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**American Red Cross and the Student Leadership Council holds a blood drive on campus**

Volunteers from LB and the community came out to donate their time and blood. More importantly, they volunteered to save lives in trade for a small prick.

The Student Leadership Council held a blood drive on April 8 and 9 with American Red Cross in the Fireside Room from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Linn-Benton computer science student Greg Dauphin has been donating blood for over 30 years ago. He first began donating in 1982 when his grandfather was in the hospital and in need of a transfusion. Dauphin explained that, back then, a person could donate for someone specific, whereas now it goes to a blood bank and is available for anyone in need.

"I've donated probably about nine gallons by now. I like donating because it saves lives and I'd want someone to do the same for me," said Dauphin.

Dauphin plans to continue donating every two months, the recommended amount of time between donations.

Linn-Benton student Philip Dostie stopped by to save lives between his classes. Not a seasoned donor, Dostie has given blood about four to five times.

Through donating blood, Dostie



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learned how unique his body is. His body produces AB positive blood. AB positive donors are universal recipients and can receive blood from any blood type. According to American Red Cross, they make up less than 3 percent of caucasians,

4 percent of African Americans, 2 percent of Hispanics and 7 percent of Asians.

When asked if it hurt once the needle was in, Dostie responded, "No, it's fun to watch."

With a goal of collecting 35 units on the first day, LB beat expectations collecting 41 units. They collected another 42 units on the second day, surpassing their goal of 28. According to American Red Cross, each unit of blood can help up to three people. With the blood collected from LB faculty, staff, students and the community, it helped 249 lives.

Roxanne Smith, student leadership council vice president elect, took over the event from current vice president Jeff Lehn. It was a learning experience for Smith, as she will take over the responsibility of planning the blood drive next year.

American Red Cross plans to return to campus July 22 and 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect donations. 📍



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## CAMPUS BULLETIN

**Drag Show**  
Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Linn-Benton Community College's Gender and Sexuality Alliance will host a "Drag Show" in the LBCC Russell-Tripp Performance Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Audience members are encouraged to bring dollar bills to tip the drag performers

**Language Tables**  
Every Tuesday, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.

While we can't guarantee to make you a native speaker, we think you'll have fun practicing conversational phrases with students from Portugal, Spain, India, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, and more in the DAC. This will be a brown bag affair with light refreshments provided. Student "language experts" will be on hand to teach you phrases in their language (for the beginner) or give you a chance to practice (if you're a budding speaker).

**Earth Day**  
Wednesday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Join your peers for a day of service in celebration of Earth Day. Sign up in the DAC for a day of service.

# ACTIVE LEARNING

**LBCC staff request \$100,000 for redesign and modernization of interactive classrooms**

Imagine a classroom with wheeled desks and chairs, rolling whiteboards, personal tablets, and multiple projection places for instructor presentations. This month, LBCC will find out if requests for Active Learning Center Grants will be approved.

Gone will be the days of row seating facing an instructor podium -- at least in the five classrooms proposed. Designed with "U" shaped seating and moveable instructor stations, the new classroom design will facilitate better communication and group work.

Liz Pearce, faculty fellow of administration, has the support of 31 other faculty to develop these interactive and collaborative environments.

"When you walk into a room and you see the setup it tells you how to behave. It has to do with setting a tone when people sit in the room," said Pearce.

The idea behind restructuring these classrooms is to encourage more student engagement. Some instructors design their classes to involve discussion among students, and active learning classes are arranged to support that teaching style. With moveable white boards and desks, instructors can choose the setup best suited for their curriculum each day.

For over a year Pearce has worked to get funds for these enhanced classrooms. On April 15, LBCC will find out if a \$50,000 grant from Steelcase, an office furnishing firm, will fund the transformation of three classrooms. A second \$50,000, requested via LBCC's internal Strategic

Initiative process, will fund multiple tablets and screens for student use in the classrooms.

Fifteen schools will be selected to receive the Steelcase grant. LBCC was one of 548 to apply. If granted, it will pay for the movable furniture needed to get classrooms ready for use by fall 2016. The strategic initiative grant will be decided this term, and if approved, will pay for 30 tablets for each of the proposed classrooms.

Throughout campus LBCC has 56 general purpose classrooms used for arts, humanities, communication and social sciences. Few of them have changed their design in the last few decades. For example, lecture classroom IA-231 had out-dated, chunky furniture making rearrangement and group discussion difficult.

This term IA-231 got its debut as the prototype for the first collaborative learning environment on campus.

Mark Urista, Communication department chair, has already noticed change using the classroom for his Interpersonal Communication class. Not only does he observe more talk among students before class begins, but he also notices a change in discussion dynamics.

"Overall, students appear engaged during lecture, small group discussions and our large class discussions," said Urista.

If approved, the grants will give LBCC the means to update floors, paint, and lightening in proposed classrooms to compliment the modern makeover.



PHOTO: MARWAH ALZABIDI

Mark Urista teaches in IA-231 active learning classroom.

Digital tools help minimize student cost with personal tablets by giving them access to online textbooks, the Internet, and online tools such as Google sheets, slides, and docs.

"Our tablet and device use in the classroom puts us in real-time connection with every article in every journal our library subscribes to," Pearce wrote in the grant proposal. "We plan to use the flexible environment to support the creation of socially and intellectually interactive community."

Multiple projection points in the classrooms will ensure that no matter where a student sits they can see the instructor's presentation. An instructor tablet controls the presentation, allowing teachers to walk around the

classroom during lecture.

"Some students may be in seats that make it difficult for them to see the whiteboard I'm writing on," said Urista. "However, this challenge has been addressed by adding multiple whiteboards that can be moved around the classroom."

Pearce is hopeful that requests for financial support will help LBCC create more tailored learning spaces.

"I really think LBCC can be a cutting-edge college this way; we just don't have the finances to support us." 📍



STORY BY ALLISON LAMPLUGH @LUCYLAFOURE



# REWARDING STUDENTS FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION

**Students eligible for the Communication Focus Award**

The importance of excellent communication goes beyond school, communication skills have become a major attribute that employers look at when hiring.

Regardless of major or career goals, students should have the ability to successfully communicate with others. That is the reason students are required to take a communication class while completing their general education requirements.

Communication Department Chair Mark Urista knows how important it is to develop these skills.

"Preparing students for success after college is a top priority for our department."

In light of how relevant communication skills have become in the job market, the Communication

Department has created a new award for students to obtain.

Created by the department, The Communication Focus Award is a new honor students can earn. The award acknowledges hard work of students who have earned a grade of B or better in the three communication classes: Comm 111, Comm 112 and Comm 218. The point of the award is to motivate students to invest in themselves.

"This award encourages students to take a series of classes that will help develop the soft skills employers are looking for in the people they hire," said Urista. "The award also provides recipients with tangible proof that they have developed these sought after skills."

Skeptics might see this award as nothing

more than something nice and shiny to put on a resume. They wouldn't be wrong.

"I thought it would look good on a resume," said Connilyn Hursh, student and recipient of the Communication Focus Award.

Connilyn recognizes the greater value the award carries, besides enhancing a resume.

"Having the experience under my belt has given me a lot of confidence in my future career paths," said Hursh. "Communication is key."

Another recipient of the award, Grant Guernsey, has included the award on resumes and applications.

"I'm applying for pre school for the marketing program at Oregon State. It was really cool to put down an awesome award on my resume."

Guernsey also sees the potential this award holds for him beyond career goals.

"Going into my freshman year of college I didn't get to do to much public speaking," said Guernsey. "Once I took Comm 111 and 112 I was way more comfortable and basically diminished the whole fear of speaking in front of people."

While this award definitely looks good on a resume, the skills and tenacity it instills in students who work to earn it will last longer than a piece of paper listing prior job experience.



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## ADVICE FROM WEISS

**Question:** Hi, does LBCC have clubs. If so, how do I find out about them. Actually, I have an idea for a new one. A psychology club. I know that's unusual, but I think it could be good.

**Answer:** The folks who oversee our clubs (and other student programs) are "Student Life and Leadership." They are located in the Student Union, next to the Hot Shot Cafe. Just walk on in, and they'll tell you all about it.

And you are not alone in thinking a psychology club would be a good thing, because we already have one. It's called Active Minds and they are meeting this Friday, in the Diversity Achievement Center (right above the Hot Shot Cafe). If you can, show up and introduce yourself.

**Question:** What's the difference between an Associate of Science Degree and an Associate of Arts Degree. I'm not sure I want to be in Science or Art, but those seem to be the only transfer degrees LBCC has, and I want to go to a university.

**Answer:** In this case, the use of the words "science" and "art" don't have anything to do with science majors and art majors. These are code phrases.

The phrase "Associate of Science" means this is a degree to help you transfer to Oregon State University. We have Associate of Science degrees in science areas, like biology and physics. But we also have Associate of Science Degrees in Music, Sociology, Art, Communications, and many other areas. This is because the phrase really means "OSU Transfer."

Similarly, the Associate of Arts does not necessarily mean you are going to be taking a lot of art courses. The Associate of Arts Degree is one that every community college in Oregon offers, and every state university in Oregon accepts (and, actually, the private universities have done a good job of accepting as well). It's goal is to have a wide range of transferability and mobility, so that students can move around the state, if they need to, and still have the ability to keep on track with their coursework.

To fully understand the difference between the Associate of Science and the Associate of Arts, and to determine which is best for you, please see your advisor. Advisors can explain the important details and consequences of a degree choice, so that you can know you are doing the right thing. ♡



COLUMN BY  
MARK WEISS



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Titanic sunk April 15, 1912.

# BARGAINING FOR FAIR TREATMENT

**Adjuncts receive recognition as bargaining unit finds support from the Board of Education**

Adjunct instructors at LBCC celebrate in the creation of a collective bargaining unit.

After months of work and years of frustration surrounding a lack of representation regarding the treatment of part-time faculty at LBCC, the Board of Education approved the creation of a bargaining unit last month.

"I'm not completely satisfied, but I'm pretty happy with the results. We would have liked to have included all part-time faculty in our bargaining unit, but we settled for those employed for three or more work credit equivalents," said Mary Borman, part-time faculty teachers' association president.

Plans are in the works to begin a negotiation process to address concerns of adjunct employees. Better pay, consistency of work, and a formal system to deal with work-performance issues are at the top of a list they plan to start working on later this spring.

Borman has residual concerns for teachers who are not making it into the bargaining unit because they only teach one or two credits. Planned changes to the part-time faculty staff's current working environment were initially meant to benefit all adjunct instructors.

"My concern is there is the possibility of creating a tiered salary schedule that would not benefit those teaching one or two credits per term. Both President Hamann and Scott Roland [director of human resources] assured us verbally they were not interested in having that happen. We are trusting their word for that," said Borman.

LBCC President Hamann made an announcement at his presidential address last Thursday, April 9, regarding his support of the creation of the adjunct bargaining unit. He expressed that he has worked with a similar system at his last post, Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Ore.

In the coming weeks, the bargaining elect new officers, begin collecting dues from members, and begin managing its all-new web page. The web page, located on the main LBCC home page, will provide part-timers with a place to stay up to date on current events that could impact their working environment. The web page will also serve as a place to voice concerns about working conditions as they arise.

"Many part-timers have had no time to 'volunteer' because they have cobbled together several positions, actually working more than full-time to support their families"... "We have part-time people who have to apply for food stamps to stay afloat. It is a small step to become a bargaining unit, but it is a step in the right direction," said Borman. ♡



STORY BY  
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# OSA FIGHTS FOR LOWER TUITION

Oregon students ask the Legislature to restore Funding to Higher Education and fight increasing student debt.

Salem, Ore. April 14—Students are sick of paying more and getting less. Oregon students attended the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee's university budget hearing in Salem today and the community college budget hearing last week to advocate for more accessible and affordable higher education. They asked committee members to restore funding for university and community college budgets and stop the downpour of student debt.

Students demanded increases to higher education budgets including: \$755 million for universities and \$560 million for community colleges. These increased budget allocations will help stabilize funding for higher education in Oregon and prevent sharp tuition increases next year.

Reinvestment in higher education is badly needed.

Oregon has a steady pattern of disinvestment from higher education and it is hurting students. Between 2002 and 2012, funding per student at Oregon decreased by 32 percent, from \$5,663 to \$3,650 in inflation adjusted dollars. This disinvestment has begun pricing students out of an education and causing them to go into increasing student debt.

This year, 72 percent of Oregon students will graduate with student debt and the average student debt in Oregon is over \$27,000. Total student debt in the United States increases by \$2,853.88 per second.

Even now as students continue to struggle to pay for school, the state legislature is debating budgets that will put greater hardship on Oregon's students by hiking tuition or eliminating services.

If tuition increased by 8 percent next year we would see the average Oregon student pay \$706 more dollars per year in tuition. That is equivalent to six months of groceries for the average student. Tuition hikes, like those being debated by our elected officials, often force students to make tough choice about continuing their education.

The Oregon Student Association (OSA) is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing non-profit which was established in 1975 to represent, serve, and protect the collective interests of students in postsecondary education in Oregon. ♡

PRESS RELEASE  
OREGON STUDENT ASSOCIATION

## JOB OPENINGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

There are **MULTIPLE OPENINGS** that need to be filled **ASAP**.

Are you majoring in any of the following areas?

- |                                |         |                         |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| Biology                        | Science | Engineering             |
| Chemistry                      | Physics | Computers               |
| Business Technology            |         | Business Administration |
| Water Environmental Technology |         |                         |

### Minimum qualifications:

- Two terms of applicable college courses
- Min. 2.0 GPA and 3.0 GPA or better in major)
- Registering for credits in the CWE program at LBCC
- Prefer a one-year or longer commitment to employment

### How to APPLY???

Contact: Lena Carr or Rich Horton  
cwe@linnbenton.edu - 541.917.4787  
Career and Counseling Center in Tadena Hall, Rm 101



# DEGREE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

**Start a bachelor's degree at LBCC with the DPP for less, and finish at OSU**

The future is now, and students should consider participating in the Degree Partnership Program.

"It is nice to be in the DPP; it provides a wider range of options for students," said Yuling Zhou, DPP student.

Students seeking higher education or to earn a bachelor's degree have a chance to do so by participating in the Degree Partnership Program offered between LBCC and OSU. The DPP is an opportunity for students to take university equivalent classes at a community college while paying a lot less.

"I get to take bacc core classes at LBCC for half the price at OSU," said DPP student Ashley McDowell.

The DPP office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in McKenzie Hall - Room 111A, there are advisors ready and willing to help guide you through the process.

This month, and continued through May, OSU advisors will be in the DPP office to assist students on their DPP journey. The dates and times vary; see the schedule below.

Kayleen Steeves, transfer student services manager, will be on campus every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon to help explain the start to finish process for DPP. For any questions that arise, Steeves will be able to assist the best she can.

"The sooner you can start planning the better. Narrowing down some degrees you may want to pursue and the colleges you may want to attend is so empowering," said Steeves. "Doing research early on is so vital."

On Wednesdays, Student Services Manager Rick DeBellis will be on campus from 1 to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon advising students as well.

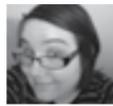
In upcoming weeks the Albany campus will hold DPP information sessions. The next sessions will be held on April 20 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room CC-213, and on May 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room CC-210.

There are a couple application deadlines to remember when thinking about becoming a DPP student. To enroll for summer 2015 the deadline is June 1 and for fall 2015 it is Sept. 7. Be sure to include an LBCC transcript and a high school diploma, and any other college transcripts. An OSU orientation session will be required.

To qualify for DPP there are three requirements: 24 transferable college-level credits completed, completed WR 121 with a grade of C or better, and a GPA of 2.25 or higher. You will be automatically admitted if you meet the above criteria.

Throughout the summer, there will be both first-year and transfer starts for students beginning at OSU in the fall. More information can be found on the OSU's New Student Programs website for more information and a schedule of dates.

During orientation students will learn resources available at OSU, receive academic advising, and be able to register for fall term classes. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the New Student Programs and Family Outreach office directly at 541-737-7627. ♻



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## UPCOMING DPP EVENTS

### OSU Advisors visiting LBCC's campus Spring term 2015:

April 20	OSU Forestry	1:00 - 4:00
April 23	OSU Engineering	1:00 - 4:00
April 27	OSU Public Health/HDFS	1:00 - 4:00
April 28	OSU Liberal Arts	1:00 - 4:00
April 29	OSU Science	9:00 - noon
April 30	OSU STEM Leaders Program	9:00 - 4:00
May 4	OSU Business	9:00 - noon, 1:00 - 4:00
May 5	OSU Business	9:00 - noon, 1:00 - 4:00
May 6	OSU Education	9:00 - noon
May 7	OSU Engineering	1:00 - 4:00
May 14	OSU Engineering	1:00 - 4:00
May 18	OSU STEM Leaders Program	9:00 - 4:00
May 19	OSU Financial Aid	1:00 - 4:00
May 21	OSU Engineering	9:00 - 12:00
May 21	OSU Science	1:00 - 4:00

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541-737-2241

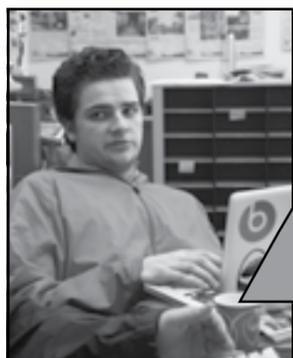
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# CAMPUS VOICE

**The NBA regular season ends April 15 and the playoffs start April 19. The Blazers are ranked fourth in the Western Conference. This is what the campus thinks is going to happen in the playoffs.**



Business accounting student Ashley Jiles predicts a first round win for the Blazers. "They should have a bigger advantage with home court, so they should have the upper-hand."



Commuter Sports Writer Caleb Clearman's projection: "Portland is coming into the playoffs with a bunch of injuries. Nothing has been finalized with the seeding, but I think Memphis presents a bigger challenge than Houston would. I don't think anyone will beat the Warriors anyways."



Huge basketball fan and LBCC student Sean Scarborough sees a first round victory in the Blazers future, and hopes they win in the second round. "Without Wesley [Matthews] I'm not sure."

Drafting and engineering student Riley Hiner thinks, "It will depend on if we can hit our shots." Hiner does predict a first round win for the Blazers but when it comes to the second round it, "All depends on matchups."



I-Sheng Huang left thinks the Blazers will achieve victory in the first round and lose in the second. Huang likes the Golden State Warriors to win in it all. "Curry is Amazing." We can't all be basketball fans and Joey Zhou didn't have a clue who's gonna win it all, but he does think the Blazers will make it out of the first round.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
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Submit topics or ideas for Campus Voice to Richard Steeves @rsteeves84.  
**Next weeks subject: 420.**



With recreational marijuana scheduled to become legal July 15, marijuana industry experts in and around the Linn-Benton area weighed in on 420 and what they knew and thought about the quasi holiday.

April 20, otherwise known as 420, pronounced, “four twenty,” not, “four hundred and twenty,” is marijuana’s unofficial holiday.

Counterculture recognizes April 20 as a day to celebrate marijuana and the use of it. The history and origins of the term 420 are hazy and rumors have circled like the passing of a joint between friends.

Speculation and myth aside, after thorough research, the consensus of 420’s origins was originally reported in the May 1991 issue of High Times. The story has since been supported by multiple news organizations.

The story goes that it all started in 1971 with a group of high school teenagers. The teens attended San Rafael High School in California and dubbed

themselves the “Waldos,” because they would meet everyday at 4:20 p.m. at their favorite smoking spot: a wall in front of a Louis Pasteur statue on campus.

The Waldos coined the term 420 and used it in reference to smoking marijuana. The code name was especially handy when they wanted to talk about getting high around their parents.

Lance, who asked not to have his last name used, has been an Oregon medical marijuana patient for nearly a decade. He first heard of 420 in 1992 while on vacation in Playa Los Cocos, Mexico. While enjoying the sunny beaches of Mexico he met a man named Gene Mack who, as fate would have it, lived five blocks from Lance in Eugene.

Mack had his pocket watch alarm set for 4:20 p.m. everyday and would routinely smoke pot. When Lance asked about the timing Mack said 420 was a police code for a marijuana crime in progress, i.e. someone smoking pot. This is one of many rumors.

Lance is flying to Tucson Arizona with his medicine April 20, and even with the legalization of recreational marijuana taking effect, he plans on continuing to renew his medical marijuana license, citing uncertainty over Measure 91.

“Why would I give up something I already have?”

Grant Trevathan, a dual enrolled electrical engineering student, works as the sales manager for Bad Habits Smoke Shop in Corvallis. His viewpoint aligns with Lance, saying 420 isn’t as a big deal with medical marijuana patients as it is with younger recreational users. The shop doesn’t see a big increase in medical customers, but does see a boost in recreational patrons coming into the shop on or near the holiday.

“[We get] mostly frat kids and freshmen wanting to go to the smokeshop on 420. Most of them don’t even buy anything,” said Trevathan.

The smoke shop has been getting calls about a cannabis awareness walk at

the state capitol on April 20. The walk is being put on by the Salem Cannabis Industry Association (SCIA). Their focus is protesting possible changes to the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) while the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and state legislature implement Measure 91.

Colorado native Alan Emmot manages Higher Quality Compassion, a medical marijuana dispensary in Corvallis. Emmot saw the explosion of the recreational marijuana movement in Colorado first-hand, watching as 420 was celebrated with people smoking in the streets after legalization in the state.

The dispensary will be offering discounts to patients, but Emmot doesn’t expect to see people in Oregon smoking in public.

“This year I don’t think it’s going to be that big of a deal, being on a Monday and not yet being legal. Next year it’s going to be huge!”



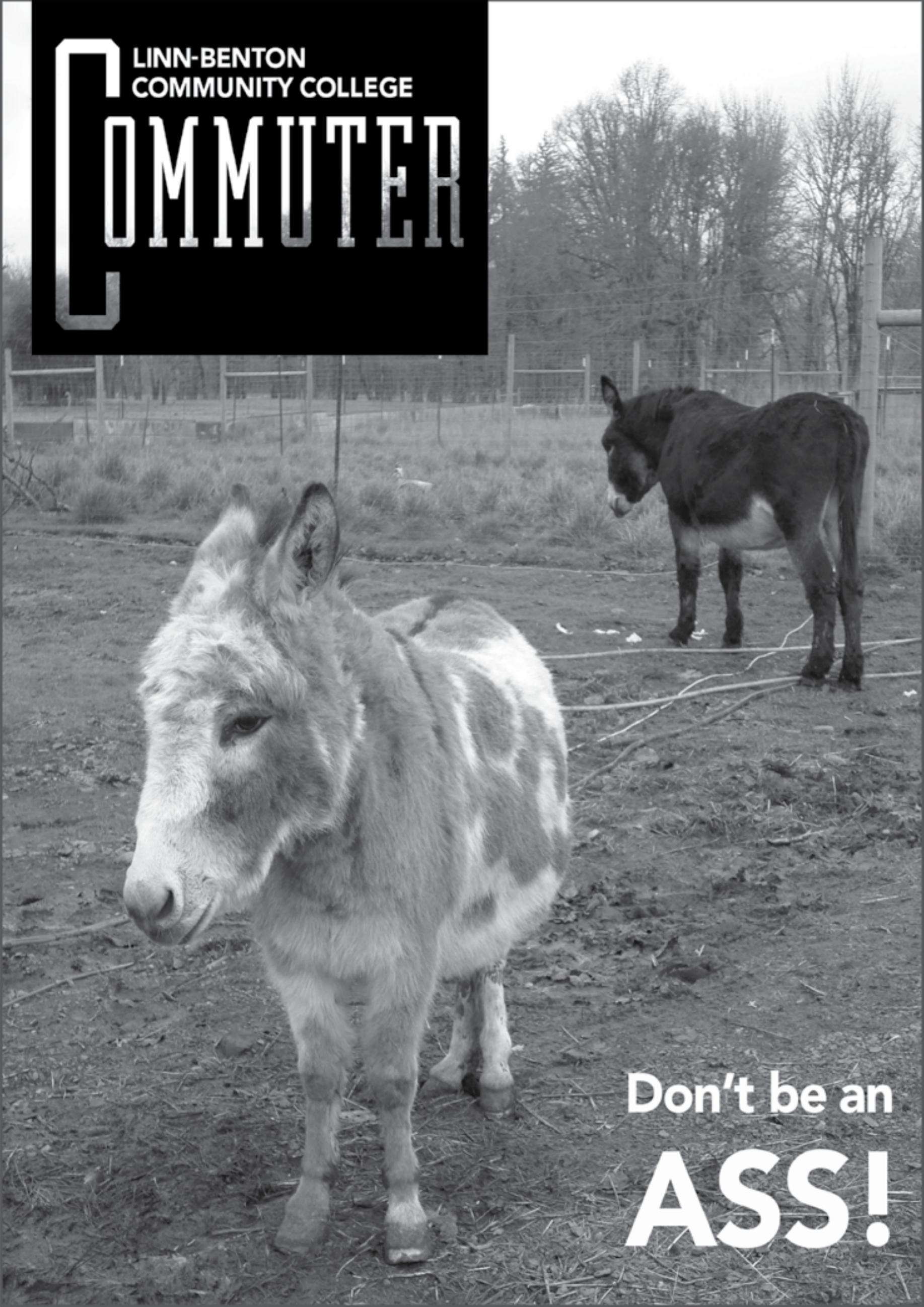
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Grant Trevathan, sales manager of Bad Habits Smoke Shop, is ready for the upcoming holiday.

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PHOTO: JUSTIN WILLIAMS  
*LBCC student Alyssa Swartzendruber gives blood at the LBCC Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, April 8.*



PHOTO: TOBY PRECOTT  
*Volleyball players wait in anticipation for their teammate to strike the ball.*

# PHOTOJOURNALISM

Photojournalism taught at LBCC gives students the chance to learn how to compose, edit, and caption digital photos. The class focuses on taking photographs around campus, capturing student life and activities, and presenting them in class to tell a story. Showcased are Editors' picks for this week.



PHOTO: BRIAN HAUSOTTER  
*Shihab Nashnush and others enjoy their Greenhouse Management class.*



PHOTO: JAKE STEVENS  
*On Wednesday the multimedia department enjoys wacky hat day around campus.*



PHOTO: JOSH GERIG  
*Handmade pizza bakes in the Commons Cafeteria before lunch.*



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*Mark Diller at a double red cell donation machine and his nurse, Lorena Eschilman.*



PHOTO: MARWAH ALZABIDI  
*Brittany Baker (from left), Brett Thompson, and Chandra are warming up for their sand volleyball game.*

# CELEBRATING A CAPELLA

Fourth annual Celebration of A Capella brings together six schools showcasing their skills.

LBCC singing sensations The Sirens and Blue Light Special hosted the 4th annual Celebration of A capella Thursday, April 9.

During the concert six schools performed. West Albany's Rhythmix, Oregon State's all female group, Divine, and all male ensemble, Outspoken, performed along with University of Oregon's Mind the Gap. The night was capped off by The Blue light Special and The Sirens.

"We try to draw schools that we work closely with. We try to bring the community together for it," said Dr. James Reddan.

James Reddan said the schools performing all brought something different to the table. They aren't your prototypical choirs; the show was an exhibition for the region.

"These choirs vary from 10 to 24 members, and the largest being the West Albany High School Rhythmix," said Reddan.

Each group performed for about 20 minutes. There were all types of music performed from Gwen Stefani's "Hollaback Girl" and Pharrell's "Happy."

The show doesn't come easy. On a typical day The Sirens practice for two hours twice a week. They spend time warming up their voices practicing for their next performance, or going over the new music for the week.

"[We discuss] the musical nuances of the music, and how they want to shape it, to present their own interpretation of it, and how they feel it," said Reddan.

Christie Gangewer of the LBCC all female group The Sirens talked about how they prepare their music.

"We arrange all of our music. Except, one piece is arranged by James," said Gangewer. James Reddan chimed in from his office, "Per term, not year." ♡



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OSU's Outspoken members.



Derek Jaques and Nick Lenord and The Blue Light Special.



UO's Mind the Gap group.



Jessie Easdale performs.



The Sirens joke with the crowd.



David Whitney sings at the a capella celebration.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Video Game Spotlight:



Lego has had a good run in recent years with big success like “The Lego Movie” and the “Lego City Undercover” videogame, but the recent announcement of the “Lego Dimensions” video game slated for later this year might just blow all the rest of their recent endeavors right out of the water.

Last week Lego released a trailer for “Lego Dimensions,” an action-adventure game which features just about anyone or anything that’s ever been made into a Lego toy. The game comes with a pad that lets you scan collectable Lego sets and figures into your game world, similar to “Disney Infinity” or “Skylanders.” There are different sets of Lego with various characters from famous franchises such as Lord of the Rings, DC Comics, and The Wizard of Oz.

So if you imagine Gandalf and Wonder Woman cruising down the Yellow Brick Road in the time travelling DeLorean, then you kind of get the idea.

The game will take place in the setting of “The Lego Movie,” so it can be assumed the possibilities for characters are nearly endless. With Lego’s nearly endless catalogue of characters, the only question is, “Who’s next?” Will Harry Potter and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles team up to stop Dr. Octopus from taking over The Shire? Who knows, but we’ll be sure to stay giddy with anticipation until we find out.

Lego Dimensions comes with a starter edition that includes a buildable Lego portal, a miniature batmobile, and three starting characters: Gandalf, Batman and



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Wildstyle, at a starting price of \$99.99. There are three kinds of additional packs: Level Packs for \$29.99, Team Packs for \$24.99 and Fun Packs for \$14.99. Each comes with Lego toy figures and playable in-game content.

The trailer is a real treat, so I would recommend giving it a watch at the earliest convenience. If the concept sounds like something you’re interested in, the products are already available for pre-order on Amazon.

Video games with real life toy tie-ins are becoming fairly popular with

the unprecedented success of the “Skylanders” series and “Disney Infinity.” People have also been scrambling to get ahold of Nintendo’s line of Amiibo figurines, so it’s no wonder Lego is looking to give platform a try with its own unique and definitive twist. ♣



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### DID YOU KNOW?

On April 9, 1962 Bob Dylan legally changed his name from Robert Zimmerman.

## MEDIA BULLETIN

Game	Platform	Developer	Release Date
Avernum 2: Crystal Souls	iOS	Spiderweb Software	April 15
Tiny Guardians	An, iOS	Kurechii	April 16
Word Search by POWGI	3DS, Wiiu	Lightwood Games	April 16

Movie	Director	Genre	Release Date
Child 44	Daniel Espinosa	Drama	March 17
Monkey Kingdom	Mark Linfield, Alastair Fothergill	Documentary	March 17
Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2	Andy Fickman	Action, Comedy	March 17
Unfriended	Levan Gabriadze	Horror	March 17



### Transistor

“A unique action RPG with time-stop elements, a mysterious storyline, and a haunting soundtrack. Mix and match abilities to create a unique playstyle.”

# CREATIVE CORNER

## "Mother Nature"

I dance in unison with the wind.  
 I breathe in the colors and the lights.  
 My heart beats like the core of the earth.  
 My love blossoms like the spring.  
 My tears fall like the rain.  
 The weather is fleeting like my emotions.  
 The earth is but a shell I dwell within.  
 The animals that live on me are but residents.  
 Residents that come and go in the blink of an eye.  
 I grow. I change.  
 Seasons come and seasons go.  
 The air gets a little harder to breathe.  
 I wither and waver until I'm dust.  
 Bringing forth life for others.  
 I live forever.  
 Forever in the wind.  
 forever in the lights.  
 forever in the seasons.  
 forever with you.

By Michelle Soutar

## "Plead Alone"

A tear streams down a girl's young face  
 As rain and storm beat her mercilessly  
 She pleads to the ground,

If I am to die  
 In this road of puddles  
 and mud, must I die...

alone?

I beseech you  
 That I may hear  
 a heart beyond my own

A last pair of arms  
 to embrace my passage.

By Tim Schauer

## SUBMIT YOUR WORK

Submit your poetry to The Commuter by email at [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu)  
 or drop by the office in Forum 222.

Join the Poetry Club Tuesdays in the DAC, 3-4pm.

## "Blues Poem Blues"

Syncopate and syncopate then repeat a line  
 Syncopate and syncopate the repeated line  
 The laziest poem ever written -- surely must be mine

Share a sad sob-story -- and then you make it sing  
 You turn a sad sob-story -- into a singing thing  
 Then you add a twist of irony -- to give us all a zing!

You can learn the form all you like  
 doesn't mean you know what to say  
 You can learn the form all you like  
 doesn't mean you know what to say

I wish I had somethin' sad to say now  
 Somethin' sad would sure make my day!

My baby up and left me -- for some good-lookin'  
 kid

My baby went and left -- No. Who'm I tryin' to kid?

I aint got no baby -- and I never ever did!

There's an anguish in that loneliness  
 something macabre and bleak  
 There's an anguish in eternal loneliess  
 so dark, macabre, and bleak

But now this poem's turned neo-romantic

My grasp on this style's so so weak  
 I've got the blues poem blues -- why are they so  
 hard to write?

I've got the blues poem blues -- why is this so hard  
 to write?

I don't want to stay up writing any longer  
 I need to sleep tonight!

By Nathan Tav Knight

# "JK"



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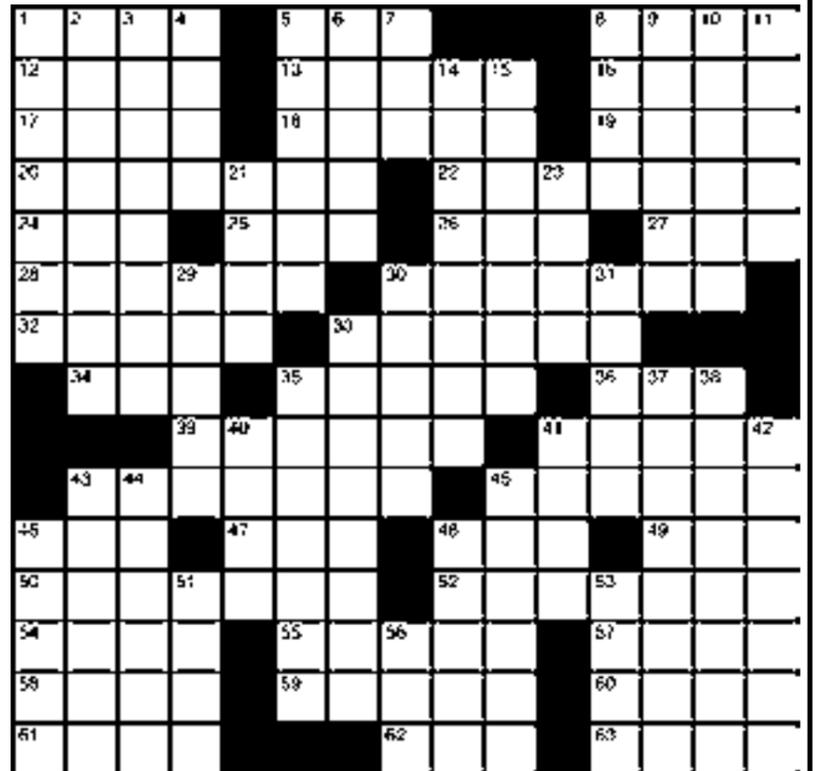
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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

#### ACROSS

- 1 Biblical kingdom near the Dead Sea
- 5 Blue
- 8 Chew (out)
- 12 Old empire builder
- 13 Construction materials
- 16 Donald's address, in comics
- 17 Like a dotted note, in mus.
- 18 Bob preceder
- 19 Tiny fraction of a min.
- 20 See 4-Down
- 22 See 8-Down
- 24 Dander
- 25 Some tech sch. grads
- 26 Soweto's home: Abbr.
- 27 Great time, in slang
- 28 Rain cloud
- 30 Fair ones
- 32 Julius Caesar's first name
- 33 Said
- 34 Tandoori bread
- 35 See 30-Down
- 36 Grilling sound
- 39 Macduff and Macbeth
- 41 Charity, e.g.
- 43 Slipped past
- 45 Sunday best
- 46 Soccer star Freddy
- 47 \_\_\_ Simbel, site of Ramses II temples
- 48 Michaels et al.
- 49 Galoot
- 50 See 51-Down
- 52 See 53-Down
- 54 "Was \_\_\_ loud?"
- 55 Having no room for hedging
- 57 '20s tennis great Lacoste
- 58 Designer Saarinen
- 59 Cynical response
- 60 Leftover bits
- 61 40th st.
- 62 Whiz
- 63 "Over here!"



By Kurt Krauss

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#### DOWN

- 1 Not where it's expected to be
- 2 Windsor resident
- 3 Scholarly milieu
- 4 With 20-Across, working again, aptly
- 5 Fine cotton threads
- 6 Awards named for a location
- 7 Kids' card game
- 8 With 22-Across, what red hair often does, aptly
- 9 Banner
- 10 Amtrak speedsters
- 11 Store with a star
- 14 Choruses
- 15 Queasy near the quay
- 21 Roman god
- 23 Earned
- 29 Squeeze plays involve them
- 30 With 35-Across, a financially sure thing, aptly
- 31 Pelé's first name
- 33 Jackson follower

#### Last Edition's Puzzle Solved



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- 35 1995 Will Smith/Martin Lawrence film
- 37 Running pair
- 38 Malicious types
- 40 Try, as a case
- 41 Record
- 42 Seer's challenge
- 43 Corrected, in a way
- 44 Dawn goddess
- 45 Prefix with carbon
- 46 Gallic girlfriends
- 48 Running back Haynes, first AFL player of the year
- 51 With 50-Across, do some self-examination, aptly
- 53 With 52-Across, trivial amount, aptly
- 56 Equinox mo.

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# HENRY RONDEAU

Meet sophomore center fielder Henry Rondeau

With the re-birth of Linn-Benton baseball last year, the team was going to need leadership and experience. Sophomore center fielder Henry Rondeau was the man for the job.

Rondeau grew up in Corvallis and attended Corvallis High School where he played football, baseball, and basketball. After playing those three sports through his first three years of high school, Rondeau needed to focus on one sport to continue playing at the college level.

"I chose baseball because that was always my favorite sport, and it was the one I couldn't imagine living without."

After high school, Rondeau

decided to take his talents to Feather River College in Northern California to continue playing baseball. His time there provided an opportunity for Rondeau to learn what baseball is all about at the next level.

"I had a great experience and was exposed to a high level of baseball and some great people."

When news of the program restarting at LBCC reached him Rondeau knew he was meant to be back home.

"It is a really irreplaceable experience for me to be able to play baseball so close to home. It is kind of the best of both worlds, being able to share the college experience with many of my lifelong friends, meet lots of new people, and play baseball as well. I love this community and feel very lucky to be living here and chasing my dream."

Rondeau feels that being close to home provides him the opportunity of

a lifetime. The LB baseball program found its leader, and he hopes for great accomplishments this season with his new teammates.

"This year the ultimate goal is to make the NWAC championships for our team, and I think everyone believes we can do that."

The belief he has in this team is apparent.

"Our whole pitching staff, with guys like Austin Kelly, Ian Scott, Jacob Musial and Jake Boyd, has been great this year. It's also awesome to see freshman like Trevin Stephens and Ty Deckwa having great years hitting and in the field. The list could go on because everyone on our team loves to compete, and there is nobody I would rather do it with." ♡



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# THE DUCKS AND BEAVERS BATTLE: CIVIL WAR SERIES

The Beavers gave away game one by giving up two runs in the bottom of the ninth and lost 3-2. The Ducks only had two hits and one RBI in the win. It was a walk-off walk with two outs and the bases loaded, and if you can believe it; that ended game one.

“You can’t lose games in this conference with pitching and defense,” said Beaver’s Head Coach Pat Casey.

Game two turned out to be quite the opposite. Both teams started off early. OSU came out and scored one run in the top of the first behind Kyle Nobach’s fielder’s choice RBI. The Ducks responded in the bottom of the first, scoring two runs on a ground out and a Drew Rasmussen balk.

The Beavers came right back in the top of the second and filled the bases for their number one hitter KJ Harrison.

Harrison blasted a double into left field and cleared the bases giving the Beavers a 4-2 lead. Both teams went scoreless the rest of the game.

“I don’t like to call my guys out,” Ducks Head Coach George Horton told the Oregonian. “But if that was the Civil War, we’d all be dead.”

The series continued Sunday with both teams having won one game apiece. It became a true battle of the bats. Again the bats got going early for both teams and the Beavers took an early lead after a three run second inning. The Ducks followed suit by producing three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. The batting battle continued into the third inning as the Beavers broke out six runs to reclaim the lead.

Jeff Hendrix started the six run inning off with a double into center that added

two RBIs to his total. He was followed by a couple RBI singles by Kyle Nobach and Elliot Cary. The final two runs of the inning came after two wild pitches by Oregon pitcher Josh Graham, before finally getting out of the inning.

Without hesitation, the Ducks repeated their second inning by putting up three more runs to close the Beaver lead to 9-6. A big home run in the bottom of the third by Ducks first baseman Brandon Cuddy created two of the three runs.

The Ducks were able to stop the Beaver’s bats in the fourth and once again created three more runs of their own in the bottom of the inning for the third straight time to tie the game up at 9-9. The three runs came from a three run home run blast by infielder Phil St. Louis. He had four total RBIs on the day.

The Ducks would take a late lead on

another St. Louis RBI single through the left side of the infield in the bottom of the eighth that would become the winning run after a scoreless top of the ninth for the Beavers. The Ducks won 10-9 to finish the Civil War series.

“It’s always never good to lose like that, especially a big lead like that,” OSU shortstop Trever Morrison told the Oregonian. “Then to come and almost let them take it from you — it’s tough.”

OSU and UO will meet again for two separate non-conference single game match-ups in May. Both will be home games for the Beavers. The first will be on May 5 at 6 p.m. and the second will be May 19 at 7 p.m. ♡



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# ROADRUNNERS SLIP IN SOUTHERN OREGON

Linn-Benton’s first road series turned out to be a let down. In a four game series with Southwestern Oregon CC, the RoadRunners lost three out of four. After rattling off an eight game winning streak LB was on a good run going into their first road test.

“We had some [momentum] going, but we came out this weekend and didn’t play well,” said Austin Kelly.

Game one was Friday April 10, and LB wanted to get off to a hot start. Jake Lessel got the start for the RoadRunners on the mound. In his last two outings, Lessel did not give up a single run and guided LB to two wins. This was not the case on Friday when SWOCC jumped out to lead in the first three innings.

In more than two innings of work, Lessel gave up four runs on five hits. Nolan Bastendorff came in to pitch partway through the third inning and found the SWOCC offense to be just as difficult as Lessel did. Bastendorff pitched 4.1 innings and gave up four

runs on nine hits. He also struck out four batters. Lane Evans came in to finish up the game and threw 1.2 innings.

LB dropped game one by a score of 8-1. A combination of good hitting by the opponent and poor hitting by LB, who only managed three hits, was the deciding factor in the game.

In the second game on Friday, LB looked to bounce back after the tough loss. The team had gone eight straight games without a loss, and its confidence and demeanor would be tested in game two.

Once again the LB offense struggled to get going. Jacob Musial was doing all he could to keep LB in the game. He allowed only one run in the first five innings before SWOCC put up three in the sixth inning.

Trailing by four runs in the top of seventh inning, Linn-Benton needed to get the bats going quickly in order to get a win. Mike Takamori got things going with a single, and Kane Markley

added another base runner with a single. Henry Rondeau got a single, which scored Takamori from second to cut the lead to 4-1. Emilio Alcantar loaded the bases when he reached on an error, and it looked like LB had some momentum. Austin Kelly was hit by a pitch that brought in another run, but Luke Rappe couldn’t pull through. The game ended with a final score of 4-2.

Saturday April 11 proved to be a better day for Linn-Benton as they split two games. Game one the RoadRunners needed a win and looked to Austin Kelly to provide it. LB and SWOCC traded blows through the first seven innings and were tied at four heading into the seventh. Kelly got one out before allowing a run which turned out to be the game winner for SWOCC.

Alcantar led the RoadRunners offense with 2-4 one RBI game. Musial, who played DH for the game went 1-4 with an RBI and a run scored.

After dropping the first three games of

the series, LB got some consolation with a game four win.

After finding themselves in a 4-1 hole earlier, LB responded with a big third inning bringing three runs across to tie the game. Catcher Eric Benedetti earned a bases loaded walk in the sixth inning which proved to be the winning run.

Kelly led the RoadRunners going 3-3 with two RBIs. Trevin Stephens added two hits, as the top of the LB batting order produced runs in the win.

Picking up one win this weekend will be important for LB moving forward in the season. The team felt as if they let a few get away this past weekend.

“We are disappointed and frustrated,” said Kelly. ♡



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## SPORTS BULLETIN

### LB Baseball:

vs. Clark	Friday, April 17	1 p.m.
at Clark	Saturday, April 18	1 p.m.
at Pacific	Monday, April 20	6 p.m.

### OSU Baseball:

vs. Arizona	Friday, April 17	5:35 p.m.
	Saturday, April 18	4:05 p.m.
	Sunday, April 19	1:05 p.m.

### UO Baseball:

at Portland	Wednesday, April 15	3 p.m.
at USC	Friday, April 17	6 p.m.
	Saturday, April 18	2 p.m.
	Sunday, April 19	1 p.m.



### DID YOU KNOW?

April is one of four months that has exactly 30 days. The others are June, September and November.

April begins on the same day of the week as July every year.

# ATHLETICS PLAY DAY



LBCC basketball player Connor Lane shoots baskets with Sawyer Hallberg.



New women's basketball Coach Debbie Herrold with Kash Hallberg.



Cosette Duckett has fun with juggling scarves.



Caleb Webster practices his swing with the LBCC baseball players.

Over a hundred kids attended LBCC's first Athletics Play Day on Friday, April 10. The play day got kids involved in athletics and served as an introduction to the sports teams.

Volunteers from all LBCC sports teams joined together with SLC and other LBCC staff to run multiple activities in the Activities Center. Portland Trail Blazer's representatives attended the event and a photo opportunity for Blaze, the Blazer's mascot, was available for the first hour of the event.

Games ranged from sports such as basketball, baseball, soccer and volleyball, but also included disc golf, juggling, hula hop, croquet, table tennis, and mini golf. Each kid received a punch card, and after participating at a given activity they got their card checked for each event. After completing all the activities kids collected LBCC and Blazer prizes. 📍



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Dan Stone teaches Chloe Webster plate spinning while Blaze the mascot watches.



LBCC volleyball player Kayla Fisher and Chloe Webster practice serving.

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