

## CANDIDATE SCRAMBLE

A flurry of filings on deadline day has created a nearly full slate of candidates for next week's ASG election. **Pg. 5**

## RUNNERS HIT WALL

Five-game skid pushes Lady Runners out of the playoff picture. **Pg. 10**



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### Mowing Weather

Seven-year grounds crew veteran Mike Clark mows the lawn in front of the LRC last Wednesday afternoon. The nearly perfect weather allowed for groundskeepers to get in lots of work before rains returned.

## Patriot Act allows spying on student records, emails

by Emil Rogers  
of The Commuter

To most of us, the word patriot evokes images of war heroes, politicians and ordinary citizens with boundless love and support of their country.

Few of us would imagine federal agents setting up electronic surveillance equipment to track which Web sites LBCC students frequent, or demanding that the school release any information that they have on a student, while at the same time forbidding the school to inform the student that their records are being examined. Yet these are some of the ramifications of the USA Patriot Act of 2001.

The name is actually a cleverly-crafted acronym standing for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Inter-

cept and Obstruct Terrorism Act. The legislation was initiated by Congress in an emergency response to the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center. The six weeks from its inception to its being signed into law on Oct. 26, 2001 represents one of the shortest lengths of time for such significant changes in governmental directives.

Among the provisions of the act are the following:

▶ Gives federal officials greater authority to track and intercept communications, both for law enforcement and intelligence gathering purposes;

▶ Gives the Secretary of the Treasury regulatory powers to combat money laundering in US financial institutions;

▶ Seeks to further close our borders to foreign terrorists and  
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## Students involved in presidential search

by Wendy Geist  
of The Commuter

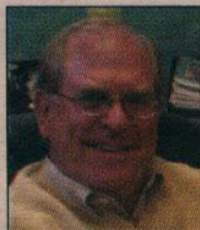
Four representatives of the student body spoke before the LBCC Board of Education on Feb. 3 to voice their opinion regarding a presidential search time-line and process. The students suggested that hiring of the new college president take place as soon as possible instead of using an interim president for a year.

The Board sought input from students, faculty and staff in two different work sessions in order to prepare for the February board meeting, which will be tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Center in Corvallis.

Roxanne Allen, Associated Student Government president, told the board, "We feel strongly about finding a president that is here for the students."

Seth Williams, student ambassador for Student Life & Leadership, believes it would be a disadvantage to use an interim president because it would "create a lack of stability" and he fears the college would lose its current leverage with the legislature.

Carrie Sossie, Student Programming Board member, stated that "If we go faster with the process, we can



Jon Carnahan

eliminate the interim position."

Darrell McGie, current events and political activities specialist for SPB, stresses that it's important that the search be done in a way that includes students in the selection process. He expanded on this in a recent interview.

"The president could easily be selected without the students' needs in mind and that wouldn't be good," said McGie. It would be ideal if the board room were packed with students ready to participate in the selection process, he said.

"But that won't happen," McGie explains, because of a lack of interest on the part of students.

"The college as a unit kind of goes about its business because the students come and go, but the administration and faculty remain the same and the students are typically not involved, so student interest has a tendency to have its value reduced," said McGie.

McGie said the decisions that the board will make on the new president will be long-term and will affect fund raising, political support with the legislature, the importance of student affairs, and services.

"Right now we have two vice presidents. Is that the best way for things to happen for students?" asks

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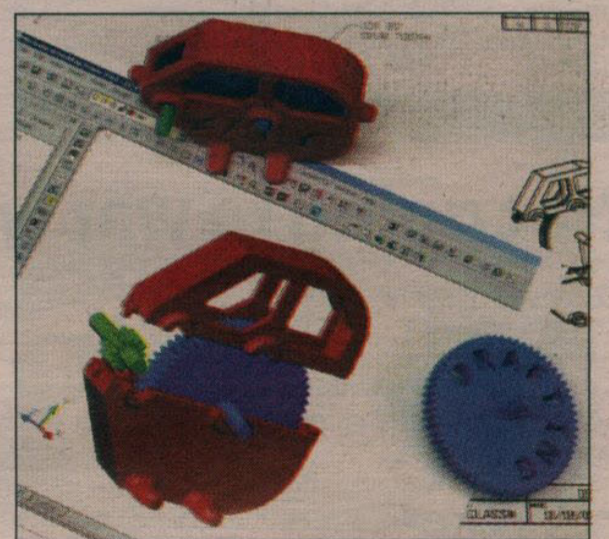


Photo by Jeremy Hennig

### Instant Design Results

LB's Engineering Graphics Technology program demonstrated their new Dimension 3D rapid prototyping printer last Thursday. The printer produces a solid by heating ABS plastic to 270 degrees centigrade and then lays material down layer by layer.

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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# OPINION

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## Rebuilding, not destroying is key to our security

First of all, I want to apologize for my math miscalculation last week, it is 17 minutes to count one million at 1 thousand per second, 12 days for one billion, and 32 years for one trillion. I only had the little office calculator to work with and it doesn't go up that high! Nevertheless, one trillion is an enormous sum, larger than I had at first calculated.

Strangely enough, the amount of money it takes to destroy a country is far more than it takes to build one. Here are some figures that I double checked, just to make sure they were correct: In 2002, the world's 225 richest people had a combined

wealth of over \$1 trillion, equal to the annual income of the poorest 47 percent of the world's people. The cost of achieving and maintaining universal access to basic education for all, basic health care, reproductive health care for all women, adequate food, safe water and sanitation for all is roughly \$40 billion per year. This is less than 4 percent of the combined wealth of the 225 richest people.

One B-2 bomber costs \$870 million dollars. The unused B-2 was made to deliver nuclear weapons to large, "enemy" countries. It is estimated that \$8.2 billion could be saved by canceling just those cold-war weapons programs which are useless against small countries and amorphous bands of terrorists hiding in the mountains. Some military leaders and former generals agree that we could safely cut 15 percent off the current military budget; that is \$60 billion.

With our own country fiscally ill, the first thing we could do with that money is restore vital services to our own, then put the U.S. on secure footing to engage the rest of the world in a concerted nation building effort. We spend less per capita on foreign aid than any developed coun-

try. We should not be responsible for rebuilding the whole world, but we can lead others into a cooperative effort.

In 1980 corporate chief executive officers, made 40 times the income of average factory workers. By 1989, C.E.O.'s were making 93 times as much. In 1999, the average C.E.O. earned an astonishing 475 times the wage of a blue collar worker. This inflation of wages has

created a top-heavy concentration of wealth, which, in the eyes of the poor of other nations creates an image of a materialistic America that cares for nothing but profit. Enron alone paid zero income taxes from 1996 to 1999, despite reporting \$2.3 billion in net income.

In the waning days of WWII, a key turning point in global affairs occurred. The United States, as the dominant power, committed itself to a new international system whose aim was to bring the world's nations together within a system of agreed rules and norms for collective security. The United Nations and the other agencies it spawned were of course imperfect, as are all human creations. Imbalance, uneven distribution of wealth and cold-war rivalries often mocked the ideals on which this institution was founded. But this new framework of multilateralism marked a step toward international cooperation as an alternative to a past dominated by nationalism, empire and militarism.

The idea of all nations protecting one when an oppressor threatens is just. The



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United States did not step into WWII quickly enough, and the cause of freedom in WWI was worth fighting for. If all nations rose against anyone threatening a people it would be a correct reason to wage war. The current reasons for waging war are not just or fair. I realize that the rest of the world does not always want to cooperate with each other at this time, but we won't get there if we don't move in the right direction. We should use our strength to lead by example.

Bill Clinton and the elder Bush came close to this ideal when they defended Kuwait, and Kosovo. The reason so much of the world is against our current push toward war with Iraq is that our motives are suspect. When so many nations are oppressed by their leaders we should be uniting against all of these tyrants instead of singling out one of them.

The point of all of this is that nation building is less expensive in all ways when you consider the human cost of war and the hatred we have aroused in

the world. If we put our country on a secure basis and help the rest of the world instead of wringing it dry for profit we would be held in the regard we were when we rebuilt Europe after WWII. Strong nations leave little room for the rise of tyrants. America was once loved in the world. Think for a minute: why has the world's attitude changed so much toward us? A conversion from militarism to nation building would also employ our own people and stimulate the world's economy. I am not advocating giving up our arms and growing daisies, just stepping back from the militant paranoia the U.S. is immersed in now. We cannot protect others and ourselves if we don't have a military, but the same military can also be put to work to build rather than destroy.

We will not be able to live as prisoners in our own country, fearing terrorism forever. We should use our power to once again show the world that we are the generous nation we once were.

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## Not going to war with Iraq could prove to be deadly mistake

by Andrew Freborg  
for The Commuter

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Adele Kubein's column in the Feb. 5 edition of The Commuter.

Ms. Kubein, you state that a conflict with Iraq is a "costly and possibly unwinnable war." While it will probably be costly (there is no such thing as a "cheap" war) it is far from unwinnable.

That is the same thing that protesters used back in '91 in opposition of Operation Desert Storm, that Saddam Hussein's troops were too well trained and too good to be defeated by the United States Armed Forces. They were proven wrong however. Within a short time, the conflict was over.

You also make a case for saying that Saddam Hussein is not a terrorist by explaining his animosity against Osama Bin Laden and that there is no proof of a connection between Iraq and Al Qaida. While both of those statements are most likely true, a lack of connection between Hussein and Al Qaida does not mean that Hussein is not a terrorist. For example Timothy McVeigh was a terrorist, he did not have any link with Al Qaida, but he was a terrorist just the same.

Next you go on to say that, "It is ridiculous to think that a country, watched by the world and squeezed of money, without outside connections, is going to suddenly attack the United States. With what? Their starv-

ing children?"

The answer is no, not with their starving children, but with their well fed army, with biological and chemical weapons. What internationally supplied food and money that Iraq receives are immediately seized by Saddam Hussein to be used for his own personal use. Hussein doesn't care about the well-being of his people, just that he and his cronies get to live the high life in palaces and mansions with all the comforts they want.

You also ask the question of who will we put in power if we invade Iraq. The answer is we will not put in anybody. The people of Iraq will be free to choose whomsoever they want, and in response to any argument saying that they like Hussein, who gets 100 percent of the vote in an election without coercing or threatening those who vote? No one does.

How will we afford to rebuild the entire country is a legitimate question for which I have no answer, and am actually wondering myself, although one possible solution is that this will be a United Nations task, only time will tell.

About the weapons of mass destruction that Israel, or Pakistan, or Saudi Arabia have, there are very few non third-world countries in the world who do not possess weapons of mass destruction. It is who will not abuse the power to apply them. If Israel wanted they could blow Palestine and other Middle Eastern countries right off the face of the Earth, but they don't. Conversely Saddam would if he didn't think that doing

so would end all international support that he has.

You say that you do not condone the Iraqi regime, so I ask you what then should be done about it? UN resolutions aren't working, he has violated numerous ones over the course of the last 12 years, and economic sanctions aren't working, we are running out of peaceful solutions. War, unfortunately is becoming more and more of the only option left to us.

Now, away from this business of war and on to the home front. While I don't have many objections to the opinions you are raising in relation to the president's tax plan, I can not take you seriously until you give me some more numbers. You state that "Even a basic statistics course will show that the figure Bush used was an average of the amount big business and the wealthy have already saved under his tax cuts." My question is thus; what are these figures? You don't give them to us; the only number that you use is "just because some corporation gets a \$10 million tax break..."

I can't take what you say as reliable until I see some more numbers to back it up, if you had said that the average figure he was presenting was, let's say (this is just a random number) \$650,000 per person per year, when the median number is \$450,000, I would be more willing to believe you. If you take a basic writing course you will be told to support your opinions with facts (i.e. numbers).

Also you attack the proposition that Social Security

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Playmate capitalizing, not educating, on AIDS

by Erin Bartelds  
 of The Commuter

Maybe you were one of the estimated 350 people who attended former Playboy playmate Rebekka Armstrong's lecture last week.

I was there, having gathered an interest in the event about a month ago when a friend corrected my assumption that her posters were an athletic advertisement of some kind.

My friend had noticed that the smaller image on the posters pictured Rebekka nude.

No doubt, the keen ability to find small and random nude pictures is attributed to the fact that my friend is male.

Taking note of the subject matter to be discussed I was intrigued and encouraged. HIV and AIDS are serious topics, my own interest in these matters is heightened by several beautiful and very dear friends of mine whom I consider at a much greater risk than average of contracting the disease.

So I marked my calendar and cleared my schedule anticipating a real show.

In the meantime I went to [www.Rebekkaonline.com](http://www.Rebekkaonline.com) to check out all the amazing information she had on HIV and AIDS.

This is where my expectations began to flounder.

The Web site has a cutesie, cotton candy pink layout, inundated with glossy airbrushed pictures of Rebekka most of which have convenient cropping techniques applied.

There is an entire section of pictures with Rebekka and her significant other, in their travels around the world, hob-

nobbing with semi-celebrities, and a health section with nothing more than a "promise" that the section will give Rebekka's health strategies.

Ok, I think, this is just the attention-grabbing entertainment aspect of the site. The real down to truth stuff must be contained in the Forum area of the site.

The Forum is a way for you to e-mail Rebekka questions about HIV and AIDS and she will respond with all her vast knowledge from having had AIDS for 19 years. All of which is recorded right there on the site so anyone can access the e-mails and everyone can learn and correspond with one another. Cool, right?

Wrong.

What I found was that Rebekka loves fan mail, every letter of adoration was responded to with girly and gushing ramblings of appreciation. But when it came down to the difficult and serious questions, Rebekka either answered with typical common-knowledge responses, suggested several people seek professional counseling or most frequently didn't respond at all.

Meanwhile, without my knowledge, The Commuter advertising department was having their own problem concerning Rebekka.

Because we were asked to run ads for Rebekka's visit, our advertising manager was attempting to contact Rebekka's publicist. The ad manager wanted to get permission, prior to the first ad running, to use a certain picture of Rebekka off her web site.

Receiving no response (I guess lack of response is contagious) our ad manager assumed everything was acceptable and ran the ad.

Once the ad was published we finally

heard from the phantom publicist. He informed our ad manager that he just doesn't check his e-mail that often and rarely responds to messages, but that she should have waited to run the ad because he would have never approved the photo we were given (maybe you remember it, it's a rather nice photo of Rebekka smiling).

Oh no, Mr. Publicist had wanted to run graphic photographs he had personally chosen.

When informed that our publication reserves the right to not run material we find offensive, Mr. Publicist suggested he send some other "acceptable" imagery for us to use in future advertisements.

He did; most were a much younger and entirely unrecognizable Rebekka.

By this time I'm not sure I wanted to see more but decided to give Rebekka the benefit of the doubt, hoping that at least the lecture would live up to the hype.

If you missed it, and you probably did if you are a female student (more than half of the audience was males or faculty) here is how it played out.

The first 15 minutes of the lecture was a video filled with image after image of Rebekka's Playboy pictorials interspersed with an occasional blurb of her crying and whining about "how can it be me." The pictures were so highly manufactured that the connection between them and the woman on stage was at most implied. They were accompanied by the necessary but hardly effective ribbon or "blurred spot."

Then the speech began, resounding with the now familiar 80s girl slang and consisting of vulgar and repulsive stories about the side effects of AIDS medi-

cations.

Needless to say I was nonplused and so too were several students I spoke with afterwards.

What had begun as an inclination blossomed into the full realization that Ms. Armstrong is simply capitalizing on her terrible affliction. In a desperate plea for the recognition, she stated in her lecture, that is so vital to her self-esteem.

Rebekka admits to ignoring her disease for over five years, putting others at risk through the party circuit and thriving on male attention.

Rebekka blames her condition on a moment of weakness when she was 16. Never does Rebekka address the issues of overt sexual behavior, or the gross objectification of women promoted by the very publication she "modeled" for. Nor does Rebekka, a self-proclaimed drug abuser, even mention the hazards of contracting AIDS through these means.

If you are as disconcerted as I am, think on this.

Our very own Student Life & Leadership brought Rebekka to campus. That's right, your student fee dollars, which could be put to better use by offering more services to you, helped promote this event, this woman's personal agenda.

I am as pro-AIDS education as anyone, especially in light of the epidemic levels of this disease in people our age. If stories about vomit, bowel movements, chills, migraines and pus make you think twice about not using a condom, I say great, it's a start.

But honestly, you can get more information on HIV and Aids in the pamphlet at the nurses station in Takena Hall.

Next time don't waste our time or our money.

## Bush: War and spending

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and Medicare be privatized; I think that this portion of the government should be run like a business—control spending, improve revenue, the more money it makes, the more money we get. Unfortunately this is not the case, so your attack is somewhat warranted.

However, I think we should invest our money in a sinking stock market. Why? Prices are falling because people are selling stocks left and right, now if people start buying it back up it will show confidence in the economy and prices will go back up.

As for your mentoring over the last nine years, I applaud you, for most likely saving the lives of many children, for which society as a whole thanks you. However, it is not the federal government's job to fund it, it is the local authorities who you should talk to. Bush is trying to help these unfortunate children by calling on our sense of duty to help others, but it isn't his job to pay for it.

Finally about Bush's energy plan, the reason that hydrogen powered cars are 18 years from reality is cost, cost of producing them, and then what it will cost us to buy them, so until making them becomes much more cheaper they remain an unrealistic but admirable goal.

As for his reluctance to reduce our dependency on foreign oil, he has already tried and been lambasted for it. He wants to drill in areas that we have not yet tapped (most namely the National Arctic Wildlife Refuge) but environmentalists won't let him, so don't go telling me that he has no plan, when you won't let him implement the only one there is.

I appreciate and respect your opinion Adele. Thank you for exercising your right to voice it. However, mine is different and I am exercising my right to disagree.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Rosey 105 characters bring humor, not discrimination, to morning commute

I was reading the article titled "Radio show desensitizes pain of discrimination" by Susan Prock, and as I read each line the madder I became.

The reason for my response is the style and type of thinking that was used in writing this article. The radio show that she was discriminating against is Rosey 105.5, and the man she is taking an issue with is Nelson who has come up with a few characters to entertain our mornings as we commute our way to whatever our destination is.

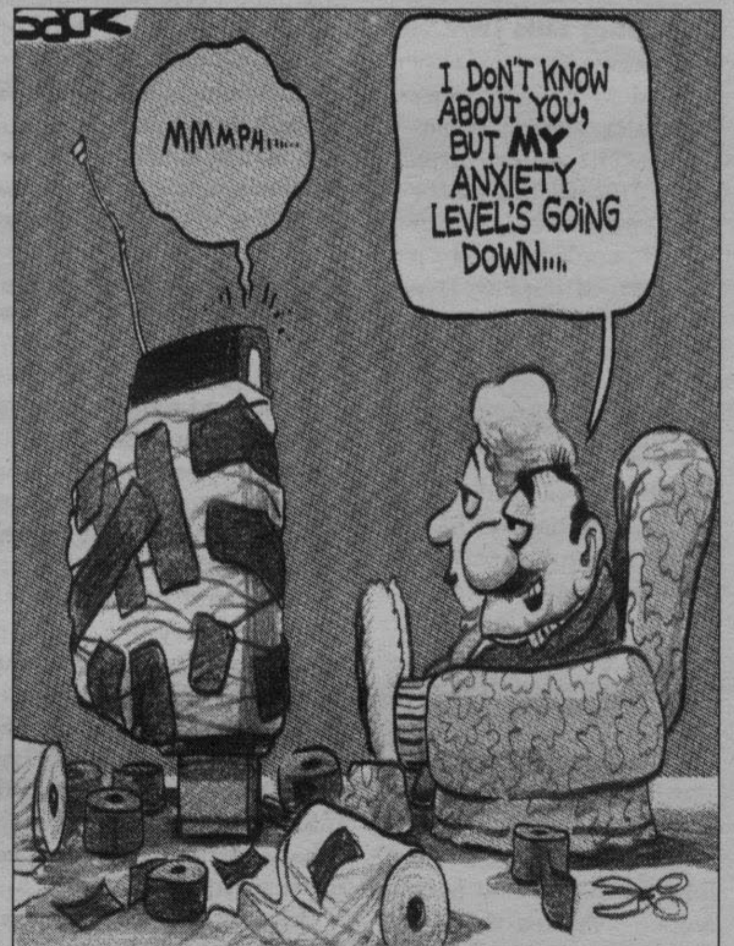
Here is the key word—entertain. Nelson has taken a few characters and put them in extreme roles that would make us laugh at the stupidity of the situation and not the type they are, meaning gay or transgender, for examples.

She (Prock) has taken the whole thing way out of proportion and looked for something that was never there to begin with. It is this style of thinking that has gotten American stereotyped when kids today are becoming less color blind and less sexual preference blind.

This program has in no way desensitized the pain of discrimination, and if listened to, Nelson will state that his characters are no reflection upon his beliefs or those of the station, he is a comedian.

As for those who go to this extreme of trying to make something out of nothing, there is no ultimate conspiracy going on, get a grip.

▶ Tamara Smith



## EXPRESS YOURSELF

Because of space constraint and recent lengthy submissions, The Commuter requests that opinions from readers be 250 words or less. Please email to [commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu), or turn in on a disk and include your name, major and year.



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# CAMPUS NEWS

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

## Off Beat From KRT News

### Car 54 Where Are You?

One of Ireland's police vans has been stolen. The public has been alerted, but the police refuse to issue a description of the vehicle. It is used in undercover operations, and they don't want people to know what it looks like.

### Helmetier's Smashed

In an effort to promote traditional Thai wine and liquor, officials in Bangkok have arranged a drinking competition for women. Whoever drinks the most in 20 minutes, without throwing up, wins. Contestants will be required to wear helmets in case they fall over.

### Dog Death Row

Two dogs named Coco and Casper attacked a horse in West Virginia, and so were taken to the animal control center and sentenced to death.

On execution day, there was a mystery break-in, and they were the only two animals to escape. Their owners \_ who have since left the area \_ are suspected.

### One Too Many

A 38-year-old man robbed the same Tucson, Ariz., convenience store three times in a week and a half. He was arrested, finally.

### Shopping Kills Two

A new supermarket opened in Baotou, Inner Mongolia, offering big bargains. The sales pitch proved too exciting for the local populace. About 50,000 people showed up and stormed the place. Two people were killed in the stampede.

### Dogs Sniffing Drugs

At the suggestion of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, officials in Thailand have solved the problem of controlling the rapidly increasing population of stray dogs by giving them jobs sniffing out illicit drugs.

They will be deployed at airports and train stations.

### 400-Year Delay

City officials in Edinburgh, Scotland, have reopened an area of streets that was closed temporarily because of a public health problem: The Black Death.

The labyrinth of medieval streets was closed off 400 years ago, leaving sufferers of the plague inside to die in an effort to keep the disease from spreading.

## CAMPUS SHORTS

### Gender Equity Film Series

There is a film series running until Feb. 26 every Monday and Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room ST 109 about gender stereotypes and conflicts. Discussions about the topics will also be held. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 19, The Debate About Men and Women:

What stereotypes cause us to misunderstand each other? Respond to debates around stereotypical women's roles vs. the feminist viewpoint. What rights do women have? What are the facts about domestic violence and sexual assault?

Monday, Feb. 24 Students Speak Out About Sexual Harassment.

Learn how to identify sexual harassment and techniques on how to deal with it. Students relate their own experiences.

The Power Dead-Even Rule presented by Pat Heim, Ph.D.

Boys grow up with team sports while girls learn to value one-on-one relationships.

How does this affect us as adults? What are some of the communication style differences between men and women?

### Training Effective Tutors

Training Effective Literacy Tutors (TELT) a free 14-hour tutor training workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Feb. 22 and March 1 in the WEB building, Room 116.

Participants will learn how to help people with low literacy levels or learning to speak English. Literacy tutors gain skills that will help students attain their goals and become contributing members of the workforce and their communities.

Learning to work with adults, dealing with different learning styles and cultural differences, goal setting, assessment, and techniques for teaching basic skills and English as a second language will be covered during the workshop.

Trained tutors are needed to work with beginning readers, advanced students or ESOL students in a classroom setting or one-to-one in the community. One to three hours a week makes an enormous difference to struggling adults and brings volunteers real rewards.

For more information: Alice Sperling, (541) 917-4713, or e-mail sperlia@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.

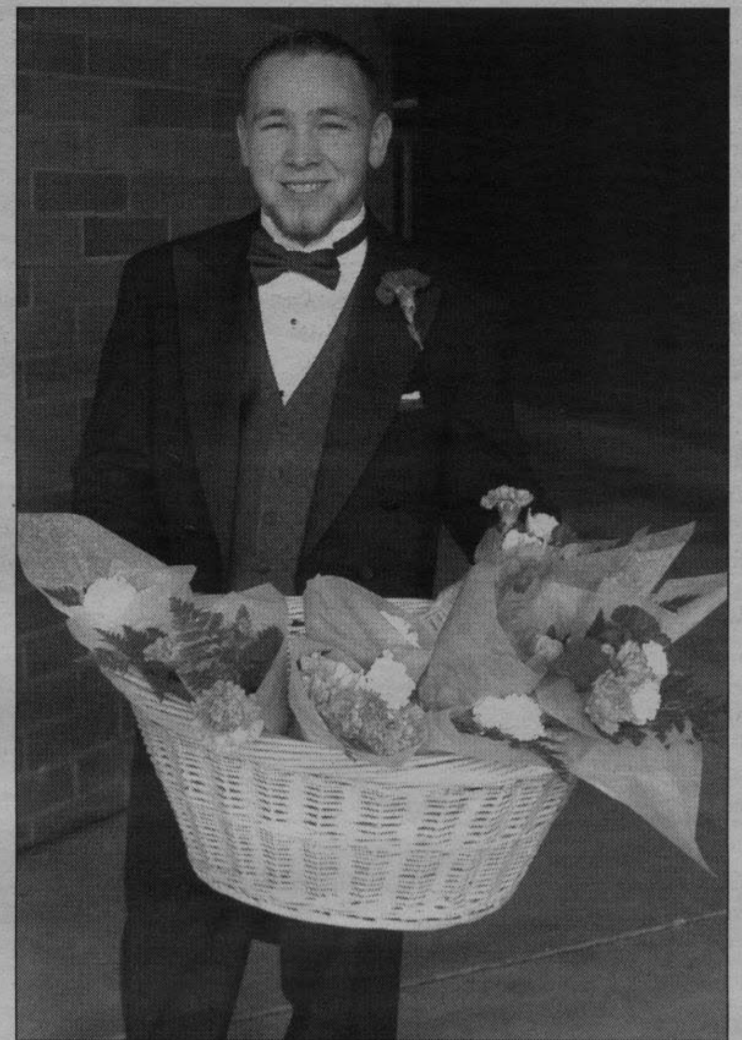


Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

### Student Cupid

Michael Vandehey delivers flowers around campus on Valentine's Day. SL & L reports selling about 750 carnations this year, with the fastest sellout ever.

## ASG makes plans for graduation ceremony

by Kiah Gravel  
of The Commuter

The LBCC student government met last Wednesday to discuss ideas for the 2003 graduation ceremony, the future installation of peace polls and to approve the formation of a new club.

The ceremony procession will be led by the Willamette Valley Bagpipes, as is tradition at LBCC. The government also approved funding to purchase awnings to cover the graduates in case of rain. The

awnings will cost \$150-170 apiece.

Student government is also looking into hiring musical entertainment for after the ceremony. If the entertainment is approved it will be the first time in five years that music has been provided for the post ceremony. It still hasn't been unanimously decided on the kind of entertainment to provide, but a local instrumental group seems to be the most likely choice.

The student government has also approved the spending of as much as \$1,200 for the purchase and installation of several

peace polls. The polls will be engraved with the word peace written in different languages and will be placed around the main campus. They are meant to promote LBCC's commitment to the maintenance of the world community.

Additionally, a charter for an official LBCC chess club was voted into action by the student government members.

The student government meets every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Life & Leadership office and all students are welcome to attend.

## Patriot Act: College can't tell students about wiretaps

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to detain and remove terrorists within our borders;

► Creates new crimes, penalties and procedures for use against domestic and international terrorists.

LBCC students have little to fear unless they fit a profile related to terrorism as determined by various federal agencies including the FBI, CIA, INS, Secret Service, Department of Treasury, Department of State or the U.S. Attorney General's office. What constitutes an act of terrorism is complicated.

A general definition would be any unlawful act that appears to be intended to influence or coerce a civilian population or the policy or conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping.

"The effect of the implementation of the act will be transparent to the typical LBCC student," said Bruce Clemetsen, LBCC director of enrollment manage-

ment, "Any changes will be in administrative procedures as stipulated by the act."

Clemetsen said that most of the changes required by the act don't apply to the school, but that there are two provisions that will have a direct effect, requests for student records and wiretapping.

"We have always received requests of student records from law enforcement and governmental agencies. There is a school policy requiring a bench warrant, subpoena or court order before we will release anything. The student is then notified of the request. The difference being that the Patriot Act will require us not to tell the student that a request has been made to access their records."

"The new definition of wiretapping now includes any kind of transmission over phone lines." He continued, "This includes e-mail and any information gathered on the Internet. If

the school was presented with a wiretap warrant, the requesting agency would install various electronic devices that would monitor and record any Internet traffic. Again, we would be required not to disclose that an investigation was being conducted."

The ambiguity of the requirements for a bench warrant involving terrorism is already being discussed and litigated.

As it stands now, a person only needs to have the appearance of being involved in a terrorist activity. This could be participation in similar activities to terrorists' such as frequenting the same Web sites or e-mailing Osama bin Laden. Certain Web sites and e-mail addresses are being monitored as "terrorist-related" and their visitors tracked and recorded. Too many visits to a flagged site could set the investigative wheels in motion.

"These are changing times

requiring changing policies," Clemetsen said.

"The school is complying with everything required as we take a measured approach to forming new ones. We want to have clear policies that everyone can understand not a "policy-of-the-week" approach. This is complicated by new governmental directives and requirements coming in all the time."

The moral dilemma felt by LBCC administrators and educators was expressed by Clemetsen.

"We believe in the free and open exchange of information and ideas. The possibility that these principles could be compromised in effecting this new legislation is disturbing."

He added, "We are here to be helpful. We will always balance the rights of students and employees with the demands of the government to the best of our ability."



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## Last-minute filings nearly fill ASG election slate

by Erin Bartelds  
 of The Commuter

Just before Friday's noon deadline for applications, several students filed for next week's Associated Student Government Election.

The candidates are expected to be on hand today at noon in the Commons for the Candidate Debate. Students are invited to have pizza and meet the candidates.

At least six of the eight seats on the ASG Board have candidates. Positions without candidates are representatives of Liberal Arts/Human Performance and Extended Learning/Student Services.

Four of the candidates submitted statements to The Commuter (below). Also running for office are David Villeneuve and D. Troy Kemper (Science/Industry rep), Mark Pluard, Danielle Bryant and Donna Schaffer (At-Large rep), Brandy Hereford and Daniel Tibbits (Public

Relations Secretary).

You can vote for your favorite candidates online starting Tuesday Feb. 25 until midnight Wednesday the Feb. 26. The election web site can be reached at [www.linnbenton.edu/election](http://www.linnbenton.edu/election)

Vice President candidate Joanna Chan asked faculty to make time for students to vote.

"It would be nice if teachers would allow 15 minutes of class, on those days, for students to go and vote."

### Oren Hawksford for President



I am running for ASG President for several reasons. One, I am currently a Representative for ASG and have gained the knowledge and experience that it will take to be President. Two, there are many issues that need to be addressed, and we need someone with knowledge of the issues we are facing, someone who isn't afraid to let student voices be heard. I feel I am that someone.

I know the issues we are facing and I am ready to fight for all of us as students.

As you know, we are going to be facing one of the most difficult years in LBCC's history with tuition increases, class and program cuts, and dealing with an almost entirely new administration.

I will make sure that the student body will be properly represented with the new administration. This is what will make the future of our college a successful one for us and our predecessors.

### Joanna Chan for Vice-President



If chosen for vice-president, as a student representative at the Board of Education meetings, I will be a strong spokesperson on behalf of student needs.

My goal is to reach out to all students continually, and to encourage their input and ideas on improvements for our campus.

I feel it is important to acknowledge each and every student, and to respect student opinions and contributions, individually and as a whole. I am in my second year at LBCC currently majoring in Pre-nursing. I have become more knowledgeable about our school with time and look forward to learning more.

My plan is to finish my education at LBCC with an associate's degree in applied science. I view this position in student government as an opportunity to make a difference.

### Jared Harding for Business/HO rep



My mission as the candidate for Business and Health Occupations representative is to enrich the lives of business and health occupation majors who are attending Linn-Benton Community College.

My goals if I am elected will be to represent my constituents, including those in business and health occupations, to the best of my ability.

I intend to reach out to business and health care professionals and provide contacts to students for possible study and or employment opportunities.

I also intend to ensure that students and graduates of these programs are provided with information on opportunities to help them reach their maximum potential and goals within their chosen educational and career paths.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

### Yu-Ping Hung for PR Secretary



What Will I Do for You?

I have three major goals.

▶ First, HELP THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

I would like to help you with your questions about your school, classes, and even life.

▶ Second, LET THE COMMUNITY PLAY A ROLE IN LBCC.

I would like to work on letting LBCC and Linn-Benton county help each other with more information.

▶ Third, HAVE MORE CONTACT WITH OTHER SCHOOLS.

I believe a lot of us are going to a four-year university.

If so, how much information did you get?

Do you still want more?

Need more details about it?

Allow me to help you with those things.

## Long-time instructor earns respect despite tough classes

by Joanna Chan  
 for The Commuter

"It's not uncommon to be in a local doctor's office or hospital and hear someone say, 'We've hired several of 'Peggy's girls.'"

Many students on the road to a career as a medical assistant have struggled through the toughest classes they have ever taken in order to reach that goal. Peggy Krueger, program coordinator of the medical assistant program at LBCC has been at the helm of those classes.

Krueger, who has been on LBCC's staff for 25 years, began part-time in 1977 and has been a full-time instructor at LBCC since 1997. She graduated from Humboldt State University with a bachelor's degree in nursing and received her master's degree in education from Oregon State University.

Many students comment on how difficult Krueger's classes are, and how structured she is. On the other hand, they say they are glad she was the instructor they had for the important stuff. Krueger teaches with a thorough and methodical approach and many students have come out of this program with the confidence they need to pursue a career and to be successful.

We often ask ourselves what drives a person to strive for such excellence. What makes an instructor so passionate about her teaching? With Krueger, we see not only an instructor who takes her work seriously, but also



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper  
**Peggy Krueger, who coordinates the medical assistant program at LBCC, holds a scope used for examining the sigmoid colon.**

someone with a sense of pride, a sense of humor, and a genuine concern for her students.

Krueger revealed that she gets this drive and determination from her parents. She states that her mom and dad are both outstanding, and admits that she is exactly like her mother (looks and everything). "They always said, 'Do your best' and 'Be proud of what you do.'"

Krueger also describes her mother as someone who was a career woman and who has always been professional in appearance. "She taught me to, 'love your job and the people around you.'" She says, adding that her mother always had a lot of pride.

Krueger's impression of the way the students and other staff members view her is as a knowl-

edgeable professional. She says some students see her as caring and compassionate, and she mentions that they recognize her sense of humor.

"If they take time to get to know me, even if I come across as professional and structured, I'd like them to know that I am compassionate if they would just seek me out." Krueger shares that there is no difference between the way she is viewed by students and other staff, and the way she is viewed by friends and family.

Krueger often hears from students about the huge impact she has had on their lives. Two women in particular were abused women returning to school who sat in her office and cried saying, "I'm not really dumb, am I?" Both ended up getting a divorce and still have turned out to be successful. "I've sort of stayed up with them," she says, "I encouraged them telling them that they are important. Those have been the most rewarding."

Krueger's most meaningful educational experience comes from her training at Humboldt State University, where she got her nursing degree, because it's her life. "I've done every field of nursing, and I love it!"

When asked which of her instructors she would have changed, (with a laugh) she says she would have changed her psychiatric instructor. Why? She never learned "psychiatric nursing" from her. She felt she wasn't

taught, she felt like she was on her own, and that she was let down.

As a result, Krueger over-studied in that area. She really wanted to know it well. She says it would have been nice to have been taught more formally.

Krueger said her biggest life-changing event was when she was engaged to be married to a man who was in medical school to become a physician. They were together for four years and decided to separate so they could be sure of what they wanted.

During that time Krueger met her husband Bill. She confides that if she hadn't made that decision to separate, she would have never been happy.

"It was the best decision I ever made," she says.

Now, after 37 years of marriage, Bill and Peggy have two grown sons, and the newest addition to their family, a grandson born in August of this year. He is called King Arthur, AJ, and to Peggy, "My little King."

Krueger offers advice to students who find the course work difficult.

"Most students," says Krueger, "who come through this program, don't have a really high educational background. My encouragement to them would be, 'I know you can do it.'" She advises students to, "have a balanced college life. You can't study all the time. Have some play, some work and some study time. You're only one person."











# FUNNY PAGE

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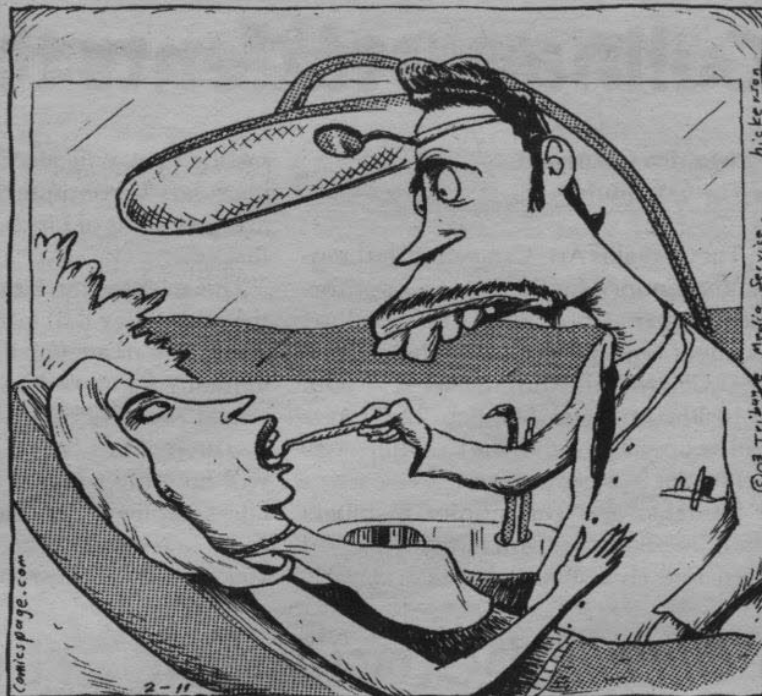
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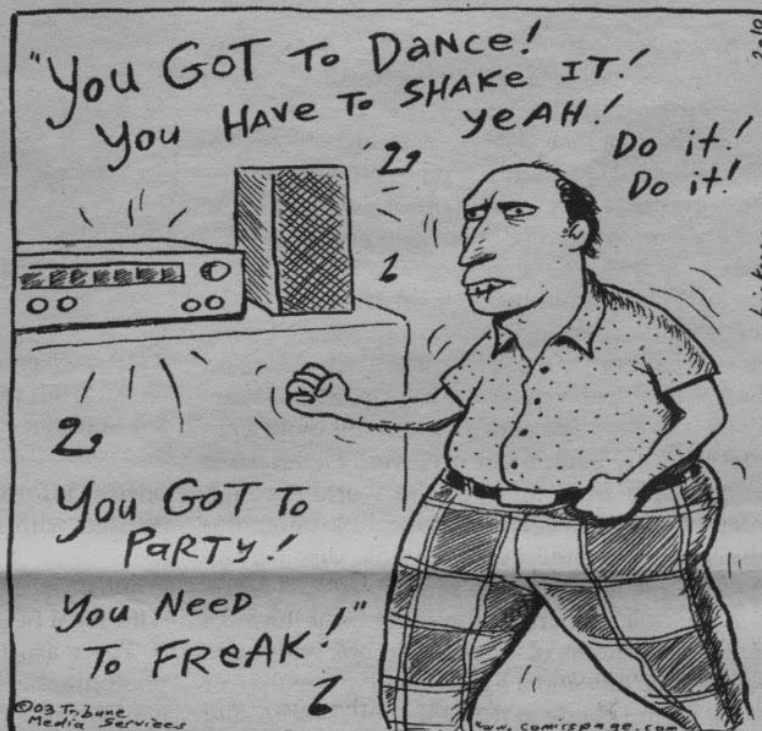
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# LOCAL NEWS

News on happenings around the county including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Philomath, Tangent and Sweet Home

## Raid reveals federal, state conflict on medical marijuana

by Rhonda Hanks  
 of The Commuter

The controversy of federal law versus state law was brought to the forefront last month when The Hemp and Cannabis Foundation filed a lawsuit against the Drug Enforcement Agency and the U.S. government for seizing the state licensed medical marijuana of Leroy Stubblefield of Sweet Home.

THCF's Attorney Ann Witte is seeking an injunction against the U.S. government to stop seizures of licensed medical cannabis.

This debate stems from the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, enacted Nov. 1998. According to the Act, patients and doctors have found marijuana to be an effective treatment for suffering caused by debilitating medical conditions, and therefore marijuana should be treated like other medicines.

OMMA says, "Patients should be allowed to use small amounts of marijuana without fear of civil or criminal penalties when doctors give them the prescription and they follow the strict guidelines set up to prevent the misuse of the drug."

There are more than 4,000 medical cards in Oregon. The current federal classification of this drug makes them illegal.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, marijuana is a Schedule I narcotic. This means that marijuana has a high potential for abuse, high addiction potential and no medicinal pur-

poses.

The federal government maintains the same position it has had since 1937 when marijuana was made illegal—it is harmful and should be outlawed. In an ABC News conference President George Bush announced he is against making THC (marijuana) easier to get.

John Walters, Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy states that: "Medical marijuana has been used by people whose ultimate goal is finding a way of changing drug policy to allow legalization of drugs." Walters reflects the idea that patients want to legalize this drug for open use.

The DEA's position is that people who are involved in this have a hidden agenda to traffic in narcotics and that legalization for medical use will result in abuse.

The divide is growing between state and U.S. officials over the legal and moral issues surrounding this controversy. There are nine other states that give patients the right to use marijuana as a medicine.

Jason Carlyle of the Linn County District Attorney's office said: "We, (as prosecutors) abide by Oregon Law."

If there is a conflict between the two entities, federal law always trumps state law unless a court rules otherwise. Currently in Oregon the debate is in Federal courts. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken, will bring her decision on the injunction in

Stubblefield's case in the next few months.

The conflict is that Oregon marijuana patients cannot go to a pharmacy and pick up their medicine like any other prescription drug. The only recourse is for patients to grow the marijuana themselves.

The OMMA act allows a patient to grow up to seven plants for their own private use. They may have four plants that are in a growing stage and three plants that are in a harvestable stage. Patients are allowed to carry 1 ounce on their person.

Some patients are dependent on those who are willing to volunteer their time to grow the medicine and bring it to them. These providers are put at risk of having their crops confiscated, and being charged with a crime that really isn't a crime in the state of Oregon. All care providers are registered with Department of Health Services and the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. Each patient is required to register to grow their own marijuana and to state where it is grown. In Stubblefield's case he was growing his own along with two other OMMA card holders who live in his household when the marijuana was seized by the DEA.

The outcome of The Hemp and Cannabis Foundations' injunction against the U.S. Government will have far reaching effects on all Oregonians, including those card holders here at LBCC. If the injunction stands, the DEA will not be allowed to



Photo by Rhonda Hanks

Leroy Stubblefield of Sweet Home was the target of a federal drug raid despite being a card-carrying participant in Oregon's medical marijuana program.

confiscate medical marijuana in the state of Oregon.

Even though many studies have been done on marijuana showing its valid therapeutic properties, the medical marijuana issue is being decided by court cases and politics rather than scientific study.

According to Rod Carter, chairman of the criminal justice Department at LBCC, marijuana should be classified into a Schedule 2 drug. Opiates and cocaine are in this classification. The Constitutional and moral issue asks: does the government have the right to preempt the will of Oregon voters?

Leroy Stubblefield was not charged with a federal crime last Sept. when the DEA confiscated his medicine. They took the twelve plants he had in the base-

ment and left a receipt. Stubblefield says, "I know the DEA was doing their job but they didn't have to take my medicine when the state of Oregon says I can have it."

## Chain restaurants threaten local Albany eateries

by Sarah Meyer  
 of The Commuter

Local owners of Albany restaurants are concerned about the influx of chain restaurants. Two Albany owners give reasons to say "no" to the new restaurants: fast food is just plain bad for our health and these new places are taking away the business from locally owned eateries.

With Jack-in-the-Box, Quiznos and Del Taco well on their way to Albany, Roger Barstad, owner of Angie's Great Food, says he thinks all businesses will be affected.

"There are only so many dollars to be spent," says Barstad, and it looks like these

new businesses will be getting those dollars. He says local restaurants do a good job serving the community, yet people just want to try these new places out.

Barstad says that Red Robin is now his biggest competitor, and his business is down about 20 percent from where it should be.

The two restaurants are clearly different in size, and have two different atmospheres, but Red Robin is really making an impact on the evening traffic in Barstad's restaurant. The difference is Red Robin serves alcohol, and Angie's doesn't. So for those who want a beer with their burger, Red Robin is the place to go. However, the 50s theme and choose-your-own seating at Angie's is some-

thing people may look forward to.

Though fast food and chain restaurants don't directly affect her business, Boccherini's owner, Wendy Kirbey, says "no" to these restaurants because they serve food bad for one's health.

The United States' obesity rates are going up, as Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System studies have shown. The findings revealed a 61 percent increase in the prevalence of obesity among U.S. adults from 1991-2000.

In Oregon alone, BRFSS reported that 21 percent of adults were obese in the year 2000. That is a 9.8 percent increase of obesity in Oregon in the past nine years.

## Corvallis group organizes to defend Bill of Rights

by Kiah Gravel  
 of The Commuter

If you live in Corvallis you've probably already seen the Benton County Bill of Rights Committee, or BCBORDC. They are the group responsible for organizing the peace rallies that have been held in front of the Benton County Court House.

The BCBORDC is involved in

numerous activities, with their focus on two particular goals: community education and getting a resolution passed by the city of Corvallis.

The group was founded in October 2001 in response to new legislation that was passed following Sept. 11. It includes around 20 full-time members and a large number of committed supporters.

According to committee spokesperson Aleita Hass-Holcombe, the BCBORDC's mission is to keep the community informed about new laws, acts or legislation that can be used to violate the constitutional rights of the public.

The resolution that the BCBORDC and other Corvallis organizations are trying to get passed asks Benton County

Commissioners to stand against policies and legislation in the USA Patriot Act, and in government directives that threaten the constitutional rights of citizens and non-citizens in America. Other cities around the nation, including Eugene, have also formed Bill of Rights defense groups and many have been successful in passing similar resolutions.

### COMMONS Menu

**Feb. 19 - 25**

**Wednesday**


Prime Rib w/Popovers  
 Ants Climbing a Tree  
 Tempeh Stir Fry w/Broccoli  
 Soups: Billy-Bi  
 Beef Vegetable  
 Salad: Tarragon Shrimp Salad

**Thursday**

Spicy chicken and Plantains over Rice  
 Sushi  
 Spanakopita  
 Soups: Chili Mac  
 Curried Cream of Carrot  
 Salad: Chicken Taco Salad

**Friday**

Chefs Choice



**Monday**

BBQ Spareribs  
 Moroccan Chicken  
 Omelet Bar  
 Soups: Saffron Chicken  
 Vegetarian Vegetable  
 Salad: Tuscan Tuna

**Tuesday**

Beef Stew w/Feta, Mint and Tomatoes  
 Fish en Papillote  
 Portabella Polenta w/Grilled Vegetables and Mascarpone Cheese  
 Soups: Chicken Consomme  
 Roasted Garlic  
 Salad: Golden Chicken Spinach Salad



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# SPORTS

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

## Women look for answers after five-game slump

by Thomas McGeary  
 of The Commuter

**C**elebrating sophomore night last Wednesday, Janine Dionne and Katie Jarrett were honored with roses, balloons, and Coach Dionne's thoughts on their collective value to the team. However, that would be the only celebration for the Runners as they fell to Umpqua, 72-89. The women were also devoured by the Cougars of Clackamas on Saturday February 15, 95-47.

Umpqua started the game with tight 'D' and the towering team with four players 6 foot-tall proved a challenge to our Lady Runners. Marissa Higgins was not intimidated and kept the score tied at two and followed with a three-pointer to keep the score close at 16:38 in the first half.

The inside presence of Umpqua left Kim West with little hope of finding an inside move. The strong Kelly Wolfram gave Higgins open looks and she sunk another three-point basket to keep LB down by five.

Higgins followed with another three-point basket with 10:50 left in the half. Her quick pass down the court to Jesse Ziegler gave LB two points and the foul. Kandice McClung followed with a great move from the corner to get the foul.

Sharon VanEaton hit a three-pointer to keep LB within 10 of Umpqua. Wolfram and Janine Dionne's pressure defense caused a steal but they could not capitalize.

Tina Sanerivi's 6'4" towering frame on the inside brought Umpqua's lead to 12. West answered with a great inside soft touch to get two points and keep LB behind only by 10. Kolleen Horton of Umpqua had a quick two points and followed with a

rebound to put Umpqua up by 14.

With 3:33 left in the half, Umpqua extended the lead to 17, but Higgins hustle created a steal and an open look for Janine Dionne. West again capitalized for two points and was fouled in the next play, which was created by a Higgins steal. The half ended with LB having 17 seconds to close the 20 point lead of Umpqua, which LB could not achieve, ending the half at 29-49.

The second half opened with great hustle by Wolfram with a great pump-fake move, followed by a steal, closing the gap to 16 and heartening the LB ladies. Again, Umpqua went into their inside game and scored two baskets in a row.

The crowd came alive again when Janine Dionne hit a three-pointer with 14 minutes left, dropping the gap to 18. West picked up her third personal foul, but Higgins answered with a quick move to the hoop, creating a three-point play. Jarrett followed with a steal to Higgins, and dropped Umpqua's lead to 15, but she also picked up her fourth personal foul with 13:30 left in the game.

Higgins again had another all-important rebound and hit Janine Dionne for two. Despite all the great hustle from LB, the ladies still had a hard time catching Umpqua.

Wolfram again hit a nice 15-foot jumper with eight minutes left, putting the score at 56-72. Higgins followed with a three-point shot off a McClung rebound, 59-72. VanEaton, off an outlet pass from West, hit a three-pointer to drop the gap to 14.

But with 3:38 left in the game, LB's inside presence of West fouled out, followed by Jarrett in the next minute. LB kept a strong presence to the end, as VanEaton created a steal to an open Ziegler for two points.



Photos by Thomas Lin

Playing her last game at home, Roadrunner sophomore Janine Dionne (above) races in for a basket in last Wednesday's game against Umpqua Community College. Below, Jesse Ziegler jockeys for rebounding position against the taller Timberwomen in the game, which LB lost 72-89.

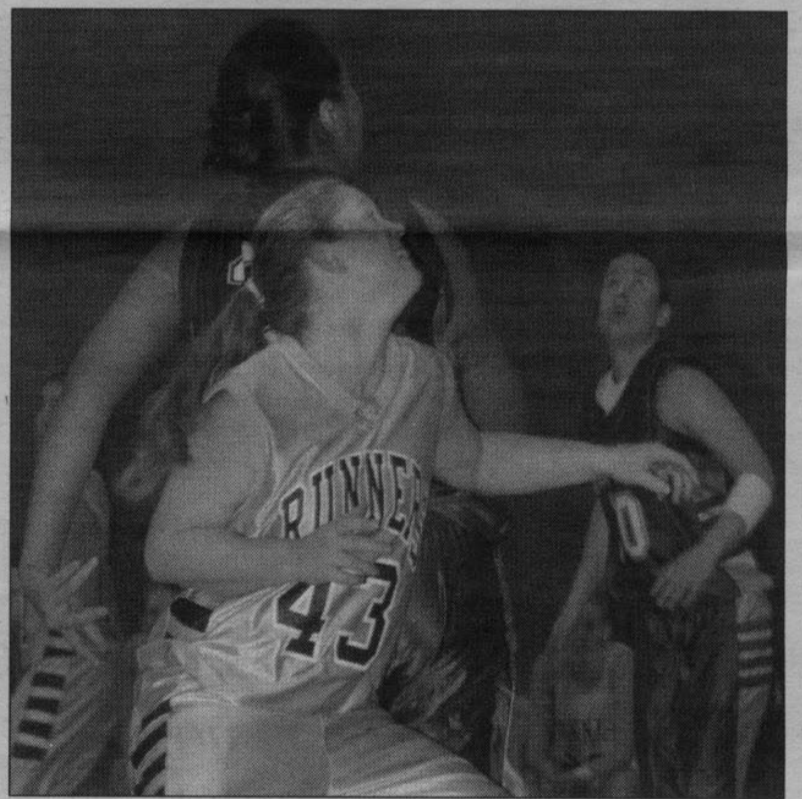
Higgins answered with another great hustle and steal. However, time ran out for the Lady Runners as Umpqua triumphed, 72-89.

Higgins had a huge 21 points and five steals, followed by 11 points from West.

On Saturday Feb. 15, the women traveled to Oregon City to take on the Cougars of Clackamas. The depth of the Lady Runners would be tested against a tough Clackamas team headed into the post season. The cougars pounced on the Runners with a 95-47 win.

The Ladies had a tough time finding to bucket throughout the game. Higgins was 2 for 11 in the game and West was 3 for 12. The Roadrunners shot 25 percent to the Cougars 58.7 percent.

Tonight the women travel to Coos Bay to take on SW Oregon.



### STANDINGS

MEN			WOMEN		
TEAM	LEAGUE	OVERALL	TEAM	LEAGUE	OVERALL
Mt. Hood	9-2	12-9	Lane	9-1	19-4
Clackamas	8-3	17-7	Chemeketa	9-1	20-2
Lane	8-3	18-5	Umpqua	8-2	17-6
Umpqua	6-5	12-11	Clackamas	7-3	18-4
SW Oregon	5-6	13-10	SW Oregon	3-7	8-14
Linn-Benton	4-7	9-14	Linn-Benton	3-7	7-14
Chemeketa	3-8	9-14	Mt. Hood	1-9	2-19
Portland	1-10	7-15	Portland	0-10	1-19

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME:
			WOMEN & MEN
Wed Feb 19	SW Oregon	Coos Bay	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 22	Portland C.C.	Portland	4 & 6
Wed Feb 26	Lane C.C.	Eugene	5:30 & 7:30
Fri Mar 7-10	NWAACC	Tri-Cities, WA	TBA
Sun Mar 16	All Star	Gresham	TBA

Tonight Men and Women battle for the important fourth spot in the division against SW Oregon.

The last three Away Games will prove vital in the end of the season run.

## Recruiting wars rage over LeBron

Hello good people. Last week I mentioned the high school sensation LeBron James in my column, which seemed to raise some eyebrows. So this is my beef with James.

He is an amazing basketball player who scores 50 points in three quarters against the best high school teams in the country. He'll most likely go on to become a great player for the NBA after skipping college.

My problem is not with James or his play, it is the amount of attention that the media is giving a high school athlete. The people that should be looking at James right now are college recruiters, not the entire country on ESPN and Sports Illustrated. The hype and money James receives is only going to corrupt the NCAA. How can college programs compete with the NBA in recruiting?

They can't without cheating. The NBA promises riches and fame, the NCAA, an education. If a person has wanted to play in the NBA all of his life and can do it straight from high school, why

should he go to college? He is already going to receive eight figures coming out of high school.

It would not surprise me at all, if in the future we see more and more recruiting violations handed down from the NCAA to basketball programs, because these programs are being forced to cheat.

Before I go, I want to touch on the "Great American Race," last Sunday's Daytona "272 1/2" last Sunday.

This year's Daytona 500 demonstrates why I am not a giant fan of NASCAR and the Winston Cup. It is too long and does not offer much excitement.

Even if the race goes 500 miles, the last five miles are the only ones where the excitement comes into play. The other 495 miles is just watching racers get into position and pit-stops. There is good racing during this time, but nonetheless a person has to watch at least 30 minutes before seeing one exciting battle between two cars.

I am not condemning the sport, it is a great sport that makes tons of money. I just can't see why.

### SPORTS

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# SPORTS

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

## Roadrunners face tough road to playoffs

### After back-to-back losses, men's fate rests in hands of other teams

by Robert Ward  
 for The Commuter

The Linn-Benton men's basketball team all but erased any chance of making the playoffs with an 83-74 loss at the hands of the Umpqua Timbermen on Feb. 12 in the Activities Center. On Feb. 15, the Roadrunners were also on the short-end of a 120-74 blowout loss at Clackamas.

The loss allowed the Timbermen to kill two birds with one stone. They got a step closer to a post-season appearance and knocked Linn-Benton even closer to being eliminated completely. Sophomore night at LBCC turned out to be a nightmare for the second-year players as the Timbermen came ready to play.

Umpqua jumped out to an early 4-0 lead to start the game off. After the Roadrunners tallied six straight points, they found themselves with the early lead. The two teams would battle all night long in a game that featured several lead changes.

Midway through the first half with the score tied up at 15 points, Ryan Schmidt swept to his favorite corner and nailed a three-point jumper to give the Roadrunners the advantage. After a pair of Umpqua free throws, Tyler Steinke hit a big three-pointer to make it a four point game. A six-point run by the Timbermen would put Linn-Benton down by two.

With just under six minutes left to go in the first half, an LB jumper tied the game up at 25. With a minute to go, the Roadrunners found themselves down by five. After a missed shot by Schmidt, sophomore Peter Nunn, in his last home game for the Roadrunners, would get the put back to cut the lead to three.

An Umpqua turnover would give the Roadrunners a chance to cut the lead to one or possibly tie the ball game going into the break. Nunn, who finished with 11 points, nailed another Linn-Benton three to tie the game at 38 heading into the half.

Umpqua started the second half with a quick basket but the Roadrunners would answer on a Schmidt jumper. In the second half, the Timbermen would put together multiple runs of four and seven points to slowly put the game out of reach for the Roadrunners. A Byron Orth free throw cut the lead to three for LBCC.

On the defensive side of the series, Nunn got the crowd to its feet after he took a massive charge in the paint to get the ball back for the Roadrunners. Shortly after exchanging baskets, Schmidt, with 15 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, put the Roadrunners up by one with a short jumper in the lane.

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▶ Coach Randy Falk

Umpqua would take the lead again, only to have the Runners cut it to one point. Then the Timbermen turned on the jets and went on a 7-0 run. The Roadrunners wouldn't lead in the game after that. Linn-Benton would come close numerous times, coming within a few points, and even managing to tie the game, but couldn't get over the hump to take the lead.

With 53 seconds to go in the game and LBCC down 75-72, an apparent jump-ball was ignored for a Roadrunner foul. This controversial call took the wind out of Linn-Benton's sail and allowed Umpqua to knock down two crucial free throws to go up by five. A timeout by the Roadrunners would not get any momentum back on their side as Umpqua forced a turnover by the Roadrunners.

The Timbermen (12-11 overall, 6-5 in league play) put the game away with an 11-0 run. The Roadrunners (9-14 overall, 4-7 in league) would only score

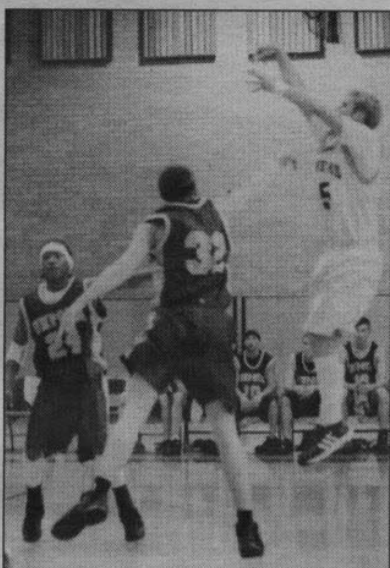


Photo by Travis Kopacek  
**Ryan Schmidt's inside move, right, creates an open look for Justin Duke. Tyler Steinke, above, shoots for a three.**



once in the final two minutes, which may prove fatal for their post-season dreams.

To make matters worse, the Roadrunners went to Clackamas on Feb. 15 and got blown out of the building 120-74.

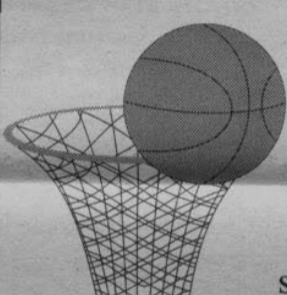
"We do have a remote possibility of making post season. Winning the last three games and relying on somebody to lose is not the way to make the playoffs," Coach Randy Falk said. Nunn led the team with 20 points and Orth finished with 18. The Roadrunners will travel to Southwest Oregon Community College on Feb. 19 to start a season-ending three-game road trip.

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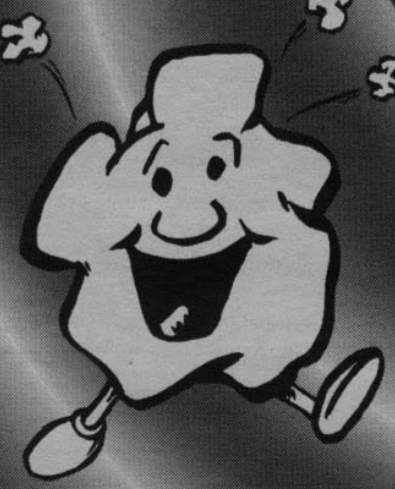
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# CAMPUS NEWS

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

## School offers employment services to students

by Thomas Lin  
of The Commuter

Kila Mayton filled out a yellow student employment application form Thursday at the Career Center. She has worked in behavioral health since 1977, but come March. She will be out of a job.

Currently a behavioral studies major at LB, Mayton said new regulations prevent her from re-entering the field. Despite her experience, she cannot get a similar job until she has a degree.

At the center, Mayton said, "they're good about letting me know how to fit my skills to other jobs." She likely will be back soon researching leads and asking for referrals.

"Looking for a job is a job," said Career and Employment Specialist Carla Raymond. She recommends job seekers be proactive and come in at least once a week to follow up leads or to search the database for new ones.

Located in Takena 101, LB's Career Center offers three primary services: Student Employment, Counseling and Cooperative Work Experience (CWE).

Anyone who has taken at least one credit at LB can use Student Employment services, which include a computerized database of jobs, job referrals, resume critiques and work-study referrals.

"We usually have around 100 jobs," Raymond said, adding that most of the jobs are part-time and allow students the flexibility to work around class schedules. "We often have more part-time jobs available than you can find at the Oregon Employment Department (OED)." In addition to the Career Center, however, she encourages job seekers to sign up with the OED and a temporary agency to broaden their search.

Big-name employers in the Student Employment database include The Corvallis Clinic, Citizen's Bank, AT&T Broadband and UPS.

But plenty of small shops also sign up.

Earlier that Thursday, K. Lohn was in the Career Center talking to Raymond. "We have a rapidly growing business," said Lohn, owner of The Uncommon Rose in Corvallis. "We need employees to run the gardens and greenhouse."

He said he heard about LB's Career Center from another nursery that had hired here, adding that horticulture students would likely be more diligent than workers hired off the street.

For students like Shawn McDaniel, who are still uncertain about majors and career options, the center offers career counselors, Human Development (HD) classes, and a computerized Career Information System (CIS).

"This system has a computer database that will take the skills you enjoy using in the workplace and come up with the top 30 occupations that you might enjoy working in," Raymond explained. "After you pick out a few to investigate, you can look at each occupation to see what people actually do on the job, what kind of training is required to succeed in that field, and what the job outlook is for Oregon. Once a selection is made, you can check out the program of study, what schools offer that program, and look at a huge database of the financial aid that is available."

McDaniel, a student in HD 208 Career/Life Planning, said he tried CIS and "the result was pretty accurate."

Another option for students looking to develop a career is the CWE program.

"Students can get on-the-job experience and college credits if the job relates



Photo by Thomas Lin

**Career Specialist Carla Raymond helps an LB student locate an available job.**

to their degree," Raymond said. "Some of the employers who hire our students are Wah Chang and Hewlett-Packard."

However, with the economy ailing Raymond admitted, "employers are uncertain about hiring people." Openings for jobs and internships have dropped significantly over recent years, she said.

In Oregon, the good news is that unemployment figures are slowly improving. The bad news is that they're still high.

According to OED press releases, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the United States was 6 percent last December. For Oregon, it was 7 percent, an improvement on the 7.8 percent of a year earlier. In comparison, unemployment figures for Linn County were 8.7 percent in December and 9 percent the year before.

To combat layoffs, the college also supports extension services through its Workforce Development Centers (WDC) in Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon. When a layoff occurs in the area, LBCC, the OED and the Community Services Consortium all send people to the company

to talk about the different services available to laid-off workers. As the employment specialist for the East Linn WDC, Janeen Creighton lets Lebanon workers know about short-term degrees and financial aid at Linn-Benton.

"Some folks just want to get a job," she said. "Others take the opportunity to think about career changes. There are people I saw unemployed out in the community I now see in the halls here as full-time students. That's rewarding."

### FAST FACTS

**Career Center Web site:**

<http://www.linnbenton.edu/services/career/>

**Upcoming events:** Career Fair, April 10, in the Activities Center

**Contact:** Carla Raymond, 917-4788

**Workforce Development Web site:**

<http://www.working4you.org>  
**Contacts:** Albany, Nancy Haldeman, 967-2171, ext. 265; Corvallis, Molly Staats, 757-4193, ext. 2; Lebanon, Janeen Creighton, 259-5818.

## Appeal of alternative careers stirs student interest

by Heather M. Scott  
of The Commuter

Cecilia Orphan, political science and English major at LBCC has been interested in alternative careers and peace studies since high school when she listened to a guest speaker from Amnesty International, a human rights organization.

"I was inspired," said Orphan who hopes to one day work for Amnesty. "This is what I want to do with my future."

Orphan's inspiration and her drive to help others has landed her, along with student David Dorman, a talent grant to take part in an alternative careers project with political science instructor and peace studies coordinator Doug Clark. The plan for the project is to construct and integrate alternative career information into LBCC so that students may become more aware of the opportunities to create positive results in the world through their choice of occupation. With this program, alternative career paths such as working with United Way, Amnesty International, or local organizations like Linn

County Mediation, will be explained and available to interested students. Currently, most alternative careers are not incorporated into standard college counseling, but Clark and his students hope eventually this will change.

"In the normal course of our lives, we don't really have a clear sense of what the options are beyond that doctor, lawyer, banker generalization," said Clark.

Orphan and Dorman are working many different levels, networking a variety of organizations and individuals, working on the support of OSU's career advising program and compiling information about current degrees available. The students are also contacting workers in alternative fields to find out where they went to school and what kinds of degrees they received.

"Almost any degree you can get, you can use it to help someone," said Orphan.

When the project is completed the workers hope to have a setup that will better inform students of the options beyond popular professions. Ideally the group hopes to develop a Web site through LBCC's current site, a presentation for the career and counseling center, or create a video about alternative careers.

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▶ Doug Clark

A collection of details including schools students can attend, degrees to pursue, and career paths that exist are some of the essentials Clark and his students plan to include.

"There are really a lot of things you can do to make a difference," said Orphan.

The interest in alternative careers is growing according to Clark but the possibilities still aren't very visible. The group hopes that their efforts will allow students to become more aware of the types of careers that are so often left out of traditional career counseling.

"Not only do I think it's increasingly of interest to people," said Clark. "I think it's also increasingly possible."

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