

### New Lebanon one stop center opens for business

### State human service agencies join LB classes in \$5 million facility

#### by D.D. Malloy of The Commuter

Out of an old J.C. Penney's store on Main Street to a spacious new campus, the LBCC East Linn Workforce Development Center is open for business.

After eight years of planning and expenditures of around \$5 million, students now walk through a glass-enclosed, twostory atrium on their way to classes.

In the entry an information desk and registration office greet visitors needing directions. A grove of tall Pacific Coast redbuilding and the community center building still under construction a few hundred feet

south. Under a large vaulted wood-beam ceiling, a stairway winds its way up to the secondfloor classrooms and study areas. A second-floor outside balcony with a dining table overlooks the redwood grove. A student study area and lounge awaits on the landing. Two long carpeted hallways lead to the educational facilities.

The new center is a partnership between LBCC, the state of Oregon and the Community Services Consortium. State agencies that are consolidating their services in the center are Human Services and the Employment Department. The Community Services Consortium is a job and career development service.

Mike Holland, vice president woods stands between the main of Administrative and Student Affairs, commented on the advantages the new center brings (Turn to "Center" on Pg. 3)



Photo by James Bauerle

Tall redwoods and an inviting entryway accent the new East Linn Workforce Development Center in Lebanon, which opened this term. A dedication ceremony is set for May 31 at 11 a.m.

### **Corvallis group rides rising** wave of biodiesel popularity

#### by Chad Richins of The Commuter

One of the hottest topics in alternative energy circles these days is a recycled fuel called biodiesel.

Using a standard diesel engine and a fuel made primarily of used vegetable oil from restaurant

as diverse as Mali and New Zealand for

vehicles and agricultural processing

equipment, easing the heavy load of

many workers. Biodiesel can also be used

for marine applications and is less dam-

aging to the environment than petro-

leum diesel. Commercial operations al-

ready exist all around the world, includ-

this."

kitchens, biodiesel proponents are running automobiles without ever stopping at gasoline sta-

#### ing at least one in Portland.

Local biodiesel proponents operate Grease Works! in Corvallis, which is a consulting company specializing in biodiesel and straight vegetable oil conversions. Justin Soares of Grease Works! said, "Most people are reasonable people

and they can see the benefit of doing "Most people are reasonthis. The new hyable people and they can brid cars that cost \$20,000 are getting see the benefit of doing the same mileage as we can with standard diesel engines running biodiesel fuel." Soares and other biodiesel believers in Corvallis are working on plans for a fuel depot that would sell biodiesel, but are awaiting regulatory changes that may encourage or subsidize alternative fuels rather than hindering their development. The history of diesel engines began (Turn to "Biodiesel" on Pg. 5)



Photo by Chad Richins

Jacques Chiron of the Corvallis consulting group Grease Works! equipment to demonstrates the used mix biodiesel

tions along the way. Biodiesel is also being used around

the world in places

-Justin Soares, Grease Works!

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND









Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all.

-Stanley Horowitz

Source: Weather.com

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### OFF BEAT

### **Missing the point?**

When a college professor in Ottawa read the essays his students had submitted, he found that 31 of them had committed plagiarism. The subject of the papers: ethics.

### Think again

A Kentucky man who fathered 12 children by 11 different women was arrested for failure to pay child support. In court, he agreed to a plea bargain in which he would avoid jail if he promised never to have sex again. The man returned to court some weeks later to have the nosex clause revoked as he thought it was a joke.

### Sugar trail

A man and a woman jumped into a Krispy Kreme doughnut truck parked at a convenience store in Louisiana and drove merrily along the highway while smoking crack cocaine. Unaware that the rear cargo door was open, they left a 15-milelong trail of doughnuts in their wake. Arrests followed.

### **Excuse me, Officer**

Salvador Bravo returned to his Yakima, Wash., home to find the police inside. They had initially responded to a burglar alarm. There was no burglar, but the cops decided to investigate the strong odor of harvested marijuana coming from the basement. When they informed him of this, he fainted. They arrested him when he came to.

### Right this way...

A man robbed the Wells Fargo bank in Salem, Ore., and then fled to a nearby

### New grilling regulations

If you have or use propane cylinders on campus or at home, you should know about some new requirements that took effect April 1, 2002. Cylinders are now required to be equipped with an overfill prevention device.

Information on these new requirements is available at www.sfm.state.or.us/permits/ overfill\_protection\_devices.htm, or call the Oregon State Fire Marshall for more information at (503)373-1540, ext. 278 or 274.

### **Campus closed April 18**

All Linn-Benton Community College offices and Extended Learning centers will be closed to the public for Spring Inservice, Thursday, April 18. Normal operations will resume Friday, April 19.

### Evening child care available

The Family Resource Center on the main campus is offering evening child care during spring term from 4 to 10 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights. There are 20 spaces available each night for children aged 2 to 10 years of age. Cost is \$55 per term for one night, \$110 per term for both nights (pre-registration is required). For more information call 917-4898.

### Let the music out

Introduction to Songwriting, CRN 42898, is offered in Industrial A 217 on the LBCC campus in Albany, on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:50 p.m. for 10 weeks. The cost is \$40.40.

Instructor Pam Massey's message to the world is "Don't die with your music inside you." Massey won first place in the 1998 American Songwriters Magazine songwriting contest and has been playing music most of her life.

The class will cover songwriting, marketing techniques, copyright scams and songwriting mail offers. Students don't need to bring an instrument, or even know how to play one for the class.

For more information contact Pam Massey at 258-5482.

### A kaleidoscope of cultures

A free brown bag series called a Kaleidoscope of Cultures, co-sponsored by the Benton Center and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, will be held each Tuesday through May 14 at the Corvallis-Benton County Library, 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis, from 12:10 to 1 p.m.this term.

Learn how universal themes in our daily lives are interpreted in cultures from around the world.

The CRN is 42763. To register go to sis.lbcc.cc.or.us, call 917-4991 or stop by the Benton Center.



Dori Litzer; Benton Center staffer Lin Olson won a platinum print by photography instructor Rich Bergeman; student Elisa Pandolfi won a painting by art instructor Gary Westford; and Julie Drebing won a sculpture by part-time art instructor Erik Land. More than \$2,000 was raised in the raffle and will be used for scholarships and awards for art students, including juror's awards to students currently exhibiting in the annual Art Student Juried Show in the LBCC Gallery, located in the AHSS Building.

### WOU in the house

Representatives from Western Oregon University will be in Takena Hall on April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students are invited to bring their questions, transcripts for evaluation, and/or applications for admission and visit with the representatives, who will be able to determine admissibility and grant conditional admission on the spot for qualified students.

### **Conversational Spanish**

This class for staff meets at noon in the Willamette Room, Monday through Thursday. Taught by Jose Cedieño and Mariana Schatte.

### **Model Arab League**

LBCC's award-winning delegation to the Model Arab League will hold a mock debate today (April 10) from noon to 1 p.m. in the LBCC Boardrooms in the College Center. The delegation will represent Saudi Arabia and Qatar in this year's Northwest Model Arab League. Students and staff are invited to come and find out what Model Arab League is all about.

### A date to remember

Last day to drop or add a full-term class and apply for spring term graduation is April 12.

### Oregon Garden Tour

Student Life & Leadership is signing up the first 9 students who want to celebrate Earth Day by taking a tour of the Oregon Garden near Silverton on April 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free transportation and admission.

### **Randomology**

4,000 people are injured by tea pots every year.

A 60-minute cassette contains 565 feet of tape.

A coat hanger is forty-four inches long if straightened.

A good quality Persian rug which contains one million knots in every three square inches can last as long as 500 years.

A good typist can strike twenty keys in a second.

A person uses more household energy shaving with a hand razor at a sink (because of the water power, the water pump and so on) than he would by using an electric razor.

A toothpick is the object most often choked on by Americans

A typical double mattress contains as many as two million house dust mites.

A wedding ring is generally exempt by law from inclusion among the assets in a bankruptcy estate. That means that a wedding ring can't be seized by creditors, no matter how much the bankrupt person owes.

According to a market research survey done some time ago, 68% of consumers receiving junk mail actually open the envelopes.

According to one study, 24% of lawns have some sort of lawn ornament.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

All hospitals in Singapore use Pampers diapers.

Americans spend \$1.5 billion dollars every year on toothpaste.

Colgate faced a big obstacle marketing toothpaste in Spanish speaking countries. Colgate translates into the command go hang yourself.

restaurant where he raised the waiter's suspicions by tipping him \$100 for a table away from the window. When police showed up by looking for the robber, the big tipper came immediately to the waiter's mind.

#### **Domestic dispute**

In the Don't-Date-People-at-Work Department, a Pennsylvania narcotics officer got into a spirited discussion with her boss who used to be her boyfriend outside his condominium. She fired three shots at him before he wrestled the gun away.

-From KRT News

### Art raffle winners announced

Six staff and students were announced as winners of art work from the Faculty Art Exhibit, which concluded last week. Faculty member Rich Horton won the anagama-fired platter by ceramics instructor Jay Widmer; English instructor Peter Jensen won a painting by art instructor Analee Fuentes; student Erin Bartelds won a painting by art instructor

### **Evacuation drill set April 16**

The Spring Evacuation Drill is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16. Please do not freak out. Approximately 30 billion cakes of Ivory Soap had been manufactured by 1990.

An average of 200 million credit cards are used every day in the United States.

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## CAMPUS NEWS



Photo by Jenn Geiger

The Linn-Benton Loop Bus will be making its last run from campus at 5:40 p.m. beginning this term. Due to budget cuts, the 6:45 p.m. was eliminated from the schedule.

### Loop Bus lops off last campus run

#### by Chad Richins of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton Loop Bus is now operating a slightly abbreviated schedule to counter rising costs of operation, but the free pass program will continue for those with a current student ID from LBCC.

The last run of the day will now be the bus leaving LBCC for Corvallis at 5:40 p.m.

OSU has finally committed to helping fund the pass program so that their students who are

dually-enrolled can continue to ride free to LBCC. OSU has committed \$12,000, while LBCC contributes \$15,000 for the pass program, as well as contributing \$13,000 as a basic partner in the Loop system. Oregon State University hasn't been a partner since the late 1990s and doesn't get a vote on Loop system issues.

The system's tight budget has had an impact on the reliability of the bus runs. Riders have been temporarily stranded several

times in the last few weeks because of breakdowns of Loop buses.

"It's because the buses are getting older," said Glenda Radvansky, Albany transportation supervisor. "We'll go for six months without a repair and then all of a sudden the mechanics can't keep up. It's just a cycle of problems."

A new bus is on order, using federal funds, and is scheduled to be added to the Loop fleet in late spring or summer of 2003.

### New East Linn Center shines light on spacious business tech computer lab

#### by D.D. Malloy

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of The Commuter

"The new business tech classrooms have four complete walls and windows! It's wonderful!" instructor Carla Mundt exclaimed with delight.

Mundt, East Linn Center's Business Tech Program coordinator, added, "When it was over the staff was exhausted. I had two hard-working, work-study students who were my salvation."

Students Adam Cheek and Casey Pryor packed and unpacked the boxes. "They were

very helpful. They not only helped move the tech lab; they helped in other areas, too. Everyone worked very hard. Over all, the move went well."

LBCC Facilities Service employees from the Albany campus moved the furnishings and educational equipment and materials into the new building.

There are many different things in the new lab. The most noticeable are the windows. "The windows give the classrooms a sense of space," Mundt noted. She also pointed out that the old lab utilized fixed circular tables and students had very little space between computers. In the new lab each student has his or her own work space facing the front of the classroom. Several computer tables are adjustable in height to accom-

"The new business tech classrooms have four complete walls and windows! It's wonderful!" -Carla Mundt

modate short or tall persons. The Lebanon lab is available during regular open hours to any registered LBCC student. Students taking classes at Sweet Home, Albany or Corvallis may

also use the lab. Students log in and out on the entry PC. Mundt noted that they usually do not have a wait-

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ing list near the end of the term with computers readily available.

Now that East Linn has two computer labs the college will be offering more community oriented, non-credit classes because more time slots are available than before.

The LBCC schedule of classes identifies the location and times of classes in the new location. Students wishing to further explore offerings at the new campus can call the center and make an appointment to meet with an advisor.



**Center:** Dedication set for May 31

and work development programs. Before, people needed to run all over the community to get their services. The government has tried to move toward one-stop service facilities. In this instance the project has gone very well because the college was already working in partnership with these services."

to the Lebanon area. "The most

obvious is that the increase in

the number of classrooms rep-

resents a significant qualitative

upgrade of our educational ser-

vices. Secondly, government at

the federal level has provided a

lot of support for job training

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Holland pointed out that serious planning with the partners started about two years ago.

The state agencies and the CSC are located on the first floor. Acting manager of the Linn Benton region of the Oregon Employment Department, Sue Hankins, noted that the Lebanon office serves about 1,000 people per week. "The people will be able to obtain a wide variety of work-related services in one location. If someone needs work and food stamps, or even a

agement environment and make sure they receive the proper services," said Hankins.

GED, they can find out about

the particular programs at the

one stop center." Hankins men-

tioned that before, employment

staff could not be sure that cli-

ents would find the location they

needed to go to another build-

ing. "We can personally direct

people who need a case man-

Workmen continued with final touches related to exterior construction and landscaping as the building opened. The staff reported that the move, though physically taxing, went reasonably well and on time.

### GRAND OPENING

### What:

Grand Opening and dedication of the East Linn One Stop Center

### When:

Friday May 31 at 11 a.m.

#### Where:

44 Industrial Way, Lebanon

- Who:
- Open to the public



## CAMPUS NEWS

### College unveils new web address and online look

#### by the Commuter Staff

LBCC now has a brand new web address www.linnbenton.edu—and a new look to the LBCC web page.

The LBCC Web Presence Committee, made up of staff from Marketing and Publications, Media, and Information Services, has worked together over the last several months to develop this look and organization. They examined many other college web sites, noting their home page content, key terminology and organizational structure.

They also looked at LBCC's web site usage data and addressed common complaints and comments from both students and staff. The result is a clean, concise page that loads quickly and displays in the browser window with little or no need for scrolling. A large number of links are available, some nested in a dropdown menu configuration.

Recognizing that LBCC has a number of different audiences, LBCC web developers wanted the home page to provide potential new full-time students with easy access. Any number of additional audiences, from business owners to seniors interested in community education classes, should also be able to find the information they need quickly and easily, either by a link or by using the new keyword search button.

A small area of the LBCC home page is set aside for campus announcements such as college closures, registration dates, etc. Other campus events—plays, concerts, speakers and similar events—will have their place under the "News and Events" link.

The "Staff Resources" link at the bottom of the page is a quick way for staff to reach the Paperless Office. For the moment, there is a link back to the old home page in order to address situations where instructors have passed out specific instructions about getting to a particular class page, and similar instances. Users who do not see what they need or don't want to click around to find it, can use a powerful keyword search engine to find their locations.

Improvements to the rest of the site are in progress, including programs of study listings, the catalog area, paperless office and events calendar. There are also plans to debut an early fall online schedule of classes in May.





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## LOCAL NEWS

### Annual Take Back the Night event planned for April 16

### by Wendy Geist

of The Commuter

Women, men and children will join together to raise awareness around issues of violence against women and families Tuesday, April 16 in Take Back the Night 2002.

The event starts at 7 p.m. at Corvallis High School, located at NW 11th and Buchanan, with community booths and display of the Clothesline Project. A candlelight march starts at 9 p.m. and will lead participants to a speak-out at the Benton County Courthouse.

The Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence (CARDV), ASOSUSaferide, AmeriCorps and the Benton

"We all deserve to be safe. We must stand up and act now!"

-CARDV

County Sheriff Department are sponsoring the event.

CARDV explained that Take Back the Night symbolizes the struggle against all forms of violence against women. In gathering and marching, a message is sent that violence against women and families will not be tolerated.

According to CARDV, statistics show that one in four women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime,

and that a woman is battered every nine seconds in the United States.

"We all deserve to be safe," say CARDV representatives. "We must stand up and act now!" The event will also include music of Shyle Ruder and Daughters of Cybele (Chah-Belly) Drumming Group, a readers theater featuring OSU students and members of Sahara, dance performances by Women's Bodies, Women's Dance and a keynote speech by Legislative Vice President GayLynn Pack of Oregon NOW.

Accommodations will be made for people of all abilities. Contact Christina Bondurant of CARDV at 758-0219 for more information.

### **Biodiesel:** Alternative fuel traces colorful history to France

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with Dr. Rudolf Diesel, who in 1885 set up his first shop-laboratory in Paris and began a 13year process of creating his distinctive engine. On Aug. 10, 1893, Diesel's first model, a single 10foot iron cylinder with a flywheel at its base, ran on its own power for the first time.

Diesel spent two more years improving the engine and on the last day of 1896 demonstrated a model with the theoretical mechanical efficiency of 75.6 percent, in contrast to the then-dominant steam engine's 10 percent. By 1898 Diesel was a millionaire from franchise fees and in 1900 displayed his engine at the Paris World Exhibition using peanut oil as fuel.

Diesel died mysteriously in 1913 when he disappeared from a ship traveling to England. His body was later found in the English Channel, perhaps caught up in a struggle for power between England, France and Germany over diesel technology.

The name instrumental in developing American diesel engines is Clessie Cummins, who set up the Cummins Engine Co. in 1919 to improve the Frenchinvented diesel engine. The company soon grew into the world's largest independent manufacturer of diesel engines. The Cummins name is still recognizable today for producing engines for farm machinery and Dodge diesel trucks.

In a publicity stunt, Cummins



Photo by Chad Richins

manufacturers, Mercedes-Benz and Volkswagen, offered passenger cars with diesel engines in the United States. In leaner times such as these, some drivers are investigating even more inexpensive and environmental alternatives.

Joshua Tickell, author of "From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank" drove his "Veggie Van" around America on a two-year odyssey to publicize biodiesel, and Tickell was invited to speak at schools, conferences, expos, festivals and fairs.

Some municipal motor pools are converting their fleets to biodiesel as well. In Phoenix,

Ariz., there is reportedly a fleet of 200 bio-fueled school buses and a new state fleet in Utah. The city of Lincoln Nebraska fuels a portion of its buses with biodiesel, and Yellowstone National Park uses the fuel for some of its park vehicles that run Cummins diesel engines. The University of Montana in Missoula also uses biodiesel for its student, on-campus shuttle.

Biodiesel has won approval from the federal government to be considered an alternative fuel for cities who get tax credits for buying alternative fuel vehicles, but currently biofuel makers must pay significant taxes.

Any diesel vehicle can run biodiesel fuel without modification, such as this diesel Jetta owned by a Grease Works! member.

American

**Red Cross** 

strained through filters, and the lye and alcohol are added, the result is a fuel that can be poured directly into a standard diesel engine. Diesel engines can also be fitted with special fuel heater conversion kits to run on straight vegetable oil.

During fuel shortages in the 1970s, diesel cars increased in popularity due to their fuel economy, although during boom times before the current recession diesel cars offered by major automakers declined dramatically. In 1997 only two



once drove a Cummins dieselpowered Packard touring car from Indianapolis to New York and bragged that the cost for the 800-mile trip was only \$1.38. In 1952 a Cummins-powered diesel race car captured the pole position in the Indianapolis 500.

The advantages of diesel engines is that they can run on agricultural products that are produced locally, eliminating the need for expensive transport and dependence on foreign sources. Even inedible crops can be used to produce oil to run diesel engines as in Mali where the plentiful Pourghere (Jathropha) plant is harvested for its oil and used for fuel.

Biodiesel is a mixture of recycled vegetable oil, alcohol (either methanol or ethanol) and a small amount of lye as a catalyst. When the oil is heated and

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

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## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT





Jumpin' Java Joint Kevin and Sharon Ellis (above) take pride in the home-town feel of their downtown Corvallis coffee shop, Cup-a-Cabana, which features sandwiches, salads and pastries along with its fine roasted coffees. It's located near the Loop bus stop on Jefferson.

Photos by Chad Richins

### No conveyor belt treatment at this local coffee shop

#### by Chad Richins of The Commuter

If you like Starbucks—Imean if you REALLY like Starbucks, then you might want to skip this story, because the small coffee and sandwich shop just a block away from the Seattle-based mega-chain in downtown Corvallis is completely opposite in its business approach, customer service and atmosphere.

The Cup-A-Cabana, run by Kevin and Sharon Ellis, has more of a home town feel to it than the I-Miss-the-Big-City vibe you get at Starbucks. And instead of feeling like you are on a conveyor belt, at the Cup-A-Cabana you will feel like a regular pretty much the first time you walk through the door. The service is timely, so it is usually possible to fit in a meal on a half-hour lunch break, but Kevin Ellis says he appreciates those who call ahead.

While you are waiting for your order at the Cup-A-Cabana, you may notice some light music playing in the background. It may take you a while to realize that it is country music, which is a rare treat for someone who likes Garth Brooks or Deanna Carter, but even those who don't appreciate that particular genre of music will not be bothered by the low volume, and you'll have to admit that it definitely makes the place that much more unique.

The laid-back, friendly atmosphere is not the only thing the Cup-A-Cabana has to offer. The quality of the coffee—which is not over-roasted like at SOME places—and the selection of sandwiches, salads and pastries, along with the reasonable prices, makes the Cup-A-Cabana a great all-around deal.

If customer loyalty tells you anything about a business, some of the customers at the Cup-A-Cabana have been coming around since it began in the Cannery Mall in 1997, so they must be doing something right. According to Kevin Ellis, he has his hands full running lunches by himself, so there are probably no plans to expand globally to challenge the Starbucks empire.

The Cup-A-Cabana is at 363 SW Jefferson Avenue in Corvallis, right next to where the Linn-Benton Loop Bus drops off riders downtown. They can be reached at (541)754-3265.



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

### Seattle youths stage diversity performance in Takena

### by Mariana Schatte of The Commuter

"Let me tell you something about myself. I am different. Where I am from everyone looks the same, speaks the same language and celebrates the same holidays. But here I am different. I don't belong here. I just want to be myself."

With these words, Isha, the Muslim character, sets the stage for the Tribes Project performance in Takena Hall Monday.

Race, religions and cultural difference influence who we are and what we do, and this is what the Tribes Project is about. The troupe of Seattle young people travel the country to try to show the diversity in the USA through music, dance and acting. The troupe includes people from vastly different racial, cultural, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, immigrant and native backgrounds.

J. Paul Preseault, the executive director of the Tribes Project, is tired of people portraying America as white. "American doesn't mean white. I want people to realize that we have a racism problem. I am not here to give the solution. The solution has to come to people. I am here to tell you that we must find it and Tribes will exist until them. These kids are ambassadors to raise knowledge. Whatever they do in the future, they'll take tribes with them."

"Ignorance Is Bliss" was created by the 10 students from Franklin High School in Seattle and directed by Monica Barroga. The skit uses improvisation but also works with key lines. It took four days of casting to find these extraordinary students and 10 weeks of rehearsal. Roots, immigration, racism, motivation of people, relationship issues, cultural and religious differences are some of the issues dealt with on stage. The combination make this show an interesting and hilarious experience.

All the kids are very good in what they do; they are exhuberant and happy to be alive. They all have different personal stories and background.

Angela Parker and Nora Azami want to attend college to major in political science; and Chris Dudley is planing to go to Berkley College of Music. Other teens in the group are Cameron Brown, Kelvin Dyers, Marie Graves, Kiyomi Higuchi, Jason Morris, Rocky Thanphilom and Lisa Wu.

The original idea of the Tribes project came to Preseault in 1993 following the Rodney King incident in Los Angeles. He came out with a show called "What's Up with That," which also included high school students. In 1997 they finally were able to tour around the Northwest and also perform in places like South Africa and this summer in London.

Among the messages the youths try to communicate is that no one is to blame. We are all in this together and if there is a chain of race and racism we all should be carrying it together. What you get out of all this is that race is what we are, not who we are. We can not blame others for the mistake that people made in the past. They urge their audiences to be who you really are, not what society thinks you should be, no matter if you are white, yellow black, brown or a combination.



Members of The Tribes Project perform in Takena Hall Monday, bringing their message of respect for all cultures and religions to LBCC from their home in Seattle.

> Photos by efanie Hessenkemper









### **Art Student Juried Show**

This black-and-white photographic print by Jordan Sandau is one of more than 60 art works by students currently on exhibit in the Art Gallery in the AHSS Building. Students in painting, drawing, ceramics, design and photography classes are represented in the show. Cash awards will be handed out to the top artists in each category at the exhibit's reception at noon on May 8. The show will be up through May 10.

Photo by Jordan Sandau

## FUNNY PAGE







### CLASSIFIEDS

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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Volunteers sought for blood draw

LBCC's phlebotomy program is looking for a few good arms.

Students in the program are hosting a blood drawing lab today and on April 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. and are in need of volunteers willing to have their blood drawn. According to instructor Ann Malosh, the students have been practicing since Feb. 4 and are preparing for their clinical rotation. In order to complete the program, they need to have 100 blood draws.

Cookies will be provided to all volunteers.

The blood draw will take place in Room 212 of the College Center (next to the Siletz Room). All students and staff are invited to volunteer.



**Cruising for a Career** 

Photo by Jenn Geiger

The Albany Police Department was one of scores of public and private sector employers who hosted information booths at the annual Career Fair in the Activities Center Tuesday. Hundreds of students turned out to be interviewed for jobs, gather information and meet potential employers.

### 'Teacher Kathy' inspires loyalty from kids, trust from parents

#### by Tina Melson for The Commuter

The children call her "Teacher Kathy." She works as a teacher in the Forest Room of LBCC's Family Resource Center, the child care center located on the main campus. Students bring their children with them to the school and leave them in the hands of the people at the center where they spend there days learning, creating and playing.

We, the parents, trust Kathy with our most valuable possessions. When the children call for her, she is always there and willing to answer. The children are young and very impressionable; that is why she is so important to us. We need someone with a good understanding of children, and how to help them through the beginning of life. Her appearance, voice and behaviors are all key factors in describing "Teacher Kathy."

Kathy's short-dark hair doesn't get in the way of the messy projects the children are doing. She wears glasses that I have seen her take off when she rests with the kids and she also takes off her shoes at rest-time to really get comfortable and fit right in with the children. Her eyes look understanding and caring. I think the way that she appears to the children is very appealing to them. She usually wears dresses with something on them, like flowers, that the girls usually like. I have also seen her wear vests with holiday things on them. She usually wears a watch to keep track of the time and other fascinating jewelry that the children are interested in, like necklaces. She looks happy with her job and it looks like she enjoys it. She uses her voice to sing in a lot of ways. She sings to tell stories to the children. She sings to

tell them it's time to clean up, "Clean up, clean up, everybody do your share." I think that she also sings just to make the children happy and the kids listen better when they hear her sing. Her voice has a soft pitch to it creating a feeling of care and love. The way that she expresses herself sounds as if she is a very

polite person. Kathy also communicates well with the children. When they are being good and playing nice, she lets them know how well they are doing. On the other hand, when they have done something wrong she calmly lets them know that what they did was the wrong thing to do. She asks the children questions like, 'What could you have done differently to make that a better situation?" or, "What might have been a better way of saying that?" She asks the child a question that seems to get them thinking about what they should have done, rather than just getting

frustrated.

Her behaviors with the children are wonderful. She interacts with the children like a mother interacts with her own children. Even after working in the same place with children for quite a few years, she still somehow finds the energy to play with the kids. Kathy gets right down on the floor with them. Through the ways that she plays with them, she is also teaching them. She is always smiling at the kids and seems to make them feel good with her touch, gently patting them on the head or the back as they go by makes the children feel good. Besides the nice behavior to the children, she is also moving around from one spot to another, cleaning up after them and setting out new things for them to do.

Kathy's behaviors with the parents are great, too. She answers all questions that they ask of her. She follows the directions of a parent if they want their child to do a certain thing different. She has conferences at the end of the term to let the parents know how their child is doing. The parents seem to really like her and are able to talk to her as if she were their friend. Not only does she learn the child's name but also the parents' names.

She also seems to interact with the other teachers well. When it comes to making the breakfast in the morning, I have seen her cooking for more than just her room. That seems to be help for the other teachers. The teachers all seem to get along very well, creating a good environment for the children.

Kathy is the one that has that very important job of taking care of our children during the days when we are at school. We are giving her our trust and our gratitude. With her appearance, voice and behaviors, it is easy to say good-bye to our children in the morning and know that they are in good hands. They will be learning a lot of important things from her. Thank you from all of the parents of children in the Forest Room at LBCC.







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## Sports Page

### Dionne shoots past competition in two meets

#### by Wendy Geist and Thomas McGeary of The Commuter

LBCC javelin thrower Jennifer Dionne took first place in two successive meets last month, throwing for a season-best 140 feet at the Southern Regional Preview Meet hosted by Mt. Hood Community College one week after hitting the 139-6 mark at the American Community College Invitational in San Diego March 24.

Dionne competed with three other Linn-Benton athletes at the San Diego meet, a program high for track and field coach Brad Carman. The meet included schools from the National Junior College Athletic Association, the California junior colleges, and the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. Linn-Benton was also represented by Heidi Van Dam, T.J. Vetkos and Matt Kragness. Van Dam competed in the discus competition where she missed the finals after throwing a mark of 110 feet. Vetkos was in the pole vault, but was unable to clear a height. Kragness was scheduled to run, but due to injury he had to withdraw.

Dionne topped her San Diego throw last Saturday with her 140-foot throw and went on to win the Southern region preview at Mt. Hood. Heidi Van Dam had an outstanding meet at Mt. Hood with season bests in the shot put of 37 feet 3 inches that was good enough for second place. Also Van Dam finished third in the discus with a distance of 118 feet, and third in the hammer throw with a distance of 119 feet 1 inch. Teammate Sicily Hotrum finished seventh with a throw of 84-5 in the hammer.

For the men, Kevin Silbernagel ran a lifetime best in the 800 meter with a time of 1.59.20 that was good enough for sixth place. TJ Vetkos also finished sixth in the pole vault with a jump of 13 feet 6 inches. Noah Winningham placed eighth in the hammer throw with a distance of 121 feet 2 inches. He also placed ninth in the shot put with a distance of 39 feet 5 inches.

The next meet for the Roadrunners will be April 13 at the University of Oregon mini- meet at Hayward Field at 9 a.m.

This will be the last year that LB athletes will have the opportunity to compete in this meet. The track program will be cut after this season, due to school budget cuts. Photo by Brad Carman

Jennifer Dionne tosses the javelin 140 feet to win the event at the Southern Region meet.



Tim Nam of Corvallis tees off at the Willamette Park disc golf course.

Photo by Chad Richins

# Three area courses offer variety of challenges to disc golf enthusiasts

### by Chad Richins

of The Commuter

Sometimes getting into a new sport can be expensive.

Yachting, for example, has been described as being very similar to standing in a cold shower with your clothes on and tearing up \$100 bills.

Other sports, like skydiving, demand large amounts of courage. Some sports, like jogging, require a certain amount of endurance. a foot in diameter than it is a little white, dimpled ball.

The Willamette Park disc golf course has the standard holes made of chains and pipes a few feet off the ground to toss into, while the course at Adair Park North of Corvallis has only fence posts with PVC tops on them to aim for.

The Adair park course does have its advantages, such as more wide open spaces and huge fairways, where you can take a full running



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But there is a relatively new sport that you can get into that isn't life-threatening, doesn't really demand a lot of physical prowess and won't break your bank account.

Disc golf is an inexpensive pastime that is challenging without being overly so. Even cheaper than actual golf, disc golf courses are usually free and the equipment can be picked up for less than \$10.

Locally, there are three courses, two in Corvallis and a new one in Albany, that offer quite different styles of play.

The course at Willamette Park has just been made permanent by the City of Corvallis, and it offers a challenging round of 18 holes that is played mostly between trees and bushes, and sometimes in them.

If you have ever played real golf, you may have experienced the learning curve of that sport, in which you often spend a lot of time looking for your ball in the rough, or waiting all afternoon for that one great shot that makes it all worthwhile. Disc golf is very similar in most respects, except that it is easier to find a bright orange disc throw and not worry about losing your disc forever.

The Adair course is also more varied in layout, so it can be a little confusing the first time through as to where the next tee or hole is. It helps to sketch the holes on a card from the sign in the parking lot before you begin.

Albany also just opened a nine-hole course at Timber-Linn Park with money and volunteers from Willamette Industries and private donations. The holes are standard chain-and-pipe baskets; cement tee pads are soon to come.

Any old disc will do to play the game, although the actual golf discs are designed for more distance and playability. You can pick them up almost anywhere sporting goods are sold, including First Alternative Co-op in South Corvallis on the way to Willamette Park, for about \$8 to \$12. Serious disc golfers often carry "drivers," "midrange" discs and "putters."

Disc golf is not necessarily physically demanding, but some soreness can occur if you haven't used your disc muscles in awhile, so take it easy at first and remember to stretch before throwing.

## SPORTS PAGE

### Roadrunners show off power in early season games

### LB in four-way tie for second with a .500 record after 8 league games by Jered Reid

#### of The Commuter

Linn-Benton baseball is in full swing—the Roadrunners have already played a total of 16 games this season, winning exactly half of them. LB's 4-4 record in league play has placed them in a four-way tie for second place. The top two teams go on to playoffs.

"Our division is balanced, extremely balanced," said Coach Greg Hawk. "On any given day, any team can beat you."

The Roadrunners have already demonstrated amazing power—the team has eight home runs, which leads the Southern Division and ranks among the top of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). Five of those eight homers have came off the bat of sophomore Nate Pendley, who leads the NWAACC in that category.

"We got some big hitters, and if we get big hits out of our big players, we can score multiple runs pretty quick," said Hawk.

LB's power at the plate was evident last Saturday when the Runners played Southern Division foe Clackamas. LB won the second game 8-6, scoring four of the eight runs off home runs. Tanner Abel hit a solo shot in the sixth, and Pendley had a threerun blast in the seventh. LB lost the first game 10-2. Mychal Wagner went 2-for-3 with an RBI in that game.

Last Thursday, the Roadrunners hosted SW Oregon, winning the first game 5-1 and losing the second one 8-1. Pendley got the win in the first game, pitching eight innings and allowing only one run. Pendley ended the game with nine strike outs, seven walks and only allowing one hit. The run support came off the bats of Abel, who had a solo home run, and Thomas Gulledge, who drove in two



Scott Vogel (above) dives back into first base to avoid getting picked off in last Thursday's game against SW Oregon. Vogel hit 4 for 4 in the game, which the Roadrunners won 5-1. The team, which is now 4-4 in league play, celebrates the victory (right) after the game. The Roadrunners dropped the second game of the doubleheader 8-1.

#### Photos by Stefanie Hessenkemper

runs. Shortstop Scott Vogel went 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and scored twice. After the win, the runners seemed to come out flat in the second game. LB was held to only five hits in the contest and committed five errors. The loss ended a threegame winning streak.

The Runners earlier had swept the Chemeketa Storm, getting 28 hits in the doubleheader. LB trailed the Storm going into the final two innings 3-0, but were able to score seven runs off nine hits in the final two innings. LB won the first game 9-5, off of 15 hits. Pendley had two home runs on the day, while Ben Anderson and Gulledge also had huge days at the plate—



Anderson went 5-for-8 with three doubles and three RBIs, and Gulledge ended up going 4for-9 with a double, four RBIs, and four runs scored. Starters Jeremy Robinson and Nick Newmann both had solid outings, and reliever Andrew Larson got back-to-back saves. The Runners needed the sweep after a disappointing home opener against perennial power Lane. LB was swept in its first official league games 11-0, and 2-1. "We came out flat and just weren't ready to play," said Hawk.

LB is now 1-2 against Lane this season, after beating them in the Bend Tournament.

The Bend Tournament, which

was March 23-25, was a great showing for the Runners. In the three days of competition LB played Lane, Clackamas, defending NWAACC champion Columbia Basin and NWAACC runner-up Lower Columbia. LB played strong against both Columbia Basin and Lower Columbia, leading LCCC7-3 going into the last inning, until the Red Devils got a five-run, two-out rally in the bottom of the ninth.

Pendley and Jeff Frost both went 2-for-4 and Anderson and Gulledge went 2-for-5. Anderson, Gulledge, Pendley, and Colin Kaneshiro all had a double. LB played CBCC neck-and-neck throughout the game, but in the end the Hawks got the best of "We got some big hitters, and if we get big hits out of our big players, we can score multiple runs pretty quick." —Greg Hawk

the Roadrunners.

LBCC got two wins in the Bend Tournament, both against Southern division opponents. LB won the first game against Clackamas 6-5, and beating Lane in the second game 4-3. Wagner hit a grounder to second to score Anderson for the game-winning run. Wagner also homered in the contest.

"I believe that that tournament shows our young men that we can play with and beat anybody," said Hawk.

Before the tournament, LB had two non-league doubleheaders against both Linfield and Pierce. LB traveled to The Dalles to play Pierce and earned a split 5-4, 3-4. In the first game the Roadrunners had to make a ninth-inning comeback to grab the win. Paul Collins got the win in the first game as a relief pitcher. Both Kaneshiro and Frost had RBIs, and Pendley and Cardwell doubled. In the second game, LB lost despite outhitting Pierce 7-2, in part because the Roadrunners committed five errors.

In the season opener in McMinnville, the Runners went up against Linfield, who won the first game with a game-winning home run. However, LB was able to grab its first win of the season in the nightcap. Wagner and Gulledge each had a pair of hits, and both doubled.

Freshman outfielder Jason Cardwell broke his hand earlier this season, and is a maybe for returning at the tail end of the season. "We will miss Jason Cardwell," said Hawk. "We'll miss his presence, and we will miss his spirit on the ballfield."

#### **ON DECK**

Saturday April 13 Who: Lane Titans When: 1:00 p.m. Doubleheader Where: Eugene

Tuesday April 16 Who: Mt. Hood Saints When: 1 p.m. Doubleheader Where: LB Baseball Field

### STANDINGS

### NWAACC Southern Division

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Linn-Benton	4-4
Mt. Hood	4-4
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Clackamas	4-4
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## OPINION



# America's image in the world tarnished by Bush Administration's ambivalence

COMMENTARY

### by Thomas McGeary

of The Commuter

"For so great a name no praise is adequate." Imagine if such admiration for democracy were believed. At the first Peace Forum of spring term, many

issues were discussed, but the main focus was on the problems in the Middle East and the Bush Administration's better late than never response. As problems escalate in that region it is becoming harder and harder to comprehend any rational peaceful solution. More and more people in the region are becoming victims of violence. Dissent in the Israeli



Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Geary

army and the pro-Palestinian support in the world appears to be a recipe for disaster. The absence of a strong leader in the Middle East has weakened any chance of a cease-fire and overall peace.

American support and influence in the region has been shabbily imposed due to escalating circumstances. Our labeling of leaders and our misrepresentation of the rights of people in the region can't go unnoticed, and I ask everyone to take notice. Two weeks ago Bush called Arafat a terrorist and appeared to give the green light to Isreali aggression, then a week later he softened his rhetoric on Arafat and demanded the Isrealis pull back immediately, which has not happened. His simplistic and ambivalent diplomacy is not going to solve the problem.

The pervasive nature of American culture was another topic addressed at the peace forum. The push of American ideals onto different cultures is apparent in the youth-oriented culture that surrounds us today. In America, the elderly generation is put away in assisted living situations, while in other countries the children take responsibility for the care of elderly people.

Today, we need to see that it is OK for some cultures not to be democratic. Nations will see our culture as the centurion culture of the New World. I understand America is not perfect, but come on people, we could do better.

A prime example of our "good enough for government work mentality" is our president. While Sen. John McCain and I don't agree on everything, I sympathize with his statement: "While I was suffering in a Hanoi hell pit, scrub was protecting the skies of Texas." What a joke! We had a war hero lose the presidential election to a spoiled brat. No malice intended—I just feel that with all that has happened in the world, we as a nation could set a better example. This embarrassment of an administration is not facilitating effective diplomacy, and its flopping between unilateral and multilateral approaches to world issues counteracts any firm leadership. So people, please start messing with Texas.

### WHAT STUDENTS THINK

### Do you think the Catholic Church can prevent future sex abuse scandals?

LBCC students were asked Tuesday about the scandals surrounding the Catholic Church's handling of priests accused of abusing minors in their parishes, and whether the Church will be able to weather the negative reaction it's been getting.

"Yeah, I think they can as long as they take the necessary precautions to not have people that are prone to this kind of stuff be significant figures in the church."



—Dan Gardner



"I don't think the church really has control over it. Whatever happens, happens. The church pretty much can survive anything be-

cause there's enough faith in it." —Lorelii Gutelius

"The Catholic church can prevent future scandal by cleaning up the seminaries and screen priests better than they do now. And yes, of



course, then the Catholic church can survive this."

-Taryn Bazurto



"I think, that the Catholic church has



been dealing with problems since the Spanish Inquisitions, and I don't know. I think

that if it's not one scandal, it's something else."

-Sam Dinkowitz

"I think religion comes from within and so as long as we depend on other people to fill that inner void for us then it can't lead to good."



-Katherine Hammer

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