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By Doug Peterson

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Benton Centers.

Fall childcare: register now

Max Brown
The Commuter

If you need childcare for next fall term, make sure to enroll your children at Periwinkle Child Development Center (PCDC) now. If the center does not get enough students registered before May 29, they may have to close one of the classrooms. This means if a student wishes to use the services of PCDC, they may be placed on a waiting list in the fall.

According to Susan Knapp, director of PCDC, teachers' contracts state they need at least 30 days notice if they are going to have work or not, therefore they need to know soon if they are needed for fall term.

One classroom holds 20 children. "That's 20 families that may or may not have very affordable childcare this fall." She encourages students to

register now if they think they might be attending LBCC next fall. According to Knapp, there is no cost to register, and if you do end up needing it, the savings are great.

"Come fall, students are going to show up and we will have to put them on a wait list." Right now, they are urgently trying to get the word out so this will not happen. "It's entirely for the students," says Knapp.

Tammi Drury, former student and current employee at LBCC, used the PCDC while she was a student. She says, "There was always a wait list." She encourages students to register now because they may miss out on this opportunity.

The center recently switched to a co-op pay model to help provide affordable childcare to students at LBCC. Knapp says there are a number of other

benefits to using the PCDC. The center is right on campus so students can visit at any time during the day. She also said that parents in this program end up becoming friends and can rely on each other.

Drury said she loved the co-op model when her kids went to PCDC. She says you get to interact with other parents, the teachers, and your children. The center gives you tips and tricks on how to handle situations. She said she became friends with some of the other parents and they became support for each other.

For more information, call Family Connections at 541-917-4899 or drop by PCDC.

For the recent article about PCDC's switch to a co-op pay model go to <http://commuter.linnbenton.edu>

All Hail to LB

Rebecca Martino
The Commuter

As spring term winds down, LBCC's Concert Choir is gearing up for a very special last show. James Reddan, conducting the final performance in June, has the honor of premiering LBCC's first Alma Mater: "All hail to you, Linn Benton".

LBCC was established in 1966 as a two-year public college, and has never had an Alma Mater. Reddan decided to take the task on as a personal project because he felt it was time the school needed one.

When I asked Reddan about the importance of an Alma Mater he said, "A school song (Alma Mater) is a way of showing pride in where you go to school, what you have learned, and celebrating the knowledge you take out into the world."

The Alma Mater for LBCC was

created by Eugene local, Rebecca Oswald, a composer. Her history with Reddan extends prior to 2001, where they both attended University of Oregon School of Music and Dance for their master's programs.

According to Oswald, Reddan proposed the idea of the Alma Mater to her last fall, and she began researching the school's history, and said, "Words of praise, reverence, and loyalty are essential" in the lyrics.

After much research, which included a survey filled out by students, faculty, staff, and visits to the campus, Oswald completed the Alma Mater in late March and was told by Reddan that the dean and president "heartily" approved of the lyrics.

The debut will take place June 4, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Albany. For tickets visit the Russell Tripp Performance Center Box Office or call 541-917-4531.

CLASSIFIEDS

Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

Cost: Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.

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Help Wanted

You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/go/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. *For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101).

Office Automation Clerk (#7294, Corvallis) This is a part-time job (20+ hrs/week) that starts June 7 and runs for a year. You must be at least half-time

student with 6 months general experience and one year college and know MS Word and Excel. Could be CWE? Pay is \$10.76-11.74/hr DOE.

CWE AST/TiWW Wastewater & Compliance Tech (#7233, Albany) Resumes taken now for work starting in September. Maybe some summer hours. Must be LBCC student in related major such as Engineering, Environment Science, Chemistry, & Biology.

Seasonal Farm Work (#7298, Albany & area) Work is July 1-mid Sept. Deadline to apply is June 15. Apply now before all positions are filled. Pay is \$8.40-12.00/hr depending on position and experience.

Seasonal Truck Drivers (#7277) & **Harvester Operator** (#7276) Are you looking for summer work? This Albany company is taking applications starting June 8 or full-time seasonal work!!

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MaryAnne at Gypsy Jayne Jewelry & Accessories at 541-908-3658 or rosebinx@aol.com

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THE COMMONS FARE

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Wednesday

Dishes: Beef Fajita, Chicken Paprika with Spatzel, Vegetable Yakisoba and Refried Beans.
Soups: Chili Beer Cheese and Beef Barley

Thursday

Dishes: Mushroom or Berry Blintz, Smoked Salmon on Corn Cakes with Poached Eggs and Crème Fraiche, Brioche French Toast and Waffle Bar
Soup: Potato and Sausage

Friday

Chef's Choice

Monday

Dishes: Beriani Chicken, Lotus Rice with Sausage and Shrimp and Cheese Enchiladas
Soups: Cream of Broccoli and Italian Sausage Soup

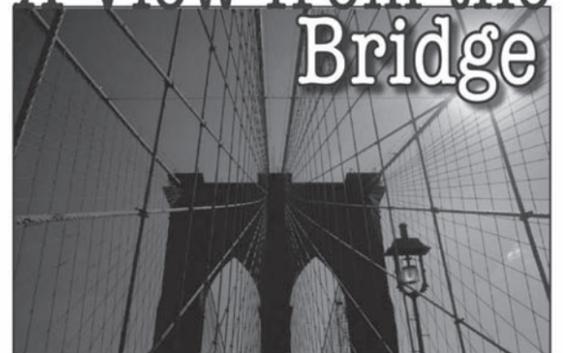
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Dishes: Sangria Chicken, Pork Phad Thai and Pasta Bar
Soup: Turkey Noodle and Vegetarian Vegetable

*Gluten-free

The LBCC Performing Arts Department Presents:

A View from the Bridge



by Arthur Miller

Directed by Brian Newberg

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Reviews, upcoming events,
and the cure for weekend boredom.

That's-a spicy burger

James Scales
The Commuter

Something I crave from time to time is a delicious meatball sandwich. Complete the setup with some olives, garlic, mozzarella, and fresh tomato sauce. As I was moving down on my most recent feast of the aforementioned sandwich, I had an epiphany. There is everything needed for a great burger here. So I got to work, whipped up a batch of meatball "batter" and started shaping up my tomato sauce. The inspiration was flowing and my taste buds were wet with anticipation. The creation is now known as: That's-a Spicy Meatball Burger.

That's-a Spicy Meatball Burger
Makes Four Burgers.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs, any you like, the Japanese style still work incredibly well in this situation
- 1/4 cup onion
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp cayenne
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons ketchup if desired
- Sauce
- 1 pound ripe plum tomatoes
- 1 head garlic, rough chopped
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2-1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 4 buns
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 8 ounces fresh grated mozzarella

Equipment:

All you need is a nice sized sauce pot for the tomato sauce, about an hours' worth of time, and the craving for a delicious meatball burger.

Procedure:

Boil a pot of water, about a gallon. Slice an "X" in the bottom of all your tomatoes and dunk them into the boiling water for about 10-15 seconds. Pull out and immediately shock into some ice-cold water. Peel, seed, and chop.

Rough-chop your garlic, maybe 4-5 pieces per clove. Sauté in the olive oil until golden brown. Add the tomatoes and the rest of the ingredients for the sauce and cook for about an hour. About 40 minutes into the cooking time for your sauce, break out your meatball mixings. Combine all the ingredients for the meatball patties and mix thoroughly.

Preheat your oven to 450 degrees. This step is entirely optional, but will make for an incredibly superior burger. Whip some softened butter (the 4 tablespoons) and the tablespoon of minced garlic together. Spread it over the middle sides of your burger buns and place open faced in your oven. Cook those for 5-10 minutes until golden and melty.

Cook up your burgers to your desired doneness. Sandwich between your garlic bread buns and top with 1/4 cup of tomato sauce and a healthy sprinkling of mozzarella, olives are optional. Dig in to a delicious sub-turned-burger.



Warning: not the real burger. Actual results may vary.

Photo courtesy of Flickr - Manop



Movies this Friday



Courtesy of Universal Studios

Drag Me to Hell

An L.A. loan officer is at the receiving end of a gypsy's curse after she refuses to grant an extension on the gypsy's home loan. Determined to get a promotion at work, Christine Brown cuts off a mysterious Mrs. Ganush as she comes begging for mercy. Mrs. Ganush retaliates with the dreaded curse of Lamia, which transfers her life into a living hell. Her boyfriend Clay (Justin Long) thinks she is just over-worked and tired and is no help in Christine's struggle for life. Will she be able to break the curse, or will she be forced into hell? Rated PG-13.



Courtesy of Disney-Pixar

Up

Carl Fredrickson is a 78-year-old balloon salesman who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of taking a great adventure by tying thousands upon thousands of balloons to his house and flying off to the wilds of South America. Unfortunately, he discovers a little too late that his biggest nightmare is realized as a stowaway on his house: an incredibly optimistic eight-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. Watch as the two take a great journey together to get to the great South America. Rated PG.

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SPORTS FEATURE

News about local and national sports and activities.

Hurling: give it a whirl



Ryan Henson
The Commuter

Do you feel like you might want to hurl? A nursing student at LBCC can help you. Dustin Herron is the founding member of the Benton Brigade, a local hurling club that is sponsored by Block 15 in Corvallis. The club is searching for new members, and will hold a workshop for those interested on Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m. on the LBCC football field.

Herron says the sport is a great option for people who may be looking to get active and compete in a way that is an alternative to traditional sports.

"It's a good sport if you want to pick up something new," Herron said. "It's challenging... because it incorporates so many different skills, but once people come and play they're hooked."

According to the Gaelic Athletic Association's Web site, Hurling is an ancient Irish sport that is played with a small paddle-shaped stick (called a hurley) and a small ball with raised ridges (called a "sliothar"). Points are scored by smacking the ball with the sticks, or the hand, past a goalie stationed in a netted goal (for three points), or up over the cross bar and between a set of goal posts (for one point).

Herron and his teammates move gracefully around the soccer fields in Willamette Park. They crisscross through a row of orange cones while balancing the ball steadfast on the edges of their hurleys. They strike the ball off of the ground like in hockey. They strike the ball out of the air like in baseball or cricket.

Another member of the Benton Brigade, Mark "Wingspan" Mills, feels the sport is a challenge and joined up because he found the nature of the sport to be so interesting.



Jason Hogan, left, and Austin Strickler slam into each other to get the ball

Photo by Max Brown

"It's a mixture of soccer and lacrosse, among other things, and it's a lot of fun," Mills said.

To generate interest, members of the Benton Brigade stand in a small patch of grass between the main stretch of the Corvallis Saturday market and the Willamette River. They use their hurleys to volley the ball back and forth and invite onlookers to give it a try. According to Herron, the move has worked and he has given out a few of his cards – a black business card emblazoned with a skull and two hurley sticks as cross bones.

The Benton Brigade, which was born last June when Herron came across the Portland area club's MySpace page, currently holds two practices a week -- one of which is in the soccer fields at Willamette Park on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and one on Sunday at Avery Park at 2 p.m. All that are interested are encouraged to show up and join Herron and his teammates.



Jeremy O'Sullivan, left, works on passing technique with Dustin Herron

Photo by Max Brown



Jeremy O'Sullivan deflects the ball during practice

Photo by Eve Bruntlett

Who: Benton Brigade
What: Hurling, an ancient Irish sport
When: 1 p.m. on Thursday
Where: LBCC football fields
Contact: www.myspace.com/corvallahurling



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Maccommunism

Gregory Dewar
The Commuter

Macs. Macintoshes. Apples. These words mean more than just trucks, noodles and cheese, rain-coats, and braeburns. They're synonymous with video, photo, page layout and a variety of other content manipulation software.

For me, however, they're synonymous with something else. They're synonymous with suck. All year I have had to deal with these insufferable machines, calling in experts to fix their problems. Proprietary hardware designed by the "experts" at Mac that overheats. Frequent crashes, user-control access issues: inDesign files created on one Mac are locked from all other Macs, something like at least once an hour we need to reset the access rights on all of the Macs just to get them to talk to each other. To this day these Macs up here at The Commuter don't work right.

There is a culture that surrounds Macs, a culture of elitism and mystique. They have their own special stores, they're own special "Mac peo-

available in Finder. Ask any Mac user what games they're playing. There are two answers: "World of Warcraft" and "Photoshop."

My second biggest complaint is OSX. Yes, you can actually put your Mac to good work now with a fancy command-line interface thanks in part to Unix. But versions of OSX don't play well with each other. Software made for OSX 10.3 often doesn't work on OSX 10.4. Because OSX 10.5 is so vastly different than OSX 10.4, software is developed for OSX 10.5 exclusively. Yay! There seems to be no effort put into backwards or forwards compatibility either in OSX or by the smattering of people who actually develop software for Macs.

And what the hell is up with iMacs? It's like an overpriced laptop that you can't take with you. Why are Macs so expensive these days, anyway? For the same amount of processing power you seem to pay double what you'd pay for a PC. Meaning you can get double the PC for the same price as a Mac. I am not entirely convinced that Macs perform better for photo or video editing to begin with. With



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Gregory Dewar

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The world of the Macintosh is entirely proprietary. If it were not for Linux kernels running on PPC and CISC architecture, the platform would be as locked-in and specific as your average gaming console.

Microsoft at one point owned a lot of shares of Apple Computing, Inc. However, their estimated ownership now is 0.04%. Links to Apple software can be found on www.microsoft.com.

My biggest issue with Macs is the software. A majority of Mac software needs to be found on www.apple.com/downloads, because there's a dearth of third-party developer and end-user created applications. Apple has gone out of it's way to find whatever software is available and put it on their "Apple" menu in easy access

a Quad-Core CPU, 4 GB of RAM on a 64-bit OS utilizing either Windows or Linux, all editing software I've used performs amazingly. The same cannot be said for any Mac I've ever used, even with the Dual-Core Intel CPUs we have up here in the office, they seem to struggle when multi-tasking even four programs and take a freakin' decade to load Photoshop and inDesign.

Another thing with Macs, they seem to lack any multi-tasking end-user efficiency in the form of keyboard shortcuts and the cumbersome interface is awkward and slow to navigate.

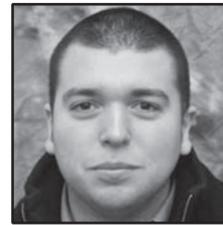
I always kept my distance from Macs. And this last year at The Commuter has done nothing but make me hate them: questionable machines. I think I'll save some money and stick with *Nix.

Golden state of hate

Rick Casillas
The Commuter

Last week Donald Trump announced that Miss California Carrie Prejean would be retaining her state title after risqué photos of her surfaced on the Internet.

Miss Prejean has been in a maelstrom of controversy since placing second in the Miss USA pageant after being asked by Perez Hilton if she believed in gay marriage. Prejean responded that, "I think it's great that Americans



are able to choose one or the other. We live in a land where you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage. And you know what? I think in my country, in my family, I think that I believe that a marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised." After answering she was greeted by cheers and scattered boo's from the audience, and was later lambasted by celebrity and activist alike for her opinion; Perez going so far after the competition to say in a video response that it was "The worst answer in pageant history," saying she lost because she was a "dumb bitch," further stating that the appropriate response would have been to dance around the subject if you didn't agree with him.

Let's pretend for a moment that becoming Miss USA actually matters, and think about the dangerous precedent set by this turn of events. Say you're at work and your boss calls you into his office and asks you the same question, you give a similar response and you're fired the next day, or passed over for a promotion in favor of someone who will tell him what he wants to hear. Is that ok?

Should people compromise their beliefs if they're different from others to get ahead; or should they simply deal with the consequences of living in a world where life is just unfair? Because it is unfair, People may see an ethnic last name and pass over a job application, they might think you're lazy because you're overweight, or old, or you don't dress the same way they do, you get judged every time you walk into a room or open your mouth. It may not be right but it is how the world and people work, prejudice in every form exists. Lets also not

pretend Miss Prejean was the only one on that stage that believed the same, but she was the only one that said it aloud, rather than judging her based on poise, articulation and confidence, Prejean was judged on her opinion as a yes or no question, and obviously she checked the wrong box.

It saddens me Perez Hilton actually thinks this sends the right message to people; that you'll be punished if you

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think differently from him. The gay movement has faced faltering setbacks in the last few years angrily lashing out at anyone who opposes them (search youtube for Mormon home invasion) and I think this will contribute to the backwards momentum that has built since prop 8 was on the scene.

The normalization of homosexuality has been ebbing into American culture, but every time they're on the cusp of acceptance it seems the vocal minority within the gay movement has to throw their hands in the air and demand acceptance. Appealing to courts to overturn the will of the people and turning ballots into suggestion boxes will only serve to further divide and alienate those minds that could be changed otherwise.

I empathize with gays who are trying to get their union legally recognized and I encourage them to continue to seek it out, I do believe it will happen; but this is not the way, you must change the hearts and minds of people to achieve acceptance. I also understand the emotional, visceral response is that homosexuals may not want acceptance they just want equality, but equality is built through acceptance free of resentment and hate eroding the foundations.

Defaming Prejean for getting breast implants or taking topless photos is the same issue; if you believe it's hypocrisy to think gay marriage is wrong and alter or display your body: Fine, but pointing out the injustice of another's actions doesn't justify your own. And that is what Perez Hilton must realize, that if you want acceptance you must accept first.

PERSPECTIVES:

If you were to ask a Perspectives question, what would you ask?



Aaron Kopperman

Music

"If you could pick any random song for the Alma Mater, what would it be? (Alice Cooper's School's Out)"



Alex Bjornberg

AAS & Marine Biology

"Have you ever been to a concert?"



Alichia Loppnow

Engineering

"How has LBCC changed your life?"



Randy McKay

Web Dev. & Computer Support

"What needs the most improvement at LBCC?"



Roger Barker

Psychology

"Who at LBCC has changed your life?"

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L.T.E.

Letters to the Editor,
 submitted by students and staff.

Replies to opinion article "All abort!"

Oh my God Mr. editor-in-chief. I am so grateful you showed your anger and intolerance for those so-called angry zealots out there at the University of Notre Dame. Of course I will be very surprised if you actually publish this since it is an attempt to shine the truth on your extreme intolerance you claim those religious zealots have. I could feel the anger in your words, but what I didn't feel was tolerance. It's a shame that an editor of a college paper has to go on a rampage and call names when he can't discuss the issues factually. Is that the job of an editor of a supposedly nonpartisan paper? Thank you for showing your true intolerance so I don't have to pick up the paper next time and actually expect intelligent stories. "Oh let's just call names. That'll do it by God." "Let's call them what I'm doing." What is that called anyway?

Well you might want to look up the word zealot before you keep throwing it around because it exposes your ignorance each time. Let me say that repeating talking points of propaganda doesn't make you smarter or even appear smarter. Those people you are calling names actually have beliefs and values that you obviously disagree with. They are doing something they have the Constitutional right to do, which is called "peacefully protest." You know that piece of paper thingy that was made a long time ago? You probably don't even know that Roe v. Wade was a decision made by seven old guys in black robes that forced their beliefs on everyone in this country. They're the same people that approved those wars you're against. Something they continue to do today, some of us call

it legislate from the bench which is unconstitutional. That's what our representatives and senators do, or at least are supposed to.

Now, the University of Notre Dame is a Catholic college, whether you like it or not, and the people protesting disagree with the decision of having not just the leader of our country but the one person in the Illinois Senate who refused to let a bill get to a vote that would protect children born in late term abortions get medical help. If you don't know about President Obama's pro-abortion record in Illinois then that makes you the ignorant one. Even when a botched abortion went bad and the baby lived in the third trimester, Chicago hospitals were throwing babies in laundry bins left to suffocate and die. No not rhetoric, look it up. Then Senator Obama was the committee chairman in Illinois and refused to let a bill forward that would protect those children. Even Democratic senators disagreed with him, thus passing the bill right after he left the state senate. Don't believe me, look it up; can't find it, call me I'll get it to you.

So now you may not believe in anything as strong as protecting the lives of an innocent child but 50 percent of Americans do. As far as the wars, that's another story. But please don't mistake me for a zealot; I am a Christian who is under attack from people like you who won't respect my right to disagree and protest peacefully. I accept your right to have a different opinion, but don't use your authority as a college newspaper editor to espouse your rhetoric when you are just repeating hatred.

- BRM

Dear Mr. Dewar:

I read with interest your intense and earnest opinion piece about abortion, and wanted to share a bit of clarification regarding the matter of those who oppose abortion. As a former classroom speaker for Oregon Right to Life, I can summarize our position on the matter of choices to destroy life: we are opposed to the willful, wanton destruction of innocent human life at any stage.

We oppose abortion as birth control, we oppose "selective reduction," we oppose infanticide, and we oppose physician-controlled euthanasia, because we value human life at every stage, and the persons targeted by the above-referenced decisions are not able to choose on their own behalf.

We do NOT bomb abortion clinics, because that would not square with our beliefs; persons who bomb the clinics do not represent us, but are, unfortunately, routinely confused with genuine pro-life people simply because too little is known about what we REALLY believe, thanks in part to obfuscation.

You speak of the horrors of war, and you are right; my late step-father suffered from mental anguish for decades, after WWII. I lost classmates in Viet Nam; some of my students served in the Gulf War. It is all beyond hideous. Yet you make light of the horrors of the abortion clinic: dismembering an unanesthetized and helpless human being, vacuuming up his/her remains, and disposing of all of it in a dumpster is equally hideous. Deliberately presenting disinformation, telling frightened young women that the life they are carrying is merely a "mass of tissue" is also hideous, and incredibly inaccurate!

No one, in this day of highly-refined ultrasound technology, should be ignorant of the fact that as early as 17 days after conception, that life has a beating heart, and a circulatory system, and a nervous system, not to men-

tion all the other wondrous things that are developing. Not too bad, for a "mass of tissue"! And what of all the aching hearts of the couples unable to have their own biological offspring? Has no one heard of ADOPTION? As for considerations of the health of the mother as justification for abortion, the one issue that comes up most often is the case of ectopic pregnancy: this requires a life-saving procedure, and as such, is not the same as an abortion, because if left to continue developing, an ectopic will lead to the death of both mother and child: therefore, you save the life you can save. Without exception, the women I know who have suffered ectopics were devastated by their loss, because they earnestly wanted their babies.

It is a complex matter, this business of choices, as so much of it no longer seems to have any roots in a genuine regard for our fellow human beings; too much is focused on what is expedient, or what is pleasing at the moment, or what will preserve the "bottom line"... a set of values sure to result in loving things and using people. There is a deep tragedy in the deliberate destruction of over 50 MILLION unborn American citizens; we have lost all those potential writers and scientists and doctors and researchers and teachers and pro football players and ranchers and librarians and millwrights and bricklayers and musicians and... we have lost them all! No nation moves forward by deliberately destroying its resources!

Thank you for opening the discussion by pointing out the discrepancies you have observed, and thank you for allowing me to respond.

Sincerely,
 Donna Trask, adjunct faculty, English

Editor's Note: /signed. Thanks to all those who took an interest by writing to The Commuter this week. We value your voices and opinions and look forward to additional letters to the editor.

Re: The search for LBCC's next president

I find it interesting that no students chose to attend the open session for staff and students as we seek to find a successor for President Cavin. When was that meeting? I can't recall being informed it would happen, and perhaps that is the case with other students who would like to have participated. Was there an e-mail to students? Was faculty/staff informed in some way we were not?

Regardless of the reasons I was not informed of the meeting until after the fact, thankfully the Commuter is providing students with a forum to have our voices heard.

There are several traits and skills I believe our next president should possess. First, our president should be an effective leader, able to delegate duties, coordinate efforts

and build consensus. Second, our next president should be willing to make the right choice, which may often be the hard choice, instead of the popular choice.

These are the traits and skills I believe would be sorely missed if we are not careful to include them as criteria in the candidate selection process. These are traits and skills possessed by President Cavin, and I believe this is why our school is not in as severe a state of financial distress as are many Oregon community colleges.

Sincerely,

Steve Anderson
 Business Administration Student

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Wind turbine blades at LBCC

Frank Warren
 The Commuter

With cranes, forklifts and two tractor-trailers, two massive wind turbine blades made their journey to Linn-Benton Community College.

The wind turbine blades, which arrived on May 14 and lay at rest behind the industrial buildings at LBCC, are made out of a composite overlaid by fiberglass with wood on the inside, are weather resistant, weigh 18,000 pounds, and are 138 feet long. The blades would be part of a structure that would reach a height of over 200 feet.

Both blades were donated by Suzlon Energy Limited, whose headquarters is in India and is ranked the fifth leading supplier of wind turbine technology in the world. The blades made their trek from Utah where they were no longer in service.

The reason that these blades were donated is a new program starting at LBCC this fall

called the Mechatronics Technician program. Students of this program will learn about electrical and mechanical engineering, with an emphasis in green technology. The blades at LBCC will be used to study the technology of blades by the Mechatronics students, as well as physics, engineering, and engineering drafting/CAD students.

Denis Green, who will head up the Mechatronics Technician program here at LBCC, said, "at this point they will just be opened and looked into and not really worked on; these are just to give students an idea of what they look like."

With an arrangement between Columbia Gorge Community College and LBCC, a student can get a degree after completing the Mechatronics program at LBCC and then move to CGCC to become a Wind Turbine Technician.

Fred Haynes, an instructor at LBCC, said, "we want to connect our students to as many highly technical fields as possible."



Turbine blades sitting behind the industrial buildings

Photo by Frank Warren



The Turbine blades arrive at LBCC

Photo by Frank Warren

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The fall schedule is now available on Roadmap. The non-credit schedule will not appear because it has not been finalized. Fall Priority registration begins June 1. Fall open registration begins September 8.

The Student Ambassadors need your help and are asking for umbrella donations for their campus tours. Drop them by Admissions anytime.

A courtyard lunch will be held in the courtyard today, May 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. BBQ hotdogs will be served with a choice of sautéed onions, chili, sauerkraut, bacon, pickles, tomatoes and other condiments. The cost is \$3.50 for students and \$4.50 for college employees. In ad-

dition, Phi Theta Kappa will be selling raffle tickets for a drawing to win an Xbox 360.

A workshop on social networking, including Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter, will be held today, May 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the library computer classroom.

Enjoy an evening out with authentic Ethiopian food and entertainment at a dinner benefit at First Congregational Church in Corvallis at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and are available at Grass Roots bookstore.

The LBCC annual Juried Student Exhibition is on display in the NSH gallery through June 5. The exhibit showcases more than 60 student pieces in the mediums of painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics and photography.

If you are looking for a way to entertain your out of town graduation guests, you might want to attend "Music for Money," a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 at the West Hills Congregational Church in Corvallis. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, contact Victoria Fridley at 541-917-4708.

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