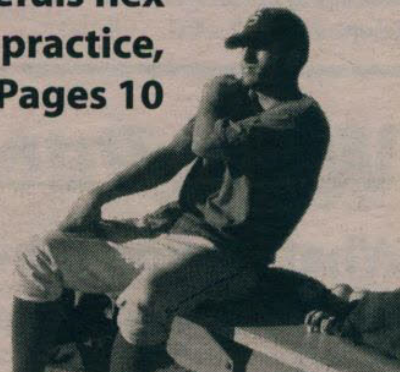


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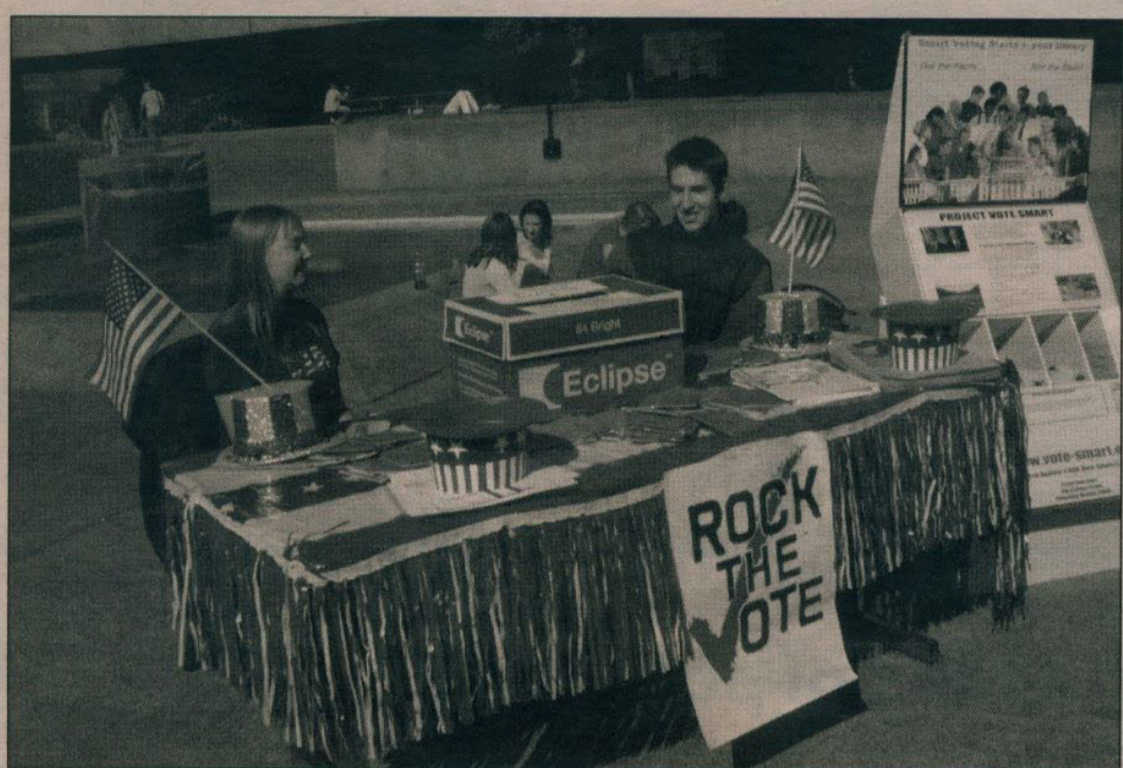


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## Signing up Students

Katrina Jackson and Seth Williams of the Student Life & Leadership Office encourage students to register to vote in the Courtyard last week. More than 100 students were signed up during the week-long effort.

## Candidates put to the test in campus forum

by Erin Bartelds  
of The Commuter

Last week's political candidate forum hosted Republicans Jeff Kropf, Frank Morse, Betsy Close and Lane Shetterly and Democrats Joseph Novak, Barbara Ross and Kelley Wirth. The forum was mediated by LBCC student Derek Etheridge and sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

Each candidate was given one minute to introduce themselves before the official proceedings began. Questions, relating to education, were posed and candidates were given two minutes to express their stance on a particular issue.

Most of the candidates were very conscious of the time restriction and kept their responses brief. There were a few humorous interludes where candidate Kelley Wirth exceeded her time limit and rattled off her final thoughts amidst laughter from the audience.

The first question asked was in regard to local control and if the candidates were in favor of this idea.

Ross, Novak and Morse responded favorably. Shetterly said, "I feel it is an important issue to develop and we need to see control as a partnership."

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## Drivers passing by school bus safety lights

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

Drivers on Highway 99E near campus have been illegally zooming past school buses that have their red lights flashing, according to Driver Trainer Brad Chism of the Greater Albany School District.

"If it continues to be a problem," said Chism, we will have to get police to

patrol the area. "I've had one bus driver complain six times."

The school district transport picks up and drops off children along Highway 99E between 6:30 and 9 in the morning and 2:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon.

Oregon law requires a driver to stop for bus safety lights if the driver meets or overtakes from either direction any vehicle that is stopped on a roadway and is operating red bus safety lights. If there is

an unpaved median strip or physical barrier in the middle of a road, the opposite side of traffic does not have to stop. But on Highway 99, there is only a left turn lane so both sides of the road are required to stop.

According to the Albany Police Department, when a bus driver reports the license plate number of a vehicle they will look up the vehicle owner's information and send them a warning letter.

Failure to stop for bus safety lights is a Class A traffic infraction, which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. The dollar amount on the ticket is \$285.

The Albany police department states that each year there are a number of accidents and injuries involving children near school buses. For further questions about the law contact the Albany Police Department Watch Supervisor at 917-7680.

## Corvallis gains a renewed use of old space at Riverfront Park

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

Saturday Oct. 12, Corvallis celebrated the grand opening of its new Riverfront Commemorative Park. Stretching ten city blocks, the new park runs beside the Willamette River in downtown Corvallis.

"We have gone from abandoned buildings and gravel parking lots to this," exclaimed Corvallis Mayor Helen Berg at the dedication ceremony.

Riverfront improvements began last year on the rarely used, neglected area after voters approved a 1998 bond measure to fund the new park. The completed park now includes a 4,100 feet long multi-modal path; landscaping with

over 12,000 trees, shrubs and live cuttings; sculptural art; plazas; and new ADA accessible picnic tables and benches.

But plans for the park were not always agreed upon. According to Lisa Forkner, community information liaison, one group was opposed to the two-way street in the park plans and wanted more green space. An ordinance to amend those plans was voted down in a special election in 2000.

"People have told me that it looks better than they thought and are pleased with the use it's now getting," said Forkner while handing out pamphlets at Saturday's dedication. Forkner said construction had an impact for a large amount of time on the riverfront businesses, but "they've all

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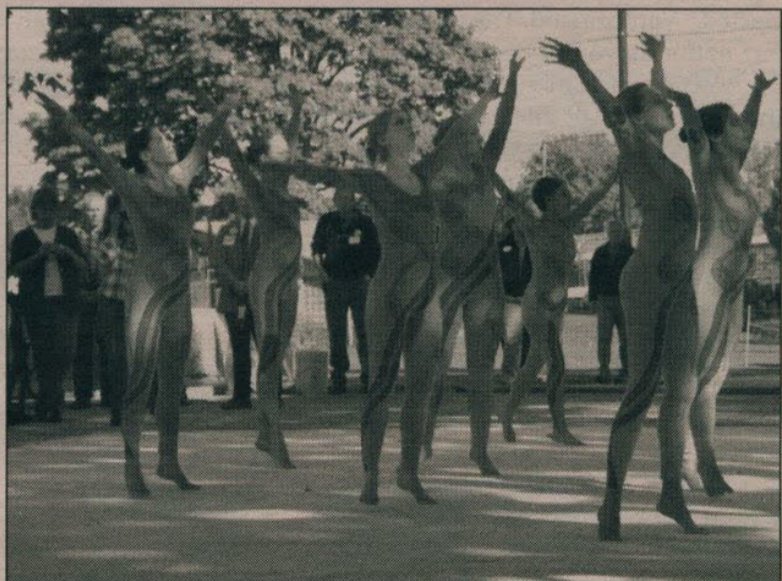


Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Dancers celebrate the grand opening of the Riverfront Park in downtown Corvallis Saturday. Hundreds turned out for the festivities, which marked the culmination of a nearly two-year project that drew opposition from some townspeople.

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND


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**THURSDAY**



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# OPINION

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## What People Think

### What do you think about the possibility of the United States going to war with Iraq?

Compiled by  
 Heather Scott and  
 Stefanie Hessenkemper

**Rae Lynn Gushwa**  
**Music**

"I really don't pay attention that much to what's going on in other countries, I think we should keep our money and our people to ourselves instead of trying to fight other peoples wars and peoples opinions."



**Priscilla Montoya**  
**Undecided**

"I don't think that a war would really be very wise at this point in time but there's also the issue of whether or not we have a choice.""



**Hunter Briggs**  
**Undecided**

"War is the last thing we need on anyone's mind, war is evil. It shouldn't happen at all."



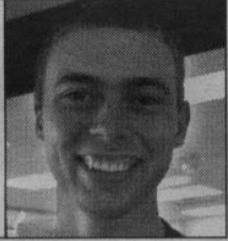
**Crystal Goss**  
**Marine Biology**

"It sucks, we shouldn't be fighting. Peace and Love!"



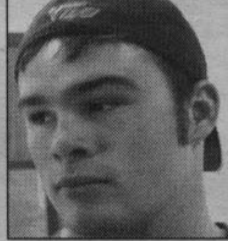
**Scott May**  
**Undecided**

"I'm down with it. I think that we should probably get rid of them. If it takes a nuclear bomb to stop them, go for the nuclear bomb first strike."



**Adam Knight**  
**Undecided**

"I think we should fight 'em because I think they have that stuff over there. We should bomb them, I think we should beat them up."



## Young must vote to get attention of politicians

by Evan Johnson  
 of The Commuter

With the elections in Oregon coming up and with a lot of issues at stake, now more than ever younger voters can make a difference. However, despite the fact that the 18- to 35-year-old range of the younger generation has a huge percentage of our national population, those 35 and over are dominating the polls at elections. What's the reason for this?

Young voices on the issues that younger voters care about-- college cuts and spending, public education, and many more-- are not being concentrated on by the politicians, which results in a lack of interest among younger voters.

Gov. Jesse Ventura of Minnesota underscored this point in an interview a couple of years ago on MTV's "Choose Or Lose."

"For so long politicians (have based their careers on) who they have to talk to get re-elected," Ventura said. The young people in our nation have not been participating in the elections for many years. Because of this, the career politicians have not been focusing on us.

The career politicians - those who came out of college with political science degrees, law degrees or who entered other political-type careers - are only going to focus on

those people who can help them get elected and extend their careers. If we, the younger voters, use our numbers at the polls, then we will force them to pay attention.

According to the "World Factbook," 66 percent of Americans are ages 15 to 64, compared to 12 percent who are 65 years and older. If we take those people who are 18 to 35 years old and put them into their own percentage, we would have a huge segment of voters in the younger generation that could decide the elections. If a higher percentage of the younger generation actually voted, politicians would have to take notice. But there is no reason for the politicians to focus on us if we follow the trend and don't vote.

Either younger voters have to start voting, or the politicians have to start appealing to them. Jesse Ventura did this by "being a personality."

"Probably because I run against the grain," he told "Choose Or Lose." "Young people always go through that transition in their lives when they leave home. They've been under the wings of their parents or their guardians for 18 years or whatever it might be. And so they tend to rebel for a few years to find out who they are, to get an identity. And so I think that probably plays into it. They see me as someone they can relate to because I swim against the stream a lot."

I've heard from a considerable number of younger voters that they don't like the people running for office. Most of the people in our government are made up of "rich old white men," said Dean Williams, South Albany government teacher.

We can run for mayor at age 18, U.S. Representative at 25, senator at 30 and even president at 35. People might argue that even if younger people run for these positions, there's no way for them to win. That's true because the majority at the polls right now are those older than 30. If more younger people voted, then the younger people running for office would have a greater chance to win elected positions.

If we want new personalities in office it is time for the next generation to show it. For the politicians to pay attention to us, we have to voice our concerns and participate in the system.

We don't necessarily have to run for office, but we can't change the system if we don't get involved in it. This starts with voting and continues with going to a rally or just writing a government representative. We just have to make our voices heard. The more younger people get involved, the more politicians have to focus on us. If this ever happens, then finally, the changes in the system we have wanted will be made.

(Originally printed by the Democrat-Herald on Oct. 26, 2000)

### EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues. Letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters are only 250 words, but columns can be longer.

All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste.

Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us at [commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu)



### FROM THE EDITORS

#### Don't take voting for granted

Election day is drawing near and it carries a little more weight than previous years. Some of us may have taken voting for granted in the past and even skipped a few elections, but this year, the issues at stake seem a little more close to home. The funding of our education is still at risk and taxes could increase while unemployment and the cost of living are already high.

The Commuter was recently made aware of students who were having trouble getting the assistance they needed. They were on the work study wait list but were denied food stamps, a problem they say was very frustrating. It was clear in their argument that the system designed to prevent abuse of assistance programs was working against them. The students said that they are honest people who are out of work and are trying to earn a degree to get a good paying job.

As soon as they made their problem known to us, other students chimed in with similar problems. One was denied child care assistance from Adult and Family Services and the other, the Oregon Health Plan. When policies work against the ones who need them most, problems arise. That is why in this election we need to vote for the people who will work for us.

Strangely, general elections always receive smaller voter participation than the presidential elections. Maybe they are more fun than general elections. The numbers prove it. Linn County recorded a 71.3 percent voter turnout for the 2000 presidential election and only a 53.9 percent turnout for the last general election in 1998. Benton County recorded a 48.2 percent voter turnout for the recent September 17 special election. Not even enough to represent half of the county.

But the general election is the one in which we choose our local and state representatives and leaders. They make the decisions that affect us daily, more so than our president does. Along with a recent decision by the legislature to make what should have been a local decision and cut self-improvement classes from community colleges' budgets, we recommend taking an active role in our government. Carefully read the voter's pamphlet and vote on Nov. 5 for the best possible candidates that will represent us in these important decision making processes.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## Classes, events teach about Arabic cultures

by Adele Kubein  
 of The Commuter

From religion to language, LBCC is offering a selection of classes and other events to help broaden our knowledge of the Arab world. Two Arabic language classes and one course on Islam are offered this term.

In addition, Hana Al-Gwaiz, an LBCC student of Saudi Arabian and American ancestry, plans to further understanding of Arab culture by offering lectures and special events this term. She will conduct volunteer lectures during the Critical Thinking Course and at the Multicultural Center. Dates for this term's lectures are not firm yet.

Al-Gwaiz will present evening classes of Arabic culture and language next term on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Albany campus. Al-Gwaiz is available for any group wishing to hear her lectures. She can be

reached through the Multicultural Center.

Al-Gwaiz, in an interview with the Commuter last week, cited many examples of the misunderstandings that Americans have regarding traditional Islamic life.

For example, Al-Gwaiz said one of the misconceptions Americans have about Islamic life is that all women are unhappy or abused. She said many women are comfortable knowing the law protects them from unwanted harassment and they were happy with the stability offered by the security of knowing exactly where they stand and what is expected of them and their families. Males have responsibilities toward women as well as the other way around.

Al-Gwaiz emphasized that Americans cannot use their standards to judge Arab culture.

"Accept that what works for you is not necessarily what works for someone

in Saudi Arabia. Other countries have to work out their own business, Americans cannot tell others how to live," Al-Gwaiz said.

"It is all in what you know as normal. If you are brought up in Muslim culture, you are comfortable in that environment."

Al-Gwaiz pointed out that a Muslim woman suddenly thrust into mainstream American life would feel just as terrified as an American woman who suddenly found herself in Saudi Arabia, subject to Islamic law and tradition.

"The rest of the world cannot judge Arab life by their own standards and tell them what is best for them. Arab culture is changing at its own pace."

And there have been changes lately, she said. In Saudi Arabia the government offers incentives to encourage women to get an education. Students are sent to other countries to broaden their knowledge of the world, and thinking

independently is encouraged.

Though Al-Gwaiz prefers life in the United States to Saudi Arabia, she empathizes with her relatives and siblings that prefer the traditional way of life. She does not presume to judge what is best for everyone, she lives her own life in the way that gives her happiness.

Though not all Arabs are Islamic and not all Muslims practice the traditional Islamic lifestyle, the majority of Arabic culture is based on Islamic precepts. An understanding of Middle Eastern culture entails some knowledge of the effects of the Muslim Faith on life in the Arab countries. Familiarity with Arabic language and usage can foster that understanding. Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries vary in their law, civil liberty, and adherence to tradition. For instance, Jordan has quite liberal women's and civil rights. It is easy to look at the whole Middle East as being

▶ Turn to "Arabic" on Pg. 4

## Students in gender-imbalanced programs sought for new club

by Maria Arico  
 of The Commuter

Students in gender-imbalanced career fields are invited to be part of a new Gender Equity Club forming this term.

Twenty-seven professional/technical programs at LBCC fall into the category of gender-imbalance because they have 25 percent or fewer of one gender, said Nancy Haldeman, campus Gender Equity representative.

Haldeman hopes the club will open up more social opportunities for students who feel isolated in their classes so they can meet people who are doing the same thing. Some fields have stayed very entrenched both for males and females, she said, and this is what discourages students from pursuing what they're interested in.

Male-dominated career fields constitute more than half of those considered gender-imbalanced.

*"People should be able to do what they love regardless of gender roles."*

▶ Bob Church

Some of these programs include engineering graphics, horticulture, welding, collision repair, agriculture and EMT.

Female-dominated programs include dental assistant, nursing, office specialist, administrative assistant, child and family, instructional assistant and legal secretary.

Haldeman's first organizational meeting attracted one male nursing student whom she hopes will help start the new club. At the meeting Haldeman discussed how the club will support individuals enrolled in these types of programs. She also

outlined the goals and benefits of having a club like this on campus. The group's first challenge is to become an official registered club, which requires eight charter-members to sign up, she said. Interested students can stop by her office in T-101 or reach her by phone at 917-4786.

As one of the club's first charter members, Bob Church, said he is hoping to be admitted into the nursing program next year. "People should be able to do what they love regardless of gender roles," Church said.

Some of the goals Haldeman touched on include getting students involved in the Take Your Child to Work Day, which takes place on April 24, helping with the Career Fair next spring, working with other clubs to coordinate events, and fund raising for scholarships.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

### Lining Up the Shot

Students enjoy mini-golf, music and burgers at the annual Welcome Back Barbecue in the Courtyard last Wednesday.

## Phi Theta Kappa seeks applicants for scholarships

by Heather M Scott  
 of The Commuter

LBCC is once again ready to select two students who will represent the college in two scholarship competitions and throughout the year.

The first of the two, the All American USA competition, is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today newspaper. Students will compete for a \$2,000 scholarship, which will be awarded to one student from each state.

The Oregon Student Scholar Competition will award a \$1,000 transfer scholarship to each person chosen to represent his or her school. Additionally, students chosen will be honored at

a luncheon with Oregon's governor in April.

Students will be chosen based upon community service, student activities, scholarship and recommendations. A minimum GPA of 3.25 is required to apply. Students applying must also be qualified to graduate during this academic school year and be currently enrolled at LBCC.

Applications are available in the Career/Counseling Center in Takena 101, and must be returned by Nov. 15. Applicants will be notified of their status on Nov. 22.

For further information contact Rosemary Bennett, Career Center Counselor and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor, at 917-4796 or stop by Takena 101.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## Off Beat

From KRT News

### Perfect timing

An undercover policeman in Chicago was sitting in the back of an unmarked minivan conducting surveillance on a commuter rail parking lot where many cars had been broken into.

To his astonishment, two men walked up and broke into his vehicle. As soon as they opened the van's sliding door, the cop, gun in hand, jumped out and arrested them. The police chief told reporters, "They were really surprised to see each other."

### Soft landing

A baby fell out a first-floor apartment window in Korschenbroich, Germany, but was uninjured because he landed on his rear end and his diaper—which was badly in need of changing—acted as an airbag and absorbed the shock. It did, however, burst on impact.

### Wrong number, officer

A man robbed a woman at gunpoint in Orem, Utah, and accidentally left his cell phone at the scene of the crime. He was inadvertently identified by his girlfriend who called and asked for him by name when the cops answered the phone.

"A life of crime is pretty tough," one policeman said. "It's even tougher when you're stupid."

### Sweet payback

The Rotary Club in the remote mining town of Kalgoorlie, Australia, held a charity auction in which the prize was the services of a member of parliament for a day. The winning bid of \$540 was made by the madam of Langtree's brothel. She had him clean the premises while wearing a frilly apron.

### Really big tipper

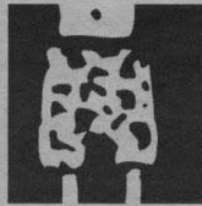
A judge with a drinking problem reported his Mercedes stolen in Pittsburgh, but the police found that he was so drunk that he actually gave the \$60,000 car to a parking lot attendant who had admired it.

### Next bus, please

A man being held on weapons charges escaped from the police station in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and later flagged down the first bus he saw. It was full of cops who were hunting him down.

### Surprising scrap

A scrap metal worker in the Ukraine was cutting up a 1940s howitzer with his blowtorch when the heat set off a lodged shell inside that he was unaware of. The shell flew about 800 yards and destroyed two roofs.



## Campus Shorts

### Celebration honors Ona

The Multicultural Center and Multicultural Club will host a Celebration of Life in honor of Ona Lebotse, a former LBCC international student who passed away unexpectedly this summer in Canada. The celebration will occur on Nov. 1 from 12 to 1 p.m. during the center's observance of Dia de los Muertos. According to Mexican and South American traditions, Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a time to remember those who have died and the continuity of life. In the weeks prior to Nov. 1, everyone is invited to drop off a photo, memento, or memory of Ona at the Multicultural Center. You may also e-mail memories to Susan Prock (procks@linnbenton.edu) and the center will print all memories on special paper to place in a memory book, which will be available for viewing during the celebration. The memory book will then be given to Ona's mother.

### Evacuation drills planned

Evacuation drills are planned at the following locations and times next week:

- Albany campus: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 1:45 and 7:15 p.m.
- East Linn Center: Thursday, Oct. 17, 1:45 and 7:15 p.m.
- Benton Center: Thursday, Oct. 24, 1:45 and 7:15 p.m.

## Riverfront: New fountain brings a splash to park

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been very pleased with it since it has been done."

In fact several new and established businesses took part in Saturday's event. The public had a chance to get acquainted with restaurants, galleries and bakeries located opposite the park. Also, the Corvallis Community Theatre held performances outside, a graffiti wall was on display, and there was a skateboard/bmx competition.

### Linn Center open longer

Doors are being left open longer to give job seekers more access to resources at the East Linn Workforce Development Center. The Resource Room at the East Linn Workforce Development Center is now open to serve job seekers Monday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In the Resource Room, job seekers can receive assistance with completing applications, writing a resume and preparing for an interview. The Center is located at 44 Industrial Way in Lebanon. For more information, call 259-5830.

### Gay Straight Alliance

The Gay Straight Alliance will meet Tuesday Oct. 22 at noon in the Student Clubs and Organization Room. The theme of this week's meeting will be "Coming Out." All who want to show their support for LBCC's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and other sexual and gender minority students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Board of Education meets

The Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education will meet in regular session Wednesday Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jim Riggs Community Center, 880 18th Avenue, Sweet Home. The meeting is open to the public.

## Arabic: Three courses offered

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homogeneous, in reality this is not true.

Islam: A Way Of Life, is offered free at Corvallis High School on Tuesday evenings. The course topics include historical background, the meaning of Islam, Sharia (Islamic Law), and women in Islam.

Arabic Conversation and Culture, also presented at Corvallis High School on Wednesday evenings offers basics of Arabic speaking and reading for beginners. Included are English language presentations about

Arab culture and civilization. The cost for this course is \$40.

Beginning Arabic is offered on the Albany Campus on Monday evenings. The course description asks people to bring a curious and open mind to a student centered approach to learning about Arabic language and culture. The fee for this course is \$54.

For further information on LBCC's course offerings or Hana Al-Gwaiz's lectures look in the fall course catalog under language and religion or contact the Multicultural Center.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Local Republican candidates Betsy Close, Lane Shetterly, Frank Morse and Jeff Kropf discuss their views at last Thursday's Candidates' Forum on campus.

## Candidates: Democrats divided on proposed taxing

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Question two asked if the candidates were prepared to deal with the State Need Grant being decreased and how they plan to rectify the issue.

Novak, Morse and Ross again responded in favor and claim to stand behind their words to do whatever is needed to make sure funding is available. Wirth is also highly in favor of the grant and ways of funding it; while Close and Shetterly discussed alternatives to the issue.

One of the questions in the forefront of many minds, is on instituting a sales tax to offset some of the financial burden of the state.

Republicans across the board commented in opposition to a sales tax, basing their stance on previous failed measures to instill one. Kropf said, "Oregonians will not vote on a sales tax as our history so clearly dictates."

The Democrats were divided on the issue. Wirth stated that her plans already include a sales tax. Ross feels that the current political climate does not support it. But if Oregonians were

to change their minds then she would be in support of it.

Associate of arts transfer student, Frank Craig said, "I think that a possible sales tax of 1 to 2 percent would be a very wise taxation and I would support it. Even if it was a third tax, if all the money from that taxation would go directly to funding schools across the state. As long as it was never tapped into for any other funding except K-12, community colleges and four-year universities. If we could maintain that I think a lot of other people would support it as well."

Questions were taken from the audience immediately following the conclusion of the formalized forum and students were invited to speak personally with the candidates for more in-depth responses.

Agena Aziz, personal campaign manager to Morse and Kropf, said,

"Overall, I think there were good ideas expressed on both sides. It was also nice to see so much student participation. There is so much apathy with voters today. Students need to realize, their vote counts!"

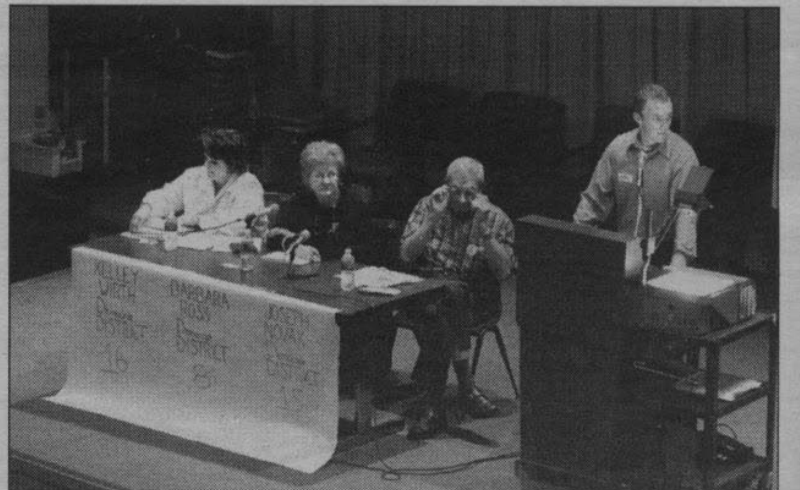


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Democrats at the Thursday Forum sponsored by the Student Programming Board were Joseph Novak, Barbara Ross and Kelley Wirth. The candidates discussed issues related to higher education and community college funding and answered questions from the audience.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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



## Teen improv auditions held

Albany Civic Theater will hold auditions for "Extreme Theater: Teen Improv," at 7 p.m. Oct. 28, 29 and 30. The ACTeens take to the ACT stage for a wild evening of improvisational comedy under the guidance of Miranda Prince, a veteran of Eugene ComedySportz. Audience interaction with unpredictable results make for a hilarious evening for the whole family. Director Miranda Prince is looking for a large cast of energetic, enthusiastic teens age 13-19 who want to learn how to think on their feet, create dramatic excitement on the fly and play together for the delight of the audience. This will not be a typical

audition. There's no script and no preset characters. Dress comfortably, so you can be active on stage. For more information, contact the director at [acteens@attbi.com](mailto:acteens@attbi.com)

## Comedy opens at ACT

The romantic comedy "Bell, Book and Candle," written by John van Druten and directed by Christi E. Sears, opens at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Albany Civic Theater. Evening performances continue on Oct. 26, Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9. There is also a 2:30 p.m. matinee Nov. 3. Tickets are available at Sid Stevens Jewelers, in Albany, and Rice's Pharmacy, in Corvallis. For information, visit: [www.peak.org/community/act](http://www.peak.org/community/act).



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

## Art and Politics

The changing face of Lady Liberty is the theme of this triptych by LBCC art instructor Analee Fuentes on exhibit in the Faculty Art Show in the AHSS Gallery. The exhibit runs through next week.

## Workshop brings fall foliage into focus

by Scott W. McClure  
 of The Commuter

Fall is a beautiful time of year for getting out, seeing and capturing the colors of the changing seasons with a fall foliage photo workshop sponsored by the Benton Center.

The workshop will be held at Corvallis High School in Room 218, with 7-9:20 p.m. sessions on Oct. 21 and Nov 4, and a field trip on Saturday Oct. 26 from 8:30 to 2:20 p.m.

The class is for basic to intermediate photographers with 35mm or point and shoot cameras. It will begin with an introduction to equipment and techniques. The final class is after the field trip so students can bring in their photos for a friendly critique.

The instructor is Jacob "Cub" Kahn. Kahn is a local professional nature photographer, writer, and educator. His photographs focus on the landscapes

and ecology of mountains, rivers and coastlines. His work has appeared in Audubon, Backpacker, National Wildlife, Sierra, Travel & Leisure, The New York Times and The Los Angeles Times.

Kahn teaches environmental science at Marylhurst University in Portland, OR and has degrees in environmental and marine sciences and a doctorate in education."

He has two books: "Essential Skills for the Nature Photographer" and "The Art of Photographing Water". Both are published by Amhurst Media.

You can register for the class on the Internet by using the Student Information System, on the telephone by calling 917-4991, or at the Benton Center, 630 NW Seventh St., Corvallis.

There is a \$22 fee for this class and students must provide their own camera and film. You must bring your camera to the first class.

## Plays offer actors experience

by Alaina Jones Richardson  
 of The Commuter

The 2002-2003 school year at LBCC will offer two stage performances for our resident thespians to be involved in.

Due to this year's budget cuts there will be no fall performance. The first production, directed by Jean Bonifas, is "Shakespeare Can Be Fun: Much Ado About Nothing for Kids," is scheduled for February 22 and March 2 at 3 p.m. Tickets will go on sale February 3 at the Tadena Box Office, Rice's Pharmacy, and Sid Steven's Jewelers. They are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under age 18. The description in the LBCC website notes the play to be: "a unique treatment of

Shakespeare's famous comedy." It also comments on the rave reviews from last year's "Shakespeare Can Be Fun: Twelfth Night" and anticipates similar feedback this year.

Scheduled for May 23, 24, 30, 31 at 8 p.m., June 1 at 3 p.m., and May 29 at 7:30 p.m. is the musical "Quilters", directed by Jane Donovan. "Quilters" celebrates the courage and spirit of our country's pioneer women, according to the website. Tickets are available for purchase on May 5, 2003.

Auditions for "Shakespeare Can Be Fun," are November 4, 5, 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tadena Theater, and for "Quilters," March 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Tadena Theater main stage.

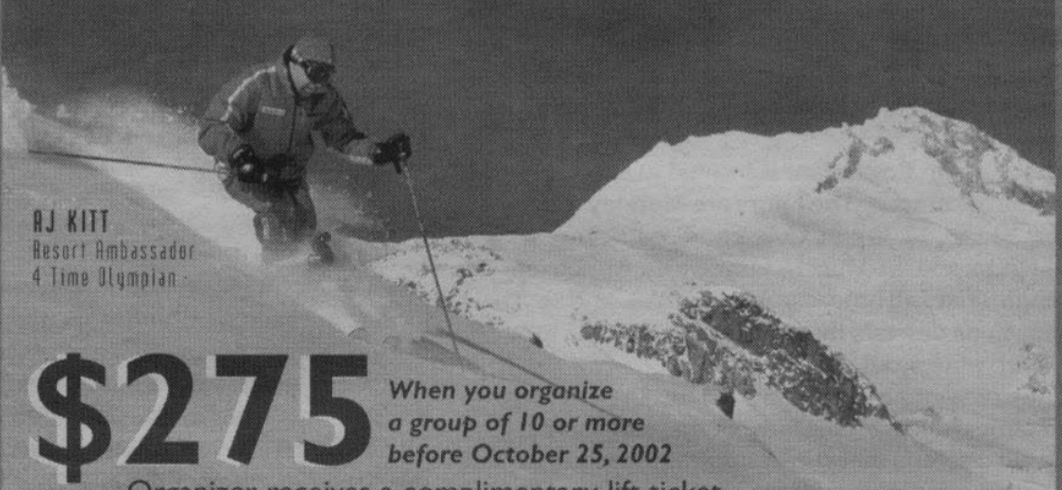
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# Where to do it on campus



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

**LB's Santiam Restaurant offers fancy sit-down dining at prices even students would find reasonable.**

## Food on campus makes the grade at three different locations

by Matt Boase  
of The Commuter

With the college bursting at the seams from new students who are all hungry and lost, it's no surprise that the Courtyard Cafe is overly packed at lunch with ravenous freshmen unsure of where to go for a decent meal.

LBCC offers multiple places to eat on campus that many students are unaware of, such as the cafeteria and a sit-down restaurant both on the second floor of the College Center.

Time is money (and so is food), so knowing where to go and when to go there is important. If you are looking for a meal to eat on the run you would probably prefer hitting up the cafe. Foods like pizza, burritos, chili and nachos are what you can expect to find for reasonable prices. Also available are bottled drinks, coffee and quick snacks.

The Santiam Restaurant is located at CC-201 on the East side of campus. The hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Coffee and pastries are served until 11 a.m. and then lunch commences. Appetizers are less than \$3 and all lunches are between \$7 and \$8. Their scrumptious desserts range from a mere \$1.35 to \$2.60. For reservations call 917-4392.

The Commons menu changes daily and offers many appetizing choices for the hungry student. This isn't the same old cafeteria that students became used to in high school that serves greasy pizza and the occasional scoop of potatoes and gravy. This food is more than fit for people, it's actually appetizing. For information concerning the menu changes from day to day check the Commuter. It is under the heading "Commons Menu". For good food at a low price, feel free to check it out.

Prices and participation may vary, see your local Cafeteria for details.

## Student child care made easy at Family Resources

by Cassandra Starr  
of The Commuter

Young parents attending college sometimes have a hard time juggling school, daycare and quality time with their child. Linn Benton Community College has made it easier with the Family Resource Center. Student parents going to LBCC who are taking at least 3 credits have the opportunity to spend time with their child while attending school.

The FRC (Family Resource Center) has four classrooms to accommodate 70 children between the ages of two to five years. Each classroom has two teachers and several student parents helping. The center is available from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The co-op system gives parents the opportunity to spend 5 hours with their child 2 hours a week in a class called "Living and Learning with Your Preschooler," and 3 hours at the center working with their child. Student parents have the ability to enroll at a discounted rate using the co-op system. For example, a 2-year old would cost \$490 to \$565 and a 3-5 year old would cost \$375 to \$425. If the student chooses not to use the co-op system, the center is still available. For a child 2 years old it would cost \$975 to \$1125 or a 3-5 year old \$750 to \$850.

Jen Knapp Beudert, coordinator of the FRC thinks children learn a lot through playing and they focus a lot on hands-on activities. The center is listed in the course catalog and a brochure is available in the Career Center. The center advertises that they believe that parents are the first and most important teachers in their child's life.

## Writing desk helps cure writer's block

by Kevin Brown  
of The Commuter

Having trouble writing a paper? Need some help? The writing desk on the main campus at LRC 212 is dedicated to helping students with any struggles they may be having throughout the stages of the writing process.

They can help with problems including: writers block, ideas for papers, organization, revising, editing and proofreading. They also help with scholarship essays and resumes. At any given time there are at least two helpers available. The helpers are instructors who teach English and writing courses. They will not write papers for you and you must be present to receive assistance, students can't just drop off papers to be edited.

Since last year there have been some cut backs of staff and hours due to budget cuts. The desk is open five days a week, so if you find yourself stuck or having any writing questions stop by and get some fresh ideas. The hours are Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Health Clinic up and running in Takena Hall

by Melissa Friend  
of The Commuter

The Student Health Clinic has returned. The clinic is located in Takena Hall and is open on Wednesdays only from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The clinic offers low cost services such as immunizations, minor illness treatments, sports or other required physicals, STD exams and treatments, reproductive health care, pregnancy test and confidential HIV testing and counseling. For more information drop by the clinic or call Linn County Public Health at (541) 967-3888.

## Applications open for institutional scholarships

by Michelle Reed  
of The Commuter

As most students know, finding money for college can sometimes seem harder than the classes themselves.

One way many students try to get money is through scholarships. This can be a confusing process, but Linn-Benton Community College's Financial Aid Office is trying to make things a little easier. The Financial Aid Office is one of the students' gateways to institutional scholarships (those disbursed by the institution itself).

During the first few weeks of each term all institutional scholarships that are available are posted outside the Financial Aid Office as well as on the Scholarship

Board which is located in the Multicultural Center. The deadline to apply for winter term scholarship is Oct. 25.

Students with access to the internet can also view the list of scholarships online by going to the LBCC homepage (<http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us>) and clicking on the link to Student Resources, then Financial Aid, and then Scholarships. This list shows over 60 scholarships, grants, and endowments. The ones that are available at the time are highlighted. Scholarship applications are available at the Financial Aid Office and can be downloaded online.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

**Kathy Knecht-Miner, coordinator of the Takena Support Lab, demonstrates the use of a large print computer screen useful to visually impaired students.**

## Disability Services are available to students

by Shannon Reddicks  
of The Commuter

The office of disability services help a wide range of disabilities and they accommodate with tools such as software, voice-outputs, ergonomic keyboards and seats, large monitors and text magnification software, and even classroom assistants.

"We help anyone with any disability or learning disability and help support them in getting an education," says Adero Allison, coordinator of the Office of Disability Services at LBCC.

In the Takena Support Lab they have a quiet study room, computers, and disabilities office staff, so when you're having a problem you can go there and get help.

The Disabilities Office also works with agencies such as Vocational Rehabilitation. Together they get documentation, and the tools and supplies needed to provide their client with a foundation for education.

Allison says, "If there are any students having trouble in the classroom, you're welcome to come in and schedule an appointment with me."

## Workshops offered for international students

by Justin Sitton  
of The Commuter

Workshops for international students are coming. Susan Prock, coordinator for the multicultural center said there are two upcoming workshops intended to teach students on how to survive at LBCC.

The first workshop is Thursday October 17, 3-5 p.m. in the Fireside Room. A film about how to adjust to college life will be shown, and they will cover resources on campus. There will also be free refreshments. The second workshop is also in the Fireside Room and it will mainly cover questions from the first workshop. Contact Sumartini Krisman at 917-4457 with questions.

Prock said, she has not heard of any problems for international students regarding tighter immigration and visa rules. She also said that there are currently 34 international students at LBCC. They are from: China, Ecuador, Germany, Hong Kong(2), India, Indonesia(4), Japan(4), Nigeria, Singapore, South Korea(2), Sweden, Taiwan and Turkey.

# Eat it, Surf it, Learn it, Earn it, Cure it

## Counseling services offers more than just academic advice

by Darrell McGie  
of The Commuter

There are counseling services available in the Advising office for all students who need help coping with life and school issues.

The academic advisor that helps a student with a class schedule and career choice is also trained as personal counselor. Usually, a stressed student only needs a couple visits to solve a personal issue or get help adjusting to a new school environment.



Ann Marie  
Etheridge

"We are here to help students who are having a meltdown," said Ann Marie Etheridge, counselor. The counselors are trained on short-term solutions counseling, or brief therapy, to identify the problem and quickly find a remedy, according to Etheridge.

When a student has a serious emotional or personal problem, a counselor will use outside sources to help intervene. If necessary, a counselor will contact appropriate agencies on behalf of the student, often times gaining quick access to key personnel.

The Advising office has five full-time counselors available for appointments and there is always a counselor available on a drop-in basis from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Advising office is in Takena Hall 103.

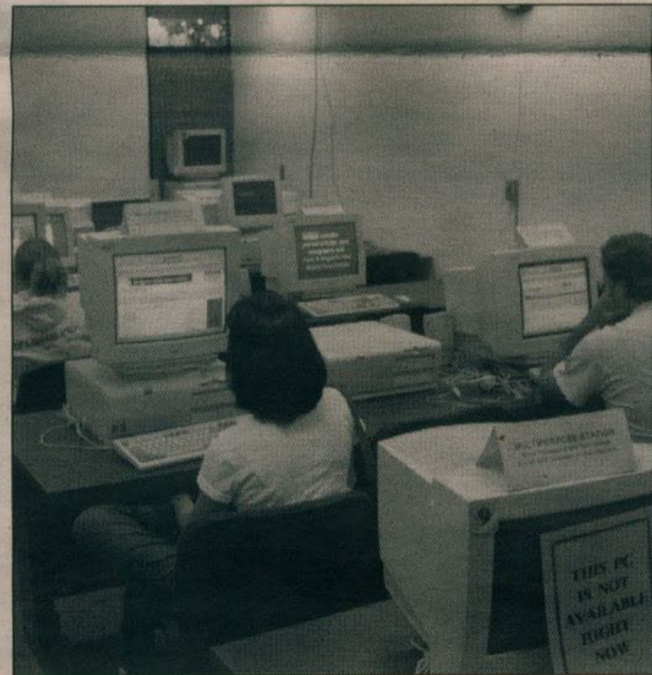


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Students make use of computers in the LBCC Library, one of four locations on campus where students can walk in to use internet-connected computers.

## Four computer rooms open to walk-in use

By Chris Ross  
of The Commuter

Being a new student can be tough. Finding classes is a chore. What does one do when their assigned homework is to use a computer and they lack one at home? Fear not, for there are plenty of on-school locations where anyone may use a computer.

The forum computer lab, which is located on the south side of the forum building, is also available for walk-in use. The Computer Lab hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Saturday and open Sunday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Another place to go is the Learning Center on the second floor of the LRC. The hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesday, Thursday, and even Saturday, it opens at the same time but remains open until 9 p.m. Thirty-eight computers are available; two of them are for checking e-mail or

printing homework. There is a 5-minute time limit on these two computers. The rest of the computers are for schoolwork only; no chat rooms or games.

Another place to go is the Library. The hours there are 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; Friday is 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. These PC's are for research only. Checking e-mail or using word processing is only on specific PC's. Chatting, playing games, and instant messaging is prohibited. There are 18 available computers.

The Multicultural Center is also another place for using computers. They have three computers available for chatting, e-mail or homework. They are open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Students are reminded to always bring a disk to all computer labs and to restrict printing to ten pages per job, or 100 pages per week.

## Seminars offer methods to improve study skills

by Mitch Powell  
of The Commuter

A great opportunity is available to students this term. Students who feel that they may be lacking in study skills may attend free student survival seminars every Tuesday from week two to week eight. There will be no seminar week seven.

These seminars will give students the chance to familiarize themselves with college study habits that may help them become better students. The goal is to help students understand the proper steps and techniques that are required to become an effective college student.

The seminars take place every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center in room 210. Every week a new topic will be discussed, the topics cover a broad array of subjects.

The first seminar on October 8 discussed the Learning Resource Center and the many different services that it has to offer students who need help with schoolwork. The remainder of the seminars will discuss actual study techniques that are meant to help students with their course loads.

Week three's topic is: the secrets of comprehending textbooks. Students will be taught helpful methods to increase comprehension and memory of their text. Week four's subject is: creating visual study guides, these are meant to help students organize and memorize important information. Week five's subject is: taking lecture notes you can use.

This seminar is aimed at improving your listening skills and your note-taking ability. Week six is aimed at helping you navigate through the second half of the term; by bringing your course work and schedule they can help you make a road map for the rest of the term. The final seminar in week eight involves learning how to take true/false and multiple-choice tests, and overcoming test panic.

Once again, these seminars are located in the Learning Resource Center in room 210 every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Make sure to bring your course work and schedule to each seminar. More information on the Student Survival Seminars can be located at the front desk of the Learning Resource Center.

## Students urged to get free parking stickers for use in emergencies

by Heather M. Scott  
of The Commuter

LBCC, unlike OSU and most other campuses does not require you to register your vehicle to park on campus. Though LBCC Security does suggest it.

Only approximately 10 percent of LBCC students and staff have registered their cars this year. Security reports that there have been approximately 845 vehicles registered with them since 1997.

Registering your vehicle with LBCC Security is not required but is recommended because it allows security officers to contact you in case you leave your vehicle

lights on, your car may be in danger, or you parked in an unauthorized area.

Security uses the stickers issued at the time of registration to find a student's schedule and locate them on campus. Otherwise, security officials are forced to call the Department of Motor Vehicles to find students' vehicle information. This method is costly to the college and may end up being expensive for the student as well.

"I've seen one vehicle roll out and hit another," said Vern Jackson, chief of security. "We've even had vehicles catch on fire," he added.

Security officers were able to notify the owners of vehicles close to the burning vehicle and get them moved.

Vehicle registration is offered free of charge for LBCC students and staff. Students are encouraged to pick up a registration form at the Security Office in CC123 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. During off hours, the forms are also available directly outside the security office.

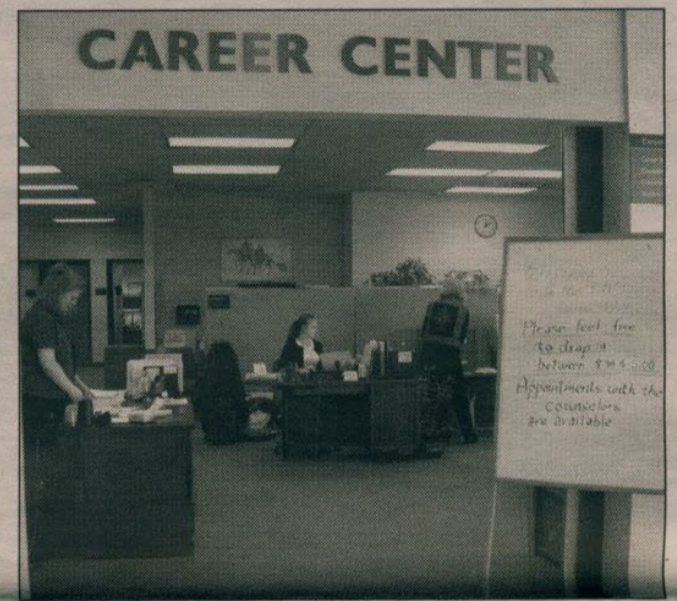


Photo by Bonnie Quinones

The LBCC Career Center offers listings of jobs available to students both on bulletin board postings and on the web. Carol Raymundo is one of the specialists on hand to help students in the center.

## Finding part-time jobs made easier on-line

by Cole Pouliot  
of The Commuter

Student Employment is a great opportunity for students in need of income, and it is now much easier to access jobs, according to Carla Raymond of student employment.

Student employment opportunities can now be accessed through the World Wide Web. Approximately 135 jobs are now listed at [www.linnbenton.edu/services/career](http://www.linnbenton.edu/services/career).

These jobs can also be accessed by going to the Student Employment Office which is in the Career Center located at the South East Corner of Takena Hall.

To be eligible to receive a job a person has to have, at one point in their life attended LBCC. This could be a current student or even people who have gone on to universities or are pursuing a career.

The jobs range from part time to full time in a variety of fields. Some of the most common jobs Raymond sees are jobs from OSU, child care, customer service representative jobs, health occupations, landscaping, internships, and lots of office jobs. In addition to these employment opportunities there are about 200 work-study jobs available on campus.

If a student finds a job they are interested in the next step is to either call Carla at 917-4788, or come into the office to receive additional information about the job. The student also needs to fill out a Student Employment Card in the Career Center to have access to the jobs offered.

In addition to these services Student Employment offers help with resumes, cover letters, job search, and interview skills, that might help students with their job hunt.

Student Employment and the Career Center are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

Ups orientation & interviews Only ten people per session will get to fill out applications and get an interview. Two more sessions are scheduled. See Student Employment in T101 for a referral! You must be signed up with the Student Employment to get on the list.

Sales Associate (#1614 Heritage Mall) If you want to work part-time selling clothes (women's and men's) for a cool store in the mall, see Carla in the Career Center (Takena 101) for more information! they also have a 1st Asst Manager position (1616) that is full time.

Front desk at Days Inn Albany, graveyard shift. Ft/Pt 928-5050. Lot's of free time to get your homework done.

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Students interested in applying for scholarship for Fall term and beyond! Check out the scholarship listings at the financial Aid office of the Multicultural Center, then stop by either location for an application. ALL LBCC APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY OCTOBER 25, 2002.

Interns (#1604 in Albany) If you have political interests, here is one arena to spend your energy and get some experience. Non-paid, but part time and flexible hours. See Carla in the Career center (Takena 101) for more information!

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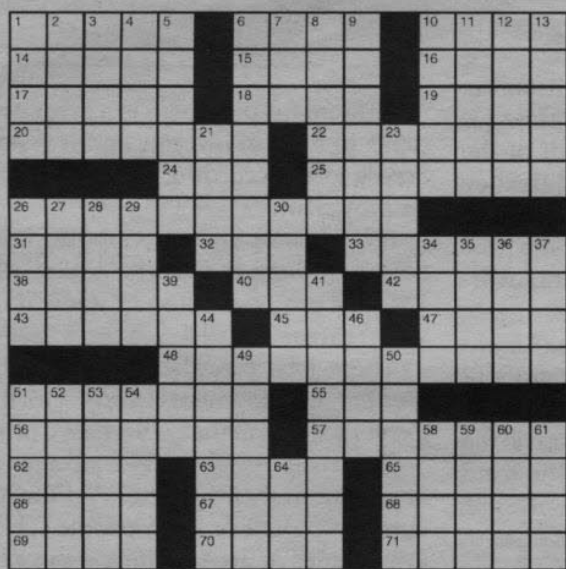
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# CAMPUS NEWS

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



## Scouring the Banks

LBCB biology students were among more than 100 volunteers who turned out Saturday for the river bank cleanup sponsored by the City of Albany. Nancy MacHugh (left) gives a safety talk to volunteers before they set out. Among the items found were bicycles, shopping carts, furniture, traffic barricades, street signs, car tires and miscellaneous toys. Items were found along the Willamette river, Periwinkle Creek, Cox Creek and the Calapooia River.



Photos by Jeremy Hennig

## ASG ready to meet 2002 challenges

by Carlie Russum  
 Of The Commuter

This year's main focus for Linn-Benton's Student Body Government will be working with the college administration as it attempts to cut the budget to make up for a reduction in state funds.

Last year, Student Government put together a survey that requested student opinion on several issues such as enrollment increase, tuition increase, budget cuts and classes that were currently offered but may be cut in fall. This was just one of the projects student government was involved with last year and will take an active roll in again this year.

Another way government finds out what students want is by approaching different clubs and organizations on campus to ask for their ideas and opinions.

According to Student Government President Roxanne Allen, "We are like a mega-

phone, we find out what students want and then report back to the school board, president, dean, etc."

She also said students are welcome to stop by the Student Life and Leadership office if they have a comment or concern.

So far this year, student government has planned the back to school barbecue on the main campus and at the extended learning centers. However, they are not responsible for planning all activities--most of them are planned by the Student Programming Board, which also works out of the Student Life & Leadership Office in the Student Union.

Allen is well known for her involvement at Linn-Benton. Her first year after high school she became the Business Health Occupations Representative, and last year was elected Vice President.

Every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, Roxanne begins a meeting with the three executive po-

sitions, (president, vice president and secretary) and five representatives. In addition, as president she is required to spend five hours a week in her office. She regularly works overtime with no complaint.

"I love my job and it is great to be involved. It is good to know what is going on in the school and I enjoy working with people," she added.

She mentioned another ma-

ior benefit to those who serve in the student government is that all three executive positions receive 12 credits toward tuition for each term. The representatives receive 12 credits free during winter and spring terms.

You don't have to be one of the eight members of government to be involved. There are many clubs that allow you to meet new people and make college more enjoyable.

## COMMONS

### Menu

**Oct. 16 - Oct. 22**

#### Wednesday

Chicken Fried Steak  
 Thai Pork Noodles  
 Spinach Lasagna  
 Soups: Beef Barley  
 Navy Bean  
 Salad: Tarragon Shrimp

#### Thursday

BBQ Pork Sandwich  
 Grilled Chicken Breast  
 w/Pear & Mango Chutney  
 Stuffed & Baked Potato  
 Soups: Tortilla  
 Corn Chowder  
 Chicken Taco Salad

#### Monday

Swiss Steak Tempura  
 Chicken w/Steamed Rice  
 Meatless Eggs Benedict  
 w/Fresh Fruit  
 Soups: Cream of Mushroom  
 Minestrone  
 Salad: Tuscan Tuna

#### Tuesday

Roast Turkey w/Dressing  
 & Pan Gravy  
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## October is a sports paradise for fans of baseball, football, even NASCAR

Oh my goodness, do I love October. What other month can you watch an outstanding post-season baseball contest, then hit the recall button and watch the last three minutes of potential Super Bowl teams going down to the wire, changing leads twice in the last minute?

October is packed with sports, with the MLB post-season, pro and college football, hockey and basketball starting up, and NASCAR finally winding down (seriously, how many circles do we need to see in a year,) October offers something for all sports fans.

Let's start with baseball. No Yankees, no Braves, and no Diamondbacks—what in the heck are we supposed to do? Cheer! That's what we should do. Anaheim Angels are going to the World Series for the first time in their 42-year history, and I do not feel that it is bad for baseball.

Now I have to admit, I was rooting for the Twins to win that series. I mean, that was a great story: A team that was supposed to be contracted by the league office (and their owner was glad to let them to it), ends up defying both of them by dominating their division, upsetting the As, and packing the Twinkly Dome once again. It would of been a great moment to see Commissioner Bud Selig hand the trophy over to the Twins. But the Halos were just too strong.

This Angels team is amazing—after winning only 75 games last season, no one expected them to be here. They were 50-1 longshots in Vegas to get to the series, but they have proven to be the true definition of "team." The Angels are a team basically without a big name, yet they come up big every time. With timely hits, great pitching from players like starter Jarrod Washburn and closer Troy Percival, and terrific managing from Mike Scioscia, the Angels are poised to call themselves World Champions. And the Rally Monkey is just too cool.

In the National League, the Giants, unlike the Angels have a long and illustrious post-season historically, but have not been to the promised land since the late 1980s. More importantly, the Giants have a high payroll, while the Angels do not.

For Barry Bonds and the Giants, Game 5 was a must win—they did not want to go back to St. Louis and play in that stadium in front of those fans, because the Cardinals are a terrific home team.

And what about Barry Bonds? Bonds has been criticized his entire career on how he is not a clutch player. After having one of the greatest seasons of his career, he is finally having the post-season that can silence his critiques and put him on everybody's list, including mine, as part of the elite crowd of baseball's greatest players ever. The rest of the Giants have also stepped up big, players like Rich Aurilla and Benito Santiago have been Giant heroes in Games 2 and 4, and Santiago and J.T. Snow made the Cardinals pay for walking Bonds on Sunday night.

I look for a great World Series. It will be tough to compete against last year's, but at least we don't have to see the Yankees again. Despite the fact that the Angels are extremely hot (and, of course, there's that monkey), I still look for the Giants to take the World Series.

Onto the NFL. Now that Week 6 is over, once again it's clear that with the parity in the league, there is no telling what can happen. The Rams and Patriots both have token nose dives early this season, and there are about six to eight teams in both conferences that have legitimate shots at the Super Bowl. Normally when football fans talk about Florida football, your talking college, but what about the Dolphins and Buccaneers? Both of these teams have looked great in the front part of

the season.

The Dolphins are 5-1 this year, and correct me if I am wrong, but have I seen a team like this before? I think so—does anyone remember the Cowboys of the mid 90s. Dolphin head coach Dave Wandstat and offensive coordinator Norv Turner both know about that Cowboy team because they were the two coordinators of that dynasty, and they got their new team playing the same way. They rely on power running and a swarming defense, just like the Cowboys did; the only differences are that I do not think Jay Fiedler is the same caliber of quarterback that Troy Aikman was, and they lack a big playmaker like Michael Irvin.

But I still fill that Miami is the front runner in the AFC. The Raiders have also looked good, but their defense cannot stop anybody, and how long can that older offense continue to put up 30 points a game? It also would be unwise to count out the Steelers, because they play in a terrible division, and might be able to win that division with as low as a 9-7 record.

In the NFC, the dominating defense of the Bucs, the explosive Saints, the Farved-upped Packers, and the 49ers have all looked impressive. But I feel that the Bucs have the inside track—after their defense allowed over 20 points against the Saints opening week, they have not allowed a team to do anything against them.

Think we're done? Not a chance. It's October and there's still college football to discuss. This was a big week in college football, with big teams in big conferences coming up with big wins. Miami showed it could be beat, but wasn't. Oklahoma once again won the Red River Shootout, as Chris Simms showed that his reputation for sucking in big games proves valid. The Ducks, Bulldogs and Irish continue to win games (all undefeated), and Ohio State and Virginia Tech are still rolling—and don't forget about the Wolfpack of N.C. State.

These are your eight undefeated teams that have a realistic chance at the Fiesta Bowl, according to my favorite BCS system. Air Force and Bowling Green are also undefeated, but have no chance at winning a national title because a computer says they're worthless. So the question remains: who will play Miami in Temple?

Well, if we break the undefeateds down, we see that Virginia Tech will play Miami at Miami, so there goes one undefeated. Now we're down to six. I don't see NC State or Notre Dame going undefeated either. The Irish are playing Air Force Saturday, and their luck might be gone.

That leaves four from the big four conferences—Oklahoma (Big-12,) OhioSt. (Big 10,) Georgia (SEC,) and Oregon (Pac-10.) But if Georgia and Oklahoma want to go to the National Championship, they will have to play an extra-game in their conference title games. I bring this up because of Texas and Tennessee last season.

Oregon and Ohio State, however, only have to have the best record to win their conference. I do not predict Oregon to go to the Fiesta—too many tough games in the Pac-10, and I still think that Oregon State will pull off a Civil War upset.

Ohio State, however, gets to play both Penn State and Michigan in Columbus, so I do look for Ohio State to go undefeated. Does this mean they will be in Temple? Not necessarily. For the first time in BCS history, I think there will be more than two undefeated teams (in big conferences), at the end of the season, thus bringing more controversy to the good old BCS.

To all you Beaver fans out there, four words: no game for December.

To all the good people, enjoy the week and try to get some studying done between commercial breaks.



Photo by Stefanie Hessekemper

Haeden Kujawa ices his shoulder during fall baseball drills. More than 50 Roadrunner hopefuls have turned out for the annual shakedown cruise to prepare for the spring season.

## Hawk eyes baseball players in fall camps

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

"Let's have some fun!" exclaimed Coach Greg Hawk to huddled baseball players last Friday afternoon under a clear sky. The group moved in closer.

"Teamwork!" they yelled.

To onlookers, playing a game of baseball everyday might look fun. But, to the players and coaches it's a serious matter because this is where the spring term baseball players are chosen from.

"We are evaluating the players from this point out," said Hawk as he comments to his associate coach Harvey Miller, on a player's swing.

Everyday throughout the end of this month the fall baseball physical education class will continue to meet for an inner-squad game. Sixty-one players

signed up for the class and were divided into three teams. A sophomore captain who exhibits outstanding playing abilities, team leadership and baseball strategy skills leads each team. The teams alternate days on which they play.

According to Coach Miller, the class is allowed four outside day competitions in the fall. They traveled to Clackamas Sunday and will meet up with Southwestern Oregon Community College on Saturday.

The class is open to players of all different skill levels and abilities, said Miller. Since the games don't count the same as spring term baseball, "we throw a lot of pitchers and interchange our infield a lot," said Miller, explaining how everyone gets to play. The games are also occasionally stopped for teaching moments.

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# SPORTS

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

## LB displays depth, leadership on long road trip

by Thomas McGeary  
 of The Commuter

The Roadrunners were true to their name last week when they traveled 700 miles to Coos Bay for a match against SW Oregon on Wednesday and then continued their road trip up to Des Moines, Wash., to the annual Highline Crossover tournament over the weekend.

In the SWOCC game, the Lady Runners found themselves behind after the first game, but the team's unity and leadership proved vital in a spirited comeback.

"We do play better under pressure," said Coach Jayme Frazier. "We come back. We have had games where we come back 8-10 points. It does make us nervous, and we don't want to set that precedent."

After dropping the first game 22-30, LBCC swept the next three—30-25, 30-22, 30-24. The team was led by a well-balanced attack from freshmen Kellie Kettles, who totaled 14 kills; Rebecca Buhl, who had nine; and Mariah Zook, who picked up five. Holly Prinslow collected 25 assists and Amanda Burcham had 19 assists. Sophomore captain Kimberly West had eight kills and sophomore Danielle Palmer picked up eight

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kills and four service aces in the win. This brought the Roadrunners' league record to 4-2 at the half-way point of the season.

The Lady Runners took their winning ways north to Des Moines to play in the Highline College Crossover Tournament. The Runners started out in disappointing fashion, losing all their opening games in pool play, bounced back to beat Blue Mountain 24-30, 30-24, 20-18; Highlane 25-30, 30-28, 15-12; and North Idaho 28-30, 30-26, 15-13.

They then faced the No. 1 team in the lower bracket, Treasure Valley, and lost 30-27, 21-30, 15-7. LB was unable to withstand the attack of the Treasure Valley

Chuckers. This match was the first in bracket play, and knocked LB out of contention for the championship.

However, the Lady Runners were able to defeat Lower Columbia 30-28, 24-30, 15-11 to claim third place overall in the tournament.

Rebecca Buhl was named to the All-Tournament team in the Highline Tournament.

"The tournament was tough, but we competed with every team there," said Frazier. "We had our ups and downs. Even though we won, I would have hoped we were a little more steady. Serving percentage went down from 98 percent to 94-95 percent, which has an effect on momentum."

The sophomore leadership really help the team through the tournament, Frazier added.

"Janine Dionne and Leslea Brown provided leadership and ball control, which does not always equate to numbers, but it is key in rally scoring," she said.

With three home games coming up, the Lady Runners are excited about their chances in the second half of the season.

"We play better at home, and only lost to No. 1 Mt. Hood at home," she said.

## Campus offers abundant recreation choices

Ball fields, tennis courts, weight room open to student use

by Thomas McGeary  
 of the Commuter

If an LBCC student is not able to find time or a curriculum needed for physical education or health fitness, there are ample activities available to registered students.

Choices are abundant, ranging from the weight room to intramural recreational sports. The Activities Center at LBCC has a lot to offer for convenience and fun.

The athletic fields are available for everyone to use and the Activity Center staff especially encourage clubs to participate in athletic activities at LBCC.

The availability of the fields and facilities depends on class and club use, as well as other groups, such as Santiam Christian School, which has use of the fields at scheduled times.

It is necessary to contact

Theresa Thomas or Greg Hawk to reserve time on the field.

There are regulations regarding field usage. For example, fields are not available during weather that could destroy the intactness of the field. These fields are the perfect place to toss a Frisbee around, play a simple game of catch, or have organized softball games.

Equipment is available for check-out at the Activity Center with a valid student identification card for items such as golf balls and clubs, tennis rackets, footballs, volleyballs and soccer balls.

The LBCC weight room is open Monday through Wednesday and on Fridays from 4 to 4:50 p.m.

The locker room is also available for use by registered students who may be interested in a quick run around the track before class. The Wellness Trail, which you can access west of campus is another great way to unwind between classes or during lunch break.

There is also an intramural/recreation program available to

LBCC students, which is committed to the idea of providing quality intramural and recreational opportunities for the campus community.

Information regarding current events and activities is available at the Student Life & Leadership office located on the first floor of the Student Union, or by calling 541-917-4457.

Current information is also posted on campus bulletin boards.

This program is designed to encourage student, staff and faculty participation in activities that promote health and fun, or competition with a spirit of community and positive team play.

The following types of activities are scheduled annually with plans to expand the program in the future: Fitness Week, Health Week, Turkey Trot Fun Run, Schick 3X3 Basketball Tournament, ACUI Billiards Tournament, Spring Fun Run/Walk, Spring Days and trips to various sports related events/activities.

All LB intramural/recreation activities and events are free or provided for a minimal cost.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Marshall Cooley, Amy Sundseth and Jamie Kessle work out in the weight room in LBCC's Activity Center. The room contains a variety of free weights and exercise machines. For a limited time each week it is open to students to use on a walk-in basis, from 4-4:50 p.m. on weekdays, except for Thursday when the room is closed.

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Friday	Oct. 18	Umpqua C.C.	LBCC	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 23	SWOCC	LBCC	6 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 25	Lane C.C.	Eugene	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 30	Mt. Hood C.C.	Gresham	7 p.m.
Fri-Sat	Nov. 1	Linn Benton	LBCC	TBA
Wednesday	Nov. 13	Clackamas C.C.	Oregon City	7 p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 16	Playoff ties	TBA	TBA
Thur-Sat	Nov. 21	Championship	Spokane	TBA
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# NATIONAL NEWS

News and information  
 from the United States  
 and the world

## Co-ed college dorms challenge moral issues

By Lini S. Kadaba  
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

SWARTHMORE, Pa. – Monday, 8 a.m., and Swarthmore College student Kaiko Shimura can't decide what to wear. So she asks best friend Joseph Altuzarra for advice.

He obliges, giving a nod to a black T-shirt featuring the punk band Anti-Flag, gray pants, and a white necklace with stars. "Does my sweater have any holes?" he asks.

The two sophomores are roommates who live together in a campus dorm room, even though Shimura, 19, is a woman and Altuzarra, also 19, is a man.

Swarthmore, joining the ranks of a handful of schools around the country, has extended coeducational housing beyond buildings and floors to include actual rooms, making for one of the most liberal dormitory policies in the country.

Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.,

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and Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., also permit men and women to live together. Students at other schools, including Rutgers University, Tufts University outside Boston, and New York University, have raised the issue but not won over administrators. At the other end of the spectrum are state schools in Mississippi, which cannot have any kind of undergraduate coed housing.

Shimura and Altuzarra, along with three other students (two women and a man), live in Lodge 3, a rowhouse dorm where five students share two bedrooms, a kitchen, and a bathroom. Last year, the college permitted coed groups to live in lodges for the first time. This fall, Swarthmore took an additional, and unusual,



Photo by Vicki Valerio/Philadelphia  
**Kaiko Shimura gets a wardrobe consult from Joseph Altuzarra, her roommate. The two share a co-ed dorm room at Swarthmore College, located in Pennsylvania.**

step by making seven two-person rooms available to mixed pairs, married or not.

"We're not prepared to consider that," says Robin Doan, Haverford's director of student housing.

The very notion of college students' cohabiting strikes some—mostly older alumni or administrators at schools with more traditional policies—as opening

the door to school-sanctioned hanky-panky.

"A lot of people don't think it's moral, in any way, shape or form," says Gary Schwarzmüller, executive director of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International in Columbus, Ohio, who described Swarthmore's policy as rare.

"The idea of asking students

to learn how to cohabit is frankly irresponsible," says Jeffrey R. Docking, vice president of student affairs at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. "I see all sorts of pitfalls."

Swarthmore and Haverford both increased coed options in response to gay and lesbian students. "A group of students from the queer community said, 'We find it's awkward to live with members of the same sex. What you're saying is that the whole world is heterosexual, and that's not true,'" Westphal says.

Since the school went to coed lodges and rooms, only one parent has complained. A few older alumni have raised concerns about Swarthmore's "promoting free sex."

Haverford also has gotten few complaints. Neither campus allows freshmen students to apply for coed rooms. True, boyfriends and girlfriends could choose the option, but both students and administrators insist that rarely occurs.

## Israeli divestiture issue pits activists against each other

by Carrie Sturrock  
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. – On a card table near the steps of the University of California-Berkeley's Sproul Hall, neat stacks of pro-Palestinian pamphlets detailing human rights abuses explain why universities should divest from companies that do business in Israel.

Nearby, stapled to message boards, bright pink fliers counter with the message "Invest in Israel, Invest in Peace."

It's a war of words that's intensifying on college campuses around the country as the divestment campaign, an outgrowth of Berkeley activism, spreads. It's a debate university administrators fear could become violent. Usually students rail at ideas such as the ban on affirmative action or sweatshops. This time, they've turned on each other.

"Divest from Israel," which began as a small student movement has been labeled anti-Semitic by some prominent American Jews. Pro-Palestinian students have shot back that disagreeing with a government's policies isn't the same as racism.

The conflict is so personal on some campuses, it's as if Israel and the Palestinians were next door. The uneasiness is palpable. And universities, which don't seem likely to divest any time soon, don't know quite what to do about the growing tension.

More than 300 college and university presidents, including UC-Berkeley's Chancellor Robert Berdahl, condemned the intimidation of Jewish and pro-Israel students in a full-page ad, paid for by the American Jewish Committee, in the New York Times on Oct. 7. Other presidents refused to sign because it didn't address threats against Muslim and Arab students.

"You're talking about billions of dollars and admin-

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istrators who are extremely nervous people – who take a lot of antacid pills – worrying if they make the wrong move, they will be taken as anti-Semites," said Iowa State political science Prof. Steffen Schmidt, who has studied campus protests.

At rallies, divestment proponents chant "Just like South Africa!" as they compare the campaign to the one waged against apartheid South Africa in the mid-1980s. The University of California led the nation in divesting from companies that did business there.

In a significant way, Divest from Israel is nothing like that campaign. No one in this country expressed much sympathy for the white apartheid regime in South Africa. Israel, however, is a close U.S. ally and has the support of mainstream America.

"With the Arab-Israeli conflict, you have both sides that have very good issues, and both sides will argue vehemently that their issue has primacy over the other," said Berky Nelson, director of the center for student programming at UCLA. "The potential for heightened danger is there."

Perhaps no campus has seen more clashes than UC-Berkeley. Students for Justice in Palestine kicked off the national divestment campaign in April on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Bitter, angry screaming matches erupted. The pro-Palestinian students then occupied Wheeler Hall to protest Israeli occupation of Palestin-

ian territories.

Administrators had learned about the protest and warned students of severe consequences. They followed through with student conduct hearings that could last for months. It's a departure from how they've meted out discipline for past sit-ins, but a fair one, they argue, because students were warned. Students for Justice in Palestine have another "direct action" planned for Wednesday but won't reveal the form it will take.

The student activists, and members of the faculty who support divestment, strongly disagree with the university's treatment of the Wheeler Hall protesters. They see the administration's reaction as a general hypersensitivity and knee-jerk response among universities to anyone who criticizes Israel.

This summer, the California Legislature adopted a resolution calling on the University of California not to divest from Israel. The University of California regents have not taken up the issue, although divestment proponents lobby them at their bi-monthly meetings.

The campaign has spread to more than 40 campuses. But petitions countering divestment are circulating, too, and seem to have more support. The online petition at ucdivest.org had 1,229 signatures as of Friday. Ucjustice.org, which opposes divestment, had 4,316 signatures.

Observers say that students have entered a new era of protest that began with the 1999 demonstrations against the World Trade Organization meetings in Seattle. Globalization has created confusion and a sense of anxiety in a world that doesn't have the clarity of a Cold War era, said Schmidt at Iowa State University.

"A significant number of students on campus are feeling simply lost and disconnected by the scale of stuff going on. They look for causes that will bring them into communities of people who share this."

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