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LBCC Horse Management instructor Jenny Strooband with the new colt. See more photos online at tedholliday.com.

New Baby in the Barn

Ted Holliday

Copy Editor

In the early hours of April 18 at the LBCC's Animal Science and Horse Management stables, students and instructors welcomed their newest member. One of LBCC's mares, Lola, gave birth to a new colt in the early morning hours.

In the week leading up to the birth, Lola had been placed on a 24-hour watch to ensure the safety of the horses. In the middle of the night, the students took a quick break to regain their energy. When they returned a short time later, they found a surprise. Secretly, Lola had managed to give birth under the team's watchful eyes.

"No one witnessed the birth," said Jenny Strooband, LBCC instructor. Strooband explained that the colt looked healthy and was gaining strength.

LBCC offers four options in the animal science program. The two associate of science degrees are animal science emphasis and equine science emphasis. Animal science emphasis focuses on a variety of animal handling and management skills. Equine science emphasis focuses on horse husbandry and management skills.

The two associate of applied science degrees are animal technology and animal technology horse management. According to the program description, "The program uses the community as a natural instructional laboratory and provides students with knowledge and skills useful for working in production livestock occupations." The animal technology horse management program primarily focuses on horse training and management.

The LBCC animal science and horse management programs are unique among Oregon community colleges in the Northwest. Students from around the nation attend LBCC specifically for the program. Many students move onto careers working with animals just after completing the two-year program, while others decide to move on to complete a more comprehensive program at Oregon State University.

At this time, no name has been given to the new colt.

Check next week's issue for an update on the story.



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Board Approves Tuition Increase

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Copy Editor

Students may need a financial life preserver as college expenses continue increasing. The recent budget cuts, staff and faculty layoffs, and retirements weren't enough to minimize the wave of financial duress.

On Wednesday night at the college's Lebanon Center, LBCC's Board of Education approved a 3.3 percent tuition increase with a 5 to 2 vote. The tuition will increase from the current rate of \$90.79 to \$93.80, a \$3.01 increase. With additional fees included, the total raises from \$96 to \$99 per credit.

Lengthy discussions about the tuition increase occurred before voting took place. Those in favor of the increase argued that they're needed to prevent further financial stress on the school. Those opposed displayed concern that the board continues seeking money from students and placing a greater financial burden on them.

LBCC President Greg Hamann explained that even with the tuition increase, the college is still in the middle of the pack with other community colleges for tuition cost. The current average of all



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Board Chair Ron Mason (left) and LBCC President Greg Hamann listen to the concerns of board members about the tuition increase proposal at the April 17 meeting.

community colleges in Oregon is \$4,527. With the new tuition rate, the cost to attend here will be \$4,455.

"I hate having to raise tuition," said board member Penny York. "It would have meant that more

programs may have been cut."

Current and future students didn't take the information the same way. Summer Wilson, a young single mother of a 2-year old and a student in the GED program, was looking forward to the move into college classes. "This might make college out of reach for me," Wilson said.

Alice Walling was a stay-at-home mom until recently. She decided to obtain her GED and plans on entering the Dental Assistant program. "[Tuition increases will] make it harder for low income people to go to school and make ends meet," Walling said.

Not everyone in the meeting wanted to see tuition prices increase; board members Keith Frome and Katherine Thomas voted against them. "I came to the board and wanted to keep the tuition as low as possible," Frome said. "The four years prior to me joining the board, tuition had increased 27 percent. I'm concerned about our young people's debt load when they graduate."

In the public boardroom, the Board of Education has once again reached into the pockets of students to keep faculty, staff, and programs afloat. "I think I can tell you what's going to happen: We will come back during winter term and look at another budget cut or tuition increase," Frome said.

Roadrunner Baseball Piles Up 2 More Wins

Ron Borst

Staff Photographer

On a superb Oregon spring day, the LBCC baseball team showed its own bloom Tuesday in a pair of 10-0 and 11-1 routs of Southwestern Oregon (SWOCC).

The team continues to roll over opponents with its excellent

pitching and sound defense.

Austin Woodward started and got the win in game one. Brandon Farley had two hits and Logan Henry had three hits with two runs batted in. Jacob Herklotz homered once again.

Joel Shippy, the normal closer, got the start in game two.

"We'll get off to a good start

and watch his innings pitched," said Coach Ryan Godfrey.

LBCC's batters certainly went off to a good start of their own, wrapping up the game two victory in only five innings.

The team returns home for a doubleheader on April 30 at LBCC's ballfield.



Freshman Jordan Farley warms up his throwing arm.
Ron Borst

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Sperling Forced to Retire

Justeen Elliott
Managing Editor

"I was really angry."

"I don't have the energy to give to LBCC anymore."

These are the statements of many, if not all, of the faculty, both classified and non-classified, that are being let go, either by forced early retirement or just let go entirely.

Alice Sperling was one of those people. Instead of being let go permanently, she was told to take an early retirement two to three years sooner than expected. According to Sperling, a lot of the people that were let go are older and most of them are not going to be looking for other work.

"This has been a really good place to work and I am sorry to see the direction it has to go," said Sperling.

Sperling has been employed by LBCC for the past 18 years. She started out as a classified employee for the GED and ESOL (English Speaker of Other Languages) programs.

You know those evaluations students fill out for instructors towards the end of term? Well, that is Sperling's primary job: She works with the college staff to make sure what they're doing is right when they're supporting students. If a teacher gets bad evaluations from their classes, then Sperling is brought in to work with faculty. Primarily, what she does is work with faculty to improve teaching.

Not only was Sperling angry over having to take an early retirement, but she was angrier about the closing of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

"I don't think that I am essential to the center, but I think that the center is essential to running the college."

Sperling believes the center is in a good place, as of right now, and that if faculty would have approached Sperling or others working in the center



William Allison

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Coordinator Alice Sperling.

that they could have helped with the transitions.

If instructors or staff are looking for help with their transitions, they are invited to speak with Sperling. She has served on committees and boards and is a good communicator and facilitator. Sperling is willing to help anybody with difficult conversations that they're not able to have by themselves.

Though Sperling and others are either retiring or being laid off, there are others who lost their original job and are transferring. As of July 1, Vickie Keith will be working in the Admissions Office. Before this, Keith worked at LBCC for 14 years as a classified employee.

"I feel very fortunate and blessed

that I do have an option and I greatly appreciate having that option," said Keith. "Wherever I end up, I am still going to be who I am."

Once Sperling retires, she plans on keeping herself busy by spending a lot of time outdoors in her garden on her half acre of land. She is also going to look into further educating herself by maybe enrolling in iTunes U, and wants to enroll in online classes.

Sperling's retirement becomes official on May 31.

"This has been the most wonderful place to work," said Sperling. "I have the best friends. These are the most committed faculty and staff and they are so committed to students and staff. That's what we're here for."

ESOL Program Cut

TeJo Pack
Staff Writer

The recent budget cuts at LBCC will have a lasting effect on campus. Some of those effects are still yet to be seen and yet others are self-evident.

For the English for Speakers of Other Languages department it's a little bit of both.

Though it could be presumed that ESOL may be in a winding-down phase due to the complete cut of their department, the opposite is more accurate.

"We have about 190 students this term," said Sarah Chaney, faculty and department chair, which means business as usual. The staff, which is now down to seven, has had plenty to keep them busy during this difficult time as they continue teaching overfull classes and fulfilling Title II grant requirements.

Chaney is also concerned with the future of not just current students and community members needing the services that LBCC's ESOL Department provides, but also those needing access to English language classes in the future.

"The biggest problem I have with the cutting of ESOL is that it may cause community members to lose all access to language learning and become invisible to the college," Chaney said.

Those services are, at this point in time, set to be handled by the English Language and Cultural Institute; a for-profit business that operates on campus. ELCI as quoted on the LBCC website "caters to the English language needs of prospective students from other countries."

This is not the only unknown; it is also unclear whether ELCI at its current functioning capacity will be able to handle the needs of not just students or future students, but the needs of those within the community looking to learn the English language for more practical reasons.

"The ability to become an American [in the traditional sense] requires you to speak the language," said Javier Cervantes, LBCC's director of Diversity and Community Engagement. "These people need to be able look for work, communicate within a work environment, as well as aide their children with homework."

These exact issues were also addressed in a letter written by students and people from Albany to LBCC President Greg Hamann and the LBCC Board of Education.

In the letter that was read aloud during a recent board meeting, the spokesperson for over 36 ESOL students and community members was quoted as saying, "We are concerned [the decision to cut ESOL] will affect our future if the classes are cancelled since the large majority of us are expected to speak English at our jobs. We also will not be able to help our children with their homework." At the conclusion of the letter's reading, the board gave no formal acknowledgement and the students' concerns were left unaddressed.

Though how all of this will be addressed is, as Cervantes put it, "unknown until its implementation," one thing is certain, "I have every confidence that the college is finding creative solutions to fulfill the needs of the community."

Although the future for students and community members needing English language assistance is uncertain, what is clear is come June seven ESOL members will be in need of a job.

Cherry Blossom Picnic



Anna Houston

Meghan Rivas (center) presents to students at the Cherry Blossom Picnic at the DAC on April 10. Visitors got to make their own origami and write haiku's while trying Chinese foods, such as edemame, pot stickers, and bento boxes.

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Diagnostic Imaging Students Help in Haiti

Daniel Elliott

Contributing Writer

Students in the diagnostic imaging program are travelling abroad and making a difference overseas. Stacy Mallory, the director for the diagnostic imaging program, has been sending students in her program to Haiti who want to volunteer by being educational mentors.

Mallory is involved with Project Medishare, an organization trying to improve healthcare in Haiti. She helped write a grant awarded to the college's diagnostic imaging program in partnership with Project Medishare.

The grant pays for the travel expenses of students who have completed all of their required program diagnostic imaging competencies and met a few other travel requirements. The volunteer students then travel to Haiti, staying a little over two weeks, teaching the Haitian students what they have learned in the diagnostic imaging program. Project Medishare's goal is to help "achieve quality healthcare" by proving volunteer mentors can teach Haitian students how to be self-sufficient. So, they can run hospitals on their own.

According to the CIA World Factbook, Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Haiti's low levels of education impede Haiti's economic growth. Project Medishare states that some areas of Haiti report children by the age of 5 have a mortality rate of 1 in 10. The aid students provide, not only helps increase their education, but it can also mean the difference between children's lives being saved or lost.

Roxanne Goodwin, the first LBCC student to go, described an example of how their volunteer work helped the Haitian people. She recounted how a gentleman she encountered while mentoring lost his job as a primary school teacher when his school was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake. He found work at an airport helping people carry their luggage. While doing this, he began to teach himself how to speak English. He then was able to become a translator for the Bernard Mevs hospital in Port Au'Prince and found himself learning to operate an x-ray machine in surgery. Goodwin was able to help this man learn general radiography with the classes being taught through the volunteer program.

"They are the amazing students that had the courage to go



outside their comfort zone and do something extraordinary," said Mallory.

Goodwin, who described eating a "ketchup sandwich" for breakfast while in Haiti, recalled the living conditions, "The supplies and resources are very limited," she said.

The following are the students who deserve recognition for leaving the comfort of their homes to help the less fortunate: Roxanne Goodwin, Breanna Hixson, Robbi Graham, Angie Opoien, Jill Brunelle, Lacey Schulte, and Katelyn Whitehead.



provided photos

Breanna Hixson (left) and Roxanne Goodwin (above) on their trip to Haiti.

The students at LBCC who have participated in this opportunity say the work is very rewarding.

"I am so grateful to have had the chance to work with a different culture than mine and see the way of their day-to-day living," said Opoien. "I would recommend that anyone interested in doing volunteer work, do it! It is an amazing opportunity and really can be humbling."

"My trip was a once in a lifetime experience and changed my life," stated Hixson.



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Words on the Wall: Celebrating Poetry Month

Delaney Montgomery

Contributing Writer

In 1996, the Academy of American Poets created National Poetry Month to celebrate their appreciation of poetry in itself. A group of educators, librarians, poets, publishers, booksellers, and literary organizations, they decided to make the month of April their national month.

Just like Black History Month, schools around the world base their studies during this time off of the celebration; this month is poetry. The LBCC library has done many different things from hanging poems, having a poem tree, holding poetry readings, and much more.

This year, the Poetry Club and Bryan Miyagishima joined together and came up with a brilliant plan to celebrate poems for this year: The Poetry Wall. The wall is made with giant pieces of whiteboard paper that has been taped up to give students an entire whiteboard wall to work with. The Poetry Club then listed some small rules saying what could appear on this wall. Each week, the club then meets on Tuesday and comes up with the theme for the next week.

Last week, they celebrated with haiku, and this week features poems



William Allison

The poetry display in the library.

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about curiosity. Each week before changing the theme of the poetry wall, the Poetry Club and Miyagishima photograph all the displayed poems as a record. They hope that soon they will be able to put up a gallery of all the pictures, and maybe even make a book with each poem in it.

Miyagishima and the Poetry Club

want students to come celebrate National Poetry Month with them and show off their poetic skills.

"I think it is a good idea to show off [other] student works," said student Dillyan Winn. Other students, who were asked if they knew anything about it, didn't seem to know it existed. Student Mayra Landa said she was unaware of the Poetry Wall, but she loved the idea and would love to check it out.

If you and your friends like poetry, go check out the Poetry Wall and share some of your poetic pieces with the school.

See the display in the library through April.

Safety on the Net

Justeen Elliott
Managing Editor

Anyone can tell you finding love is not easy, but for some people, it is even harder. There are many ways to find love, some of which include online dating.

Most people are smart enough to know that if you get emails from someone professing his/her love to you, via email nonetheless, that it's a scam and just ignore it, or maybe they read it and show it to everyone and get a laugh out of it. However, there are the people out there who don't realize that a random email from someone they never met before could be a scam. Some individuals are so lonely that they're willing to put everything on the line, and most of the time, that means all of their money.

That's what happened to a woman in Hillsboro, Ore. recently. She received an email from a U.S. soldier professing his love to her, and instructed her to send him money for transportation, medical bills, cellphone and internet charges, and even the cost of a wedding. Because of this scam, this woman from Hillsboro has lost more than \$750,000. These online cons are scamming people out of millions of dollars, and they're mostly from foreign countries using untraceable bank accounts and email addresses.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has released safety tips for men and women to keep in mind when it comes to these online money scams: "Do not wire money to someone you have not met in person. Be wary of warp-speed proclamations of love, particularly if they are accompanied

by pleas for cash."

Be suspicious if you never get to actually speak with the person on the phone or are told they will not receive letters in the mail. Legitimate servicemen and women serving overseas will often have an APO or FPO in their mailing address.

Do not send money or ship property to a third party or company, especially to parties or companies in an African country.

There exist people who don't know how to properly use the internet, and they're primarily who online scammers target. If you think you have been scammed by an individual claiming to be a member of the U.S. military, contact the Oregon Department of Justice online at www.oregonconsumer.gov or call 1-877-877-9392.

Take a Wine Walk in Albany

Press Release

Tickets are on sale for the fifth annual Albany Wine Walk, Friday, May 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. and can be purchased in advance at the Albany Visitor's Association, 110 S.E. 3rd Avenue in Albany.

For \$15 you can sample tastes of five award-winning wines from twenty Willamette Valley wineries hosted by First Street businesses. Additional tastes can also be purchased.

Proceeds of the Wine Walk, which is organized by Rotary Club of Albany, helps support several charitable causes. These include the Rotary Club of Albany's annual

Christmas Program (providing Christmas gifts for some of Albany's underprivileged elementary school children), the third-grade dictionary project (providing dictionaries to each third grader in the GAPS school system), bicycle safety, SMART, ABC House, CASA of Linn County, Gleaners, Albany Veterans Day Parade, special and international projects, and Junior First Citizen of Albany program.

During the event, you can also visit the upstairs lofts of many of downtown Albany's historic buildings, many of which are normally off limits. No tickets are necessary for this part of the event.

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Going Green with the Sustainability Fair

Elizabeth Mottner
Contributing Writer

Monday, April 22, the local community came together to support LBCC's Sustainability Fair. Civil, private, and public groups gathered on the Albany campus to celebrate Earth Day.

On a beautiful spring day, students and staff mingled with members of various groups who support the college's desire to become more informed and sustainable individually and as a college. The main goal of those gathered is to educate and inform interested students and staff on how to recycle, conserve, and find products to help in living a more sustainable life style.

So what is sustainable or sustainability? It is the ability to endure, be diverse and productive. It is the process of making something renewable, reusable, and recyclable to be able to meet the needs of humans and still conserve the environment for the future and healthy ecosystems.

Members of the United Methodist Church's Green Team, offered literature on where to recycle products that are no longer of use to keep them out of the landfills.

"We feel strongly that it is our calling to educate everyone on how to keep these items from our landfills," said Melinda Sorte, a member of the United Methodist's Green Team. "This is our third year here, and we get



Left: Melinda Sorte, a member of the United Methodist Church, accepted shoe donations at the fair.

Above: Shelley VanLeuren at the LBCC Horticulture Club table sells veggies and offers tours of the Rooftop Garden and the Farm at the Sustainability Fair.

photos by Elizabeth Mottner



really excited to be able to help teach people how simple it is to reuse and recycle."

The city of Albany also had a booth that focused on water conservation and pollution. Kim Kagelaris, an environmental service technician with the City of Albany, handed out information and conservation bags with yard water meters and water conservation nozzles. Kagelaris explained the importance of conserving

water, especially in the summer, since most of the local water comes from groundwater sources. If too much water is taken, then there will be less for recreation, fish, and wildlife habitats.

"Everyone makes a difference if they conserve and prevent polluted runoff. The biggest contributor of water pollution is nonpoint sources – us, not industry. So we come to functions like this to get the word out," said Kagelaris.

Natural Resources Conservation Service had representatives there to offer advice on how to get funds to help with conservation acts on private land. Thomas Snyder, the Benton County District Conservationist, explained how there is money available for individuals who want to do small projects like backyard conservation or large projects like wetland restorations and everything inbetween.

The NRCS is part of the USDA

Spring Light



English Department faculty and friends presented "Spring Light: Readings and Other Delicacies" at the Benton Center Friday, April 19. The event was a benefit fundraiser for the LBCC English Scholarship/Program Endowment.

Clockwise from top left: LBCC students Kiera Lynn Eller and Crash sing. Instructor Robin Runyan reads her essay on her favorite team, the Detroit Tigers. Instructor Chris Riseley serves as master of ceremonies.

photos by Rob Prieue

Social Media Makes an Impact

Shuo Xu

Contributing Writer

Recently in the United States, two major events shocked the world and roiled social media. Twin explosions in Boston stuck the heart of one of America's cities as runners completed the Boston marathon. Later that evening, more than 160 people were injured as dozens of homes and buildings were destroyed in a blast near Waco, Texas.

On the other side of the world in Sichuan, China, an earthquake killed 203 and injured about 11,500. These events, despite being separated by tens of thousands of miles, were both dominant topics of discussion on various social media outlets.

Whether it's terrorist attack, an accident, or natural disaster, people tend to react, sometimes with sorrow for those whose lives were affected.

In an age dominated by social media, these reactions to disasters all play out online. The events of this past week provided an opportunity to further analyze the roles that social media plays in disseminating information, and the effects it has on society.

Right after the Boston explosions, all TV stations broadcasted the news. Google launched a search website to help people find relatives, the police station held a news conference in the first three hours, and President Obama gave a speech.

Contrasted to China where two hours after the Sichuan earthquake happened, a drama series was still running on CCTV-1. The news channel reported on a scientific experiment at Mount Everest, and BaiDu (the Chinese equivalent of Google) was silent.

While traditional media silenced in China, social media remained ablaze. On both Weichat and Weibo (the Facebook of China), people shared their experiences and followed the events very closely.

When the first bomb exploded near the finish line, millions of people around the world checked their Twitter and Facebook to get the latest update. When the FBI released the photos of the two suspects, those photos circulated quickly via social media. After that, the FBI received nearly 300,000 tips per minute.

Between April 18 and 19, the Boston Police Department, the FBI, and the Massachusetts State Police all used their Twitter to get accurate information out to the public. When law enforcement officials searched for multiple cars door-to-door, they also tweeted the car's make, model, year and plate numbers.

These activities on social media caused alarm and concern after some people reposted information they heard from police scanners on their social media pages. The law enforcement agencies had to put a stop to that to keep the officers safe.

Social media plays a more important role in this modern world, especially after major events happen. This is in spite of whether the official media is updating the news quickly or not. Through social media, people share the latest news, give the latest warnings, and let each other know they are safe.

The PC Isn't Dead

William Tatum

Opinion Editor

Does a caterpillar die when becoming a moth or butterfly? Clearly not. Much like how the caterpillar isn't dead, but morphed, so too is the personal computer far from dead – it is just in the process of metamorphosing. It is morphing into something far more useful, elegant, and mobile, but it most certainly isn't dying.

While the techpress has engaged in hysterics and hyperbole about the future of PCs and Windows, the world has kept on spinning; Microsoft and Apple have kept on iterating, and chip manufacturers have kept on innovating. The entire argument rests on the supposition that only big bulky cases with big bulky monitors and big bulky parts count as a "personal computer."

This whole debate about the future of personal computers is pedantic. It flared up again when International Data Corp. (IDC) and Gartner, firms that track the sales in the electronics markets, issued statements about how Windows and desktop sales had declined. In no small part because of the release of Windows 8.

Leaving aside the oversimplification by the tech media elite of the report, all of the major media outlets conflated declines in Windows licensing sales and desktop sales with signs of the "death of the PC," as if only Windows Desktops counted as personal computers.

The PC, or personal computer, at its simplest is just a display connected to a motherboard with a central processing unit (CPU), some random access memory (RAM), a hard disk drive (HDD), and a graphics processing unit (GPU). It's all in one consumer friendly package, e.g it doesn't take up a entire room.

When Steve Jobs and Bill Gates invented personal computing, they called it personal because computers at the time, called Mainframes and Terminals, required so much space and power that only Universities, Governments, and big businesses could afford them. The desktop computer was the first iteration in the "personal computer" space because it enabled consumer level computation.

In the last five years, smartphones, specifically the iPhone, have taken the globe by storm. No other device, not even the desktop computer, has ever reached market saturation as quickly as smartphones have. These "phones" are all based around the same

architectures that underpin traditional "personal computing." You have seen a desktop though, and you might ask "how are they fitting all of these parts into a device that fits in my hand?"

This is possible because the core components of computers have continued to shrink over the last two decades, roughly halving in size every 18 months according to Moore's law. The thermal output, a key limiting agent in producing small computers, and the relative increase in power of components has converged to a point where what once required an entire three foot case, a north bridge and a south bridge, can now be put onto a single die.

For context, each component in a traditional desktop or laptop is made on either its own die or is made of multiple pieces each on their own dies. By integrating all of these parts into one component, the amount of power required to make the device work decreases. So, having all of the components on just one chip, instead of spread out, enabled the manufactures to turn phones, hardware, into software that runs on a computer that can fit in your back pocket.

Smartphones didn't kill personal computers; they killed telephones, calendars, calculators, day planners, music players, and physical books. Instead of having a dedicated device for each of these tasks, mobile personal computers have made possible one device that does all of them and more. We just happen to call it a phone.

So yes, Windows, desktop, and laptop sales have declined, but the PC isn't something limited to just Microsoft sales or bulky devices. A smartphone sale should be counted as a personal computer sale, which would mean that PCs aren't dying – they are exploding in growth.

People just don't realize they are buying so much more than a phone. The PC is evolving and further integrating itself into our lives. By doing this, it is turning hardware solutions into software solutions. Just as many third world countries leapfrogging land lines by adopting cell phones and are adopting desktop computers by adopting smartphones and tablets.

The growth markets aren't here in the west, but in Asia, India, and Africa, where people who have never had a desktop or laptop computer or access to the Internet are suddenly connecting to the web, running businesses, and educating their children. All of this is made possible by a device we used to call a personal computer, but now call a phone, because its shape has changed. The PC isn't dead, it's thriving.

What do you think?

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome.

Submit your thoughts to commuter@linnbenton.edu



The Commuter attempts to print all letters received, although we reserve the right to edit for grammar and length. Letters that raise libel, poor taste or privacy concerns will not be printed.

Editors' Note: Student Funding Rally

Between textbook costs, tuition increases, and other fees, college isn't getting any cheaper. There are, however, strategies to consider when thinking of the future.

This Thursday, LBCC's Student Leadership Council will lead students to Salem for a rally in an effort to speak up and let their voices be heard with other college students across the state. The rally itself focuses on addressing a lack of state funding to community colleges and the resulting effects on our schools.

Because of these losses, this institution has also seen multiple tuition increases and budget cuts to make up for lacking funds. It is also understood that funds usually become diverted for our own well-being in this state. As a result of resources needed in other areas, cuts occur in education, healthcare, and other departments when the state requires more to sustain essential municipal costs such

as fire and rescue, road repairs, and law enforcement.

Like many large-scale social problems, there exist no instant solutions. However, discussion remains essential while searching for greater solutions. The Commuter supports the efforts of our SLC in assembling this upcoming rally, and encourages students to attend and speak out for the cause. Instructors are aware of the event, and are making an exception for those who would miss classes to attend this rally. Some even plan on rewarding students with extra credit if they go.

So here's the rundown: between 2007 and 2009, community colleges received \$500 million in state funds. This number has continually decreased as years progressed and currently stands at \$428 million. However, this proposed amount for the 2013-2015 academic period still isn't enough to sustain our college without additional

School Funding Rally

What: Rally at the Ore. Capitol to get more funding
When: April 25
Time: Buses leave LBCC at 11 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m.
Where: Meet in front of Takena Hall
Register: Online at goo.gl/H3auj

tuition increases and budget cuts. The upcoming rally presents students with an opportunity to unite under one voice and request the \$510 million that would help our community colleges grow and maintain funding levels how they were before the recession began. Obtaining an ideal amount of state funding would reduce

the need of tuition increases and eliminate any possible cuts in the next two years.

According to SLC legislative affairs director Eric Noll, there are still bus seats available for those interested in obtaining transportation. Students who may discount these assemblies should consider the fact that there's not always going to be instant gratification in a situation like this, and sometimes a little bit of voice goes a long way. In this case, that "little bit" involves starting the conversation with our legislators. They need to know who we are and see how these financial setbacks impact our lives. We must share our stories.

Along with the college's SLC, The Commuter will have a presence in Salem on Thursday. We look forward to witnessing the turnout as Roadrunners from all walks of life join together for the sake of our college's advancement.

Witnessing Tea Party Doc in the DAC

Emily Smucker

Contributing Writer

As soon as I walked into the Diversity Achievement Center, I felt awkward and out of place. I was the youngest person in the room by at least twenty years. The movie had already begun, and I felt like a young whippersnapper disturbing the peace.

On the screen, a middle-aged woman was talking about why she was a Tea Party patriot. "We're rising up against government encroaching on our rights, just like the tea dumpers," she said.

Then, some footage was shown of her with her children. "I do this to invest in their future," she explained.

The film, titled "Tea Party: The Documentary Film," was playing in the DAC at the request of student Dale Hummel. Hummel decided that showing this movie would be a good way to show other students what the Tea Party is really about.

The movie followed several tea partiers around, showing them with their families, leading rallies, and talking to the camera about the government taking our money and trampling on our rights.

One section of the movie showed a group of doctors visiting their senators and talking about the problems they saw in Obama's healthcare plan. Murmurs of agreement swept through the audience.

The murmurs of agreement turned to grumbles of disgust when the



Dale Hummel

Many gathered in the DAC April 15 for a documentary and discussion on the Tea Party.

senators accused the doctors of being racist. Visibly frustrated, one doctor declared that his views had nothing to do with Obama's skin color. "I don't care if he's black, white, green, or yellow," he said.

"Yes!" exclaimed a woman to my right. Then she whispered to the man next to her, "He's all of the above."

The movie finally ended after dragging on for a couple of hours. The people watching the movie cheered.

One audience member was John Kuzmanich, the chair of the Oregon Tea Party. When the movie was finished he began to talk about his own involvement in the Tea Party, and how great he thought the movement was.

"Who was the young black guy in the movie?" one lady asked him.

Kuzmanich told her his name, Nate, adding that he met him once. But the lady's question was striking.

Everyone knew which character she meant by "the young black guy." Had she said "the middle-aged white guy," no one would have had a clue which one she was talking about.

Kuzmanich continued talking about the Tea Party, bringing up the accusations of racism, and how ridiculous and unfounded he thought they were. "[Tea Party events] are just like this," he said, gesturing around the room. "Young, old, every background, every religion, every color."

It was getting late, and I had to leave. As I walked toward my car I reflected on what I'd learned about the Tea Party. I had a much better understanding of who they were, what they stood for, and how big of a movement it was. Yet at the same time, I understood more fully where the negative stereotypes involving the Tea Party come from.



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Seeking Former Students for Degrees

LBCC News Service

Linn-Benton Community College is seeking former students, not currently enrolled, who did not earn a degree, but who may have enough college credits to qualify for an associate's degree.

If you are a former student who has earned at least 24 LBCC credits and have continued your education and earned at least 90 college credits, you may be eligible to receive a general

studies associate's degree.

As part of the Win-Win Initiative funded through the Lumina Foundation, LBCC is working to identify these students. According to the initiative, studies have shown that students with an associate's degree often earn more and have better job opportunities.

To find out if you qualify, contact LBCC degree evaluator Tammi Drury at 541-917-4818, or email Tammi.Drury@linnbenton.edu.

Traffic Control Flagger Certification Course Offered

LBCC News Service

A Traffic Control Flagger Certification course will be held at Linn-Benton Community College Friday May 3, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, CC-211, Calapooia Center Bldg., 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Learn basic visual flagging signals, appropriate two-way radio usage, signing and sign setting regulations. Learn to minimize liability and road user inconvenience by making the worksite safe and by keeping traffic flowing.

Upon completion of this non-credit training course and after meeting all requirements, students will be certified to flag traffic in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington.

Supplemental Employment Information Guide will be provided in class.

Cost for the course is \$89 which includes all materials, certification test and card. Minimum Qualifications: Must be 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.

For more information or to register, contact LBCC, Business Healthcare and Workforce Division at 541-917-4923.

Wednesday: Shrimp Scampi, Roasted Pork Loin, Cheddar and Broccoli Frittata*. Soups: Navy Bean and Sausage*, and Creamy Tomato

Thursday: Braised Lamb*, Szechuan Chicken over Rice, Potato Latkes. Soups: Cream of Broccoli and Beef Barley

Friday: Chef's Choice

Monday: Hazelnut-Crusted Salmon with Frangelico Buerre Blanc*, Chicken and a Biscuit, Tempura Vegetables over Rice. Soups: Italian Sausage and Cheddar Cauliflower*

Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak with Country Gravy, Fish en Papillote*, Sweet Potato and Black Bean Empanadas. Soups: Mulligatawny and Vegetarian Lentil*

Items denoted with a * are gluten free

Campus Events

Wednesday 4/24

Spring Term Blood Drive

9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. · Fireside Rooms
Join LBCC and the Red Cross to save lives through the Statewide Blood Drive. Make a difference in someone's life!

America Incarcerated: Addressing US Prison Reform

Noon - 1 p.m. · DAC
Join a discussion about citizens behind bars in the US. Why this happens and what can be done to turn it around.

Copper Chef Student Cook-Off

2:30 p.m. · Santiam Restaurant
Five students face-off in the annual competition. Dishes due between 5 and 5 p.m.

Friday 4/26

Communication Club Open House

9 - 10 a.m. · DAC
Join us for some free breakfast and see what the Communication Club has to offer you. Learn about the club's goals and future on campus.

Active Minds Meeting

Noon · NSH 110
Bring your creativity and help LBCC's psychology club promote mental health awareness on campus.

Benton Center Acoustic Showcase

Noon - 1 p.m. · BC Student Lounge
Join us for an hour of free acoustic music. Cooper Hollow Band plays a high-energy mix of bluegrass, old-time fiddle tunes, country, blues, and rags, with a bit of Cajun thrown in for spice.

SLC Training

4 - 7 p.m. · DAC

Word MOB- Poetry Open Mic

7 - 9:30 p.m. · BC Student Lounge
Join us for an evening of poetry and music performed by your fellow LBCC students. Food and drink provided by LBCC Student Leadership Council.

Saturday 4/27

SLC Training

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. · DAC

Tuesday 4/30

Veterans Club Meeting

Noon - 1 p.m. · RCH-116

Home Baseball Game

1 - 5 p.m. Baseball Field
LBCC vs. Mt. Hood C.C.

WTF - Eric and Paul Show

3 - 5 p.m. · Fireside Room

Wednesday 5/1

Motorcycles in the Courtyard!

Courtyard

Student Leadership Recognition

5:30 - 7 p.m. · CC 209
LBCC student leaders and employees are invited to honor our students! The 2012-2013 Student Leadership Council, Student Ambassadors, and Diversity Achievement Center student leaders will be honored. See the swearing-in of the 2013-2014 Student Leadership Council team.

Friday 5/3

Diversity Day "Connecting Cultures"

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. · Courtyard
We are truly unique to the combination of our differences. Join us for a campus-wide event to support school clubs. Enjoy the activities and performances! Prizes to be won!

Teriyaki: Courtyard Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. · Courtyard
Teriyaki chicken with stir-fried vegetables served with Yakisoba noodles, includes cookie and a beverage.

Saturday 5/4

Home Baseball Game

1 - 5 p.m. · Baseball Field
LBCC vs. Chemeketa C.C.

Tuesday 5/7

Veterans Club Meeting

Noon - 1 p.m. · RCH-116

Wednesday 5/8

Chili: Courtyard Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. · Courtyard
Meat or vegetarian chili, cheese, cornbread, and onion, includes chips and beverage.

Dodge Ball for Diabetes

7 p.m. · Activity Center
Play dodge ball and help others! The American Diabetes Association is raising funds and awareness about diabetes. Join the dodge ball tournament and visit our diabetes info booths.

Thursday 5/9

Phi Theta Kappa Orientation

2 - 3 p.m. · Vineyard Mountain Room
Interested in Phi Theta Kappa? Come and learn about opportunities for Phi Theta Kappa members.

The Underpants-Spring Theater

7:30 p.m. · Russell Tripp Theatre

If you have a Campus Event, please e-mail them to commuter@linnbenton.edu.

Classifieds

Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

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Sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/go/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. After completing a simple Student Employment Profile form, you will have access to job postings, many of them are self-referrals. If you have questions, please email jobs@linnbenton.edu or call 541.917.4803.

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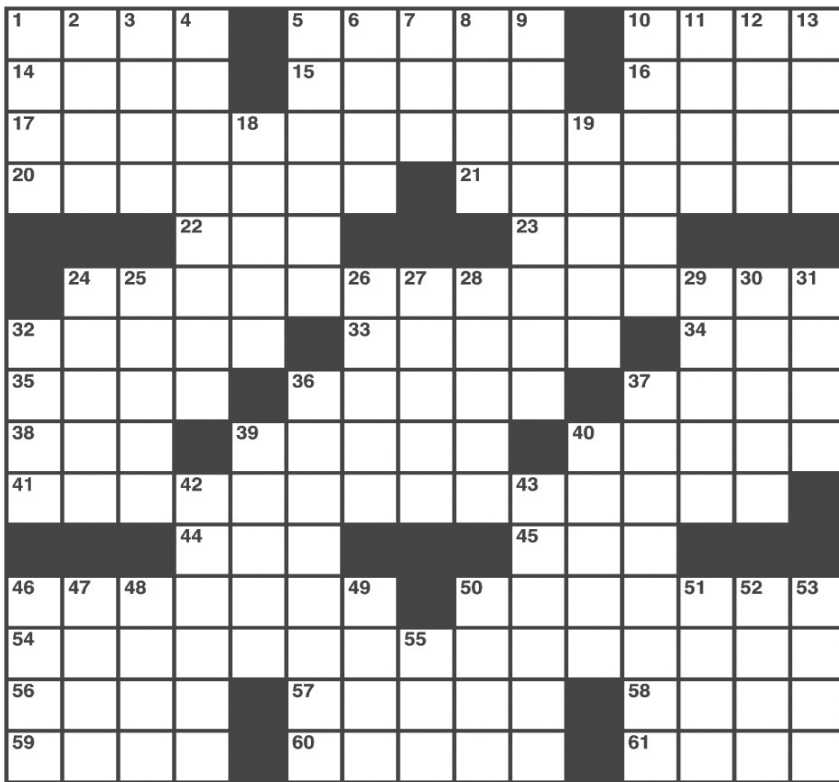
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Droops
- 5 Benchwarmer
- 10 Dull
- 14 Spiritual guide
- 15 Pageant trophy
- 16 Tot's first word, often
- 17 Electrical worker's action
- 20 Stuff to capacity
- 21 Like the healthiest corned beef
- 22 White House advisory gp.
- 23 "Don't tase me, _!"
- 24 Discount retailer's action
- 32 Virginia, for one
- 33 Sits on the sill, as a pie
- 34 Absorb, with "up"
- 35 Exaggerated publicity
- 36 Type of servant or engineer
- 37 Ready for picking
- 38 "You ___ here": mall map words
- 39 Arrested
- 40 Parson's home
- 41 Feuder's action
- 44 In the past
- 45 Actress MacGraw
- 46 Traffic jam causes
- 50 Toronto skyline landmark
- 54 Accused speeder's action
- 56 On a single occasion
- 57 Two-time U.S. Open winner Fraser
- 58 Opposite of aweater
- 59 "The ___ the limit!"
- 60 Freezing cold
- 61 Bakery offerings



By Donna S. Levin

DOWN

- 1 Bilko and York: Abbr.
- 2 Subtle emanation
- 3 "True ___": John Wayne film
- 4 Rotate face-up, as one's palm
- 5 Pain in the side
- 6 Movie
- 7 Tabloid
- 8 Russia's ___ Mountains
- 9 America's pastime
- 10 Key of Beethoven's Ninth
- 11 Distance divided by time
- 12 Gremlin and Pacer
- 13 Capital of Thailand?
- 18 Out of fashion
- 19 Time irregularities, in sci-fi
- 24 Prefix with foam
- 25 Boutonniere site
- 26 Cupcake topper
- 27 Spanish sweetheart
- 28 Continuing to operate
- 29 "Of Thee ___"
- 30 Thicket
- 31 Olympics sword
- 32 Peacock Throne occupant
- 36 Challenging the rapids, maybe

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 37 Police cruiser
- 39 On the money
- 40 Poly- equivalent
- 42 Sprints
- 43 Went on a tirade
- 46 Corp. money bigwigs
- 47 Place where the starts of this puzzle's four longest answers result in a penalty
- 48 Part of CIA: Abbr.
- 49 Dagger of yore
- 50 Colombian cartel city
- 51 How many employees are pd.
- 52 Hard-to-find shoe width
- 53 Numbered hwys.
- 55 Word before Friday or pal

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Last Issue's Puzzle Solved

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5	7	4	8	2	3	9	6	1
6	8	2	1	9	7	3	5	4
1	9	8	7	6	2	5	4	3
3	5	7	9	4	8	6	1	2
2	4	6	3	1	5	8	7	9

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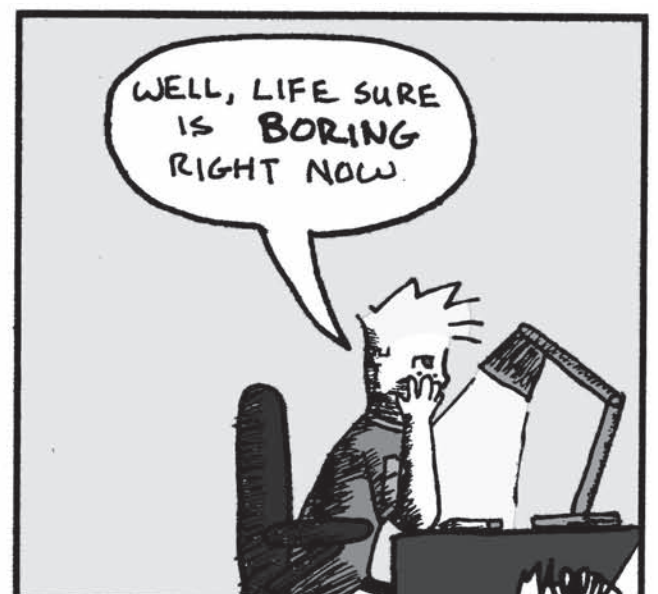


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THREE'S A CROWD

By Jason Maddox
An LBCC student-generated comic



The Ballad of James Reddan

Alex Porter
Staff Writer

As a multifaceted artform, music inspires, brings out our emotions, and hypes us up.

James Reddan, an LBCC music instructor and choir director, has a passion for music and for teaching his students about the art in every aspect.

Reddan got started with music in elementary school when he joined a national boys choir.

"My teacher really encouraged me, and it was my favorite class," said Reddan. "I liked all the academics, but music was it for me."

Everyone has something they enjoy that makes them feel safe and comforts them. For Reddan, music was one of the things he could always go to.

"I've been fortunate enough to

have the right teachers and mentors along the way that kept me going," said Reddan.

He started band in the fifth grade. He also took choir, which he continued through high school. Upon attending college, he dealt more with directing and played as a percussionist.

While deciding a career path, Reddan knew from the beginning that he either wanted to be a lawyer or a music director.

"When I went to college, I thought I was going to do pre-law," said Reddan. "But music had been something I always went to. Music is what I've done. It's not just what I know. It's what I am passionate about."

The realization of what Reddan loved doing bore no hesitation on what career to further explore.

"The first time I was directing in front of people, it just made sense, and

I never looked back," said Reddan.

Reddan earned his bachelor's degree at McDaniels College in Westminster, Md. Three weeks after graduation, he started graduate school at the University of Oregon, where he worked on two master's degrees. He is currently pursuing his doctoral degree and working on his dissertation with Boston University.

Prior to coming to LBCC, Reddan had been a public school teacher for six years with high school and middle school students. He had seen the job posted here and decided to drop his name.

"I like to work with undergraduate students. It's family oriented. Also, all of my in-laws live up here in Willamette, and Oregon has always had a special place for me," said Reddan. "It was a hard decision, but it was the right one. It was the right time and

the right place."

Reddan says that, first and foremost, what he likes most about teaching here is his students.

"They all have something unique to bring to the table, all have different backgrounds, but all share a love of music. That's why they're here that's why they are singing."

While the music program as a whole remains stronger than ever, some areas need help.

"We have a great faculty here, but the facilities bear some needed improvements," said Reddan. "We have become a much larger program than what I started with five years ago, and facilities take time and money."

Reddan says that one of his biggest accomplishments is doing what he loves every day and seeing his students succeed in class or performances.

"I can't succeed without the



Shuo Xu

Music instructor James Reddan

Upcoming Choir Dates

- April 25: Student Rally
- May 30: Albany Sings
- June 6: Spring Concert

students," said Reddan. "Being able to share the joy of music and what I love and also have my students be able to share their love of music together with everyone else on a daily basis."

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Rated: R
Genre: Comedy



Pain & Gain
Rated: R
Genre: Thriller

Sources: IMDb, Yahoo! Movies, Fandango.com

WEATHER

Wednesday (4/24)	Sunny	75°/38°	
Thursday (4/25)	Pleasant	71°/42°	
Friday (4/26)	Mostly Sunny	72°/41°	
Saturday (4/27)	Mostly Pleasant	71°/40°	
Sunday (4/28)	Cloudy	66°/45°	
Monday (4/29)	Mostly Cloudy	68°/39°	
Tuesday (4/30)	A.M. Shower	60°/40°	

Source: accuweather.com

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