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## College board to raise tuition by \$4 per credit

by D.D. Malloy  
of The Commuter

The LBCC Board of Directors decided last week to increase tuition by 10 percent, from \$39 to \$43 per credit hour, and raise a variety of other student fees.

The \$4 per credit tuition increase, which takes effect summer term, is \$2 more than initially proposed by the Budget Committee. The committee also increased proposed budget cuts from \$1.3 million to \$1.8 million to account for a drop in state reimbursement.

It is expected that the \$4 tuition increase will be approved at the board's June 16 meeting, and will

generate about \$600,000. The increase will put the cost of tuition and fees for a full-time student taking 15 credits at \$645, compared to the current \$585. Despite the increase, LBCC will remain in the lowest tuition category among the 17 community colleges in Oregon.

The action on tuition came last Thursday during back-to-back meetings of the budget committee and board of directors.

The budget committee approved a 2002-2003 general fund budget of \$34,660,158. Among items cut to balance the budget were \$200,000 less for major maintenance, and equipment replacement; elimination of

178 class sections; reduction of full-time enrollment by 232 students; reduction in full-time staff of 11 positions; and cutting the contingency fund from 10 to 8 percent.

Other fee increases approved by the board will go into effect July 1, some of them up by as much as 500 percent.

Fee increases include:

- \$25 late add fee per class for adding a class after the add deadline. The instructor's signature will be required for each added class after the add deadline.

- An increase from \$5 per billing period to \$25 for

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## Students gather at Bryant Park for state-wide river cleanup

by Mariana Schatte  
of the Commuter

Last Saturday five LBCC students helped pull old couches, shopping carts, exercise machines, and a variety of other trash from along the banks of the Willamette River at Bryant Park in Albany.

They were part of nearly 50 volunteers from local high schools and OSU who participated in a state-wide riverbank clean-up program organized by the city of Albany. Among those helping out were members of OSU's River Watch student group.

LBCC business majors Shawn Gilliam, Gabe Adams, Macahan Corthell and Joe McAlhany, and

education majors Nikki Godard and Karen Ruth were also getting extra credit in Biology 101, taught by Melissa Kilgore.

"We are here to clean the environment, but we also get extra points for doing this," said Ruth.

At 9 a.m. the students began the hard work of collecting trash and separating out recyclable materials like plastic and glass. By noon the effort wound down with free pizza for everyone who pitched in.

"People put things here because they don't know what else to do with them," said Cheryl Hummon, Water Resources Program coordinator. "Sometimes they are stolen things that were taken by teenagers for fun."



Students from LBCC, OSU and local high schools collect trash from along the Willamette River at Bryant Park and pick out the recyclables Saturday during a state-wide cleanup program.

## Food, fun and dunk tank at today's Spring Fling BBQ

by Twila Skelley  
of The Commuter

Today is the LBCC all-campus Spring Fling and all the fun is in the courtyard.

There will be a BBQ from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hamburgers, veggieburgers, chips, sliced vegetables and soda pop will be served for \$3 to students and \$4 to staff. Music will be provided by 101.5 KFLY and 99.9 KRKT. For everyone who is still a kid at heart, Portland Party Works will be providing a human fly wall and bungee run during the BBQ for free.

The Ambassadors program will sponsor a dunk tank at the picnic, featuring several well-known instructors and staff, including Multicultural Center Coordinator Susan Prock, political science instructor Doug Clark, Athletic Director Greg Hawk, Student Activities Coordinator Carol Wenzel, physics instructor Greg Mulder, math instructor Bob Ulrich, and Vice President of Instruction Ed Watson. If anyone has a bone to pick, now is the chance to get even.

The 4Ds (Drugs, Drinking, Driving,

Don't) event will start at 10 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to wear the fatal-vision goggles and drive the D.A.R.E. car, which will be in the parking lot next to the business building. The Crash Car, an auto that was totaled in a drunk-driving accident, will be on display in the courtyard.

If a person was killed in the accident, their picture is placed beside the car with their name and age. The car is meant to be a visual reminder of how dangerous,

inconsiderate and fatal it can be to drink and drive.

Books Are Fun, which was at the All Campus Picnic earlier in the year, will also be present. Books Are Fun offers a variety of books for students and staff to purchase, including children's books and books on everything from cooking to gardening.

In addition, the American Association of Women in Community Colleges will hold its annual silent auction of art, food and services in the courtyard.

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

 High: 62° Low: 41° Wednesday	 High: 70° Low: 42° Thursday	 High: 72° Low: 45° Friday	 High: 66° Low: 48° Saturday	 High: 70° Low: 46° Sunday
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O! how this spring of love resembleth  
The uncertain glory of an April day!

—William Shakespeare  
*The Two Gentlemen of Verona*

Source: Weather.com

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## OFF BEAT

## Campaign exposure

A woman running for a council seat in Yorkshire, England, was shocked to learn that her opponent circulated leaflets featuring nude pictures of her. The 37-year-old mother of three shouldn't be surprised. The naughty pictures are from a TV appearance she did two years ago with three other naked women to promote naturism. She lost the election.

## In dire need

A man boarded a Frankfurt-to-Dresden train and soon discovered that all the toilets were shut down because there was no water for flushing. The man, said to be in "urgent need" of these facilities had to endure two hours of excruciating discomfort as a result. He sued the railway and was awarded \$270.

## Keeping warm

Kalmar hospital in Sweden had been putting little hats on the heads of newborn babies to keep them warm. The hats were so cute that many parents stole them. So the hospital now puts underpants on the infants' heads.

## But I'm the victim!

Joseph Honrath's rental car was stolen by a new-found "friend" who waited outside when he went into a Las Vegas convenience store to buy them some booze. He thought nothing of reporting the theft to the cops despite the fact that he was wanted for 15 robberies committed last month, seven of them on one day. He was arrested.

## And one, and two!

A San Francisco woman was refused a job as an aerobics instructor because she weighs a whopping 240 pounds, so she sued under the city's "fat and short" law, barring discrimination. She won. As a result, aerobics instructors are no longer required to appear fit and trim, and, could even look as though the vigorous exercise could give them a heart attack.

—From KRT News

## shhhhh...I want to buy that

A silent auction sponsored by American Association of Women in Community Colleges will feature more than 80 items you can bid on today, May 22, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the LBCC Courtyard.

## Oh, Berry!

The Takena Kiwanis are again sponsoring berry sales this year. Proceeds from the sales have helped construct the play shelter for LBCC's Child Care Center and support other projects for Albany's youth. The berries are fresh and locally grown and packaged in a handy reusable container. Fresh strawberries will be ready mid-June.

Individually quick-frozen berries (blueberries, marion berries, strawberries) may also be ordered now and will be available in August. Contact Ed Watson at 917-4201 or stop by CC-102B.

## To be there or not to be there

An SL&L-sponsored Oregon Shakespearean Festival Trip departs the campus at 8 a.m. Sunday May 26 for Ashland, and returns at 1 p.m. on Monday (Memorial Day). The trip is open to all students and includes transportation to Ashland, tickets to "Handler" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," and overnight accommodations at a Motel 6 in Medford for a fee of \$20. This event is available to the first 12 students to sign up.

## Dates for Summer Term

Open Registration starts May 20.  
Summer term classes start June 24.  
Closed for Independence Day July 4.  
Closed for Labor Day Sept. 2.

## Eloquent Umbrella reading

Authors will read from their works in the recently published Eloquent Umbrella today from 7-9 p.m. at the Benton Center, Room BC-10 (in the basement). The Eloquent



quent Umbrella is published annually by the Literary Publications class and includes selections from local writers, artists and photographers, many of whom are students. The journal can be purchased for \$5 from the LBCC Bookstore and other bookstores in Corvallis and Albany. Today's reading is sponsored by the Valley Writers Series.

## No school

All LBCC offices and Extended Learning centers will be closed for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. Normal operations and classes will resume Tuesday, May 28.

## Hellooo, Nurse!

Next Tuesday, May 28 enjoy a Western barbecue in the Courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with students and staff from the LBCC LPN program. Hot dogs, baked beans, apple pie and drinks available. \$3 for students, \$4 for staff.

## Peace Forum

A discussion on world affairs sponsored by the LBCC Peace Studies Program will be held Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

## Planting Party

The courtyard will be filled with the vibrant colors of flowers as students and staff are invited to take part in a planting party today at noon. Come down and plant flowers in individual pots that will be placed around the campus in order to give the college grounds a spring atmosphere in time for graduation ceremonies next month.

## Tuition: Fees rise for transcripts, late adds

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late payment of tuition and student fees.

- \$10 per term deferred billing fee for agencies or third parties.

- \$5 for the first official transcript ordered, and \$1 for each additional official copy ordered at the same time. This is less than the current \$3 charge for additional copies.

- \$5 for the first unofficial transcript and each additional unofficial copy ordered at the same time. Unofficial transcripts will be available at no charge at sis.linnbenton.edu. Unofficial transcripts are currently \$1 each.

- \$1 per transcript to be faxed. If it is not a rush order, the fee will be \$6—\$5 to print the transcript plus \$1 to fax it.

- \$10 for each "rush order" transcript required in less than five working days.

LB Registrar John Snyder explained: "The normal processing time for all transcripts will be five working days. Our goal is to process transcript requests as quickly as possible. However, with the increases in requests and additional workload and no additional staff, it is necessary to extend our processing time for transcripts. Your transcript may be ready in less than five days, but only as our workload allows. The \$10 rush order fee will apply only if you wish to ensure your order will be ready in less than five days."

Snyder added that students will be able to order their transcripts online in the near future.

The 500 percent increase in late payment fees was increased because the Business Office reported the \$5 fee was ineffective in promoting on-time payment and was lower than the average late fees charged by other colleges, which range from \$25 to 10 percent of the outstanding balance.

Students needing transcripts and wishing to avoid the increase in fees should do their business with the college before July 1.



Photo by James Bauerle

## Eyeing Art

Admirers lean in for a good look at the opening reception of the annual Graphic Design Student Exhibit in the AHSS Gallery Monday evening. The show, which remains up through June 7, features more than 50 works in logo design, illustration, typography, 3-D packaging and other graphic designs that students have created during the school year.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Ecuadorian student finds 24-credit load a challenge

by D.D. Malloy  
of The Commuter

He began studying English in elementary school at the age of 6 in his home city of Guayaquil, Ecuador. José



José Cedeño

Cedeño has spent his lifetime learning English and as a high school international exchange student discovered that his future career may be in teaching Spanish. After graduating from Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis he decided to remain in the United States and attend LBCC. He is

### FOCUS ON 4-POINT

a member of the honor society Phi Theta Kappa and currently maintains a 4-point grade point average.

Filled with confidence, and anxious to maximize his educational opportunities, he enrolled himself to take 24 credit hours this term.

Now he finds himself exhausted physically and emotionally as he struggles to maintain an extraordinary class load and keep his straight "A" record.

"There's a big difference between high school and college. In college you're much

more on your own" he said.

Comparing his homeland with America he said, "In my country people are very serious, conservative and Catholic. In Ecuador you wouldn't dye your hair, get a tattoo, or pierce anything. In America you can have any color hair you want. In the U.S. there is a much more diverse culture and a sense of personal freedom," José explained.

He referred to his history instructor Doug Clark, who he quotes as saying, "You can experience everything in the

United States, all that's good, and all that's bad." José continued, "Going to school here, I get to learn a lot of new things. I get a different perspective in this country."

He said that Americans tend to be more outgoing than people in his home country.

"People here are very friendly and smile a lot. In Ecuador they tend to be more serious and keep to themselves," he said.

José keeps in touch with his family through Internet e-mail and the weekly family telephone call from Ecuador every Thursday evening at 5 p.m. He added, "I really look forward to the family visit."

## Working on cars drives auto tech major to high grades

by D.D. Malloy  
of The Commuter

Opening the door to LBCC's auto shop is an olfactory and visual experience, with the smell of petroleum and the sight of cars, 55-gallon barrels, wheels, mounted engines, scrap metal, and all manner of auto parts and tool chests on the work tables.

This is where LB teaches the auto technicians of the future. And it is a program that is all about car repair, right down to the powdered Borax Hand Soap in the soap dispenser.

This is where LB automotive student Will O'Brien studies daily. He has received only one "B" since he began his classes, and he still believes he earned and should have received an "A" in that one course. His GPA is above 3.80.

Will is a straight talking guy. Regarding high school he confessed, "I kinda flaked off high school. I dropped

out of high school and then went back to school and got my GED. I straightened out my life, and now I'm trying to build a good future for myself."

He wants to be more than an automotive technician. "I want to be a mechanic," he stressed. He works on his off-road, four-wheel drive Toyota Tacoma. He has 12-inch woofers in the cab.

"I think I may have already lost some hearing," he said. "I like my truck's stereo."

He enjoys hanging out with his buddies and working on trucks and cars. "Hey, if I can learn something working on my friends' trucks and save them a few bucks, I like it," he said. An independent man, Will tells folks, "I like to be able to fix things for myself and my friends."

Asked what he liked least about auto mechanics he replied, "It's a dirty, greasy job, and when you're fixing something and it's not going good, it can be a pain in

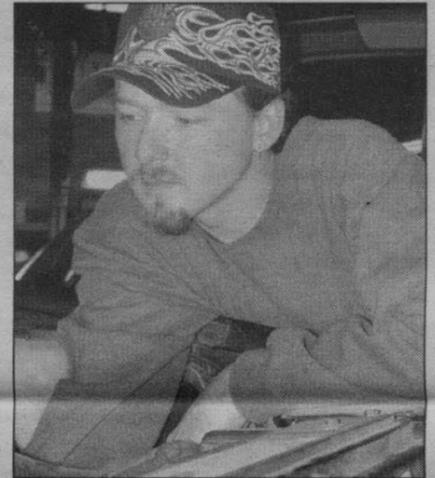
the ass."

His favorite classes were the sections on 1B power trains, auto electrical systems and engine performance. "I'm on my second tranny now; it's a TH350. We're rebuilding it so the school can sell it," Will explained, "Transmissions are interesting."

He appreciates the quality of his teachers at LB and respects their knowledge of auto mechanics and their ability to teach their subjects.

After he completes the automotive program he may continue on to the diesel program. He plans on going out of state to attend an auto manufacturer's school and get certified in the 12 major areas of automotive care. After he gets his certifications he wants to return to Scio and work for a Willamette Valley dealership that offers good pay and benefits.

He lives on a small farm, located several acres outside Scio, that has horses,



Will O'Brien

sheep, goats, chickens, dogs and cats. Will said, "I don't like big towns. As for myself, I'd rather live in the country."

## Ag Day brings hay rides, pig kissing to LB

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

The biggest event of Spring Term is almost here.

Not Spring Fling or even Graduation Day—It's Oregon Agriculture Day!

You won't believe how much fun will be had on campus May 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There'll be cake walking, flower planting, tractor showing, animal petting, square dancing, chili tasting, hayriding and even some pig kissing (all for a good cause).

Organized by the LBCC Multicultural Center to celebrate a part of Oregon culture, Ag Day is also sponsored by ASC, ITS (Industrial/Technical Society) Leadership and Heavy Equipment, Phi Theta Kappa, Professional and Organizational Development., LBCC Bookstore, Student Ambassadors, Lebanon FFA, Lebanon Square Circlers, Coastal Farm Supply and EBOP.

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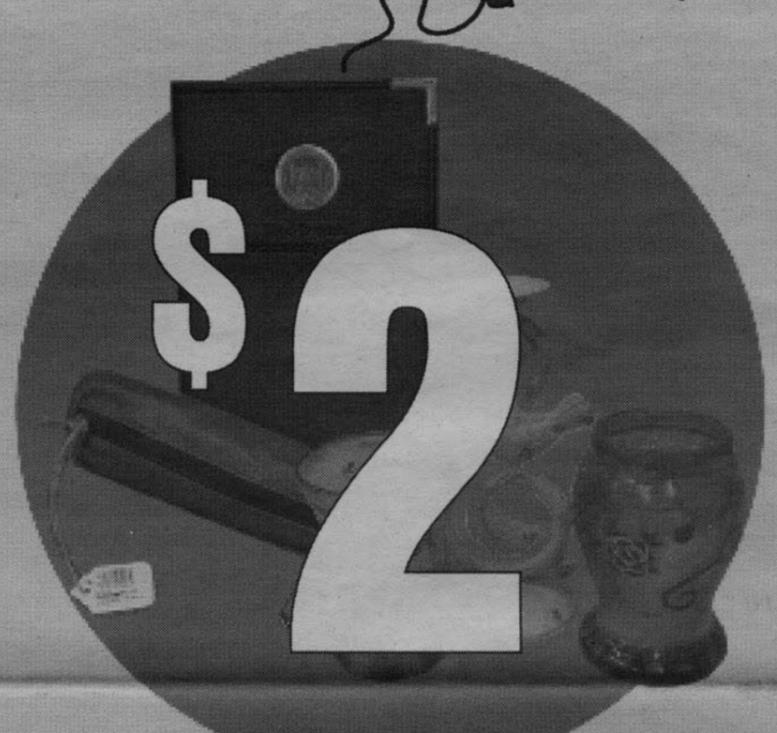
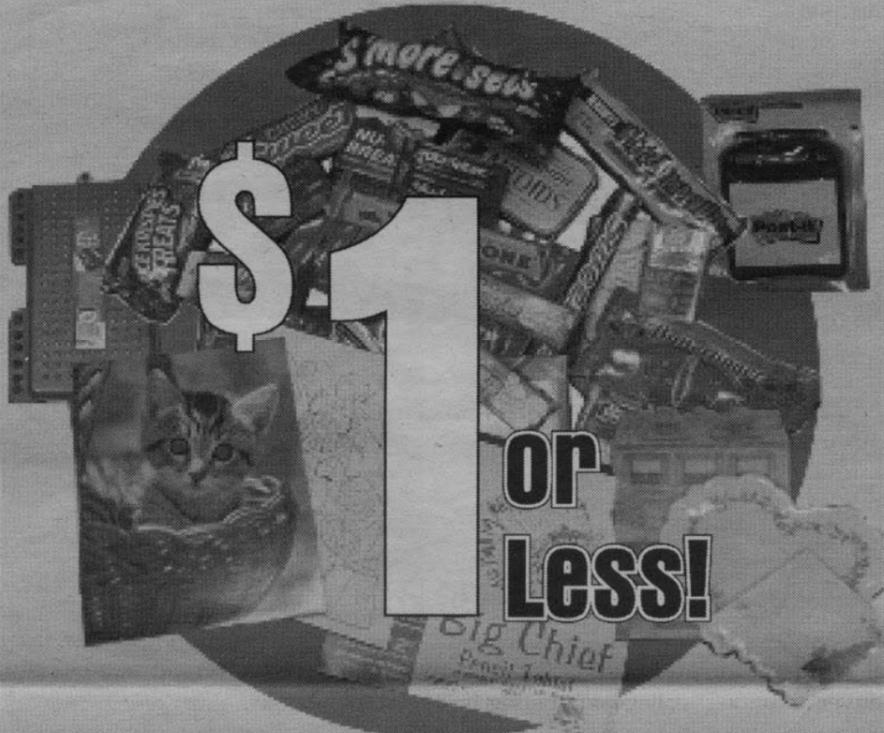
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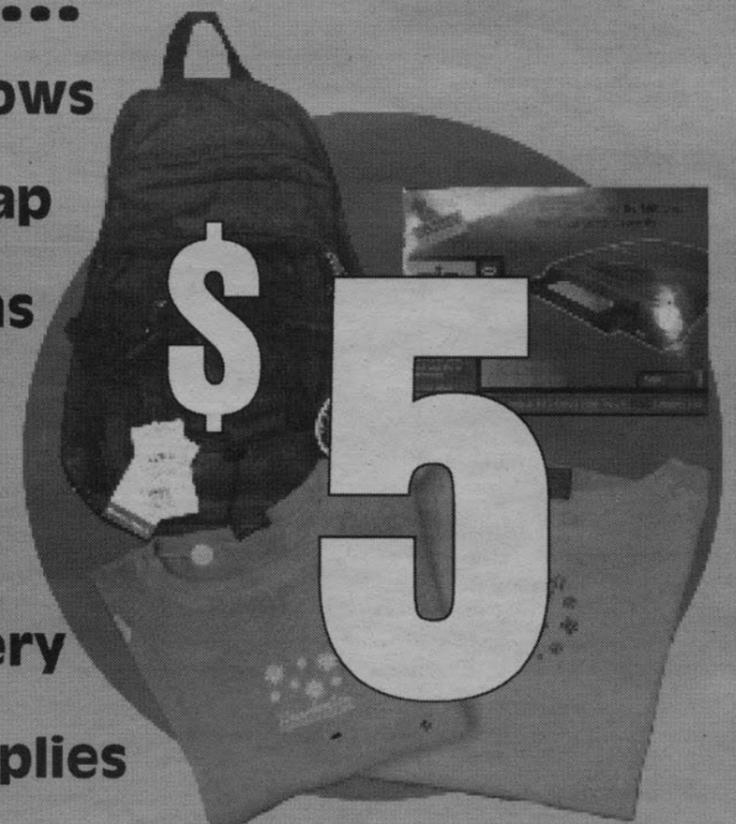
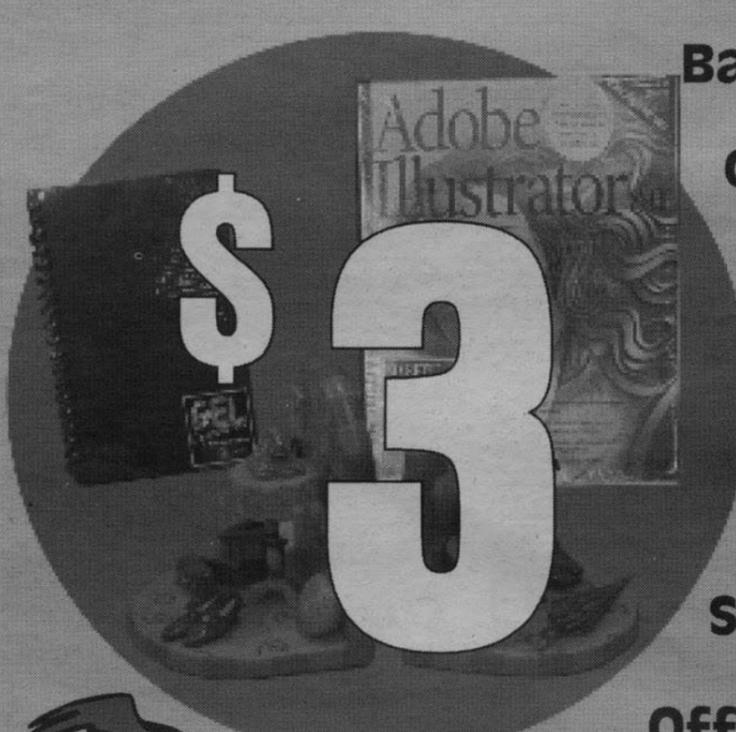
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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Gritting it Out



Photos by Joleane Sharp

Leslea Brown digs out a shot for her partner, Manish Patel (left) during last week's sand volleyball tournament, outside the Activities Center, while Jacob Phillips (right) goes for a put back in another match. Brown and Patel, who named their team Brown Sugar, came out of the loser's bracket to win the tournament.

## Readers sought for Project Page Turner Tuesday

by Twila Skelley  
of The Commuter

Volunteers are needed to help the Student Ambassadors with Project Page Turner on Tuesday May 28 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. on the second floor of the College Center.

Project Page Turner is an educational program designed to teach children about the benefits of reading and how fun it can be.

The Ambassadors and volunteers will each spend approximately two hours reading to children. During the course of the event, the children will each be allowed to choose two books to take home.

Volunteers are encouraged to stop by the Student Life & Leadership office and sign up prior to the day of the event. The contact for this event is Seth Williams.

The money to purchase the books was donated by the Student Activities Programming Budget Committee (SAP) and purchased through the LBCC Family Resource Center. For every dollar amount that the center spends on books, they receive a certain number of free books.

There will be nearly 100 local children attending this event. Therefore several volunteers are needed.

## Two equestrian members qualify for regionals



Photo by Sherry Majeski

Tristan Conway is one of two LBCC students to qualify for the IHSA regionals.

by Sherry Majeski  
of The Commuter

The most challenging thing about riding in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) is the fact that the rider enters the arena on a horse she has never mounted before. If the rider is lucky, she might have an opportunity to see her mount move before her class, but that chance does not always happen.

The host school provides the horses, grooms, tacks and warms the horse up for the rider. The rider then mounts the horse just long enough to get fitted into the saddle before entering the arena. That is the first chance she has to feel her mount. These horses all have different levels of training and skills. The real

test is how well a rider can handle and maneuver an unfamiliar horse under the pressures of competition.

Tristan Conway, horse management/veterinary technician major, and Jamie Wages of the LBCC Equestrian Team are having a very good season. Their outstanding riding ability has taken them to the IHSA regionals and zone shows.

Conway rode her way to the sixth place award in the Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation Division, while Wages took fifth in the Beginning Western Division.

They both met the requirements of earning 35 points to qualify them for the zone 8 show in Reno, Nevada.

LBCC is the only two year college competing in the IHSA in their region and zone. Jim Lucas, broke the barrier and got the LBCC Equestrian Team into the IHSA competition.

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## Livestock team closes season strong

by Sherry Majeski  
of The Commuter

Animal Science Instructor Clay Weber is proud of his LBCC Livestock Judging Team, which he said had a very good season.

The team's most recent achievement came at the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) at California Polytechnic State University of Pomona, where they finished second overall. Dara Coleman earned fourth high in the individual division.

In the oral reasons, the team earned fourth. Justin Hull won seventh high, overall and Coleman took eighth.

In the beef cattle division, as a team they earned second place; as individuals, Jamie South won first and Andy Malott took eighth.

In the swine division the team won seventh; Coleman took second and Brandi Buxton earned seventh.

In March the team went to Tulare, Calif., to compete the Great Western Livestock Judging Competition at the Tulare County Fairgrounds.

As a team they took second and Coleman pulled second and Hull took fourth.

Competitive livestock judging is a co-curricular activity that is an integral part of the Ag Sciences program at LBCC. To participate requires enrollment in the "Livestock Selection Techniques" course during fall term, although students need not be an Ag Sciences major.

Benefits extend beyond the learning and applying of animal selection criteria. Communication skills, critical thinking and teamwork are essential personal development characteristics that evolve as a result of the time and effort that is expended, he said.

Team members are: Brandi Buxton, agriculture business major; Dara Coleman, agriculture education major; Andy Malott, ag business major; Lee Letsch, animal science major; Justin Hull, agriculture education major; and Jamie South, agriculture education major.

The team competes against other community college and university teams in judging beef cattle, sheep, swine and sometimes horses.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Savory characters mix it up in spring theater production

by Mariana Schatte  
of The Commuter

The LBCC spring theater production, "Don't Dress for Dinner" opens Friday in Takena Theater in with performances through June 1, and promises to be a very entertaining play.

An original French comedy written by Marc Camoletti and translated to English by Robin Hawdon, it's the story of a group of rich people in their "converted barn" in the French countryside.

"It is a modern French style of theater," said director Jane Donovan. "You don't laugh with the characters, you laugh at them."

The play opens as Bernard (Eric Pugh of Corvallis) is planning to spend the weekend with his mistress, Suzanne (Chelsea Harrington of Albany), while his wife, Jacqueline (Stefanie Hessenkemper of Albany) goes away to visit her mother. He has hired a cook, Suzette (Loreli Gutelius of Lebanon) to

make the event more savory. Bernard's best friend Robert is played by Samuel Dinkowitz of Corvallis.

Everything works out perfectly until Jacqueline cancels her trip and things start getting mixed up.

Robert and Jacqueline may be secret lovers, the cook can be confused with the mistress, who doesn't know how to cook. And what if George (Jared Pieterick of Corvallis), who plays one of the husbands, shows up in the middle of this mess.

Huebert Garcia is stage manager, Bruce Peterson is technical director and A. Scott Kingston did the sound.

The performance days are May 24, 25, 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m. and May 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students, at the Takena Theater box office, 917-4531, and at the Majestic Theater in Corvallis 758-9393. May 30 tickets are \$4.



Photo by James Bauerle

Eric Pugh, Sam Dinkowitz and Stefanie Hessenkemper star in LBCC's production of "Don't Dress for Dinner," which opens Friday in Takena Theater.

### GUEST REVIEW

## Lucas gets it right with 'Attack of the Clones'

**Editor's Note:** Since most of the people who review Star Wars films are older and can't say anything positive about the films, I asked my cousin Clancy, who is 16 and operates his own web site and domain ([www.clancyclawson.com](http://www.clancyclawson.com)) to review the newest film, "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones." As big a Star Wars fan as I was at his age, Clancy nonetheless seems to be fairly impartial—except where Natalie Portman is concerned. —Chad Richins



Yoda steals the show in the newly released "Star Wars Episode II." The movie is playing at the Regal Cinemas in both Albany and Corvallis.

sen) and Padme's (Natalie Portman) little romance was executed better than I thought it would be. I prayed it wouldn't be an "I Love You. I Love You More" sort of thing, and it wasn't. Hayden Christensen delivered a great performance as Anakin. We finally see a little of our old deep-breathing friend emerge in him.

And Natalie Portman looked absolutely fantastic. Trisha Biggar did an excellent job designing costumes for her, making her both elegant and sexy. In some places I am reminded a little of Buck Rogers and the like, but it is a welcome reminder.

I'm trying not to ruin a lot here, and please forgive me if I do, but the real show stealer is short and green: YODA. He is absolutely awesome in this movie.

The special effects were mind-boggling; George Lucas's Industrial Light and Magic has done some of their finest work in this feature. John William's spine-tingling score has some of the best music he has composed to date.

All in all I give this movie five stars!

Think I'm full of crap? Go see it. If you don't like it, see it again. Believe me, the second time really helped me appreciate it.

by Stephen Clancy Clawson  
for The Commuter

George Lucas has finally made the prequel we wished Episode I would have been! I just saw it for the second time yesterday, and I don't care if you like Star Wars or not, this is the



Clawson

must see movie for the summer.

The movie starts off with a bang (literally) and then goes through a jaw-dropping chase through the enormous city planet Coruscant and then drops you right smack dab into a galaxy spanning mystery. Some may argue that this middle part is slow going, but I would disagree. The plot keeps it going, regardless of the lack of fighting.

Obi-Wan's (Ewan McGregor) investigation of the conspiracy was not only interesting, I thought it was quite entertaining to see how well McGregor captured the spirit of the character first laid down by the late Sir Alec Guinness.

Anakin (Hayden Christen-

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## South Town Hounds jazz, funk it up at Corvallis pub

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

The South Town Hounds continued their string of local appearances last Saturday at AJ's in downtown Corvallis. The band, which is currently finishing up their debut CD, has been a mainstay in the local music scene after forming more than three years ago. The Hounds have been branching out to venues in Eugene and Portland, as well as making local festival appearances, while looking for new places to howl, such as a possible gig at this year's Oregon Country Fair.

On Saturday, the Hounds tried out some new material for an appreciative audience at AJ's while also treating dedicated Hounds fans to some old favorites.

There is a jazzier sound creeping into the Hounds music of late as they mature as a band and stretch artistically. According to the Hounds' guitarist and vocalist Luke Thomas, the difference between being in the band now as opposed to when they started is the confidence the musicians have gained from experience. "Even on our worst night," says Thomas, "we still know it will work out all right." Indeed the band seems more casual on stage these days and more tight as a musical unit.

The crisp staccato conga drumming of Jordan Lucas jives well with the various bass guitar sounds styled by Jefe Contreras and the rhythmic heartbeat of the band supplied by kit drummer Rigel Woodside.

The melodic magic supplied by keyboardist Kasey Fink and lead guitarist Thomas is the spice in an already rich musical gumbo. Add in the occasional special guest, like saxophonist Wes Burden who lent his axe to the Hounds last



Wes Burden wails on the sax (top left), Luke Thomas, Jefe Contreras, Kasey Fink and Rigel Woodside groove on (above), the crowd enjoys music and refreshments (right), and Jordan Lucas keeps it poppin on the congas (bottom left) at the Hounds Show at AJ's last weekend.



Photos by Chad Richins

Saturday, and you've got a real jazzy "Bitches Brew" that is sure to satisfy.

The subdued, deeply soulful jazz nuances seemed to be the theme of the night and fit well with the occasional disco flair and funk vibrations—sounds of longing and expensive understanding that reminded me of the guy at every bar with a knowing look on his face and a glass of

whiskey in his hand.

Even with the entertaining colored lights flashing on the dance floor, the room definitely felt a deeper shade of blue as if the Hounds were expressing their deep love for music and also some unconscious angst at having to keep day jobs and not being able to just play music all day and night—the dilemma of every

small town band with something to prove and enough talent to want to break out of the rut, as comfortable as that rut may be, and do something big. It must be a big job trying to keep it all fresh and real while booking the gigs and playing the gigs and promoting yourself and recording and producing a marketable CD while still punching a clock every week in a town with no real music venue where stages are built as an afterthought and the public is too homebound to get out and support local music.

At least AJ's has made some good moves since changing hands from being Kells Irish Pub. The place is more hospitable to locals, not just catering to the college crowd, and the attitude of the new staff is light years ahead of the uptight shirt-and-tie barkeeps that used to disgrace the place.

AJ's has a chance to become the musician's music venue if people would turn off the TV more often and get out to see some of the homegrown local talent that Corvallis actually has a surprising abundance of.

Meanwhile, everyone in the business is hurting, from CD retailers who sit around like Maytag repairmen with cobwebs on the racks, to local bars who try to provide entertainment to a population who doesn't seem to want it but gripes about there not being anything to do.

Maybe it is just the standard college town blues. Maybe little Jimmy's MP3s really are killing the business (an argument I personally don't buy) or maybe people just don't know what they have got until all the good bands pack up and move to Eugene or Portland.

At least for now there are still good times to be had and music to be heard.

## 'Dance for Peace' set for Old World Deli Thursday

By Thomas McGeary  
of The Commuter

"Give Peace Studies a Dance," a world music event to benefit the LBCC Peace Studies delegation, will be held this Thursday, May 23, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Old World Deli on Second Street in Corvallis.

Music will be mixed by DJ Caleb Fegles and the sound will be provided by Chapelperilous Sound and Light.

The cover charge is \$3, with proceeds being used to help fund the eight LBCC student delegates who will be attending the 11th Biennial International Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights in York, England, next month.

Fegles has been moving dance floors for over five years in the area. While pursuing a major in graphic design at OSU, he spends his weekends and summers performing and mixing live music.

"Caleb is a great DJ and really mixes some wild dance music," said Tina Empol, one of the organizers. "He is giving his performance to Peace Studies as a gift to promote the principles of world peace."

For the past several months

LBCC Peace Studies has been raising money to participate in the symposium, which is designed to bring together students and teachers from a variety of different countries to experience intercultural communication. The focus will be to learn about intercultural and international conflict and to explore strategies for peaceful resolution of conflicts.

LBCC has participated in the event since its inception and is the only U.S. college to be represented.

In its most successful fundraiser to date, last Friday the Peace Studies program and the local Friendship Force co-sponsored the folk dancers of Varel, Germany, in a performance in the LBCC Main Forum that raised more than \$800 for the delegates.

The group has also sought donations through staffing a free coffee stand at an Interstate 5 rest area, a brunch at Iovino's in Corvallis, the sale of Earth Day T-shirts in Takena Hall, and other activities.

The world music dance at the Old World Deli is the last official event the group has scheduled prior to its departure on June 12.

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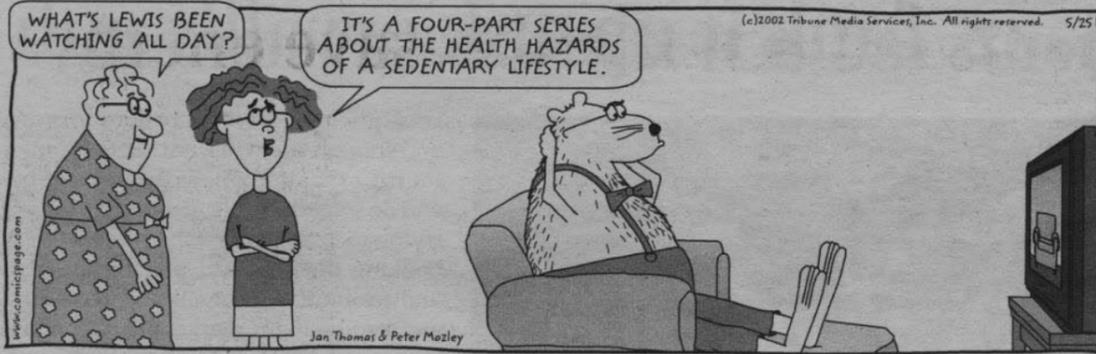
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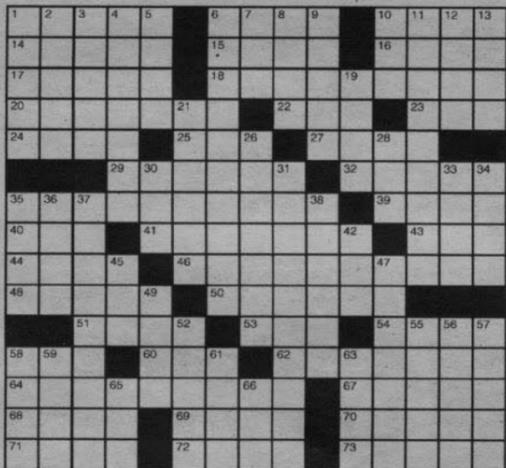


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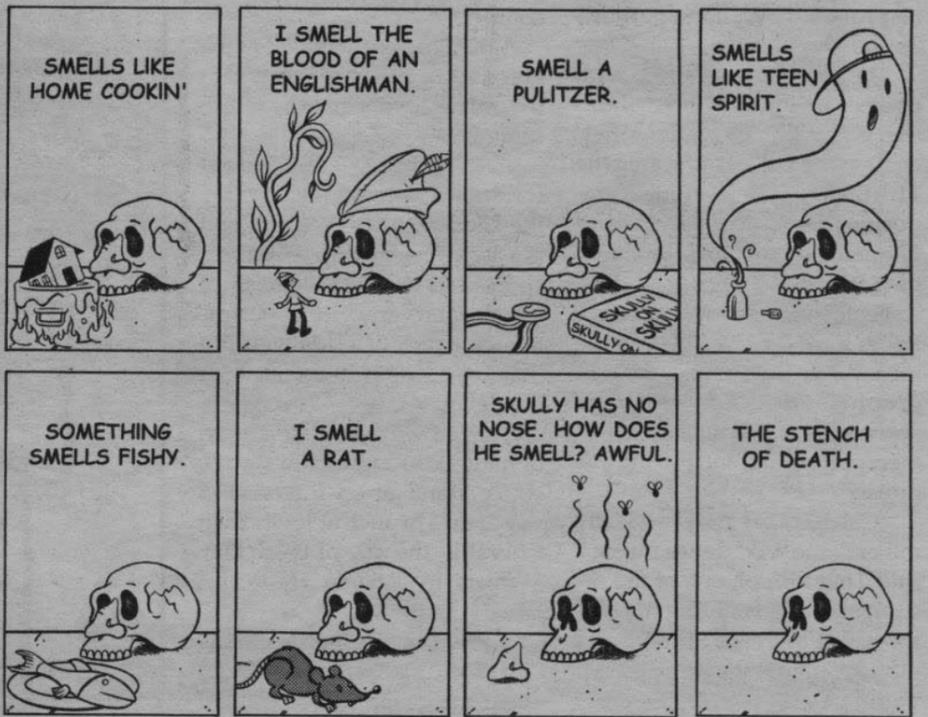
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Dog agility grows more popular locally

by Sherry Majeski  
of The Commuter

"A Dog's Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste" is a motto the Best Friends Obedience and Agility School in Corvallis takes to heart.

During the Scio Lamb and Wool Fair Saturday, the group held an agility demonstration at Scio Middle School on a course set up just like those at agility competitions.

Dog agility is an event the Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair is considering adding to its list of events. Best Friends brought some dogs for the demonstration and trainer Bob Lackey answered questions and coached the students and their dogs.

Molly Gard of Corvallis demonstrated the abilities of Sawyer, a 4-year-old sheltie belonging to a friend.

Sawyer raced through a series of jumps, through the tunnel and over the balance beam with great enthusiasm. Mollie has been doing agility for one year and Sawyer has been in training for three years.

Molly also took Morgan, a border collie mix with three years of training, through the course.

Agility is a fast-paced sport and is as much fun for the dog as it is for their owner/handler. Dogs are taught to race through a course of jumps, tunnels, up and down an A-frame, balance beam and teeter-totter.

This is an activity the whole family can enjoy. Dogs of all types and sizes, pure-bred and mutts compete together.

## Free compact fluorescent bulbs save energy

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Are you tired of having to change your light bulbs every few months? If you use standard bulbs, you may be throwing away money and enduring the unnecessary nuisance of climbing ladders and chairs to change hard-to-reach, short-lived bulbs.

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There are also other energy and water-saving offers on the web site, such as a free CD called Living Wise which helps the whole family learn about resource conservation.

For a low cost you can also order additional compact fluorescent bulbs, low-power night lights, water-saving shower heads and other products.



## 'Amazing' goat delivers five kids in Sweet Home

by Sherry Majeski  
of The Commuter

"Five kids, all doing well. This is quite miraculous," said Dr. Sally Cole of Scio. "It's not unusual for a goat to deliver two or three kids, but five is amazing."

Dr. Cole was called out to examine the doe and her kids at the Fraga Farm, owned by Larry and Janice Neilson.

The delivery was a difficult affair, with the last three kids twisted together. Janice said that if Larry had not been there, the doe and the last three kids would have been lost.

The doe is a Nubian and the buck is an alpine.

"Five kids would be a great drain on the doe," Janice said. "So I took three of the kids off her and we are bottle feeding them."

The farm makes goat cheese and sells it to the farmers markets in Lake Oswego, Hillsboro, Hillsdale, Portland and Tigard.

Larry and Janice share the daily milking job, occasionally bringing in hired help when they want to leave.

The milk is placed in a 15-gallon pasteurizer, where it heats the milk to 145 degrees

for 30 minutes to kill bacteria and pathogens. It then sits for several hours, depending on the type of cheese they make.

Culture and rennet is added to coagulate the milk, making it solid. Then it is poured in cheese-cloth sacks to drain for about 12 hours.

Cheddar cheese is a different process. They make five different types of cheeses: Chevre in extra-virgin olive oil with or without herbs; Chevre Chef's Blend, also in Greek olives and herbs; Farm House Jalapeno; and mold-ripened Raw Aged Cheddar.

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## SPORTS PAGE

## Kobe/Shaq twosome goes for three

by Jered Reid  
of The Commuter

"They're dogs, that is all they are is dogs. When they're on the court, all they do is think about the game and winning." These are the words of Sacramento Kings power forward Chris Weber in describing the Los Angeles Lakers duo of Shaquille O'Neil and Kobe Bryant.

Weber and the Kings are faced with the impossible task of trying to beat the Los Angeles Lakers in a seven-game series. Some people say the Kings have a great shot at doing it, and I think most people want to believe that, but everybody knows that the Lakers will not be defeated.

The Lakers have won their last 10 playoff series all under the guidance of Phil Jackson. Jackson has won 22-straight playoff series and in his last five seasons has won the World Title. Jackson also has been the general of two separate basketball dynasties.

In a couple more weeks the Lakers will have their third-straight title, and if they don't get it done it will be a modern miracle. The Kings give them their stiffest competition and might even win a game or two, but never four.

The Jason-Kidd-miracle Nets and risen-from-the-dead Celtics are both good teams and both make a good story; however, whoever wins their series will fall short of their dream as soon as they face the Whopper-eating seven-foot monster known as Shaq.

Shaq is what makes the difference for the Lakers, yeah Kobe is a great player as well, but he is no Shaq. Shaq is so overpowering to the rest of the league that they actually have made rules that were put in just to contain him; it didn't work. Have you heard the new answer to Shaq, a 7-foot-6 center from China by the name of Yao Ming. Ming is very tall and can shoot the jumper very well. But come on, the guy is only like 220 pounds, Shaq's going to throw him around like a rag doll.

What makes the Lakers really dangerous is that Shaq is not their clutch player. It is rare when you see a team that has a separate dominate and clutch player. Bryant is quick, young, athletic, has a clean image, and is an amazing competitor, all of the makings for an NBA superstar. What is with Jackson always having the greatest players. Hey Phil, why don't you go coach the Memphis Grizzlies, let's see you make a dynasty out of that one.

After the Lakers win the title, there will start to arise some debate on whether they are the best team of all time. It's a good

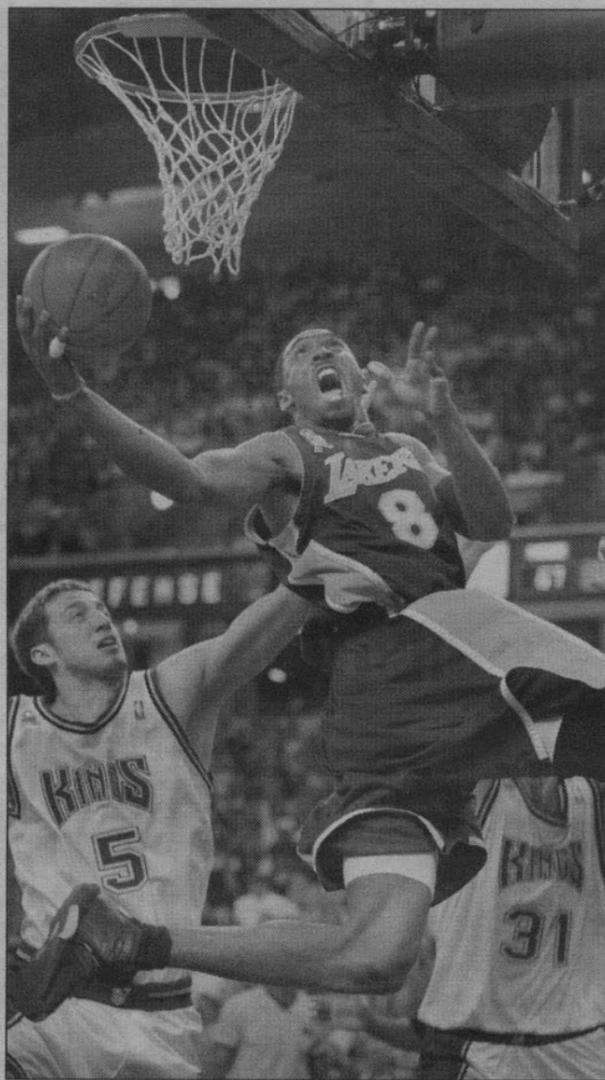


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**Kobe Bryant's game will be instrumental in the Lakers' chances of repeating as NBA champions.**

argument, there are the current Lakers, the 1980s Lakers, and of course Jackson's other team, the Chicago Bulls of the 90s. I am sure the older Lakers were a great team but I do not know much about them, and would rather compare the Bulls and Lakers.

Both teams have or had a great twosome, Shaq/Bryant and Jordan/Pippen. Neither team would get an advantage here because all four of these players are future hall-of-famers. But the Lakers have Shaq in the middle and the Bulls had Longly, advantage goes to the Lakers. But Pippen, at the small forward position can beat out Robert Horry from the Lakers, advantage goes to the Bulls. A battle of battles is Jordan in his prime vs. Kobe, Jordan was just too good, the advantage goes to the Bulls. Both have good supporting casts, but I think that the Lakers have the advantage in this department because they're better at defense.

O.K. now it's two to two in the comparative department. The only thing left to do is compare how they are coached, no advantage given to either team.

So what have we learned, that I am terrible at comparing and it could be argued forever.

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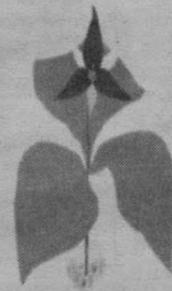
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## SPORTS PAGE

**Scorekeeper Justin Oulle and ballplayers John Best and Ben Anderson have their eyes on the game during last Tuesday's season-ending doubleheader against Mt. Hood. The Roadrunners came from behind to win the first game 9-8 in extra innings but lost the second game, ending their season in third place with a 13-17 league record.**



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

## Runners finish season with split

by Jered Reid  
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton baseball team finished its season last week, battling the Southern region champion Mt. Hood Saints in a doubleheader. The Runners had been swept the previously two meetings by the Saints, but this time they got a split and almost spoiled Mt. Hood's shot at becoming the champion.

Coming into the game, Mt. Hood needed only one win to clinch the division, but the Roadrunners mounted their best comeback of the season to overcome a 7-2 deficit in the bottom of the seventh and win the game.

Nate Pendley sparked the comeback with a two-run home run in the bottom half of the seventh inning. The Runners went on to get five runs in the inning and two more in the eighth to win the game 9-8.

Catcher Ben Anderson led the Runners offensive attack, going 4-for-5 on the day, with a double, an RBI and one run scored. Pendley went 3-for-5 with three RBIs, a double and two runs scored, to go along with his eighth home run of the year. Mychal Wagner and Jeff Frost both had a pair of hits in the game, Wagner had a double and an RBI, while Frost went on to get two runs. Freshman Tanner Abel rounded out the attack with a triple and an RBI. LB blasted out 13 hits in the contest.

Paul Collins came into the game in relief to pick up the win. Collins pitched four innings, allowing only four hits and allowing just one run. "He did just an outstanding job of pitching," said Head Coach Greg Hawk.

In the second game, the Roadrunners switched roles with Mt. Hood, this time having the lead for the majority of the game before the Saints rallied for some runs in the top of the sixth inning to come out on top 8-2.

Freshmen Cody Smith and Eric Beasley had the two RBIs for LB. Smith went 3-for-3 and also scored a run. Beasley went 2-for-3 with a double in the game.

That game concluded, the

Roadrunner season. They finished with a record of 18-21 overall, and 13-17 in league, good for third in the Southern region, behind Mt. Hood and Lane.

"We were very competitive this year, with a lot of good talent," said Hawk. "We beat some good clubs, but then again we let teams that we should of beat handily play with us and beat us late in ball games."

Pendley led the team this year with eight homers, 30 RBIs and 23 runs scored. He finished the season with a .260 average. Pendley was awarded the team's Big Stick Award, and co-Most Valuable Player along with Anderson. Anderson led the squad in batting with a .360 batting average, while having 16 RBIs and scoring 17 runs. Anderson was also awarded the best hitter award. Pendley, the West Albany High School graduate who led the NWAACC in home runs this season, will be playing for Oregon State next year. Anderson is also being heavily recruited by larger colleges and universities, but Coach Hawk would like to see him return.

Shortstop Scott Vogel was given the award for best glove on the season, and Coach Hawk is confident of Vogel's abilities

after Linn-Benton. Sophomore pitcher Andrew Larson was awarded the pitcher award. He pitched in 78 innings this season, with an ERA of 2.76. Larson finished with a record of 3-5, with three saves. Larson led the staff in strikeouts with 61. Paul Collins led the pitching staff this season in both wins and ERA, finishing 5-2, with an ERA of 2.48.

One of Hawk's main goals in recruitment is pitching to replace his sophomore-dominated staff. Hawk will have two of his starters return from this year, Jeremy Robinson (4-3) with an ERA of 4.3, and John Best (1-5) with an ERA of 4.38.

Coach Hawk is also excited about the return of his freshmen outfielding core of Mychal Wagner, Thomas Gullede, Tanner Abel and Jason Cardwell. Wagner hit .269 on the season and led the team in doubles with 10. Gullede hit .259 on the season, with 11 RBIs, and Abel was one of the team's best power hitters.

Cardwell missed the majority of the season due to an injured hand, but Hawk says that he has recovered from his injury and should prove valuable next season.

## Champions honored

by Jered Reid  
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton Athletic Department will have three of its former athletes honored at the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Banquet of Champions.

Kurt Souvey, Kyle Dunning, and Patsy Chester will all be honored on May 30, at the Quay Restaurant at the Red Lion in Vancouver, Wash.

Souvey, who played for the LBCC baseball team during the 1975 and 1976 seasons, will be inducted as a Northwest Champion. Souvey was the starting third basemen for LB and helped lead the Runners to two league championships and a second place finish in the Region 18 Tournament in 1976. After LB, Souvey went to Willamette University, where he played baseball and majored in business and economics. Souvey went on to become the director of Project Management Services for IBM

Singapore, where he currently resides.

Dunning is also a former LB baseball player and is also being inducted as a Northwest Champion. Dunning pitched for the 1977-78 and 1978-79 seasons, and participated in the Roadrunners' first World Series berth and received all-league, all-district, and honorable mention All-American honors. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers and was selected the Bill Coyles MVP award in 1980. Dunning is now first vice president and financial consultant with RBC Dain Rauscher in Corvallis.

Chester will be inducted into the Hall of Fame after 30 years of service to LBCC. She served as the Women's Athletic Commissioner for 12 years, was an NWAACC Executive Board member for two years, worked as the LB basketball scoring table assistant for 20 years and was always very supportive of the LB athletic program.



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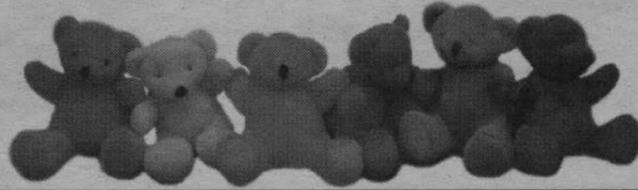
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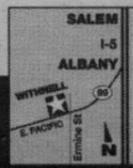
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# OPINION

## COMMENTARY

### Holocaust display not intended to overlook other genocides

by Susan Prock  
for The Commuter

Perhaps you noticed the recent Holocaust display on the lawn in front of Takena Hall. The LBCC Associated Student Government and the Oregon Community College Student Association sponsored the display.

It gave a powerful visual presentation of the number of lives lost during the genocidal practices of the Nazi regime of World War II and also had several explanatory banners including one that listed other 20th century genocide occurrences.



Susan Prock

Certainly, one could not say that a display of the number of people killed by genocide is good in the sense of content, but I would venture to say that the impact on the community was good. Many students came into the Multicultural Center with both appreciation for this educational display and questions regarding the listing of 20th century genocidal regimes.

The question brought up most frequently was, "What about Native Americans?" Which was closely followed by questions regarding East Timor, Tibet and Sierra Leone. Not only do I personally agree that these unlisted groups are examples of genocide, I am also pleased that there are students who read the display and left with questions that for the most part are difficult to consider and even more difficult to research and process.

I would add, however, that we ought not criticize the sponsors of the display, but instead use it as a launching point for our own awareness and opinions about 20th and 21st century genocide, beginning with an understanding of the definition of genocide.

Genocide entered the lexicon in response to the Holocaust and is defined by Genocide Convention of 1948, Article II: "In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such: Killing members of the group; Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group."

Naturally, there are many web sites arguing both the pros and cons of listing one or all of the groups that students asked about as victims of genocide. However, I would encourage each of you to think about this for yourselves by applying the criteria of the Genocide Convention.

Take, for example, the Indigenous Peoples of North America. In addition to being massacred, infected with smallpox from "gift blankets," and forcibly removed from their land, genocide of native peoples continued into the 20th century. For instance, through half of the 20th century, the children of Native Americans were forcibly removed and placed in "Indian Schools," where they were forced to cut their hair, speak English rather than their own language, wear clothing other than their traditional clothing, and if they didn't they were beaten.

Think about it in terms of your own culture and ethnicity. If your children were forcibly taken away from you and then forced to speak another language, wear different clothing, turn away from the traditions and religious beliefs of your culture, what would you call it? And if you call it genocide, then what are you going to do about it?

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## COMMENTARY

### Laziness to blame for world's woes

by Mariana Schatte  
of The Commuter

I am an activist committed to human rights, transporting the idea of respect into my life and the people who are around me. Everything I do, or anybody does, affects someone else. In other words, my idea of activism is not about going out and telling my political leaders what is wrong or should be done—it's about making a better world by starting right where you stand.

When I was a child, my dad complained about people taking care of animals instead of helping starving kids in Africa or in their own countries. Then I grew up and found out that there are so many things to do, that someone can work on one project and someone else can work on another. It doesn't have to be animals or humans, we can help both. I chose to focus on helping people so animal rights and the environment were not my business.

A few months ago after watching a TV show about how global warming is affecting the expanding of diseases, hunger and natural disaster, it hit me. This is one planet and we are all part of it, and nothing is exiled from anything. I decided to recycle and buy products that don't pollute and do what I can to help limit the damage to the environment. I may not work 24-hours-a-day for the environment, but I do what I think is my obligation to myself.

For me it seems very simple, everyone can do something because we all affect something. So why is it so hard to keep the trash in the trash can?

I was really shocked this weekend during the river clean-up when I saw how much trash people spread around.

It is a nice thing that a group of students from different places get together and work, but it would be ten times better if this wasn't a need. I cannot blame ignorance because I think everyone knows how things work. So who is to blame? Laziness.

I have always cared about things and wondered why everybody doesn't? As a child I wanted to grow up and make a house for kids who didn't have a place to live. As a teenager I began to see that not everybody was as idealistic as me and now I realize I am an activist. Everything started with just looking through my window and realizing that the world was not perfect and not everyone had the same opportunities. I was a child with a lot of toys and my own room, going to a nice school, while there were kids just like me working instead of going to school.

Activism is not about being smarter or better than other people, it is realizing the we have some power, and power carries responsibility.

We should try to be the best we can, try to do the right thing for everybody, and not be lazy and selfish. That way we can work to make a better world.

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