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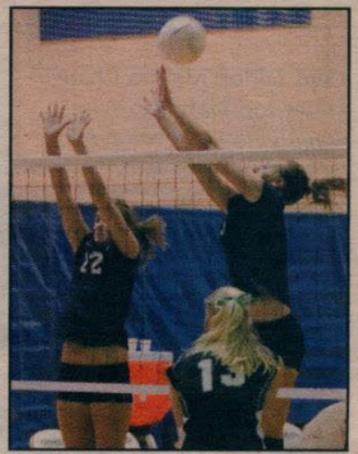
Every fall season the Saturday Farmers' Market splashes bright swathes of color along First Street in Corvallis.

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## Runners Excel

Women's Volleyball team makes a strong showing in early season play.

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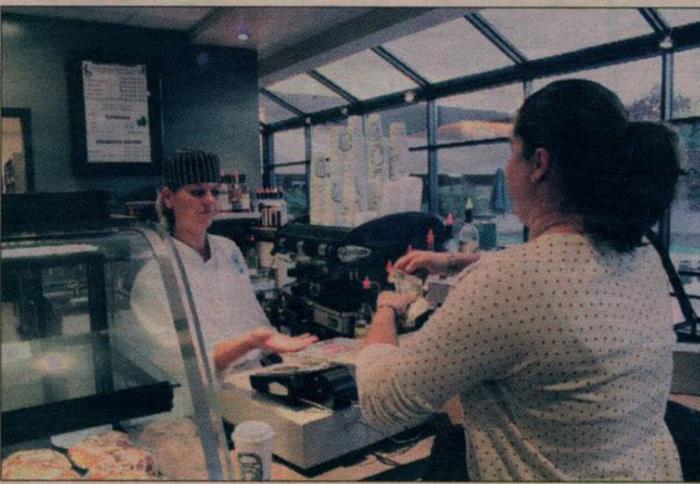


photo by Dan Wise

Angie Tack, a former LB student, supplies Tera Earp, a second-year education major, with her morning jump start on the first day of classes. Tack is finishing a food science degree at OSU and is a familiar face at the Courtyard Cafe.

## Changes greet students returning to campus

Dan Wise  
The Commuter

A chill in the air and bright sunshine signaled an auspicious beginning to the 2005 fall term at LBCC.

Students both returning and new passed through the doors of Tadena Hall to discover several new and exciting features of the college.

A newly completed remodel of the Activities Center is highlighted on Page 6.

Many returning students will recall the beginning of the North Santiam Building last spring. It has now almost been completed and should be ready for use next term.

Some members of the administration were stationed at strategic points on campus during the first week of classes to greet students and help them find their way, as several buildings received new names over the

summer. The Learning Resource Center, Family Resource Center and WEB Building were renamed Willamette Hall, Periwinkle, and Luckiamute respectively.

The Commuter Office had numerous requests for directions to South Santiam Hall, which is the new name for the nearby AHSS Building.

The Commuter staff have written several articles in this issue highlighting what is new, including many of the services provided for students, the new support lab (Page 10), the free transit system (Page 10), and fall term scholarships (Page 5).

In the future The Commuter plans to keep you informed of other changes and up to date on the latest at LBCC. Today for instance, there is an all-campus picnic in the courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Look to the paper every Wednesday for information about what is happening in the future.

## Instructor returns from ravaged New Orleans

Jennifer Overholser  
The Commuter

Digital Imaging instructor Lewis Franklin spent much of August patrolling a partially flooded section of New Orleans, La.

Franklin, who returned to school on Monday, was deployed to Louisiana with the Oregon National Guard the Tuesday following Labor Day Weekend after Hurricane Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast.

Franklin returned home as the region braced for the onslaught of Hurricane Rita, while at least one third of the soldiers stayed behind, moving further inland as the hurricane approached.

Franklin's unit was barracked at a high school for the arts, where some power was restored after a week, but unfortunately they were unable to get the air conditioning to run.

They ate most of their meals at the FEMA kitchen downtown, a tented area with a sign in front reading: "French Quarter Café." While downtown they were able to drive around the historic French districts, which did not suffer nearly as much devastation as many of the poorer neighborhoods that were built later on at lower elevations.

The sector that Franklin patrolled was flooded when a barge broke loose in the middle of the storm and pushed through a levee, letting water rush through the breach. Large sections were almost completely wiped out from the water that plowed through houses and left cars resting on fences.

"Where the barge came

through, there is nothing, steps that lead to nowhere, cars in trees, piles of shells from the breach. The houses are gone. Scattered about are toys, bikes, the trappings of family life," Franklin described.

The water and muck are so toxic that if you touch the mud it burns your skin and leaves red swells. Those who searched through the wreckage would often remove their gloves and boots and leave them behind. A

K-9 police dog drank the water and died within 24 minutes, Franklin said.

In the puddles he saw bubbles on the water that were actually guppies. "They swim through the toxic sludge and water as if it is a pond. You have to wonder what kind of effect it is having on their genetics," he said.

"The smell is an odd mix of the Willamette in late August combined with a day of the

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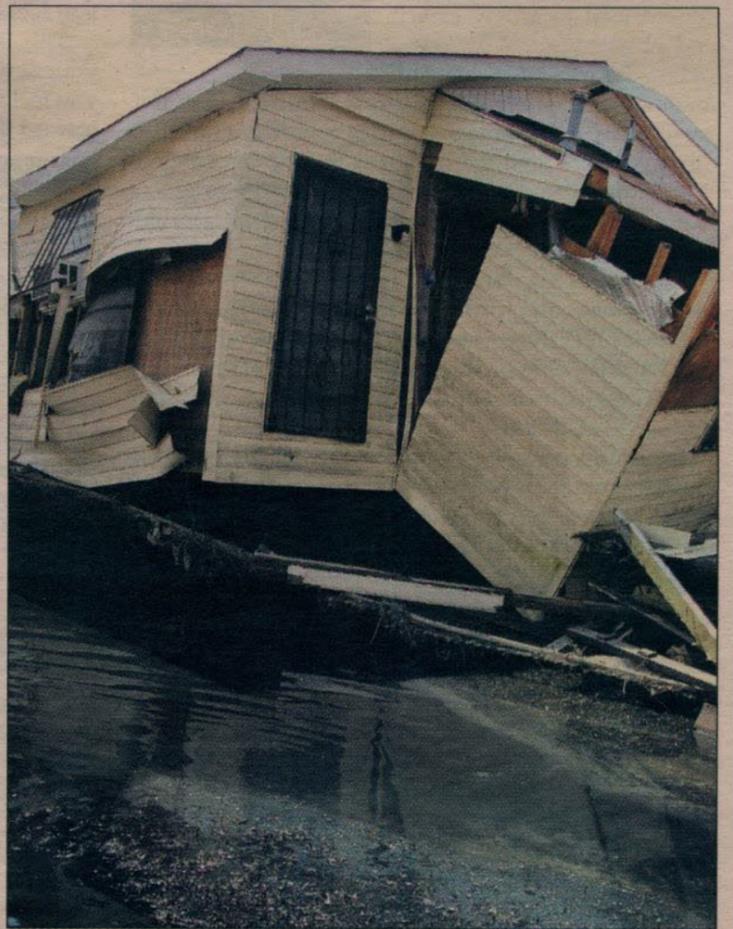


photo contributed by Lewis Franklin

LB instructor and National Guardsman Lewis Franklin saw many houses in New Orleans destroyed in the floods following Hurricane Katrina.

### The Weather Through the Weekend

SOURCE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

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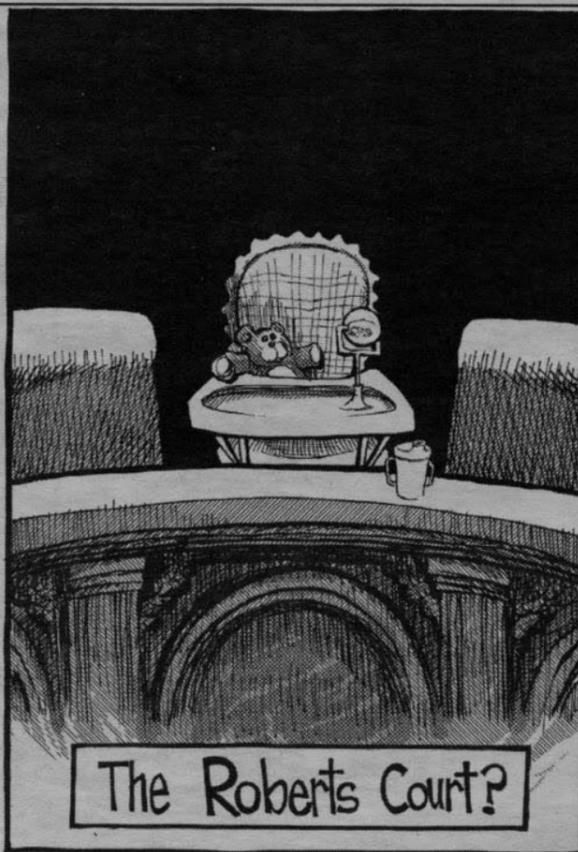
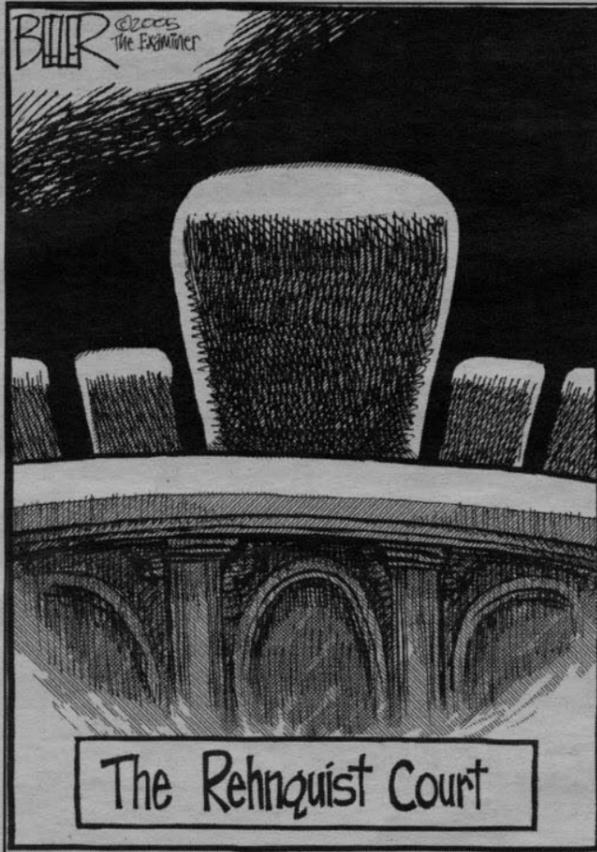
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# OPINION

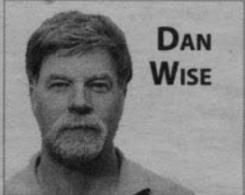
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 Turn into Forum 222. Please sign them  
 and keep them at 300 words or less.



## New editor hopes juggling act keeps readers informed and involved

Dan Wise  
 The Commuter

Greetings everyone, and welcome to fall term at Linn-Benton Community College. My name is Dan Wise and I am the editor for The Commuter this year. I am starting my third term and am majoring in journalism. I grew up on the East Coast (a die-hard Red Sox fan) but have been living in the area for over 35 years and am married with three children, two of whom are the same age as many of you.



DAN WISE  
 COMMENTARY

An editor, as I see it, is a specialized form of juggler. There is a fairly steep learning curve involved, but if he pays attention, he learns to keep all his balls in the air and hopefully looks good doing it by the end of the year. This is my first stint as that juggler, and just identifying the balls-much less keeping them in the air-is proving to be a challenge.

I am lucky because I have the advantage of learning some of the techniques from a very capable editor and his staff last year. Furthermore, several of those talented staff members are back with the paper this year. With their help as well as that of numerous new folks, I believe The Commuter will continue its award-winning tradition.

There are several things I consider to be important and thus not to be dropped as I juggle. The Commuter is a community paper. It should seek out and report on what is of interest to the LBCC community. It should present topics that are of interest to all and should not shy away from controversy. It should entertain, because this campus can be pretty entertaining in so many ways, and it should reflect that.

There is a diversity of age, nationality and economic background on this campus, holding a wealth of interesting stories waiting to be told.

There are numerous contributions made by students, instructors, staff and campus organizations needing to be reported.

All these elements must be combined with the paper's staff and kept in the air, producing a snapshot of the act that is The Commuter that you will be reading every Wednesday morning.

An important part of the paper is your thoughts. We want to hear feedback in the form of opinion pieces, letters to the editor or visits to the office. A paper loses something if it does not provoke some kind of reaction, good or bad.

Of course we would prefer good, but sometimes I will drop a ball and need to be called on it, and often you may disagree and I want to hear about it. Opposing opinions make the world go around and up and down and sometimes turn it inside out.

Let us hear what you think.

All this might seem a bit serious and possibly pretentious, but I happen to believe in the community college system and particularly in LBCC.

I have been here only two terms after spending 25 years in the private sector, but I have found dedicated and caring people at every level, making this one hell of a quality place to learn. This paper will reflect that quality.

There is always something going on at LBCC. A pool game at The Hot Shot, good conversation at the various eateries on campus, club-sponsored functions in the Courtyard and Roadrunner athletics are just a few examples. I anticipate seeing and getting to know many of you at these places.

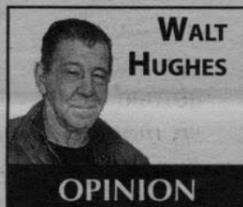
One of the functions of this paper is to teach. The staff and myself look forward to learning good journalism and producing a great paper for you.

Good luck and good fortune to you all in the coming year.

## Make your opinions known

Walter Hughes  
 The Commuter

One hundred and fifty or so years ago, people loaded their wagons and headed west toward a place called Oregon, where they hoped to find a new life and better times. That journey took them about as much time as this term will take you to complete, and like those pioneers of old, your journey through Linn-Benton should lead to a new career and a better life.



WALT HUGHES  
 OPINION

Though times have changed in some respects (where it once took about three months, we now cover the same distance in a matter of hours or days) we have replaced Indian skirmishes and a Civil War with fanatical terrorism and other wars in places like Afghanistan and Iraq, and natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes and forest fires.

Closer to home, things like figuring out class schedules, finances and/or financial aid, homework and a hundred other things can occupy your time to the point that what is going on in national politics, big business practices and the rest of the world seem far away and unimportant at times.

That brings us to the opinion and comments page of The Commuter. It has been said that opinions are like noses, because everyone has one. It has also been said that college students either have no opinion at all or

that their opinions change frequently.

An interesting point of view can be demonstrated by drawing a line one foot long that represents a year. Divide that into 12 equal parts and draw a second line that is one half of one degree to the right of the first line at the one month mark. It is easy to see the difference that the change makes at the end of the year. A well-expressed opinion or comment can accomplish the same thing many times. At the very least it provides food for thought on a subject.

Have an opinion on politics, terrorism, national disasters, school, school policies or something else that you feel strongly about?

This is the place to air it. This is your school and your newspaper, and we look forward to hearing how you feel about things as you continue on your journey toward the future.

### EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer.

The Commuter attempts to print all letters received, although we reserve the right to edit for grammar and length. Letters that raise libel, poor taste or privacy concerns will not be printed. Drop letters off at Forum 222 or email us at commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.

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# OPINION

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## Video game violence doesn't lead into real life violence

Joel DeVylde  
 for the Commuter

Even the shadows look alive and the snow crunches under my feet as I creep closer to the enemy encampment. I don't seem to feel the cold because I'm putting all my focus on the dark figures beyond the cyclone fence in front of me. I dodge behind a rock as they carefully check the perimeter for intruders like me. My thoughts are suddenly interrupted by the sound of my radio.

It's Major Grillo, my inside man and the only soldier accompanying me on this mission. He quickly tells me his position and informs me that he is going to try to get me in through the front gate. Hearing this, I return my attention to the guards at the entrance. This time I'm watching them through my sniper scope. The man on the guard tower carries a machine gun fully capable of ending this mission in a hurry. I carefully take aim and release the bullet that will end his military career with the pull of a trigger. He falls 20 feet to the ground—a limp, lifeless body. Without a second thought, I turn my attention to the other men at the gate.

Three minutes later, I sit on an old office chair facing an inactive screen that tells me that I failed the mission, and further, that I should press button 1 if I want to try again. I ponder the fact that the man on the tower will still be there with the same weapon and the same desire to kill American invaders. I also know that if I don't find a way around the following ambush, the Nazis inside the gate will use their machine guns to keep Major Grillo and I from advancing to the next level alive. After considering this setback, I press button 1 and launch back into "Medal of Honor: Allied Assault."

Like most guys I know, I enjoy violent video games and like to spend lots of time trying to beat them. I find the prospect of fighting in a war where the only thing I risk is restarting the level exciting and alluring.

But in the past few years, there have been a lot of studies concluding that violent video games may lay the foundation in the minds of adolescents for extremely violent acts.

It has been said that the murderers in the Columbine Massacre were influenced by "Doom," an early 90s game modeling extreme demonic violence.

Craig A. Anderson of the International Society for Research on Aggression writes in his paper "Violent Games: Myths, Facts, and Unanswered Questions:" "Violent video games are significantly associated with: increased aggressive behavior, thoughts, and affect; increased physiological arousal; and decreased prosocial (helping) behavior."

But a recent study by Penn State University's Media Lab shows that subjects experienced no difference between the raised aggression rates when watching games violent toward creatures of fantasy and those aggressive towards more real characters (such as soldiers). In other

words, it doesn't matter what your killing. You can have an increased aggression level playing (or watching) "Super Mario Smash Bros." or "Zelda."

Some would argue that if you spend a lot of time committing certain acts of violence repeatedly, you would be more likely to carry over those actions to real life. I can see this being at least partially true of some games including some I've seen played where the character that you control is a car thief and is encouraged to murder police and innocent bystanders with any weapon they can find. Most people would agree that this type of game should have much higher restrictions on it so that young kids will not end up playing it (or even watching it being played) and be led to believe that that behavior is normal.

Most violent games, however, are not nearly that harmful (such as real war games or cartoon violence). A game where you are killing Nazis in uniform to save prisoners and stop them from taking over Europe, for example, is the ideal violent game. Advancing the cause of freedom with a sniper rifle represents the best combination in the video game industry.

Is the aggression inspired by violent games (including cartoon like games) really that significant, then? Maybe not. A lot of guys I know play games like that. It would probably be safe to say that 65 percent of male students in this college play some sort of war or battle video game regularly. Are these guys committing violent acts and becoming depressed? Do they become angry and irritable to the point of action just because they play games that model it (or those that only model violence in a war context)? No they don't. And that says as much as any survey or study.

Jeffrey Goldstien, Ph. D., of the University of Utrecht, writes in his report on the questionable studies on violent video games: "It is not possible to observe real aggression in the laboratory, so researchers must improve indirect measures and indicators of potential aggression." He notes methods used by other researchers to measure aggression, such as killing characters on a video game, asking subjects, and withholding money from another person.

One study tested eighth grade students in a situation in which they were to deduct money for errors made by another student and used that as a measure of aggression. He cites another study that used a word recognition test to see if the subjects thought more about violent words.

Is that real aggressive behavior? If it is, I think these games don't pose a threat to society. Those obsessed with violent games obviously have a significantly higher risk of being seriously affected. The rest of us should remember to play in moderation and not let the game get to our heads. The video game industry should tighten up the rating system and make sure parents know what's in these games. As for these extreme acts of violence, they don't come from playing video games.

### PERSPECTIVES

## How did the hurricanes that hit the Gulf Coast affect you?



Victoria Bottemiller  
 Prepress & Imaging

"It was a wake-up call for the U.S. to have compassion for other human beings. I have a cousin and friend there, and they came out okay".

"I had a similar experience with hurricane Ivan in Mexico. I was alone studying abroad for six months--it makes you realize how important family is. It made me sick and sad and wanted to help in person."



Rebecca Ortiz  
 Undecided Major



Roman Geigle  
 Oregon Transfer

"I worked and lived in New Orleans, where the flooding was the worst. My friends live there and they

chose to stay because of their pets. I haven't heard anything from them, but I'm sure their house was destroyed. I'm a paramedic with Northwest Medical Teams. FEMA called and cancelled after requesting a hundred teams."

"It makes you realize people need to come together and made me feel closer



Alysa Bowen  
 Nursing

to people in our own country. There are things we can do here to help, like donate blood."

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

#### Favorite Mistakes Sports Bar

FMSB now hiring all positions for mid October opening. Apply in person at the NEW Lake Shore Lanes complex 5432 Pacific Blvd. Monday - Friday, 4pm - 7pm.

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

#### Pizza Delivery Driver (#3690

& 3686) If you like driving around and making tips, these 2 jobs in Albany are for you!

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& #3683 in Corvallis) If you have experience with children or 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours in Early Childhood Education.

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Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission.

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## LB adjusts rules to help Katrina victims

Jennifer Overholser  
The Commuter

LBCC is providing assistance to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina and is offering a 12 credit tuition waiver to in-district military veterans.

The LBCC Board of Educa-

tion has agreed to expedite all admissions, waive application and student ID fees for displaced students and offer in-state tuition rates for the 2005-06 school year. Dean of Enrollment Management Bruce Clemetsen and enrollment service managers are available to assist these students

with registration and admission on an individual basis.

In addition, as part of an LBCC program called Project Welcome Home, veterans who have been honorably discharged or released from active duty in good standing from the National Guard, Reserves, or other branch

of the service since the beginning of 2002 are being offered free tuition for up to 12 credits through fall term 2006.

A further benefit of this program is that classes outside of a degree program that financial aid won't cover can be paid for with the waiver. Students interested in applying for the waiver must speak with the veterans' benefits specialist in the Financial Aid Office. The specialist must be contacted each term the waiver is going to be used.

Students applying for the waiver are also helped on a case-by-case basis in order to maximize the benefits available, according to Clemetsen.

Clemetsen emphasizes how much the school is willing to help out based on individual situations, citing examples of students who have been called to duty, interrupting their progress in school. For example, if a student is unable to attend fall term because of military involvement, financial aid benefits may be pushed ahead to winter term and if students in a special program have to be away for part of a school year, a spot in the program can be held for the following year.

Students can also get three physical education credits for participating in basic training. LBCC is in the process of joining an organization that promotes programs that give credit for military experience. Students can also take military science classes at OSU through LBCC.

Further information about Project Welcome Home can be found on the LBCC website.



photo contributed by Lewis Franklin

Cars covered with debris and demolished homes were common sights in flood ravaged New Orleans.

## Katrina: Lewis witnesses devastation

### ◀ From Pg. 1

beach when all the little jellyfish get caught and die on the beach. Muck sucks at your boots, six inches deep in places, with a brown layer on top that opens to a dark oily sludge underneath."

The neighborhood Franklin monitored was located on the east side of the Commercial Canal on the far eastern side of Orleans Parish, from the Northern Levee to the Mississippi Levee. The area was completely abandoned, except for "a ragtag ensemble of dogs and cats," Franklin said, many of which they were able to provide food and water for.

While there, Franklin monitored water levels and checked the identification of news crews that were entering the area. He said that his unit was instructed to help any people who were unable to evacuate.

They didn't find any people in his sector that needed help, but he was told that the Oregon National Guard was able to rescue 874 people in other sections of New Orleans.

"There's no way to describe the absolute devastation," Franklin said, describing it as an assault on the senses.

After spending a year in Iraq, which he returned from in April, he compared his experiences in New Orleans. He explained that in Iraq he had an idea of what to

expect, but in New Orleans he felt that there was more devastation and some things were more difficult to see, like the people who had died that were lying on the streets.

Franklin indicated that many troops that had gone to Iraq ended up going to New Orleans. He said that seeing the effects of Hurricane Katrina made many of them face things that they hadn't dealt with after returning from Iraq.

Despite the seemingly hopeless situation, Franklin sees the possibility that things could be better for the people who return. He said that the area he was in had such a terrible crime rate that police would often not patrol it at night, averaging 365 murders a year. He thinks that with rebuilding the people have a chance for a fresh start.

The levee that the barge broke through was patched up, but when Hurricane Rita's system began to cause tidal surges, the water broke through and flooded the neighborhood again, Franklin said. Authorities anticipated that the return of floodwaters to New Orleans wouldn't slow down their progress too much and many were thankful that the areas were already evacuated.

Franklin has been with the Oregon National Guard since January of 1995. He began teaching at LBCC about five years ago after teaching at Chemeketa for six

years. He said that he appreciates how supportive the school has been, working with him when he was called to duty twice at the start of a school year.

## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

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## LBCC offers streamlined scholarship process

**Steven Farrens**  
 The Commuter

The process of earning a scholarship is historically back breaking, involving long paperwork, difficult essays and impossible criteria.

If you do muster up the strength to turn in the paperwork on Web sites like Fastweb and College Board, you then find yourself in a lottery with thousands of other students across the country, all vying for the same prize.

But for LBCC students, there's a simpler way, one that doesn't involve the stress or the luck. In fact, if you apply for scholarships through the Linn-Benton Community College Foundation, your odds of gaining that scholarship are as good as flipping heads or tails.

The LBCC Foundation offers over \$55,000 in scholarship awards for the fall-term alone. There are a wide

*"The biggest obstacle is applying. For our spring scholarship process, almost one in two applicants received a scholarship."*

► Stacy Wren

variety of criteria for each of the 27 different awards, so nearly every student could qualify for at least one scholarship. Some require certain majors, while others only ask that you attend the school part-time. And don't worry about your grade-point average, because they are not all merit-based—in fact, most of them don't require more than a 2.0.

"The biggest obstacle is applying," said financial aid specialist Stacy Wren. She described the process as an easy two-page application, one that won't take more than 45 minutes to complete. In the past, the number of applicants has been relatively low, so the

competition for most scholarships has been weak.

"For our spring scholarship process, almost one in two applicants received a scholarship."

The scholarship information can be found at [linnbenton.edu/scholarships](http://linnbenton.edu/scholarships). The website has all the criteria for every scholarship available from the Foundation, and also provides a downloadable application to complete either on the computer or by hand. It is important to remember to apply for scholarships available during this term; your application will be declined if it is for the wrong part of the school year.

Also, note where the scholarship is supposed to be delivered. While many are returned to the Financial Aid Office, some might have to go to a specific department around campus.

Above all, be sure to submit your application before the Oct. 28 deadline for fall term scholarships. A quick 45 minutes might just pay this year's tuition.



photo by Kyla Hoyt

### Almost Ready to Move In

The new North Santiam Hall construction project is proceeding on schedule, according to Facilities Manager Kevin Nicholson. He expects students will be attending classes starting winter term. The project was begun last year and is being completed not only on time, but also within budget. An open house is scheduled for mid-winter term, on Feb. 23. Art students are being invited to create designs for permanent art and lighting sculpture that will hang in the center atrium in the new building. Information on the art competition is available from Dean of Arts & Communication Gary Ruppert at 917-4534.

## Marv Kirk remembered at memorial dedication

**Sherry Majeski**  
 The Commuter

A dedication ceremony was held on Thursday in the Willamette Hall to honor Marv Kirk, a math instructor who passed away on April 10, 2005.

The LBCC Math Department has received donations to purchase a bench in his memory and placed it at the Math Help Desk, where Kirk sat and helped students with their math problems. An engraved plate "in loving memory of Marv Kirk. Devoted

son, brother, husband, father, teacher and friend?" graces the bench.

Cathy Lovinger gave a slide presentation to a full room of his friends and family, of things Kirk had left behind such as awards, limericks and math fun things. Lynn Trimpe, math teacher, presented a photo of Kirk with two framed limericks marking his life here at LBCC.

Kirk worked at the math desk for 13 years where he was devoted to the math success of LBCC students.

## ASG leads campaign to register voters

**Steven Farrens**  
 The Commuter

The LBCC Associated Student Government is sponsoring a voter registration booth through Oct. 14 at a table located just outside the Career Center.

For those students who need more inspiration to register, the booth will have free coffee and donuts during its last week.

Voter registration can be done at the booth between 8:30-10 a.m. In addition, application forms can be picked up from the offices of Admissions, Registration and Student Life & Leadership.

For more information, contact Erin Moseley, the public relations secretary, at 917-4462.

## Month honors Latinos

**Maria Gonzalez**  
 The Commuter

Because most Latin American countries, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Mexico, celebrate their independence this time of year, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

In celebration of this month, the Multicultural Center has been participating in several events. Coming up on Oct. 15 is a fiesta organized by the Linn-Benton Hispanic Advisory Committee (of which LBCC is a member). It will be held from 10-4 p.m. at Linus Pauling Middle School in Corvallis. This free public event will feature information, workshops, cultural presentations and folklore dancers.

The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers

to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. There are more than 35 million people who identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 census.

Latinos have made a lot of contributions to this country as well as their birth countries, sending money home to support their families.

The culture and development of Latinos is getting more important to U.S. culture everyday. For example, several leading entertainment and political figures are Latino—the famous actor Andy Garcia, the actress Sonia Manzano, U.S. treasurer Anna Escobedo Cabral, and labor leader Cesar Chavez. The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) is demonstrating that Latinos who were born in this country are increasing and participating in politics, culture, and in communications.

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# SPORTS

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## Activities Center sports new look after remodel

Dan Wise  
The Commuter

Bright sunlight streamed through the windows forming the two outside walls of the new LBCC weight training room as staff, the public and members of the LBCC Foundation watched members of The Albany Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors cut the ribbon officially opening the remodeled Activities Center on Thursday the week before classes started.

The ceremony was in the new 4,000-square-foot weight training room, part of a \$635,000 remodel of Linn-Benton's aging sports facilities. In addition, the old weight room was transformed into a multiuse facility with hardwood floors and mirrors lining its brightly painted walls.

The room will be used for jazzercise, Pilates, dance aerobics and more according to Athletic Director Greg Hawk who led a tour through the new facility.

The newly remodeled women's locker room features an additional 250-square-feet with individual showers and dressing areas. "When I first got here, there were so many complaints about the women's locker room being too small," said LBCC President Rita Cavin.

Both classroom and office space were also expanded allowing for future expansion of classes.

The highlight of the expansion is the weight room with its two walls of windows looking

out on the track and baseball field. Air conditioning will keep those using the gleaming new state of the art weight training and aerobics equipment cooler. Around \$170,000 worth of new equipment joins some saved from the old room on a black rubber, protective mat.

"I like having it so open. It doesn't make you feel so caged in," said Sierra Kahnmoioian, a second-year sports and exercise science major who plans to be an athletic director. "The new machines are designed better and everything is nice and clean."

"It's not as big [as some other facilities] but it's fantastic. It's so awesome. It has everything you need," said AJ Dionne, head LBCC women's basketball coach. She feels that it helps with recruiting in a tight community college market. "It's something we have all wanted for a while," she continued.

The project was designed by D.J. Architecture from Albany and was completed two months early. "To get this done on time was really pretty much a miracle," said Brad Carman in a later interview. Carman is an instructor in Health and Human Performance.

One of the main goals in planning the project was to increase flexibility, according to Carman. They needed to accommodate people with weight lifting skills ranging from the technical to the novice and expand the times available for circuit training.

Carman feels the remodel accomplishes both those goals. He and the committee he headed



photo by Dan Wise

LB President Rita Cavin is joined by Albany Chamber Ambassadors (from left) Bill Cloutere, Joseph Novak, Greg Barham, Debbie Blasquez and Wes Price during the grand opening ceremonies for LB's newly remodeled Activities Center. Many students have already taken advantage of the new facilities. At right, Wandering Star, a horse management major, tries out the new state-of-the-art weight training machine.

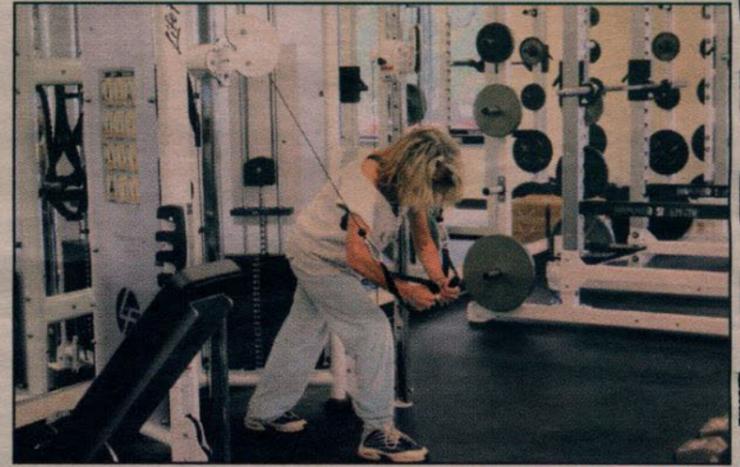


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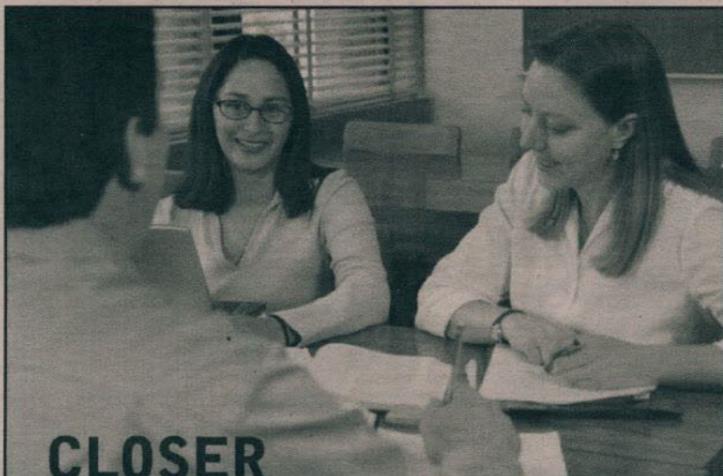
spent a great deal of time gathering input for the design and outfitting of the facility.

"It's nice for body training," said Ryan Fricke, who also regularly works out at the Dixon

Center on the OSU campus. "It's smaller but the equipment is just as nice."

Because the project was completed so early, class numbers have not been increased this

term. Carman does see an expansion in the near future. Staff are encouraged to sign up for the fitness option and students have many class options throughout the day.



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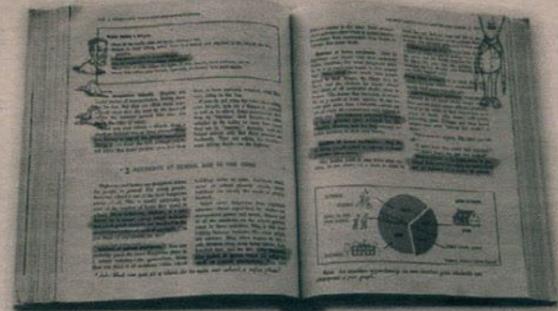
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## Runners hope to take charge at home

Caleb Hawley  
 The Commuter

Fall season may have just begun, but the Roadrunners volleyball season is just hitting full swing.

Since the season began Aug. 19, Head Coach Jayme Frazier's team has seen a lot of success. Their record (20-7, 2-2 league play) and their tournament appearances (9/2 Bellevue Tournament champions on Sept. 2 and Whatcom Crossover Tournament runners-up on Oct. 1) are the proof of what they can do.

The Runners are just one game out of first place in the southern division of the NWAACC behind Mt. Hood C.C. The Runners have an opportunity to take charge of the division with a stretch of three home league games—tonight against Clackamas C.C., Friday against Mt. Hood C.C., and again next Wednesday against Chemeketa C.C.

"I feel pretty good. We've had successes as far as wins; the team has really bonded," says Frazier.

The 2005 team has five sophomores and one red-shirt sophomore to lead a talented group of players. "This group has done a really good job filling any positions that we may have missed from last year's sophomore departures," says Frazier.

Outstanding individual achievement hasn't gone unnoticed this year. Kathy Gellatly has received Bellevue Tournament Most Valuable Player honors as well as Whatcom Crossover Tournament



photo by Erik Swanson

Jenifer Bassett, Chelsea Hartman and Monica Samsa attempt to block a spike in a straight-set loss to Chemeketa Wednesday.

All-Star honors. Darci Williamson also received Player of the Week awards in the Southern division for the second week of play.

Frazier also commented on the achievement of Monica Samsa, "She is our primary setter. A real key to success is to

have a setter who really commands the court, Monica does that."

Several of the stats being put on the board have been nothing short of amazing. LB has a group of assassins on its hands. Erika Nay has accumulated 220 kills, executing nearly 26 percent of the

time; Kathy Gellatly has 204 kills on 25 execution; and Chelsea Hartman has 121 kills on nearly 33 percent execution. Collectively the team has mustered 952 kills versus 227 by opponents. Aces are 152-37, digs are 1075-401, and successful blocks are 130-36.

## Coaches use fall baseball tryouts to shape spring roster

Jake Rosenberg  
 The Commuter

It's still four months till the start of the college baseball season but don't tell LB coaches Greg Hawk and Harvey Miller. They head the early fall practices on the baseball field during every weekday for the two three-week, one-credit segments going through Nov. 1.

All are welcome to join the open classroom for fundamental and practice-drill situations whether they plan to play in

the spring or just love playing baseball.

"Fall practice is a chance for anybody to come out and play and it gives us an early look to see if we made the right recruiting choices," Miller says. "It is also an opportunity for us to evaluate a player's baseball knowledge and see how they play and interact with others."

While the Runners' 2005 season prematurely ended without a trip to the playoffs, the time off gave the staff an early shot at new recruits for this upcoming season. Hawk and Miller are veteran scouts con-

fidant that their new crop of freshmen will offset the loss of key players from last year's squad.

Dominating pitcher Kyle Atchley will not return this year, so the program will count on the infusion of youth to replace his production on the mound.

At the plate, red-shirt sophomore Tim Puckett returns for 2006 as the Runners' offensive standout.

"He shows merit by example," said coach Miller about the quiet leader who was once a fall walk-on hopeful. "Every

once in a while you find a sleeper in the fall practices that becomes an all-league player like Tim." Miller added, "he is just one of many in a great mix of young men and a very respectful group."

LB will need all the help and talent they can find this fall, as the Southern Division remains one of the elite in the NWAACC.

"Mt. Hood and Lane are always going to be strong," the always-emphatic Hawk says. "But it's an exciting year to be a Roadrunner."

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 SOUPS: Chicken Noodle, Cream of Broccoli  
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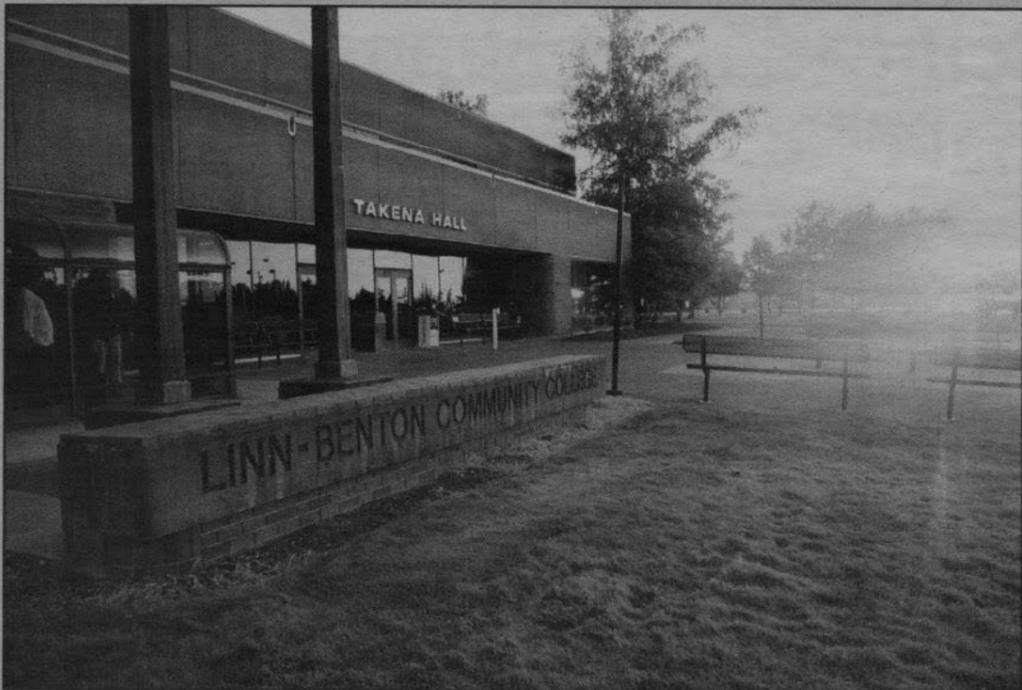
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# CAMPUS NEWS

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



## Event welcomes minority students

Elizabeth Beckham  
The Commuter

The Multicultural Center welcomed newly registered minority students to LBCC last Friday with friendly faces, an array of foods, and games to break the ice and get to know each other.

Center Director Jason Miller organized the event in hopes of creating "an event to formally welcome minority students and introduce them to the Multicultural Center and its resources."

The approximately 40 people who attended learned about the center's resources, such as access to scholarship information, counseling, tutors, faculty mentoring, and family resources like childcare. Dana Emerson, a first-year speech teacher, said she signed up to be a faculty mentor to students because "it's always good to promote cultural diversity."

Latino Student Ambassador Mercedes Gutierrez passed out flyers to start a new Latino Club. Mike Holland, LBCC vice president of Academic Affairs, and Angie Klampe, an LBCC counselor, spoke briefly encouraging all students to take advantage of the resources available so their time at LBCC will be as successful as possible.

Door prizes including gift certificates to the LBCC Bookstore for \$250 and a three-credit refund from the foundation were given away.

### Dawn of a New Term

photo by Dan Wise

A rising sun illuminates Takena Hall, beckoning students to a new year at Linn-Benton Community College. The first week of classes drew fewer students than the same time last year, but enrollment numbers won't be final until the fourth week.

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photo by Dan Wise  
Leslie Mulkius, a first-year business major and a regular Loop Bus rider, says, "People who are smart ride the bus."

## Local buses offer free rides

Neal Jones  
The Commuter

Through this coming week, local bus services are providing free bus rides in the form of TryTransit Week. This is an opportunity for everyone to get to know the transit system that services much of Linn and Benton counties.

LBCC students are already able to ride free on all bus rides with a student ID that has the current term sticker. This normally doesn't include the Albany or Corvallis Transit buses, although this week every bus ride is free.

Dean of Students Diane Watson, who is the LBCC staff liaison for the Linn-Benton Loop Transit Commission, said the college partners with the loop to get discounts for students, and

that a student election in 1999 led to the Pass Program, which uses student fees to allow all LB students with a valid student ID to ride the loop for free.

"Free transportation helps to support the dual enrollment program, which is a great program that offers students the best of both worlds in university and community college benefits," she said.

LB pays \$7,500 in general fund dollars and \$7,500 in student fees for the pass; OSU also contributes for the pass for the dual enrolled students, who can also ride Corvallis buses for free.

More information on transportation can be found at a link on the LBCC main page at [www.linnbenton.edu](http://www.linnbenton.edu) and at a bulletin board with carpooling lists outside the Financial Aid Office.

## Relocation of Support Lab makes daily studying easier

Sherry Majeski  
The Commuter

The Takena Support Lab has relocated to HO-114 and is now known simply as The Support Lab.

According to Disability Service Support Lab Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator for Disability Services Kathy Knecht-Miner, "Moving the lab was a part of a college wide plan to put student services on the first floor and classes on the second floor."

The Support Lab is open to all LBCC students for drop in assistance on math (Math 20—Math 95) and writing help through WR115.

Other services available are:

- Computer lab
- Time management help
- Organizational help
- Study skills
- Adaptive software

- Assistive technology
- Testing accommodations
- Quiet study space

The lab is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Fawny Vernon and Kris Brown are the newest members of the staff and will be available for math and writing help.

Brown has started tutoring students in math because of her ability to work with students of varying background.

Vernon has been tutoring math for 15 years, worked with disability students for 10 years, and worked with students with head injuries and brain trauma for three years. Vernon has also tutored at the Learning Center for the last year.

She said, "We all have our challenges one way or the other and I believe in having creative strategies for learning to overcome any challenge. We believe in having a full inclusion support lab to accommodate everybody, not just disability students."

## Commuter editor named finalist in national reporting competition

LBCC News Service

Commuter Editor Dan Wise was named one of six Reporter of the Year finalists by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) in a national contest held yearly for two and four-year colleges.

In addition, the ACP named The Commuter one of several Pacemaker Award finalists for overall excellence for the 2004-05 year. The paper was one of only 13 community college papers to achieve the honor nationally, and one of only three in the Northwest. The others were the Seattle Central Community College and North Idaho College student papers.

Wise is a second-year journalism major who was selected to be the editor-in-chief of The Commuter this year.

"I was surprised I won," said Wise. "But this is a nice way to start off the year, coming in as the new editor of The Commuter."

Wise, who lives on Riverside

Drive between Corvallis and Albany, decided to change careers after working in the landscaping field since 1979, enrolling last winter in LBCC's journalism program.

Entries in the Reporter of the Year competition consist of a reporter's three best single news or feature stories published in a college newspaper during the competition year, with separate

categories for two-year and four-year schools. The three stories that Wise submitted included a story on the LBCC Science Labs, a feature story about an LBCC groundskeeper, and a story on credit card debt.

Final winners of the ACP contests will be formally announced at the National College Media Convention held in Kansas City Oct. 26-30.

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Oct. 5  
 11:30a.m.- 1p.m.  
 All School Picnic  
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Oct. 6 - 8  
 8 p.m.  
 "Seven Year Itch"  
 Albany Civic Theater  
 111 W. First Street

Oct. 7  
 7 p.m.  
 Women's Volleyball  
 Clackamas C.C. vs. LBCC

Oct. 12  
 Nagasaki Presentation  
 Multicultural Center

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 "Blowholes"  
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## 'Seven Year Itch' shines at ACT

Colleen Franzoia  
 The Commuter

### REVIEW

**H**urry to catch the last weekend of Albany Civic Theater's production of George Axelrod's "The Seven Year Itch," directed by Jackie Tasker.

The play debuted on Broadway in 1952, was later adapted to the silver screen in 1955. The movie starred Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell-who originated the role on stage.

ACT's talented cast did the story justice. Local veteran actor Gary Tharp of Corvallis nails his role of the neurotic Richard Sherman with style. Sherman, left to fend for himself in New York one summer while his wife of seven years (Nancy Beaudry of Corvallis) takes a trip with their daughter.

At first, content to relax on the terrace of his upscale apartment listening to the Brooklyn Dodgers on the radio, Sherman's imagination rockets into hyperspace once he meets the lovely young woman who is subletting the apartment upstairs. Influ-

enced by a magazine article that stated most married men commit adultery after seven years of marriage, Richard is afraid life has passed him by-and wants to prove to himself he still has a way with the ladies. He loves his wife, but is afraid things have gone stale.

As *The Girl*, Caren Parmenter of Albany is gorgeous, talented and manages to make the role all her own. No easy feat trying to fill the shoes of Marilyn Monroe. Although slightly naïve, *The Girl* feigns sophistication to impress Sherman, but quickly figures out that Sherman wants to seduce her-even though in his first bungled attempt to woo her, he knocked her off the piano bench.

Richard fantasizes about several young women, all of whom come to visit him in his daydreams.

Throughout the show, he is visited by his conscience played by Jacob Maynard of Salem. Should he or shouldn't he?

That is the question. Of course *The Girl*, is also visited by her conscience played by Shauna Kieftuk of Albany. Should she or shouldn't she?

The beautiful set designed by Ross Jackson and rich lighting by John Elliott adds to the overall atmosphere of the show.

Rounding out the cast is Taylor Moffat, Stephanie Slinger, Jim Schweitzer, Tim De Quillettes, of Albany, Jaclyn Moore, Jacque O'Mealy and John Sams, of Corvallis.

The final weekend run is Oct. 6, 7 and 8. Curtain time for all remaining performances is 8 p.m.

The theater is in the middle of a much-needed remodeling on the front of the historic building. Volunteers have supplied much of the labor, and all consider it a labor of love. Don't mind the dust, they're open for business.

Albany Civic Theater is located at 111 W. First Street in downtown Albany. For ticket information and other facts about ACT, visit their website at [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org).

## Restaurants donate to hurricane relief tonight

Colleen Franzoia  
 The Commuter

disasters.

Dine for America, a national event that was established after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, has restaurants across the country donating to the cause.

Tonight several local restaurants will donate a portion of their proceeds to the American Red Cross to aid in relief of the recent Gulf Coast hurricane

Some area restaurants participating are Big River, Elmer's, and Ruby Tuesdays, in Corvallis, Red Robin, Pizza King and Burger King, in Albany, Shari's, Figaro's Pizza and Bing's Kitchen, in Lebanon and Figaro's Pizza in Sweet Home.

## Market: Many vendors derive most of their income from Saturday event

◀ From Pg. 12 for people."

Further down the street, a pair of flower vendors is enjoying their first year at the market. Judy Hudson and Curtis Colt, the owners of Alsea River Gardens from Waldport, specialize in the sale of Hydrangea blooms. Their booth is one of the most vibrant with the blooms of their Hydrangeas ranging from deep, soft purples to bright, striking blues. The colors, Colt explains, are determined by the acids in the soil in which Hydrangeas grow.

While most of the vendors rely solely on the income generated by their sales at this market and others in the region, there are a few who do not. Nina Ventra, otherwise known as Queen Pretzel, from Corvallis, also works as a waitress and is involved in crafts, making exquisite finger puppets for sale. She loves the Corvallis Farmers' Market because, as she explains, "Being right here in the community, and meeting and trading with your friends and neighbors, there's just nothing like it!"

Amy Shoener of Cloud Run Farms, Philomath, another

original vendor, sits among her booth of jams, apples, grapes, pears and sheep products and explains that, "We are not a big money seller, but we don't want anything from our farm to go to waste." After she and her husband, who works as a professor at OSU, bought their farm in King's Valley they realized that it produced too much food for them to consume, so they bring anything they cannot use to the market.

One booth that does not depend on the market for their sole source of income is the Oregon Gourmet Cheeses stand of Albany, an independent. After gaining interest in Australian cheeses, explains Lori Richter, the founders of Oregon Gourmet Cheeses went on to learn how to make the specialty Australian cheeses and opened their own business in 2002.

They use the milk from only one dairy herd, the Gourley Family Farm from Scio, to ensure the cheeses' quality, and they send their products to a variety of markets, and also sell from both their location in Albany and their Web site.

"We love the Corvallis Mar-

ket," Richter says, "because we love the people that are here!"

Although the Corvallis Farmers' Market is entering its final weeks-it closes on Nov. 19 this-it is crowded every Saturday morning.

The numerous consumers that crowd the brightening street belong to a variety of ages and incomes ranging from entire families - including dogs - to lone individuals.

"Oh, we have been coming here since forever," jokes Gary Peters, as he and his wife, Andrea, take a pause from shopping and set down their packed basket. "We're here almost every weekend," adds Andrea. In fact, they explain, during the summer, the Corvallis Saturday Market becomes their main source of produce.

Mary Martens of Corvallis comes almost every week to the market to walk her dog, Andy, whom she describes laughingly as being the Heinz 57 variety of terrier. Andy, she explains, loves to meet new people. "I just love to walk and socialize with Andy, and very occasionally I'll buy something," she says, and smiles.

## Nagasaki visit aired Oct. 12

Walt Hughes  
 The Commuter

Japan where they attended the memorial ceremony commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city's destruction during WWII.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan were almost completely destroyed by atomic bombs as we ushered in the nuclear age in August of 1945.

Andrew Jones and Menonite pastor Mat Friesen will be giving a presentation in the Multicultural Center at noon on Wednesday, October 12 about events and interesting points of their recent trip to Nagasaki,

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# DISCOVERY

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## Locals find it fresh amid bustle of Farmers' Market

Davis Rogers  
The Commuter

**E**arly fall Saturday mornings in Corvallis are cool and dark, and most streets are empty. The only movement visible on a walk through the city is the steady, scattering of freshly dropped golden brown leaves.

One street, however, bustles with life, sound and color in the early morning shadow. The Corvallis Saturday Farmers' Market has been crowding First Street since 1991, and this year it has been busy as usual.

The vendors arrive long before the market's opening at 9 a.m. and bring the street to life with their rapid, but measured, unloading of produce-laden vehicles, some of which remain parked at their owners' booth sites till the market closes at 1 p.m. An air of organized informality builds as small groups of early customers begin to wander through the half-finished booths, talking with the vendors and occasionally making an early purchase.

There is a certain amount of idealism behind the Corvallis Saturday Market that is highlighted on the markets' Web site, [www.locallygrown.org](http://www.locallygrown.org), which states that farmers' markets "meet certain community needs that had been swept aside in pursuit of a 'modern' food distribution system." Markets are able to accomplish this, it explains, by "educating consumers about how their food is grown and processed, all the while supporting small family farmers, whose continued existence depends on direct marketing opportunities, and related small-scale economic activity."

This philosophy is echoed by Market Director, Rebecca Landis.

"We are doing something that helps small farmers make a



living by providing an opportunity for them to cater to a large variety of ages and incomes. For years a lot of small farms in the Willamette Valley depended on contracts with local canneries for most of their income, but recently the increase in cannery closings has meant a lot of lost contracts."

But the Corvallis Farmers' Market, and the other farmers' markets in the area, provide more than just a replacement of lost income; they provide farmers with the opportunity to not only control the prices of their produce, but also to interact with their consumers, who provide immediate and constant input.

To understand why the Corvallis Saturday Farmers' Market succeeds, simply walk down First Street Saturday morning in the fall. The street becomes crowded with consumers replacing the quiet bustle of preparation with the steady chatter of business. This year, roughly 40 vendor booths line the street, and the wares range from fresh-picked fruit and flowers to gourmet cheeses and wine.

One booth is home to Denison Farms of Corvallis. Tom Denison and his wife Elizabeth Kerle have been bringing their fresh produce to the market since it opened almost 15 years ago, explains Kerle. She moves through

the neat piles of fresh fruit and vegetables, offering free samples of melon to browsing customers. Like most of the vendors, farmers' markets provide Kerle and Denison with their sole source of income.

"We love it here!" she says, noting the growth the market has experienced over the years. "I feel like the recent completions along the riverfront—for example the new fountain, and the many new businesses—make the market more of an attraction

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Ten-year-old Tatiana Hargreaves of Corvallis earns money for music camp by playing for donations at the Farmers' Market most Saturdays. She keeps an open fiddle case on the ground that passers-by generously fill with coins and bills.



Elizabeth Kerle of Denison Farms appreciates the improvements to the Corvallis Riverfront, which she credits with making the area more attractive and boosting attendance at the market every Saturday.

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