

Chemical Reaction

Part-time chemistry instructor Kevin Lewis has found the right ingredients to make his classes crystallize.

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Horsing Around

LBCC's Equestrian Club trotted home with three first place trophies from last weekend's horse show at the Linn County Fairgrounds.

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"Straighten Up Soldier"

1st Lt. Dave Baty (above) of the Northwest Civil War Council dresses down ranks of re-enactors and students during a display of Civil War-era tactics and living conditions on campus last Saturday. Robert Harrison (left) organized the event for students in his U.S. history classes.



College: Time for major decisions

Kristina Bennett
The Commuter

The variety of people walking around college campuses today is exhilarating. Single parents, business owners, veterans and your typical high school graduates are all attending college for one main purpose: to better their lives or career.

Although deciding to go to college has become increasingly common, the fact that most students do not know exactly what they want to do with their lives has not changed.

With each college comes a huge list of majors that one would think could be an easy decision. LBCC offers a list of at least 80 declared college majors. A person has to be good at something, right?

Unfortunately, when that simple choice is a determining factor in what type of job a person will maintain for the rest of their lifetime, reality sets in.

According to Bruce Clemenson, assistant dean of students at LBCC, "The numbers change everyday, but out of the 10,100 full and part-time students that are currently attending LBCC, only 571 have claimed their major as undecided. That number doesn't seem extreme as a whole, but one of the most common majors is Oregon Transfer. These students have a declared major, but that doesn't mean that they know what they want to do."

How does the average student choose their major? What factors have influenced their college decisions? What assistance does

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New student president seeks to change ASG's image

Adam Loghides
The Commuter

New Associated Student Government President Joey Markgraf represents each and every student at LBCC. His job now is to make sure each student is aware of it.

It has been nearly three weeks since the resignation of former president Philip Jones and already the tone set by Markgraf is upbeat and positive.

Markgraf doesn't pretend to be in the dark when it comes to the image ASG has had recently around campus. That is why he has made "pushing to change ASG's image" a high priority on his to-do list during the early portion of his time in the president's seat.

According to Markgraf, the ASG hasn't supported the student body the way it should recently and students were not getting what they deserved out of the officials elected to represent them. He has set out to change that first and foremost.

He is constantly on the lookout for ways to improve things for the students and knows that knowledge isn't the only thing that will help—action is key, he commented.

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Joey Markgraf
ASG President

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In addition to image changes, his short-term plans include trying to throw some events that are relative to the diverse student body at LBCC.

The difficulty for Markgraf and his staff may lie in the long-term road ahead. He wants to execute a plan that others will want to emulate in the future and set an example for future ASGs to follow. There are pitfalls

along the way that Markgraf said he is aware of.

Given the students' views toward the ASG at this point, he says it is important that they do everything right with as few mistakes as possible.

"There are 100 ways to screw up but only one way to succeed. That is by always doing the right thing. That is what we are trying to do here."

Markgraf's work ethic was instilled in him while growing up working on a farm near Pendleton, Ore. The 21-year-old dual major (business and computer science) is a 2003 graduate of tiny Griswold High School in Helix, Ore., where he was a part of a seven-person graduating class.

He is also kind of a dual major when it comes to his hobbies and special interests. A trap shooter and outdoors lover, Markgraf declares himself to be a "computer geek" as well.

For now, Markgraf implores students to remember one thing: "I am a student, too."

His efforts are spent attempting to make this campus better for students. The best way he can see to that is to not look at things as the ASG president, but as a student. "I am trying to evaluate everything we do and relate it to a student's point of view."

The Weather Through the Week

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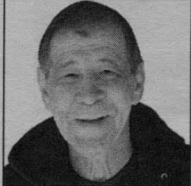
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Veteran's Day has long history

From the time of the Revolutionary war America has honored those who served in the military, and the day set aside to do so arrives again this weekend.

The history of Veterans Day begins when World War I officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

In 1938, Congress made Nov. 11 a legal holiday to



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WALT HUGHES

be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the nation's history; and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to ensure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee."

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA administrator

as chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day.

It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislators, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day has come to be celebrated with parades and festivities held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the AMVETS of America and the order of the Purple Heart among others to commemorate the military service of men and women from all walks of life and occupations in this country.

For most of those who have served it is a day of pride, a day to remember where they were and what they did to help maintain freedom and democracy so that we may go about our daily business free of tyranny as we enjoy the benefits of this great land.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASG president explains removal of pool table

Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted by ASG president Joey Markgraf in response to last week's letter to the editor submission by Mike Thomas:

To the Editor:

Thank you for your concern about the pool table. As I have said to groups of concerned students in the coffee house, you will need to voice your opinion to the ASG. All students are welcome to come to our meetings and voice their concerns. Here are some facts that we considered prior to going along with the recommendation that the pool table be removed:

The situation was posted that students could take up the issue with the ASG. One student spoke to the ASG president; no students appeared at any ASG meetings to discuss the issue with the entire ASG.

A poll was taken in Spring 2006 that overwhelmingly concluded that the coffee house was NOT a place to have a pool table.

Obscene language was one of many problems.

The college feels that flying balls and shoving are health and safety issues that cannot be overlooked.

There are no available funds to pay an employee to monitor student conduct. Furthermore, coffee house employees are unable to police the area.

You say that, "You did your best last year to monitor the activities of others while you were in the shop. We can't always be there." I thank you for that effort, but volunteer monitoring does not eliminate the problem. Every student at this college is required to follow the Student Rights and Responsibilities, which can be found at www.linnbenton.edu/studentrights. Furthermore, I am not going to spend the student's money ensuring that few "childish" students act like adults.

So, if you want to play pool, I encourage you to start a pool club on campus. Come to the Student Life and Leadership office to pick up an application and actually make a difference at this school.

Joey Markgraf
 ASG President

GOP outrage over Kerry scandal hypocritical

To the Editor:

I'm writing regarding the unrighteous rage the Republican Party has lashed out with in the last week against John Kerry, amidst their own moral comeuppance. John Kerry was guilty of, at best, a weak joke, and at worst, a distasteful one, as well as providing Republicans a foothold with which they can schlep themselves forward one more time before the midterm.

The bulk of the Republican Party has been reeling from a laundry list of ailments including, but not limited to: propositioning minors, accepting bribes, and a floundering effort in Iraq. This, however, gave them the 11-hour ammunition they needed. They've managed to milk this one slip from a once hopeful all the way up until the election. It's masterful spin, but bad policy.

What galls me in particular is that the party in power is the one up in arms about the comment. They, the fear-fueled force behind the military action, the ones who instigated sending troops in the first place, are now livid and outspoken. Apparently accidentally criticizing a soldier's intelligence is intolerable, but sending them into a deadly, escalating quagmire without justification is perfectly logical.

In 2004, I voted for Kerry. Not because of political leanings, but because he was the lesser of two dweebs, and a lot less likely to tow a militaristic hard line. At least he "knows" war is hell. Are these representatives the best the U.S. can offer? We're the third most populous country in the world and we're being led by people who nitpick over one-liners while refusing to deal with the very real issues of poverty, social security, and foreign policy.

At this point I don't want a president nearly as much as I want a real leader. I want a McCain or a Powell: Someone with a head on their shoulders that is held up by a thick neck rather than an inflated sense of self-importance.

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PERSPECTIVES

"What does Veteran's Day mean to you?"



• Cole Logon •
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"A day to look back at the people who have fought and served our country, and the heroes who didn't make it home alive."

"Commemorating justifiable wars."



• Adam Schneider •
 Graphic Design



• Brittaini Hawthorne •
 Microbiology

"To me it's a day to be thankful for those who went before us. They've done a lot, so deserve to be honored."

"Recognition of those who have given something up for the bettering of our country."



• James Hurley •
 Nursing



• Linda Taylor •
 Secretary

"It honors men and women that have had enough of an opinion of this country to fight for it."

"The sacrifices that people have made for our country's freedom."



• Travis Roth •
 AAOT

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CAMPUS NEWS

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

Kevin Lewis' chemistry gets reactions

Michelle Turner
 The Commuter

Attending a chemistry class taught by Kevin Lewis is like attending no other chemistry class. Usually dressed in Levi's and a button-down shirt, Lewis is the opposite of the imposing, stodgy, nerdy, chemistry professor stereotype. He reminds you of a favorite uncle. His classroom is casual, relaxed and full of student chatter, which, surprisingly is actually about the topic at hand—chemistry.

OFFICE HOURS

So, why chemistry, and why teaching?

I didn't choose chemistry. Chemistry chose me. I tried to get away but chemistry was relentless. My family and friends founded me into teaching. They said, and finally came to accept it as true, that I'm a teacher at heart.

Are you a native Oregonian?

Yes, I was born and raised in Ashland and lived just outside of Marcola.

Do you teach anywhere else?

I'm a part-time faculty member at Lane Community College where I have taught a number of chemistry classes. I also have a part-time staff position at LCC as an instructional specialist in which I am responsible for creating an interface between students and scientific technology. And, of course, I teach two chemistry classes here at Linn-Benton.

So, teaching in both the land of the Ducks and the Beavers, are you a Quacker Backer or a Beaver Believer?

I try not to take sides. My parents grew up in Corvallis and we visited my grandparents often in Corvallis. I grew up in Ashland and I live near Eugene. I have roots in all of these communities.

You have a very laid back, unflappable, casual teaching style. Are you aware of this and is it purposeful?

I believe teaching is just a continuation of the oral tradition of relaying information from generation to generation. This has been around as long as humans have been around. The oral tradition is about building community. That is where human beings get their power. As single individuals we don't amount to much, but as a community we have covered the earth.

Can you explain what you mean?

The best teachers (and leaders) teach from the back of the class. As I get better doing my job, I expect the learning process to be more about a community discussion and less about my lecturing. I hope my contribution

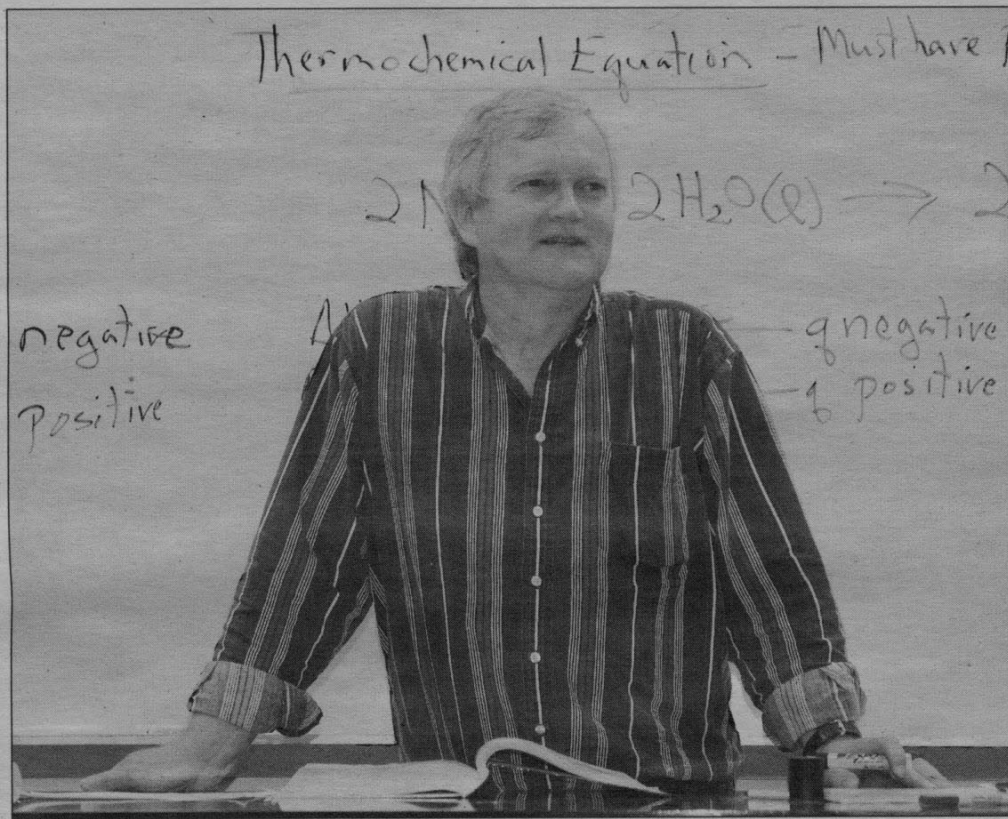


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Kevin Lewis, part-time chemistry instructor, displays his casual teaching style. Lewis once held a job as a lift manager at a ski resort in Southern Oregon.

to the community is that we are all okay no matter what grade we get. Chemistry class can tell you about yourself, but it should never tell you what you are worth. You are worth far more than any chemistry class. And my students are all heroes to me already, just for showing up.

So, where do you think your teaching style comes from?

There are a lot of things I could say about teaching that I feel strongly about. But the style probably comes just as much from my personality as anything. I grew up as the fifth child in a family of seven so I'm comfortable with large groups of people and I see worth in all kinds of students.

Do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy writing poetry, playing piano, guitar, and my sister has been teaching me the mbira (a traditional instrument from Zimbabwe).

Where did you go to school?

I got my bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southern Oregon University and a masters in chemistry at Washington State University.

Your class is very entertaining. Is it important to you that students enjoy your class?

It's important that I enjoy my class. And it's important that my students enjoy their lives. As Major Don West ("Lost in Space")

said, "If there is no time to have fun, then why are we trying to save the planet?"

What is the most interesting job you've ever had? Enjoyable? Challenging?

The most interesting, enjoyable and challenging job I had was working at a ski area. There is nothing like driving to the top of a mountain everyday to go to work.

Certainly you didn't teach chemistry at a ski resort. What did you do there?

It was at Mount Ashland and I was the assistant manager for a while, then the lift manager. When I was the lift manager, my job was to ski around, check out the lifts and make sure everyone was OK. I couldn't believe I got paid to do that. In fact, if they had paid better, the world might have been short a chemist.

What do you like most about teaching? Least?

There is nothing like being in a classroom full of students. It is a lot like climbing a mountain. You never know what you are going to see, but the view is usually tremendous. Being part of a group that is struggling over some task is a bonding experience and builds connections that last a lifetime.

The thing I like least is grading student work. It is important to give students feedback about their progress, but we, as educators, really should work on a better way to do this.

Campus Shorts...

Actors visit campus

LBCC will host two actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on Nov. 17 in the LBCC Russell Tripp Performance Center in Takena Hall. John J. O'Hagan and Rafael Untalan will deliver excerpts from Shakespeare and other works, as well as lead workshops for audience members. The first performance will be an All-Shakespeare Program from 11 a.m. to noon. The second is a Combination Program from noon to 1 p.m.

Stress topic of talk

"How to Handle Stress" will be the featured topic at the Nov. 9 meeting of the AAWCC from noon to 1 p.m. in the College Center boardroom. Lunch of soup and rolls is provided for members. Non-members are welcome and can purchase lunch for \$2.75.

Mexicans in Oregon topic of presentation

Erlinda Gonzales-Berry, an OSU professor of Ethnic Studies, will discuss the 75-year history of migration and settlement of Mexicans in Oregon on Thursday Nov. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, second floor College Center. This presentation is free and is made possible by the LBCC Library, the Oregon Chautauqua Series and the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

Holiday food drive

The AAWCC and Student Life & Leadership are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive until 4 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 16. Donations of food can be made in boxes placed around campus, and cash or checks can be sent to Renee Windsor in the president's office to buy food certificates. For information, contact Valerie Zeigler at ext. 4485 or Roxie Putman at ext. 4811.

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Awards raked in by Marketing Department

LBCC News Service

The LBCC College Advancement Marketing Department received a gold and two bronze Medallion Awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations at their annual district conference held Oct. 25-27.

LBCC received the gold award in the Viewbook category for their recruitment CD/Viewbook, a bronze in the Electronic Radio/TV Advertisement category for their TV commercial and a second bronze in the Specialty category for their T-shirt design.

The NCMPR Medallion Awards are given at the district level. LBCC is part of District 7, which comprises Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory, Canada.

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ON THE ROAD

A look at travel and overseas study opportunities across the globe and locally.

Ciao from Firenze! The time is quickly passing. I haven't learned nearly enough of the Italian language, but I get by—the majority of the residents speak English. It is hard to understand the Italian way of thinking. English speakers follow a straight line; Italians seem to talk in circles.

If I knew the language well enough, I would probably find myself wondering just where they are going with the conversation. It makes you want to say, "Arriviamo al punto," which is the diplomatic way of saying, "just get to the point." Anyway, I usually just nod my head and pretend that I have understood even one word. It seems to work most of the time.

In Italy, conversation is like theater. They speak with their hands and some of our gestures do NOT mean the same as what we are used to. On one of my trips, my companions and I were at a train station and we were hungry. Approaching the snack bar, I raised my hand in greeting, as I usually do, and it was interpreted as "back off," so the server raised both his hands as if to say "I'm outta here." I guess I am lucky that my friends didn't strangle me for making it take so long to get waited on.

Most of our group went to Rome last week.

What a beautiful city! We had a guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. It is easy to see why Michelangelo was considered a genius. Wow, it was amazing!

Although it was very crowded (I have never seen so many people in one place), it was something I will never forget. We were able to take photographs in St. Peter's Basilica, and pretty much everywhere else in the Vatican, but no photos are allowed in the Sistine Chapel. The restoration was financed by a Television



Ciao from Italy!



Katie Myers, Shirley Austin, Rachel Schubert, Katie Kall and Lindsay Popiel at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican City in Rome, Italy.

corporation that has the rights, so they don't allow anyone to take pictures. It is so beautiful that it was hard to not sneak out my camera. Everyone has seen a reproduction of the hand of God reaching out to Adam, but it does not compare to seeing the real fresco.

Saint Peter's Basilica is stunning, and while we were in there, mass started. It was quite an experience to see the procession and to hear the lovely singing.

I am not Catholic, but I went back to St. Peter's Square on Sunday to see the Pope. He opens a window from his living quarters at noon, which look out over the Square, and spends 10 to 20 minutes speaking to the crowd.

"Approaching the snack bar, I raised my hand in greeting, as I usually do, and it was interpreted as 'back off,' so the server raised both his hands as if to say 'I'm outta here.'"

Shirley Austin

There must have been about 50,000 people gathered there. If you bring items with you, I am told, (I would know for sure if I understood what he was saying) you can have them blessed. I brought rosary beads for a friend and my Beavers sweatshirt—so no doubt after being blessed, the Beavs will kick a**!

The guided tour of the Coliseum and the Roman Forum was worth the trip to Rome. I cannot describe the feeling I got from

walking through the Forum knowing that Caesar and Cleopatra were there in the same place. Seeing the very spot Caesar was cremated sort of gave me goose bumps. It was incredible.

We walked through the city to the Pantheon, a great spiritual building, built as a Roman temple and later consecrated as a Catholic Church. Its monumental porch with its Corinthian columns faces the smaller Piazza della Rotonda. I loved it, and went in to see the final resting place of one of the greatest artists, and one of my favorites, Raphael.

My favorite stop was the Piazza Fontana di Trevi, the famous Trevi Fountain. The sea

god Neptune and his tritons are shown in stormy and calm seas. They say that if you throw a coin over your shoulder into the waters it is believed to guarantee a return visit to Rome; a second coin is tossed to make a wish come true. Of course I won't tell you what I wished for, but I am certain that it will come true! Hey, it's the Trevi, how can I miss?

This week, I went to Venice with Kim from Portland Community College, and Lindsay from Clackamas Community College. We had so much fun! In Italy, you go most everywhere by train and it is inexpensive. We took the Eurostar, a three-hour ride. There are no cars in Venice, so there was no dodging traffic like here in Florence. It was quiet and peaceful and so picturesque! The gondola ride we took was great; we caught it at a good time of day when there were fewer boats and we could take some awesome pictures.

We noticed a couple of things about Venice that was different than Florence—there were more dogs and children visible. And there is a difference in the dialect of the language.

I loved Venice with its canals and winding streets that are very confusing. It almost seems like a game to try and find someplace specific. We never did find San Marco Square—the signs we saw all over pointed this way and that way, we finally just gave up!

My traveling companions and I have all heard before that Venice is a tourist trap, but that is not what we saw.

Although the temperature was a little chilly, the sun was shining and the water was shimmering and the atmosphere was peaceful.

Ahh, yes, tomorrow I have to go back to class. This coming week we are going to Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower. I'll let you know if it has fallen over yet! Ciao for now! Boungiornata!

Broaden your horizons, study abroad

Joe Hodgson
 The Commuter

Free soup and possibilities of study abroad in exotic locales drew students to the Multicultural Center Nov. 1 for a presentation on the Study Abroad program.

Tammi Paul, director of student leadership outreach and retention, coordinated the event and started with a short video of students near the end of a term in Florence, Italy, sharing their experiences there. They said they enjoyed learning cultural differences, the classes they had to attend, and the opportunity to be immersed in the Italian life.

"The program is sponsored by LBCC," Paul said, "with all credits being LBCC credits and the price of the trip is cheaper. Cheaper, but not cheap."

The three locations for study abroad experiences this year are Italy, Mexico and Costa Rica.

The Florence trip occurs fall term. Costs include tuition plus approximately \$7,000 for transportation, lodging, some meals, and insurance. The 12-credit minimum course load includes Italian Life and Culture and two classes determined by the Oregon Community College Consortium.

Costa Rica is a four-week summer session with

a language-intensive two-week course and two weeks of field biology, both of which have no prerequisites. The cost is tuition plus around \$2,800. Mexico offers a two-week language-intensive study in the summer term, costing approximately \$1,600, plus regular tuition.

The selection process requires application, verification of eligibility, and determination of financial capability. Early preparation is important, Paul said, particularly the financial portion.

Lois Hauck, a student who participated in the Florence trip last fall, provided the group with her impressions, saying she particularly enjoyed the experience of living in a place that had a medieval appearance, with "museum-like buildings" that were being used every day in ordinary ways.

Shirley Austin, one of two students currently in Florence studying Italian language, art and humanities, is sharing her experiences through weekly articles in The Commuter; her first article appeared in the Nov. 1 issue, and her second article appears this week (see story above).

Paul said LBCC has been part of the Study Abroad Program since April 2004. Since signing on, the college has had 14 students and their instructors travel to Florence, London, Costa Rica and Mexico. Information on the program is available on the LB Web site and a kiosk in Takena Hall.

CIVIL WAR BLOOD DRIVE 2006

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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New artist gets under the skin

Cori Lee
 The Commuter

After two years, over \$7,000, and countless tattoos, 24-year-old Aaron Carey finds himself at a small shop, Downtown Tattoo and Piercing. Owned by Rodger Blain and located on Washington Street in downtown Albany, he has done the majority of his work there.

Carey was first drawn to tattooing when he was younger. "I drew a lot when I was a kid," he said. "And plus, it was a reason for me to get a bunch of tattoos."

To become a tattoo artist Carey had to attend a 10-month course at Hot Rod Betty's in West Salem, in which he had to complete 250 hours of study time, 150 hours of tattooing, and at least 50 tattoos, before he could graduate. "The schools are expensive," he said. "When I went it was \$7,000, but now I hear it's up to \$10,000." After completing the course tattoo artists must pay to take a final test, which is \$420 according to Carey, then there is the license fee and a periodic renewal fee.

Even after all of the costs Carey still loves being a tattoo artist. His favorite part, he says, is the ability to do whatever he wants. "As long as I make the boss money I can do whatever else I feel like," he said. "I can have piercings. I can have

tattoos. I don't have to look a certain way."

His favorite tattoo that he has done is one based on the MADTV short *Spy vs. Spy*. "I love the detail work and the way it turned out" he said. "I don't even know how I did it." He has also done several tattoos on himself. "The ones on my leg were easy," he said. "Until my leg started to cramp up."

Carey recommends to anyone considering getting a tattoo to never get a name. "Names are bad luck, especially with relationships," he said. He also recommends going to artists who use thicker needles. "The thinner needles are the old way of doing it," he said. "They don't look as good. I think the thicker lines make it look more like a sticker."

The pain for each tattoo, he says, varies from person to person. "It all depends on their tolerance," he said. "But for the majority the shading hurts more. There are more needles going in to your skin harder."

In his free time, or when there are no customers, Carey and his co-workers draw a lot.

There are two other artists at the shop as well as two piercers. They all agree that you can never stop learning to be a tattoo artist.

"It is impossible to know everything," he said. "Even if you have been doing this for 50 years, if you aren't learning something, you could be."



photo by Chris Campbell

Aaron Carey is a tattoo artist at Downtown Tattoo and Piercing.

Well acted, 'The Prestige' resonates even after the credits roll

Aaron Broich
 The Commuter

At the heart of "The Prestige" mysteries are waiting to be revealed. Mr. Cutter (Michael Caine) describes the three things that are important to the act of a magician—the pledge, where the audience is shown the object, the disappearance of the object, and most important of all is the prestige. "Making something disappear isn't enough. You have to bring it back. That's why every magic trick has a third act—the hardest part—the part we call the prestige."

Two up-and-coming magicians in the London area are friends working together with Mr. Cutter until a tragic accident turns them against each other. Albert Borden (Christian Bale) is perhaps the more daring and skilled magician. He's lacking in abilities as a showman, while

MOVIE REVIEW

Rupert Angier (Hugh Jackman) gets the crowds excited and goes on to work with Mr. Cutter.

Borden becomes successful with his "Transported Man" act, which baffles Angier when Borden reappears so quickly in another box across the stage. Angier also becomes successful when he works out a transporting act (with the help of a double who looks like him), but he can't stand not knowing the secrets of how Borden does his own trick. He pressures Olivia, his lover and stage assistant (Scarlett Johansson) to work for Borden and find out the secret. The two magicians work hard at sabotaging one another.

Angier's obsession leads him on a quest to the United States to seek out the enigmatic inventor, Nikola Tesla (David Bowie), based on the real life Russian scientist,

renowned for his astounding memory. Angier has to discover Borden's secret, so he spends his fortune hiring Tesla to build a special machine.

"The Prestige" is a movie of the highest caliber with excellent acting, well developed characters and a surprising number of plot twists. Some reviewers may say that if you watch carefully, by the halfway point, the coming plot twists are obvious, but many viewers will probably be surprised by the end of the film, and many of the story details remain mysterious.

"The Prestige" is one of those rare movies that keeps you thinking about it long after it is over. It is directed by Christopher and Jonathan Nolan, who did the films "Memento" and "Batman Begins"—it has the same dark atmosphere heavy with emotions, and leads us to question the value of the things that we seek after and the cost that we are willing to pay to reach them.

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A few good men

Albany will hold its annual Veteran's Day Parade this Saturday, Nov. 11. The parade will start at 10 a.m. on Jackson Street, go down Pacific Boulevard, head to Lyon Street, then to Second Street before finally coming to an end on Fourth Street. Among the 230 entries expected to participate in the parade are veterans of World War II, as well as the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars, bands from each of the military services, as well as an entry from active members of each of the military services. Up to 50,000 people are expected to line the streets for the parade, heralded as one of the largest Veteran's Day parades west of the Mississippi. The theme for this year's parade is "Uncommon Valor Still a Common Virtue."

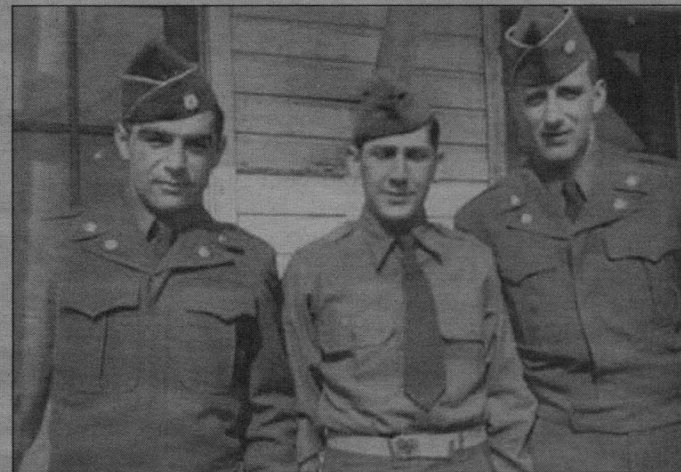


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Majors: Many students undecided about futures

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LBCC offer students who just aren't sure?

Most people look for a career that would pay them for doing what they like to do. Luckily, some students experience this earlier on in life.

"The types of classes that I took in high school are what helped me choose my major," said business/sports management major Kyler Blake. "I have always wanted to do something that pertains to my lifestyle and getting involved with organizations such as FBLA got me pointed in the right direction."

Some high schools even allow you to take off class time in order to do some experimenting, such as "job shadowing." This allows a student to watch and observe a person who works in their field of interest in order to have the experience at a younger age. This can also be carried on in college by taking Cooperative Work Experience credits or work study jobs within your major.

In some cases, a student knows what field they want to work in but just can't choose an exact job.

"I most likely want to work in architecture, but you have to be admitted into the program," states Alex Winkelman, an undecided major. "I took classes in high school and really loved it, but I'm not sure where I want to go with it."

Then again, some students really like some aspects of their field of interest but not others, as is the case with business administration major Marissa Dutra. "I want to eventually

become a pharmacist because I don't want to be a doctor. I can't handle the blood and guts, so I'll hand out pain medication. I will be in school for a long time, but I think it's worth it."

Finding a career that makes lots of money used to be the driving force in college education, but maybe that has changed in recent years.

"Although I haven't chosen a specific job, I picked my major because I have always known that I want to work with and help people who are in need," said Bethany Vodrup, a social science major.

The numbers of students who have kept an undecided major at LBCC have remained about the same in recent years. The college tries to keep track of the number of undecided majors because, much like a convenience store, it wants to know which majors are serving their students' needs. Undecided majors leave college admissions officials in the dark as to whether the college has the kind of program mix that fits the community.

If students see a need for classes that are not being offered, they need to tell the admissions department. Another reason students should declare a major as soon as they can has to do with financial aid. By the time

45 credits of schooling are completed, an undeclared major's financial aid could be revoked unless the student decides to change their mind.

The majority of the student

body at LBCC is made up of those pursuing the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree, which by state law must be accepted by all Oregon four-year universities as meeting their lower division course requirements. Although the AAOT is considered a "major," the degree does not necessarily designate a specific field of study or career field.

Besides AAOT students, the designated majors that have the most students in them are business, health care fields and industrial programs such as engineering and diesel mechanics, according to Clemetsen. Because these classes fill up fast, Clemetsen advises students interested

in those majors to get a jump start on it.

The majors that have the fewest numbers of students, Clemetsen said, "would probably be computers and graphics."

The college offers some resources to those students who are still searching for the right career for them. The Career Center, which is located in Takena Hall 101, is staffed by counselors whose job it is to help steer students in the right direction. Counselors will also help students enroll in classes that are designed for their interests. These may be simple electives, which allow students to try something new they may not have considered before, or the counselor may recommend a few personal growth classes that are offered at LBCC specifically for that purpose.

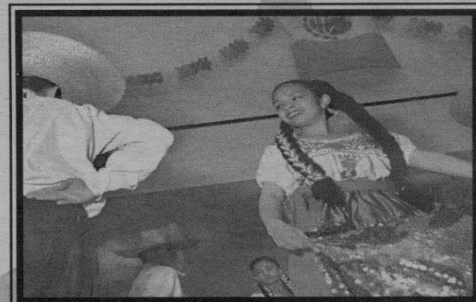
Students can also inquire at the Career Center about using the Oregon Career Information System to explore career options. This is a computerized method of assessing an individual's skills and aptitudes and matching them with realistic occupations.

Students may also research careers using the Vocational Biographies and the Occupational Handbook on the Web.



photo by Kristina Bennett
 Marissa Dutra is a business administration major who hopes to become a pharmacist.

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Beaver nation rains down on Arizona State

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

On a damp, rainy, windy and dark afternoon last Saturday at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, the Beavers proved their season is headed for a bright future.

38,724 fans braved conditions fit for a Beaver, while the Sun Devils from Arizona State wilted in the November rain. After a 44-10 win, the Beavers' fourth in a row, OSU players and coaches are beginning to believe that something special may still happen this season.

The Beavers (6-3 overall, 4-2 Pac-10) propelled themselves into a third-place tie in the conference with arch-rival Oregon. In fact, if the chips fall their way in the Pac-10 race, a second place finish is not out of the question.

That kind of finish to the season would net them a Holiday Bowl bid, facing a

marquee team such as Oklahoma or Texas A&M—a far cry from their aspirations following a 2-3 start to the season.

OSU's win over Arizona State was never in doubt from kickoff. The Beavers took the opening kickoff and marched down the field, taking a 7-0 lead on Yvenson Bernard's 3-yard touchdown run. Bernard returned from an ankle injury and carried 22 times for 60 yards and two first quarter touchdowns. OSU took a 17-0 lead after one quarter and continued to pour it on.

Beaver quarterback Matt Moore had another error-free game, completing 17 of 31 passes for 282 yards and a touchdown.

His 5-yard touchdown run after a Beaver interception midway through the second quarter made the score 31-7. OSU put it on cruise control the rest of the way, playing conservative offensive

football, while the defense harassed Sun Devil quarterback Rudy Carpenter into two interceptions, holding him to only nine completions good for a measly 124 yards.

Many wondered before the game if the Beavers would suffer a mental letdown after their win against USC the week prior. Those questions were put to rest right away.

Head Coach Mike Riley knew coming out and focusing as they did against USC was key, "I'm proud of our coaches and players for staying the course once again."

Tightend Joe Newton's comments after the game mirrored those of his coach, "we just came out focused on playing the same game we played last week."

Next week, weather conditions will most likely not play a part in the game. The Beavers travel to southern California

to take on UCLA (4-5 overall, 2-4 Pac-10). The Bruins come in on a four-game losing streak, but have played well at home, winning four of five games this year at the Rose Bowl.

The Beavers' offense could have another big day—UCLA's defense has given up over 30 points in three of the four games during their current losing streak. In contrast, the Beavers' defense has given up an average of 16 points per game over their last five games. Over that stretch OSU has gone 4-1.

After next week's trip to UCLA, the Beavers have road games at Stanford and Hawaii remaining on their schedule.

OSU has only one home game remaining, the day after Thanksgiving against Oregon. If the Beavers can play road warriors for the next couple weeks, OSU fans will have plenty to be thankful for come "Civil War" time.

NFL second half will separate contenders from pretenders

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

The NFL season has reached its halfway point with its share of surprises.

Seattle has managed to hold onto the lead in the extremely weak NFC West without NFL MVP Shaun Alexander and starting quarterback Matt Hasselbeck.

While the Seahawks have already lost more games than they did all of last year, Steven Jackson's Rams are still within striking distance.

Former Beaver's running back Jackson has been a dual threat for the Rams, rushing for 6 yards and catching 13 passes for 133 yards in last Sunday's loss to the Chiefs. Jackson hopes to follow in the footsteps of departed running back Marshall Faulk and improve on his first-half performance.

"With Mr. (Marshall) Faulk moving in this generation that you have to be an all-around back, I do put a lot of pressure on myself because I want to be among the top running backs," Jackson said. "I do work on my all-around game and hopefully shows up on Sunday."

The league's brightest spot, however, lies in New Orleans, where the Saints (6-2) are off to a fast start. One year removed from vagabond status thanks to Hurricane Katrina, the Saints received a gift from God in half-back Reggie Bush. Surprisingly, Bush is not the rookie-of-the-year front-runner. That honor goes to his rookie teammate, receiver Marques Colston, who is fourth in the NFL with 700 receiving yards and tied for first with 7 touchdown grabs.

Former Beaver wide receiver Mike Hass was a part of the front's initial plans for 2006, but it was waived and never got a chance to contribute to the rookie-laden leaders of the NFC South. Hass has since signed a contract with the Chicago Bears and is presently on their practice

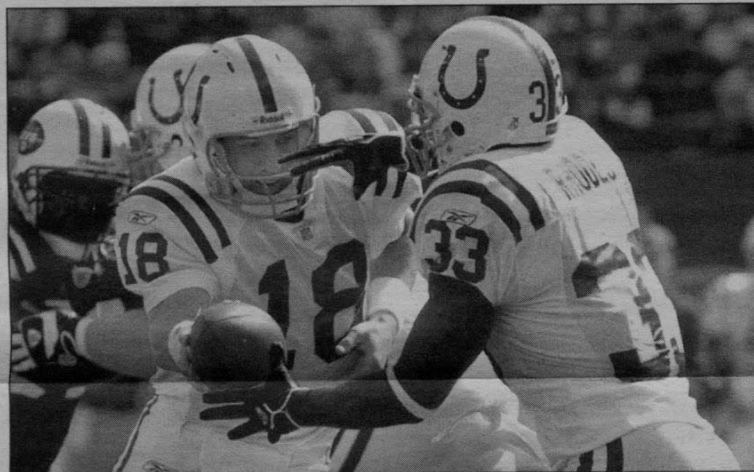


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Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts are the first team to complete the first eight games of the NFL season with an undefeated record since 1930.

squad.

The NFC North leading Bears (7-1) have established themselves as the cream of the NFC crop. 2005 Defensive-player-of-the-year Brian Urlacher leads the NFC's stingiest defense while quarterback Rex Grossman heads the conference's highest scoring offense.

The NFC East is tight again with all four teams within three games of each other. The Giants (6-2) hold a two-game lead in the division. Dallas and

Philadelphia, both 4-4, seem to be peacefully dealing with and without Terrell Owens, respectively, and are on the verge of finally displaying dominance. 2005 playoff team Washington (3-5) has struggle thus far, but can explode at any time.

Already a shoo-in for a playoff spot, the Colts (8-0) are once again the NFL's lone unbeaten behind Peyton Manning's unstoppable aerial attack.

Jacksonville (5-3) should challenge for a playoff spot,

despite a brewing quarterback controversy between injured starter Byron Leftwich and his replacement, who has won two in a row, David Garrard. Their running game is relentless while their intimidating defense shuts the opposition's ground game.

Defending champion Pittsburgh (2-6) have struggled out of the gate. After posting a 27-4 record in his first two seasons, 24-year-old Ben Roethlisberger has gone from the youngest Super Bowl winning quarterback in history to a 1-6 (as a starter) liability following his off-season of adversity, including his near-fatal motorcycle accident.

Former Beaver wide receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh have struggled to get Cincinnati (4-4) back to 2005 form when they won the AFC North with a 12-4 record. Discontent between Johnson and quarterback Carson Palmer may lead to their eventual downfall. Division leader Baltimore (6-2) is getting it done in the usual fashion; dominating defense. Their offense is beginning to emerge with former Titan quarterback in his first year in charge.

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New England (6-2) is again dominating teams on both sides of the ball. They lead the AFC East thanks to their tailback tandem of Corey Dillon and rookie Laurence Maroney. The Patriots are running away with the division ahead of the Jets (4-4), lowly Buffalo (2-6) and Miami (2-6).

The strongest division could be the AFC West where Denver and San Diego (both 6-2) are tied for the lead. The Broncos have surrendered a league-low 98 points while San Diego has scored a league-high 248. Charger running back LaDarian Tomlinson leads the NFL with 14 rushing touchdowns, three ahead of the Chief's Larry Johnson.

Without starting quarterback Trent Green, Johnson has led the Chiefs to an impressive 5-3 record, making the West a three horse race.

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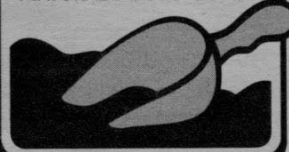
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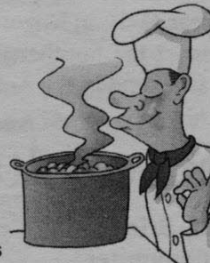
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Lady runners sweep field in Volleyball tournament

Caleb Hawley
The Commuter

The Linn-Benton Lady Roadrunners demolished every opponent that stood in their way at the Treasure Valley Crossover Volleyball Tournament on Friday and Saturday en-route to a first place finish.

The Runners were a perfect 4-0 on the weekend against Southwestern Oregon, Yakima, Everett and Treasure Valley.

Of the four matches played, LB only lost two games the entire tournament. Southwestern got one of the games in the first match and Treasure Valley got the other in the final match. Otherwise LB was dominant throughout in nearly every sta-

tistical category.

Linn-Benton's Cady Coates, Lei Himan-Teves and Amanda Douglas each received three all-star bids. Himan-Teves led the Runners with 65 digs on the tournament and Coates led the team with 43 kills.

Douglas had 42 kills and 41

NWAACC South Division Standings		
	Conf.	Overall
Mt. Hood	9-0	25-7
Clackamas	7-2	36-7
Chemeketa	6-3	20-20
LBCC	4-5	17-15
SW Oregon	2-8	16-16
Umpqua	0-10	0-20

digs and was named the offensive Southern Region player of the week.

"This certainly helps our confidence level," said head coach Jayme Frazier. These were all teams we knew going into this tournament. We set our goal at 4-0. We knew we should win this tournament, of course it's nice to see some confirmation and see some people really step up. It's definitely a confidence builder. Our goal is to look like a different team than we did two or three weeks ago, and we're doing that."

Before heading to the post-season, the Lady Runners have just one regular season game remaining, tonight when they host Clackamas.

Runners look to returning players for court leadership

Curtis Tillery
The Commuter

After struggling last year, the men's basketball team looks to focus on taking it one game at a time this year.

Player turnover seemed to hurt the Runners over the past couple of years, but this year they were fortunate to have two starters return: Post Ryon Pool, who was a first-team all-conference

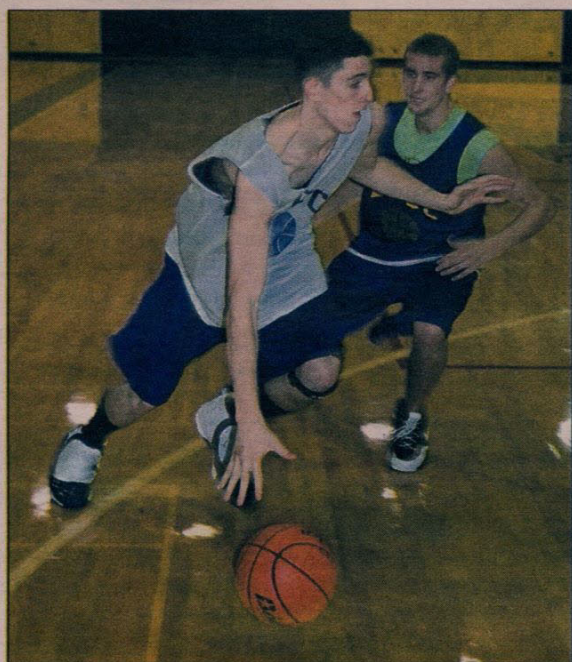


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Roadrunner guard Scott Teustch penetrates the defense of Trevor Thurn during practice Monday at the Activities Center. The Runners are working hard in practice in order to improve on their 11-17 record last year (4-10 in league) when they open their new season at the Southern Region Classic Tournament next weekend in the Activities Center.

player last year, and Wing Alex Stockner. Among notable losses from last year's team was starter Kyle Masterson, a second-team all-conference player who went on to Corbin College.

Pool and Stockner will be looked to as floor generals, or teachers of the system that will be run this year, according to head coach Randy Falk.

Last Saturday the Runners had their first exhibition game and performed pretty well at the Mt. Hood Jamboree, Falk said.

"We played really aggressive on the defensive side but still have some offensive links that we need to work on," Falk explained.

He summed up the main improvement he's seen between this year's team and last year's in two words: "basketball smarts." He added that the team is going to be very competitive this year and will be deep at all positions.

Besides the Runners' usual goal of making it to the NWACC tournament, the coaching staff has come up with bi-weekly goals. Last week's goal was to play aggressively on the defensive side of the ball, and Falk believes that was accomplished at the Mt. Hood Jamboree.

The team looked impressive in their ability to be scrappy around the ball and pressure the offensive players into turnovers.

The Runners open their season at the Activities Center, hosting the Southern Region Classic. The tournament will be held Friday Nov. 17 and Saturday Nov. 18, with the first game featuring Lane CC and Edmonds CC at 5:30 p.m., and the Roadrunners facing Umpqua at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games will be at 4 and 6 p.m., with the teams to be determined by the outcome of Friday's games.

In preparation for next week's tournament the Runners will look to hone their defensive rotation and become smoother in their offensive scheme.

Soccer club kicks off with meeting Nov. 13

Jeremy Brice
The Commuter

A soccer club is being formed for LBCC students through the Student Life and Leadership office. A group of students have filed for the club charter.

The club's student representative is Jorge Martinez and the advisor is LBCC Athletic Director Jim Bell.

A meeting of all interested students will be held on Nov. 13 at 5 p.m. in the lobby of the Activities Center.

Bell stated the club is planning to fill the position of head coach and associate staff members soon.

These positions will help facilitate the launch of the soccer program and coordinate schedules for training and games.

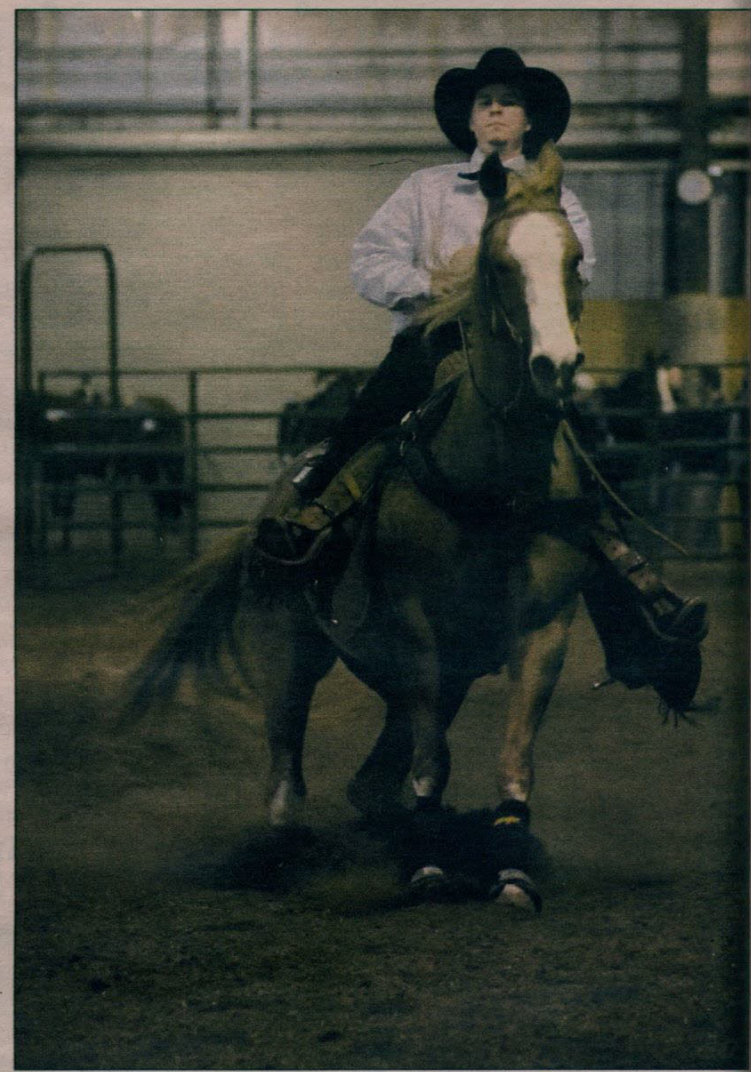


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LBCC student Jason Peacock demonstrates a sliding stop in the reining competition during the Intercollegiate Horse Show at the Linn County Fairgrounds last weekend. The LBCC Equestrian Team hosted the event, and took home three first place awards, two by Peacock and one by Laura Hopkins.

Equestrian team shows why it's among the best

Michelle Steinhebel
The Commuter

It may not have been one of their best competitions, but the LBCC Equestrian Team brought home three first-place wins this weekend.

The team hosted a competition this weekend at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. Equestrian teams from across Oregon, Washington, and as far as British Columbia attended.

"As a team we did OK, but it wasn't one of our best shows," said Jenny Strooband, faculty advisor and English-style riding coach. She attributed that to the extra work the team had to do to organize and host the show. Hosting the competition is the team's leading fundraiser for the year.

Jason Peacock won two first-place awards at the show. Laura Hopkins also took home a first-place award while Angela Clark earned a second-place finish. Team members also took home several third-, fourth-, and fifth-place finishes.

The team consists of 12 full-time LB students and is the only community college in the Northwest region to compete.

"We're definitely the top-ranked community college in the country. I can say that, no holds barred. But there's only a handful [of community colleges] that compete," Strooband said.

"We're definitely the only one with a horse center that competes."

Each year the equestrian team has sent team members to "zones," a tough competition sandwiched between regionals and nationals. If they do well there, they continue on to nationals. "We've sent two riders to nationals before and we're the only community college ever to do that," she said.

Team members started planning to host this event in May. "We had 43 horses we recruited for the horse show. Some LB owns; some are owned by people on the team," said Strooband. "People in the community also let us borrow theirs for the horse show."

Lending the horses to LB for competition is tax-deductible, Strooband said. LB alumni Amelia Cohn, Noella Grady, Jessie Daniels, and Tristan Conway also helped with the show.

The event raised about \$5,000 for the team, which pays for their members to travel. "We obviously have to travel a lot. We could go all the way up to British Columbia, and that's really taxing on most students. They just wouldn't be able to do that, so we use this as a major fundraiser to support our team."

They will have another competition this weekend in Borning, Ore., that the Oregon State Equestrian Team will host.