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Karen Novak, grand-daughter of owners, Joseph and Matilda Novak, assists patrons with take home desserts while another employee rings up their bill at the register Monday afternoon. This will be their second free Thanksgiving dinner for the public at their larger facilities near Heritage Mall.

Novak's serves up Thanksgiving dinner for needy

Shannon Brown
The Commuter

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant has been providing a warm, comfortable atmosphere at Thanksgiving for anybody who cannot afford a Thanksgiving dinner, college students without a place to go and those who don't have someone to celebrate the holiday with.

Karen Novak, daughter of owners Joseph and Matilda Novak, said they have been providing the dinner for so long because "We want to give back to the community."

Joseph and Matilda escaped a concentration camp in 1956 and immigrated to the United States. Matilda enjoyed cooking so much, they thought it would be a wonderful idea to open a Hungarian restaurant 20 years

ago in Albany.

According to Novak, more than 300 people showed up for the dinner last year. They serve a traditional Thanksgiving feast with pumpkin cheese cake to top it off.

Thanksgiving is on Nov. 25 this year. The dinner will start at noon and will end when everyone has been fed. Members of the community graciously volunteer their time to help those less fortunate have a wonderful holiday.

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant is located at 2306 Heritage Way S.E., next to GI Joe's and across from the Heritage Mall.

Those wanting to volunteer or make reservations for dinner, can call 967-9488. The dinner is free. Deliveries can be arranged for people who cannot get out of the house.

Changes inevitable as Bush prepares for second term

Nick Milhoan
The Commuter

George W. Bush will have to make some adjustments to his Cabinet for his second term. It was announced Tuesday that Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite of many conservatives and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, a close personal friend of President Bush, would not be coming back for Bush's second term. Both men have served in Bush's Cabinet from the start of his administration.

In a five page handwritten letter to Bush, Ashcroft said, "The objective of securing the safety of American's from crime and terror has been achieved."

"Yet I believe that the Department of Justice would be well served by new leadership and fresh inspiration," said Ashcroft. It is believed that earlier health problems that resulted in removal of his gall bladder played a role in his decision.

Evans, a longtime friend and former member of Bush's Texas Cabinet wrote, "While the promise of your second term shines bright, I have concluded with deep regret

that it is time for me to return home."

President Bush issued statements on both men, praising them for the policies they advanced and the achievements they accomplished.

"John Ashcroft has worked tirelessly to help make our country safer," Bush said. "John has served our nation with honor, distinction, and integrity."

The farewell to Evans was more personal, which was a bit fitting for the three decades that the men have been associated, which dates back to the oil

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Heavy equipment grad wins national skills competition

Colleen Jacks
The Commuter

LBCC student Nick Santana won the top award, as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic, in a contest sponsored by SkillsUSA. Students from thirty four two-year and four-year schools across the country entered competitions at the local, state and national level.

Santana's prize, was a large Craftsman tool box, donated by Caterpillar.

Scott McDougall, a representative from

Caterpillar, was on hand for the awards ceremony held on November 3, at Morse Bros. headquarters, in Tangent. Santana has worked for Morse Bros for about a year and a half.

"It's important to have trained mechanics to keep the heavy equipment running properly," McDougall said. "It's hard to find people who want to train as mechanics," he added.

Santana, a 1997 graduate of South Albany High School, recently completed

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Nick Santana, a recent graduate of LBCC's Heavy Equipment Program, won the top award in a national skills contest this year. The gold medal was awarded for his performance in the SkillsUSA National Competition in Kansas City.

photo by Colleen Jacks

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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Few Showers
high 60 low 42
WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy
high 58 low 40
THURSDAY

Partly Cloudy
high 59 low 45
FRIDAY

Rain
high 56 low 39
SATURDAY

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OPINION

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Election upsets civil rights advocates

As the election wound down last week, I like many American's began to think we might be looking at another Florida this year. As I drifted off to sleep around 3 a.m., Ohio was the pivotal state still up in the air. Would we be looking at a Kerry administration? Or was Bush *gasp* destined for four more years? As I awoke at 8 a.m. I turned on the TV to see that Kerry had literally just conceded to Bush. Needless to say thanks to this and a few other issues, I was very disappointed.

Why in the world do we want a president that has lied to us? Bush said Kerry "flip-flopped". However when we really look at his supposed "flip-flopping" didn't Kerry only support our president because, like everyone else in America, he thought Bush was right in sending us to war, then when he discovered that Bush had lied, he changed his mind to say "hey, I believed you when I thought you were being honest, but now that you are lying to us, I can't trust you."

I do think Kerry did the right thing in saying "hey, the chance of me winning Ohio is about as good as Bush growing a brain so I'm throwing in the towel."

I still do not understand how he could have been re-elected, but I have grown to accept that we are going to have to live with four more years of Bushisms. I do see one positive out of this, though. I love to watch SNL and it will be great to continue watching them make fun of our commander in chief.

The only thing that pisses me off more than Bush being re-elected is Measure 36.

Yeah, I know since the dawn of time marriage has been man and woman. But are we really that discriminative in this state? Are we afraid that gays are going to take over the world? Give me a break! Measure 36 was not about marriage, it never was, but the Defense of Marriage Coalition wanted everyone to believe that if it had failed, homosexuals would have been allowed to marry which was not the case.

Measure 36 basically says that discrimination is okay. If you want to make fun of someone go ahead, we passed a measure that says it's not a problem. Gay marriage is a civil right, just as allowing blacks to drink out of a water fountain was and allowing women to vote was.

Thanks to the passage of Measure 36 and the 10 other states that passed bans on gay marriage, discrimination is allowed to run rampant in our country. Our own president's position is that its okay to discriminate, which in his view means homosexuals are not Americans and don't deserve equal rights. This despite the fact that just after being re-elected he said that he wants us to be united and not divided.

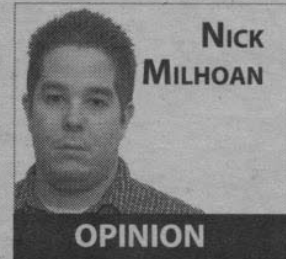
Well, to those of you who say that God didn't create gays, I have a news flash. They were created by the same God you were. We are all related, like it or not. God made gays and he made you. He wanted a diversified world. Had he not, we would all look alike and talk alike, boring!

So if you want to continue to discriminate and keep your head up your ass, you need to find Christopher Lloyd's character in "Back to The Future" and see if he can take you back 30 years, because last I checked, discrimination is not something we want to tolerate.

* Look at the rest of the world; Canada, the Netherlands, even Vermont and Massachusetts recognize gay marriage or some sort of civil union. Do you really want to deny people the right to marry and have a family? I guess because we passed this measure that you do, but I don't.

Although I don't look for Measure 36 to last long. We had to vote on assisted suicide three times because people fought it. I'm sure the ACLU and Basic Rights Oregon will challenge 36, and if we can be forced to vote on issues three times, I don't see a reason we can't vote on this one again.

So, come on, give me a break and get with the times. It's 2004 and discrimination is not tolerated anymore. It's time to remove your head from your sphincter, get a life and come to accept everyone is created equal. If you are a child of God, you of all people should know that. God created me, he created you and he created everyone else on the planet.



NICK MILHOAN

OPINION

Students' rights unknown to LBCC staff

Keeping quiet by not saying anything negative or by not standing up for yourself is something that is more common place among people today than of yesterday.

I can no longer be quiet about the problems here at LBCC. Over the last few weeks I have experienced and learned of unfair business practices with the staff at LBCC. I don't mean to imply that all the staff is included here, although I do mean to include the president, dean of students and the director of financial aid.

With regards to the president, she told me last school year while I was interviewing her that because she doesn't smoke, she doesn't think about the smoking problem on campus.

It's time to start thinking. With a rise in enrollment every term comes a rise in cigarette smokers. A short poll taken three weeks ago showed that out of 36 students, only four smoked cigarettes. So why is the school catering to the smokers? Why should students and staff who don't smoke be subjected to the addictions of smokers? The smokers have a right to smoke, but they don't have the right to force second-hand smoke onto innocent bystanders on their way to class. I feel the school is helping to kill the students by not addressing this health issue. Speak up and complain, let your voice be heard.

Or maybe it won't be heard. Why do I say this? Because when you go to complain to the dean of students and ask to file a formal grievance, you may be told, like I was, that no such thing exists. I was also told this by a counselor. It seems like these individuals should know of procedures with students and give directions on how to file.

I called the Department of Education in Salem and they helped me to find on the Internet the procedure in our school to file a complaint. It says amongst the procedures to file with the dean of students. How can you file with the dean if the dean doesn't even know the process to file a grievance or complaint? This doesn't make me feel good about being heard or having anyone care about the students and the issues here at LBCC.

I was asked to put things in writing by the dean so here it is. So what are the choices we have as students? To stay or leave.

To stay and get financial aid is a hardship in itself. If you apply for work study, you may or may not get awarded. If you are outspoken in the school, like I am, somehow papers get misplaced and because of time

restrictions work study can't be awarded. How convenient, a place to discriminate against the students. The Financial Aid Office is another area where I hear complaints from the students.

One complaint two weeks ago came from a student telling me the school won't be re-awarding the work study that wasn't picked up by students, and that it would be moved to another fund. What was this? I had to investigate.

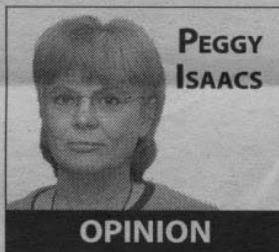
When I went to the director to clarify this he said there are three funds where money can be moved around in financial aid. Okay so move the money and re-award the work study. What's the problem? After a long-winded explanation, I finally bought his excuse. What I didn't buy was the excuse for not re-distributing the remaining unused work study grants that were awarded. The director kept referring to a chart he drew for me to explain how work study grants are provided for students. What a bunch of bologna.

The only thing that made sense as to the reason the work studies weren't awarded was the only bit of truth I heard that day. The reason was "We got together as an office and decided that it would be difficult to call students on a wait list." "What?" I said. "What do you mean it's too difficult to make phone calls?" What kind of excuse is this: workers deciding to be lazy and not do their jobs?

I now say to the school: Where is the policy that gives the president the right to ignore the health of students, the policy that tells the dean she doesn't have to inform students of policies, and what policy gives the director of financial aid the right to make a decision to give his permission to let his employees slack and not do their jobs? Don't the students pay for these employees who are not doing their jobs?

I believe this school is harming the students in more ways than one. If this is what the school does to the students on the outside, what are they doing on the inside. You know, like the one where the Eldon Schafer loan shows up twice on the students' records. What programs benefit the school with this pumped up deficit?

The school needs to publicly address these issues and clarify what has been presented in this opinion. Explain why and what gives LBCC the right to unfair business practices, misuse of funds and to endanger the health of students. If you have complaints please email www.watchdogatlbcc@yahoo.com Students stand-up for your rights, starting right here and now at LBCC.



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CAMPUS NEWS

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Expansions brings new twists and turns to MC

Brenda Ranzenbach
 The Commuter

Jason Miller has made his way back to Oregon to become the coordinator of the Multicultural Center and instructor for LBCC.

Miller, who took over the MC in September, has a master's degree in anthropology from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. "My work is called participatory action research and is directly tied to creating sustainable, positive social change," explained Miller.

His graduate studies were performed in British Columbia where he worked with the Canadian Indians who are known as First Nations. His studies involved border issues for those trying to come into the United States.

Before earning his master's degree, Miller obtained a bachelor's in theater design, where he did some work involving puppets in Seattle. It was in college where he first learned about the field of anthropology.

"The link between the arts and culture is very strong and it seemed a natural shift



Jason Miller

for me," Miller elaborated. He will teach anthropology at the Lebanon Center part-time evenings, beginning next term.

Miller, who was born and raised on the Oregon Coast, now lives in Eugene. Miller will oversee many new twists and turns in the Multicultural Center. He has on his calendar a renovation scheduled for winter break. There will be an expansion of the current facility to increase square footage, allowing some additional furniture to be brought in.

According to Miller, the Multicultural Center, open since 1999, is a safe place. All students and faculty are welcome to come in and learn about other cultures and meet people. Visitors are treated with dignity and are invited to talk about ideas and ask questions. Prejudicial behavior is discouraged. The center sees between 40 and 75 students each day.

There is a resource library available with books, videos and games provided for check out. The center also keeps a list of students and staff who are fluent in other languages. There are several tables where one can sit to enjoy their lunch or do homework.

The center is also the hub of the study abroad program. At present, students are being offered the opportunity to study in London, England for the spring term. In addition, students can look into studying



Multicultural Center offers safe zone for students and staff where prejudicial behavior is discouraged. photo by Erik Swanson

in Florence, Italy for the next fall term.

Throughout the school year, the center will be offering special programs and workshops. Miller will offer workshops on civil rights issues during the Martin Luther King, Jr. program. Additionally, the center will host a hunger banquet

that will bring to our attention global hunger.

Besides Miller, there are five people on staff. The Multicultural Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is located in Forum 220 on the second floor of the Student Union.

Last survival seminar helps to lift test anxieties for students

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

The last survival seminar of the term, "Overcoming Test Panic," will be Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 12 to 12:45 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, just in time to help prepare for finals.

The seminar will be presented by Lynne Wylie of the Developmental Studies Department. Seminars on overcoming test anxiety will also be at the Benton Center on Nov. 16 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in BC-204, and at the East Linn

Campus on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in LC-200.

There is no registration, fee or homework and free snacks are offered. According to coordinator Sandy Fichtner, who is an instructional assistant and part-time faculty member in the Developmental Studies Department, topics are usually focused on what will help students reach their goals in college.

The survival seminars are coordinated by the Developmental Studies Department, and have been going on for about six years. Fichtner, who has been involved since the beginning,

said that when they started out attendance was fairly low, as she expected, with only a couple of students usually attending each one. She said that more people have attended them lately, averaging between six and 20.

This term the topics have been about returning to the academic environment after being away for years, applying for scholarships, using search engines, basic car maintenance and more.

Originally, members of the Developmental Studies Department presented most of the seminars. Now the department invites instructors from around

the campus to speak on issues that might be helpful to students.

People who have ideas about something they would like to speak about also offer to give survival seminars, Fichtner said. The Developmental Studies Department is also asking students and staff for ideas, she added, and encourages students to give their input.

Next term some topics that may be covered are writing or grammar, textbook comprehension and taking lecture notes. There will be survival seminar brochures in the Learning Cen-

ter, an events calendar posted on the LBCC web site and fliers will be posted. The survival seminars will be held on Tuesdays from 12 to 12:45 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

There are also free workshops for ESOL students on Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. Students can practice their English grammar, writing, reading and speaking. They can get help with assignments, meet others in a similar situation, and practice conversation. The workshops are presented by Mary Browning.

Clubs offer specific interests to older and Latino students

Joy Senff
 The Commuter

Jocelyn Haas has taken on a role that not many people can accomplish, she is this year's new Clubs Coordinator for LBCC. Haas has spent the last year and a half as a student and student ambassador here at LBCC.

To increase club participation this year, she helps advertise for members by setting up tables during the all-campus picnic in the fall. Haas is currently adding more details and maybe even pictures to LBCC's club web site (www.linnbenton.edu). "I believe that students would like to be in clubs they know more about and are interested in," she adds.

Newer clubs to LBCC have started to develop in addition to many successful ones from years past. Kelly Donegan, LBCC's new Outreach and Retention Specialist is trying to start a club for people in non-traditional career programs, such as, men who are in nursing or women in engineering. Contact Donegan for more

information at 917-4485.

Student Ambassador Violet Stone is starting a "Top of the Hill" club for LBCC students over the age of 25. Stone can be contacted in the Student Life and Leadership office at 917-4466. Another student ambassador, Mercedes Gutierrez, is trying to start a Latino club. She can also be contacted in the SL&L office. In addition, Faculty member Jim Chase is putting together a Business 101 club for business students.

Previous clubs that have been successful over the years range from a variety of interests. Those clubs and their advisors are:

- The American Society-Civil Engineering Technology Club (ASCET), advisor Sandy March (917-4773)
- The Campus Ambassadors Club, advisor David Becker (917-4264)
- Christian Fellowship, advisor Jack Stone (917-4265)
- The Campus Family Co-op, advisor Jennifer Beudert (917-4961)
- The International Assoc. of Adminis-

trative Professionals Club (IAAP), advisor Mary Ann Lammers (917-4286)

- The EBOP (Equine, bovine, ovine, porcine) Club, advisor Clay Weber (917-4768)
- The Gay Straight Alliance, advisor Adero Allison (917-4690)
- The Golden Z Club, advisor Kathy Withrow (917-4426)
- The Visual Arts Club, advisor John Aikman (917-4545)
- The Horticulture Club, advisor Stefan Seiter (917-4765)
- The Kinetic Sculpture Club, advisor Carol Wenzel (917-4459)
- The LBCC Lugs (or Linux Users Group), advisor Parker Swanson (917-4274)
- The Multicultural Club, advisor Thomas Bohmker (917-4616) and Michael Weiss (917-4578)
- The RPM (Racing Performance Mechanics) Club, advisor Bryan Schiedler (917-4597)
- The Spherical Cow Club and the Ultimate Frisbee Club, advisor Greg

Mulder (917-4744)

• Also, LBCC students interested in the OSU Flying Club can contact Jim Bell (917-4547)

Haas believes that students don't know how easy it is to start a club here at LBCC. First, you must complete a club petition form, have an advisor who is a contracted staff member, and provide name, address and phone number for at least eight registered students who are actively interested in membership.

This information must be taken to the clubs coordinator in the Student Life and Leadership Office, where it will be checked for completeness and then sent to the Associated Student Government for final approval.

Among the benefits provided to clubs is a meeting room on campus free of charge and \$100 to get each club up and going. They also have access to campus publications, and the opportunity to participate in campus events.

"Clubs are a good way for students to meet new people," adds Haas.

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For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101)

Computer Resource Intern (#2865 & 2843, Albany) Having trouble getting on-the-job experience in the computer field? We have a couple of jobs including this one that are looking for someone like you. These are non-paid positions, but you can get CWE credit toward your degree and a great reference!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Diversity Scholarship Applications are now available! This scholarship targets students of ethnic minority status, low-income students, or students with disabilities and registered with the LBCC Disability Services Office. Other criteria for the scholarship include: U.S. citizen or permanent resident status, Oregon resident, first generation college bound student, demonstrated financial need as defined by FAFSA, full-time enrollment, and a minimum H.S. GPA of 2.5 or 2.75 college GPA. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications are due by noon Nov. 24.

PRIDE Foundation scholarships: The Pride foundation and allied communities grant scholarships for up to \$5,000 each to build leadership and promote diversity in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Awards may be used for any post-secondary education. Applicants must be WA, OR, ID, MT, or AK residents. Preferences will be given to students who are self-identified LGBT, members of the LGBT families, or allies who have been strongly supportive of the LGBT community. Application information is available at www.pridefoundation.org or call 1-800-735-7287. Application due date for this scholarship is January 14, 2005.

Are you a 2004 graduate of West Albany or South Albany High School? If so, you may qualify for the \$400 David Jordan memorial Scholarship! You must be a recent WAHS or SAHS student, who shows financial need as determined by FAFSA! Check out the specific criteria by picking up a flier from the kiosk next to the Financial Aid Office, Takena 117. Qualified applicants will need to submit completed application by noon, November 24th.

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Geminhardt flute: \$150. 503-930-4789.

Santana: SkillsUSA contests help prepare students for industry careers

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the two-year Heavy Equipment Mechanic program at LBCC, and plans to get his bachelor's degree at OSU.

According to McDougall it's become extremely difficult to find people who aspire to be heavy equipment mechanics. That's why Caterpillar likes to partner with the school to find qualified mechanics.

His instructors John Alvin and Steve Pierson helped him register for the contest. According to Alvin, LBCC has had other students do quite well in previous SkillsUSA contests, but Nick is the first to win first place.

SkillsUSA is a national organization that works with teachers, as well as high school and college students to prepare them for careers in technical, skilled,

and service occupations, including health occupations. According to their Website, more than 264,000 students and instructors join SkillsUSA annually, organized into nearly 13,000 chapters and 54 state and territorial associations. Their goal is to "ensure America has a skilled workforce."

Scott Trent, Director of Human Resources for Morse Bros. also was on hand for the ceremony.

"We're proud to have some-

one like Nick to be the national winner. He's the second LBCC CWE student we've had, win the national contest," Trent said.

Trent added, "It's important for our business to partner with the schools; it's a real win-win. We need good, qualified mechanics and I'm very happy he'll earn his bachelor's degree. People are our most valuable asset."

For more information about SkillsUSA see their Website at: www.skillsusa.org/skills.html.

Diesel Equipment Technology

Contestants cycle through fourteen stations testing: basic engines; troubleshooting engines; electrical-electronics; chassis; transmissions; carriers; hydraulic systems; vehicle inspection; fundamental failure analysis; brake systems; air-conditioning; general shop skills; job interview skills; and a written test.

Cabinet: Ashcroft resigns due to health issues

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business in Midland, Texas.

"Don Evans is one of my most trusted friends and advisers," Bush said. "Don has worked to advance economic security and prosperity for all Americans. He has worked steadfastly to make sure America continues to be the best place in the world to do business."

Ashcroft, 62, is well liked by many conservatives, but at the same time, he has been the brunt of criticism for his handling of the war against terror.

Evans, 58, was instrumental in Bush's 2000 campaign and Bush personally brought him to Washington. In recent days' aides reported that he was ready for a change. Evans had been mentioned as a possible White House chief of staff in Bush's second term, but the president has decided to keep Andy Card in that job.

There is already speculation about a few successor's to Ashcroft, including former deputy, Larry Thompson, who recently took a job as a general

counsel at PepsiCo. If he were appointed, Thompson would be the nation's first black attorney general. A few others mentioned include former Montana Gov. Marc Racicot and White House general counsel Alberto Gonzales.

One of the successors mentioned to replace Evans is Mercer Reynolds, national finance chairman for the Bush campaign (he raised more than \$260 million towards his re-election).

It is still not known if Secretary of State Colin Powell

and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will return. Neither man has given any inclination as to their possible decision.

Condeleeza Rice, the National Security Adviser, is considered a possible replacement for either Powell or Rumsfeld. She has been very adamant that she doesn't wish to continue in her current role during Bush's second term. Officials have said her path is up or out, although it's unclear if she would resign if she were not offered a new position in Bush's Cabinet.

STUDENTS! COME MEET...

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 • Food Service Operators (2)

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 evaluates public health programs and needs
 • Consumer Representative (3)

Solid Waste Advisory Committee
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History takes off at Albany's little known airport

Walt Hughes
 The Commuter

Few occupants of the thousands of cars and trucks passing the Albany airport on Interstate 5 each day would be aware of its historical significance as they move toward destinations like Portland, Seattle, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.

Listed on the National Historical Register, the Albany Airport is the oldest continuously operated airport in Oregon according to a large plaque hanging in the waiting room of Reliant Aviation, the FBO, or fixed base operator, at the airport.

Tom Kopczynski, the owner and manager of Reliant, has been there for the past 32 years. He said the original airport property was around 80 acres. The addition of the new Fairgrounds and Expo Center facilities brought it down to the approximately 40 acres where the 3,000 foot runway, outside aircraft parking spaces, shops, hangars, and Reliant's facilities are located today.

Albany's aviation past dates back to the 1800's. According to the wall plaque, an Albany businessman from the Chinese community was the first to demonstrate rockets in Oregon in 1875.

In the 1880's, Henry L. Flindt was the first person to launch an experimental steam-powered airplane on the American continent. The plane crash-landed near what is today Fourth and Montgomery streets in Albany.

Kopczynski said that he originally bought parts from Mooney Aircraft's warehouse after the company had ceased building airplanes in the 1970's. He went on to explain that when Republic Steel eventually bought Mooney and began manufacturing planes again, Reliant Aviation became the Oregon service center for Mooney aircraft.

Cally Courtright, a quiet 23-year-old flight instructor who graduated from the Lane Community College Aviation program, said there are seven full-time employees working at Reliant now.



photo by Sherry Majeski

Although the Albany Airport flies under the radar screen of many mid-valley residents, it has a significant place in the history of aviation and is listed on The National Historical Register as the oldest continuously operating airport in Oregon. Local aviation dates back to the late 1800's.

Kopczynski added that Courtright is qualified to instruct students wanting to earn private, instrument, and commercial pilot ratings in both single and multi-engine aircraft.

Kopczynski said there are 59 hangars on the airport right now, and about 70 aircraft are based there. He added that two Cessna Citation jets belonging to out-of-state companies are based there because the pilots live in Albany, and the number of full-time aircraft on the field fluctuates a little each way as people come and go.

That large plaque on Reliant's wall goes on to state that in 1890 Albany boasted the first hot air balloons in the Willamette Valley outside of Portland, and that the first man to parachute in Albany was a professor named Hegel.

Other historical events noted on the plaque of Albany's aviation history include the fact that in 1908 John C. Burkhart became the first man born west of the Mississippi river to achieve flight.

The World Almanac notes that Burkhart flew a record three miles in five

minutes in New York that year, and that in 1910 he built the first powered airplane in the entire Pacific Rim to successfully fly.

The last entry on the plaque states that Del and John C. Burkhart established the first airfield in the Pacific Rim, and that John Burkhart built the first experimental float plane in the northwest the same year.

More recent addition to the Albany airport was the installation of taxiways and aircraft parking spaces at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center located just off the northeast end of the runway.

Jill Ingalls, marketing and events manager at the Expo Center, said that the taxiway and parking ramp give aircraft owners and pilots who fly in for events better access to the center.

She added that there has not been a lot of traffic to date, but the additions did help with staging the annual aviation show held there.

An older taxiway, at the south end of the runway, leads to a parking ramp beside

Lum Yuen's restaurant, where a member of their staff said pilots and their passengers frequently stop there to dine. She added that they see more aviation business on weekends, but some evenings during the week will bring a few pilots to the restaurant for dinner or a cup of coffee during their stopover.

According to Dick Ebbert, airport manager for the City of Albany, there is a 20 year airport expansion plan funded by a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. It includes installation of new fencing around the north end of the facility and new lighting for the aircraft parking ramp to provide better night-time security.

Ebbert also said there are plans to install a REILS system on the north end of the runway. The REILS system is already installed on the south end of the runway; the addition of the new system would allow pilots to use it when landing from either direction.

Other plans include building a new taxiway and more aircraft hangars on the south end of the airport, and the addition of a 25 foot gate at the Expo Center parking area to provide better access for loading and unloading aircraft bringing materials for events held there according to Ebbert.

Albany Airmotive just moved into one of the new hangars on the north end, Ebbert said.

While Reliant specializes in Mooney airplanes, Albany Airmotive repairs and services turbine engines, and they are already attracting business from other places.

The 130 years of its historically rich aviation past will continue to link Albany to the skies of the future.

The airport authority will continue modernizing the field and become even more involved in the promotion of the annual Albany Air Fair and other events held at the nearby Expo Center, according to Ebbert.

Alternate flu vaccine may help with local shortage

Nick Milhoan
 The Commuter

With the United States in mass hysteria over a flu vaccine shortage, the Linn and Benton county health providers have started a new policy: "Don't call us, we'll call you."

After holding off on distributing vaccine for the last few weeks, health care providers in both counties began administering vaccinations. The providers are controlling the distribution of the vaccine due to limited amounts being available.

"Calling a doctor's office is not going to help anyone gain access to vaccine," said Frank Moore, administrator of the Linn County Department of Health Services. "The flu vaccine has been distributed and providers will be calling people that they

have assessed as high risk."

Providers are working to identify those at the highest risk, such as senior citizens in assisted living facilities.

Many local pharmacies have more names on a waiting list than they have doses available.

There is, however, an alternative form to flu vaccine available for those not at high risk. Healthy adults ages 18-49 can get the "flu mist" vaccine, which is in good supply and is available at Fred Meyer, Walgreen's and many local pharmacies. The mist costs \$25 per dose and must be administered by a pharmacist. This does require a consultation with your pharmacist to determine that you do meet guidelines.

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IN FO

"Food insecurity" rises as hunger falls in Oregon

Reduced statistics are deceiving

Nick Milhoan
 The Commuter

Oregon has continuously been among the top U.S. states for hunger during the last five years. With so much food insecurity going on here it's no wonder that we are constantly right up there among the hungriest states in the country.

In order for a household to be considered "food insecure" there must be members of a household that are uncertain of having or unable to acquire food to meet one's basic needs.

Typically things like rent, child care, health care, utilities etc. are what play a role in someone's ability to obtain food.

Most striking in Oregon is that the high rates of hunger among households with two parents, is so much higher than in other parts of the country. The percentage points are typically two to three points higher in Oregon than they are in the rest of the U.S.

In September 1999 the Economic Research Service of the USDA issued the first in a series of reports on state-level food in-

security and hunger throughout the country. In this report Mark Nord noted that 9.7 percent of U.S. households were considered "food insecure." Meaning at times throughout the year one or more members of a

household were having trouble obtaining food to meet basic needs.

was at number one with New Mexico at number two, and Texas at number three.

In the latest reports to come out in October 2003 by the "Household Food Security Commission," Oregon had fallen from number one to number two (behind Oklahoma) in food insecurity. The hunger rate was estimated at five percent and a food insecurity rate of 13.7 percent, it was not clear because of the rise in food insecurity if there was an improvement or not.

What is found to be true is that these reports have generated a considerable concern among Oregonians going hungry. What is not for certain is why Oregon's hunger rates are so high.

Oregon does have one of the nations highest unemployment rates in the country and typically the more unemployed you have, the more people a state has going hungry. However it was shown during the time's in question in these studies that Oregon's employed had a higher food insecurity than those unemployed.

The only link to Oregon's higher rate that has been found so far is the increase in population compared to other states and many of them are struggling to make ends meet, which leads to hunger.

In order to counter balance Oregon's hunger problem Governor Ted Kulongoski declared that October 10 to 16 2004 was Oregon Harvest Week. This raised funds, awareness and community involvement to help fight hunger. How much money this raised is not yet known. The state has also announced its annual Fill the Bag Food Drive that will begin November 14 and the goal is to reach 125,000 pounds of food.

The Oregon Food Bank is available and works to help out Oregonians. It's estimated that 850,000 people had a meal courtesy of an emergency food box last year. The OFB is a state-wide network of 870 hunger-relief agencies that works to help curtail Oregon hunger. They operate 20 regional food banks throughout the state, with 18 of those being independently run by non-profit organizations.



Photos by Peg

Above Left: Mike Gibson, director of Linn Benton Food Share helps a Gleaner volunteer load onions onto her truck.

Left: Cases of peanut butter waiting to be distributed.

Above: Sue Ann Belknap, clerical help for LBFS, helps to unload pallets of onions for storage in the LBFS warehouse.



Oregon: Food banks look for help to feed hungry

Food share feeds home bound

Hunger			
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3	3.1	5.7	1
3	3.3	6.2	1
4	3.3	5.8	1
7	3.3	5.0	2

Peggy Isaacs
The Commuter

Good news, Oregon has dropped among the nation's highest in hunger rate. Oregon had held the number one position for the last five years. The hunger rate is now at five percent, one tenth of a percent less than Oklahoma's, but still surpassing the national average of three point three percent.

In Linn and Benton counties the community is supported by generous donations of funds, food, and time commitments. This makes it possible for the Linn-Benton Food Share, member of the Oregon Food Bank Network, to distribute food to their 73 non-profit agencies that serve individuals. The financial support helps to purchase staple goods such as peanut butter and tuna fish that is not sufficient through donations alone. Supplemental agencies have a focus to service low-income individuals in child day care, drug rehabilitation or in adult day care.

Ryan McCambridge, Linn-Benton Food Share Coordinator, said "As state services have declined we've seen rises in emergency food requests every year since welfare reform was instituted in 1996 and 1997."

There are approximately 20 emergency food pantries in the Linn-Benton area. Recipients are given a three to five day supply of food. In addition to food pantries, emergency soup kitchens have one meal every day of the week serving either breakfast, lunch or dinner. Anyone who is hungry in the Linn-Benton communities will have a place to eat, at least once a day to eliminate food insecurities.

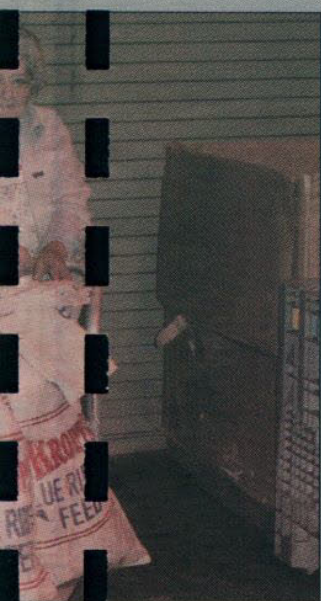
McCambridge explained

that food insecurity is an individual not knowing where their next meal is coming from but finding a way to get it. He further informed that five per-

million pounds of food to low income residents that include the elderly, the disabled and children of low-income families. They also helped to gather and



Peggy Isaacs



Below: Helen Wagy, Mary's River Gleaner, waits to weigh food for her group. Above right: Twelve year old Brandon Weber gets held, as he dives into a bin of green beans to distribute to Gleaners. Right: Mike Gibson loading Canyon Gleaner's truck with Mariah Doty as TJ Womack and Gwen Harmon look on.

cent of those individuals have food insecurity with hunger, which means they wake-up every morning not knowing when they will eat, experience the physical hunger and then go to bed hungry.

The gleaners in both counties help with the problem of food insecurities for low income people. The gleaners have 14 groups covering Linn and Benton counties. They collect food from farmer's fields, pick up day-old foods and products donated by local food stores. The gleaners also help with the repacking of donated food products into family-size portions at the Linn Benton Food Share in Tangent, Ore.

Last year the 14 gleaner groups distributed over 1.5

distribute 480 cords of wood to homes whose primary heat source is dependent on wood.

Helen Wagy, from Mary's River Gleaners, volunteered to work at the food repacking session that was held last Saturday at the Linn Benton Food Share. When asked why she volunteers, she replied "It makes you happy to take the food to people who can't get out and get it for themselves."

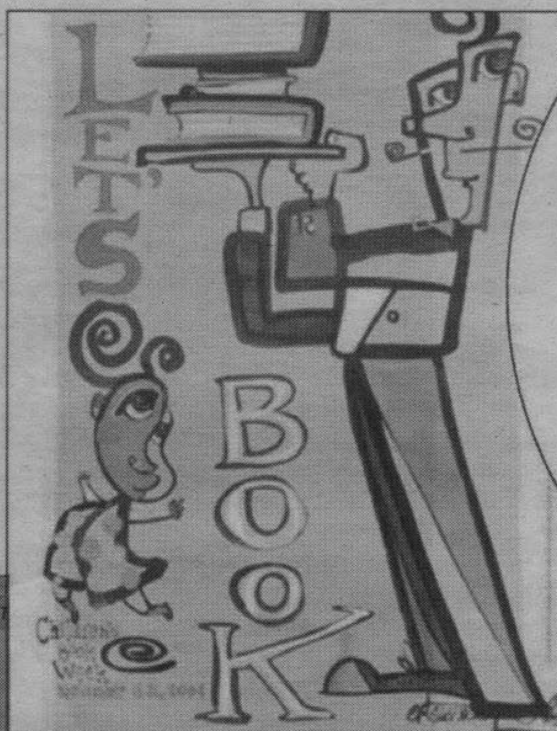
Twelve year old Brandon Weber, from Harrisburg Harvest Gleaners took pride in helping and said he volunteers to "help feed our groups."

Linn Benton Food Share and the gleaners are always looking for volunteers. For more information call 752-1010.



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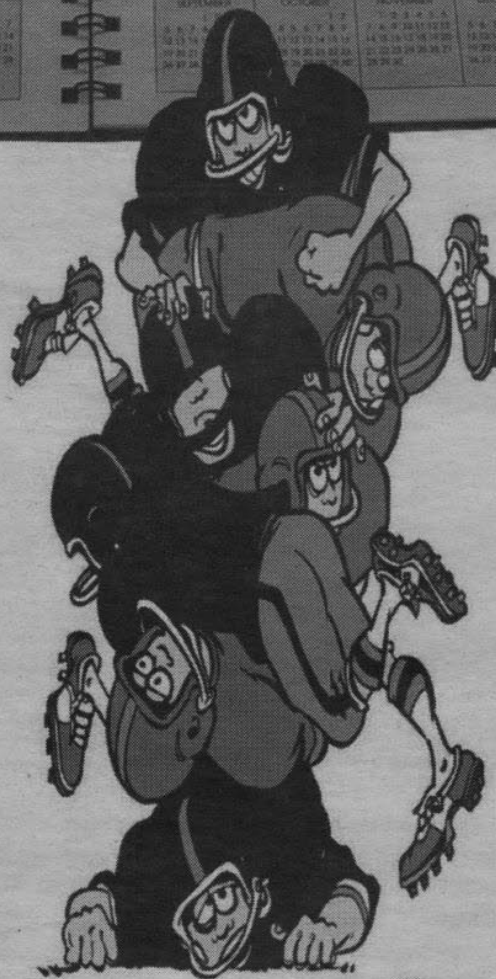


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SPORTS

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

Storm strikes down playoff-bound Runners

Will Quirk
 The Commuter

In a hard-fought struggle, the Roadrunners managed to force the Chemeketa Storm into the fourth game before falling to end their regular season with a loss and a 4-8 league record.

The first game began with enthusiastic play from the Roadrunners, who soon enjoyed a 10-5 lead. But after a time-out to regroup, the Storm came back strong behind the hard spikes and kills of Shakira Jenkins, narrowing the gap to 15-12. For the next few minutes, the Roadrunners maintained their lead, riding a comfortable 3-point cushion until it was 23-20.

Then the rallies became longer as both sides made remarkable sliding saves, barely getting a hand between the floor and the ball. Eventually, the Storm took the lead at 25-24 and did not relinquish it, winning Game 1 30-26.

Energized by the close first-game rallies, both teams started the second game with the same intensity. The lead bounced back and forth, neither team getting more than three points ahead. Fully laid-out saves seemed to be the theme of the night, and defense from both teams was phenomenal.

Blocking from the Chemeketa Storm's front line helped to keep the Roadrunners on their toes, but beautiful spikes from Marcy Drake and Kathy Gellatly helped LB gain the biggest lead of the game at 25-22, forcing the Storm to call a time-out to stem the tide.

Coming back with renewed determination, the Storm turned the tables and put the pressure back on, causing an LB time-out with the Roadrunners barely clinging to a 27-26 lead. The second game was finally settled at 32-30 for the Roadrunners.

Tied at one-a-piece, LB fell behind early in the third game 6-11. With some skillful tips over the net, Monica Samsa brought LB charging back and made the Storm nervous enough to call a time-out at 10-11. Some

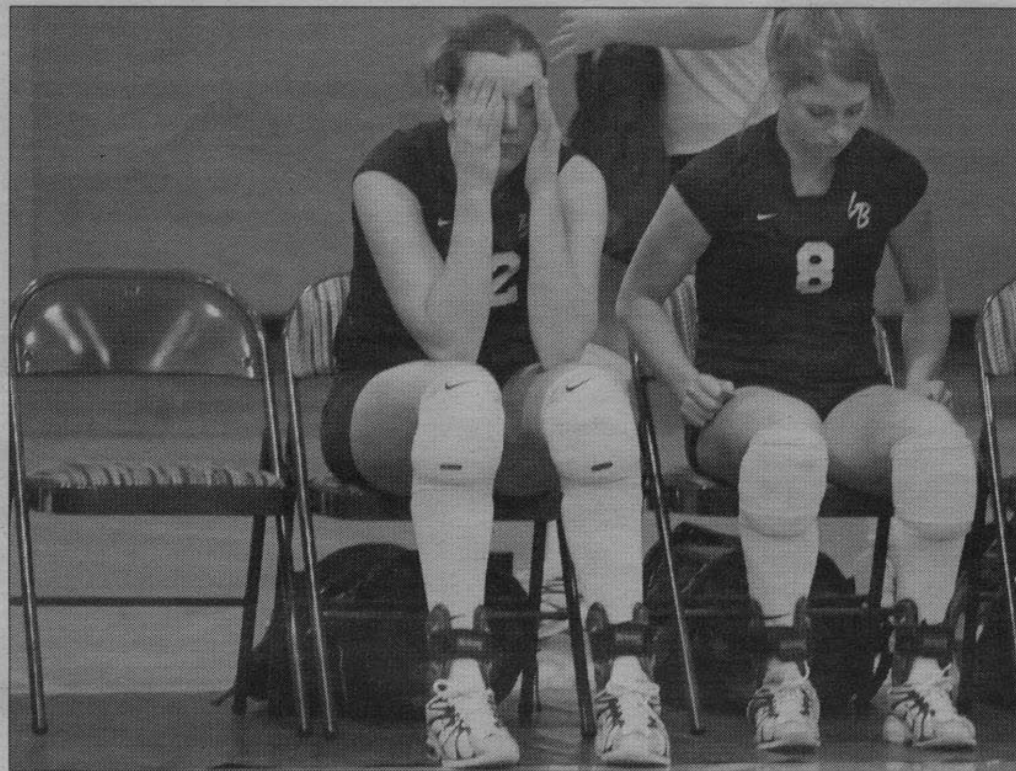


photo by Erik Swanson
Kelly Meredith and Hannah Jackson try to keep their heads up during last Wednesday's loss to Chemeketa. Despite the loss, the Lady Runners qualified for the playoffs this weekend.

great blocking from Kelly Meredith and some impressive offense from the other LB players helped them grab a 16-12 lead, but the Storm fought their way back to take the lead at 21-20 and the Roadrunners weren't able to fend off the offensive display and fell 23-30.

Linn-Benton showed tremendous heart but fell behind early in the fourth game. Faced with spikes from Chemeketa player Shakira Jenkins, the score was at 8-11, but that would be the closest score of the game. LB's defense struggled and the scoreboard read 9-17, then the Roadrunner fans were hushed even further as the score reached 10-19. Coach Jayme Frazier's time-out at 10-21 failed to change the pace of the game, and the Storm rolled to a definitive win with a final score of 30-17.

"We played scared," admitted Lindsay

Bartholomew. "The defense and blocking especially just weren't there." That became old news this weekend though, when the Roadrunners "played great," according to Coach Jayme Frazier. It was evident that the players felt the same.

"I think that after this weekend's tournament, we are prepared for the playoffs," said a confident Bartholomew. Kelly Meredith had an especially good weekend of play at the non-league tournament in Walla Walla, Wash, earning an All-Star award.

The playoffs start Thursday, Nov. 18 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. The Roadrunner's first match is at 4:30 p.m. against Whatcom Community College, the No. 1 seed. Despite being seeded fourth, the Runners are un intimidated by Whatcom, remembering their first round win against the No. 1 team two years ago.

COMMENTARY

College ball recruits top dollar fans

David Rickles
 The Commuter

It could be me, but it seems that college football has become more of a commercial marketing device than a sport.

From merchandising used to create notoriety in order to boost student attendance for the school, to video games of college football, it has become more than the game. Recruitment scandals, illegal betting, and coaches' six-figure salaries are becoming just as important as who won the game. Jerseys, figurines and bumper stickers are just a few of the many items that help to fuel this machine.

Why do tickets to a college football game cost so much? Who has \$60 or more for a ticket to watch players who are not even getting paid to play? College football is great, but if I am going to pay that much for a ticket, I want my team to win. That need for the home team to win must create a lot of pressure for not only the players, but the coaches as well. This is where the game stops being a "game."

Even the bowl games have been effected. Bowls are no longer the big games, they are corporate commercials for the top bidder. Each bowl game has a sponsor whose name is laced into every aspect of the event. During commercials, during the half-time show, and even during the post-game show, it's obvious who paid for the game. Bowl games should be a form of recognition and reward for a season well played, a way of seeing who is the best.

The top team is no longer the team with the best record against the best teams in its conference. The top teams must be able to sell the most commercial time for the highest price. The bigger the team's reputation, the more people will watch the game on TV and buy the tickets. There used to only be a small hand full of games that showcased the top teams, but now there are too many to keep track of.

College football was once a great institution where players could be molded into future NFL greats. Now it seems that they are being molded into Deion Sanders. Don't get me wrong—college football is still great. There are college players who become NFL greats and manage to keep a level head and don't let the hype take them over. Passionate players and passionate fans make the game more fun to watch. There are teams almost everywhere so that all football fans can have a home team to cheer for. Even though the commercialization has created some problems I still love college football.

LB shooting star hopes to shine in hoops paradise

Brad White
 The Commuter

From a little town just north of Albany called Keizer, there was a kid who played basketball every day of his life hoping to reach his dream.

That kid was Ryan Schmidt. You might have heard of him, former Roadrunner basketball star who is now living out his dream playing at the University of Hawaii.

Schmidt, who averaged 24.1 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game here at LB, liked his performance but wasn't sure if it was going to get him where he wanted to go. The 6-foot-7 210 pound wing finally got his shot.

"Hawaii called me and said they saw me play at the NWACCS and that they were interested," says Schmidt.

He played very well when he went out for his visit, but still wasn't quite sure if he wanted to move that far away from his family and friends, "that was a big issue because my family and I are close, but in the end it was the right decision," Schmidt explained.

Schmidt explained how LB got him prepared to play at the higher level especially with all the confidence that Coach Randy Falk was able to give him. At LB Schmidt was the teams leader and star. He explained that when playing at LB there were only a couple good players and everyone one else was average. However, everyone playing at

Hawaii is good.

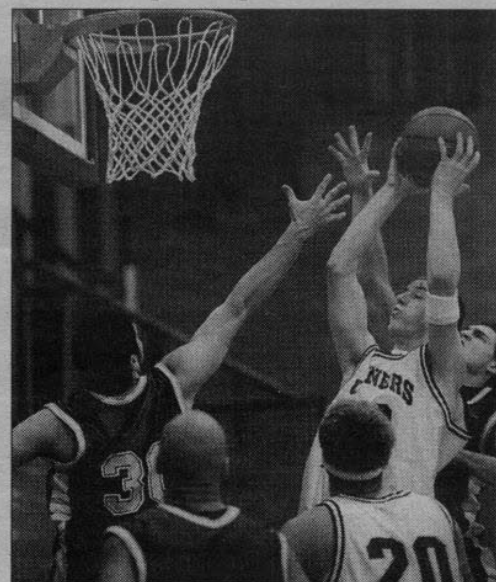
The confidence that he had here at LB helped Schmidt become what he is now. "Being the No. 1 guy at Linn-Benton helped me on every aspect of my game and made me a better player,"

Going from a junior college to a division school can be very difficult, not only with the academics but the athletics as well. Players at the higher levels are bigger, stronger and faster. Schmidt learned this very quickly after the first couple of practices. It also helped him because he saw what he needed to do to be on the same level as everyone else. The biggest transition he said was, "the speed of the game is a lot faster." He is still trying to adjust to the new system he says but it is looking good for him so far.

It looks as of now that Schmidt is going to be a red shirt freshman, which means he will practice with the team but will no play in games, this way he doesn't lose a year of eligibility. This is exactly what Schmidt wanted to do. This way he can learn the game and the new system, while getting faster and stronger so in a year he will hopefully be a starter.

"Right now I am playing behind the best player on the team, so I don't mind if I red shirt," says Schmidt with a little laugh. He laughs because he knows that if he can just stick it out and wait a year he will get his chance to show everyone what he can do.

The future right now for Schmidt looks



Commuter file photo
Ryan Schmidt, who led the Roadrunners in scoring last year, is now playing at the University of Hawaii.

as positive as ever, even though he just got over strep throat and may have injured his hand in practice the other day; he is still playing well and has no complaints.

Living in Hawaii is an added plus, he said, "There are no complaints. It is like a permanent vacation. What more could I ask for? Great weather and I get to play basketball every day."

Look for Schmidt to be making a lot of noise in Hawaii next year; if he keeps it up he'll be a starter on the 2005-2006 roster.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

ACT opens time warp to future with 'Rocky Horror Show'

Jeni Ulm
 The Commuter

"Let's do the time warp again!" Rocky Horror Picture Show, the cult classic will be brought to a theater near you. Albany Civic Theater will be doing a stage version of the movie, described as an American comedy horror musical, first released in 1975.

The ACT production will be directed by Christi E. Sears and was originally written and composed by Richard O'Brian and Jim Sherman. A cult classic is a movie that entices people to imitate or even "follow" the ideas or particular characters or events. This singing, dancing, and sexual spectacle is the epitome of such.

"Rocky" followers dress like characters from the film, generally in lingerie or something less conservative and attend the show in full character. The Clinton Street Theater in Portland is the longest running RHPS venue in the world, showing (if possible) a screening of the film complete with actors on stage acting out the parts, every Saturday since April 1978.

The movie is about Brad and Janet (played originally by Barry Botswick and Susan Sarandon) a prudish, straight-laced couple that have recently gotten engaged. After getting a flat tire in the rain, they seek shelter in a nearby castle, and stumble into a fiasco of sexual deviants.

They meet the castle's master, Frank-N-Furter (played by Tim Curry who also plays the devil's son in Legend) a gender-bending, lipstick-donning scientist from the planet Transsexual in the

galaxy of Transylvania. Furter is hosting a huge party to celebrate the awakening of his new muscle-bound creation, Rocky. At the party, all the scantily-clad house guests dance the "time warp" and scare Brad and Janet half to death.

The story continues and Brad and Janet find themselves in more trouble than they bargained for, as Furter challenges both their loyalty to their sexual orientation, and to each other. There is even a guest appearance from rock singer, Meatloaf in the film.

During most screenings there is a lot of crowd participation, including audience responses that all the true lovers of the film learn for the appropriate scene. However, if an audience member gives the wrong response they are shouted down as if they were disrupting the movie.

Many theaters, before being a RHPS venue, forbid throwing of messy things such as confetti or buttered toast, but there are still plenty of places that welcome a tradition of madness with open arms.

According to the 2001 Guinness Book of World Records, 4,446 kids danced the "time warp" at once making it the largest gathering of its type in history, though there were some close runners up in the contest. The following for RHPS is nationwide and in most larger cities there is an underground society already developed.

Auditions for the ACT rendition are at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, 11 and 12. If you are under 18 you must be accompanied by an adult. There will also be a midnight production, complete with audience participation on April 22.



photo by Sherry Majeski

Native dancer performs during Pow Wow Saturday night at LBCC. Northwest tribes attended this annual gathering to celebrate life.

Pow Wow calls entice dancers of all ages

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

Pow Wow time is the Native American people's way of coming together. They join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones. It is a time to renew memories of the old ways and to preserve their rich native heritage.

The Multicultural Center hosted a Pow Wow Saturday night in the Activities Center with more than 450 people in attendance.

The Master of Ceremonies, Nick Sixkiller, introduced the dances of the Native American Indians, which are symbolic celebrations of life. To the Indians, to dance is to pray, to pray is to heal, to heal is to give, to give is to live, and to live is to dance.

As the cultural chanting, drumming and singing filled the air, all senses were heightened as the arena director, Robert Merrill, filled the air with the fragrance of burning sage to bless the arena for the sacred Grand Entry. Following the grand entry were the veterans who protected the native land and country. The Native Americans are very connected to the land and honor those who protect it. Important guests of the Pow Wow included tribal chiefs, princesses, elders and Pow Wow organizers.

Drummers, singers, and dancers came from as far as Arizona and as near as the Tangent "White Wolf Singing" drummers. Also present were other drummer/singer groups including North West connections, Johonai, Soaring Hawk and Painted Rock. The groups

brought their own dancers and the Tiny Tot's dance invited all the children seven years old and younger to join in on the festivities.

Sixkiller took a few minutes to teach the children a dance. Other dances included the men dancers followed by the women dancers. Once everyone is in the arena, the song ends and a song is sung to honor the flag and the veterans. After a prayer, the dancing resumes, usually with a few Round Dances. After the Round Dances, intertribal dancing songs are sung and everyone dances to the beat of the drum.

Near the end of the Pow Wow, the Sweep the Tee Pee dance delighted spectators. They were invited to participate for a \$50 prize.

The dance started with groups of four and five people following the orders of the MC, sort of like a caller of round and square dancing. He calls out "Sweep the Tee Pee" and everyone moves around the arena in a sweeping motion.

Then he hollers "Owl Dance" and everyone couples up and does a man and woman dance. Any one left without a partner had to leave the arena.

The next call could be, "Scout your horse in groups of five." Everyone raced to get into groups of five and pretended to scout for a horse.

Anyone left out, was out; only five were allowed per group. The next call was "Fan your fire, in groups of four." Everyone raced for a group, not wanting to be left out.

The calls continued until only two people were left and they both won \$50.



photo by Peggy Isaacs

Hell's Belles

An AC/DC tribute band, Hell's Belles rocked the house last night at the Platinum. Originally formed in 2000 with front woman Om Jahari, this all girl review can show even the most seasoned rocker how to do it all over again. Hell's Belles forces out an all out rock-n-roll explosion that leaves you wanting more. Seen left to right, Andrian Connon (lead guitar), Om Jahari, Lisa Brisbois (rhythm guitar), Mandy Reed (bass guitar), and Melodie Zapata (drums).

Gallery features alternative art photography show

"Light Box 3," an international exhibit of alternative photography, is on display at LBCC's AHSS Gallery through Nov. 30.

The exhibit features about 30 images of "postcard art" made with homemade pinhole cameras and plastic toy cameras by photographers from the United States and abroad. The show

also includes explanations of the processes and a display of the types of cameras used.

Curated by LBCC photo instructor Kurt Norlin, who describes the images produced by these cameras as "closer to what the human eye sees and the mind remembers." He describes the pinhole camera as "photography at its most basic."

The cameras are characterized by soft focus, vignetting and unpredictable light leaks and distortions that can add an ethereal quality to the photography.

The gallery is open 8am-5pm Mon-Fri. For an online version of the exhibit, visit www.home.earthlink.net/~norlink/.

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"Halo 2 Flu" spreads across video game nation

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

For many college students, the average week consists of studying enough to get by, thus managing a way to make it through Friday morning's hangover en route to weekend partying. Yesterday's release of the long-awaited Microsoft Xbox video game, "Halo 2" may result in falling attendance in classrooms and at keggers.

More than 6,500 retailers across the nation opened their doors at 12:01 am Monday night to release the highly anticipated first-person-shooter.

Game Crazy, located on Fourth Street in Corvallis, was one of those retail stores spreading what many gamers are calling the "Halo 2 Flu," for a price of \$49.95.

"We had 500 pre-orders alone," said Dan Schneider, a 21-

year-old who is the shift leader at Game Crazy. "We probably won't be able to get anymore till the next shipment in February or March, so those that didn't reserve their copy will have to go on Ebay and pay \$90-\$100 for it", Schneider explained. The numbers sold have already reached half of those garnered by the first game, Halo: Combat Evolved, which sold over 5 million copies since its 2001 release with the Xbox console.

"It's also a great party game, four people can play with or against each other."

Joey Jenkins

"I like it because of the guns," said Joey Jenkins, a 20-year-old OSU student who is currently trying to juggle his time between studies, pumping iron and button mashing. "It's also a great party game, four people can play with or against each other," Jenkins added. In the game, you find yourself controlling an enhanced supersoldier named Master Chief, leading Marines to conquer



photo by Erik Swanson

Gamers play in a 7-way networked game of Halo outside Heritage Mall in Albany on Monday night, awaiting the midnight release of Halo 2.

the covenant, who are alien-monsters from a moon-sized ancient ring structure called Halo. Finding opponents will not be hard because Microsoft and Bungie Studios have created the game to be played online through with Xbox Live. "Halo 2" has been distributed to 27 countries in seven different languages so gamers are assured

of finding somebody outside of the frat-house to play.

OSU students like Jenkins and his roommate Andy Vu feel very strong about the entertainment value games like Halo create. "There is just something about killing monsters that is fun," Vu stated while playing in the Halo tournament put on by Game Crazy two hours before

the release. While the many 'Halo heads' find the game as pure entertainment, many parents will find that the game is far better suited for youngsters than many other violence based video games. Peter Moore, the vice president of Xbox marketing explains the "mature rating" listed on the box. "The game is made for audiences in the 12 to 60-year-old range, but has a friendly mature rating because it lacks the excessive blood and gore of many other action and fighting games."

Not even an early pirated release of the game in French could slow the dollars rolling into Microsoft's fat wallet. The online gaming capabilities as well as the upcoming release of two soundtracks, action figures, downloadable content, and the novel titled "First Strike" due in early December. This will help enhance the popularity of the deep storyline even further than it is right now, giving students another horrible excuse to reason with procrastination.

Sequel shooter game lives up to hype as anticipating gamers lock and load

Adam Peoples
 The Commuter

GAME REVIEW

A pistol in one hand, a submachine gun in the other, and the fate of the world on your shoulders; "Halo 2" throws gamers right back into the fray as the battle for survival explodes onto home turf.

The game looks and plays better than its predecessor, keeping everything we loved and introducing fresh elements we now couldn't imagine living without.

As the game begins, Master Chief is heading home after the events on the first ring world equipped with new armor, abilities and obstacles. Microsoft's internal development team at Bungie knew they would need not only a compelling story but enough improvements to be a worthy sequel. Luckily for gamers, Halo 2 delivers on both counts.

Our favorite genetically enhanced supersoldier now can wield one weapon in each hand. The possible combinations of handheld death dealing are impressive. Squeezing the left and right triggers fires the corresponding weapons either in lethal unison or independently for a seemingly endless barrage of gunfire. Alternatively, players can choose to use a larger two-handed weapon like the shotgun or the new battle rifle.

Other weapons have been added, revised and replaced. The assault rifle's fully automatic role now belongs to the SMG. The fan-favorite pistol has been toned down and no longer features a scoped firing mode. The battle rifle fills the gap with its scope ability, fast rate of fire and accuracy. It also has an optional three-shot burst mode of fire.

The alien weapons are more balanced and useful in "Halo 2." The new covenant carbine and improved needler make the plasma-based weapons just as deadly as their human counterparts. Next to duel wielding, the opportunity to use the Elite's energy sword is the most mouth watering aspect of the game's combat gear.

But what good are these weapons if there is no worthy foe? Rest assured "Halo 2" will provide an amazing battle experience in both its single player and multiplayer. Bungie has beefed up the artificial intelligence for the campaign mode. Grunts

make use of their numbers to thwart players' attacks while Elites show smarter battlefield

tactics to take advantage of their surroundings. Chasing an Elite around a crate to find him missing leaves you dumbfounded, until you are shot down from the elusive enemy perched atop the obstacle.

While "Halo" offered great offline multiplayer action, the second coming of Master Chief takes the fight online. Xbox Live game play includes death match, assault, capture the flag and other variations in both team-based and free-for-all game types.

Most gamers will be spending their time forming clans and checking Bungie's online stat tracking system. Unfortunately the online cooperative option is missing in action. Once planned for system link and Xbox Live, the two-player campaign mode is only accessible via split screen on a single Xbox. This oversight is one of the few blemishes against the game.

One area that "Halo 2" gets a perfect score in is the audio. In-game sound effects are noticeably improved as water sloshes and bullets zip through the air. The game uses a refined Dolby Digital 5.1 surround system that puts players audibly in the heat of battle.

Also stronger than ever is the game's visual presence. "Halo 2" uses a technology known as bump-mapping to make simulated textures appear to be higher quality while putting less strain system resources. The effect goes a long way to make a better looking game and is pulled off with only very rare hiccups. The graphics possible with bump-mapping and simulated lighting helps create a more believable story. The alien creatures are far creepier with the new level of detail.

With so many titles failing to meet their hype, "Halo 2" comes through for gamers. It's commendable to see the efforts put forth by Bungie to ensure this wouldn't just be a rehashing of old material. They went beyond the call of duty to give gamers the ultimate first person shooting experience. The finished product is a game that plays as sweet as it looks.

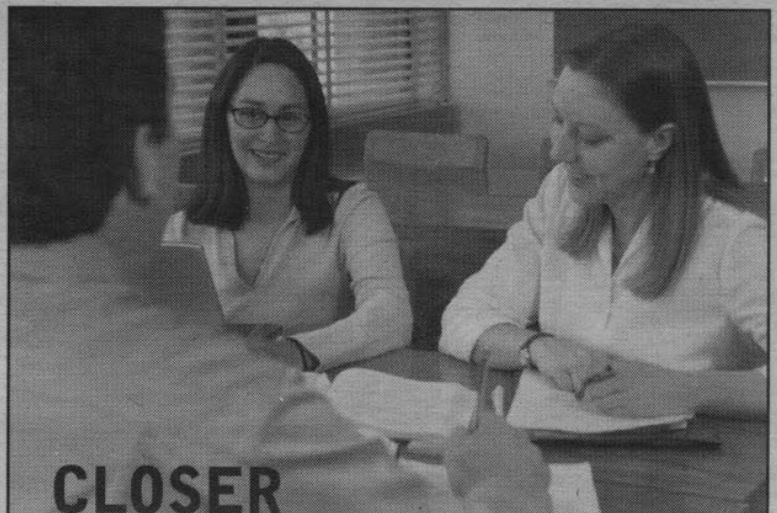
Kicking alien ass and saving the world never felt so good.



photo by Peggy Isaacs

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Amanda Jones (Maggie) and Robert Olin (Big Daddy) appear in an emotionally driven exposé of the south in the 50's. Playing now through the weekend at the Majestic Theatre in Corvallis.



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Laughing out loud with Improv All-Stars

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Oregon State prepared to play the number one team in the nation, an impromptu pep-band drove through the streets of



Laughs were a plenty and the crowd came unglued a time or two. Even the bloopers caused the crowd to go bananas.

Corvallis at 11 p.m. Friday night, and Drew Carey and his Improv All-Stars cracked up the crowd at Gill. It could only be Dad's weekend 2004 at Oregon State University.

Drew Carey's Improv All-Stars were greeted by a packed Gill Coliseum Friday night as they performed their hilarious antics best known from the ABC show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?"

As he made his way on stage Drew Carey told the audience it's all made up and that "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" only looks so great because of the editing.

Friday night's performance by the Improv All-Stars was so smooth and flawless that a spectator would have thought they were watching it on TV.

Just before the comedians took the stage, the lights began to dim, but the coliseum glowed as if we were at a "Grateful Dead" concert, as the audience had brought out their cell phones and waived them in rhythm.

"What's up Beavers, Oh my God I can't believe I actually got to say that," said Carey just after taking the stage. OSU's mascot got plenty of mention from Carey and the rest of his crew.

From there the jokes began and the crowd whipped up into a frenzy as Carey introduced the rest of the cast

"Hey Trojan have you seen my Beaver," said Carey, re-



Improv All-Star line up prepares to perform Jeopardy parody.

photo by Peggy Isaacs



ferring to OSU playing USC this past Saturday.

"You know what? There's always Sunday," Carey joked later.

"I love doing this," said Carey after the show. "It's nice for all of us to get together and do something we love to do and get paid for doing it."

Besides the many Beaver references, there was a reference to Corvallis that made it sound like some sort of an ointment, they called Oregon Elk "gay" and during the

made up "Jeopardy," Carey played a robot version of John Kerry and consistently made jokes about his failure to get elected.

"You win." said Colin Mochrie playing Alex Trebek during "Jeopardy".

"Yea, I won, I won, I won." shouted Carey, playing John Kerry, as he pumped his fists in the air.

"You just got the question right, you didn't win the election Mr. Kerry," said Mochrie.

The audience participation in the show is a key to its success. Carey and the rest of the group continually have the crowd up on stage and have them yell out suggestions for

things during skits.

"This is your show," said Carey. "If you don't like it, go look in the mirror and get mad at yourself."

As the show wound down they set 100 live mouse traps on the stage, Carey and Mochrie than took off their shoes and socks and began to walk towards each other. Soon the mouse traps began to go off and Carey and Mochrie were yelling obscenities as their bodies were being hit with mouse traps.

"This was great," said Dan Myers, an OSU dad from Eugene.

"it was so much fun to watch these guys work," said LB student Jared Wadman, who worked at the show.

A sold out crowd of about 6,200 people attended the affair. Many of them were students with their fathers, as the event was part of OSU's annual Dad's weekend.



photo by Peggy Isaacs

Colin Macherie and Greg Proops announcing songs from "The Barber" cd during a fake infomercial. Two other comedians sang the lyrics for the made up song titles.

THE VIBE

Boccherini's Nov 12 - Rick & Lavinia Ross
208 1st Ave. SW Albany Folk, blues & ballads
926-6703 9:00 p.m. - Free

Nov 13 - Rick Wasserman
Slack steel guitar
9:00 p.m. - Free

Lum Yuen Nov 10 - Ladies Night
1236 Price Rd. SE Albany 2-for-1 drink specials
928-8866 8:00 p.m. - Free

Nov 13 & 14 Music Night
Music, dance & karaoke
8:00 p.m. - Free

Platinum Nov 13 - The David Samuels Project
126 SW 4th St. Corvallis Rockin' blues
738-6996 7:30 p.m. - \$6



W.O.W. Hall Nov 10 - Pepper, ASG, Mastro 3 & Sweater Club
291 W. 8th St. Eugene Rock and Ska
687-2746 8:30 p.m. - \$10 advance \$12 door



Nov 15 - Subtle Hip-Hop
8 p.m. - \$10