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### Kinetic Art

David Leung leads student Travis Pacheco in a Tai Chi exercise in the courtyard during Friday's lunchtime martial arts demonstration. Leung has been practicing martial arts since age 9, and now teaches over 150 students at his dojo in Eugene. The event was organized by the Multicultural Center.

## Student ideas sought to improve Library and Learning Center

Joe Hodgson  
The Commuter

Students will soon be asked to give their ideas on how the LBCC Library and Learning Center can be improved as part of a \$3 million remodeling project for next year.

The project planning started in August with the selection of a core team headed by Associate Dean of Student Services Kristen Jones, and with representatives from each campus division. After gathering ideas from faculty and staff during an in-service in September, the team is now looking for input from students.

Two forums have been scheduled for next month in which students can get free pizza in exchange for their ideas. The first will be Nov. 1 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Reading/Writing/Study Skills Lab in the Learning Center. The second will be Nov. 2 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the library.

Students will also be asked to complete surveys on Nov. 8 and 9 that will be distributed

in the Learning Center and the library as well as other locations on campus.

The project was originally in the college's capital projects appropriation package as part of a future Takena Hall update, but an anonymous gift of \$1.5 million to the LBCC Foundation and a state-funded loan allowed the remodel to move ahead more quickly.

The budget is expected to be established by January 2007 with bids for construction starting in May. Work could start as early as June 2007 and the remodeled facility ready for use in January 2008. Goals include more appealing access and better traffic flow through the facilities, improved lighting, an updated electrical system, wireless network capability, group study rooms, enlarged library instruction room, media access carrels, improved security, enhanced study environments, specialized study areas and greater computer availability.

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## Giles recovering from heart attack

Don Broich  
The Commuter

Information Support Specialist Jack Giles is resting at home following a heart attack suffered at his home in Kings Valley on Oct. 8.

Giles was rushed to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis and spent four days there undergoing treatment.

"He had a stent put in an artery three years ago, and this was the same artery in a different place that had another blocked area," said Giles' friend and supervisor, Russ Rinker. "So they put in a second stent as part of what they did in the hospital."

Apparently it didn't affect his heart extensively, Rinker, but it was enough of an impact that doctors recommended he rest and recover.

Rinker, who is assistant director of Information Services, said Giles was released from the hospital on Oct. 12 and is on a four-to-six-week rehabilitation program.

He couldn't say exactly when Giles will be back

at work again.

Besides assisting in the installation and maintenance of computer hardware on campus, Giles also staffs the Computer Help Desk. In addition, he is well-known in the brass community for his work with the Albany Brass Carrousel project, where he serves as the lead wood carver.

According to Rinker, Giles is able to move around fine and has someone to take care of him.

Ann Adams, director of Information Services, who spoke with Giles last Thursday, said she received around two dozen e-mails from staff and friends asking about his condition and wanting to visit him or send a card.

Adams said the stent that was put in Giles' artery looks like a little sleeve. "It's a little cylinder, and they actually go through the artery in your leg and thread it up to wherever the blockage is and then this thing expands out. So it's collapsed when they put it in and then it expands out and that pushes the artery open."

Adams was optimistic. "We're looking forward to getting him back. He's kind of like the face of our department. He gets out there and helps everybody at the Help Desk."



Jack Giles

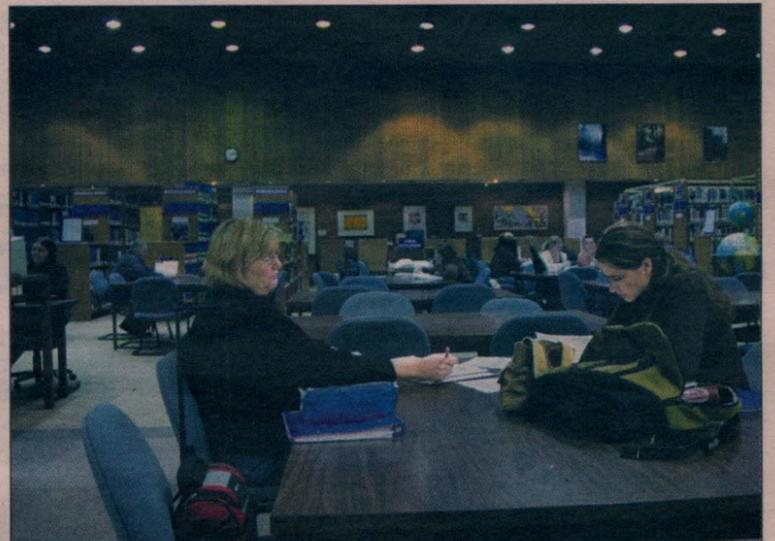


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Nursing students Judett Ortiz and Andrea Landtroop make use of the open study tables in the Library Tuesday. Library patrons can look forward to more spacious study areas once remodeling is completed.

### The Weather Through the Week

Source: Yahoo! Weather

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# OPINION

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## Anti-discrimination Measure 02-56 finally on ballot

"It is declared to be the public policy of Oregon that practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, age or disability are a matter of state concern and that the discrimination threatens not only the rights and privileges of its in-



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ELIZABETH URIARTE

habitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state."

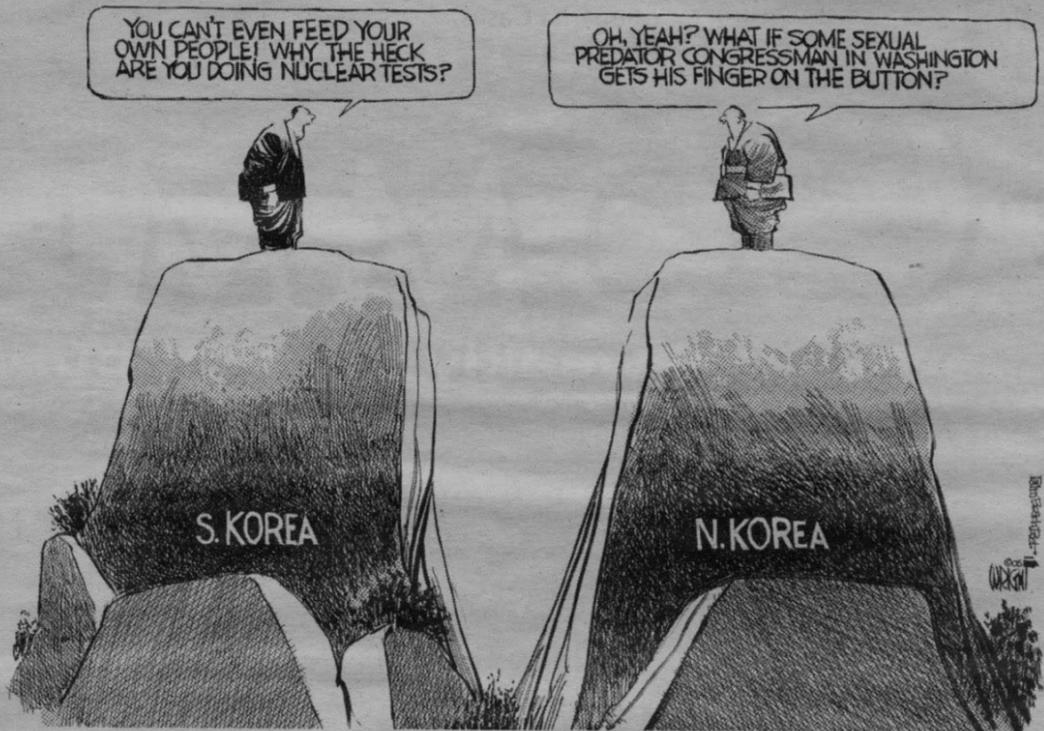
This is the wording of our state's law on discrimination, yet Corvallis is only now getting up to date with its city charter by proposing a measure that includes gender identity and expression and sexual orientation in its provisions. Measure 02-56 adds clear anti-discrimination language to the charter and ensures "equal protection treatment and representation of all persons without discrimination," according to the actual wording of the measure.

A meeting was held last Saturday outside the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis to promote the measure, during which even the city's mayor, Helen Berg, gave her praise for it. As I stood there with my girlfriend, listening to the powerful words of encouragement by the various speakers, I heard someone yell "HOMOS!" from a passing vehicle. I spent the remainder of the meeting looking over my shoulder every time someone walked behind me, fearful that the ignorant would attack with more than just hateful words.

Is it really necessary for people to express such hatred? I've never heard of a gay person doing a "drive-by hating" of straight people and yelling "HETEROS!" My biggest question has always been how does whom I love affect anyone else's life? And is it really worth the energy that bigots expend to express such hatred?

If history has taught us anything, it's that discrimination, ignorance and hate have done nothing but hurt others, yet it continues to be prevalent throughout our modern society. One person expressed to me his concerns with the measure. He was worried that religious organizations would be forced to hire gays when doing so would be a violation of their beliefs. I may not believe in God, but I certainly would not turn someone away if they did. What gives religious people special rights?

Discrimination is something that has been around forever and will probably continue to exist as long as humans do, but Measure 02-56 is a step in the right direction. I hope there are enough people out there with the sense to "live and let live," and vote yes for it.



## Realities of today unacceptable

As we go about our daily business, news of the conflicts in Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan continually lurk in the background of our lives while tales of political scandals and the homosexual escapades of individuals elected to represent our interests in Washington fill the airwaves from morning to night. Welcome to the realities of the world we exist in.

Then comes North Korea with the less-than-welcome news that they are making every attempt to become one of the world's nuclear powers. While the rest seems pretty bad, a reclusive communist nation that cares less about feeding its millions of people while its "dear leader" swills cognac by the bucketful, eats the best in steak and lobster and enjoys the charms of young girls recruited as prostitutes in his Joy Brigade should be considered as a highly dangerous item by almost anyone giving thought to the matter. The fact that he and his closest cronies share a deep-seated and unwavering hatred for the United States of America should stand out like waving a red flag in front of a mad bull. The fact that they already have missiles capable of hitting the West Coast is almost like "Nightmare on Elm Street." Give them a little time and Linn-Benton might end up being gone in 60 seconds under a bright billowing mushroom cloud. A little reflection says that's one pretty scary scenario.

A little closer to home, newspapers and cable news channels feed us a constant stream of information about the shenanigans of representatives who are supposed to be looking out for our interests in the nation's Capital. The latest news has been a deluge of information about the homosexual carryings-on directed toward minors serving as pages in the United States Congress.

While indications seem to point toward the fact that Florida Republican Congressman Mark Foley was us-

ing e-mail and telephone calls to solicit sex from minor members of the paging service as far back as 2001 and while those facts allegedly had been reported to



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WALT HUGHES

the oversight committee and even the speaker of the House, everyone seems to be scrambling for cover in an attempt to claim they were unaware of things until recently. The full timeline of the alleged events can be found in this week's online issue of U.S. News & World Report. While an individual's sexual orientation is no big deal these days, the solicitation of sex with a minor is, especially when the solicitor is an elected official.

During the past six years of Republican control of both the White House and the Congress this country seems to be repeating the history of times, events and mistakes that were made in the days of Greece and Rome. One might wonder if the third great democracy will end up going the way of those earlier civilizations.

With all the rest going on, Iran and probably half a dozen other little countries are watching the show being put on by North Korea and carefully studying the reactions of not only our government, but all the other major players as well.

Though the dictators of Iran and North Korea have likely never heard of Linn-Benton Community College and could probably care less, every individual here may be caught in the middle should things get out of control.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Right to not vote makes statement about system

To the editor:

Electoral and partisan politics are distractions that discourage involvement in political endeavors. The illusion of participation cedes power to the dishonorable.

If everyone engaged the body politic, representation could be superfluous, but that is utopianism as opposed to reasonable compromise. Consequently, mindful of flaws, I have voted in nearly every local and national election since 1976.

However, democratic institutions cross the Rubicon when war is glorified, torture embraced and habeas corpus murdered. At risk of being labeled a corrupted reformist or deluded radical, allow me to hazard this possible path:

I will not vote again until a system of universal suffrage is established. That means no prerequisites for eligibility to vote. None.

No requirements regarding age, citizenship, residence, identification, criminal record, party affiliation or anything else. There should be no voter registration, with voting upon demand during elections. Avoiding fraud requires only an ink stamp and simultaneous elections.

Other aspects of universal suffrage might include Election Day holidays, recording all write-in votes and the elimination of electronic voting, including scanning of paper ballots, which still employs hackable tabulation.

When my ballot arrives in the mail, I will sign the confirmation, scrawl "NO" in red letters across the ballot, seal it in the secrecy envelope and deliver it to the elections office. My name will remain on the voter roll, but mine will be a non-vote.

I recommend that everyone do the same or find your own way to monkey wrench the machine. Get involved with something political instead of surrendering control to politics.

Bernard Nickerson  
 Eugene, Ore.

### EXPRESS YOURSELF

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## New wi-fi hot spots expand internet on campus, LB centers

Kristina Bennett  
 The Commuter

Students with wi-fi-enabled laptops can now get access anywhere on campus thanks to the addition of seven new access spots. Although five hot spots were first reached last year on the Albany campus, the Benton and East Linn centers also received better coverage.

According to Russell Rinker, assistant director of information services, "What we have here is basically a wide open Internet that requires no password. You click onto the link that pops up onto your computer screen and you're connected."

Internet access has been made possible by rectangular white boxes, approximately the size of small books, which have been placed in pairs in every building. "Some of these wireless access points have spread farther than expected, so equal coverage is obtained almost anywhere on campus," says Rinker. Not bad for a small piece of equipment that costs about \$300 per wireless access point, leading to an overall cost of about \$3600.

Although personal security on the Internet is not always protected, Rinker and his staff have hoped to resolve a small part of that issue. "The Department of Homeland Security legally requires that every person logged onto a wi-fi network has their own secure password," states Rinker. Come January of 2007, this issue will be resolved by using LBCC student e-mail accounts. All a student will have to do is enter their password and will again be connected.

While the brick walls around campus may seem an impediment to wireless coverage, Rinker said they didn't seem to be a problem for the wireless access points. "We have been told that there has been limited coverage in the South Santiam building, and we are currently trying to resolve the problem," Rinker says. "It should be up and running in a few weeks."

Rinker and his established team would like to know about any other connection problems around LBCC's campuses. He asks that students and staff who experience access problems report them to the division office of that area.

### OFFICE HOURS

## Margarita Casas: instructor, globe trekker

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series introducing LBCC staff and instructors to the students and community entitled "Office Hours." If you have an instructor or staff member you would like to be profiled, please submit names via e-mail at commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.

Maria Gonzalez  
 The Commuter

Margarita Casas of LB's Spanish faculty defines herself as a globe trekker.

Her first trip was when her parents sent her to Canada to visit and study English at the age of 13. Two years later her destination was Europe—England to improve her English and to France to learn French as well. When she returned to Mexico and finished high school, her next step was to enroll at Universidad Iberoamericana del Valle de Atemajac (UIVA), which is a private university in Guadalajara, where she majored in communications. At the same time, Casas worked at a radio station as a producer and got her license as a radio speaker.

Once she graduated, Casas again grabbed her backpack, some money she'd saved and her passport, and stayed a year in England. After that she spent a year in Milano, Italy and the next year went back to England. She said before returning to Mexico she traveled from Portugal to Norway for four months.

It was in 1993 while in Guadalajara that she joined a teaching assistance program, offering free school at the University of Guadalajara, and did her master's degree in linguistics.

Casas also wrote the book "Italy in its Four Seasons" in which she won a contest of new writers, where the judges were the same judges of Juan Rulfo (a popular Mexican writer). With the scholarship she went to Colorado State University for a master's degree in Spanish and Latin American literature, and a second master's



photo by Jesse Skoubo

Spanish instructor Margarita Casas works with a student.

in English as a second language.

Casas graduated in 1998 and being an international student she applied for a job at LBCC as a Spanish instructor. She said the reason she chose Oregon is the similarity with the weather of England.

"I love the rain," Casas said. Aside from traveling, she loves to write, read poetry and especially to teach Spanish and Mexican culture and folklore.

## PERSPECTIVES

"What is the funniest thing that you've ever heard a teacher say in class?"



• Mohamed Elgarguri •  
 Pre. Med.

"The F word. She had the whole class say the F word with her."

"Okay...obviously at least 85 percent of you cheated on this assignment."



• Luke Johnson •  
 Chemical Engineering



• Tracey Cheyne •  
 Diesel Mechanics

"I don't have time for a cigarette, gimme a chew."

"Be careful when trying to say, 'I'm well' in Spanish. 'Estoy bien,' means, 'I'm well', but 'Estoy bueno' means, 'I'm hot'."



• Sterling Clark •  
 Theology/N.T. Greek



• Carl Hostetler •  
 Computer Engineer

"Don't drink and derive."

"Well I saw something funny. A teacher chucked a dry marker at a student for talking."



• Dionne Verba •  
 Waste Water Treatment

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## Campus Shorts...

### Measures 41 and 48

There will be a presentation on Measures 41 and 48 and their potential impact on LBCC and the state of Oregon in Takena 215 from 12 to 1 p.m. today. The presentation will be repeated - same time and place - on Thursday Oct. 19. A 10-minute video will be shown, then LBCC faculty member Russ Burchard will speak briefly, followed by a question and answer session.

### Win a Hand-Made Drum

The Native American Student Union is currently selling tickets for a drawing for a hand-made drum. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and are available until the last day of fall term. All NASU members are selling them, as well as Analee Fuentes and Rocky Gavin. The drum is currently on display in NSH. The drawing will take place in the courtyard at noon on Monday, Dec. 4. If you have any questions contact Gavin at (541) 971-2500 or contact Michele Wilson at (541) 917-4835.

### Russian Movie Night

LBCC Student Life & Leadership will present Russian Movie Night on Thursday Oct. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. The classic Russian movie "Gentlemen of Fortune" will be shown. Guests will have the opportunity to take a tour of the campus and learn more about the resources LBCC has to offer. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact LBCC Student Life & Leadership at (541) 917-4457.

### CORRECTION

Last week The Commuter reported Rocky Gavin's phone number for the Native American Student Union as (541) 917-4461. The correct number to contact Gavin is (541) 971-2500.

## Survey shows students happy with LB

Adam Loghides  
The Commuter

Near the end of spring term many students may remember taking time out of class to take a survey that questioned their feelings about the college and giving answers regarding their overall satisfaction level with their college experience here at LBCC.

The official name of that survey was the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and the results are in. According to Barbara Nicoletti, manager of LBCC's Institutional Research (IR) Department, "It is fair to say that students here have a high level of satisfaction."

That may be the understatement of the year. In fact the survey found that students' overall satisfaction level at LBCC is 93 percent out of a total of 1,181 surveys taken.

Overall, LBCC scored at or above average in nearly every satisfaction category. In only one other category did LBCC score below the national average—30 percent of students reported that LBCC contributes "very much" or "quite a bit" to their understanding of people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds. The national average was over 40 percent.

That lack of contribution on the college's part is most likely due to the lack of diversity in enrollment, according to Laura Wisecraver of the IR Department. The college's Web site reports that only 11 percent of enrolled students in 2005-2006 were minorities.

Nicoletti stated that only three other community colleges in the state used the CCSSE last year. It is becoming known as a helpful tool for colleges to gauge their students' level of satisfaction, so she expects that number

to double the next time it is given in 2008. Carol Schaafsma, co-chair of the Academic Affairs Council at LBCC said last week that she was "very pleased with the results." They affirmed the fact that we really try to help our students succeed.

Schaafsma did find one result that stood out for her. The difference between engagement for full-time and part-time students was enough to make the council begin to look for ways to improve the part-time students' college experience and level of engagement with the school. "Nothing has been implemented yet, but we are exploring ways to help the part-time student feel more connected to the college."

Overall, Schaafsma says that "knowing the students have a high level of satisfaction feels good, and we hope it feels good for the students as well."

## Soldier offers up MREs to share Iraq experience

Cori Lee  
The Commuter

"There is no safe place in Iraq," said instructor and National Guardsman Lewis Franklin, and that's exactly the atmosphere he was going for in his "Snapshots of Iraq" exhibit in the South Santiam Hall Gallery.

The exhibit incorporates pictures and video footage that Franklin took while stationed in Iraq for a year in 2004-05. His pictures range from rock throwing contests between the soldiers to, more gruesomely, shots of the casualties.

"I didn't take any close-ups of the people you couldn't tell were people anymore," said Franklin. "Some just looked like black pulp."

With camouflage netting hanging from the walls and mannequins dressed in Iraqi clothing, the gallery's atmosphere is designed to give people a sense of the reality of the Iraq war. "The netting has a smell to it," he said, and the clothes reflect typical Iraqi garb. "The female mannequin would be quite liberal; in some places they don't even show their eyes."

Today there will be a reception in the



photo by Jesse Skoubo

Lewis Franklin unpacks cartons of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) that he plans to serve at the reception for his exhibit today at noon in the South Santiam Hall Gallery.

SSH Gallery from 12 to 1 p.m. where MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) and Gatorade will be served: common food for the soldiers. "You have to force yourself to eat after a while," he said. While there are 36 different meals to choose from the soldiers only like a few, he

"You have to force yourself to eat after a while."

Lewis Franklin

said, and after a year they get bored of those few. "We have choices, like shrimp gumbo but I don't like shrimp gumbo, I only like a few and after so long, I don't like those anymore."

There will also be a protective vest for people to try on. Franklin wanted people to feel just how heavy it was.

"That's just the vest. We also have to carry all of our other gear and our weapon, all in 140-degree weather." Fortunately for the guests, they won't have to experience the hardest part of being in Iraq, according to Franklin.

"The hardest part is losing your friends. Some go out on patrol and never come back." The soldiers have to go through the weapons and gear of their comrades seeing what is salvageable and sending home what they can to their families.

"Unless you are over there, you will never know what it is like."

## Library: Remodel set to transform study areas

From Pg. 1

Construction costs are estimated at approximately \$2 million with the remainder going for soft costs such as furniture, fixtures and equipment, permits, construction testing, design fees, and a contingency fund.

Librarian Jorry Rolfe said the building footprint may not

change due to the high cost of new construction, but she said much will be done internally to make the facility more technologically capable and user-friendlier for the students and staff.

Rolfe added that the team is particularly interested in meeting student needs. Such things

as small, soundproof group study rooms, more computer stations, quiet study areas, larger instruction rooms in a better configuration, and more electronic research capability are up for consideration. Also in the tentative plans is an internal stairway, and, if funds permit, an elevator. Restroom facilities and a water

fountain are also planned.

Details to be worked out are numbers, size and types of rooms, spaces and computer stations.

Students and staff can follow progress on the Capital Planning Web site: [www.linnbenton.edu/capitalplanning/librarylearningcenter.html](http://www.linnbenton.edu/capitalplanning/librarylearningcenter.html).

## LBCC student conduct rules updated, streamlined

Aaron Broich  
The Commuter

"There's been a lot of changes with the student rights and responsibilities," Dean of Student Services Diane Watson said last Friday. "And we've spent a couple of years researching what other schools are doing, researching the law, working with faculty, staff, and students, and so there's been a lot of input into this."

According to Watson, the old student rights and responsibilities had a lot of words to describe the students' rights regarding sexual harassment and the new manuscript has a quick statement about

it up front and more in the appendixes at the back, along with a new section on the positive standards of student conduct. The new rules help disputes to be settled at a lower level through an informal procedure that is better oriented for the students. The new regulations also address that if an offense is only a onetime thing, it doesn't have to become a serious issue.

Vice President Mike Holland said, "Diane, in talking with the college council, didn't want to get into a hair-splitting definition, or fight with a student about whether or not a particular harassment that a person requested to stop was actu-

ally unlawful or not; it could be certainly lawful, in the sense that you couldn't point to the criminal statute that prevented it, but it would still be very disruptive."

Watson said, "There's more clarity in the dispute resolution process. For example, there's more specific timelines. Before we didn't have a defined process for enrollment appeals. Now they go and appeal to the committee and they can go and appeal to me if there's a change and if they have more information or if there's a violation of the process."

Watson also mentioned that with the old rules, classified employees were not formally granted the right to file a com-

plaint to cause the exclusion of a student who is disruptive or who is held as a safety threat. A new rule has amended this. "It broadens the authority to safeguard learning environments," Watson said.

Watson explained that the new student rights and responsibilities were changed to have a more proactive approach with an outline for new student expectations. "We have the 'thou shall's' and the 'thou shall not's.'" The new student rights and regulations are "less legalist and more student-oriented," Watson said.

A complete listing of student rights and responsibilities can be found on the LBCC Web site under Student Rights.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies, books, artwork, and other entertaining or artistic endeavors.

## Demarest to illustrate thoughts on music Oct. 24

Anthony Lagoy  
 The Commuter

As a part of the Music Mosaic series at the Benton Center, Tom Demarest will hold a presentation entitled, "Music: Is it Art or Science?" on Oct. 24.

Demarest, a local folk musician from Corvallis, teaches music theory and guitar

at the Benton Center. Along with his wife Ellen, he has been teaching and playing music for over 30 years.

Their song "An Old Volvo" was featured on the NPR show "Car Talk," as well as Rolling Magazine, the official publication of the Volvo Club of America.

Demarest's presentation will be less of a showcase on his instrumental skill and

more of a lecture using guitar to demonstrate his understanding of music.

He plans to "look at art scientifically," and talk about divisions and subdivisions of the different genres of music.

"There is nothing new under the sun," Demarest said. "If you are a jazz guitar player (who transitions to) rock, the same basic elements are there, just played dif-

ferently."

He hopes to help his audience put facts behind the simple statements of "loving" or "hating" a certain type of music, promoting a more cerebral argument about their musical taste.

Demarest will be holding this event at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library from 12:10 to 1 p.m.

## Electronic music scene spins into action at Platinum club

Aaron Broich  
 The Commuter

The electronic music scene is seeing a jump—started from the underground with the recent Libra Zodiac House Party at Platinum in Corvallis.

The event has special significance according to Chris Churilla, aka DJ C4 Logic, a fine arts student at OSU. Churilla said that the organizers went out of their way to make the place look special and that that's something that is rarely seen anymore in the area.

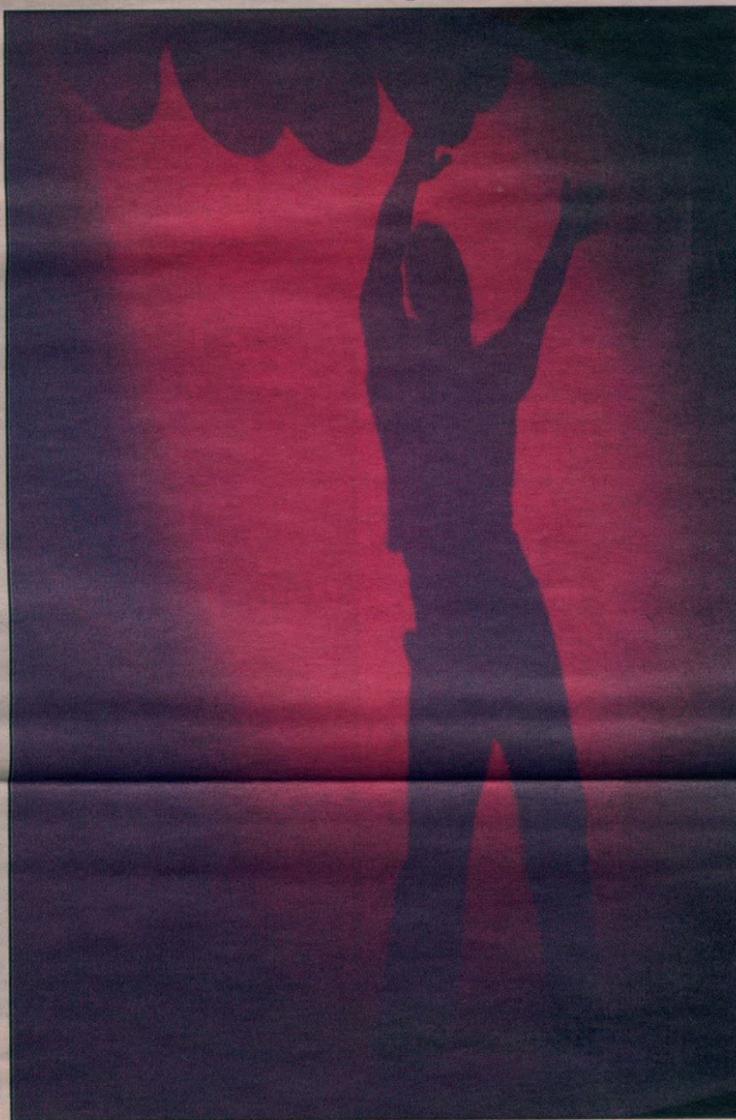
The place was decked out with balloons, streamers and a screen playing science fiction anime films. More music shows are planned once a month for the upcoming seasons. This show was the second of its kind.

Four DJ's spun sets last Friday. DJ Nikolii (Nick Casprowiak) spun house with hip-hop beats blended with jazz and trip-hop, while his older brother DJ Rematoes (Rema Casprowiak), an AB mathematics student, spun house with some drum and bass influences. Both performed on the main floor.

Rematoes was pleased with the turnout. Churilla spun a set in the VIP room with his friend Travis, aka DJ T-WRX. Both spun house music with break-beats and some garage.

Churilla, and his friend David Clark have been playing a crucial role in organizing the new start of the electronic music scene in Corvallis. Churilla has been spinning beats at Iovino's, an Italian restaurant in Corvallis, on Friday's for the last year. Friday nights are another regular electronic music event, although there's not much dancing going on because of limited space.

According to Churilla, the scene has cooled off in recent



years for a number of reasons. "I think that it's decreased somewhat because of lack of willingness to really work together. DJs can be very difficult people, especially with each other. Some of them are primadonnas a lot of the times and butt-heads a lot. There hasn't really been an atmosphere conducive of this sort of thing. Now we've got more people who are interested again. Music is what really brings people together."

Another reason for the decrease in the scene is lack of money and changing state laws.

Churilla explains how piracy is a problem. "And if you're playing CDs, a lot of DJs out there will pirate whatever they want off of any peer-to-peer resource that they can get, and I've heard of clubs being shut down by the FCC and DJs being fined ridiculous amounts of money because of pirated CDs. The IRS gets involved when they're claiming profits as their own."

"It's rockin' out of control," DJ Cloudy D said of the techno music last Friday at Platinum in Corvallis. DJ Cloudy D has been spinning electronic music for



photo by Skyler Edwards

DJ T-WRX spins house style techno records at Platinum, where dancers enjoyed the second in a series of electronic music parties Friday.

about five years in the Corvallis area. Cloudy D spins old school hip-hop and some jungle, and will be performing at Platinum's next techno party on Nov. 3 along with his friend, DJ Down.

Cloudy D said, "In a hometown gig it's easier for people to team up together. You get in a bigger town and there are bigger gigs and there's more expectation. You got to hammer it down and perform X amount because you're X that good."

Churilla has enjoyed working with Cloudy D and spoke highly of him, saying "That guy has given me every foot in this town that I've ever gotten." Cloudy D also mentioned the Casprowiak brothers as a good example of teamwork in the Corvallis techno scene.

According to Cloudy D there are important differences between electronic music that uses vinyl records and CDs. Cloudy D said that vinyl has been the industry standard for 30 years, but there are some advantages to using CDs for mixing.

"There are a lot more op-

tions digitally whereas you can do most of that stuff as a very phenomenally talented vinyl DJ, which is really neat because it's a little bit easier and you can do much more with it—you can do some really amazing stuff, but you kind of lack that fundamental skill, and that's not any disrespect, it's just a little bit different. It's not that tactile. (Whereas with recorders) you have a twitch or your hands are sweaty and you miss a beat," Cloudy D said.

Churilla says that it's been hard getting together DJs who are truly artistic and that he's hoping to bring different kinds of artists together to support the upcoming shows in the area.

"We need art students that are interested in showing off their inspiration," Churilla said.

Local belly dancers showed up last Friday to perform to the house music. Churilla said that electronic music DJs are drawn to Corvallis because of the university. "Everybody has a musical preference, and it's kind of like a melting pot."

## Killers' former sound left for dead with new release

Del DeVylidere  
 The Commuter

"We hope you enjoy your stay, it's good to have you with us, even if it's just for the day."

With these words Brandon Flowers, the lead singer and genius behind the synth-rock sensation "The Killers," welcomes millions of fans across the world to "Sam's Town," a hotel-casino in "The Killers" hometown of Las Vegas and the No. 2 album in the USA.

After welcoming their audience, Flowers launches into "When You Were Young," the first single off this record.

The sound is shockingly abrasive, a far chord from their 2004 release "Hot Fuss," where pop-rock and boyish vocals had "The Killers" hanging inside the genre of radio-pop.

The lyricist is still the same sincerely realistic Brandon Flowers. But this time around he's more reflective and strangely patriotic.

Unfortunately Las Vegas' only Brit-pop act has gone Bruce Springsteen. Flowers takes a Louisville Slugger to his aloof rockstar image with All-American lines like: "I took a bullet and I looked inside, and running through my veins an American masquerade."

He uses "Sam's Town" Hotel in Vegas as a microcosm of an American hometown, "I see Sam's Town, holds my hand and lets my hair down, rolls the world right off my shoulders."

He seems to have a lot to say about growing restless: "nobody ever had a dream 'round here, but I don't really mind that it's starting to get to me," leaving: "this town was made for passing through but it ain't nothing new, now go and show them that the world stayed round," and coming back. "I know that I can make it as long as somebody takes me home every now and then."

The second radio single, "Bones," is

about Flowers' lust for a strange woman. It reveals a new distasteful side of "The Killers" that includes the album art, and references in several of the songs. It feels like Las Vegas trying to express its feelings and follow its rotten heart.

"The Killers" have shed their boyish piano-synth and high guitars, for a more traditional rock-and-roll sound. The music is more driven, the vocals are lower, but the background vocals are a joke.

The first four tracks were easy listening, but the album was disappointing. A lot could have been made from the sound that "The Killers" have apparently left behind.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

News about issues and events from around the nation and the world of interest to Commuter readers

## Attacks on U.S. troops and Iraqis increase by 43 percent

Jay Price  
 McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Armed attacks on U.S. soldiers and Iraqis in Baghdad have increased by 43 percent since midsummer, despite an ongoing American-led campaign to secure individual neighborhoods, the top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq said last week.

Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV said violence was down by 11 percent in neighborhoods where the sweeps had been focused. But that decline was more than offset by more attacks elsewhere, and Caldwell said the military was expecting the level of violence to keep rising during the remaining weeks of the Muslim month of Ramadan.

"Historical trends tell us that the attacks will generally increase by 20 percent during this holy month of Ramadan," Caldwell said. "We assume it will still get worse before it gets better."

In Washington, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged that the American strategy of training tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers and police hasn't curbed violence and that senior military commanders were puzzled by its failure. "We do need to take a look" at other factors that might be driving violence, he said.

Pace said a berm designed to encircle Baghdad and restrict the movement of death-squad members and insurgents in and out of the city had been completed recently and that 28 checkpoints manned by Iraqis now controlled the entrances to the city.

But he said death-squads continued to operate in the capital after dark, even in neighborhoods that U.S. and Iraqi forces had swept. He said he saw no way for American troops to stop that violence until Iraqis tired of the slaughter.

"You cannot have enough men under arms 24/7 to stop the hatred killings," he said.

In Baghdad, Caldwell said the increase in attacks on U.S. troops as well as Iraqi soldiers, police officers and civilians might be the result of the campaign to root out armed insurgents and death-squad supporters in the capital. He said the operation, which involves as many as 15,000 American troops and more than 40,000 Iraqi police officers, was exposing more troops and police to attacks.

Caldwell didn't tie the attack statistics directly to casualties, but the number of Iraqis killed in Baghdad also has risen. Nearly 2,700 Iraqi civilians were killed in the city in September, according to the Iraqi Health Ministry, 400 more than in August and nearly

### How many Iraqis have died?

By comparing mortality rates before and after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, a new survey concludes that more than 600,000 Iraqi civilians have died as a result of the war.

**Iraqi death rates**  
 Annual rates per 1,000 people



#### Method

- 1 Investigators gathered data on violent and nonviolent deaths from 1,849 randomly selected households in 16 provinces
- 2 They compared pre- and post-invasion death rates
- 3 They multiplied the difference in death rates by Iraq's population by 3 1/2 years to get 654,965 "excess deaths"

#### 'Excess' violent deaths

Of the "excess deaths," they determined 601,027 were violent causes; violent deaths, by province

- More than 10 per 1,000
- 2-10 per 1,000
- Less than 2
- Not surveyed



Source: The Lancet Graphic: Pat Carr, Lee Hulteng © 2006 MCT

as many as died in July, when deaths reached a record high.

At least 40 U.S. troops have been killed in combat so far this month, according to iCasualties.org, a Web site that tracks the numbers of dead and wounded coalition troops in Iraq from defense department releases.

Caldwell cited some signs that he called positive, including a more welcoming attitude among Sunni Muslims in some Baghdad neighborhoods, who to some degree view American troops as protection from Shiite Muslim death-squads.

"There's no question we're seeing that the Sunni extremist elements are in fact being much

more engaging with coalition forces," he said. "If you go into neighborhoods where traditionally in the past we found some real anti-coalition force sentiment, it's probably turned around almost 180 (degrees)... They're very much welcoming us and supporting the ongoing activities ..."

Caldwell added that the increase in U.S.-Iraqi operations in the city had prompted the death-squads to change tactics. Now they're shooting some victims on the spot rather than kidnapping them and torturing them elsewhere before murdering them or holding them for ransom, he said.

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#### OSU Career Fair

(Corvallis) Go to the Web site for more info at <http://oregonstate.edu/career/students/fair.php>. OSU Career Fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 11am-4pm at CH2M Hill Alumni Center, 725 SW 26th St (by Gill Coliseum). Wonderful opportunity to practice talking to employers and finding out about some excellent job opportunities.

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### LBCC MAIN CAMPUS

## Commons

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#### Wednesday:

ENTREES: Beef stew and chicken Cordon Bleu  
 VEGETARIAN: Kolokopita triangles  
 SIDES: Roasted winter squash, scalloped potatoes, and braised eggplant and tomato  
 SOUPS: Shrimp/seafood chowder and tomato basil

#### Thursday:

ENTREES: Turkey club w/ pasta salad and chili verde w/ flour tortilla  
 VEGETARIAN: Eggplant Parmesan  
 SIDES: Potato Gaufrettes, Mexican rice, and stuffed zucchini  
 SOUPS: Turkey vegetable and split pea

#### Friday:

Chef's choice

#### Monday:

ENTREES: Buttermilk baked chicken and Pappardelle Bolognese  
 VEGETARIAN: Frittata  
 SIDES: Oven roasted Yukon potatoes, rice pilaf, and green beans w/ hazelnuts  
 SOUPS: Pozole and puree of potato and leek

#### Tuesday:

ENTREES: Beef (style) stroganoff and seafood risotto  
 VEGETARIAN: Stuffed portabella sandwich  
 SIDES: Penne w/ sundried tomatoes, spaetzle, broccoli a la Polonaise  
 SOUPS: Shrimp bisque and French onion

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# SPORTS

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## Tigers claw their way back to first Series in 22 years

Jake Rosenberg  
 The Commuter

It only took 30 minutes for every single World Series ticket to sell. By 10 a.m., the people who had waited 22 years for another berth to the Fall Classic would have waited no longer to get a chance to see their Detroit Tigers in a championship game as all potential four home games at Comerica Park sold out to the public and phone customers.

"They've been great fans," Tigers shortstop Carlos Guillen said. "This is what they've been waiting for for a long time, 20 years to go to the playoffs, and this is a glorious team to me. Back in (1984), they won the World Series, and right now they expect this kind of moment. They enjoy it."

Detroit fans have had a lot to celebrate in the past year. In February the city hosted Super Bowl XL at Ford Field, while the Pistons and Red Wings have each established themselves as dominant teams in their respective sports.

The excitement continued on Sunday for the football fans of the Motor City as the Lions won their first game of the season. While the Lions have been a doormat in the NFL in recent history, many fans may feel that the times are turning with the recent luck of the Tigers. The players seem to be buying into it as well.

"Detroit is a sports city," Guillen said. "We've got basketball, the Pistons, Red Wings, Lions, and now we've got the Detroit Tigers. It's exciting; they're pretty good fans, and I like it."

When Detroit hosted the Super Bowl, it's first time since January of 1982 in the Pontiac Silverdome, it was supposed to be the biggest sporting event in the city's

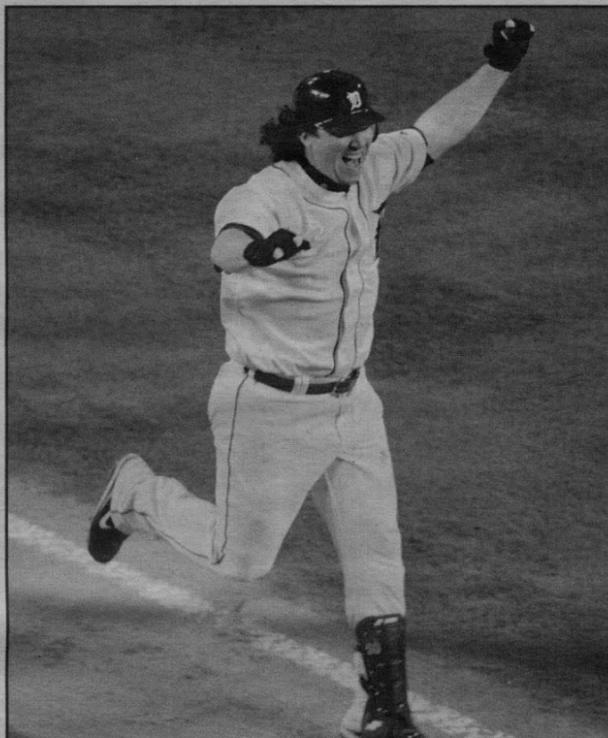


photo by MCT Campus  
**Magglio Ordonez strides triumphantly to the plate after his walk-off homer wrapped up the pennant for the Tigers.**

history. The game had added meaning with Detroit native and Steelers running back Jerome Bettis making his first Super Bowl appearance. Six months later, the city now has something that will top that.

"We're just going to enjoy this," Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick said Saturday. "The Super Bowl was great,

but that was Pittsburgh's time to dance. This is ours. Hosting a party is always great, but it's better when you're hosting one for yourselves."

From 1934-50, the Tigers ran off 15 winning seasons in a 17-year span. The franchise went a half-century without a last-place finish until 1952. The exact opposite happened in the past decade as the Tigers lost 90 or more games eight times in a ten year span including an American League all-time worst 43-119 season in 2003. Overall, the Tigers had a losing record for 12 consecutive seasons, from 1994-2005, the longest streak in major league history.

The down times seem to have made the fans appreciative of the glory years and even more of their current situation. Win or lose, the fans are thankful.

"Walking around, going to the mall, you hear, 'Thanks,'" Tigers outfielder Craig Monroe said. "I've heard so many thank you's. And we say, 'Thank you,' back, because they've stuck with us. They've been here through a lot of bad times here. That's what makes it gratifying for us, to know that we've done something special for the city of Detroit."

With the AL Championship locked up after their four-game sweep of Oakland, the Tigers now only wait to see who their opponent will be. Whether it is New York or St. Louis, Game 1 of the World Series won't be until Saturday, one week after the Tiger's Game 4 series-clinching victory.

Following Magglio Ordonez's walk-off three-run homerun in Game 4 of the ALCS on Saturday, the Tigers will have a full week before they play their next game. Twelve of the last 13 teams that had more rest than their World Series opponent ended up winning. No team has ever had more than six days off.

## Summer improvements put LBCC, community on the Wellness Trail

Aileen Franzoia  
 The Commuter

The Wellness Trail course that follows the perimeter of the LBCC campus was improved over the summer with the addition of gravel and fresh bark dust to the surface.

It's over a mile long and begins behind the Athletic Center on the south side of the baseball diamond. It winds through pine trees, past the track and over to the east side of campus.

"Fabric, like they use in road construction was laid down before we added the gravel," said George vanKeulen of the grounds crew. It's keeps the gravel from sinking into the ground, he added.

"It's built like a road and it's all last many years," vanKeulen said. "It's a real asset. Many people from the community use it for walking, and they bring their dogs," said vanKeulen. Area high schools also use it for cross-country practice.

At various points along the trail, workstations will be added for people to pause and stretch, and to work on specific muscle groups. Right now there is a full-up bar near the beginning of the trail at the south end of the track.

"It's so well constructed you could drive a truck on it," said Ron Wise, a member of the grounds crew who worked on the project over the summer. Currently there is one bench on the trail, but more will be

**"It's a real asset. Many people from the community use it for walking, and they bring their dogs."**

George vanKeulen

added to give users a chance to rest, if needed.

"The upgrades will accommodate users in all kinds of weather," said Brad Carmen, a former LB track coach, who was an early advocate of the trail. Carmen also said Dave Bakley and Arlene Crossman worked on the original planning for the trail.

The Wellness Program, the grounds crew and the now defunct track program all added time and money to the project, Carmen added.

The trail had its humble be-

ginnings in 1989. The original trail turned into a swamp and was usable only a few months a year, so improvements were made over time. The path has been elevated which helps with drainage in wet months, Carmen said.

The full course can be completed in less than 30 minutes. There are shorter trails marked at the quarter and half-mile which is noted along the way.

It is recommended that you wear comfortable shoes and layered clothing that can be removed as you warm up.

The health benefits can be obtained from several short walks as well as a longer walk. Pace yourself as you build endurance over time and to prevent injury.

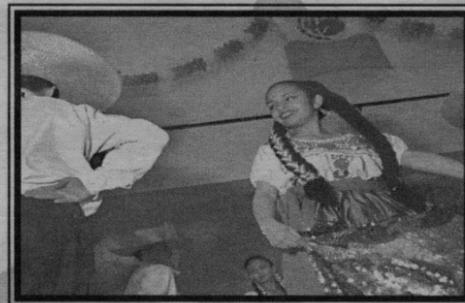
Maps of the course can be obtained from the Athletic Center office.



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The campus Wellness Trail was upgraded over the summer with a new gravel base and bark dust covering.

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## Losses force Runners into must-win situation

Caleb Hawley  
 The Commuter

The NWAACC volleyball post-season tournament is getting further out of reach for the Lady Roadrunners as they suffered two losses in a vital home stand against Mt. Hood CC on Wednesday night and Chemeketa CC on Saturday.

Mt. Hood came out very strong against LB in the first match of the home stretch, winning in impressive fashion by sweeping the Runners in three sets, 30-18, 30-16, 30-20. One bright spot for the Runners was Lei Himan-Teves, who had a match high of 10 digs.

In the second match of the home stand against Chemeketa, LB came out a little shaky losing the first two sets of the match 30-20 and 30-21.

The Runners rallied in the next two sets with intense victories of 31-29 and 32-30

to force the match to five sets. Chemeketa proved to be too much for LB in the final set, however, as they went on to win decisively 15-10.

"The competition in the Southern Region is tough," said head coach Jayme Frazier. "I feel we can do well at the NWAACC's if we can get out of our region. We are improving. We keep getting better, the girls are working really hard and they are playing as a team unit. Keeping up our confidence is the key from this point."

Big hitters for the Runners were Cady Coates, who registered 16 kills, and Jessica Morrison, who spiked down 12. Cheri Kisor led LB in assists with 22. Himan-Teves again led the Runners with 16 digs.

"The two biggest issues for our team right now are our serve receive, which doesn't allow for any options in our offense. It leaves us predictable. The second



Roadrunner Coach Jayme Frazier discusses strategy with her volleyball squad during Wednesday's straight-set loss against Mt. Hood in the Activities Center.

thing is that we haven't had a consistent terminator. When the offense is lacking a terminator it's hard to score points," said Frazier.

"We have a couple of must wins coming up this week," she added. "We have

to have four good days of practice before we head to SWOCC and Umpqua at the end of the week. We need to win those two and then beat Clackamas at home to secure a spot in the NWAACC tournament."

photo by Kristina Bennet

## Beaver Fever Duathlon to bring athletes out despite fall weather

Teran Nash  
 The Commuter

Fall is rolling in and just when you think you have to pack away your biking gear for the winter, think again. There is still one more chance to get in your running and biking skills for the year at the Beaver Fever Duathlon this weekend.

The duathlon is sponsored by the OSU Triathlon club and is for anyone who would like to participate.

The event will be held on Sunday in Philomath. The race starts out with a 5-kilometer run, and then contestants have the choice to either tackle the 18.1-mile road course over smooth country roads with mild hills, or take on the 12-mile mountain bike course that climbs over 600 feet on gravel, paved and abandoned roads over Decker Hill. Both courses end by repeating the same 5-kilometer run.

This race is for people of all ages and you don't have to be an OSU student to participate. There is an individual

race or group races. Groups may be compromised of two to three people. All bikers must wear a helmet and are responsible for their own safety.

To register for the Beaver Fever Duathlon, go to [oregonstate.edu/groups/triclub/du/](http://oregonstate.edu/groups/triclub/du/).

The sign up fee is \$30. There are ribbons for the first three winners and the first place winner will receive "The Beaver's Log: A Multi-Sport Training Journal." Contact Daniel Heineck at [beaverfeverdu@yahoo.com](mailto:beaverfeverdu@yahoo.com) with questions.

## Beavers come out of nowhere to stomp Huskies

The Commuter  
 By Adam Loghides

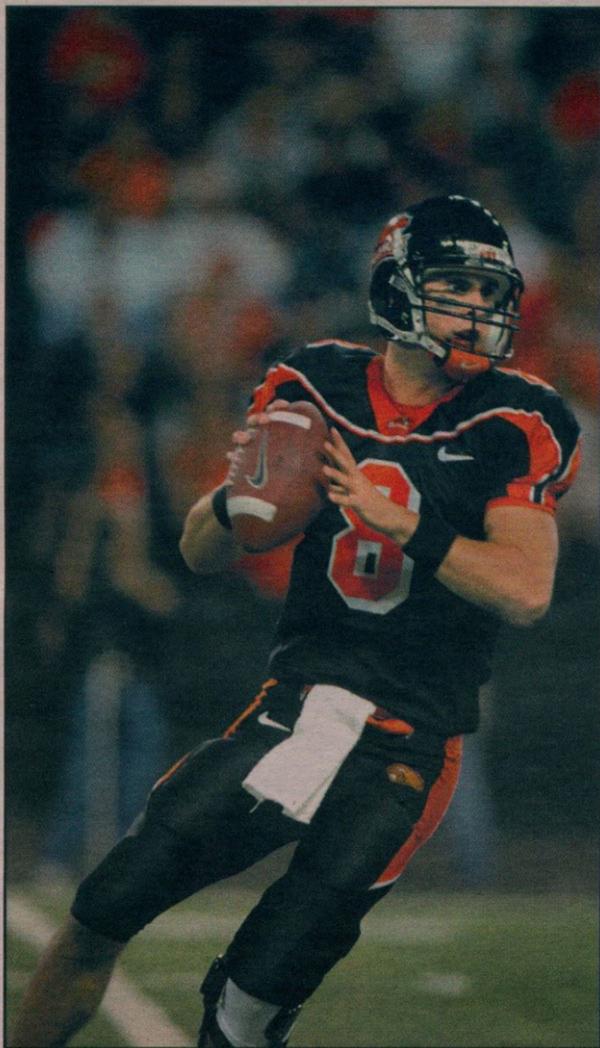


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Senior Oregon State Beaver quarterback Matt Moore drops back to pass during Saturday's 27-17 win at Washington. Moore passed for a touchdown and over 300 yards, leading the Beavers back to the .500 mark for the season. Moore will try to keep the Beavers on the winning track this Saturday as he leads OSU down to Tucson to take on Arizona.

After watching the University of Washington play second-ranked USC down to the last play two Saturdays ago, the OSU Beavers were expected to go into their match-up with the Huskies as the less athletic team and were going to be undersized and outplayed. Beaver fans were ready to see their team take on a third consecutive defeat on their way to a losing season.

Somebody forgot to tell the Beaver players.

Senior quarterback Matt Moore had his best game of 2006 throwing for a touchdown and 308 yards in a surprising 27-17 road victory over the Huskies last Saturday. Their first conference win of the year brought the Beavers back to the .500 mark overall. At 3-3, the Beavers can now start looking to the future and trying to secure a possible bowl bid.

After chipping away at the Huskies defense throughout the first half, Head Coach Mike Riley opened up the offense in the second half, allowing Moore to throw down the field against the worst-ranked pass defense in the conference. Trailing 17-13 midway through the third quarter, Moore connected with Sammy Stroughter on an 80-yard touchdown moving the Beavers ahead to stay. Moore finished the day 14-for-19.

During last week's 13-6 home loss to Washington State Moore was chastised by fans and, according to reports, got into a verbal confrontation with some of the fans behind the bench at Reser Stadium. The Beaver fans that made the trip to Seattle were rewarded for their trip and voiced their pleasure towards Moore after Yvenson Bernard scored on a 3-yard run early in the fourth quarter to put the Beavers ahead 27-17. Moore pumped his fists at the orange clad section of Beaver fans after the touchdown.

Stroughter also had catches of 24 and 40 yards that contributed to Beaver touchdown drives, both of which culminated with touchdown runs by Bernard. Along with his two touchdowns, Bernard finished the game with 144 yards on 29 carries.

Stroughter's 223 yards rank fourth on the Beaver

all-time list for yards in a game, and earned him Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors. Completing sweep of the Pac-10 awards for the Beavers were kicker Alexis Serna, who reached 80 consecutive points after touchdowns to earn Special Teams Player of the Week and linebacker Derrick Doggett, whose 10 tackles earned him Defensive Player of the Week.

The game wasn't the only loss of the day for the Huskies. Isaiah Stanbeck, the Huskies quarterback, was injured and left the game in the fourth quarter with season-ending ankle injury. Carl Bonnell replaced him and was unable to rally the Huskies, who dropped to 4-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Saturday OSU travels to Tucson to take on the Arizona Wildcats (3-4 overall, 1-3 conference). The match up seems favorable, as the Wildcats offense is ranked next-to-last in the Pac-10, averaging only 12.4 points per game thus far.

Although Arizona has given up over 20 points per game on defense in 2006, their rush defense ranks third in the conference. That means it may be left to Moore to come up big on the road again if the Beavers are going to win.

Arizona has the lowest ranked passing efficiency in the Pac-10 and a running game that has averaged less than 80 yards per game. The Beavers have rushed for only 123 yards per game themselves and although their passing efficiency is ranked fourth in the Pac-10, Moore has shown inconsistency throughout the season.

The one statistic that is virtually even is turnover. While the Beavers are -1 on the year, the Wildcats are just off that pace at -2. It's an overused cliché, but it may ring true this week. The team that wins the turnover battle should win the game.

Given the Beavers win at Washington and recent success against the Wildcats-OSU has won three of the last four meetings-OSU will most likely be favored to win. Their statistics are better, they seem to match-up better, and they played better last week. Beaver fans are already telling each other that next week's game will be a win. There is one thing they better not do though.

Don't tell the Beavers.