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# LA VIE EST BELLE

Terrorist attacks sent the world reeling this week. The total death toll climbs close to 200, with 129 killed in Paris, 43 in Beirut and 19 in Baghdad.

The horrendous acts of terror committed by well-known extremist group Isis left 433 injured in Paris. After what began as an ordinary day in Paris, the city of lights turned into a city of distress and mourning.

In the wake of the attacks, people all over the world showed solidarity with Paris, Beirut, and Baghdad.

Millions of social media users took to the Internet to voice their sorrow and sympathy for this country alongside the other tragedies that occurred this past week. British Muslims protested against the violent use of the Muslim faith with “#NotInMyName.” The hashtag attempts to remind the world that small percentage of radicals do not represent the billions of Muslims living amongst us.

Countries across the world demonstrated solidarity with Paris,

coloring international monuments like the Sydney Opera House and the London Eye with the colors of France’s flag.

On the Nov. 16, the sun had fallen for the day. In the darkened skies, the Eiffel Tower joined the world in illuminating its beams in France’s colors. “La Vie Est Belle,” Life is beautiful.

Paris indicates it has not given up. If anything, France, and the world, stand in solidarity together stronger than ever.

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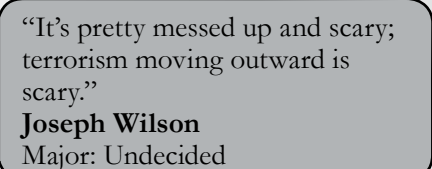
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# CAMPUS VOICE

Students and Staff were asked their reaction to the Attacks on Paris.



“I think the Paris attacks happened because people in the world have separate views and make that known through violent tendencies.”  
**Anna Thompson**  
Communication Instructor



“It’s pretty messed up and scary; terrorism moving outward is scary.”  
**Joseph Wilson**  
Major: Undecided



“It’s not representative of the religion. They feel left out by society and that’s how they are expressing themselves.”  
**Paige Kosa**  
Major: Political Science



“I feel that there are a lot of people there and attractions. A lot more targets there. It makes sense, since the US and France are allies.”  
**Claudia Vera**  
Major: Nursing



“Terrorists are terrorists, terrorists kill people, that’s what they did and what they will do.”  
**Jacob Klees**  
Major: Engineering



STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
MORGAN CONNELLY  
AND HANNAH BUFFINGTON

Look out for next editions topic:  
How the campus spent their Thanksgiving weekend.

# STUDENT PRESIDENT RESIGNS

Claims of an unwelcoming environment, difficult working conditions, and a history of harassment lead to resignation



PHOTO: MITCH KEYS

Paola Gonzales is no longer LBCC’s student president.

Gonzales resigned her position as student president Monday afternoon during a “task” report that concluded the Student Leadership Council’s weekly meeting.

Citing personal and health reasons for leaving her position, Gonzales further explained the reasons for her departure in a letter she provided to The Commuter.

Student Leadership Council is Linn-Benton Community College’s student government. Led by student-elected officials, the SLC is tasked with representing students in a variety of capacities such as the cost of tuition, policies changes on campus. SLC serves in an advisory capacity to a variety of committees on campus.

In her letter, Gonzales highlighted some of the difficulties she encountered during her time at SLC, some of which dated back to last year when she worked as a volunteer helping to organize events.

**“I wanted to be president to affect change, but also to make sure what happened to me last year didn’t happen to anyone else ever again. This is why I’m resigning, because student government has been an unsafe and unwelcoming environment for me, for far too long,”** Gonzales wrote.

On the list of grievances against SLC Gonzales attributes developing PTSD during her time as a part of the student government, and claims she was singled

out as a bilingual student by other members of SLC.

Just who will take over responsibilities as student president remains to be seen. If the chain of command is to be used to determine the next acting president, the job will transfer to current vice president Candalyann Johnson.

“At this time the SLC will go with their bylaws,” said Barb Horn, SLC program coordinator.

Johnson, however, has reservations about leaving her current post as the vice president. Her concerns lay with the limited time she has held her current position. Johnson has worked with the SLC since March 2014, but only became vice president earlier this term following the departure of former vice president Roxanne Smith.

“If I move up, the VP position will be vacant again and someone will have to pick up what I just got situated. The team is leaning towards me staying as VP because otherwise we would have to train two people instead of one,” said Johnson.

Fellow SLC member Michaela Martin believes the situation the SLC is facing is difficult, but she is confident the strength of the team will get them through this period of time.

“I respect her need to resign,” Martin said. “We have a strong team that will be able to continue to serve the students we represent effectively during this transition.”

STORY BY  
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# STUDENTS SKYROCKET WITH NASA

“It’s not hard, it’s just rocket science”

Over the summer several LBCC students received a rare opportunity: they launched their very own research payload into space.

Over the previous year, a team of 12 students developed, designed, and engineered the payload, which was launched attached to a NASA rocket on June 25. Using six Geiger tubes and a coincidence filter, the payload measured the activity of cosmic rays.

Funded by the Oregon Space Grant Consortium (OSGC), eight members of the Space Exploration Club attended the RockSat C workshop at Nasa Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia. LBCC was among three community colleges in the country to partake. Wearing shirts printed with the phrase “It’s not hard, it’s just rocket science,” the team members glow with excitement when they recall their experiment.

“You work on something for 10 months and then watch it sent into space ... it is very exciting!” said Delphine La Brun Colon, LBCC RockSat C team member.

The OSGC held a symposium on Nov. 13 at OSU’s LaSells Stewart Center. The event proved to be educational and inspirational for attendees, providing student research teams, NASA interns, and research scholars with a chance to present their research and experiences to fellow students and colleagues.

As well as enlightening her about a surprising number of internship and



research opportunities in the field, the symposium provided a broad view of future possibilities.

“The symposium gave us a bigger picture understanding of what, hopefully, our future will look like in the space industry,” said Colon.

Students from six Oregon universities were in attendance. LBCC and Portland Community College were represented at the symposium as well, along with NASA and OSGC representatives.

LBCC-affiliated students giving presentations included graduate Brianna Smith Sparks, who landed an internship at the Kennedy Space Center, and Dakota Peck, computer science and information technology major, who presented his experience and research from the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Colon, Levi Willmeth, Ariel Stroh, and Steven Blench represented LBCC’s RockSatC 2015 team and presented their recent success at the symposium.

Other members spoke favorably of the event, including Willmeth.

“The symposium brought together students so that we would talk and become inspired by what others have been accomplishing. Seeing what they have done helps us realize we can reach a little higher next year, and gives us something exciting to tell our fellow students back at LBCC.”

Colon cites her experience at the NASA flight facility as one of the best times of her life. For her, and others involved in the Space Exploration Club, opportunities in the aerospace field are not as difficult to find as one might assume.

“I think LBCC will continue to help inspire students and help us to realize how many fantastic opportunities are out there. When I got started I never imagined I could qualify for some of these important and ambitious science projects,” said Willmeth.

Willmeth and Colon both attribute these opportunities to their involvement with the Space Exploration Club, and the 2015 RockSat C team.

Colon, an ecology major, says experience isn’t necessary to be a part of the team. Enthusiasm, passion, and hard work are the only requirements.

“Some students think they need to be a math or physics major to contribute, but there are a surprising number of roles involved,” said Willmeth.

Busy brewing an ambitious plan for the near future, the Space Exploration Club will again be working with NASA. Launching a weather balloon, they will transmit pictures of the coming full solar eclipse in 2017, aired on live television.

Students with interest in the Space Exploration Club should contact the club advisor, Parker Swanson, or stop by their weekly meeting, on Fridays at 3 p.m in Madrone Hall room 106.

STORY AND PHOTO BY  
EMILY GOODYKOONTZ

# THE WRITTEN LANGUAGE

Breaking the English barrier one student at a time

Linn-Benton lives up to its name as a community college. It does so by welcoming students from all walks of life.

The English Language Learner Instructional Assistant, Sarah Mosser, came to Linn-Benton in September 2014. She is also a part-time instructor teaching a course fall term: Applied Learning Strategies. ELL stands for English Language Learner. Students who don't speak English as their primary language at home come to Mosser for assistance.

In the Writing Center Mosser is available Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Mosser's education began at Lancaster Bible College in Lancaster, Pa. She then moved to Oregon to receive her Master of Rhetoric and Composition at Oregon State University.

There is a wide variety of languages Mosser experiences on a daily basis: Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian.

"The languages are more diverse than we realize," said Mosser.

Mosser focuses on the writing process: brainstorming, content, organization, and grammar. Her goal is to take the instructions the instructors have given to the students and help them make sense to the students who might not comprehend them because of a potential language barrier.

Repetition and feedback is an important factor in Mosser's work. It is imperative

that each student receive assistance that is helpful to them specifically. Being able to help them and make it easier for them to understand is all in a day's work for Mosser.

"Sarah loves working with ELL students, and I think they feel her interest and support. Because of her training, she is better able to explain complex issues of grammar like the many rules guiding article and preposition use," said Victoria Fridley, writing center coordinator. "She is also aware of some of the specific struggles that may stem from the differences between English and the ELL student's native language, as well as some of the cultural differences regarding composition styles and structure."

Mosser expressed fulfillment in being available to help students achieve a better understanding of the English language. She doesn't like to see students struggle by themselves in a foreign language such as English.

"Students have been really eager and willing to learn," said Mosser.



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Sarah Manson smiles for the camera.

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# FRIENDSGIVING

A stress-free approach to Thanksgiving

As the end of the term draws near, stress levels rise.

The second wave of midterms and deadlines for final projects demands levels of studying that can hardly be interrupted. The weather is transitioning from the richness of fall to the bitterness of winter, causing icy roads and delayed flights nationwide.

Then there are Aunt Paula's inquisitions about your love life, or lack thereof, and uncle Joe's lame jokes that he's been telling since you were 4 years old.

It seems as though traveling home for Thanksgiving is just one more thing to worry about. But does it have to be?

Friendsgiving could quite possibly be the solution.

This laid-back approach to Turkey Day has become fairly popular in recent years. There's no pressure, and it's all about the fun environment and good friends coming together to celebrate the most gluttonous day of the year.

So how does one go about hosting a Friendsgiving amid such a busy time of year? The key is to keep things simple.

Your main responsibility as host is as simple as providing the turkey and gravy. The beauty in this: avoid breaking the bank and save time by subbing turkey breast or even turkey pot-pie for a traditional whole roasted bird.

Make a group chat or a Google doc with a list of categories that your friends can sign up for. For example, under the category "potatoes," someone could

sign up by writing "twice-baked yams" underneath.

It's also a good idea to ask your friends who RSVP if they have any dietary restrictions, so it's certain that they have plenty to eat as well.

Friends who can be trusted to show up early can be assigned the snacky hors d'oeuvres to keep people going while everything else is getting ready in the kitchen.

Got a few friends that

idea of Friendsgiving is keeping everything low-key. Friends should have nothing to prove when contributing to the meal.

Other than coordinating the food and providing the bird, your only other real responsibility is having the table set up.

this crowd certainly won't mind.

You can keep decorating to a minimum with a paper plate buffet-style set up, or you can go all out with place cards and everything.

This is no traditional Thanksgiving, so feel free to mix things up. Try using bandanas from a dollar store for napkins, or little tea candles to add an inexpensive flare to your table.

Want to geek out and go for a theme? Who's going to stop you? Certainly not Grandma Jean.

Not everyone is going to be able to make it home for the holidays, but that doesn't have to be a bad thing. In the end, Friendsgiving is all about keeping things stress-free and fun while still having an enjoyable holiday.

It also gives you a whole month until you have to share your love life, or lack thereof, with your dear Auntie Paula.

**"Friends should have nothing to prove when contributing to the meal."**



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MOVIE REVIEW:

**Experimenter**

**DIRECTOR:** Michael Almereyda,  
**STARRING:** Peter Sarsgaard, Winona Ryder, Jim Gaffigan, Anton Yelchin, and John Leguizamo  
**PRODUCTION:** BB Film Productions, FJ Productions, Intrinsic Value Films, Jeff Rice Films  
**GENRE:** Biography, Drama, History  
**RATED:** PG-13  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★

REVIEW BY **KYLE BRAUN-SHIRLEY**

Anyone who has taken an introductory level psychology or sociology class has likely heard of Stanley Milgram and the obedience experiment. For those who haven't, Milgram was a social psychologist who conducted a controversial yet revealing experiment in the early 1960s. Like the experiment the film is based around, "Experimenter" is all too revealing about humanity.

"Experimenter" is a biographical drama film written and directed by Michael Almereyda. Released on Oct. 16, the film stars Peter Sarsgaard as Milgram and Winona Ryder as his wife, Sasha Menkin Milgram. The film is surprisingly one of the most entertaining movies of 2015 due to its dynamite script, the award worthy performance from Sarsgaard, and its thought provoking insights into how average people respond to authority.

The Milgram experiment that the film revolves around began at Yale in 1961. The point was to see how long an average person would obey an authority figure, if they knew that another person would be hurt or in pain as they continued to obey. The experiment was inspired by the trial of Nazi war criminal and Holocaust mastermind Adolf Eichmann. Milgram wanted to know

how it was possible for German soldiers to perpetrate the murder of millions of Jews during the Holocaust simply because they were following orders.

What Milgram discovered in his experiment forms the existential core of "Experimenter." It's the shocking truth that most people follow orders from those in a position of authority, regardless of the consequences. This interesting notion is one of the key reasons this film is so engaging to watch. The questions that both the film and the experiment itself raise about human nature and society are food for thought that will make anyone question what they would do if they were in a similar situation.

In terms of the dialogue, "Experimenter" is one of the standout movies of the year. While the ideas and premise of the film are intriguing, if they didn't have a solid script to back them up, the film would have fallen on its face. Luckily, the screenplay is smart, compelling, clever, and funny. Almereyda deserves all the praise in the world.

Sarsgaard offers up a grounded and stoic portrayal of Milgram, but he's also witty and endearing in the role. The audience is given the impression that Milgram was

a very curious and observant man who wasn't lacking a sense of humor. The rest of the cast is good too, even actors who are hardly in the film. For example, Anton Yelchin appears in only one scene, but he gives a speech and performance as refreshing as his character is in the film.

The thing about this film that made it different from other biopics is its decision to focus more on Milgram's experiment and less on his personal life. Other films are quick to hone in on the melodrama of a subject's life, often making mountains out of molehills. It was nice to watch a film where the main character wasn't constantly bickering with his wife. Instead, "Experimenter" focused on Milgram's professional life rather than his personal one, and it was all the better for it.

It's likely that very few people will hear about "Experimenter," and even fewer people will actually see the film. That's a shame, because it's surprisingly good. Do yourself a favor and watch it. You won't be disappointed with the results.

# DUCKS DERAILED STANFORD

Oregon pays Stanford back for derailing their National Championship hopes

Oregon's hope of a Pac-12 title stayed alive after last week's win over the Stanford Cardinals 38-36. The game wasn't pretty, but Oregon came up big in the fourth quarter as they recovered two fumbles from Stanford quarterback Kevin Hogan.

The Pac-12's national title chances are almost nonexistent as every team has at least two losses for the season after last week's games. The conference as a whole got some more recognition, though, as USC, Oregon, and Washington State all climbed into the Top-25 rankings this week. They join Ole Miss as the only 3 loss teams to be ranked. This gives the conference five ranked teams, tied for most of any conference.

No team has punched their card for the Pac-12 title game. Washington State, Stanford and Oregon are fighting for the North Division; one of them will meet up against USC, UCLA, or Utah from the South. Oregon needs a Stanford loss next week against California and a Washington State loss in their last two games to take control of first place in the North Division.

The USC game this weekend will be a big matchup for both teams, with both teams becoming ranked for the first time since week 5 and each fighting for a title game spot. This matchup has been on hold for the last two years because of scheduling since from the Pac-10 transition to the Pac-12 forced Oregon schools to only see UCLA or USC in two year shifts. Oregon has held the advantage since 2009, winning three of their four meetings. Both of these teams came into the year with high aspirations that quickly got off track. USC dealing with coaching problems and Oregon having quarterback problems because

of Vernon Adams' injury.

Oregon's running backs have been relied on heavily in their three-game win streak. Royce Freeman, Kani Benoit, and Tony Brooks-James have each played prominent roles and will be on top of their game to compete against the USC tough front seven. Adams has been excellent since returning from his finger injury and will be forced to pick up yards outside of the pocket against a USC defense that is tied for first in conference on sacks.

As flashy as both USC and Oregon's offenses are, this game will be won on defense. The Ducks have ranked in the bottom of the conference for defense all season, but have started to show up when needed most. If Oregon is going to win, they will need to get pressure onto USC quarterback Cody Kessler. Kessler isn't known for his mobility and when teams are able to get pressure, he has problems staying cool in the pocket.



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# BEAVERS LOOK TO PLAY SPOILER AND DOG THE HUSKIES BOWL HOPES

Oregon State's offensive coordinator Dave Baldwin needs to find an identity on the offensive side of the ball.

Baldwin needs to decide if they are going to be a power running team, with true freshman Ryan Nall bullying his way to five yards in a cloud of dust with Nick Mitchell at quarterback after Nall returns from injury. Or whenever Seth Collins returns from his knee injury will they go with Collins and another true freshman Paul Lucas, who was the leading rusher for the Beavers against Cal with 13 carries for 70 yards. Collins being the starting quarterback would feature more read option with Lucas. Mitchell would be less read option and more of the traditional rushing attack with the running back.

Whichever way Baldwin decides to go with his offense, he has to figure out how

to put the ball in the end zone. Oregon State is last in the Pac-12 in scoring.

Oregon State's defense has been better, but better on a 2-7 team still isn't great. The linebackers and secondary need to make plays. They are near the bottom of the conference in turnover margin and passes defended. Passes defended might seem like a strange stat category, but it's a microcosm of the Oregon State season. They average 2.6 per game; that's 2.6 times that they either break up a pass, bat it down, or intercept it. By contrast, UCLA and Utah lead the conference with 6.9 and 5.6. That might not seem like a big difference, but those extra four times per game that the defense touches the ball are more likely to turn into interceptions or their opponent completing four less passes. That all starts with

the defensive line.

Oregon State's defensive line is last with 13 sacks in 10 games. If a team doesn't have to worry about pressure, then they are free to pick apart the defense like Jared Goff did with 453 yards, six touchdowns, and one interception.

All of these problems were expected for head coach Gary Andersen, and the lack of depth shows up in the box score every week when Oregon State is outgained, outscored, and outplayed in the second half. Most of these problems can be fixed with more depth, something Andersen will address on the recruiting trail. Until then it will be a struggle to stop high-scoring offenses.

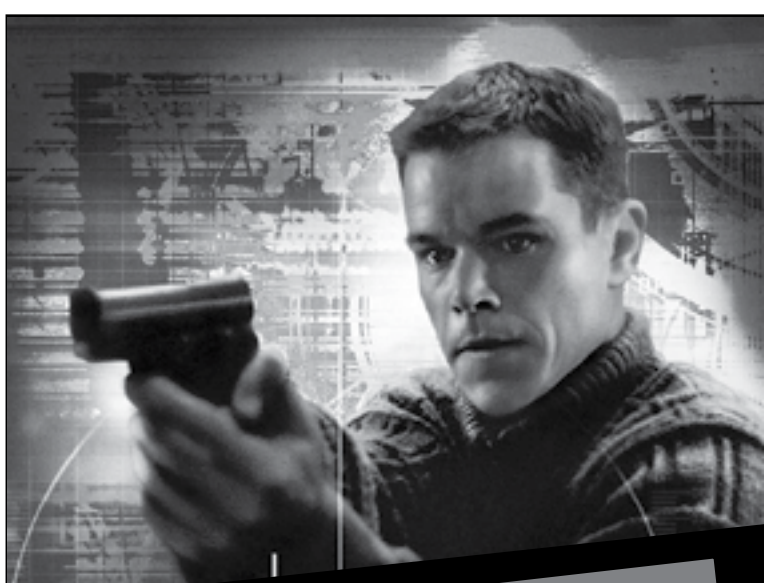
Oregon State has two more games left. Washington is next up, and they are beatable. They have a lot of the same

issues as Oregon State on the offensive side of the ball. However, the Dawgs defense is one of the best units in the Pac-12 and might make life tough on the offense. If the Beavers are going to win, they need to score early, maybe on a trick play, catching Washington off-guard. It's going to be tough for the Beavers to go head-to-head with a tough defense like Washington's.

The chance to play spoiler for Washington and Oregon might be enough to get the young team motivated for the last two games of the season.



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## "The Bourne Identity"

The year 2002 marked the release of "The Bourne Identity," and spy movies have never been the same. Move over, James Bond; Jason Bourne is here to kick ass and take names.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

A wild turkey can run at speeds up to 20 miles per hour. In seconds they can burst into flight approaching speeds between 50-55 mph.

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**Wednesday:** Poached Chicken over Mushroom Rice Pilaf with Bearnaise\*, Cumin Crusted Pork with Chimichurri\*, Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Tomato Soup. Soups: Billy Bi, and Vegetable and Wild Rice\*  
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**Friday:** Chef's Choice  
**Monday:** Braised Chicken, Baked Salmon with Sweet Potatoes and Hollandaise\*, Vegetarian Omelet\*. Soups: Tom Kha Gai\*, and Split Pea\*  
**Tuesday:** CULINARY ARTS THEME DAY-Chicken Tikka Masala, Lamb Kofta, Saag Paneer. Soups: Masoor Dal (Vegetarian Lentil), and Chicken Shorba.

Menu is subject to change without notice. Items denoted with a \* are gluten-free

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

## SPORTS BULLETIN

LBCS Volleyball	Oregon State Football	UO Football	Civil War Football
Thursday, Nov. 19	vs Washington	vs USC 12:30 p.m.	Oregon vs Oregon State
NWAC Championship Tournament	Saturday, Nov. 21 3 p.m.	Saturday, Nov. 21 Eugene, Ore.	Friday, Nov. 27 1 p.m.
LBCS vs Spokane Tacoma, Wash.	Corvallis, Ore.		Eugene, Ore.



PHOTO: AMANDA BLEVINS

*Families Trick or Treating at businesses in downtown Corvallis.*



PHOTO: MORIAH HOSKINS

*From left: Max and Alex Forrester, with their mother, Carmen, sit in front of the Old City Hall waiting for the Veterans Day parade to begin.*



PHOTO: BEN SCHEELE

*Matt Davison skating in the West Albany High School parking lot.*



PHOTO: HANNAH BUFFINGTON

*Eddy Scott, mechanic at FL Synder & Sons Co. in downtown Albany.*



PHOTO: NICK FIELDS

*Gary Richards is a volunteer and also a faculties/safety coordinator at the carousel museum. Gary is demonstrating a small detail of what goes into the carving of a horse for the carousel.*



PHOTO: CHEYNE WILLEMS

*Skateboarder, Hayden Smith, skillfully rides his skateboard at the edge of the bowl at Scott McKinley Skate Park in Corvallis.*