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# OPINION

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## Commuter editor LaMuerta gives fond farewell to LBCC

Davis LaMuerta  
 The Commuter

The end is near... or rather, the end is here. This is the last issue of The Commuter of which I am the editor-in-chief. And thus, this is the last column I will write for this paper that I have grown to love, and hate.

It has been quite the experience; I still remember walking into Rich Bergeman's office three years ago and humbly asking him to let me into his journalism labs, a week late. Since that moment, The Commuter has been a major part of my life. It has given me amazing experience as a writer, editor, reporter, and more importantly, as a member of an awesome team of fellow journalists. And at times it has made me want to rip my hair out and scream...but I wouldn't trade the experience for anything.

My career at this paper has been met with much pandemonium at LBCC. As the opinion editor last year, I pissed off a lot of people (and had much fun doing it). My philosophy on the matter is: If I made someone angry enough with my writing to actually speak out and give a response, I did my job well.

I am thankful for the opportunity to express myself through my writing, which is what comes naturally to me. Anyone who has spent time in my



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company knows that I'm not the most talkative person. Writing has always been my preferred method of communication. Perhaps someday I'll have an entire book published that will give people something to bitch about.

I'd like to say thank you to Rob Priewe, my advisor, for dealing well with having to work with me in his first year teaching here, and for being very supportive and accepting when I told him, "I'm changing my name...and my sex..." I'd also like to thank Rich Bergeman for allowing me the opportunity to prove myself; hopefully he wasn't too disappointed with the result.

To my co-workers: Minda Trulove, Will Parker, Loren Newman, Chris "Cheese" Kelley, Aaron Broich, Monique Cohen, and the new Editor-in-Chief Gregory Dewar, I extend much appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to have worked with you, and also for being accepting and open-minded in dealing with me as a person. You're all amazing people, and I wish you much luck in future endeavors.

And finally (don't worry, I'm almost done rambling), to the LBCC community. Thanks for putting up with me for the past three years, and making me feel like I belonged somewhere. LBCC is an excellent educational establishment, and I am fortunate to become a proud alumnus.

So...adios.

## Partying like a rockstar buffalo

Or slowly going the way...

Greg Dewar  
 The Commuter

This generation is boring. I'm writing this on a Friday, the week before dead week starts. And I began to imagine all the things I might do today! Oh, such glorious machinations in my mind. I thought maybe I'd go home and do my homework, but that's just silly. Then I thought, maybe I'll go home and play "Lord of the Rings Online" and enjoy some player vs. monster player combat (PvMP). Or, I could catch up on those seasons of "Stargate: Atlantis," or the anime that's been piling up on my bookshelf. Ah, the possibilities were endless for a nerd with a free Friday night in the darkness of dungeon.

Guilty by association I began to think of my friends. What video games might they be playing tonight? Perhaps they'll just watch TV. Or maybe they'll enjoy a night of Dungeons, Dragons, and Mountain Dew. My pulse quickened, as if I'd been the recipient of a foreign adrenaline injection: "Dungeons and Dragons." That is a glory oft journeyed to in my days. Upping your level and advancing your armor class. The chill in my pants was nearly sexual. Imagery of "dragons" in lingerie just waiting to be "slayed" filled my mind to the brim and cascaded over in an ecstasy of mental fumbling. Wooh!

Then reality, as it is won't to do, barged back in. I never once thought of going to a bar, at the ripe age of 23. It doesn't occur to me to go skateboarding at the park. I wouldn't think about going to a concert or anything. Yet the idea of a game of "Scrabble" wets my whistle. Wow, I am a boring person. All my friends are boring. In fact, I don't know anyone who is "exciting." We've become a culture of people who spend most of our time indoors enjoying pre-recorded entertainment. I mean think about it, what are you going to do tonight? It probably isn't going to be partying like

a rock star. When was the last time you partied like a rock star? Or, for that matter, did anything extraordinary that you don't normally do?

How did I go from a hyperactive teenager to someone who would rather read a fine novel in their time away from the grind?

I believe the answer lies in the technological revolution. Through the TV, the computer, the radio, the written word, and even sitting, staring at the sky, we humans have shown with great courage the ingenuity to entertain ourselves while putting in only the basest of minimal effort. Why go and do all those "exciting" things I mentioned? When I can press a button and be completely enthralled for a few hours? At least you burn a few more calories playing video games or thumbing through the pages of a book or magazine.

We're a boring culture: While people fight wars and starve to death all around the globe, like Hobbits in the Shire, we're content to merely vegetate and get fat. Without vigilance, even the Shire was threatened by the Shadows of Angmar and the dread of Mordor.

But what do we do when our hearts are mired in the wildest of bogs? There's a glimmer of hope in every well of shadow.

Enjoy this summer; live it like it will be your last. Get out, be active, use those nerd-muscles. Do that thing you've always wanted to do. Talk to that person, go on that trip, take up this hobby, remodel your living space, paint your car, eat a chimpanzee. I don't know, use your imagination.

Just get out and live for the sake of the continuation of the species, because I know I won't. What did I do tonight? I spent about two and a half hours reorganizing The Commuter's office to be a more friendly, interesting place, and then wrote this story.

Now, if you'll excuse me, there are a few Orcs whose heads are missing an arrow from my Dwarf Hunter's PvMP reward Bow.

## PERSPECTIVES

Q: "What are your plans for summer break?"



"Going to Cali."

• Meranda Merlino •  
 H.D.F.S.

"Racing my 360 sprint car!"

• Sterling Kane •  
 Mech. Eng.



"...partying at the lake!"

• Alisa Hurtado •  
 Psychology

"I'm going rafting and backpacking."

• Jamie Sprick •  
 Health Educ.



"A lot of fishing and camping and working."

• Miles Smith •  
 Fisheries & Wildlife

"Making music."

• Joe Westlind •  
 English



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## NASU president praised by fellow members

Michele Wilson  
 For the Commuter

I have known Rocky Gavin for many years. He first came into my life as a student, and then as a friend. As a student, I found his commitment to learning impressive. Often, students would crowd around him to listen to his stories, and to ask him questions. There was a thirst for knowledge from his peers—perhaps because of their own spiritual barrenness or because they were just curious. Rocky made it a point in telling them that his journey was not the same as everyone else's and to understand other's, they needed to listen to their voices, too. As a friend, I can count on him to make me laugh, to think about things in a different way, and to respect the journey in front of me.

These types of encounters inspired Rocky to start a campus club. The NASU is Rocky's baby. He dreamed big when organizing the club and believed that with the resources and energy of members, the NASU would outlive his tenure at LBCC and become a place of guidance, hope,

reunion, and identity to the natives and non-natives on campus and in the Albany and Corvallis communities.

Membership in the club has waxed and waned, but not Rocky's determination to enrich the lives of both natives and non-natives. He has spearheaded many things: a new blanket and coat drive, a adopt-an-elder program, a flute demonstration and workshop, teaching students the meaning of and how to make prayer bundles, story-telling, and he has extended his hand to members of the Indian community. He often financed many of the club's pursuits out of his own pocket.

Rocky is a man whose heart is as big as the moon, and whose spirit is touched by all that is good in this world. He is humble, generous, always seeking new ways to make the lives of natives better, and is always seeking new ways to make non-natives better what it means to be native. He gives with a good heart, and he has touched so many lives.

Through years of personal struggle, Rocky was reborn—not as a different person, but as an Indian whose quest came with a new understanding of his purpose



contributed photo

From left to right: Rocky Gavin, Curtis, Tall Eagle and Michele Wilson.

in life. He can be quite devilish, too. At times, his humor is dark, and his eyes like to wander. But his spirit always turns him around so he is facing the best path for his journey in the circle.

Rocky picked up a flute one day and the wind that blew through the pipe was as big as the wind that moves a raptor's wings in the sky. Today, his songs have reached many and have sung even more sweetly home.

Perhaps this honor is late coming,

because Rocky has spent the better part of the last decade forwarding the Indian voice. I think though that now is the right and good time to honor him. My life has been blessed because of him. The club has been blessed, and the LBCC community is a better place because of Rocky.

Thank you, Rocky.

-Michele Wilson

## Nobody wants to hear about your personal life

Tyler Farmer  
 The Commuter

The days when cell phones were only used in emergency situations are long gone, if there ever was a time when they were used exclusively for this. In the four hours I spent at LBCC Thursday I saw no less than five people using these phones to make simple small talk. Now, this isn't what's so bad. I've been told that for some people it is cheaper to have a cell phone than a home phone, so I see nothing wrong with a person in this situation using their cell phone to have casual conversations with their friends and family. But when someone takes it a step further and starts talking about

private matters in a room full of people, then there is a problem.

Why these people would want to do this is a mystery to me. Perhaps this is just a case of a mostly reclusive introvert trying to understand a bunch of super-social individuals, but I don't really believe that.

More than once I have found myself sitting in Takena Hall doing homework, reading or just listening to some music when someone walks over, plops themselves down in a chair near me, pulls out their cell phone and proceeds to complain to some mystery person about some problems they're having with a friend, or some issue they're having with their significant other, or, perhaps even worse, cuss up a storm while my estimate of their IQ drops at the same rate they are dropping F

bombs.

I know I'm not the only one who has experienced these thoroughly annoying situations. I've heard tales from friends about these loud cussers (who are being just plain rude, to be honest) and every time I mention these people who wail over their woes in public, the person I am talking to nods, knowing exactly what I'm saying. So other people have encountered this problem, too.

Here's the point. If you're going to make a call on your cell phone wherein you'll be discussing some matters that should be kept private, please find a vacant area first and stay there until you're done with the call. Don't make another person's day worse just because your life is not going so well right now.

## United States violates U.N. charters

### Nation breaks rules, unlikely to face international punishment

Brandon Goldner  
 The Commuter

Many people believe the U.S. is threatened by Iran. These same people aren't aware that Iran hasn't attacked another nation for 250 years; meanwhile the U.S. has acted however it pleases in the name of spreading democracy. How can it be demonstrated that there may be something fundamentally wrong with our nation's government?

Introducing them to the charters of the United Nations, which can be found at [www.un.org](http://www.un.org), is a good start. The second article states that no member of the U.N. will use violence, nor even the threat of violence, against another sovereign nation. The actions taken against Iraq by the U.S. are in clear opposition to this basic obligation, and further support the belief (held by many peoples and nations) that the U.S. will continue to ignore international law in favor of its own political and economic gains.

In the last few years alone, the Bush administration has threatened (directly and indirectly) many of our own U.N. "allies": Iran for the last few years, Sudan this year over the Darfur conflict, Pakistan in 2007, and North Korea as early as 2003.

Beyond threats, the U.S.-led



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invasion of Iraq five years ago was in defiance of the U.N. charters, which the U.S. helped to establish; yet nothing was done to stop it. The reason is simple: The U.S. is not concerned with international peace and stability, but rather its own interests, opposition be damned.

Early in 2003, the U.S. attempted to convince the U.N. to set deadlines for Iraqi compliance with various

demands from previous resolutions, and this would have been the framework for an internationally approved military strike. It failed to pass, in large part due to heavy opposition by NATO members Germany, France and Canada. Despite this, the U.S. invaded Iraq in March of 2003.

The U.S. has not, and likely will not be reprimanded by the U.N. for its actions. Coincidentally, one of the very first resolutions adopted by the U.N. (number four in April of 1946) concerned Iran. Going through the proper diplomatic channels, the Iranian government complained about the presence of Soviet troops in their country, and the U.N. voted to set a timetable of USSR withdrawal to within a few weeks from the passing of the resolution. It is unlikely, in regard to an unwanted foreign presence, that Iran would enjoy the international support and protection today that it received 60 years ago.

All this begs further inquiry, but for now we're left with a question: Who can be blamed for maintaining a hostile and threatening world environment?

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## Mr. NoBooks: Or how I learned to stop caring and fight the system

Will Parker  
 The Commuter

In a term spent without books, the greatest challenge I faced was not the lack of access to material. It wasn't a challenge at all. But dealing with the unknown, unforeseen, uncontrolled twists of fate that sought to at times drive me insane proved more damaging than anything I didn't buy at the bookstore.

Over Memorial Day weekend, I was invited to go down to Texas with my family for a wedding/family reunion on my dad's side. And aside from Texas's lack of non-smoking restaurants, the trip there was good. Except for the return. The return was hell.

I had known in advance that I was going to miss class on the Tuesday following the holiday, so I planned accordingly. I took a test early and informed my teachers. I figured I had all my bases covered. What was supposed to be five hours stuck on a plane turned into ten (not unlike a certain three hour tour turned popular T.V. series. Except in hell); a trip that was supposed to take less than a day painfully stretched over two. By the time we got home to Corvallis, I had slipped into that altered state of consciousness that happens after staying awake past 3 a.m. I slept most of Wednesday away. I woke up sick Thursday and found out my dad and brother were both also sick. I'm still sick today, but at least I'm on a diet of regular food.

I missed a whole week of school when I was supposed to only miss a day, and it's the second week of school I missed because of catastrophic illness.

What does it say that this event that spanned only a couple of days had more of an impact on my success or failure at LB than purchasing books?

I mean instructors push that you have to purchase books, and then bookstore charges an arm and a leg for them! According to the bookstore's budget, they only have a 30 percent markup. If that's the case though, how come I can buy books online cheaper than the bookstore can buy them to sell them to us? Why does no one tell us these things? I mean if there is a better

option for students who are already on tight budgets, shouldn't the administration broadcast it everywhere? What of the fact that the bookstore won't take back half the books they sell, and the ones they do take back, they pay pennies on the dollar for? Are used books significantly cheaper there? Nope. A used book is generally only 10 to 20 dollars cheaper when by their own budget they pay less than half what they pay for a new book. And why do they sell 360s and Wiis?

The bookstore is a business. They operate for their and



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not our benefit. If we accept their terms, then we are just as at fault as they are. If we do not question their exorbitant prices, we have only ourselves to blame.

Just like the student government. People that the majority of the student body didn't elect are going to determine how close to a half million dollars gets spent; money that's taken from every student that takes a credit class in the form of the Student Activity Program fee. I personally paid a hundred dollars into the fee this year.

Are you upset at the lack of student activities? Did you even know there was a student government? Did you know they had that sort of oversight on that much money? Do you wonder how it was spent and how it's going to be spent?

These are questions they should answer but won't because the student body doesn't hold them accountable. Their adviser is the only structure close to an institutional memory that they have. I don't know if Tammi Paul does an adequate job making sure the student government doesn't violate the rules. Every student I

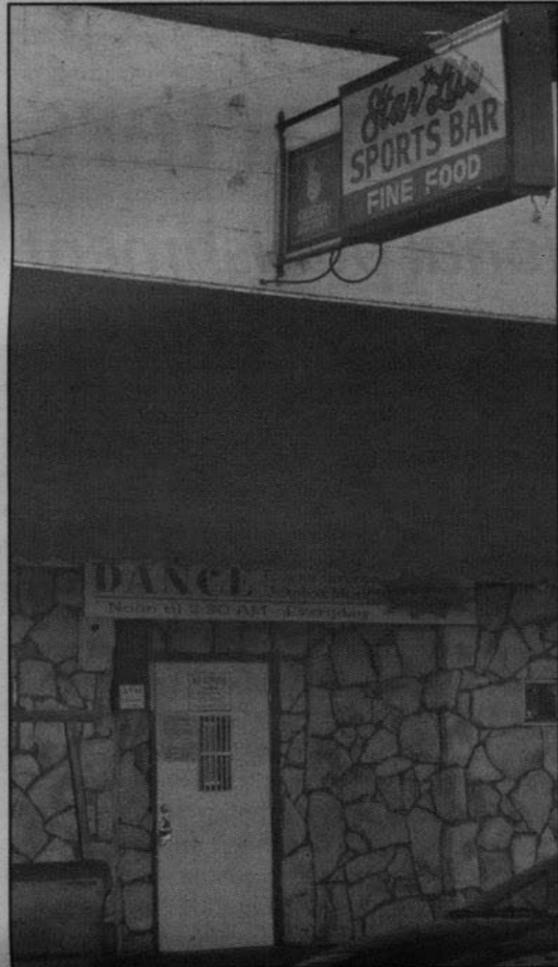
know of in the Student Life and Leadership office of which Paul presides has no concept of what free speech really is. And I think the "proof is in the pudding", as to how well she's done at getting them to be the voice of the students to the administration. Or run a decer election. Or be known outside their clique. I think you could ask 90 percent of the students on this campus what ASG has done this year, and I doubt you could get an answer. I know every time I've polled students they haven't had a clue. Most don't even know what the student government is. Which is probably why less than one-tenth of one percent of students voted in the election.

Just as the student government is content to sequester itself in the shadows of their offices, so have the students been content to let them hide. I personally didn't know that the same people whose ability to tie their own shoes I find questionable were the same people that determined the fate of the \$2.15 per credit every student pays. As LBCC has grown over the years, the amount of revenue from this fee has grown to be something considerable. Something real. I know there's a lot you can do with half a million dollars. It's enough money to pay for 200 full time tuitions for a year. It's enough money to offset the cost of books at the bookstore by 20 percent.

It all comes down to this: No more powerful tool has ever been manufactured than the human voice. There is no weapon that can silence it, no armor that can stop it. But it has to be used. When we sit idle and let others dictate our interests, we consign to them our voices. We let them use our voice for their gain, not ours. If we desire change, then we must act. We must speak. The conversations that can change this school have already started, but they can't continue without your voice. This is my last column as an LB student. I have seen that should students choose to speak, there are people who will listen. I've done what I can, now it's your turn to stand tall and shake the heavens.

## New sports bar, Geoffrey's Place opens in Lebanon soon

Elliott Duke  
 The Commuter



Once upon a time, years ago, in a land far away known as Lebanon, I would go to the bars to drink and socialize, but the bar I would not enter was the Starlight bar. It was a dark and dreary hole-in-the-wall on Main Street. Also known as the crack head bar, it was run down and always filled with tweakers who were starting fights and causing problems. Recently it was shut down and sold to New Millennium Investments. Now being remodeled and reopened as iGeoffrey's Place, the owner is trying to clean up the local hangout with a sports themed bar and grill. Hiring young beauti-

ful girls in short shorts and tight shirts should be a positive change for Lebanon's bar scene. I have found that the bars in Lebanon suck! Not just because they were expensive, and a sausage fest, but because of the drugs and drug users who linger around like a stinky fart, trying to push their wares. Geoffrey's Place and New Millennium Investments want to change this by hiring clean young girls to remodel and run the bar with a new style of management. This may inspire many skeptical people to become customers. If your looking for a fight, the bouncers are big

and ready to throw out any asshole running his mouth, drug pushers, or obvious drug abusers. Even if you're not a drinker, you can enjoy a nice meals ranging steak to burgers and fries, while you watch the game on one of many big screen TVs with surround sound. There will be theme nights where you can come dressed like your alter ego or even a pimp. With a dedicated dance floor you can get down to the live DJ. The plans are to open in mid-June.



The new staff stocks the remodeled bar.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College campus events.

## 40th annual commencement honors LB grads

Davis LaMuerta  
 The Commuter

Sobbing friends and family, proud students adorned in hideous blue gowns with clashing yellow tassels, and speeches galore: Welcome to the 40th annual Linn-Benton Community College commencement ceremony.

This year, LBCC is honoring 719 graduates, including 370 GED recipients. A crowd this large couldn't fit anywhere on campus, so the Linn County Fair and Expo Center will house the celebration on Thursday, June 12. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m., but grads are expected to arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. at the Santiam Building of the Expo Center.

The excited chatter will be accompanied by a traditional bagpipe procession courtesy of the Portland Metro Pipe Band.

Obligatory caps and gowns can be picked up today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Takena Hall.

Student Ambassador Heather Boldt can't wait to be done. "I have a little sheet of paper to scratch off these days; it's very satisfying," she says. Boldt is a business administration major who will be graduating this term with her Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree. Boldt says she plans to continue her education post-LB in Israel, where she will be staying for 10 months to study at the Calvary Chapel Bible College of Jerusalem. This experience isn't cheap, and she'll be spending this summer working hard to save up the \$10,000 needed.

The reality of graduation hasn't quite set in for student Ambassador Mercedes Gutierrez, AAOT recipient and ethnic studies major. Nevertheless, she is proud of her accomplishments.

"When I started, I didn't have a goal to graduate. I came from another culture, and have had to learn

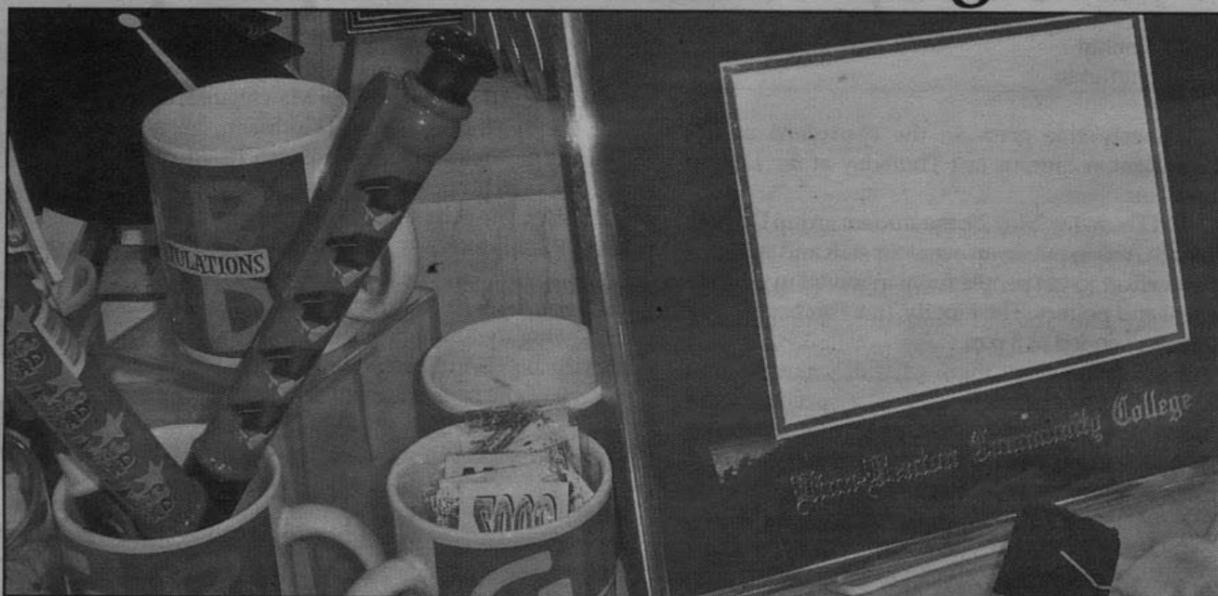


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LBCC's bookstore displays decorative frames for diplomas and other various gifts for the graduating student.

in English as a second language," Gutierrez says. She plans to transfer to OSU in the fall to continue with ethnic studies.

Both Boldt and Gutierrez are grateful for their experiences in Student Life & Leadership, and recommend it to any student who wants to feel involved on campus.

"I'm glad that I got involved, because there are so many things I would have missed out on [had I not]," says Boldt.

"It helped a lot working in Student Life & Leadership, with learning the culture and the education system, which is completely different than Mexico's," Gutierrez says, and adds that she wouldn't change her experience for anything.

The excitement is sure to be catching at the com-

mencement ceremony, where LB President Rita Cavin will give the welcome address, and be one of several people doing the honors of handing out degrees and certificates to hundreds of accomplished students.

Following the ceremony, festivities will continue with a reception for grads and their friends and families. The reception will be in the Willamette Event Center.

Gutierrez and Boldt offered advice to future graduates:

"Don't freak out, don't drop the ball; be spicy!" Gutierrez says.

"Get involved; it helps keep life interesting, and keeps you from getting burnt out," says Boldt. "Just keep living life and working toward your goal."

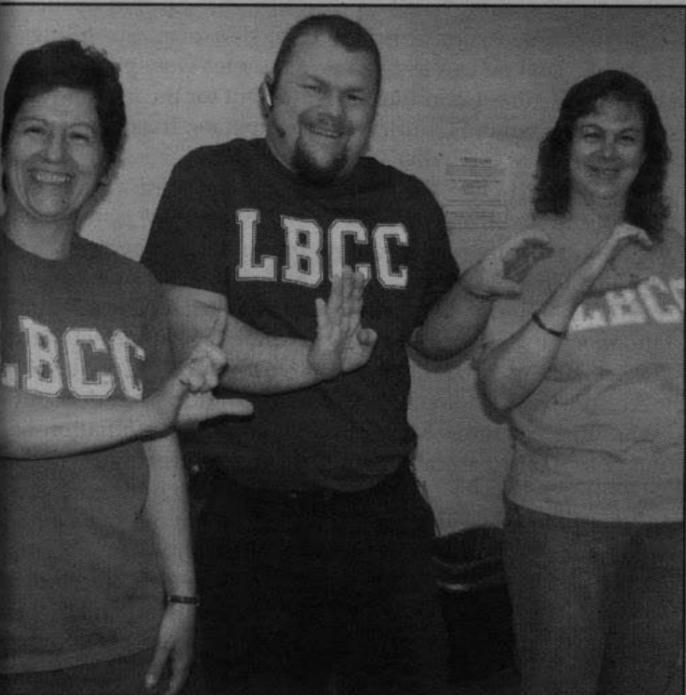


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Karen Green, Jeremy Cornworth and Lori Skarda in the LBCC Business Office show their school spirit.

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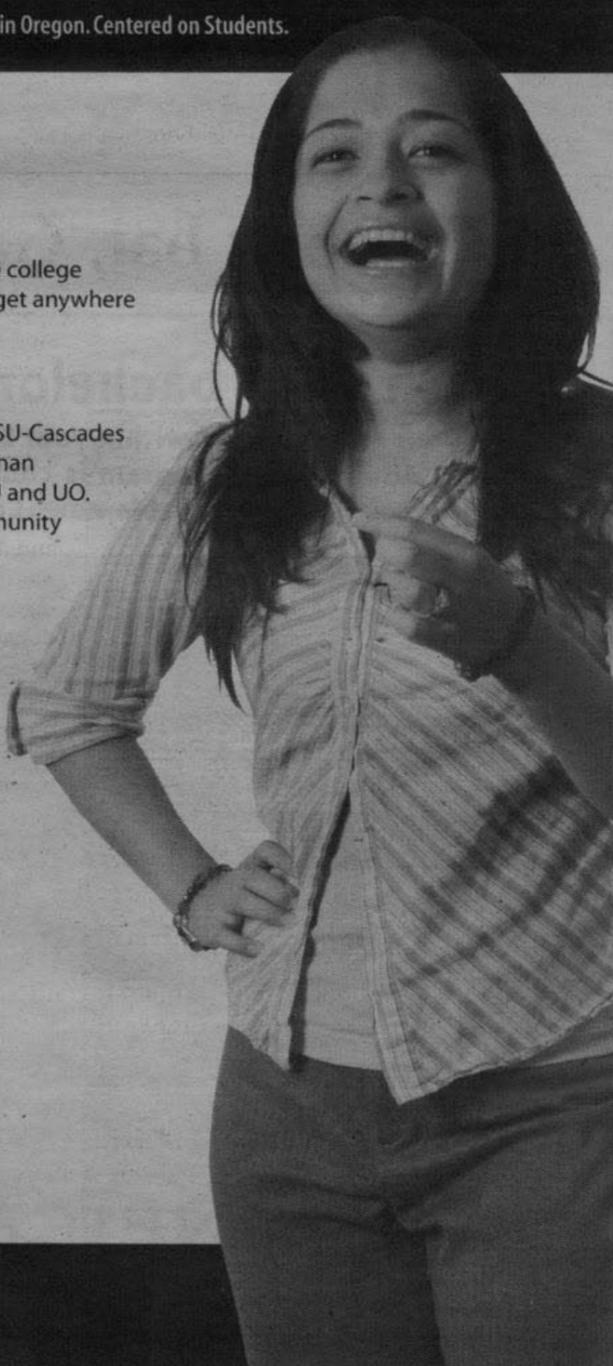
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## Liberty Tree Fair helps spread democracy

Jenna Conrad  
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A liberty tree grew in the courtyard of the Linn-Benton campus last Thursday at the Liberty Tree Fair.

On Thursday, May 29, the student group Democracy in Action put on an event for staff and students in an effort to get people more involved in government and politics. The Liberty Tree Fair began at 11 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m.

During the event there were different political booths passing out information, a speech contest among students, and a political improv show put on by the improv class.

Four different political parties attended. There were tables dedicated to the Democrats, Republicans, the Pacific Green Party, and the Libertarians.

"We wanted to give people an easy way to get involved with government if they want to," said sophomore Kirsten Studley, a member of Democracy in Action.

"We invited a lot of different groups so people can find what they identify with," Studley said.

Some of the other groups included Veteran's for Peace, Native American Student Union, and American Civil Liberties Union.

The speech contest began at noon. Each speaker

was allowed five minutes to talk about any issue they felt strongly about. Among the speakers were Justin Virnig, Addie Maguire, Eli Marchbanks, Dan Taylor, Randy Herron, and Niel Gudriaan.

Some of the topics included universal health care, stem cell research, nuclear energy, and the high price of textbooks. The prize for first place is a round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., to watch the next presidential inauguration. The winner was Randy Herron, who spoke about the cost of textbooks.

Following the student speakers was the improv class, which provided entertainment for the afternoon. All of the skits were politically themed and worked to "make light of all of the candidates," said class member Tim Frink, a freshman studying psychology.

Student audience member Amanda Hilburn said, "They were hilarious! Entertaining and energetic."

History teacher Robert Harrison, who formed the group Democracy in Action, was happy with how the event turned out.

"The students who spoke were great examples of individuals speaking about what they believe in," he said.

He wants to make this an annual event and next year, he hopes to "line the courtyard with tables."

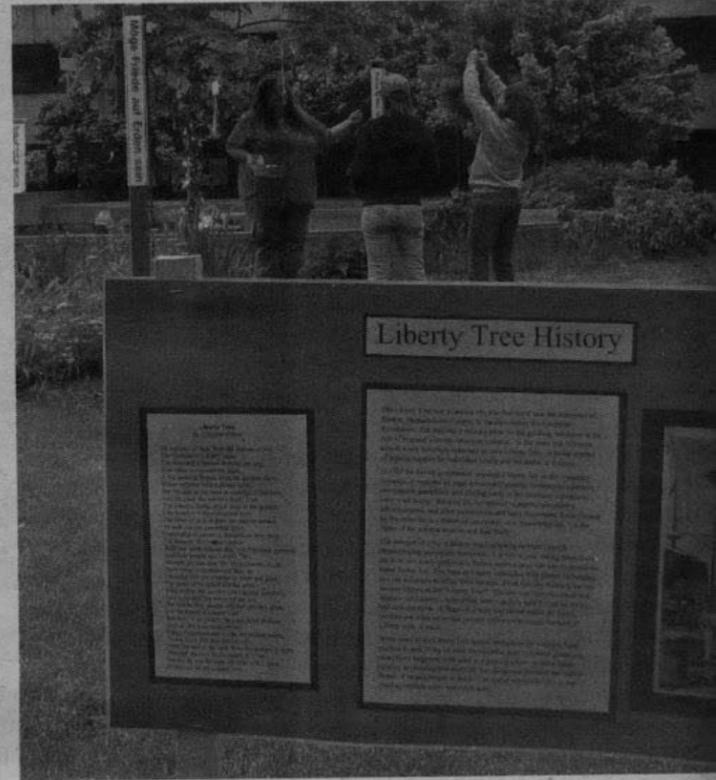


photo by Monique Cohen

Members of the Native American Student Union adorn the Liberty Tree with meaningful messages and decorations.

## Baguette restaurant boasts big flavor for small cost

Monique Cohen  
 The Commuter

Whoever thought a sandwich could be so exciting?

Baguette is a gem of a restaurant, tucked away near the Second Street condominiums and Elements building in downtown Corvallis. The plain façade belies the taste sensations awaiting visitors. Vietnamese sandwiches are the specialty.

Thanh Hoang and wife Huong own and operate Baguette. They opened their doors in April 2007. Mr. Hoang's sister owns and operates Magenta and was instrumental in the opening of Baguette. His wife's family operated a restaurant in Vietnam.

As soon as I entered the tiny restaurant, I was greeted with a friendly smile. The smell of freshly baked bread filled the air. The décor is minimal but inviting. Fresh bamboo is displayed on the counter, and three small tables are available for people who want to eat in.

Nothing on the menu is more than \$3.95. The menu fills one page and features eight sandwiches, as well as salad rolls, steamed buns, and four beverage choices. Prices are affordable and portion sizes are generous.

The sandwich bread is baked on-site and is available in white or wheat eight-inch baguettes.

Although all the sandwich options looked inviting, I chose the chicken baguette on wheat. With the first bite I knew I'd found my new favorite sandwich shop. The garlic and

ginger chicken with the combination of the crisp carrot cucumber and cilantro is unlike anything I've tasted before. The mild garlic pepper sauce was drizzled over the filling. The sandwich was spicy enough for me, but for the more adventurous palate, fresh jalapenos are available.

An explosion of fresh flavors captivated my taste buds a bit into the vegetarian sandwich roll. The crunchiness of carrot strips, lettuce and cucumber are a perfect match for the vermicelli noodles. Mint and cilantro rounded out the intriguing combination of flavors. The creamy peanut dipping sauce complemented the array of flavors without being overpowering.

The bao (steamed bun with filling) is softer than a dumpling but filled with a creamy, sweet coconut paste. Baguette also has a traditional bao filled with ground pork or chicken and a boiled egg.

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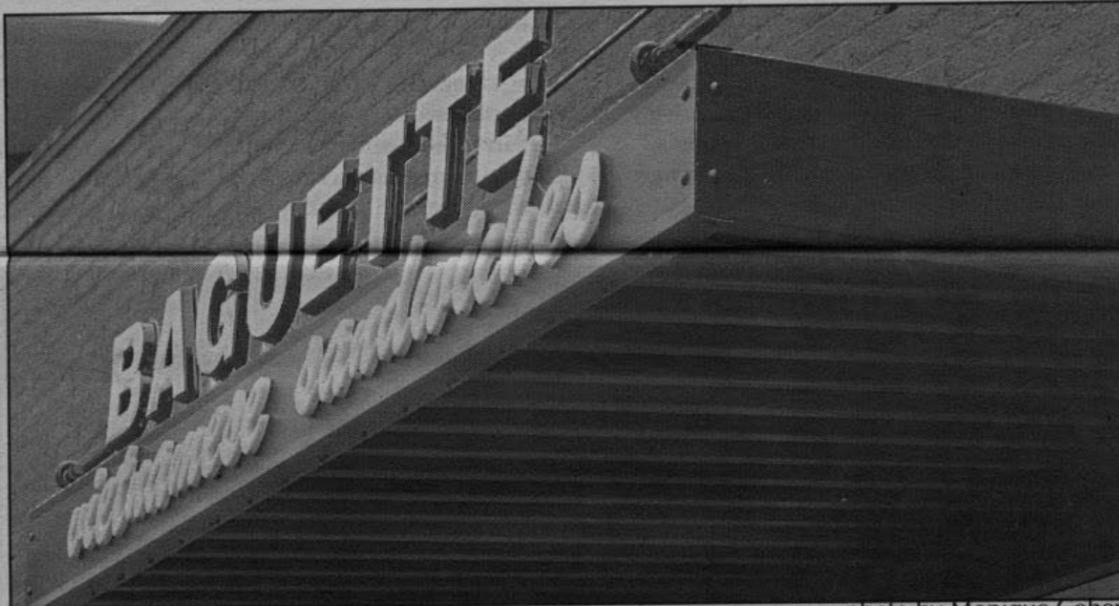


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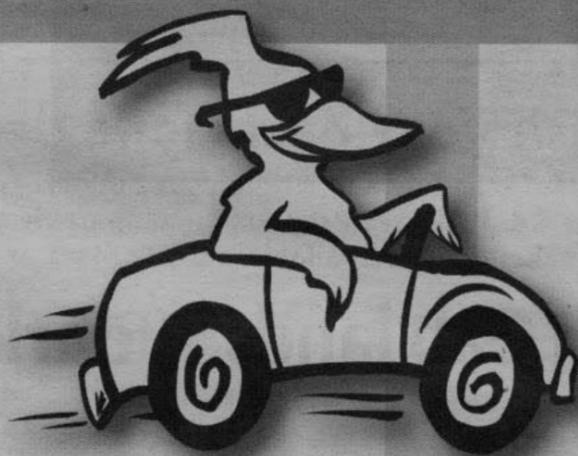
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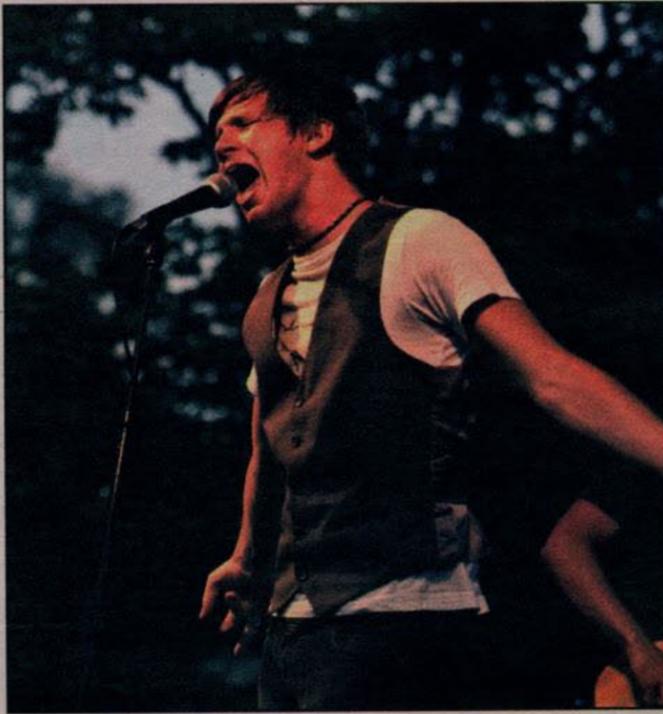
## Battle of the Bands 8 : The Ocho

Loren Newman  
 The Commuter

The sounds of rock 'n' roll could be heard reverberating off the buildings from Monroe Avenue to Philomath Boulevard this last Friday as OSU's MUPC (Memorial Union Program Council) put on the eighth annual Battle of the Bands. For over eight hours, 12 bands duked it out for the title of champion of the 2008 Battle of the Bands, from rock to ska, and funk to metal, almost all genres were represented.

The event went on without a hitch with local band Honest to Empire taking first place, In Pursuit Of taking second, and Action Panther taking third.

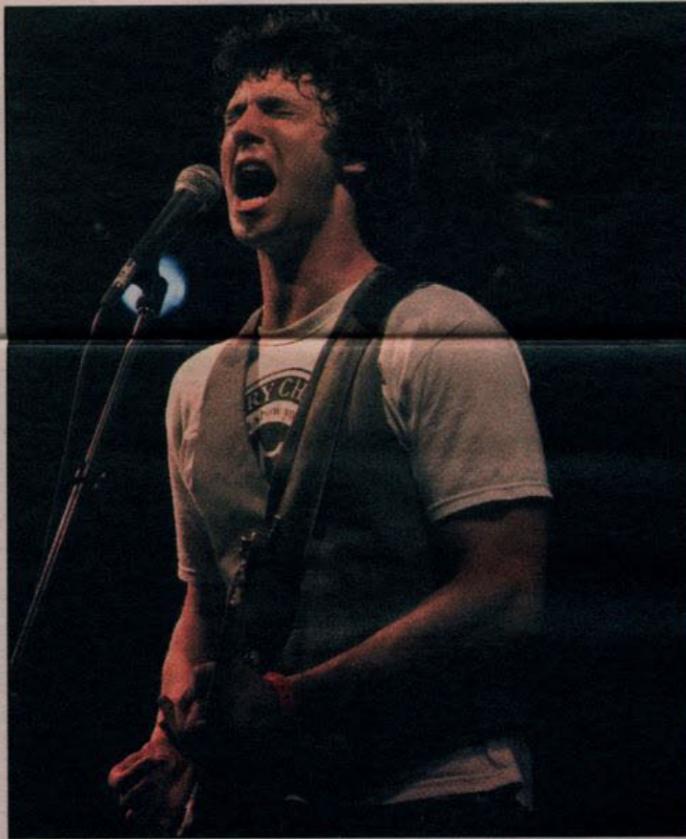
For the past eight years the MUPC has been putting on the Battle of the Bands as a free venue for the students at OSU. The event allows aspiring Corvallis bands (who have at least one member attending OSU) to have a chance to showcase their talents before thou-



photos by Loren Newman



Above: Brett Yoder Of Blue Ember sings for the second time as the band's new frontman. Above right: Renia Ydstie accordion player of third place winner Action Panther. Left: Ian Nelson of second place winner In Pursuit Of.



sands of spectators.

"Oh my God, the biggest show I've ever played!" said Jason Lusk, the bass player for the ska band Pilot Light. "If they stopped doing this I don't know what you would do for music here, it's the biggest show of the year."

The Battle of the Bands is both a chance to play a big venue and a competition. Lusk commented on the intensity of his playing at the event: "If I can see through the streams of sweat on my face I'm not playing hard enough."

The event was financed primarily by MUPC and several fund-raisers, including the events during mom's and dad's weekends, and Panda Express. The event was also covered and televised live by KBVR for those not able to make it to the event.

"I want it to go on every year," said Tim

Royal from One Third Kosher, "We just want to come and have fun." The event featured a large gamut of artists from many different music backgrounds.

"There are just so many good musicians in Corvallis," said second place winner Ian Nelson, front man of In Pursuit Of. Out of the 12 competing bands eight are returning from the previous year. Some competitors have been playing at the contest for even longer.

"This is my fourth time playing at the Battle of the Bands and the second time with In Pursuit Of," said Nelson.

The crowd, at times in the thousands, ranged from college students to middle schoolers, and older Corvallis locals. Brett Yoder, the vocalist for Blue Ember, commented on the event and crowd. "The best battle yet—a really receptive crowd. It was just fun. Thanks to OSU for sticking by the crowning event for any local band."

## Death Cab lands a darker album

Aaron Broich  
 The Commuter

Death Cab For Cutie continues their indie pop compositions with their new album, "Narrow Stairs." It's decent and musically simple as usual. The lyrics are a bit bleaker, even if many of the cords sound upbeat. For inquiring music fans, it's the singing of front man, Ben Gibbard, that usually makes or breaks people's appreciation of the band.

Gibbard sings softly with a stark clarity, and happens to sound like he's 14. Death Cab's music and lyrics are readily accessible, and I enjoy them, but Gibbard's voice is slightly lacking in emotion and is kind of matter-of-fact testimonial. Fortunately, the music carries the emotion. Gibbard sings almost exclusively about failing

romances on the album.

Gibbard's falsetto is annoying in the opening track, "No Bixby Canyon," but the grinding guitars move along beautifully with a marching drum beat. Death Cab creates a textured tapestry of music through repetition marked by subtle changes.

On the track "I Will Possess Your Heart," the band plays a long atmospheric intro and then Gibbard chants with persistence, intent on wooing a girl who's not interested. "You got to spend some time with me, I know that you'll find love, I will possess your heart." It's pretty stalker-ish.

There's an abundance of ridiculous lyrics on "Narrow Stairs," and it's fun. Gibbard's lyrics are reminiscent of Morrissey during his time with the

Smiths—both are quite laughable. For example, on "You Can Do Better Than Me," Gibbard sings, "I think a leaving but it's something I'll never do 'cause you can do better than me but I can't do better than you." The song is appropriately lighthearted.

"Narrow Stairs" is filled with delightful melodies, like on "Your New Twin Sized Bed" and the rocking "Long Division." The driving bass has room to breathe on most of the album. The simple bass lines are foundational and the guitars and keys built upon and around them.

Although the band is new-wave, they still sound like the Smiths, with their layered guitars and drum snare rolls, and the Beatles with their pop romance obsession. They also



photo by MCT Camp

Death Cab For Cutie has grown in popularity over the past few years and was recently nominated for a Grammy Award.

sound like Frank Black's slower rock songs. Gibbard sounds like Black's falsetto, but his regular singing doesn't sweep the same lower frequencies.

"Narrow Stairs" is a welcome addition for Death Cab fans. The band achieves sublime beauty without shows of technical skill.

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TYLER DAHLGREN

**Cheese" Kelley**  
 Tyler Dahlgren  
 The Commuter

**Cheese:** This is the best NBA Finals of the 21st century. Arch-rivals from the 80s, The LA Lakers and Boston Celtics, have been waiting 20 years for a rematch of the old days. My money is on the Celtics because the "Boston 3 party" won't be stopped.

**Dahlgren:** The Lakers and Celtics are the classic NBA match-up and this year's contest is what the older generation have been waiting two decades for. I'm thinking it could be the most watched NBA Finals ever. My money is on the Lakers who have the best player in the NBA, Kobe Bryant.

**Cheese:** Too bad Kobe has only learned to play with for three months. He doesn't have the experiences that the Celtics have as far as playing together. I have the Celtics winning in five games. They might lose one of two at home, but will sweep in LA.

**Dahlgren:** What about Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce, and Ray Allen? If I recall they just got together for the first time this season. I do give credit to the fact they were responsible for the largest single season turnaround in NBA history but as anyone can see who has watched the Finals, they still can't decide who's going to take that "game-winning" shot. The Lakers know they have that player in Kobe Bryant and with key role players, just like the Chicago Bulls of the 90s you can win championships.

**Cheese:** I'm sorry Tyler that you missed the Ray Allen interview with Pierce and

# FACE OFF

## 21 years in the making 2008 NBA Playoff predictions

Garnett on who would take the last shot if it came down to the game winner. They all said Allen would get the ball. The active leader for most three pointers made is Allen. That says a lot. And while Kobe was MVP because he was the only talent threat on his team, Boston has been sharing the court with their rookies and other role players.

**Dahlgren:** Yeah they say that. Allen can't hit the shot. He has been struggling

for LA? What about Odom or the recent addition of Paul Gasol? Obviously espn didn't make it clear enough to you last year Cheese, or should I say before this season started that. Kobe was the only talent threat on the team and that's why he wanted a trade before the season. Now that they have added key players like Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Kobe has outlets and that's why they're thriving.

when they lose to Boston.

**Dahlgren:** I wish I could say the same about one of the big three but honestly I can't. I agree they are an incredible trio who next year I am almost certain will win the finals. Kobe is a baby when times are hard, but he's playing the best basketball of his career right now. He's being unselfish, making the extra pass, and taking the shot when he needs to. Also remember that Kobe

has finals experience and who has finals experience for the Celtics? Sam Cassel. Kobe will lead LA to yet another NBA championship.

**Cheese:** Even though Garnett and Allen haven't had the Finals experience, they have been grooming themselves for the chance and are both unselfish leaders. The only problem I see for the Celtics is their coach Doc Rivers. He is one of the least deserving coaches to make the Finals since Paul Westphal for the 1993 Phoenix Suns. Rivers can't coach this team of talent. He can only let them play unorganized basketball.

**Dahlgren:** You couldn't asked for a more experienced coach than Phil Jackson and the Lakers will need that experience to win. They cannot simply rely on talent alone. They need a game plan and Jackson gives them just that. It's coaching experience with Kobe Bryant, versus big time veteran experience in the Celtics.

**Cheese:** I have \$5 on the Celtics. They don't need Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Bill Walton to win championships. The Celtics will win it for longtime owner and coach Red Auerbach. The Garden will be filled with green to watch the Celtics win a championship again!

**Dahlgren:** You got a bet.



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throughout the playoffs, averaging at best 17.5 points per game against Detroit. The 9.3 ppg against Cleveland (a team that reminds me of L.A.) and 16 points in the first round series against Atlanta have me saying he's played the worst of the "big three." I think if anyone were to take it, it would be Pierce but either way they still aren't a cohesive unit. How do you say the only talent threat

**Cheese:** Odom has been decent this year, and is battling chronic knee problems. Gasol is new to the team and hasn't proved he can handle the inside paint. He was horrible against the Spurs. Allen has done enough to help the Celtics to the Finals, and has had a ton of support from the rest of his team. Kobe is a whining baby and will end up being the cancer that breaks up that team

## Reds' Griffey sitting on 599th career home run

**Tyler Dahlgren**  
 The Commuter

Ken Griffey Jr. will step to the plate sometime this week with a chance to become a member of one of baseball's most elite clubs, joining the likes of Sammy Sosa, Willie Mays, Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Barry Bonds as one of the six players ever to do so.

Griffey entered the season just seven homeruns shy but has yet to hit his 600th this year. The man expected to break Hank Aarons record during his glory days as a Seattle Mariner has slowly been approaching 600 for the last few years of his career in Cincinnati.

Growing up as a child who loved baseball and the Seattle Mariners it's been hard to watch over the past seven years as Juniors career has slowly began to dull. Fans may have forgotten about "The Kid" but not me. After hitting 40 homers and driving in 118 runs in 2000, his first year with the Reds, Griffey missed 252 games over the next three seasons due to injury. Considering Griffey had averaged 49.8 homers per year for each of the

five seasons prior to the 2001 season, the loss of games is not an insignificant consideration. From 2001 through 2003 Griffey totaled only 43 homers. Had he been healthy and maintained his previous pace he would have hit 149 during that span, making him worthy of a shot at Aarons record had he stayed healthy.

But No. 600 is a big deal. It should be celebrated. We've learned recently that players who hit a lot of home runs are worthy of suspicion. Steroids have ruined the game the last 20 years as evidence continues to pour out in regards to superstars of both yesterday and today. Griffey however is yet to have been mentioned in any suspicion and it appears that although he's bulked up, it seems that if that extra bulk accumulated in the mid section much like a middle-aged 30-year-old expects it to.

Fans need to know that what Griffey is about accomplish may very well make him go down as the best power hitter of the modern era. If you take away Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, and Mark McGwire who are you going to mention when asked who the greatest power hitter of our era is? You are going to say a "steroid free" home-run hitting Ken Griffey Jr.

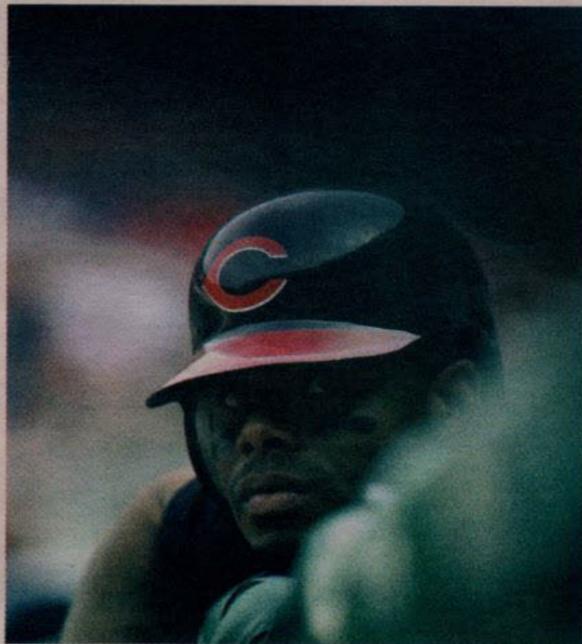


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Griffey has a chance to hit his 600th home run tonight at the Phillies on FSN.

## Swanson: An ambitious grad

Monique Cohen  
 The Commuter

After he suffered a small stroke in July 2001 while working on a construction site, Merlan Swanson's life took a new direction.

"I had one of those life-changing epiphany-type moments," Swanson said.

Swanson, 48, relocated to Oregon from Ventura, Calif., with his wife on June 17, 1991, and worked as a building contractor. He remembers the exact date of the move because it's their wedding anniversary. This year they will celebrate 30-years of marriage.

After his stroke in 2001, Swanson and his wife Cecelia looked at this time as an opportunity to plan to do something together.

Swanson's wife graduated from LBCC 10 years ago with a nursing degree, and is a critical care nurse at Albany General Hospital. She proved to be the inspiration he needed to return

to college.

"I really look at her as a role model, even though we're the same age. Her pushing through as an older student to get her degree in a whole new area allowed me to come back and pursue the same thing."

Swanson's original plan was to follow in his wife's footsteps and get a nursing degree. He began the pre-nursing program in 2003, and worked at the hospital as a certified nurses assistant for three years. As Swanson took the required coursework, he was tutored by a pre-med student. He found this so helpful that he decided he wanted to help other students and became a tutor.

Swanson has tutored at the Learning Center since November 2005. He tutors for anatomy and physiology, as well as biological sciences.

"I like his rapport with students. He's a kind man and an excellent employee. He really knows his stuff," said Barb Horn, tutor coordinator at the Learning Center.

Through the tutoring center he pursued a national certification for tutoring. Currently at level one, he's about to reach level two, which will allow him to tutor tutors.

Swanson's favorite and most challenging subject has been anatomy and physiology.

"Being a person coming from a construction and remodeling background, I had to apply that same psychology of building something to the human body."

Swanson also tutors at the TRIO center on campus, which assists first-generation college students, low-income students and students with disabilities. Some students are also displaced workers or non-traditional students.

Swanson was in the first group of students to join the program when it began at LBCC three years ago. He learned about the need for TRIO tutors and has worked as a tutor there for the last year. In addition to science, he tutors reading and writing.

"Merlan is a natural teacher.

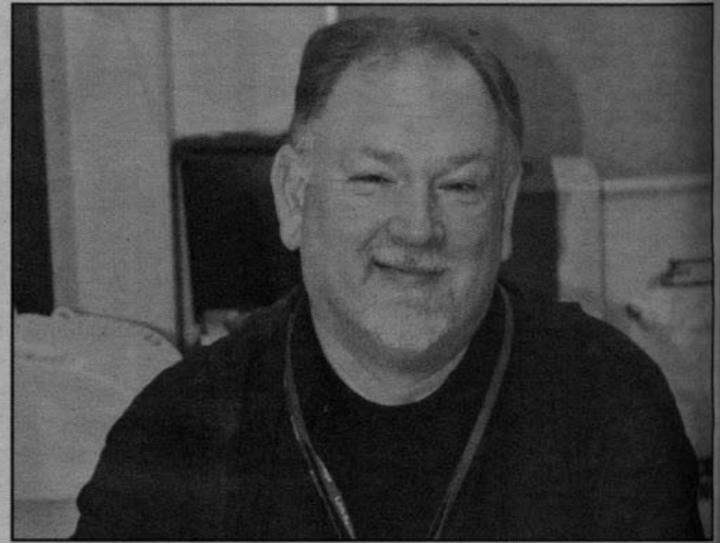


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 Merlan Swanson tutors at the Learning Center and TRIO center. He will graduate from LBCC next week.

He relates well to the students and is very patient," said Sandra Shinkle, director of TRIO Student Support Services.

Swanson's advice to students, "Stick to your plan and if you find your way to TRIO take advantage of all the services they have. The advisers here are superb."

In addition to being a full-time student and tutor, Swanson is an associate chaplain at Albany

General Hospital. He and his wife attend East Side Christian Church.

Swanson will graduate this term with a 4.00 GPA. He plans to transfer to OSU this summer or fall term. His ultimate goal is to get a master's degree in college student services administration and return to LBCC to help students.

## Artist Rank's work on display in NSH

Tyler Farmer  
 The Commuter

Since she was a toddler, Elizabeth Rank has worked through the pen to bring her artistic vision into existence.

"My mother says that I've been scribbling since I was two years old, but since then I've refined my 'scribbling' into art," said Rank.

Rank, now 20, has done numerous commissions, entered her art into shows at the Oregon State Fair and currently has some of her works on display for sale in North Santiam Hall. These works all depict horses.

"Like most little girls horses have always been my favorite animal, but now that I'm grown up, horses have become a passion," said Rank.

But Rank does not restrict herself to making art that dis-

plays only the equine form. She also does landscapes and portraits of people and animals. The first piece of art she ever entered into a show was an oil painting of a beagle, which she titled "Amber."

Rank was born in Salem and was home-schooled until she came to LBCC. In 2005 she took a watercolor class and since then it has become one of her favorite mediums to work with. "Beach Bums," one of her pieces in NSH, is a watercolor of horses, modeled after Chincoteague Ponies, standing on the beach.

But what about Baron from "Baron's Close Up"? He was a yearling (a year old horse) who lived at Rank's house for a month while he was being weaned. Rank used photos she took at the Cody Wyoming Rodeo as references when she was making "Wild Ride" and "8 Seconds or Bust."

Rank is now in her second year at LBCC. Inspired by life itself and the beauty of nature she has made art that has sold well and earned the respect of one of her instructors.

"She has put in her time learning the techniques of drawing and painting," said Analee Fuentes, art instructor at LBCC, "I have no doubt that she'll succeed in art."

Rank now lives in the country west of Junction City with her family and her horse. This summer she will be taking a job as a horse wrangler at a summer camp near Dufur, Ore.

Note: Four of Rank's pieces are still on display in NSH and up for sale. "Beach Bums" and "Baron's Close Up" are both \$75. "Wild Ride," an acrylic painting, is \$100. "8 Second or Bust," a sculpture made of wire, horseshoes, board and nails, is \$50.



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Elizabeth Rank's passion for horses is the inspiration for her artwork.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community  
 College campus events.

## Campus Shorts

### GECO Camp

Applications are being accepted now for LBCC's second annual Girls Expanding Career Opportunities Camp. The camp runs June 18, 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the LB Albany campus. This is an all-girls camp with hands-on activities to introduce middle school girls to non-traditional occupations.

The camp includes three full days of fun activities. Space is limited to 20 students so please sign-up early.

There is a \$25 workshop fee. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

For more information and to register, contact Valerie Zeigler at 917-4485.

### Santiam Restaurant's Last Day

Today is the last day the Santiam Restaurant will be open for the school year and they are planning a special Spanish tapas lunch buffet. The cost is \$12 per person and includes lunch, beverage and dessert. Listed below are a few of the dishes they will be serving. Please make reservations early because they usually fill up quickly for these events.

Featured dishes will include:

- Tortilla Espanol
- Empanadas
- Paella
- Melon, Chorizo and Artichoke salad
- Spanish Meatballs
- Lemon Chicken
- Flan
- Churros
- Faux Sangria
- and much more

### Anime Alliance Courtyard Lunch

Join the Anime Alliance for a meal in the Courtyard today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This group is in their second year as a club at Linn-Benton and they're seeking more student support.

In addition to lunch, the event features music, dancing, fun and Japanese cuisine.

### Sword and Steel Demonstration

On Friday, June 6 from Noon to 12:50 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center, the student club Something of Shakespeare is sponsoring a Renaissance sword and steel demonstration led by Jeff Bailes, a local Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) member and instructor.

Bailes will demonstrate historic fighting styles of interest to history buffs, Shakespearean actors, and theater fans.

Bailes has coached athletes and actors, and his demonstration should be informative and enjoyable. All are welcome.

### Benton Center Pottery Sale & Show

Beautiful and functional pieces made by LBCC instructors and students will be offered for sale Friday, June 6 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Pieces are made using techniques such as high fire, raku, salt glaze and wood fire pottery. Choose from affordable functional art including vases, teapots, mugs, bowls, plates, platters and more.

The sale is being held at the north patio outside of the Benton Center ceramics studio; 757 N.W. Polk Ave., Corvallis.

A portion of all sales goes to support the ceramics studio. For more information, contact LBCC's Benton Center at (541) 757-8944 x5114.

## Five fun things to do this summer

Lief VanAtta  
 The Commuter

Summer break is just around the corner. Some of us might take some classes, and some may shut themselves indoors for a three month Xbox Live marathon.

Summertime isn't all about a long vacation, or an opportunity to speed up graduation; it's about enjoying weeks of sunny, warm weather, getting outdoors, and spending time with friends and family.

Here are some things you should make sure to do to get the most out of your summer experience.

1.) Put another shrimp on the Barbie:

Having a barbecue is a great excuse to get together with friends and family. Clear the steaks and bratwursts out of the supermarket, fill a cooler full of beer, take the cover off of the pool, and let the good times roll.

2.) Set up camp:

We live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Why not go out and

explore it? Go camping next to a body of water to ensure you have something to throw your friends into.

3.) Hit the beach:

Oregon has a coastline, too! Head on up to Seaside for a beautiful coastline horizon, shopping, and skee ball.

4.) Carnies:

If you can't get enough of those elephant ears, summer is the Fair Season. With all the various local fairs in addition to the state fair, you'll be throwing up from rides for months. If you're a hippy, or just want to experience a surreal and weird experience, check out the Country Fair near Eugene. Girls often go topless there, so that's a plus.

5.) Road trip:

Avoid going on a cross-country road trip, because Middle America is boring. Instead, pack up your car and head south to California or even Mexico. Or go north and visit our Canadian neighbors.

Summer only comes once a year for three months. Get outside and enjoy it!



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# LOCAL NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College campus events

## National radio host wows Corvallis

**Brandon Goldner**  
 The Commuter

"This just in: President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney were arrested today in a small town in northern Oregon on charges of conspiracy, international war crimes and crimes against humanity for their role in the ongoing conflict in Iraq."

With a deadpan man-on-the-radio voice, David Barsamian (pronounced bar-sahm-YAWN) lent authenticity to a fictional event, providing a colorful opening to his lecture May 18 at Oddfellows Hall in Corvallis. The talk, titled "Stopping War in Iran and Iraq," covered many topics related to the United States and its involvement with the Middle East.

Barsamian held the audience captive. They laughed at times, while moments later they were visibly shaken with his poignant criticisms of US policies and their implications. The crowd was always engaged and thinking critically about what he was presenting.

Barsamian's weekly radio show, "Alternative Radio", has much the same tone as did his Corvallis lecture, shedding light on viewpoints of popular issues (such as the U.S. led invasion of

Iraq) that are sometimes passed over by major media outlets. A.R. was founded in 1986 and is offered free to any public radio station, serving as "a forum for controversy and debate."

He is probably best known for his published interviews of some of the greatest progressive minds of our generation, including Howard Zinn, Tariq Ali and, most notably, the linguist and political activist Noam Chomsky. Having interviewed hundreds of brilliant minds, Barsamian holds the distinction of being an accurate distiller of their very complex and sometimes difficult to understand concepts, and being able to speak about them with ease to those who may not have previous knowledge of those topics.

Speaking in Corvallis, he stayed relevant to what many would call the "important" issues, most notably the upcoming presidential elections. One point he stressed is that two of the three candidates have spoken openly of attacking Iran, a move that would be both appalling and disastrous for repairing damaged foreign relations, he said.

While media in the states have denounced Iran's insistence upon maintaining its

fledgling nuclear program (which began in 2006), Barsamian countered by noting that Iran's yearly military budget, at \$6 billion, is less than what the U.S. spends on its own military budget (\$583 billion) in about four days. He also said that Iran has not attacked another nation in more than 250 years.

Compared with operations the U.S. has carried out over the years, Barsamian insisted, Iran is not a threat to any world nation.

He was energetic and fleet of phrase, engaging his audience at Oddfellows Hall despite 90-degree weather and poor ventilation in a third story building. His public speaking voice runs miles a minute faster than that of his calculated on-air drawl.

Listening over the radio, one gets the feeling that he may not be as emotionally invested as he really is. He lets his subjects speak, and he gets the best out of them by prompting them along without taking over. In this way, he lets the content come to light more than his personality, which, as his talk in Corvallis proved, is itself worthy of attention.

Note: Alternative Radio can be heard on OPB (AM 550) every Tuesday at 8 p.m.

## Dog Bless America!



Last Saturday, May 31, the Corvallis Farmer's Market was graced with a political statement in the form of canine (?) excrement in the grass with a miniature American flag in the middle.

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## Creative students wanted for The Commuter staff for 2008-09

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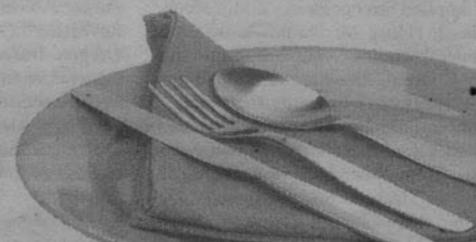
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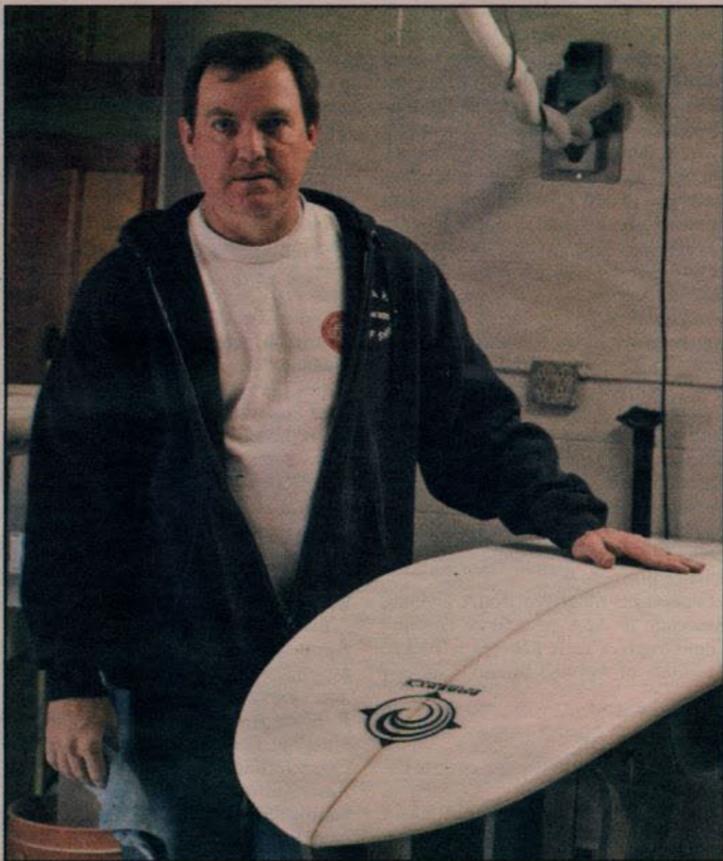
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## You can surf in Oregon? a local shaper profile



Loren Newman  
 The Commuter

In 1996 Robert Rube graduated from LBCC with an associate of science transfer degree. Two years later, Rube convinced his wife to let him take \$1,200 to start shaping surfboards in Corvallis; 695 surfboards later Roberts NW Surfboards and Pura Vida Surf Shop became a staple in the Willamette Valley.

"Out of the first four boards I made only one really turned out. I surfed it for a while and then sold it for like \$150, just barley covering the cost," Rube said.

Rube currently makes special order surfboards and stock boards

at the Pura Vida Surf Shop in Philomath and is the only professional surfboard shaper in the Willamette Valley. Some think that the Willamette Valley is a strange place for a surfboard manufacturer and surf shop, but Rube disagrees.

"Philomath is on the direct thoroughfare to the central Oregon coast, why not have a shop here where you can gear at cheaper than the coastal price?" and added, "some of the locals here in Philomath still don't get it but they're catching on."

Rube grew up with his dad in the military and learned to surf while his family was stationed in Hawaii.

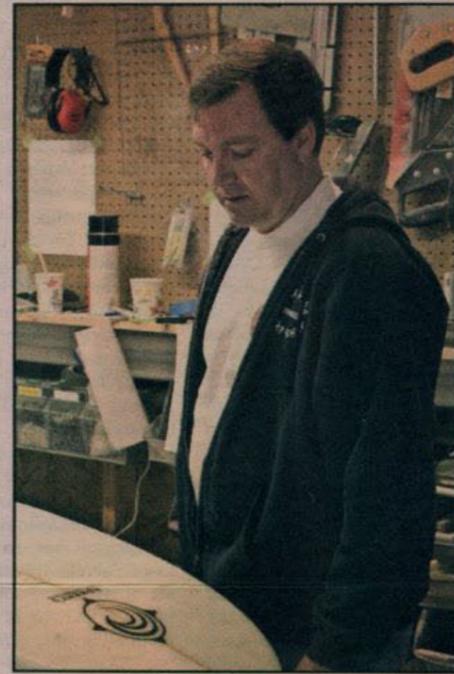
"And then my dad retired from the military and moved to Iowa, and guess what you can't do in Iowa? Surf." After high school Rube got a job working for a restaurant chain that soon opened up franchises in Oregon, so he moved out to Bend where he would take the time off to drive to the beach and surf. He later moved to the Corvallis area where he still resides.

"I like living in a college town; I love the vibe

that you find there," Rube said.

Nation-wide surfing has been becoming increasingly popular. And the effect can be seen here in Oregon. With the combination of better wet suit technology and the ability to rent gear and get lessons, the amount of surfing in Oregon has been on the increase. One of the greatest boosts to Rube's shaping is not normal to most surfboard shapers; it is his connection with a Mexican restaurant chain that has made his shaping business and surf shop possible. The Taco Del Mar has a contract with Rube that whenever they open a new chain they buy a surfboard from him to be used as decoration in the restaurant.

"I've shipped boards to everywhere, from Carolinas to Alaska... Each board is the same with the Taco Del Mar logo in the middle and mine in the nose. It's made all of this possible."



## Oregon's Summer Music Festivals

MaryAnne Turner  
 The Commuter

Oregon Country Fair: July 11 - 13  
 - Outside Eugene  
 - Get tickets and all stage schedules at [www.oregoncountryfair.org](http://www.oregoncountryfair.org)

Reggae on the Mountain: July 18 - 20  
 - At Cougar Mountain  
 - Jah Sun, Soul Medic, Ishi Dube  
 - Clinton Fearon & Boogie Brown Band  
 - Prezident Brown & Solid Foundation  
 - South Town Hounds  
 - And many more. Check website for

schedule.  
 - [www.myspace.com/reaggaeonthe-mountain](http://www.myspace.com/reaggaeonthe-mountain)

Oregon Jamboree: August 2 - 3  
 - Sweet Home  
 - Sugarland  
 - Neal McCoy  
 - Joe Nichols  
 - Many more.  
 - [www.OregonJamboree.com](http://www.OregonJamboree.com)

NW World Reggae Festival: August 8 - 10  
 - Eugene, 5 miles north of Marcola  
 - Sister Carol

- Jah Sun  
 - The Escort Service  
 - Camping available  
 - [www.nwworldreggae.com](http://www.nwworldreggae.com)  
 - hotline: (503) 288-1310

Warped Tour: August 10  
 - Columbia Meadows in Portland  
 - Angels & Airwaves  
 - Against Me!  
 - and others  
 - [www.NRQ.com](http://www.NRQ.com)

Da Vinci Days: August 18 - 20  
 - This year's theme "Flights of Fancy"  
 - [www.davinci-days.org](http://www.davinci-days.org)

Oregon State Fair: August 22 - September 1

- Weird Al  
 - Creedence Clearwater Revived  
 - Willie Nelson  
 - Poison  
 - and lots more  
 - [www.oregonstatefair.org](http://www.oregonstatefair.org)

36th Annual Fall Festival: September 27 - 28

- Corvallis Central Park  
 - [www.corvallisfallfestival.com](http://www.corvallisfallfestival.com)

## LBCC Choirs to perform Missa Gaia

MaryAnne Turner  
 The Commuter

On Thursday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. the LBCC choirs will perform Missa Gaia/Earth Mass: A Mass in Celebration of Mother Earth as composed by Paul Winter. The performance will be held at the Russell Tripp Performance Center, directed by Susan Peck, and the \$6 for the ticket will go to the student scholarship funds for the LBCC Performing Arts Department.

The Contemporary Earth Mass will feature a variety of timbres including the timber wolf, humpback whale, harp

seal, songbird, and loon. These will be combined jazz, Gregorian chant and other world music as a celebration of the earth as a whole.

Movements from the Latin mass use various texts adapted from St. Francis of Assisi and the book of Job of the Old Testament.

In addition to the LBCC Chamber and Concert choirs, other musicians from around the community and a quartet of LBCC faculty members including Audrey Perkins, Mark Weiss, and Susan Peck will join them. The accompanying musicians include Joy Byers as pianist, Peter

Argyres on soprano saxophone, Otto Gyax, George Beekman and Katheryn Ronnenberg on percussion, James Wilson and Mark Weiss on guitar, and Anne Ridlington on the cello.

The whole show is a celebration and registered as an official event of World Environment Day, which has been recognized annually on June 5 since 1972.

This year's slogan is "Kick the habit! Towards a low carbon economy."

Celebrate World Environment Day and support LBCC's performing arts program; don't miss the only showing of Missa Gaia.



photo by Marit Gri

Choir rehearses for upcoming performance on June 5.