

*I must get down to the levee again  
The muddy river and the sky  
And all I ask is a sternwheel boat  
And some marks to steer her by  
The pull of the wheel, scapin' out on the roof  
The pilot house windows shakin'  
A full moon in a Missouri sky  
And a foggy morning breaking*

—John Hartford



Capt. Richard Chesbrough christens the Willamette Queen at the Albany dock on Thursday.

Photos by Jeremy Parker



### Dinner on the River

About 250 people admire the Willamette Queen as it sits dockside at Albany's Montieth Riverfront Park during last week's ceremony to mark its maiden voyage down the Willamette. Built in Newport in the early 1990s as the Belle of Newport, the sternwheeler spent some years in Portland before Corvallis entrepreneur Richard Chesbrough brought it to Albany earlier this year. The boat has been outfitted with a gourmet kitchen, and started running dinner cruises for \$35 a plate last weekend. For reservations call 752-8803.

## Proposed fee to support media tech

by Benjamin Sell  
of The Commuter

Thanks to a proposed \$1 per credit technology fee, LBCC students may have to give up one new addition to their CD collection per term next year.

The fee will be used to pay for media equipment, such as multimedia projectors, according to Ann Smart, dean of extended learning and information services.

"The college is currently spending \$1.8 million on technology and the support of it," Smart said in a presentation to the college's budget committee. "The bond money has allowed us to update some of our media equipment. When the bond money ends, we need to be able to continue to support media equipment. A fee of \$1 per credit up to 15 credits plus an equivalent amount on non-credit courses would raise about \$153,000 per year."

Last summer the college's strategic planning committee (SPC) recommended that the college consider imposing a technology fee as part of its basic charges to students. A survey conducted last year concluded that 76 percent of LBCC's district residents were in favor of a technology fee, while only 16 percent supported a tuition increase.

A survey of Oregon community colleges discovered that six have technology fees and seven others impose course fees on classes using computers. LBCC doesn't currently impose any form of fee to support technology, except for a \$20 charge on telecourses for licensing fees.

The budget committee will make a recommendation to the school board on May 20, and the board is expected to make its final decision at the next meeting, although they could decide in May.

## Commuter wins 19 awards from ONPA

### From the LBCC News Service

The Commuter was awarded five first-place awards and second place in general excellence at the annual Collegiate Day sponsored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Friday in Eugene.

The weekly student paper collected 19 awards in all, nearly twice as many as any other paper in its category, including firsts in overall design, news writing, sports writing, spot news photography and feature photography.

The Commuter finished second behind The Torch of Lane CC for the general excellence award among two-year colleges. The Emerald of the University of Oregon won the general excellence award among four-year college dailies, and The Siskiyou of Southern Oregon State University won general excellence in the four-year college weekly division.

The Commuter dominated the photography categories, winning six of the nine awards given in news, feature and sports photography. Sports Editor Shawna Phillips of Albany was the top individual award winner for the paper, winning first place and honorable mention in sports writing, as well as

second place and honorable mention in sports photography.

Other individual award winners were:

- Brock Jacks, first in news writing.
- Josh Burk, photo editor, first in spot news photography.
- Jake Taylor, first and honorable mention in feature photography.
- Rebecca Newell, second in feature writing.
- Pete Petryszak, managing editor, second in column writing.
- Carolyn Young, second in house ad and ad of the year.
- Schellene Pils, news editor, second in headline writing.
- Jeremy Parker, honorable mention in news photography.
- Mary Hake, copy editor, honorable mention in column writing.
- Kathy Hood, honorable mention for ad of the year.

In addition, several writers received second place in the best series category for The Commuter's continuing coverage of the college's smoking ban, including Commuter Editor Melani Whisler, Justin Dalton, Erica Larsen, Lindsay Kenning and Mary Hake.

## Teams sought for math contest

Ready for a challenge involving pingpong balls and shaving cream?

Teams of four are invited to compete in a math problem-solving event on Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Courtyard. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

Teams must sign up in the Learning Center by 5 p.m. Thursday for a time slot and show up at their designated waiting area by noon on Friday to compete.

Space is limited to 20 teams.

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Photo by Jeremy Parker

### Flower Power

Barbara Hinds of the Horticulture Club waters hanging plants in the LBCC greenhouse in preparation for the club's annual Mother's Day Plant Sale this Friday. The club promises to have more hanging baskets than ever before, all priced at \$15 each. The sale takes place in the courtyard from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the club's attendance at regional workshops and field trips.

## Native American Club Seeks member to powwow at LBCC

by Justin Dalton  
of The Commuter

"Connections for spiritual development," said Jerry Hall, describing one of the reasons for reestablishing an old club now known as the American Indian and Alaskan Native Club.

First formed in 1993, The Tribe of Many Feathers, started out with the same ideas—hosting public powwows, drumming and cultural research. But sometime in '94, Hall said, the organization "just fell apart."

Hall, part-time biology instructor, felt compelled to keep the club going, so, it has been recognized and reinstated under a new name.

According to Hall, there are several hundred native American students attending LBCC, and he wants to offer them a chance to bond together and develop themselves spiritually.

"It would be a time when Indian people could get together in a social gathering, bring drums, sing, dance and

invite any and all who would attend," said Hall.

According to Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership, the club isn't official yet because it doesn't have enough people signed up for the quota of eight members. No students went to a start-up meeting on April 15.

"It is difficult for culture clubs to succeed by just trying to bring people together," said Bryant. "That's why many clubs have been unsuccessful in the past. Clubs need support from the community as well."

Bryant said that the reason the Tribe of Many Feathers slowly dissolved is that the students who originally organized things graduated, and the other members drifted apart.

Currently, the club is in the process of recruiting members who would like to participate in cultural research, drumming, study sessions and mainly a social gathering to advocate for one another.

For more information, call 917-4457.

## Linn-Benton Peace Studies delegation to travel to Norway

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

Seven students have been chosen to attend a peace education conference in Norway as delegates of the United States and LBCC.

The week-long event will take place in late August and early September in the town of Tonsberg, Norway.

The students chosen to attend are Zach Knight, Kendra Martinenko, Christine Roehrich, Steve Schuyler, Janelle Eveleigh, Derek Clark and Lisabeth Pacheco. Three other students, Kelsey King, Patricia Quinn and Jared Bowden, were selected as alternates.

The student delegation will travel to Europe with Doug Clark, political science instructor and Peace Studies advisor. When they get to Norway they will join with three students from Skagit Valley Community

College and their advisor, Larry Sult, who is a former LBCC instructor. The two groups comprise the full American delegation.

The conference will also be attended by 45 to 60 students and instructors from Great Britain, Holland, Norway, Germany, Poland, Hungary and Lithuania. Delegations from other Eastern European countries, such as Romania and Belarus, may also attend.

The delegates will fly into Helsinki, Finland, spend a week travelling through the Baltics prior to the conference, and fly home from Oslo, Norway, when it is over.

LBCC sent its first delegation in 1988, while Clark was participating in a Fulbright exchange with Leon Valk, a Dutch professor who taught at LBCC while Clark taught in Holland. The two teachers essentially

exchanged jobs for a year, and part of Clark's teaching duties in Holland included preparing a delegation of Dutch students to attend that year's conference, which took place in Berlin.

The conference's organizers had wanted to involve American students since the beginning, because the United States could play a major role in both the creation and resolution of conflicts throughout the world. It finally happened in 1988, when Valk brought a delegation of American students from LB to Berlin. Linn-Benton students have been a part of the conference ever since.

This year's delegates were selected through an application process that included an essay in which the students told why they wished to attend the conference and what they felt they could bring to the discussion.

## Misconceptions and beer cloud U.S. view of Cinco de Mayo

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

May 5, 'el Cinco de Mayo,' is one of the few times many Americans acknowledge their neighbor to the south.

As they celebrate the day with tacos and Mexican beer, or American beer with names that sound Mexican, Cinco de Mayo celebrants believe they are commemorating the day Mexico won its independence from Spain.

If they were to visit Mexico that day, however, they might be surprised to find out that Cinco de Mayo is really quite an ordinary day for Mexicans.

The real Mexican independence day falls on Sept. 16, the day in 1810 that Father Miguel Hidalgo rallied his followers to march to the Spanish prisons and free Mexican political prisoners, initiating a war that lasted over a decade

and ended with the establishment of the Republic of Mexico in 1821. Unfortunately, the middle of September isn't very conducive to barbecues or drinking beer on the beach, so the beer advertisers drummed up Cinco de Mayo as a big Mexican holiday to boost their Spring sales.

Cinco de Mayo is, in fact, the anniversary of a battle in 1862, when Mexican soldiers fought bravely and delayed the conquest of the province of Puebla by the French for several months. Although May 5, 1862 was a good day for the Mexican army, the battle it was part of was ultimately a defeat for the Mexicans.

It's not surprising that people from Mexico, or who know something about Mexican history, are quite bemused by all the hoopla surrounding Cinco de

Mayo in this country. It must be ironic that people who complain about the "intrusion" of Mexican culture and language into our country would take one day out of the year to embrace it.

The irony is not lost on Julio Burdett, a Learning Community student who was born in Mexico City and lived in Mexico for 15 years. "Cinco de Mayo is just a creation of the beer companies," Burdett says. "We didn't even win that battle."

The way many Americans celebrate Cinco de Mayo demonstrates how little they know about Mexico. Some of the things frequently seen at Cinco de Mayo celebrations, like piñatas, sombreros or flamenco dancing, have little or nothing to do with Mexico. "Mexican culture has been reduced to tacky hats," Burdett said. You're about as likely to see a Mexican wearing a sombrero as you are to see

an American wearing a three-cornered hat from the colonial era.

The depth of some Americans' ignorance of Mexico was brought home to Burdett soon after he arrived here, when a neighbor invited him to dinner. "She turned on the light and was like, 'Look! Electricity! Microwave oven! No fire!'" Burdett took the whole thing in stride, thinking about his home in Mexico City, which was equipped with satellite TV.

Burdett is considering starting a club to introduce students to contemporary Mexican culture, to show that Mexico is a developed country moving toward the 21st century, like the United States.

"I want to talk about the use of computers in Mexico, or the Mexican educational system, which is one of the world's best," he said. "Forget about Mexican culture being hats and piñatas."

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Grays rival Keiko as top coastal tourist draw

by Schellene Pils  
of The Commuter

Thousands of people flock to the Oregon Coast during the gray whale migration every year, hoping for the chance to see a tower of water and air spray from a blow hole or a fluke rise high into the air as a breaching whale takes a dive.

In fact, well over 18,000 spectators attended the last whale watch week Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, and just over 32,000 showed up for whale watch week in the spring of 1997. These figures were gathered by the "Whale Watching Spoken Here" program located in Waldport, an organization that tracks whale migration on the Oregon Coast and trains volunteers to help spectators locate whales.

The grays begins their spring migration from Baja, Calif., to Alaska in February and continue until June. The winter migration starts in September and runs through December as the gray whales work their way back down the Pacific Coast to California and Mexico.

In addition, as many as 400 to 500 whales stay on the Oregon Coast until late fall, making whale watching a nearly year-round event. Since gray whales generally spend a lot of time close to shore, the chance of seeing a whale in the summer and fall is a lot more likely.

Lincoln County provides many opportunities to sight whales all along the coast. Some of the best spots are on promontories, where it is easier to see both the whales that are further out in the ocean and those that come closer to shore to feed in the shallows.

If you can afford them, there are a couple of other ways to view whales in their natural habitat. You can either charter a boat for about \$18 per person for a two-hour guided tour, or take to the air for \$69 for a 30-minute flight for two.

Tom MacDougall, who operates Sunset Scenic Flights at Gleneden Beach, says whale watching charter flights in his Cessna 172 are very popular at this time of year. He recommends making the flight early in the morning before the ocean gets choppy because whales are easier to see in calmer water.

Although a pair of binoculars can be helpful in sighting whales, patience and a sharp eye are much more important. In fact, the easiest way to find a whale pod is to watch for blow vapor that can rise up to 12 feet in the air.



An early start and a calm ocean enable whale watchers fine views either from the dock of a boat or the windows of a Cessna. Three different charter outfits in Newport and two in Depot Bay provide one- and two-hour whale-watching excursions for \$10 to \$15.

The best time of day for whale watching is early in the morning or when the ocean is relatively calm with no whitecaps. The lack of glare on overcast days also provides a better chance of seeing whales. Often, if the area is backlit by the sun, blow vapor is easier to see on the horizon. Many charter boat services recommend that you dress for the trip by wearing warm, waterproof clothing.

Whales leave channels in the water while they swim, making them easy to track, and if one blow vapor is spotted, several others can usually be seen nearby. Gray whales will often raise their heads above the water to look around, and they can sometimes be seen breaching, which involves raising most of their bodies out of the water before flipping back into the water either on their sides or backs with a tremendous splash. It is not known why gray whales breach. They could be doing it before a deep dive, to get the attention of a potential mate, to knock off parasites, or just for fun.

Gray whales are bottom feeders which suck mud into their mouths and filter it out again through the baleen, a finger-nail-like substance that hangs from the whales' upper jaws. They then use their tongues to lick the small creatures

trapped there.

An adult gray whale can be 35- to 50-feet-long—about the size of a Greyhound bus—and weigh 20 to 40 tons. It eats up to 7 percent of its own weight a day. During the spring migration the first to leave California are the pregnant females, with the males following closely behind. Young whales leave shortly after, then, sometimes as late as May or June, the mothers and calves are the last to move up toward Alaska.

Gray whales were recently taken off the endangered species list, and more than 20,000 now live off the Pacific Coast. Killer whales are their only natural predator. The killers, also known as orcas surround a gray, hang onto their flippers and drag at them until they are too tired to fight. Recently, a group of orcas in Monterey Bay killed two gray whale calves and tried to kill another. The whale calf floated onto its mother's back; she kept it out of the water and away from harm until the orcas gave up and left.

For more information about good whale watching sights in Oregon and about whales in general, contact Mike Rivers, Whale Watch Volunteer Coordinator Oregon Parks and Recreation Department at (541)563-2002.



Photos by Jeremy Parker

## Thar' she blows!

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#### Newport Tradewinds

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800-676-7819

#### Newport Marine Discovery Tours

\$18 adults, \$9 youths 5-11, 5 and under free.  
800-903-BOAT

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Two-hour tours; \$18 adults, \$14 seniors and teens, \$10 youths 5-12, 4 and under free.  
800-445-8730

#### Dockside Charters in Depoe Bay

One-hour tours; \$10 adult, \$6 youths 12 and under.  
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# 'Three Tall Women' examines life's personal questions

From the LBCC News Service

The Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Three Tall Women" by Edward Albee, will be performed at LBCC May 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. and on May 24 and 31 at 3 p.m. in Takena Theatre.

Special on-stage seating limits attendance to 200 guests per performance. Proceeds from the May 30 performance, which will be sign language interpreted for the hearing disabled, will benefit Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships.

"Three Tall Women" looks unabashedly at some of life's most personal questions—the nagging ones for which we spend a lifetime seeking answers, however uncomfortable they may be.

Due to language and subject matter, this play may not be appropriate for all audiences, according to a spokesperson for the Performing Arts Department.

"It's about memory and the illusive nature of happiness and the sometimes tragic realities of love, sex and marriage," said Director Jane Donovan. "It's a fascinating and thought-provoking play. Albee's characters look at the distressing

reality of aging and the peaceful finality of death."

Playwright Edward Albee received a Pulitzer Prize for "Three Tall Women" in 1992. His earlier successes include "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 1962 and "A Delicate Balance," a Pulitzer Prize-winner in 1966.

"Three Tall Women" is a two-act play with three main characters that Albee designated only as A, B and C.

The central character is a 91-year-old woman played by Ariel Pearlson of Corvallis.

Her 52-year-old caretaker is played by Johanna Spencer of Albany, and her 26-year-old lawyer is played by Kimberly Gifford Gruen of Corvallis.

A fourth character, the old woman's estranged son, played by Mike Shepard of Corvallis, makes a silent appearance in Act II.

In the first act, the old woman is depicted as autocratic, self-pitying and manipulative. She knows she is near the end of her life, and she intends to have the last word about it. But despite her

flaws, she is witty and charming, and in the end, one can understand and forgive her faults.

She has summoned her yuppie lawyer to help organize her business affairs but instead tells the impatient young woman her life's stories. She divulges intimate details of her first love, her marriage to another man for money, her infidelities and her son's estrangement. Mediating between the two—and part of her captive audience—is her long-suffering middle-aged caretaker.

In Act II, the three women merge into three separate aspects of the old woman herself. They engage each other in sharp, humorous and painful dialogue about the life they share.

Idealistic and naïve, the young woman can't understand how the older two turned out the way they did. Indeed, she vehemently denies them.

More worldly-wise, the middle-aged woman tries to explain to the younger one, but she, too, has trouble comprehending how she evolved into an old creone.

The old woman is more accepting of her past and welcomes the unexpected deathbed visit of her long-resented son.

Donovan sees the old woman's issues as universal to us all: What makes a life well-lived? How much do you sacrifice for comfort, ease and privilege? How does a family get along—or not? And how much of what we do is just for appearance's sake?

She said, "This play offers some lessons about what the consequences of our choices might be."

Reserved tickets are available for \$7 each at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis; the Takena Theatre Box Office, Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m.; and two hours before the performance.

Groups of 15 or more may receive a 15 percent discount. Tickets must be picked up and paid for in a single payment at least two business days in advance of the reserved date. Call 917-4531 for phone reservations.

The performance runs approximately 2 hours, including a 15-minute intermission.

## How to decapitate adversaries from the comfort of your own home

by Benjamin Sell  
of The Commuter

If it were possible, wouldn't you just love to run around some old castle screaming like a banshee and dismembering each and every creature you see with a well-placed rocket to the abdomen?

Rabid rottweilers and broadsword-wielding knights would be no match for your superior firepower as you mow each of them down in quick succession with a continuous spray from your nine-inch-spike-firing nailgun.

Now, imagine the same scenario, only in place of the knights and dogs, you are hunting actual living, breathing human beings, perhaps even friends of yours. It's every man for himself, and the last one left alive is the victor. Imagine stalking them, dispatching one with a shotgun blast to the head, then turning on another and watching his chest explode violently outwards as you pump it full of electricity from your lightning gun, and finally hunting down the last unfortunate adversary and abandoning all of your more powerful weapons for the sheer pleasure of hacking him limb from limb with your bloody axe just to assert your superiority.

Sounds like a fantasy straight out of Marilyn Manson's autobiography, doesn't it?

However, as you perform all of these grizzly deeds, you are in fact sitting in relative comfort in front of your computer sipping a cold drink, and each of your prey is in a relatively similar position thousands of miles away.

Welcome to the world of online gaming—more specifically, online Quake, the most popular multiplayer game in the world today.

Contrary to popular opinion, gaming over the Internet is not a highly complicated process that only some techie web-head with too much time on his hands can set up. The truth of the matter is that setting yourself up for multiplayer gaming is really rather easy. All you need is a computer, a copy of your favorite online-compatible game (in this case Quake), an Internet connection, and some idea of where to start.

One of the best places to start is Mplayer, a free online gaming service boasting over 500,000 members located at <http://www.mplayer.com>. Membership is free and the sign-up is easy, though it does

require filling out a four-page form. To sign up either go to <http://www.mplayer.com/join> or click the join now link on the main page. You must first download the Mplayer software, which involves first downloading the installer program, which is only 400k and should take less than four minutes on a 28.8 kbps (kilobytes per second) connection. The setup program then connects you to Mplayer and downloads the rest of their interface (called "gizmo") it takes about 20 minutes on a 28.8 kbps connection and when it's finished, it will ask for the username and password you specified in the membership form (now would be a good time to write this stuff down).

Getting into an actual game on Mplayer is easier than the setup process. Simply click on the name of the game in the main menu and enter the "lobby" with a double-click. The lobby is the initial area where you can chat in real-time with your fellow combatants before you enter a "room" (the place where the actual game is played). Hit the "join game" button and you should see a dialog box asking for directions to your game directory (i.e., the directory where Quake is installed, like `c:/games/quake`). Simply enter this information and Mplayer will automatically launch you into a game with all of the other players in the "room." Now the fun begins.

Another good way to get connected with other worldly Quakers is through the use of a program called Gamespy. Gamespy searches the Internet for games currently being played, and presents you with a listing. Admittedly, it does take a few moments to poll all of its servers for games, but there are always hundreds of games to choose from, and Gamespy makes it easy to find one to which you will have an optimal connection by displaying games in order of fastest ping (time it takes to send and receive information from the server) to slowest. So the games with the lowest pings are the ones to which you will have a good connection. It's usually not a good idea to try and play a game with a ping higher than about 600, because the lag (game slowdown) can get very, very annoying, as well as adversely affecting gameplay.

Before you get Gamespy, however, you should first head over to Quakeworld.com ([http://](http://www.quakeworld.com)

[www.quakeworld.com](http://www.quakeworld.com)) and download the latest version of Quakeworld, a program developed by Id Software (creators of Quake) to be used for Internet play. What it actually does is rather complicated, but the effect is to greatly decrease the in-game lag.

Gamespy can be downloaded from <http://www.gamespy.com>. Simply click on the "download" link on the far left of the page and scroll down to the shareware download, click on the link and start the process. The file is about one meg and should take no more than 20 minutes to download. After the download has completed, double-click on the gamespy file, wherever it downloaded to, and follow through with the typical program-installation procedure.

After installation, all you have to do is double-click on the Gamespy program and it will automatically start polling servers for you, the process usually takes a few minutes, so this is a good time to go get a cold Dr. Pepper (the official beverage of online bedlam).

After Gamespy announces that it is done polling servers, click the Quake button in the right-hand column to see a listing of currently active games. When you see one you like, right-click on it to bring up a menu, go to "launch game," click it and Quake will launch.

There are also various other online gaming networks on the 'net, and any one of them worth their salt will carry Quake. Some examples include:

- Heat, <http://www.heat.net>, an online gaming community similar to Mplayer. Heat's interface program (called Katalyst) is also very similar to that of Mplayer because they are both based on the same technology.

- The Total Entertainment Network, <http://www.ten.com>, another example of an online gaming community, only they charge an hourly rate.

- Kali, which is a game-finding utility similar to Gamespy but with the ability to find players for most types of online-compatible games, Warcraft II being the most prominently played. You can download Kali at <http://www.kali.net>. The shareware carries a 20 minute time limit, but you can register it for \$20 and get unlimited time.

So, there you have it, the mystery of online gaming unraveled. Now you know all you need to know to stride confidently onto the battlefield, rocket launcher in hand, ready to kick a little newbie butt.

## Culinary Arts banquet serves French cuisine at its finest

From the LBCC News Service

The LBCC Culinary Arts French Banquet will be held on Thursday and Friday May 21 and 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alesia/Calapooia Room, on the second

floor of the College Center Building.

Call 917-4385 for reservations. Tickets are \$24 per person and need to be picked up and paid for by May 15. Proceeds go to support Culinary Arts programs.

The meal includes wild mushroom strudel with goat cheese and Madeira sauce, cream of cauliflower soup, salmon timbale in sorrel and cucumber sauce, rosemary and muscat sorbet, steak with

a five-pepper sauce served with ratatouille ravioli, mesclun salad with apple-sage dressing, French pastry topped with a sugar crust with lavender ice cream, and served with beverages.

## SPORTS PAGE

# 'Runners in 2nd place as race to playoffs heats up

by Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

With five league games remaining, the Linn-Benton baseball team has moved into second place in the NWAACC Southern Division by winning four out of their last six games.

The Roadrunners started off the week last Tuesday at home with a split against Clackamas, and finished on Sunday by sweeping the Cougars in Oregon City.

On Tuesday, LB gave up four runs in the top of the ninth inning, giving Clackamas the 11-10 victory. Although the 'Runners also allowed the Cougars to rally in the last two innings of the second game, they still managed to come out with the 3-2 win.

John Winters got Linn-Benton off to a good start in the first game by leading off the second with a solo home run, helping the Roadrunners get out to a 2-1 lead, but Clackamas couldn't be held down.

The lead changed seven times throughout the nine innings, but after starter Josh Wood was relieved, things went the Cougars way for good. Both Robbie Greenawald and Rory Collins gave up two runs off of four hits and three walks.

Chris Burton, who hit 3 for 4 on the day and drove in two runs, closed the two-run gap in the bottom of the ninth with a solo shot of his own, but nobody else could rally behind Burton and LBCC took the loss.

Robbie Hollister was 2 for 4 and Winters batted 2 for 5. Both had one RBI.

In the second game, starting pitcher Ryan Scroggins was one out away from a complete game as he gave up one earned run and fanned six.

**Josh Wood struck out nine Cougars in last week's doubleheader, which LB split with Clackamas. It was the last game of the season for Wood, who hurt the index finger on his pitching hand while playing volleyball later in the week.**

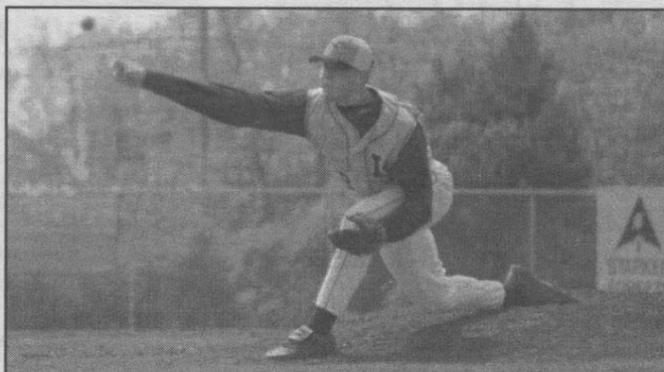


Photo by Shawna Phillips

Sebastian, who hit 1 for 3, scored the first run of the game in the second. After leading off with a single, he eventually scored on a ground ball hit by Ezra Wedel. The 'Runners scored their last two runs in the next inning when John McManus singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt, and scored off a single by Collins. Winters then doubled Collins home.

"Ryan Scroggins pitched a wonderful game, as did Wood," said Coach Greg Hawk. "Wood deserved the win, but we just weren't able to hold on and get it for him."

McManus, Travis Haima, Collins and Winters were all 1 for 3.

Thursday was a tough day for LB as they had to face third-place Lane at noon and then finish off the protested game against Mt. Hood at 3 p.m. The Roadrunners started strong, overpowering the Titans 10-3, but couldn't finish off Mt. Hood in the makeup, losing 6-9.

A six-run fifth inning brought LBCC back from a 3-2 deficit against the Titans. McManus reached base on an error, and Barry Banville followed with a single. Three straight walks brought in the first

two runs to start the rally.

Greenawald threw a complete game for Linn-Benton against Lane, striking out five and giving up three runs, all unearned.

Both Collins and Sebastian hit 2 for 4, while Banville was 2 for 5 and scored two runs. Sebastian drove in two.

"We did what we needed to do in the first ballgame. Greenawald threw a superb baseball game. We executed well, and pushed them around the ballpark. In the second game they just overpowered us," Hawk commented.

As the second game against the Saints resumed in the top of the seventh inning with two outs and Mt. Hood leading 7-6, Derek Wells threw three pitches and gave up a home run to give the Saints a total of eight runs for that one inning.

The Roadrunners were held scoreless for the last two innings and lost the game.

Rain delayed LBCC's doubleheader against Clackamas until Sunday, and after Lane and Mt. Hood had split their doubleheader the day before, the 'Runners had huge motivation for a sweep: to become the first team in the Southern

Division to reach 13 wins.

And that's exactly what they did. The sweep also moved LB into second place, a half game in front of Lane and only percentage points behind Mt. Hood.

Linn-Benton got off to a quick start in the first game by scoring six runs in the first inning. Clackamas scored three runs in the third, but Scroggins put a stop to the rally by striking out three out of the last four batters.

Scroggins fanned 10 in nine innings and allowed only two earned runs to improve his record to 6-1.

Hollister was 2 for 4, while Sebastian hit 2 for 5 with two RBIs. Brandon Arakawa was 1 for 3 in the 8-4 victory.

The second game was another offensive game for the 'Runners as they overpowered the Cougars 16-3.

Collins hit two homers in consecutive at bats for LBCC, and Winters added a solo shot, giving his team a 6-3 lead before the nine-run fifth inning. Both Shawn Lilley and Zach Milton doubled in the fifth inning, when eight out of the nine batters reached base and scored.

Collins hit 2 for 2 with his seventh and eighth home runs of the year and drove in five runs in all. Haima went 2 for 2 with two RBIs. Winters was 2 for 3, Banville 2 for 4 and Milton 2 for 5.

"We're on the verge of winning a league title and that's exciting," Hawk said. "There are five games to go. Four out of five could get us a league title, and five would get us a title for sure."

On Saturday, the Roadrunners will go up against Lane in Eugene to duel for second place with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Next Tuesday LB will play a single game at Chemeketa at 7 p.m.

## Phillips skies over 16-8 to set new school record in pole vault

by Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

Matt Phillips stole the show at the University of Oregon Invitational on Saturday by breaking the Linn-Benton school record in the pole vault.

Phillips soared two-and-a-quarter inches higher than the 17-year-old record of 16-6 set by former Roadrunner and Olympic vaulter Kory Tarpenning.

"Kory set the record in 1981, and later went on to become an Olympian, so Matt's at least in the same place that Kory was," Coach Brad Carman said.

Phillips' record of 16-8 1/4 was good enough to win the daytime section of the vault. He came close to breaking the Northwest record of 17-0 1/4 when he attempted a 17-1 vault, but fell short.

The men's 4x100 relay also finished in first place for Linn-Benton, even though Lucas Bjornstadt was inserted into Phillips' usual spot on the team.

"Lucas ran very well and the team ended up winning with a time of 43.59, which is about a half second off their normal time," said Carman. "We had two bad handoffs, but Ryan Grant and Rich Stauble were able

to bring us from behind a little bit, and we were able to beat Spokane by a couple hundredths of a second."

Melissa Clements had been entered in the women's pole vault, but was in a car accident and separated some vertebrae, ending her season.

The Roadrunners will send several athletes to the Southern Region Championships at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham this Friday and Saturday. Competing for LBCC will be Phillips, Ryan Grant, Rich Stauble, Jennifer Schwab, Tiffany Sytsma, Darcy Zettler, Jolene Neufeld and the men's 4x100 relay,

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## Tennis Tournaments

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**Singles Tournament:**  
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- 2) Ranking: Men's & Women's - Advanced/Beginner
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Assistant manager for bookstore in Albany. Enjoy working with people and know your books? This job has hours (evening and weekends) that a student could work with. Hurry on down to Student Employment before someone gets this! (T-101)

Student Conservation Association has over 800 professional level, tuition-free positions available for Summer and Fall. In particular there are immediate openings to work in biological research, back country patrol, environmental impact assessment and other resource management positions. Stop by the Career Center in Takena Hall Room 101 and look through our files for Summer and Temporary seasonal employment.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Need a break? Radical Reality Christian Fellowship. A place of refreshment through fel-

lowship & God's word. Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in IA-219.

Play Scrabble in Spanish on Wednesdays in the cafeteria at noon. Look for the board and join in!

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Guistwhite Scholar program for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members. Ten \$5,000 transfer scholarships awarded to community college graduates. Deadline: June 1. Download application from [www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us](http://www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us) or contact Advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101.

The Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon, Inc., is awarding 10 to 15 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at Oregon colleges and universities. Requirements and applications are available in the

Career Center. Deadline: July 1, 1998.

The Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary is offering the Geraldine Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment, a yearly grant up to \$3,000 to an individual or individuals in a medically related field. Requirements and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is May 15.

The Hispanic Dental Association Foundation has available scholarships in the amounts of \$1000 and \$500. Scholarships are open to all entry-level Hispanic U.S. students who have been accepted into an accredited dental program. Other requirements and application are available in the Career Center. Deadline: June 15, 1998.

The National Poultry and Food Distributors Association Scholarship Foundation awards four \$1,500 scholarships every year to students in the field of poultry science, poultry production, marketing, nutrition and all other areas of study related to the poultry industry. Requirements and application available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline May 31, 1998.

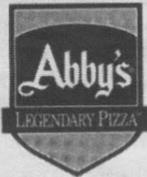
**New members welcome at PTK meetings next week**

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's International Honor Society, will be meeting next Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, in Business Room 107 at noon. The general meeting has been moved up a week so it will not conflict with Spring Days. All interested students are invited to attend.

To join the Honor Society, a student must have completed at least 12 credits at LBCC, earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Phi Theta Kappa members will be selling Papa Murphy's coupon books, with \$40 worth of savings for \$5. They will also sell caramel corn during Spring Days, May 19 and 20.

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# Law allowing refusal of medical care due to religion is flawed

by Schellene Pils  
of The Commuter

There is a law in Oregon that allows members of a religious sect to refuse medical help for themselves and their family members, including their children, as long as it is against their religion to do so.

This law gives parents of children who die due to lack of medical care immunity from prosecution. This includes the parents of an 11-year-old boy who died of complications caused by diabetes. After suffering severe pain for several days, he lapsed into a coma and never recovered. His parents, members of the Followers of Christ Church, did not call 911, rush him to a hospital or even take him to a doctor—they prayed over him.

Don't get me wrong. Every time my kids are hurt or sick, I pray very hard that they get better, before, during and after their visit to the doctor.

This is not the only example of praying over

*We all deserve a right to our religious beliefs, but don't all kids deserve the right to treatment when they are unwell?*

children instead of getting them medical treatment. According to Mark Larabee, a reporter for the Oregonian, in the last year and a half, five children, including the 11-year-old boy, died because they were not given medical treatment.

Two newborns and their mothers died as well, due to complications arising from the births. A five-month-old girl succumbed to a congenital defect that blocked her kidney and caused an infection.

Yet another was a four-year-old boy who died from a strangulated hernia, something that is very easily corrected by surgery. I ought to know. I had the surgery myself when I was three.

These kids were never given a chance to make a choice. They were too young to say what they wanted.

If these people were anyone else, they would be in jail for severe child abuse, manslaughter or even murder by abuse. But because of a law that doesn't take into consideration the rights of children to get medical care, these parents don't face prosecution. Yes, we all deserve a right to our religious beliefs, but don't all kids deserve the right to treatment when they are unwell?

It would be better to think of medical care as a gift from God, and the ability to use it a blessing.

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commentary

# America's solution to tobacco problem lies in eliminating ads that target children

by Brock Jacks  
of The Commuter

Tobacco is a hot topic in America today. Almost everyone knows about the lawsuits and deals with Congress.

The tobacco industry is under attack, seemingly from all sides. Victims of smoking-related diseases are lining up to sue the companies for all they're worth. Congress is trying to drastically alter their companies' advertising methods. Even President Clinton has denounced them for their contribution to teen smoking.

One of the major targets of anti-smoking campaigns is Joe Camel. This tobacco icon is heavily blamed for the increase in teen smoking. Accusations have even been made that RJ Reynolds (Camel's manufacturer) developed Joe to specifically target underaged smokers. The fact that Joe is a cartoon character has apparently strengthened the demand for his demise.

Cartoons appeal to children, so since Joe Camel is a colorful cartoon and a familiar logo he is obviously intended to market to children. This is probably why Mr. Clean, Snoopy and Michelin Man have been so successful in marketing household cleaners, life insurance and tires to the younger generation.

Everyone knows that smoking has negative effects on your health, but over 25 percent of Americans still engage in this activity. Chances are, you've already

formed your opinion about smoking. Feelings run high on both sides of the issue, even here at LBCC.

People who don't smoke are often disgusted at the smell of smoke, while those who do smoke feel they should have the freedom to do so wherever they please. How can the law be fair to both parties since they appear to be so mutually exclusive?

Well, the probability is extremely low. Perhaps we'll lapse back into prohibition. History has shown us that this is not a viable alternative, but at the rate tobacco legislation is headed, we may end up there. Perhaps cigarettes will only be had on the black market. Is this what either side really wants?

It is definitely hard to see through all the smoke and mirrors to the real truth. Certainly both sides have done their share of exaggerating and altering the facts for their own benefit. What I really hope for is the preservation of the rights of smokers (when they don't infringe on those of nonsmokers) to enjoy their albeit self-destructive habit and the rights of nonsmokers to breathe clean air, all while cutting down on underage smoking with harsher penalties for those who sell tobacco to minors.

Maybe instead of legislating tobacco out of existence an attempt at diplomacy should be made. If they work together, I think they'll find an agreement suitable for all parties involved is within reach.



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- 27 "Gomer" USMC
- 28 Informal formal
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- 42 Oklahoma city
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- 64 And so forth
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**THE K CHRONICLES**

**"A TITANIC confession"**

BY KEITH KNIGHT

WHAT'S WRONG GUNTHER?

Sniff

Did you hear that? Over the cafe sound system...

It's that song from Titanic...

I finally saw it the other day and it moved me man...

IT moved me.

So much so that when they showed Kate Winslet's boobs I DIDN'T EVEN CARE!!

I felt the love between them.

The two characters... (Not the boobs)

Dude... I have a confession to make...

I had a dream about me & Leonardo DiCaprio the other night...

Me & him were out on the front deck of the boat... The wind was streaming through my golden locks... It was wonderful...

It was like biting into a York Peppermint Pattie...

I mean... I ain't gay or anything... but I also ain't afraid to share this with the world...

slurp

IF YOU MAKE THIS INTO A COMIC, I'LL KILL YOU!!

--I think I'd let him have his way with me...

STOP

## Muffin

By Nora McVittie

Doesn't useless conversation SUCK?

A bit pointless, yes?

Nice elevator.

Yeah.

And the same subjects always come up.

Great weather, huh?

We've been lucky.

El Niño.

Yeah.

That's why it's good to toss in a new one every once in a while.

Goin' to class?

No, I just like to ride around in elevators.

Oh.

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