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IN THE DARK...

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PHOTO: MCKENNA CHRISTMAS

Patrick Tangey is a "haunter" at the Melon Shack corn maze in Corvallis.



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# COMEDY AT THE TRIPP

LBCC Welcomes Comedians Nina G and Mean Dave to the Russell Tripp Theater Oct. 25, Noon

## COURTESY OF LBCC NEWS SERVICE

Comedians Nina G and Mean Dave will perform their stand-up comedy routines at Linn-Benton Community College Friday, October 25 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Nina G is San Francisco Bay Area's favorite female stuttering stand-up comedian (granted she is the only one). She is also a disability activist, storyteller, children's book author and educator. She brings her humor to help people confront and understand social justice issues such as disability, diversity, and equity. Her new book "Stutterer Interrupted: The Comedian who almost didn't happen" was recently released.

Mean Dave is a stand-up comedian. He is a regular at Cobb's Comedy Club, Punch Line in SF and Sacramento and Rooster T. Feathers and has opened for headliners such as Judy Tenuta, Big Jay Oakerson, Allan Havey, Tom Rhodes, and Josh Blue. He is also the illustrator of the children's book Once Upon An Accommodation: A Book About Learning Disabilities.

Dave has performed with the Comedians with Disabilities Act as an addict in recovery from drugs and



alcohol. Mean Dave also appears in Nina G's book Stutterer Interrupted: The Comedian Who Almost Didn't Happen and performs with Nina at colleges and events across the US. The two talk about being an ally to people with disabilities and brings a unique perspective to Disability awareness.

The show is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Center for Accessibility Resources and co-sponsored by LBCC's Freedom of Expression Committee.

# CAMPUS VOICE

What is your favorite word, and why?

**HAYDEN WALTERS  
BUSINESS**

"MY FAVORITE WORD IS 'DITLY,' BECAUSE I CAN USE IT IN ANY SITUATION."

**MARIA MEYNER  
UNDECLARED**

"I LIKE 'HYPERBOLE' BECAUSE IT'S SPELLED AN INTERESTING WAY, AND I TEND TO EXAGGERATE A LOT; SO I GET TO USE IT."

**DESTINY BLEVINS  
NDT**

"I LIKE THE WORD 'FUN.' IT'S A GOOD REMINDER THAT LIFE SHOULDN'T BE ALL ABOUT WORK AND BEING OVERLY FOCUSED; WE SHOULD ALL HAVE A GOOD TIME WHILE WE'RE HERE."

**LOGAN CLARK  
ENGINEERING**

"MY FAVORITE WORD IS 'SLATT' BECAUSE IT'S JUST FUN TO SAY."

**MADISON DUNAWAY  
BOTANY**

"I LOVE THE WORD 'MURKY' BECAUSE IT EVOKES SUCH A VIVID SWAMPY FEELING; IT SOUNDS MYSTERIOUS IN A WAY."



STORY AND PHOTOS: DAVIS IHDE





# HARVEST THERAPY

*Veterans Gardening Club Provides Stress Relief and Fresh Produce to LBCC*

STORY BY **MCKENNA CHRISTMAS**

As the multicolored leaves gracefully fall to the Earth's soft ground, the smell of the post-rain from this year's early fall season is too much to resist. The crisp air follows Miriam Edell out to Linn Benton's on-campus community garden as she harvests fresh produce from the carefully groomed crops.

Starting as a gardening club for veterans made by veterans, The Veterans Gardening Club is struggling to keep its doors open. After three years of being in movement, LBCC causes not just a threat to make cuts to the volunteer-run garden, but also to the horticulture program in addition to the on-campus greenhouse. What will happen to the resources that help the garden stay afloat is still unclear. However, Edell and her garden associate M'Liss Runyon refuse to allow any outside stress to affect their time tending to the plants. "Gardening is therapy. It just promotes mental health. It's pretty hard to get stressed out here." Runyon elegantly offers as she breezes by with a gallon of water.

After working for nine and a half years as part-time faculty and as a part-time staff member as an instructional specialist in the horticulture department at LBCC, Edell hand waters each plant with the knowledge of the necessary care each crop requires. Despite the "club" hours every Tuesday from noon to 12:50 p.m. Edell and Runyon push people to arrive any time of any day of the week to relieve themselves of your typical "office environment," and encourage people to unwind in the open air. Welcome to plant any crop the two-acre garden, the club members take the food they need while the remaining products are donated to LBCC's Parenting Program.

"The goal is for mental health, comradery, and connection," Edell said. "For the people that work out here, the goal is to grow food, healthy food, and to teach people how to grow that food organically." In hopes of fighting the unjustifiable cuts against the hands-on efforts of the whole horticulture program, Edell and Runyon persist by letting go of their worries by absorbing the gentle aesthetic of the garden next to the Luckiamute Center. Together, the gardeners



welcome anyone to stop by and experience their hand in hardening with the intention to let go of stresses, to focus on the soft grounds of the dirt and the gentle sun-kissed leaves. Bring your seeds, gloves, and shovel, to leave your worries, stresses, and anxieties behind for a few hours of solitude in LBCC's open garden.



PHOTOS: MCKENNA CHRISTMAS

**M'Liss Runyon and Miriam Edell care for and water the plants and encourage students to enjoy the open air of the Veteran's Garden.**

## DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

In recognition of National Disability Awareness Month, the Center for Accessibility Resources invites you to join special events during the month of October, including weekly information sessions, a lunch discussion, history exhibit, and live comedy show.

All events are free and open to everyone.

For more information on the events planned for Disability Awareness Month, scan the QR code below or visit

<https://qr.go.page.link/ZsahH>





# INTERATIONAL STUDENT FAIR

LBCC Welcomes Universities from Across the Country to Provide International Students with Transfer Options



## University of Minnesota Duluth

Location: Duluth, Minnesota

Rep: Chris Haidos

- Part of the prestigious University of Minnesota educational system yet smaller in size and focused on undergraduate student success.
- Proven record of preparing students for full, funded admission to the top public and private graduate and professional schools in the United States
- Location, location, location! On the western tip of Lake Superior, the largest body of freshwater in the world and an international port city. Students enjoy four full seasons, a vibrant arts and music scene, and the opportunity to meet others from around the world.

## University of Portland

Location: Portland, Oregon

Rep: Gwen Sandford

- At UP, students are encouraged to learn through immersive experiences where they dig into real-world work. Internships, clinical experiences, student teaching, practica, research, community service, integrated learning –make up a significant component of your education. The International Student Services office supports students seeking paid off-campus work authorization for practical training.
- Beyond the classroom, we offer a vibrant and welcoming campus community, made up of 10 residence halls, 90+ student clubs and organizations, and NCAA Division I athletic programs.
- All incoming international students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships based on their good grades at LBCC.



## Grand Canyon University

Location: Phoenix, Arizona

Rep: Cody Daniels

- No Out of State Tuition (also applied to international students)
- Merit Based Scholarships starting at \$1,500 - \$6,500 for the year (these are renewable for up to 4 years)
- Our Application is Free (Yes Free!)

## Lewis-Clark State College

Location: Lewiston, Idaho

Rep: Carol Martin

- LCSC offers in-state tuitions to students who graduate from an Oregon or Washington community college. Our in-state tuition is currently set at \$3491/semester and is capped so that students taking more than 12 credits still pay the same amount. This is less than they are paying at LBCC. This scholarship applies to both international and domestic students.
- LCSC's location offers a small town experience and a plethora of outdoor experiences. The college is located in a residential neighborhood in Lewiston Idaho. The institution is located on Nez Perce land which is noted and honored by the multiple sculptures on our beautiful campus. We are also at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater rivers which is great for paddle boarding and boating. We are also close to many camping, hiking, biking, whitewater, and skiing opportunities.
- Because we are small, students receive individualized attention by faculty and staff who are dedicated to helping prepare students become successful leaders, responsible citizens, and lifelong learners.



## Portland State University

Location: Portland, Oregon

Rep: Karen Hanson

- 100% of students graduate with internship or community service experience! We've got hundreds of partnerships in the Portland community, so students get lots of hands-on experience in addition to the classroom.
- Urban campus. We're right in the heart of downtown Portland, so students have the city and all it has to offer at their fingertips.
- PSU has scholarships for transfer students! Up to \$4500 annually, based on gpa.



## University of Washington Bothell

Location: Bothell, Washington

Rep: Jennifer S. Kim

- University of Washington quality education with a smaller campus.
- UW Bothell ranks No. 2. in the nation for public colleges that provide the greatest return on investment.
- Strong majors in STEM and Business.







**Lewis and Clark College**

Location: Portland, Oregon

Rep: Bridget Flaherty

- It's a small, liberal arts college that offers the chance for students to focus on critical thinking and communication while developing strong relationships with faculty and the opportunity to pursue graduate level research.
- A school with a global focus with students coming from over 70 different countries, studying cultures and languages on campus, and sending over 60% of students on study abroad programs.
- Both international and domestic transfer students are eligible for merit scholarships and institutional financial aid, and they can apply up to 68 semester credits transferred from other institutions towards their Lewis & Clark degree.

**Pacific Northwest College of Art**

Location: Portland, Oregon

Rep: Rianna Robertson-LeVay

- PNCA faculty are working artists and designers, so they know what it necessary to be successful in the field.
- Bridgelab, PNCA's career service department, assists students with finding and securing internships to apply skills and education.
- Transfer students with at least 30 semester credits or 45 quarter credits from Oregon community colleges will be considered for additional scholarships.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART**

**Boise State University**

Location: Boise, Idaho

Rep: Celeste Giordani

- AACSB Accredited business school
- Scholarships for transfer students worth up to \$17,000 per year
- Internship opportunities in one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S.

**AT A GLANCE:**

**WHERE:** Commons Cafeteria CC-209

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 29

10 a.m. - noon

**WHO:** This event is aimed at International Students but EVERY STUDENT IS WELCOME!



**University of Kansas**

Location: Lawrence, Kansas

Rep: Seth Coulter

- Top 100 undergraduate schools of Engineering and Business
- Over \$75,000 in grants awarded annually for undergraduate research
- 90% of graduates surveyed were employed or pursuing graduate study

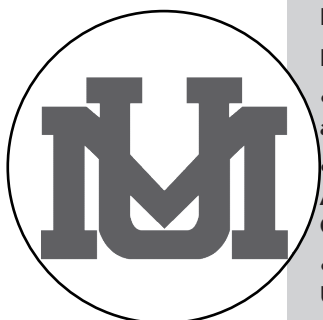


**University of Montana**

Location: Missoula, Montana

Rep: Brigitta Lee

- The world is changing fast and the jobs of tomorrow may not even exist yet. So we are helping students learn how to adapt and innovate and to think critically and creatively, skills that will help them navigate whichever career they find themselves in.
- We have some of the best and most distinctive programs in a variety of fields, including Wildlife Biology (#1 in North America), Journalism (#8 in the U.S.), Business (#1 in the Big Sky Conference), Environmental Science and Resource Conservation, Parks Recreation & Tourism Management, Health Sciences and Creative and Performing Arts.
- We strive to put the student at the center of everything we do. We are intently focused on helping students succeed at UM and preparing them for success once they leave. For international students in particular, the support we provide includes everything from English language study, to writing and public speaking assistance, to meeting American friends and learning about American culture.







Corvallis Locals Prepare for Spooky Season

STORY BY MCKENNA CHRISTMAS

As children, we all have the genuine fear of coming face to face with the absolutely rattling, completely non-fictional, utterly present monster under the bed. We tuck all limbs under the primary-colored comforter to ensure that none of our fleece spiderman pajamas are exposed to be sacrificed to the beast who owns the unexplored realms that is known as the underside of the bed.

Keep your cherished spider man pajamas at home because The Melon Shack on NE Garden Ave. in Corvallis ensures that from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm every weekend during the whole month of October, those monsters from the underneath of your bed slither out into this eight-acre cornfield to look you directly in the eye just in time for the spooks of Halloween.

Corn grown specifically for this month's event and uniquely designed each year by head assistant wrestling coach of Crescent Valley High School and property owner Tim Winn, Winn dedicates this year to the CVHS wrestling team due to their successful year. Winn and worker Kenzie Delahunt collaborate together working long hours to ensure that the commercial section of the property, including the corn maze, pumpkin patch, and other family-friendly fall activities run just as efficiently as the retail section of the property. There they sell products such as pies, pumpkins, hay bales, a variety of squashes, and of course their signature melon selection. While hard at work ensuring an array of products to select from year-round, The Melon Shack also supports local business and food trucks such as Grease Lightning Express and Benny's Doughnuts



Through the first smoke-filled tunnel, 20-year-old Nicole Alexander greets every unsuspecting body with an icy cold stare from her pale porcelain face. Proud of her makeup abilities, Alexander models her looks of what to expect around the first dark turn.

Pictured is a top view of the eight acre corn maze designed by Tim Winn in tribute to the CVHS wrestling team to recognize their victories within their own division







son with a Corn Maze and Monster Make-Up

which can both be found at the maze serving the recently horror-struck maze victims.

Nicole Alexander has been practicing her doll face make-up skills for the haunted corn maze at the Melon Shack for two years fully prepared to capture the screams of full-grown adults. Stationed in the first tunnel Alexander waits patiently to cue the fog and eerie harmonic voices as the next victims choose to walk into the distracting strobe lights causing a wave of uncertainty. The off putting lights and the cloud of fog absorbs and distracts the group until Alexander sees the perfect opportunity to appear no less than five inches, face-to-face, from their horrified faces. "Learn your make-up, always come in costume, and fake blood is your best friend." Alexander offers as she explains the best way to prepare as a "haunter" in the corn maze.

While Alexander elegantly dressed

for the part, other "scarers" are drawn to the blood and gore. Patrick Tangney, also in his second year working in the maze, prepares two hours before his shift in the corn maze by using theatrical latex, toilet paper, melted gelatin, and flesh latex to create the look that haunts anyone that runs into him through the maze. "You need to be a little crazy to work here." Tangney quotes though a later of latex, fake blood, and a mouth full of rewarding doughnuts.

Be prepared to finally look the monster from under your bed dead in the eyes as you revisit it in your adult life at The Melon Shack's haunted corn maze. Where nightmares come to life as the moonlight shines on the labyrinth that holds the captured screams of those courageous enough to enter, The Melon Shack takes no prisoners and shows no mercy in its haunted corn maze.



PHOTOS: MCKENNA CHRISTMAS

Undead Patrick Tangey shows off his haunting sounds behind the latex mask he constructs himself after a night in the corn maze.



# QUARANTINE

## ZOMBIE SIEGE

OCT 25 & 26

7:00 PM

\$ 12

\$ 10 - W - STUDENT ID

LBCC'S BENTON CENTER

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PARENTS STRONGLY CAUTIONED

**PG-13**

Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

Interactive tour of terror

PLEASE NO COSTUMES or BACKPACKS!



World Health Organization



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PHOTO: MEGAN CARROLL

LBCC staff member Gwen Cox folds clothes at the Dollar Sale for most of the day, the sale took place from 10 am to 2pm.



# CAMPUS LIFE

What are students doing around campus? Let's find out...



PHOTO: SABRINA PARSONS

Demonstrating the way their campaign had been mercilessly attacked by hidden arrows, Kady Cutter relieves the attack by playfully bantering with the assailant.

PHOTO: MEGAN CARROLL

Over the course of a few hours, the Dollar Sale had hundreds of visitors, and ultimately raised a record-breaking \$800 for student scholarships.



PHOTO: JACQUELYN CHELSTAD

The first meeting of this year's Global Connections Hangouts club was held in Takena 119 on Wednesday, October 16. The students join in groups to chat and play games after enjoying lunch together.

## First Alternative NATURAL FOODS CO-OP

### Student Produce Tuesday

Every Tuesday at the Co-op, show your LBCC student ID and get 15% OFF all produce!



Discount applies to students of any Oregon college

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Please join President Hamann for the

## 2019 President's Fall Forum

October 23, 2019  
3:00 – 4:30  
Fireside Room

Anticipated topics include:

- Presidential Search
- CFO/COO Search
- Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Work
- Budget
- Upcoming "Short" Legislative Session





PHOTO: CAM HANSON

**Roadrunners clashed with Lane in the beginning of the season, losing 3-1 in a match with them on September 11th.**

# OUTLASTING THE STORM

*LBCC Volleyball still keeps the streak up, beating the Chemeketa Storm and looking ahead to other conference foes*



**STORY BY**  
CAM HANSON

Entering the final month of the regular season, the Linn-Benton Roadrunners volleyball team last lost a match, or a set for that matter, on Saturday, October 5. They lost to one of the best teams in the NWAC, the Rogue Community College Ospreys, who sit at 20-2 overall with a 9-1 conference record. Rogue was the only undefeated team in the south division before they were knocked off in a colossal 3-1 upset by the 13-11 Mt. Hood Community College St. Bernards. Despite the upset, Rogue still has a lead in the standings, barely being placed above the Lane Titans who is also 9-1 in conference. Behind the both of them are the Roadrunners, who have had another great season thus far under tenured head coach Jayme Frazier. After another great performance against the Chemeketa Storm, the Beaks will cap off October against the Umpqua Community College Riverhawks. The Riverhawks sit at 17-13 overall with a 3-6 record in conference, landing them sixth in the south.

Linn-Benton continued their success by beating the Chemeketa Storm 3-0. It was the teams first road contest in two matches but the Roadrunners stood to the challenge and never missed a step. While the Storm sit at 12-17 on the year, they've remained above .500 in

the division with a 5-4 record. The last time the two teams met was on the 20th of September when the Roadrunners outlasted the Storm 3-0, winning their sets 25-15, 25-22, and 25-14. Ally Tow led the team in kills during that contest with eleven, but the offense was well distributed, with eight other Roadrunners contributing.

The high energy continued for LBCC in the

two teams most recent matchup, as the Roadrunners won their sets 25-16, 25-20, and finally 31-29. The Storm was able to surge their way back in the third set to set up an overtime comeback bid, but it ultimately fell short. The extra time allowed some of the groups best talents on offense to shine, as both Ally Tow and Mitra Aftatoni scored double digits in kills with 11 and 13 respectively. Sydnie Johnson had an unbelievable night with a grand 41 assists on the floor; keeping her team on the offensive hunt.

The team looks to cap off October on a high note against an opponent they know they can beat; the Riverhawks. LBCC last played a home and away double header against the team, sweeping them in six total wins. Tow once again led the team in kills in both contests with a total of 35. If the Roadrunners can keep their streak alive, it'll put them one win away from double digit wins in the south, and let them inch ever closer to a playoff spot.

The final month of the regular season is almost upon us, and the Roadrunners have shown us that their power on offense alone can will them to the playoffs. The amazing leadership and teamwork presented all over the team shows us that their ready; and the streak does too. Looming in the distance is a huge game against Rouge, but for the team, its one match at a time.

### Upcoming Games

#### WEDNESDAY:

Pacific University (15-5) vs Mt. Hood (13-11) @ 6:30

Umpqua (17-13) vs Linn-Benton (22-9) @ 6:30  
\*Dig Plnk game

#### FRIDAY:

Clark (11-17) vs Lane (18-8) @ 6:30\* . . . . \*Dig Plnk game

Chemeketa (12-19) vs SW Oregon (15-13) @ 6:30

Clackamas (10-20) vs Rogue (20-2) @ 6:30

## More Sports...



PHOTO: SAMANTHA ADAMS

**Northwest Christian University's Tea Chatelain (631) carries fellow teammate Rebecca Kuskie (633) as she crosses the finish line, exhausted from last Saturday's Warner Pacific XC Classic held at Lent's Park in Portland, OR.**

PHOTO: SAMANTHA ADAMS

**Portland University lead the race at last Saturday's Warner Pacific XC Classic men's collegiate division. Upperclassmen (from right to left) Cole Shugart (484-JR.) Corey De'Ath (469-JR) Sam Lomax (479-SR) and Joey Duerr (471-SR) lead the pack resulting in a 1st place victory for the Pilots last Saturday.**

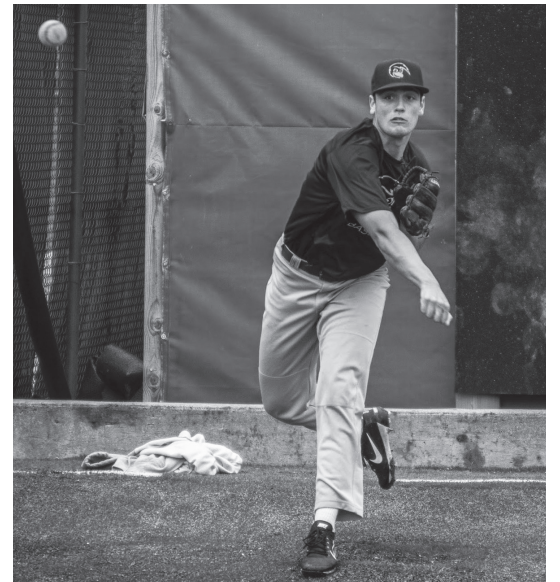


PHOTO: BRYANT BAUTISTA

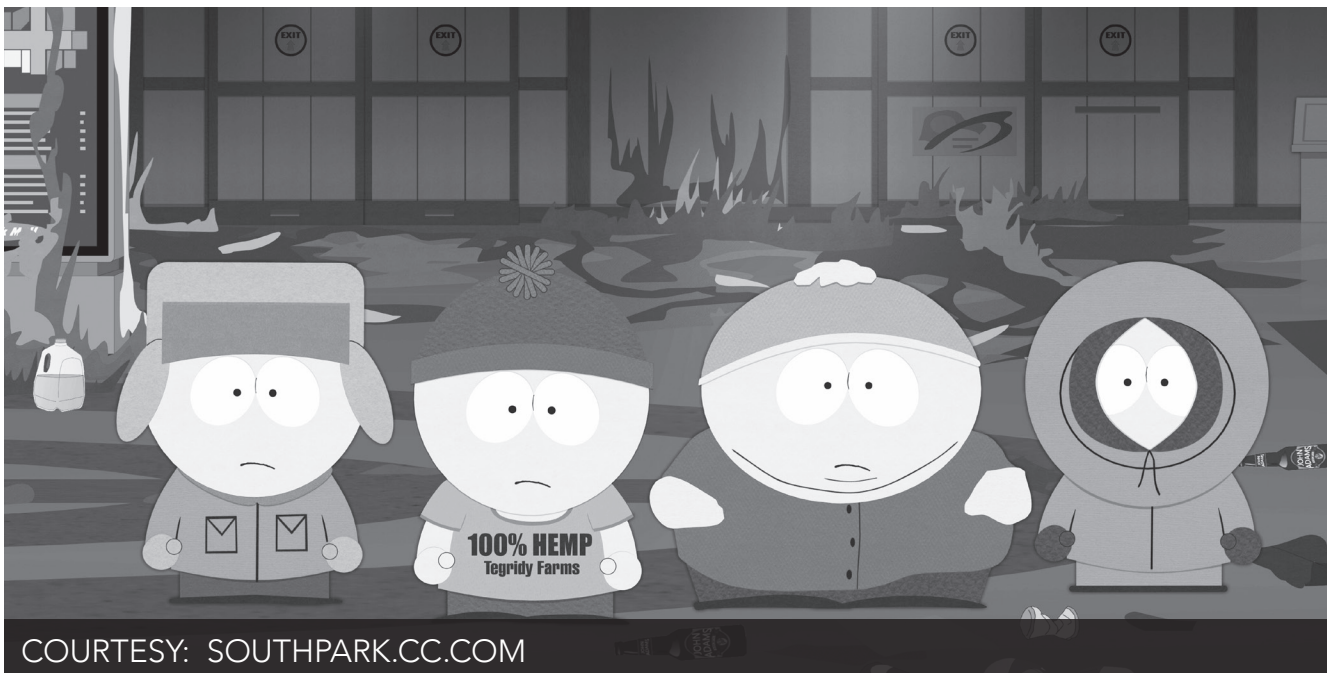
**Linn-Benton's sophomore pitcher Eric Hill warming up in the bullpen prior to Friday's afternoon practice at Dick McClain Field. Last year for the Beaks, Hill pitched a 4.15 ERA along with 38 strikeouts.**



PHOTO: BRYANT BAUTISTA

**The Roadrunners are looking to improve on their 33-11 record from last year. While they did capture their 3rd consecutive Southern NWAC title, they are looking to bring home the NWAC championship to the city of Albany this year.**





COURTESY: SOUTHPARK.CC.COM

## TV SERIES REVIEW:

### South Park Season 23

**CREATOR:** Trey Parker and Matt Stone  
**STARRING:** Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Mary Kay Bergman, Isaac Hayes, Eliza Schneider, Mona Marshall, April Stewart  
**PRODUCER:** Vernon Chatman  
**NETWORK:** Comedy Central  
**AIRTIME:** Wednesday at 10 p.m.  
**RATED:** TV-MA  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★



**STORY BY**  
 STEVEN PRYOR  
 @STEVENPRR2PRYOR

On September 25, the 23rd season of “South Park” began airing on Comedy Central. Though much has changed since the series first began, Trey Parker and Matt Stone have provided another dose of savage animated comedy as this latest season brings the long-running series to its milestone 300th episode.

Though a recurring plot thread about Randy Marsh’s home business; “Tegridy Farms” takes center stage this time around (to the point of taking over the theme song), the season is once again mostly episodic in story structure after other recent seasons

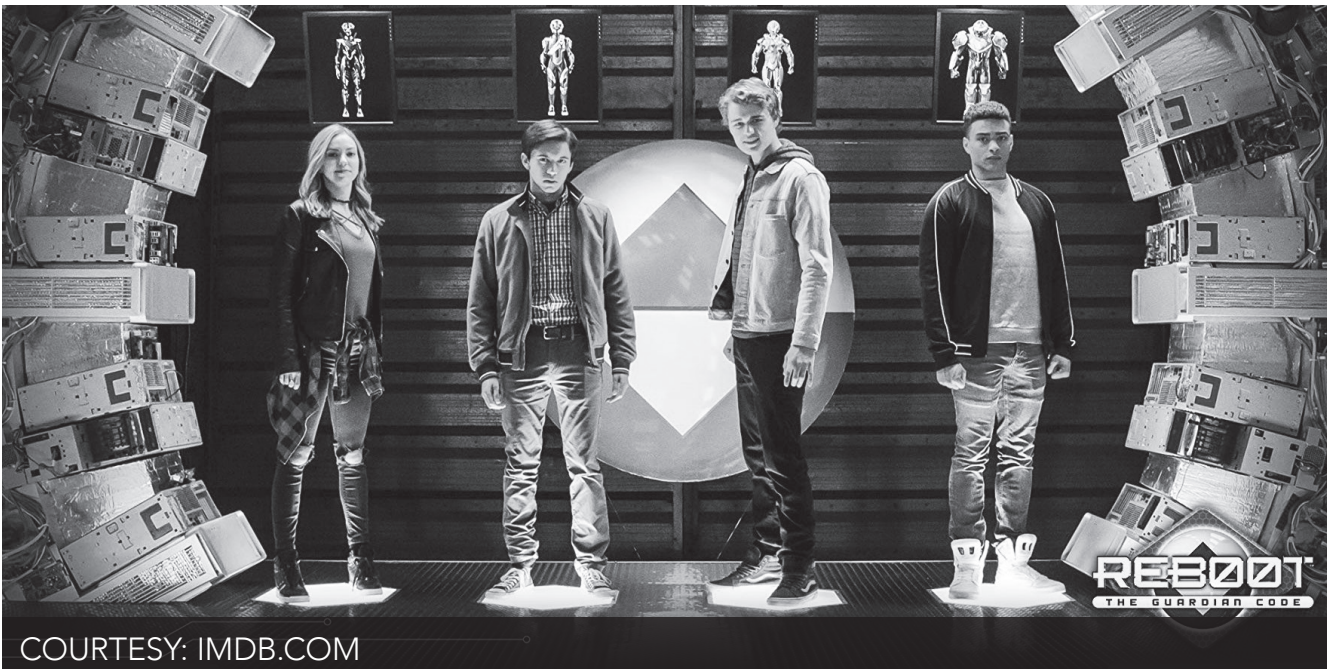
experimented with serialized stories. While plot points do often get referenced later on, each episode can be enjoyed as its own self-contained story.

Right out of the gate, the 23rd season opens with the episode “Mexican Joker,” simultaneously lampooning DC’s “Joker” and the policies of Immigration Customs and Enforcement in a darkly humorous fashion. The second episode, “Band in China,” deals with Stan’s difficulty in getting a movie biopic made of his band, “Crimson Dawn” while also making sure not to include content that would prevent the film from being released in the emerging box office market of China.

The 300th episode of the series, “SHOTS!!!” is a

brutal take-off on the paranoia surrounding vaccines; to the point of rounding up reluctant children in an “immunization rodeo.”

While not every joke lands the same way, the fact the series has managed to last this long is a testament to the lasting appeal of Trey Parker and Matt Stone’s work ever since the series began with their viral short, “The Spirit of Christmas.” With the two creators wanting to do more theatrical films and the series having been renewed through season 26, it’s clear that “South Park” will still be delivering its delightfully crude blend of satirical animated comedy for years to come.



COURTESY: IMDB.COM

## NETFLIX SERIES REVIEW:

### Reboot- The Guardian Code Season 2

**CREATOR:** Trey Parker and Matt Stone  
**STARRING:** Ty Wood, Sidney Scotia, Ajay Parikh-Friese, Gabriel Darku, Hannah Vandenbygaart and Timothy E. Brummond with Shirley Miller and Octavian Kaul  
**RATED:** TV-Y7-FV  
**OVERALL RATING:** ☆☆☆☆☆



**STORY BY**  
 STEVEN PRYOR  
 @STEVENPRR2PRYOR

After some rather unique production and airing scheduling, the following words from our review of the first season of “Reboot: The Guardian Code” bear re-examination: “Although the series has streamed ten episodes of at least 20 planned ones, it’s hard to imagine the series lasting past its first season with critical and fan reception being almost universally negative; and for good reason.”

Now, “Reboot: The Guardian Code” has streamed the second season with the remaining ten episodes of the series. Unfortunately, the series has not only not addressed the problems that plagued the first season; it has arguably made the issues worse in terms of its mishandling of the cult classic animated series “Reboot” that ran from 1994 to 2001.

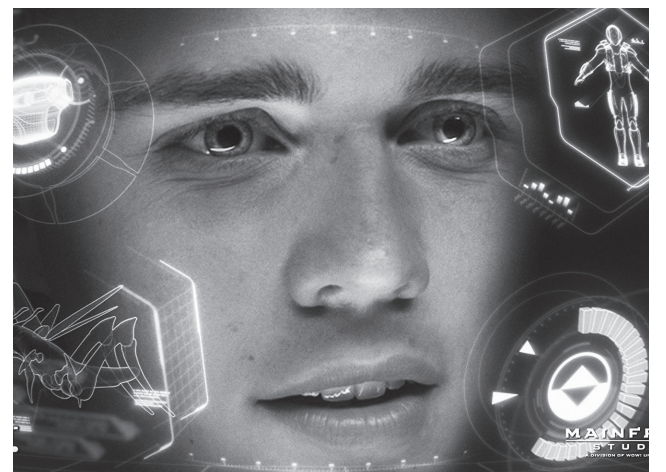
Instead of trying to fix the problems the first season had, creator Michael Hefferon has seemingly doubled down on the low-rent production values and baffling creative choices already in play; resulting in storytelling with more leaps in logic than a squirrel on water skis. Though the second season does attempt to expand on plot points and characters from the first, the script and character decisions made over the course of the remaining ten episodes of the series often are

borderline incomprehensible even when viewing the show in one sitting.

The heroes still resemble stock character types from decades of high-school teen drama series, and the acting somehow manages to fail every single attempt at emoting naturally. The villains of the original, Megabyte (voice of Timothy E. Brummond) and Hexidecimal (voice of Shirley Walker) have been reduced to over-the-top caricatures with none of the qualities that made their counterparts so memorable. The true nature of the Sourcerer (Bob Frazer) is a reveal that’s absurd at best and completely infuriating at worst.

While much has changed about animated CGI TV series since the original “Reboot” first aired, the impact the original series has made is significant. That said, the special effects in this season are downright atrocious. On top of the persistent problem of looking worse than the action of a Playstation 2 game, the quality of the CG actually gets worse with each passing episode. On top of the finale having chroma key effects resembling an old computer screensaver, there is actually a setup for a third season in its final moments. Given the near-universally negative reception from critics and fans (the series has a 3.7/10 IMDB rating as of this writing); that’s highly unlikely to happen.

There have been numerous re-imaginings of



animated TV series that avoid the pitfalls “Reboot: The Guardian Code” fell through in its run. The 2017 relaunch of Disney’s “Duck Tales” and recent animated versions of “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” on Nickelodeon have managed to attract existing and new fans alike. Netflix’s own “Devilman Crybaby” was a triumphantly dark take on Go Nagai’s acclaimed “Devilman” manga. What they had in common was respect for their source material and their audience. “Reboot: The Guardian Code” is so dysfunctional that it needs a factory reset.



# THEY'RE CREEPY AND THEY'RE KOOKY



COURTESY: IMDB.COM

MOVIE REVIEW:

**The Addams Family**

**DIRECTOR:** Conrad Vernon and Greg Tiernan (Based on Characters created by Charles Addams)  
**STARRING:** Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, Chloe Moretz, Finn Wolfhard and Nick Kroll with Snoop Dogg, Bette Midler and Allison Janney  
**GENRE:** Animation, Comedy, Family  
**RATED:** PG  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★



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“The Addams Family” is the newest adaptation of the comic strip of the same name, and the third theatrical film adaptation overall after a pair of live-action entries in the early 1990s. Though not the best film this year, it is a solid update to Charles Addams’ work and a fun animated movie overall.

Taking place in a modern day setting, the film follows the exploits of Gomez Addams (voice of Oscar Isaac, “Star Wars” saga); his wife Morticia (voice of Charlize Theron) and their children Wednesday (voice

of Chloe Moretz) and Pugsley (voice of Finn Wolfhard, “Stranger Things”). As they prepare for a visit from relatives including Gomez’s mother (voice of Bette Midler), the eccentric Uncle Fester (voice of Nick Kroll) and fast-talking furball Cousin It (voice of Snoop Dogg); they must also contend with a shady property developer/reality TV host (voice of Allison Janney) who wants to have their mansion razed and replaced with garish manufactured homes.

Over the course of 87 minutes, directors Conrad Vernon and Greg Tiernan use the source material’s macabre trappings for all manner of comedic setups. The family’s house this time around is built in an abandoned hospital, full of little details from a guillotine alarm clock to a pipe organ that plays the

series’ theme song at several points in the film. Though the art style may not be as attractive as a typical film from Disney or Pixar; it does capture the spirit of Charles Addams’ original comic strips in everything from the character designs to the color palettes of the mansion.

Though the story often treads familiar waters, the movie overall is a solid blend of the family-friendly and the darkly humorous style and tone of previous incarnations. The comic was previously adapted into both live-action and animated TV series, and this film is a good incarnation to introduce the series to newcomers and younger audiences. On the whole, this latest film version of “The Addams Family” is a creepy and kooky treat to share this Halloween.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Of the kind of (suf.)
  - 5 Distress signal
  - 8 Chinese (abbr.)
  - 12 Gooseberry
  - 13 List-ending abbreviation
  - 14 Small armadillo
  - 15 Fringe of curls or bangs
  - 17 Mother of Horus
  - 18 Hebrew letter
  - 19 Expiate
  - 21 Greek letter
  - 22 Atlantic (abbr.)
  - 23 Rim
  - 25 Jap. three-stringed instrument
  - 29 Eur. porgy
  - 32 Malay law
  - 33 June bug
  - 35 Haw. feast
  - 36 Tamarack
  - 38 Bank
  - 40 Eng. dramatist
  - 42 Weaken

- 43 Her Royal Highness (abbr.)
- 45 Night (pref.)
- 47 Have (Scott.)
- 50 Authentic (abbr.)
- 52 Jamb (2 words)
- 54 District
- 55 Deviate
- 56 King Atahualpa
- 57 Diagonal
- 58 Compass direction
- 59 Wife of Esau

- DOWN**
- 1 Formerly betroth
  - 2 Poi source
  - 3 In the same place (Lat.)
  - 4 Fr. pronoun
  - 5 Alit
  - 6 Eight (Ital.)
  - 7 Setting

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 8 Consumer price index (abbr.)
- 9 Evening star
- 10 Egypt. bird
- 11 Heb. patriarch's title
- 16 Food
- 20 Electronic data processing
- 22 H
- 24 Dance
- 25 Gal of song
- 26 Ohio college town
- 27 Ledum (2 words)
- 28 Land of Cain
- 30 Lively (Fr.)
- 31 Absent
- 34 Renew
- 37 Chin. dynasty
- 39 Duo
- 41 Germanic gods
- 43 Mayan year
- 44 Country (Lat.)
- 46 Preserve in brine
- 47 Assistance
- 48 Reliquary
- 49 Greenland town
- 51 Laughter sounds
- 53 E. Indian herb

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### THE COMMONS

\* CAFETERIA \*

**10/23 to 10/29**

**Wednesday 10/23:** Shredded Chicken Enchiladas\*, Pan Seared Salmon w/Sundried Tomato Beurre Blanc\*, Bucatini w/Winter Pesto & Butternut Squash. *Soups:* Turkey Chili, Miso\*. *Salads:* Larb (Thai Chicken Salad), Roasted Cauliflower Larb.

**Thursday 10/24:** Spaghetti Carbonara, Grilled Korean Style Beef w/Rice, Sweet Potato Hash w/ Fried egg\* *Soups:* Tuscan Style Chicken\*, Cream of Spinach. *Salads:* Smoked Salmon Caesar, Vegetarian Caesar w/Avocado.

**Monday 10/28:** Chicken Pot Pie, Pan Seared Pork Chop, Black Bean Burrito. *Soups:* Lentil Bacon\*, Creamy Butternut Squash\*. *Salads:* Creole Shrimp Salad OR Creole Salad w/Sweet Potato Cakes.

**Tuesday 10/29:** Beef Burgundy, Jerk Chicken w/Rice\*, Roasted Vegetable Sandwich w/Pesto. *Soups:* White Bean & Chorizo\*, Corn Chowder w/ Green Chilies. *Salads:* Pesto Grilled Chicken OR Grilled Portobello Caprese Salad.

**Monday to Friday Lunch - 11:15 AM - 1:15 PM**

\* Gluten Free



# Humans of LB

**The Commuter is publishing stories of the human experience among students and staff. If there is someone you think who has a good story to tell, let us know! Send an email to [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu).**



## Lane Gibony

When he was growing up, Lane Gibony wanted to be a fireman. His father is a cop and, "always gave firefighters a hard time, so I always wanted to be a firefighter so I could have a rivalry with him." Though he looked up to his father growing up, Gibony changed his mind on firefighting when he started working on a local grass seed farm. While working there, he interacted with lots of machinery and decided he wanted to pursue a career in heavy equipment and diesel technology. "I found about the heavy equipment program here and how I can work on equipment and machines that I operated myself and I found out about how badly the field needed people who were qualified to do that job." The classes he takes are always a mystery, he never knows what he will learn that class, which makes for an exciting time. Gibony has not decided where his degree will take him, except that he hopes to stay in the pacific northwest. "I've grown up in Albany my entire life and I've traveled plenty, but I still love Oregon, Washington, and Idaho more than anywhere else."

STORY AND PHOTO BY **ARIANNA STAHLBAUM**



## Alyssa Hadlock

"I'm a mom, that's why I took four years off. 'Cause y'know... Life happens. My goal is, since I'm a parent and want to go into education, I want to familiarize myself with the student. Going through middle and high school, I didn't actually think about it like 'one day this is going to be my kid' y'know? And now going through college with the end goal to be a teacher is very eye opening, 'cause I have to put myself in the teacher's position, while being in the student position right now. [...] So I want to make sure I'm retaining that and teaching to the student, not just teaching to take a test. I want to make sure they understand."

After taking time off school to catch up with the whirlwind that is life, Alyssa Hadlock came to LBCC to kickstart her academic career. She is majoring in education with plans of transferring over to Western Oregon University next year. Her end goal is to become a calculus teacher once she's received her degree.

STORY AND PHOTO BY **SABRINA PARSONS**

## Jared Knowleton

"My name is Jared Knowleton. I work for the school in the greenhouse, that's what I'm doing right now, and I do some work on the farm for the horticultural department. I'm majoring in biology here at LBCC, I love anything biology I'm just totally obsessed with it. I love hiking, camping and I love being outside.

I also love to cook, but that's more on the side. A lot of the food I cook is fresh from the garden which is a great perk to

this job. I'm a second year student at LBCC. I picked LBCC since it's close by, I live in Corvallis, and I can do all my general credits here before transferring to OSU. I've grown to really like it here a lot actually. I have not grown up here, I'm from Missouri. I lived in Kansas City Missouri for most of my life and then I moved here after high school. I moved here because I really wanted to get out of Missouri and go do my own thing. I like the coast a lot and I have an aunt that lives in Portland that I would visit. I've always loved it here, so I came out here. Something I want to achieve in life? I want to make a discovery that helps our planet. Climate change, pollution, biodiversity of species, whatever. That's my ultimate goal.

STORY AND PHOTO BY **KATIE LITTLEFIELD**



## Jeffrey Wu

"I am dual-enrolled with OSU, and coming from out of state, it's cheaper to attend here. I'm from California. My family's from Taiwan but we've lived in California for a long time, so that's home now. We came from Taichung. I have two younger sisters as well. I was born here and then moved back to Taiwan for 10 years to learn Chinese and then came back and graduated high school in California and came to Oregon for college. I mean, Chinese is definitely important so it was good that we lived there for so long, but then coming back to the states for college because colleges in Taiwan aren't very good at all. I'm a merchandise management major and so right now

I am sketching for a drawing class I have to take as part of it. By now, there isn't really a reason to go back to Taiwan to visit, I mean, I would love to, but there's just not enough time. Especially with both my parents here, it's hard to find a reason to go back other than to visit some friends. But, my hope is that I will be able to travel back often as I succeed in my studies and find work in my industry."

STORY AND PHOTO BY **ALLEN TAN**