

Dropping the call



**Eugene Police and
City Council address
robberies and
unanswered calls**

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REPORTER

The Eugene City Council has been approaching ways to provide a safer environment for the Eugene community after recent accounts of robberies in the city and news of disregarded phone calls to the Eugene Police Department.

According to EPD Public Information Director Melinda McLaughlin, between Feb. 23 and March 22, there were 12 reports of robberies — mainly daylight robberies and store robberies — throughout Eugene. These included the armed robbery at Subway on 18th Avenue on March 3 and the armed robbery at Little Caesars Pizza near West 11th Avenue on March 23.

Amid these robberies near the University of Oregon campus, the Register-Guard released an article on March 11 that revealed statistics showing that the EPD “disregarded one-third of the daily average calls” it received in 2017.

Kaylin Lechner, a West Eugene resident, experienced this difficulty with the EPD first-hand during the beginning of March when a person broke into the back door of her home and again approximately a week later when she witnessed a person attempting to break into cars, including her own.

“I talked to dispatch both times,” Lechner said, “and both times dispatch said an officer would come out, and an officer would call me. Neither time did that happen.”

Lechner said that she felt as if her call did not matter and added that she has “never felt 100 percent safe” in Eugene.

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Details about the EPD’s failure to respond to various calls from the community and the reasons behind this struggle were expressed in a presentation to the Eugene City Council during a public hearing on Feb. 20. Interim Executive Police Director David James presented the majority of the statistics, expressing his “concern that community members are not receiving the quality of services we believe they deserve.”

According to the U.S. Census, the Eugene population has increased by 4.4 percent from 2014 to 2017 and is likely to continue steadily increasing. During the same time frame, James said, the daily average public-initiated calls to the EPD has increased by 20.6 percent.

However, the number of dispatch communication specialists in Eugene has not changed and the number of budgeted sworn officers in the city has decreased from 193 to 192 over those years.

The daily average response time from the EPD per phone call has increased by 86.7 percent, James added, which is approximately a 19.3-minute increase in response time. Because there is an increase in calls but not enough officers to respond to them, James said, the majority of this time

increase resides in the time it takes to dispatch a call to an available unit. The dispatchers “are looking at a screen [of calls] that never goes away,” James said.

“This is like having an in-basket on your desk and you take a piece of paper off and somebody puts five pieces of paper on top of it. [The call-takers] can’t do anything about it. There’s no one to send.”

James concluded the presentation by laying out the goals of the EPD: to reduce the number of calls to the EPD that are disregarded, to reduce the response time to these calls and to resolve cases quickly. In order to accomplish these goals and uphold public safety, James stated, the EPD must be adequately staffed.

According to McLaughlin, the EPD is currently running statistics on crime rates in Eugene, so it is “hard to tell if [the number of recent robberies] is unusual for Eugene.” Nonetheless, in response to the recent robberies, the EPD has been staffing its units with additional officers, focusing

officers on near-campus areas where many of the robberies have been taking place and having volunteers policing Eugene throughout the day. The EPD has also had a meeting with the University of Oregon Police Department on March 20 to discuss approaches, such as producing safety tips for students through social media, to ensure a secure community.

Individuals in Eugene play a significant role in protecting the community’s safety as well. In addition to advising the public to be aware of their surroundings, not walk home alone and to stay in well-lit areas, the EPD website encourages the community to take advantage of the tip line that the department has set up. The website asks that the community “immediately report robberies or suspicious conditions, as this will increase the chances of apprehending suspects” involved in reported cases. In short, as the website states, “if you see something, say something.”



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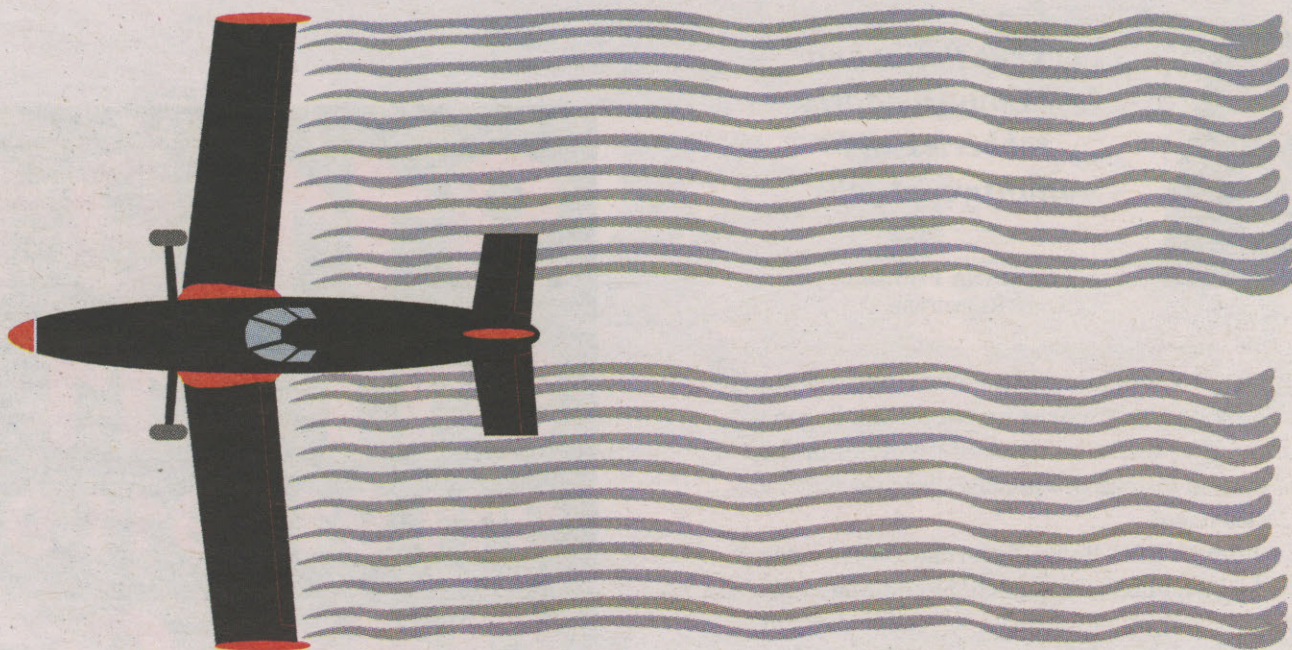
Aerial herbicide ban
struck down

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Activists plan to appeal
decision in state courtMAREK BELKA
REPORTER

On March 7, a Lane County judge ruled that the proposed aerial herbicide spray ban will not appear on the ballot in the May election.

Lane County Circuit Court Judge Karsten Rasmussen said that the ballot initiative violated the "separate vote requirement" under Oregon law and therefore cannot appear on the ballot.

The decision came as a blow — though not a surprise — to the community groups who have been working for over a year to get this initiative to Lane County voters. The initiative, known as the Freedom from Aerial Spraying of Herbicides Bill of Rights Charter Amendment, has faced several roadblocks on its path to the ballot.

An earlier petition was thrown out in Oct. 2017 by the county for also failing to meet the separate vote requirement, forcing the activists to rewrite the initiative and reacquire the 11,500 signatures needed to qualify for the May election. In January, activists swarmed a public Board of County Commissioners meeting to implore the commissioners to refer the initiative to the ballot. The commissioners balked, however, and forwarded the initiative to the circuit court, where it was eventually dismissed, to the chagrin of community activists.

"Under the current system of law, we the people have little power to protect the health, safety and welfare of our communities and natural environment," attorney Ann Kneeland,

who represents Community Rights for Lane County, said in an editorial in the Register-Guard on March 28.

In his decision, Judge Rasmussen argued that the initiative would affect "at least a dozen" statutes in the Lane County charter, including law enforcement, land-use policies and financial compensation for those affected by aerial herbicide spraying.

According to the Oregon Constitution, the "separate vote requirement" — known as the "single-subject rule" in some states — requires any initiative or referendum submitted by popular petition to a state or local government to cover only one subject. While the rule is designed to ensure that any initiative is clearly focused on one issue, some argue that the requirement is being used to suppress the ability for local activist and community groups to get petitions on the ballot.

"That requirement is one that's only before been applied to state constitutional amendments, never in my knowledge been applied to a local, county initiative," Rob Dickinson, a member of the steering committee of Freedom from Aerial Herbicides, noted.

Despite being unable to get the initiative to the ballot in May, the community groups have yet to give up their fight to end aerial herbicide spraying. Dickinson conceded that the groups weren't entirely optimistic about getting the initiative to the residents of the county in the May elections, especially after their first initiative was dismissed last year.

"We completed the signatures on Oct. 26 [2017], we turned them in 15 days before that [deadline] and they told us that we had done our job," Dickinson said. "So they had basically lost us our campaign time for May anyway."

CRLC and FAHA intend to appeal Judge Rasmussen's decision to the Oregon Court of Appeals, though it is unclear whether the case will be heard prior to the May 15 elections.

Please, Do Tell

Activist and veteran to
speak about anti-gay
policies in the militaryDYLAN PLUMMER
NEWS DIRECTOR

Retired U.S. Air Force Major Margaret Witt will be giving a talk at Lane Community College Thursday, April 5 in the Center for Meeting and Learning. Witt will be speaking about her role in dismantling anti-gay policies in the military and commenting

on recent legislation passed by the Trump administration barring transgender people from service.

Witt was suspended from service in 2004 and faced discharge under the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy after 19 years of distinguished service as a flight nurse with the Air Force. She fought her discharge and won in 2010, with the court ruling that it violated her constitutional rights.

Her case set a precedent for the repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy later that same year. Maj. Witt's appearance will be moderated by KLCC's Tiffany Eckert, who will facilitate a brief interview and then invite the audience to ask questions.

Witt is currently on a lecture tour in support of her new memoir, "Tell: Love, Defiance, and the Military Trial at the Tipping Point of Gay Rights."

She will be speaking at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 5 at LCC's Center for Meeting and Learning on Main Campus.

NEWS

Late show
for snow

photo by Diana Baker / art director

Willamette
Valley falls
short on
snowpackMCKENZY
GAUSNELL
REPORTER

The Willamette Valley was hit with a late surge of snow, helping the preparation for the hot summer.

After a historically warmer winter, the Willamette Basin has been deprived of the snow that is essential to maintaining the mild Oregon climate. Even though the Willamette Basin is at 77 percent of the average snowfall, many other areas of Oregon are suffering from extremely low amounts of snow. The Klamath Basin has received only 53 percent of the average snowpack, according to the Oregon SNOTEL recordings.

The early warm weather left most of Oregon in a drought with less than half of the necessary snowpack, according to an article from the Statesman Journal. After a surprising two weeks of snow, many sites in Oregon doubled

in snowpack. The added layers help the area store water in the snowmelt until the summer. The longer the water lasts, the milder the drought that Willamette Valley experiences during the summer months.

"Most of the reservoirs that provide water to the population of western Oregon are filled primarily from winter rain and snowmelt," Evan Bentley, a National Weather Service meteorologist, reported to the Willamette Week. "In particularly meager years, drought and water availability can be concerns."

17 million acres of Oregon are used for farming, according to Oregon Agriculture A Quick Overview. The snowpack is important to the 214,000 employees in the agriculture business. Without water, a drought could disrupt the 25.8 billion dollar industry that supplies 80 percent of Oregon's exports.

Even though the snow packed on at the last minute, the Pacific Northwest is still dealing with a loss of snowpack over the decades. The area has suffered losing 15 to 30 percent of the normal snowpack according to Science Daily. As the winter season comes to an end, Oregon's weather made a last-ditch effort to pack on snow for the summer's main water source.

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'WE WILL NOT BE SILENT'



**Students lead
community march
for gun reform**

MAREK BELKA
REPORTER

"This isn't normal!"

High school students shouted that phrase in cities from Los Angeles to Boston as part of the March For Our Lives, a student-led movement demanding greater gun control reforms in the United States.

On March 24, well over six thousand people gathered in the shadow of the Wayne L. Morse Federal Courthouse on a chilly day in downtown Eugene to march for "common-sense gun control." The march was held in sync with over 800 other events across the country, organized by the survivors of the Feb. 14 Parkland, Florida school shooting.

The swollen crowd braved frosty temperatures and a sharp wind to listen to fiery speeches from local high school students, teachers and a survivor of the 1998 Thurston High School shooting. The mass of bodies was dotted with handmade signs and the pink hats that have become emblematic of the women's movement in recent years. Virtually every age was represented in the crowd, from tiny toddlers holding small paper signs to senior citizens wielding poster boards with parodic portraits of President Donald Trump and NRA leader Wayne LaPierre. The spotlight, however, was on the student organizers of the event.

**"What the hell is
going on?"**

Tamera Hernandez, a senior at Churchill High School, shouted that question into a dented microphone. Inspired by the outspoken teenagers from Parkland, Hernandez and her peers — their voices cracking and growing hoarse from sustained yelling — gave speeches on the steps of the federal courthouse, demanding that government officials address gun violence in schools. The students — dressed in bright orange sweaters that matched those worn by students at the march in Washington, D.C. — spoke about living in constant fear as mass shootings continue to dominate national headlines.

**"The aftermath is
far worse."**

Betina Lynn shuddered as she shared her personal experience with school shootings. Lynn, a survivor of the 1998 Thurston High School shooting that left four dead and injured 25 others, spoke to a crowd that

stood in rapt silence, broken only by horrified gasps. She shared a poignant story about how long it took for her to recover from the attack and her continuing struggles with PTSD and chronic pain. Lynn also paid respect to the memory of the nine victims of the 2015 Umpqua Community College attack, the deadliest mass shooting in Oregon history.

**"My greatest fear
is dying at school,
and I'm sick of being
afraid."**

Sophia Reyes, a student at Lane Community College, vocalized what many other students in the crowd were feeling. Reyes, a native of Las Vegas, first became politically active after a mass shooter killed 53 people and injured over 800 others at a music festival on the Vegas Strip in October 2017. January's Women's March was Reyes' first experience with public protest, but she said that seeing students holding a successful march makes her realize the power of her own voice as a young person.

**"We will not be
silent!"**

As the speakers concluded, the crowd took over and chanted that refrain on the streets of downtown Eugene. The mass of people — led by a group of orange-clad middle school girls, a marching band and escorted by police officers on motorcycles — wound their way through the 5th Street Public Market and past the early spring vendors at the Saturday Market. People staying at hotels along the marchers' route hollered words of support from their balconies and motorists blared their horns as the crowd massed in intersections.

Young children rode atop their parents' shoulders and shouted alongside veteran protesters. Protestors of color held up signs with the names of Black men and women killed by police, including Stephon Clark, who was shot by police in Sacramento, California on March 18.

The march ended in front of Whirled Pies — which has seemingly become the de facto endpoint of recent Eugene marches — and the crowd slowly dispersed as the marching band continued to play. Kids, teenagers and adults embraced one another before going their separate ways, with small groups coming together with promises to continue the conversation about gun violence in America. As the crowd dwindled, Renee Worthy, a sophomore at Cottage Grove High School, repeated a phrase she had heard from a speaker earlier in the day.

"This isn't normal."



Students from high schools across Lane County wait to give student-led groups spoke out on gun control and student safety.



Snare drums, trombones, saxophones and other instruments as marchers chant "We will not be silent," in support of strict gun demonstration organized by the survivors of the Feb. 14 Parkland shooting.

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Marchers join a large crowd at the March For Our Lives rally in downtown Eugene. Across the world, the rally is a response to the growing amount of violence taking place in schools.



Marchers move through the streets of downtown Eugene while protesting gun control legislation. The march was a part of a nation-wide rally following the Florida school shooting.



The March For Our Lives passes through the Park Blocks during the Saturday Market. People from different social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds came together to echo a single message for stricter gun control.

FEATURES



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LCC President Margaret Hamilton, left, bows her head and closes her eyes along with more than 50 students in Bristow Square on Mar. 14. Hamilton, who did not organize the walkout, later expressed pride that the students conducted themselves peacefully.

Silent statement



LCC students join national walkout to commemorate shooting victims

P.W. BRAUNBERGER
REPORTER

Lane Community College students walked out of class at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14 as part of a national movement to mourn the victims of the Parkland school shooting last month and call for gun restrictions.

More than 50 students gathered in Bristow Square, where many bowed their heads and closed their eyes for 17 minutes of silence to commemorate the 17 students slain a month before in a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. A handful of faculty and staff joined them, including LCC President Margaret Hamilton.

Alexis Ramirez, a political science major at LCC, said the walkout and silent demonstration, "makes a statement that we want to feel safe in our schools."

Women's March Youth Empower, a national organization whose website describes itself as student-led, issued the initial call for students to walk out of class. The group's website offered ideas, but no directives, on what students across the United States could do during the 17 minutes.

Kristine Borg, a pre-med major, was pleased to discover she was not the only student at Lane to answer the call to action.

"I'm really grateful for my peers here," Borg said after the silence ended.

Borg did not claim to have organized the LCC walkout, but she was the only person to speak afterward, urging everyone to vote, whatever their views, on how to best prevent mass shootings.

"If people think I'm out here and I'm crazy, I'd rather they go in and vote about it than just sit at home and think about it," Borg said.

Borg, who had never participated in any prior demonstrations, walked out of a



After 17 minutes of silence commemorating the Parkland school shooting victims, LCC student Kristine Borg, left, spoke to fellow students gathered in Bristow Square. Borg urged them to take further action by voting.

psychology class.

"I love all my instructors here, so it's always hard to be like, 'I really respect you but I have something to do,'" Borg said.

Borg did not think her professor, who discussed the walkout before class started, would penalize her.

"I think he has a pretty balanced perspective, so he understands," Borg said. "I think in general Lane is good about that."

"I believe in the efforts to end or reduce violence in schools and I am very proud of our students for having the courage to take a stand in a peaceful manner," President Hamilton wrote in an email response to The Torch.

Hamilton also denied organizing the demonstration. "This day belonged to the students," she wrote.

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OPINION

A tough pill to swallow



DONNY MORRISON
COLUMNIST

In the past three decades, we've seen the face of opiate addiction change drastically. The stereotypical heroin junkie used to fit a mold. They were dropouts and hippies, they were Vietnam veterans self-medicating to treat their PTSD, they were impoverished inner-city dwellers with little to lose but much to gain from a warm opium buzz. They were easily identifiable and even easier to forget about.

If they didn't overdose, they hung around long enough to get a hefty prison sentence, and then it was out of sight, out of mind. Back then, there was little to no compassion for the junkie. This was before the cultural rebranding of opiate addiction that took place in the past decade. Nobody cared about compassion when the crack epidemic plagued the black community in the 1980s. It's only when middle-class white people started dying that we really made a fuss.

Compassion, within the context of contemporary rehab centers, drug court, and 12 step programs, is only awarded to addicts who actively want to quit. Only once an addict has displayed this desire, which I can assure you, is very tough for a heroin addict to even imagine doing, will he be offered entrance into the compassion club of mainstream recovery. This model excludes a large portion of opiate addicts who will probably never seek the help they truly need, because it doesn't exist.

So what does compassion look like for the junkie that

doesn't want to change? There seems to be this belief that all opiate addicts would choose recovery if given the resources to change, but people aren't addicted to heroin for the same reasons as they used to be. The quick rise of over-prescribed and cheap prescription opiates in the early 2000s has given birth to a generation in constant withdrawal. Percocet is a party drug. Smokeable black tar heroin plagued the community I grew up in. Benzodiazepines such as Xanax and club drugs like MDMA and Ketamine are continually found containing heroin or synthetic opiates like Fentanyl. It's no longer associated with poverty and beatniks. It's associated with the white middle class and suburbia, as well as the smaller towns that make up large portions of middle America.

**We can't simply push
treatment on every addict.
There aren't enough
resources available.**

Vancouver, British Columbia has the only clinic in North America that offers prescription grade heroin. According to an interview Scott Macdonald, the head physician at the Providence Crosstown Clinic, had with Vox in 2017, of the 200 patients treated at the Providence Crosstown they've had, not one single person has died while in their care. The

heroin these patients receive is of a consistent purity, thus making overdose considerably less likely. Vancouver isn't the first city to implement what is known on the streets as "shooting galleries." Switzerland embraced these kinds of treatments in the 1990s, following a rapid rise in heroin use during the 1970s and 1980s, culminating in a full-blown public health crisis concerning the spread of HIV and AIDS. According to The Swiss Federal Policy on Public Health, overdoses have steadily declined since the programs were introduced in the 1990s.

In Oregon, we have free needle exchange programs to help avoid the spread of disease. These same programs also offer injectable Narcan, a drug administered during an overdose that reverses the effects of opiates, to anybody willing to sit through a ten-minute class.

These programs that save lives recognize the inevitability of opiate addiction. However, this is only a Band-aid for the much larger issue surrounding impurities in the street heroin that addicts are unwittingly overdosing on daily. Legalizing heroin and controlling it the same way we control pharmaceuticals is a logical solution to helping "junkies" navigate their addictions without landing on a "hot shot."

This is what compassion looks like for the modern day opiate addict. The epidemic is vast enough to warrant a new approach. We can't simply push treatment on every addict. There aren't enough resources available.

We can't simply lock everybody up. There aren't enough jail cells. There isn't a "one size fits all" solution to treating opiate addicts and recovery can look different depending on the person. Choosing a faith-based, 12-step program isn't any more admirable than the person visiting the Methadone clinic for opiate maintenance treatment. It's time we show compassion to all addicts, not just those who we deem worthy of it.

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DAY ONE

Lane opens weekend with back-to-back wins

NOAH NOTEBOOM
REPORTER

After just a single win in their first five competitions, the Titans looked to turn things around in a four-game series against the Bellevue Bulldogs at PK Park in Eugene on March 16-17.

"We started 1-11 last year and ended up third in the NWAC, and with so many returning players and the strength of our early schedule, the guys realize that it's just part of the process," Head Coach Josh Blunt said on this year's slow start.

In the preseason poll released by the Northwest Junior College Poll Committee, the Bulldogs were ranked third, just one spot ahead of the Titans. Bellevue came into this series winning just one of their last four.

Both teams struggled to get on base early in the first game with just two hits in the first three innings. Sophomore outfielder Colton Sakamoto was the first Titan to record a hit with a bunt as he safely made it to first base. Sakamoto finished with two hits and one run in four plate appearances for Lane.

Sophomore Bryce Mulcahy got the starting pitching job for the Titans Friday afternoon. In just over five innings pitched, Mulcahy struck out six batters and allowed just one run for a 3.46 ERA.

By the end of the fourth inning, both teams had managed to score one run each. The score wouldn't change until the seventh inning when Bellevue first baseman Jared Maxfield hit a double, driving in a Bulldog run. Bellevue led 2-1 after that play.

"They score, we score!" Lane pitcher Jesse Davis chanted from the dugout as the Bulldogs took the lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Titans proceeded to load the bases with just one out. After an errant pitch, Titan Jimmy McDonald attempted to steal home and succeeded after he evaded the outstretched arm of the Bellevue catcher. That stolen base tied the game at 2-2, with the momentum on Lane's side.

That momentum propelled Lane to a 3-2 victory in the first game of Friday evening's doubleheader. Although Mulcahy got the start, freshman Riley Howard earned the win with six strikeouts in two innings pitched. Titans Logan Zozaya and Tielar Murray recorded one RBI each.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Titans scored a season-high six runs in their second straight win. Seven of the nine Titans in the batting order recorded at least one hit in the Titans' 6-3 victory over the Bulldogs.

"It was very good to get two good wins against a very good Bellevue team, and hopefully we can build on that for Saturday's games," Blunt said after they took down the Bulldogs in back-to-back games.

DAY TWO

Lane completes weekend sweep with blowout victory

NOAH NOTEBOOM
REPORTER

After two victories against the Northern region's Bellevue Bulldogs, the Titans are trying to get their first sweep of the young season. The Titans beat the Bulldogs 3-2 and 6-3 on Friday evening, and are looking to continue that momentum heading into the final stretch of the four-game series at PK Park in Eugene.

It wasn't until the bottom of the fourth inning when a Titan made it safely on base when freshman shortstop Cade Kissel was walked. Shortly after, catcher Thomas Rudinsky was hit by a pitch as he advanced to first base and Kissel made his way to second. Unfortunately, Jackson Soto couldn't capitalize and struck out swinging for the Bulldogs' third out, leaving two runners on base. Soto finished with one hit and one strikeout in the early game Saturday morning.

Lane starting pitcher Dillon Larsen tried to pick off a Bellevue runner at first but his throw sailed over Soto's head and the Bulldog runner on third stole home, which pushed the score to 1-0.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Tielar Murray recorded Lane's first official hit on a double to left field. With only one out, head coach Josh Blunt made a substitution at hitter, subbing in second-year catcher Jimmy McDonald for Lane Kashiwamura.

McDonald made contact on the ball but it was caught by a Bellevue outfielder. Although McDonald was called out, Murray slid safely into third base. Sophomore Jayden Hanna was unable to drive in Lane's first run of the game after striking out.

After Larsen walked his second straight batter of the sixth inning, Blunt made the decision to bring in Jack Gordon from the bullpen to try to prevent the Bulldogs from scoring again. With the bases loaded, Gordon struck out one and forced a fly out to end the inning and bring momentum back into the Titans dugout.

In the seventh inning, it was three batters up, three batters down for the Bulldogs. The Titans headed into the bottom of the seventh with sweep on their minds. Soto got the inning started on a good note when he hit the ball into the outfield and made it to second, which really energized the Titan dugout and crowd. Logan Zozaya came after Soto and placed a bunt to left infield as he made it to first and Soto slid into third.

That prompted Bellevue to make a switch at pitcher. That switch did more harm than good as Bulldog Calvin Turchin walked the next two Titan batters and tied the score at 1-1. Titan Hank Forrest smashed a sacrifice fly to outfield which helped Murray on third cross home plate and gives the Titans their third straight victory 2-1 over the Bulldogs.

The afternoon game contrasted that of the low scoring 2-1 morning game. The Titans dominated the Bulldogs 13-1 to earn the sweep in front of the home crowd in Eugene. Lane scored all 13 runs in the first three innings, with nine coming in the third. McDonald, Forrest and Murray all recorded two hits each. Soto drove in a game and series-high three RBIs. The Titans evened their overall record to five wins and five losses after four straight against Bellevue.

In a two-game series with Centralia on Mar. 25, the Titans won the first game 7-4, but lost the second game 1-3. Lane returned home to PK Park and was unable to win a game against Edmonds Community College who has nine wins in their last 10 games.

The Titans play Mt. Hood at Titan Field on April 3 before heading on the road to play them in a doubleheader on April 6, at Oslund Field in Gresham, OR.