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With nearly 300 days of sun a year, Central Oregon Cascades draw visitors year round to such attractions as Mount Bachelor, Eagle Crest and Sisters.

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Runners come home for another turn on the diamond with coaches Greg Hawk, Dave Dangler and Dick McClain.

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Café says no to debit, credit cards

Aaron Broich
The Commuter

Beginning this term the Courtyard Café is no longer accepting debit or credit cards, causing some inconvenience for students accustomed to paying with plastic.

In recent years students have begun to carry cash less often, depending on debit and credit cards. Although signs have been posted around the café, many students have been surprised by the sudden shift, and some, having already ordered food, found themselves unable to pay last week when they arrived at the till.

Most, like Nathan Paris, a sophomore in biological sciences, were afforded some grace. "I didn't have enough in my bank account to pay, so he (the cashier) said I could just come back the next day to pay," Paris said.

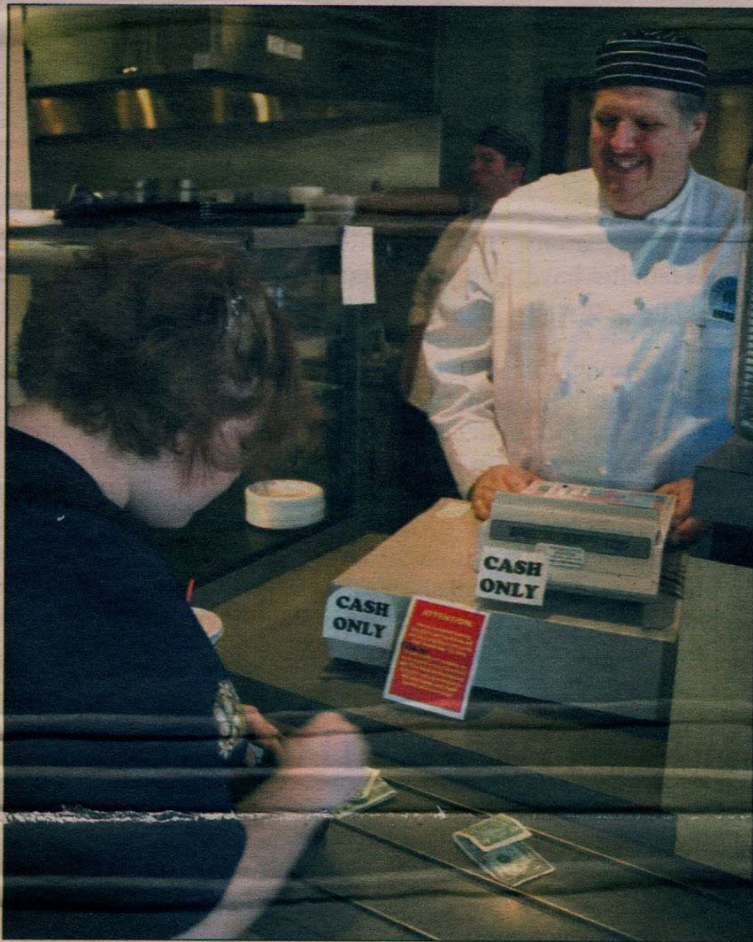
Like many others, Paris was told about the ATM in Takena

Hall, but he couldn't get enough from the machine to cover the cost of his lunch.

Bob McCormick, a diagnostic imaging student, expressed disappointment at having to pay the extra fee at the ATM to cover the cost of his lunch. "I wish I would have known [about the change], I would have brought cash. It just seems like they're transferring the fee to us," McCormick said.

Cost and long lines were both factors in motivating the ban on debit and credit cards. Gary Snyder, the head of the Food Services Department, said the café quit taking plastic because "it cost us too much money. Last year our costs for credit cards, including debit card fees, was over \$11,000, and most of that was from the café. It's not uncommon to have 150, 160 transactions a day, and a lot of those transactions are people buying a soda or small items."

Many businesses have limits set in to place to prevent custom-



Megan Pierce digs for cash to pay Marty Kuiken for her lunch at the Courtyard Café, which has stopped accepting debit and credit cards.

ers from using cards for small purchases, which cuts more significantly into profits. The college was never able to adopt that policy. "The US Bank said it was

illegal for us to have minimums, and that we'd have to take credit cards for any purchase, and according to the business office,

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Naming contest launched by new e-zine

Michelle Turner
The Commuter

LBCC is holding a contest to name a new electronic literary magazine, an "e-zine," to be launched this spring.

The winning entry will get their choice of either a \$50 gift certificate at the LBCC Bookstore or a \$30 lunch gift certificate at LBCC's Santiam Restaurant. Entries to name the new e-zine should be sent to ezine@linnbenton.edu. Deadline for submissions is Friday, Oct. 6.

The new e-zine is expected to be available for viewing on the Web by the middle of spring quarter, 2007. The final Web design and address have yet to be finalized.

Natalie Daley, a faculty member in the English Department, will be the advisor for the new e-zine and two upcoming writing classes will participate in getting the e-zine ready for publication. WR 247 will focus on analyzing, critiquing and selecting submissions and WR 246 will assist with the final design and layout of the Web pages. The classes are expected to be offered this upcoming winter and spring respectively.

Daley says she hopes to create a picture of the culture at Linn-Benton by accepting submissions for publication in the form of essays, stories, poetry and photos, as well as music and small film clips.

Daley encourages all students, regardless of their major, to submit work for publication. Deadlines for publication submissions are expected to be toward the end of fall quarter, with finalized dates to be announced later.

Putting Around

Carter Crites (left) and his twin brother Cameron work the links at last week's Courtyard Concert and picnic. Story and more photos on Page 5. The twins are the sons of a former LB student.



photo by Jesse Skoubo

Foundation offers over 100 grants

From LBCC News Service

More than 100 new \$1,500 scholarships are now available to students through the LBCC Foundation for the 2006-07 academic year.

Students can apply now for one of 45 merit scholarships and 69 merit and need scholarships. All transfer and professional

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The Weather Through the Week

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OPINION

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 and keep them at 300 words or less.

When defining terror U.S. should look in mirror

Elizabeth Uriarte
 The Commuter

On Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in the name of terror. As if that weren't tragic enough, the integrity of the United States also came crashing down as our "great" leader, President George W. Bush, used the attacks as an excuse to invade and attempt to dominate the Middle East.

A recent article in the Gazette-Times by Associated Press writer Patrick Quinn discusses the long-term imprisonment of supposed terrorist suspects. Over 14,000 "suspects" are currently in detention under U.S. authority in various overseas prisons and many of them have absolutely no idea why they are there. They're taken by force and often without explanation, held for months or even years at a time, and then released, still without explanation or compensation.

Not only are the prisoners unaware of the reasoning behind their detentions, many times families have no idea what has happened to their loved ones, or if or when they will be reunited.

While being held for unknown offenses, prisoners of war are often interrogated using methods that are basically torture. Despite the issuing of a new interrogation manual on Sept. 6 banning some of the more extreme techniques, it does not apply to CIA interrogators.

The Geneva Conventions, a set of rules and laws pertaining to war, were somehow overruled by Bush following 9/11, who apparently found HIS war to be above these laws that have been in place since 1864. These laws include: "Prisoners of war must at all times

IF TORTURE
 BECOMES OFFICIAL
 U.S. POLICY,
 WHO'S NEXT?



be humanely treated," and "No physical or mental torture, nor any other form of coercion, may be inflicted on prisoners of war to secure from them information of any kind whatever." Only this year did the White House revoke Bush's declaration.

On Sept. 28, the U.S. Senate approved a bill in an attempt to modify the rules of interrogation and detention of terrorist suspects, according to an article in the New York Times by Kate Zernike. In doing so, our president has been awarded the power to establish his own methods of interrogation (though supposedly within the laws of the Geneva Convention). Detainees will also lose their right to challenge their detentions in court, known as habeas corpus. The purpose of this bill is supposed to allow for quicker prosecution of "high-

level" terrorist suspects, yet in doing so we are violating the rights of thousands of individuals who may be unjustly imprisoned. I imagine the anti-American attitudes held by many in Iraq (and elsewhere) will only be fueled by such legislation. One prisoner who was released, 26-year-old Waleed Abdul Karim, told the press "I will hate Americans for the rest of my life."

Even worse than the hatred they have for us is the hatred many American soldiers seem to develop toward the Iraqi people while occupying Iraq. One soldier I know said it was a common attitude held by the majority of military persons. He told me that after a while he took great pleasure in killing what he saw as the scum of the earth. "Better them than me," he said.

It saddens and sickens me to think that American soldiers are not only brainwashed to view Iraqi people as less than human, but that many of them actually enjoy the cruelty and abuse that they're allowed to inflict in the name of "national security" and "justice." If average American citizens were witness to the atrocities that their soldiers are a party to on a daily basis overseas, much like the Iraqi citizens do, we'd all be on medication and in therapy.

I understand that a certain wartime attitude must be adopted by soldiers in order for them to live with themselves after the things they're required to do. But I believe that it has been taken much too far and what the general public is allowed to know is just a fraction of the horrors that actually take place. Maybe we need to rethink the meaning of the word "terrorist," because it seems that our people are terrorizing the Iraqi people just as much as they've terrorized us...if not more.

New editor brings enthusiasm, teamwork to paper

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

It's time for a new school year to begin. I am Adam Loghides and the new editor of your newspaper, The Commuter. I am married with two children in elementary school and am just a tad older than the average college student.

I originally hail from the suburbs of Chicago and love the Bears, Cubs and Bulls.

I have spent 11 years living in Europe and the Middle East sprinkled throughout my childhood and adult life, so I feel like I have a good perspective on the world.



Adam Loghides

I moved to the Willamette Valley in 2002 with the Navy and, after the decision to move into a new phase of my life, have stayed put because I believe there truly isn't a more beautiful place to live than the Pacific Northwest. Just ask my wife; she was raised in Lebanon from early childhood.

Last spring when the opportunity arose to apply for the editor's position, my initial reaction was that of fear. I knew it was a position I wanted, but my experience level wasn't that of a normal newspaper editor. However, the knowledge that was passed to me by last year's editor, Dan Wise, added to the support of not only the returning staff members but our incoming staff will allow us as a cohesive news staff to succeed and pass along to you a publication you can be proud of.

The Commuter's success cannot be

measured in circulation numbers or number of advertisements. It will be evident through you, the students and the Linn-Benton staff. The purpose of this publication is not to sensationalize stories, or to get the coolest photos. We are here to report to you what is happening on our campus, in our community, in our region and in our country.

That being said, the only way our team can know what you want in a newspaper is for you to tell us. The reward for us is knowing that our paper is enjoyed and looked forward to by our readers. Hearing from you can only help us put out the best paper possible, so your inputs are wanted.

We also have thick skins (and they will get thicker as the year rolls on), so feel free to unleash your opinions on us. "Letters to the Editor" are a perk to me, so please don't reserve your views. Re-

member what we tell our kids, "sharing is good." If you have something to say about a story we write, or don't write for that matter, please share it with us. One of the rewards we reap at The Commuter is getting to hear from the students and staff alike about their feelings and opinions.

The risk involved in taking over as an editor while never having done so before is clear. Some have remarked that I am risking my sanity taking over a publication without past editor experience. Maybe. I am far from perfect and will make mistakes as I navigate my way through unknown terrain.

Nonetheless, getting to work with The Commuter team, being a part of this campus and being given the opportunity to get to know the students and staff here at the college are rewards that far outweigh any potential risks. It should be a fun and interesting year, why wait?

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Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but columns can be longer. Contributors who wish to submit columns are asked to first contact the editor to arrange for space in the next issues.

The Commuter attempts to print all letters received, although we reserve the right to edit for grammar and length. Letters that raise libel, poor taste or privacy concerns will not be printed.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Prepress Instructor Lewis Franklin explains the stories behind some of the images on display in "Snap Shots of Iraq," which features pictures he took while on duty as a National guardsman in 2004-2005.

Gallery displays photos of Iraq by instructor, guardsman Franklin

From the LBCC Art Department

The South Santiam Hall Gallery is featuring the exhibit and display, "Snap Shots of Iraq," a glimpse of Iraq by Lewis Franklin, LBCC instructor and Oregon National Guardsman.

Included are enlarged images from Franklin's tour of duty in Iraq as well as images from his deployment to the Katrina relief efforts in late 2005.

According to Gallery coordinator Suzanne Campbell, regardless of your personal stand on the war, the display is an illuminating look at the war through the eyes of a soldier who served there.

A reception will be held Oct. 18 at noon in the gallery, where visitors will have the opportunity to try a military MRE (Meal-Ready-to-Eat). Participants will receive an individual package and demonstration that will give them a better idea of how troops in the field have their meals, said Campbell.

SSH Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is open through Oct. 26.



photo courtesy of Lewis Franklin

National Guardsman Lewis Franklin on patrol in Iraq.

Distinguished staff members honored

From LBCC News Service

LBCC staff members Lynn Bain and Mary Ann Lammers have been awarded this year's Distinguished Staff Awards at Linn-Benton Community College.

Bain, a counselor and career planning instructor, has been employed at LBCC since 1976. She recently received the National Council for Continuing Education and Training Award for creating an online career planning course.

Bain also received the Les Adkins Award for Career Guidance and Excellence. She resides in Corvallis.

Lammers, business technology faculty and business department chair, has been employed at LBCC since 1985.

She served as president of the National Business Education Association in 2004-05 and was recognized nationally for her work in the association.

Lammers also received distinguished service awards from Western Business and Information Technology Educators and Oregon Business and Management Educators. Lammers resides in Corvallis.

Both staff members were nominated by their peers for their commitment to students and to the LBCC community.

LBCC's Distinguished Staff Award was established in 1980 to recognize employees for their contribution of both time and energy to the college.

Nominees must have completed 10 years of continuous employment with LBCC.

Pastega Awards go to Burchard, Huskey

From the LBCC News Service

LBCC has announced this year's Pastega Award winners. The awards are given to honor one faculty and one classified staff member for their outstanding contributions to the LBCC community.

The Pastega Faculty Excellence Award went to Russ Burchard, adult basic education and general education degree department chair. Burchard is an Albany resident and has been employed at LBCC since 1995.

The Pastega Classified Excellence Award went to Jan

Huskey, academic affairs specialist. Huskey is an Albany resident and has been employed at LBCC since 1986.

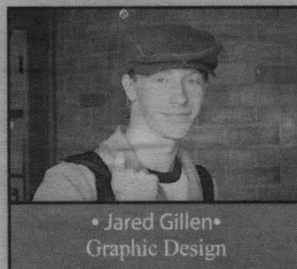
Each winner received a \$1,030 honorarium and their name engraved on the Mario and Alma Pastega Faculty and Staff Excellence plaques in the LBCC College Center Distinguished Staff Gallery.

The Pastega's own the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Corvallis.

They started the annual awards through the LBCC Foundation in 2000 as a way to recognize faculty and staff for excellence in their work.

PERSPECTIVES

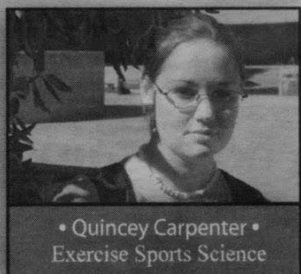
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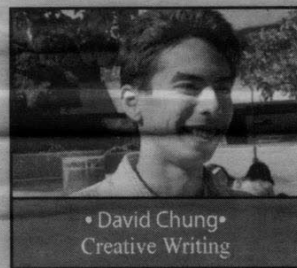
• Jared Gillen •
Graphic Design

"I don't rightly know. Maybe just posters—artwork or something covering the brick. I heard somewhere that walking through there is like walking through a prison."

"Footraces. Activities like those things they do—twister, icebreakers."



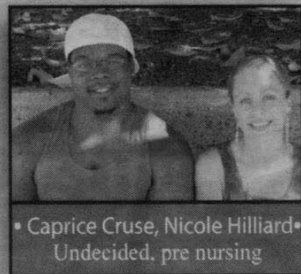
• Quincey Carpenter •
Exercise Sports Science



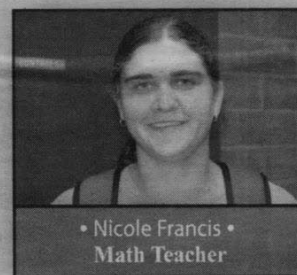
• David Chung •
Creative Writing

"Perhaps more interactive arts would be great. I like seeing artwork on the walls."

"Have events that make people come together. . . and talent show."



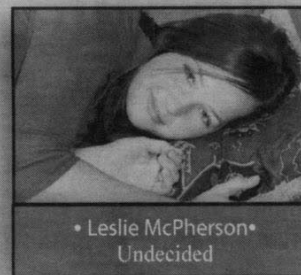
• Caprice Cruse, Nicole Hilliard •
Undecided, pre nursing



• Nicole Francis •
Math Teacher

"I think it would be nice to have more common outdoor areas for people to get together."

"We should have a room that is available for our sleeping needs—a sleeping room equipped with pillows and couches and everything needed to counter sleep deprivation."



• Leslie McPherson •
Undecided

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Sizing Things Up

Troy Wilson, drafting/engineering student, tries out some surveying equipment in the Courtyard along with the rest of his class during the first week of the term as instructor David Kidd (far right) lends assistance.

Scholarship: Deadline for application looms

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technical degree programs are eligible. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.75 or better for transfer programs, and 2.50 for professional technical programs to qualify.

Scholarships will be awarded at \$750 each for winter and spring term. Applicants must be an Oregon resident, registered

with at least six credits and in good academic standing. Merit plus need scholarship applicants must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

The foundation will also award two \$1,500 merit and need-based scholarships to students in LBCC's Diagnostic Imaging Program, formerly

Radiologic Technology.

Scholarship applications are available through the LBCC Financial Aid Office or by download through the LBCC Foundation Web site at www.linnbenton.edu/foundation: click on Scholarships. Application deadline is Nov. 3. For more information, contact the foundation at 917-4209.

Debit: Cards create expense, lines

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"we're locked into US Bank," Snyder said.

According to Snyder, the business office decided this summer to invest in buying a bunch of card machines for use on campus, instead of continuing to rent them. When the machines turned out to be much slower than the older ones, Snyder decided they should not be used in the café.

"And that's the other issue," he said. "Particularly in the café, with the high volume we would have 10 or 12 people waiting in line to pay with credit cards and nobody at the other till, and the people were upset because they had to wait so long. Well, it's an extra 40 seconds or so every time you take a credit card because you have to punch in all the stuff and you have to wait for the machine to respond; you punch in and wait for the receipt, so there's a lot more labor involved."

When Snyder communicated to the bank representative that the card machines were slower, he was told that the bank representative said, "No they're not."

But Snyder disputes this. "The printer was slower, and you had to punch in the last four numbers of everybody's card, which we didn't have to do before," Snyder explained. "The drawback is that if you don't take credit cards, you're going to be losing some business. So I

made the decision based on the cost and also the fact that I felt that we could run through more customers in that same period of time, if they didn't have to wait for the credit card machine."

Credit and debit cards are still accepted at the Commons cafeteria on the second floor of the College Center, but most students either don't know about the cafeteria or find its location and hours inconvenient.

McCormick doesn't like the new policy at the café because, he said, there are several advantages to carrying debit cards.

"Students do that as a way to prevent carrying cash. Now kids are going to carry cash around more and it's more likely to get stolen. I think that it's a safety thing for kids to carry debit cards around," said McCormick.

Justin Kennedy, a business major, said that not being able to use debit cards was an inconvenience, but that he spent more money racking up little costs on debit cards, because he couldn't see the money being spent.

"I think that if I carry cash, it saves me money in the long term," he said.

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Students named to summer honor roll

From LBCC News Service

The following students at LBCC earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for 12 or more graded credits during summer term, June to August 2006.

These do not include pass/no pass or incomplete credits.

Adair Village: Stephanie E. Olsen.

Albany: Charley R. Barnett, Lisa P. Ching, Gary S. Chronicle, Crystal C. Cook, Ramona D. Day, Jess A. Durfee, Joshua J. Exton, Timothy T. Holden, Robert E. McCree II, Brian K. Plagmann, Gayle L. Thurber, Toby J. Wolvenweber.

Corvallis: Deanna M. Christensen, Sarah A. Eaton, Michael C. Gorby, John P. Jones, Jeremy L. Kerst, Raymond T. Lock,

Linda G. McKew, Audrey F. Miller, Scott A. Moore, Robert W. Schwartz, Brenda R. Spinney, Kevin D. Taylor, Rosa V. Wolff.

Dallas: Robin R. Robinson.

Eugene: Jennifer L. Schmidt.

Hong Kong: Hiu Tung Yip.

Independence: Richard J. Breitenstein, Sherri D. Nelson.

Jefferson: Johnny L. Pitts.

Lebanon: Clair S. Barnett,

Kimberly A. Paxton, Melissa M. Roberson, Kortnie R. Spangle,

Michelle A. Turner, Johnathan D. Wolfenbarger.

Philomath: Shawn D. Barron,

Jeff R. Fuller, Clayton E. Smith.

Salem: Matthew D. Green,

Randall J. Smith.

Scio: Michael K. Allen.

Sweet Home: Michael D. Car-

ranza, Jennifer L. Daniels.

Tangent: Kathy M. Amos,

Richard P. Amos.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/StudentEmployment to look at student and graduate jobs. For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101).

Warehouse Worker

(#4685, Albany) Work for one of the largest distribution centers in the state and right by LBCC. Excellent wages at \$11.73/hr. Looking for seasonal workers starting in November; shifts are 3-12's on Sat, Sun & Mon: 4:30pm-5am -or- 4-10's on Tues-Fri: 4:30pm-3am. There will be a time to visit with Target Distribution on Monday, Oct. 9 from 10am-2pm in CC 213 (Siletz Room).

Sales Associate

(#4671, Albany) Stocking, front counter sales and customer service for a local paint company. Flexible hours with school and pay is \$9.11/hr or more DOE.

CWE Jobs at Wah Chang

(#4673, #4629, #4622) Great experience for students going from LBCC to OSU for a 4-year degree. Jobs are part-time flexible with school schedules and full-time in the summer and start between \$9-10/hr to start with raises. If you are in an engineering or science fields, these opportunities are for you!

Grill Cook

(#4672, Brownsville) Work 24 hrs/week—5pm to close on Fri - Sun nights. \$8/hr plus tips. Must get Liquor Servers License within 30 days of hire.

Non-commercial ads for LBCC students and staff are free!

LBCC MAIN CAMPUS Commons

OCT. 4 - OCT. 10

Wednesday:

ENTREES: Corned beef hash and eggs and beggar's chicken w/ steamed rice
 VEGETARIAN: Carey pocket
 SIDES: Jojo potatoes and green beans
 SOUPS: Beef consommé and corn chowder

Thursday:

ENTREES: Pork schnitzel and Monte Cristo sandwich
 VEGETARIAN: Egg rolls
 SIDES: Buttered noodles, braised red cabbage and stir fry vegetables
 SOUPS: Tortellini en brodo and split pea

Friday:

Chef's Choice

Monday:

ENTREES: Roast pork jus lie and shrimp fried rice
 VEGETARIAN: Macaroni and cheese
 SIDES: Oven browned Yukon potatoes, herbed pasta, and green beans
 SOUPS: Chicken noodle and cream of broccoli

Tuesday:

ENTREES: Chicken chasseur and Cajun chicken sandwich
 VEGETARIAN: Greek omelet
 SIDES: Potatoes O'Brien, Creole style rice, and corn w/ peppers
 SOUPS: Beef vegetable and Lentil soup

Weekly Menu

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

Country band sets courtyard spinning

MaryAnne Turner
 The Commuter

Last Thursday local country singer Joe Shinkle and his band of five performed in the LBCC Courtyard, doing mainly cover songs, but also some of the band's original music.

"Margaritaville" was enjoyed by the audience along with other covers such as "Neon Moon," originally done by Brooks & Dunn, "Little Bit of Rock 'n Roll" by Chris LeDoux, and some Johnny Cash.

The band included two electric guitars, one acoustic guitar, fiddle, bass and drums. CDs were selling for \$10 each.

One of the songs included on the CD was one written by Shinkle himself, "No Mas," a song they performed in the courtyard. Shinkle explained that he is

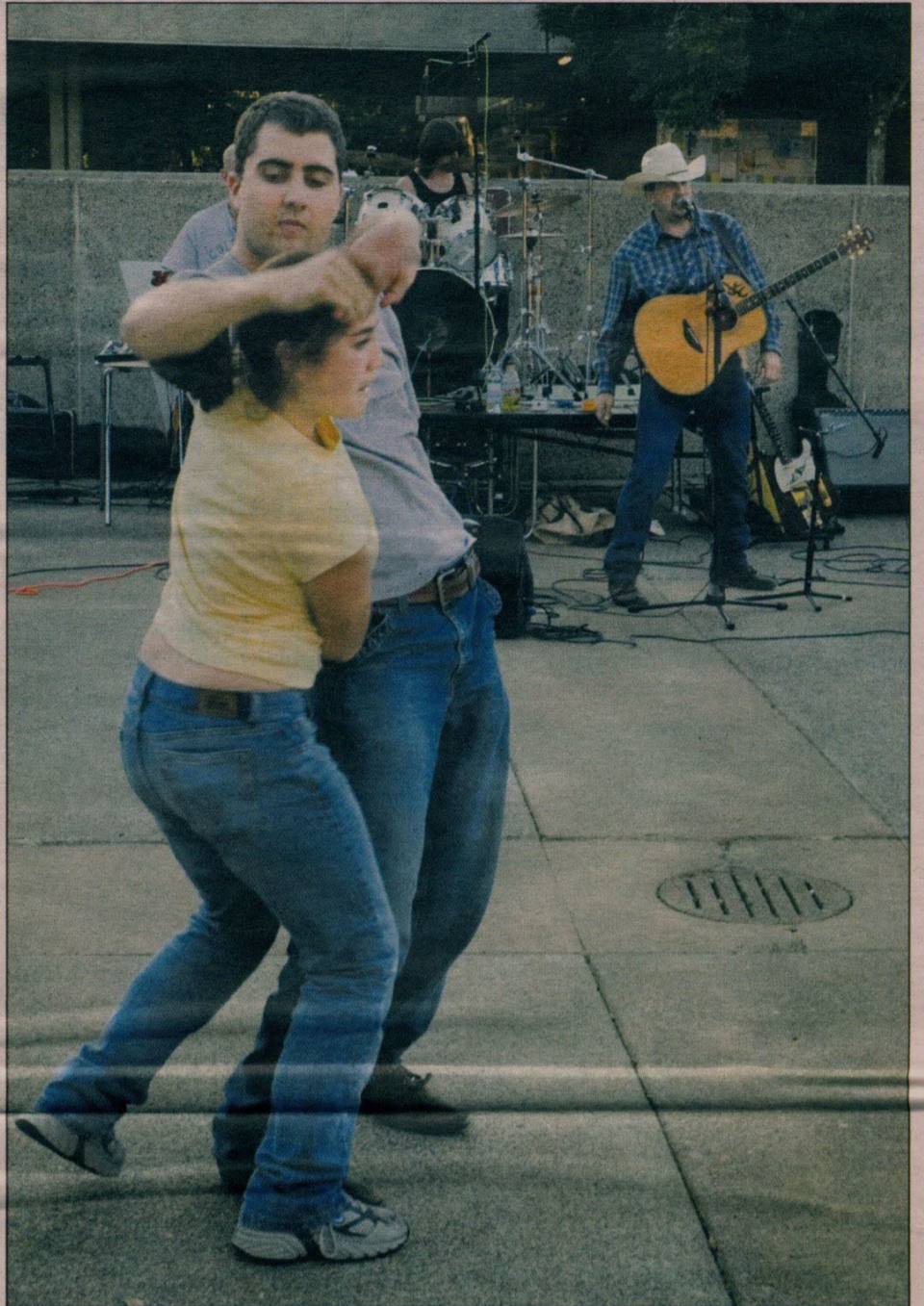
a licensed Spanish high school teacher. Shinkle has four brothers and they all sing. They once had a band together called Band of Brothers.

Shinkle's mother stated, "He really is a real cowboy. He rides horses and has cattle. And their tour bus is a Dodge pickup."

While students and families enjoyed free live music in the courtyard, other sources of entertainment and information were offered around the perimeter. Food being served was fresh off the grill.

Information booths included the Multicultural Center, Student Life & Leadership and other programs.

Entertainment for children included a beanbag toss, miniature golf, candy-sand-making stations and various things like bubbles for the younger children.



photos by Jesse Skoubo

Joe Shinkle (above, right) and his band inspire ag/business majors Jaimee Pearn and Jake Guynup (right) to try out their western swing moves in the courtyard last Thursday.

Eagle Crest, Sisters among Central Oregon's top draws

Colleen Franzoia
 The Commuter

Whether you like the adventure of outdoor sports such as skiing, hiking or golf, or if you prefer quiet times strolling through galleries or indulging in a spa treatment, Central Oregon Cascades has it all.

One of the most beautiful spots to visit is Eagle Crest Resort. Located about 12 miles east of Sisters, the road to Eagle Crest is easily traveled in any season. Stunning views of the Central Cascades and the beauty of the high desert make this a destination well worth the trip over Santiam Pass.

Lodging at the resort is varied. You can opt to stay at the 100-room Inn at Eagle Crest overlooking one of three available golf courses, or you can rent anything from a creek side condo, a "rustic" chalet or a fully appointed vacation home. Timeshares and interval units are also available for purchase.

Best known for golf, the resort offers three courses for you to sharpen your skills. The Challenge Course, Resort Course and Ridge Course each offer varying opportunities for you to frustrate yourself on the links. But with its breathtaking views of the Cascades and the soft green grass, who really cares if you don't play like Tiger Woods?

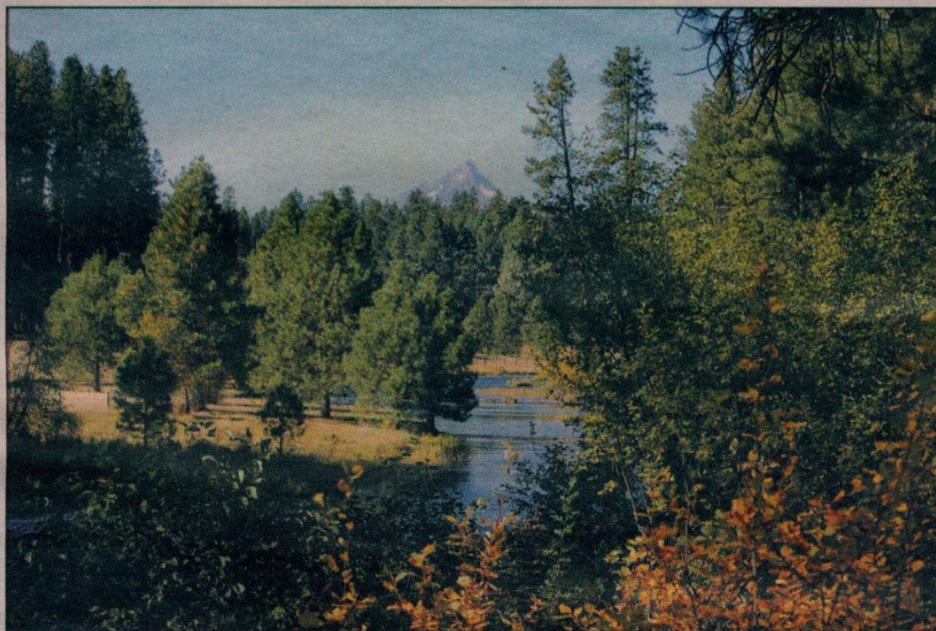


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The Metolios River cuts a picturesque course from its source near Camp Sherman through the pine forests of Central Oregon. The region's several attractions, such as Eagle Crest and the quaint town of Sisters, draw thousands of visitors year round.

The point is to relax and enjoy what this area of Oregon has to offer. And most of it can be done at or near the resort.

There are over 11 miles of paved walking/biking trails and off-road areas for mountain bike enthusiasts. No need to bring your own bike; rentals are available from the Sports Center. If you prefer to take in the sun, three pools are available

on the property.

For winter sports, it's a short drive to Bend and the Mount Bachelor ski area. At 9,065 feet Mount Bachelor is the largest ski resort in the Pacific Northwest. The mountain is a now-dormant volcano with its last eruption about 8,000 years ago. The near-perfect slopes offer excellent skiing opportunities of over seven miles and all

360 degrees of the peak.

As you travel over Highway 20 on your way to any of the vacation spots in Central Oregon, you will pass through Sisters.

Settled in the mid-1800s, Sisters was the hub of activity for cattle, sheep and lumber, but this area was used by Native Americans for thousands of years as a crossroads of travel through Central Oregon. One of the earliest travelers through this area was John C. Fremont guided by Kit Carson in 1843.

The name "Sisters" was inspired by the Three Sisters peaks located nearby.

In the 1970s, when the lumber industry began to decline, the town leaders knew they had to do something to continue to attract people to this area, so they decided to build up the tourism trade. The 1880s style of building was adopted to preserve the look and feel of a turn-of-the-century village.

Sisters is filled with restaurants, art galleries, antique shops and specialty stores that attract visitors by the thousands each year. Several annual events aid in boosting travel to this area.

The Sisters Rodeo, sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, and the annual quilt show are well known and are but two events of many that add to the overall commerce of this small Central Oregon town.

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Disney's 'Invincible' lacks heroic element, fails to inspire audiences

Joel DeVyldere
The Commuter

"Invincible," Walt Disney's newest sports underdog family classic, holds no surprises for moviegoers this weekend. It seems that the film was released on the premise that people liked the last Disney sports flick.

Successful sports movies, with actual repeat rentals on the records ("Cinderella Man," "Seabiscuit" and "Remember the Titans"), focus more on the setting, the friends of the unlikely hero, and hard times in the hometown than the beefed-up action sequences and multiple winning shot scenes. "Invincible" makes an attempt at becoming one of those films, but falls short.

As far as acting goes, the two lead roles, Vince (Mark Wahlberg) and Janet (Elizabeth Banks), were both superbly cast and very well acted. After that, the acting drops off. Vince's Coach (a poorly selected Greg Kinnear) plays a convincing

workaholic and struggling father, but his role as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles is hopeless. Kevin Conway certainly looks the part of Vince's father, but seems to have fallen victim to some bad dialogue writing.

The cinematography is mediocre throughout most of the film, with all the good shots exaggerated and lengthy. It seemed that too much was made over one well-shot sequence of Vince running through the streets of Philadelphia. However, there is one scene, where Vince and his buddies are playing mud football, which was both well shot and well choreographed. It showed some of the potential that this movie had.

Heroes, especially sports heroes, inspire people. They help others get through tough times. This movie makes a lot of that statement, but the characters shown are grossly simplified, and the overall feel of the film is idealistic. I think the story of Vince Papali, and his impact on South Philadelphia would be better told by another source.

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MLB headed for second subway series in decade?

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

Baseball fans waited 44 years for a "Subway Series" and finally got one in 2000 when the Yankees defeated the Mets in the World Series. If the 2006 regular season was any indication, fans will have had to wait only six years for another.

The two New York teams finished the regular season tied for the best record in baseball at 97-65. Although the Minnesota Twins finished only a game off that pace, the consensus is that the baseball world will revolve completely around the Big Apple when the World Series begins on Oct. 21.

There are some new kids on the block that may have something to say about that, however. In the American League, the Yankees and Twins are joined by the A's, who are in the postseason for the first time in three years, and the Tigers, who will be playing playoff baseball for the first time since 1987. Although some may argue the Tigers are the American League's best team, their staggering finish to the season has led many to believe that they are not ready for the big stage this season.

As they take on the Yankees in the Division Series, three of the Tigers' four starting pitchers have less than four years experience and have never pitched in the heat of a playoff setting. Their other starter, Kenny Rogers, although a veteran of postseason play, has never been tagged as a pitcher you would want your season riding upon.

Match that against the experience of the Yankees rotation, including Randy Johnson (2001 World Series co-MVP) and Mike Mussina, who has started 20 postseason games in his career. The Yankees are the favorites here, but the Tigers are hoping to serve a platter of youth to the older and more experienced Bronx Bombers.

The other American League Division Series pits the Twins against the A's. The Twins rolled to the American League's best record in the second half of the season and are looking to make their first World Series since 1991. Led by catcher Joe Mauer, who won the batting title and MVP-candidate Justin Morneau, the Twins have an offense to go with a pitching staff that is anchored by Cy Young shoo-in Johan Santana.

Meanwhile, the A's have assembled a roster of sluggers that may be able to punish the Twins in games not pitched by Santana. The addition of Frank Thomas, who has had a season reminiscent of his nickname "Big Hurt," along with Nick Swisher

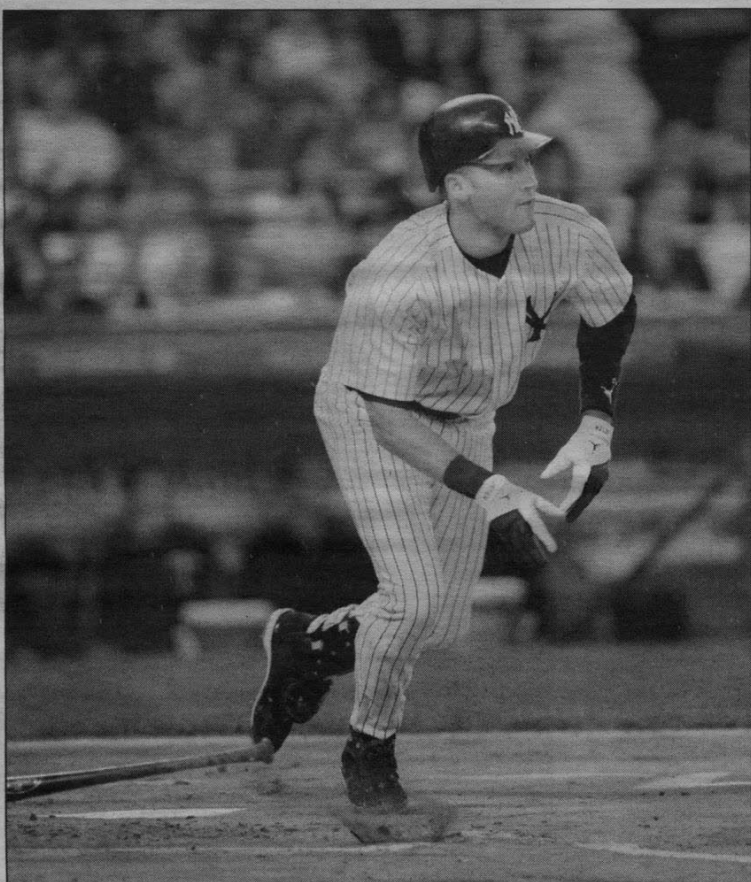


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After an MVP-caliber season, Derek Jeter leads the Yankees into the playoffs against Detroit this week.

and consistent Eric Chavez gives the A's a chance to hang with the Twins.

The National League Division Series pits the aforementioned Mets against the Dodgers and the Padres against the Cardinals. Although the Mets were able to win their first division title since 1988, their pitching staff took a major hit when it lost Pedro Martinez for the season last week. The Mets will have to try to win with Tom Glavine and Steve Trachsel leading their starting rotation. The Dodgers may have the pitching edge with veterans Derek Lowe, Greg Maddux and

Brad Penny.

The other National League Division Series is less intriguing. The Cardinals are fresh off a late season stretch more resembling a team looking forward to 2007 than one preparing for the playoffs. Somehow, the Padres found a way to win the western division without a good season from any of their star players. The Cardinals backed into the playoffs and have the worst record of any of the eight playoff teams at 83-78. The general consensus is that the winner of this series will be fodder for the winner between the Dodgers and the Mets.

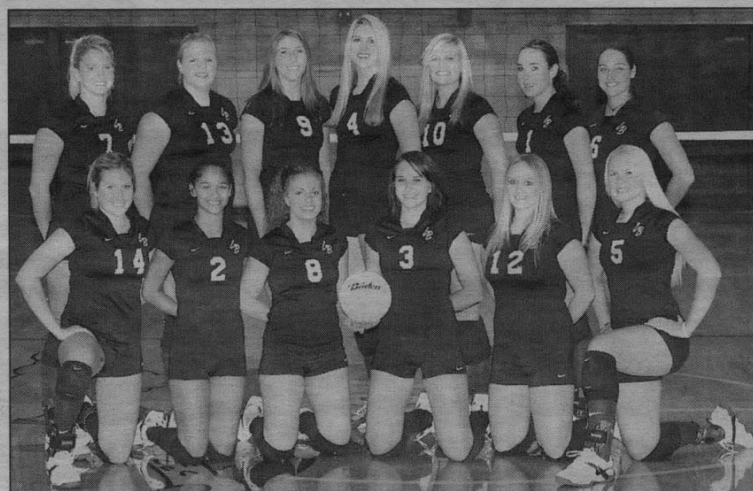


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The new-look Roadrunner volleyball squad features eight new players this year joining four returning sophomores.

Lady Roadrunners bounce back with pair of weekend wins to go 2-2 in league

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

The Linn Benton Lady Runners are threatening to make a successful season out of 2006 after all.

After beginning the season 7-9 and 0-2 in the NWAACC, the Lady Runners ran off two straight conference wins last weekend at home, bringing both their overall and conference records back to .500.

On Friday, the Lady Runners defeated Umpqua Community College in three games and fol-

lowed that up with a four-game victory over Southwest Oregon Community College on Saturday. Freshman Libero Lei Himan-Teves was named Southern Region Defensive Player of the Week.

The Lady Runners hope to continue their momentum when they travel to Clackamas Community College (20-3 overall, 3-1 NWAACC) tonight.

This weekend the LB women will participate in the Lower Columbia Crossover tournament in Longview, Wash., playing games on both Friday and Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS			UPCOMING GAMES	
	Conf.	Overall		
Mt. Hood	5-0	11-3	Oct. 4	7 p.m. Clackamas at Oregon City
Clackamas	3-1	20-3	Oct. 6-7	TBA Lower Columbia Crossover at Longview
Chemeketa	3-2	9-12	Oct. 11	7 p.m. Mt. Hood at LBCC
LBCC	2-2	9-9	Oct. 14	1 p.m. Chemeketa at LBCC
S.W. Oregon	1-4	9-8		
Umpqua	0-5	0-7		

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Runners return for reunion with former coaches

Jake Rosenberg
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For 22 years Greg Hawk has been at the helm of the Linn Benton baseball program. Many important bodies have come and gone through those two decades on the diamond.

On Sept. 23, 45 of the men that once donned the blue and gold reunited on the LBCC baseball field for the first ever Alumni Baseball Game.

Hawk and former coaches Dave Dangler and Dick McClain were the three hosts of the event. Dangler had a successful six-year tenure at LB through the early 1980s while coaching both the baseball and women's basketball teams after his hiring in 1976.

McClain was the original coach of the Runners from 1971-1976 and was the executive director of development for 23 years until he left Albany in 1992.

The event was not just for the former players, but for the fans as well. It was originally designed for support and further establishing an alumni association.

It was also made to inform the community of the college's future plans for building a new science building as well as renovations to the baseball field, which could include a press box and grandstands.

Although LBCC has the only NWAACC Southern division ballpark void of regular bleacher seating, it did not detour the fans from showing up on the sunny Saturday for an afternoon picnic filled with free bratwursts and baseball.

"We estimate that there were about 175 in all at the event," says LBCC director of college advancement Marlene Probst. "Everyone of them that I spoke to was

genuinely happy with how everything went."

"Mainly our goal was to let the people know what our plans are [for the campus] but it was also a wonderful opportunity to get some of the alumni back to the campus," says LBCC Foundation Director John McArdle. "A lot of players came back to see the coaches that had an impact on their lives. Some had been playing all year while some hadn't played in a while. We were able to have fun with it though."

While not all of the 45 former players were willing to play, two teams of 15 still managed to battle it out. They didn't play a full nine innings, nor did they keep score but coach Hawk feels that it was still a success.

"It's a start and it was a real nice activity, but when you get older, there is a bigger chance for injury. Score wasn't of importance and ideally we'd like to play more but we still got in eight innings."

If you have ever taken a class at LBCC and would like to join the growing 100-plus members of the alumni association, contact the LBCC foundation at 541-917-4209 or go to the LBCC web site for more information.



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Former Roadrunner Randy Crane (above) fires a pitch to the plate during the first alumni reunion game played on campus just before the opening of fall term. A collection of players from past decades' teams who played under former coaches Dave Dangler, Dick McCain and current coach Greg Hawk (right) turned out for the event. The game drew nearly 200 fans on a sunny Saturday afternoon.



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Beavers blown out by Cal, try to regroup against Cougars Saturday

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

Beaver football fans went into last weekend's game against the 20th-ranked University of California Golden Bears confident that OSU could pull off an upset and show the rest of the Pac-10 that the Beavers were among the best teams in the conference. By the end of the first quarter, that confidence had turned to nostalgia. Memories of the 49-7 beating Cal laid on OSU in 2004 came rushing back after the Bears took a 21-0 lead. Luckily the result wasn't as bad as the complete meltdown the Beavers suffered two years ago, but the game was never in doubt. After losing 41-13 to Cal last Saturday and dropping to 2-2 overall, 0-1 in the Pac-10, one thing was clear; OSU is still the little kid on the block.

The highlight of the game for OSU was Alexis Serna's school-record tying 58-yard field goal near the end of the first half. That pulled the Beavers to 31-3.

The unquestioned star of the day was Cal's sophomore quarterback Nate Longshore, who completed 22 of 31 passes for 341 yards. He also threw for four touchdowns. Cal's dominance on offense ran the Beaver defense roughshod, going 8-for-13 on third-down conversions. "We never did get our feet under us on defense," Beaver Head Coach Mike Riley said after the game. "From our vantage point, we just couldn't get our defense off the field."

Although the Beavers were able to move the ball a little bit between the 30s, the offense's ineptitude to produce points is a cause for concern. "It was actually really, really strange. We moved the ball in the heart of the field fine," Beavers tight end Joe Newton said. "Then we got down in the red zone and we couldn't finish the drive. If you can't finish, you can't win."

Down 38-6 in the fourth quarter, OSU senior quarterback Matt Moore was replaced by freshman Sean Canfield. Canfield completed five of seven passes and drove the Beavers to their only touchdown of the game, a 5-yard run by Yvenson Bernard.

It is unclear who the starting quarterback will be next week when the Beavers host Washington State (3-2 overall, 1-1 conference). One thing is for sure, the Cougars, coming off a narrow 28-22 defeat to third-ranked USC last Saturday, will make the Beaver defense work again.

Junior quarterback Alex Brink is beginning to show the potential he was acclaimed to have when he came to Pullman two years ago. In five games this year, he has completed over 60 percent of his passes and has thrown for eight touchdowns.

Nearly every post-game conversation last Saturday revolved around the Beaver quarterback situation. Who will start next week, Moore or Canfield? After the defense's performance last weekend, the question shouldn't be who is going to start for the Beavers; it should be who is going to stop the Cougars?

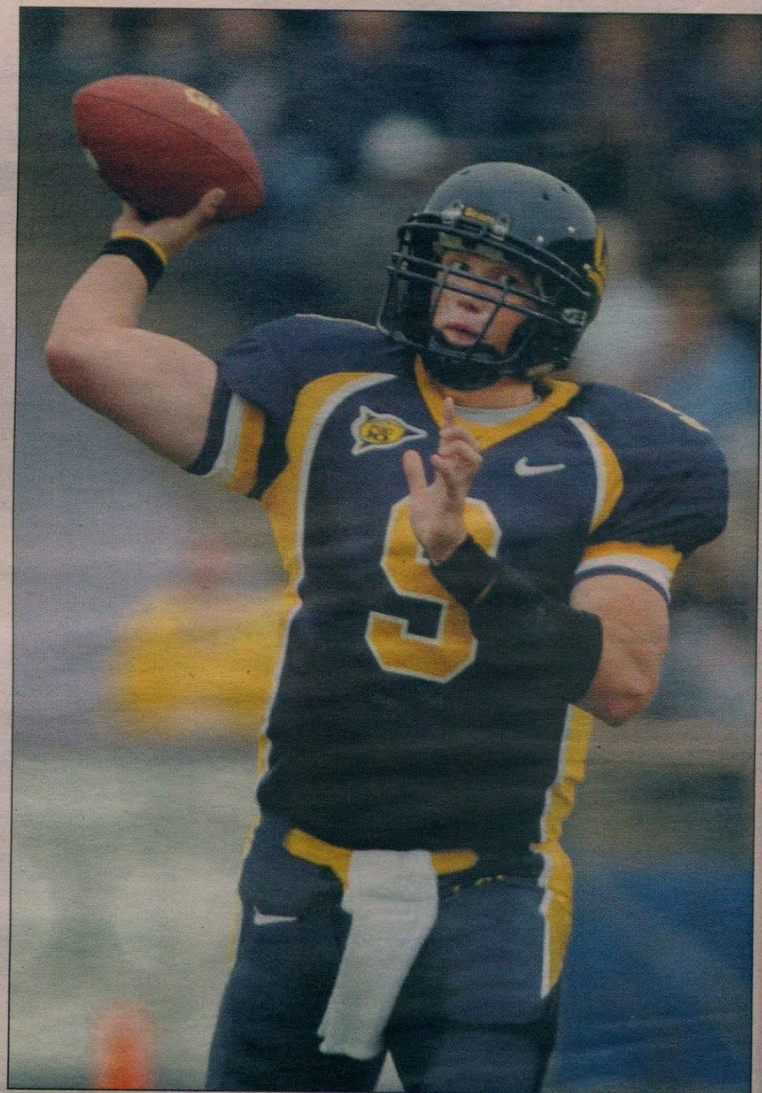


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Cal quarterback Nate Longshore threw for 341 yards in last Saturday's 41-13 defeat of the Beavers at Reser Stadium. The loss dropped the Beavers to 2-2 overall and 0-1 in the Pac-10 play.