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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Benton Centers.

LBCC dives deep for local youth

Ryan Henson
The Commuter

LBCC's physical science department has partnered with the Oregon Workforce Alliance to deploy an underwater and volcanic exploration team.

The team, which consists of LBCC students and nearly 50 young adults ages 14–21 from across Oregon, will spend part of July and August engineering, building, and operating an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

The ROV will do the deep water diving and exploration of the underwater volcanic geology of

Newberry Caldera, 70 meters under the surface of Paulina Lake, a part of Newberry National Volcanic Monument, 25 miles south of Bend. The team will operate and maintain the vehicle from the shore, analyzing data, videos, and samples, and documenting the research, according to an LBCC press release.

LBCC physical science instructor Greg Mulder and a team of undergraduates, including LBCC's ROV Club, will be on staff for nearly six weeks at Paulina this summer.

"This is really exciting," Mulder said. "A number of our students get to take part in real-world exploration and discovery."

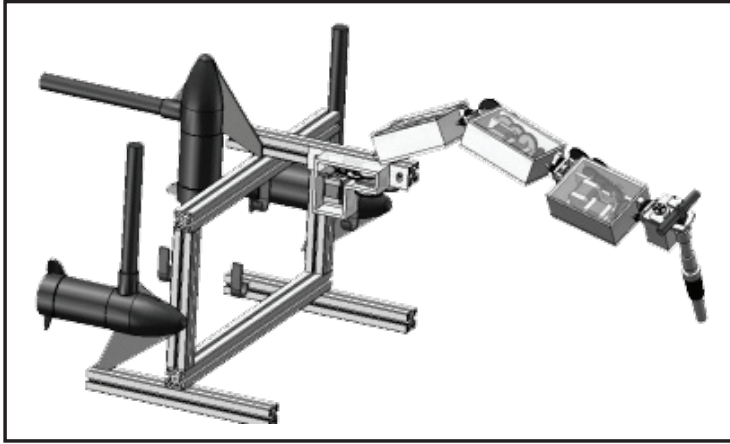
The goal of the project is to better understand Oregon geology and expose participants to career choices in science, engineering, and math.

In addition, the LBCC ROV Club will travel to Buzzards Bay, Mass. next month to the Marine

Advance Technology Education Center for an international ROV competition. According to Mulder, at the last competition LBCC's ROV Club beat out schools such as Purdue and MIT.

The club's current mission is to "design an ROV capable of successfully completing a submarine rescue training exercise," states the ROV Web page.

The Oregon Workforce Alliance is support-



Arm of LBCC's ROV

Photo courtesy of LBCC's ROV Club

ing the project financially with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars to make the program available to at-risk teens and adults. "We're thrilled to support and partner on this project. Youth across rural Oregon will benefit from

the opportunity and experience, hopefully sparking their interest for their future and career choices," said Kris Latimer, CEO of the Oregon Workforce Alliance.

According to the release, being part of an exploratory team will give participants the opportunity to gain skills in communication, self-esteem, and teamwork.

Other partners in the project include Clatsop Community College, Central Oregon Community College, Community Services Consortium, Linn Benton Lincoln Workforce Investment Board, and the Job Council.

Additional information about the project and enrollment in LBCC's ROV Club is available at www.tocowa.org/urov.html or www.lbccrov.com. For more information about the Oregon Workforce Alliance, go to www.tocowa.org or call Kris Latimer, at 541-928-0241.

LBCC picked for HP grant

Ryan Henson
The Commuter

LBCC has been selected as one of 10 colleges in the United States to receive a \$284,000 Hewlett-Packard Innovations in Education Grant.

The grant will consist of HP technology, cash, and professional services, including wireless HP Tablet PCs, HP DesignJet printers, and remote access to HP Blade Workstations – all of which will be used to teach students and equip the new science building that is scheduled to open in January 2010, according to an LBCC press release.

The grant, which is designed to address the need for more students to pursue and complete high-tech undergraduate degree programs, comes on top of a previous grant from the National Science Foundation that provides each student up to \$10,000 of scholarships for for studying math, physical science, engineering and computer science.

Instructors in physical science, engineering and computer science will work together to develop a coordinated set of classroom activities around the technology, to improve the computing skills of students and offer them a path from high-school, through community colleges and into university science and engineering programs.

"It's kind of an exciting project," said Greg Mulder, grant coordinator and LBCC Physical science instructor. "I have wonderful colleagues here at LBCC, all with great ideas ... the grant from Hewlett-Packard will allow us to share and coordinate our best classroom activities in order to give our students the best educational experience possible and prepare them for challenging and highly rewarding careers in science and engineering fields."

Mulder said that the proposal was put together by a group of instructors over spring break via e-mail and that LBCC was the only community college chosen.

"Innovation is key to expanding educational opportunity and HP is privileged to collaborate with educators around the world who are committed to exploring the exciting possibilities that exist at the intersection of teaching, learning, and technology," said Worldwide Program Manager for HP Global Social Investments Jim Vanides in a press release.

In addition to students at LBCC, middle and high school students throughout the region will have access to workshops and activities using the equipment provided by the grant.

For more information about the 2009 HP Innovations in Education, go to www.hp.com/go/grants.

Campus Shorts...

The fall schedule is now available on Roadmap. The non-credit schedule will not appear because it has not been finalized. Fall Priority registration begins June 1. Fall open registration begins September 8.

The Linn-Benton Community College Sweet Home Center will be closed for the months of June, July and August, and Sept 1 – 7. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, Sept. 8. Summer classes offered through the LBCC Sweet Home Center will be held as normal. For more information, contact Mary Sue Reynolds at the LBCC Lebanon Center at 541-259-5807

Don't forget that the LBCC choir will hold their final concert of the year at the First assembly of God Church in Albany on June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door or online at linnbenton.edu.

The LBCC annual Juried Student Exhibition is on display in the NSH gallery through June 5. The exhibit showcases more than 60 student pieces in the mediums of painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics and photography.

If you are looking for a way to entertain your out of town graduation guests, you might want to attend "Music for Money," a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 at the West Hills Congregational Church in Corvallis. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, contact Victoria Fridley at 541-917-4708.

Wildland Firefighting Training will be offered through Business and Employer Services at LBCC on June 22–27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for this non-credit course is \$275 and includes all materials. For more information or to register, contact LBCC Business and Employer Services at 541-917-4923.

Student caps and gowns that have been ordered may be picked up on Wednesday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Takena Theatre doors.



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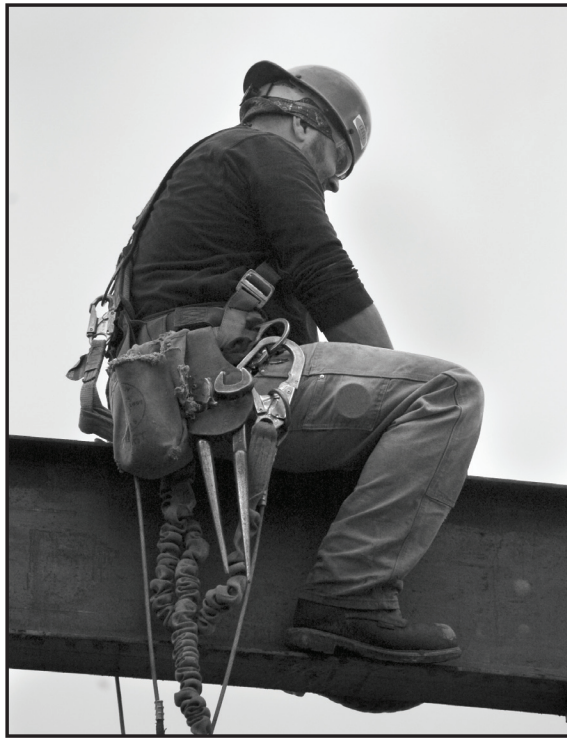
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Construction workers put up interior steelwork



Photos by Lydia Elliott

Construction update

Max Brown
The Commuter

In a brief interview, Fred Haynes gave an update on the construction that has been happening around LBCC campus. The construction, which started in April thanks to stimulus funds, will be completed by June 30, according to Haynes.

Most of the projects are close to completion. The new lighting that has been put up all around campus is about 80 percent complete. Haynes said the heating-ventilation and air-conditioning roof upgrades are 95 percent complete, but the controls

for the system still need a lot of work. The ceiling tiles they have been replacing around campus are almost complete. Haynes said they were getting seismic upgrades.

As soon as students leave for summer break, work will be started on walls of classrooms, as well as new tile and carpets around the campus. Haynes said this could not be done while students were in class.

The new science building is on schedule, according to Haynes. Currently they are in the process of putting up interior steelwork. He says it is scheduled to be completed by December.

ASG explains hiring practices

Ryan Henson
The Commuter

In a letter to the editor printed in The Commuter two weeks ago, "In regards to the Student Government hiring practices," a student expressed concerns about having to submit a photo with her application to ASG. She also had concerns with the "quickly squeezed in" five minute interviews and the lack of representation of students over 30 years old. The Commuter wanted to get both sides of the issue.

According to Toni Klohk, ASG faculty advisor, the reason a picture is required from applicants is that, if they are hired, a photo needs to be available for the Web site. In addition, she said the students in ASG are well-briefed on equal opportunity laws, on what can and can't be asked, and what they can and can't take into consideration. However, she does feel a good point was made in the letter and that they are currently reviewing the photo policy.

"Normally, it is required for the elections, for publicity on the

Web site and other places," Klohk said. "I think probably what happened is, unfortunately, when that application was sent out that was not taken off."

In response to the five-minute interviews, Klohk said they had apologized up front for the "rushed" interviews, but most of the hiring process was based on the application itself and the "thoroughness" of what the students had filled out.

"Even if they weren't rushed, it would have probably taken no more than five to seven minutes," Klohk said.

As for the concern that there is a need for more representation for students over 30 years of age, Klohk explained that one of the representatives of the business division is over 50 years old.

Chelsea Ellertson, student activity coordinator, also added in saying that ASG is not the only group in the Student Life and Leadership office and that there is good age representation of all ages in all the other groups.

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A trail of two cities

Rick Casillas
 The Commuter

Commuters between Albany and Corvallis may have a new alternative to burning fuel in the next few years, as a bike path connecting the two cities is in the works to be built.

Corvallis has already started their end of the project with plans to break ground next summer near Canterbury Circle, which lies directly adjacent to the Jackson Frazier Wetlands. Corvallis Mayor Charlie Tomlinson said in a phone interview that building the path is a "long term commitment," made possible through funding received via the American Reinvestment Recovery Act. Some of the \$1.5 billion worth of money allocated to the state for various projects will be put towards resurfacing the bike path between Corvallis and Philomath that runs near 35th street and well as constructing new paths including one that will run directly towards downtown from the NE Corvallis region.

The project is estimated to cost roughly \$900 thousand with \$146 thousand coming out of the pocket of the city itself. The hope is that the paths will not only reduce congestion but also incite a continuation of their construction between the two cities. "The goal is ultimately to get more cars off of the road," says Tomlinson. "We're hoping it will give citizens in Corvallis and Albany another alternative to commute."

Benton County and Albany have been lobbying for funds to begin the project themselves from the Oregon Department of Transportation, applying multiple times to procure grant money from highway funds specifically used for side projects.

According to Roger Irvine, director of public works for Benton County, the idea to build a connecting path originated over half a de-

cade ago when a commissioner on the Benton County board took an interest in the project and spoke to officials in Portland, who have a similar setup, to determine how to go about construction.

Since then, the project has been a collaboration of local government with Albany being a full partner with Benton County in applying for grants along with Corvallis' commitment to its development. "Corvallis has been a great partner in [the project]," says Irvine. "We see these facilities as being a component of economic development."

Irvine also said the path was not being built exclusively to accommodate bikers, calling it a "multi-model path" created for skateboarders, skaters, or those lowly peons who simply possess feet and a will of iron.

Besides fiscal constraints, another surmountable objective is securing permissions to build through land that connects the two cities, which has mostly been a non-issue, but Irvine says they still need approval from some railroads who own land along the proposed route. Grassroots support has been ebullient for the project, factoring into its determined push to conception. "It had the most letters of support of any project in the round it was proposed," says Irvine.

A local trek on May 3, the 10 mile stretch of road between the cities was organized by biking enthusiasts that received local coverage by televised and print news outlets. The group stated on their blog that their objective is to inform locals about the "Present status of funding, planning, etc, and to let you know what you can do that would be most helpful in persuading those with the purse strings to send some in the direction of this important project." Another ride is tentatively scheduled in September with details on their web site at www.albanycorvallisbikepath.com



Future site of the bike path

Photo by Lydia Elliott

CLASSIFIEDS

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Cost: Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.

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You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/go/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101).

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Thursday

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Friday

Chef's Choice

Monday

Dishes: Dirty Rice and Chef's Choice

Tuesday

Chef's Choice

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Socialize yourself: network now

Blair McMackin
The Commuter

On May 20, in the LBCC library, a workshop was held on social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter. The workshop was taught by Richenda Wilkinson, a librarian at LBCC. The focus of the workshop was not only to get people more familiar with online networking, but to actually get them set up with accounts and networking for themselves.

Wilkinson started the workshop by explaining the importance of online networking. She explained

that it's about keeping in contact with people, re-connecting old friends, and basic social networking. She also explained the differences between MySpace, Facebook and Twitter, and explained why she prefers Facebook over MySpace. According to Wilkinson, Myspace has more ads, and that, "MySpace is used more by younger people."

Wilkinson also showed us some special social networking sites that focus on people having things in common with others; her example of this was a network for people involved with sewing.

Wilkinson also went over the

advantages and genius of marketing and advertising through social networks saying, "it's really a great tool for marketers." The advertisers collect information from you through what you do on network and then display ads fitting to what you like or are into.

After a thorough explanation on how networking works, Wilkinson proceeded to help everybody set up a Facebook account as well as register with the school they attended for high school. Within minutes people all through out the room were finding friends from high school that they hadn't seen

or heard from in decades. At that point, the true importance of social networking became apparent and accepted by almost everyone in the room.

John McArdle, the director of development, attended the workshop for many reasons. For one, he has a son who is currently a sophomore in high school that has bought into the age of online networking. McArdle also stated that, "I'm trying to learn where this makes sense in the business world."

Social networking is a great tool that a lot of people still don't

know the importance of. In the fast-changing world of technology it is important to keep an open mind and welcome new tools for the future. There are scheduled to be more workshops on social networking in the future so I would encourage anyone looking to embrace and take advantage of these new technologies to attend. Check the Campus Shorts for more workshop times.

Just keep in mind that if you don't give social networking a try, you may never know what you're missing or who you might find.



Older cats need homes too



Juanita Gomez, left, and Teena Stockton holding a puppy

Caring for critters

The humane society is a organization that takes in stray and unwanted animals. They give them food, water, safety, and medical treatment. The society has a limited budget and staff, so they depend greatly on volunteers. The volunteers help with grooming, cage cleaning, dog walking, and just spending time playing and petting the animals. The shelter is one of the rare no kill shelters. They will not put animals to sleep unless they are very sick or behaviorally unable to be adopted. They use "foster homes" to house animals such as unwanted horses. When there are too many animals in the shelter they also use foster homes to keep the dogs and cats. The shelter also depends on donations. People from the community donate much of the food that the animals are given.

Photos by Eve Bruntlett



This puppy looks at potential owners



Kendra Brown, cuddling two of the recent additions up for adoption



Katie Lebold, a volunteer, working on administrative duties. The shelter is mainly run by volunteers.



Lydia Brown, considering whether to adopt this cat

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Long-awaited retort to a Rick



Gregory Dewar
The Commuter

Quite some time ago, Rick confronted me in the newspaper. I let it slide. I mean, that's fine if he wants to stereotype me. Whatever, I'm used to it.

Now, however, his back is turned, and thus, I strike.

Rick Casillas is not a vagabond. In fact, quite the opposite. First off, he dresses well. Button-up shirts, penny loafers, slacks. He's too good for jeans! Too good to dress like a layman. Ever heard of a T-shirt? No, he's too busy parading around in his yellow polo like a marshmallow peep. If only I had a microwave big enough...

to cook him dinner! Yes... and nothing sinister. If only he would pin down a style; he changes his clothes into the newest and hottest styles literally three times a day. Sometimes right in front of my desk.

Secondly, he's in a choir. How can you trust anyone who sings in a large group while being well-dressed? At least put on something skimpy and revealing if you're going to get up on stage, Rick. You're never going to be a grunge star this way. In addition to the aforementioned sins, he's always singing, generally about feelings.

Thirdly, Rick is a man of the future. He's far too good for the past; he don't need no stinkin' history. It's 2109 as far as he's concerned. If it wasn't made five minutes from now, he's not having it. How do you sleep at night, Rick, knowing that you miss out on all the classics? That you never wore flannel around your waist or watched Pauly Shore films? Way to be trendy, Rick! Don't look now! There's something new to buy at Hot Topic!

Fourthly, he's always giving out hugs. At first it was an unusual experience to be wrapped up in his big bear arms and doused in his musky man-odors. After a hug with Rick, I didn't even need to shower anymore. His sand-paper-like arm-hair cleansed me from head to toe and his cologne and deodorant became MY cologne and deodorant.

And fifthly, we had to lobby to get him to eat at Rigoberto's (formerly La Conga). Wow. Eating at La Conga is an addiction the entire youth of Corvallis should have. Now he's on board, but at first he was suspicious. Do you know why? Because it wasn't Mexican food from the future. Which, coincidentally, is pretty amazing.

Because of all this, I submit that Rick is either an android, a time traveler, or an alien from a more advanced society. If you get close enough to Rick you can hear the whir of electronics and a subtle beeping noise emanating from his skull. For all I know, he could be the next terminator! Empirical evidence shows that androids, time travelers, and aliens all like yellow polos. They're desperately trying to find peace by recreating the future here in the present. It is mighty suspicious that Rick never sleeps and disappears for large amounts of time. He's probably up on his spaceship doing space things that are too good for us lowly 21st centuryers to know about. Studies have also shown that androids, time travelers, and aliens all love to sing and are leery of Mexican food made before 2061.

No! I will not come over to your house to "bro out." I'd rather not be abducted and flown halfway across the galaxy while I have to listen to you sing Journey. I'm doing just fine, here in the past with a heaping plate of beef nachos. Good day to you, sir!

Silly library, comics are for everyone!



Rick Casillas
The Commuter

The lord saw fit to strike me with the flu the last couple of weeks, in all likelihood due to my vocal chastising of those around me concerned about the impending doom of swine flu. Once afflicted, I knew I had no choice but to bear the brunt of the karma backlash as best I could and just ride the sumabitch out. And what better way to deal with illness than to revert to a state of childhood, languishing in bed all day, sucking on otter pops, and reading comic books. Well, I was fresh out of pops but comics aplenty were available to my sweaty feverish fingers for easy perusal. You see, dear reader, like many of you I am a citizen of Corvallis: that magical kingdom to the east of Japan that touts bike-friendly paths, beautiful scenery, bars aplenty, and one of the best libraries on Gaia's green face, or so they would have you believe.

I've got a beef to beat with you, Corvallis library, for being the most awesome book building I've ever meandered into. You have one decided flaw that seems to plague my entire adolescent adulthood. You see, I never quite grew up with my recreational habits; as aforementioned I am an avid comic connoisseur, a galvanic gamer, and I still loves me some D&D. The major malfunction that seems to follow me through all of these puerile pastimes is that I can't stand most of the people that engage in my hobbies. Not to say I don't meet a heap of fine folks that also refuse to spend their money on bar tabs and quads, but the player base for most of the hobbies listed seem to be obnoxious, social inepts, or children. And unfortunately the connection between games, comics, and children seems to be a difficult one to sever.

If you haven't cracked open a comic

in a few decades, the themes have become decidedly more adult. The writing actually has some depth: there are complex moral quandaries stuffed in those animated pages. The sexual tones have even become more overt.

Yet as I walk towards the comic aisle to check out a copy of Ex Machina, I cannot help but cringe as I walk past boy-band DVDs and am surrounded by the squeals of snot-nosed blanket-suckers. Because the comics and manga are placed directly in the center of the youth section, I am forced to do the walk of shame every time I have a craving for picture literature. I don't want them to move the entire collection upstairs to sit next to the single shelf of graphic novels, but can I get an electric fence enclosure or something? It would just be nice to be able to pick up an issue of Blue Beetle without having mothers usher their children away from the potential child molester come to grab a stack of kiddy fodder.

I know some may be thinking the quick fix is to grow the fuck up and stop reading comics or buy them; my hand crafted retort goes something along the lines of "NO U!" Try arguing with sound logic like that, you car washers. I guess I should be grateful they have such an impressive collection to begin with; not many libraries boast such benefits, but I wish whoever was doing the hand picking would take a gander at the content of the comics instead of shuffling them around based off of rating. I implore you, library, in your literate majesty, sweep your grand influence across my beloved section and relocate to a more amiable location. Like that reading room that smells like unwashed people, or maybe expand the graphic novel section upstairs to accommodate a larger selection? Just do something! Because the next time I look to my right and see a kid reading a highlights magazine while I'm trying to decide if I should give The Flash another chance, I think I might start doing some baby punting.

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PERSPECTIVES:

What would you like to see more of in the Commuter next year?

<p>Ali Gray Admin. Assistant.</p> <p>"I'd like to see it more student centered, with more actual student involvement. Get more students involved."</p>	<p>Andrew Carter Exercise & Sports Sci.</p> <p>"More on the sports. I play basketball ... we went to the play-offs and we did pretty well and we got very little coverage on that."</p>	<p>Luke Cotton Network Admin.</p> <p>"I would like to see coverage of policies that are in the college. I know they're shifting different departments around, and I would like to see an overview of exactly everything they are doing with that."</p>	<p>Megan Pyle Undecided</p> <p>"More of what's going on in the world, and maybe also in the community as well."</p>	<p>Tanner Sparks Engineering</p> <p>"I would like to see it put out like bi-weekly ... if it was bi-weekly or maybe tri-weekly you could have more updates of any events like extracurricular activities, either academically or athletics."</p>
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Here are some tips to help you with your next interview that I discovered (thanks to www.careercc.com):

1. Plan Ahead: Research the company, the people that will be interviewing you, and the position you are applying for. Also be sure that your own work and life history is researched so you can back up your accomplishments with fact.
2. Role Play: Put yourself in the position of the interviewer, search online for questions often asked in interviews and imagine the type of questions you would ask. Aloud: Ask them to yourself and respond!
3. Eye Contact: Show your potential employer how much you want the job by looking them in the eye as you're answering questions.
4. Be positive: Avoid negative comments about yourself and past employers.
5. Adapt: Listen and adapt to your potential employer's interviewing style and your surroundings. Pay particular attention to the way your employer is dressed to tailor your presentation.
6. Relate: Try to relate your answers to the employer and the position, focus on your achievements relevant to the position.
7. Encourage: Demonstrate interest by asking the interviewer about their company. Encourage them to be forthcoming about their company.

And here are a few additional tips from me:

1. Keep your chin up: Tell yourself you're going to do well and eliminate negative self-talk.
2. Don't beat yourself up mid interview: If you feel you've answered a question in a less than desirable manner, roll with it, turn it around to a positive, or show your flexibility by accepting their advice.
3. Think of a few ideas beforehand on ways you might improve your interviewer's company: Show them that you're thinking about the future and you're already bringing ideas to the table.
4. Maintain an upright posture, shake everybody's hand that you meet, and work in a polite joke or two when you can. Don't forget to smile!
5. Don't beat yourself up on the way home: positive thinking, even after the interview goes a long way. Stay confident and envision them calling you to tell you that you got the job. That positive energy just might help.
6. Roll with the punches: If you didn't get the job, don't let it bring you down, just keep on trucking, because you are a valuable asset to any company! Learn from this experience and do better next time.

Remember these 13 things the next time you're preparing for a job interview, and best of luck in the future!

Interview blues

Gregory Dewar
The Commuter

There's something about a job interview, regardless of how amazing the opportunity is, or how confident in your own abilities you are that seems to reduce you to your basic building blocks. Even the stoutest of socializers can be reduced to a wallflower- hugging the punch table at the prom, wishing he had the courage to ask that girl to dance.

So it was that today I ventured down to Eugene to interview for the position of columnist with The Eugene Daily Emerald. I spent most of the day prepping: thinking of all the questions that I ask people when I interview people to work at The Commuter and how I would answer. I also thought about how my answers have evolved since I first got hired on at The Commuter as features editor back in 2007.

My hair was perfect; my clothing was freshly washed and

prepped. I shined my shoes, cleaned up my truck (just in case they encountered me in the parking lot), ate a hearty meal, made sure to take a breather from prepping and to relax and enjoy the sun by doing some pushups and tanning a little, and then I was off.

It was not until I got there that I realized I hadn't brushed my teeth after lunch, and I began to stress that my breath may not be all that fresh! I found a vending machine in the U of O's EMU, because I'd arrived an hour early and proceeded to "mouth-wash" with a SoBe life water and pray for the best as I had no idea where to purchase mints near the EMU.

It seems like every time, no matter how "ready" I am, I forget one thing...to press my pants, to wear my tie, to shave; you name it. Always, it adds to my nervousness: my usual cool facade melts away, and I find myself wondering on the drive home "Why did I answer that that way?"

I think I am going to hate Eugene



Gregory Dewar
The Commuter

I've always done most of my shopping in Eugene, living in such close proximity, but I've never really left the beltline or I-105.

This last Saturday night I went to visit a newfound friend in Eugene, and our first stop was a convenience mart. It looked "hippyish," I think it used to be an old house, but I went in with some expectations.

Right off the bat, I noticed there was no hot coffee. I thought to myself. "What kind of convenience mart is this?" I looked around for my favorite beer and

eventually found it. Awesomely enough, it was horrendously expensive. As I creaked around the old wood floor, I found that they didn't even have hot dogs. They didn't even have tofu pups. What was found was something called "No meat hot dogs." Baffling. I meandered around some more and finally found some coffee...but it was Starbucks Frappuccinos...which just seems...I don't even have words. To top it off, they only had two brands of pop in two-liter versions.

Both cashiers were so spacey I don't think it even registered I was there until I "accidentally" knocked over one of my bottles.

The next store didn't have hot dogs, either, but they did have an actual beer selection, even though the cashier harangued me for not buying anything until I said: "Well, get some hot dogs next time!"

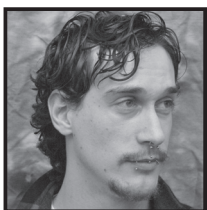
My night seemed compounded by the fact that everyone I met was really...mentally gone, like they'd done one too many drugs. They kept saying things that they found to be spectacularly profound which a sober person just has to shake their head at and go "Wow...you're dumb."

The other dagger in my night of fun's back was the fact that I couldn't go anywhere without being asked if I sold pot just because I have piercings. Of course I had to give them a resounding: "No, I actually find the use of marijuana to be particularly offensive. Why don't you get a job and try to sober up?"

Well, Eugene, that's 0/1. I'm fairly certain that I'm going to go insane there. Albany and Corvallis, for all their suck...are going to be missed.

PERSPECTIVES:

Say something.



Greg Dewar

Editor-In-Chief (outgoing)
"*rolls around in pudding like a donkey on fire*"



Ryan Henson

Editor-In-Chief (incoming)
"Hey Greg, I dropped my math class."



MaryAnne Turner

Managing Editor (outgoing)
"Awesome juice is everywhere..."



Max Brown

Managing Editor (incoming)
"... somebody hold me."



Lydia Elliott

Photo Editor (outgoing)
"TACOS!"



Eve Bruntlett

Photo Editor (incoming)
"...must have coffee."



James Scales

A&E Editor
"BACON."

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You: whats up

Stranger: w u from?

You: U.S. why you from Canada

Stranger: no im not from canada

Stranger: where exatly of Us?

You: ok youve just reached creeper status

Stranger: !?!?

Stranger: im sorry 4 my english man but i just learn it in internet

Stranger: what mean creeper status?

You: no worries,

You: because u asked exactly where am I, thats creepy lol

Stranger: :-)

Stranger: not creepy

Stranger: USA

Omegle: Chatting is fun again

Erik Bender
 For The Commuter

As a society we are hopelessly addicted to social networking sites. There are over 4.7 million registered users between Facebook.com, Myspace.com, and Twitter.com alone. But what do you do if you want to social network but don't have any friends to network with, or just don't like your friends?

Meet Leif K-Brooks, an 18-year-old high school student from Brattleboro, Vt. K-Brooks has created a web site called Omegle. Its main and only purpose is to connect you with other users anonymously and one-on-one for a quick, or long, chat with a total stranger. There are an estimated 3,000 users and quickly growing.

Omegle is one of the simplest social web sites to use. You simply go to the Omegle homepage, click the "start a chat," button and you're instantly matched up with another user. Users on Omegle do not have to sign up or even give out an e-mail address to use the site, just chat and that's all.

The format of Omegle is simple. Once you've entered the chat room with your random paired match, your name becomes

"you," and the anonymous person is labeled "stranger."

It's fun, random, and slightly awkward as some conversations start out wrong or obscene but it's just for fun. "I use Omegle a couple times during the week; the conversations that you get into with strangers are hilarious, and I just do it for fun," said Omegle user Mark Meadows, who claims to have used most popular networking sites at one time or another.

Omegle is completely anonymous so there is no filter on the site for age, language, and content, so users need to be prepared for anything to be said by users just there to get a laugh by being offensive. "Trolls are currently the biggest problem facing Omegle. Unfortunately, a percentage of the site's user base, instead of trying to have interesting conversations, likes to harass other users through vulgarity, spamming, and so on," said K-Brooks in the his official Omegle blog.

So if you're bored with the usual sites that connect you to people try Omegle, or just try it to try it. www.omegle.com

Going Greek for philanthropies

Justin Brauch
 For The Commuter

Every year fraternities and sororities at Oregon State University participate and hold philanthropies to raise money for different charities that fight cancer, AIDS, alzheimers, etc. These fundraisers raise hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Students accumulate hundreds of thousands of man hours working and volunteering around Corvallis. Not only are they working to better the world, they are having fun while doing it, and what's the best

way to have fun and celebrate the success of your charity function? Throw a party!

Frat parties, social organizations, philanthropies, and staying active within the community could all describe what Greek life is about. And it goes without saying that partying is a huge part of the college experience. Well, partying the Greek way is on a whole other level. Fraternities are the best staging ground to throw an epic social function and they usually house some of the best rounded gentlemen in Corvallis. Kyle Kish, a social chair for his fraternity likes to prioritize accordingly when it

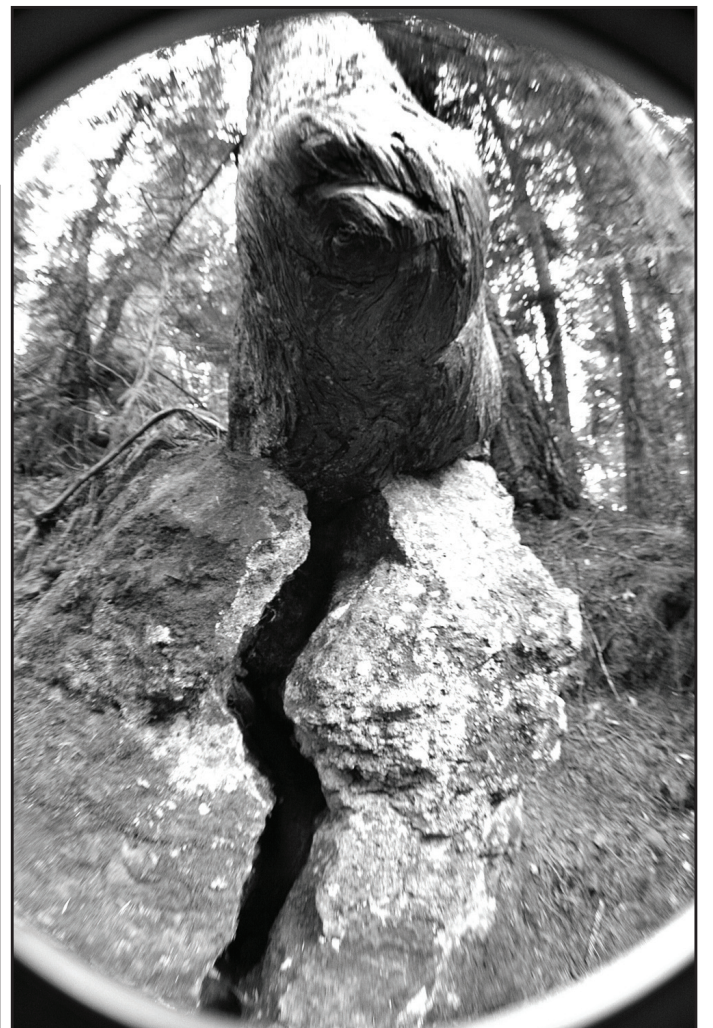
comes to partying and participating in philanthropies, "there aren't as many philanthropies as there are parties; however, you put a lot more time, effort, and thought into the philanthropies because they are for a good cause, but I do like to party."

Sororities like Sigma Kappa put a lot of work into their philanthropies and they make sure people have fun while participating. A good example was their Side Out function that raised thousands of dollars for alzheimers research. "The results of the philanthropy immediately give money to people who need it, it's really reward-

ing because you put so much time into it but it's also fun. Most fraternities and sororities will celebrate the success of their charity with partying, but again it's all in the spirit of a good cause," said Samantha Silva, a Sigma Kappa member.

Dwight Wozich, an active member when it comes to charities, gave his thoughts about the subject. "I think it is important to put the time and effort into philanthropies, I'd rather participate in a charity and be active in my community than go drink at a party."

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Postponing my dreams

Each one of us has a dream, something we wish we could do, or a goal we've set for ourselves to accomplish. But how many of us actually achieve those dreams? Life happens, and our dreams get postponed; before you know it, your dreams are so far in the past you think it's too late to even try and achieve them.

Some of us have been told our dreams are unrealistic, but as Ravi Vora has stated, "What's unrealistic is trying to live your life working at a job you don't love, doing something you hate for the rest of your life, while regretting trying to live your dream." I have experienced this myself. My dream was to volunteer for the Peace Corp, traveling and working side-by-side with those in need, but as I stated before, life happens and your plans change. I became a single mom of three children, I felt I needed more of an education to pursue my dreams, and lacked the money to get the education I felt I needed. For these reasons my dream of the Peace Corp. got placed on the back burner and life continued forward.

I will review three causes of postponing my dreams and after reviewing them I will discuss my plan on how I will accomplish the final step (college) in achieving my goal. As a former single mom I know all too well what it means to give up everything for your children. Many people have made that decision in life, and for some people there are no regrets. I personally don't regret the decision to be a single mom my regret is that I didn't believe in myself enough to pursue my dreams in a more local manner while raising my kids.

After high school I began making plans for my future and was looking forward to many years of traveling the world. I began with school in Miami Florida, and then accepted a job at the Grand Canyon Arizona. In Arizona I became pregnant with my oldest son; housing was not available to "families," thus beginning the first steps of giving up a dream. I moved back to Oregon and began working a series of jobs that were unfulfilling but provided an income. Over the years I got married had more kids and eventually divorced. As a single mom I felt freedom, and at the same time I felt my dreams slip a little further away. How could I travel, I had three

young children? How could I go to school when the kids depended on me to support them?

Was it really concern about responsibilities that was stopping me, or was it the fear of failure? Laurence J. Peters once said, "There are two kinds of failures: those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought." I did not want to be either one of those.

For some people it's a lack of financial security that is holding them back from pursuing their dreams. Life can deal us a lot of unexpected financial difficulties and if your dream requires some kind of financial investment you might find yourself postponing your dreams, thinking to yourself I can do it later when finances are better, but later and better may not come or when it finally does you think you're too old or what do I have to offer at my age. Working paycheck-to-paycheck all my adult life the thought of going to school to pursue my personal goals has seemed like an impossible dream. Would it be selfish of me to take money away from my family's already tight budget? Would taking out loans to go to college be a smart financial move?

People have been told for years that higher education can open doors to their future, and that if a person wants to reach their full potential they need to go to college. Does that mean if you don't go to college you will never be able to realize your dreams? Does it mean only those who can afford a higher education will be able to feel the sense of accomplishment and the rewards of fulfilling their dreams?

In my opinion the answers to the above questions would be no, but to others the answers would be yes. For those people who believe it's the only way and don't have the money to finance school they give up their dreams based on the idea that a higher education is the only pathway to success, instead of seeking out other alternative solutions, e.g.; a volunteer program to gain experience, or a small company willing to train you on the job.

For some like me high school wasn't easy so the idea of college, let alone as a non-traditional student, is very intimidating.

With so many people working fulltime just to make

ends meet and having little time for extra activities it's easy to see why someone may feel they don't have the time or money for schooling. However; the satisfaction, sense of accomplishment, and possible financial gain you could experience from going to school and pursuing your dreams could make it all feel worthwhile.

Over the last five years circumstances have changed in my life and some of the issues that were holding me back from pursuing my dreams are no longer a factor, leaving me with one last hurdle; college.

How am I going to overcome this last obstacle that is between me and my dream job? I have already begun the process. First I met with a school counselor to discuss my goals and the career path I wanted to pursue, next was a meeting with the financial aid office to discuss grants, scholarships, and the loan process. Once I had met with these departments and had taken my placement tests the idea of school started to feel a lot less intimidating. To gain work experience while going to school, I have become a volunteer for the Red Cross.

Going back to school has taken some getting used to and juggling family responsibilities and homework can get rough at times, but the decision to go back to school has definitely been the right choice for me and with the support of my husband and children I will reach my dreams!

Rick Warren author of the Purpose driven life says, "Nothing shapes your life more than the commitments you choose to make. Your commitments can develop you or they can destroy you, but either way, they will define you." What an incredible statement.

When I graduate from college, I will be graduating with not only work experience and a degree to go out and do my dream job, but with a sense of pride in my ability to overcome what I thought was a lost dream.

Think back... what was your dream? Is it still something you'd still like to do today? If so make a commitment to yourself and go after that dream!

It's only impossible if you don't try.

Pam Milkowski

Dear Commuter staff:

I've been thinking of writing to you all for quite awhile. For one thing, I need to thank Ryan for his kind article about me, a few weeks back. My mother and wife are now fans of your work, to be sure.

But the thing I've really been thinking about is how controversial the paper has been this year. You have, editorially, dealt with just about every difficult issue our community and country have faced, and your writing has often been some of the best I've read on these difficult topics. My personal favorite was Brandon's article on Health Care, an issue dear to my heart and so important for our students. But I thank you for all of the writing, it's been first rate.

You have, at times, been very critical of other student programs on campus, and although that's nothing new for The Commuter, you have done so with a strength approaching that of a verbal slingshot, and I think the sting received has not always been easy to take; and, to be honest, I've sometimes felt sympathy for the folks on the receiving end.

Then there's the swearing in print. Not unheard of, but it's been shocking, at times, and I know there have been some folks pretty upset with you for doing it; and, again, to be honest, at first I was one of those folks.

Slowly, however, it began to dawn on me, that those of you heading to careers in journalism face one of the most daunting tasks of any of our graduates. Not only is the job market one of the toughest, but journalism, as a profession has been "dumbed down," and, as a country, we desperately need it to be saved.

As we have moved from having an "independent press," to having a press that is almost entirely owned

by major corporations, media of all sorts have replaced true investigative reporting, and editorializing, with coverage of safe, secure "non-issues." For instance, a survey a few years ago found that National News broadcasts by the major networks did far more coverage of Michael Jackson than of poverty and hunger.

So, then it occurs to me, who is going to break through the dense, ever-present pablum that modern journalism has become, and give us real news and investigation again? It's going to be the ones who write and act with fire in their hearts. The folks prepared to fling sharp stones with their verbal slingshots. And if that's the life you are preparing for, to be a real journalist despite the professional pressure you are going to receive to go soft on everything, you have to start the fight right now. You need all the practice you can get. And if any of you find a way to break through and bring real writing and reporting back to the media of our country, frankly, it's worth the sting and shock you've given us this year (although, as a career counselor, I still have to advise that, when trying for a job, hold off from the swear words until AFTER you get hired).

So, with appreciation for the good writing, the daring editorials, and yes, some of the stuff that has made me squirm and wince, thanks for what you've done with the paper this year. It's been a thrill ride.

Mark Weiss
 Counseling

Board of education letter

The Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education would like to thank you for working with the board and college administration in a collaborative effort to deal with this year's budget reductions. The board recognizes that this is a very difficult time for the college faculty and staff and that many of you have made sacrifices for the good of the college and our students. We appreciate the sacrifices that you are making and the many good ideas that you have brought forward to balance our budget. It is important to remember that community colleges did not create or contribute to the economic challenges facing Oregon. We are part of the solution. Even though we are making budget reductions, we are still making plans for the future of LBCC; a future that includes working together to serve the needs of the community.

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The Weekly Burger: My Perfect Summer Burger

James Scales
The Commuter

The perfect burger. Is it real? Can it really exist? There will always be something to add to the perfect burger, something you think of after your sixth or seventh patty. But as far as I am concerned this recipe works really well for just relaxing with some friends, some drinks, a backyard porch or whatever, and a grill. The best part about this burger is its simplicity. It doesn't take too long, in fact, it doesn't take any time at all. So, with quickness in mind, I'll cut to the chase.

My Perfect Burger
Makes 3 burgers

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of 15–27% fat ground beef
- Kosher salt
- Fresh cracked pepper
- 1 Vidalia onion
- 1/4 cup oil
- 6 slices aged cheddar
- 1 tomato
- Enough romaine to cover your burgers
- Ketchup, steak sauce, mustard, mayo
- 3 soft buns, preferably sesame buns

Equipment:

A grill, a spatula (turner), two friends for one recipe, and increase the recipe for more.

Procedure:

Preheat your grill. For better burger results, it's best

to have it nice and hot. Preheating for 10–15 minutes on a gas grill is great. For charcoal, once the coals are ready (if you start them in your grill) the grill should be hot enough. This preheating is crucial to get a good sear and make all the tasty juicy goodness stay within the burger.

Slice your onion for slices that are about a half-inch thick. Lightly oil them and hit them with maybe a touch of salt and pepper. If you have a favorite vinaigrette, use that instead of the oil. Shape three patties per pound of meat. Make sure they are a good enough size in thickness and diameter. Liberally salt and heavily pepper the patties. If your grill is preheated, lay 'em down and let them cook, both the burgers, and the onions. Once they are down, DON'T TOUCH THEM. That is, until you are ready to turn. Three minutes a side is what I enjoy, which, depending on how thick your patties are, will be medium.

While those start to cook, slice the tomato. Get all your condiments out and ready for you and your guests. Flip the burgers top them with the cheese. If your grill has a warming area, then lay the buns on them to just



A cheeseburger hot off the grill with grilled onions.

Photo by James Scales

warm a little and toast. After the three minutes are up, build your burgers any way you like them. Personally, its some ketchup and steak sauce with the grilled onions on bottom. Delicious.

This is merely a jumping off point for all you burger lovers seeking perfection and delight out there. Stray from the recipes I have given you! Just remember a few things: high heat on your grill, high fat content in your beef, and be creative. Enjoy your burgers, because after all, what higher form of pleasure can you possibly find? Enjoy your summer and hopefully you'll get close to that perfect summer grill burger! Best wishes and good luck!



Movies this Friday



Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures

My Life in Ruins

Greek American tour guide Georgia is sick and tired of trying to guide around people who would rather be buying silly trinkets and t-shirts from the nearest tourist targeted shop than learn about the culture and history of her beloved Greece. When cultures clash, all goes wrong in Georgia's mind, until one day a tourist on her guide shows her how to have fun and find love in an unexpected place. Rated PG 13



Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

The Hangover

A couple days before Doug's wedding, he and three friends drive to Las Vegas for the wildest bachelor party in history! So wild that the next morning the three groomsmen find they can't seem to remember a thing, or find the groom Doug. The clock is running short as the three run around the city of sin to find their friend so they can get him back in time to be married. Rated R



Courtesy of Universal

Land of the Lost

Dr. Rick Marshall has been sucked through time itself. He has no weapons, no skills, and no smarts. He finds himself stuck in a world beyond our own. Stuck with him in this otherworld are his intelligent research assistant Holly and a redneck named Will. Can the trio survive with their questionable skills, and return back to the world they know? Rated PG 13

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1.21 gigawatts of awesome!

Max Brown
The Commuter

inFAMOUS is a shocking experience you don't want to miss.

A new game exclusively for the PS3, Infamous was made by the creators of the Sly Cooper series, Sucker Punch. You play Cole, a former bike messenger who is chosen to deliver a package that turns out to be a very special bomb. Cole is caught in the center of the explosion, and when he awakens he has super powers and Empire City is a twisted ruin of what it once was.

Empire City is basically a giant jungle-gym to Cole. You climb just about anything, and rarely will you find yourself running on the streets: that is the slow way and it's for losers. The city is so fascinating: just when you think you have seen it all, you find another section that is completely different and crazy.

One of the big selling points of this game is that you get to choose your path, good or evil. Many games are trying this with varying success. Infamous pulls it off with moderate success. It is never hard to tell which actions will cause you to become more evil, but that is not a bad thing.

In an interview, the developers said you can go back and forth between the two sides, but I don't see that at all. It does not make sense to play down the middle because you will just be gimping your gaming experience, as you will be locking out the best upgrades for your abilities.

Overall, though, this does not make the game bad; just choose a path, stick with it, and have a blast.

My biggest problem with this game would have to be what many of the moral decision games have: I don't know why your character has to look like rotten leftovers if you choose to be a murderous

you can just blow them away with a flick of the R1 button.

The combat in this game is quick, fun, and amazing. Cole seems to be a god, but the enemies still present a fun challenge. You always have many different options on how to take down the enemies. You can attempt to implement

into a horde of enemies you will barely feel lag, and you will almost have to stop because it looks so amazing. Explosions, people flying through the air, electricity shooting off every which way, all of it just makes those moments stunning.

The story in this game is also pretty awesome. Sometimes it can be predictable, but usually it was interesting and fun. It keeps a pretty quick pace so you won't get bored with it. The cutscenes in this game are done in a comic book style with narration by the main character, Cole. This works out very well and looks very appealing. The end of the game left some things open, but not too much, for a content patch or two like Fallout 3 and GTA4 have been doing.

Overall, this game is a blast. You have a huge city to explore, and running and jumping from building to building always feels awesome. It's hard to think that the combat will get old anytime soon. The story is shifted

enough by your actions to warrant another play through, also your abilities are so different, that alone warrants at least one extra play through. I give this game 4.5 gigawatts out of 5.



Cole attempts to jump-start a car

Photo courtesy (MCT)



ass-hat. Almost every game that claims you can change the world by being good or evil does this to the character. I mean, I choose to kill some people, that is not the same thing as rolling around in dog poo and never bathing.

The storyline seems to change depending on your actions, but mostly just small things. The citizens of Empire City treat you differently depending on which path you choose. It's no real big problem because if you are good they leave you alone mostly, and if you are the bad guy

some strategy and carefully take out the enemies, or you can go balls to the wall crazy and lob electric grenades and missiles into the fray and start spamming lightning bolts while you pray for the best. Either way, it is intense and fun. Also depending on which moral path you are headed down, you get different upgrades to your powers and that ends up switching up combat nicely.

Combat also really showcases the processing and visual power of the PS3. While spamming missiles and grenades

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 Congratulations graduates!
 Good luck in the real world. Here are some words to color. WEE!

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Corvallis Music History Project

MaryAnne Turner
The Commuter

This Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, taking place at the Old World Deli is the second Corvallis Music History Project. The project is an effort to recognize and document all of the past and present, up and coming musical talent that has made its mark on Corvallis' well known musical scene.

It is said by many, though there is no way of knowing for sure, that perhaps Corvallis has the most musicians per-capita in possibly the whole United States. The multitude of shows and musical events are the best evidence to such claims.

Last year was the first Corvallis Music History Project and it featured 223 local performers, which is said to be an estimated one-fourth of the musicians in Corvallis history to still be alive. Last year's event featured a wide variety of genres, styles and eras, and was also broken down into short sets. This year's performance will be slightly different, in that there will be longer sets with slightly less groups.

The other factor setting this year apart from last year is the theme. Bands performing this year will have some form of immigrant influence. This means the project will showcase the music of those who immigrated to the Corvallis area in the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as those with roots in the same area.

All the traditions featured this year will amaze you. Jake Duncan will play the didgeridoo, an Australian Native instrument, and he puts a new age spin on it with a "techno-sounding" style, using quick, smooth tempo changes and crazy fills. Jenny Chaio will give us a rare chance to hear the Chinese pipa, which is a stringed instrument, much like a lute, that dates back to the second century B.C. Others playing the first night will be The Little Bohemian Band,

The Minors, Accordioso, which as you guessed is a band of accordion players, Poitin and Stout of the Celtic music scene, and Lewis and Clark who were formerly called the Viking Funeral.

Diversifying the scene on the second day will include several dance troupes. The Turkish Dance Troupe is a group of belly dancers that perform many different styles coming from the middle eastern part of the world. You may have seen many of these dancers on Wednesday night at the Old World Deli. Another group of dancers is the Chinese Children's Folkdance Troupe. You can also see dancers of the Pacific Islands: the Yap Islands Dance Troupe.

Students from Waldorf school learned to fashion their own Japanese taiko drums and play them, and they will be performing as well. Among the many options for entertainment you can also catch Ted Cox on the accordion, Dan Gilmore and Amy Becker on Afro-Cuban drumming, the Celtic Jammers, Sila Cevikce Shaman and Dave Storrs bringing us some hot jazz, and Bullfinch's Mythology. Also the Mahari-mbas, a marimba band, Anne Weiss, Sid Rosen, liturgical music from the Jewish religious community, the Scandinavian band Fossegrimmen, the all-American Rusty Hinges, The French string band Bon Ton Roulet, and the reggae band Jesus Candy will finish the show.

Don't miss out on part of your own local history. Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, the show starts at 6 p.m. on Friday and runs until 11 p.m., and Saturday at 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. Admission is free to all, and all donations will be divided equally and given to all of those who have donated their time for this event.

One of the many hard working coordinators, Kent Buys said, "What brings people together, makes things whole." Music does indeed bring people together, so enjoy the show and become a part of history.

Beer and loathing

MaryAnne Turner
The Commuter

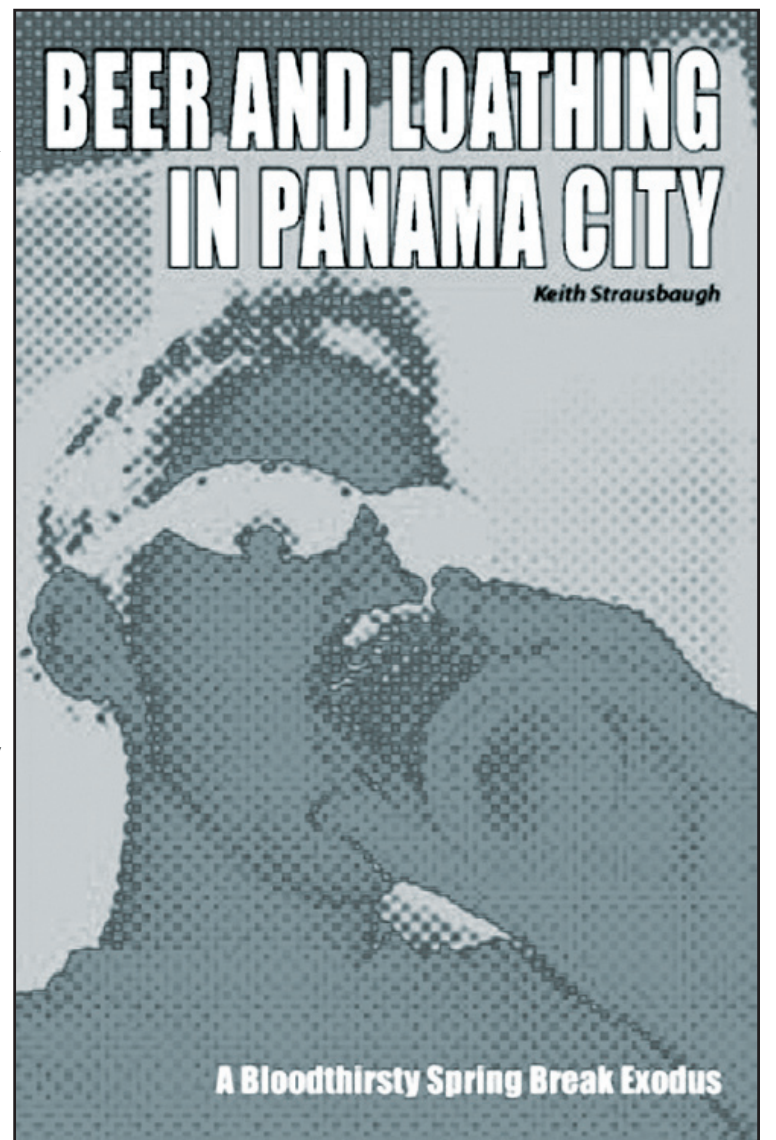
When I was first handed Beer and Loathing in Panama City, my first thought was, "Oh great, another wannabe Hunter S. Thompson." But as I read on, by the end of the first chapter I was wiping tears from the corners of my eyes from laughing so hard. Keith Strausbaugh captures the gonzo style in his own voice.

This short novel, about 82 pages, wrangles a spring break into an almost journal style, breaking the eight day trip up into days to tell the story. Strausbaugh and seven friends leave Virginia Tech. and head down to Panama City in Florida with plans to do nothing but drink all week long. In their success the boys went through days of drunken debauchery.

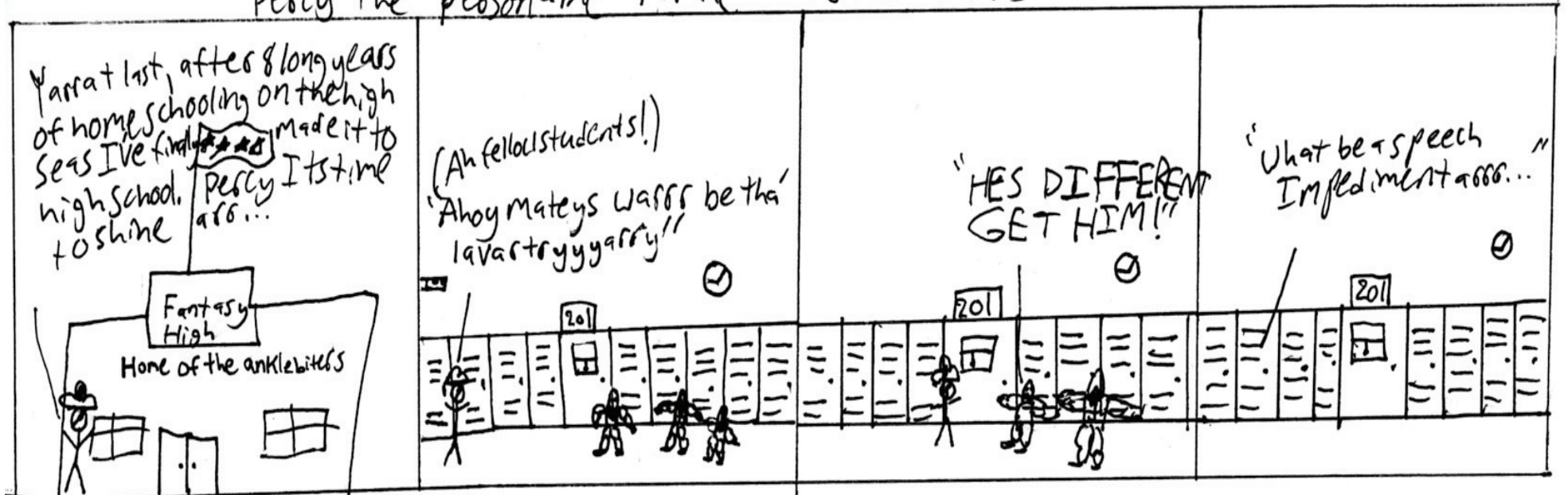
The voice style of Strausbaugh's writing is very reminiscent of Hunter S. Thompson, using the typical Thompson catch phrases such as "dirty swine" in reference to the cops or squares, and the creatively wordy run-on sentences. The boys cause chaos in the bars, and wreck their hotel room, and typical of Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, they try to escape the damage charges.

This book feels like a modern day attempt at recreating Thompson's masterpiece of Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, and it is done well, adding in iPods, cell phones, texting, and of course the use of profound, and just plain crazy run-on metaphors, all with-out the bats and hard drugs.

If you liked Hunter S. Thompson, then Keith Strausbaugh will tickle your fancy, as long as you read with an open mind. Just don't be disappointed when there are no bats or a suitcase full of drugs, but there's plenty of beer to go around.



Percy The Reasonable Pirate By Rick Corliss



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News about local and national sports and activities.

Motocross: not for sissies

Erik Bender
 For The Commuter

Motocross is a tough sport, because it's expensive, physically demanding, dangerous, but also hopelessly addicting. And that is why millions of people ride and race, but it is also why so few actually make it a living and compete at the national pro level of the sport and turn riding into a career.

Nic Wolfer, 22, of Beaver Creek, Ore., is a local pro that is going for broke this season in an attempt to earn his national pro license and race the 2009 AMA Motocross Nationals series at Washougal MX Park on July 25.

Wolfer has a genuinely kind and pleasant personality that almost seems to quickly disappear once his helmet is on. On the track, Wolfer shows no fear and rides with a smooth style that makes it look easy. But Wolfer is not afraid to bang bars with anyone at any given race, as his passes are some of the most aggressive in any local pro race.

The motocross nationals are one of the top motocross championships in the world. Washougal MX Park holds round eight of the national series every year and draws crowds in excess of 30,000, and has been called the most scenic track on the circuit.

The American Motorcyclist Association requires a rider to obtain 75 points as an A-Class rider in AMA PRO-AM motocross series events in order to apply for a license in an attempt to qualify for any round in this series.

With a majority of the west-coast races held outside the northwest, it's hard for a full time OSU and LBCC student to travel far regularly. Wolfer said "There are not too many of these races in this area. Most of the nearby races take place in Southern California during the school year and I can't make it to them like other racers can."

At five-years old, Wolfer got his first dirt bike for Christmas, but didn't start racing until age 14. "I wanted to start before then but my mom always overruled my dad. Then she finally gave in and little did she know I would win my first race and want to keep doing it this long." Wolfer says what most people don't understand about motocross is that it is very family-oriented, and that it takes a lot of



Nic Wolfer leads fast competition out of the trees

Photo by Erik Bender

dedication from everyone to make it work.

Wolfer says his biggest achievement was turning pro and being able to do it in such a short time is a great accomplishment for him. "I mean I know people that have been racing longer than me that still aren't pro, so for me to do it in the time period that I have done it in is also one of my greatest achievements," said Wolfer.

On April 5, 2009, Wolfer battled hard for the lead in every race he entered at Washougal's Gold Star series race. Wolfer ended the day finishing fourth overall and earning 18 valuable points towards his national license. He currently sits fourth in the points standings.

NWAACC 2008-09 southern region scoreboard

Women's basketball

Team	Wins	Losses
Umpqua	13	1
Clackamas	10	4
Mt. Hood	8	6
Linn-Benton	5	9
SW Oregon	4	10
Chemeketa	4	10
Portland	0	14

Men's basketball

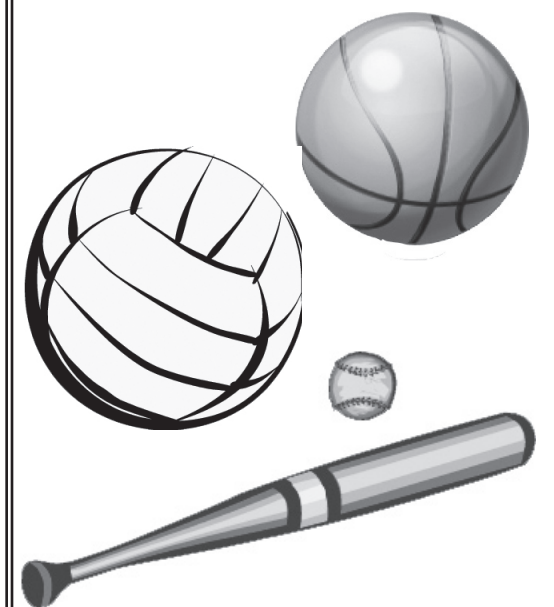
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Clackamas	13	1
Mt. Hood	11	3
Chemeketa	11	4
Linn-Benton	8	6
SW Oregon	6	8
Lane	3	11
Portland	3	11
Umpqua	2	12

Men's baseball

Team	Wins	Losses
Mt. Hood	26	4
Clackamas	16	14
Chemeketa	15	15
Lane	15	15
Linn Benton	10	20
SW Oregon	8	22

Women's volleyball

Team	Wins	Losses
Chemeketa	10	0
Clackamas	7	3
SW Oregon	6	4
Linn-Benton	4	6
Umpqua	2	8
Mt. Hood	1	9



Watch out for urban golf

Justin Brauch
 For The Commuter

Oregon State University students were out and about on a very sunny Monday afternoon, playing a new up-and-coming sport on Greek row, urban golf.

What is urban golf you might say? Well, it is golf in an urban area, primarily non-busy streets or a nice college campus. It requires a golf club, tennis ball, and friends. The rules are simple: safety first, be cautious of other people, play where it lies, hit the target with fewer strokes than your friends, and most importantly have fun.

Is it legal? The Department of Public Safety and Oregon State Police on Campus seem to think so. "I don't look at Urban Golf as 'Oh this is something we shouldn't be doing' because it looks fun," said Sgt. Vonn Schleicher. "As long as it's not inter-



Cameron Anderson and Skyler Warner play a round of Urban Golf on a nice Corvallis day in front of Sigma Kappa Sorority

Photo by Justin Brauch

fering with other peoples' safety."

A student bystander who was hit by a tennis ball earlier that day thought it seemed enjoyable but hazardous. "As long as I'm not in the line of fire, I'm ok with it," said Sierra Lacoock, the student who was nailed

by a ball.

"I think it's a good way to get hot girls' attention!" Devin Hohensee replied, another witness who had observed others playing and was enthusiastic about the rewards of playing urban golf.

It looks as if urban golf is here to stay and can potentially be played anywhere, be

it your backyard, the streets, or near Reeser Stadium. Just remember, safety first!

A great website for urban golf can be found at www.urbangolf.org/

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GRADUATION '09

Congratulations to all
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The 41st annual Linn-Benton Community College Commencement Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center in the Willamette Event Center. Graduates should plan to arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. at the Santiam Building at the Expo Center.

LBCC will award 801 degrees and certificates to 707 candidates this year. Approximately 175 students completed LBCC's General Educational Development preparation program and will receive their certificates at commencement.

A traditional bagpipe procession will be led by the Portland Metro Pipe Band, with posting of the colors by the American Legion Post 10 of Albany. LBCC President Dr. Rita Cavin will give the welcome and present several awards including an Emeritus award, Phi Theta Kappa award, and Distinguished Alumni awards. Hannah Gzik, past president of the LBCC Associated Student Government, will give the student address.

Degrees and certificates will be presented by President Cavin; Ron Mason, LBCC Board of Education chair; Carol Schaaafsma, executive vice president for Academic Affairs; Jim Huckestein, vice president of Finance and Operations; Dr. Bill Thallemer, vice president of Student Services and Government Affairs; Kristen Jones, dean of Academic Development; and Joseph Bailey, faculty president.

A reception will be held for graduates, family and friends immediately following commencement outside the Willamette Event Center. For disability accommodations, contact the LBCC Office of Disability Services at 541-917-4789.

2009 Graduates of Linn-Benton Community College: (GED graduates included on page 8)

Chula Vista, CA

Melina Lara, Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

Moorpark, CA

Katrina Dalrymple, Associate of Applied Science Animal Technology Horse Mngt

Maitighar, Nepal

Subodh Tandukar, Associate of Science Bus Administration Emphasis

Kapaa, HI

Jan A. Hase, Associate of Applied Science Automotive Technology

Des Moines, IA

Jennifer L. Rockwell, Associate of Applied Science Horticulture

Kuna, ID

Robert L. Kitterman, Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer

Baltimore, MD

Marilyn F. Kearney, Associate of Applied Science Criminal Justice

Farmington, NM

Tori D. Hurt, Associate of Applied Science Accounting Technology

Adair Village, OR

Julie A. Packard, Associate of Applied Science Medical Assistant

Adel, OR

Patrick J. O'Keeffe, Associate of Science Agr Business Mngt Emphasis

Albany, OR

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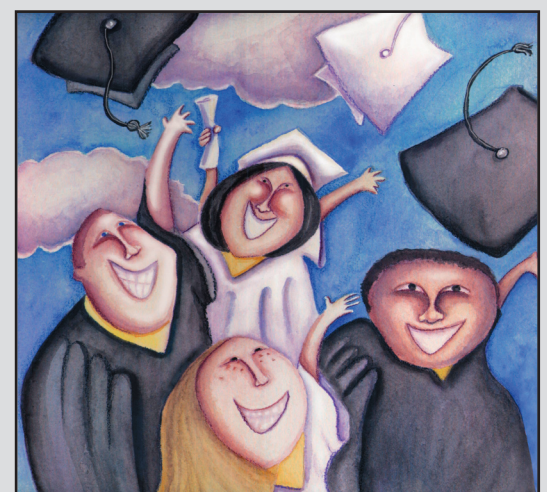


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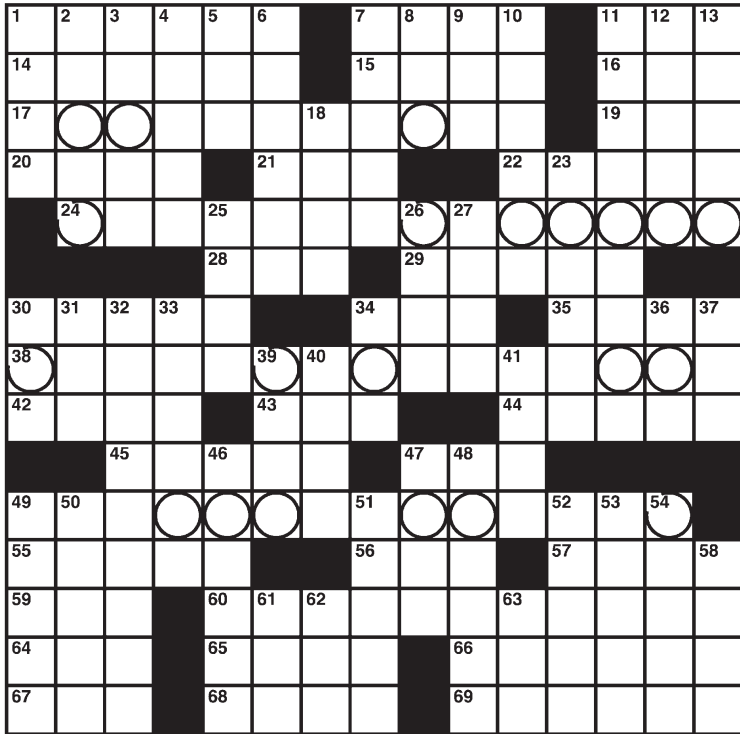
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ACROSS

- 1 Makeshift bookmark
- 7 Relax
- 11 Sta. that might show a Bogie flick
- 14 "Let me find out"
- 15 Wash basin partner
- 16 Romance
- 17 Colonial fair artisan
- 19 Baja bear
- 20 Marquis de
- 21 "Lord, is ___?": Matthew
- 22 Stage awards
- 24 Reasons for an R rating
- 28 DJ's array
- 29 It may be roja or verde
- 30 "The Zoo Story" playwright
- 34 QB's goof
- 35 Two-time Indy 500 champ Luyendyk
- 38 Keep an eye on things
- 42 DNA part
- 43 Place to crash
- 44 Took another plunge?
- 45 Seder month
- 47 Tire gauge meas.
- 49 Lickety-split
- 55 Old-time actress Bara
- 56 Galoot
- 57 Look down
- 59 Drift (about)
- 60 Cryptographers' successes (and what can be found in the circles in this puzzle's long answers)
- 64 "The Loco-Motion" singer Little
- 65 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 66 Tennessee team
- 67 Tennis winner's hurdle
- 68 Even once
- 69 Trim

DOWN

- 1 Home, informally



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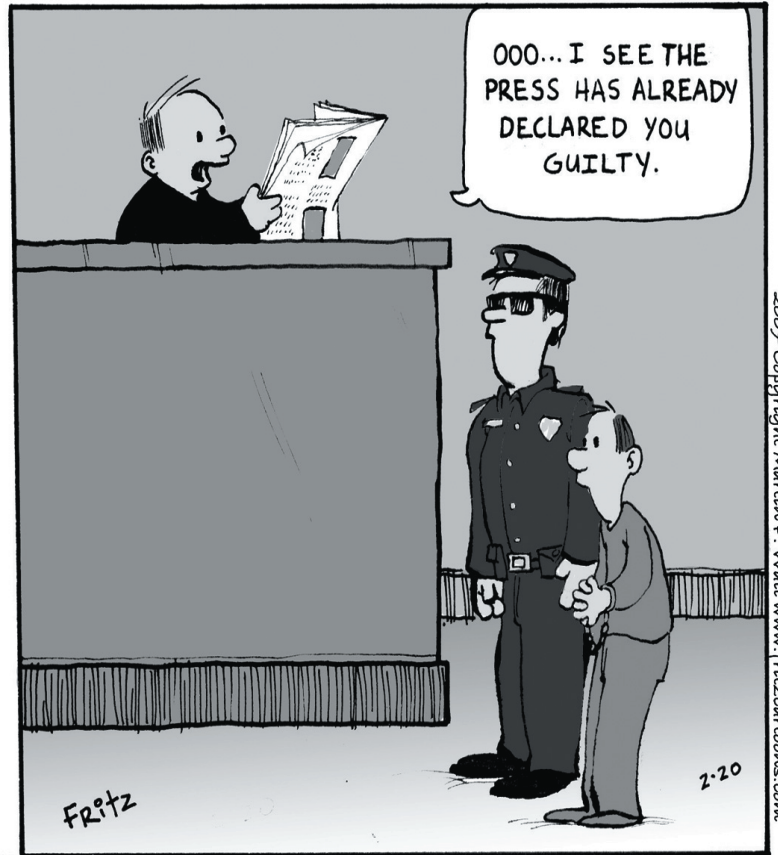
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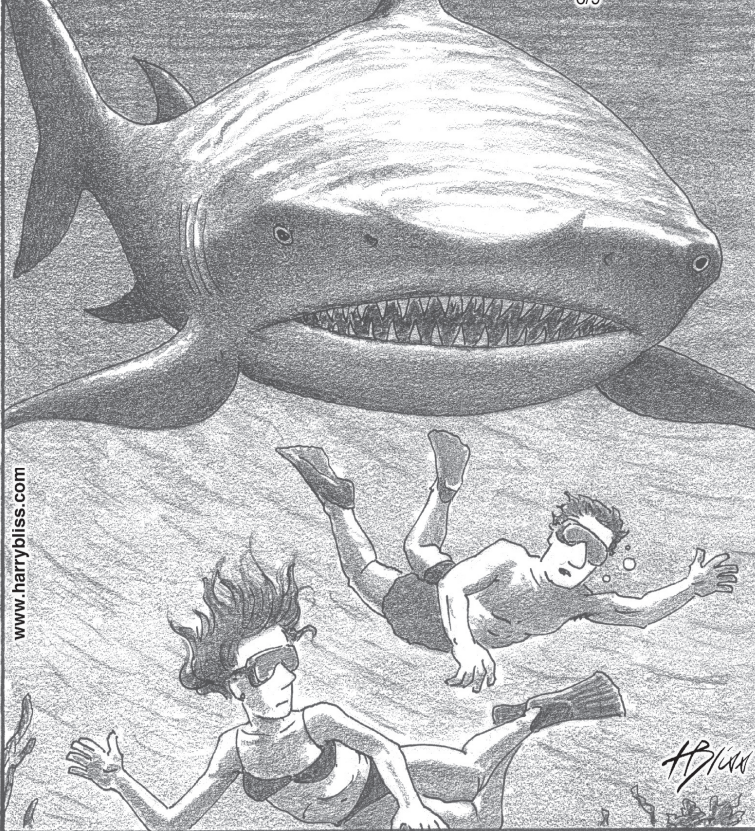
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- 3 Maker of PlugIns
- 4 County north of Kent
- 5 Two-time loser to DDE
- 6 Put a new book cover on
- 7 Pope during the Battle of Ostia
- 8 "How cute!"
- 9 25% of zero?
- 10 "Misty" composer Garner
- 11 Streak beginning?
- 12 Trig ratio
- 13 Long-headed mammal
- 18 Former Fords
- 23 "Don't take silly chances"
- 25 Served past
- 26 "That ___ fair!"
- 27 Hand-on-the-Bible vow
- 30 "Found it!"
- 31 It stops at each sta.
- 32 Reacted to, as sudden bright light
- 33 Swirled
- 34 Evansville's st.
- 36 Dander
- 37 LAX posting
- 39 Moonfish
- 40 Subside
- 41 The Phantom of the Opera
- 46 Quarter horse quarters
- 47 Plumber's piece
- 48 Sachet emanations
- 49 Three-star mil. officer
- 50 "Monday ___ Friday on my mind": 1967 song lyric
- 51 Senegal's capital
- 52 Wax theatrical
- 53 Situated at a junction
- 54 Ran through
- 58 In ___: actually
- 61 Gun
- 62 Pindar opus
- 63 Kind of engr.

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So long, LBCC, and thanks for all the shoes...

Gregory Dewar

Editor-In-Chief, The Commuter

What to write? It's been three long years that I've seen my name in print at The Commuter. And three long years that I've spent navigating LBCC's austere windy passageways and dimly lit warrens. I've had some amazing times, and I've had some absolutely atrocious times. This last year as Editor-In-Chief has been the most amazing time of my life! After losing my fiancé, I seemed to blossom into a socialite and befriended many people on campus (an absolute 180 from my old personality type of the dark, brooding, tortured loner), though, mostly, my friends comprised those who worked for me at The Commuter. I even stopped thinking about the military and my attitude shifted to being positive and upbeat all the time. It's amazing what a difference friends make. Or an entire Community. College.

The line between boss and friend was never blurred and no one was ever taken for granted either way across it. When we were in the office, there was a hierarchy and deadlines, and when we were out at a barbecue, I was just one of the guys. The kinship I've found with these people is reminiscent of what I had in the military: And the first time since that I've found trust and camaraderie. I let my guard down (though it was very hard at first, as Rick knows) and let them all in, for better and for worse. I love you all.

I broke every mold I could think of. I blurred the line between magazine and student newspaper. I paradigm-shifted us to hell and back and strangely enough, received very little complaints. I tried to do something new: And we didn't win as many awards as I would have liked because of it, but brand new territory is always a gamble. We tried to give the students what they wanted. I printed every Letter To The Editor that I received, regardless of whether or not it was sane or even logical, save one: it was a blatant threat and libelous. I wanted the students to have a voice, and to always be encouraged to write us and express their view points. I kept us geekier than we probably should have been. Star Trek, Star Trek, Star Trek. And video games. Ad sales went through the roof and we did a 16-pager more often than anything else. We even did a couple of 20s. The amount of words and photographs we provided to LBCC was...well, just rad.

It was a hell of a year for news: a black person became president while the first woman veep ran, an unmarried latino woman became a supreme court judge, our beloved Rita retired, we got a new guy, Bill, our Veep, who filled out his shoes nicely after a rocky start. We're in the throes of a terrible depression, we just came out of a gas-price crunch. And proposition 8 was upheld. We covered cutbacks and set-backs, and new construction: Both the finishing of the library and the new Science and Technology building.

I completely rearranged the office, Jon fixed the printer so it actually prints more than once an hour, I got new desks, and created desks because I thought it was important that my core staff felt like they had a place to feel welcome to. I lobbied for people to use the ancient Mac G4, though people rarely ever did. I ran tech support for the office and kept the Macs talking, in some limited fashion, even though I had no experience with Macs beyond Warcraft II and ClarisWorks(that's 1996). We went to three different journalism conferences this year and San Diego was amazing. I'd like to prolifically thank the ASG for providing some of the funding to go on the trip. I know you all hate us for asking the hard questions: But that's the newspaper's job, to keep the government on their toes. To "boo" their bad decisions and to laud them when they do well. Since you quit talking to us, we've been unable to report on the goings-on. I sincerely hope that Nic Bowman and Ryan will forge ahead to a new relationship and talk to each other: just keep in mind that it will be strained, and it will be because Ryan asks some hard questions.

We said the f-word I don't know how many times. One issue we said it many times and no one said anything. We said it once in a headline and the world was up in arms against us, it felt like. I make no excuses, we are a wretched hive of scum and villainy: Crass to the core.

Special Thanks:

Rick: My friend, you have a real talent for writing: Don't give up, keep writing anything. By chance, have you ever thought of writing a novel?

Jon: You just keep being Jon. I could not have kept the website going without your help. You need to be on the cusp and spearheading 128-bit operating systems.

Gary: You need to work for NASA. Just stand in the control room and find every imaginable potential flaw, you'd be such a boon to the space program. Alternatively, you could be a J-pop sensation with that voice of yours.

James: You don't even want to be a journalist and yet you managed to break a mold with The Commuter: you brought food journalism to it on a regular basis. You also kept the office alive and full of humour, even in the middle of a crunch. Best of luck to you, I hope you achieve your dream of owning a roach coach that sells hamburgers on the cheap. I will eat there three times a day: Even if I'm not hungry.

Amy: My dear sister, you hunted typos with the fervor and fire of your soul. You are one of the most opinionated and strong-willed people that I know: You would've made an amazing opinion editor. Spring term wasn't the same without you. It'll be an honor to walk beside you during graduation. You already know how I feel for the rest.

Max: Wow. My little trooper. Always the eager beaver, meticulously transforming a features concept into something amazing. You're starting out exactly where

I did, I know it will carry you just as far. Just remember to love it. Strongly. Also remember that you are Ryan's Samwise Gamgee: if he tries to canoe away from you, you jump into the water even though you can't swim. If you drown, well, them's the breaks!

Ryan: I created a brand new position just for you, we never had a News Editor before. You wrote almost one news story a day, enough to be front page of any weekly. I am so proud of you for all your hard work and for getting the position of Editor-In-Chief! I know you will treat my baby well. I feel like I should stand on pride rock with you and point off over the Savannah and say: "Someday, son, all of this will be yours..." I wish you all the best.

Becca: You're basically one of the guys. I transferred you under Jon's command and between the three of us we made an award-winning top notch A-1 Steak Sauce website. Have a lemon tart.

Jon: You're the one I've known the longest and have spent the least amount of time getting to know. I hope we'll stay in touch and I'll get to know you better in the future. Thank you for all of your hard work on the website and over-complicated evil plots that (thankfully) no one ever had the wherewithall to actually put into motion.

Frank (The Tank) Warren: you were always good for a priceless laugh and you pushed so hard to increase our advertising budget. Good luck with that baby!

John Rehley: For putting up with so many mistakes and late nights.

Rob: You're just one of those people with the perfectly positive attitude at all times. Quick to smile and laugh: you always existed behind The Commuter's framework as that necessary moral guidepost. You've been an epic friend and a supportive adviser both personally and professionally: Thank you.

And Eve: You've grown so much as a person and an editor, you'll do fine next year.

To Ramon in the dishroom: Good luck, buddy. You gave me a job when no one else would. I'm sorry about what happened to you. Say "hi" to Billy for me! And to all the dishwashers, you may work an unappreciated job while the culinary students treat you like dirt, but just keep in mind that some day...they'll be serving you. Ronny, Joey, Jarryd, Amy, and Denise: you're all awesome. Jan from catering: you're awesome as well, thanks for giving me my only prep. cook experience. Chef Katy, well, you're probably the happiest person I've ever met. Whatever secret you have, you'll have to share. Chef John, you were always supportive. Chef Scott, you understood what it was like to be at the bottom of the food chain as a dishwasher. And Scottie, you throw some awesome barbecues. Karen, you were always a hoot and a smile.

Thanks to my two favorite instructors for enhancing my love of the English language: Robin Havenick and Jane White. Both of you have written me letters of recommendation and picked me out of a crowd after not seeing me for years. Both of you have been there for me when I really needed someone.

I'd also like to thank Michelle Wilson for being so kick-ass! And Dana Emerson for being such a riot, I regret that I never took a class with you!

Thanks to Catherine at the math help desk. Mike Stoops, Hollis Duncan, Nicole (I can never remember your last name, but I had you for Math 95), Theo, and Roger Maurer. Between all of you I managed to overcome my math "albatross" and succeed by graduating LBCC.

I'd like to thank everyone in the Financial Aid department for giving me chances and helping me to fund my schooling: Don't be afraid to stop in and talk to them, they do a world of good.

Everyone at the Courtyard Cafe: thank you for all the burgers. And I mean all the burgers.

I'd also like to take this time to thank both of my Volvos: my stalwart companions who got me through all these years. I loved you both beyond words and breath, and I totaled you both (much like most of the women I've been with).

This wasn't a favorites contest. There are simply too many people who have touched my life at LBCC to thank you all, as it stands, this probably took up an entire page to itself. and trying to find a new way of life. It scares me a little, but not as much as ghosts. I'll never forget any of you or any of...this... I suppose that's it. I talked myself up, I gave my thanks, I gave my goodbyes. It's all over now, but the crying. It's hard not to get teary-eyed as this, my final blog for The Commuter

comes to a close.

1-2-3-4! UNITED STATES AIR FORCE!

Are you driving? NO! I'M WALKEN! CHRISTOPHER WALKEN! A-huh, a-huh, a-huh.

Au revoir!

-Gregory