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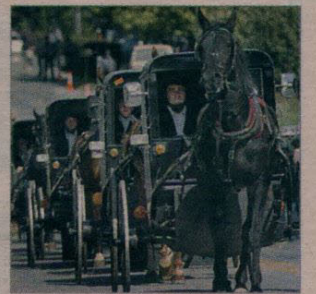
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ASG president resigns over conflict

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Phillip Jones, president of the Associated Student Government, resigned last Wednesday shortly before the weekly student government meeting.

Jones was scheduled to attend a hearing during the meeting that was to evalu-



Phillip Jones

ate whether he would continue his post. "He told us that he would be five minutes late to the meeting," said Vice President Joey Markgraf, who is now acting president of the ASG. "Then he dropped a resigna-

tion letter in each of our boxes, and we didn't see him again."

According to sources within ASG, some felt Jones was not meeting his responsibilities as president, so the ASG division representatives summoned him to the hearing last week to ask him to improve his performance as leader of the student body. Jones, however, resigned

shortly before the meeting during which the hearing was scheduled.

Jones had experienced some political turmoil last spring when amendments to the student constitution that he and the rest of the ASG proposed got the student government temporarily suspended and their funding cut off.

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Former LB student leader charged in three murders

Elizabeth Uriarte
The Commuter

"That car is stolen, and they killed someone to get that car." According to news reports, those were some of the last words that Nicole Logan heard her roommate, 17-year-old Marissa Manwarren, say before Manwarren's body was found at Beverly Beach north of Newport, Ore., last June.

Police say former LBCC student ambassador and candidate for ASG president, Shawn Ryan Womack, 21, was the one who pulled the trigger.

According to reports in both the Corvallis Gazette-Times and the Albany Democrat-Herald, on June 13, shortly after spring term ended, Womack was arrested in Corvallis in connection with the murders of two men in Portland: Chai Taphom, 28, and Michael Burchett, 38, whose late model Hondas were stolen.

Police said they were led to Womack by Covelino Capuia, 19, who had been arrested two days earlier on charges of armed robbery of a Beaverton convenience store while driving one of the stolen Hondas.

According to news accounts, when interrogated by police, Capuia reportedly admitted to

participating in the slayings but claimed that his friend, whom he called "Sosa," was the one who did the actual shootings.

The Albany Democrat-Herald



Shawn Ryan Womack, a former candidate for ASG president, was charged with murder June 13.

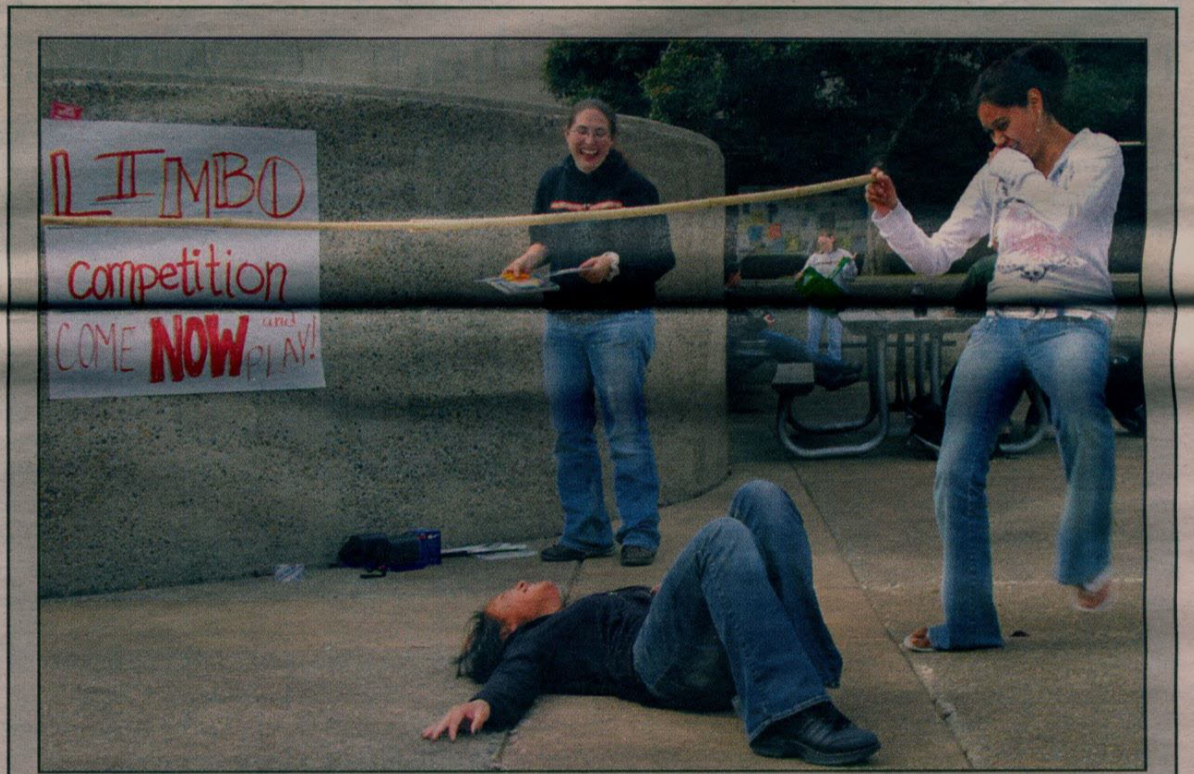
reported that when Shawn Ryan Womack, aka "Sosa," was taken into custody, he confessed to not only the Portland murders, but also admitted to killing Manwarren, who was Capuia's girlfriend.

Womack was indicted on three counts of aggravated murder; Capuia was charged with two counts of aggravated murder.

Womack's girlfriend, Jasmin Cooke Lesniak, 22, was also arrested and charged with hindering prosecution and unlawful use of a motor vehicle. She, too, was a student at LBCC and active in Student Life & Leadership.

School officials are reluctant to divulge much information on the subject. LBCC spokes-

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Lunchtime Limbo

Vanessa Griffith and Gabriele Lule laugh as Sarah Vann attempts to do the limbo during the All Campus Picnic last Wednesday. The picnic included grilled hamburgers, several booths that gave away prizes and events such as miniature golf.

photos by Skyler Edwards



West Nile found in Benton County

From the Benton County Health Department

Benton County public health officials announced this week that the OSU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has confirmed a dead scrub jay found in north Corvallis has tested positive for the West Nile Virus (WNV).

County Environmental Director Bill Emminger,

cautioned that it has not been determined if this is a trend or a chance reoccurrence. Emminger advises residents to make sure screen doors and windows fit tightly, wear long pants, long-sleeve shirts and other protective clothing when outside, eliminate all sources of standing water that can support mosquito breeding, avoid playing or

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The Weather Through the Week

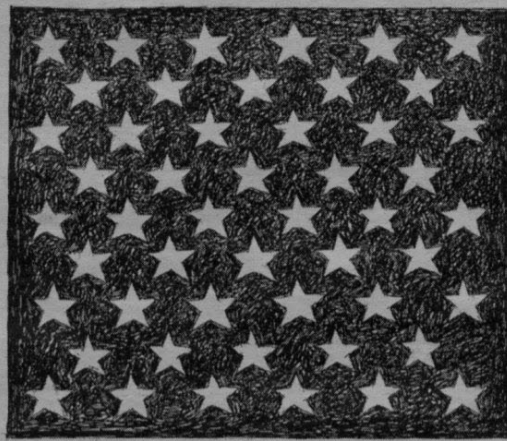
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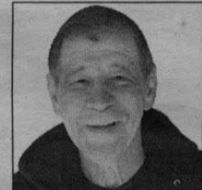
WHAT GOOD IS ALL THAT FANCY RHETORIC ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IF YOU DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO VOTE?

Only YOU can prevent bad politics; cast your vote

As the fall term picks up speed at Linn-Benton Community College and the days count slowly down to the November elections, the national political scene, something that affects our daily lives in many ways, seems to be headed for a real train wreck.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is under ongoing attack from all sides for his conduct in the war in Iraq. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice keeps denying that she was provided knowledge and forewarned of the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.

President George W. Bush stands accused of misleading the American public about reasons for going to war in Iraq. A Congressman from the Republican Party resigned over the exposure of sexually explicit e-mails that he sent to under-



Vote your conscience and make yourself heard. That simple act can change the world you live in.

WALT HUGHES

age members of the Congressional Page Service. And the Abramoff scandal continues to implicate and ruin the careers of other members of Congress. And the list just goes on.

As if those items are not bad enough, the people of Iraq are now screaming that they want troops from the United States military to just get out of their country and leave them alone. The death toll of American military continues to escalate while Afghanistan has become a major player in the drug trade again and the supposedly defeated Taliban is going at it as hard as ever.

How does all of that affect you as you go about your business of attempting to get an education at Linn-Benton? On the silent side, your personal e-mails are now subject to scrutiny by the Department of Homeland Security. And while we continue to pump untold billions of dollars into foreign countries who could care less whether you get an education, the fees you pay for that education continue to rise.

Last, but not least on the list, is the fact you now pay more at the pump for good old gasoline to get to school, and those prices are forecast to start going back up this winter.

Right about now some of you are probably saying, "No big deal." Strife, turmoil and wars on the other side of the planet might not seem all that important under bright blue skies filled with white puff balls of cloud on a sunny October afternoon. But an interesting point that you might make note of is the fact of having to register for the draft when you sign up for school.

Our elected officials in the highest echelons of government have riled a whole lot of people who literally hate our guts and if things get worse you can bet your nickel on the fact that many of you will be drafted to serve in the United States military whether you like it or not.

What can you do about it? Is it possible for one individual to change things? Fortunately we still live in a society where people have the right to vote, and though you may not think it worth much at times, each vote counts at election time.

Regardless of whether you are Republican or Democrat, Independent or uncommitted, you can study the issues and look at the track record of each candidate running for office. You can use the Internet to access tons of information about a given situation, find out how a candidate voted on or feels about a particular issue and take a hard look at the facts about things affecting your lives and the world around you each day.

Register to vote and cast your ballot on Election Day this November. Forget the hype and fancy high-priced television commercials. Forget the mudslinging, dirty tricks and plain old demagoguery that seem to have become the norm and make use of that one freedom that so many have fought and died for. Vote your conscience and make yourself heard. That simple act can change the world you live in.

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More than two sides exist in the battle of the sexes—none of them are winning

Every society has its own version of gender roles; males and females are imposed with certain behavioral expectations according to their perceived genders. In American society, men are expected to be assertive, aggressive and unemotional. Women are expected to be passive, nurturing and emotional. But why are gender roles so important to the majority of people?

One could argue that it's a matter of biology left over from the Stone Age, developed as a means of survival. But what benefits do gender roles serve in modern society?

While traditional male/female behaviors are changing, attitudes of how men and women "should" act are more resistant to change.

Stereotypes such as "boys don't cry," and "that's not ladylike!" are still quite prominent in the psyches of most Americans, whether we are conscious of it or not. Only when those biases are challenged does one take notice of them.

For example, I face the "lady's first" stereotype every time I attempt to pass through a doorway. If there is a male ahead of me, he will almost always hold the door open for me and allow me to go ahead of him.

Why am I complaining about such a nicety?

Well, my only problem is that when I try to do the same thing for a guy, he will stop and stare at me, and

many times simply cannot bring himself to enter/exit, unless I go first. I am merely being considerate, yet it seems almost painful for a male to have a female hold the door open for him.

Being forced by society to assume a specific gender identity is another issue. A person MUST be male or female; the in-between is not generally recognized.

For those who don't feel they belong on either side, the choice is quite painful. Someone who considers themselves to be un-gendered is faced with a constant struggle

to fit in to such a black-and-white world.

Even things that most others see as trivial, like checking one of the little boxes marked "MALE" or "FEMALE" when filling out papers, can be a psychologically torturous ordeal.

When faced with this, I often think, "Why can't there be a box that says 'OTHER?'"

Another of my favorites is being asked how I feel about the opposite sex. This very term denotes two sides on conflicting teams, but there are many more dimensions than just two, and none of them should be against the other. Such categorizations can only work to divide people. The world needs to open up to the entire spectrum; female, male, transgendered, ungendered, and everything in between.



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CAMPUS NEWS

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

Campus security stresses parking lot safety to students and staff

Michelle Turner
 The Commuter

If you drive to campus it has not escaped your attention that parking is at a premium these days. The beginning of fall term brings more new and returning students than any other term, so parking is particularly tight this time of year, and with students and staff rushing to and from campus the parking lot can become a hazardous place.

Currently LB has approximately 2,500 parking spaces with preliminary data showing a student body size of roughly 6,100 with a staff of over 1,000. This makes for some interesting math.

Because parking space is at such a premium here on campus competition for a space can get fierce with the end result being compromised student and staff safety. According to the Campus Security Office, officers have issued 52 citations for parking violations so far this term, with parking in a non-designated parking space being the most often cited violation.

Currently there is a flat fine of \$20 for all parking violations, except for parking in a handicapped space or a fire zone, which both carry a fine of \$100. According to Bruce Thompson, security manager, those rates are set to change to a graded scale as of winter term. This means security officers will be able to fine individuals

varying amounts based on the violation.

Thompson also said that they are no longer issuing warnings to individuals for parking violations. The first infraction gets you a ticket. Period.

Thompson reports that there have been numerous close calls over the years of individuals almost being hit by vehicles while walking through the parking lots including an incident earlier this year with an individual who was training a seeing-eye dog.

There have also been occurrences where vehicles have rolled out of their parking space into other vehicles, some with their driver's doors still open. Thompson equates this to people being in such a hurry they don't even realize they've left their vehicle in such a perilous situation.

"Safety is paramount," says Thompson. So what can be done? First of all, Thomson says everyone should slow down, observe the posted 15 mph-speed limit and make sure vehicles are secure before walking away.

According to the security office, the worst bottlenecks occur in the South parking lot along Takena Hall in the mid-afternoon and according to one individual who usually arrives later in the mornings, the east parking lot in front of the College Center is virtually empty.

These days we're all in a hurry to get to wherever it is we're going; just remember slowing down can ensure that you and everyone else actually get there safely.

Writing Center expands services, and adapts to new technology

Joe Hodgson
 The Commuter

Changes in technology and the way people write are driving changes in the services offered to writers at LBCC. Students and staff can see these changes firsthand at an open house Thursday Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. giving an opportunity to see the facility, talk with the visionaries and enjoy a cookie. The Writing Center is located in the Learning Center on the second floor of Willamette Hall.

Robin Havenick says the purpose has not changed—to provide advice on writing from concept to final draft—but the new service is much more dynamic.

"We are very excited about the new Writing Center that replaces the Writing Desk," said Havenick as she described the various changes recently implemented by the Writing Center team. Havenick represents the English department and co-coordinates the Writing Center with Chareane Wimbley-Gouviea of developmental studies.

Havenick explained how the previous system was one desk, with one writing instructor face-to-face with one student in 15-minute time slots.

The new Writing Center has four stations, two having computers, where students can work on their projects in the presence of individuals whose experience and training can help them find and tap their personal wellspring of creativity and knowledge, she said. Four to five students can now be served with potentially no time limit.

To better respond to high demand, two peer assistants

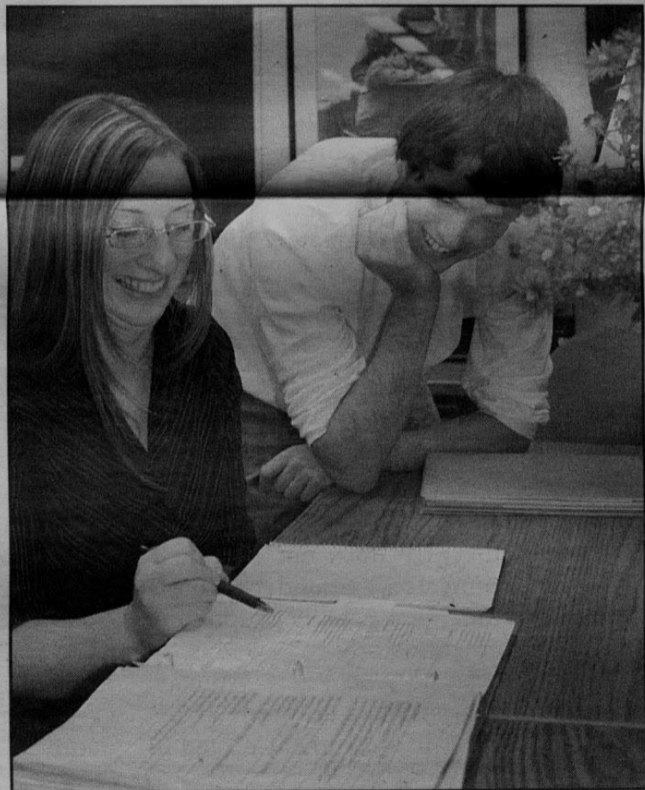


photo by Chris Campbell

Writing Center tutors Lori Hubbell and Brian Muir work with students on their writing projects. The center is holding an open house Thursday.

work with the writing instructor one hour each day.

Havenick says this expanded staff provides simultaneous service to a larger audience. The peer assistants are Lori Hubbell, noon to 1 p.m. daily and Brian Muir, 1 to 2 p.m. daily. The Writing Center is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

An online writing assistance program is being developed to further enhance the services the Writing Center can provide, Havenick added, though it is currently in the basic developmental stages.

Biology club: intelligently designed

Michelle Turner
 The Commuter

Are you interested in the science of living organisms? Do you ever ask yourself questions like, how do plants know to grow towards the sun? Or, what exactly is this thing called DNA? If so, there is a new club on campus just for you – the biology club.

The first meeting was held last Wednesday and was attended by approximately 12 students, mostly biology majors. However, the club is open to all students.

The club will be student run and will include field trips, laboratory visits and guest speakers. Faculty advisors for the club are Diana Wheat and Warren Coffeen. The mission of the club is to, "give students a perspective of what biologists in the field do," says Wheat, and to generate enthusiasm for careers in the field.

The club will meet every other Wednesday, with the next meeting scheduled for Oct. 18 in ST-219 at 3 p.m. Anyone interested biology or biology related fields is encouraged to attend.

PERSPECTIVES

"What's the worst excuse you've heard from a student for missing class?"



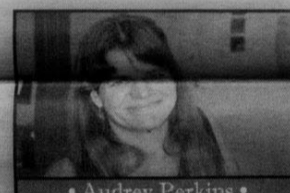
• Natalie Daley •
 English/Writing Instructor

"Aside from the usual deaths and dismemberment, they're going to be on vacation during class and they say, 'Is that going to be a problem for you?'"

"I forgot...Did I miss anything important?"



• Robin Havenick •
 English/Writing Instructor



• Audrey Perkins •
 Developmental Studies Inst.

"I don't like judging their reasons because they have complicated lives. I just use coupons."

"These are the funniest: The toilet overflowed. I had one kid who had to work a double shift and so they forgot what day it was."



• Kathy Clark •
 Developmental Studies Inst.



• Linda Spain •
 English/Writing Inst.

"The dumbest excuse is that you're not completely ready so you don't come [to class] and you're not ready for the next time [or] the cat was up the tree."

"Ya know, I don't take roll, so if they aren't in class then they must have something more important to do. They are either there, or they're not."



• Paul Jorgenson •
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Can You Dig It?
Backhoe operator Bob Lander digs into the pavement at the end of West Way where a water line leak between the Health Occupations Building and Activities Center was discovered last week. West Way, which leads to the Periwinkle and Luckiamute Center, was closed for two or three days while repairs were completed.

photo by Jesse Skoubo

Campus Shorts...

Flu shot clinic

The Staff Wellness Program is sponsoring a flu shot clinic Wednesday Oct. 18 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Alsea Room and Wednesday Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Siletz Room. The clinic is open to the public. Cost for non-OEA Choice individuals is \$25 for the flu shot and \$40 for the optional pneumonia vaccination. Staff members will need to bring their OEA Choice card to have the flu shot billed directly to OEA Choice.

Evacuation drills

The college will practice required evacuation drills on the following dates: Monday, Oct. 23 at the Benton Center; Tuesday, Oct. 24 at the Lebanon Center; Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Main Campus. All drills will be held at 1:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Writing Center Open House

The Writing Center will hold an open house this Thursday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center is located in Willamette Hall's Learning Center.

Stuffed Toy Donations

Bring a stuffed animal toy (new or nearly new) to the Foundation Office CC-105 for a child in need. Toys will be delivered to the Albany FISH Emergency Services. The official day to celebrate is Oct. 11, but toys will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 13.

President: ASG moves on with optimism

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This fall they were restored to office and told the suspension was a misunderstanding.

"During the summer we, the ASG, were locked out of our office. The advisers decided that the ASG was going down a path that they couldn't support," Jones said. "So my team and I are in a stand-off with Tammi Paul [ASG Adviser] and Diane Watson [Dean of Student Services]. We have been in a struggle between our adviser, and her doing her job."

Paul declined to comment and attempts to reach Watson were unsuccessful.

Despite the conflict, the ASG is attempting to move forward.

"A number of other positions in the ASG were vacated due to resignations during the summer and applications to fill those vacancies are being taken as of now," said Walt Hughes, the arts and communications division representative.

Hughes was hopeful for the future. "The remaining members of the 2006/07 staff all agree that they want to bring the ASG more in line with the student body in a manner that will both serve their needs and encourage greater participation in the future."

Applications for the open positions will be accepted in the Student Life & Leadership Office over the next few weeks. Interviews will be conducted on Oct. 25.

Markgraf, who now assumes the role of presidency, graduated from Griswold High School in Felix, Ore. He is a business and computer science major, and dual-enrolled at LBCC and OSU.

"I am excited to see student government back in action, and look forward to a fun and productive year," he said. "Most of all, I am proud to lead student government and I feel that we will be able to give a lot back to LBCC students."

Womack: Friends shocked by murder charges

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person Marlene Propst told the Gazette-Times that Womack was a biological science major and Lesniak was in the pre-nursing program, and both were involved in the school's Student Life and Leadership. Propst explained that "Jasmin was on the programming board. Shawn was a student ambassador. He helped plan activities and give tours on campus."

Womack had also run, unsuc-

cessfully, for student body president back in February. Propst added, "I can't say anything other than what has already been in the papers."

One such article, published last month in Willamette Week Online, reported that Womack, who grew up in Baltimore and New York state, had no criminal record in Oregon; however, he had been arrested at age 16 for

bringing a sawed-off shotgun to his school in N.Y.

This did not prevent him from running for student government at LB, though, as the college currently does not require a criminal background check on its students, except those applying for work-study.

Those who knew Womack were shocked to learn of his arrest. In a comment posted in

response to the Willamette Week Online article, one person said, "I go to OSU and used to hang out with these guys regularly...they were both really nice kids...especially Sosa." Another comment said, "Shawn and Covelino were closer than their friends could have imagined. Never will I respond to a smile or friendly gesture ever again. I've been deceived."

West Nile: Precautions suggested

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working outside when mosquitoes are most active and to use bug repellent, preferably one that contains DEET, Picardin, oil of lemon or eucalyptus.

In Oregon, the first reported case of WNV was in 2004. This year the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has reported 62 human cases.

DHS has set up a toll-free hotline for recorded information in English and Spanish at (866) 703-4636. Information, including updated case counts, is also on the DHS Web site at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/acd/diseases/wnile/wnile.shtml.

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

Warehouse Worker

(#4685, Albany) Work for one of the largest distribution centers in the state and right by LBCC. Excellent wages at \$11.73/hr. Looking for seasonal workers starting in November; shifts are 3-12's on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday: 4:30pm-5am -or- 4-10's on Tues-Fri: 4:30pm-3am.

Sales Associate

(#4671, Albany) Stocking, front counter sales & customer service for a local paint company. Pay is \$9.11/hr or more DOE. Need someone at least 3 days/week from 10am-3pm.

CWE jobs at Wah Chang

(#4673, #4629, #4622) Great experience for students going from LBCC to OSU for a four-year degree.

Jobs are part-time flexible with school schedules and full-time in the summer and start between \$9-10/hr to start with raises. If you are in an engineering or science fields, these opportunities are for you!! You won't have to look for another job until you graduate!

Sales Associate

(#4695, Lebanon) Work 24-30 hrs/week—about 6-9 hrs/day. \$8/hr plus bonus based on sales. Work as part of sales team for specialty foods including grilling sauces, jams & jellies, pestos, mustards, relishes and syrups.

Figure Drawing Model

Periodically, male and female models are used for Figure Drawing classes. Primarily nude, and occasionally clothed models are used. All modeling is based on the scholarly tradition of studio art. Position is part-time as needed. Fall term Tuesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Must be able to sit in posed positions for 1-2 hours with breaks. Previous experience helpful, but not required. Pay is \$11.10/hr for nude models and \$8.85/hr for clothed models. Submit an LBCC Employment Application and Additional Employment form to the Human Resources department, CC-108.

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

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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



Art Faculty Show Recent Work

"Spitafields Market, London," a manipulated SX-70 photo by Instructor Rich Bergeman, is among the works now on view in North Santiam Hall and the College Center as part of the annual Art Faculty Exhibit. Also represented are photo instructor Kurt Norlin, ceramics instructor Jay Widmer and painting instructors Analee Fuentes, Gary Westfjord, Dori Litzer and Jeremy Covert.

Music Mosaic combines entertainment, education

From LBCC News Service

The LBCC Benton Center is presenting a free Music Mosaic lecture series, in which local musicians share not only their music but also their knowledge with attendees.

The lectures are presented on Tuesdays, from 12:10 to 1 p.m. through Oct. 31 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe.

Next up in the series is "Celtic Fiddle: Historical & Inward Journey" with Shari-lynn Ame.

A local fiddler in the Irish and Scottish traditions, Ame believes strongly in the power of folk music to build community, heal the wounded and change the world. She will be performing on Oct. 10.

Remaining shows in the series are:
 Oct. 17: "Blues Harmonica" with Ed

Sherwood, who will take you into the world of blues, R&B, country and rock harmonica. Sherwood has 45 years of experience playing harmonica and has studied with harmonica legend Paul DeLay.

Oct. 24: "Music: Is it Art or Science?" with Tom Demarest, who has been an active local musician since the early 1970s. "Why do we love (or hate) various genres of music?" Demarest asks. "How and why do we evaluate music? Are our opinions based simply on taste, or are there facts behind our fancies?"

Oct. 31: "Significance & Conviction of a Song Writer" with Casey Hurt. "Since I was 5 years old, I've had huge plans for myself. Some things you just know. God created me to play. It's more than just wanting to play music; I have to," says Hurt.

REVIEW

Coldplay rocks with 'X & Y,' heats up scene, reunites fans

Joel DeVylde
 The Commuter

Mildly catchy and brilliantly solid, Saturday afternoon has found its sound with Coldplay's "X & Y."

This album, released in June 2005, received three Grammy nominations and provoked a massive resurgence in Coldplay's popularity following "A Rush of Blood to the Head" (2002). "X & Y," according to predictions, brought several smash hits to the world.

However, despite the hype, "X & Y" stays near the ground from "Square One." The opening track projects a low-key light rock sound, while the lyrics instill a sense of identity and common understanding: "From the top of the first page to the end of the last age, you just want somebody listening to what you say, it doesn't matter who you are."

The theme continues throughout the

album, with songs like "Fix You," an optimistically empathetic track written to someone going through a tough time. "X & Y"'s radio hits, including "Speed of Sound" and the title track are no exceptions, playing off well-mixed simplicity along with superb vocals.

A change is evident in "White Shadows," where a faster pace forces the presence of a soft power-pop feel in the music for much of the song.

Chris Martin uses the range in his voice to supply his soft-spoken and unpretentious vocal style with adequate quantities of both variety and simplicity. The resulting sound eliminates the chasm between easy listening and powerful music.

Solid all the way through the last track, this album deserves 13 spots on your iPod. With lyrical depth, vocal range and musical genius, Coldplay has created a masterpiece and earned the publicity with "X & Y."

Corvallis Repertory singers celebrate Rachmoninov's work

MaryAnne Turner
 The Commuter

This coming Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m., the Corvallis Repertory singers will be performing Sergei Rachmaninov's magnificent, "An All-Night Vigil."

It doesn't really go all night. "It is only about an hour long, but it was originally composed for an all night mass," said Susan Peck.

The performance is a 14-part Russian Mass, sung a cappella in Old Church Slavonic.

The director will be Steven M. Zielke,

OSU's music director. Also performing are LBCC staff members Patty Gerig, voice teacher, Tom Walmsley, religions teacher and Peck, who teaches music.

College and high school students can obtain free tickets from their choral director. Parents of these students can get in for \$5. Otherwise, tickets are \$15 per person.

The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis on the corner of Monroe and 11th.

Watch for more upcoming events by the Corvallis Repertory Singers in December, and winter and spring terms.

Films open on Friday the 13th

Stephen Becker
 The Dallas Morning News

The following movies are scheduled to open in theaters around the country this Friday, Oct. 13:

THE GRUDGE 2 - The curse keeps on spreading in this sequel to the 2004 hit. Amber Tamblyn and Sarah Michelle Gellar star.

MAN OF THE YEAR - Talk-show host Robin Williams runs for the presidency on a lark and wins.

INFAMOUS - Covers the same ground as last year's Capote, but early buzz has been strong.

THE MARINE - A discharged serviceman must rescue his kidnapped wife.

ALEX RIDER: OPERATION STORMBREAKER - First big-screen adaptation of the novels about a teen spy.

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 ENTREES: Chicken fried steak with country gravy and Massaman curry and steamed rice
 VEGETARIAN: Lasagna Florentine with marinara
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 SOUPS: Tortilla and Navy bean

Thursday:
 ENTREES: BBQ shredded pork sandwich and grilled chicken breast with pear and mango chutney
 VEGETARIAN: Squash enchiladas with Ranchero sauce
 SIDES: Steak fries, rice pilaf, and broccoli and carrot
 SOUPS: Beef barley and corn chowder

Friday: Chef's Choice

Monday:
 ENTREES: Swiss steak and sweet and sour tempura chicken w/ steamed rice
 VEGETARIAN: Meatless eggs Benedict
 SIDES: Mashed potatoes, buttered egg noodles, and green beans w/ Balsamic shallot butter
 SOUPS: Creamy chicken mushroom and minestrone

Tuesday:
 ENTREES: Roast turkey w/ dressing and pan gravy, white wine poached fish over rice pilaf
 VEGETARIAN: Thai vegetable green Curry w/ steamed rice
 SIDES: Roasted winter squash, scalloped potatoes, braised eggplant and tomato
 SOUPS: Shrimp/seafood chowder and tomato basil

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NATIONAL NEWS

News about issues and events from around the nation and the world of interest to Commuter readers.

Amish mourn deaths of five murdered school girls

GEORGETOWN, Pa. - Photos capture the somber dignity and amazing grace of the Amish of Lancaster County as they buried their murdered daughters last Thursday.

Preceded by two mounted police officers, horse-drawn hearses led three slow processions of buggies and carriages through the tranquil farmlands, directly past the killer's house, to a hilltop graveyard.

Relatives of gunman Charles Roberts kept vigil outside his house, sobbing as the corteges went by. Many of the Amish mourners nodded to them as they passed.

One of the four handmade coffins buried Thursday contained the white-clad body of Marian Fisher, 13, the eldest of the 10 girls shot Monday when Roberts turned a one-room schoolhouse into a slaughterhouse.

Marian faced death with remarkable bravery, according to new details that emerged Thursday after one of five surviving witnesses was removed from a ventilator and could speak again.

"Shoot me first," the girl told Roberts, bravely offering up her life in an attempt to save her terrified younger classmates.

Then another of the older girls stepped up and said, "You can shoot me second," according to Mennonite midwife Rita Rhoads.

"They were hoping maybe if they offered themselves, the younger girls would either be saved or rescued in



Horse-drawn buggies and carriages file through the Pennsylvania countryside in the funeral procession for five murdered Amish girls last week.

photo by MCT Campus

time," Rhodes said. "It really showed a tremendous amount of courage. It's really amazing that girls of that age would offer themselves up. I know a lot of adults who wouldn't do that."

She said she heard the account from Marian's grandfather, Bishop Ruben Fisher, who talked to Marian's 12-year-old sister Barbie in her hospital bed.

Barbie Fisher also related that after Roberts cleared the schoolhouse of the boys and adults, and tied the 10 trembling girls together by the ankles in a row by

the blackboard, he began a rambling discourse.

"At some point, the shooter asked the girls to pray for him. The girls were kind of amazed and surprised by that," Rhoads said.

Roberts and five of the girls he gunned down died. A sixth—a 6-year-old—was disconnected from life support Wednesday and taken home to die, officials confirmed. The other four remain hospitalized, two of them in very grave condition.

Buried Thursday were Fisher, Naomi Ebersole, 7, and the Miller sisters, 8-year-old Mary and 7-year-old Lena, interred in hand-dug graves near their ancestors. Anna Mae Stoltzfus, 12, will be laid to rest there Friday.

As the dozens of buggies and carriages clopped past in bright October sunshine, many of the black-clad Amish men and women peered at the shuttered Roberts' house.

Outside the house next door, Lloyd Welk, grandfather of Roberts' widow, Marie, stood grim-faced, clutching the hand of his wife, Lorraine, as she sat in a green plastic chair. His wife was sobbing.

Marie Roberts' aunt, Jackie Hess, was also present.

"I felt that I needed to be here. We knew them all," she said. "It helps us to know that they forgive us."

Marie Roberts is in seclusion with her three children, Abigail, 7, Bryson, 5, and Carson, 18 months, planning her husband's funeral. She was invited to attend at least one of yesterday's ceremonies.

Marie Roberts reached out to Bishop Fisher, asking to meet with the families of the victims. His response was relief, the midwife Rhoads said.

"He said, 'I was hoping they would want to meet with us,'" she said.

"I'm sure it will help with the healing process," Rhoads added. "She's grieving for the victims' families. The victims' families are grieving for her."

Colleges reevaluating use of social security numbers

Brianna Bond
 McClatchy-Tribune News
 Service

In a March 19, 2004 Daily Cavalier column, then-sophomore Todd Rosenbaum called on his fellow students to protest a University of Virginia policy that left students vulnerable to identity theft by participating in common practices like logging on to the university network, filling out applications or swiping ID cards on campus.

The problematic policy? The use of social security numbers as the primary identification number for students, which is still in place.

As societal dependency on technology intensifies, many universities are reevaluating policies that use social security numbers, or SSNs, as the primary student identifier while state and federal lawmakers ponder privacy legislation that would limit or prohibit universities' use of the number.

As for LBCC, the college stopped using SSNs as Student Identification Numbers about two years ago and instead assigns "X" numbers to each student at registration.

Recent security breaches at universities nationwide, including Ohio University, George Mason University in Virginia and University of Colorado at Boulder, have further called into question the use of SSNs.

Created in 1936 to help the federal government track earnings to calculate social security taxes, SSNs quickly became attractive to other agencies, like the Internal Revenue Service, because of the uniqueness of the number.

For universities, SSNs simplified the process of tracking student records and other onerous tasks.

CU-Boulder probably started using SSNs in the late 70s because "it's the one unique ID, and it's easy for someone to remember," said university Registrar Barbara Todd. But, she notes, "it was a different day and age."

The threat of identity fraud is particularly grave now when dealing with SSNs because a thief can apply for a loan, open a credit card or even gain access to a person's bank account with a SSN.

There are several pieces of federal legislation that address parts of the complex problem surrounding the use of SSNs as primary identifiers.

For example, the 1974 Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prohibits state colleges, universities and technical schools that receive federal funding from releasing "personally identifiable information in education records" without written consent, which includes SSNs.

Also the 1974 Federal Privacy Act, which covers all tax-supported higher education institu-

tions, prohibits discrimination against a person who declines to release their SSN and requires institutions requesting the number to indicate whether it's mandatory or voluntary and how the SSN will be used.

These laws call into question once-common practices like using SSNs in public grade postings and printing SSNs on ID cards

Some states, like Colorado, Arizona, New York and Virginia, took federal legislation a step further, enacting statutes that explicitly restrict the use of SSNs at universities.

In 2003 students from the Colorado Students Association, outraged by the use of the SSNs in public grade postings, approached then-state Rep. Nancy Spence (R) about legislation restricting the use of SSNs.

"We frequently think (identity theft) only happens to people with lots of credit cards or middle-aged couples," Spence said, "but it's happening to college kids, and we need to do what we can to protect them."

The bill, sponsored by Spence, passed in 2003. The legislation prohibited the use of SSNs as ID numbers and gave schools until 2007 to change their systems.

Universities can never completely delete SSNs from their systems because federal and state laws require schools to report the number for services relating to employment and

financial aid.

Administrators, legal counsel and information technology specialists are left in a practical and moral quandary as they try to create a system that fosters the free exchange of ideas while still protecting highly sensitive data.

In an effort to facilitate such exchanges, universities tend to keep their computer networks open or decentralized, unlike a bank, which means they're more vulnerable to misuse.

"Universities are highly distributed," said Mike Corn, director of security services and information privacy at

the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, which has 320 academic departments. Each department has its own IT staff and likely its own server so they can provide specific services, Corn said.

"If we're going to meet our mission of being a world-class research and education institution, we have to allow the units to have that freedom," he said.

Such a liberal technology policy, prevalent among many research universities, poses daunting security questions.

"There's no single button I can press that will lock-down the whole campus," Corn said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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

National Coming Out Day— let's 'Talk About It'

Elizabeth Uriarte
 The Commuter

Closet doors are swinging open across the country today on the 18th annual National Coming Out Day. The theme is "Talk About It."

LBCC's Gay Straight Alliance is co-sponsoring an event in celebration of National Coming Out Day—a "Soup with Substance" lunch at the Multicultural Center (MC) today from noon to 1 p.m. The event features vegetable and cream of broccoli soups, the GSA's "famous" rainbow cake and guest speaker Mark Weiss, LB career counselor. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend and meet with current GSA members and discuss issues and experiences with coming out.

National Coming Out Day commemorates the 1987

March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, according to the Human Rights Campaign. On Oct. 11 of that year half a million people marched on our nation's capitol in the second such movement. National Coming Out Day was born a year later in honor of that march. Since then, countless people have celebrated the event in schools, businesses and churches in all 50 states.

October is also recognized as Queer History Month, dedicated to educating people on the history of the gay/lesbian movement. The Pride Center at OSU is planning various activities all month, including an informational booth in the Memorial Union quad and "Drag 101," an instructional session for those who want to learn how to be a drag performer, on Oct. 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Pride Center. You don't need to be an OSU student to attend most of the Pride Center events. More infor-

mation is available at oregonstate.edu/pridecenter.

While LBCC currently has no other events planned for this month, the GSA is open to suggestions. "We need people to join [the GSA] to decide what events to do," said Matt Hamel, student ambassador and coordinator of the GSA. "We just want people to get involved."

"We're pretty much starting from scratch," added Jane Tillman of education/child and family studies. The GSA meets on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. at the MC.

There is also a Yahoo group e-mail list, which provides information on upcoming GSA activities, and supplies a secure place for students to discuss issues and get to know one another. To join the group, send an e-mail message to LBCCGSA-subscribe@yahoo.com.

For additional information on the GSA, contact advisor Greg Mulder at (541) 917-4912.



In My Partner I Trust

photo Adam Loghides

Drama student Amanda Carter leads classmate Megan Christoson on a blindfolded walk around the courtyard balcony last week. In a trust-building exercise, drama students are paired, blindfolded and assigned to guide each other safely on a walk around campus.

Two measures might hurt college

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

LBCC Board Chairman Wes Price said last week that the college's board opposes Ballot Measures 48 and 41 this November because they could cut close to \$1 billion from state spending for community colleges in Oregon.

Price said that Measure 48 was initiated by Don McIntire while Measure 41 is "Sizemore driven," referring to Oregon's ex-gubernatorial candidate Bill Sizemore. He commented that Sizemore has been taking aim at the state since losing the race for governor in 1988.

An explanatory statement regarding Measure 41 states that taxpayers may end up paying less taxes, if passed. However, a closer look shows that those tax breaks could come directly from funds now available to schools, health care and public safety, to the tune of approximately \$800 million, Price said. The measure would change how Oregon taxpayers file their state taxes annually. Instead of the standard deduction (\$154 each individual now claims, taxpayers would be able to transfer their federal tax deduction (\$3,200 per person claimed) to their Oregon tax forms.

Although that sounds like a great deal for taxpayers, Price said students should use caution when voting next month.

"On average, most people who fall within the 5 percent tax bracket, for example most students, will see approximately \$37 more annually on their state tax returns. But at what cost?"

In a recent interview with Alex Paul of the Albany Democrat-Herald, Price noted that if either of the measures pass, they would be the death knell to education. He backed off that statement a bit last week, saying that education may be able to take the hit if only Measure 41 passes. He explained that if both pass, or if Measure 48 passes alone, Oregon's education system would take a brutal, and eventually fatal, blow.

Measure 48 would amend the Oregon Constitution to limit state spending based on a formula derived from the state's population and the rate of inflation. The explanatory statement says that restricted funds could be refunded to taxpayers if the measure is passed. The taxpayers would see this money because of a "rainy day fund" the measure proposes would be possible.

Price warns students to read between the lines, "This proposed 'rainy day fund' is not a guarantee. In fact, it is down right unrealistic."

According to Price, the cost of services at LBCC goes up at a rate of 7 percent annually, while the combination of the rise in population and inflation is only 6 percent, meaning state spending would take a hit of \$860 million the first year alone after the measure goes into effect.

Price commented that Colorado approved a measure that was similar to Measure 48 in 1992. At the time, Colorado ranked 25th nationally in support for K-12 education, but after dropping to 47th last year, it removed the measure from their constitution. Price said Colorado is looking at a 25-year uphill battle trying to recover from that.

Native American Student Union seeks members

Melissa Chaney
 The Commuter

The Native American Student Union (NASU) took flight with its first meeting of the term last Wednesday.

Created last spring by NASU president Rocky Gavin, the Native American Assistant at the Multicultural Center, the club did not draw a lot of members at first, "It's getting better," said Gavin. Around 20 students attended the first meeting this Fall.

According to Gavin, the purpose of the club is to educate and share information about Native Americans with members, be involved in the community and have fun.

The NASU meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. Meetings may run later depending on the projects being planned.

Gavin said that right now the NASU is focusing on the basic building blocks of the club and recruiting new members.

Gavin welcomes, "anybody committed to putting in time and effort in getting the club going. They don't have to be native."

He wants members who will participate in activities and enjoy helping the community.

If someone does have ques-

tions about their heritage, members can pool their knowledge and share what they know.

One of the projects currently underway is a blanket and coat drive that benefits needy Native Americans around the region. New blankets and clean coats in good condition will be accepted at drop-off points around LBCC until Feb. 1.

The NASU is also holding a drawing for a Native American hand drum. The cost is \$2 for one ticket and \$5 for three.

The drawing ends Dec. 6. Posters featuring a picture of the drum are posted on bulletin boards around campus.

The adoption of an elder, which involves making sure an elder is safe and secure during bad weather, etc. is another project the club is considering. In addition, they may also participate in the adopt-a-road program and become responsible for keeping a road litter-free.

Future field trips by the NASU may be planned to Pow-Wows and museums. They may also attempt some native crafts such as basket weaving.

Gavin can be contacted at 917-4461 for more information on the club, ticket sales and current activities.

"My goal is that after I'm gone [the club] is alive and strong enough to run on its own," said Gavin.



Rocky Gavin, NASU President

'I Can' conference set for Oct. 14

From LBCC News Service

"Yes I Can," a conference geared toward women or anyone wishing to explore options and overcome obstacles to success, will be held on Sat., Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at LBCC's Lebanon Center.

The conference will explore job skills, career advancement,

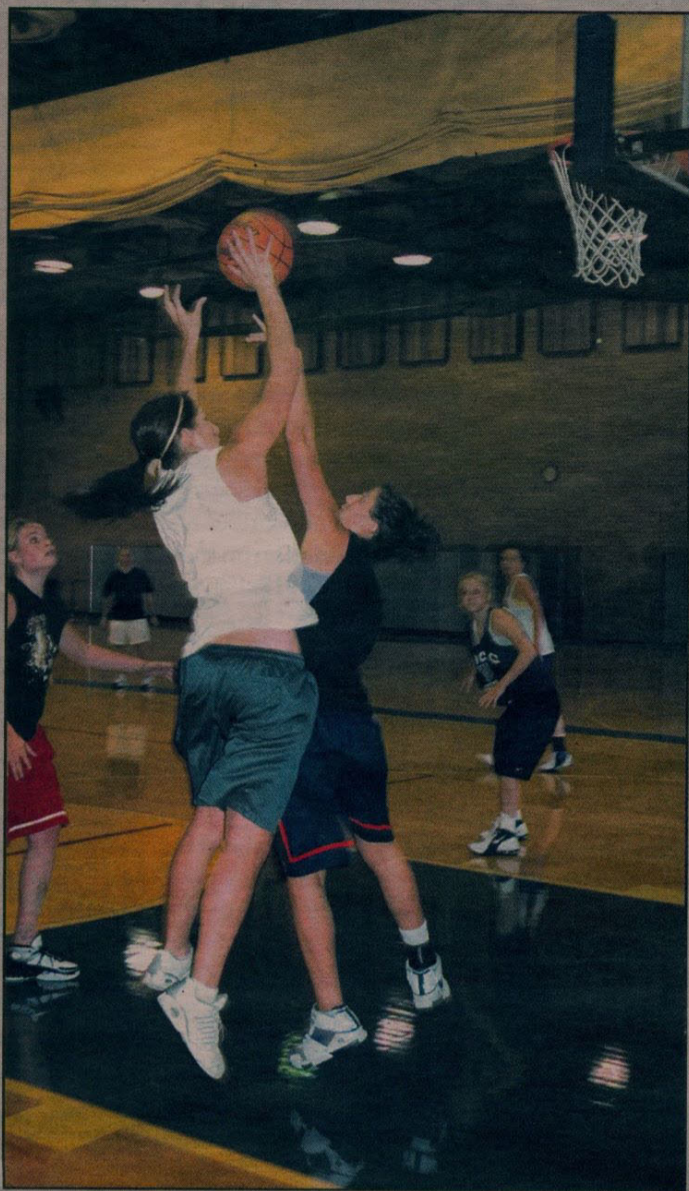
career change options, GED, associate degree and four-year degree options and personal skills development.

For information or to register, contact the Lebanon Center at 541-259-5801 or send an e-mail to Lebanon@linnbenton.edu. Registration is not required and walk-ins are welcome. A buffet lunch will be provided.

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SPORTS

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



They Got Game

photo by Jesse Skoubo

Jenny Fillion attempts to block the shot of Katie White during a scrimmage in the Advanced Basketball class in the Activities Center on Monday. Women's basketball coach Anjanette Dionne (background) teaches the women-only class on weekday afternoons in order to give aspiring Roadrunners a chance for pre-season practice and conditioning. Pre-season games for the men's and women's basketball teams begin in late November.

Lady Runners hit skids on road

Caleb Hawley
 The Commuter

The Lady Runners went 2-4 on last week's road trip to Oregon City and Longview, Wash., taking their overall record to 11-13 and 2-3 in conference play.

The Runners lost at Clackamas in three games on Wednesday. They kept it close throughout, but Clackamas took over late in each game. On Friday and Saturday the Runners played in the Lower Columbia Crossover tournament and went 2-3. In a

team effort, the Runners took their first match easily in three games. "We played pretty well there. Everybody contributed. Cheri Kisor and Darci Williamson are sharing setting duties and doing a good job. Overall we played pretty well," said coach Frazier.

Later LB played Columbia Basin and lost in three games. "Columbia Basin had a lot of attack power. We defended them well and got some blocks, but they were about to recover and put it back at us when we

were still transitioning," said Frazier.

LB rebounded against Skagit Valley with a five-game win. "That match was really a barn burner. We didn't get out of there until about 10pm. We beat them to fifteen about every game, and then kind of let up. We were tired after that one," said Frazier.

After going 2-1 on Friday, LB went on a two-game skid on Saturday against Mount Hood and Lower Columbia. The Runners were defeated in three games in each of the matches.

Beavers lose; season slipping away

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

Last Saturday more Beaver fans poured into Reser Stadium than had ever been there before. A record crowd of 42,951 watched as the Washington State Cougars outscraped the Beavers, nipping OSU 13-6 in a game that was for the most part sloppy.

The Beaver faithful were treated to another Saturday filled with dropped passes, fumbles and an interception that eventually may have cost them a shot at a win against a team that had not won in Corvallis since 1996. OSU lost the turnover battle 4-2, the most costly being an interception thrown by Beaver senior quarterback Matt Moore inside the Cougars' red zone while trailing 13-3.

After the game, Beaver Head Coach Mike Riley noted that on the play Moore's intended receiver, running back Yvenson Bernard was wide open in the end zone. One of the Cougars' defensive tackles got into Moore's line of sight, however, and forced a lobbed throw that was easily intercepted. "It was just a bad decision by Matt. It was first down, he should have just tucked it in and gotten as much as he could," said Riley.

By the middle of the third quarter most of the fans were getting restless with the performance of Moore and anticipating the insertion of freshman

Sean Canfield at quarterback. The move never happened and Riley stuck with Moore, who ended the game passing 18-for-34 and for 223 yards.

The Beavers drove to the WSU 30-yard line in the last minute of the game before turning the ball over on downs, clinching their second consecutive home loss.

Though visibly disappointed after the game, Riley remains optimistic about his team's chances to turn things around. "I hated this loss. But, I am excited about getting back to practice. We will work harder and we will get better."

That improvement will have to happen in a hurry. Next week the Beavers travel to Seattle to take on a University of Washington team that is much better than anyone anticipated coming into the season. Picked by some to finish last in the Pac-10, the Huskies are 4-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference and are coming off a narrow 26-20 defeat to then third-ranked USC in Los Angeles last Saturday.

Riley knows the Huskies are not the same team the Beavers defeated in Seattle 18-10 in 2005. "They are vastly, vastly improved," he said. "It is going to be tough, but we will be up to the challenge."

Beaver fans can only hope so. OSU may be traveling north for next week's game, but after their performance the last two weeks, their season is headed south in a hurry.

Baseball playoffs sending fans back to the future

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

The stage is set yet again for another rags-to-riches story as the Detroit Tigers knocked off the mighty New York Yankees in four games to advance to the American League Championship Series.

While the Tigers have not experienced a title-less drought quite like the Red Sox or White Sox, the two previous World Series champs, they have had their share of heartache. After losing 90 or more games in eight of the previous 10 seasons, including an all-time AL-worst 43-119 campaign in 2003, this 95-67 squad of 2006 is continually making strides to erase their former cellar-dweller reputation.

Standing in the way of Detroit's pennant path is the Oakland Athletics. The A's finally broke their first-round hex by sweeping Minnesota in the Division Series, snapping a streak of nine straight losses in potential series-clinchers following their 1988-1990 streak of World Series appearances.

Out-dueling Johan Santana, the 2005 Cy Young winner, in that matchup was 2002 Cy Young pitcher Barry Zito. The southpaw is in the final year of his contract and will look to repeat his Game 1 performance in Tuesday's ALCS opener against fellow lefty Nate Robertson.

Robertson is possibly the weakest of the Tigers starting quartet, which is made up of all-star game starter Kenny Rogers, 2006 Cy Young and Rookie of the Year candidate Justin Verlander, and Jeremy Bonderman. Verlander is one of two Tigers rookie firemen that can hit triple digits on the radar. The other is reliever Joel Zumaya who had 97 strike outs in just 83 innings thanks

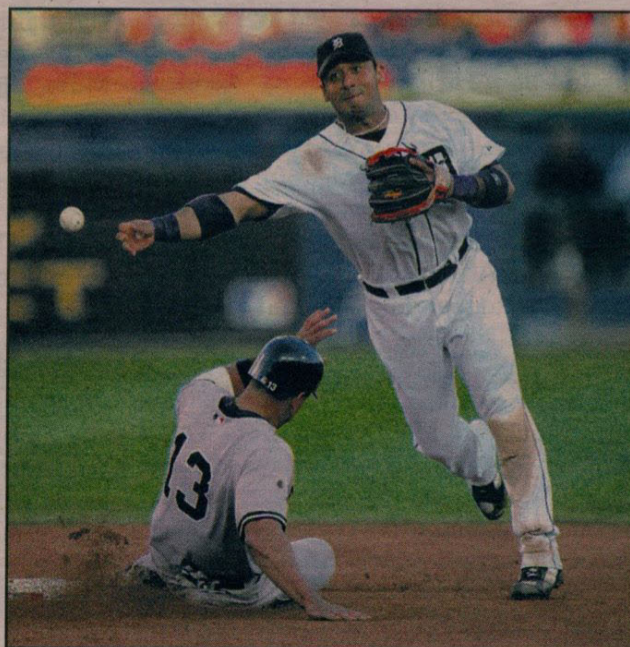


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Tigers shortstop Carlos Guillen gets a force out on Yankee Alex Rodriguez in the sixth inning of Detroit's 8-3 Division Series clinching Game 4 victory on Saturday.

to a devastating fastball that reaches 103 MPH.

Oakland and Detroit met once before in the post-season, with the A's beating the Tigers 3-2 in the 1972 ALCS. The best-of-seven series began on Tuesday in Oakland. Results were not available as of press time.

Over the past decade and a half the ALCS has been regarded as the real World Series since a National League team has won only four championships in the past 15

years. That trend has a good shot of ending as the Mets and Cardinals square off in the NLCS. While New York has been known to win games by committee (a league best 97-65 regular season record) there is no doubt whose shoulders the Cardinals fortunes directly lie on—first baseman and reigning NL MVP Albert Pujols. Widely regarded as the best hitter in baseball, Pujols delivered in the clutch time after time and carried the Cards past the Padres in four games in the NLDS.

Reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter means much the same to the starting rotation, displaying that in the NLDS by earning two of St. Louis three wins. Because of Carpenter's two long outings in the NLDS, he will not be available to pitch until Game 3. That could spell trouble for St. Louis as the Mets stacked lineup will go up against the Cardinals sometimes suspect staff in the first two games, both in New York.

New York is without Pedro Martinez for the playoffs, but the Mets aren't about to panic. With run support garnered from the likes of Carlos Delgado, David Wright and Carlos Beltran, as well the speedy Jose Reyes, St. Louis can only hope a possible game 6 or 7 is in the cards so Carpenter can display his dominance again.

New York hosts St. Louis tonight in Game 1 of the NLCS at 5 pm on the FOX Network, while Game 2 of the ALCS will be broadcast simultaneously on F/X.

Regardless of who wins this year's World Series, there will be a first time winner since the 1980's (St. Louis last won it in 1982, Detroit in 1984, New York in 1986 and Oakland in 1989). While none of these teams have had to wait upwards of 80 years for a title like the previous two winners, there will be, for a third consecutive season, a feeling of redemption for one of these squads.