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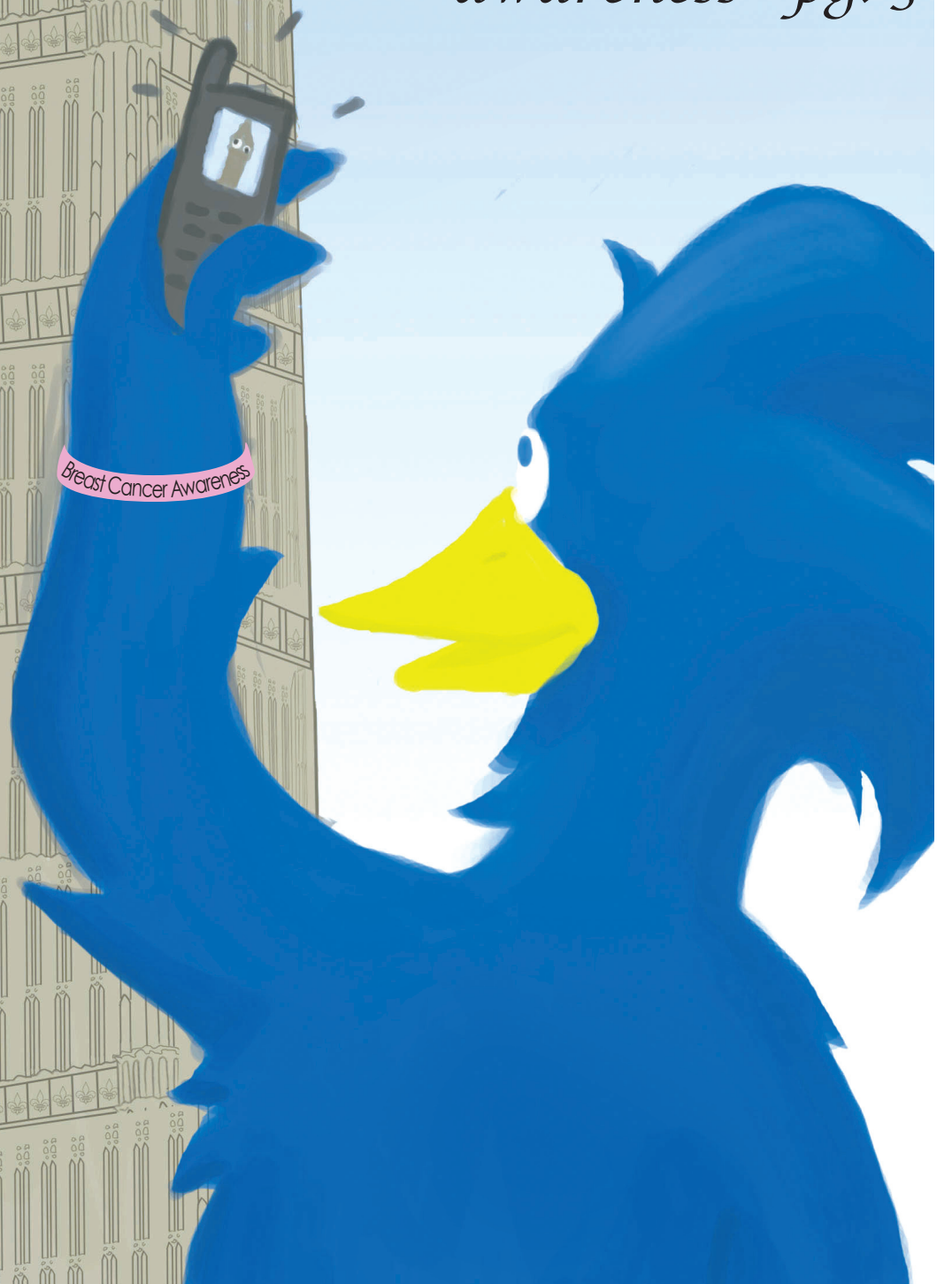
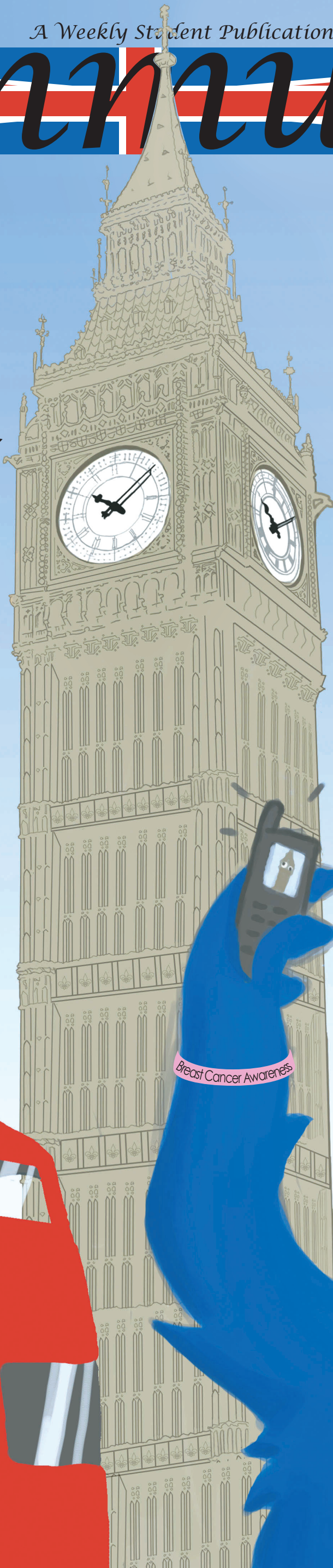
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Campus News

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Benton Centers.

Student ambassadors for hire

Max Brown
 The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College is seeking to hire five to six more student ambassadors.

If you are eligible for work study and have an interest in learning about leadership while helping other students succeed, this could be the job for you.

Lynne Cox, adviser for the student ambassador program, said the positions are to “help us (LBCC) do outreach and to help students get plugged in at the college.” Cox also said the program helps LBCC understand what the students need to fully engage at the college.

The student ambassador program is changing from its traditional role. In the past, all the student ambassadors have been located in the student life and leadership office, but now they are placing the students in different areas of the college to help connect with more students.

Mia Sanchez, an ambassador who is working with the Career & Counseling Center,

really enjoys helping with the new student orientations.

“I like the sense of helping people come to school. I like being that friendly face that says ‘it’s ok,’” Sanchez said.

Each year, the ambassadors plan events that are aimed at student success. They are the ones who organize the welcome back table, which provides breakfast items, maps, and people who will answer any questions that students have during the first few days at school.

The ambassadors also plan the scholarship workshops each term. At these workshops, students learn how fill out their FAFSA forms and learn how to receive scholarships they can use in their college career.

Jessica Calhoun, GoodWorks ambassador, says, “it’s a great opportunity; you’ll get involved. You’ll meet new people. It will totally change your life.”

Calhoun is originally from California and she said that it was a hard transition for her, at least until she started working as a student ambassador.

Personally, Calhoun feels that her role as an ambassador has opened up doors for her and will provide great experience for whatever field she goes into. According to Calhoun, the program has helped her secure an internship and has taught her a lot about leadership.

According to Cox, the school helps the ambassadors develop professionally.

If you are unsure of how much you are willing and able to contribute, Calhoun suggests that you come down ask some questions and do some volunteer work to see if you like it. If you do like it, you can apply next term.

Calhoun said that getting into the groove of things that first week was the hardest thing and that actually getting out there to help students was a little intimidating. However, once she started, she could not get enough.

“It will make you, not break you,” Calhoun said.

For more information contact Lynne Cox at lynne.cox@linnbenton.edu or by phone at 541-917-4806.

Office Hours: Q&A with Michele Wilson

Maya Lazaro
 The Commuter

Last week The Commuter had the opportunity to interview Michele Wilson, a professor of anthropology who has taught at Linn-Benton Community College for nearly 11 years.

Wilson is known by her students for her larger-than-life personality and humorous anecdotes relating her past experiences in the field. Her classes are memorable even to those who aren’t interested in becoming anthropology majors.

For those who don’t know, anthropology is the study of the origin, the behavior and the cultural development of human beings. This quarter Wilson is teaching one course on North American natives and another on comparative cultures.

Commuter: What got you interested in anthropology and archaeology?

Wilson: I like anthropology because it’s a whole degree that involves talking about people. I think it’s in my internal wiring to love gossip - I was always that kid who wondered what was going on in my neighbors’ yards. Basically, anthropology was the one little carrot that was dangled in front of me and I took it. It sounded fun, it was fun, and most importantly, it made me happy.

As for [archaeology], my great-uncle had a tobacco farm, and his house was filled with plaques of arrowheads found on the property. That helped get me into it.

C: What’s your favorite thing about teaching anthropology and why?

W: I enjoy the interaction with students. It’s sort of like acting. Teaching forces me to constantly rethink what I’m doing. Students are savvy; they’re a lot smarter than we give them credit for. If you’re a good teacher, you can learn from your students. Teaching anthropology helps students see themselves in humanity, but also gives them opportunities to find places where life is shared. I want students to know that other voices exist out there that are just as important as history’s dominant voices. I like encouraging students to think outside the white view of the world, the male view, the Christian view.

C: What’s some of the most memorable fieldwork you’ve done?

W: I liked the work I did in Hawaii. It was a different culture and the excavation produced material objects that I’d never encountered before. I was in a whole new place trying to figure out what these things were, and who made them,

and what they were used for. It was a challenge to me, and I like being challenged. I’ve had more stump moments throughout my career than “Aha!” moments.

I also met my partner on that trip, so ...

C: What’s one of the most interesting artifacts you’ve found during an excavation?

W: The most common misconception about anthropology is that it’s going to be like some Indiana Jones thing. No, I’ve never found the lost ark. To me, anything that somebody hasn’t touched in a really long time is the coolest thing.

C: What advice do you have for someone interested in becoming an anthropologist or archaeologist?

W: Be brave enough to be an anthropologist. There are too many forces out there telling students not to go into this field because it’s not medicine, it’s not business, it’s not engineering – not all these things that are recognized in our society. If you tell your mom you’re



Michele Wilson Photo by Eve Bruntlett

going to be an anthropologist, she’s either going to cry or ask, “What is that?” Students need to know that anthropologists are in as much demand as doctors in many parts of the world. We are the cultural brokers; we’re present in any context of understanding other cultures.

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Local News

Community news about the mid-Willamette Valley, including Albany, Lebanon, and Corvallis.

Clipping for the cure

Lacey Jarrell
 The Commuter

Students at Phagans' Beauty College in Corvallis are "Passionately Pink For the Cure" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Phagans' is excited to host their fifth annual Breast Cancer Awareness Marathon Service Day on Friday Oct. 30 in order to raise money for the cause.

"We [Phagans'] wanted to do this because breast cancer is something that affects everyone, whether it's you, a relative or a friend. I have an aunt who passed away from cancer last May, so this is especially important to me," said student and project organizer Maria Stewart.

Five years ago, Phagans' decided to get involved. Because the school has such a large female student population, breast cancer seemed a likely choice, and now it has blossomed into one of the school's favorite causes.

Students and staff feel passionate about the cause and the race to find the cure. Donning pink ribbons on their aprons all through the month of October, students work diligently and look forward to the Marathon Day and the chance to help the community.

"Working the Marathon Service Day is good because it shows us how to give something back. This is definitely something that I want to carry on after I finish school," said 23-year-old student Adam Elizarraga.

The benefits of working the Marathon Day are twofold for the students, as the high volume of customer service helps to educate them on what to expect working

as a licensed professional.

The school is aiming for each student to attain a \$75.00 service goal for the day, half of which will be donated to charity. The donations will go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

Founded in 1982, the Komen foundation is now the "world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists." Monies gained through fundraisers and donations are appropriated to fund breast cancer education, treatment and the research for a cure.

Students and community members have come together to try to make this the best Marathon Service Day to date. Thanks to donations and hard work, Phagans' was able to put together two raffle packages.

The Romantic Getaway package includes a night at Spirit Mountain Casino, buffet dinner for two, a bottle of champagne, two vintage-style wine glasses and a box of Lindor chocolates. The Wine Tasting Package entitles the winner to an exclusive 10-person wine tasting at WineStyles in Corvallis, two bottles of wine and two wine glasses.

Tickets are on sale now for only \$3.00 each and can be purchased until Oct. 30. All of the raffle proceeds will be donated to the Komen foundation. Winners must be over 21 years of age and do not have to be present to win.

Country radio station KRKT will be joining forces with Phagans' from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., broadcasting live from the school. KRKT will have giveaways and offer door prizes to customers.

Phagans' offers nail care, skin care, and waxing in addition to hair design and barbering. During the Marathon Service Day, 60 students will be on staff from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. to service customers. Phagans' will be welcoming walk-ins all day and is now also accepting appointments for the benefit. "We are looking forward to everyone coming out; I think this is going to be a really fun day for customers and students," Stewart said.

Phagans' Cosmetology College is located at 1565 SW 53rd St., next to Bi-Mart in the plaza.

For information call 541-753-6466 or contact Phagans' at corvallis@phagans-schools.com.

"Bras for a Cause"

Lacey Jarrell
 The Commuter

Creative Crafts & Frame Shop in Corvallis is busting out and getting creative in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The store, which is inviting community members and customers to join them in their first "Bras for a Cause" charity fundraiser, is trying to get community members excited by imaginatively decorating bras for display in the store Oct. 10 - 15.

Community members are then encouraged to vote for their favorite bra for a \$1.00 donation to Project H.E.R. (Help, Enlightenment and Resources) of The Corvallis Clinic Foundation. Creative Crafts is donating 100 percent of the proceeds directly to the foundation.

The Corvallis Clinic and Project H.E.R. (Help, Enlightenment, and Resources) are non-profit organizations that provide resources for disease education, awareness and treatment. Donations toward Project H.E.R. are aimed at raising breast cancer awareness and to help support women from the time of diagnosis to survivorship throughout Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties. By help from The Corvallis Clinic and from donations, Project H.E.R. is also able to provide financial assistance and free services to breast cancer patients who qualify.

"It is an organization that helps out our local community members directly," said Trish Hiatt, store manager of Creative Crafts.

Hiatt says that for some time she had been looking for a way for the store to actively participate in Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She found her inspiration last year at a trade show in Anaheim, CA. While viewing bras on display by other vendors, Hiatt found the spark of inspiration she had been looking for.

"It was perfect. Since we are a craft store, we thought this would be a fun way that our customers could get involved in the cause," Hiatt said.

Each bra on display is tagged with both the name of the creator and who the bra is in memory of. Several of the bras are for sale. Those that are not sold will be donated to local health organizations.

Many of the employees at Creative Crafts also made bras for the event, including Marcia Henderson who is a breast cancer survivor.

Henderson, who was diagnosed last year with ductal breast cancer, says that the most important thing a woman can do is receive yearly mammograms. Her decorative bra is titled "Pink and Purple Pizzazz."

Several of the 47 bras entered portray humorous, playful themes such as, "Ra Ra for the Ta Ta's," and "Hooters," which was decorated with feathers and felt to look like an owl's face.

There is still time to vote and donate, Bras for a Cause will be on display at Creative Crafts & Frame Shop Oct. 14 and 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is also accepting direct donations for Project H.E.R.

The store is located at 934 N.W. Kings Blvd. in Corvallis. For more information and to learn how to get involved with next year's "Bras for a Cause," call 541-753-7316 or visit the store's website at www.creativecraftsandframeshop.com.

For more information on Project H.E.R. visit www.corvallisclinic.com/projecther.



Crafty bras Photo by Lacey Jarrell

THE COMMONS FARE

10/14-10/20

Wednesday
 Dishes: Chicken Fried Steak w/ Country Gravy, Chicken Massaman Curry & Steamed Rice, and Lasagna Florentine w/ Marinara
 Soups: Tortilla and Navy Bean

Thursday
 Dishes: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast w/Pear & Mango Chutney, and Falafel
 Soup: Beef Barley and Tomato Florentine

Friday
 Chef's Choice

Monday
 Dishes: Swiss Steak, Sweet & Sour Tempura Chicken w/ Steamed rice, and Eggs Benton
 Soups: Creamy Chicken Mushroom and Minestrone

Tuesday
 Dishes: Roast Turkey w/ Dressing & Pan Gravy, Poached Salmon over Mushroom Rice Pilaf w/ Béarnaise and Eggplant Parmesan
 Soup: Seafood Chowder and Tomato Basil

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A word from your local ASG

Being a part of a student leadership group on campus has provided me with many opportunities for personal growth. The educational experiences I'm creating for myself, and those being provided for me, have enhanced my collegiate experience greatly. I would like to share with you some of the experiences I have been able to be a part of thus far.



Nic Bowman

I was selected to be one of two student representatives on the Presidential Search Committee; however, with the resignation of my counterpart, I am now the only student on this committee of 11 individuals. It is an honor and a privilege to be providing the student voice during such an important process. In addition to this opportunity, I will have the chance to speak as the voice of students to several committees and groups including, but not limited to: the Board of Education, the College Council, and the Joint Organizational Leadership Team. I would encourage any student with questions about these groups, or anyone who would like to raise a specific issue, to contact myself or a current member of ASG in the Student Life & Leadership office.

This last weekend I had yet another opportunity to represent my college and fellow students by attending the most recent meeting for the Oregon Community College Student Association at Columbia Gorge Community College. The OCCSA is a 17-member organization that meets several times each year to discuss campus needs and wants, current campus activities, as well as to organize the collective voice of community college students from all corners of the state. Collectively, this organization represents the voices of over 400,000 community college students statewide.

The OCCSA has been able to organize students for several events, including last year's very successful "Lobby Day." During that event, myself and nearly 100 other student leaders met with congressmen and legislators in an attempt to preserve as much funding as possible during a very difficult budgetary session. During our time at CGCC, OCCSA board members discussed several worthwhile goals as possible points of focus for the 2009-2010 school year. Issues pertaining to the Oregon Opportunity Grant, veteran affairs, SAFRA (Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act), smoking cessation and text book costs will be researched for discussion and for possible courses of action from now until our next meeting in November.

If any students have questions, comments, or concerns about the issues that are up for discussion at our next OCCSA meeting, please come by the Student Life & Leadership office. I can also be reached by email at ASG.President@linnbenton.edu.

Thank you,
Nic Bowman
ASG President

The views of the ASG do not necessarily reflect those of The Commuter. Any questions can be directed to the Student Life & Leadership office.

Shoot the moon

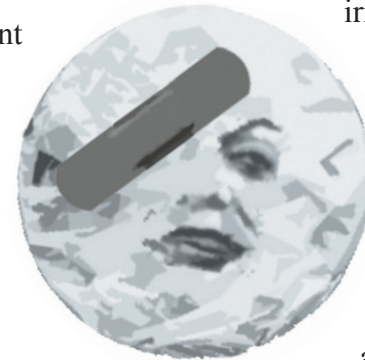
Adam LaMascus
 The Commuter

The U.S. has officially bombed the moon as of Friday, Oct. 9.

NASA fired a rocket into the moon, creating a large explosion and crater. "Why?" you may ask. The answer is simple: they want to see if there is water or ice on the moon under its surface. So they bomb the moon, then they have a second satellite photograph the crater and dust to observe any traces of that precious, life-giving substance.

The main reason I bring this up is that this is one of the first major steps of Project Constellation. What is Project Constellation? It's NASA's mission to set up a permanent base on the moon and eventually use that as a springboard to set up a base on Mars. You can look it up at www.nasa.gov; it is a truly fascinating and exciting idea, that we could have colonies on the moon and mars within 100 years.

From what I read on the news websites, a lot of people are asking why we don't just look for water once we arrive on the moon, as opposed to spending \$79 million to blast it with a large rocket. The reason becomes apparent when you realize that the initial landings on the moon will only last about a week per mission, and that they would need to spend that time digging deep under the moon's surface to search for water, a time-consuming and extremely hazardous proposition considering the environment. Not only that, but the cost per mission is not cheap either, and while I could not find any concrete figures on the NASA website, they are definitely very pricey. Why risk life, limb, and spend weeks and multiple missions doing what could be done with one rocket, one satellite, and a few hours?



Another issue, one that I have seen personally, is the question of why we even want to go to the moon and Mars. That question is one I cannot honestly give a truly satisfactory answer to.

You either understand or you don't. As someone who never really grew out of that childhood desire to be an astronaut, the concept of seeing a moon and Mars base in my lifetime makes me giddy like a schoolboy. I can understand the perspectives of other people though; one of my friends has said: "because we haven't screwed Earth up bad enough, now we need to go ruin the moon and Mars?" I suppose as a History major

I should know better, but as an irrepressible optimist I also think we can manage and learn.

As for the people who complain that we are in an economic crisis, and that we shouldn't be wasting the money, all I have to say is that unless we as a species suddenly get a lot better about using condoms, or start finding euthanasia acceptable on a large scale, the only future for humanity in which we don't overpopulate and die, is a future as a space-faring species. We will run out of food, water, and space if we continue on our current course. Underwater cities are the only option for cities on Earth once we reach a certain point, and so far it seems we're better at building stuff in space than we are at building stuff underwater.

While at times boggling, and really expensive, I support us putting all the money we can into space programs; it will teach us new things, expose us to new places, and possibly ensure the survival of our species, which I think is a worthy goal in itself. Lastly, I suppose that one of the reasons I support the space program so much is I like to imagine that some day I could watch the sun rise over the horizon of Mars.

Associated Student Government Meeting Schedule 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

October 21 – Lebanon Center, Room LC-218; Public welcome

October 28 – Siletz Room, Room CC-213; Public welcome

November 18 – Benton Center, Room BC-104; Public welcome

December 2 – Board Room, Room CC-103; Public welcome

December 9 – Siletz Room, Room CC-213; Public welcome

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Opinion

Back in the day

Adam LaMascus
 The Commuter

This week in history...

October 14, 1066: Point of English pride and embarrassment...

William the Conqueror of Normandy defeats and kills King Harold II of England. With this victory, the Normans (Vikings who settled in Normandy, France) become the rulers of England. This is the last time in history that foreign invaders conquer England.

October 15, 1946: Hah! I'll do it first!

Hermann Goering, former leader of the German Luftwaffe and key member of Adolf Hitler's cabinet, commits suicide the night before his scheduled execution for crimes against humanity.

October 16, 1923: The most egotistical company on Earth...

Brothers Walt and Roy Disney found the Walt Disney Company. Roy is forgotten by most people.

October 17, 1781: Damn Yankees...

General Charles Cornwallis offers his surrender to the American revolutionary army at Yorktown, Virginia. With this defeat the revolution is all but complete.

October 18, 1867: Hooray for capitalism!

The U.S. buys Alaska from Russia, the entire state costing us \$7.2 million. Does this give all Alaskans foreign policy experience?

October 19, 1469: Hell of a Dowry...

Ferdinand II of Aragon marries Isabelle I of Castile. A direct result of this marriage is that the nations of Aragon and Castile unify to form the new nation of Spain. Can I get a country for marrying somebody?

October 20, 1977: Sweet home, Alabama...

The lead singer, guitarist, backup singer, and road manager of Lynyrd Skynyrd are killed in a plane crash. The pilot and co-pilot are also killed. RIP.

Thought for the week:

"I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong."

-Bertrand Russel

Advice from Weiss

Mark Weiss
 for The Commuter

Question: I feel lost. I don't really get how things work here, and I don't know anyone. I thought about dropping out, but somebody told me it's too late. I thought it'd be easy to find things to do here, it's so big, but it isn't being easy.

Answer: It is one of the odd quirks in life that the places where the most people are, is usually where it's hardest to connect, find friends, and find things to do. Throw into that mix that community college's tend to have a lot of students who have to rush off to other commitments (jobs, family, etc.), and it makes it hard to get grounded and feel comfortable.

In a previous column I mentioned that LBCC has pretty much all the same services for students that high schools do, but, unlike high school, no one makes you go, you have to reach out to get those services. The same is true, to some extent, about social opportunities. We actually have a fair amount of things going on, but you have to look for them.

Two of the obvious places to look are Student Life and Leadership and the Diversity Achievement Center. Student Life and Leadership has offices right next to the Hot Shot Café. In fact, they run the Hot Shot. Besides Student Government (if you want to get involved in leadership) they have the Student Programming Board, which plans activities on campus. The Student Life offices are also where you can find out about all the clubs LBCC has, and there are quite a few. There's bound to be something there that fits your interests. And, if there isn't, you can start a club of your own and see if some other students don't want to join you. All of the clubs and interest groups on campus were started by somebody. Why not you?

The Diversity Achievement Center is right upstairs from The Hot Shot Café. It's a welcoming place to meet other students, use computers, form study groups, attend workshops on multiculturalism and different perspectives, and just hang out. It's a place where it's easy to feel like you belong.

LBCC also has athletic programs. We have both men's and women's basketball, baseball, and women's volleyball. Certainly, you can try out for the teams, but they also need students to help in a variety of ways, everything from selling tickets to running the sound system. So you don't have to be an athlete to enjoy athletics. Volleyball, my personal favorite, is in mid-season right now, with basketball coming right up and baseball in the spring.

In general, "out in the world,"

people tend to connect with others through mutual interests and values. But, our interests and values are things that are always growing and changing within us. If you'd like a current take on yours, consider coming into the Career and Counseling Center and taking a career test. How will that help, you ask? Career tests are based on personal interests and values. That's how they

match people up with jobs. But, the same information that might tell you which careers people like you are successful in, can be used to tell you which clubs and activities would likely have folks involved that you have things in common with. It's not eHarmony, but it's pretty interesting, and, unlike eHarmony, it's a free service. You can just walk into our office (in Takena Hall) and make an appointment.

So, there's something else that needs to be said about feeling lost at college: Almost everyone feels that way the first term. College is

really different from anything else that goes on in our world. You have to give yourself a little time to adjust. It would be great to walk right in to this new, weird experience and have it all feel comfortable and fun, but that rarely happens.

The folks that make it at college are most often the folks who persist. They persist by attending their classes, even when they don't feel like it. They persist by reaching out for help, even if they don't like asking for help. They persist by talking to other students, until they make some friends. And they persist by trying out different activities and services, until they find some people who get to know them and really care about them. All of this can happen for you, but you have to allow time for it to take shape. You have to be willing to hang in there, even though it's uncomfortable at first.

If you feel too uncomfortable, like things really aren't working out, and you're really worried that maybe they won't work out, that's when you come and see a counselor. We do care about your success and we want to help remove any roadblock between you and your success. Whether that's just not understanding how the college works, or something more personal, we are here for you and we want to help you.

So, hang in there my friends. Good things do happen for those that keep trying and keep coming. And, despite the impersonal appearance, and fast paced style of a college, there are many, many caring people here, both students and staff. You will find them. They will find you.



Counselor Mark Weiss

Mark Weiss has been a counselor and adviser at LBCC for 20 years. The purpose of this column is to answer students' questions about the college, academic advising, and how to be successful at LBCC. Please send your questions to mark.weiss@linnbenton.edu or stop by the Career and Counseling Center in Takena Hall.

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Study

Five places you probably wouldn't want to study abroad

Ryan Henson
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Vostok, Antarctic

On a typical day in October, the average temperature at this small research station is a brisk -57F below zero. Still not turned off? In addition to the chilly weather, there is almost a complete lack of moisture, oxygen, and for 130 days each year, sunlight. No worries, adjusting to conditions like these will only take a few months and will be accompanied by fun things like headaches, eye twitches, ear pains, nosebleeds, and "perceived suffocation."

Platform, Principality of Sealand



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In 1943, during WWII, the British constructed HM Fort Roughs in order to defend against German mine-laying aircraft. The fort, which is simply an 1800 square-foot steel platform located in the international waters of the North Sea, was abandoned by the British in 1956. A few years later, Major Paddy Roy Bates, a British citizen and pirate radio host, occupied the platform and declared it an independent sovereign nation. Although the United Nations does not recognize Sealand as country, it has its own currency, flag, soccer team, national anthem and has even suffered a civil war. In 1968, warning shots were fired at the British navy for entering Sealand's territory.

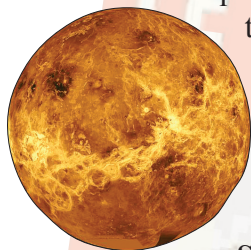
Dzerzhinsk, Russia

Dzerzhinsk used to be the site of chemical weapon production during the Cold War. During this time, 300,000 tons of chemical waste, containing elements of Sarin, mustard gas and arsenic, were released into the groundwater, turning it into a sort of white sludge. Unfortunately, these chemicals have made their way to the drinking water. Yummy! The average life expectancy in Dzerzhinsk is 45, and the death rate exceeds the birth rate by 2.6 times.

Ishtar Terra, Venus

Ishtar Terra, the smaller of the two continents on Venus, presents some immediate challenges for students considering study abroad opportunities. The temperature around the equator averages a sweltering 932 degrees and

the atmospheric pressure will cause a human head to implode. Did we mention the fact that water, in any form, is nonexistent, and that the atmosphere consists mostly of carbon dioxide in poisonously high concentrations?



Silent Hill, USA

This cozy little town set in the foothills presents a unique set of challenges for the student abroad. You could be in the middle of a pleasant study session in the Happy Burger when suddenly you're accosted by a group of armless, screaming, burning children monsters or a table with arms and legs. Adding to the horror of such a confrontation you might find yourself unfathomably urged to go search for a long-dead relative or have the need to find a light bulb stuck inside a sealed tin can. No matter how you end up in Silent Hill just remember one important fact: they look like monsters only to you.



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Spring for London

Justin Bolger
The Commuter

Our study abroad programs are going strong this school year. Currently Linn-Benton Community College's own are enjoying a term in Italy; spring will take students to study under Big Ben in London; and summer will offer trips to both Costa Rica and Mexico.

For now, students need to start planning for that term in London.

"London provides experiences not found elsewhere," says the information pamphlet distributed by the Oregon International Education Consortium, "[It] boasts culturally rich museums, art galleries, famous theaters, concert halls and historic buildings."

Accommodations will include a twin room in a local household and a continental breakfast. Two students will stay with each family while attending a selection of full-time classes at the University of London Union.

According to the application, students will also have some extra amenities. These include travel passes, school societies, internet access, and cultural activities such as trips to world landmarks, theater performances, sports events, and tours. For additional costs students may also utilize the

sports facilities or opt to go on a Scotland excursion.

Students are scheduled to take off on March 25, 2010. June 4 is the date of return. However, individuals are free to extend their visit on either end.

LBCC is opening the door for all students to apply, but there are a number of prerequisites: students must be at least 18 years old with 12 completed credits and a minimum GPA of 2.5 by the date of departure.

Applications can be picked up at the admissions office; these must be turned in by Dec 1, 2009. According to Kim Sullivan, the student outreach coordinator, this is the main due date for students to consider, as it is also the date to submit a FAFSA form for those aiming to receive financial aid.

"You need to start planning way ahead if you want to study abroad. There are a lot of little details that you need to take care of," says Sullivan.

A variety of scholarships are available, especially for students planning ahead. For example, two scholarships for \$2,000 from the American Institute of Foreign Study close by October's end.

Anyone that is interested should attend the meeting that will be held on Thursday, Oct 15 at 3 p.m. in F-220, the diversity achievement center.

For more information about studying abroad opportunities and scholarships, contact Kim Sullivan at 541-917-4847.

Abroad

Something a little different.

Greece is the word

Ryan Henson
The Commuter

Why would you learn about the antiquities of Greece from a textbook when you could climb the Acropolis and view the Parthenon, stand at the remains of the stadium that held the first Olympic games and take a cruise through the islands of the Saronic Gulf to the temple of Poseidon?

Linn-Benton Community College history instructor Robert Harrison is offering this learning opportunity with "Treasures of Greece," a three-credit history course for winter term that will take place during spring break, from March 18 through March 29.

The course and travel opportunity, which will focus on observation and study of Athens during its golden age, is open to both LBCC students and the public. A meeting to discuss travel arrangements and fundraising opportunities will be held on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 3 p.m. in the LBCC library, next to the circulation desk.

According to Harrison, the history of Greece tells us a great deal about the development of American culture in the areas of architecture, art, philosophy, athletics, theatre and politics.

"If you want to be a citizen, informed and accurate, this class is going to teach you a lot," Harrison said. "The trip is just another way to try and do what I do in the classrooms, which is to show students how much we owe to the cultures that came before us."

Participants in the class will spend seven days exploring Athens, Delphi, Patras, Olympia, Argolida, Epidaurus, and Mycenae, with two additional days for travel to and from Greece.

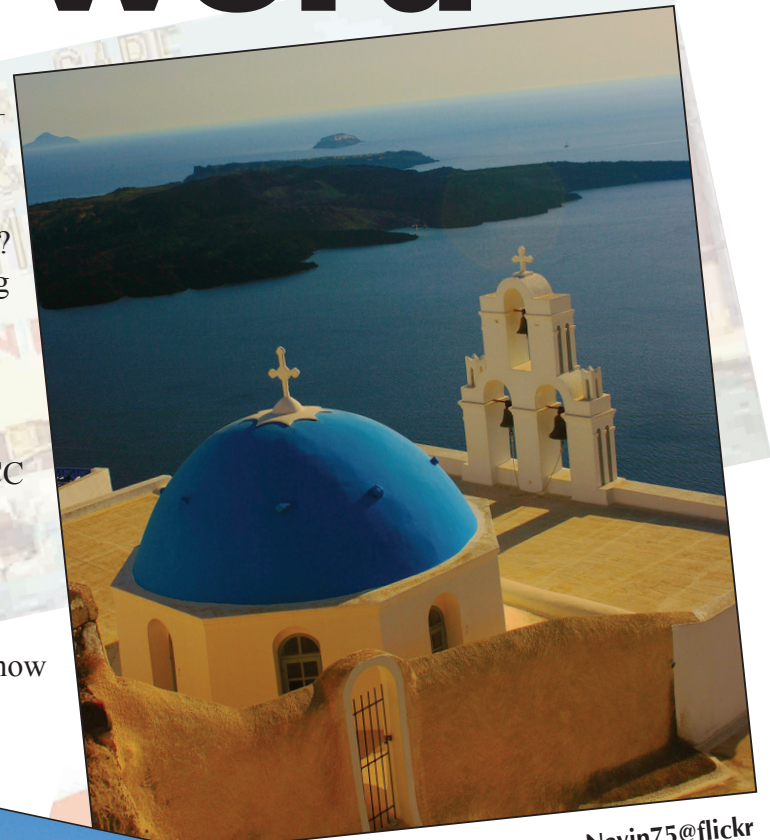
T.J. Norton, a sociology major and member of the Democracy club, is taking the class in order to begin seeing the world and to become more understanding of different cultures.

"The more you understand about someone else's culture; the less likely you are to be biased or judgmental," Norton said.

Jody Bledsoe, a sociology/education major, is planning to take the trip because of an infatuation she used to have with the Greek gods and goddesses.

Cost for the program is \$2,600 for those ages 23 and under or \$3,000 for those over 23. Cost includes airfare, lodging, and some meals. Participants can also enroll for three LBCC credits. Financial aid will be accepted for students seeking to enroll.

The trip is sponsored by EF Tours. The application deadline for non-credit participants is Nov. 29. For more information or to apply, contact Robert Harrison at 541-917-4571.



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Peace Studies heads to Leeuwarden



Max Brown
The Commuter

Every two years the Peace Studies group at Linn-Benton Community College

travels to a peace symposium, and this year the symposium is held at Leeuwarden in the Netherlands.

The conference is held June 20 to 27 in Leeuwarden. Usually around 60 to 70 people attend this conference, and they are all students from around the world just like the group coming from LBCC.

According to Scott McAleer, the group's adviser, the students are looking to travel for a week or two before the conference so they can see some of Europe.

The conference is an international symposium on education for peace, justice and human rights. This year the theme of the conference is sustainability. The group from LBCC will be giving a presentation on

sustainability and also participating in other programs planned by other colleges.

The trip usually includes eight to 10 students from LBCC, and in the past have covered travel costs through fund raising. The people who organize the conference choose how many students can come from each school.

Although the process for selecting which students will go this year has not been decided on, in the past they were selected based on an application, interview, and essay combo. McAleer suggests that anyone who might have any interest to start showing it now.

"It transcends what your expectations might be, you get more out of these kinds of experiences than you can predict," McAleer said.

Peace Studies plans on raising "as much money as humanly possible," according to McAleer. The goal is that the cost to students will be minimal. Not only is the group planning to raise enough money to pay for the students coming from LBCC, but they also want to raise money for poorer colleges in areas like Eastern Europe.

They plan to hold the first group meeting for Peace Studies in about two to three weeks, keep your eyes open for more announcements about the Peace Studies Program.

For more information contact Scott McAleer, mcalees@linnbenton.edu, or Doug Clark, doug.clark@linnbenton.edu.

Past Peace Symposiums attended by LBCC held in:

Berlin, Germany (1988)	Berlin, Germany (1996)	Szczecin, Poland (2004)
The Balaton, Hungary (1990)	Vestfold, Norway (1998)	Opava, Czech Republic (2006)
Poznan, Poland (1992)	Corvallis, USA (2000)	
Vilnius, Lithuania (1994)	York, England (2002)	

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Campus News

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Benton Centers.

LB soccer loses first game

Justin Bolger
 The Commuter

Last Saturday the Linn-Benton Community College soccer club played their first game. They lost the game against University of Oregon with an ending score of 4-1.

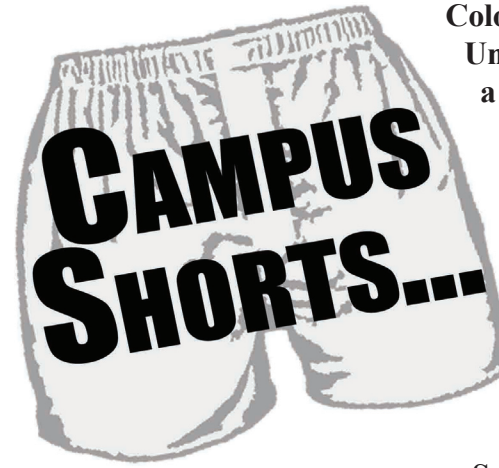
According to Art Mota, the coach of the soccer team, there were a number of shots throughout the game that went off the crossbar of the goal.

"We just couldn't take advantage of the opportunities that we created and they did," says Mota.

He had hoped to play against Central Oregon Community College first to give the team a chance to correct any mistakes prior to facing U of O, but that game was snowed out the previous week. He believes that this game was an eye-opener for a lot of the guys.

"Now that they got a taste of the what the level of play is, they'll make the adjustments and have a better showing this weekend," says Mota.

There are two games this weekend: on Saturday the team will be playing against Western Oregon in Monmouth at 2 p.m. then on Sunday they'll play the game that had been suspended against COCC here at 2 p.m.



Colorado State University will have a representative in Takeda Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Oct. 14.

Phagans' Cosmetology Colleges will be having one of their "Marathon Service Days" for

"Passionately Pink for the Cure," an awareness and fundraising program benefiting the Susan G. Komen foundation, on Friday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please join them at 1565 S.W. 53rd St. in Corvallis.

Join filmmaker Stan Walsh as he presents the first film in the LBCC Travel at the Tripp film series "Corsica and the Rivas" on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. in the LBCC Russell Tripp Performance Center.

Phi Theta Kappa will have a general membership meeting on Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. in the forum, room 104.

Would you like to study in London? Kim Sullivan, LBCC's study abroad coordinator, will hold a presentation in the Diversity Achievement Center (F220) on Oct. 21 from noon to 1 p.m.

The Santiam restaurant is now open. There is a brand new menu and lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 541-917-4393 for a reservation.

The art faculty is opening the fall term with their annual exhibit in the South Santiam Hall Gallery on LBCC's Albany campus. The exhibit runs through Oct. 29. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the gallery at 541-917-4247.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, LBCC will exhibit the artwork of Humberto Gonzalez and Yolanda Valdés in the LBCC North Santiam Hall Gallery through Nov. 23.

The graduation deadline has been changed to the 4th week of the term prior to a student's last term. Deadlines for each term can be found online at www.linnbenton.edu/go/graduation.

The LBCC Benton Center will host a ceramics workshop with local ceramic artist Terry Inokuma on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. For more information or to register, contact Lin Olson at 541-757-8944, ext. 5114, or Jay Widmer 541-757-8944, ext. 5106.

Academic Success Seminars

Boost Your COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE!


Sign up on SIS under Study Skills – or just drop in!

Better Notes = Better Grades				
Wednesday	Oct. 14	Albany	WH-225	12:00 – 12:50
Wednesday	Oct. 14	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20
Prepare for Tests				
Monday	Oct. 19	Lebanon	LC-205	4:00 – 4:50
Tuesday	Oct. 20	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50
Wednesday	Oct. 21	Albany	WH-225	12:00 – 12:50
Wednesday	Oct. 21	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20
Get Organized				
Monday	Oct. 26	Lebanon	LC-205	4:00 – 4:50
Tuesday	Oct. 27	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50
Wednesday	Oct. 28	Albany	WH-225	12:00 – 12:50
Wednesday	Oct. 28	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20
Active Learning Strategies				
Monday	Nov. 2	Lebanon	LC-205	4:00 – 4:50
Tuesday	Nov. 3	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50
Wednesday	Nov. 4	Albany	WH-225	12:00 – 12:50
Wednesday	Nov. 4	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20
Accomplish Your Academic Goals				
Monday	Nov. 9	Lebanon	LC-205	4:00 – 4:50
Tuesday	Nov. 10	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50
Am I Depressed, or Just Stressed?				
Monday	Nov. 16	Lebanon	LC-205	4:00 – 4:50
Wednesday	Nov. 18	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20

Always 50 minutes!

ALWAYS FREE!

Always helpful!



Academic Success Seminars are organized by the Learning Center. For more information and to sign up, visit SIS under Study Skills or call 917-4684.

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If you have a Campus Short, please e-mail them to commuter@linnbenton.edu.

Perspectives:

If you could study abroad anywhere, where would you go and why?



Julia Olivas
Psychology

"Spain; I have a lot of Spanish in my family."




Scott Wallace
Accounting

"Australia, to play with the kangaroos."




Jake Clarno
Environmental Science

"New Zealand, to fly fish."



Cori Henderson
Undecided

"Australia. It's just somewhere I've always wanted to go."



Colin Horton
Business

"Spain, to practice my Spanish."

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Free Art

A collection of art for your perusal.

Poetry spotlight

Life Apart
 by Rick Casillas



If distance is measurement of space,
 and I am your between, what then,
 If I should come to you.

If your snakes head blossomed against my
 leg,
 and I could catch the blue-violet of your
 attention,
 as you climbed the clouds with handfuls of
 ocean pressed to your arms.

If you in your loveliness and maddening
 ineptitude would slow to listen,
 and I would stop just long enough to see
 that water fill the great above.

How it would rain,
 How I would love you, without pause.



Students playing in quad (from left to right; Courtney Moore, Jordan Tunstill, Faith Powell, Nehemiah Clark, Emily Rist) photo by Alx George

Wouldn't it be great if the things you really needed in life were free?

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

Personals: Ads placed in the "Personals" category are limited to one ad per advertiser per week; no more than 50 words per ad.

Libel/Taste: The Commuter will not knowingly publish material that treats individuals or groups in an unfair manner. Any advertisement judged libelous or in poor taste

by the newspaper editorial staff will be rejected.

Help Wanted

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

District Community Service & Volunteer Coordinator

(AmeriCorps) (#7605, Halsey) If you have an associate or higher, can pass criminal check, and are able to complete 1700 service hours in 10 months, this job is for you!!

Customer Service Representative (#7591, Salem) You have customer service skills in a call center environment? Then

you might be interested in a call center full-time position. 50 openings. \$12.50-13.50/hr DOE.

Instructional Aide 2, Notetaker

(#7586, LBCC) Hey, you say you have great typing skills, know how to use a laptop and take great notes, then here is a job on campus typing notes for people. Pay is \$9.39/hr.

Direct Care Provider

(#7608, Albany) Do you enjoy helping people and enjoy hands-on care for clients with disabilities? This job is full-time Mon-Thurs & Sun 6am-2pm. Pays \$8.72-9.81/hr DOE.

For Rent

Self-Care Horse Stall: Indoor riding arena and round pen. A mile and half from LBCC. 541-619-4437.

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Surreal Living

Crosswords, cartoons and some fun facts to brighten your day.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

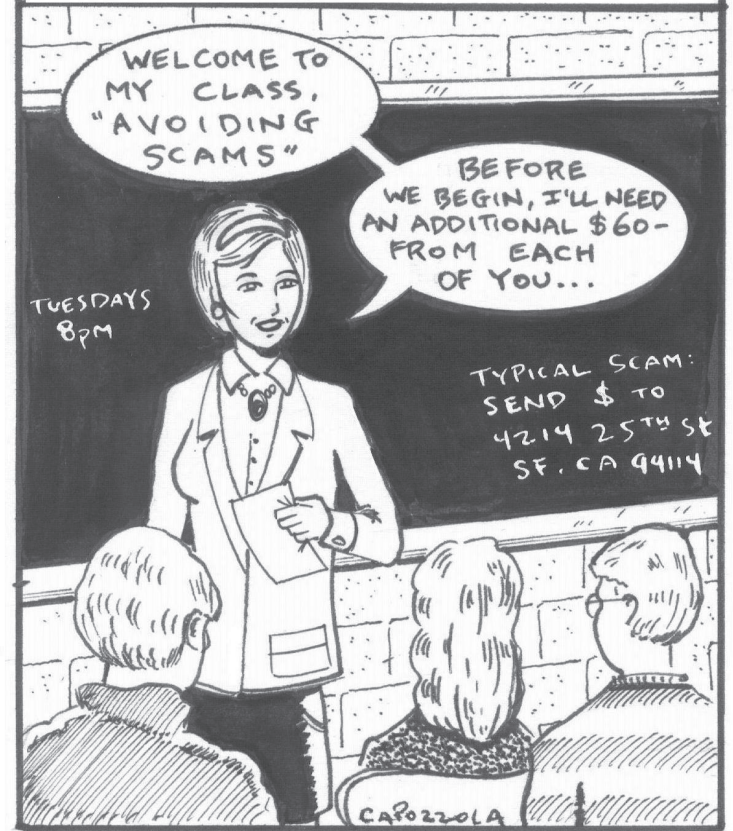
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis



"Killer bees! Killer bees!!"

Michael Capozzola's CHEAP CITY

Create and Teach your own Learning Annex class..!



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- 1 Athenian with harsh laws
 - 6 "Star Wars" princess
 - 10 Hip-hop mogul who married Beyoncé
 - 14 Grapevine traveler
 - 15 Srs.' lobbying gp.
 - 16 "Dies ___": hymn
 - 17 Get hitched quick
 - 18 Jam on the brakes
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 - 37 Altar consent
 - 38 Small family businesses
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 - 42 Lend a hand
 - 43 Fast time
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By Donna S. Levin

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- 6 Rodeo rope
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- 9 PC program
- 10 Holy wars
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- 12 Swing set site
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- 19 Water gun stream
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

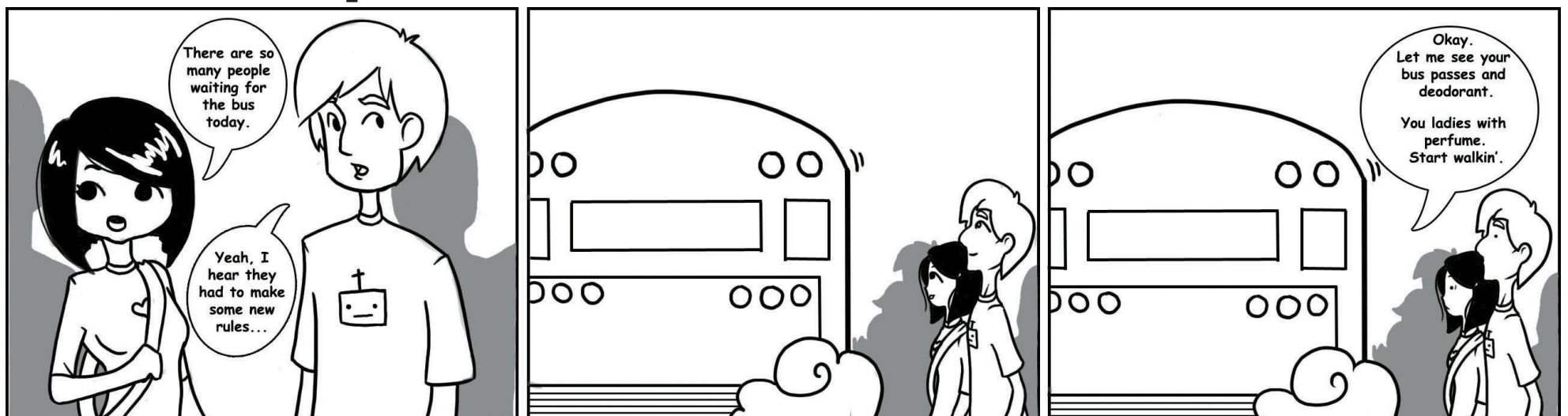
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- 35 ___ dixit: assertion without proof
- 36 Luau fare
- 39 Sprint Cup org.
- 40 It may take years to settle one
- 45 Seoul man
- 47 Lyric poems
- 49 Playful prank
- 50 Brazen minx
- 51 "Star Trek" communications officer
- 52 Grain disease
- 53 Like some simple questions
- 54 West Point, e.g.: Abbr.
- 55 Apple center
- 56 Eye part containing the iris
- 57 He bit Miss Gulch in a 1939 film
- 60 Pull hard

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An LBCC student generated comic

By Maggie O'Reilly



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redbox review

Gran Torino

Bonnie Starr
 The Commuter



Who doesn't love Clint Eastwood? This epitome of masculinity and the spaghetti western has won his way into the hearts of almost every American from the 1960's to today.

Eastwood directs and stars in "Gran Torino," a 2008 blockbuster drama that depicts a Korean War veteran named Walt Kowalski living in Michigan with his dog, Daisy. Walt is an unhappy, crotchety old coot who makes it very clear early on in the movie that he is a racist son-of-a-gun lamenting the "decline" of his once proudly white, working-class neighborhood into an Asian slum.

At this juncture, the movie sounds boring and tedious, but if you give it a bit more time you find that we have a sweet little plot of the cute Asian girl melting the heart of the big, bad war vet. Actually, it is really well pulled off because Sue Hmong, our Asian cutie, manages to befriend him by being somewhat rude but tolerant of his asinine behavior.

Thao, Sue's brother, is an idiot. We see this early on in the movie when he decides that joining a gang and stealing Walt's prized Ford Gran Torino (for which the movie was named, but you knew that) is a good idea. Thao is a bumbling fool of a boy who ends up blowing the lift horribly and is then put to work by Walt at the pressure of the Hmong family and their honor. Walt the racist is obviously not too happy about this but feels he has no choice but to accept Thao as his work slave.

As the movie progresses, we see Walt slowly becoming more tolerant of his Asian neighbors and, dare I say, he begins to get along with them on friendly terms. The gang that Thao was trying to join continues to show up and be a nuisance to anyone they meet and eventually, as you can guess, we reach the climax when the gang pulls off some very cruel acts towards the Hmong family. When Walt runs over to be sure everyone is alright he becomes enraged at the crime that was just committed and vows to gain revenge on his neighbors' behalf.

The movie starts off slow but shows a story of evolving character and events that could happen in real life which helps give this story a reality that many movies lack. We watch our favorite cowboy as he moves through a journey of self-discovery by letting go of old war trauma and accepting that times have changed. I did not expect to like this movie when I started it, but I was quickly pulled in and found it to be a very entertaining and emotional 116 minutes. I highly recommend this movie.

Geography of the Silk Road

Tanya Dolan
 The Commuter

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is offering a free lecture series presented by Gail VanderHeide on the highly influential Asian trade route known as the Silk Road.

In this week of "The Silk Road" series, the main focus was geography.

To begin her presentation, Gail Vanderheide handed out maps of the Silk Road to the audience of 80 people. The group was asked to highlight a route that they thought would have been the superlative choice to trek across Asia. Vanderheide showed the correct route, then gave both a narrow and broad definition of what the Silk Road was.

The Silk Road was an ancient network of trails and trade routes that connected eastern Asia with the Mediterranean. This stretched 5,200 miles from Xi'an in China to Tyre near the Syrian Desert. In a broader aspect, the Silk Road had routes scattered all over Asia. There are 8,000 miles total of land and sea routes, from Venice to the Indian peninsula.

The attendees were then divided into groups of six and assigned a section of the Silk Road that was to be studied using the information provided. The focal point of this exercise was to work as a team to explain the terrain, dangers, and interesting sights along the Silk Road. If traveling along the road, journeymen would encounter the flat Gobi Desert, the sand dunes of the Taklamakan Desert and the Kunlun Mountains near the

Himalayas. They would meet the Flaming Mountains near Kashgar, which is quite a sight, seeing as these mountains "glow" in the sunlight. Caravans would embark through the freezing Pamir Mountains and Ferghana Valley to reach the grassy and fruitful steppe between Merv and Antioch. However, the Silk Road was riddled with numerous dangers. Common amongst the different sections were scarcity of water, heat, sand storms, and bandits.

Interestingly enough, travelers would come upon picturesque scenery. These included the Great Wall of China, oases, the "Flaming Mountains", the Kunlun and Pamir Mountains, and the Mediterranean Sea. Besides the scenery, the Silk Road provided voyagers the opportunity to sell and trade their goods in large cities such as Baghdad, Merv, and Tyre.

After each group presented their section, that concluded the lecture and Vanderheide allowed time for people to browse through the various pictures on the wall and ask her questions. Though the lectures were one hour, Vanderheide made a point to fill that hour with group activities, presentations, and questions enabling optimal retention of the information. The presentation of the room and staff at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library was more than impressive.

Next lecture:

When: October 20th, 12:10 p.m.

Where: Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

AJ's Dawg Haus

Chris Brotherton
 The Commuter

Tucked away in the little shopping centers that line 9th street in Corvallis is an eatery that specializes in that American favorite, the hot dog.

AJ's Dawg Haus has a selection of ten different specialty hot dogs (where you can have the choice between an all beef hot dog or a Polish sausage), along with sandwiches and wraps. For those who are over 21, they also serve beer and have video poker machines.

Some of the specialty dogs include the "Fire Dawg," served on a sandwich roll with hot sauce, jalapeños, and onions and mustard, insuring you will not have a date that day. There is also the "Boston Dawg," with ketchup, mustard and cheese. I tried the old standby of a "Chili Dawg" and was quite impressed.

All of the dogs and sausages come from Costco and are about a foot long. The "Chili Dawg" came piled with meaty chili, shredded cheddar cheese and diced onions. Also sitting on the side, even though there was almost no room for it, was a helping of macaroni salad. This was not the kind of chili dog that you can just pick up and eat; it took a fork and knife to get it down.

With prices ranging from \$3 to \$4 for the Hot Dawgs, and the sandwiches and wraps going for no more than \$4.50, you can get an inexpensive lunch that will fill you up quite nicely.



mmm... hotdog LarimdaME@flickr

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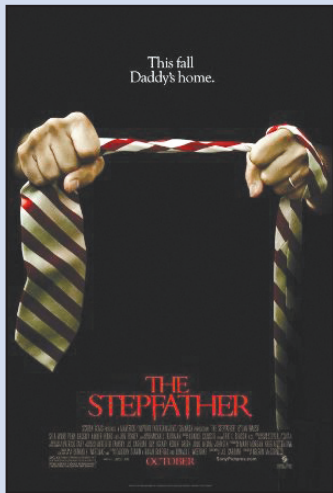
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Upcoming movie releases

The Stepfather

Penn Bagdley plays Michael Harding, a kid who comes home from military school and discovers that his mom (Sela Ward) is living with her new boyfriend David (Dylan Walsh). Suspicions arise in his mind about the boyfriend's character. Is his new stepfather really who he seems to be? Nelson McCormick directs.
Rating: PG-13
Runtime: 101 minutes



Where the Wild Things Are

The highly anticipated children's epic is here! Sent to bed without dinner, Max (Max Records) embarks on a wild and crazy magical adventure from his bedroom. He enters a dream-like jungle populated by majestic and myth-like creatures called the "wild things," endeavoring to become their king.
Rating: PG
Runtime: 94 Minutes



Law Abiding Citizen

After the brutal killings of his wife and daughter, Clyde Shelton (Gerard Butler) fails to receive justice from the courts. Ten years later, one of the killers is found dead. Nick Rice (Jamie Foxx), who was the prosecutor for the case, finds his own life in jeopardy in this chilling thriller.
Rating: R
Runtime: 108 Minutes



La cucaracha, la cucaracha...

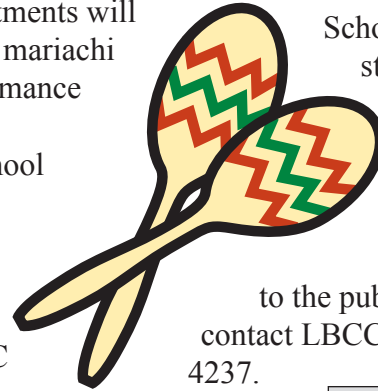
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Linn-Benton Community College's Fine and Performing Arts departments will bring Oregon's first high school mariachi band to the Russell Tripp Performance Center.

The Woodburn High School mariachi band, which started in 2003, was the first of its kind in Oregon and the second of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. They will perform here at LBCC on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Conducted by Woodburn High teacher Brian Gingerich, the band has

performed throughout the Willamette Valley, including performances at the annual Cesar E. Chavez Conference, Portland State University, the Oregon School Board Association statewide conference, Portland's Cinco de Mayo celebration, and the State of Oregon House of Representatives. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact LBCC Performing Arts at 541-917-4237.



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Showers 60°	Showers 66°	Few Showers 69°	Showers 61°	Showers 63°	Showers 62°	Showers 62°

Warning: These are only predictions. For up-to-date forecasts, please look out your window. source: weather.com