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Despite fine performances by Julianne Moore and Clive Owen, newly-released film "Children of Men" failed to excite viewers.

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The Lady Roadrunners are on a three-game winning streak after dominating SWOCC and squeaking by Mt. Hood last week.

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On the Move

Bookstore staffer Kristina Plagueman tidies up shelves as the bookstore prepares to move back home in the College Center. The temporary bookstore in the IC Building is closed, and the new store will open for business at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 12.

LB Board Chair Wes Price dies

From LBCC News Service

LBCC Board of Education Chair Wes Price passed away Feb. 1 a few days after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

Services were held Monday for the 72-year-old Albany native. Price had served on the LB board since July of 2005, representing Albany. He was a graduate of Albany High School and OSU. A retired certified public accountant, Price was active in the community as an ardent civic booster. Besides serving on the college board, he also served on the Greater Albany Public Schools Board and other local organizations.

"Wes Price was bigger than life and full of love," said LB

President Rita Cavin. "Wes was the model volunteer, the model board member and the model champion. He leaves a hole in the fabric of our community that will be hard to mend. Wes loved LBCC,

coming to our events, interacting with faculty, staff and students and his work on our board of education. Just before he became ill, he stopped by to personally acknowledge the hard work of our HR staff and to share his ideas about raising funding for the Science Health Project. We will all miss him."



Wes Price

OWL takes flight, giving students additional writing help online

Kristina Bennett
The Commuter

The Writing Center has launched a new On-line Writing Lab (OWL) that allows students to submit their own work online for help with organization, style, documentation, content and focus.

According to English instructor Greg Rathert, who is the online coordinator and a Writing Center assistant, "This is something that we have wanted for a long time. E-tutoring is very popular and used with students, and although we are currently still marketing it, we want to serve students in a more diverse way. We are kind of pioneers in a sense."

As with many colleges, online classes are becoming more common at LBCC, so the idea of taking the Writing Center to the Internet seemed a logical development.

"The idea was to reach out to students and give them the ability. Not the other way around," states Rathert, "It is a basic matter of convenience. It is custom fit to every single student. It's also

for students who want more help than what the Writing Help Desk already provides."

Dual-enrolled students also have one less thing to worry about when it comes to Learning Center tutoring. "OSU and LB both are using the same platform, allowing them less confusion," said Rathert. The OSU and Linn-Benton partnership was facilitate by Dennis Bennett, who is the co-coordinator of OSU's Writing Center and has supported the English Department on campus by contributing both his time and talent to the service.

Directions for using the OWL are simple. After connecting to the LBCC Web site, click on "Student Support," then "Learning Center." From there students will have all of the online services available to them. Highlight "Writing Help Desk" to be taken to the OWL. It is there that students submit their work.

Any type of writing or expression is welcomed—poetry, essays, bibliographies and even group projects. It will take about one to three

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photo by Will Parker

In It to Win It

Sean Braun shakes the hand of Carl Manning after knocking him out of the final round in Friday's Texas Hold 'Em Tournament in the Commons. Braun ended up winning the event and Manning came in fourth. Amanda Herstad came in second, Chris Holt was third and Trevor Clark came in fifth.

The Weather Through the Week

Source: Yahoo! Weather Service

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Rain
Low 41
Wednesday

High 52
Showers
Low 40
Thursday

High 54
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OPINION

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Time to grow up and call it quits on birthdays after adulthood

Elizabeth Uriarte
 The Commuter

When a child is born, it is generally a joyous occasion for families who welcome the new member to their numbers. A day that brings a brand new life is certainly a cause for celebration.

Then a year goes by, the anniversary of birth rolls around, and you celebrate again—and again the next year, and the next year, and so on.

It's fun at first, buying gifts, throwing parties with all of the child's little friends and eating a slab of decorated flaming sugar. But eventually, usually around age 12 or 13, the child grows bored, wants more expensive gifts and feels embarrassed rather than proud when a chorus of "Happy Birthday" breaks out.

Sure, there are a few landmark birthdays still to come—sweet 16, the 18-year-old emergence of adulthood and the drunken stupor of 21. But it's all downhill from there.

Celebrating birthdays beyond this age seems utterly pointless. Who wants to commemorate moving a year closer to death?

After a certain age, people should simply stop cel-

brating their day of birth. For most, it's just another excuse to party, as if Americans need any more of that. I think a big reason people do celebrate their mothers' multiple hours of intense suffering to squeeze them out into the world by getting completely trashed is so they don't have to think about the fact that they're no longer growing up, but merely growing old.

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ELIZABETH URIARTE

If anyone should celebrate the birth of a child, it should be the mother, because she's the one who had to carry the child for nine months while it battered the hell out of her insides, then go through hours, or even days, of labor to get it out.

Perhaps instead of being the selfish Americans that we are, we should celebrate our birthdays in adulthood by giving thanks to our mothers and those who raised us and allowed us the chance to get to where we are today. It's wrong to take credit for something we didn't do.

So today, when someone wishes me a happy birthday, I'm not going to sit and take it as if I earned it, or accomplished some great feat. I'm another year older and well aware of it. Instead, I will simply reply, "Thank my mother. She gave it to me."

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PERSPECTIVES

Editor's Note: We decided to see what the kids over at the Periwinkle Child Development Center had to say this week. The following are the questions they were asked:

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

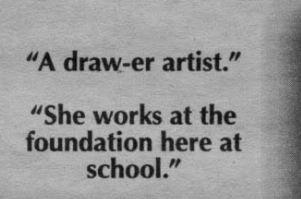
"What does your mom do?"



• Matthew •
Age 5

"A police officer that doesn't have a badge."

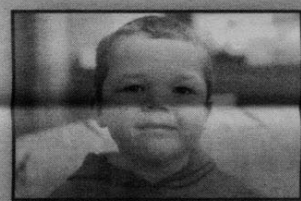
"She's nice to me."



• McKenzie •
Age 5

"A draw-er artist."

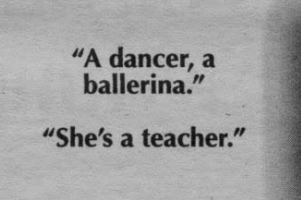
"She works at the foundation here at school."



• Jason •
Age 4

"A big dog."

"She cleans the dishes."



• Josy •
Age 5

"A dancer, a ballerina."

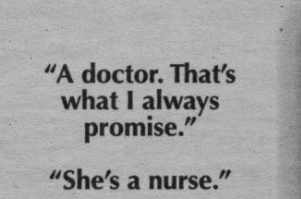
"She's a teacher."



• Gabriel •
Age 5

"A farmer that takes cows up to the moon."

"She turns off the TV and my movies."



• Isabella •
Age 4

"A doctor. That's what I always promise."

"She's a nurse."

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CAMPUS NEWS

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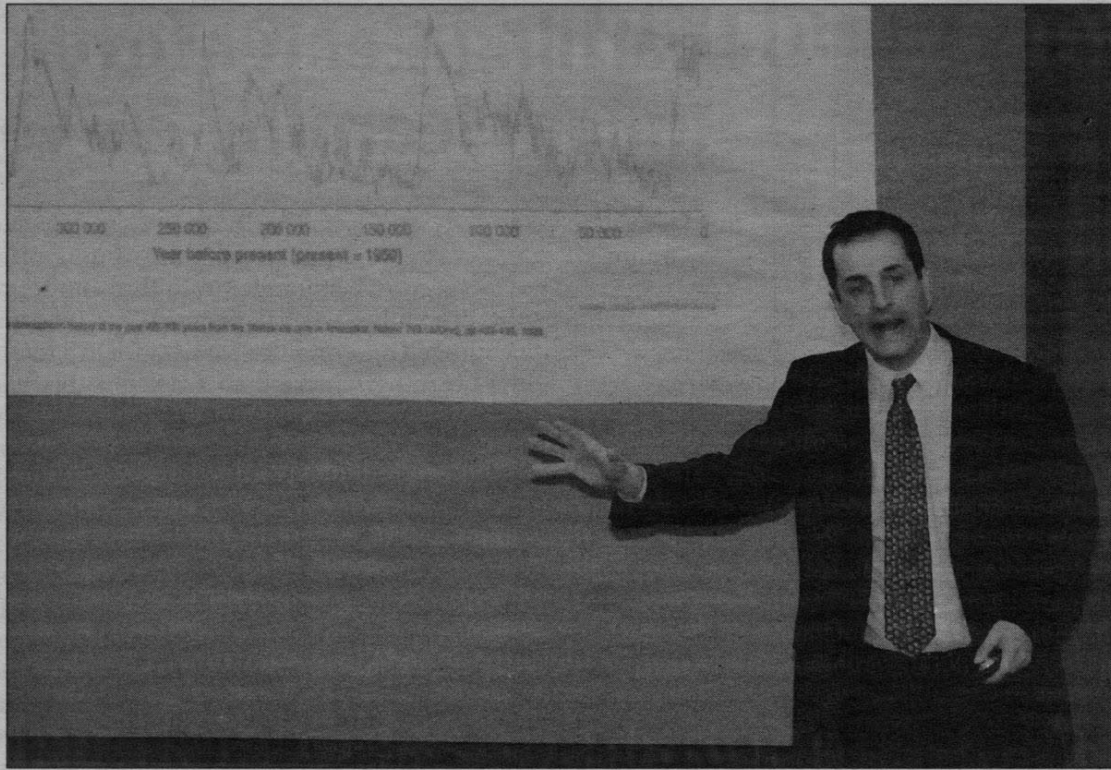


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Half-Baked

Dr. Eban Goodstein, professor of economics from Lewis and Clark College made a presentation yesterday on campus to introduce "Focus the Nation," a major educational initiative that is coordinating teams of faculty, students and staff at thousands of institutions and millions of participants across stabilization. The project will culminate Jan. 31, 2008 in a one-day, national symposia held simultaneously on campuses across the country.

New funding eases Turning Points' transition this year

Marion Pingrey
 The Commuter

Initially funded by a temporary grant from the LBCC Foundation, the Turning Point Transitions program had to find new funding this year in order to continue serving students.

Thanks to the Zonta of Corvallis Service Foundation, the American Association of Women in Community College and the Non-Traditional Career Education Department of Student Life and Leadership (SL&L), the program is underway for its third year.

This was good news for Margie Metz and her mentor Donna Mainord.

Metz first heard about TPT at the "Yes, I Can" Conference that was held last fall. She met many students and instructors and "heard many good things about the TPT program."

TPT, which serves 14 students this term, has been in existence since 1989. Its main focus is to empower women and men in their personal, academic and career goals.

TPT instructor JoAnn Apter teaches communication skills, stress reduction techniques, personal development and other life skills with an emphasis on self-esteem, confidence and a "yes-I-can" attitude.

Apter feels that the mentoring program will keep students motivated after the four-week class ends. "It's good for the students and it's good for Turning Point," she said.

Metz, who is 46, wants to return to school to pursue a ca-

reer working with diabetics and their families. "Being diabetic, I understand the problems faced on a daily basis and I want to help others to manage their disease." She added that the mentoring program will be of immense help to her by having someone guide her through the process of succeeding in school. "Just having someone to talk to, to be supportive of me."

Mainord and Metz will meet at least three times this term before attending a farewell tea to be held in May.

Mainord, a secretary for the Education/Children and Family Services (ED/CFS) Department, is also looking forward to being a mentor. She hopes to help Metz "navigate through the different must-dos."

Since Metz is a first-generation college student, Mainord has already steered her toward LB's TRIO program, which is designed to support first-generation and disabled students succeed in their academic endeavors through workshops, seminars, tutoring and study groups in a quiet lounge-like setting.

Fourteen instructors or employees of LBCC volunteered to be mentors for the program this year, including the Sweet Home and Lebanon center directors, a Career Center counselor and a student activities coordinator from SL&L.

Anyone interested in mentoring a student for the next winter session should contact Valerie Zeigler at the SL&L office. If you want to know more about TPT contact Apter in the Luckiamute Building.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. For more information about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101) x4788

Deli & Food Clerk positions (#4943 & 4944, Lebanon) This retail business is looking for part-time help on weekends and evenings.

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Forestry Technician (#4947, Corvallis) This is a full-time summer student job working for the Forest Service. This level 5 opening pays \$13.58/hr and works in 4 locations out of Corvallis.

Pre-School Teacher (#4945, Corvallis) Part-time position works with pre-school children and the hours are either 9am-6pm or can be broken down into shorter hours with a couple of people. First Aid & CPR Certified.

HELP AVAILABLE

Call Valley AIDS Information Network for information, support and referrals on AIDS/HIV, STD's and Hepatitis. 757-6322 or 800-588-AIDS.

Deadline: Classified Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission.

Parents and children invited to participate in Family Fun Day

LBCC News Service

Attention all moms, dads, aunts, uncles and anyone with young friends ages 1 to 6.

The 30th annual Family Fun Day at Linn-Benton Community College will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Activities Center.

Children will enjoy activities provided by LBCC parenting classes including play-dough, bubbles, seed planting, an obstacle course, face painting and more. Activity tickets are 25 cents each. Adults can participate in

the used toy and book sale and the silent auction. Everyone is invited to attend this inexpensive, fun-filled event.

The Family Fun Day is coordinated by the Parenting Education Advisory Committee and is the main fund raising event for the Parent Education Grant Fund, which provides tuition grants to some of the nearly 2,000 parents in Linn and Benton counties who take LBCC parenting classes each year.

For information, contact the Parenting Education Department at 917-4897.

LBCC MAIN CAMPUS

Commons

FEB. 7TH - 13TH

Wednesday:

ENTREES: Meatloaf and Mushroom Gravy and English-style Fish and Chips
 VEGETARIAN: Vegetarian Chili with Cornbread, Sour Cream and Cheese
 SOUPS: Dilled Potato Chowder and Chicken and Wild Rice

Thursday:

ENTREES: Pork Piccata and Coq au Vin (Chicken in Wine Sauce)
 VEGETARIAN: Spinach, Red Pepper, and Feta Quiche
 SOUPS: Potage de Beouf (Ox-tail soup) and Cream of Garlic

Friday:

CHEF'S CHOICE

Monday:

ENTREES: Turkey Cutlet with Brown Butter Sauce and Texas Chili con Carne with Cornbread
 VEGETARIAN: White Spinach Lasagna
 SOUPS: Roasted Vegetable Chowder and Albondigas (Meatball Soup)

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Looking Ahead

James Hurley discusses Linfield College's nursing program with representative Coleman Joyce at last Thursday's Transfer Days in Takena Hall. Nearly 25 colleges showed up for the event, which was designed to give students information about colleges and universities they might want to transfer to from LBCC.

Learning Center levels student learning curve

Joel DeVylde
 The Commuter

Students having trouble with a course are often encouraged to seek assistance in the Learning Center, but despite promotion of the center by instructors, many students never discover the free help they can receive inside this building.

The Learning Center, formerly known as the LRC, is located on the main campus just east of Takena Hall, spanning the top floor of Willamette Hall. Once inside, there are a variety of services, including a math help desk, study areas, dozens of general-use computers, an area to receive help with basic writing skills, and the Tutoring Center, where you can get free help from a tutor for almost any subject offered at LBCC.

The Math Help Desk offers free drop-in math help to any student enrolled in math class at LBCC, in the form of short tutoring-type sessions of 5 to 10 minutes each.

The Tutoring Center, located just across the room, offers students up to three hours per week of personalized (or group oriented) assistance in a total of more than a dozen subjects—all for free. The subjects range from history to computer applications inside the LC, as well as the Spanish and math help offered at the Benton Center.

First-year student Michelle Anderson signed up for a tutor to supplement the algebra course she is taking. "My tutor explained the concept behind my math problems, and helped me work through them until I understood. She was very encouraging," she said.

As a whole, the Learning Center attempts to better equip students for the courses they are currently taking, while trying to help prepare them for the future workplace.

"The most common response the students have is that they are so appreciative of how much help is available," said Center Co-Coordinator Lynn Trimpe.

BizCenters earn accreditation

The LBCC News Service

The Oregon Small Business Development Center Network, or the BizCenters as they are known in Oregon, were awarded full accreditation from the Association of Small Business Development Centers, the national accrediting body for Small Business Development Centers.

The accreditation review process, mandated by Congress, is based upon a strict set of standards to assure that the nation's SBDC programs are operating at the highest levels of performance.

The BizCenters provide resources to small business owners and entrepreneurs via 19 local centers throughout Oregon and the SBDC website. In addition, and what clearly sets Oregon's SBDC program apart, is the added capability to provide assistance to emerging technology companies as well as new startups and existing small businesses.

"The technology designation and capability align the SBDC program with Oregon's overall

economic development efforts. We put together a team of expert consultants with significant experience in the technology sector and working with high performance companies," says Bill Carter, director of the Oregon SBDC program.

In addition to its support of small businesses in the technology sector, the accreditation recognized the Oregon program for its well qualified staff, its effective local advisory boards, its emphasis on quality principles, and for its development of on-line business resources for small businesses available through the eBizcenter (www.bizcenter.org).

The SBDC was noted as an innovative national best practice and was developed for the Oregon BizCenters by Pureblend, an Oregon web development company.

The Oregon SBDCs have a significant impact on the businesses they counsel. Research for the most recent year studied found that Oregon businesses assisted by the program created 1,902 new jobs and generated 40 million in new wages.

Alternative Spring Break has openings

Student Life and Leadership is offering students an Alternative Spring Break experience March 25-April 1.

Students will travel to the San Francisco Bay area to help

Habitat for Humanity build homes for people in need.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 in the SL&L office. Call 917-4459 for information.

Winter banquet features Asian theme

LBCC News Service

The annual LBCC Winter Banquet presented by the LBCC culinary arts students will be held on Friday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the College Center Commons dining room.

This year's theme for the buffet-style banquet is "Essence of Asia, A Culinary Tour through Southeast, Central and East Asia."

All dishes are prepared and served by LBCC culinary arts students.

A sampling of the menu includes East Asian dishes of pork igado, beef rendang curry, chicken kurma and pad san sim moo.

Central Asian dishes include Chinese squirrel fish, honey tea shrimp, Singapore spare ribs and Burmese crab curry. Southeast Asian dishes include green curry

beef, steamed fish in banana, chickpea fried fish and lamb with mint and chili.

Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$19.50 per person and includes beverage. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the LBCC Culinary Arts Department

located in the College Center, second floor Room CC-214, or by phone at (541) 917-4391.

All proceeds go to support the LBCC Culinary Arts program. For more information, contact LBCC Culinary Arts at (541) 917-4391.

Valentines Day Flower Sale

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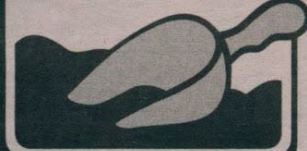
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New Coffee Culture brewing in Corvallis

Delilah Calhoun
 The Commuter

Tables and barstools are filled with customers eating and drinking at the new coffee spot on Kings Boulevard: Coffee Culture.

Students sit with their laptops, pounding away at the keys, while a group of elderly women crowd around a table talking about their day's plans.

Cookies, cold sandwiches, quiches, salads and desserts are just some of the items that line the shelves behind the glass counter, as piping hot teas, ice cold smoothies and of course, coffee, are whipped up for eager customers.

"Coffee is something that is part of our lives...it's something for everyone, from students to retirees," said one of Coffee Culture's managers, Lisa Tostberg.

There are no student discounts, but Tostberg insists their coffee is reasonably priced.

There are specials everyday like soup and cold sandwiches with desserts during the evening. One deal they have is giving customers the option of choosing two items from soup, salad, or sandwich for \$5.95.

Coffee Culture is a chain based out of California that also has two drive-up coffee stands. Its new cafe joins about 10 other



photo by Will Parker

Coffee Culture Cafe joined a crowded market in Corvallis last month when it opened on Kings Boulevard. The coffee shop features sandwiches and soup as well as the usual espresso drinks.

sit-down coffee houses in Corvallis' competitive market, including Sam's Station, a locally owned cafe about eight blocks west on Grant Street, and a Starbucks about the

same distance north on Kings Boulevard.

Coffee Culture's hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Writers come to campus to share advice

LBCC News Service

LBCC's Valley Writers Series hosts poet and translator Clayton Eshleman this Friday and screenwriter Dorothy Velasco on Monday.

Eshleman will present "Finding Inspiration Through Art and History" on Friday from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in North Santiam Hall Room 110 and Velasco will present "Finding the Right Script" on Monday from 10 to 10:50 a.m. in North Santiam Hall Room 210.

Eshleman, Eastern Michigan University English department professor emeritus, has published his writings and translations in over 500 literary magazines and newspapers, and has given readings at over 200 universities.

In 2006, "A Shade of Paden" and "An Alchemist with One Eye on Fire" were released, and "Reciprocal Distillations" will be released this spring.

Eshleman will introduce his most recent collection of poetry and lead a discussion on topics that relate to his poetry, including the deep past and the political situation of the American poet today.

Velasco is a playwright, screenwriter and documentary writer from Springfield, Ore., who has written over 30 plays, several of which have been produced in Oregon, including "Miracle in Memphis" (formerly "Miracle at Graceland") at Oregon Cabaret Theatre; "Visions" at Artists Repertory Theatre in Portland; and "Oregon Fever" at Oregon City's outdoor theater. Her newest play, "Pigs in Love," will be presented at Actors Cabaret in Eugene.

Velasco will share her experiences and insights on creating new works in a variety of forms.

The Valley Writers Series is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Arts & Communications at 917-4530.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Children of Men' shoots blanks on big screen

Aaron Broich
 The Commuter

★★★★☆

In 2027, human beings are no longer able to have children, the last one having been born 18 years earlier. Like "V For Vendetta," "Children of Men" presents textured dystopia.

The British government is rounding up the plethora of immigrants entering England and putting them in concentration camps. Apparently, England is one of the only remnants of functioning human civilization, unbeknownst to the movie viewer.

Theo (Clive Owen), a jaded bureaucrat, finds himself mixed up with a group of revolutionaries identified as terrorists. One of their high-ups is his ex-wife,

Julian (Julianne Moore). She asks him to help secure some special papers. These papers will make it possible for a friend to travel to the coast and make contact with a secretive group called, The Human Project. This group is apparently intent on protecting anyone who is able to bear a child.

Julian knows a woman who is pregnant and about to give birth, a symbol which would be a beacon of hope for the human race.

"Children Of Men" is full of

quirky characters and moves along with a capricious rawness that is characteristic of real-life.



photo by MCT Campus

Julianne Moore plays opposite Clive Owen in "Children of Men."

The acting is solid and there is a memorable performance by Michael Caine who plays Theo's aged hippie friend.

The story is made interesting by the different spiritual expressions displayed by some of the characters. The lack of children worldwide paints a vivid picture of our own mortality, but what was the cause of our sterility?

The script is burdened by gratuitous obscenities and the movie's realistic raw-

ness takes a toll on its ability to tell the story.

Characters rush around, with their motives and purposes unknown—the story leaves too much to the imagination by not showing the viewer how things are coming together. What is The Human Project? Theo is double crossed by a team of folks who, for some reason, want to kidnap the pregnant woman but the movie never addresses why.

The movie is full of action—some of the best gunfights ever. The violence is intense, but over all the lack of story drags "Children Of Men" down. It has some witty moments, and spiritual dialogue that brings the movie's message of hope alive, but ultimately "Children of Men" fails to deliver anything profound.

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Conference prepares new teachers

Kristina Bennett
 The Commuter

Students who are education majors have something to look forward to on Linn-Benton's campus on Saturday, Feb. 24.

For the past six years, this campus has been the site of the "New and Future Teachers Conference." This symposium was created and organized by Elizabeth Lundy, Lynn Trimpe and Sharon Rodecap after seeing similar programs at a national conference.

According to Hollis Duncan, LBCC mathematics instructor and co-coordinator of the conference, "The goal of the conference is to give more information to future teachers about their chosen profession. Hopefully, the attendees will leave the conference having

gained useful information, activities and ideas that they can use in the classroom when they begin teaching. Students also get the opportunity to gain experience in organizing a professional conference."

Originally funded by Oregon Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers, (OCEPT), this conference is specifically geared toward the new and future teacher, although some parents whose children are entering the school system may also benefit from some of the sessions.

Pre-registration and a small fee are required by Feb. 9. Funding for the conference, donations and contributions made by the Math Department are currently what make the conference possible.

However, the organization and planning

starts early on in the school year. "We have a committee made up of students and myself that begins meeting in the fall term of school, every two weeks," states Duncan. "We talk about what we want the conference to look like and what sessions we would be interested in attending. Once we have brainstormed ideas for sessions, we begin to contact local teachers from the K-12 schools to present interesting things that they are currently using in their classrooms."

A representative from Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) will be on hand to let prospective teachers learn what it takes to become a legally licensed teacher in the state of Oregon. Registration forms are available outside of Duncan's office, Room 231B in the Industrial Arts Building.

Campus Shorts...

Blood Draw Scheduled

A blood draw for cholesterol and glucose screening will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in Room BC-107 at the Benton Center.

The cost is \$8 for LB first-timers, \$16 for repeat customers and \$22 for male PSA tests.

Call 917-4344 to make an appointment, and remember to fast for 12 twelve hours prior to your appointment.

Sweetheart Drawing

The annual Periwinkle Child Development Center's Sweetheart Drawing, sponsored by the PCDC Parent Club, is now underway.

Tickets can be purchased from parents and from the Periwinkle Child Development Office.

The drawing will take place Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. at the PCDC. Every child will take a turn at drawing a winning ticket.

You do not have to be present to win and all prizes will be awarded.

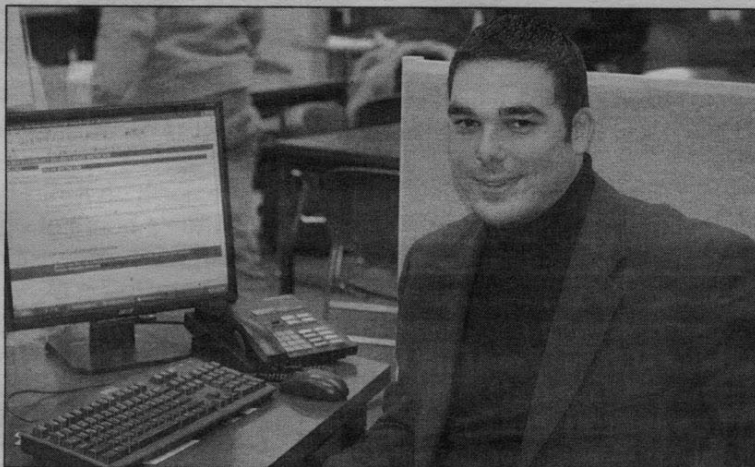
OWL: Online help desk awaits submissions

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school days for feedback. However, you can resubmit at any time.

"It is up and running now, but we have yet to receive our first submission from a student user," says Robin Havenick, another English Department representative for the Writing Center. "Don't miss out on what the OWL or the Learning Center offers. It is just a model so we need students listening and visiting in new ways."

Staff members at the Learning Center appreciate the feedback. There are evaluation forms available in the Learning Center where students can give their opinions.



LB Math instructor Greg Rathert is a Writing Center assistant and is the online coordinator of the colleges new Online Writing Lab. The On-line Writing Lab was launched to allow students to submit work for help with organization, style, documentation, content and focus.

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Runners split home and away

Ken Salt
 The Commuter

The LB men's basketball team overcame a quick and tough Southwestern Oregon team last Wednesday for a 103-100 win, but then lost their next game Saturday to Mt. Hood Community College.

Alex Stockner led the assault against the Lakers with 34 points, 29 coming in the second half. "Our leading scorer was out, and someone had to step up," said Stockner.

With high-scorer Ryon Pool running into foul trouble early in the game, Stockner and teammates Kyle Mathew who had 22 points, Trevor Thurn who scored 15 points, and Dustin Vaughn who pulled down 12 rebounds, helped lead the Roadrunners to victory.

With less than five minutes on the clock in the second half and down by 10 points, the Roadrunners' defense made a stand, and with help from some crucial steals, regained the lead and denied the Lakers a win.

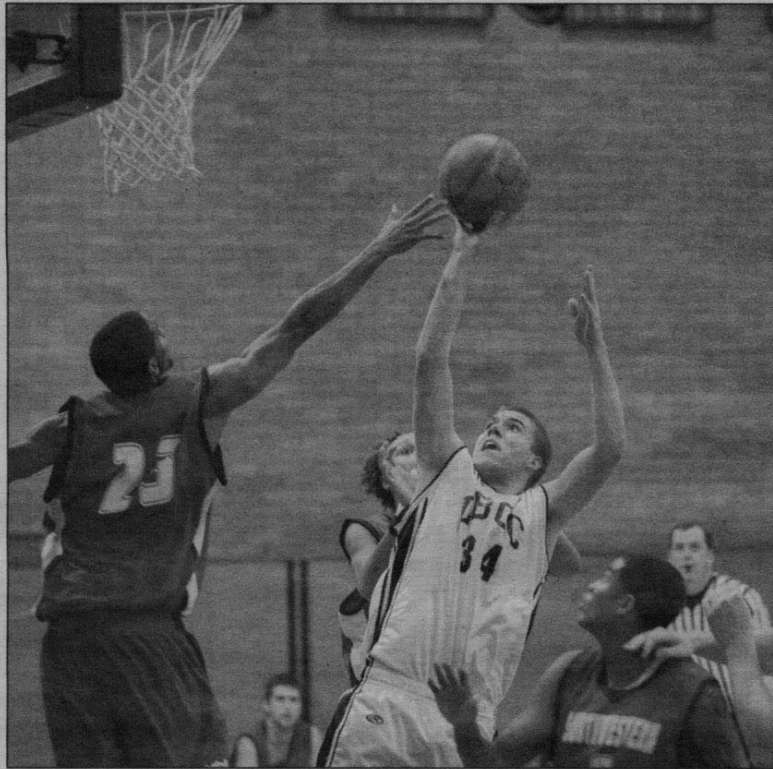


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Linn-Benton freshman forward Kyle Mayhew fires a shot in the key over a SWOCC defender in Wednesday's win.

"Our focus is to defend, rebound and be disciplined on offense," said Coach Randy Falk, and the Roadrunners displayed these principles against the Lakers all the way to the end of game.

LBCC was unable to carry their momentum into last Saturday's game against Mt. Hood in Gresham however, and the second place Saints dropped the Roadrunners 71-61.

The Roadrunners were out-

shot only 35 percent from the field and out rebounded 44 to 34.

Thurn led the way with 20 points and four rebounds. Stockner scored 14 points and Pool had 13 points.

LBCC is now 12-12 overall on the season and 3-6 in the conference.

The Roadrunners' next game is tonight in the Activities Center against Umpqua. Tip-off time is 7:30 p.m.

Legacy safe for Manning; Colts win Super Bowl XLI

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

The Indianapolis Colts dominated the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLI on Sunday, winning 29-17, as quarterback Peyton Manning was named the MVP.

Manning won his first Super Bowl and fulfilled what many believed to be his destiny since his entrance into the league in 1998.

He became only the fourth quarterback selected first in the draft to lead his team to a championship, joining Troy Aikman, Jim Plunkett and Terry Bradshaw.

After Bears' rookie Devin Hester opened the game with the first opening kickoff to be returned for a touchdown in Super Bowl history, the Colts answered with what turned out to be the defining play of the game. On third and 12 from their own 47-yard line, Manning escaped pressure and hit a wide-open Reggie Wayne for a 53-yard touchdown.

It was all downhill from there for the Bears.

Manning led the Colts' offense in a classic game of "keep away" all night, and the Bears

had no answer. The Colts ended up running 81 offensive plays to the Bears' 48. At one point midway through the third quarter, the play count was 65 to 23. In fact, due to the lengthy halftime show and Colts' ball control offense, the Bears' offense went 56 "real" minutes between snaps—hardly a formula for offensive rhythm.

The victory was also monumental in that the winning team was coached by an African-American for the first time in NFL history. Tony Dungy, who was a part of a Super Bowl winning team in the 1970s with the Pittsburgh Steelers, led the Colts to the win in his fifth season with the team and 11th as a head coach.

Afterward, Manning let it be known that he is not planning to stop with only one ring.

"We are going to go back to work in March and are going to be even better because of this," he said.

Likewise, Dungy looks forward to a challenge he has never encountered as a head coach—defending a world championship. "I look forward to helping these guys defend this title."

City of Angels turns into hoop hell for Beavers

Joe Bryan
 The Commuter

The bottom fell out for the Beavers men's basketball team during their trip to Los Angeles this week.

They managed to couple a 17-point loss to the 19th ranked USC Trojans with a jaw-dropping 47-point loss to the second-ranked UCLA Bruins on Saturday.

Despite these beatings, things are looking up for the Beavers this week when the other Pac-10 cellar dwellers come to Gill Coliseum on Saturday.

The Arizona State Sun Devils gave the Beavers their only conference win this season, and are still winless in conference play. After coming off the worst offensive performance by this Beaver team all season, one has to wonder if there will be a

hangover.

Against USC, the Beavers suffered more of the long scoring droughts that have plagued them all season, including a 9-0 run by USC starting at the 14:17 mark in the first half that left the Beavers staggered. The Beavers rallied at the end of the first half going on an 8-1 run that left them down six at halftime.

The Beavers then closed the gap and tied the game, thanks to a 6-0 start to the second half. The game would be all USC from there, however.

Again bad foul shooting hurt the Beavers, who were a horrendous 5-16 from the line. The Beavers shot 41 percent from the field to USC's 49 percent but the major difference in the score came from USC's 32 free throw attempts.

Kyle Jeffers led the Beavers

with 15 points and eight rebounds.

On Saturday UCLA demoralized the Beavers by taking a 20-5 lead from the tip, and from there the Bruins never looked back. The Beavers offense sputtered all game shooting an embarrassing 31 percent from the floor and coughing up a staggering 21 turnovers. Those turnovers led to 29 points for the Bruins.

The only Beaver to score in double figures was Marcel Jones, who contributed a third of the Beavers' points by scoring 16. The Bruins shot 70 percent from the field in the first half, and set a season high 30-point lead in the first half.

After pulling their starters in the second half the Bruins still dominated the Beavers, finishing with a 58 percent shooting percentage for the game.

LB 'Sixth Man'

The LB Lady Runners have started a "Roadrunners Sixth Man" student section for home games. Members of the club will be given a t-shirt that is to be worn to home games. T-shirts cost \$7, can be purchased through the athletic department and will get the student admission to all home games for the rest of the season. If you are interested, stop by the Activities Center and sign up. There are only a few home games left on the schedule.

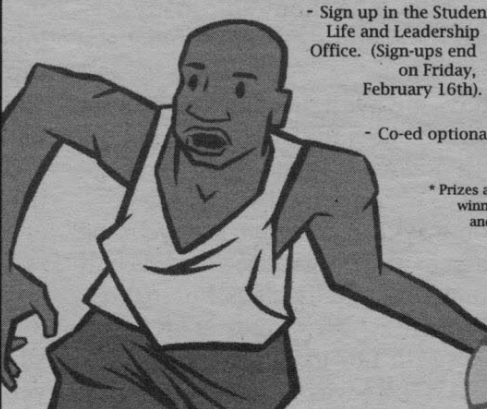
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Women net two straight wins

Chris Kelley
 The Commuter

A week after splitting games against the top two teams in the South division, the Lady Roadrunners had two defensive showcases against Southwestern Oregon and Mt. Hood.

Destiny Neuenschwander scored 26 points and made five three-pointers in a 124-43 blow-out against SWOCC, and Emily Irwin scored her only three points in the final 20 seconds to clinch a barn-burning 73-71 win over Mt. Hood—two very different wins that helped the ladies keep hold of their fourth seed.

At home last Wednesday, the story of the game was players coming up big off the bench. Coach A.J. Dionne predicted the large win and noted before the game that her goal was to play everyone.

"It was a great game to have in the middle of a stressful seven game run," she said after the game.

To go along with Neuenschwander's 26 points, Cassidy Langendoerfer had 13 points and eight rebounds.

"The team has great unity now," said Langendoerfer. "That helps keep my confidence level high."

LB put on a defensive clinic

on the road Saturday against Mt. Hood, by winning the offensive rebounds and turnover battle, which helped to lead to the 73-71 win.

Whitney Bryant led the team with 21 points, but it was Irwin's shot with five seconds on the shot-clock while fading away into the baseline that gave LBCC a one point lead with 20 seconds left.

After getting the ball back at the other end of the court, Irwin was fouled and made one of the

two free-throws to finish the 73-71 win.

Moving to 6-3 in the league and 17-7 overall, the next two weeks will decide which one of the top four league spots the Lady Roadrunners will take into playoffs.

They still need Lane and Clackamas to stumble down the stretch to get the top seed. Wins tonight at home against Umpqua and Saturday at Portland will go a long way to securing a post-season bid.

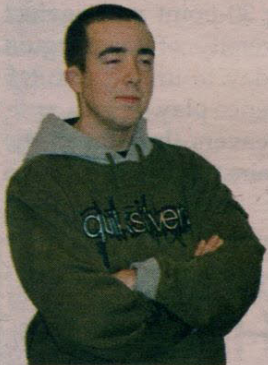


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Lady Roadrunners Chelsea Hartman (left) and Lindsey Duval (above) go up strong for shots in LB's 124-43 win over SWOCC last Wednesday.



Caleb Hawley
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FACE OFF

Should Roger Clemens pitch for yet another season?



Chris Kelley
 The Commuter

Too many times in professional sports you see an amazing athlete tarnish their career by not retiring when the time is right. Roger Clemens is on the brink of a soiled career if he continues to pitch in the majors.

Haven't you done enough Clemens? Is 23 seasons not enough? You've won the Cy Young Award seven times, been a league MVP once and have made 11 all-star game appearances. What more do you want to do? All that is left is the potential for humiliation.

Last season, after a long deliberation with himself, Clemens decided to come back and pitch for the Houston Astros. This is where he started showing the signs of a long and taxing career. Sure he posted a good ERA in his 19 starts, but rarely was he able to go deep in any of those games as he averaged less than six innings pitched per outing.

It is amazing Clemens has been able to survive in baseball so long as a power pitcher. It's just too hard to stay at the top that long with that pitching style.

As a fan of Roger Clemens, I don't want to see his career fizzle. A recent example could be running back Em-

mitt Smith. After his days as a Cowboy, he decided he hadn't had enough and finished up with the Arizona Cardinals. In the two years at Arizona, Smith averaged just above three yards per carry and barely broke 1,000 yards in the two seasons combined. It just wasn't vintage Emmitt Smith football.

Brett Favre of the Green Bay Packers is doing it to himself as we speak. Just two seasons ago he threw 29 interceptions and had a mediocre at best year again this season.

Anyone remember Anfernee "Penny" Hardaway? He was a real talent. His career has just faded away while riding the pine in the NBA for the New York Knicks. And what about Karl Malone? It was painful to watch him struggle in Los Angeles.

I don't want to see that happen to Clemens. He has done too much in his career for people to remember him as a bum struggling to hold on.

Clemens is one of the best pitchers to step on the mound in the history of Major League Baseball. Just retire. Save yourself the embarrassment. You have nothing to prove.

Another year of spring training is about to begin, and a popular question comes up that we keep asking year after year:

Will Roger Clemens come back for one more year?

In addition to that question, now many ask another question to follow it:

Should "The Rocket" come back for one more year at the age of 44?

It is ultimately Clemens' decision whether he comes back or not, so why are sports fans so concerned and opinionated about it?

If he decides to come back again, which I think he should for many reasons, no one should tell him a comeback isn't worth it.

I have always agreed that stats don't lie. So consider this: Clemens had his fourth lowest Earned Run Average (ERA) of his career with 2.30 in 2006.

Some will argue that last year he pitched in only 19 games, which is half the games he usually plays, but to those I will add that he had his best ERA ever in 2005 with 1.87 in 32 games.

His 1.87 ERA was the lowest in the ma-

for leagues, the lowest of his 23-season career, and the lowest by any National Leaguer since Greg Maddux in 1995.

How can anyone soberly argue that Clemens shouldn't pitch anymore and give himself up to retirement? If he pitched two of his best years in his career at the age of 42 and 43, how can we expect him to just give up now?

Let me, for a moment, compare Clemens to another great pitcher, Nolan Ryan. Ryan retired in 1993 at the age of 46 ending his Hall of Fame career on a 98-mph fast ball.

If Ryan can pitch at 46, why can't Clemens 14 seasons later? Technology and medicine have allowed athletes to play longer and harder, which could help explain why Clemens has performed better in his last four years than Ryan did.

The standing ovations Clemens has had, the respect of players and coaches and his heroic bow after his last game last year symbolize his career's impact and foreshadow his future induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

This Rocket isn't done flying high, yet.