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President to address budget crisis in forum

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

LB President Jon Carnahan will hold a forum for students to discuss the impact of budget cuts on the college on Thursday, May 30, at noon in the Alsea/Calapooia Room in the College Center.

Carnahan said that in the few weeks since next year's budget was approved, much has changed that affects students, including a \$4 per credit tuition increase, the biggest in the college's history. Last week the state announced an increased budget shortfall approaching \$1 billion, which means that LBCC's state funding will be

cut even further. Adding to the problem was the defeat of Measure 13 last Tuesday, which prevents about \$200 million from a reserve account from being used to fund school operations.

LBCC recently suspended several campus construction projects due to uncertainty of future needs and the ability to meet them. Even though the money for these projects is available from bonds, state law prevents its use for operations.

During the budget forum on Thursday, Carnahan said he will ask students what they think about further increases in tuition in order to maintain classes and services.

Machine Tool Program wins national accreditation

by D.D. Malloy
of The Commuter

After a year and a half process, The LBCC Machine Tool Program has been accredited by the National Institute for Metal Working Skills (NIMS).

Fred Haynes, director of the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, announced that "LBCC is now one of two community colleges in Oregon that have this accreditation. The other college is Mt. Hood Community College in

Gresham." The NIMS accreditation team visited with administration and faculty, researched the decision-making process and purpose, inspected and evaluated the physical facilities, equipment and tooling.

NIMS awards an overall rating on a five-point scale. LBCC was rated at 3.8. Schools rated below 3 are not accredited.

The accreditation means that students graduating from LBCC's machine tool program (Turn to "NIMS" on Pg. 2)



Cold for a Cause

Susan Prock, Multicultural Center coordinator, climbs back on the seat after being doused by one of the many students who donated \$1 to Student Ambassadors for a chance to soak her in the dunk tank at last week's Spring Fling.

Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

250 expected for commencement

by D.D. Malloy
of The Commuter

Graduation Ceremonies Coordinator Lynn Groshong is in the final stages of preparation for LBCC's 34th commencement, scheduled for Thursday June 13, at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center. The public is invited.

Groshong estimated that out of approximately 850 candidates for graduation, she expects that

250 will walk in the commencement.

Caps and gowns have already been ordered, but students wishing to participate may still do so if they contact Groshong in the Admissions Office immediately. Some extra caps and gowns in various sizes will be available in Takena Hall next Tuesday and Wednesday on a first-come-first-serve basis. Because Student Life & Leader- (Turn to "Graduation" on Pg. 2)



Photo by James Bauerle

The Motor Vu Drive-In marquee has been a Lebanon landmark for the past 50 years.

Wal-Mart may roll over last drive-in

by Beth Lyall
for The Commuter

Among the last of a fading cultural mainstay, Lebanon's Motor Vu Drive-In Theater is rumored to be in the path of a Wal-Mart expansion that could shut down the mid-valley's last outdoor theater.

Although owner Carl Hermansen isn't confirming anything, the Albany Democrat-Herald has reported that Wal-Mart has submitted an application to the city of Lebanon to build a "super-center" on 25.4 acres, which includes the drive-in site.






Loss of the drive-in would come as a blow to the many fans that line up on weekends to enjoy the

movies in the summer evening.

Over 40 outdoor theaters have closed in Oregon in the past 30 years. In 1972, 59 drive-ins were active in the state; in 1982 only 29 survived; and in 1999, only 11 theaters were holding on. The last local drive-in, the Mid-Way on Highway 20 between Albany and Corvallis, closed "about 10 years ago," the Hermansen said. It's distinctive marquee was moved to Front and Madison in Corvallis, where it now displays local poetry.

The 50-year-old MotorVu, located off Santiam Highway next to the Lebanon Wal-Mart, has been owned by Hermansen for the last 28 years. The owner lives be- (Turn to "Drive-in" on Pg. 2)

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

				
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"Summertime
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—Ira Gershwin 1935

Source: Weather.com

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OFF BEAT

Don't hurt me!

A burglar broke into a woman's home in Durban, South Africa, and tried to strangle her but soon found out that his would-be victim is a world-class karate expert. After pummeling him for a while, she grabbed her fighting sticks and fractured his skull.

Apparently not so...

A 19-year-old man accused of drug dealing showed up in a Pennsylvania courtroom with crack cocaine and marijuana in his possession. His court-appointed attorney said his client should "have enough brain cells to know not to bring illicit drugs into the courthouse."

Check of cash?

An Illinois man is of the opinion that his name cannot be spoken or written without his permission because he had it copyrighted. And so, when court officials used his name 302 times during his trial for marijuana dealing and weapons charges, he charged them \$500,000 per use. Total bill: \$151 million. The court is not expected to pay up.

Forget something?

A man entered a woman's apartment in Eugene, Ore., in the dead of night, took off all his clothes and, with evil intent, snuck into her bedroom. But the woman awoke and screamed, prompting her boyfriend, sleeping beside her, to run after him. The intruder was forced to flee the premises naked, leaving behind his trousers containing his driver's license. The cops located him easily.

How could you?!?

A man set fire to his Pennsylvania home to collect the insurance money and then framed his dog, Jake, to take the fall, police said. He collected \$145,000 after he singed Jake's tail to make it look like the animal knocked over a candle and started the fire, the cops said, adding that he then admitted the scam to his former fiancée. He was charged with arson.

—From KRT News

Drive-in: Alternative to cramped cinemas

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behind the theatre, "with a shot gun ready," he chuckled.

The drive-in offers a great change from the average weekend scene. It is much more versatile than indoor theaters because you can watch in the privacy of your own comfortable car, or lounge in the back of your rig with some cozy blankets and pillows. It's a flashback to an earlier America, with the added attraction of modern films and sound, which comes from a choice of two radio stations, FM 96.5 and AM 8.3.

As soon as the sun begins to set the field transforms into a parking lot. At \$10 a carload (up to eight in a vehicle) you get two features, with a break in between, consistently announced by the familiar voice of the owner, who also runs the show.

"Why not?" he says. "If you want it done right you better do it your damn self."

Asked if there was anything he would like to let his patrons know, Hermansen

paused for a second and then said "to behave themselves. We are friendly folks, but if you cause problems we will kick you right out."

He said he plans on the theater staying open as long as he's alive, but did not offer any information about any deal with Wal-Mart. In a story that appeared in the Mid-Valley Sunday May 26 he said that he had not been contacted by the giant retailer about buying his property: "I haven't heard from anybody. I found out about it in the paper just like everybody else."

MotorVu is open seasonally as weather permits, and shows only on the weekends. Among the titles shown so far this season have been "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Panic Room."

"I just got done talking with Hollywood, and I can get whatever is on the market," the owner said. "'Star Wars,' 'Unfaithful'—that rated sixth—'Spiderman,' and the 'Scorpion King,' which rated seven on the charts."

NIMS: Students benefit from accreditation

From Page One

meet industry skills standards and benchmarks for performance in the metal-working industry. Students must still pass individual certification exams, a written test and a performance-based application evaluation.

NIMS' standards are developed by workers, managers, and trainers from the metal-working industry and are subject to two different forms of national validation.

The resulting skill standards define what industry wants workers to know and be able to do, and defines a skills and training framework for the metalworking industry nationwide.

Haynes noted, "The NIMS accreditation is beneficial to graduating students, because it identifies the student, as trained at a nationally recognized, standard level of quality instruction, in an accredited program."

Graduation: Henderson to give student address

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ship subsidizes part of the cost, the attire can be purchased for \$10.45.

Groshong also said students should not be surprised when they receive their diploma covers and find their actual diploma is not inside. "The diplomas will be sent to students after grades are posted and an evaluation is completed verifying that all graduation requirements have been met," she explained.

The commencement program will list all student graduate candidates, whether they participate or not.

The featured speaker will be Jonathan Henderson, who was president of the Associated Student Government this year. In

keeping with tradition, the graduating students, wearing blue gowns with gold tassels on their mortarboards, will walk in procession behind the Willamette Valley Pipe Band bagpipers.

Groshong estimates that the entire ceremony will last less than 90 minutes. President Jon Carnahan will give the welcome and introductions, followed by a brief address by the chairman of the Board of Education, Rich Wendland. After various presentations and Henderson's address, the diploma covers are presented. Following the recession, a reception will be held in the Courtyard.

Students are reminded to be in Tadena Hall Theater by 5:30 p.m. on June 13.



French Fancy

Culinary art student Amy Asher, helps sets up tables for the annual French Banquet on Friday, which drew two full seatings last week in the Alsea-Calapooia Rooms. The elegant dinner is one of the Culinary Arts Club's major fundraisers for the year.

Photo by James Bauerle



Tech scholarship open

Technical Communications Scholarship will pay tuition up to 12 credits for Fall 2002 for a student who has completed WR 227 and is working toward the new Technical Communications Degree or registering for WR 228, ENG 185 or WR 246. For more information contact Natalie Daley at 917-4573.

Japanese Art Lecture

Take a break and meet Sonya McDowell from the Portland Art Museum, who will be presenting a slide lecture on the new exhibit, "Splendors of Imperial Japan: Arts of the Meiji Period from the Khalili Collection" at the Portland Art Museum. The talk is on Tuesday June 4, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Boardrooms.

Spring concert

The LBCC Performing Arts Department presents the concert "Reason for Spring" conducted by Hal Eastburn, June 9 at 3 p.m. in Tadena Theater.

The concert will feature Linn-Benton Community Chorale and special guests, LBCC Chamber Choir. Music performed will include works by Walt Whitman and composed by Howard Hanson, Aaron Copeland and others. The double piano accompaniment will be performed by Judy Krueger and Lucy Watts.

Tickets are \$7 and available at the Tadena Theater Box Office. The 24-hour reservation line is 917-4531.

Whole Lotta Rosie

Well, not actually Rosie herself, but Eugenie Thrapp of Springfield, who bolted B-17 bomber nose sections during World War II, will talk about her experiences from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. in F-115 and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. in T-215 on Tuesday, June 4. All students and staff are invited to visit one or both of the talks, which have been organized by history instructor Michael Weiss.

This doesn't happen every day

Don't miss the opportunity to vote for which administrator or faculty member you would like to see kiss a pig during Ag Days this week. The EBOP club will accept votes at the club's booth in Tadena Hall today (May 29) from 10 a.m. to noon. Vote by placing money in the jar representing the contestant you wish to see kiss the pig. The contestants include John Carnahan, Ed Watson, Roxanne Allen, Ian Preistman, Diane Watson and Jim Lucas. The ceremonial kiss will come shortly after noon on Wednesday in the Courtyard. Proceeds benefit the animal tech student club.

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CAMPUS NEWS

FOCUS ON 4-POINT

Grandmother wants to become English professor

by D.D. Malloy
of The Commuter

Four-point student Pagan Phillips has been a mother, a widow, and is now a grandmother. She also has 85 college credits on her transcript.

Remarkable with twin grandchildren, she began at LBCC in the medical transcription program but



Phillips

soon she discovered that she loved to read and write. Now she is considering becoming a college English professor.

After the death of her husband, she threw herself into the local community theater. "It was a great catharsis," she said. "Be-

ing active in the theater group taught me how to laugh again and work through many issues."

One day she thought, "I can just get a job and work or have a career doing something I would enjoy." So at the age of 40 she registered at LB and is now on her way to Western Oregon University aiming for a Ph.D. She is especially looking forward to studying literature next year. Phillips finds language fascinating, and especially likes rhetorical grammar, which is the study of constructing sentences and paragraphs so that the content communicates ideas accurately. She enjoys writing research papers and human interest stories, especially personality profiles.

Asked what advice she would give the students, at LB she replied, "It's never too late to be what you might have been."

Student switching career from animal care to humans

by D.D. Malloy
of The Commuter

Instead of caring for pets, Deborah Marchino is planning a nursing career caring for people.

Married with two boys, 4 and 8 years old, she maintains a 3.9 grade point average. She has volunteered for activities at her kid's school and does the bookkeeping for the family construction business. She has lived in Albany for 14 years.



Marchino

Before enrolling at LBCC she managed a local veterinary hospital and owned a pet-sitting service. As a student nurse she finds assisting patients in recovery to be most rewarding.

One of the advantages of being a veterinary technician for 13 years is that she has learned a

lot about pharmaceuticals, many which are prescribed for people.

She laments that she received her only B by a narrow margin, receiving a 91.99 score when a 92 was needed for the A.

Asked what advice she would give LB students, she responded, "Make sure that you are studying in an area that is of interest to you. When you graduate you want to make sure you're going to have a job you enjoy."

She finds the central valley location of LB to be one of its better attributes, because it is a short commute to the college.

As she returned to the practical classroom following the interview, she was a bit late. The modesty drapes were drawn around the patient's beds, medical equipment was being delivered and students were practicing nursing procedures. Upon opening the door a classmate said, "Debbie, you need to get started."

Believe it. Debbie has started her new career.



Photo by James Bauerle

All Dressed Up

The set for "Don't Dress for Dinner," one of the most elaborate sets created for the Takena Stage, will be struck for the last time after this weekend's closing performance, which features Sam Dinkowitz and Eric Pugh in starring roles. Four play dates remain: Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (cheap night—all tickets \$4); Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. (Saturday is sign language interpreted); and Sunday at 3 p.m. Due to budget cuts, the Performing Arts Department is losing its set designer and expects to eliminate one of its three yearly productions next year.

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- LBCC budget cuts
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Kids overrun LB track in Santiam Christian's annual meet

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

An estimated 2,500 people came to watch the Santiam Christian Elementary School's annual track meet last Friday on the LB track, as 950 to 1,000 athletes from grades 1 through 6 competed.

This was the 12th year of this event. The last seven have been at Linn-Benton. Originally it was just Santiam Christian that competed, but now the event involves eight different Christian schools. The event started out at a Corvallis high school, but it became too big for that campus, so organizers moved to LBCC.

Santiam Christian Principal Steve Potter started the event 12 years ago, and enjoyed his last meet last Friday. Potter will be retiring at the end of the year and moving to Boise, Idaho.

"I am going to miss just seeing the kids finish and doing their best," said Potter. He related a story about a youngster earlier in the day who had a terrible fall during the race, but managed to get up, and with the crowd's overwhelming support finished the race.

The competition had 10 events in both track and field: 50 meters, 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters, hurdles, long jump,

"I just want to say that the college relationship has been fundamental in the success of this event."

—Steve Potter

discus, shot put, javelin, high jump, and the 400 meter relay. Each event had five or six heats, and the top five competitors received ribbons. Thousands of ribbons were handed out during the day.

The event was financed by a \$6 entry fee. It was an all day event lasting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tents were provided for spectators, with concession stands around the track providing food and beverages.

Over 200 volunteers assisted to make sure the event went smoothly. "I just want to say that the college relationship has been fundamental in the success of this event. The relationship has been fantastic," said Potter.

"The important part today, is that the kids just have fun," added Potter.

The kids did seem to be having a great day, competing in the events, instead of doing their normal school day. "It was a lot of fun," said sixth-grader Andrea Coleman. Coleman attends Santiam Christian and competed

in the 50 and 200 meters, as well as the long jump and the javelin. Each athlete gets to choose two running and two field events to participate in, and they can also be in a relay.



Photos by James Bauerle

The annual Santiam Christian track meet drew about 3,500 spectators and young competitors to the LBCC track last Friday. A youngster attempts to heave the shot (left), while another competes in the long jump (top). In all, nearly 1,000 athletes from eight Christian schools competed in 10 track and field events.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Old-time music remains popular

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Some call themselves bluegrass players. Some drift more toward the Celtic or Irish styles. Some prefer jazz.

As a group, those who play old-time music tend to flock together and enjoy the relative diversity, as well as the similarities, in their chosen musical styles.

One such group meets every week at a private residence in Corvallis to practice old favorites or try out new tunes. When The Commuter asked one of the musicians, mandolin player Alan Ede how long the group has been meeting, he said, "Oh, it's been an hour and five minutes now." All kidding aside, the group has been meeting at the current location for over 10 years.

The recent popularity of old-time music, as evidenced by the success of the movie "O, Brother Where Art Thou?," comes as no surprise to these players. "Bluegrass music comes around ev-

ery 10-15 years," said guitar player Sammy Baker. They're never going to get rid of it."

The group takes turns picking songs to play, going around the circle they have formed in Bob and Sheri Puckette's living room. Sometimes Bob will play the mandolin or guitar, or sometimes he'll grab his accordion. His wife Sheri mainly plays the fiddle, an instrument that seems to be central to old-time music.

As the group tromped through a version of the traditional song, "Flop-Eared Mule," it was apparent that each of the musicians enjoyed playing. The songs—mostly reels, jigs and waltzes—are generally two to three minutes in length, except for the occasional 20-minute Virginia Reel.

Fiddle player Dave Morris said that informal gatherings offer a "wonderful venue for someone looking to come back to music, or to learn to play as a beginner."

Many public venues exist for enjoying old-time music. The

Old World Deli hosts an old-time open mic on the first, third and, if there is one, fifth Saturdays of the month.

Every Friday there's an open jam of old-time musicians at Guthrie Park near Dallas off of Kings Valley Road. Izzy's Pizza in Corvallis also hosts a musical gathering every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

There is also the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest every year at the Benton County Fair.

For something a little farther out, there is always the National Old-Time Fiddler's Competition in Weiser, Idaho, during the third week in June, when players come from all over the country to play some of the best impromptu music to be heard.

To sample some old-time music, just rent the movie "O, Brother Where Art Thou?" or the companion concert video, "Down from the Mountain," both of which showcase the talents of Allison Krauss, Gillian Welch, Dan Tyminski and other big names in the genre.



Photo by Chad Richins

Guitar player Alan Ede, Fiddle player Sheri Puckette and husband Bob on accordion join Dave Morris play at a casual gathering in Corvallis that's been meeting for over a decade.

Gracewinds moves to new, roomier location

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Local purveyors of musical instruments, Gracewinds Music, has moved down Third Street to the old Anderson's Sporting Goods store in order to expand its showroom and offer better services to customers.

Travis Oefelein, general manager of Gracewinds, says that the new location is much better-suited to his business. "We used to get 20 people in the store and nobody could move," said Oefelein.

The new store offers a spacious showroom, four lesson rooms, and an upstairs area where live performances and workshops can be held. Parking is also much improved, with the store opening to both Second and Third Streets.

Where once Corvallis music stores had differing specialties, recent changes have made the market more competitive.

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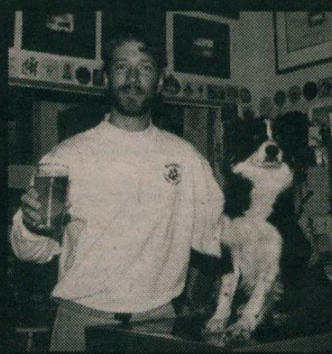
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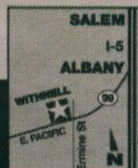
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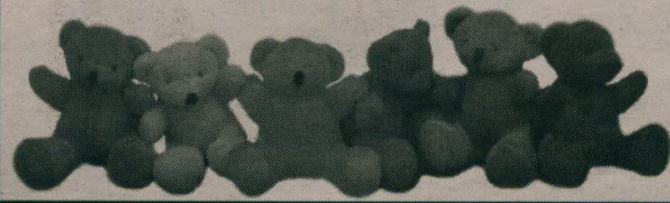


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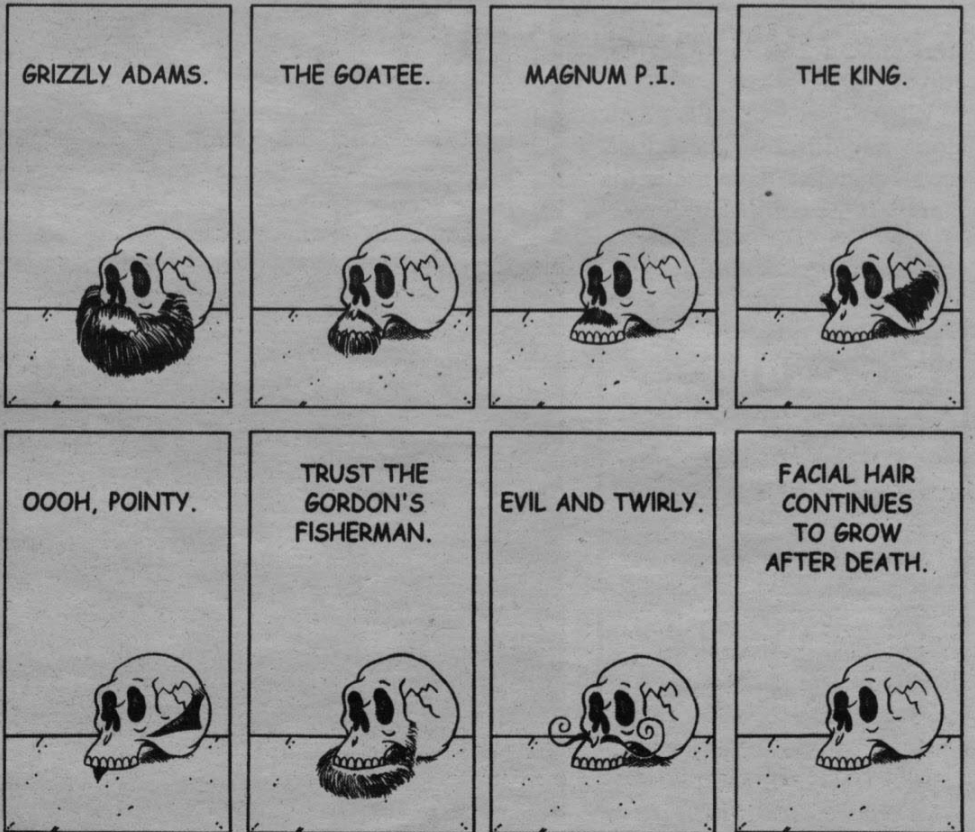
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SPORTS PAGE

Runners look forward to upcoming baseball draft

by Greg Cero
for The Commuter

Dreams are coming true and a nice fat check is just weeks away for thousands of baseball players around the country.

On June 4 and 5, 30 major league teams will take 50 rounds to draft the best college and high school players in the annual baseball draft.

Linn-Benton has had many players taken by pro teams in past years, and this year will be no exception. Although the team did not finish the season like it had hoped, there are many talented individuals on the team who have a good shot at getting picked up this spring or in the next year or two.

Most notable is left-handed pitcher and first baseman Nate Pendley. A 6-foot-3, 200-pound sophomore out of Albany, Pendley has had many scouts from different organizations talk to him this season as well as in the past. Pendley led the Roadrunners this year with eight home runs, 30 RBIs and 23 runs scored. He hit .260 for the season and was awarded the team's Big Stick Award and co-MVP. His eight homers led the NWAACC this season.

"He's good enough; the guy is legit," says center fielder Nick Hadley.

Pendley already has the size and frame to be a major leaguer and has been drafted twice in the last two years. But he chose to continue school in hopes of being picked up at higher rounds.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he went high in the draft this year," says Linn-Benton freshman catcher Benny Anderson, who shared co-MVP honors with Pendley this year. "I wouldn't be surprised at all."

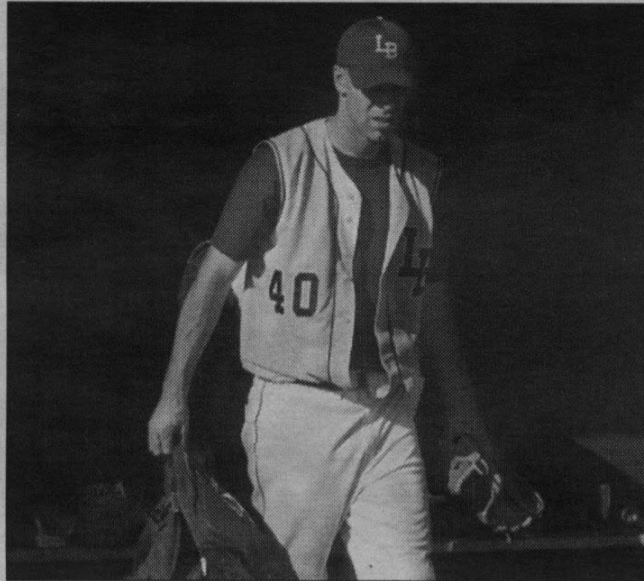


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Nate Pendley wrapped up the Roadrunner season with a league-leading eight homeruns and the prospect of being selected in next week's Major League Baseball draft.

While the draft is important, it's also important to have backup plans, and this Pendley has—a 75 percent tuition and full books scholarship to play baseball at OSU if the draft doesn't work out in his favor.

"I'm not really nervous or too excited about the draft," Pendley says. "I'd just like to get it over with and see where it takes me and where I will end up for the remainder of this summer."

So far he has been contacted by the Chicago Cubs,

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—Nate Pendley

Texas Rangers, Minnesota Twins and the New York Yankees.

Other players the scouts should be looking at heavily this year and next are Anderson, right-handed pitcher Andrew Larson and shortstop Scott Vogel.

Anderson has outstanding tools as a catcher and will be looked at closely because of his great defense and powerful swing. He won the team's Best Hitter Award at the end of this season with a .360 batting average, 16 RBIs and 17 runs scored.

Larson won the team's Best Pitcher Award this year with an ERA of 2.76 in 78 innings. He led the team with 61 strikeouts and had a record of 3-5 to go along with three saves. Larson throws in the upper 80-mph range and has a major league curveball. It could be just a matter of time before he is picked up.

The same goes for Vogel, who won the team's Best Glove Award at the end of the season. He has talked to many scouts in his playing days, and is just waiting on that one opportunity that could carry him over to the next level.

It will be an exciting yet tense early June for a lot of players, but if that phone call doesn't come on June 4 or 5, there's always next year.

Dionne gives LB its last track & field title

from the LBCC Athletic Office

Jennifer Dionne finally got the chance to prove what had been evident for most of the season—that she is the best female javelin thrower in the Northwest community college ranks.

At the NWAACC Championships last Thursday and Friday at Mt. Hood Community College, Dionne's throw of 142 feet 1 inch surpassed the competition by five feet and earned the freshman her first NWAACC title. By winning the event, Dionne also earned her Junior

College All-American status. Dionne was the only Roadrunner to win a championship, but not the only one to get All American status, which is earned by finishing in the top three.

Heidi Van Dam earned All American by finishing second in the shot put with a throw of 40 feet 11 inches. Van Dam also finished fourth in the hammer throw (126 feet) and fifth in the discus (119 feet 3 inches).

Missy Beach stepped up to gain sixth in the hammer with a throw of 108 feet 1 inch. The top

six in each event received points for their teams, and all of Coach Brad Carman's women athletes in the event scored points.

For the LB men, only pole vaulter TJ Vetkos broke into the scoring ranks with a season-best vault of 14 feet 6 inches, good for fifth place. Noah Winningham and Kevin Silbernagel failed to advance in their events.

This was the last meet for Linn-Benton track—as the season ends so does the program. It will be eliminated due to budget cuts announced earlier this year.

Anderson, Pendley named to regional all-star team

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

Ben Anderson and Nate Pendley were both recognized for their seasons accomplishments last week, both being named to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College (NWAACC) Southern Region all-star squad.

Anderson was named first-team all-region and named second-team on the NWAACC all-conference list. Anderson is a sophomore academically, but a freshman on the field, because he red-shirted last year. Anderson batted .360 this season, with two home runs, 16 RBIs, and scoring 17 times.

Pendley was awarded second-team all-region. The Albany native sophomore batted .260 on the season, with eight home

runs, 30 RBIs and 23 runs scored. Pendley has a scholarship to play for the Oregon State baseball team next season.

Three other Roadrunner ball players received honorable mention for the region's list, Mychal Wagner, Andrew Larson and Colin Kaneshiro.

Freshman outfielder Wagner was second on the team in batting. Wagner ended up with a .269 average, with two home runs, 18 RBIs, 14 runs scored and 10 doubles. Hawaiian native sophomore Kaneshiro batted .250, with two doubles and seven RBIs. Larson was the only LB pitcher to be recognized. The sophomore finished with a record of 3-5, with three saves. Larson pitched 78 innings over the year, recording a 2.76 ERA, with 61 strike-outs.



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OPINION

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What was your biggest challenge or distraction this school year?

"Probably my work schedule. I work at H-P weekends and nights so I have to work out my schedule."

—Schuyler Jensen, electronics



"People, because I live in the dorms and people are all around all the time, asking to see if I can go out."

—Marie Graham, AAOT

"I've got focus. No distraction whatsoever."

—James Boncher, no major



"I go to OSU and I'm a freshman so scheduling is just a mess. I have classes over there and I have to drive over here."

—Maria Carmichael, music

"Work, weather and beer."

—Adrienne Stuart, education



"It has to be continuing to do my homework, especially near to the end of the year. When I feel that my grades are fine, it's hard to keep doing the work."

—Justin Welch, electronics

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COMMENTARY

Evidence of warnings prior to 9-11 leads to questions of prevention

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

This week I finally caught the HBO special on the Sept. 11 attacks and although there was not much new footage that I hadn't seen, it brought the horror of the day fresh to my mind. In a way, I relived that day where I was awakened by a phone call and went through all of the stages of shock, disbelief, acceptance and finally anger.

I was, and still am, mad at the people who executed the attacks, because the blame lies with them, no matter what reasons they had for being angry at the United States.



Chad Richins

But I was also mad because someone should have done something to prevent this. In recent days the national press has been turning over every stone and pointing to evidence that we had several warnings prior to Sept. 11 that were ignored or followed up too slowly. In my opinion, the intelligence community should have known something, or else why are we paying these people \$30 billion a year? To spy on us?

I believe that the first failure on Sept. 11 was the failure of the intelligence community to discover and prevent the attacks. This includes the FBI, CIA and NSA.

The second failure was the fault of the government at the executive level who should have done more to prepare for this eventuality. If Tom Clancy knew this was a possibility ten years ago, George Bush should have seen the possibility before last Sept. and instructed better security measures to be taken.

The third, and most important failure was due to our civil defense system. According to the NTSB report, in October of 1999 when pro-golfer Payne Stewart's plane drifted from its flight path and no pilot response was made to air traffic control queries after five minutes, the controller immediately contacted the military. Sixteen minutes later an F-16 was alongside the Lear jet at 46,000 feet for a visual inspection. Total time from loss of radio contact to intercept—approximately 21 minutes. So the usual response to such emergencies was very good. But on Sept. 11, this response protocol was somehow fouled up.

Over 30 minutes elapsed between the time American Flight 11 left its original flight path to the time that it slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:45 a.m. Five minutes after that crash, United

Flight 175 deviated from its assigned flight path and within fifteen minutes it had crashed into the South Tower at 9:05 a.m. At this point everyone knew that it was a terrorist attack, so military planes should have been all over the skies. Maybe they couldn't have gotten up in time to prevent the WTC attacks, but American Flight 77 had deviated from its assigned flight path at 8:46 a.m., and would not strike the Pentagon until 9:39 a.m., a cruise that lasted almost an hour. To complete the picture United Flight 93 was reported hijacked at 9:16 a.m. and crashed 47 minutes later at 10:03 a.m.

Reports of attempts to intercept some of these flights are contradictory. USA Today reported on Sept. 17 that Andrews Air Force Base had no fighters assigned to it. A second USA Today story from the same date reported that Andrews had National Guard fighter planes but that they were not on alert and were not deployed. A story in the San Diego Union-Tribune dated Sept. 12 stated that these fighters were deployed but only after the Pentagon had been attacked. According to the web site DCMilitary.com, there are two permanent 'combat-ready' fighter groups assigned to Andrews.

At 8:44 a.m. on Sept. 11, fighters were scrambled from Otis Air National Guard Base in Massachusetts, 200 miles from New York City. While they were still on the ground, the first plane struck its target. Had the response time been shorter, or had the government ordered fighters up from a closer base, such as Willow Grove Air Reserve Station outside Philadelphia, the attacks on the WTC could have been avoided. A "battle-ready" squadron of fighters were also stationed with the 177 Fighter Wing out of Atlantic City, less than half the distance from New York City, compared to Otis AFB.

So the response was clumsy, late and completely ineffective.

Recently congress has passed legislation that increases the police and intel organizations' powers to monitor the public, encroaching even more on our rights, as if this was the reason that Sept. 11 happened. Instead of spending all their time invading our privacy, maybe they better read up on politics in the Middle East, or check out our civil defenses, because not only did these failures allow the Sept. 11 attacks to happen, they also opened the door to future attacks by showing what is possible, and actually not that difficult to do.

For an animated visual representation on the web of the flight paths of the four hijacked planes, go to www.publicaction.com/911/4flights.html.