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LB closes; snow storm chills state

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

An ornery Alaskan storm crept south Monday, scattering snow and creating hazardous roads for much of the state.

LBCC closed at 1 p.m. Monday due to snowfall which unpredictably cleared by 3 pm. But the melted snow turned to ice overnight worsening road conditions and causing school closures for most of the valley.

Two day-time performances of the play "Treasure Island" were cancelled Monday and Tuesday depriving 1000 school children of the opportunity to view the kids-only performances which have been scheduled through the month.

George Kurtz, Vice President of Business Affairs, said that the safety of students and staff is the main criteria used to determine if the college closes. "We confer with Albany and Corvallis school districts because many of our students and staff have children in those schools," said Kurtz, "then we make our own decision."

Kurtz said that the campus has, "stood up fine," to the recent winter storms adding that last year's snow storm was more severe than any so far this year.

"We've essentially lost one day of Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes and one day of Tuesday-Thursday classes," said Kurtz.

Lt. Hyde of the Albany police department said that he hasn't seen very many accidents due to the weather. "It hasn't been bad really," said Hyde, "the only problem today has been shady spots."

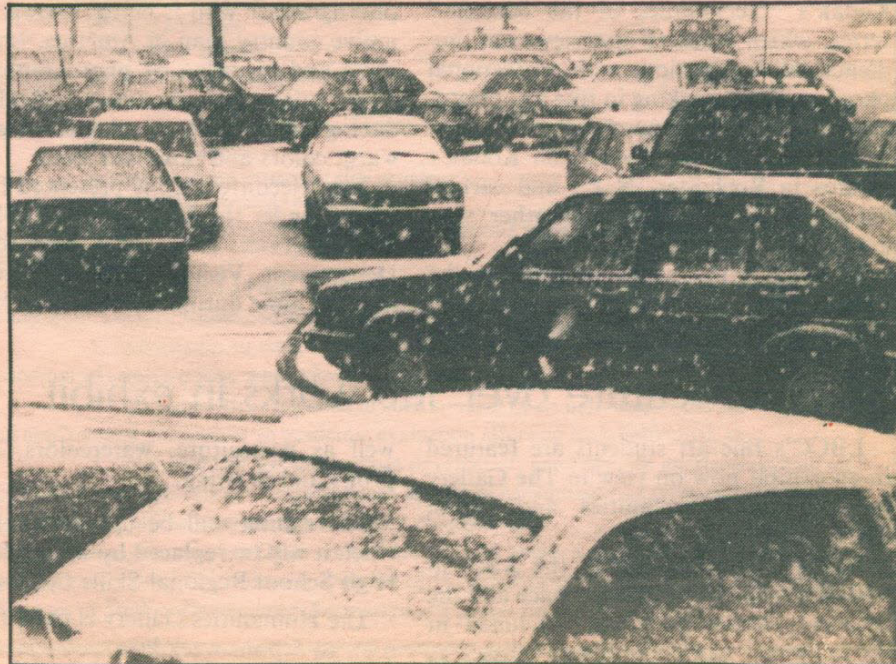
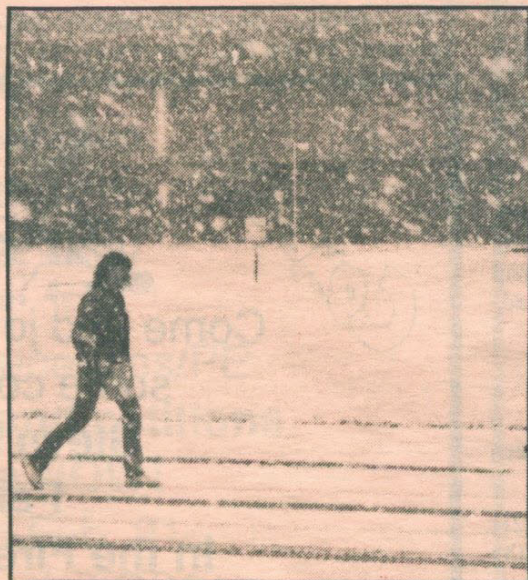
The freezing temperatures are likely to persist through the week making road conditions hazardous over-night and in the early morning hours.

Another storm is expected to arrive Thursday possibly bringing more snow.

Forecasts Tuesday called for high temperatures near 40 degrees today and Thursday with lows 30 degrees or below.



A stream of cars pours out of the parking lot after winter weather closed the LBCC campus at 1 p.m. Monday. The snow that blanketed the campus had mostly melted away by 3 p.m. only to be replaced by more snow and ice on Tuesday. A new weather system is expected to bring more snow to the valley floor Thursday.



Photos by Jess Reed

Peer mentoring helps foreign students fit in at LBCC

By Mari Tsukahara
Of The Commuter

The International and Intercultural Services at LBCC provides a peer mentoring program to make relationships closer between American and foreign students.

This is an opportunity for students to enhance familiarity with different cultures and to eliminate misunderstanding because of cultural differences, Charlene Fella, coordinator of International and Intercultural Services, explains.

The peer mentoring program began last fall. Involving five American and five foreign students at the time of its inception, the program has increased its members to eight American and eight

foreign students. Each of the American and foreign students make pairs, which meet once a week to talk or do some activities together, according to Fella.

American students may earn three credits through the Cooperative Work Experience program.

"The peer mentoring program is designed to smooth the difficulty or anxiety that foreign students may face living in the United States," Fella explains. "Mentors can support those students by giving information and increasing understanding toward people from different cultural backgrounds."

Steve Jarvis has started mentoring in February with Japanese student, Yumika Sugimoto, a speech communications ma-

yor. Jarvis says he is still groping for a better mentoring process. He is expecting to do many activities, such as taking a field trip with other mentors and foreign students together.

"I want to help and encourage Yumika, especially when she gets homesick or has problems with schooling," Jarvis says. He also shows willingness to promote a better understanding about different cultures.

Sugimoto, who came from Japan two years ago, expects to improve her speaking ability in English through this program.

"It takes a long time and a lot of practice to communicate well in English," she

says. "Unfortunately, I usually hesitate to talk to classmates and instructors at school because I am just afraid."

She has known many foreign students who have become speechless at school as a result of hesitation and lack of confidence in their English. The peer mentoring program may become a solution for such problems.

"I hope that this mentoring program will involve more American and foreign students at LBCC," Sugimoto says.

To foreign students, more chances to speak in English means eliminating a wall between them and the American culture. On the other hand, American students may discover something new and unique in different cultures.

LBCC opens new Lebanon Center ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 10

By Ila Pitts
Of The Commuter

LBCC's new Lebanon center is hosting an open house today, beginning with a ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. and continuing until 8 p.m.

In progress throughout the day are seminars and mini-classes in a variety of topics, from bird-watching to job search strategies. Also, various art instructors are demonstrating techniques in oil painting, water color, sweat shirt design and more.

Director Al Barrios said that several non-college agencies will be on hand to answer questions and present their programs, as well as some college-sponsored programs. Those represented are: Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Linn County Veterans Office, Developmental Education (ABE/GED), Career Counseling, Small Business Development, Child

Care Resource and Referral, and an office technology lab.

Involved in today's mini-class program is Ed Savoy, a new photography instructor, who will outline his classroom format, demonstrate camera operation and display some of his own work. Savoy said he wants to teach students the basic tools and skills "to take photographs that satisfy themselves. The relaxation one can encounter in landscape photography is an excellent release."

He said the central location of the new center is an asset to the community. Lebanon is the hub of the East-Linn areas that encompass Brownsville, Crawfordville, Sweet Home, Cascadia, Scio, Crabtree and Lacombe. "These small communities are looking to LBCC's Lebanon Center as the answer to their future," he said.

Photography teleconference tomorrow

Photographers Arnold Newman and Andreas Heumann will discuss their work in a free teleconference to be aired live the LBCC Fireside Room Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The program is part of Eastman Kodak's "Techniques of the Masters" series, which features interviews and audience call-in questions with professional photographers working in fine art, photojournalism and commercial photography. It will be broadcast live from Kodak's studios in Rochester, N.Y., and carried via satellite to colleges and other sites around the country.

Thursday's program, the third in the 1989-90 series, focuses on two artists with different reputations. Newman, considered

one of the pioneers of a style which has come to be called "environmental portraiture," began photographing in 1938 and over the decades has photographed most of the famous names in science, the arts and literature. Heumann, a British photographer who is better known in his native country than in America, is also a critic and historian of photography. He works primarily in the fine arts field, producing work that is characterized by warm colors and powerful ideas.

The teleconference is presented free at LBCC under the auspices of the college's Media Services and Fine & Applied Arts Department. Visitors are invited to drop in a any time during the two-hour broadcast.

Students feature over 100 works in exhibit

LBCC's fine art students are featured in an exhibit now on view in The Gallery in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

Nearly 100 works cover the walls in both the main lobby gallery space and the adjacent conference room. Included in the show are works by design classes as

well as portraiture, watercolors, screen prints and drawing.

The exhibit will be up until Feb. 21, when it will be replaced by winners of the High School Regional Skills Contest.


The Humanities Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.



Twinkie the Kid

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Free twinkies were provided to students by Student Programs in observance of Hump Day, the mid-point of the year.



Come and join ASLBCC for some comic relief!
Steve Hudson
Feb. 21
In the Fireside Room
at noon

Spring term class to offer environmental solutions

By Moni Shuttlesworth
Of The Commuter

1970: Anti-establishment environmentalists first raise the alarm over ozone depletion, water pollution, overpopulation and other ecological threats to the earth.

1990: Garbage overflows landfills, oil spills foul coastal areas, and holes open in the ozone.

Twenty years later, and how much has changed?

In his State of the Union address last month, President Bush said the environment has again risen to the top of the nation's agenda, and is finally receiving the world-wide attention it had lacked in the past few years. The signs are everywhere. Universities are offering degrees in Environmental Science. The Environmentalist Party in Romania and the Greens in England are using ecology as their main platforms. ABC, NBC and CBS have all aired prime-time programs on the growing environmental concerns around the world.

This national awareness also reached LBCC's campus this year.

Recycling bags have been placed near copy machines in all college offices this term. Last fall, campus officials replaced styrofoam with paper containers in the Camas Room and Commons. Students and staff have begun regular Earthday meetings to plan community and campus events to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first Earthday in 1970.

And next term, an environmental solutions class will be offered on campus for the first time ever.

Char Klinger, an LBCC counselor with a lifetime interest in environmental issues, has developed the course as a way to find solutions that individuals can become involved in. Klinger has led 4-H natural

resource groups, Girl Scout clean-up efforts and many other volunteer projects. She says she's been called "the nature lady" by her 4-Hers and scouts.

Her new class will meet during the noon hour, Monday and Friday, with guest speakers scheduled on Mondays, and student discussion and reports on Fridays. The speakers will include several faculty members who will lecture on environmental issues of personal and professional interest.

Jay Mullen, history instructor, will speak on the long-range effects of radioactivity. Mullen is a member of the "Downwinders," an organization for the radioactively exposed that formed in response to releases of radioactive emissions from the Hanford Nuclear Facility in the 1940s and 50s.

Biology instructor Bob Ross will talk on solutions for the individual, and political science instructor Doug Clark will address legislation for environmental laws. Science instructor Steve Lebsack is interested in what people will do once they have the knowledge to effect solutions,

and Richard Liebaert, also in the science department, will talk on the importance of environmental diversity. Geography instructor Dan Ehrlich will lecture on the consequences of degradation.

Klinger's class is titled "What on Earth Can We Do?" and is a result of a brainstorming session at the first Earthday meeting on campus last term. The title is also the international Earthday motto for 1990.

"Where do we start?" asked Klinger. "With ourselves. As with the health patterns of the last 10 years, we have learned the only effective change is in lifestyles, not just behavior."



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The car of Ann L. Heyer is towed away after an accident at the intersection of Ellingson Road and Pacific Blvd, Monday. Heyer was treated for minor injuries and released.

Teacher presents second reading of the Valley Writers Series

Native Oregonian Alice Ann Bagley will present the second reading in the Valley Writers Series next Tuesday.

Bagley, who teaches literature and creative writing at Crescent Valley High School, is the 1987 winner of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English (OCTE) Teacher-as-Writers competition for poetry. This year, "Calyx" Magazine nominated her for the CCLM-GE Young Writers' Award for Poetry. Bagley has presented several workshops on poetry writing, most recently at the 1989 OCTE state conference. Her work has appeared in "Calyx," "Fireweed," "Montage," "Northwest Magazine" and "Oregon English."

Bagley will give two readings on Tuesday, Feb. 20: at noon in F-104 at LBCC, and at 7:30 p.m. in the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe St.

The Valley Writers Series is organized through LBCC's English Department and is supported by grants from LBCC's Student Activities Program, the LBCC Foundation, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and Friends of the Library. The series was organized to promote readings at the college and in the community by creative writers.

The next reader will be Sallie Tisdale, a 1989 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship award winner, on Tuesday April 3. The series will end on May 17 with an "Open Mike" to enable local writers to share their works.

For more information about the series or to participate in the Open Mike, contact English instructors Beth Camp, ext. 208, or Linda Eastburn, ext. 201.

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Interviews Feb. 21.

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FROM: Jon Carnahan President

SUBJECT: Freedom From Sexual Discrimination

It is the policy of Linn-Benton Community College not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. As student of Linn-Benton Community college, you are protected from sex discrimination in the following:

- Admissions
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- Access to and use of school facilities
- Counseling and guidance materials, tests, and practices
- Vocational education
- Physical education
- Competitive athletics
- Graduation requirements
- Student rules, regulations, and benefits
- Treatment as a married and or pregnant student
- Financial assistance
- School-sponsored extracurricular activities
- Most other aid, benefits or services

In addition you are protected against all forms of sexual harassment as defined in the Board adopted policy:

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1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment, admission, or academic evaluation,
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for an employment decision or an academic evaluation affecting such individual; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual's work performance or a student's academic performance, or creating an intimidating hostile, or offensive working or learning environment.

If you wish to discuss your rights under Title IX or to obtain a copy of these full grievance procedures, contact Brian Brown, Director of Human Resources, Ext. 177 or Bob Talbot, Director of Student Development/Instructional Service, Ext. 433.

Computer Center romance leads to Valentine vows

By **Kathe Nielson**
Of The Commuter

Today, Valentine's Day, is their wedding day.

Debra Derrick, journalism major, and Richard McDougald, Albany Center computer instructor, will be married at the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis at 1 p.m.

Their meeting and courtship in LB's Computer Lab gives a new twist to the computer expression "user friendly." It was an Intro to Mactintosh class that first brought student and instructor together last September.

"It was in this very spot, on the first day of class," says Debra, who was interviewed last week in the lab. "I was sitting right here and he was standing right there" she points. "I saw his bright blue eyes and I was really attracted to him. But it was not reciprocal at first. I mean, he's so good-looking and nice, so nice to everyone, I'm sure he's had lots of women interested in him."

Rich (Debra prefers Richard) remembers their first meeting slightly differently.

"A group of 27 unexpected students were ushered into my lab, which only comfortably seats 12. I was kind of forced into giving them a crash course on the "Mac" in two hours time. It's a tiny room. People were packed in everywhere, even on the floor. It got hotter and hotter in there. I guess you could say my first meeting with Debra left me . . . breathless."

She now lovingly refers to him as a "computer geek," but in the beginning it was frustrating.

"I kept trying to get him out of there (the lab). I started bringing him little gifts, chocolate or flowers, but he was always in the lab. It was constant," she said.

Within two weeks, the users had become friendly.

Richard started finding the time to meet Debra for lunch on campus. Then, he met Dani Derrick, Debra's four-year-old daughter, and started spending more and more time getting to know Dani at the Family Resource Center, her preschool on campus.

By Halloween, the couple met for their first off-campus date.

By Christmas, they talked about marriage.

By the new year, they set a date. "I think we knew right away," says Debra. "Most people, even our friends and family, think it's happened so fast. If it doesn't work out—they're right. If it works—it was perfect timing, and we were brilliant!"

While not yet brilliant in the computer field, Debra does feel confident with her new skills. "Yeah, I've learned a lot about computers, it's really easy. I can get in and out of all kinds of programs."

"Mostly, by osmosis" interjects Richard teasingly, as he slips away again, needed by a student elsewhere in the Computer Lab.

"And Dani has too," Debra continues,

"She can't even read yet, but Richard has taught her to use the Mac. I have to admit though, the best part of the class was that I got to look at him."

When they're not looking at computers screens or at each other, the couple is busy remodeling Debra's house, "out in the sticks, out past Brownsville." She grins, "He's great around the house, really helps out, and even fixed the furnace."

And they both remembered a quiet reflective walk on a recent snowy evening.

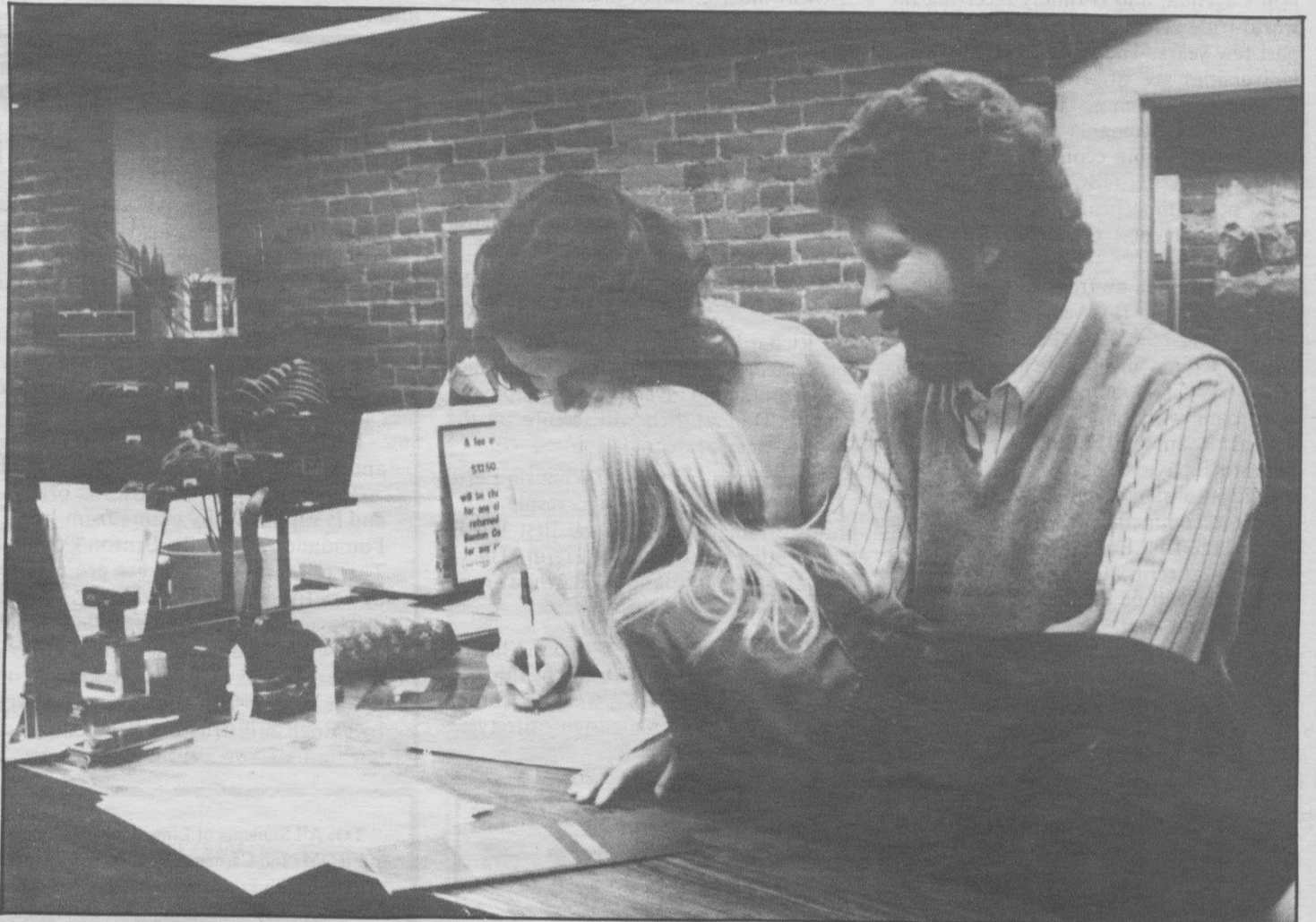
"It's a lot to think about," she says, "lots of details, added responsibilities plus the care of my child. It's a big commitment. But, Richard has taught me not to be such a pessimist."

Richard nods, then adds, "I've really learned a lot about balancing a family, teaching and time. Debra has taught me lots and lots of patience."

And will there be time for a honeymoon for this fast-paced couple?

"Well no," says Debra. "All of us have to be back at school by nine o'clock, Thursday morning. But we did plan our reception for Saturday. At least that way we're leading into a three-day weekend."

By the way, if you did receive an invitation to the celebration of their marriage—open it up and look at it again—it was designed by Debra and Richard on a Macintosh, in LB's Computer Lab.



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Tying the knot

Albany Center Computer Instructor Richard McDougald, Journalism major Debra Derrick and Derrick's 4-year-old daughter Dani apply for a marriage license at the Benton County courthouse last Friday. Following a meeting in one of Richard's Fall term computer classes, the couple will marry today in Corvallis.

Stores offer less expensive alternatives for Valentines

By **Lynne Griffith**
Of The Commuter

Valentine's Day falls at a bad time of year for many people—those who over did things at Christmas and are paying off their credit cards for the next 20 years, those who owe the IRS everything they will be making for the next few months, and students who are perpetually broke.

Several stores in Corvallis have a solution to the problem of what to buy that special person for Valentine's Day for those with little or no money to spend.

For those with no money, Cub Foods in Timberhill Shopping Center on NW Kings is having a free 1950's-style dance in the back of the store from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight.

Paper Traders II, also in the Timberhill Shopping Center, has many ideas for those with a limited budget.

They offer free delivery of their \$10 balloon bouquet. They also carry cards in every category—humorous, serious and in between—as well as stickers to put on the envelopes. In the adult section of the store, shoppers looking for something more intimate will find massage lotions and other personal gifts. Paper Traders also has a balloon wrap machine that can put your chosen gift inside a large clear plastic balloon. For more traditional gifts stuffed animals, chocolates and candy filled tins are also available.

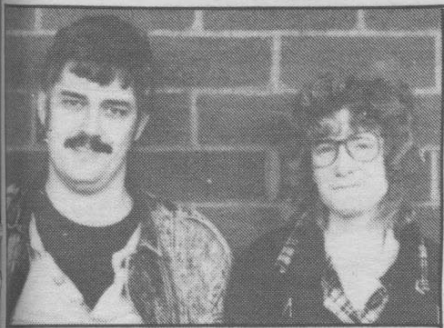
Craftworld, on NW 10th street, carries everything imaginable to make a special Valentine for someone on your list. Most supplies are under \$1 although larger items, like baskets, are more expensive. They have ribbons, fillers and other supplies to make filled baskets and decorate them. They also carry heart-shaped pans to bake surprises for the Valentine.

Research shows Hallmark stores to be a bit more expensive than others, unless you are just buying a card. It is also a popular place to shop at the last minute, so go early to avoid the rush.

The owners and managers for Paper Traders II have many ideas for filling tins, wrapping the Valentine underwear they carry, finding pins, earrings, or a special for someone without spending a lot of money.

The staff at CraftWorld will also supply ideas on decorating that heart-shaped cake, putting together decorations and filling a basket, or any other handmade Valentine. The store also carries books full of ideas for quick, inexpensive Valentine's.

For those who are in an even bigger hurry or don't have time to make it yourself, Cub Foods Bakery stocks a variety of cakes and cupcakes that are decorated. Decorative writing on the cakes is free.



Joseph Egner and Linda Olson



John Ingram and Maralee Wernz

LB not for learning only; campus breeds romance, too

Editor's note: The students of LBCC are a diverse group of people, representing several different age groups in many stages of life. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, Commuter reporter Erica Gutelius and photographer Kevin Porter took a look at the love life of the student body.

By Erica Gutelius
Of The Commuter

John Ingram & Maralee Wernz

For John Ingram and Maralee Wernz it was a classic case of love at first sight.

John, 21, a business major and Maralee, 20, a secondary education major, have been dating since "July 22, it was a Saturday night," confirms John.

The couple met two months before. "One of our friends brought him to my apartment one day. I was sick and came downstairs and we were introduced," says Maralee.

John said he thought she had a boyfriend and didn't ask her out "for a month or so."

"We went to see Batman," says Maralee, of their first date. The couple has been dating for nearly seven months and are now engaged to be married March 17, 1991.

Joseph Egner & Linda Olson

Linda Olson and Joseph Egner have found love again.

Linda, 32, major undeclared and Joseph, 36, an engineering major, have been dating for a year.

They met at LB through mutual friends. Their first conversation consisted

of how they hated marriage, both being previously divorced. That was a year ago.

They have since found the idea of marriage not so repugnant, and became engaged three months ago.

Linda didn't waste anytime waiting for love to blossom. She asked him out, and says "we never would have gone out if I hadn't asked him." Their wedding date is set for March 16, 1990.

Mark & Sarah Rowland

The 90's are bringing on a new kind of love. The one-night stands of the early 70's and early 80's are turning into longer relationships and marriages that last.

Mark and Sarah, 27 and 28, have been married for "one year and five days," as of Feb. 9, says Sarah.

"We met at the Buzzsaw, and found out we were both students at LB," says Mark. That was about five years ago. Both admit that it was not love at first sight, but they ended up going out on a date to a local Mexican restaurant.

"She was a bad influence," said Mark, "She talked me into skipping all the time, so we cut school for a few years and went to Alaska."

Why Alaska? "It's wild up their," says Sarah, "We opened a restaurant at the Deligham airport." when the restaurant business slowed down they returned to Oregon.

"I proposed at the Buzzsaw," said Mark, and "we got married at the Benton County Court House, added Sarah.

The couple are now attending LB, taking the same schedule, and working on General Studies degrees.

Health Works

L.B.C.C. WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Love is the secret to a long life

By Susan Osburn
Of The Commuter

Ethel Law, my spry and spunky grandmother, is enjoying good health in her eighties. Her weight is ideal. And her cardiovascular systems could surpass that of Jack Lalane's.

A tenacious woman with endearing charm, Grandma is often asked for her longevity secrets. She won't say much about her eight-decade cornucopia consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables or admit to her absolute fondness for coffee and sweets. And, she won't delve into her spiritual commitments or refer to her abstinence from tobacco and alcohol.

Genetics scientists may tell you it's her chromosome combination that sustains her. Health researchers may claim it's her devotion to a balanced diet that gives her immune power.

But Grandma will tell you it isn't secret: It's her love for family and

friends that gives her the most incentive for living.

Love and longevity is "just common sense" for Grandma and is perhaps the least controversial health connection. From the harrowing infant deprivation experiments of the early 60s to the felon personality evaluations of the 80s—and everything in between—studies have been consistent with one factor: humans need to be loved and to give love in order to live healthy, productive lives.

A few years ago, I met a friend's grandmother who had just celebrated a 100-year birthday. The not-so-elderly looking woman tends her garden daily, where the largest living avacado tree towers above the palms and fern beneath it.

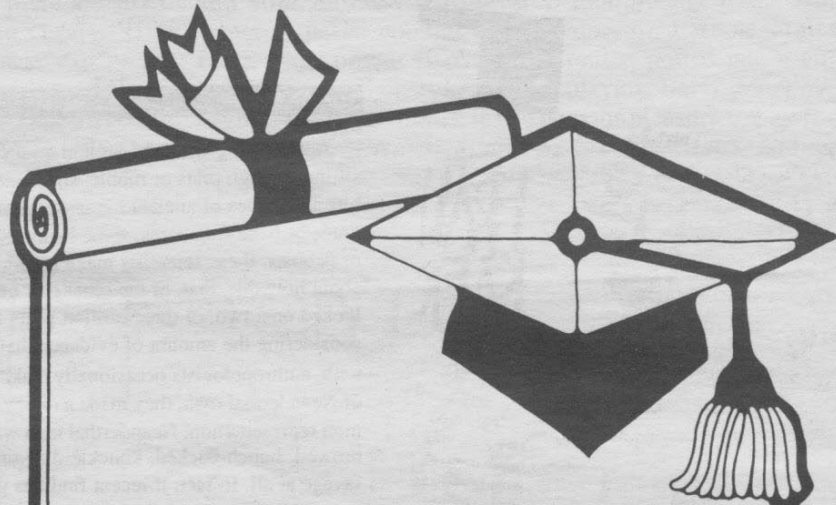
When I asked the agacious woman how award-winning tree could thrive under the smoggy skies of Pasadena, Calif., she replied, "It's well loved, like me."

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February 16, 1990:

If you want a credit evaluation prior to Spring Term registration

April 13, 1990:

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The ceremony will be held on June 7, 1990

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentines is a time for loving and caring, and that's why I am here with a smile I am sharing.

Whenever I am with you, even for a short time, Makes life seem so much like Valentines.

The time we have spent together has been so neat, my feelings are so that they seem oh so sweet.

I am sure that our relationship will surely last, because we are different simply than we were in the past.

I wish you a splendid Valentine's Day, that's what this poem is meant to say.

by Kevin Brown

From ASLBCC

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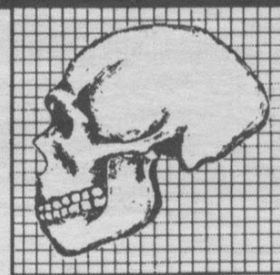
Course: Anthropology 101

Instructor: Professor A. Osserman

The Neanderthals: A New Look at an Old Face

In the beginning...

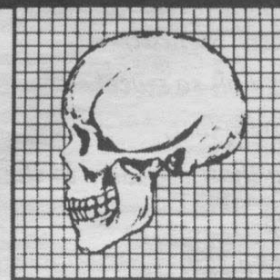
Anthropologists crawl around on their hands and knees, sifting through piles of rubble, slate, and bedrock looking for bits and pieces of ancient human bone. After collecting hundreds of bone fragments, some barely larger than small rocks or pebbles, these scientists make broad, sweeping assertions about how this, that, or the other part of human anatomy looked one, two, or three million years ago. Understandably, considering the amount of evidence that they have to work with, anthropologists occasionally make mistakes. In the case of Neanderthal man, they made a doozy. For, unlike the common representation, Neanderthal man was not a beetle-browed, hunch-backed, knuckle-dragging, muscle-bound savage at all. In fact, if recent findings prove correct, he more closely resembles a broad-foreheaded, long-armed, buff mental midget like those found in today's weight rooms. Granted, it's not a heck of an improvement but it's one that warrants further discussion and research.



Above: A Neanderthal skull. Notice the large cranial capacity and massive jaws.

H. sapiens—Myth or fiction?

At one time, before the theory of gravity existed, it was thought the earth (being flat as a pancake) was supported in mid-air on the shoulders of a giant, who in turn stood squarely on—you guessed it—the back of a tremendous tortoise. The point being, human progress is based on scientists righting the intellectual wrongs of the past. In which case, today's anthropologists have their work cut out for them. For, as scientist Jim Avery recently stated in the *Weekly National Star*, "Our ancestors were so off base, they nearly had us confused".



Lab 1.2

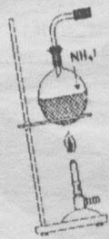


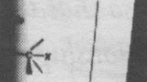
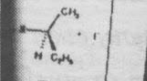
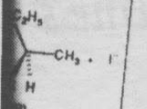
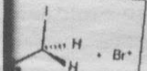
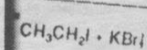
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FRANZ KAFKA

Franz Kafka (1883-1924), the Prague-born Jewish writer, whose painful, claustrophobic, and often nightmarish stories deal with human isolation and the failure of personal values known to students throughout the world. He has been called the most important writer of the 20th century. His work has been translated into many languages. In 1915, a Kafka was morphed.

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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPANISH TABLE: Join us in the cafeteria to chat in Spanish. Look for the table with a flower—Every Wednesday at 12:00.

SUPPORT FOR EX-SMOKERS

The LBCC Women's Center is hosting a Smoker's Anonymous Group. The open discussion meetings are being held on Fridays at 12:00 noon for ex-smokers and those with a desire to stop smoking. Both men and women are invited to join us. Room HO 201A.

Diets Control your life?

Overeating compulsively? OA is for you — Meets every Wednesday on the main campus from 12-1 in B 101. For information call x 327.

Come and join us every Friday at noon in the cafeteria and get together with the International round table. You will have a chance to ask questions and share international experiences and culture with students from different countries. If you have any questions about this. Please contact Dania Samudio Ext. 150 or Charlene Fella Ext. 238

Want to learn more about another culture? Want to share your culture with others? We are looking for LBCC students to serve as "peer mentors" for International students. Interested? Contact Dania Samudio at Ext. 150 or Charlene Fella Ext. 238.

BOWLING CLUB! If you are interested in bowling and having fun, then help create a bowling club at LBCC. All skill levels are welcome. There will be two tournaments this school year. One is worth scholarships to bowlers. If you have questions or are interested in joining, please call Melanie at 929-5900

3 days left to by tickets for the Dynamic DECA Drawing. Drawings is at noon FEB. 16 in Takina Hall Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go to defray costs of state and national Career Development Conferneces.

Linn-Benton Fine Arts Students will exhibit their artwork in the Humanities Gallery February 12-21 in the first of two fine art shows. The work is generated from basic design, drawing, illustration, painting, serigraphy, figure drawing and portraiture classes. The second show is scheduled for April 23 - May 11 during Spring term. The Humanities Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Income-tax time is here again, and I'm sure that the No. 1 question on the minds of millions of anxious taxpayers is: Do we have a new Internal Revenue Service commissioner named "Fred"?

I am pleased to report that yes, we do. In fact, if you look on Page 2 of your IRS Form 1040 Instruction Booklet Written By Nuclear Physicists, you'll find a nice letter from commissioner Fred, in which he states, on behalf of all the fine men and women and attack dogs down at the IRS: "Let us know if we can do more."

I know I speak for taxpayers everywhere when I say: "NO! Really, Fred! You've done enough!" I am thinking of such helpful IRS innovations as the Wrong Answer Hotline, wherein, if you're having trouble understanding a section of the IRS Secret Tax Code, all you have to do is call the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Program, and in a matter of seconds, thanks to computerized electronics, you are placed on hold for several hours before finally being connected to trained IRS personnel dispensing tax advice that is statistically no more likely to be correct than if you asked Buster the Wonder Horse to indicate the answer by stomping the dirt.

Ha ha! Speaking as a married person filing jointly, let me stress that I am JUST KIDDING here, because I know that the folks at IRS have a terrific sense of humor. Down at headquarters they often pass the time while waiting for their cattle prods to recharge by sending hilarious tax-related jokes to each other in triplicate on IRS Humorous Anecdote form 1092-376-SNORT.

IRS HUMOR EXAMPLE A: "A lawyer, a doctor and a priest were marooned on a desert island. So we confiscated their homes."

IRS HUMOR EXAMPLE B: "What do you get when you cross Zsa Zsa Gabor with a kangaroo?" "I don't know, but let's confiscate its homes."

What a wacky bunch of personnel! But all kidding aside, it's very important that taxpayers be aware of recent mutations in the tax law. For example, this year everybody connected with the savings and loan industry gets a free boat. Also there are strict new regulations concerning how taxpayers should cheat. "If a taxpayer wishes to deduct an imaginary business expense," states the IRS instruction booklet, "them, he or she MUST create a pretend financial record by clumsily altering a receipt from an actual transaction such as the rental of the videotape 'Big Nostril Mamas.'"

When preparing your return, you should be sure to avoid common mistakes. The two most common taxpayer mistakes, states

the IRS booklet, are (1) "failure to include a current address," and (2) "failure to be a large industry that gives humongous contributions to key tax-law-writing congresspersons."

All of us, at one time or another, have been guilty of these mistakes, but I'm sure that this year we'll try to cooperate fully with the IRS, because, as citizens, we feel a strong patriotic duty not to go to jail. Also we know that our government cannot serve us unless it gets hold of our money, which it needs for popular federal programs such as the \$421,000 fax machine. I am not making this program up. I found out about it from alert readers Trish Baez and Rick Haan, who faxed me an article by Mark Thompson of Knight-Ridder newspapers concerning a U.S. Air Force contract to buy 173 fax machines from Litton Industries for \$73 million, or about \$421,000 per machine. Just the PAPER for this machines costs \$100 a roll.

If you're wondering how come, when ordinary civilian fax machines can be bought for a few hundred dollars, the Air Force needs one that costs as much as four suburban homes, then you are a bonehead. Clearly, as any taxpayer can tell you, the Air Force needs a SPECIAL KIND of fax machine, a COMBAT fax machine. The article quotes an Air Force spokesperson as making the following statement about it:

"You can drag this through the mud, drop it off the end of a pickup truck, run it in a rainstorm and operate it at 30 below zero."

The spokesperson also said (I am still not making this up): "I was looking at a picture of a squirrel it produced this morning, and if you wanted to sit there long enough you could count the hairs on the squirrel."

The questions that probably come to your mind are:

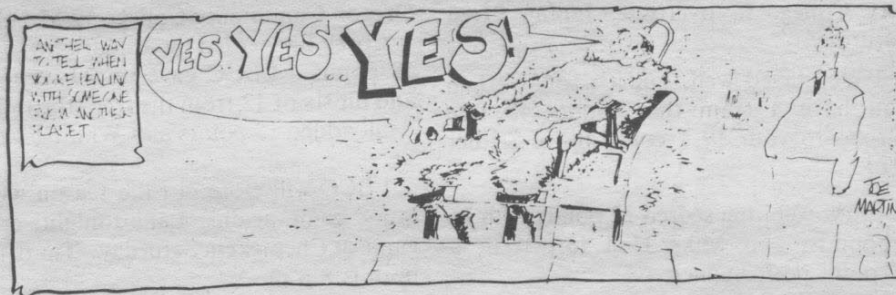
1. The Air Force is using a \$421,000 fax machine to send pictures of SQUIRRELS?
2. Are they ENEMY squirrels?
3. Or does the combat fax just start spontaneously generating animal pictures after you drop it off the end of a pickup truck?

The answers are: None of your business. You're a taxpayer, and your business is to send in money, and if the Air Force wants a special combat fax machine, or a whole combat OFFICE with combat staplers and combat potted plants and combat Muzak systems capable of playing Barry Manilow at 45 degrees below zero, then it will be your pleasure to pay for them. Because this is America, and we are Americans, and—call me sentimental, but this is how I feel—there is something extremely appealing about the concept of Barry Manilow at 45 degrees below zero.



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SPORTS PAGE



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Kelly Wechter goes up to score against Mt. Hood in LB's loss Saturday.

LBCC hoop team loses to Mt. Hood

The LBCC men's basketball team was unable to overcome Mt. Hood Community College in overtime, falling 91-83 Saturday.

"We played well, but it's tough when you have a team that shoots 40 free throws to your 19," coach Steve Seidler said.

Chris Whiting scored 32 points with 11 rebounds, and Mike Hall turned in a 17-point performance.

LBCC dropped a seven-point lead in the second half, falling to Southwestern Oregon Community College 59-55 Feb. 7.

Corey Badger led the Roadrunners with 18 points. LBCC gave up 20 turnovers and hit six of 12 from the free throw line. Hall added 15 points and Whiting scored 11.

LBCC will close out the season with a home game against Lane tonight, and a game at Chemeketa Saturday. Tip-off for both is 8 p.m.

Derry leads LB women to 2 wins

Michelle Derry scored 36 points to lead LBCC from a one point halftime deficit to a 72-53 victory over Mt. Hood Community College Saturday.

Monica Straws added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Roadrunners who shot for 46 percent from the field.

Derry scored the last six of 15 unanswered points late in the second half, for LBCC, 8-4 in the league and 15-9 overall.

Derry turned in a 38-point performance against Southwestern Oregon Community College as the Roadrunners rallied for an easy 82-46 victory in Coos Bay Feb. 7.

LBCC will play host to Lane tonight and will travel to Chemeketa Saturday, closing out the regular season. Tip-off for both games is set for 6 p.m.



Coach Debbie Prince, above talks strategy during LB's victory over Mt. Hood. Below, Christine Slack applies defense.



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