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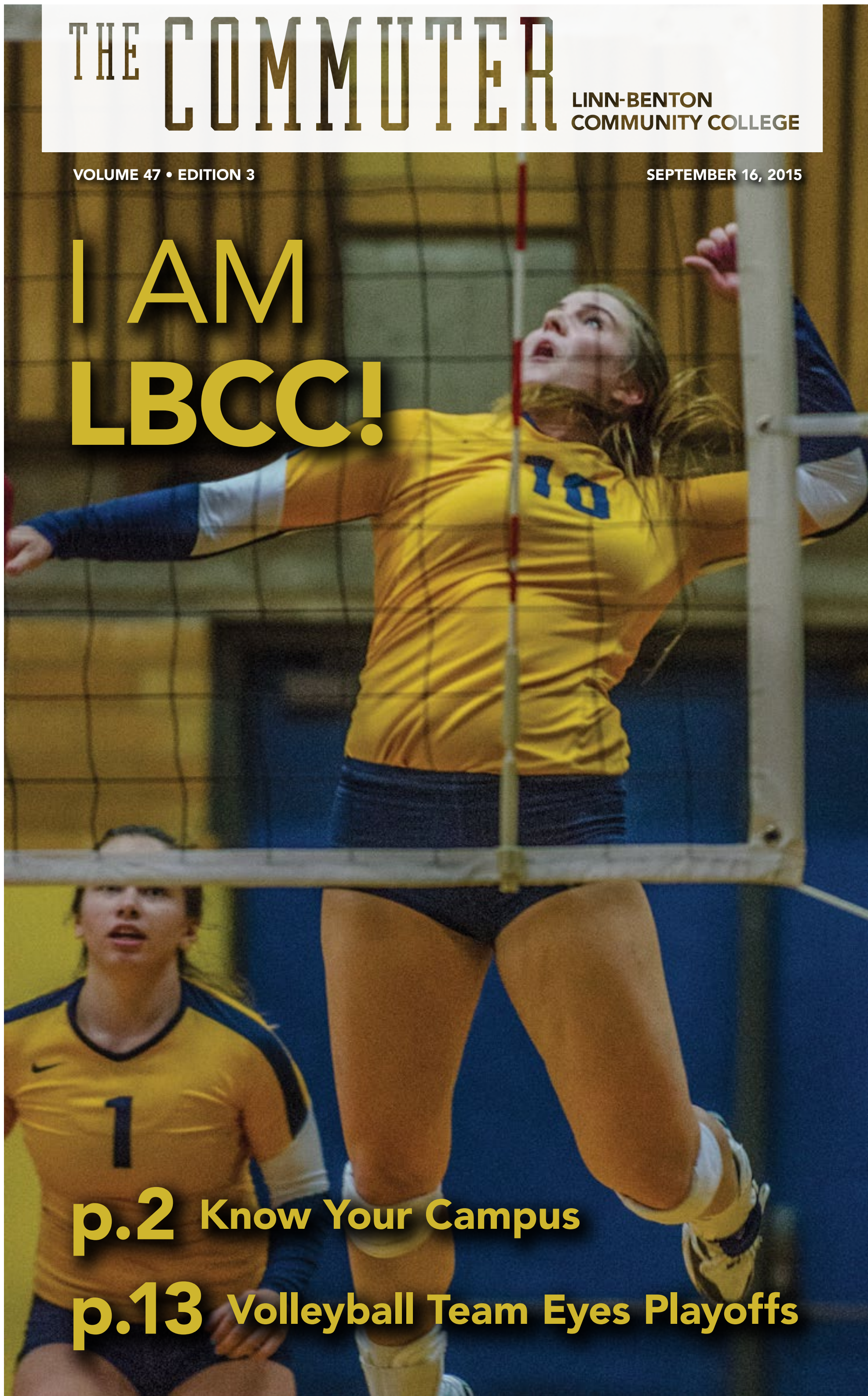
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# WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to LBCC letter from the editor



Dear students and staff,

Welcome to another year at LBCC. I hope everyone had a wonderful fun-filled summer. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but summer is at its tail end and fall is fast approaching. It's time to get geared up for the school year and start hitting the books. Whether this is your first year here at LBCC, you're a tenured staff member or a returning student good luck; 2015-16 is set to be another stellar year here on campus.

Regardless of your history with LBCC, college is about the future forged with new beginnings; new classes, new students, new interests, new friends, and hopefully a better understanding of who we are and where we want to go in life. It is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the campus and the resources available here at LBCC. Located below are a list of services available to all students.

On page ten you will find a list of clubs on campus. Whether it's gardening with the Horticulture Club or gaming with the Linn-Benton Legends, LBCC has plenty to offer. Being involved on campus can have a direct correlation to success in the classroom, so get involved and find your nerdy side. If you don't see a club you like, start your own. It's easier than you think, and the form can easily be found on the LBCC website.

Here at The Commuter, we strive to bring you the most current campus events combined with local and community news. We're always looking for reporters,

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# KNOW YOUR CAMPUS

LBCC resources made available for new students

Starting college means a new and unfamiliar campus for first-year students. The first day of fall term is often the most hectic as students scramble trying to find their classes. But understanding your college campus goes beyond just knowing where your classes are. Knowing your school means knowing the resources that are available to you. Learning about the resources around LBCC can improve your overall college experience.

One of the most important locations on campus in regards to student success in the classroom is the Learning Center. The Learning Center is located on the second floor of Willamette Hall and is a great place to study or seek help if you're struggling or want to get ahead in your classes.

"They have different tutors there, and you can go and sign up for them so you can have extended time for certain subjects," said returning student Andrew Dougans. "That helped me out immensely my first year. I've always been a pretty good student, but for the things I can't understand they're always there for me."

The Learning Center provides students private study rooms, testing services, computer resources, the math help desk, writing center, college skill zone, and tutoring centers that provide help for specific subjects. New students would be wise to visit the learning center often, especially before and during finals week.

One of the main functions of the library, which is located on the first floor below the Learning Center, is to help students succeed in the classroom. While the Learning Center caters more towards studying and problem solving, the library is centered towards finding information. If you need a specific book on a specific subject, ask one of the librarians or search for it on the library database.



The bookstore a-buzz.

It's a good idea to check the library's database before you invest in textbooks for classes, because some classes offer free ebook copies to save you money on expensive hardcopies.

The bookstore is located on the first floor of the Calapooia Center. It's the only place to buy textbooks on campus. The first week of each term always brings with it a gargantuan line. There, you can buy and rent new or used copies of textbooks and payments are accepted with financial aid.

Speaking of financial aid, their office is located on the first floor of Takena Hall and is important to take note of. It's a valuable place to be familiar with, regardless of economic standing.

A piece of information that some students are unaware of is the gym in the Activities Center. It is free to use for students. Open gym is Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m.

For anyone with early morning classes, the Hot Shot Cafe is the place to get your morning cup of joe. Located on the first floor of the Forum next to Student

Union, the Hot Shot serves up a mean cup of coffee. It's also a nice place to relax and kill time if you have a couple hours in between classes.

For food options around campus, there's a cafe on the second floor of the Calapooia Center and on the first floor of Takena Hall. There's also a Ciddici's Pizza a little north of campus on Belmont Ave. located behind 7-Eleven. They're great if you're in the mood for pizza.

An important thing to note about the resources around campus is that it's up to each student to decide how to use them. Some students may visit all these places in their first week at LBCC, while others will rarely use them in two years time. These are resources for students to use, not requirements to pass classes. But now you know they exist if you didn't before. Use them at your own discretion.



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# INSTRUCTOR BY DAY, OFFICER BY NIGHT

Steve Corder guides students and community all in a day's work

For 27 years Steve Corder has devoted his time to public service and being part of the community in which he lives.

Criminal Justice instructor Corder works at Linn-Benton Community College and has been here since April 1997 as an adjunct instructor. Corder teaches Intro to Law Enforcement, Police Field Operations, and Regulations and Communication.

Corder has a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and a Master of Science in Correctional Administration from Western Oregon State College, now Western Oregon University. A portion of his graduate degree includes a minor in Substance Abuse Prevention from the University of Oregon.

His law enforcement career began in 1980 as a cadet in Douglas County at the Sheriff's Office. After graduating from Roseburg Senior High School he enlisted in the United States Army as a military policeman and served two years in Europe.

Once Corder finished his military commitment, his family moved to Albany during which time he attended LBCC. Corder was selected as a reserve deputy for the Linn County Sheriff's Office while attending classes at LBCC. He also worked as a marine deputy during the summers while attending college.

He transferred to Western Oregon State College where he majored in Law

Enforcement and minored in Military Science. At the same time, he enrolled in the United States Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) program. Corder graduated from Western Oregon State College December 1988 at which time he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

Corder was a part-time hire as a Linn County Deputy Sheriff until he went on active duty as an Army Officer. He served as a Military Intelligence Officer in the United States Army while stationed in Germany. After wife Susan Corder had their first daughter, they returned to Oregon, and he pursued law enforcement.

Albany Police Department welcomed Corder in May 1993. He has served as: Police Officer, Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Special Services Captain, and Deputy Chief of Police.

"I have always considered criminal investigation and patrol to be the best duties in any police department and am truly grateful that I had the means and opportunity to return to that position," said Corder.

In October 2005 Corder voluntarily demoted himself to a police officer and returned to case work.

Being an instructor has never been about the money, expressed Corder.

"I would [work at LBCC] for free. I don't do it for the money," said Corder.

"They could stop paying me tomorrow and I would still work there."

Working with faculty that have a similar want to help others has made working at LBCC a difference in Corder's experience.

The ability to work with students, help them become excited in criminal justice and work through the college process is just a sense of accomplishment to Corder.

Many have inspired Corder to be a distinguished law enforcement professional and instructor. From the first ride-along 35 years ago with Deputy Marty Baldwin, to the late Jerry Phillips formerly of LBCC, many have mentored Corder. These individuals have helped make an impact on his life in a positive way to benefit the community in which he services today.

"I enjoyed [Steve's] stories more than anything," said previous student Jessie Easdale. "It's what I want to do, so hearing stories about what it's like in the field are very intriguing to me."

Corder believes in explaining the career to students from his experience, so that they can make a more informed decision regarding the police field. He allows students to ask questions. At the beginning of the term he tells students who he is, what he does and that there is no "off the record" in the classroom.

During Corder's career he's had experiences leave him with all kinds of

memories. He remembers handwriting reports, bizarre calls and all the people he's had the chance to work with.

"It is the greatest job there really is," said Corder.

Corder described being a police officer as being phenomenally different than teaching. He highly enjoys the randomness it provides each shift. All the variety from the bizarre calls, and weird runs and how the job changes from one minute to the next is the best part about the job.

Criminal Justice department chair Rodney Carter feels Corder is a tremendous asset to the college.

"Steve is an exceptional teacher. His academic credentials combined with his long experience as a police officer and criminal justice administrator make him a tremendous asset to the college. In the classroom, he is both tough and caring: Essential attributes of a successful teacher and police officer," said Carter.



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# DESIGNATED SMOKING SHELTERS

Linn-Benton keeping the air smoke-free

This fall Linn-Benton Community College will be filled with new students eager to learn. Prior to this journey there is a policy that needs to be formalized: smoke in designated areas.

There are six smoke shelters located around campus: two in front of Takena Hall, one west of White Oak Hall, one east of Luckiamute Center, one in parking lot No. 5, and one outside McKenzie Hall.

Smoke shelters aren't just for smoking cigarettes. They're also the designated vaping, e-cigarettes and chewing tobacco shelters.

Students are prohibited from smoking cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, and chewing tobacco anywhere else on campus except in the designated areas.

According to the Administrative Rule No. 5045-02, "LBCC is committed to a healthy campus which minimizes the potential negative impact of products used in smoking, vaping, and tobacco chewing. These rules pertain to limiting tobacco use and products used in e-cigarettes and other smoking devices in public places and work

spaces except those designated as smoking areas. The purpose of the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act and the Tobacco-Free Campus Executive Order is to reduce the health hazard to persons in confined public places inhaling smoke and vapor caused by tobacco and other vaping products."

The next time the nicotine urge arises, remember the six designated smoking shelters.



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Cory Self and Isaiah Hoyt take a break outside at a smoke shelter outside of Takena Hall.

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2	1	7	8	9	2	4	5	3	
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9	4	6	5	1	3	2	7	8	
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

1 Respectful title

4 Gnocchi sauce

9 First occurrence

14 Keats' "\_\_\_ to a Nightingale"

15 Stay away from

16 With 61-Across, Sri Lankan product

17 Pool user's unit

18 Sweet sherry, e.g.

20 "\_\_\_ Road to Glory": Arthur Ashe history

22 Lip

23 Unbeatable hand

27 Hat worn with a kilt

30 "Romeo and Juliet" city

31 Laundry slide

33 \_\_\_ Spumante

36 Here, to Henri

37 Album array

38 It happens four times a year ... and also in this puzzle's circles

41 Comes to the point?

42 Have title to

43 Long basket, in hoops lingo

44 Clear the board

45 Daze

47 Only article in a U.S. state capital name

48 Square-bodied family autos

52 Burlesque wraps

54 Dot on a map

55 Pre-holiday mall indulgence

61 See 16-Across

62 Parenthetical remark

63 Piece of cake

64 Tach reading

65 Package sealers

66 Decorative pitchers

67 Critter in Egyptian art

**DOWN**

1 Like some eclipses

2 One of three Hells Canyon states

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3 Square things

4 Kayak mover

5 Night before

6 Distress signal

7 "Whether \_\_\_ nobler ...": Hamlet

8 Ukrainian port

9 Stops wavering

10 Dinnertime TV fare

11 Snow runner

12 Ages and ages

13 Place to start a hole

19 Cheer from the crowd

21 Steep-sided valleys

24 Wendy's side

25 Maniacal

26 Military outfit

27 Private instructor

28 Square things

29 Like many a dorm room

31 Half a dance

32 Party organizer

33 Did one's part?

34 Admonishing response to "Mine!"

35 Spanish finger food

37 Tubular pasta

39 MBA hopeful's test

40 Took a dip

45 Struggle

46 Old-time broadcasters

48 Crone

49 Extreme

50 Some execs

51 Passport image

52 \_\_\_ one's time: wait

53 Soda machine inserts

55 Nocturnal flier

56 NATO founding member

57 Chihuahua complaint

58 Handle without care?

59 Reuben bread

60 Slogan ending?

## SUMMER 2015 IN REVIEW: IN CASE YOU WERE TOO BUSY, HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED

# JUNE

**June 16th**  
Donald Trump announces his candidacy for president.

**June 17th**  
Twenty-one-year old Dylan Roof kills nine people in a Charleston South Carolina church.

**June 26th**  
The United States Supreme Court rules in favor of marriage equality.

**June 30th**  
A military plane crashes in Indonesia killing over a hundred people.



# BACK-TO-SCHOOL LUNCHES

Prepare, pack, go

With fall term underway, the last thing a student wants to be thinking about is healthy eating. It is simple to just buy Top Ramen in bulk at your favorite box-store, and throw it in the microwave when you're in a hurry.

While this may seem like the most convenient method for a busy college student, a healthier diet is going to enhance one's energy and work ethic, resulting in a more focused you during the school year.

In an article by health writer Napala Pratini, healthy eating not only energizes the body, but it can also boost your mood. Certain types of food contain dopamine, which helps enhance the brain's level of pleasure. A happy you, is a determined you.

Filling your body with unhealthy foods, especially over a long period of time, can increase the risks of chronic diseases such as cancer, heart damage and much more.

To the right are two almost effortless and healthy on-the-go lunch ideas to encourage you to start the school year out on a healthy note.

## BLT Turkey Wrap:

- Ingredients:
- Large Slices of Turkey Meat
- Pre-cooked pieces of bacon
- Lettuce
- Sliced Tomato

### Directions:

1. Lay out turkey slices on flat a place or cutting board.
2. Place bacon, lettuce, and tomato slices on either left or right side of the turkey.
3. Roll up turkey into a wrap, and place a toothpick in for security.
4. Pack and go!

## Salad in a Jar:

- Ingredients: (all ingredients could be replaced with your favorite salad toppings)
- Dressing of your choice
- Chopped tomatoes
- Carrots
- Romanian Cucumber
- Olives
- Lettuce

- Directions: (from bottom of the jar to the top)
1. Drizzle dressing of your choice on the bottom of the jar
  2. Layer your salad toppings into the jar ending with lettuce
  3. Put a lid on it and go!



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# "PLANT A ROW" FEEDS LOCAL FAMILIES

Businesses and gardeners plant produce to fight hunger



As summer comes to an end and gardeners are preparing their fall crops, some are adding an extra row of plants to help fight hunger. Elementary schoolers in Albany are even getting involved.

Oregon Food Bank's "Plant a Row" program gets gardeners, farms and nurseries involved in providing fresh produce to low income families. OSU Extension Service, an educational outreach program with an office in Tangent, supports the "Plant a Row" program.

Nutrition educator Iris Carrasco works

in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for community and family health at OSU's Extension Service. In partnership with Sunrise Elementary in Albany, Carrasco has managed the "Plant a Row" project in the school's quarter-acre garden.

For the last five years kids have had the opportunity to grow fruits and vegetables, journal their plants' growth, and learn from master gardeners. Their garden club meets with Carrasco once a week year-round to be educated on the value of fresh produce and healthy eating habits.

"The principal was highly motivated to get the school in a healthy state for the kids," Carrasco said. "Making a healthy decision was an easy decision."

Of course, the kids love the opportunity to get their hands dirty too.

"It's the most popular club at school, so we have to switch the kids out every 10 weeks," Carrasco said.

The garden is open to community members who help tend it, giving them

and the kids first pick of produce to take home to their families. Much of what is grown is also used seasonally in the school cafeteria.

"We're stressing to eat more vegetables and fruits," Carrasco said. "That happens a lot easier when the kids are involved with the growing of their fruits and vegetables."

Produce not used is donated to FISH of Albany, a non-profit organization providing care packages to an estimated 30,000 underprivileged people in the surrounding area annually. FISH also receives other food donations from local farmers.

"Very little of it spoils. We get rid of it as quick as it comes in," said Linda Baker, representative of FISH.

The garden at Sunrise Elementary is supported by local businesses that donate to help sustain the program. Tom Krupicka, owner of Tom's Garden Center in Albany, donates soil to Sunrise Elementary and several other schools in Linn County.

"Both my wife and I believe in supporting the kids and helping them in their education in any way we can," he said. "It's just the right thing to do to help the community, and kids are the future of that."

Casteen Family Farms in Lebanon is one of several local businesses that donates seeds and starts for the garden.

"We grow whatever is donated to us, and whatever we grow is donated to the community," Carrasco said.

This summer the Sunrise garden club grew peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, raspberries, and strawberries.

As the season changes, the kids will be busy with a new round of crops for the fall, and community members will benefit from the fruits of their labor, making a healthier community all around.



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## JULY



July 1st

Cuba and the U.S. agree to open embassies.



July 5th

U.S. Women defeat Japan to win the World Cup.



July 9th

South Carolina passed a bill removing the confederate flag from state house grounds.



July 27th

The Boys Scouts of America end their ban on adult gay leaders.





# MARIJUANA

*On and around campus*

Albany residents have embraced the legalization of recreational marijuana. In many neighborhoods, there is at least one household growing or using marijuana.

Driving around Albany, you can see marijuana plants shining in the sun. They are full of buds and almost ready to harvest, but the plants won't be ready until mid Oct.

Take a step out into your backyard and you may even smell the overwhelming aroma of marijuana. When people are enjoying the relaxing effects of this drug, the smell can be somewhat offensive if you, yourself, are not a user. However, it is not against the law for the smell to be present in public.

It is still illegal to use marijuana in

any public place. So for now, you can use it in your own home or a friend's house, as long as it's private property.

As of July 1, people 21 and older are allowed to possess up to one ounce of marijuana in a public place and up to eight ounces in their home. The law also allows up to four marijuana plants per household.

Unless you are an Oregon medical marijuana patient, there is nowhere you can legally purchase marijuana short of growing it yourself, or getting it from someone 21 years or older. You can not buy it, or sell it. It can only be given away.

The new law gives the Oregon Liquor Control Commission until Jan. 1, 2016 to draft rules and implement regulations for production,

processing and selling marijuana.

However at LBCC marijuana is still prohibited. LBCC is a federally funded college, and it is against the federal law to possess marijuana in any form.

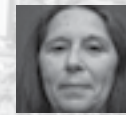
The possession of any type of marijuana on campus, i.e. smokeable form, edibles or vape, can lead to disciplinary actions. If anyone does they risk expulsion that can be up to a year or permanent.

LB students could lose their financial aid. If the college doesn't comply they could lose their federal backing. All students need to keep this in mind when attending LBCC.

Even though Oregon approved the legalization of recreational marijuana, it's still against federal law.

Let's all have a great year, and be thoughtful of others around us. Welcome back new and returning students.

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# NO EASY SALE IN LEBANON

*Lebanon City Council imposes ban on recreational marijuana.*

Medical marijuana dispensaries move toward the clear as recreational marijuana sales hit a wall.

Lebanon's Santiam Travel Station filled to capacity before the City Council meeting where the discussion of marijuana sales took center stage Sept. 9.

City councilors cleared the way for medical marijuana in a four to two vote. The vote removed medical marijuana dispensaries from the possibility of being lumped together with recreational sales.

"I think the vote tonight is a good indication of the direction [the issue of medical marijuana dispensaries] is going," said City Attorney Tré Kennedy.

The council deadlocked on the issue of recreational sales in the city limits of Lebanon and Mayor Paul Aziz cast the deciding vote to continue a ban on recreational marijuana sales. His vote will let voters make the final decision on marijuana sales in November's 2016 general election.

Councilor Rebecca Grizzle seemed pleased with the Council's decision to separate medical marijuana and recreational marijuana, but was disappointed with its choice to ban recreational sales.

"I'm against the actions of council, besides removing medical marijuana, I think that is what the people want," Grizzle said.

Community members from both sides of the contested issue voiced their opinions during an open address portion of the meeting.

Virginia A. Gardner, longtime resident of Lebanon, believes marijuana is at the root of her son's mental illness and fears for other community members with children.

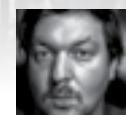
"Let's protect our children, because it goes deep," Gardner said.

Linda Bronson, of Lebanon, addressed the Council addressing her thoughts on the matter. She pointed out that marijuana is considered legal and people would travel to neighboring cities to obtain it. She feels legalizing the sale of recreational

marijuana would make an impact on black market activities pointing out many street dealers don't just sell pot.

"It's going to be here, whether we like it or not," Bronson said.

At the next city council meeting expect to hear from the Council on the regulation on medical marijuana sales in the city as they explore options on issuing business licenses to medical dispensaries.



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## AUGUST



**Aug 12th**  
A warehouse in Tianjin China explodes killing at least 50.



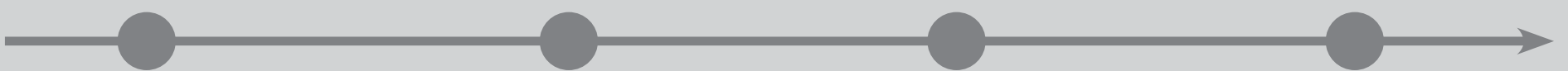
**Aug 14th**  
14-Secretary of State John Kerry attends the flag raising ceremony of the American Flag at the US embassy in Cuba.



**Aug 21st**  
First female US Rangers make history.



**Aug 21st**  
Three Americans thwart off gunman on train in France. Three days later they are awarded the Legion of Honor, France's highest honor.





# RECREATIONAL Q&A

## Lebanon City Council imposes ban on recreational marijuana.

Fourteen different municipalities in Oregon, along with five counties are making a clear statement that recreational marijuana will not be greeted with open arms in their communities. How the city of Lebanon plans to deal with recreational marijuana is still up for conversation.

Of the group, 11 have ended the discussion about Measure 91's recreational marijuana use and sale. The remaining eight plan to have community members make the final decision as to whether they should allow recreational marijuana, along with its manufacturing facets of production to exist during general elections on Nov 3.

Some Lebanon councilors, such as Robert Furlow, feel the complexity surrounding marijuana issue is making the flow of information difficult. As regulations on sales are trickling their way to different levels of government slowly, Lebanon city leaders feel it is prudent to hold off on their final decision. Due to the lack of regulatory measures and the underlying federal laws that classify marijuana as an illegal drug, recreational marijuana sales are on hold.

During a phone interview on Aug. 27, Furlow answered the same questions as councilwoman Rebecca Grizzle in an interview published Aug. 11 on the Lebanon Daily Post website. During his interview, Furlow provides thoughts on recreational marijuana and the negative impact he believes marijuana could have on the community.

**Question:** *Why should/should not the city of Lebanon allow the sale of recreational marijuana in storefronts within the city limits?*

**Answer:** My feelings about marijuana stem from my public health background. I'm very concerned about recreational use of marijuana in general. I believe that access to increased numbers of individuals is not a good thing for the health of the community. I believe it brings additional problems of addiction, and the consequences of smoking marijuana are even more drastic than the consumption of and the smoking of tobacco. Having that available sends the wrong message to everyone in the community.

**Q.** *Do you feel the city would benefit from the income derived from an individual three percent tax above the state tax on recreational marijuana?*

**A.** My feelings here are a direct input from the police chief. When we asked him a question in an earlier meeting this year during our debates about marijuana, he indicated their routine problems at this time with the consumption of marijuana, and he felt having a revenue available could potentially help to offset some of the expenses his department is seeing in handling marijuana related issues. So to that extent it's possible that there could be some benefit. I believe the public health issues, personally, far outweigh the small amount of revenue.

**Q.** *How do you feel about the perceived negative impacts of making recreational marijuana available within the city limits?*

**A.** I don't believe it is in the public's interests. From a health perspective, when you look at the complicated issues that surround the consumption of marijuana, I believe it has more negative impact to the community. There are all kinds of concerns from employers currently with the existing laws and federal restrictions. Employers have to deal, all the time, with providing a safe working environment. Providing additional access to marijuana recreationally just puts more individuals with the assumption they can consume it, and that it will have no negative impact on their driving, or their employment, or upon their schooling. And all three of those things are wrong and we send, I believe, the wrong message to our youth and our citizens if we increase the access.

**Q.** *Do you feel that the handling of the issues surrounding recreational use/sale of marijuana in Lebanon by city leaders has been reasonable?*

**A.** I believe so. I believe there has been an open debate amongst the council. We have gotten good advice from our legal council. The city manager has provided some good staff recommendations and there has been a healthy debate amongst the counselors about how to proceed in how the federal laws and the state laws

have an impact. The fact that we have the ordinance and marijuana restriction in place right now are a direct result of that debate and the decision of the council; it hasn't been unanimous, but it has been a fair representation of democracy at work in our community.

**Q.** *What is the value of offering a vote in November on the different components of provision 34A of House Bill 3400 of Measure 91 here in Lebanon?*

**A.** It is important to try to and address the different issues when you look at the debate that went on during the legislature as they were trying to wrestle with the different components of how to introduce this new industry into the State of Oregon. You saw how difficult it was to reach consensus in the fact that they were not able to end up completely addressing all of the issues and had to result in transferring some of those rules to the OLCC for them to establish some rules. It is important, I believe, to try set up an important framework within a community as to if there is going to be recreational available, how it should be made available, what limitation if any on its distance from schools or other kind of community sensitive location, and until the OLCC establishes those rules, it would be premature for the city council to take action to put something in place that then could be not only in direct violation of federal law, which it is now, but could end up being contrary to the OLCC rules which could put business as well a council in jeopardy. I believe forwarding this issue to the voters and giving the OLCC time to do their work are two key important steps.

**Q.** *Is the way Measure 91 is written creating difficulty for city leaders to make decisions for the community?*

**A.** The complexity of the issue has been characterized by the difficulty that the approximately 100 members of the Oregon legislature has to deal with in the House and the Senate in trying to address the same issues that were contained within the measure. I'm not a legal expert, so I can't say if the measure was written

clearly enough, but I do know that there are some ambiguities that remain. It's been a complex issue for the counties as well as the many members of the Oregon League of Cities. I think we would be short-sighted to say that we have all the information [in what] we [currently] have. Is that the problem about how the measure was written? I'm not sure, but I know there are a lot of outstanding issues yet to be resolved.

**Q.** *What do you think is the most important concern for voters to consider when reviewing their choice regarding the sale of recreational marijuana in Lebanon?*

**A.** We have to realize this is virgin territory that we're walking on. We've had legalized tobacco and alcohol sales for decades. We could potentially move into that market of being able to sell recreational marijuana in Lebanon depending upon how the actions of the council and the action of the voters proceed. We don't know at this point in time how to address all of the issues around choice for that and how to protect vulnerable members of our community, and do we want to allow the manufacture, the distribution...all of those other things that are embedded in the sale of marijuana are a part of the decision process. I believe that the voters should be able to dissect those issues one by one and decide which of the elements of the industry they support and which they don't.



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## SEPTEMBER



**Sept. 10th**  
The NFL season kicks off with the defending super bowl champion Patriots versus the Pittsburgh Steelers 28-21.



**Sept. 13th**  
Arizona highway shootings suspect apprehended.



**Sept. 16th**  
Back to school edition of The Commuter comes out!



**Sept. 22nd**  
Pope visits America.



# STUDENT Shopping Spree

**WIN**  
one of two  
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**Shopping**  
**Sprees!**

**Enter**  
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**WIN**  
on  
**Welcome Day**  
**Sept. 23th**

**One**  
**entry per**  
**student**  
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**THE**  
**FABULOUS**  
**WHEEL OF**  
**PRIZES**

**Happening in the**  
**main courtyard from**  
**10am-1pm\***

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Winners will be drawn on Welcome Day, Sept. 23, 2015, and announced in the Bookstore Courtyard at 12:30pm. Shopping Spree will take place immediately following the drawing.

Only one entry per student. Only students of LBCC are eligible to win\*. Must be present to win.

\*Sorry, LBCC Staff not eligible.

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**LBCC Bookstore**





# LEBANON REMEMBERS 9/11



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The September 11 terror attacks did not disillusion Americans. Since those horrific acts that besieged the country in 2001, communities across the nation now gather together to commemorate the largest loss of civilian life due to terror attacks America has ever suffered, and honor the acts of heroism by police, firefighters, and ordinary people that day.



“9/11 happened; we can’t avoid that. But, we don’t want to forget what 9/11 [taught us],” said Dominy, “We’re supposed to remember patriotism. We want to band together to be American citizens. That’s the whole point: to be united as one. We seem to sometimes forget that.”

At 6 p.m the Lebanon Police Department dazzled community members with this year’s 9/11 remembrance service. Acknowledged as “Patriots’ Day,” Friday’s event marked the second time the community of Lebanon, led by the Lebanon Police Department, filled the circular grass area directly in front of The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest — located at the North side of town on Mullen Street — to remember the sacrifice many individuals made that Tuesday morning at 8:45 a.m. in 2001.



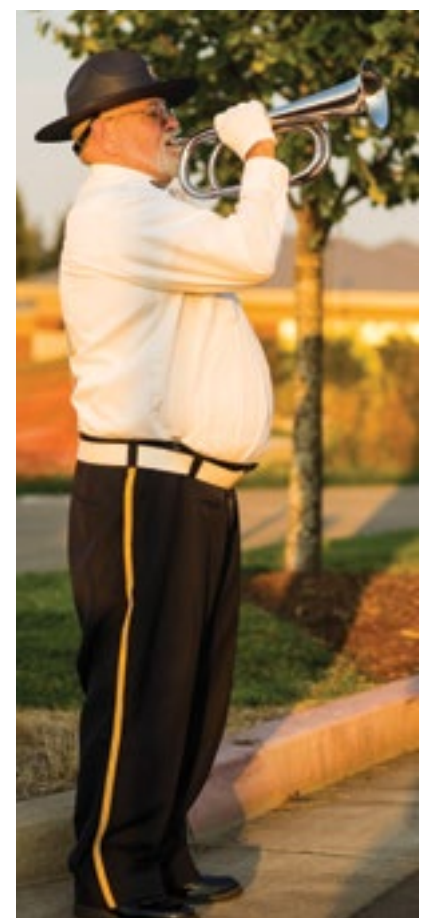
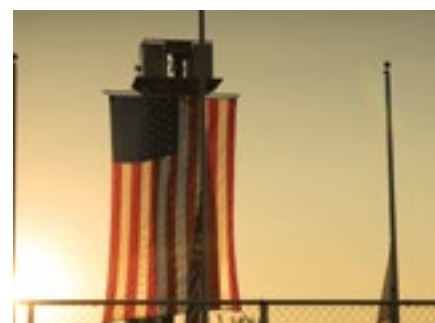
Lebanon’s High School JROTC looked sharp as they presented the nation’s service flags after a brief introduction to the meaning of the event provided by Officer Dominy. “The Colors” were presented by the American Legion Honor Guard Post #51, followed up by the pledge of allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 420.



Patriots’ Day is the creation of police officer David Dominy of the LPD. For several years leading up to last year’s event, Dominy along with his brother and father helped the city of Corvallis put on a similar event. Last year Dominy felt it was time to move their efforts to Lebanon.



The event lamented the loss of life that took place 9/11, but also served as a tool to demonstrate to many of the young people in attendance, who were too young to have witnessed 9/11 back in 2001, just how catastrophic those events were, and still are, for this nation. Many in the crowd could be seen breaking down in tears. The 21-gun salute shook the crowd as the event came to a close with a somber sound of “Taps” memorializing 9/11.





# HOOK UP WITH LBCC CLUBS

## AAUW Student Club

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.  
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## Ag Leadership Club

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## Anime Club

Learn about anime, share common interests, broaden your views, discuss and interact.  
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## ASCET (American Society of Certified Engineering Techs)

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## Black Curtain Society (Drama Club)

Educate, inspire and promote personal growth through dramatic arts.  
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## Board Games Club

Kickin' it old school--all board games, all the time.  
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## Campus Ambassadors Christian Community (formerly The Gathering)

Gathering people of faith; encouraging one another to live a culture of love and faith.  
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## Comedey Syndicate

A safe place to practice and hone your improv skills.  
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## CPU (Computer People Unite) Club

Encouraging students to learn about and practice using computers for personal, school and business purposes.  
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## Dance Club

Providing an opportunity to be involved with dance in a creative and fun way: learning, performance, choreography.  
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## Gender & Sexuality Alliance (formerly Gay/Straight Alliance)

Strength in diversity. Friendship and support among the LGBTQ community and our straight allies.  
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## Geology Club

Understanding the world around us by using geosciences in a real world setting.  
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## Global Connections

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## Horticulture Club

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## Human & Civil Rights Club

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## Open Source Club

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## Philosophy Club

Furthering understanding of philosophical ideas, and encouraging questioning, discussion and critical thinking.  
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## Poetry Club

Creating a community of voices; a chance to belong and have your personal voice heard.  
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## Rad Tech Club

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## Soccer Club

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## SOTA (Student Occupational Therapy Assoc.)

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## Space Exploration Club

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## Speech & Debate Club

"Me Talk Pretty One Day"  
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## Students For Life

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## Ultimate Frisbee Club (Fighting Sheep)

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# I AM LBCC



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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## WELCOME DAY 2015

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 • 9:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.

### Student & Community Fair in the Courtyard

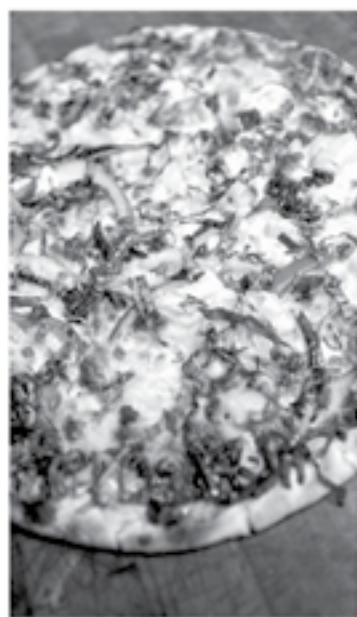
#### I AM LBCC #Selfie Contest!

Take a selfie in front of the backdrop in the courtyard. Post the pic on the LBCC Facebook page or your own social media account and tag it with #IAMLBCC, or email it with your name and major to [ginger.peterson@linnbenton.edu](mailto:ginger.peterson@linnbenton.edu) by Thursday, September 24.



#### Free Pizza in the Commons!

Head on up to The Commons on the second floor of Calapooia Center between 11:30 a.m. and noon for some free pizza!



#### Enter to Win \$100 Bookstore Gift Card!

You have five chances to enter to win a \$100 LBCC Bookstore Gift Card!

- Activities Center
- Phi Theta Kappa table in courtyard
- After completing a Campus Tour
- At the #Selfie booth (after doing the selfie activity)
- At Commons during the pizza sampling

You can only enter once at each location, and you can only win one gift certificate.

#### Bookstore Shopping Spree!

Enter to win one of two 60-second Bookstore shopping sprees! Enter at the Bookstore on Welcome Day. Winners announced at 12:30 p.m. in the Bookstore courtyard with the spree following immediately afterward.

One entry per student, LBCC students only, must be present to win. LBCC staff not eligible.



#### Scavenger Hunt!

Get "stamped" at locations around campus and redeem 20 stamps for a chance to win Tuition Credits & Bookstore Gift Certificates! **Note that there are 5 required locations in color on the stamp grid.** Turn in your completed Scavenger Hunt forms at the Welcome Day Information Table next to the Russell Tripp Performance Center in Takena Hall.



First 100 Students at the  
9:30 a.m. Kick-Off get  
FREE T-Shirts!



# BEAVERS SPLIT FIRST TWO GAMES

*The Anderson era begins*

After 12 years as the Oregon State University head football coach, Mike Riley has left what few Beaver believers he had left in his corner and moved on to not greener, but more cornhusked pastures.

Riley's departure left OSU's head football coaching position as wide open as a barn door. Riley was announced as the Nebraska Cornhuskers head coach last December. Ten days later Gary Andersen was awarded Oregon State University's highest paying position.

Beaver Nation only had to wait ten days for the announcement of their next head football coach but they had to wait nine months for the Andersen Football era to begin.

The Beavers have been picked by many to finish dead last in the Pac-12 North and it's up to Andersen to change those folks' mind. Since last season there have been only two clear-cut answers to some of the questions plaguing the Beavers football program; the first being Andersen named as the head coach but the second lingering question is who will replace the St. Louis Rams third round NFL draft pick, (#89 overall) and all time Pac-12 passing leader Sean Mannion, at quarterback.

That question has clearly been answered by true freshman quarterback Seth Collins. And after the first two games of the season Collins has the Beavers nervously swaying at 1-1. Collins led Beaver Nation to a 26-7 Sept. 4 victory over Weber State, helping Coach Andersen usher in his new era with a win.

As impressive as it is to get a win your first time on the field as a head coach for a new team, it's just as embarrassing getting handed your first loss. This was the case for the Beavers last Saturday as first-year head coach of the Michigan

Wolverines Jim Harbaugh handed Andersen his first career loss as a Beaver earning his first career win in the Big House.

Beaver Nation will just have to wait and see what the future holds, but two things are for certain; they have a new coach armed with a new offense and a true freshmen who will have the opportunity to develop over the next four years.

No matter what this year holds, the Beavers future looks bright with a chance of touchdowns.

This Saturday, the Beavers face off at Reser Stadium against the San Jose State Spartans. The Spartans are out of the Mountain West Conference and are also sitting at 1-1 after a 16-37 road loss to the Air Force Falcons.



Photos by Andrew Gillette

Rommel Mageo tackles Jadrian Clark during week 1 win.



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# SPARTANS REVENGE

*Are Ducks' playoff hopes in jeopardy without finishing rest of season undefeated?*

High expectations came crashing down for Oregon after the Ducks season didn't start the way they hoped. Losing to Michigan State on Saturday has put a blemish on their playoff resume. The question remains how big the playoff committee will judge the loss when they release their rankings this November.

The loss does not spell the end of the Ducks' season or playoff hopes. Scheduling tough out-of-conference opponents has not been rewarded in the newly adopted playoff system yet. For that to happen a team needs to have a tough out-of-conference loss forgiven if they can win their conference championship with at most one additional loss.

The Pac-12 took a few hits in the first week of the season with losses to opponents from the Mountain West, SEC, Big-10, and even an FCS foe. Arizona State's loss to Texas A&M and Stanford's loss to Northwestern will hurt Oregon's perceived strength the most since they were both ranked and on Oregon's conference schedule.

There is a lot of football left to be played between now and the first ranking in November but if there was a schedule that offered a two-loss team a chance to play for the national title the Ducks might be in luck. Oregon has two tough games they can't afford to lose and still have a chance to make the playoffs. They are against southern division members USC at the end of November and Utah later this month. With a loss to either team and a win in

the conference championship the Ducks would likely still be in the conversation for the national championship playoffs. To be safe and keep their playoff chances high the Ducks will need to win all their remaining games and the Pac-12 Championship.

Oregon should have an easy time rebounding from their loss when Georgia State visits this Saturday. Georgia State is an FCS team that plays in the Sun Belt Conference. Last year Georgia State only won one game and is 1-1 this year. They are lead by senior quarterback Nick Arbuckle and sophomore running back Kyler Neal. Georgia State uses a pass-first offense that could give Oregon's new secondary a chance to shine before starting conference play next week.

## Keys To Success:

**\*\*Vernon Adams** showed signs of wear against Michigan State, including a finger injury sustained in week one. The injury on his throwing-hand index finger caused his throws to be off throughout the game. Given the extra week of recovery, Adams' finger should be in good shape. If, however, he is still recovering he will need to handle his pass release with more care.

**\*\*Oregon** establishing a running game will be a focus going forward in the season. Thomas Tyner was lost to injury in training camp and Royce Freeman had an injury scare at Michigan State before returning to the game. The Ducks look to their young running backs to take some of the carries off Freeman. Either Tony Brooks-James or Kani Benoit need to step up into the second running back role before the running game can establish the one-two punch to which the Ducks have become accustomed.

**\*\*Bralon Addison** had an excellent game against Michigan State. Look for him to continue to lead the Ducks receiving corps and special team returns as Oregon is still missing Devon Allen for a few more games.



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## SPORTS BULLETIN

### LBCC Baseball

vs. Lane CC  
Monday, Sept. 21  
noon

### LBCC Volleyball

vs. Linfield College JV  
Thursday, Sept. 17  
6 p.m.

at Grays Harbor  
Crossover Tournament  
Saturday/Sunday, Sept  
19/20  
Time TBD

### OSU Football

vs. San Jose State  
Saturday, Sept. 19  
5 p.m.

### UO Football

vs Georgia State  
Saturday, Sept. 19  
11 a.m.



# HOT START FOR ROADRUNNERS

LBCC finds early season success, sets sights on another trip to volleyball playoffs



Photo by Andrew Gillette

Malie Rube spikes the ball vs Lower Columbia

LBCC volleyball is off to a hot start in this 2015 season with a 15-2 record.

The RoadRunners lost a lot of talent from last year's squad with four players moving on to play volleyball at other colleges. What they lost in height, they are making up with heart and speed this year.

That was on display again Monday, when the RoadRunners beat Lower Columbia in straight sets 25-22, 25-21, 25-19

"We have to continue to work hard athletically and physically so that we continue to get into shape to peak at the right time physically," said Coach Jayme Frazier. "The other thing is making sure that we are not complacent with some early season wins because everybody improves."

The team got dealt a tough setback in August when they lost sophomore Elle Verschingel due to injury for the season.

The RoadRunners first tournament went well. They had four wins in a row until they played league foe Chemeketa in the championship match and lost 25-21, 18-25, 25-9, 25-19. It was their first loss of the season.

LBCC went on to win 11 of the next 12 matches, including four of five at the Spokane Invitational, where Malie Rube and Samantha Rouleau made the all-tournament team.

On Sept. 5, the RoadRunners had a tough five-set match against Bellevue (25-15, 21-25, 20-25, 25-13, 15-9), pulling out the win in the fifth set.

"We have been in some really tight matches and sets, and we've pulled them out, and I think that is a good sign of a team that is bonding -- a team that works together that is focused on

the same goals," said Frazier.

LBCC starts its regular season against Chemeketa at home Sept. 25. Linn-Benton will try to avenge one of their two losses.

"We've had a tradition of winning and getting to the playoffs," Frazier said. "We hesitate to say that it's expected without working, but we are familiar with being at the NWAC championship and knowing that every year changes within the NWAC. I would say it is very even this year."

Linn-Benton is already showing that it could be a tough team to beat this year with their team speed and defensive ability.

"We are certainly happy with where we are," said Frazier.

The RoadRunners need to keep getting better to defeat rival Chemeketa, and make another deep run into the NWAC playoff tournament.

"Every year is different. Like I told the team, we expect to win, but not without hard work. This group has been very hard-working physically. They've been doing the conditioning, and we've turned it up a notch. Again where you might not have that height, you've got to overcome that with something else special," said Frazier.



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## VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Sept. 17

Linfield College JV  
LBCC  
6:00pm

### Sat-Sun, Sept. 19-20

Grays Harbor Crossover Tournament  
Olympia, WA  
TBA

### Friday, Sept. 25

Chemeketa  
LBCC  
6:00pm

### Saturday, Sept. 26

Clark College  
LBCC  
1:00pm

### Wednesday, Sept. 30

Clackamas  
LBCC  
6:00pm

### Friday, Oct. 2

October 2  
Mt. Hood ("Dig Pink Night")  
LBCC  
6:00pm

### Friday, Oct. 9

Umpqua  
Roseburg, OR  
6:00pm

### Saturday, Oct. 10

Southwestern Oregon  
Coos Bay, OR  
1:00pm

### Fri-Sat, Oct. 16-17

Lower Columbia Crossover Tournament  
Longview, WA  
TBA

### Friday, Oct. 23

Chemeketa  
Salem, OR  
6:00pm

### Saturday, Oct. 24

Clark College  
Vancouver, WA  
1:00pm

### Wednesday, Oct. 28

Mt. Hood  
Gresham, OR  
6:00pm

### Fri-Sat, Oct. 30-31

Dorian Harris Tournament @ Mt. Hood  
CC  
Gresham, OR  
TBA

### Friday, Nov. 6

Umpqua  
LBCC  
6:00pm

### Saturday, Nov. 7

Southwestern Oregon  
LBCC  
1:00pm

### Tuesday, Nov. 10

Clackamas  
Oregon City, OR  
6:00pm

### Fri-Sat, Nov. 13-14

Southern Region Playoffs  
TBA  
TBA

### Thur-Sat, Nov. 19-21

NWAC Championship Tournament  
Tacoma, WA  
TBA

### Sunday, Nov. 22

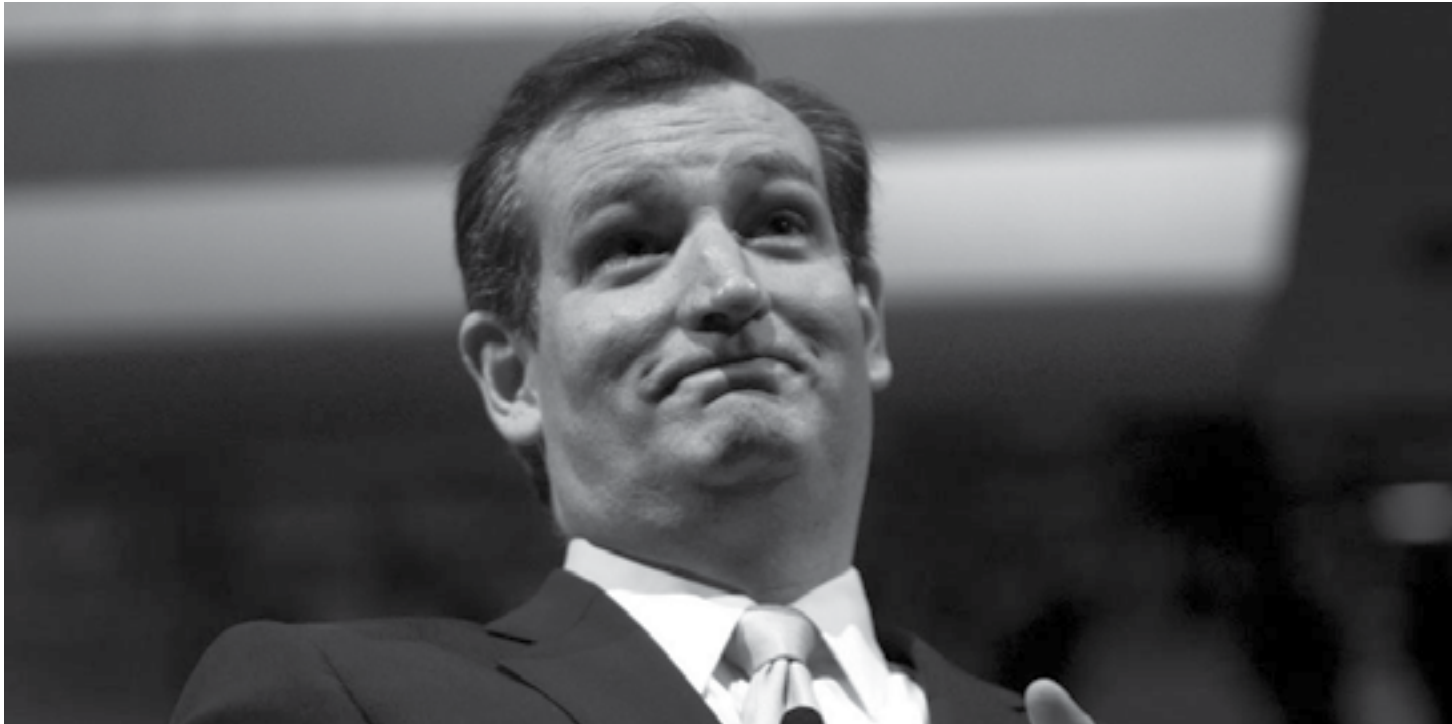
Sophomore All-Stars Showcase  
Tacoma, WA  
TBA

\*Bolded games are at home



# GET OFF MY TV, SENATOR TED CRUZ

*A reminder that our forefathers knew nothing of the future to come*



I just watched an interview on FOX with Sen. Ted Cruz about the fundamental wrongness of gay marriage. Despite what the people of this land have voted into law, Sen. Cruz is a supporter to Kim Davis, the now infamous Kentucky clerk who is jailed for her refusal to issue gay marriage licenses regardless of legality, citing the Constitution.

Without going on a rant about how people in public office are supposed to uphold the law, because we all know those lines are blurred as much now as they were then, I think it's best to remind them this country is not the country it was when our forefathers wrote the Constitution in 1787.

The Constitution had its first 10 amendments in 1791, the Bill of Rights. In 2015, there are now an additional 15 of them—proof that things have changed as society has progressed. There were 13 states back then, not the 50 we have today, and at the time this country was still two years away from electing its

first-ever president, George Washington.

When the Constitution was signed, the men who wrote it wore those silly white wigs. They wore clothes we wouldn't see at the grocery store or mall today. We would chuckle if we did, I'm sure.

They arrived to the Philadelphia Convention to sign the Constitution by horse and carriage, not by car. They worked at night by candlelight, not by the flick of a switch. They knocked on each other's doors when they needed to talk; not by phone, email or social media. Samuel Morse wouldn't even invent the telegraph for nearly 100 years.

When the Constitution was created slavery was legal, and blacks had no right to declare themselves citizens. Today, a black man sits in the most powerful position in the country. I wonder what George Washington would think about that.

Back then, people were condemned in public regularly as a spectator sport at the drop of a hat. The West was certainly

still wild. The country wouldn't see their first multimillionaire, John Jacob Astor, or the world's first billionaire, John D. Rockefeller, for over a century.

Back then, welfare didn't exist. It was each man for himself. Women didn't vote. They rarely had a job. Healthcare for citizens was a distant conversation. It wouldn't be until 1954 that Dr. Joseph E. Murray would perform the first successful kidney transplant. I'm sure many people in 1787 would tell you it was impossible to do so. Man had yet to fly. We certainly hadn't gone to the moon.

Back then, a woman was ready to wed and start a family at the age of our middle-schoolers today. Statutory rape wasn't even a concept to the men they often married. Jared from Subway wouldn't have been jailed for relations with a minor. Marriages were arranged by families, and personal choice was not often a consideration.

Gay marriage wasn't even on the radar. Procreation and lineage were

important to the survival of the country and to a family tree. Most people wouldn't consider not finding a person of the opposite sex to create their legacy with because that's what you were "supposed to do."

Sperm banks didn't exist back then. Artificial insemination was in its infancy. Scientist Lazzaro Spallanzani had only just performed the first successful artificial insemination on a dog three years before the Constitution was signed. The procedure in humans wouldn't come for almost a century. Today, people have options to start a family with whom they choose.

With 319 million people in the U.S., the possibility of our country not surviving is minimal, except for us destroying ourselves with the technology we've developed since the birth of the Constitution. At the time, flintlock guns had just been introduced - automatic or nuclear weapons...forget about it. Our forefathers had no idea of the progression to come.

So I say to you Sen. Cruz and Kim Davis: referring to the Constitution as "proof" that gay marriage is fundamentally wrong and "illegal" under its words is bogus. You are living in the past. The future is now. The people have spoken in the same way our forefathers did. If you insist that we must live as our forefathers did, then get off the TVs, which didn't exist back then, put on your silly white wigs, sell your car and buy a horse, and relinquish your use of electricity. Go out and pound the pavement with your words like our forefathers did - oh wait, there wasn't pavement back then either. Get off my TV, I'm living in 2015, you are not.



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# COLLEGE VALUES: A GUIDE TO SUCCESS

The end of September at Oregon's community colleges brings with it a buzz, a high energy level if you will. Along with the transition from summer to fall, there is a renewed sense of optimism in the air around colleges in the state.

Linn-Benton Community College is not unique in that respect. You look around and you see the trees changing colors, students looking around to see if they can make the line at the bookstore shorter, and yet there is the anticipation of a new school year and much learning to be embraced. Personally, I love this time of the year.

When in the parking lots around campus I want to invite students to take a moment and take a break from your smart phones, look up and notice the new banners hanging throughout the area. The banners announce the college's slogan: "Inspired." The banners also announce something else, the College Values. I would like each and every student to examine the banners and the words that encompass its stated values which guide its leadership, teaching and service.

Opportunity awaits you here at LBCC to "...support the fulfillment of potential in ourselves and each other."

Excellence is achievable by your own measure. Whatever you deem as excellence LBCC wants to inspire that. As a collective, "we aspire to the highest ideal with honesty and integrity."

Inclusiveness takes work. Someone once asked "how big is your 'we'" when you say you

include "everyone" into your inner circle? At LB we want you—and everyone—to, "...honor and embrace the uniqueness of every individual, and promote the free and civil expression of ideas, perspectives, and cultures," that are different than your own.

Learning never ends. It rejuvenates, it transforms, it inspires. We at the college, "...commit to the lifelong pursuit of knowledge, skills, and abilities to improve our lives and our communities."

Engagement is dynamic. It is what brings about the buzz I described previously. Without it, life is boring. LBCC wants you to, "...openly and actively connect as students, faculty, staff, and community."



These five words mean very little if you do not hold us at the college to this standard. Equally, you must hold yourself accountable to this standard as well. The education that is provided by LBCC and the learning you do is a reciprocal relationship—one does not happen without the other.

Many of us that work at the college want to see everyone succeed. It is also the hope of LBCC that if you are taking classes here that you complete your journey with a meaningful degree, certificate, and experience.

I ask that you challenge yourself to be excellent and give yourself the opportunity to learn and engage others that you find to be different than yourself while ultimately opening yourself up to be inclusive of the vast uniqueness that is embodied by the college and the people that utilize it and work for it.

When you look back upon your completion of your education at LBCC you will recall these five words that describe the values fondly, knowing that it was a promise kept.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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## MOVIE REVIEW: **STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON**

**DIRECTOR:** F. Gary Gray  
**STARRING:** O'shea Jackson Jr., Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell, and Paul Giamatti  
**PRODUCTION:** Circle of Confusion, Cube Vision, Legendary Pictures, New Line Cinemas  
**GENRES:** Biography, Drama, Music  
**RATED:** R  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★

REVIEW BY **KYLE BRAUN-SHIRLEY**

The hip hop genre has given rise to some of the most popular recording artists in music history: Run-D.M.C., Snoop Dogg, Tupac Shakur, The Notorious B.I.G., Jay Z, and Eminem. All these artists either have been the feature of biographical films, or likely could have one made about them. It makes sense then to make a biopic about the world's most dangerous group.

"Straight Outta Compton" is a movie about influential hip hop group N.W.A. Directed by F. Gary Gray, the film stars O'Shea Jackson Jr. as Ice Cube, Corey Hawkins as Dr. Dre, Jason Mitchell as Eazy-E, and Paul Giamatti as Jerry Heller. "Straight Outta Compton" presents an engaging look at N.W.A., and like the group's music, is relevant to modern times and issues.

Released on Aug. 14 to critical acclaim, "Straight Outta Compton" was a smash hit at the box office. It is the highest grossing music biopic of all time in the U.S. and was number one at the box office three weeks in a row. "Straight Outta Compton" has grossed an estimated \$153 million.

In his review for ign.com, Brian Formo wrote, "Filmed with resolute tension by cinematographer Matthew Libatique (Black Swan), 'Straight Outta Compton' is of equal importance as 'Selma' in terms of putting the now on a similar plane as the then."

The film begins with an introduction for each of the three main members of N.W.A. The audience is given a glimpse into Eazy-E's life as a drug dealer, Dr. Dre

is shown arguing with his mom about his choice to be a DJ, and Ice Cube has a frightening experience on his way home from school. These scenes establish what life was like growing up in Compton and provide context for the music and lyrics N.W.A. became famous for.

While "Straight Outta Compton" wades into all too familiar territory, it never feels boring. For example, the movie depicts the typical inception of a song; from the inspiration, to the lyrics and recording. That's pretty standard practice for music biopics, but "Straight Outta Compton" manages to make it invigorating, especially in the case of "Fuck 'Tha Police." Watching N.W.A. write, record, and perform the song is one of the highlights of the film.

The cast was perfect. There's no one better to play Ice Cube than his own son. Jackson looks and sounds like his father, and has all of his mannerisms to boot. Though the true star here is Mitchell as Eazy-E. In the course of one scene, the audience watches as Eazy-E transforms from someone who doesn't know anything about how to rap to the confident performer he's remembered as today, and it's all thanks to Mitchell's acting.

What makes "Straight Outta Compton" stand out as one of the best movies of the summer is its relevance. The police are seen through the eyes of people who grew up afraid of law enforcement, and the audience sees how that would shape them as artists. The movie shows the Rodney King trial and the riots that erupted as a

result. It is these aspects of the film that bring to mind recent incidents like Ferguson, and reminds viewers that even though the events depicted in "Straight Outta Compton" happened decades ago, they still remain important today.

The main issues with the film come from the third act. Once Ice Cube and Dr. Dre leave the group to start their solo careers, the film dives heavily into the business side of the music industry. This is less exciting than earlier parts of the film that focused on the group's inception and rise to stardom. The ending is too drawn out, and the film drags near the end. The movie definitely didn't need to be two and a half hours long.

Ignoring the less than stellar third act, "Straight Outta Compton" is an excellent film. It gains momentum from its strong cast, social relevance, and familiar yet exciting insights into how the group and the music came to be. "Straight Outta Compton" is a straight up hit.

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

*Schools around the country compete for pride and glory in The Melee Games*

The long standing rivalry between the Oregon State University Beavers and the University of Oregon Ducks is a highlight of college athletics in the Northwest. Civil War matches between the two schools have led to tremendous victories and crushing defeats for both sides. The legendary rivalry will continue this fall as both schools have entered to compete in The Melee Games.

The Melee Games is an intercollegiate competition that brings together schools from all over the country to compete against each other in the video game "Super Smash Bros. Melee." Organized by Matthew Zaborowski, The Melee Games first began in February 2014 and included 10 schools from the New England area. The competition has grown larger since its inception, and this will be the first time OSU and UO participate.

This is the fourth and largest season of The Melee Games with 178 schools competing. With so many schools from different areas around the country, the stakes have never been higher.

A crew battle system is used in The Melee Games to determine which team advances to the next round. The way this works is each school has a team, or crew, made up of five players. Each player has four stocks, or lives, which means that each team collectively has 20 stocks. The first team to take all of the other team's stocks wins.

Crew battles existed within the competitive Super Smash Bros. community long before The Melee Games was established. Players initially came up with the idea of crew battles to determine which region was the strongest, and the most storied rivalry being between the East and West Coasts. Zaborowski, also

known by his gamer tag MattDotZeb, took the idea and applied it to colleges.

Just as there is a well documented rivalry between OSU and UO, a strong rivalry between Corvallis Melee players and Eugene Melee players has been developing for the last few years.

OSU student and Melee player Nick Salvador believes that his team will emerge victorious over the UO players. "We have a much more well-rounded team," said Salvador. "We're extremely going to win."

UO player Adam Christensen is looking forward to playing in The Melee Games. "UO is going to destroy OSU," said Christensen. "Playing University of Washington would be interesting. They're pretty top-heavy."

Even though both schools are clearly excited about facing off against each other, their match is only the beginning

of The Melee Games. The winner between OSU and UO will go on to face the University of Washington, and if they continue to win they will eventually compete in The Melee Games Grand Finals.



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