

## ACTING UP

LB drama instructor joins two of his students in OSU's production of Shakespeare's "Henry V" ▶ Pg. 6

## SOUP'S ON

Helping the hungry is more than just a holiday effort for many local volunteers ▶ Pg. 9

# THE COMMUTER

A WEEKLY STUDENT PUBLICATION

www.linnbenton.edu/commuter

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002

Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon

Volume 34 No. 7



## Colleges plan tuition hikes if tax measure fails

Mid-year increases planned at all universities, including \$119 at OSU

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

A three-year income tax initiative coming up on Jan. 28 will be a key factor in deciding proposed tuition hikes at two- and four-year colleges around the state.

It's defeat could mean a double whammy for some of LBCC's dual-enrolled students this winter. A projected \$119 tuition increase at OSU, coupled with the cut of up to \$95 in the Oregon Opportunity Grant, could force some students searching for additional income and loans to help pay their bills.

Five state universities have already decided to bill students immediately for the increase in winter tuition, although the students will be refunded if the income tax measure passes in January. OSU and the University

of Oregon have decided to wait until February to increase their winter tuition in the event that the January measure doesn't pass, with OSU students having to pay an additional surcharge of \$119 per term in winter and spring terms.

LBCC students in the OSU dual-enrollment program who also rely on the Oregon Opportunity Grant will see an additional loss of around \$85 to \$95 when their grants get cut in January. The Oregon Student

▼ Turn to "Tuition" on Pg. 4



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

### Color in the Courtyard

Orange and yellow tones highlight the trees in LBCC's Courtyard, signalling the end of fall and the beginning of winter. With Thanksgiving near, the holiday spirit is beginning to infect students as they fight the cold and damp on their way to classes. The campus will be closed Thursday and Friday next week for the holiday break, and The Commuter will resume publication on Dec. 4.

## Vandals destroy, deface Gay-Straight Club fliers

by Heather M. Scott  
of The Commuter

The Gay-Straight Alliance Club's fliers posted on campus bulletin boards by the Gay-Straight Alliance, a long-standing LBCC club, have been the target for destruction and hate this year.

Heather Hybarger, co-advisor for the club, said that the vandalism isn't anything new.

"Usually every Thursday and Friday before a meeting I'll go and post," she said. "There's about 25 places you can post fliers, and I end up posting 10 to 12 of them [again]."

The white posters with a rainbow-colored triangle are posted to encourage students to join the club and become more open-minded about alternative lifestyles.

The fliers are supposed to stay up for the entire term, but instead they are being ripped down or marked on regularly, making it harder for students who are interested in joining the club or attending the meetings.

Hybarger said that this type of vandalism has occurred in the past and has been going on all year.

"This has been a common problem at LB, not just taking them down but also

profanity and drawings being put on them," said Hybarger's co-advisor and physics instructor Greg Mulder.

Hybarger said she was shocked recently to find writing on two of the fliers. The remarks "repent or be damned" were scribbled in the middle of the triangle. Hybarger immediately took the fliers to the Student Life & Leadership Office, where Secretary Terry Gordier routed her to the Security Office.

"It's always sad to realize that people aren't as open-minded as we would like to think," said Gordier. "It makes me angry and it makes me sad."

Although Hybarger does not believe they will be able to track down who's doing it and understand where the danger is coming from, she says the actions are still disturbing.

"The thing that is scary to me is that it is almost like a warning symbol," said Hybarger. "It's something that you know that there is animosity out there; you know that there are people willing to do something and that can grow."

The club, according to Hybarger, is in the midst of rebuilding this year. A lot of new students are joining the group and attending the meetings, which are held every other Tuesday at noon. Approxi-

▼ Turn to "Fliers" on Pg. 4

## Albany restaurant to host Thanksgiving feed

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

One tiny restaurant with a big heart will be hosting an annual Thanksgiving Day Feed for an upwards of 250 people.

For 17 years, Novak's Hungarian Restaurant, located at 2835 Santiam Hwy SE in Albany, has opened its doors to the pub-

lic for a free holiday dinner of traditional turkey and trimmings.

"I grew up very, very poor," says Joseph Novak, owner and manager of the restaurant, who grew up in war-struck Hungary but escaped to Yugoslavia. He later immigrated to the U.S. and cherishes the exact moment when he saw Lady Liberty after

arriving December 11, 1957.

Novak is coming up on 19 years of managing the restaurant and is also joined by his wife Matilda and daughter Karen.

"We provide this from our hearts because we are so thankful for living in this free country and to be a part of it," he said.

▼ Turn to "Novak" on Pg. 4



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Joseph Novak and his wife Matilda (right) will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner at their Albany restaurant with the help of their daughter Karen (center) and cooks Kirk Parks and Timothy Williamson.

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

SOURCE: WWW.WEATHER.COM

 High: 62° Low: 40° <b>WEDNESDAY</b>	 High: 58° Low: 38° <b>THURSDAY</b>	 High: 58° Low: 35° <b>FRIDAY</b>	 High: 55° Low: 34° <b>SATURDAY</b>	 High: 53° Low: 35° <b>SUNDAY</b>
---	--	--	---	--

Opinion.....	2
Campus News.....	3-5
A & E.....	6-7
Funny Page.....	8
Local News.....	9
Sports.....	10-11
National News.....	12

### INDEX

THE  
COMMUTER

**Editor-in-Chief:** Wendy Geist  
**Managing Editor:** Erin Bartelds  
**Telephone:** 917-4451

# OPINION

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

## Power rests in the hands of elite few

by James Crawford  
 Guest to the Commuter

**I**mbalanced government power has been a major catalyst in many catastrophes throughout history. Among these are revolutions, wars and more than one coup-de-tat. Many people, however, do not know what the term imbalanced government means, and therefore cannot do much in the way of preventing a good government from becoming an imbalanced one.

An imbalanced government is any government in which the ruling body has more power than the people which it represents. When this occurs, the people's opinions and views may be censored and their rights could be repressed or even revoked.

In 1776, a group of business men set out to forge a new country, free from the bonds of an overbearing government. For this rebellion many paid dearly. Some pioneers had to watch helplessly, as their homes and businesses were destroyed. Still others were hunted down and killed for voicing their opinions. At the very least, our forefathers were emotionally or physically scarred for life by the war they suffered for their cause.

Over 200 years later it seems their heroic stands for freedom were in vain, for the government they helped bring into being to distribute power equally has become horribly imbalanced due to the failure of that government to grow and adapt at a rate equivalent to that of our ever-increasing population.

In the past 225 years, our population has increased from around 1.9 million people to over 280 million people, an increase of 14,000 percent, while the size of the body representing us legislatively has increased from 92 to 535, a dismal 581 percent. This equates into two distinct disadvantages; people have less say in who gets elected, therefore, less say in their representation at the local, state and national levels. There are currently no efforts to level this governmental imbalance.

In the Constitution of the United States, Article II, Section 2, Clause 3, it states that the number of representatives shall not exceed one per 30 thousand people. I think that our current ratio of about one per 640 thousand people is a bit much. The

original figure makes more sense. When that number is increased to the current ratio, it equates to one representative having more weight to their opinions, views and beliefs than the representative's constituents.

In other words, they could make any promises to get them into office, then upon election, support any measure, bill or law that suits them, regardless of their constituents' views, or their campaign promises.

Indicative of the gravity of the situation; the current number of representatives we have in the House is 435. The current number of House seats allotted via the constitution is over 9,000.

In addition, given the rate of population growth, it is abhorrent that the size of the House has increased at a virtual standstill rate, and the size of the Senate increase pales in comparison to even that of the House. The reasoning behind having only two representatives per state is so that no state has more say in national affairs than another.

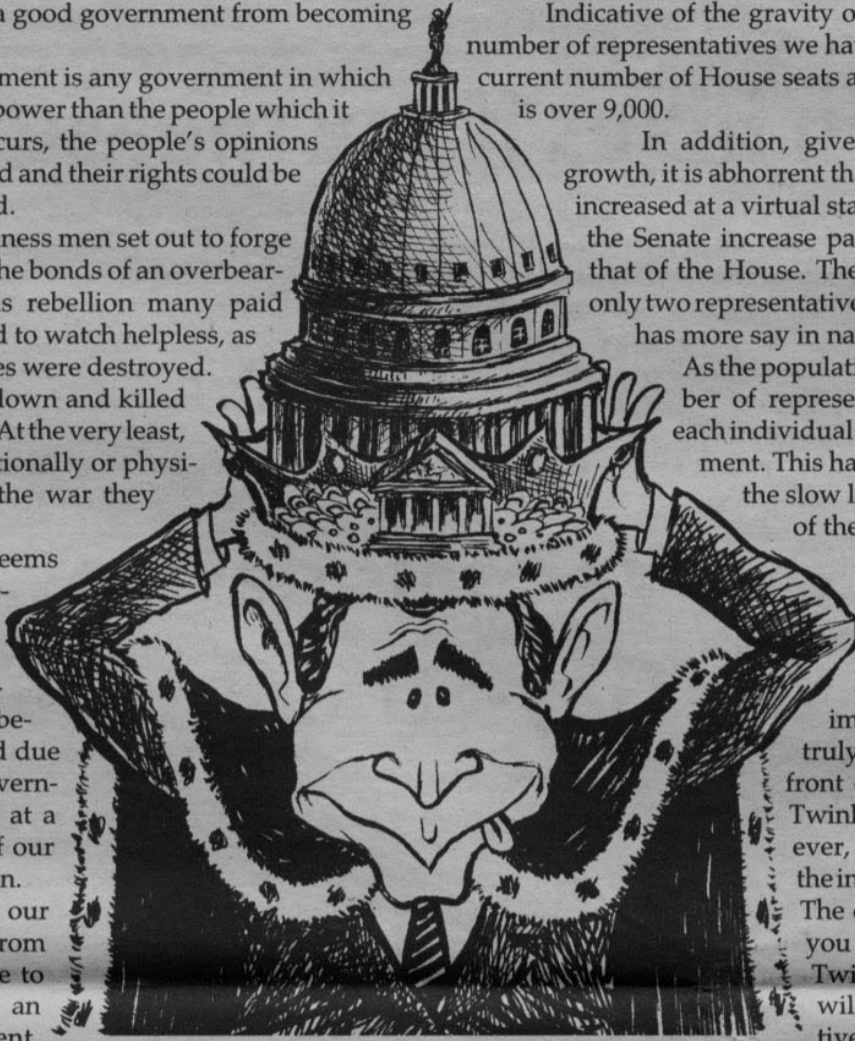
As the population increases, and the number of representatives per state do not, each individual has less say in their government. This has been one of the causes of the slow loss of power by the people of the United States.

As informed citizens, you should realize that you have the power to change things. Many people fail to realize how imbalanced our government truly is; they would rather sit in front of their TVs and eat their Twinkies. Having read this, however, you are no longer blind to the injustices of our government. The question still remains, will you go home, go back to eating Twinkies and watching TV, or will you call your representative, voice your opinions, be

heard and make a difference?

I cannot stress enough how dire our situation is. We are on the brink of war. Historically, it can be seen that governments that were out of balance such as WWI Germany, WWII Germany, China and Russia, all ended up losing wars that they started.

Please join me nightly as I pray for our nation and its leaders that they too may open their eyes and see the horrible imbalance and the implications that it could have upon not only us, but the world as a whole.



### COMMENTARY

## Biases based on major leave some feeling neglected

by Erin Bartelds  
 of The Commuter



Maybe it's the budget cuts, but apparently there are an increasing number of students being asked "What's your major?" by faculty in various classes around campus.

You are probably wondering "What is the big deal about that? I get asked that question on a regular basis."

Well, the big deal comes when your major doesn't coincide with the particular class you are taking. Focus by the instructor on your ability to do well in the class suddenly wanes, assistance with homework may be sporadic at best and you are left looking in on activities as a spectator rather than a participant.

If this is happening to you trust me, you are not alone and it is not only happening to those of you who are new to LBCC.

Take myself for example. This is my third year here and my "official" major is apparel design. Obviously not the most popular career choice of students at LBCC, much less in all of Oregon.

I do, however, enjoy other pursuits. Things I consider as much of a long term career option as what my transcript states.

Because I have taken so many classes over the years, with many of the same instructors, I have come to respect and admire them a great deal. To a degree, I believed the sentiment was returned, as I attempt to be an exemplary student.

It wasn't until this term that the "what's your major" phenomenon has occurred in several of my areas of study.

Beginning to feel as if I was losing my mind and am simply paranoid, I mentioned this issue to a couple of friends. A few of them said they or someone they know has the same problem.

Reassured that I am not a mental case, I began to ponder this dilemma. What about those of us who are undeclared? They must really be getting the short straw. And what about the people who change their major halfway through completing a degree or people like me who just don't have room on their transcripts to "officially" state everything their future may hold?

It is one thing to make room in a class for students who really "need" the class by eliminating students who are just filling in credits. But when there is not equal teaching given to students who have paid equally and who put effort in equally and beyond, something isn't right.

Here is a little advice: students, if you haven't decided what you want to be when you grow up, decide quick, stick to it or at least move out of the area. You are wasting precious learning years.

Teachers, be wary: you may be neglecting a future Mozart, Picasso, Einstein or Tom Hanks. Just remember, you never hear people who are receiving an award, thank a teacher that was never there for them.

## Planning ahead is necessary to succeed in the scholarship application process

**A**nyone who has looked at their tuition bill in shock knows budget cuts and the slow economy are making it harder to afford higher education. Funding through scholarships is becoming a necessity for some of us.

Applying is not as simple as filling out an application for federal or state financial aid. There are many steps in the scholarship process and many requirements to fulfill.

Since most applications require letters of recommendation from instructors, planning is all-important. Instructors are just as busy as we are. They have many responsibilities and it is hard for them to find time to write letters for you. Instructors notice the student who puts real effort into doing his or her best, participates in class discussion and shows understanding of the subject. Remember, they see many students every week, so it is up to you to make yourself stand out.

No one wants to help a person who does not put out some effort; you have to earn those letters. It is important to ask well in advance of the application's due date to give the instructor a chance to

make time for the letter-writing process. Be sure to provide all the information they will need to address the letter to the proper recipient.

It is important to make a list of extra-

### IN MY

Adele Kubein



### OPINION

curricular school activities, volunteer work, and the organizations you belong to. The person writing letters for you will need this list as you will when it comes time to create a resume. Your volunteer work and involvement with student activities will greatly increase your chance to gain a scholarship.

Often an essay and cover letter are the most important part of the application process. Committees judge merit on personal statements as well as letters of recommendation. The application packet will explain the essay requirement. Fol-

low the instructions and don't give in to the temptation to digress. If you need help with your essay, someone at the Writing Desk in the LRC can help you.

Official transcripts are a requirement, so make sure and order them in time. At LBCC you can order them from the Admissions desk, by fax or by mail. The first official copy is \$5 and additional copies ordered at the same time are \$1 each. It takes three to five days to get them, but you may place a rush order for \$10 extra and have them the same day.

The LBCC Career Center has information on available scholarships, including general and specialized scholarships targeted to LBCC students.

The website [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) is one of the most comprehensive sources of scholarship information. Fastweb prompts you to fill out a detailed application, then it matches the information you provide to a broad database of available scholarships and updates your account as new scholarships become available.

You may not succeed the first few tries, but persevere. If you get even a small scholarship, the next one will be easier.

**Managing Editor:** Erin Bartelds  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

**Security officers have been on the lookout for cars parked in handicapped spaces without an authorized permit. The ticket results in a \$100 fine.**

## Unauthorized parkers face \$100 fine

by Justin Sitton  
 of The Commuter

LBCC is "cracking down" on unauthorized parking in disabled parking spots on campus, according to Vern Jackson, chief of campus security.

Students have made numerous complaints to the security office this term, prompting the tougher enforcement.

The fine for parking in a disabled spot without a permit is \$100, which will go up \$10 if not taken care of within seven working days. The permits are techni-

cally supposed to be on the rear view mirror in plain sight, but about half are not, Jackson said. The permit's state of issue must also match the license plate's state of issue.

There have been eight citations issued thus far this term, and 134 since 1998. On your first citation you will generally get a warning; appeals must be filed within seven working days.

The most unauthorized parking is occurring in Lots 1 and 2, which are located beside the Business Building, and Lot 4, which is in front of Takena Hall.

## Regardless of size, Skinhead groups threaten communities

by Cole Pouliot  
 of The Commuter

**S**kinheads may not be the largest gang in the area, but they're possibly the most threatening to the general public, according to Lin Holmquist, Lane County community service officer and gang culture expert.

In a meeting held in the Fireside Room last Wednesday, Holmquist gave a talk to approximately a dozen students and staff about gangs, including Skinheads.

"Generally gangs like to fight other gang members," she explained. "Skinheads try to provoke fights with the general public." For example she said a group of Skinheads might ask someone on the street, "Are you down with your race?" Most people will reply, "What?" Then, unless the person replies, "I am down with my race," the gang will attack them. Holmquist explained that the Skinheads favorite weapons are their boots. "They will kick the shit out of you," she said.

Skinheads can be identified by their high-top work boots such as Doc Martins, with either red or white laces, she said. The taller the boots, generally the higher ranking of the gang member, and as for the laces, red shows they are racist, white stands for white power.

They also wear white T-shirts with suspenders she

*"We have a very large group of Skinheads in Sweet Home. We had two drive-by shootings in the last month. Who knew about that?"*

► Debra Hargett

said, adding that the color of suspenders may indicate which specific gang they are down with. The hairstyle is either completely bald, or as is becoming more common, freshly buzzed or very short. Skinheads also display their tattoos in prominent positions; these tattoos can include swastikas, "SS" thunderbolts, or other Nazi or Hitler related symbols, explained Holmquist.

She traced the original Skinhead to the 1960s in England, where it was formed by many of the working class men who were opposed to immigrants who they believed were stealing their jobs. Some individuals took this idea to a whole new level of racism and white-pride ideology. Another group of Skinheads was also formed—the SHARPs which stands for Skin-Heads Against Racial Prejudice. Their main focus is to go after racist Skinheads.

Though Skinheads do dress alike and often people

who are dressed in this manner are Skinheads, not everyone who wears Doc Martins or suspenders is a gang member. The SHARPs are committed to changing the attitudes of young Skinheads.

A study in 2000-2001 showed that in Lane County, which is just south of Linn County, Skinheads made up about 15 percent of the gang population, with about 72 active known members.

Holmquist believes that since the study was taken, "Skinheads have probably increased from 5 to 20 percent of total gangs." A reason she cited for this influx was the events of Sept. 11 and the resulting increase in racial prejudice.

Debra Hargett, juvenile probation officer in Linn County said, "Since the terrorist attacks we have seen an increase in Skinhead activity."

"We have a very large group of Skinheads in Sweet Home," she said, adding that there are more gangs in Linn County than most realize. "We had two drive-by shootings in the last month. Who knew about that?" As for Skinhead activity, Hargett pointed out that there is a lot of Swastika graffiti in our parks.

More information about Skinheads, including times and dates of possible meetings or related events can be found in the Multicultural Center, which sponsored Wednesday's talk.

## Nursing students find support at Samaritan Health Services

by Melissa Friend  
 of The Commuter

Students interested in entering the health care field will find that Samaritan Health Services is ready to help them.

Albany General, Good Samaritan, Lebanon Community and Samaritan Heart of the Valley, along with other health care facilities within the Samaritan Health Services system offer tuition and loan reimbursements to encourage people to apply for health service jobs.

An employee can apply for the tuition reimbursement after the six-month probationary period is over. The employee must work a minimum of 24 hours a week to receive a 75 percent tuition reimbursement of up to 10 credits at LBCC. An employee can also receive a 50 percent reimbursement at OSU for up to six credits per term.

Many of the SHS facilities also offer other tuition incentives. At Samaritan Heart of the Valley, if you complete the nursing program and sign on for one year of employment, it will pay back 100 percent of the tuition.

Heart of the Valley also has a sign-on bonus for CNAs, LPNs and RNs, and offers a six-week CNA class every two months. This class also qualifies for nine credits at LBCC. Student who decide to work for Heart of the Valley after the class receive a \$500 bonus after six months.

An additional incentive these facilities offer is full medical, dental and ophthalmological benefits. These are awarded on the first of the month after the employee is hired; if the employee requests them. After one year of employment, an employee can transfer to any facility within the Samaritan health system.

Nurses are in great demand right now at all of the facilities.

"We're in need of LPNs and all they have to do is work two shifts a week and sign on a year with us and we'll pay back 100 percent of their tuition," said Mary Ellen Lind, an administrator at Heart of the Valley. "We're also willing to help with the repayments of student loans from other colleges and universities."

For more information, contact Lind at 541-768-4002 or Nancy Bell at 541-768-5644.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

### Mural Reflects 1565 Painting

The 8 ft by 12 ft mural displayed in the Commons is a black and white drawing of the 1565 painting, "The Return of the Hunters." The mural is one of many in past years that has resulted from the hard work of 22 beginning artists at LBCC. The original artist, Pieter Bruegel, is considered to be the greatest Flemish painter of the 16th Century and is consistently the example for the murals. Fuentes plans to continue to use Bruegel's painting unless other ideas come up. The mural will be displayed until Dec. 4. Suggestions are being taken by Analee Fuentes as to what should be done with the drawing after the fourth. E-mails can be sent to analee.fuentes@linnbenton.edu.

**Managing Editor:** Erin Bartelds  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

## Off Beat

From KRT News

### Author of Stupidity

A 61-year-old Florida man could be called an expert on stupidity, having written two books about it: "The Story of Stupidity" and "Understanding Stupidity."

As if to further enhance his reputation as an authority on the subject, police say he tried to arrange a sexual encounter with a 15-year-old girl over the Internet only to discover, after his arrest, that he was actually communicating with an undercover male detective.

### Transparent Brain

Pretending to be a sorcerer, an Iranian con artist convinced a man that he could make him invisible for \$625. The man paid the money and immediately tried to rob a bank in Tehran.

He was very surprised when the customers pounced on him.

### Labor Breaks

Pregnant women in Ecuador cannot be arrested for any reason. That's the law there.

This is why a gang of five pregnant women has taken to breaking into people's homes and stealing the valuables with impunity.

### Quick Police Work

Investigating the theft of a van, police in Clearview, Wash., determined that a woman spotted near the scene of the crime would be a prime suspect and drove to her house.

Their suspicions were confirmed when they arrived and the stolen van pulled in right behind them. The arrest was swift.

### Rise Up for Yourself

Representatives of the makers of Viagra gathered in a London court for a hearing on the distribution of the anti-impotence drug.

When the judge entered, the bailiff got an unexpected laugh from the spectators when he said, "All rise."

### Goal! Goal! Goal! ...

A team of soccer players in Madagascar became irate after the referee made a ruling against their coach.

So in protest they deliberately kicked the ball into their own net after the kick-off.

Then, as the other team stood by looking bemused, they did it again. And again.

In a game where three goals is a lot, they ran up a losing score of 149-0.



## CAMPUS SHORTS

### Plant Sale

Students in the Horticulture Club will be offering a selection of house plants and seedling trees next Wed. Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the greenhouse. Included in the sale will be African violets, aloe, amaryllis, begonia, bromeliads, Christmas cactus, coleus, euphorbia, ficus, jade, pothos, Oregon myrtle, and spider plants.

### Winter Term Dates

- ▶ Dec. 2: Early Registration
- ▶ Dec. 9: Open registration.
- ▶ Dec. 10-11, 16-20, 30 and Jan. 2-3, 6: New student orientations by appointment.
- ▶ Dec. 23-27: Closed for Christmas.
- ▶ Jan. 1: Closed for New Years.
- ▶ Jan. 2, 3, 4: LBCC information booth at the Mall.
- ▶ Jan. 6: Winter term starts.
- ▶ Jan. 20: Closed for Martin Luther King Day.
- ▶ Feb. 17: Closed for President's Day.

### Winter Classes On-Line

The Winter 2003 Schedule of Classes has been posted online;

credit courses only.

The "full" Winter 2003 Schedule (which will include Extended Learning and TBDC courses) will be posted in a couple of weeks. The printed version is due to be mailed to the community on Nov. 23.

### Diversity Day Panel

Leadership LBCC will be experiencing a "Diversity Day" on Thursday, Dec. 12, and the planning committee is seeking staff, students, and others to participate in a moderated panel discussion. We want a diverse panel, representing different beliefs, cultures, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, gender, and others.

Panelists will have an opportunity to discuss issues related to being "different" in our college, community, or country, and to answer questions from the Leadership LBCC group. The panel discussion will be from approximately 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. and panelists will be invited to lunch afterward.

Please respond if you are interested, or call Rob at ext. 4516.



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

### 3-D Monster

A \$40,000 Dimension 3-D printer arrived on campus last week and was installed in the Drafting and Engineering Graphics Lab on the second floor of the Science and Technology Building. The printer is capable of producing three-dimensional output that will help students model and conceptualize their designs. It is believed to be the only one in use among community colleges in Oregon.

## Tuition: Other colleges plan increases

▲ From Pg. 1

Assistance Commission has already announced that it will reduce individual awards after receiving a \$6 million reduction in their funding. LBCC will see a total of \$149,340 cut from the nearly 786 students who use the grant.

Most community colleges around the state are also considering raising tuition midyear. According to a Nov. 12 article in the Oregonian, Clackamas, Tillamook Bay and Klamath community colleges have already approved increases in tuition to begin Jan. 6. Portland Community College, which recently raised tuition to \$45 per credit hour, has decided to not raise tuition again this year but to start charging a \$25 admissions application fee. Lane Community College has already increased its tuition by 29 percent and will raise it an additional 5 percent in the spring if the voters reject the January measure.

At LBCC, President Jon Carnahan doesn't anticipate raising tuition again so soon after the \$4 tuition hike imposed this summer. In an interview with The Commuter in October, Carnahan said, "The only way a tuition increase would be

put on the discussion table before spring is if the state revenue forecasts continue to look bad and the measure in January doesn't pass."

Instead, Carnahan is looking to other ways to increase the college's income and cut its costs, such as the elimination of whole programs and contractual changes relating to faculty, classified workers and management. The Board of Education will be presented with specific budget reductions and revenue enhancements for 2003-04 at their Dec. 18 meeting.

Community colleges as a whole stand to lose \$14 million if voters say no to the January income tax initiative. LBCC's share of the loss will be \$1 million. If the tax measure passes, the college still faces a \$2.3 million budget shortfall.

Keeping tuition costs from rising at LB might just be the thing a lot of people need. Enrollment reached an all-time high this fall after a high unemployment rate in Linn County and the state's recession left people laid-off. Many rely upon low tuition costs at community colleges to get the additional job training they need to get back to work.

## Fliers: Vandals intimidate club

▲ From Pg. 1

mately 10-15 students are currently members of the club, as well as a few members of the LBCC staff.

"My understanding and my sense of the climate is that they are really trying to feel out where they stand and who their friends are," said

Hybarger.

"Visibility is a serious issue on this campus. People don't always know who their allies are."

Hybarger stressed that it is important for someone who hears a homophobic comment to be confident enough to say "That's not right; I don't agree with it."

## Novak's: Volunteers help put on free dinners

▲ From Pg. 1

But this will be the last time the event will be held at its current location. The restaurant will lose its lease at the end of this year. They are asking for an extension to stay because their new location won't be ready until April and don't want to have to shut down completely for three or more months.

Seating times for the dinner are 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. They take 80 to 90 people at one time. Around 20 volunteers also help with the dinner. Reservations must be made to 967-9488 by noon Monday, Nov. 25.

"We don't accept any donations," said Novak about the dinner explaining that he would just turn around and hand it to someone in need.

### Commons Menu Nov. 20 - 26

#### Wednesday

Baked Stuffed Snapper  
 Turkey Mole Pablan  
 w/Spanish Rice  
 Rommali Roti (Flat bread)  
 w/Curried Rice  
 Soups: Grilled Vegetable Beef  
 Roasted Garlic Pesto  
 Salad: Beef Taco

#### Thursday

Lemon Chicken  
 w/ Steamed Rice  
 Braised Lamb Shoulder  
 Huevos Rancheros  
 Soups: Gazpacho  
 Beer Cheese  
 Salad: Grilled Chicken Caesar

#### Friday

Chef's Choice

#### Monday

Chicken Kiev  
 Swedish Meatballs/  
 Buttered Noodles  
 Portabella Mushroomsw/Spinach  
 & Rice w/  
 poached egg  
 Soups: Cream of Broccoli  
 Italian Sausage  
 Salad: Chef Salad  
 w/Special Vinaigrette

#### Tuesday

Hungarian Chicken  
 Garlic Shrimp Tacos  
 w/Orange-Cilantro Salsa,  
 and Black Beans  
 Lasagna  
 Soups: Paysanne Marmite  
 Vegetarian Tomato  
 Salad:  
 Golden Chicken Spinach

**Managing Editor:** Erin Bartelds  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

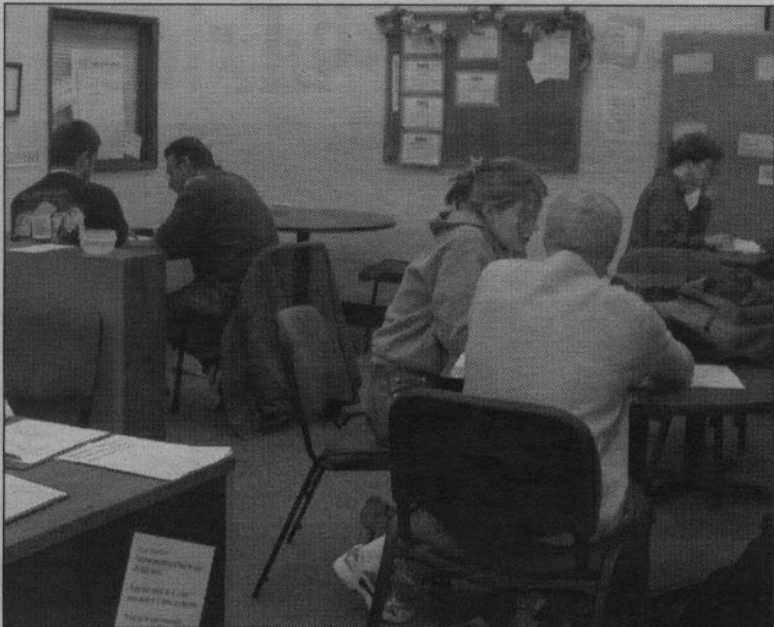


Photo by Bonnie Quinones

**Tutors are available in the Learning Resource Center for math and seven other subjects.**

## Free tutoring helps students in their studies

by Matt Boase  
 of The Commuter

"Tutoring is a good part-time job for students because they're already here (at LBCC), so it's convenient," said Catherine Quinnett, the tutor coordinator. She has been the head of the 13-year-old program for eight years.

There are 18 tutors working in the Learning Resource Center. Most of the people who ask for tutoring are doing so to improve a math grade, she said. Therefore, there are 11 math tutors and only seven for Spanish, auto-cad, metallurgy, digital imaging, computer science, chemistry and nursing combined.

The tutors must have successfully completed the courses they're tutoring with an A or B, and need to maintain at least a 2.5 GPA. All tutors must also have a recommendation from the instructor of the subject they want to tutor. Quinnett teaches a ten to fifteen hour course that helps them learn effective tutoring techniques. The tutoring program is certified by the College Reading and Learning Association.

Quinnett is currently looking for someone to tutor chemistry, and anyone interested can contact her in the LRC.

"Tutoring is good practice for students interested in becoming teachers," Quinnett said.

"It also strengthens (their) understanding of a subject." Tutors don't receive school credit, but they are paid \$7.30 an hour for their time.

Elias Goodman is a math tutor at LBCC. "In my experience

as a tutor I've found that I actually learned as much or more than the people being tutored," Goodman said. He also enjoys helping people and he finds it interesting to see the various learning styles students have.

"My favorite aspect of tutoring is when I can see that I've helped somebody," Goodman said. "I can see the gears click and the light bulb goes on."

It's not always easy to be a tutor. "The toughest part is switching from math class to math class and putting myself at the skill level of the tutee. It's hard to know where they're at," Goodman said.

Goodman suggests that students should receive help even before they begin to struggle. "I've used tutoring services and have benefited immensely," Goodman said.

The goal is to improve the grade of the student being tutored. "Tutoring helps students persist in school. Through tutoring they can meet their goals and graduate," said Quinnett.

There is no cost to students who wish to be tutored. The tutoring program is paid for by the federal Carl Perkins grant.

Students interested in being tutored need to go through a short orientation. Go to the LBCC home page at [www.linnbenton.edu](http://www.linnbenton.edu). Once there click on *Student Resources*, then *Learning Center* and then *Tutoring*. Then follow the steps. Take your signature page to the tutor desk in the LRC to register for tutoring. All appointments must be made at the desk at least 24 hours prior to being tutored.

## Smokers asked to kick habit

by Darrell McGie  
 of The Commuter

Chewing gum, hard candy and plenty of support will greet LBCC smokers this Thursday as they try to kick their smoking habit for one day and possibly for good on "Great American Smokeout."

Campus events, organized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society of LBCC and Alpha Tau Upsilon, run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"One day I just decided to quit and I feel so much better, but I still think about it (smoking) every now and then," said Joanna Chan, an LBCC student. "But it was expensive and not good for my kids to be around."

Chan, a smoker for many years, is one of thousands every year who have kicked the habit and don't miss smoking. For Chan and others who have quit, the trick is to stay active and keep a positive outlook. "My food tastes so much better after quitting, and my clothes don't smell like cigarettes," said Chan, smiling at the thought of no longer having to light up.

Every year, the American Cancer Society sponsors the event nationwide to raise awareness of

the dangers of tobacco, encourage users to quit and offer ways of support for those who do.

According to The American Cancer Society, addiction to nicotine causes a sense of pleasure that leads to withdrawals when not in the body. Mood and temperament changes may also occur because of the alteration of blood chemistry in the brain and central nervous system. These body changes apply to anyone ingesting any form of tobacco-based products.

If health is not reason enough to quit, consider the cost. A survey at a local market revealed the average cost of a pack of cigarettes or a can of chew to be around \$4. At half a pack a day, a smoker spends \$56 per month, or \$672 per year, not including related expenses. With government eyeing additional taxes to users, a good time to quit might be now; at the "Great American Smokeout."

The honor society encourages everyone to stop by the information table on the first floor of Takena Hall. Students will conduct a random survey for participants to win prizes donated by the American Cancer Society and the honor society. There will also be a grand prize for one winner and free candies and gum to those quitting for the day.

# Thank You

**Frank Morse**

November 8, 2002

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the many who supported my campaign for state Senate. I also would like to extend my commitment to serve all persons within our district, regardless of political philosophy. It is a great honor to receive the vote of confidence which has been placed in me and I look forward to working with all groups and persons who want to make our communities and state a better place to live and work.

I look forward to serving you in the state Senate, my door will always be open.

Sincerely,

Frank Morse

**Frank Morse**  
**State Senate - Elect, District 8**

Paid for by Frank Morse for State Senate

[www.frankmorse.com](http://www.frankmorse.com)

Cantata for  
 chorus, strings,  
 cedar flute, drums

November 24, 2002 at 4:00 PM  
 Takena Theater  
 Linn-Benton Community College  
 Albany

**Songs of the Earth**  
*Hal Eastburn*

Festival Chorale Oregon with Linn-Benton Community Chorale  
 Solveig Holmquist, Director

TICKETS: \$10 General. Tickets available at door, LBCC Takena Theater Box Office, ABC Music, Opus 1 Recordings, all Safeway FASTIXX outlets, or charge by phone at; 1-800-992-8499. Tickets subject to a service charge.

A & E Editor: Mariana Schatte  
Newsroom Desk: 917-4453  
commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies,  
books, artwork and other entertaining  
or artistic endeavors

## OSU'S version of 'Henry V' impressive

by Adele Kubein  
of The Commuter

Even reading "Henry V" gives me chills.

Shakespeare is undoubtedly one of the best English language writers ever. Proof of this is the fact we are still reading and enjoying his plays centuries after his death.

The OSU production of Henry V had the same effect. The cast quickly warmed to the material on opening night and conveyed the emotions of these historical events to the audience.

The set was convincingly rendered, the special effects great. The battle scenes were loud, smokey and very well directed by the standards of any theatrical production. I was impressed by the professional demeanor of the actors. They projected their lines smoothly and with feeling. I was disappointed that the speech before the battle of Harfleur was left out, but Charlotte Headrick, the director, edited the play beautifully, keeping the essence of Henry V intact.

Shakespeare knew how to make events real and human enough to induce us to care passionately about the outcomes. His plays were entertainment when there were no television or movies, bringing history to the average person.

We cannot really know what Henry V said to his troops before the battles in France, but Shakespeare's version of the history of this conflict is so intensely stirring that you cannot help but be swept along, caught up in fear for the English king and hope that he will emerge victorious.

The speeches before the battle of Harfleur, and at the gates of Agincourt are very moving. It seems that Shakespeare meant this and other plays as discourses on the horrors of war and lessons on ways to resolve conflicts diplomatically. There is patriotism and irony in this play. A call to war as well as speeches on the horrors of war. A reminder that nothing is ever black-and-white.

I recommend this play, a better choice than many of the movies out this month. You can relive history and be entertained at the same time.

## 'Henry V' to please crowds until Friday

by Mariana Schatte  
of The commuter

Faculty George Lauris and students Ahna Neal and Rob Hazel are performing in OSU's Theater production, "Henry V."

The play opened Nov. 14 and is playing until Nov. 23 and will be the starring production of OSU's Shakespeare Season. It is produced by the University Theater, Department of Speech Communication and College of Liberal Arts, and directed by OSU professor Charlotte Headrick.

Ahna Neal, 20 and an English major with a minor in theater, is playing the part of Queen Isabel.

"I have no idea what I am going to do in the future, I know I like acting and I have been doing it since I was 4," Neal said.

Neal was also involved in last year's Corvallis Community Theater's production of "The Wizard of Oz" as a make up person. She has also taken courses in improvisation, acting I and introduction to theater at LBCC.

First-year English major Rob Hazel plays Constable. Hazel participated in OSU's summer production of "All's Well That Ends Well" and anxiously awaits OSU's future production of "The Tempest."

"Staging battle on stage has been really cool," said Hazel,



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

LBCC student Rob Hazel, Ahna Neal, Andrew Bowers and instructor George Lauris are all taking part in OSU's production of "Henry V." Bowers runs the sound, while Hazel, Neal and Lauris are on stage.

who hopes to be cast again later this year.

George Lauris, a speech and theater instructor at LB, said, "This is the first time that I have been in a show at OSU, although I have seen many of their productions over the past 15 years."

Lauris, who plays the part of Lt. Pistol in the play, has had a delightful and rewarding experience so far. He explains that Henry V is a mostly undergraduate production. Twenty-seven of

the 29 cast members are students. "My reception here has been gracious and warm," he said.

"I have never been involved in a production of "Henry V" before and the play's excitement is centered around Henry's conquest of France. The battle scenes are professionally staged and quite exciting!" added Lauris.

Henry V is one of Shakespeare's history plays and is a perennial favorite, first made popular by the Laurence Olivier

film of the 1940s and made accessible to another generation by the 1989 Kenneth Branagh version of the same play.

A few years ago, it was chosen as the play to open the new Globe Theatre in London. Charting Henry's fight against the French culminating in the battle of Agincourt, it is one of the most stirring of all the history plays with some of the most famous speeches in all of Shakespeare's writings.

## ART HAPPENINGS

### Artists Against AIDS

A photo exhibit, movie and literary readings are among the activities planned for the second annual Artists Against AIDS event sponsored by the Multicultural Center next week.

The exhibit—"African Journal: A Child's Continent"—will feature large color photographs by Oregon City photographer Chellie Kew on the impact of the AIDS epidemic on children in Africa. Chew has made on several trips to Africa to chronicle the health conditions facing children there. Hanging along with the photographs will be text of the stories of some of the individuals in the pictures.

The exhibit opens Tuesday, Nov. 26, and runs through Jan. 15 in the AHSS Art Gallery.

Also on Tuesday writers and artists will present readings and visual arts in the Multicultural Center from 12-1 p.m. Free soup and rolls will be served.

On Monday, the movie "Philadelphia," starring Tom Hanks, will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

### Holiday Treat

The LBCC Performing Arts Department is presenting a con-

cert featuring the LBCC Concert and Chamber Choirs. Holiday Treat will be conducted by Hal Eastburn on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in Takena Theater.

Admission is \$ 5. Tickets are available at Sid Stevens Jewelers, Rice Pharmacy and the Takena Theater Box Office. Reserved tickets must be picked up at the Takena Box Office before the date of the performance.

### Readings and Workshop

LBCC's Valley Writer Series is hosting a reading and workshop with fiction writers Marjorie Sandor and Tracy Daugherty Saturday Nov. 23 in the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Library. The reading is from 10 to 11 a.m. and is free. But the workshop runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and general admission is \$10, students and seniors are \$5.

Sandor is the author of two short story collections and a book of personal essays. She teaches in the MFA Program in Creative Writing at OSU.

Daugherty is the author of five books of fiction. He directs the MFA Program in Creative Writing at OSU.

## CHRISTMAS CASH!

Two Month's Rent Free  
over \$1,400!

### Brand New!

- Be the first to live in these well-appointed  
2 bedroom/2 bath apartments
- washer /dryer hookups
  - two state-of-the-art fitness rooms  
(one featuring free weights)
  - covered parking, extra storage
  - just minutes to LBCC

Ask about our  
"Pizza of the Month" and  
"Video of the Months" specials

Mountain View at RiverGreen  
541-738-0303

Norris & Stevens Inc.

**A & E Editor: Mariana Schatte**  
**Newsroom Desk: 917-4453**  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies, books, artwork and other entertaining or artistic endeavors

## Entertainment landmark now a holy house

by Shannon Reddicks  
 of The Commuter

Albany's Venetian Theater became home to the Plainview Mennonite Church this summer, turning the 1913 landmark of entertainment into a house of God.

The building went through several renovations and remodeling in recent years. The previous owner, Mike Lanahan, had spent a reported \$1.2 million to outfit the historic theater with a state-of-the-art sound system and other amenities before he reopened it in 2000 as a night club featuring the likes of Floater, Curtis Salgado and Coco Montoya.

In fact, Lanahan was still remodeling when the congregation of Plainview offered a settling price. According to Pastor Rob, Lanahan was prospecting the idea of selling the building anyway because the economies of booking made it tough and the building didn't house enough people to turn the profit high enough to make it worth his while.

The people of Plainview had been saving money for sometime, and even had their offices just across the street for six years from the Venetian before they entertained the idea of a purchase. Their

church was located out in Shedd, Oregon and Rob had emphasized, "It was east of I-5, and we'd only owned two acres out there. Albany was a great location for us because we wanted to be where the people were."

The entire congregation helps to maintain the building and their events. They have eight staff members and several volunteers. There are various events that take place there such as Monday Night Football, and you don't have to be a member to come watch it on a 26-foot screen. Saturday there is a ladies gathering, and on other days training seminars are held on a wide variety of topics.

The Venetian no longer plays the type of music it used to, Pastor Rob did say they will have concerts of a positive nature. He explained any music would be acceptable "as long as it doesn't hurt anyone."

A band called Kutless performed on Sunday, Nov. 17, and he would like to have some other musicians come play in the building, too. "They don't have to be all Christian music either," he said.

He said that the music quality is done by digital enhancement and "if you like good music, there's probably not a place in town you could hear it better."



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

The venerable Venetian Theater in downtown Albany is now the new home of the Plainview Mennonite Church, which was originally in Shedd, south of Albany. The new owners plan to continue holding public events in the theater, such as Monday Night Football on the 26-foot screen, and musical performances. The theater had reopened in 2000 as a night club featuring regional and nationally known musicians.

## The largest festival opens in December for children

by Kandi Starr  
 of The Commuter

LinnBenton Community College will ring in the Christmas spirit Dec. 7th with the Children's Winter Festival.

For the last 32 years LBCC's Student Programming Board has sponsored this winter festival for children 12 years and under. According to Michael Vandehey, the student programming boards team coordinator, the festival is the biggest event they sponsor all year.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. last until 3:45 p.m. and will be held in the LBCC commons. This year features include a visit from La Befana (Italian), Kwanza activities, a Native American sto-

ryteller, and a Chinese Lion Dance. There will also be a free gift given to each child, cookie decorating, crafts, and the children will learn and get to participate in international games. Of course Santa will be there to take pictures with the children for \$1.

Michael Vandehey expects to see 400 to 500 children at this event. There will be 40 to 50 volunteers needed to direct kids around the events, dress up as elves, and help decorate cookies. Anyone who wants to volunteer can sign up in the Student Life and Leadership office at LBCC. If there are questions about volunteering contact Wendy Novak in the Student Life and Leadership office.

**Best Value Around**

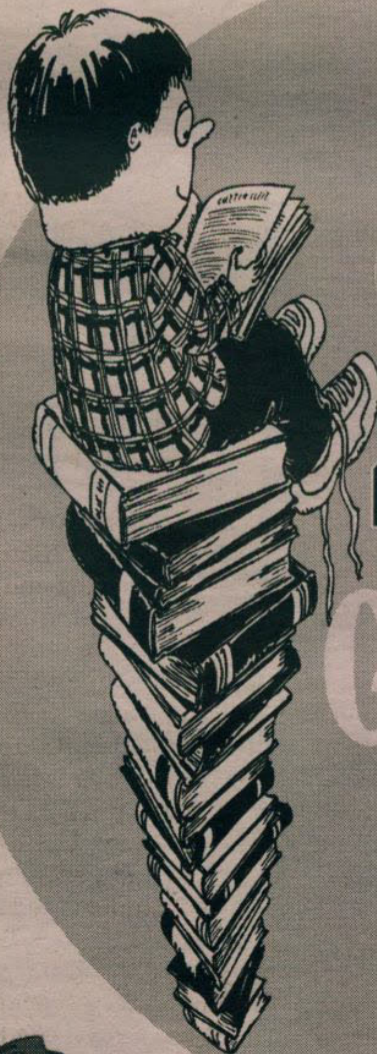
- Jumbo 1,080 Sq. Ft.
- 1, 2, 3 bedroom apartment homes
- W/D Hookups
- Sports Court (BB and Tennis)
- Fitness Room
- Extra Storage, Carports
- Minutes to LBCC and OSU

**Limited Time**  
**"Free Rent" Special**

Conifer Place  
**541-754-8443**  
 Norris & Stevens Inc.

# Children's Book Week

November 18-22



**25%** all

Children's Books



**LBCC Bookstore**

Mon-Thurs  
 8 to 6  
 Friday  
 8 to 4

# FUNNY PAGE

## CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Forces of Nature

by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE

Four 18" R3 Focal Wheels, good condition, great looking. Includes 2 practically new Proxes tires valued at \$200.00 each. Asking \$400.00 for all. Call Shane or Heather at 541-738-6472 for more information.

Abercrombie, A.E., Gap, and more. Come check us out! THE CLOTHING EXCHANGE for men and women. Monroe St. Corvallis. 541-754-2264

### MISCELLANEOUS

There will be a meeting of the Gender Equity Club Wednesday, November 27th from 12 - 1 at the Multicultural Center. All students interested in promoting gender equity on campus are invited! Call Nancy at 917-4786 for more information.

Student Employment on the WEB! If you have signed up with student Employment, but haven't checked in for a while, you might be inactive or we might have incorrect information. If you are active, you can check out our website at [www.linnbenton.edu/stusite](http://www.linnbenton.edu/stusite) to keep current on the local job openings. In an economy as competitive

as ours is now, you must be proactive to find that perfect job. If you haven't signed up, then come in today to the Career Center (T101) so you can search our website for jobs

### HELP WANTED

Bar tender trainees needed! \$250.00 a day potential. Local positions. 1-800-293-3985 Ext 815

Broadband Tech 1 (#1669, Salem) Perform variety of duties related to cable installation with a large employer. This full-time position starts at \$11.75/hour. See Student Employment in T101 for a referral.

Public Safety training Specialist (#1666, Mommouth) If you have 6 years experience in training and testing dev't or BS in Business Administration or Public Administration and three years of experience or equivalent combination, You'll love this job! It pays \$3271-4554/ month DOE. See Carla in the Career Center (Takena 101) for more information before it's gone!

Inkjet Technician (#1657, Corvallis) If you have verifiable experience working with and repairing Ink Jet style printers and fax machines and want to work one day a week, this job could be for you. It pays \$15-30/

hour. Please see us in the Career Center (T101) to get your referral on this great student opportunity!

Student Employment on the WEB! If you have signed up with Student Employment, but haven't checked in for a while, you might be inactive or we might have incorrect information. If you are active, you can check out our website at [www.linnbenton.edu/stusite](http://www.linnbenton.edu/stusite) to keep current on the local job openings. In an economy as competitive as ours is now, you must be proactive to find that perfect job. If you haven't signed up, then come in today to the Career Center (T101) so you can search our website for jobs at your convenience!

### CLASSIFIED AD POLICY

**Deadline:** Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission.

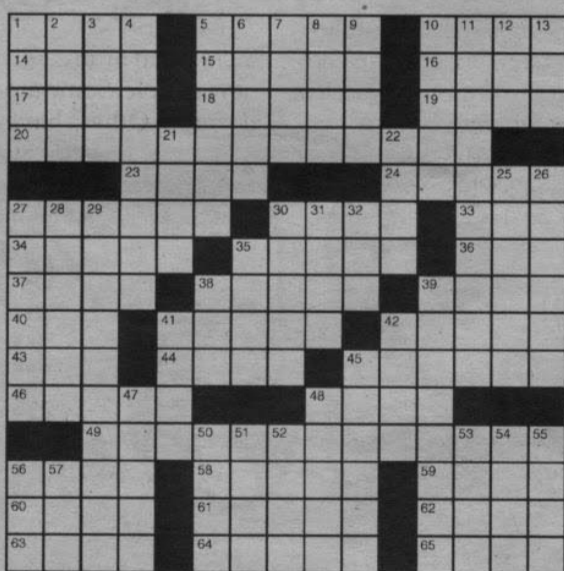
**Cost:** Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.



"Y'know, Mom ... A preemptive, unilateral strike could only worsen the threat of terrorism."

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Side of a doorway
  - 5 Sun-dried brick
  - 10 Air pollution
  - 14 Open a little
  - 15 Use Crayolas
  - 16 Evergreen
  - 17 de foie gras
  - 18 Singer Lopez
  - 19 Billy of rock
  - 20 Plug-and-socket device
  - 23 Olympus honcho
  - 24 Israel's Meir
  - 27 Pinch pennies
  - 30 Burn the surface of
  - 33 Miscalculate
  - 34 Director Pier Pasolini
  - 35 Alan Ladd classic
  - 36 sequitur
  - 37 Raggedy doll
  - 38 Uncanny
  - 39 Billy of "Titanic"
  - 40 Med. personnel
  - 41 Long (for)
  - 42 Irritating smoke
  - 43 Front of a shoe
  - 44 Qualified
  - 45 Niche
  - 46 Anchor position
  - 48 Pear choice
  - 49 Go broke
  - 56 Roasting stick
  - 58 Refine ore
  - 59 Notion
  - 60 Actress Yothers
  - 61 Plane passageway
  - 62 "Hud" star
  - 63 Patricia
  - 64 Omelet requirement
  - 65 State



© 2002 Tribune Media Services, Inc. All rights reserved. 11/18/02

- DOWN**
- 1 Quip
  - 2 Comet competition
  - 3 Actor Damon
  - 4 Airily
  - 5 Gets rowdy
  - 6 Day in the movies
  - 7 Spicy stew

- 8 City on the Rhine
- 9 Comic lide
- 10 V.P. Agnew
- 11 Shelley's Byshe, for example
- 12 Lennon's love
- 13 Set
- 21 Captain of the Nautilus
- 22 Monster
- 25 Worker bees
- 26 "Gunsmove" star
- 27 Greek city-state
- 28 Is unable
- 29 Host of "The Twilight Zone"
- 30 Old English county
- 31 Merit
- 32 Word in partnerships
- 35 Stamp of authority
- 38 Pattern of intrigue?
- 39 Elongated green squash

### Solutions

E	T	S	I	U	N	T	E	R	S	G	G	S		
L	A	N	E	L	T	S	I	V	A	N	I	T		
V	A	E	I	L	T	S	M	E	L	I	P	S		
R	I	H	S	S	E	N	O	E	S	O	L	R		
C	B	S	O	S	A	F	I	R	L	V	A			
S	S	E	C	E	S	E	L	E	A	B	L	E		
S	S	E	S	E	N	R	E	A	L	S	N	V		
N	E	N	Z	D	H	I	E	M	A	N	D	V		
N	O	N	Z	N	V	H	S	O	T	O	V	P		
V	R	E	R	A	V	A	R	S	A	M	I	R	C	S
V	A	L	O	G	S	N	E	Z						
D	O	O	C	N	O	I	S	N	E	T	X	E		
T	O	D	I	I	N	I	H	L	E	T	V	P		
N	E	I	P	H	O	T	O	C	R	V	A	V		
O	G	S	E	A	D	O	B	E	A	M	B	A		





**Contributing Editor:** Adele Kubein  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# LOCAL NEWS

News on happenings around the county including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Philomath, Tangent and Sweet Home

## Volunteers keep local soup kitchens percolating

With holidays coming, soup kitchens ask for more help to feed needy

by Maria Arico  
 of The Commuter

**S**oup kitchens open their doors to local needy persons in Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon. Despite the popular belief that soup kitchens are only for the homeless, there are many others who use the facilities, including students.

"Actually, very few of them are homeless," said Mary Martha Carr, coordinator of St. Mary's Stone Soup Kitchen at 501 N.W. 25th Street in Corvallis.

"We conducted a survey in June of 1999 and received 55 responses, only three of them listed camping as their living situation." Many who eat at Stone Soup are senior citizens, single persons and students.

Stone Soup is the oldest soup kitchen in the area, serving up to 60 patrons per meal, five days a week with the help of its 90 volunteers.

"It's important to have soup kitchens for getting a hot meal with no hassle," Carr said. "Especially for students who show up because their resources have dried up by the end of the month. It's also important for regulars because they can find a warm smile and people who know who they are because often times they aren't greeted well by others in the community."

Carr first got involved with Stone Soup as a volunteer five years ago when she made an apple crisp for one of the meals. "It was just one of those things where I wasn't working anymore. I had some extra energy and was ready to do something for the community," she said.

Carr says it's difficult to know if they're seeing more patrons in these days of depressed economy. "What we're seeing is a general fluctuation throughout the month. There are less people the first week and it gradually increases. Some months with five weeks have very high numbers, and we see people we've never seen before," she said.

Bob Broeg, a computer science teacher at Western Oregon University, is part of the dishwashing crew at Stone Soup on Thursday nights. He's been volunteering there for four years. "I first started volunteering while I was in college," he said. "One thing you discover about volunteering is that it becomes a habit. It's nice to be able to do something."

Broeg said the Thursday meal is usually the largest and he also notices a fluctuation in numbers as the month wears on. "Of course as the economy gets worse we will see more people," he said.

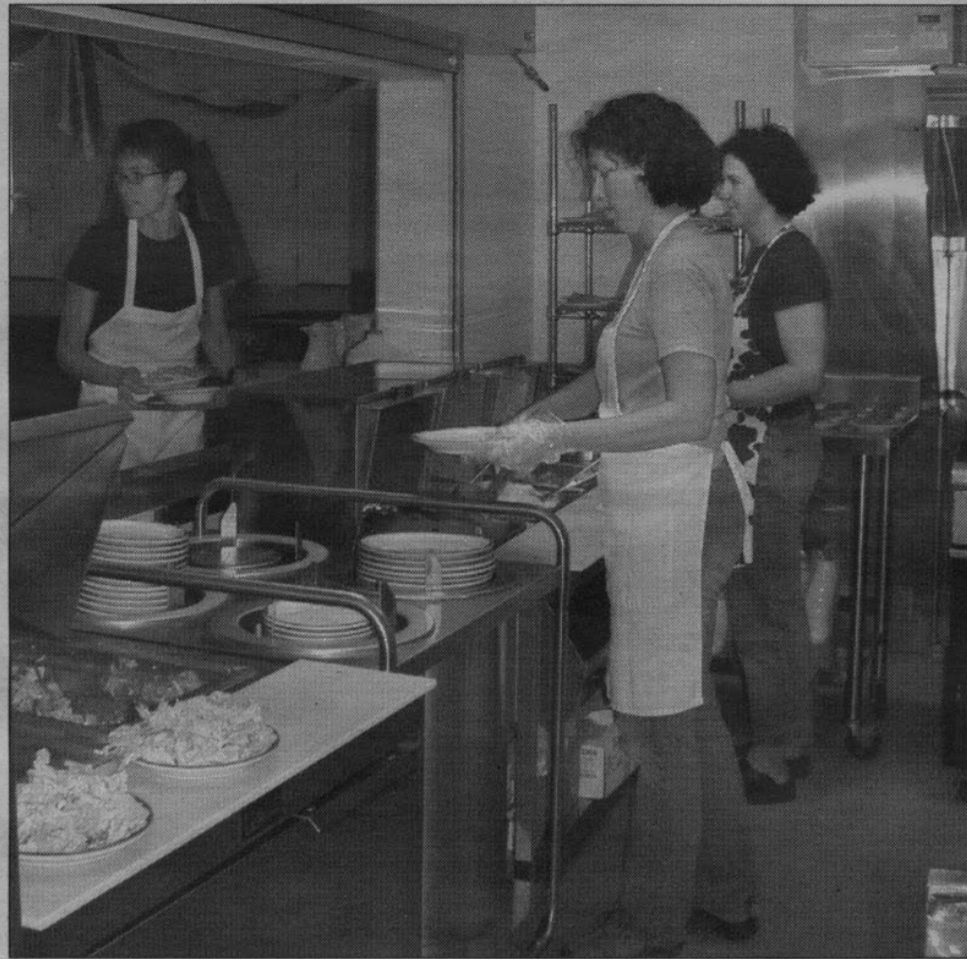


Photo by Joleane Sharp

**Cas Cooper (left) joins other volunteers at the Stone Soup Kitchen in Corvallis, where up to 60 patrons are served meals five days a week. The Stone Soup Kitchen is the oldest one in the area. Others run by St. Mary's in Albany and the First Christian Church in Lebanon, serve meals three days a week.**

"Especially families with children."

Cas Cooper is also part of the Thursday night crew. She serves food and has been volunteering in the community for 12 years. "The soup kitchen is more than a place where people get their meals. It's really a social thing," she said.

Cooper said sometimes she'll see people regularly for a year and then she won't see them for two years. "Then they circulate back through and when I ask where they've been they say, 'I've been around.'"

Carr said Stone Soup receives food and donations from a variety of sources. "We have gleaners for Stone Soup that go out into the community once a week and collect bread from bakeries. We also get pastry supplies from stores that are very generous to give us food." They also get food through the Food Bank on Highway 34 and Looney Lane. In the summer they receive fresh produce from local farms.

"We're quite generously supported by those in the community," she said. "So we're also able to buy food."

Carr said most of the volunteers come from the community at large and not all of them are church members.

"There are lots of people making ecumenical efforts, who are humanistic and wanting to help out in the community. They're also interested in food, so this is a beautiful marriage."

Kitchen duties are divided into orga-

nized crews. Cooks come in midday to prepare the food. Servers come in around 5 p.m. and begin setting up. The dishwashing crew comes in a little later to clean things up. There's also a last-one-out job that includes sweeping and mopping the floor. Everything is finished by about 7 p.m.

Stone Soup is entirely volunteer-based, so there is a high turnover rate and they are always looking for more volunteers. Those interested call St. Mary's Stone Soup at 757-1988.

The Stone Soup kitchen is one of three area soup kitchens run by local churches. In Albany, St. Mary's Catholic Church at 820 Ellsworth St. SW, offers meals 5-6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In Lebanon, the First Christian Church also provides meals three days a week.

**J**oyce Dart is the coordinator of the Lebanon Soup Kitchen, which operates out of the First Christian Church on 170 East Grant. They serve 120-155 people per night, three times a week, with the help of over 100 volunteers, including those who donate.

Dart said the soup kitchen got started 13 years ago because a woman named Marci Huntsinger used to walk the streets of Lebanon at night when she couldn't sleep and would see people digging through trash-bins for food. She wrote a letter to everyone in the community ask-

*"We don't ask questions of those who come to eat. One woman is doing okay. But she lost her husband so she's lonely. Everybody is welcome. Anybody who needs a little lift."*

▶ Joyce Dart

ing if there was some place to feed them. The only person to respond was a pastor from the First Christian Church, who offered the use of the church kitchen, where meals have been served ever since.

Dart is a member of the First Christian Church, and said at first she was hesitant to volunteer in the soup kitchen because she didn't want to work with "those" kinds of people. But Huntsinger asked her to pit cherries for one of the meals and she loved it. "Now I love working with 'those' people," she said.

Dart said she thinks a soup kitchen is important in the community because Oregon is the state with the highest hunger rate. "We need to be aware of helping others," she said. "We could be in their same position someday."

While few who eat at the soup kitchen are actually homeless, many others who fill the seats are those with low income or no income, people on Social Security, children, single men, teenage boys and also people who are just lonely.

Dart said they have children who come barely big enough to hold the tray, but they come because they know they can get a good meal.

"They get their bellies filled, their hearts filled and lots of smiles. Sometimes lots of hugs too. One woman hugged me for 15 minutes."

She said there are fewer people at meal time during the first of the month, but by the end numbers are very high.

Dart said there hasn't been a drastic increase in numbers, but there are lots of new people. Some are transients passing through. Others have lost their jobs and some are doing okay and just want the company.

"We don't ask questions of those who come to eat," Dart said. "One woman is doing okay. But she lost her husband so she's lonely. Everybody is welcome. Anybody who needs a little lift."

Dart said they're always looking for volunteers to help out with the many things that keep the kitchen running. If interested, call (541) 451-2200.

Providing for the needy is a priority for soup kitchens in the area.

"It's a safe place for them to feel some acceptance," said Carr. "It's also important for volunteers and donors too, because it gives them a sense of well-being."

## Three area soup kitchens provide free Thanksgiving meals

by Maria Arico  
 of The Commuter

Soup kitchens in the area offer a special Thanksgiving meal to those in need.

### Stone Soup Kitchen in Corvallis

Stone Soup will have a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 28 in the St. Mary's gym, prepared by members of the First United Methodist Church, from 11:30-1 p.m.

Regular meals are served four days a week in the

St. Mary's gym, and once a week at the Westminster House at 101 NW 23 St. in Corvallis.

Meals in the gym are on Monday and Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Westminster House; Wednesday and Friday in the gym from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday there is a sack lunch provided to tide patrons over for the weekend.

### Lebanon Soup Kitchen

The Lebanon Soup Kitchen will serve a Thanksgiving meal from 5-6 p.m. at The First Christian Church on

Wednesday Nov. 27, rather than on Thanksgiving because they don't serve meals on Thursdays.

Regular meals are served at the church every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 p.m.

### St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Albany

The St. Mary's Soup Kitchen of Albany, located at 820 Ellsworth Street S.W. in the basement of the St. Mary's Catholic Church will have a Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. The kitchen serves meals from 5-6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year.

**Sports Editor:** Thomas McGeary  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

## Victory gym builds ring sports in community

by Thomas McGeary  
of the commuter

**V**ictory Gym, at 251 SW Pacific Blvd. in Albany, wants to play a key role in the rise of ring sports in the extended Albany community.

Jessica and Dan Dunn, OSU graduates who now manage the new gym, have dedicated themselves to instructing youth and adults in ring sports. This includes demonstrations, classes, and shadow and mentorship programs at local middle and high schools, as well as with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Jessica is a pioneer in women's boxing and is particularly interested in encouraging women in the so-called "manly art."

"Women love the sport, especially when they realize that the cardio workout is more fun with resistance," she said.

Dunn explained that the women's boxing program's goal is to be accepted as an Olympic sport, which may become reality. There is a good possibility that women's boxing will be allowed as a demonstration sport at the 2004 Olympics, and 2008 is the target for full inclusion of the sport. Dunn hopes to be on that 2008 team.

As of June 2001, approximately 100 countries have introduced the sport. All five Olympic continents have started women's boxing, some with limited participation. Europe, where women's boxing is a strong part of their instruction is especially involved in this movement.

Women's boxing was not always accepted. It wasn't until 1996 when it became a part of the Amateur International Boxing Association (AIBA). USA Boxing opened itself to females

in 1993 after two lawsuits.

It is still left to individual coaches and clubs to make the program work, or to decide whether to have one. Many coaches still don't believe that women belong in boxing. But some do, and Jessica and Dan are working to develop women's programs.

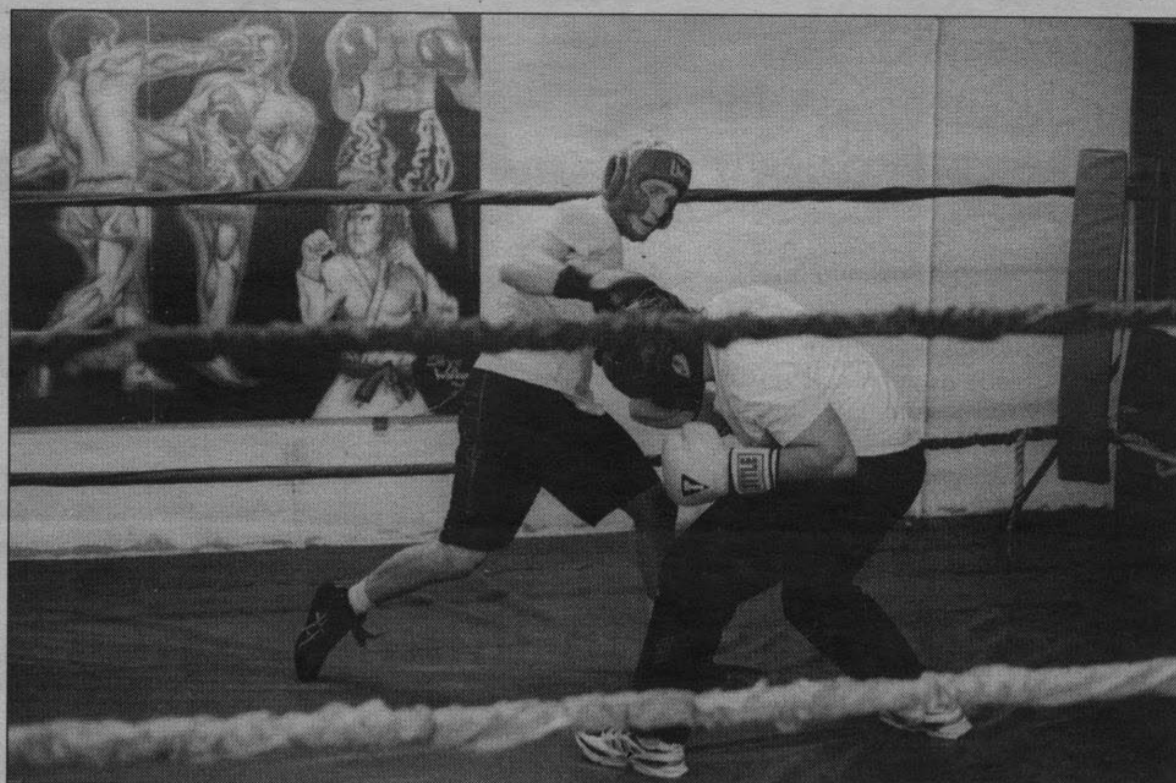
The first sanctioned women's amateur match in the USA was between welterweights Jennifer McCleery, better known as "Dallas Malloy," and Heather Poyner, both from the Seattle area, in October 1993. A lawsuit backed by the American Civil Liberties Union was needed to bring it about.

There are currently almost 1,300 female boxers registered with USA Boxing. Rules regarding women's boxing are similar to the men's program with a few minor differences: the length of rounds, the use of breast protectors instead of cups, and a required waiver stating that the participant is not pregnant. A passbook is issued at the time of registration and is kept by the athlete or her coach, and must be presented every time she competes.

Currently, Robert Marthaller, a former OSU defensive back and state Golden Gloves champion at 156 pounds, is fighting out of Victory Gym. He will compete in the "Battle at the Beach," Nov. 22 at Chinook Winds and Nov. 23 in Tri-City Wash. LBCC student, Jeff Leonard of Sweet Home, a four-time state champion, also trains there.

Competing isn't cheap and fund raising within the community helps fighters and trainers get to bouts.

"Local businesses donate airline miles and funds so we are able to compete nation-wide. Boxing national competitions



**Two boxers spar at the Victory Gym in Albany in preparation for the Battle at the Beach Friday at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. Jessica Dunn, (right) the co-manager of Victory Gym in Albany, is currently in the process of training for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games, in which she hopes to participate in womens boxing. Jessica also plans to take part in the exhibition for the 2004 Summer Olympics, which will take place in Athens, Greece.**

Photos by  
Jeremy Hennig

took place in Las Vegas last year and will be in South Dakota this summer," said Jessica.

Those interested in joining Victory Gym should contact Jessica or Dan Dunn at (541) 908-KICK. The first two classes are free and monthly memberships are flexible ranging from \$35 for limited use to \$75 for full access (including weights and classes).



## Gym also open for students

The Victory Gym provides multiple recreational opportunities for the community, including LBCC students.

Morning weight programs and evening classes are available at times when the LBCC Activities Center is unavailable.

Classes include beginning boxing (M-W, 5:45-6:45 p.m.); beginning kick boxing (T-Th, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.); all levels boxing (M-F, 6:45-8:30 p.m.); all levels kick boxing (M-F, 6:45- 8:30 p.m.); Jujitsu (M-Th, 8:30-10 p.m.); Bruce Lee's JKD (W 8:30-10 p.m.).

Youth boxing for 8-years-old and up is offered Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., as well as open gym (Sa 5:45-6:45 p.m., F 6:45-8:30 p.m., and T-F 8:30-10 p.m.). Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts) is offered Fridays from 5:45-6:45 p.m.

## Student Health Services

In Tadena Hall every  
Wednesday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

### Service includes:

Immunizations  
Minor Illness  
Sports and Required Physicals  
STD Exams and Treatment  
Reproductive Health Care  
Pregnancy Testing  
HIV Counseling and Testing



Most services are provided to students  
at low-cost fees or free.  
(based on household income)

For more info call  
541-967-3888 or 800-304-7468  
or check out our website:  
www.lbcc.cc.or.us/healthservices

Sponsored by: Associated Student Government of LBCC, Students Services Division, and Linn County Health Department



**SOCCER HOCKEY FOOTBALL  
DON'T MISS OUT  
WINTER SEASON  
BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2002  
REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 20, 2002  
LEAGUES FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS!**



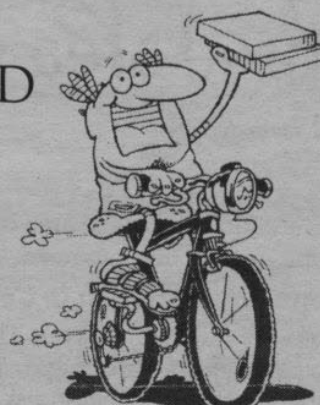
**CORVALLIS SPORTS PARK**  
PHONE: 541-757-0776  
WWW.ONEGOAL.COM



**Little Caesars**  
Best Pizza Value in America.

**BUY 1 PIZZA  
AND RECEIVE  
AN 8 PC.  
CRAZY BREAD  
FREE WITH  
THIS AD!!**

**541-928-1000  
1705 HILL  
STREET S.E.  
ALBANY**



**Sports Editor:** Thomas McGeary  
**Newsroom Desk:** 917-4453  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

## It's one match at a time as LB enters playoffs

by Thomas McGeary of the Commuter

The LBCC Women's Volleyball team was unable to stop the attack of number three, Clackamas. A freshman lead attack by Rebecca Buhl and Kelly Kettles who combined for 12 kills came up short as Linn-Benton went down in three straight games 30-20, 30-23, 30-28.

The Match was very important in the standings with the upcoming NWAACC Volleyball Tournament in Spokane, WA. The runners had a chance to be

8-4 and number three in their division. Resting at number four the Lady Runners start their playoff run after losing their last two conference games. Friday at 10 a.m. they play Highline who they beat at the Highline Cross-over tournament in late September. When asked about her teams outlook on the tournament, Coach Fraizer stated, "One match at a time and we will see how it goes, we beat Highline once."

In the semi finals the runners will have to face a possible 12-0 Mt. Hood or 8-4 Clackamas.

## Runners get league honors

by Thomas McGeary of the Commuter

Sophomore Leslea Brown, outside hitter, was named to the NWAACC Southern Region All-Stars first team.



Kim West, Leslea Brown also a sophomore and middle blocker, was

named to second team. Honorable Mention honors went to freshman Rebecca Buhl, outside hitter, and Kellie Kettles, middle blocker.

The Southern Regional All-Star match will be held on Saturday Dec. 7 at Clackamas Community College.

Sophomores Janine Dionne and Kim West will also be honored for academic achievements at the NWAACC Volleyball Banquet Nov. 21.



The ski lifts at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood are ready for snow lovers. The resort is already open due to its 6,000-foot elevation, but ski resorts closer to the Mid-Valley, including Hoodoo in the Santiam Pass and Willamette Pass Ski Area in Willamette Pass, are still hoping for enough white stuff to open this week.

Photo by Phillip Ruzek

## Area ski resorts pray for snow

by Kevin Brown of The Commuter

Ski season is right around the corner, and local ski resorts are expecting to open next week depending on weather.

Willamette Pass Ski Area, located on Highway 58 southeast of Eugene, has replaced its two main lifts to the summit with one high-speed six person lift. It will be the only one of its kind in Oregon. The resort's projected opening date is Nov. 20, but with only four inches at the base on Friday Nov. 15, skiers can only hope.

Day pass and twilight passes range from \$17 to \$34. Willamette also has a five-day mini pass for adults and youths. This lift option is good for any five days of skiing / riding throughout the season. It totals Five days for just about the price of four. Five-day minipass cost \$141 for adults and \$85 for

youths.

Hoodoo in the Santiam Pass on Hwy 20, 75 miles east of Albany, has nine inches at the base with a projected opening date of Nov. 23. They are expecting a storm over the weekend and plan to open as scheduled. Day passes are as follows: adults (12 and up) \$29; junior (6-11) \$22; students (through age 25) \$26; seniors (65+) \$22. Hoodoo also replaced all the chairs on all the lifts over the summer to make for a more comfortable ride.

Mount Bachelor, located near Bend, has 21 inches at the base and is planning on opening for business on Nov. 22 as scheduled. Day passes are adults \$44 (holiday \$47); youth (6-12) \$26 (holiday \$28); teen (13-18—ID required) \$37 (holiday \$39); senior (65-69) \$37 (holiday \$39); senior 70+ free.

Last year Mount Bachelor opened a new innertube park which they plan to keep open again this year.

### SPORTS

Jered Reid



## Beaver Nation ready for Civil War hype

What a difference a couple of years make.

It seems like yesterday that the Beavers beat Oregon in the Civil War and then went on to romp all over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Last year's Civil War game got all kinds of preseason hype, as both Ken Simonton and Joey Harrington were on the cover of Sports Illustrated earlier in the season. The game was moved up a week for better ratings, and the stage was set for a national championship game in Eugene.

However, Oregon State nosedived last year, making the writers at Sports Illustrated look foolish and it was the Ducks who later triumphed in the Fiesta Bowl.

So what about this year?

No hype whatsoever—in fact, the game might not even have a live telecast because of an argument between OSU and Eugene's KEZI-TV. No Pac-10 title is on the line, no team has a shot at playing New Year's Day, and neither team is ranked in the top 25.

This year's Civil War reminds me of the glory days of Oregon football, when the Civil War was for one thing

only—state bragging rights.

Both teams should get a bowl bid. Win or loss, they will both end the season with winning records, and because there's so many bowl games, no teams with winning records from big conferences get left out.

Let's break this game down. The Beavers have the momentum after beating Stanford 31-21 Saturday. They have the sixth-ranked rusher in the nation (Steven Jackson) and the 12th best defense in the country. The Ducks, however, got their feathers ruffled again at Autzen, losing to Washington 14-42. Their top offensive weapon Onterio Smith is out with a foot injury, and their cornerbacks can't stop anybody.

This should equal a Beaver victory, and I predict it will. My fearless prediction for this years Civil War—Oregon State 27, Oregon 17.

But no matter if your a Beaver fan or a Duck fan, this weekend is always a lot of fun. I recommend everybody to go to Reser Stadium, enjoy the rain and do some tailgating. **One more thing:** Don't watch KEZI.

# Holiday Sale

## happening now!

The folks at the bookstore love the holidays! The folks at the Bookstore love the holidays!

Hours:  
 Mon. - Thurs.  
 8am to 6pm  
 Friday  
 8am to 4pm

**LBCC Bookstore**

Editor-in-Chief: Wendy Geist  
 Newsroom Desk: 917-4451  
 commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

# NATIONAL NEWS

News and information  
 from the United States  
 and the world

## Political goals fuel Iran's freedom of speech debate

by Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson  
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

A student demonstration in support of a popular reformist professor who was sentenced to die for blaspheming Islam turned bloody Monday when extremists supporting Iran's theocracy clashed with the students at Tehran's Sharif University.

One student speaker suffered a cracked skull and cuts and was carried off by friends during the attack by roughly 500 members of the hard-line militia group Ansareh Hezbollah, or "Friends of the Party of God," witnesses said. A number of other students also were injured.

Authorities' nervousness over the potential for widespread civil revolt is evident. Besides keeping protesters on campus, officials have banned foreign media from covering demonstrations over the past three days. A request by organizers of the protest to open Monday's demonstration to the public was rejected, although students from other universities were allowed to attend.

A critical remark about supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei apparently sparked the fight at the university gymnasium, where nearly 5,000 students had gathered to rally for history professor Hashem Aghajari. He has been convicted of apostasy, or turning away from his Shiite faith, for challenging Iran's clerical rule during a speech in the western city of Hamadan last August. Critics insist that the Nov. 6 ruling could have been issued only with the approval of the highest-ranking clerics.

On Sunday, Khamenei sought to de-



Photo by Reza Moattarian KRT News Service

**Students demonstrate at the shahid Beheshti University Sunday Nov. 17 against a death penalty sentence given to professor Hashem Aghajari. Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, has ordered the judiciary to reverse the death sentence.**

fuse tensions between the reformist and right-wing camps by ordering the judiciary to review and rescind Aghajari's sentence, which includes 74 lashes by a leather whip, eight years' imprisonment and a 10-year ban on teaching. Judiciary officials say the Islamic Republic's highest court will review the sentence. Aghajari has refused to appeal it.

One protest organizer said Khamenei's intervention did not go far enough.

"Our problem is not only the revision of the death sentence ... but freedom of speech and freedom in general," Abdollah Momeni, a leader of the Office to Consolidate Unity student group, told

fellow demonstrators Monday. Students chanted overtly political slogans, including "Free political prisoners" and "Death to the Taliban in Kabul and Tehran."

The extremists chanted "Khamenei is the supreme leader, he's the representative of our prophet" during the ensuing melee, which sent thousands of students fleeing toward the university gates. Police officers, who routinely have prevented student demonstrators from spilling out onto the streets, refused to let them pass, witnesses said. The students and extremists subsequently dispersed across campus.

There were conflicting reports as to

whether the Ansareh Hezbollah members were students or whether they pretended to be to get onto the campus.

The judiciary, whose members are considered to be at the extreme edge of Iran's right wing, appeared unmoved by the public outcry about Aghajari's case, and the head of the judiciary complained that the case was being politicized.

"The problem in this country is that we look at everything from a factional point of view and use every verdict for political objectives," state-run television quoted the head of the judiciary, Ayatollah Mahmud Hashemi-Sharudi, as saying during a meeting Monday with fellow jurists.

More politicians and academicians are joining in criticizing the ruling, using the opportunity to speak out in favor of freedom of speech. One of those was Zahra Rahnavard, the head of Tehran's al Zahra University, whose comments were published Monday in Iran News, a state-run, English-language daily newspaper.

"Thoughts need to be criticized, analyzed and debated," said Rahnavard, who added that she did not agree with some of Aghajari's views. "Treating them harshly, like sentencing those who express them to prison terms or death, is the most inappropriate possible way to deal with them."

Over the past 11 days, protesters have urged the ruling clerics to ease their control over the Islamic republic, rather than maintain a dictatorship rivaling that of the former shah. Hard-line critics, however, say the conflict is not a problem with clerical rule, but the result of reformers flouting the law.

## International students on rise, but not from Islamic countries

by Diane Smith  
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

More foreign students are coming to the United States to learn despite intense government scrutiny since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to a report released on Monday.

The number of international students attending colleges and universities increased by 6.4 percent, bringing this year's total to a record high of 582,996, according to the Open Doors 2002 report by the Institute of International Education, a global higher-education and professional exchange agency. The report, funded by the U.S. State Department, tracks trends among international students.

International education experts and students say the benefits of getting a degree in the United States outweigh concerns about new immigration rules and security checks. There are also so many choices for higher education in the United States, from vocational schools to Ivy League universities, they say.

"America is the No. 1 destination of choice for higher education," said Allan Goodman, president and chief executive of the institute.

Clement Taylor, a 20-year-old information-systems student from the Bahamas, said he understands why the security checks must be done.

"You don't know who is going to start a conflict or

riot," said Taylor, who attends the University of Texas at Arlington.

Texas, which has the third-largest number of foreign students in the nation, had the strongest growth in international-student enrollment from 2000-01 to 2001-02, with an increase of 17 percent to 44,192.

India surpassed China as the leading country of origin for international students in the United States, with 66,836, the report says.

The Open Doors 2002 report says international students contribute nearly \$12 billion to the economy by paying for tuition, living expenses and other costs.

These numbers come in a post-Sept. 11 climate in which the federal government is trying to track all travelers and keep close tabs on foreign students. Colleges and universities have taken a bigger role in keeping up with these students. Institutions are supposed to report those who drop out. And by Jan. 30, all colleges and universities must be on line with the government student-tracking system, known as SEVIS, or Student and Exchange Visitor Information System.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is now requiring some foreign visitors, including students, to register with the INS by Dec. 16. Those who must register are males ages 16 or older from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, countries that are linked to terrorism.

"Up until Sept. 11, the INS didn't pay that much

attention to foreign students. They had other priorities to deal with. ... The mood of the country changed literally overnight," said Clifford R. Thompson, an international-student adviser at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Still, there are signs that tighter security has had some impact. While the total number of foreign students attending U.S. colleges is increasing, fewer students are coming from certain Islamic countries, according to a survey conducted this fall by the institute. That survey examines the effect of Sept. 11 on international education.

At some universities, the number of students from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates has dropped as much as 30 percent, educators said.

"I think it is too soon to know what's the reason for the drop," Goodman said. He said it is unclear whether students are deciding not to come to the United States or whether governments are advising against it.

While the survey didn't ask why there was a decline, educators listed several reasons in an open discussion on the organization's message board, including visa denials and delays in some countries.

The strength of the U.S. dollar and the devaluation of home currencies may also have kept some students from coming to the United States. Others may have chosen to study in Australia, Canada or the United Kingdom if they were denied U.S. visas.

### THE COMMUTER

#### STAFF

commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

AD Department: commuterads@ml.linnbenton.edu

VISIT THE COMMUTER ONLINE

WWW.LINNBENTON.EDU/COMMUTER

The Commuter is the weekly student-run newspaper for Linn-Benton Community College, financed by student fees and advertising. Opinions expressed in The Commuter do

Phone: (541) 917-4450, 917-4451, 917-4452 or 917-4453  
 Fax: (541) 917-4454

not necessarily reflect those of the LBCC administration, faculty, and Associated Students of LBCC. Editorials, columns, letters and cartoons reflect the opinions of those who sign them.

The Commuter  
 6500 S.W. Pacific Blvd.  
 Albany, OR 97321

**Editor-in-Chief:** Wendy Geist  
**Managing Editor:** Erin Bartelds  
**Contributing Editor:** Adele Kubein  
**Editorial Assistant:** Heather Scott  
**Design Editor:** Evan Johnson  
**Online Editor:** Skyler Corbett  
**A & E Editor:** Mariana Schatte  
**Sports Editor:** Thomas McGeary

**Photo Editor:** Jeremy Hennig  
**Photographers:** Bonnie Quinones, Joleane Sharp  
**Photo Intern:** Stefanie Hessenkemper  
**Advertising Manager:** Lisa Terra  
**Advertising Assistant:** Miranda Gagner  
**Production Assistant:** Jered Reid  
**Advisor:** Rich Bergeman

**Reporters:** Maria Arico, Michelle Bertalot, Matt Boase, Kevin Brown, Melissa Friend, Scott W. McClure, Darrell McGie, Tim Paulson, Cole Pouliot, Mitch Powell, Shannon Reddicks, Michelle Reed, Alaina Jones Richardson, Chris Ross, Carlie Russum, Phillip Ruzek, Justin Sittou, Cassandra Starr