

Board imposes smoking limits

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

Starting sometime during winter term, students and faculty smokers will be able to smoke only in specifically designated areas on the LBCC campus and at its centers in Corvallis, Lebanon and Sweet Home.

The LBCC Board of Education approved a plan at its Nov. 19 meeting to implement smoking areas away from breezeways and doorways. According to Mike Holland, vice president for administrative and student affairs, the board will hold a final meeting to examine the proposed locations and expenses that will follow.

Richard Gibbs, wellness coordinator and member of the Smoking On Campus committee (SMOC) which originated the proposal, said its purpose was to establish an ample number of accessible and convenient locations that would provide protection from the wind and rain.

"The idea now is to have a task force formed to designate locations, consisting of SMOC members and (turn to "Task Force" on Page 2)



Photo by Josh Burk

'Tis the Season

Thousands of lights and hundreds of holiday figurines draw visitors to Mario Pastega's Pepsi Cola Bottling Plant on Highway 99 West in Corvallis for the 16th year in a row.

College association OKs budget to pay full-time lobbyist

by Leslie Smith
of The Commuter

Student Body President Matthew Alexander has failed to win support in his attempt to block a proposal that would raise student fees to fund lobbying efforts in Salem.

The Community Colleges of Oregon Students Association and Commissions (CCOSAC) proposed a \$50,000 budget to fund a full-time legislative director that would represent the interests of community college students in

the Legislature. The necessary revenue would be generated by assessing a direct fee on all students in the state.

Alexander's counter proposal was to replace the legislative director with a contracted lobbyist during the legislative session and to use interns when the Legislature was not in session. However, after Alexander's presentation CCOSAC voted to adopt its initial plan.

"I think direct fees are the best way to go," said Scott Bones, chairperson for CCOSAC.

Danny Armanino, chairperson of the direct fees committee, and two other CCOSAC members presented the proposal to the Community College Presidents Council in late October.

LB President Jon Carnahan said the council supports the idea of student expansion in the Legislature. However, he said that the method for generating revenue "should be done at a local level," pointing out that the Board of Education for each school is the only legal authority to assess fees.

Alexander said that many schools will balk at CCOSAC's plan, adding that "ASLBCC has no intention of implementing direct fees as a funding source for CCOSAC."

Armanino agreed that getting 100 percent approval would be difficult, and explained that the direct fees committee hopes to help those schools opposed to using student fees to find alternate ways to fund CCOSAC.

The plan will be further discussed at a CCOSAC meeting Dec. 11.

New tax act offers relief to students

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Students who wait until after the New Year to pay their tuition for winter term could save up to \$1,500 on their taxes. Starting Dec. 31, the new Hope Scholarship Tax Credit will take effect.

The Hope Scholarship is a tax credit covering 100 per cent of the first \$1,000 a student spends on tuition and fees and 50 percent of the second \$1,000. To qualify, students must be enrolled at least half-time during the tax year and earn less than \$40,000 for single filers or \$80,000 for joint filers. The credit, which can be used for two tax years, was part of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

Payments made before Dec. 31 will not be eligible for the tax credit, even though those payments are going toward classes taken in 1998. Payments for courses taken winter term are not due until Jan. 16, 1998.

Frustrated parents can call hot line for help

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

Why is my son dyeing his hair blue?

How do I get my baby to stop crying all the time?

Where can I find child care?

These and a myriad of other questions are what LBCC's new Parent Advice Line is prepared to answer.

Although Family Connections of LBCC has been helping parents and families with questions and concerns for the past six years, it never had a name by which to advertise that people can call for help.

The child care specialists have always told parents that they are welcome to call for help and advice, but they felt that their expertise was not being used enough, so they created the advice line.

Pam Dunn, Family Connections coordinator, said the new hot line, established last summer, makes people feel more comfortable about calling.

Family Connections staffers got the idea at a conference in Montana. Dunn noticed that other child care agencies that have been using something similar and realized that they could use that idea for themselves.

Since the hot line started the number of calls has

increased. They receive about four to five calls per day. The hot line is staffed by four experts in the field of child care.

Susie Nelson holds a bachelor's degree in Child Development and Human Relations and a master's in Elementary Education. Her area of expertise is infants and toddlers.

Lynette Wynkoop has a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies: Pre-Elementary Education and a master's in teaching. Wynkoop is fluent in both English and Spanish and can handle non-English speaking callers.

Sheri Branigan holds a master's of education in Early Childhood Special Education. Branigan does extensive research to keep their files up-to-date with information on family support programs, parent education and children's activities.

Louise Hamilton has a bachelor's degree and is a certified secondary and special needs teacher. Hamilton's expertise is with school-age child care.

The hot line is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a call-back service when they are closed. The Parent Advice Line number is (541) 917-4899 or 1-800-845-1363.



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Art History and Western Civilization courses merge

by Brock Jacks
of The Commuter

It is inevitable that when two things travel along the same circuit they will eventually come together. History of Western Civilization (HIST 102), taught by Michael Weiss, and Survey of Art History (ART 205), taught Doris Litzer, will merge next term.

"The linking of these two classes was natural," says Litzer. "The information really dovetails from one class to the other."

Weiss agrees, "It is really artificial to divide classes. For instance, in History of Western Civilization I teach some geography, English and philosophy, among other subjects."

Both instructors have been told by students for

years that their classes went along similar lines of study, but this is the first year that they've actually linked their classes.

Even the eminent historian Ken Clark, the author of "Civilization" once said, "The best record of a civilization is through its art."

The classes will span over 800 years of human civilization, beginning about A.D. 1,000 and ending in the 18th century. Although Weiss considers himself to be a visual teacher and already uses thousands of slides and pictures, he says he will be making an effort to show the art of history, which he knows from his travels to such places as Mexico and Europe. He will even be traveling to Egypt in December. When asked if he was concerned about the recent slayings of tourists in that region, he

quipped, "If I can survive the drive from Eugene to LBCC every day, Egypt should be no problem."

Litzer said, "This linked class will help students get a more elaborate picture and help them to see it from all sides."

The classes will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning with Survey of Art History from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. followed by History of Western Civilization from 11:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Each class is worth three credits and will enroll up to 43 students, but students are not required to take both.

Litzer feels that students will appreciate the connection between the two classes. "Art is a barometer of human history," she said. "It shows how people felt about what was going on around them."

Benton Center holds annual ceramics sale at pottery studio

The students and instructors of LBCC's Benton Center Pottery Studio invite the public to its traditional pottery sale and fund-raiser.

This sale offers a wide variety of pottery—functional, as well as nonfunctional pieces—some with holiday themes, some hand-built and many wheel-thrown works. Traditional glazes, as well as high-fire and salt-fired items, will be available. All pieces are affordably priced, according to the studio.

This year's sale takes place Friday, Dec. 5, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Benton Center Pottery Studio, located at the west end of the Benton Center, 630 N.W. 7th St., Corvallis (behind the old Cannery Mall). Works for sale include pieces by students and faculty members Jay Widmer, Teresa Duncan, Cynthia Spencer and Jason Saunders.

This sale is unique in that it takes place in an operating ceramics studio with the artists present. This offers an opportunity for people to enjoy shopping while learning how individual potters develop their works and bring them to life. Free homemade goodies are an added bonus.

Sale proceeds help purchase new studio equipment used by the 150 students working there each term. The Benton Center offers ceramics classes for potters working at many skill levels, as well as for parents and children and developmentally disabled adults.

The center also supports four art therapy classes taught in community senior residences and day-care facilities.

For more information, contact Widmer at (541) 757-8954 or the Benton Center at (541) 757-8944.



Photo by Josh Burk

Well, Blow Me Down

A small campus spruce is the latest victim of high winds this winter. Spruce trees are not well adapted to the wet valley floor, and grounds crews are gradually replacing wind-thrown trees with oak, sweet gum and others more suited to wet soil. This year about 20 spruce trees have been replaced.

Task force to decide location and number of smoking areas to be set up on campus

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others appointed by administrators," said Gibbs.

President Jon Carnahan stated that the task force will be responsible for "public marketing" of these areas. He also said the locations will be properly equipped with furniture, ashtrays and other accommodations to make it as comfortable as possible. He added that the exact date of implementation of the new rules depends on when the task force completes its work.

The board's decision complies with the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act to reduce health hazard risks caused by tobacco products to persons in public places. College officials hope to respect smokers' rights and to create an environment that benefits both smoking and the nonsmoking campus population.

The nine proposed locations are for smoking are: the first floor between the Business Division and College Center (under cover), the second floor between Business Division and College Center (under cover), the breezeway between the Industrial Arts and the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences buildings (under cover), the west side of courtyard (seating area), the south side of the Science and Technology Building (under cover), the second floor overlooking the greenhouse area (under cover), behind the Workforce Education Building (under cover), under the overhang in front of the Activities Center and all parking lots.

These areas are not yet finalized, and, according to Carnahan, there may be more added later.

In October, Carnahan hosted three public forums to gather opinions about the proposal to limit smoking to outdoor locations, but fewer than 10 people attended.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Learning Center extends hours during finals week

by Debi Cain
of The Commuter

Need help studying before finals? The Learning Center, located upstairs in the southeast corner of the quad (above the library), has added extra hours for finals week.

Usually open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Tuesdays and Thursdays when they stay open until 9 p.m., the center will extend its hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. next Monday and Tuesday. This Saturday it will also be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other than finals week, the Learning Center has no hours extending past 9 p.m. and is not open on the weekends.

"The hours people work are determined by the amount of time that we get budgeted by the department that supports us," said Douglas Cazort, one of two Learning Center coordinators.

There was a survey done at the end of spring term that discussed the Learning Center hours. The survey showed that the students would like the center to be open later, especially on Wednesday nights.

"The money just isn't there. The students can somehow let it be known through the school's administra-

tion," Cazort said, referring to the only way he can think of to keep the center open later.

The Learning Center has many services available to students.

The Writing Desk, located in the Learning Center, is open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a place for assistance with all types of writing assignments, with no appointment needed. Lately the center has been experimenting by having someone at the Writing Desk on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"We haven't had a lot of customers. If students don't come, we won't have this option available very much longer," Cazort said.

The testing center is where students can take tests for any of their classes. This is also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 9 p.m.

Computer access is available in the center as well with a computer consultant on duty to assist students. The computers have access to Windows 3.1 and DOS. A variety of options are offered under these two programs. Internet and e-mail is also accessible from these computers.

Additional resources are available at LBCC. The library also offers computer access, but only for re-

search. Internet connections are available but e-mail is limited since that isn't the main reason the computers are there and there are no word processing options available. It also has photocopy machines, typewriters, audio visual machines and microfilm machines.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No special assistance is offered in the library similar to that of Learning Center, except for research help. It is mainly a quiet place to study and do research.

The Forum computer lab, located on the south side of the second floor in the Forum building is open later than any other center with computer access. Room 202 contains 25 computers that offer a variety of options under Windows and DOS. Also, Internet and e-mail access is available. The lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m.

As for computer accessibility, there are many options, but the Forum is the only place open on the weekend. If students prefer the Learning Center over any of these other options, something must be done about it or things will remain the way they are.



Photo by Josh Burk

Only 22 Shopping Days Left

Like many other stores in the Mid-Valley area, LBCC's bookstore is decked out for the holiday season. The bookstore is running a 50-percent off sale on selected merchandise including holiday items and clothing.

Students upset over deaths of dive-bombing birds

by Keisha Merchant
of The Commuter

Birds who are attracted to the shelter of the atrium between the College Center and the library are being lured to their death.

On Nov. 18, four witnesses reported seeing birds in the atrium on the second floor between the College Center and the Learning Resource Center flying directly at the windows as they tried to get outside. Of the three birds involved in this incident, one died instantly while the others may have survived.

The LBCC students who witnessed the incident wanted something done to keep the birds from falling into the trap of hitting the windows.

The birds involved were small, young sparrows that did not know how to make the sharp U-turn that the other birds made at the last second.

"It was sad because you couldn't do anything about it," said Melissa Wise, one of the students who witnessed the scene.

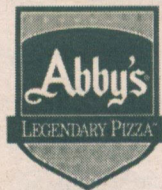
Debbie Carter described what she saw: "I remember it was pathetic seeing their broken bodies lying there. I was sad, disgusted and angry. I saw one die instantly and the other two suffered before death released them from their torture, a needless death. It was sad when the custodian told me this happens everyday. It was sad to witness that, knowing there was nothing I could do to help them and

angered because this could have been prevented. The school could at least put up hawk silhouettes to prevent this from happening."

Elijah S. Van Flack, community events specialist on the Student Programming Board, also saw it happen. "We were all pretty upset by the sight of seeing these birds suffer as they did," he said. "A friend and myself carried the two living birds down to the lower level and put the two surviving birds on the ground under a bush hoping they would recuperate, but I don't know if either of them made it or not."

Attempts to reach college officials regarding this were unsuccessful, and it is unknown whether any solution to this problem is in progress.

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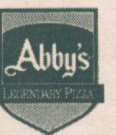
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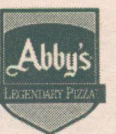
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Thanksgiving food drive aids 41 families

Thanks to the generosity of LBCC staff and students, this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success, according to Kathy Withrow, the staff member who organized the drive.

Donations of food and money helped 41 families have a Thanksgiving dinner, more than any other drive in its nine-year history.

"I want to pass on their thanks to everyone who helped with donations and/or worked in putting together and handing out the boxes," Withrow said.

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CAMPUS NEWS

LB gets safe cycling award

LBCC was recently honored by the TEAM OREGON's Motorcycle Safety Program as "Sponsor of the Year." The award was presented Nov. 22 at TEAM OREGON's Annual Awards Banquet in Salem.

In making the announcement, Steve Garets, TEAM OREGON's director of Rider Education, recognized LBCC's contribution to safer cycling. "Linn-Benton Community College has sponsored TEAM OREGON training since this program was formed 13 years ago. LBCC's commitment to community service and transportation safety is manifest in one of the state's most successful rider training programs," Garets said.

Recent facility improvements led the TEAM OREGON Awards Committee to select this program from more than 28 other sponsors across Oregon. "In the last two years LBCC has resurfaced the parking lot and constructed a motorcycle storage container. These improvements have greatly increased program efficiency and enhanced student safety," Garets said. "Linn-Benton has established a whole new standard for programming excellence."

TEAM OREGON rider training programs are available on a regular basis and open to the public. For more information call LBCC at 917-4840.

The TEAM OREGON Motorcycle Safety Program is sponsored by the Traffic Safety Section of the Oregon Department of Transportation. TEAM OREGON's goal is to foster and promote safe and responsible motorcycle operation through quality rider education programs and public information campaigns. TEAM OREGON is funded by a fee on motorcycle endorsements.



Up-Ended at the Airport

Hurricane-like winds ripped through the Albany Airport late the night of Nov. 18, overturning eight privately owned aircraft. Wind gusts up to 90 mph broke one of the cables holding the planes down, causing them to flip over on their backs. One of the planes rolled over 50 yards before crashing into a fence. According to Vicky Kopczynski, co-owner of Reliant Aviation, four of the planes were totaled; the others are repairable. Damages to all the planes are estimated at \$200,000.



Photos by Jeremy Parker

JOBS instructor promotes literacy in basic skills courses

by Erica Larsen
of The Commuter

Literacy is defined by The Canadian Organization of Development through Education as "The ability to read and write; progress; self-sufficiency; hope; the shortest distance to individual, social and economic development."

What comes to mind when you think of literacy? Do you think of a person in a foreign country who has never gone to school? Maybe you think of a child in America who is going to school.

Or perhaps you imagine an adult studying in a college class.

Susan Cowles, an instructor for the JOBS program at LBCC, teaches a basic skills class for adults, in which students work toward earning a GED and later getting a job.

Christine Valdez, a student in the class said, "I like

to learn about history and computers." She added that, after completing the class, she hopes to find a job involving computers and typing.

Students in the class improve their three R's through fun and exciting activities that involve real people and real situations.

In her class, Cowles uses reports from a marine project coordinator to create math and English assignments for the class. Several students have e-mailed the project coordinator, who works on a ship in Antarctica, questioning various aspects of life on a ship. So, while brushing up on their math and writing skills, students can also learn about career opportunities.

Another event that students are learning about is the Transatlantic Rowing Race. Students explore the Internet to find the latest weather report and the position of their team.

Cowles stated that, "It is important for people to

learn how to evaluate information on the web." She has taught students how to decode URLs found on the Internet in order to determine whether or not their sources of information are reliable.

Working in the national literacy movement has earned Cowles her title "fellow-in-residence" in the National Institute for Literacy and a trip to Washington, D.C.

During her visit, which lasted June 28 to Aug. 31, Cowles worked on her fellowship project and spoke with leaders from NASA and the National Science Foundation. She also took some time out to see monuments and museums and enjoy celebrations on the Fourth of July.

Cowles found that learning perseverance and good examples from her students to be a few of her rewards in improving literacy. The only challenge, she said, is there is not enough time to do everything she wants.

Financial aid recipients can say good-bye to renewal paper work

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

Starting next year on Jan. 2, students who are already receiving federal financial aid will let a sigh of relief. Students will no longer need to deal with the tedious paperwork that accompanies the renewal application they get in the mail, but will only need to punch an access code into the Internet and edit their application before returning it via e-mail.

Filing out renewal applications electronically, which is encouraged both by financial aid offices and the government, eliminates paperwork and saves time. When completing a renewal application

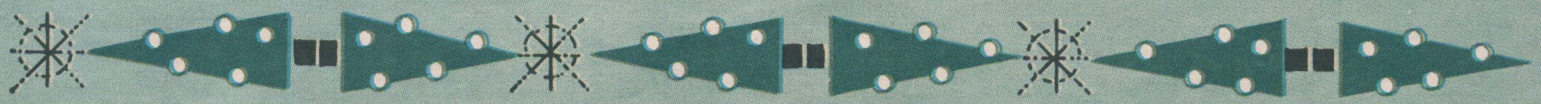
Students who are already receiving federal financial aid will no longer need to deal with the tedious paperwork that accompanies the renewal application they get in the mail.

over the Internet, it's impossible to skip a line or forget to fill out a section of the application. The computer is programmed to stop you from continuing if you forget to fill in information.

Filing renewal applications is, however, a two-step

process. Students must first order their access code over the Internet, which will be sent to the address listed on the student's prior application. After the access code is received, then no sooner than Jan. 2, students can go into the LBCC library where a special computer is set up, and process their renewal applications.

"This process may not be available to all students," said Financial Aid Advisor Karen Nelson. "If the student had used a special situation form, they may not be able to electronically file their renewal application and will need to wait for theirs in the mail and then send it in."



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SPORTS PAGE

Men overpower Linfield JV in opener

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The men's basketball team started out their season strong, downing the Linfield JV squad 90-57 on Monday night.

Head Coach Randy Falk was very pleased with his team's performance, however he made sure that the victory did not go to their heads. "We know that it's only one game under our belt, but it's a very good start."

The Roadrunners were down by 10 points early in the game when they managed to get their game legs under them to make a comeback and dominate Linfield, outscoring them by 10 points in the first half and 23 in the second half.

"Once we understood the level of intensity that we had to play at, we picked it up and were able to beat them," Falk commented.

According to Falk, the two big guys for LBCC both had solid games, Nick Matsler ended with 21 points and Brian Csergei scored 17, while the perimeter players did a good job taking care of the ball, only allowing Linfield one steal and one blocked shot.

Freshman Marc Cordle had an outstanding game for Linn-Benton, leading the offense with 25 points and going 4-for-4 from the free throw line. Ryan Kirch was the fourth 'Runner

to reach double figures in scoring, with 18.

"Our offensive execution was a little bit better tonight," said Falk.

"And our defensive intensity looked good throughout the whole game." LB's tough D only allowed two Linfield players to reach double figures.

The team's offensive stats showed that the Roadrunners were the dominant team. LB shot 54 percent from the field including seven three-point shots, while Linfield shot 43 percent and also had seven three-pointers. From the charity stripe, Linn-Benton shot 71 percent and Linfield only managed 44 percent.

The last two games for the 'Runners before finals week will be played tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Activities Center against the Willamette JV and the Western Baptist JV teams respectively. Falk knows that all of the games this week and during Christmas break will be crucial for his team. "Should the pieces of the puzzle come together," he said, "we have a shot at having a good year."

"We know that it's only one game under our belt, but it's a very good start."

—Randy Falk

Women open season with holiday split

by Michele Dardis
of The Commuter

The women's basketball team started the season off by splitting two away games over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The lady Roadrunners traveled to Umpqua to play Linfield on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Big Bend on Sunday at 1 p.m.

The 'Runners beat Linfield 53-35, but fell to Big Bend 44-60. Head Coach Craig Jackson said that he would have liked to come away with two wins, but that they saw some good things. "We definitely could have won. We just didn't shoot well in the second half".

"We have a long way to go — that's what preseason's for"

—Craig Jackson

Saturday everyone was solid and the team had some balance offensively. Leslie Boer led the team with five field goals and four steals. Samantha Nedry and Debi Cain led the team in three-point shots, with two each. Karen Bryan and Talia Cheren led in offensive rebounds with three each, and Melissa Hofmann led in defensive rebounds with nine. Cain also led in assists with four, and Beth Carroll led in turnovers with seven.

The Roadrunners scored 24 points to Linfield's 19 in the first half on Saturday, and then went on to score 29 more in the second half to Linfield's 16.

On Sunday Bryan led the runners with 10 total points and 10 total rebounds. Krysie Tack, Carroll and Bryan all made four free throws, and Carroll led in turnovers with four. Cain led in three-point shots with two, and Boer led in assists.

The Runners stuck with Big Bend in the first half of Sunday's game scoring 28 points to Big Bend's 29, but then fell short in the second half, scoring only 16 points to Big Bend's 31.

Jackson said that there were some problems and some things to work through. "We have a long way to go—that's what preseason's for," he said.

The starters this weekend were Cain, Boer, Carroll, Bryan and Hofmann, with strong performances from everyone.

Jackson said his team needs to have everything squared away by Jan. 7 for the league opener at Mt. Hood.

Ski/snowboard class takes students to the slopes

Winter term offers a once-a-year chance to take the LBCC Ski/Snowboard class "Ski Fun 101" or more technically, PE 1856, CRN 30256.

This class offers the chance to learn to ski or snowboard if you're a beginner, but there are also classes for the more experienced and advanced. A new feature of the most advanced ski class will

be an opportunity to take the preliminary steps to becoming a ski school instructor.

Each Thursday students will ride buses to Hoodoo Ski Area for a full day of skiing or snowboarding. Each student has a one-hour or longer lesson with a certified ski school or boarding instructor, then can use the balance of the day

practicing and having fun.

The lab fee for the class is \$250, which covers eight weeks of instruction, transportation and full-day area use.

During the first week the class will meet on campus in Health Occupations Room 116 at 7 p.m. Jan. 5. The one-credit class is offered through the Health and Human Performance Department.

schedule

Men's hoops

- Dec. 3 vs. Willamette JV, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 vs. Western Baptist JV, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 vs. Northwest Christian College, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 @ Northwest Christian College (Eugene), 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19-21 @ Crossover Tournament (Walla Walla, Wash.)
- Dec. 29-30 @ Clackamas Tournament (Oregon City)
- Jan. 3 @ South Puget Sound, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 7 @ Mt. Hood, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 10 vs. Chemeketa, 8 p.m.

Women's hoops

- Dec. 6 @ Clark College (Vancouver, Wash.), 6 p.m.
- Dec. 10 vs. Umpqua, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 12 vs. Clark College, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 @ South Puget Sound (Olympia, Wash.), 6 p.m.
- Dec. 17 @ Douglas College (New Westminster, B.C.), 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18-20 @ Crossover Tournament (Mt. Vernon, Wash.)
- Dec. 27 @ College of the Siskiyous (Weed, Calif.), 7 p.m.
- Dec. 29 @ Oxnard College (Oxnard, Calif.), 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30 @ Ventura College (Ventura, Calif.), 7 p.m.
- Jan. 7 @ Mt. Hood (Gresham), 6 p.m.
- Jan. 10 vs. Chemeketa, 6 p.m.



Photo by Pete Petryszak

Tuning Up

Members of the Lady Roadrunners' squad scrimmage during a practice Tuesday afternoon. The team opened the new season 1-1 last weekend with a win over the Linfield JV and a loss to Big Bend. The Roadrunners take on Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., this Saturday and then play their first home game next Wednesday against Umpqua at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center.

Independent study class source of controversy at Penn State

by Ralph Cipriano
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Services
PHILADELPHIA — Penn's top two history professors say the athletic department succeeded in a "sleazy" maneuver to preserve a star football player's eligibility.

Without the course, Penn officials said, Mitch Marrow, a 6-foot-5, 285-pound all-Ivy defensive tackle, would not have

qualified as a full-time student, a prerequisite for competing in an NCAA sport.

A prominent Penn professor, Kenneth L. Shropshire, agreed to approve a course for Marrow in the Wharton School. That course was then reluctantly ratified by Diane Frey, the director of advising for the College of Arts and Sciences, to protect "the university's interest," she said.

Otherwise, the consequences to the team could have been "dire," she said.

A day later, Penn, with Marrow in the lineup, beat Cornell, 33-20, to finish its season at 6-4.

"This is so sleazy. It wouldn't happen under normal circumstances," said Bruce Kuklick, who oversees undergraduate history at Penn and is one of the college's best known history professors.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

LB's Eastburn directs two holiday concerts

by Julie Smyth
of The Commuter

Hal Eastburn, vocal musical instructor at LBCC, will conduct two separate holiday concerts. LBCC's concert and chamber choirs will offer a "Holiday Treat," and the community chorale will perform Handel's "Messiah."

"Holiday Treat," which will be performed on Dec. 4, at 8 p.m., is a montage of seasonal songs combining different countries and different periods of time, accompanied by Lucy Watts. Admission is \$3 at the door.

The Concert Choir consists of 13 members this year. Some of the pieces the choir will sing include "Exsultate Justi" by John Williams, from the motion picture "Empire of the Sun," "Three Venezuelan Christmas Carols" by Bruce Trinkle and a Kenyan folk song entitled "African Noel."

The Chamber Choir, which sings a cappella, is composed of 17 members

Dec. 4

"Holiday Treat," performed by the concert and chamber choirs at 8 p.m. in Takena Hall.

Dec. 7

"Messiah," performed by the Community Chorale at 3 p.m. at Albany's United Presbyterian Church.

Dec. 8

"Messiah" at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis.

this year, who audition for the group. Some of the pieces they will perform are "All Ye Who Music Love" by Baldassare Donato, two 16th century pieces and a pair of songs referring to roses, one of which was composed by Hal Eastburn.

Flutist Dianne Watkins, a Salem resident and LBCC adjunct faculty member for flute and piano, will join the Chamber Choir for a Teton Sioux chant and the

Concert Choir for an African song.

The Community Chorale consists of 40 members and features soloists from all over the state. The string quartet features Corvallis residents Michael Grossman and Penelope Wolff on violin, Abigail Stoughton on viola and Nancy Sowdon on cello. The organist is Sandra Norcross of Lebanon. Soloists are Annete Figuero, a lyric soprano; Meghan Daw, alto soloist; Peter Butler, bass soloist; and David Gustafson, tenor soloist.

Their "Messiah" presentation will be unique because the majority of Handel's work will be performed. Often only the Christmas or Easter portions of the "Messiah" are performed.

The "Messiah" concert will be Dec. 7 at the United Presbyterian Church in Albany at 3 p.m., and again Dec. 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5, and are available at the door or through the Takena Theatre Box Office (917-4531).

Chamber class seeks musicians

Violinists, violists, cellists and bass players who enjoy developing their ensemble skills are welcome to join the orchestra class offered by the Benton Center.

Corvallis Community Chamber Orchestra rehearsals, with concertmaster Trevor Stroup of Lebanon, begin Jan. 7 in the Band Room at Highland View Middle School.

Registration is now underway at the Benton Center, 630 N.W. 7th St.

The winter term program features "Early American Suite," arranged by Merle Isaac; "Serenade for Strings" by Mozart; "The Strenuous Life" by Scott Joplin; "Four Pieces from Suite D Major" by Bach; and "St. Paul's Suite" by Gustav Holst.

For information, call 757-8944.



Photo by Josh Burk

The Paperback Book Exchange outside the library has proven more popular this year.

Free book exchange racks up paperbacks

by Valerie Blank
of The Commuter

If you have ever been to LBCC's library, then you've probably noticed the rack of used paperback books outside the door.

This rack is the Paperback Book Exchange. James Creighton in the library is in charge of keeping the rack stocked with books for student use.

The way the rack works, according to Creighton, is students may take books from the rack as they want to and either return them when they are done, or replace them with their own old paperbacks. "It's pretty open. We really don't police it," he stated.

The main source of books for the rack comes from the owner of a local used bookstore who donates books about once a month. Regular users of the rack also often drop off big bags from their own paperback collections.

Creighton says that the rack seems to get a lot of use, especially this year. "Generally, if I keep putting the books out there, they keep going away," he said.

The most popular books on the rack are romance novels and mysteries, along with the occasional self-help book.

British farce promises mayhem that 'Runs in the Family'

"It Runs in the Family," Ray Cooney's British farce, opens at Albany Civic Theater Friday Dec. 5 for a three-weekend run.

Directed by John ("I Hate Hamlet") Marvel, the play finds Dr. David Mortimore (Michael Campillo of Albany) preparing to deliver a prestigious lecture that just might earn him a knighthood, when in walks the former Nurse Tate (Stacy Bostrom of Corvallis).

A youthful liaison between the two had produced a son, now 18, who is downstairs clamoring to meet his father.

Mayhem ensues as Mortimore and his inept colleagues attempt to deal with the situation without letting the world—and his wife (Allison George of Corvallis) in on his indiscretion.

A suspicious police sergeant, multiple cases of mistaken identity, a patient with a strong taste for drink and the

trappings for the hospital's Christmas pantomime all come together for a fast-paced farce of the sort that the British are famous for.

Other cast members include: Charles Prince, Kevin Blount, Bruce Wells, Ross D. Jackson and Robert Carlson of Albany; Jeremy Donaldson and Alice Johnson of Corvallis; Cindy Dicianna of Lebanon and Lynelle Littke of Salem.

Performances are at 8:15 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 14 at ACT's Regina Frager Theater, 111 W. First Ave., Albany.

Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for persons under 18 or over 60, and may be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany (967-8140) or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis (752-7779).

Remaining tickets will go on sale at the theater box office 45 minutes before curtain on a first-come, first-served basis.

Theater auditions for Moliere satire

Albany Civic Theater will hold open auditions Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 8-10, for "The Imaginary Invalid," Moliere's hilarious, low-brow satire on high-born hypochondriacs.

Directed by Robert ("Spokesong") Leff, "The Imaginary Invalid" has parts for eight men, three women and one girl aged 10-13.

The play tells the tale of a hypochondriac who wants to marry his oldest daughter to a doctor so he can receive free medical care. The fun arises from his family's reactions to the plan and from the play's high physical and verbal comedy.

Auditions start at 7:30 each night at ACT's Regina Frager Theater, 111 W. First Ave., in downtown Albany. All actors should plan to attend Monday and Tuesday's auditions, and reserve Wednesday for call backs. Those who audition should wear garments that allow them to move freely.

The play runs Feb. 13-28. Because of the holidays, the director plans only 8-10 rehearsals in December.

Scripts are available for one-week checkout from the ACT mail room. For more information, contact the director at 541-752-4568.

Authors of all ages invited to enter Blue Frog's holiday story contest

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Local authors are invited to submit their works for a holiday story contest sponsored by Blue Frog Books of Lebanon.

First-place winners in three categories will each receive a ten dollar Blue Frog gift certificate.

Entries will be separated into age categories for adult, high school, and middle school or younger authors.

The deadline for submitting entries is Wednesday Dec. 17.

The stories will be judged by members of the writer's group that meets Wednesday evenings at Blue Frog Books. Winners will be announced Monday Dec. 22, and copies of the winning stories will also be made available at that time.

Stories entered into the contest must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 10 pages in length.

Writers should include their names, phone numbers and age categories on the first page of their stories.

More information is available through Blue Frog owner Scott Timm at 259-2110.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mid-Valley offers limited fare for arcade addicts

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

Many members of today's younger generation are afflicted with a little-known addiction. The symptoms are fairly easy to recognize.

Picture a young man in his late teens, with his baseball cap turned backwards. This young man is hunched over a large black console with strange lettering on the sides. From the corners of his mouth drip long streams of saliva, reaching down to form a puddle at his feet. In his left hand he holds a thin control rod, and his other is poised over a section of small round protrusions. He is intent on the screen before him, eyes glazed over as he continually mutters phrases like "Die, Mother." This young man is a classic example of a case of acute arcade game addiction.

Unfortunately, it can be difficult to find places which cater to this addiction in the Mid-Valley. The area is sorely deficient in arcade games, making it difficult for one to become addicted.

But there are a few places where gamers can "get their fix."

In Lebanon, the game-hungry individual has limited options. Starvin' Marvin's Pizza on Highway 20 (right next to Hollywood Video), has a small selection of not-so-new games. But, considering that they offer them free to their (paying) customers, one begins to see these older games in a new light. Starvin' Marvin's repertoire includes the classic fighting game Street Fighter 2 (original edition) and the top-down shooter POW.

Also in Lebanon, Pizza King, at 1188 Main St., offers a somewhat newer selection, but, you will have to pay to play. Among the five games offered are Cruisin' U.S.A., NBA Jam and Street Fighter 2. (Chances are you'll find this game pretty much anywhere you play arcade games—it's probably the most popular one of all-time.)

A few other places in Lebanon with arcade games are Wal-Mart, Linn Lanes and the skating rink, but most of these have only a few or you have to pay just to get in like the skating rink. Personally, if you live in Lebanon, I recommend investing in a home system (N64, Playstation) and renting games. You'll have a much larger selection of available games, and you will save quarters.

Corvallis residents are even worse off than Lebanonites. There are very few places that have games, let alone good ones. Highland Bowl, 2123 N.W. Ninth, for example, had only three pinball machines and a Race Drivin' machine, which is pretty fun. If you like bowling and pinball, this might be just the place for you.

Other places, like bars, pizza parlors and restaurants in town may have a



Photo by Josh Burk

The Recreation Room, located behind the Student Life & Leadership Office on the second floor of the College Center, has four video arcade games for student use. Because of its obscure location, however, not many students know it exists. Besides arcade games, it also has pool tables and a jukebox.

machine or two, but the only real "arcade" in Corvallis is the one on the OSU campus, which is located in the basement of the Memorial Union Building. I understand that it has quite a few available titles of good quality, and they are usually newer games.

Albany, unlike Lebanon and Corvallis, actually has quite a few places with games. Among these are Izzy's Pizza Restaurant, 2115 Pacific Blvd. S.W. The games there may not be all that current, but the food is great. If you are an arcade game aficionado, and you are looking for a good place to eat that has a modest selection of games to play, then Izzy's is the place for you. Nothing is better than eating great pizza and going off to play a couple

video games (or vids as they are affectionately referred to by some).

Also in Albany is another Pizza King; this one located at 231 S.E. Lyon St., which, not surprisingly, has roughly the same kind of selection as its cousin in Lebanon, with five games including Street Fighter 2 and Cruisin' U.S.A.

Of course, if you are looking to get your video game fix in a major way, there is only one place to go in Albany—Tilt in the Heritage Mall. Tilt offers the largest selection of games available in the area, currently 39, and they frequently rotate out their older games to make way for the new releases, while not sacrificing their perennial favorites. For example, its current line up includes such new games as

Mortal Kombat 4 (the newest edition in the phenomenally popular fighting series), Tekken 3 (the latest in that only slightly less popular series), San Francisco Rush (the latest, greatest racing game from Atari) and Area 51 (the game where you get to blow away aliens at a top-secret government installation).

Tilt also offers perennial favorites, such as Killer Instinct 1 and 2 (Nintendo's somewhat successful first and second attempts at creating a fighting game), Lethal Enforcers (the game that established a whole new standard for arcade shooting games) and Street Fighter 2 (Is anyone starting to notice a pattern here?).

The only area in which Tilt is lacking is pinball games. There are none.

Probably the coolest thing about Tilt (aside from the games) is the fact that it is conveniently located in Heritage Mall. So not only can you play your favorite games, but when you are finished, you can go pick up a couple CDs, some new clothes and the latest game for your home system, then stop for a frozen yogurt in the food court. That is, if you have anything other than quarters left.

LBCC students have an advantage over the "average Joe" when it comes to getting their arcade game fix—the Recreation Room. Located on the top floor of the College Center, the Recreation Room has four arcade games and one pinball game available for student use. The games are older and, for the most part, unheard of, but there is no better way to blow off steam or kill time between classes than to go and toss a couple quarters into a game right on the campus.

There you'll find Super Hang-On (a motorcycle game from the retro era made by the guys at Sega), Magic Sword (a side-scrolling adventure game in which you rescue allies from a dungeon while fighting monsters), Aero Fighters (a top-down shooter in which you maneuver a plane through various swarms of enemies) and Samurai Showdown (the original fighter that started the series, and one of my personal favorites). The Recreation Room also has pool and ping pong tables and a jukebox, if you are into that sort of thing.

While the games in the Recreation Room only cost a quarter, in many other places the cost of arcade games is steadily rising (some can run as high as 75 cents or even a dollar nowadays), and this has forced a great many addicts into unhappy servitude (you know, a job) so that they will be able to pay to feed their habit. So, chances are, the next time you see a young man drooling over an arcade game in the little glass room at a pizza parlor, he most likely isn't just some kid off the street. He probably works there.

Eloquent Umbrella accepting poetry, prose and art for '98 edition

by E.J. Harris
of The Commuter

If you're a writer, photographer, artist or designer and you would like to be published, here is your opportunity.

"The Eloquent Umbrella," LBCC's annual Journal for the Creative Arts, is now taking submissions for its 1998 edition.

The journal is open to works from LBCC students and staff, as well as writers living in Linn and Benton counties.

The Literary Publication class (WR 247) offered winter term puts together the yearly issue. Students

in the class are responsible for selecting all the art and writing to be published, in a collective setting.

Assisted by electronic imaging and graphic designers, they will design and produce the journal with guidance from instructor and publication coordinator Linda Varsall Smith.

The guidelines for entries are:

- Poetry—typed or word processed, single-spaced;
- Prose—fiction or nonfiction, 1500 words or less, typed or word processed, double-spaced;
- Art—black-and-white, unframed, no larger than 6 by 16 inches;
- Photographs—black-and-white, no larger than 8 by

10 inches and no smaller than 4 by 6 inches.

On all entries submitted, write your name and address on each page of written work or on the back of all art or photograph submission.

Also include a brief biography about yourself. If you would like your submission returned, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your submission or make arrangements to pick it up on campus.

You can mail or deliver your submissions to:
The Eloquent Umbrella, AHSS 108, LBCC, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, OR 97321

The deadline for all entries is Jan. 15, 1998.

CLASSIFIEDS

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UPS Driver Helper: Work 4-8 hrs/day from Dec 15-24 & earn \$7/hour. You have to sign up in Student Employment & attend the orientation on Dec 5. 10 people who like to run will be hired that morning! See Carla, Student Employment (T101).

Bookkeeper--If you get excited over month-end closings, AP duties, sales reconciliations, payroll & personnel file responsibilities, this full-time Philomath position is for you. You only need a 2-yr degree or equivalent & accounting knowledge is a must. If you know your numbers, see Carla in the Career Center (T-101).

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COMPUTERIZED NOTETAKER. For the Office of Disability Services. We need someone to communicate and take computerized notes with another student using laptop computers. Student needs to understand, comprehend, and paraphrase from lectures within various class settings, including group activities. Must be able to type 50-55 wpm on a laptop keyboard. Hours vary, pay is \$10.01 per hour. Contact Nancy Sheffield in LRC-200 or call 917-4686.

Part-time bookkeeper. All posting payables receivables payroll. Must have Quickbooks Pro, bookkeeping experience, computer skills. Call Mer 929-3280.

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LOOKING FOR WORK DURING YOUR CHRISTMAS BREAK??? We are looking for three people to install wiring and terminals in grocery stores. Some wiring exp. preferred. Please apply at Barrett Business Services, Inc. 1010 Airport Rd S.E., Albany Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual group is meeting every Tuesday, this term, from 3-4 p.m. Re: Social activities, support and community building. Call 917-4660 for meeting place. Someone will call you back!

FOR SALE

Used Speed Queen Dryer, excellent condition. \$115. call 541-929-3512.

1984 Chevy S-10, A/T, stereo, runs great, need to sell, \$1800. Leave message (541) 327-2853.

2 sets of twin mattress & box springs w/ headboards. In good shape, only used for 2 years. \$150.00 for both or \$75.00 each. Call 928-4117 or LBCC ext. 4826, ask for Debby.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Scholarship available for Broadcast Journalism majors. Contact OSSC Valley River Office Park, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. Must be Oregon Resident. Submit Federal financial aid application. Deadline March 1, 1998

CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program) offers scholarship to freshman students who have a high school diploma/GED and who have a history of migrant and seasonal agricultural or farm work. If you have these qualifications contact Kathay Green in CC-213 or call 917-4461 for more information.

WANTED

Looking for serious but fun female keyboardist, drummer, and bass to play with R&B, hip-hop rap group with Christian influence. Call 754-7514 if seriously interested, leave message.

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

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

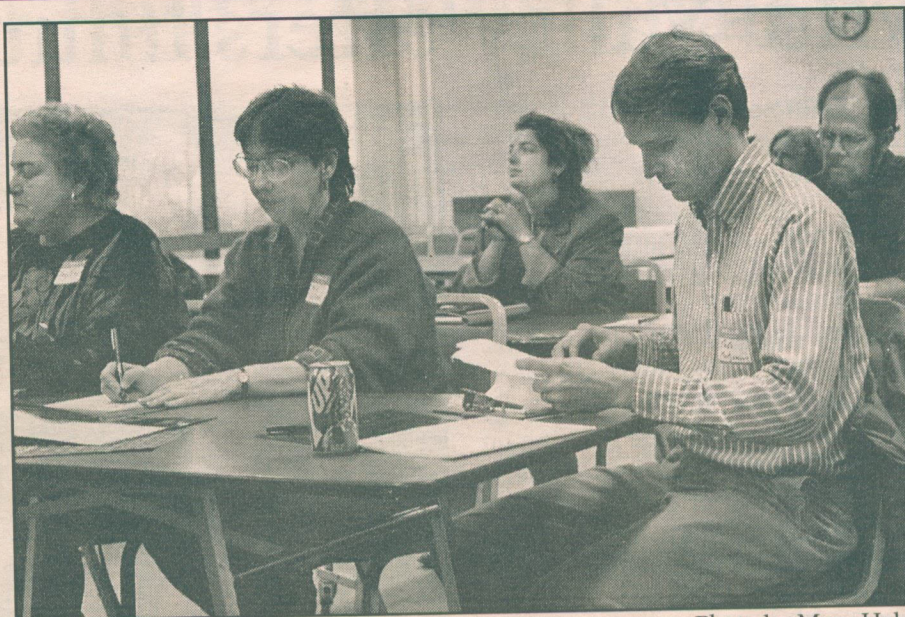


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Getting Oriented

Part-time instructors gather in the Alsea-Calapooia Room for an orientation presentation from Vice President Ed Watson. The Nov. 18 session was the first in what officials hope to be an annual event to train part-time instructors.

Advertise in this space.

More than 10,000 people attend LBCC, from 19-year-old skateboarders to 30-something Moms and Dads. They live in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Sweet Home and all points between.

They work, play and shop in their local communities. For many, the Commuter is the only newspaper they take the time to read. If you want to reach them give us a call at 917-4452.

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The Commuter is seeking an energetic, outgoing student to run its Advertising Department for the Winter and Spring Terms. This is a great opportunity for the right person--someone who wants to get valuable work experience in management, sales and/or graphic design. Students with career goals in business, marketing, advertising, graphics, and/or journalism are encouraged to apply. The position comes with a 12-credit tuition grant for Winter and Spring Terms. Applicants with Pagemaker and Mac experience preferred, but we will train.

Applications available in The Commuter Office (CC-210).

For additional information call ext. 4450 or ext. 4451 and ask for Melani Whisler, editor.

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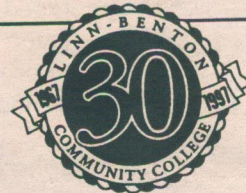
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Registration for these classes begins at the Benton Center on December 1st. Office hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Extended registration hours (until 9:30 p.m.) Monday-Thursday until December 11th.

LBCC is an Equal Opportunity Institution. If you require accommodation for disability in order to attend, please contact the LBCC Benton Center at least 48 hours before the first meeting.



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OPINION PAGE

editorial

Petition for adopted children's rights deserves support

A recent edition of the Albany Democrat-Herald ran a story about a circulating petition for a proposed ballot measure for the Nov. 1998 election involving the rights of adopted children. If enough signatures are gathered, Oregon residents will be able to choose whether or not adopted children, once they have reached the age 21, will have a right to their original birth certificate.

Currently in the state of Oregon, when a mother decides to give her child up for adoption, the original birth certificate is sealed and kept by the state, and a new one is issued when the baby is adopted with its new parents' names on the bottom.

This proposal, although no longer giving the biological mother the anonymity she may wish to preserve, does give the adopted child access to vital information about themselves, such as medical history and ancestry.

Whose rights are more important? The mother, who knew that her child may some day wish to know where he/she came from? Or the baby, who is curious where he/she got her nose from or what hereditary medical problems may be headed his/her way.

Clearly, the rights of the adopted child.

This proposal, although no longer giving the biological mother the anonymity she may wish to preserve, does give the adopted child access to vital information about themselves, such as medical history and ancestry.

As an adopted child myself, adopted when I was six weeks old, I have no interest at all in ever having a relationship with my biological mother or father.

But I am curious about where I came from.

If not enough signatures are gathered or if the measure fails, the state will, and always has, provided an alternative method.

Oregon has a voluntary adoption registry and assisted search program. But what if the parents who gave their children out for adoption don't know about the registry, or what if the parents are dead? Clearly, this proposed measure is the only solution.

More information is available by visiting the web site plumsite.com/oregon/ or by writing Helen Hill at P.O. Box 353, Nehalem, OR 97131. If you wish to sign the petition, call 926-5710.

—Melani Whistler

Let your voice be heard

Here is how to contact state and national representatives in Salem and Washington, D.C.

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Mae Yih, D-Albany.....503-986-1719

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Barbara Ross, D-Corvallis.....503-986-1435

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Liz VanLeeuwen, R-Halsey...503-986-1437

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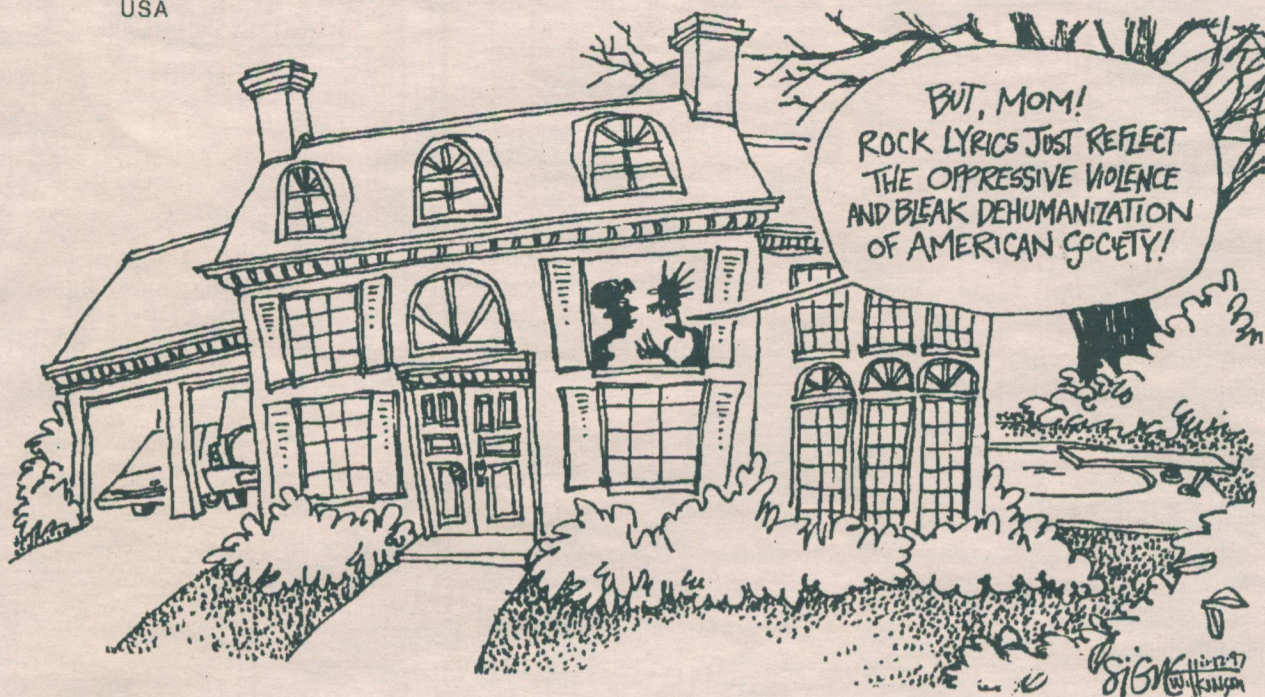
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commentary

Emergency health professionals demonstrate their value in this season of caring and sharing

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

During this season of caring and sharing, giving and receiving, let's not forget the highly skilled people without whom many of us would have far less to be thankful for this time of year.

I am referring to emergency services personnel, the emergency room doctors and nurses, paramedics, police officers and firefighters, whom we think of as our safety net and whom we often forget are there, day and night, good weather or bad, giving up their holidays to help strangers.

I was reminded of how much we come to depend on these individuals three days before Thanksgiving when my twenty-month-old son, Willy, had a seizure early Monday morning.

I quickly sent my husband to the hospital with him, only to find out when I got there 10 minutes later that my baby had stopped breathing on the way and would have died if the emergency room doctors and nurses had not gotten him breathing again and stopped his seizure.

They were not only worried about my little boy, they

kept an eye on my husband and I as well, answering our questions and giving us updates on his progress every few minutes.

Willy and I were brought to Portland by paramedics who kept a close eye on him and who patiently answered the hundreds of questions I asked them along the way.

The doctors and nurses in Pediatric ICU and in pediatrics watched him carefully, and we were able to take a Willy, still a little weak, but raring to go home, just in time for Thanksgiving.

So this year, when you see the doctors, nurses and paramedics who help to keep us healthy or the police officers who we depend on to keep us safe or the firefighters who douse the fires in our chimneys and on our Christmas trees, 24 hours a day, every day, without complaint, let's tell them thanks, shake their hands and hope they will stay safe too during the holidays.

I would like to thank the ER doctors and nurses at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, the paramedics, PICU and pediatrics doctors and nurses at Legacy Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. Without them my family would have had little to be thankful for this year.

letter to editor

OSU's marketing effort ignores reality of busy students

To the Editor:

So I read this article in The Commuter last Wednesday about how the OSU marketing director went to all this effort to get LBCC second-year transfer students to come to her presentation, and no one shows up. Well gee... lets take a look at reality for just a moment here. First, I have yet to meet a second-year student who is not totally swamped with everything from homework to family to who knows what else. Second, the time slots and the days chosen were very nicely timed with several major projects that (from a struggling pre-engineering student's point of view) were worth quite

more points toward an "A" than free pizza and a loss of valuable study/homework time. Which brings me to my final point. I hate to tell you this, but having to waste two hours listening to advertisements (like there aren't enough in this society) just to get some free pizza is not my idea of good time management, especially when homework is due at 5 p.m. the same day. If you want opinions from people, either go to the target audience or make the enticement worth the resources and the opportunity loss endured by the prospective target

Jonathan F. Ohlund

Pre-engineering second year student

EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

Letters should be limited to 250 words or less, and will be edited for length, grammar and spelling. In order to confirm the authenticity of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address included. As general policy, The Commuter will not publish anonymous letters to the editor, although the editor reserves the right to make exceptions when conditions warrant.

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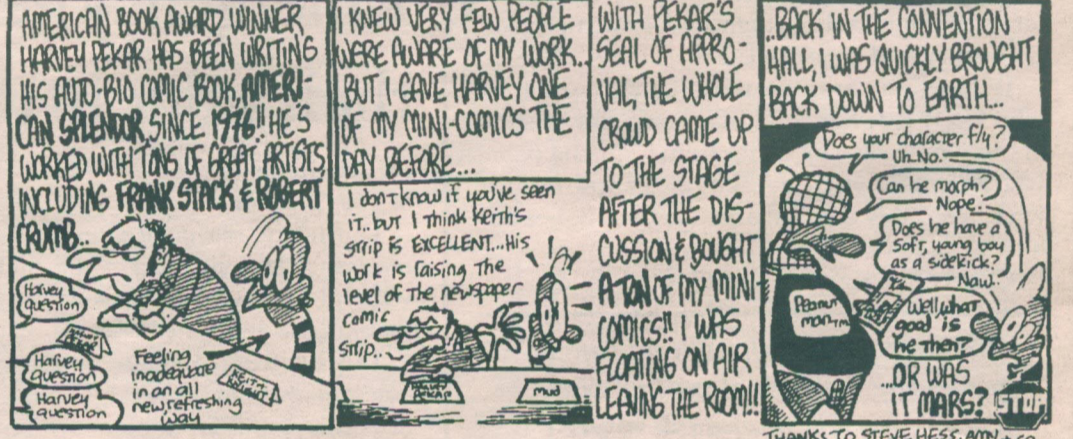
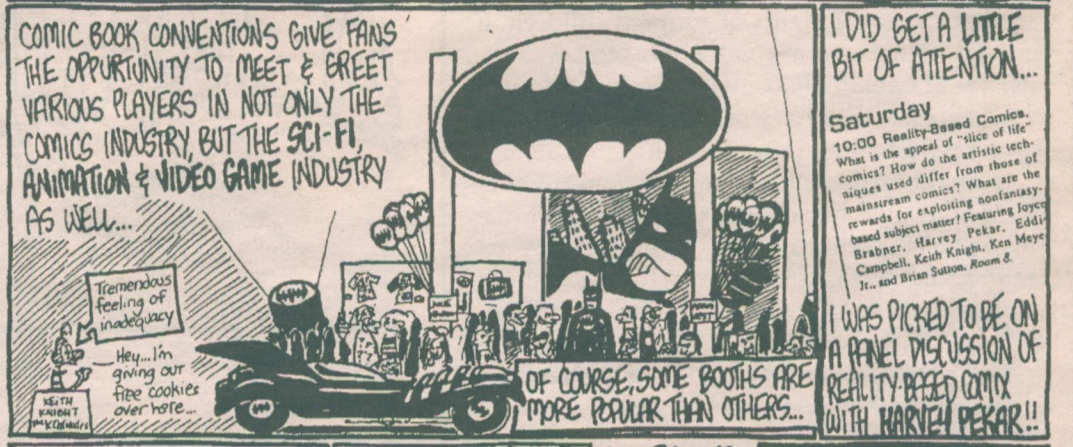
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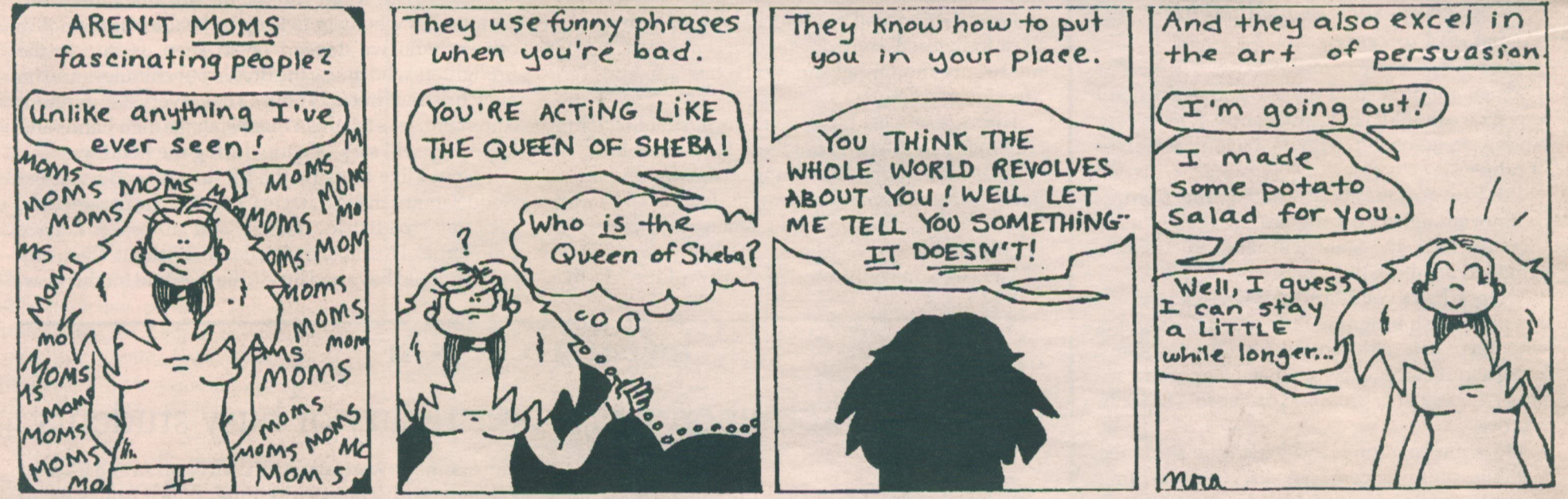
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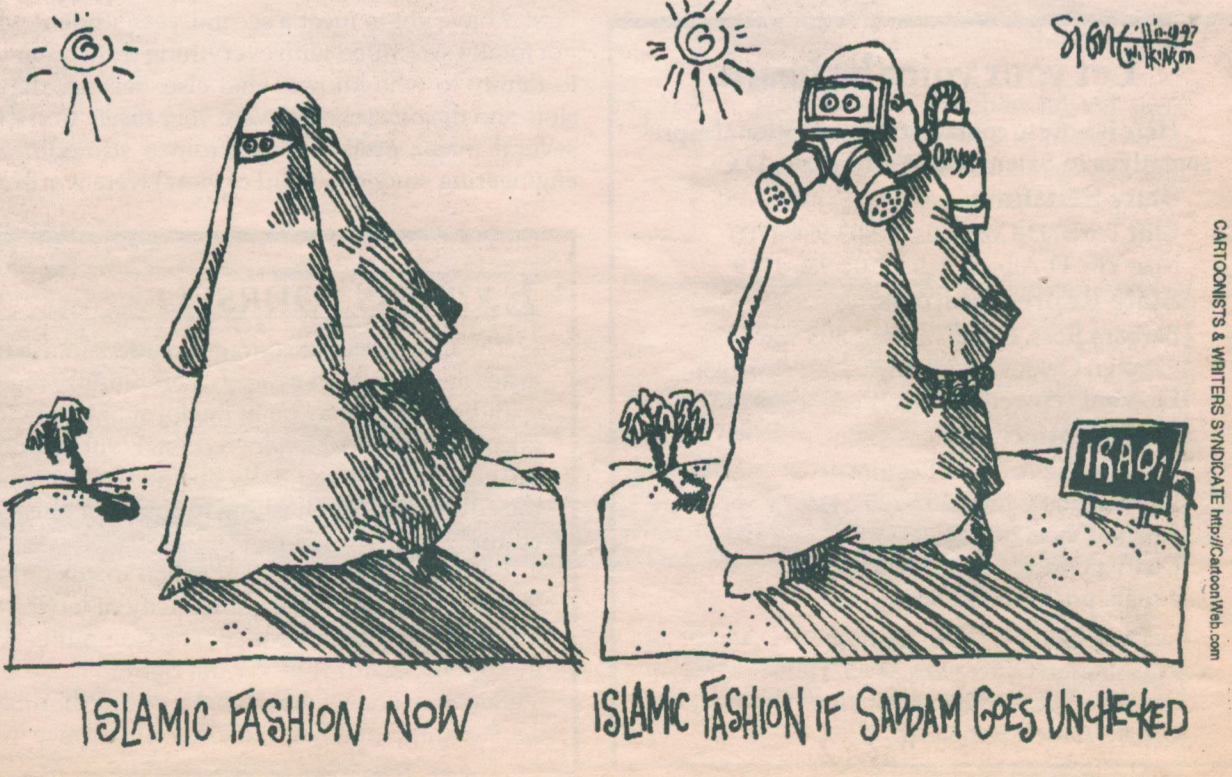
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