write our history ourselves. We will be remembered," said Howe.

Green Chemistry Club seeks to recycle used kitchen oil

Budding scientists work around financial and bureaucratic concerns

IAN TRAUTMAN
REPORTER

The Green Chemistry Club has been attempting to produce biodiesel on campus. The goal is to create fuel from the used fryer oil on campus. This way, waste from the cafeteria and culinary department can be used for some of the college's energy needs.

John Thompson, faculty advisor for the club, has been involved with the project for many years.

"Over a decade ago, we actually used a space on campus for a short while and then we realized with ... the help of the fire marshal that it probably didn't meet the safety standards."

Club member Aaron Fredrickson, says they attempted to use sites on campus as the location for biodiesel synthesis.

Located to the east of Building 12, the sites, or test cells, were previously used for testing aircraft mechanics. When the Green Chemistry Club chose this location, the cells were filled with garbage and recycling.

"We were trying to get one of the test cells cleared out for like a year, and finally it got cleared out," Fredrickson said. Only to find out that, "[the college] couldn't build out the space like

we thought they could."

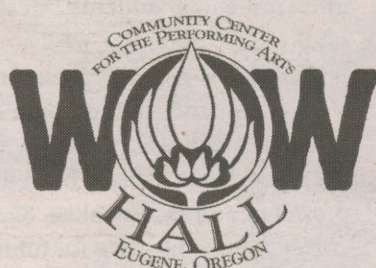
There is a lot of uncertainty about how quickly the campus' bureaucracy can implement the project. Fredrickson said that when the club was trying to use the test cells, Facilities Management and Planning does not have a permanent director. The school can't make a decision on the site until that position is filled.

Until the club has access to the proper facilities and safety equipment required for synthesizing large batches, Thompson says they are looking into implementing a continuous flow reaction. Instead of working with 40 or 50 gallons of solution, this approach works will very small amounts of solution being fed through a thin pipe.

"If you run it 24 hours a day for several days, you'll make the same amount [of product] as you would in a week with the other set up," Thompson said.

Demaree Lind, a member of the club, thinks that despite the difficulties of finding a permanent home for biodiesel synthesis, Thompson's proposed method will allow the club to make significant progress while waiting for funding.

It may take several more years to fund and build a permanent home for biodiesel production on campus, but the Green Chemistry Club is intent on doing as much as possible. According to Thompson, the chances seem high of starting biodiesel synthesis through a continuous flow reaction within the academic year



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NEWS

Shiva advocates for ecological revolution

Acclaimed environmentalist speaks at Lane

ERIC HOWANIETZ
REPORTER

Vandana Shiva, a world renowned environmentalist, feminist and author from India, spoke to a packed audience on Monday night at the Ragozzino Performance Hall. Shiva is a prolific voice for sustainable organic agriculture and a fierce opponent of genetically modified organisms in agri-business. Her lecture on Monday titled "Soil Not Oil" outlined a global struggle between humanity's connection to the earth through agriculture and the industrialized violence of fossil fuel consumption.

Shiva is not without her critics and she regularly speaks against the biggest names in agri-business like Monsanto and Syngenta. At Lane Community College an open letter criticizing her work was signed by nine faculty members on the eve of her visit. Monday night's event was protested by a dozen activists who support GMOs and see them as valuable in fighting world hunger.

At the lecture, Shiva spoke of the necessity for a return to local agricultural systems. Her views on organic agriculture are boldly feminist. In many ways she views the women of the world as the vanguard in the fight for environmental justice and sees an inseparable



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Vandana Shiva speaks at the Ragozzino Performance Hall on Nov. 21. Her lecture Soil Not Oil explains the conflict between the oil economy and sustainable agriculture.

link between feminism and ecology. "We have forgotten soil and made a civilization out of oil," Shiva said.

Shiva talks of the age of oil as a 200-year-era and a 200-year-mistake. She speaks of the growing desperation of oil, which has progressed from deep water drilling, to tar

sands mining and finally the fracking of the earth.

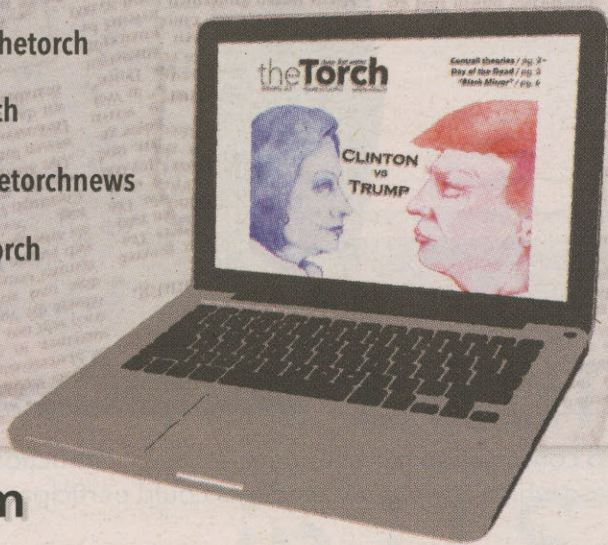
Audience member Andy Howell asked if human agriculture of any kind was a destructive force on earth. Shiva discussed the complexity and diversity of indigenous Indian agriculture, arguing that they are in

harmony.

"No clear line can be drawn between the Indian farm field and the Indian forest," Shiva said. She advocated for perennial agriculture and forest farming. "My civilization is one that has lasted 10,000 years because it took care of the soil."

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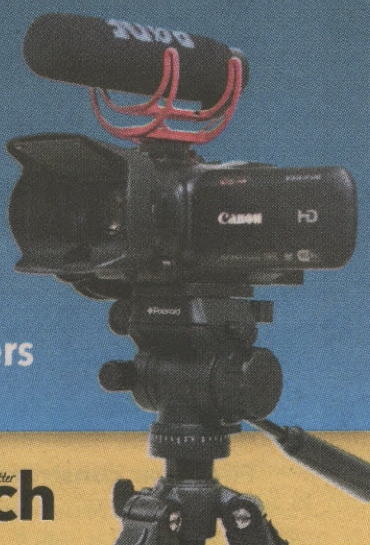
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NEWS

Pints for a cause returns

Lane's ESL program cashes in on Ninkasi's charity

ERIC HOWANIETZ
REPORTER

Lane Community College's English as a Second Language program held a community fundraiser on Thursday night at Ninkasi Brewery in the Whiteaker neighborhood of Eugene. Ninkasi Brewery donated \$1 per pint sold. Local band, Loftan played at the event and ESL staff was there from 2-8 p.m.

The goal of the fundraiser was to raise \$2257 which will provide 48 scholarships to cover the \$47 fee for ESL classes. At print time the fundraiser has raised over \$700 in cash donations and is waiting for the final sales contribution

from Ninkasi Brewery.

The ESL community advisory committee strongly supported the event. The ten members of the committee are a wide range of community members from a policeman to an immigration lawyer. ESL provides two programs at the Main and Downtown Lane campuses. Intensive English is a more academic oriented program and Community English focuses on conversational English use. The program currently has about 400 students. About half of the program's students are area residents and half are international students. "We are gearing towards growth," says ESL Dean Anna Gates Tapia.

Lane's ESL program gets funding from two federal sources, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA). With the new Trump administration in Washington there is uncertainty about the future of such federal funding sources. ESL staff

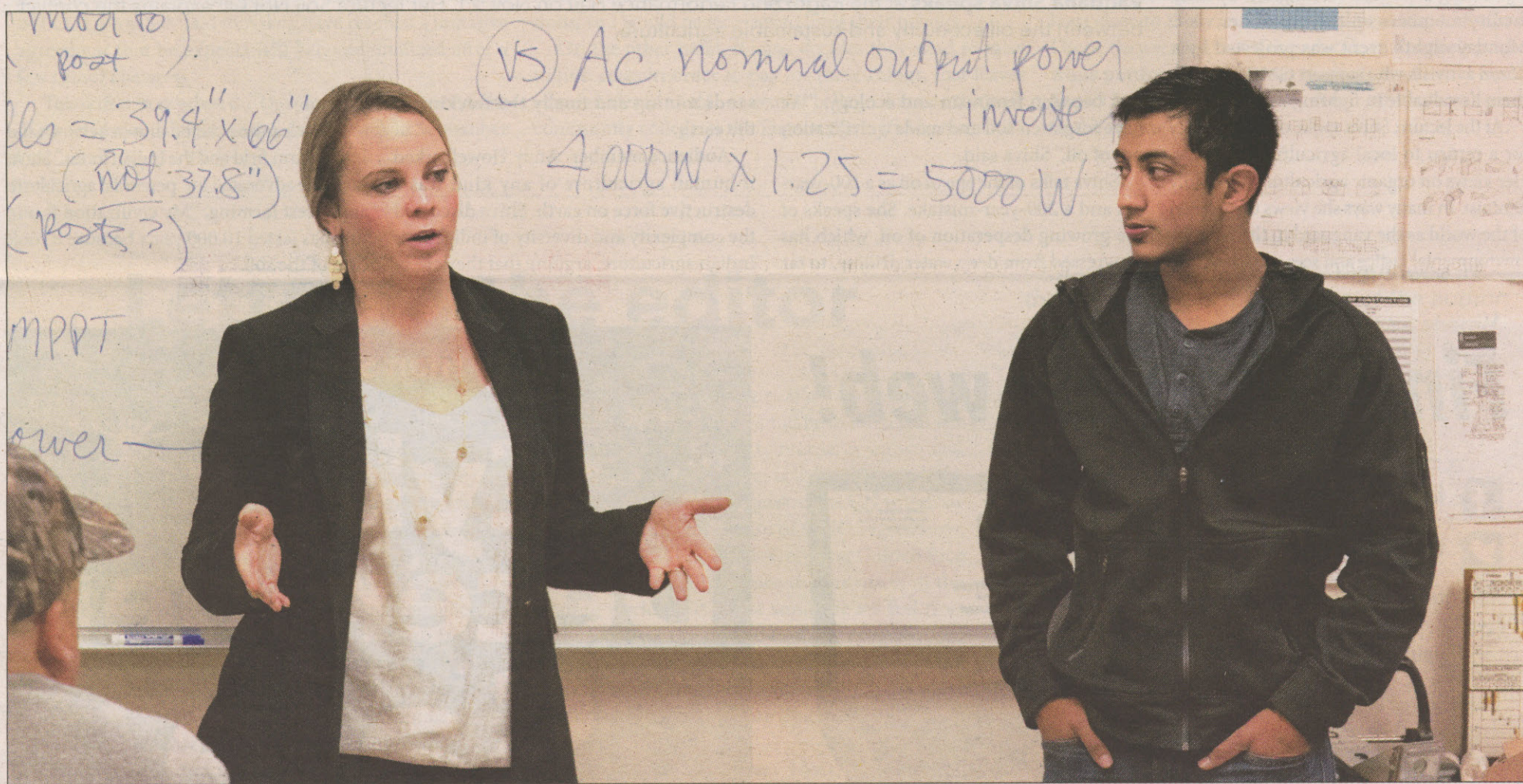
says they may see some decline in the program but services provided to local residents are still important.

Since the election some students have reported problems with harassment in the community. Fortunately none have reported any incidents at Lane. "There is a lot of uncertainty right now and uncertainty makes anxiety," Tapia said.

This was Loftan's first performance at a fundraiser. They landed the gig through a member of the advisory committee, who attends a pilates class taught by band member Janell Riedl. Band member Julian Mahncke moved from Germany two years ago and feels strongly about the opportunities provided by English as a Second Language.

The Whiteaker music scene has been open and welcoming, according to Loftan. The group says "we don't fit with the Bluegrass scene around the district", but said they feel more like a Folk and Indie band. The band has info and music videos posted on their website at thebandloftan.com

Constructing job opportunities



Tyler Plummer / the Torch

Lane student and worker at Eugene Aggregate Driving Akash Giri (right) spoke to construction fair attendees at the Construction Job Fair on Nov. 18. Held in Building 12, the fair was designed as a recruitment program and to showcase which companies students could participate in as an internship.



An model home used for teaching in the construction technology program is displayed in Building 12.



First year construction student Kobee Headington (right) talks with a representative of Eugene Aggregate Driving at the Construction Job Fair.

LIFESTYLES

Oregon elects first bisexual governor in the United States

Kate Brown promises to fight for underserved groups

ELIZABETH COMISKEY
REPORTER

Oregonians elected Kate Brown, the nation's first LGBT woman, as governor on Nov. 8. Brown had been serving as interim governor after John Kitzhaber resigned early in November, 2015.

"I am really focused on my state and making sure my diverse communities have the support and services they need," Brown told Amber Phillips of *The Washington Post*.

Brown traveled to several Oregon schools in October, 2016. She spoke with students about LGBT student resources and support. Many told Brown that they are concerned about LGBT students. After the tour Brown said, "I am going to use my voice and experiences as a LGBT community female to help our nation push forward" Brown said.

In October, President Obama endorsed Brown's pursuit of the Oregon Governor's office.

"Kate Brown is getting things done," Obama said.

Brown has already enacted a ban on

"conversion therapy" in the spring of 2015. The argument supporting conversion therapy is religion based, with the goal of changing an individual's sexual orientation. At the same time, Brown placed an LGBT representative in the Veterans Affairs Office and worked to secure support for LGBT students.

"My department of education came out with 'rules' to ensure safety and security for LGBT students throughout the state,

"I am going to use my voice and experiences."

— **Kate Brown**
Governor

but it is very clear we need to redouble our efforts," Brown said. "In the end, we all continue to move forward, and work towards justice and equality. I know this in my heart."

In May, 2016 Brown was invited to present the commencement speech for Willamette University in Salem. She spoke about her experiences being a bisexual woman in politics. Brown discussed coming to terms with herself to become authentic. She experienced mixed reactions from the Senate. Some members told jokes about bisexuality, while others, on the other hand, commented on her bravery.

Brown finished her commencement to the graduating class of 2016 by sharing a letter she received from a young bisexual person. The letter thanked Brown for her bravery, which inspired the young adult to come out.

Governor Kate Brown does not have appearances planned for Eugene.



Elected LGBTQ firsts in the U.S. Government

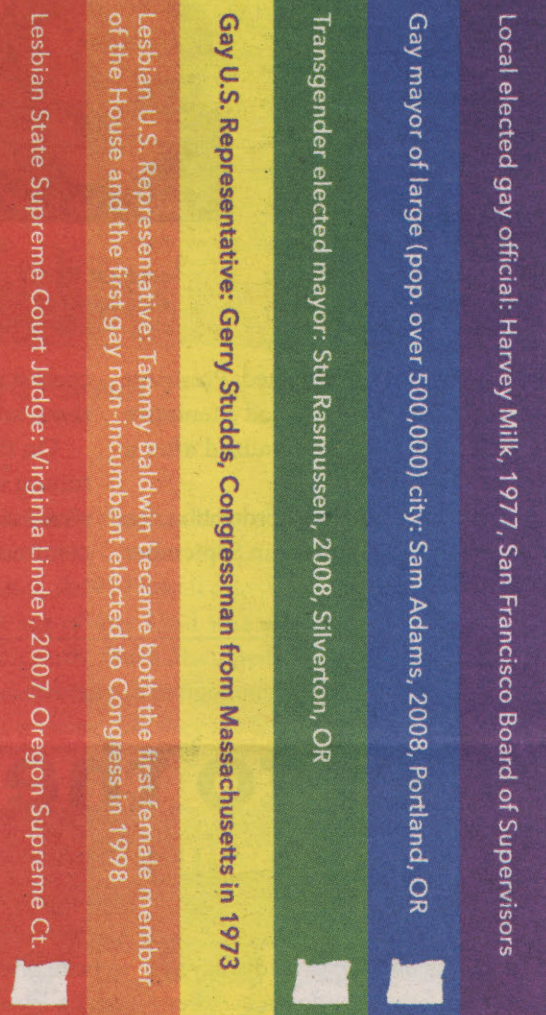


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First Latina Senator in U.S. history

Catherine Cortez Masto continues to fight for immigration reform

ELIZABETH COMISKEY
REPORTER

Nevada's Catherine Cortez Masto won the senate race in the general election, becoming the first ever Latina senator elected to the nation's highest legislative body.

Cortez Masto defeated her opponent, Republican Joe Heck, 49 percent to 44 percent.

"This isn't my win, it's our win," Cortez Masto said. As supporters cheered, she continued. "The multicolored fabric of Nevada, the diversity, our strength I can

see in your faces I know we are going to continue to be strong, to fight for our families, our future."

Cortez Masto, the granddaughter of a Mexican immigrant, stood firm on a platform of immigration overhaul, and influence for the next Supreme Court picks.

During the primary elections Cortez Masto partnered with the Clinton platform against Trump — her focus on the wall proposed to be erected at the border of Mexico. She also exposed her opponent, as a "flip-flop" Trump supporter, due to the votes he could gain. Dave Phillips, of *The New York Times* reported Heck began as

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— **Catherine Cortez Masto**
U.S. Senator

being critical of Trump, then agreed with Trump during his nomination; concluding by calling on Trump to "step down."

Cortez Masto served two consecutive terms as Nevada's Attorney General, and has consistently fought for Nevada families, women and seniors.

According to her campaign website, as attorney general Cortez Masto rallied with law enforcement to strengthen laws regarding the methamphetamine epidemic in Las Vegas. As an advocate for Nevada seniors, Cortez Masto pursued offenders who neglected, abused or exploited seniors.

Cortez Masto will continue her focus

on immigration and how it affects Nevada. She wants to improve the quality of life for immigrants in United States.

"I support comprehensive immigration reform that secures our borders, and undocumented people to earn citizenship. Congress needs to do its job," Cortez Masto told Dave Phillips, of the *New York Times*.

President Barack Obama showed his support for Cortez Masto on Saturday, Oct. 24 in Las Vegas. The President spoke of Cortez Masto, and her rival for the U.S. Senate seat. He also commended Cortez Masto on her chief focus throughout her career as well as her consistent fight for Nevada's residents.

Catherine Cortez Masto will represent Nevada as the first ever Latina U.S. Senator beginning January, 2017.

OPINION

Faculty and staff deserve access to quality health care

Lane unions bargain against benefit cap

Lane Community College is in a bind between employee health care costs and student needs because of the lack of state funding.

The Lane Board of Education stated earlier this year that they don't want to spend any more money on healthcare for their employees which means the rising costs of healthcare would have to come out of employee salaries.

The Lane Community College Education Association, the faculty union, is currently bargaining with the Board of Education over salaries and health care costs, among other things such as the role of faculty in the Center for Teaching and Learning once it's established. President of LCCEA Jim Salt said that they have reached a tentative agreement that he expects will become finalized after a few minor changes.

This differs from when the Lane Employee Federation, the classified union, almost went on strike back in September

over similar issues. The key difference is that the classified union's health care costs have gone up, while the faculty union's health care costs have gone down. That doesn't mean that everything is fine for faculty union though, because if their costs do go up the burden will be on them, unless they successful get Lane to change their language.



JORDAN RICH
COLUMNIST

Both the faculty and employee unions have given up wage increases over the years in order to keep the benefits that they have, so it's no surprise that that precedent would be hotly contested. From the board's perspective, Lane has been having budget issues in recent years as full-time enrollment dwindles.

These kinds of issues are aggravating because it feels like a zero sum game. On one hand I think healthcare isn't something the employees should have to worry about for their families, even if the costs continue to rise. Unions are fantastic because they can

contest mistreatment and fight for improved living conditions, so I would never want to limit their powers.

On the other hand, if Lane decides they need to raise tuition costs in order to pay for these things, that leaves some students unable to attend college. Lane is the only community college in the Eugene/Springfield area, so it's

the only option in this area for people who don't have scholarships or economic privilege. Fewer people are able to afford college without massive student loans, especially considering the state's minimum wage is abysmal, making it impossible for low wage workers to pay for college on their own.

Lane shouldn't have to function like a corporation, shorting their employees' wages and benefits in order to provide a better product to the customer, in this case, students. Legislators are supposed to be putting enough money into schools to make education affordable for anyone who is capable and willing without compromising the wages and benefits of their employees. We live in the richest country in the world so I know this is possible, just our current political landscape doesn't allow it.

If measure 97 had passed, or if a similar measure passes in the future it might eliminate these budget struggles.

Unfortunately, neither Lane nor the unions can change the amount of money the school gets from taxes. I hope the bargaining ends with Lane's employees getting at least close to their ideal wages and benefits. As for Lane, I hope they realize that if they decide to line their pockets while putting the costs onto students it will only further Lane's budget issues because fewer students will enroll in the future.

Letter to the editor

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Open letter to the Peace Center

We in the Science Division continue to be dismayed by your choice of speakers and the pseudoscience they espouse. Last year the issue was scare-mongering and cherry-picked data surrounding the dangers of electromagnetic radiation and now Vandana Shiva is invited to promote her anti-science views at the expense of the college. One should be wary of corporate influence in science, but that is not a license to make up facts to suit an agenda. Shiva has repeatedly claimed that farmer suicides in India have skyrocketed as a result of GMO crops when in fact they have not risen in the last 20 years and that the cause is anything but GMOs which are in high demand because of increased crop security and reduced pesticide poisoning. Much of the science she presents contradicts the same scientific consensus that we trust on climate change and are obligated to teach. We are taken aback when informed that 80 percent of science is aimed at large-scale violence and that farmers planting such crops are guilty

of something analogous to rape. We wonder what the reaction of the Peace Center would be to learn that her website briefly featured a call to murder scientists and journalists who appear to be in collaboration with the evil Monsanto. Or that she requested the UN withdraw aid to cyclone victims because of GMO ingredients. Or to learn that she opposes researching Golden Rice which could potentially reduce malnutrition in the developing world. This is not someone we feel lives up to the ideals of the college to think critically and act responsibly. While we support the mission of the Peace Center, blatant misinformation and alarmism are not consistent with those goals and we seek a dialog on these issues.

Signees: Paul Bunson, Gary Mort, Stacey Kiser, Doug Young, John Thompson, Brooke Taylor, Christine Andrews, Paul Ruscher (Dean), Susie Holmes

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by Rick Williams

REVIEWS

'Moonlight' shines bright

"Moonlight," inspired by the unproduced play, "In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue," chronicles the life of Chiron (played by Alex Hibbert, Ashton Sanders and Trevante Rhodes), a gay black man, as he struggles to find his place in the world while growing up in a rough Miami neighborhood.



HUNTER RULAND
MULTIMEDIA EDITOR

chapter, he has his first sexual experience with his childhood friend, Kevin (Jharrel Jerome), on the beach.

The final chapter shows Chiron, as an adult drug dealer. He forgives his mother, who's now in a recovery home, and reconciles with Kevin (now played by André Holland), after not seeing each other in a decade.

The film is divided into three chapters: Little, Chiron and Black. The first chapter explores Chiron's childhood experiences where he is befriended by crack dealer, Juan (Mahershala Ali), and his girlfriend, Teresa (Janelle Monáe), who serve as surrogate parents. Chiron's birth mother, Paula (Naomie Harris), is emotionally abusive and addicted to drugs.

The second chapter follows Chiron in high school as he is relentlessly bullied by Terrel (Patrick Decile), a troublemaker who mocks Chiron's sexuality and his non-masculine traits — like how he's not someone who would get into a fight. In this

When films advertise themselves with the overused tagline, "This is the story of a lifetime," there are obvious reasons to roll your eyes and dismiss the film as pretentious. However, in the case of "Moonlight," director and screenwriter Barry Jenkins earns that phrase.

"Moonlight" is perhaps one of the most original films to be released in the last decade, as it is very hard to find other films that deal with themes of homosexuality in an urban setting in the way that Jenkins explores it. Jenkins examines themes of growing up in a tough environment, the pressure of not living up to society's standards

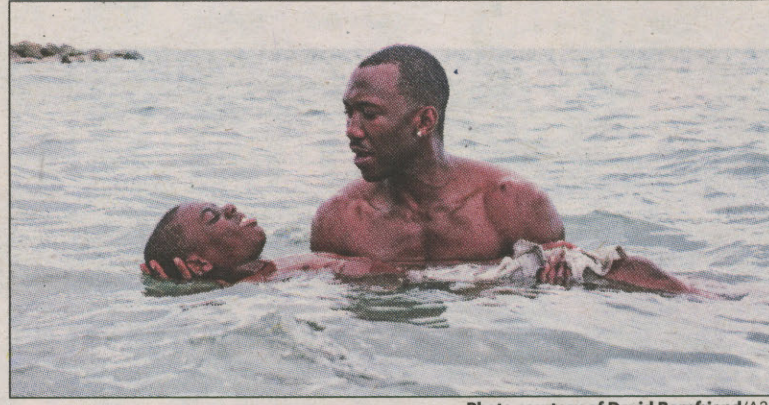


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Juan (Mahershala Ali) teaches young Chiron (Alex Hibbert) how to swim in Miami waters in the film "Moonlight."

of masculinity, and coming to terms with one's sexuality in such an honest and unconventional way, that it could only be made in the world of independent cinema. His direction doesn't focus on setting up visually stunning imagery, but rather capture the raw emotions that the characters are feeling in any given moment.

Though the stand-out scene, visually, is where Juan teaches young Chiron to swim. The scene, accompanied by Nicholas Britell's compelling score, is shot at water level to give us the sense of Chiron's struggle to swim. It's a very touching moment that ends with Juan's

lesson for Chiron, "At some point, you gotta decide for yourself who you're going to be."

Nicholas Britell's score makes interesting use of classical instruments, which is an intriguing contrast to the film's urban setting. While there are a few rap and R&B tracks in the film, they are used to further show Chiron's distance to his environment.

All the performances given in this film are A-plus material, especially the child actors. In the case of Hibbert, he succeeded in displaying his reluctance to talk to his peers, and later on when he expresses frustration with his living

conditions. Bigger budget films fail to do what Jenkins captured in "Moonlight." Jenkins understood that child actors can have a hard time understanding what their dialogue really means and how to deliver lines, but young Chiron's minimal dialogue felt authentic.

Harris, in her brief but crucial role, is nearly unrecognizable in her performance. Her transformations between each chapter are hard to watch, due to how self-destructive her character is with her drug addiction. She delivers her outbursts in a way that's frightening but not over-acted. It'll be very disappointing if she doesn't get an Academy Award nomination for her performance.

"Moonlight" is without a doubt a must-see for fans of intimate narratives. It's one of the few films to be released this year that could be described as flawless. The film is like if "Boyhood" had some sort of purpose or point to make. It's sad to think that a film this good will be overshadowed by bigger films like "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." Give this film a chance.



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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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3	1	5	9	6	7	8	4	2
6	2	9	4	5	8	1	7	3
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The Lane Titan men's cross country team poses with their trophy and banner after winning the men's 8k NWAC Cross Country Championships at St. Martin's University in Lacey, Washington on Nov. 12.

Just eight miles

Lane Men's cross country team wins first NWAC title since 1985

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PHOTO EDITOR

After 31 years of running, what's just eight more miles?

The men's 8k and women's 5k cross country teams placed first and third respectively in the Northwest Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships on Nov. 12.

The win at St. Martin's University in Lacey, Washington was the men's second championship title in the conference and the first team win since 1985. This was

the last tournament of the season for the cross country team.

Expressing his thoughts on the victory, Lane's Track and Field director Grady O'Connor said they didn't expect their run to be easy.

"We had the target on our back," O'Connor stated about being the favorite going into championships. "That put a whole different approach and strategy on the contest."

Lane has lost to their rival Spokane six times since '85, and placed runner-up to Spokane three of the last four years. After the 46 to 49 victory against Spokane, O'Connor discussed why he thought their strategy worked. "I feel like we were the deeper team. In the past, that was our Achilles' heel."

Three Lane athletes, sophomore Ben Harter and freshmen Michael Martin and Lexi Healey, also placed in the All-American individual contests. Healey finished first with a 19.00.2 time over Spokane sophomore Kaylee Marquardt at 19.16.5. Michael Martin, runner-up for the men's individual title, finished with a 25.50.9 — a mere three seconds off of Clark sophomore Sam Gavin's time of 25.47.4.

One final accolade for Lane was O'Connor being named Men's Coach of the Year, the fifth time in his career. What he could not stress enough was the sacrifice from his team and his joy with the victory. "It really is a special win," he said. "This (team) is holding a very special place in my career."



Titan coach Grady O'Connor, the cross country and track and field director for 19 years, was named the men's Coach of the Year.

Titans sweep opening weekend



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(Left) The Lane Titans women's basketball team poses for a group photograph after winning the 3rd Annual Titan Classic on Nov. 20. Winning the tournament for the third straight year, the Lane Titans defeated the Colorado Northwestern Spartans 93-80.

(Right) Titans forward Jacob Hintemeyer soars past Lions defenders for the dunk in a 129-83 victory against Multnomah JV at Lane on Friday, Nov. 18. The 6' 3" freshman from Southridge, Oregon finished the night with 19 points, 1 assist, and 9 rebounds.



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