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Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden takes to the streets as voters voice their opinions. **▶ Pg. 5**

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Ever since LBCC and OSU joined forces to create the Dual Enrollment Program in 1995, about 3,800 students have taken advantage of the shared services of the program.

## Joint financial aid secret to dual enrollment success

Colleen Jacks  
The Commuter

The Dual Enrollment Program jointly offered by LBCC and OSU brings the benefits of both institutions to students. Students can take many required classes at lower tuition rates at LBCC and take advantage of many services available at OSU.

Patsy Chester, director of Educational Partnerships at LBCC said, "the most unique feature of the program is that students can combine their credits at both schools for financial aid, regard-

less of where they take their classes. Normally, financial aid can be used at only one school."

If you pay the student fee for OSU, students are eligible to live in OSU student housing, use both the OSU Student Health Center and the Dixon Creek Recreation Center, and be covered by the OSU Student Health Insurance. "For some students, it's the only health insurance they have," Chester added. The OSU student fee is about \$275.00 per term.

Since the inception of the DEP in 1995, approximately 3800 students have participated in

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## Governor's cuts may slice through students' wallets

Dan Wise  
The Commuter

Students may have to shoulder increased tuition if a \$22 million budget cut for community colleges, proposed by the governor, is passed by the Legislature.

In a meeting with journalism students last Wednesday, college President Rita Cavin said this translates to a \$700,000 yearly reduction in funds for LBCC. "We were shocked at his proposal," she said.

According to the Oregon Community College Association, this continues a four year downward trend in state funding. State funding is over 47 percent of college income and has declined \$51.5 million in the previous two biennium. At the same time, enrollment has declined over 75,000. The governor's proposal would further erode enrollment by 40,000 to 42,000 according to the OCAA. While enrollment at LBCC has remained stable, further cuts will probably cause a decrease Cavin added.

Although it is a last resort she said, tuition increases are one of the few sources of fund-

ing the college has. Because of Measure 5 in 1990 and Measure 50 in 1997, increases in revenues are not expected from property taxes.

Tuition has increased an average of 37 percent since 2002, according to the OCCA. This year at LBCC, tuition increased 11 percent to \$56 per credit in state. This has the immediate effect of scaring new students away said Cavin.

The governor has proposed increasing Oregon Opportunity Grants by \$50 million to try and make up for some of the shortfall. This helps some, said Cavin, but is watered down by the inclusion of private schools in the pool. She also said students do not tend to look at financial aid availability when looking at the affordability of school. The high tuition is their first impression.

The college's only hope to avoid this loss of revenue is

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Dr. Rita Cavin

## Instructor Hobson ships out on ocean expedition

Nick Milhoan  
The Commuter

While many students and staff were busy putting up the decorations and running around from store to store in an effort to find the perfect gift, LB GED instructor Linda Hobson participated in the Teacher at Sea project, along with a team of OSU scientists, OSU undergrad and grad students, as well as other community college instructors. They spent time studying the waters off the coast of Mexico.

One of the activities the group focused

on was the retrieval of instruments in the San Clemente Basin. These objects were put there during the December 2003 outing. This project lasted roughly a full day and involved everyone.

The team was headed up by Dr. Marta Torres and Dr. Bob Collier, both of whom are associate professors and oceanographers at OSU. Their goal was to study chemicals and solid material in the ocean and sediment found on the ocean floor.

On December 3, Hobson and her students participated in lowering a CTD, which is an instrument that measures temperature, conductivity and depth

as it collects water. The also had their hands in research where they decorated styrofoam cups to be sent down to the floor with the CTD. These cups started out at 4-inches tall, but when they were brought back to the surface they were at 1.5- inches tall.

"When we pulled them up, the pressure from being on the ocean floor pushed all the air out of the styrofoam," said Hobson. "The cups shrank, but you could still read everything on them."

The group went to sea on the ship New Horizon. She departed from San

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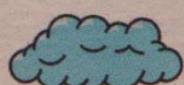


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LBCC instructor Linda Hobson (front left) joined researchers from OSU and other colleges for the Teachers at Sea expedition in December.

### WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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# OPINION

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## COMMENTARY

### Test-taking in Learning Center offers solace in private cubicles

A new term has started and I keep hearing students complain about having to take their math tests in the Learning Center.

I'm sure they will be singing a different tune after taking their first test in the solace of the LC.

I have to tell you about my first math test. I came to LBCC after having been out of high school for more than 20 years. Yes, I'm an oldie. HA! HA!

I hadn't opened a math book since the early 1980s. I had worked and never needed to use that algebra, so I was terrified when I walked into my Math 65 class for the first time. I pattered along, in a state of fearful anticipation, but never missing a class. My first test was scheduled and I was to take it in the Learning Center.

The test being scheduled outside the classroom added considerable anxiety. If I wanted to pass the class, I was going to have to comply, so I took myself to the Learning Center. The whole signing in process was not at all painful. The employees were great. I joked around about my anxiety and they did their best to calm me.

I took the test paper, my pencil, calculator and scratch paper to the small brown cubicle. Thank heavens for that cubicle. I sat down and had myself one hell of an anxiety attack. I could hardly breath, let alone think. It took me 15 minutes to calm down and get to work.

I am now glad all those tests were scheduled in the Learning Center. I cannot imagine sitting in a classroom, having that anxiety attack in front of other students. I would have died of shame. In the LC, I never felt the pressure of being the last to finish because I could only see what was going on in my cubicle. I was in my own little world, concentrating on my test, nothing else.

In the LC, a student is offered more time than they are in the average class. My current math class is 50 minutes. I could not complete a Math 65 or Math 95 test within 50 minutes. There would be no way. Having a limited time would have added to my anxiety level. The quiet environment is conducive to taking math exams. The employees are careful to collect cell phones and make sure students are not interrupted.

Some math classes allow their students to take each test more than once. If allowed, the instructor communicates to the LC via the student test form. The LC keeps track of each test taken using a number system. I had to take some of my tests more than once. I used this system to improve each test grade. It really helped me when grades came out.

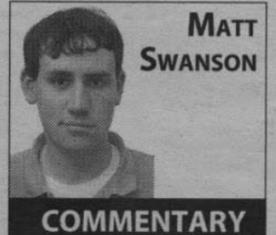
So, if you are in a math class that requires testing in the Learning Center, chill and give it a chance. You may find you like it.



## COMMENTARY

### Hoping from bar to well curbs curiosity

During Winter Break, I got to be part of something I have always been curious about since I was young. I finally had turned 21 and decided to go out with my mom and step-dad to their favorite past time hangout, the Elks Lodge; where I used to pick them up in the wee hours of the morning. I drove my mom down to the Elks, since she had the member's card needed to get in. I had been inside the Elks before, but never really in the bar area. The tables had large, red wheeled chairs, the atmosphere had the typical dim lighting, and it had the smell of 60 year old, stale cigarette aroma.



There were people sitting in there all post-21 ages. The bar sat in the middle, one side of it had video poker and the other was cluttered with red chairs and tables. After catching the sight of the room, I noticed the look on people's faces, as if I wasn't old enough be there. I still hadn't recovered from my birthday night back in October, so I decided on a Pepsi. It came in a regular glass with two neon colored, coffee stir-type straws. It wasn't that bad tasting, but a good thirst quencher.

About three hours later, I was getting hungry after having 5 glasses of Pepsi. My mom had a buzz and she insisted we head down to the bowling alley for some food, unless I wanted to sit and mingle with the old people for the Elks Friday night dinner. As I, the designated driver like I was in the past, drove to the bowling alley on the other end of Lebanon. We were sort of going bar-hoping.

Artisan's Well, the little square lounge at the bowling alley, was another place I had always wondered about. I can remember being in the building and imagining what was on the other side of the those tinted windows that had green and blue paint to fit the artisan genre. Inside was much similar to that at the Elks. Instead there was your basic tables and chairs as in a restaurant and a medium sized bar on the side. There was a constant video game sound coming from the video poker, the old lady was playing with her beer on one side and her ashtray for her off-brand cigarettes on the other.

I ordered a cheeseburger basket with French fries, and a small Pepsi. I had the pleasure of sitting next to a man whose first comment was that I stole his chair. Later, he became more comfortable, and when he found out who's kid I was, he kept telling me how great my mom was and how to find and keep the right woman. He also said it was okay to have daughters, even though they'll embezzle money from you as they get older.

Soon as I had inhaled enough second-hand smoke, drank enough Pepsi, and been around loud, on-the-verge-of-being-drunk people. I decided it was time to go home, since I had to work early the next morning. I can say that my childhood curiosity proved what I thought it would be. The places we went to weren't bad, but it could have been better if Carla from "Cheers" was my cocktail waitress.

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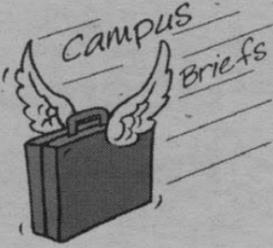
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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus



## Luckiamute Center holds open house Feb. 1

The Luckiamute Center, which is the new name for the refurbished and expanded Workforce Education Building, will hold an open house, complete with treats and tours, on Tuesday, Feb. 1, from 9-11 a.m. Printing Services will show off their new home after relocating from the I-B Building, and the staff of Adult Basic Skills, Family Resource and Education and Life and Employment Development will also open their offices and labs for tours.

## Winter Banquet planned by Culinary Arts students

Tickets go on sale today for the Culinary Arts Department's annual Winter Banquet, which will be held Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the College Center Commons. The menu will be prime rib, salad, baked potato, seasonal vegetable, dessert, beverage and a glass of wine. Tickets are \$14.50 per person and can be purchased in room CC214, or by calling 917-4391.

## Employee Appreciation Night set for Jan. 26

On Wednesday, Jan. 26, the LBCC Athletic Department and Wellness Program will hold its 8th Annual Employee Appreciation Night during the half times of the men's and women's basketball games against Mt. Hood. The night is to thank all the LBCC employees who work with student athletes. Prizes will be raffled off at half time of both of games, and the department promises that "everyone will get a prize." The women play at 5:30 p.m. and the men follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

## Survival Seminars offered at Benton, Linn centers

The Developmental Studies Department's Survival Seminar series is going on the road, with sessions scheduled at the Benton and Lebanon centers this Thursday Jan. 20. "Secrets of Comprehending Textbooks" will be offered at the East Linn Center in Lebanon from noon to 12:45 p.m., and also at the Benton Center at the same time. The East Linn Center presentation is with Karyn Chambers, while Chareane Wimbly-Gouveia will lead the session at the Benton Center. The seminars are free.

## 28th annual Family Fun Raiser set for Feb. 5

The Family Resource Center's 28th annual Family Fun Raiser will be held Saturday, Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Activities Center. Children ages 1 to 6 can enjoy activities provided by LBCC parenting classes, such as Play-Do, bubbles, an obstacle course, seed planting, basketball, face-painting and more. Activity tickets are 25 cents each. Parents can participate in the used toy and book sale and silent auction. The event is coordinated by the Parenting Education Advisory Committee and is the main fund-raising event for the Parent Grant Fund. For information, call 917-4897.

# LB launches on-line job search

LBCC News Service

Last week LBCC's Career Center held an open house to unveil its new job search database and other services.

The Career Center has approximately 145 jobs on their student employment database at any given time. They are also available to employers wanting to hire students. This is advantageous to both students and employers. Employers can deal directly with LBCC and students have less competition for jobs.

The services are available to those students who have taken one LBCC class. The center has helped students who have gone on to get bachelor's degrees and come back for employment assistance. In addition to job referrals, students can also get support with their written resume, a job search and interview skills.

The Career Center web site has been updated and can be accessed at [www.linnbenton.edu](http://www.linnbenton.edu). Click on Student Resources, click Career/Counseling, click Student Employment and finally click Student Employment database. You can sign up online without coming in to fill out a card. Some jobs are active and some are open referral. Open referral jobs offer the employer information. This enables the student to contact the employer directly. For the active jobs, students need to contact the Career Center. The CC verifies that the student meets the minimum requirements before referring them on to the employer.

Student Employment is responsible for 200 work study jobs on campus. They have a fair in September each year where they fill most of the jobs on campus. These jobs are federally-funded and



photo by Aubri Martin

Carla Raymond, director of the Career Center, is proud of the new on-line job search service that her department launched last week.

provide flexibility and easy access for LB students. Students who are eligible for financial aid, should get signed up immediately for next year as they stopped awarding for this year in April 2004.

The Career Center will host this year's Career Fair on April 7 with over 70 employers on site, offering jobs and providing industry information.

The Career Center is also part of Worknet, which is a consortium of the Oregon Employment Dept., Community Services Consortium, Vocational Rehab & LBCC.

Available in the Career Center is the Career Information System that has information on career exploration, occupations, financial aid and schools nationwide and in Oregon. This service is open to the public with an appointment. Counselors

can help with career exploration, class scheduling and short-term counseling for those going through a crisis in their lives.

The CC also houses the Cooperative Work Experience Program. They offer CWE opportunities for students wanting to obtain experience in their degree fields. A student must have completed two terms to apply for these paid and non-paid opportunities. Most employers, out in the real world, want to hire people with degrees and on-the-job experience. CWE provides that experience as well as college credit!

The Career Services office is located in Takena Hall 101 and is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesdays from open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.. They can be reached at 917-4780.

# Winter enrollment sees slight decline

Jennifer Overholser  
 The Commuter

Fewer students enrolled in classes this winter than last winter, according to Bruce Clemetsen, associate dean of enrollment management, but more have stayed in their classes than last winter.

"This is the first time we have seen a downturn in enrollment," Clemetsen said, "but we expected it."

The decline in enrollment is not a surprise to Clemetsen, after cuts in state funding and an increase in tuition, but he expects enrollment to grow again as courses and services offered by LBCC continue to increase.

In the past, when LBCC had to make cuts, the school still experienced a gain in students, Clemetsen said, while other schools in the state made cuts and lost students. LB did eventually begin to lose part-time students, though, he added.

The number of students registered for credit classes was expected to change some after Friday, which was the last day to add or drop a class. As of Friday afternoon, 2690 full-time students were registered, compared with last winter's 2800. Two hundred more part-time students were registered, which brings the total enrollment up by about 100 students.

According to Clemetsen, there has also been more retention of students continuing from fall term than in most years. The number of students drops each consecutive term in a school year, but retention has improved over the years, he said.

Clemetsen indicated that more credit classes would be open for registration in the near future. Many students have been unable to register for classes they need during open registration, because the classes have been full. More classes have already been made available this year.

It was a difficult decision for the school to raise tuition last year, Clemetsen said, but the need for more sections highlighted the importance of hiring more faculty to teach those classes. The state reduced the funding that LBCC was receiving, most of which had gone toward faculty, he said.

Clemetsen said that LBCC is looking to have more available in the spring. Experimental classes will be offered at the different centers. The Sweet Home Center will also be opening. More classes will be offered at the main campus and at the centers, he said.

Clemetsen said enrollment is expected to grow again. The number of high school graduates continues to grow and the graduate bulge is expected to continue up to 2010. Dual enrollment will continue to grow, he said, and the number of programs will increase.

LBCC is the only school in Oregon with dual enrollment that allows students to have services at both schools. He said there is a push for bachelor's degrees and that the economy is moving away from manufacturing toward a more intellectual emphasis. New programs are needed to help students be prepared for these expected changes, he indicated.

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# LOCAL NEWS

News on happenings around the country including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Philomath, Sweet Home and Tangent

## Wyden hits the road to learn voter concerns

**Nick Milhoan**  
 The Commuter

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden spent this past week touring the state, county by county, town by town, so that he can listen to the people and let them voice their concerns. This was something he promised Oregon voters he would do back in 1996 when he was first elected.

"It's tough to do this, but I feel it's something that needs to be done," said Sen. Wyden. "The people of Oregon need to know that I'm here for them."

Groups ranging from 200 to only 50 took the time to listen to him speak over the last two weeks at stops ranging from a town hall meeting with Sen. Gordon Smith in Portland and Medford, to small more personal settings that have taken place in Newberg and Monmouth.

Recently, at a town hall meeting in Monmouth, Senator Wyden spoke to smaller crowds and made time to meet on a one-on-one basis.

One of the first topics explored during this time was college education and what he feels should be done regarding this.

"I feel everyone should go to college,"



photo courtesy of Ron Wyden

said Wyden. "It's sad more don't go, but we need to do more not only on a national level, but at state and local levels as well."

He also expressed frustration with the Bush administration and the way they

*I feel everyone should go to college.*

**Ron Wyden**

are handling things.

"It's frustrating and I wish that this administration would find a way to work closer with all parties and try to get things done that better suit the country as a whole," said Wyden.

Many audience members also expressed concern and frustration over voter fraud in the November election.

"Oregon was in danger of losing it's vote-by-mail system the last time Congress entertained voting reform," said Wyden. "I have joined with Sen. Smith to keep fighting for Oregon's system, we are fortunate because we are one of the few states with a paper trail."

Oregon is fortunate to have two senators that work this close together. Though the relationship was not always like this. The two battled each other in 1996 for the seat vacated by Republican Bob Packwood, who resigned amid accusations of sexual misconduct. Wyden won that election, so he is the "senior"

Senator, though Smith joined Wyden in D.C. months later after he won the seat left open by the retiring Mark Hatfield.

Though both do agree working together is tough due to bipartisan politics, they are glad they are able to work towards a better Oregon.

"I find it baffling at times," said Wyden. "There isn't a whole lot of this going on today in American politics. Yes, there is plenty of stuff we disagree on. We don't pretend otherwise."

In the end, Wyden does hope to accomplish a few things during this the 109 session of Congress.

"The situations affecting Oregon and the nation are unconscionable," said Wyden, "and I vow to push for more money to properly fund programs in the nation and this great state."

Sen. Wyden will continue across the state this year to visit all the counties. He promises that he will visit every county in the state every year and has so far held over 350 town hall meetings across Oregon. He says if you go he will make sure it will be lively and you will leave with a different sense of what is going on with him, whether that be good or bad.

## Weather taunts Willamette Valley

**Nick Milhoan**  
 The Commuter

From one extreme to another, the mid-valley has experienced all kinds of weather the last few days and according to the weather forecast, we won't be seeing anything close to what we saw Friday night and into Saturday.

Ice, freezing rain, and cold temperatures assaulted Corvallis and Albany this past weekend, though our weather was mild in comparison to the Portland area. Road troubles and icy conditions forced some events, such as the Roadrunner basketball games to be canceled or delayed.

LBCC Athletic Director Greg Hawk canceled both the men's and women's games after icy conditions plagued the valley. The games have been rescheduled for February 2.

LB wasn't the only place to be effected by the weather. An annual fund-raiser for 4-H at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center was delayed

as well. Due to the weather conditions about 24 or so riders were kept at home and forced to be replaced at the last minute.

Throughout Western Oregon, people were sent scrambling as freezing rain pelted the streets and sent cars sideways. Though few problems were reported in Linn and Benton Counties. Emergency officials said nothing serious was reported.

In Portland, spectators for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships were few compared to the forecast.

"Their were more tickets sold than there are people here," said Rose Garden employee Helen Ike. "The weather really put a damper on the spectators, but it was still very upbeat in the arena."

The weather is expected to continue on the path that began Monday with temperatures in the mid-50's through the weekend with showers likely and winds upwards of 15-25 mph as well.

## Valentine's Day Flower Sale



*Have a carnation delivered to a special person at LBCC on Valentine's Day!*  
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JAN. 19 - JAN. 25

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 SIDES: Potatoes Anna, Mexican rice, glazed carrots  
 SOUPS: Cream of broccoli, beef noodle

**•THURSDAY:**

ENTREES: French dip, almond chicken, vegetable calzone  
 SIDES: Steak fries, steamed rice, garlic mushrooms  
 SOUPS: Creamy roasted chicken, won ton soup

**•FRIDAY:**

Chef's choice

**•MONDAY:**

ENTREES: Grilled pork chop, chicken gumbo, sweet & sour tempoh  
 SIDES: Cheese potato croquettes, rice pilaf, carrots & turnips Etuvée  
 SOUPS: Chicken noodle, split pea

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## Hoodoo Ski Area

Most popular is the Hoodoo Ski Resort, which is closest to home and a bit lower in cost. From LBCC, you can arrive at the lodge within two hours, depending upon road conditions.

Hoodoo's Autobahn Park is now the largest tube park in the country. The park is fully operational and offers five acres of gravity-fed thrill rides with 12 lanes

on 800-foot-slopes with a variety of speeds. The lane closest to the lift is the most mellow. Zanier rides are found further from the lift. Walking the hill saves money, but the tow lift makes the trip up the hill much easier.

New to Hoodoo is their timed race course available for \$200 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for your exclusive use for training with your group or team. As racers finish the race course, times are flashed and a hard copy is available with your results at noon.

The dual course is also open to the public on weekends and holidays, just fifty cents a run, or buy a multi-run pass, six for \$2.50 or twenty for \$8.50.

Race clinics are also offered on the course, offered on weekends and holidays with one hour of coaching for only \$30.

The Autobahn Park has expand-

ed into the largest tube park in the country. The park has 12-lane-tubes, riders can choose from on 800 foot slopes. Milder rides for the light hearted and zanier rides for bigger thrills. Soon they will have a



speed gun for timing tub racers.

Hours: Open weekends Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10-4.

For more information, phone (541) 822-3799

This year Oregon's Telefestival has moved to Hoodoo on Jan. 8 - 9 and on Feb. 11 - 13, Hoodoo will celebrate their Winter Carnival's 25th anniversary.

Introduced fresh from Europe, and new to Hoodoo is airboarding. Plans are under way for its first American Airboard World Series. The Burton Boys will be showing off their wares at the Burton Demo Day on March 20 and Verizin is planning to hold huge demonstrations that may include Olympic participants in mid March.

Hoodoo's manual depth gauge is 34 inches, with four

lifts open, Easy Rider Sled Hill is open, but Hoag area is closed due to the lack of snow. Nordic trails are groomed and cross-country skiers are enjoying the peace of the mountain.

Hoodoo is located on the summit of Santiam Pass, 20 miles northwest of Sisters and 95 miles from Albany. It has five lifts that serve 806 acres with 1,035 vertical feet.

Daily lift operating schedule is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sno-Park Permits are required by the State of Oregon in the Ray Benson parking lot and other snow play areas. However, parking during the day for Hoodoo customers is free. Overnight parking is by Hoodoo permit only. RV

hookups are available by reservation for \$20 and non-hookups for \$10. These permits are available at the lodge.



# Smitten' with the Willamette



## Ski Fun Facts

1. New York has 56 ski areas. Michigan has 34 and California has 33.
2. The United States has 507 ski areas.
3. Idaho has the most ski areas in the world.
4. The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team won the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games a total of six medals at Nigano, Japan.
5. With 3,500 acres, The Canyons is the largest ski area in Utah—unless you count Snowbird and Alta with 4,700 acres.
6. South Lake Tahoe's Heavenly Resort is the only ski area that runs from Nevada into California and back.



Story and Pictures  
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Expanded feature on selected topics, relating to student life and local issues.

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## Mountains in the Valley



### Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort

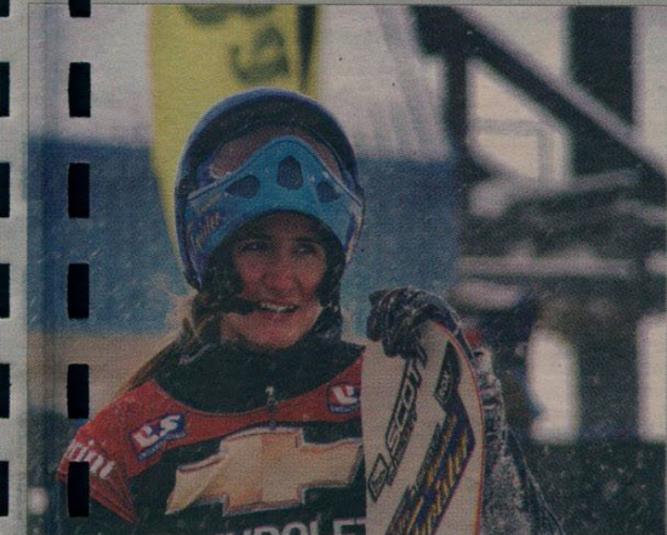
Mt. Bachelor's ski resort has a fabulous 400 feet superpipe and is home to the 2006 Olympic Qualifier and to the Chevy Truck U.S. Snowboard Grand Prix. Nearby, the Slope-side Arena, site for the Chevy Truck U.S. Snowboard Big Air Exhibition, invites the experts to challenge the multiple rails, tabletops and the infamous Big Momma. Covering 20 acres and extending for nearly one mile beside the Skyliner Express, the air chamber terrain park features new C Rails, Sector 5, the Freeride Team Signature Rails and the Wallride—a snow ramp leading to a 10 foot vertical wall. For those building up to big terrain features, Sunshine Park offers boxes, rails and smaller size hits.

Mt. Bachelor has 10 chair lifts and has been rated the "Best Lift System in North America," and the "Best Glade Skiing in North America," by Ski Magazine for the past four years. The mountain has includes seven high-speed quads serving 71 runs on 3,365 vertical feet.

There are dozens of cross-country ski trails to cruise on, over 56 kilometers of groomed track, and five-acre Snowblast Tubing Park with two Mega Star handle-tows has seven sculpted runs full of twists, turns and rolls.

Lifts open at 9 a.m. weekdays and at 8 a.m. weekends and holidays. For more information call Mt. Bachelor at 1-800-829-2442.

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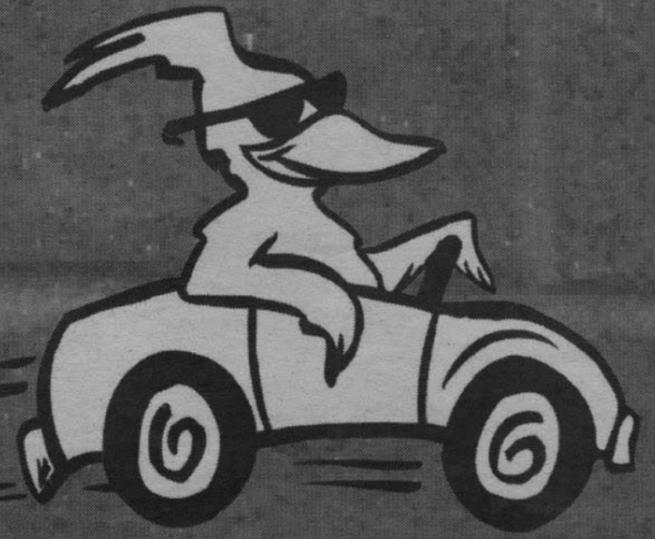
Oregon's spectacular, rugged beauty lies within its boundaries of pleasant, serene valleys of peace and tranquility. Down through central Oregon, from the Columbia River, the Cascade Mountain Range creeps south to the California border. The mountain range is flanked on both sides by winter sport resorts and recreation areas which include skiing, snowboarding, dog sledding, snowmobiling, hiking, ice skating and camping. Lodging varies from high-class resorts to the low budget, family abodes, all supporting the mountain activities.

Oregon's luxurious mountains are dotted with six well-known ski areas, but let us not forget the other mountain ranges full of ski areas and resorts that are smaller and just as tantalizing. The lesser known ranges; Siskiyou, Warner, Blue and Wallowa mountains, all offer as much winter fun as their western counterparts.

Snowfall has been low this season, but last weekend the clouds opened up and dropped eight to twelve inches of precious powder, delighting the snow bums. Although snowfall has lightened up this week, snow coverage is ample and the Cascades ski area lifts are operating at minimum capacity.

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# SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

## Weekend shootouts leave only four teams standing in race for Super Bowl

*Falcons face Eagles and Patriots take on Pittsburg on Sunday*

**Jake Rosenberg**  
 The Commuter

Get your chips and dip ready because the Super Bowl is now only two games away after this weekend's second-round playoff action in the National Football League.

The first game had AFC top-seed Pittsburgh hosting the Jets in the first divisional game Saturday where the Steelers got off to a ten to zip lead before quarterback Ben Roethlisberger started showing signs of rookie-mortality. Speedy Santana Moss returned a 75 yard punt to tie the game before "Big Ben" threw a big interception to former OSU safety Reggie Tongue, who took it 86 yards for a touchdown and a 17-10 Jets lead.

Roethlisberger's poor play continued but was offset by the running of Jerome Bettis, who bested NFL rushing champion Curtis Martin of New York, with 101 yards and the opening touchdown. Roethlisberger later redeemed himself with a scoring shovel pass to Hines Ward to tie it.

In the final minutes of regulation, New York kicker Doug Brien missed two crucial field goals of 47 and 43 yards to force a third overtime game in a row for the Jets. However, this sudden death period was not as fortunate for New York as the previous week, as it was Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed kicking a 33-yarder to win it 20-17 in the end.

In the Saturday night game, "the greatest show on turf"



The Eagles' Freddie Mitchell dives for the goal line but loses control of the ball, resulting in a touchback during the Eagles 27-14 win over the Vikings Sunday.

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was on display, but this time it wasn't St. Louis. It was Michael Vick and his high-flying Falcons who grabbed the Rams by the horns and carried them for 327 yards on the ground.

While Vick only managed 82 yards in the air, the quarterback's 119 rushing yards were almost double that of the Rams entire team, where former Beaverback Steven Jackson managed only 32 yards for the Rams in the 47-17 loss in the Georgia Dome.

Sunday's action started with a morning match-up between top seed Philadelphia playing the bottom seed Vikings. Even without Terrell Owens, Donovan McNabb proved too much for an overachieving Vikings defense, as he passed for 286 yards and two touchdowns.

Duck alum Onterrio Smith couldn't mend Daunte Culpepper's or Randy Moss' pants-down-performance as Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter single-handedly shut down Minnesota with seven tackles, a sack and an interception.

after their 27-14 victory, the Eagles will try for their first super bowl appearance since 1980 when they host Atlanta on Sunday in Philly's fourth consecutive NFC championship appearance.

The most anticipated game of the season was saved for last when Peyton Manning and the Colts looked to end a seven-game-skid versus a strong New England squad. Tom Brady threw for 144 yards while Corey Dillon ran for as

much, allowing the Patriots to control the ball for nearly two-thirds of the game and keeping the Indianapolis offense off the field.

Pat's safety Rodney Harrison made sure that the Indy offense didn't produce when they had the rare opportunity, making 11 tackles and keeping the Colts out of the end zone with an interception to clinch the game 20-3. The Patriot's win means a rematch of three years ago, when they beat Pittsburgh in the 2001 AFC championship.

The Falcons and Eagles will fight to play the winner of the Patriots-Steelers match-up next Sunday to determine who will be making reservations in Jacksonville, Fla. On Feb. 6 for Super Bowl XXXIX.

## Women fall to Umpqua; men prevail by one point

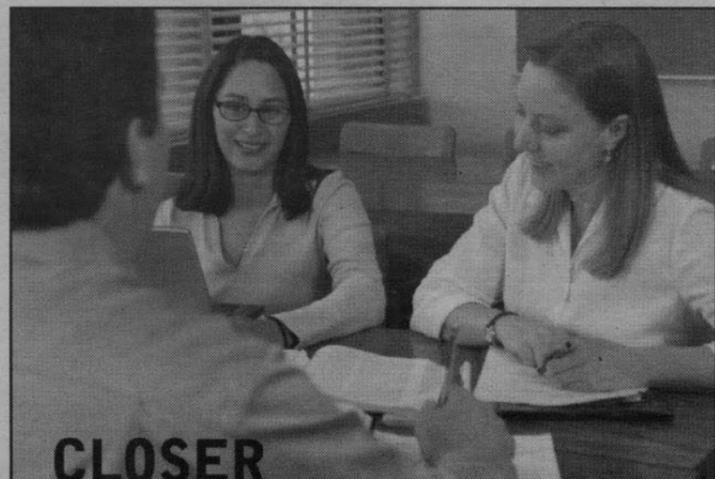
**Jake Rosenberg**  
 The Commuter

LB basketball teams returned from their games in Roseburg last Wednesday in opposite spirits.

The Lady Runners opened their game against the second-ranked Umpqua team with the first score, but that would be their only lead of the game as they were overpowered by a score of 75-52. Brittany Howell was a rare bright spot, playing a complete game with 12 points, eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

The men followed by winning a tight game that includes 13 lead changes. The Runners managed only eight points in the paint, but the outside sharp-shooting from Shaun Lake and Michael Braziel made up for the lack of an inside presence. Lake drained four three-pointers on his way to 16 points, while Braziel made six for a total of 20 points with six assists. Tommy Bain finished with 20 points, making eight of 11 field goals and snagging five rebounds. The deciding factor could have been the 17-21 effort that LB put in at the charity stripe, as LB won by a single point, 85-84.

The Runners return to action tonight after the ice canceled Saturday's games, when they host Southwest Oregon in the Activities Center.



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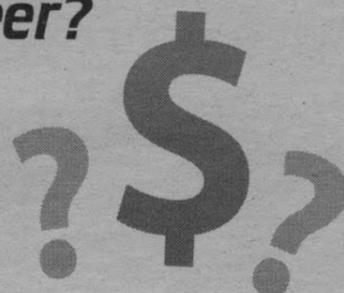
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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

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## Dual Enroll: More than 600 students in program

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the program, and about 800 have graduated from OSU.

"Each quarter we have over 600 students enrolled in the program, but it's not easy to know how many are enrolled at both campuses, but about 1500 students are enrolled at OSU," Chester said. "Students can make a very early connection with an advisor at both schools. That way they can take the classes they need saving time, money and frustration."

Not all DEP students start at LBCC. Sometimes OSU students find that a class they need for graduation is only offered through LB, so they can

dual-enroll just for that one term. "Another benefit of the program is students having the option of finding necessary classes at a more convenient time," Chester added.

Registration for the program is available only online, and must be paid for with a credit card. More information about the Dual Enrollment Program eligibility requirements, benefits, tuition, advisors and registration can be found on the LBCC at [www.linnbenton.edu/dualenrollment](http://www.linnbenton.edu/dualenrollment) or at the main OSU website at <http://oregonstate.edu> and click on the Quick Link for Dual Enrollment.

## Cavin: Students sought to lobby for more funds

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persuading the Legislature not to make the cuts, she said. College officials are being aggressive in their dealings with legislators, and Cavin hopes they can be persuaded to restore the funds.

While dealing with the governor has been less than satisfactory, Cavin said she has a very good working relationship with

the local legislators.

One way students can help in the process is to join in the lobbying effort. In dealings with legislators, "students have more credibility than college presidents," said President Cavin.

Those wishing to be involved should contact Student Activities Director Tammi Paul-Bryant, at the student union.

## Mexico: Instructor to use experience in classes

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Diego, California on December 3, 2004. The crew then proceeded south to the San Clemente Basin, offshore of Tijuana, Mexico. The group returned to San Diego nine

days later.

Hobson will use the data collected in math problems. She will use percentages and fractions and form in class discussions. Also she plans to use

information collected in future teachings.

Hobson teaches, adult basic skills and GED preparation at the Lebanon campus. She has lived in the mid-valley for six

and a half years. Originally from Arizona, she taught fifth and sixth grader's on the Navajo Indian Reservation, as well as GED preparation, prior to coming to LBCC.

## Buildings undergo name changes

Melissa Chaney  
The Commuter

Students and staff at LBCC will need to re-orient themselves once the new multi-purpose classroom building is completed and a few buildings are renamed.

The current construction of a building to the north of the AHSS Building will be known as the North Santiam Hall and will be connected to AHSS. The AHSS Building will be renamed the South Santiam Hall and connected by a sky bridge. The proposal and passing of the various name changes was unanimous, and took place during a meeting of LBCC's Board of Education.

The AHSS Building (Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences) no longer applies to all of the classes that meet there. Rita Cavin, college president noted that, "the college staff recommends moving away from naming buildings for divisions, so as not to limit the perceived use of a building." The LRC or Learning Resource Center is easily confused with the Learning Center, which in turn shares the same initials

as the Lebanon Center. In order to solve this problem, the LRC will be named Willamette Hall.

The Workforce Education Building (WEB), which burned down in 2003, has been reconstructed and will be renamed the Luckiamute Center, after the Luckiamute River, which drains into the Willamette River.

The Luckiamute is primarily associated with the Luckiamute band of the Kalapuya (Calapooia) Native American tribe, which has inhabited Oregon for hundreds of years and is nearly extinct. A small presentation has been posted on a wall inside the Workforce Education Building in order to provide information on the Luckiamute tribe for which it will be renamed.

The projected costs for changing all of the signs and maps that pepper the campus is approximately \$4,000. The money used for the building of North Santiam Hall and the sky bridge is coming from the capital bond measure passed in 2000. The General Fund will be providing the money for changing the signs.

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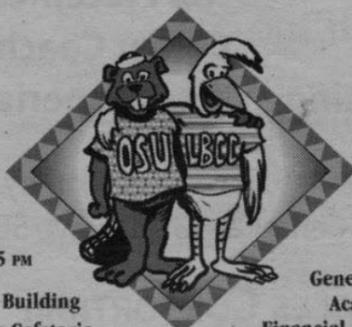
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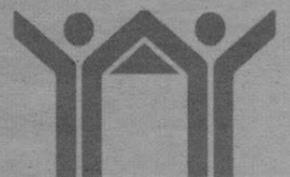
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

## 'Resident Evil 4' breathes new life into 'undead' genre with impressive and horrific results

Adam Peoples  
 The Commuter

"Resident Evil 4" brings a new chapter in terror to the landmark series that put survival horror games on the mainstream map. Exclusively on Nintendo GameCube, the latest "Evil" game will leave a gruesomely satisfying bloodstain in the annals of video game history.

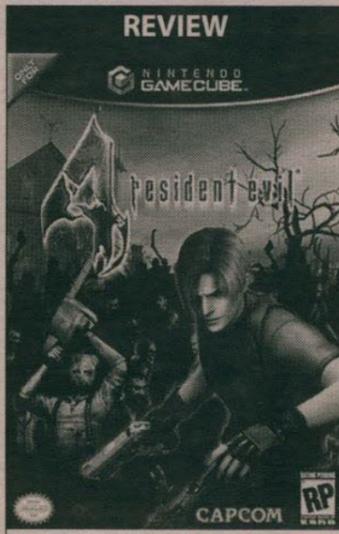
Six years after the outbreak in Raccoon City, U.S. Agent Leon Kennedy is sent to the European countryside in search of an abducted girl. Hell breaks loose when Leon wanders into an unwelcoming rural village. "RE4" charges players to rescue the woman and get home alive.

The story may not be ground-

breaking, but fresh and innovative improvements pop-up throughout the title. Capcom has boldly developed a new game at the risk of alienating fans of the 10-year-old series.

The most obvious change is the implementation of an over-the-shoulder camera angle. While the preset angles lead to memorable scares, the new view thrusts players closer to the carnage. This view adds psychological tension when surrounded by rabid villagers.

Players can activate the analog aiming system by pulling a trigger on the controller. Aided in-game by laser-pointed weaponry, this allows for more accurate shooting, far from the crude aiming in early titles that asked players to only point in a general



direction. The required precision makes seeing an enemy's head explode in a spray of crimson and chunk more rewarding.

To the dismay of gamers, Capcom hasn't changed the character movement control. Instead of adopting analog movement, the team behind "RE4" chose to use interactive environments to up the action ante. Leon dives through windows, kicking down ladders and jumping off ledge after ledge at the press of a button.

The blood-thirsty villagers will utilize the same freedom to bring a gory end Leon's journey abroad. Chainsaw-wielding assailants waste no time to lop off the hero's head should careless players let their guard down.

The dark and grisly content is packaged in visuals that are some of this generation's best yet. A gritty style and murky color scheme flavors the adven-

ture with an eerie taste. "RE4" is a rare game that is as much fun to watch as it is to play.

Frightening surround sound compliments the gory visuals. Hearing villagers scream for help as they gather their pitchforks and axes is unnerving but equally impressive. The buzz of an approaching chainsaw is enough to make a gamer's heart beat frantically. Additionally, Capcom used capable voice actors that help give personality to the digital characters.

"RE4" looks, sounds and plays great. The fatal triple-threat is the pinnacle of the series and blends old with new in a bloody mess of quality gaming. For mature audiences, there has never been a better reason to own a GameCube.

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W.O.W. Hall 291 W. 8th St. Eugene 541-687-2746	Thur. Jan. 20 <b>Bowling for Soup, American Hi-Fi, Riddin' Kids &amp; MC Lars</b> Rock concert 7 p.m. \$15

## Bridget Jones continues tumultuous misadventures

Sheena Bishop  
The Commuter

In the 2001 Film "Bridget Jones' Diary," we leave Bridget in the arms of Mark Darcy, a Civil Rights Barrister that would make any sane woman drool. After she decided to keep a journal, we watch Bridget go through a year of her life where a desperate search for real love lands her in the bed of her boss, Daniel Cleaver, who turns out to be the wrong kind of Casanova.

After breaking through Daniel's lies, she finds herself realizing that Darcy really isn't so horrible after all.

Jump to 2004, the release of "Bridget Jones: Edge of All Reason," has been put before us with

all of the original cast playing roles that they not only do well, but are very comfortable with. The story begins almost seven weeks after where we left Bridget three years ago, still in the arms of Mark Darcy.

Still inelegant, cursed with the inability to think before she speaks, and completely in love, Bridget feels that she must fit into Mark's world of aristocratic snobbery to make their relationship work, an idea that only she could come up with.

After a few catastrophic events in their relationship leave you angry at Bridget's ignorance, you soon forget about her mistakes at the reappearance of Daniel Cleaver, no longer her boss, yet again a presence she



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**Renée Zellweger, shown here receiving the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her performance in "Cold Mountain" last year, has put in another solid performance in the second edition of "Bridget Jones."**

cannot escape.

Bridget's boss at "Sit Up, Britain" wants her and Daniel to work together. Although she resists, they are both put on a plane to Thailand for a television show they are to shoot. Bridget knows the dangers of being alone with Daniel, and therefore brings along Shazzer, one of her best friends, also a journalist.

An experience with a hallucinogen, not complete without running into Daniel, leads her to his bedroom yet again. Latter, a fertility bowl will prevent her leaving the country.

Inside a Thai women's prison, Bridget is surrounded by others who don't entirely know what went wrong, and is horrified at their inability to sing Madonna's

"Like a Virgin". She makes friends quickly, bonding with them over her story of love and loss, and how she must return to London to tell Mark the truth. A surprise visitor has her released from jail within the week.

Back in London, Shazzer, Jude and Tom tell her how she was released, sending Bridget into immediate flight after Mark. On the way to reclaiming her love, she learns a few details that had eluded her before, including the truth behind a certain someone whom she thought was trying to steal her man in the beginning.

I'm happy to report that Bridget does catch up with Mark, that the ending is a wedding party coming out of a church, but the hitched couple is not our heroine and her beloved. This leads me to believe that another

Diary will be written for the screen, and we will again be sitting in the theater waiting to see how Bridget screws up this time.

The movie does follow closely along the lines of the original plot, Bridget's involvement with Daniel, her reunion with Mark, even the duel between the two would-be gentlemen, but it was also done in a fashion that adds enough new material so you aren't bored, knowing exactly what will happen in every scene.

To make a long story short, if you liked the first one, you will like the second one. And if we are lucky, they'll make a third that is completely original, just to throw us off.

## REVIEW

### One Wine Bar offers an elegant dining experience with large wine selection

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My husband and I found ourselves with some free time on a recent Sunday, so we took ourselves to One Wine Bar for Sunday brunch.

The atmosphere at One is elegant with sheer curtains hanging from the ceiling offering privacy to each table. The walls are painted a deep brown and the tables covered with white.

It's a nice ambiance.

Fresh fruit with scones was offered before our order was taken.

The menu offered five selections. I tried the cheese omelet. You might think that this was a boring choice. However, the three eggs were stuffed with a swanky cheese and the bacon was perfect. My husband had the benedict. His was as lavish as mine. Our dining was followed by a dessert of delicate pastries,

each stuffed with a delectable concoction.

The brunch price of \$18 for each person does include coffee. An additional fee is charged for champagne or fruit juice.

One purports itself to be a wine bar. Theirs is a significant wine list. They are open for lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch.

One is located at 1520 Pacific Blvd. S.E. For reservations, call 541-967-3472.