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LEAD IN THE WATER!

Water tests positive for lead at LBCC

PHOTO BY : ELLIOT POND | LB STUDENT NICK NOVAC GETS HYDRATED BETWEEN CLASSES

Linn-Benton Community College has tested positive for unhealthy amounts of lead at the Albany, Lebanon, and Corvallis locations.

Eight sinks amongst the campuses exceeded Environmental Protection Agency actionable levels. To be considered “actionable” the water must test at lead concentrations exceeding an action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

According to a news release written by Lori Fluge-Brunker, LBCC tested 171 water sources where individuals may drink water across all campuses. Five sinks did not pass the lead testing within the Albany campus, two sinks on the Lebanon Downtown campus, and one in the basement of the Corvallis campus.

“We had eight out of 171 tested sinks show an elevated level of lead,” said Dale Stowell, Executive Director, Institutional Advancement of LBCC. “Five of the eight faucets have already been replaced, of the three that are remaining we are waiting for parts to be reordered on one, the other two should be done pretty soon; we expect them all to be done September 30th.”

LBCC tested their water due to many educational establishments testing positive for high concentrations of lead in their water supply.

“The testing will take place once they are all done on September 30th, and after this it takes about three weeks for the test results to come back, so once we have results that say the issue has been addressed, they’ll be reopened,” said Stowell.

High levels of lead have been appearing all over the state of Oregon, but started appearing originally in Portland schools. Marc Edwards, a Virginia Tech civil engineering professor who helped expose the water contamination crisis in Flint, Mich., believes the lead crisis is due to the Bull Run Watershed, Portland’s main water supply. Other concerned parties, such as the Brass Plumbing Company, believe it is the fixture itself that is causing the lead levels to appear higher than preferable in the water supply.

LBCC plans to open the sinks to the public once they are replumbed by the Brass Plumbing Company and retested in the next few weeks.

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Until Debt Do We Part

Our relationship with student aid is simple. We need it. We are receiving it, and it is never enough.

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Local War on Water

High lead levels hit close to home, found in schools across Oregon, including Albany in Corvallis!

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FINANCIAL AID: FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



New FAFSA regulations create a sticky transition for LBCC’s Financial Aid Office.

The Department of Education (DOE) announced major changes to its financial aid application process in an attempt to simplify what can be a frustrating and confusing endeavor for students and their families.

Students can now submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Oct. 1, a full three months earlier than the previous Jan. 1 submission date.

This restructuring moves to prior-prior year awarding; calculating student aid and expected family contribution (EFC) using family income tax documents from two years previous. Students applying for aid in the 2017-18 year will use a 2015 tax return,

the same tax return many students used to apply for this year’s aid.

“The intention behind prior-prior year is that it will be easier for students and parents to fill out the FAFSA because they will be able to use the IRS data retrieval,” said Elaine Robinson, LBCC financial aid director.

The accuracy provided by the IRS data retrieval tool should significantly lower the amount of students selected for verification.

Students who provided income estimates instead of IRS data on the FAFSA are selected at random by the Department of Education for an income verification process. This can be a difficult barrier for students trying to access financial aid funds.

“Thirty-two percent of our students are selected for verification by the Department of Education, that was for the 16-17 year,” said Robinson.

Depending on the institution, the new date could even allow opportunity for earlier admission decisions to colleges.

“People are going to have longer to turn in their tracking documentation, which is good,” said Robinson.

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PATH OF TRUE LOVE AUDITIONS

Commedia Dell'Arte comes to LBCC

Revving up for their fall play, The Black Curtain Society is back at it again.

Jaime Lee will be directing "The Path of True Love," a Commedia Dell'Arte play. This type of play is defined by its slapstick fun combined with a love story and wacky storyline, ensuring the audience will be in for a treat.

"As a student, directing is a dream come true to take charge on my own project. The show is fully student produced as a fundraiser to raise money for ACTF. [American College Theater Festival] With the theater closed it is hard accommodating for lack of space and rehearsal space. But with all the students behind the project it is sure to be a hit," said Lee.

Auditions begin soon, if you want to try out for the play, show up to the LBCC Performing Arts Room (SSH 213) October 5th and 6th at 6 p.m. to audition.

"Wear comfortable

clothes that you can move around in. Water is always recommended...I'd recommend that they bring their imagination and sense of fun. If they've never auditioned before and have always wanted to this would be the play to audition for," said Maddie Rodgers, the co-president of the Black Curtain Society.

Auditions aren't just for actors either, if you're interested in being a part of the stage crew including sound, lighting, props and more, show up to the auditions and sign up there.

The play will run November 17-19, and if you want more info, contact Dan Stone at dan.stone@linnbenton.edu or 541-917-4566.



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CAMPUS VOICE

What are the most exciting and intimidating things about starting college?



KAI LOGUE: "THE MOST INTIMIDATING IS PROBABLY THE SCHOOLWORK AND THE MOST EXCITING IS THAT IT'S NOT HIGH SCHOOL."



KEVIN CLAY: "THE MOST INTIMIDATING IS THE AMOUNT OF WORK AND THE MOST EXCITING IS THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL."



LOGAN ISRAEL: "FOR ME, BEING ABLE TO GO TO CLASSES AND TRY TO EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING. THE MOST INTIMIDATING IS FIGURING OUT EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT TO GO."



DAVID WHITTAKER: "IT'S AWESOME IN COLLEGE, BECAUSE YOU GET TO PICK YOUR OWN CLASSES. THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS I WAS NERVOUS."



CAMERON KENNEDY: "IT'S NICE TO SEE FRIENDS IN A NEW SETTING, BUT COLLEGE IS WAY BIGGER THAN HIGH SCHOOL!"



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STORY AND PHOTOS BY EMILY GOODYKOONTZ & ELLIOT POND

FINANCIAL AID: FOR BETTER OR WORSE

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But this one-time double-dipping of the 2015 tax return has raised questions among college students, financial aid staff and college administrators nationwide.

Will this help, or will this hinder? Has navigating the financial aid system for the 2017-18 year just turned into a nightmare for staff and students?

While this tricky transition may mark the beginning of a smoother future process, here's the caveat:

It could also mean financial aid paybacks by students who slipped the notice of income verification for the 2016-17 year.

"Financial aid officers have said this is crazy," said Bruce Clemetsen. "We understand why you're [the Department of Education] doing it, but at some point, we've gone through checks and balances. And if there's a mistake, it shouldn't be their mistake, it's our mistake, we should have caught it a year ago."

The DOE will flag applications of students who did not use the IRS data retrieval tool for the 2016-17 school year and did use it for the 2017-18 FAFSA application, but only if the reported income has changed drastically.

"The Department of Education is going to give us guidance on that," said Robinson. "If you did a 2015 and you weren't selected for verification, versus doing a 2015 and you are selected for verification, that is a conflict."

Students who weren't flagged the first time could end up owing grant money. However, if they do the FAFSA on Oct 1, it will allow the Financial Aid Office time to make adjustments for the coming winter and spring terms, relieving the need for the student to pay out of pocket.

The prior-prior year awarding will balance out in 2018-19, when FAFSA applications will be based off of 2016's tax documents. For now, LBCC's financial aid office is running two years at once.

"All financial aid offices are struggling with setup right now," said Robinson.

Those involved with the financial aid disbursement are scrambling in an attempt to update processes and paperwork with unclear, muddled guidelines from the federal government.

Robinson says they will have to wait until the annual Federal Student Aid Conference in December to receive any clear answers.

"I cannot impress upon students enough to please read their Webrunner and be aware of our priority deadline dates."

LBCC will also not receive guidance on Pell Grant disbursement until January or February, so students should not expect their financial aid package information until the usual time in March or April.

"We're opening the FAFSA faster, but we're not getting the information to make awards on any accelerated basis," said Bruce Clemetsen, vice president of student affairs at LBCC.

The transition may be difficult, but processes are in place to solve any arising issues in LBCC's Financial Aid Office. Robinson believes LBCC will not see many payback situations.

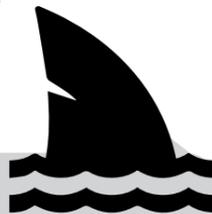
"I cannot impress upon students enough to please read their Webrunner and be aware of our priority deadline dates," said Robinson.

A student staying on top of their paperwork and remaining alert through the entire financial aid process is the best way to avoid any frustrating situations, according to Robinson. Turn in the 2017-18 FAFSA as early as possible to avoid a payback situation.

"What we want to make possible is the greatest access that students can have to whatever financial resources are out there. We will have to see how this impacts it," said Greg Hamann, president of LBCC.



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DID YOU KNOW?

If you treat life as a means to an end you will reach the end without finding any means?



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 30:

Willamette Valley Productions Home Show

* Liberty Plaza, 1665 Liberty St SE,

Salem, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Oct. 1:

+ Linn County Flea Market

* 3700 Knox Butte Road E. Albany,

7:30 to 2:30 p.m.

+ Mid-Valley Bike Club Saturday Rides

* Osborn Aquatic Center, 1940 N.W.

Highland Drive, Corvallis.

Oct. 6:

Oktoberfest at Brookdale

* 1560 SE Davidson St, Albany, 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 8:

Oregon Mennonite Festival

* 3700 Knox Butte Road E, Albany

Oct. 9:

26th Annual Great Pumpkin Run

* Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 S.W.

53rd St., Corvallis, 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Oct. 14:

Chocolate Fantasy: annual fundraiser for the Arts Center's programs

* CH2M HILL Alumni Center, 725 S.W. 26.

St., Corvallis, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Oct. 15:

+ Beaver's Home Game (Men's Football)

* Oregon State University, 1500 S.W.

Jefferson Ave, Corvallis

+ 6th Annual Runaway Pumpkin Half

Marathon & 8K

* Cheadle Lake Park, 37919 Weirich Drive,

Lebanon, 9 a.m.

Oct. 20:

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THE SCAM OF THE CENTURY

The Federal Reserve, the IRS, and the story of how you became enslaved

Have you ever wondered why we even have money? What determines its value? Why is it worth more now, and less in several years? Global economy? Market value based on stocks and foreign trade? Perhaps its value is simply determined by labor, as proposed by Karl Marx?

No. None of these things determine the value of your money, your time, or your labor.

The Federal Reserve does all that for you and a whole lot more; I'm about to tell you how.

To understand where this all began in our country, you have to understand the role of The Federal Reserve and the IRS. The Federal Reserve is not owned by the U.S. government and is most assuredly not part of the United States Treasury. The Federal Reserve is a privately owned banking institution that was created December 23, 1913, by The Federal Reserve Act. This was signed into being by President Woodrow Wilson, along with the IRS Tax Act, which he had already conveniently agreed to sign before he was elected president.

These acts followed a market crash in 1907, created by large corporations. This scared a whole lot of people into lobbying for banking reform; ultimately setting the stage for a central bank to come in and "save the day." But we know better now.

Under the Federal Reserve Act, The Federal Reserve has complete control over both printing money and controlling its distribution to all banks nation-wide. This allows the Federal Reserve to print more money as it pleases to cover debts and settle accounts, making every dollar you have in your pocket worth less and less. If that wasn't bad enough, the devaluation of your money, and vicariously your labor, is nothing compared to what I'm about to tell you next.

Enter the IRS.

The Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, is the faithful dog of the Federal Reserve. The IRS goes out and collects money from EVERYONE to pay the debt that we have all collectively incurred by simply being alive and using The Federal Reserve's money.

"But WAIT," you shout. "That's MY MONEY! I earned it!"

No. It's not.

The Federal Reserve Note that you have in your pocket, that dollar, is worth less than the paper it's printed on, it's not backed by anything, and it's owned by The Fed. See, The Fed LOANS its money out to the U.S. Government, States, and other private banks which distribute it to other private entities, eventually winding up in your hands. Which means, that every time you buy something, you are buying it with what is essentially a debted check.

Every time you work, you are getting paid in I.O.U.'s that you are being charged for and that you do not actually own; and if all that doesn't bother you, this next part will.

Your perpetual enslavement, or how they keep you enslaved:

This is the money shot right here. This is why every time you receive a paycheck, you are Federally Taxed. This is why you are REQUIRED to submit your social security number everywhere you work, apply, and transact money in addition to why you cannot be paid in anything other than Federal Reserve Notes.

It is because by controlling the value of your money, through intentionally-driven inflation and taxation; they control the value of your labor, and through that, the value of your life.

Every day your precious time is bought and sold by the very money that you depend on to pay your bills and put food on your table, and the worst part is, nobody cares.

And it's not just in this country. These central banks have been instituted worldwide to control the world economy and enslave the populations of nations for the benefit of a few.

Apathy has been beaten into us by a system that was designed specifically to keep us down, keep us poor, keep us afraid, and keep us enslaved; and it's worked, until now.

People are waking up, and a new day is dawning. A day where people are realizing just how bad things have gotten, how desperately we all struggle to get by, and are willing to do something about it. Hungary and Iceland became the first nations to oppose the Rothschild central banks and ban them from the countries in 2013 and 2014 respectively; following Russia, who did so in 2005.

We don't need more money, we need more value and we need more freedom.

We have the power to change this. We have the means by which to secure our freedom. We can fight The Fed, we can dissent to this slavery, and we can change our future. Open your eyes, see the injustice, to see the farm is the first step in leaving it.

To find out more, go straight to Google and ask it your questions. Information becomes more and more scarce every single day by way of cover ups and takedowns. Thankfully, The Fed doesn't own the internet, for now.

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**WHAT YOU
NEED TO
KNOW:**

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- 1. The Federal Reserve is a privately owned bank and not owned by the U.S. government.**
- 2. The Federal Reserve can print as much money as it wants without audit by any government agency.**
- 3. The Federal Reserve controls all money that is currently in circulation, a job that was outlined to be done only by the U.S. Treasury.**
- 4. The Federal Reserve controls the value of money currently in circulation by printing more of it, devaluing your dollar; thereby decreasing your earning and spending power.**
- 5. The Federal Reserve and The IRS Tax Act are both pieces of legislation signed in to law by President Woodrow Wilson in 1913.**
- 6. The Federal Reserve loans money to the U.S. government and other private banks and then the IRS taxes you to pay for using their money.**

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UNTIL DEBT DO WE PART

Utter dependence among generations of students

If you are a college student, much like me, you are likely waiting for that financial aid reimbursement to hit your bank account.

Any. Minute. Now.

During this first week of classes, we scurry to the bookstore and wait in long lines (take-freaking-forever-lines, I wish I had a ray gun to delete all the people in front of me sorts of lines) and water down our foggy brains with cups of caffeine and savor snacks requisitioned with our dwindling student aid ledgers at the bookstore.

The bookstore provides delicious, healthy snacks for breakfast such as beef jerky, cups of noodles, milkshakes and potato chips. It's the last resort food we eat instead of a real breakfast, because we're all out of cereal, and eggs for that matter, and there's just jingling change bouncing and laughing at us from the bottoms of our echoing bank accounts.

Maybe you're not like me, however, and you worked your ass off all summer to save yourself from this broke-ass mess. More power to you.

Either way, we all spend inordinate amounts of our financial aid funds on textbooks, and not just textbooks. Freaking CODES to grant you invisible access to materials you cannot even flip through in your hands. Yes, \$100 for temporary access, thank you.

What?

This is besides the point... only, it isn't. We are all utterly dependent on our student aid for survival. Basic survival. Textbooks, tuition, and survival. And most of the time, it isn't enough.

"The hard truth is that while financial aid reduces the ever-increasing cost of college, more often than not it still leaves families with unmanageable prices," wrote Sara Goldrick-Rab in her book "Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream."

Everybody knows the adage of the overworked college student. Or the overworked student-parents, absolute superheroes. Many work full time, or work more than two jobs while trying to stay successful in classes. Some find it exhausting or financially impossible, and drop out of college altogether.

Federal Pell Grants can take the edge off, but not by much.

"When the Pell program began, it was intended to shield recipients from having to take loans. Today, nine out of 10 Pell recipients graduates with debt. Of the Pell recipients who attend public colleges and universities - fully two-thirds of all Pell recipients- just 48 percent who start college full-time complete a degree or certificate of any kind within 6 years. Of the remaining 52 percent, one in three leaves with a double-burden: no credential and an average of \$9000 in student debt," wrote Goldrick-Rab.

Our relationship with student aid is simple. We need it. We are receiving it, and it is never enough. Our lives revolve around the quarterly deposits like ocean tides; the cash flows in and right back out.

Our debt tolls creep higher.

For some of us, the heights are astonishing. Try exceeding \$50,000 for a four-year degree. That'll be me.

I can accept that when the federal government makes changes that directly affect the financial aid of students across the nation they do so in an attempt to make the process easier.

Everyone knows there's a problem.

But there will never be anything easy about signing our futures into debt in exchange for an accredited education, just for proof that you went through the rigamarole.

The Department of Education made two big changes to the financial aid process in July. Brash changes can have unwanted effects, like basing financial aid eligibility on out-of-date, inaccurate financial information.

reevaluating a student's actual need.

"We don't do a professional judgement if you voluntarily quit your job, because if you quit your job, you're supposed to have some money saved up to go to school," said Elaine Robinson LBCC financial aid director.

But returning students relying on on their 2015 tax return again for the 2017-18 year may not have planned to save enough money to supplement two years of college.

For example, a person who works full time as a landscaper during the summer won't be able to keep their 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. five-day-a-week schedule during the school year and attend full-time.

They would have to cut back hours just to attend classes.

"If in 2015 you work full-time, in 2016-17 you didn't, so when you do your 2018-19 FAFSA it's going to catch up," said Robinson.

That just leaves us one year to cut our losses, I guess.

The people at LBCC's financial aid office want to help students the best way they know how and the only way they can; with the tools, rules, and funding passed down to them from the Federal Department of Education.

But they can only do so much.

These federally mandated changes to the FAFSA system will only pour salt in our wounds this year. The DOE is trying to



And that's just what the new prior-prior year arrangements for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will precedent.

In the past, expected family contribution (EFC) has been based on the income a student or their family received the previous year.

Now, students and their families can expect to provide information that is two years old, and for a second time.

For the upcoming 2017-18 FAFSA application, students will use the same tax data they used on their last one, the data that this year's aid package was based from.

Any independent students previously working full-time must count on saved-up funds to supplement their education. When the time comes to apply for financial aid, a student's previous income is counted towards their EFC, although they are likely working less.

With this prior-prior year transition, some students may lose grant eligibility they would have received through the previous system. For situations like this, financial aid officers at LBCC will sometimes consider a "professional judgement" on a case-by-case basis,

fix something inherently broken without examining the real causes. It's suturing flesh wounds and ignoring broken bones.

Students begin college overwhelmed. The financial aid process becomes a blur, and dependent and independent students both become lost, wandering deep into foggy fields of debt. Our grants and loans become our partners to get us through this system.

It's our trap. Our helpful downfall. Our promissory notes were our vows, and we married our debt.



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LOCAL: WAR ON WATER



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: NICK LAWRENCE | POISON WATER

Local tap water problem seeks solution

Poisoned tap water sources of Oregon public schools have become quite the hot topic in local news when Portland Public schools decided to have their water tested for lead.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, "If lead concentrations exceed an action level of 15 ppb or copper concentrations exceed an action level of 1.3 ppm in more than 10% of customer taps sampled, the system must undertake a number of additional actions to control corrosion."

Health effects can occur as low as 5 parts-per-billion, according to some experts, and the EPA recommends shut off and replacement at 20 PPB.

The concern of lead in tap water first started in May of 2016 in the Portland public school district, which quickly prompted other Oregon school districts to follow suit. But the problem isn't exactly local, with nearly 18 million Americans exposed to elevated lead levels.

The side effects of contamination in tap water is considered to be worse for young children, an age range that the EPA stresses is most vulnerable to poisoning.

"Lead is particularly dangerous to children because their growing bodies absorb more lead than adults do and their brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects on lead," according to epa.gov.

The Albany Democrat-Herald has made several reports on the Greater Albany Public Schools' water quality this summer.

During the month of August, a total of eleven tests were done on various public drinking water outlets throughout the city. The Albany Senior Center on NW

Water Avenue had three faucets report levels of 15, 18, and 21 ppb. Most prominently, the test from faucet in the Willamette Meeting Room inside Albany City Hall resulted in 28 ppb.

The Democrat-Herald says that Chris Bailey, the City Public Works Director, reported that the "Health risk to the community is not cause for alarm, because the Centers for Disease Control is primarily concerned with water sources that are used exclusively by young children, or are the primary source of drinking water for them."

The same article also added that, "the faucets in question are not used frequently by the same people, so the risk for neurological damage is not significant."

On August 11, it was also reported that six out of Albany's eleven elementary schools have reported lead levels above the 15 ppb action level. Even worse, the highest levels reported were 175.0 at North Albany Middle School.

Seven of Corvallis school district's eight elementary schools have also reported high lead levels.

The Greater Albany school district has yet to give a clear statement on how it's developing a solution, according to letters written to parents and staff by the superintendent.

Additional Information:

In a letter to parents and staff members of Greater Albany public schools, Superintendent Jim Golden gave a list of schools with high lead levels. They include:

- Calapooia Middle School
- Clover Ridge Elementary School
- Fairmount Building
- Lafayette Elementary School
- North Albany Middle School
- Periwinkle Elementary School
- South Albany High School
- South Shore Elementary School
- Sunrise Elementary School
- Takena Elementary School
- Tangent Elementary School
- Waverly Elementary School
- West Albany High School



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LISTEN



By Christopher Mikkelson

Listen.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind,
 for delights you've never seen -
 for a shrine where no one's been.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind
 to build bridges
 and steeples -
 to make even the streets
 sacred,
 so long as they hold people.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind
 carrying ponderous ponderances
 as if autumn swirled a sunburst
 of squirrel's carpet into a cyclone,
 whipping the lofty higher,
 then gliding it
 down to earth.
 Listen.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind,
 spat out of sputtering silence
 from mouths a miasma of malady
 has made mute.
 Until this. Until Now.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind,
 Flowing from founts of flowery
 fantasies,
 Silver tongues with syllables for

every flitting fancy.
 Until now. Until this.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind
 That will rinse your skin
 Like the lover you never had nor
 imagined.
 And it will feel like a new soul
 again.
 It will feel like a springtime
 morning.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind
 that will take your heart in their
 teeth,
 and gnaw and gnash
 and rip and gash
 until you're acquainted with the agony
 that another spells R-O-U-T-I-N-E.
 Listen.
 Listen.
 There are words upon the wind
 Of degradation, desolation,
 capture, rapture, revelation,
 Emancipation. Creation.
 Listen.
 For there will be a community without
 a voice
 Only so long as there are communities
 without ears.
 A storm nears. A gale hastens.
 There are words upon the wind.
 Listen.

Editor's note:

Christopher Mikkelson is LBCC's new 2016-17 Student Poet Laureate. His poem "Listen" was read on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the staff inservice. Lover's of poetry and self expression can join the Poetry Club in the DAC on Tuesdays at 3 p.m.



REVIEW: "YO-KAI WATCH"

"Yo-Kai Watch" is yet another multimedia franchise from Japan, based on the concept of mythological creatures known as "yokai." While many are hailing the series as "the next Pokémon," the result leaves much to be desired.

The series consists of many facets, two of which are a videogame for the Nintendo 3DS and an anime series currently airing on Disney XD. The game may not be bad, but it's also not a great game like a Pokémon game can be, or the previous role playing game (RPG) from developer Level-5; "Ni No Kuni: Wrath of the White Witch." The anime series, however, while not the worst of its kind, is highly insufferable because of its wasted potential.

The premise of the series is as follows: mythical creatures known as "yokai" are often held responsible for life's foibles. Essentially, if something happens to your internet connection or you forget your phone someplace; a yokai may be the cause. While these creatures may be invisible to the naked eye, a device known as the titular Yo-Kai Watch will enable the wearer to see them. While not a bad premise, the execution haphazardly tries to blend slice-of-life tropes

with collecting these creatures and having them fight, with mixed results.

The premise of the anime and the game are largely the same, but the execution differs significantly depending on the medium. Even though the game isn't an outright copy of the formula established by the Pokémon series, it lacks the complexity that's been an increasing draw among older fans. Barring a few special moves and the occasional need to heal your yokai, the combat is almost entirely on autopilot. There have been times where battles have been won with absolutely no input from the player at all.

Sadly, the anime suffers from poor voice acting and corny writing in dealing with its subject matter. The cast seems to be made up of mostly unknown voice actors, many of whom

are making their debut here. Even the normally lively Johnny Yong Bosch seems stilted as Nathan Adams.

To call the cast's performances wooden would be an affront to a useful building material. Even though the animation is slick and colorful, the show's focus on life lessons isn't well-implemented and is rife with bad jokes and dated pop-culture references. It ultimately lacks

the same level of quality that Disney XD has delivered with series such as "Gravity Falls," "Star Wars Rebels" and "Star VS The Forces of Evil."

Even though Level-5 is making long-term plans for the series in the U.S., including the localization of the sequels "Yo-Kai Watch 2: Bony Spirits and Fleshly Souls," it may not be viable

to try to shotgun the series into "the next Pokémon." In fact, that comparison ended up alienating many longtime Pokémon fans and has caused the game and anime to underperform despite surprisingly positive reception among critics.

If you're looking for an alternative style of RPG, then "Yo-Kai Watch" might be worth considering. If you're looking for a more engaging experience; however, it would be best to wait for "Pokémon Sun and Moon" and the planned Playstation 4 sequel to "Ni No Kuni." As for the anime: the writing has much more in common with the likes of "Barney and Friends" than Hayao Miyazaki's epic "Spirited Away." It's enough to make the "Pokémon" anime look like "Akira" by comparison, and Nathan is so ineffectual as a protagonist that he makes Ash Ketchum look like Arnold Schwarzenegger. Although the animation is beautiful, it doesn't really mean anything without a compelling script to bolster it. A small child might like it; but with better fare like "Gravity Falls," "Star Wars Rebels" and "Star VS The Forces of Evil" available on Disney XD, it's definitely not recommended.

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Publisher: Nintendo

Developer: Level-5

Platform: Nintendo 3DS

Starring the Voices of: Johnny Yong

Bosch, Brent Pendergrass

and Alicyn Packard

Network: Disney XD (Check your local cable or satellite listings)

ESRB Rating: E10+

Game Rating: ★★★★★

TV Show Rating: ★★★★★