



Campus Tragedy

President Bush has ordered all flags to half-mast in mourning of the Massacre at Virginia Tech, the worst shooting on U.S. soil in history.

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Turning It Around

The Roadrunners rebound from an 0-6 start to win five of six games last week, climbing to fourth in the NWACC Southern Division.

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Apply Yourself

Undeclared student Dax Portal attempts to get information about a social or medical internship from Isaac Liberty of Avamere Health Services during the Career Fair last Thursday in the Activities Center.

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Students lobby for more state funds

Will Parker
The Commuter

Last week, the Joint Ways and Means Committee toured the state setting up town hall style sessions to discuss the State's budget for the next two years.

Of chief concern among the speakers was the projected budget shortfall for community colleges and universities. The budget released from the Committee Co-Chair showed a shortfall of around \$25 million.

A group of students from LBCC took the opportunity to go up to Salem last week to talk to their state representatives about issues they are currently facing, especially shortfalls in science and math class availability. Every representative that the students talked to was very receptive to their problems.

However, in terms of a solu-

tion to the budget shortcomings, there were three distinct camps.

The most conservative camp felt that there were already funds available to be distributed to meet the needs of higher education. Specific attention was focused on the primary education budget. The governor's budget proposal called for \$6 billion for K-12, but the Joint Ways and Means budget proposal called for \$6.254 billion.

Some felt that the added \$254 million in the Joint Ways and Means budget could be better spent on other areas, including law enforcement, higher education, and emergency services.

Another option, as outlined to the LBCC students by Rep. Sara Gesler, was to raise more revenue in the form of an increase in the corporate minimum tax.

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Science Building Project gets \$500,000 boost from grant

LBCC News Service

The Meyer Memorial Trust has awarded a \$500,000 grant to the LBCC Foundation for the LBCC Science and Health Project.

"Renovation of our 35-year-old science and health labs is the top priority for facility update here at LBCC," said LBCC President Rita Cavin. "We appreciate the support from the Meyer Memorial Trust as the new science facility will make such a difference to our students for years to come."

LBCC science and health labs have not been refurbished since students began using the building in 1972. The labs are in constant use due to a steep increase in the number of health career and engineering preparation students. More than 5,000 students enroll in science classes each year, and classes often fill within the first

few minutes of registration.

The Science and Health Project will include renovation of existing space and construction of a new science building with lab space for physics, general science, computers, chemistry and biology and provide additional classroom and support areas.

The total capital project will cost approximately \$9.5 million. LBCC will invest \$3.75 million toward the project, is anticipating \$3.75 million in state capital construction funds, and is seeking an appropriation of \$2 million for equipment. The LBCC Foundation is working to raise \$1 million privately for the project, as well as an additional \$1 million for student scholarships.

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Thieves hit Bookstore

Loren Newman
The Commuter

The LBCC Bookstore was hit with two separate thefts last week in which over \$16,000 worth of electronics were stolen, according to LBCC Security Manager Bruce Thompson.

Thompson gave this version of the incidents:

Early Tuesday night on April 10 a burglar broke into the Bookstore by smashing a window in a stock room door. Surveillance footage shows the burglar then making his way to the electronics section. The exact items stolen and their total value has not yet been released by the Campus Security or the Albany Police Department, which is investigating the case.



Security cameras caught these views of a shoplifter in the Bookstore last week. Campus Security asks anyone with information to call 917-4440.

In the second incident, at about 11 a.m. the next day, Wednesday April 11, a man was caught by the Bookstore's surveillance cameras shoplifting several items from the electronics section

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The Weather Through the Week

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Low 37
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Low 43
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High 56
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Low 41
Sunday

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Church must stop musical chairs

Elizabeth Uriarte
 The Commuter

It has become the American way to believe all problems can be fixed with monetary compensation. We think we can buy it all, even relief from severe psychological damage.

This is the message projected by the Catholic diocese after numerous settlements of many millions of dollars to victims of sex abuse at the hands of various church leaders across the country. Most recently in Oregon, the agreement with the Portland Archdiocese made a bankruptcy settlement that could reach up to \$75 million in compensation.

And this is just a drop in the bucket along with settlements in Spokane, Wash.; Los Angeles and Orange County, Calif.; and Boston, Mass., according to a recent article in the Gazette-Times.

It simply baffles me that we live in a world so corrupt that lifelong human suffering can come with a price tag. Money is not going to fix what happened to these people or what is still happening to others.

The most effective means of healing for victims of sexual abuse is validation. Letting the world know what happened to you can do so much more to ease suffering than money could ever buy. It is also a much more effective means of stopping abuse.

Many victims are becoming more aware of this fact, and finally putting a halt to the silent under-the-table settlements that were the norm in these cases. In February, victims from North Carolina had the remains of the priest who molested them exhumed and moved to another cemetery, away from the resting places of their parents. The priest had been buried not 20 feet from the victims' parents.

In Spokane, victims of abuse agreed to a settlement

that included conditions that allowed them the chance to speak publicly in the parish where he or she was abused, or to have their stories of abuse published in the diocesan newspaper. Also, each victim is to receive a letter of apology from the Catholic Church.

The days of playing musical chairs with sex offending priests are over as well. The church can no longer get away with sending the offending party to a different church as a means of "solving" the problem.

While it appears that we are slowly heading in the right direction, there are still a few problems with the whole legal system of dealing with rape and sex abuse with children. One major issue is the statute of limitations. In Oregon, the statute is: "within six years of age 18, or three years of discovery of the causal connection between the injury and the abuse."

Any time outside of those conditions, and in the eyes of the law, the abuse never happened.

This is a serious problem when you take into account the fact that many victims are too afraid or too ashamed to come forward for many years after the abuse took place. Some may not even remember it fully until later in life. Much like the uselessness of the price tag on abuse, a timeline on it is just as bad. Many people aren't even aware that they have a time limit on when they may divulge their information. One could finally muster up the courage to come forward only to find that what happened to them is no longer relevant because it happened so long ago.

Something needs to be done about these poor excuses for justice. Statutes of limitations are constantly being revised but they need to be done away with altogether. And while millions of dollars would be nice to have, it's not a Band-Aid for the permanent wounds that come from being abused.



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ELIZABETH URIARTE

Bad odor coming from Bush administration

Walt Hughes, Sr.
 The Commuter

It has been said many times that our chief executive is a stubborn little fella who pays little heed to the opinions of anyone outside his tight inner circle of cronies. His attitude for the past six years has been more of "my way or the highway," regardless of what we think or how it affects the rest of us.

Statistics show that 60 percent of the college-age generation voted in the November elections. That figure is way up from what it has been in the last few election cycles, and seems to demonstrate that the majority of students are fed up with the way this country has been run in recent years.

In the months since the mid-term elections, George W. Bush claims to be listening to the opinions of outside interests, yet his actions seem to indicate more of the same old attitude of dumping more billions of our dollars into a situation that has gone from bad to worse. He faces the reality that his rubberstamp Republican cronies are no longer in the driver's seat, so the new tactics are that he will veto anything that does not give him his way. With the swearing-in of new senators and congressional representatives the political atmosphere of rubberstamp Republicanism and driving the country into debt in billion-dollar increments is facing a whole new day on Capitol Hill.

Laying all else aside, there is an intriguing question that most seem to ignore. Iraq is ranked as the world's third-largest oil producing country, and Afghanistan without doubt produces the vast majority of the world's heroin supply. Both are multibillion dollar a year enterprises, yet we continue to dump billions into their economies and well-being on an almost weekly basis.

Why should we foot the bills to solve their problems? Why should we continue to go deeper and deeper into

a debt that our grandchildren will end up paying for? Where are all the dollars produced from the oil and heroin trade going? Another question along that same line is what happened to the billions of dollars and truckloads of gold that were captured at the beginning of the Iraq War? When you look hard at that issue, something doesn't smell right.

After three years of telling the American public that everything was peachy keen when it came to our military staffing and troops on the ground, we are now being told that we need to send even more troops and spend even more billions of dollars. That may wash with people who don't pay much attention, but a careful check would turn up the fact that it was Donald H. Rumsfeld, the secretary of defense and close crony of Bush, who repeatedly insisted that things were fine. Notice that Rumsfeld resigned and was long gone within days of the recent election. The smell of a rat in the woodpile seems to strongly emanate from that quarter, too.

Now we have the apparent shenanigans of Alberto Gonzales, the United States Attorney General, and the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is misusing the Patriot Act to investigate ordinary citizens without their knowledge. Additionally, there is a growing list of other unanswered questions.

With slightly less than 700 days left in the executive office, and counting down, it will again be time for change. Regardless of who replaces him, it seems likely that the legacy of Bush will go down as one of the worst presidencies in our nation's history.

Regardless of how it turns out you should be constantly aware that everything happening daily on the national scene will eventually trickle down to affect the lives and careers of every single student at Linn-Benton Community College. We will do our best to keep you informed.



Why should we continue to go deeper and deeper into a debt that our grandchildren will end up paying for?

WALT HUGHES

Perspectives

"What is your reaction to the school shooting at Virginia Tech?"



• Lee Zhang •
 Undecided

"The truth? I was worried about getting discriminated against. It was an Asian shooter. Europe started going crazy and saying that the U.S. had bad gun control laws."

"I was really, really shocked. It took one person to ruin the lives of many. Most people say, 'Oh, it's not going to happen to my school'—it can happen anywhere."



• Yasmin Moussaoui •
 Pre-Med



• Jim Bell •
 Dean of Health/ Human Services

"Shocked. Dismayed. You always end up asking why, or what could have been done? Sometimes we forgot about pain that's caused, the loss of students."

"Sad. Really sad, and then angry. I can't understand why anyone would do something like that. I can't even imagine why someone would think that it's okay, and I feel for their families."



• Lynn Groshong •
 Retention Specialist



• Job Woosley •
 Fish/ Wildlife Biology

"I didn't pay any attention."

"It's unfortunate, but it's not unheard of. This sort of stuff has been happening since I was in middle school. I'm tired of all the news coverage."



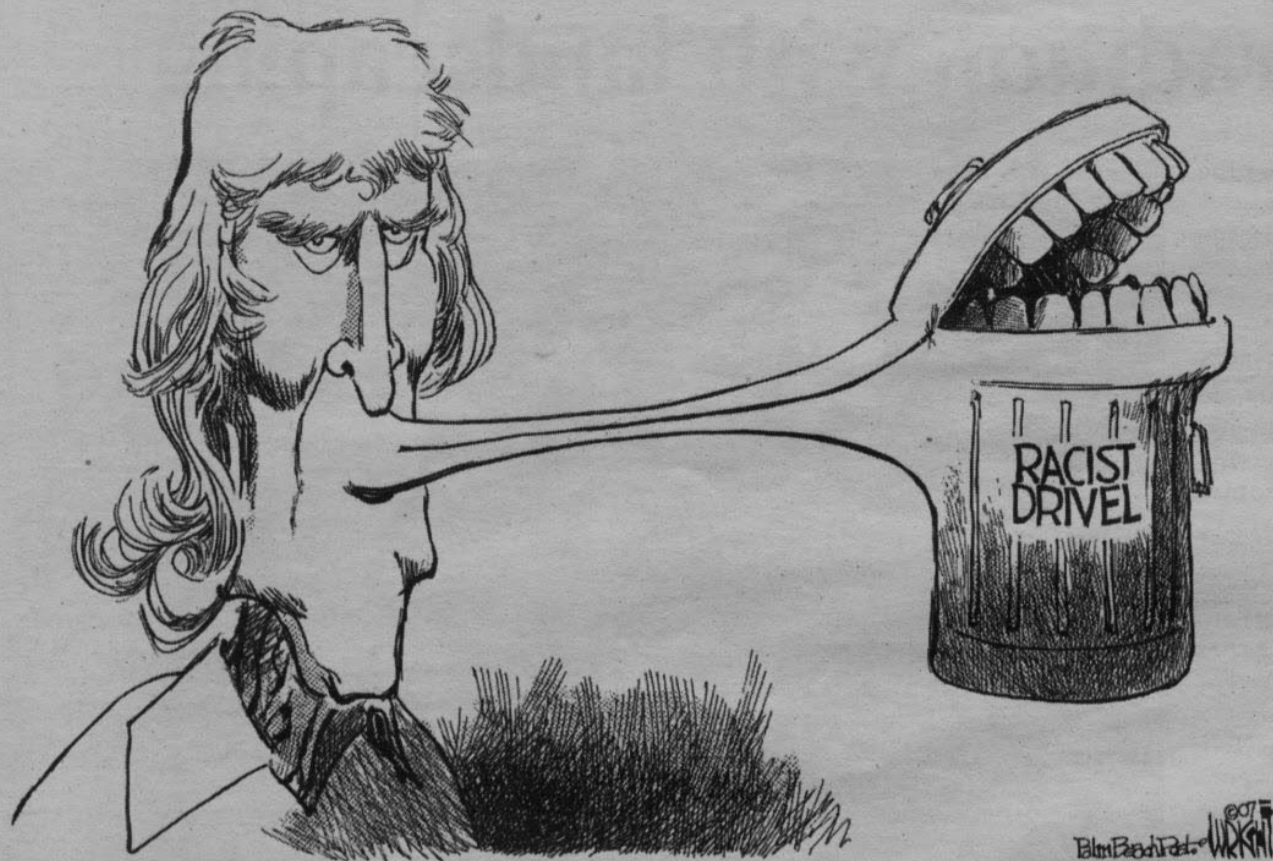
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Imus ouster opens national awareness of cultural issues

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 MCT Campus

Sometime between the time Don Imus uttered the now-infamous slur about the Rutgers University women's basketball team and his firing from the airwaves, America was once again thrust onto the uneasy fault lines of race, sex and decency.

But the conversation didn't stop there last week, as cultural observers, entertainers and regular folk moved beyond the radio dial to challenge pop culture at large and the hip-hop genre in particular for its glamorization of coarse, derogatory language and images.

"It's time to check the madness, to have the hard national conversation, to do the heavy lifting and figure out how we got here," says Bakari Kitwana, author of "Why White Kids Love Hip-Hop and The Hip-Hop Generation." "But here's the thing: It's so easy to point to hip-hop but it's more complicated than that."

On the April 4 edition of his "Imus in the Morning" radio show, the old-school shock jock, who built a career on irreverence, referred to Rutgers team members as "nappy-headed hos." Within days, advertisers and supporters distanced themselves from a show that had hosted presidential candidates, celebrities and journalists.

Before the end of a long, strained week during which he was first fired by cable network MSNBC (his radio show was simulcast on the network) and then fired by CBS Radio, Imus apologized many times, noting that he had taken his cue from the hip-hop community, where the terminology is used commonly and loosely.

"Hip-hop gave Imus the language," said T. Denean Sharpley-Whiting, author of "Pimps Up, Ho's Down: Hip-Hop's Hold on Young Black Women." "He wouldn't have known what a 'ho' was if it weren't for rap records."

Just as quickly as Imus' more than 30-year career in radio imploded, questions bellowed across the airwaves and Internet: Will television, movies and music be subjected to the same standards that doomed Imus? Will programming change? Specifically, will one of the nation's most commercially and culturally successful musical genres hip-hop/rap be made over?

Public-relations expert Marvet Britto says the Imus controversy may be just the beginning of soul-searching on a national stage.

"You cannot crucify one person and hold them to a different standard. This has to be for everybody across the board," said Britto, whose agency has represented singer Mariah Carey, basketball player Latrell Sprewell and former Florida Marlins player Gary Sheffield. "You can't single out rappers. Everybody has to be held to a higher moral standard."

Some rap defenders don't see a link between Imus' comments and hip-hop. They describe rap lyrics as reflections of the hopeless, helpless, violent, drug-plagued neighborhoods that many rappers come from. Instead of criticizing rappers, they say, critics should improve the reality that inspires the lyrics.

"Comparing Don Imus' language with hip-hop artists' poetic expression is misguided and inaccurate and feeds into a mind-set that can be a catalyst for unwarranted, rampant censorship," rap mogul Russell Simmons said in a statement Friday.

"Rappers are not talking about no collegiate basketball girls who have made it to the next level in education and sports," celebrity rapper Snoop Dogg told MTV.com on Friday.

Luther Campbell, the Miami rapper famous for popularizing nasty rhymes 20 years ago, draws the same distinction.

"He crossed the line because it was directed at specific people. Rappers are usually talking in general terms or just joking," he said Friday. "Hip-hop is being made a scapegoat for someone who said something wrong. The two have nothing to do with each other."

Campbell did make a concession: "I will say sometimes it goes too far and we need to do a better job of filtering to make sure the music is not offensive."



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Rutgers players Essence Carlson and Heather Zurich address derogatory remarks made by Don Imus at a press conference last week.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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

Student defies tradition with landscaping

Valerie Ziegler
 The Commuter

Jenny Brausch is a second-year LBCC student who will graduate this term with an Associate of Applied Science in horticulture.

Brausch has a B.S. in business information systems from Linnfield College and worked for HP for over 22 years.

Wanting to help people more in 2005, she decided to try something new when HP downsized. Loving gardening and working in her yard, she decided to pursue a degree in horticulture with the idea that she could help people understand how their interactions impacted the earth.

"Care of the earth is the most important thing we need to learn to do," Brausch boasts.

Currently working for Gaia Landscape in Corvallis, she is

the only female landscaper the company employs. Her long-range goal is to be a landscape designer incorporating sustainable landscaping with her customers' designs.

Brausch, an active member of the Horticulture Club on campus, also enjoys sewing, quilting, canning and preserving

her home-grown food, gardening, and spending time

with her family. She credits her husband, Dee, as well as her three children, for helping her to be successful in school while trying to juggle family responsibilities as well as a part-time job.

Brausch has one bit of advice for other women who want to pursue a non-traditional field, "Don't be afraid to try something that women typically don't do. Go for it! It is so rewarding to break new ground."

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Contributed Photo

Second-year horticulture major Jenny Brausch is LBCC's Non-Traditional Student of the Month for April.

Bill Bradbury visits campus to give talk on global warming

LBCC News Service

Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury will give a live presentation on global warming at Linn-Benton Community College today from noon to 2 p.m. in Forum 107.

Bradbury's presentation will include part of Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" slide show as well as local slides showing

steps Oregon and other Pacific Northwest states are taking to curtail global warming.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the LBCC Student Programming Board. For more information, contact the Student Programming Board at 917-4457.

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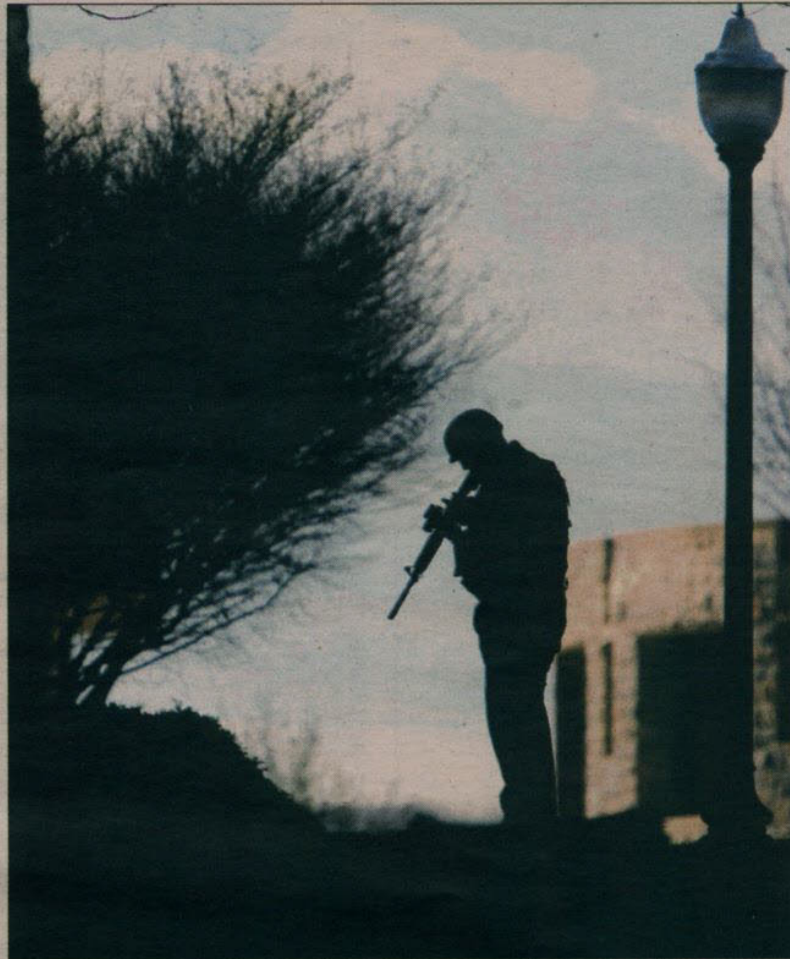
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DARK DAY IN BLACKSBURG



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Virginia Tech student Krista Beernink (facing) hugs a fellow student as they gather on Monday for a candlelight vigil at the chapel on campus following a shooting that killed over 30 people on campus earlier that day. At right a police officer stands guard near Norris Hall on the Virginia Tech campus.

Student who guns down 32 leaves list of grievances behind

Aamer Madhani
Chicago Tribune

BLACKSBURG, Va.—The suspected gunman in the Virginia Tech shooting rampage, Cho Seung-Hui, was a troubled 23-year-old senior from South Korea who investigators believe left an invective-filled note in his dorm room, sources say.

The note included a rambling list of grievances, according to sources. They said Cho also died with the words "Ismail Ax" in red ink on the inside of one of his arms.

Cho had shown recent signs of violent, aberrant behavior, according to an investigative source, including setting a fire in a dorm room and allegedly stalking some women.

A note believed to have been written by Cho was found in his dorm room that railed against "rich kids," "debauchery" and "deceitful charlatans" on campus.

The English major from Centreville, Va., a rapidly growing suburb of Washington, D.C., came to the United States in 1992, an investigative source said. He was a legal permanent resident.

His family runs a dry cleaning business and he has a sister who graduated from Princeton University, according to the source.

Investigators believe Cho at some point had been taking medication for depression. They are examining Cho's computer for more evidence.

The gunman's family lived in an off-white, two-story townhouse in Centreville.

"He was very quiet, always by himself," neighbor Abdul Shash said of the gunman. Shash said the gunman spent a lot of his free time playing basketball, and wouldn't respond if someone greeted him. He described the family as quiet.

Marshall Main, who lives across the street, said the family had lived in the townhouse for several years.

According to court records, Virginia Tech Police issued a speeding ticket to Cho on April 7 for going 44 mph in a 25 mph zone, and he had a court date set for May 23.

Cho was found among the 31 dead found in an engineering hall. Police said the victims laid over four classrooms and a stairwell.

Police said Cho killed 30 people in a Virginia Tech engineering building Monday morning and then killed himself.

Another two students were shot to death two hours earlier in a dorm room on the opposite side of the university's sprawling 2,600-acre campus, bringing the day's death toll to 33.

Students at Harper Hall, the campus dormitory where Cho lived, said they had little interaction with him and no insight into what might have motivated the attack.

Timothy Johnson, a student from Annandale, Va., said people would say hello to Cho in passing, but nobody knew

him well.

"People are pretty upset," Johnson said. "He's a monster; he can't be normal. I can't believe I said 'hi' to him in the hall and then he killed all those people."

Officials said the same gun was used in the attack in the dorm room and the larger-scale classroom killings.

"At this time, the evidence does not conclusively identify Cho as the gunman at both locations," said Col. W. Steven Flaherty, superintendent of Virginia State Police.

Virginia Tech timeline

What is known so far about events on Monday, April 16, when the largest mass shooting in U.S. history claimed 33 lives:

7:15 a.m. Gunfire reported in West Ambler Johnston dorm; male and female found dead

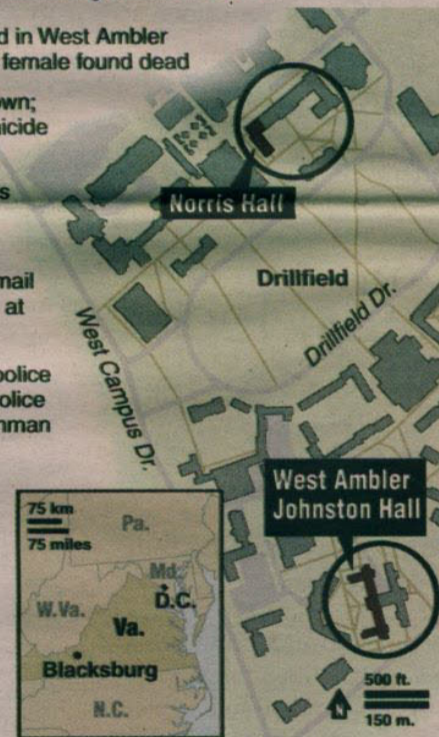
8:00 a.m. Dorm locked down; police believe double homicide is isolated incident

8:25 a.m. Campus officials meet to assess murder investigation

9:26 a.m. Campuswide email alerts students to incident at dorm; caution urged

9:45 a.m. 911 call alerts police to gunfire at Norris Hall; police find 31 dead including gunman

9:50 a.m. Campus email says gunman loose on campus; warns students to stay inside



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Wahlberg's high caliber acting a hit with 'Shooter'

Aaron Broich
 The Commuter

Expert military sniper, Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), retires to a life of solitude in Wyoming after his partner dies amidst a botched operation in "Shooter." The military abandoned the team when they came under fire because their presence in Ethiopia was to remain secret.

After three years, Swagger is coaxed into another mission by Col. Isaac Johnson (Danny Glover), to help stop an assassination attempt on the president's life, by going through the preparatory motions of a would-be assassin.

Johnson manipulates Swagger by stirring up patriotic feelings of duty. This reminds him of his oath to protect the country against all enemies.

Swagger is framed for the supposed assassination attempt that kills the archbishop of Ethiopia—he goes vigilante, and eventually recruits FBI agent Nick Memphis (Michael Pena).

"Shooter" has a lot going for it, although the dialogue falls stale in a few parts, it's pretty good for an action flick.

Wahlberg's strong perfor-

mance carries the movie. His fight against an overwhelming enemy is reminiscent of "Bourne Identity" and he's got survival skills like MacGyver. This amalgam of superior martial skills and inventive, practical science lends credibility to the movie's suspension of disbelief.

Swagger is able to hit targets dead on from distances beyond one mile, taking into account the changing wind and rotational velocity of the earth. He's among the top five shooters on earth, kind of like Mel Gibson in "Lethal Weapon," which also happened to have Glover.

Apparently Swagger has no

MOVIE REVIEW

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friends, which gives him that saturnine rogue sort of appeal that is cliché, but hey, it works.

After being significantly wounded, he goes to find the widow of his partner, figuring that she'll believe his story. Sarah Fenn (Kate Mara) teams up with Swagger after her initial doubts, but gratuitous scenes of Fenn's scantily clad body after she is taken captive by the enemy

weaken "Shooter."

The movie is never very clear about this quasi-governmental organization that is seeking to destroy Swagger, but it incorporates some interesting dialogue with the senator you love to hate, Charles F. Meachum (Ned Beatty). The senator sits above all of the other goons, calling the shots, and touting a kind of big business agenda. He mentions the need for enduring stability, procured at the cost of some innocent lives.

This is analogous of the war in Iraq, and the movie hardly remains neutral on the matter, but on the other hand it expresses the

idea of taking justice into your own hands with the character of Bob Lee Swagger.

The story is well told, complimented the performances of Wahlberg, Pena, and Rhona Mitra, who plays Nick Memphis' FBI friend that he remains in contact with. There is a great variety in the way of visual shots, ranging from rocky canyons, to snow capped mountaintops, as well as the urban sprawl of D.C. There is also plot intrigue surrounding the mysterious, ultra-bad sniper and the genius ballistics expert who lends advice to Swagger. At its heart, "Shooter" is just a well-done action flick.

'Cymp' to play Corvallis pub this Saturday

MaryAnne "Rose" Turner
 The Commuter

The members of Cymp, an acoustic band, have played together since September and are in the process of recording their first album.

Cymp includes lead vocalist Jimmy Montgomery, bassist Gabe Kondraya, guitarists Nick Lower and Cliff Rost, with back up vocals and percussion.

So who inspired Cymp? Rost says Montgomery listens to metal but plays a fair amount of blues.

Kondraya is inspired by Tool, 36 Crazy Fists, and Franz Ferdinand; and Lower's style was described as the "Acoustic American."

Then there's Rost: creator, heart and soul of the band who loves the classics.

"I really value the work that has already been set for a foundation," said Rost.

He went on to advocate exploring new music, "You can't find anything new if you don't know what's already been done."

To see them live, visit the Old World Deli and Pub on 2nd Street in Corvallis on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3.

"All I'm trying to do is make Corvallis the new Seattle," said Rost.



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CAMPUS NEWS

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

Five students join ASG president to lobby at State Capitol

J.J. Quinlivan
 for The Commuter

On April 12, five students and I traveled to the Oregon State Capitol to lobby on behalf of LBCC.

I'd like to personally thank those who took the time out of their busy schedules to represent their



ASG PRESIDENT'S CORNER

... the presence of the entire student body was felt when Cavin asked everyone from LBCC to be recognized.

fellow students: Caleb Leonard, Stephanie Olsen, Will Parker, Cosmo Prindle and Jamie Wilson.

In the morning we were joined by our school's president, Rita Cavin, as we met with our State Representatives and attended the beginning of the House of Representatives daily session.

In the afternoon we took a tour of the capital and met with many of the members of the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education.

We discussed both the urgent need to increase the state's proposed budget for community colleges and the need for \$3.75

million to expand and renovate LBCC's science labs.

Each of the students did an excellent job of explaining how they were personally affected by the lack of updated science

labs, the cut in the number of classes offered, and the recent dramatic rise in tuition.

Tuesday evening, the entire Joint Ways & Means Committee, which develops the state budget, held a public hearing in Corvallis.

On behalf of the students of LBCC, I'd like to thank the staff members and students who attended the hearing.

Four hundred people were crammed into the small Chelidelin Cafeteria; many were from LBCC.

Although only Cavin, GED instructor Russ Burchard and myself had an opportunity to speak, the presence of the entire student body was felt when Cavin asked everyone from LBCC to be recognized.

Social Sciences Career Day explores job options

Aaron Broich
 The Commuter

Social Sciences Career Day takes place today and tomorrow in the Multicultural Center, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be representatives from all the social science majors, which include psychology, sociology, religion, political science, anthropology, history, and philosophy.

"Students can come in and talk to those instructors in those areas about non-academic careers," anthropology instructor, Michele Wilson said. "There will be flyers and brochures that students can take away, that will expand on what we talk about when we are there."

Psychology instructor Darc Dance said, "We'll have computers set up for people to look at the Web sites that we give them."

Although the event is geared toward social science majors, it is also, "for people who are considering a degree in social sciences" as well as people who just want to know more about the social sciences, according to Wilson.

Wilson said, "I think a lot of people choose majors that make

sense to them—they can easily see translated into the quote-unquote real-world, so nursing makes sense. You can look in the paper for a job in nursing. I think that some people choose majors and careers that they aren't terribly excited about. So we're here to demonstrate to people that you don't just get a job teaching in these disciplines."

Wilson gave examples of other areas of work for social science majors such as the environment, government, museums, clinical work, outreach, and advocacy.

Wilson said that there are roughly equal possibilities for work among the social science disciplines, given that there has been a shift in the job market in recent years.

Psychology, sociology, and political science have been big for many years, but now other disciplines are growing in importance.

Wilson cited a cultural awareness project started by the government that involved sending anthropologists to Iraq to help in the war effort.

Lunch will be provided for attendees. Contact Michele Wilson for more information at (541) 917-4835.

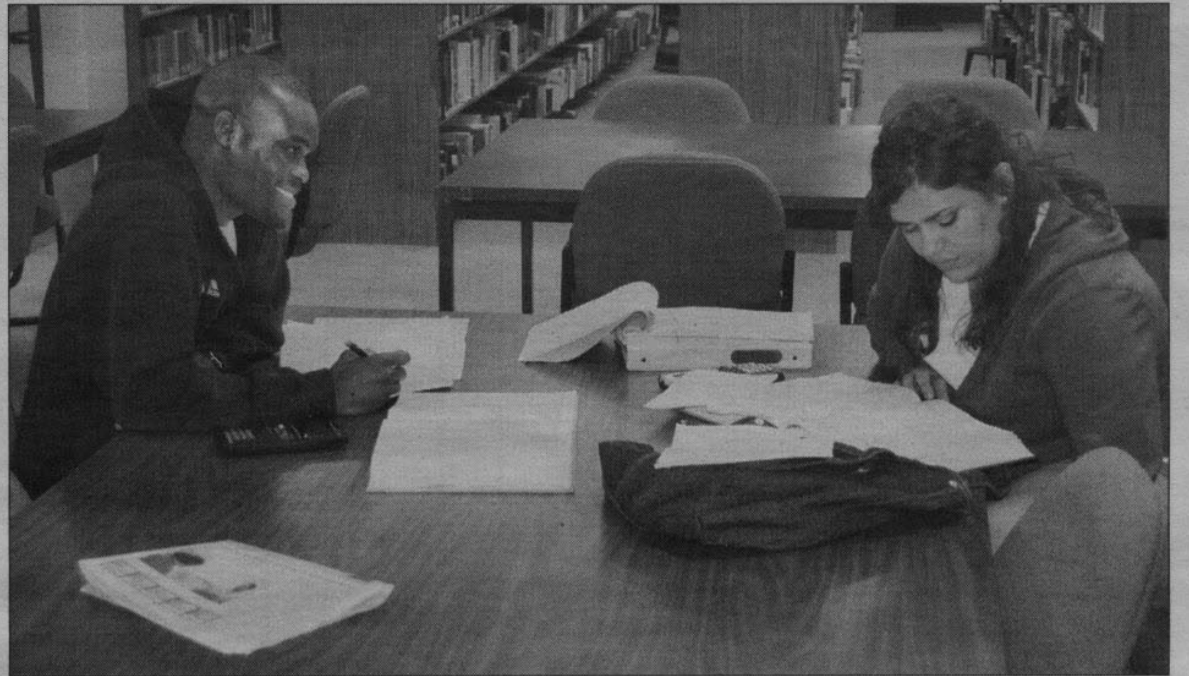


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Chemistry major Dodji Assimpah and pre-med major Alicia Spaulding study in the LBCC Library an average of eight to 10 hours per week. They and other library patrons will have to find another spot to study after this term when the library moves to make room for a major remodeling.

Learning Center and Library to relocate for upcoming remodel

Joe Hodgson
 The Commuter

"LBCC will be facing a location change for the Learning Center and the Library for summer and fall terms as the Learning Center/Library Remodel is preparing to move on to the next phase," said Library Representative Jorry Rolfe.

Rolfe said the team is waiting for the final plans from the architect to come in this week for final review. Upon approval, the construction bidding process can start.

"When bidding starts, the remodel team can focus on the aspects of the process outside the actual construction," said Rolfe, "such as ordering carpet, furniture, and determining the color of paint, but that is a secondary consideration, behind the temporary moves to various locations across the campus for the Learning Center and the Library."

She said the Library will be relocated to IB-120, where the bookstore was housed during their update, but the Learning Center will have 21 different locations for individual services offered.

There is a relocation plan with all locations, which will be made available when the moves take place at the end of spring term. The various services will be in the temporary locations from June through December 2007.

"Student input gathered during fall term was important for the remodel team as they worked with the architects," said Rolfe, "because compromises had to be made to stay within budgetary and space constraints and the information from the student forums allowed them to prioritize and make the decisions."

Rolfe said the process is approximately two to three weeks behind at this point, but did not know how it would impact the final completion and move-in dates.

Film series looks at 'Israel Today'

LBCC News Service

Join filmmaker Fran Reidelberger for the last film in the Travel at the Tripp film series "Israel Today" on Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center, Takena Hall.

Travel through the holy place of Christianity, Islam and Judaism that is Israel today. Visit Nazareth, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee; float in the Dead Sea; bake on the beaches of Elat; marvel at the spectacular Negev Desert and shop at a Bedouin market from the comfort of your theater seat. You'll visit the Wailing Wall and admire the scenery of the Golan Heights, and hear

the story of The Good Fence in Metulia on the Lebanese border on a journey that is as new and vibrant as today's news and as old and venerable as the Bible.

Reidelberger has traveled throughout the U.S. and the Far East with the U.S. Navy, including Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines. He started his career as a cub reporter for the Honolulu Star Bulletin and ended his career as a newspaper editor in Illinois. Reidelberger joined the travelogue profession in 1977 and has won national awards for writing, editing and creative use of his photos.

Travel at the Tripp is produced by LBCC Performing Arts and Azumano Travel. Experts from

Azumano will be on hand along with the filmmaker to answer travel questions, with prizes from Azumano given at each show. The theater now has a new larger screen for better viewing.

Ticket prices are \$7 for each show, \$6 for students/seniors.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the box office at (541) 917-4531. Box office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m. and two hours prior to the performance. Online tickets sales available at www.linnbenton.edu—click on the "Travel at the Tripp" quick link under News & Events; go to Buy Tickets.

Violence prevention events set for next week

Violence Prevention Week is April 23 through 27 and the Associated Student Government is planning a variety of activities to raise awareness about the impact of domestic violence.

Among the events planned are the Clothesline Project on Friday April 27, which features T-shirt making with statements against violence, and the

Unheard Voices Project, which features silhouette cutouts placed around campus depicting children who died due to domestic violence.

Those interested in helping out or getting more information can contact organizer JoDee Lonsdale in the Student Life & Leadership Office or by calling (541) 917-4467.

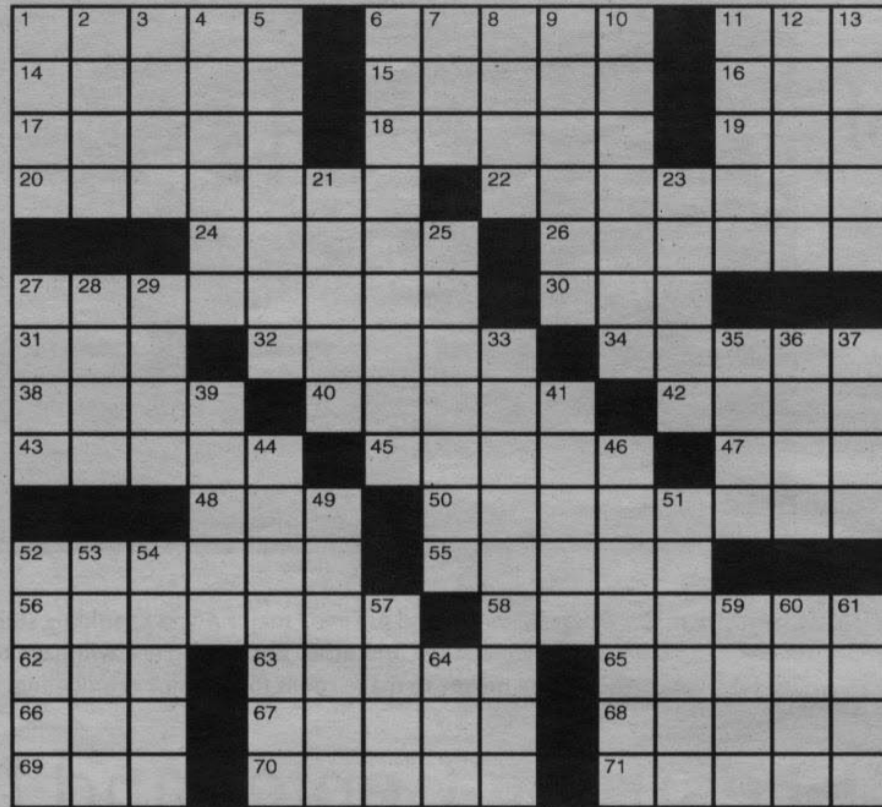
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FUNNY BONES

Crossword, cartoons, LBCC Commons menu and some fun facts to brighten your day.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chavez or Romero
 - 6 Neapolitan noodles
 - 11 Bro or sis
 - 14 Soap or horse follower
 - 15 Lustful looker
 - 16 Santa ___ winds
 - 17 Marry again
 - 18 In fine fettle
 - 19 Roofer's gunk
 - 20 Tooth doctor
 - 22 Humdrum
 - 24 Barbara and Nathan
 - 26 Ownerless
 - 27 Moving part of a loudspeaker
 - 30 "The ___ Also Rises"
 - 31 Dove sound
 - 32 Writer Jong
 - 34 Processes flour
 - 38 Related
 - 40 ___ Novo, Benin
 - 42 Endeavor to obtain
 - 43 Shooting at clay targets
 - 45 So out it's in
 - 47 Mai ___ cocktail
 - 48 Billiards stick
 - 50 Rows of on-screen buttons
 - 52 Conjecture
 - 55 Cubs great
 - 56 Had cravings
 - 58 Silent films actor
 - 62 Egyptian souls
 - 63 Gladden
 - 65 "___ Frome"
 - 66 Afore
 - 67 Make a second attempt
 - 68 Actress
 - 69 Letters on Cardinals' caps
 - 70 Guy wires
 - 71 Ginger cookies
- DOWN**
- 1 Braided string
 - 2 Fencing sword
 - 3 Stitched up



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- 4 First name in soul
- 5 Emerge in waves
- 6 Rear
- 7 In the past
- 8 Speak indistinctly
- 9 Mortise insertions
- 10 Difficult
- 11 Glossy finish
- 12 Goofy
- 13 Uncovers
- 21 Drink noisily
- 23 Tennille and Braxton
- 25 Hide away
- 27 Play divisions
- 28 Castling piece
- 29 Secret agent
- 33 Lawyers
- 35 Greek cheese
- 36 Briny droplet
- 37 Alpine transport
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- 49 Opening for a hook
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- 57 Computer fodder
- 59 Ostrichlike bird
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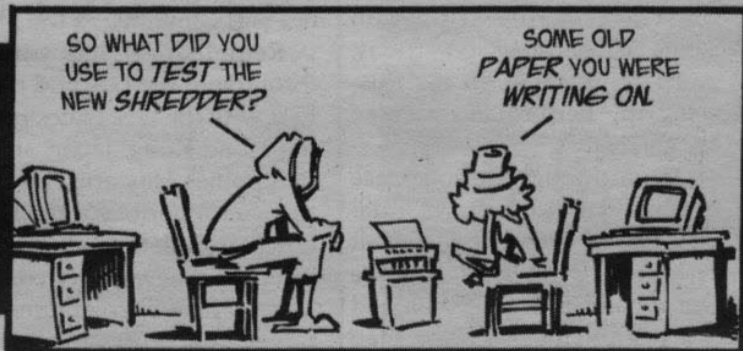


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A College Girl Named Joe

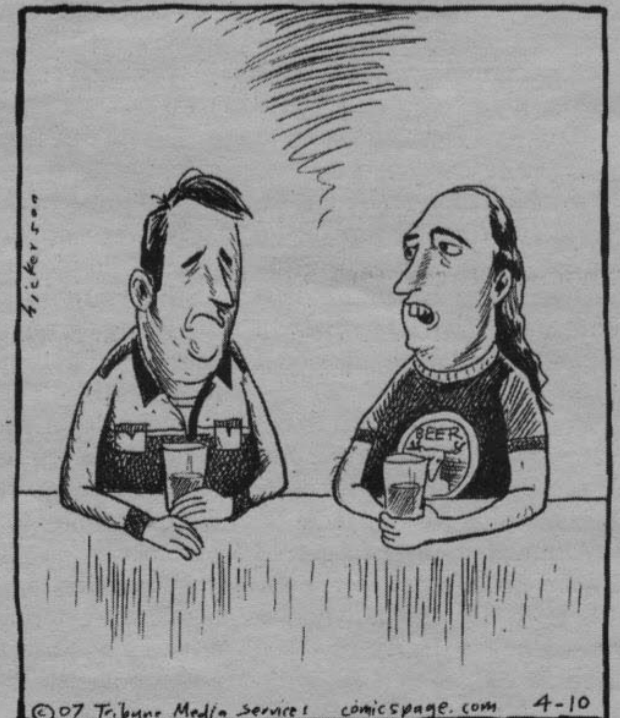
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by Aaron Warner



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"I can't get enough of that probing, in-depth coverage of Anna Nicole Smith. How 'bout you?"

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SPORTS

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No. 9 Beavs take home baseball series from Cal

Chris Kelley
 The Commuter

Despite the Beavers' 4-0 loss on Saturday, last weekend shaped up nicely for them, winning 1-0 on Friday and 5-3 on Sunday.

No. 9 Oregon State (28-8 overall, 4-5 Pac-10) won the series 2-1 against University of California (18-19, 3-6) in part to great defense and pitching.

On Friday, Mike Stutes pitched seven and a third shut out innings, only allowing three hits and having four strike outs, earning the win. Eddie Kunz was credited with the save, allowing only one hit in one and two-thirds innings.

Mitch Canham led off the sixth inning with a double to left-centerfield. Mike Lissman came up next and got a looping base hit off the glove of Cal third baseman Brett Munster. Canham scored, giving Lissman an RBI single to put OSU ahead to stay.

Saturday marked the first time in five years that the Beavers were shut out at home. Darwin Barney and Lissman each had two of the seven hits for OSU. Joe Paterson pitched six and two-thirds innings allowing four earned runs and received the loss.

In the series finale on Sunday, Drew George broke out of his hitless slump for the weekend by going 2-for-2 with a two-run home run and two walks.

George's home run came in the bottom of the second with the Beavers trailing 2-0. It was the fuel OSU needed to jump in the lead in the bottom of the third and they never trailed again. Scott Santschi and Canham both added a hit and scored in the 5-3 win to seal the series for the Beavers.

Daniel Turpen started the game for OSU allowing two runs on six hits, and was replaced by Anton Maxwell in the fourth inning. Maxwell was credited with the win, pitching four innings,



photo by Chris Kelley

Shortstop Darwin Barney throws out a Cal batter in Oregon State's 5-3 win on Sunday.

allowing one earned run on two hits and struck out three. He is 3-0 this year with a 2.65 ERA. Kunz came in to finish the game

in the ninth, recording his sixth save of the year.

The Beavers host the University of Nevada-Las Vegas

in a non-conference series next weekend, with games Friday at 5 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Mavs, Suns, Spurs favorites in crowded West

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

The 2006-2007 NBA regular season ends tonight and the playoff brackets are almost set in stone.

The schedule is set to begin on Saturday so here is a look at the first round match-ups according to the standings as of Monday.

As usual, multiple Western Conference front-runners are favored to take the Finals this year and dethrone last year's Eastern Conference and NBA champion Miami Heat, who gave the East just its second title in the previous eight seasons.

2005-06 NBA Finals runners-up, the Dallas Mavericks, earned the top seed in the West with a league-best 66-14 record. Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavs will open post-season with Golden State (40-40), a team that has beaten them twice this year, with one regular season game to be de-

ecided on Tuesday. Results were not available as of press-time.

The Clippers (39-41) still have an outside shot to beat out Golden State for the final seed. Perpetual MVP contender Steve Nash and Phoenix (61-20) clinched the No. 2 spot so they will coast into the playoffs rested but guarded as Kobe Bryant and the Lakers (41-40) await them in the first round. Phoenix won three of the four regular season head-to-heads.

San Antonio (58-23) sits nine games back behind Southwest leading Dallas but Tim Duncan and the Spurs will enter the playoffs as one of the stronger

No. 3 seeds in recent years. They will have to face a hot, Allen Iverson-led Denver (44-37) team, who after starting the season 8-0, is ending the season in similar fashion by winning nine of its 10 April contests. The Spurs are 2-0 versus the Nuggets this year. Tonight's game is not expected to be a playoff preview as nothing is on the line. Results were not available as of press-time.

Although Houston (52-29) has a better record than Utah (50-31), the Jazz will get a majority of home games as Northwest division winners while the Rockets are riding a five-game winning streak coming out as the third

best team in the state of Texas and the Southwest division.

Three years ago, Detroit (51-29) won the NBA title—this year they'll once again go into the playoffs as a No. 1 seed. Their first opponent will be Dwight Howard and the Orlando Magic (38-42).

Chicago (49-32), who is looking for their first 50-win season since Michael Jordan played there ten years ago, are the safest bet to go deep into the playoffs as they will not have to face a team like the Pistons, Heat or Cavaliers until the Conference Finals. Their first task is to take care of New Jersey (40-41).

Toronto (47-33) is making their first trip to the playoffs in five seasons, so Chris Bosh and T.J. Ford will try and make the most of it against Gilbert Arenas' Wizards (40-40).

Last but not least is Miami (44-37). Even though they are entering the second season as the defending champions, Miami has injury concerns with Finals MVP Dwyane Wade and the durability of Shaquille O'Neal. They will have home-court advantage over LeBron James and Cleveland (48-32), whose playoff scenario mirrors that of Houston's No. 4 versus No. 5 dual.

SCOREBOARD		
Standings	League	Overall
Mt. Hood	10-2	18-6
Clackamas	6-4	13-8
Lane	5-5	8-20
LBCC	5-7	11-13
Chemeketa	4-8	13-18
SWOCC	4-8	15-16

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 April 21 @ Mt. Hood
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 April 24 Clackamas
 1 p.m.
 April 26 @ Lane
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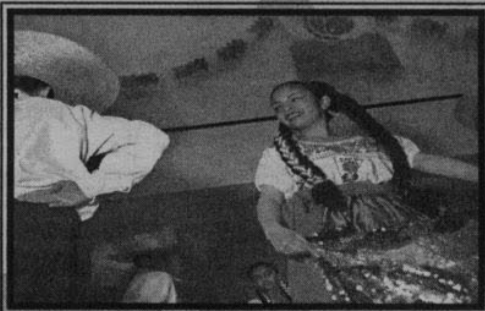
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LB running up Southern Division standings

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

The Roadrunners have won five of their last six after an 0-6 start to catapult them up two spots in the NWAACC South standings.

They would notch their first victories and ultimately their first sweep of the young season at Chemeketa on April 10 with complete game victories from Chad Riddle and a seven inning shutout from sophomore and South Albany alumnus Matt Alexander.

Thursday's opener with Clackamas started off a lot like the month of April did as LB surrendered seven of visiting Clackamas' 11 total runs in the first two innings, ultimately falling 11-2.

The late game had the Runners taking the early lead in the second inning, but Clackamas rallied late and took a 3-1 lead heading into the final frame.

Outfielder Clay Church then sparked a three-run seventh with a solo home run to give LB the win and the series split.

Freshman Matt Wasson



photo by Will Parker

Roadrunner freshman catcher Brent Trask check swings on a pitch against visiting Clackamas on Thursday. LB split the doubleheader with the Cougars but swept Chemeketa and Southwestern Oregon in last week's action, making them winners in five of their last six games.

earned his second win of the year with his complete game effort on the hill while Bryant Kraus and Eric Savage each added two hits and an RBI in

the soggy conditions.

Alexander was the opening game starter for LB when they hosted Southwestern Oregon on Saturday. The sophomore ace

went all nine innings, blanking the Lakers through eight to earn his fourth victory of the year. He would eventually give up four runs in the ninth, but LB had

already given him 10 runs of support.

Kyle Kanaeholo led the Runners at the plate with two hits, two runs scored and four RBIs while Church added another two runs scored and two RBIs on his two hits, that included another solo home run in the 10-4 victory.

The late contest wasn't as easy for LB, as Riddle found himself in a pitcher's dual with SWOCC's Jason Reed.

LB broke the scoreless tie in the fourth inning, scoring one on a Church RBI single, which would be the only Runners hit other than a base hit for centerfielder and lead-off hitter Mitchell Nelson.

Reed would only last six while Riddle earned his third victory of the season with a three-hit, seven-inning effort in the 2-1 complete game win.

LBCC sits in fourth place in the division with a mark of 5-7 (11-13 overall) and just one game behind third place Lane (5-5, 8-20), whom they were scheduled to host on Tuesday. Weather has delayed the doubleheader until April 26 at 1 p.m.



Joe Bryan
 The Commuter

FACE OFF

Should MLB home games start in April for northern teams?



Chris Kelley
 The Commuter

On April 6 the Cleveland Indians and the Seattle Mariners were in the bottom of the fifth inning one out from an official complete game. Unfortunately, the game was called due to the fact that they had been playing in a snowstorm. The game had already been stopped several times previously while the teams had been playing in similar conditions during the course of the game.

The fact that this happened when the Indians were winning by a score of 4-0 kind of bothered me since I am a die hard Tribe fan. I have to say that thinking about the fact that baseball season keeps starting earlier and earlier and no adjustments are being made to accommodate these situations is what really bothers me.

Unfortunately simply starting the season later is not a viable option because of the fact that the post season already extends into the end of October, thanks to the current playoff format that provides an extra round of games. As a result I propose that there are two viable ideas that would make this problem go away. The first idea is shortening the season ten games allowing the season to start a full two weeks later. Unfortunately, in a stat driven game such as baseball where record setting statistics are treated like holy relics and priceless works of art this idea will never fly.

There is another, more viable, option that would force baseball to adjust the scheduling of home games of teams in northern cities that don't play in domes to start the season on the road. If you simply scheduled the first ten games as road games for teams like the White Sox, Cubs, Tigers and Indians. This could easily be balanced out by the time the first month and a half of the season was over by throwing in several extended home stands for these teams later in April when the bad weather has usually passed for the year.

Since we are talking about professional sports, and not the incredibly useless NCAA, I do expect that the MLB powers that be will actually do something to correct the problem after the season is over, I just hope it is sufficient enough to solve the problem.

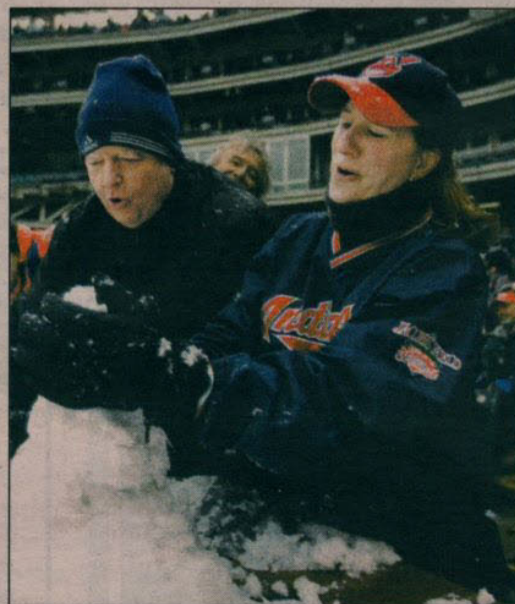


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Cleveland fans found ways to entertain themselves after snow flurries interrupted their home series with the Seattle Mariners at Jacobs Field.

Unseasonably freezing weather in the Northeastern states has hit close to home, causing the Seattle Mariners to have five games canceled, three at Cleveland and two at Boston.

It wasn't just Seattle facing the results of the snow and freezing rain. Many teams around MLB have had games cancelled in cities like New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago. The question many of northern teams are facing is if they should have home games scheduled in early April, due to the chance of games being cancelled because of cold weather.

Baseball is one of the unique sports where the sub-par weather causes games to be delayed, being that most teams carry fields without roofs. But should that effect scheduling to where those teams in the North have their home opener moved up to a month back?

MLB already adds moisture to the baseballs for the Colorado Rockies games—it was "unfair" because of the dry climates and high altitude; more home runs were recorded at Coors Field than at other stadiums. It seems unfair for games to be changed in April for two reasons: The fans of those teams shouldn't have to wait for a home game more than a week past opening day. It ruins the excitement of opening day by keeping those locals watching games from their TV set instead of eating the hot dogs and Cracker Jacks at the

ballpark. Secondly, those home games would be delayed until later in the season, giving that team an unfair advantage in the heat of the playoff race. The schedule is made the way it is to spread out games, keeping teams from camping at home for unreasonable amounts of games.

The end of the MLB season, in August-October, is the heat of hurricane season. The Marlins had multiple games canceled two years ago with the wrath of hurricanes that thrashed the coasts. Weather is something teams in those areas have to worry about every year, but yet schedules aren't altered for them in those cases.

The climate isn't a good reason for schedules to be altered. MLB might as well have it required that those teams build retractable roofs and heating units—see how outrageous that would be?