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High: 43° Low: 34°
Wednesday



High: 44° Low: 28°
Thursday



High: 46° Low: 34°
Friday



High: 48° Low: 36°
Saturday



High: 47° Low: 37°
Sunday

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.

—Albert Camus

Source: Weather.com

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OFF BEAT

The thirteenth step

A man was given \$5 million worth of \$20 bills—a wad of cash weighing 350 pounds—to restock 160 automated teller machines in New York and New Jersey. He fled to West Palm Beach, Fla., and promptly drank himself to death.

Can you make mine a banana daiquiri?

To help the 35 apes and monkeys at India's Lucknow Zoo cope with the cold this winter, officials are giving them a daily dose of brandy.

It was worth a shot

A man being pursued by police cruisers down a Philadelphia highway first fired shots at them and then dialed the police on his cell phone demanding that they stop chasing him. They refused. He crashed his car and was arrested.

Getting buggy with it

An Amish teenager who crashed his horse-drawn buggy into a car in Pennsylvania was charged with drunken driving.

You have a 'Gub'?

A bandit went up to a teller in a Florida bank and passed him a handwritten holdup note that was so illegible the teller couldn't make out what it said. The robber fared no better verbalizing his demands in heavily accented English that the teller also couldn't understand. So the guy left and robbed another bank.

Tolstoy had the same problem once

Six strippers in Salt Lake City are challenging an ordinance that requires them to wear pasties. They say it interferes with their freedom of expression.

There is justice in the world after all

In a major crackdown on vice, the Cambodian government has closed all the karaoke bars. Any such establishment found to be doing business will be knocked down by tanks.

Say what?

A man with no legs stole 10 pairs of pants from a shopping mall in West Vancouver, British Columbia.

—From KRT News

Dragon Arrives On Campus

There was an open house at the Multicultural Center on January 10 where their new acquisition was displayed—a 36-foot-long Chinese parade dragon—stop by and see it during school hours, meet some of the students who use the center and find out about the services and programs they offer.

LB closed for MLK Day

All Linn-Benton Community College offices and Extended Learning centers will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 21. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Student Health Services

Linn County Health Dept. provides services to students at a low cost or free every Wednesday in Takena Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Services include immunizations, minor illness, sports and required physicals, STD exams and treatment and reproductive health care.

For more information call 967-3888 or 800-304-7468.

Santiam Room is fine eatin'

The Culinary Arts student-operated Santiam Restaurant is now open for your luncheon pleasure. The sit-down restaurant offers table service, an expansive view to the Cascade Mountains, and a completely new menu with entrees like Grilled Sake Marinated Salmon, Grilled Beef Sirloin, Mushroom Pirogis, and more.

The Restaurant seats for lunch from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Call 917-4392 to make a reservation.

New child care hours at FRC

A reminder for those of you involved with evening classes: The Family Resource Center will be offering evening child care during winter term on Monday and Tuesday nights. Care will be available from 5:45-10 p.m., and they have spaces for 20 children ages 2 and one-half to 10. Healthy snacks will be provided.

The program includes fun activities, as well as quiet time to rest or do homework. The cost is \$55 per term for one night, \$110 per term for both nights.

For more information call the Family Resource Center at 917-4898. To register please call Family Connections at 917-4899.

Dying to be a director?

At the Benton Center this term, Eve Dedek uses her expertise to lead a class in video art through Linn-Benton Commu-



nity College's Benton Center this winter. In the class, students will explore lighting and ways to use video equipment, setting up a stage, backdrop, or finding effective locations to tape in, and they'll talk briefly about video editing software. Some famous videos will be viewed for examples and inspiration. The final tapes produced in the class will be 1 to 5 minutes long. Video Art (CRN: 32949) is offered Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 9 at Corvallis High School in room A12. The cost is \$53.80. Bring a video camera and tape to class.

Scholarship process

New Year's Day marks the kickoff of financial aid season. About 30,000 students will graduate from Oregon high schools in 2002, and this is the time of year when families really begin asking themselves how they can afford to pay those college costs.

File your FAFSA in January, and then complete your OSAC scholarship application before March 1. The FAFSA is available in hardcopy form and online. If you do a good job on the form, the rest of the financial aid process sort of takes care of itself. If you are looking for even more money for college, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) scholarship application offers \$8.5 million in privately funded scholarships based on all kinds of qualifications, not just grades. The application is available in hardcopy form and online, and must be postmarked by March 1.

Check with the LBCC financial aid office, or log on to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission web site at www.osac.state.or.us for more information.

In Other News

Safehaven, the local no kill shelter, is bursting at the seams with cats and dogs, kittens and puppies. They are in need of supplies and/or foster homes. Supplies needed include high quality foods, preferably Hills Science Diet or Nutro brands (other foods have dyes which animals can be allergic to.) Cat, kitten, puppy, and/or dog foods canned or dry, bleach, cat litter (non-dust), paper towels,

blankets (can be worn, but without holes).

Monetary donations are also accepted. You can send a check or money order to: Safehaven Humane Society, 33071 Highway 34, Albany, Ore. 97321 or e-mail Safehaven at lisle@peak.org for other supplies that may be needed.

Please keep in mind that \$5 could go a long way.

Jukebox hero 101

Have you ever envisioned yourself on the stage at the American Music Awards? Or maybe you just want to strum around in your living room. LBCC instructor Ian Priestman is teaching a variety of guitar classes at the LBCC Lebanon Downtown Center.

In the beginning guitar class, learn basic music theory, how to read tablature, play and use chords, techniques and scales used for playing Blues, Country, Rock, Folk and Finger picking styles. Bring your own guitar to class.

Call the Lebanon Center at 451-1014 for more details.

Randomology

In Japan 58% of the population subscribes to a daily newspaper.

In the U.S. it's 21%

U.S. Population 270,312,000
Motor vehicles in use 200,500,000
Per Capita Income \$30,200
Adult Literacy Rate 97.9%

Population of Somalia 7,253,200
Motor vehicles in use 20,000
Per Capita Income \$600
Adult Literacy rate 24%

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

Iraqi terrorist, Khay Rahnajet, didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

Sources:

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- www.adventuresinthought.com/facts.html
- World Desk Reference

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CAMPUS NEWS

LB expects to be hit hard by state budget cuts

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Things are tough all over. And the budget situation here at LBCC is no exception.

At the end of the last legislative session, things looked pretty good for LBCC funding. Growth money in the amount of \$45 million was allocated to the state's community colleges, the economy had begun to cool, but no one expected the events to come and how they would affect state revenue, LBCC programs, staff and student finances.

By early fall of 2001 the economy had faltered, especially in Oregon where a recession was officially declared. With almost all of the state's funding coming from income taxes, and with all the layoffs and slowdowns occurring as the tech industry tanked, revenue predictions began to look dismal with an expected shortfall of \$250 million for the state.

The events of Sept. 11 worsened these effects, and the Governor told all state agencies to brace for 2 percent cuts in state funding to schools which would mean \$330,000 each year lost to LBCC. A hiring freeze was enacted in September at LBCC to begin to cut spending.

By Dec. 1, the revenue shortfall was projected at \$700 million. During finals week LBCC President Jon Carnahan met with staff and told them to prepare for deeper cuts in 2 percent increments, up to 10 percent.

At the same time, the internal effect of the soft economy on LBCC revenue means that interest rates go down, and income from student tuition and contingency funds that the college invests drops, so less money is coming in from that source

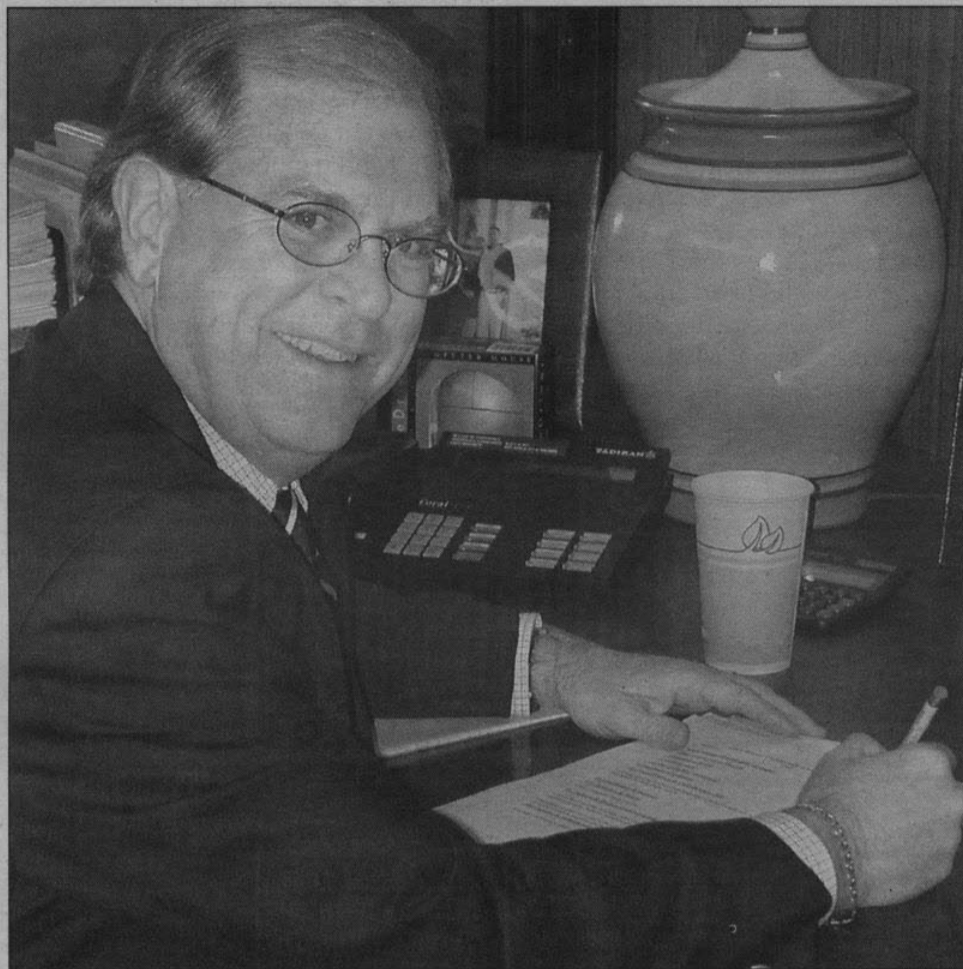


Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

LBCC President Jon Carnahan is preparing for deep budget cuts.

as well. Add to the mix rising power costs and health care costs for workers and LBCC stands to take a pretty big hit.

According to President Carnahan, "We'll do anything we can to preserve classes and programs, but we're talking about cutting 1.5 to 2 million dollars."

LBCC spends 80 percent of their budget on staff and 20 percent on materials,

power, etc. The college receives 60 percent of its revenue from the state, 22 percent from student tuition and 14 percent from local taxes. When the school faced a similar budget problem in 1982, LBCC was able to ask the community for more money, but this year that is not a viable option due to the existing property tax cap at five dollars per thousand.

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—Jon Carnahan

Besides budget cuts, the only other options are to raise revenue by implementing a tuition hike, possibly by summer term, by putting less money into the maintenance depreciation fund which pays for facility improvements and updating of computers, or by tapping contingency funds. These are reserved for emergencies like a catastrophic boiler failure, or flood, but are tapped for cash flow routinely during the year.

The paradox is that while demand increases for LBCC classes and services, funding is tight, so fewer instructors will mean fewer classes, and some people will not be able to get in the door.

President Carnahan sees community colleges as part of the solution to a bad economy by retraining workers to gain alternative employment, and by giving workers new to the work force valuable skills. As of the first week of classes, compared to the same time last year, enrollment is up 4.6 percent for full-time students and 6.5 percent for part-time students.

"The issue should shake down at the special session of the legislature that the Governor will call in February," Carnahan says. During the session, legislators will try to decide what cuts are made, and what, if any, revenue producing measures will be implemented.

Student campout held to aid the homeless

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

As the new year dawns in America we all look forward to a better year than the last. The heart-wrenching sorrow and confusion that made last year so poignant and dark has left most of us seeking answers to how we can bring about a safer, more equal and humane world for everyone.

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day coming up next Monday, Student Life & Leadership has organized two events that are designed to raise awareness of what the man lived and died for, and at the same time directly assist local organizations who aid the homeless.

Today at noon in the Siletz Room on the second floor of the College Center, a homeless education forum will bring together a panel of community leaders who will speak on the problem of poverty in America and discuss possible solutions.

Then on MLK Day a fundraiser for the Albany Helping

Hands Shelter will be held in which students and community members will camp out at the Albany City Hall. The Student Ambassadors are seeking volunteers who are willing to camp-out and find sponsors to donate money for every hour they spend at the event, getting a taste of what it is like to be homeless.

Between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, Dr. Vincent Kituku, a motivational speaker from Kenya who is the featured guest during MLK Week activities on campus, will visit the campers to talk about the homeless issue and how it relates to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and community service.

In addition, a drawing will be held at 8 p.m. during the camp-out for a variety of prizes provided by local businesses and artisans. Tickets to the drawing are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be picked up in the Student Life & Leadership Office.

Students who are interested in joining the camp-out (Turn to "Home" on Pg. 5)

Surviving winter term means attending class, taking breaks, using campus resources

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

According to LBCC Political Science instructor Doug Clark, "This place is all about help."

What Clark means is, if you have a problem at LBCC, no matter what your problem, chances are someone on campus can help you. Whether it be registration advice, tutoring, health care or child care, employment assistance, or just how to find out what field of study interests you, there are many places you can go for help.

The Learning Resource Center is on the second floor above the library. It is a good place to start when in search for help. You can get assistance with a paper or punctuation advice, or you could sign up for tutoring in a variety of subjects.

Probably the best advice to get you through this term is to attend classes regularly in order to maintain good grades and not get into academic probation or financial aid trouble. When you miss class, you are missing out on your education and signing up for a major stress headache down the road when midterms or finals roll around. So GO TO CLASS.

The next best thing you can do for yourself is first, get organized. Get a plan of attack. Most likely you have developed some bad habits along

the way that could potentially derail your academic career. Identify these problems and deal with them like you would deal with anyone trying to take away your education.

If you are prone to staying up too late playing video games and avoiding homework, use the game to reward yourself for completing the day's work and don't play around until you are done.

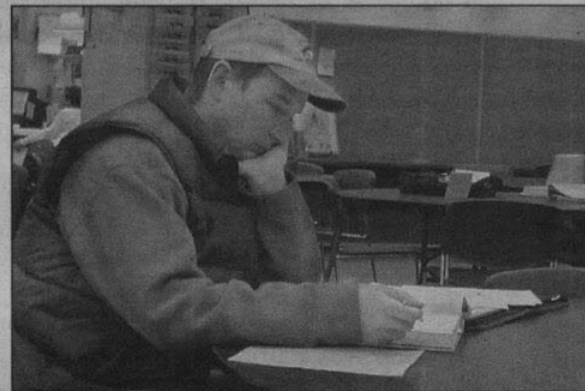


Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Scott Roth studies for his Math 95 course in The Learning Resource Center.

Or, if one of your tendencies is to party and socialize, set limits for yourself and stick to them. Your party buddies won't be there for you when you are staring at a test and you don't even know what number 1 means.

You have to be somewhat serious about getting your work done, whether it is math homework or reading for a literature class. But also, getting away from work is just as important

for good mental health, so after you get ahead of the game, get out and do whatever it is you do to relax. Kayaking, Judo, rock climbing, Jello shots, horseback riding.

—Whatever floats your boat.

There are also seminars offered at LRC-210 that help students develop good study skills, work habits and note taking strategies. The next seminar is Jan. 22 at noon.

So good luck, and get to work.

CAMPUS NEWS

Kenyan speaker comes to LB to celebrate MLK Jr. Day

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

Student Life & Leadership invites students to celebrate this year's Martin Luther King Jr. week with guest speaker Dr. Vincent Mula Wa Kituku.

A native of Kenya, Dr. Kituku is sought after for his motivational speeches relating to his experiences in corporate America. This week-long celebration at LBCC is from Monday, Jan. 21, to Friday, Jan. 25.

His first speech will be given to the "Into the Streets" participants on Monday at 5-6 p.m. at the Albany City Hall.

In to the streets is a fund-raiser for helping the homeless. It takes place at the Albany City hall, where you can spend all night and earn money from sponsors.

On Tuesday, Dr. Kituku will deliver three different talks on campus, beginning with "Diversity in the Workplace" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room, when he will share experiences from his heritage and professional life to assist students and employers in intercultural communications. At noon he will discuss the topic "Human Rights for Everyone," also in the Fireside Room.

On Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 he

will deliver an address at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus on "World Peace: What You Do Makes a Difference." The Portland Woman's Quartet, For Justice, will perform during the event at LaSells.

Dr. Kituku follows up on Wednesday with three more speeches in the Fireside Room, located on the second floor of the LBCC College Center:

- "Personal Responsibility," emphasizing personal responsibility in communicating and working together, from 10 to 11 a.m.

- "Rediscovering Lost Values," focus-

ing on exploring your roots and finding out who you really are, from 12 to 2 p.m.

- "The Art and Leadership of Communication in a Diverse World," a two-hour interactive program for students that focuses on leadership and how it works, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Also as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Week, an international food fair will be held from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Lounge on Thursday, and a film, "Remember the Titans," will be shown from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge on Friday. The lounge is located on the second floor of the Student Union.

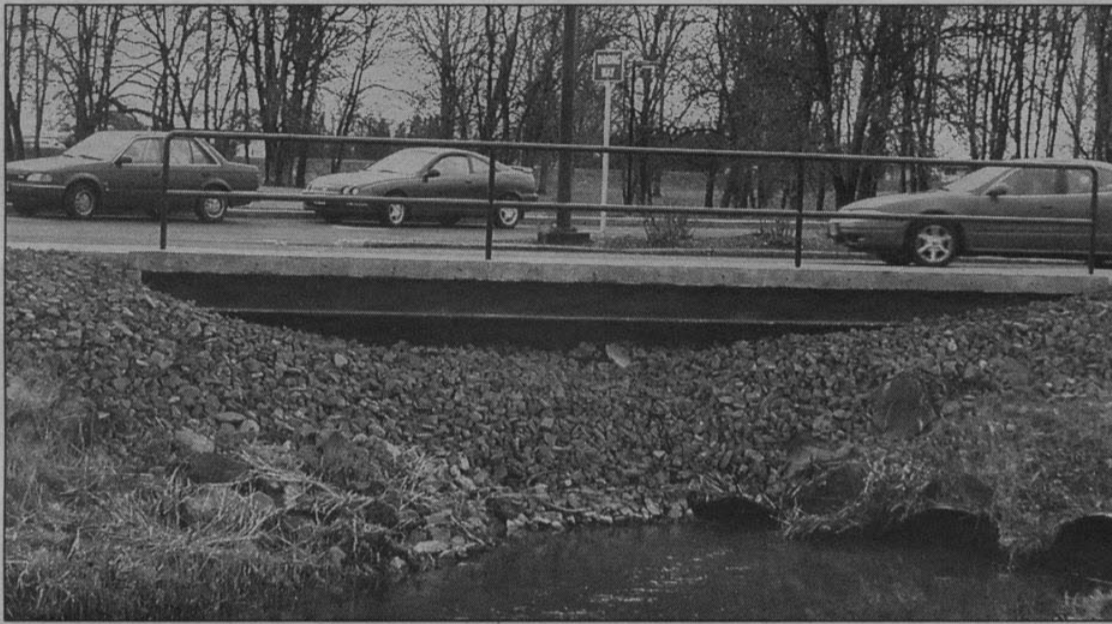


Photo by Jenn Geiger

Safe Passage

Responding to concerns over safe access north of campus, facilities had a bridge built over Oak Creek so pedestrians heading to classes from the Willow Creek Apartments don't have to walk in the roadway as they enter campus.

Anti-war activists bumble in Seattle

by Steven Adler
of The Commuter

While the war in Afghanistan appears to be winding down, a student anti-war movement could be winding up—if only it could stop spinning its wheels.

Students from 21 Northwest colleges and high schools, including three from LB's Peace Studies Program, gathered at the University of Washington last weekend to decry U.S. imperialism and prepare for a national anti-war conference at Columbia University in New York Feb. 22-24.

Reminiscent of the early days of the student anti-Vietnam war movement, the conference droned tortuously through and nauseum discussions about "process"—how to decide what to decide—reducing the assembly from 200 students to 40 in the first six hours of the conference.

"We are not going to use Robert's Rules of Order," announced the conference chairman, "since most people don't know what they are. We will use Bob's Rules of Order instead."

The conference never learned who Bob was and barely achieved any semblance of order.

The student attempts to manage the conference debate were painful, sexist and agist according to LB delegate Tina Empol, a major in political science.

"We agreed in a preconference procedures meeting to have male and female parity of the chair. The men reneged on the agreement and never let the women chair. It was a big problem. They should have listened to older women's wisdom."

A frustrated Empol walked out, finding sideline solace in the "marvelous insights" of the Revolutionary Women of Seattle. "We came back and tried again after dinner and the conference did get better," she said.

LB delegate and political science major Sean

Carey also found the "gridlock and confusion" frustrating and left, preferring to attend a Palestine/Israel forum instead. "I listened as a Palestinian student tell of how his brother was drug from his family's home during the middle of the night and arrested by 40 Israeli soldiers," said Carey. "My hopes for a peaceful resolution of this conflict dimmed." The dominant solution proposed for America's societal ills was the hackneyed call for the revolutionary ouster of the bourgeois ruling elite by the working class. Like evangelists heralding the second coming, the Socialists in attendance insisted this routing of capitalism was both imminent and inevitable.

The Socialists repeatedly spoke of the need for solidarity with workers, immigrants, minorities and women. But the Maoists, Leninists, Trotskyites and Guevarists (socialists all) were, after decades of opportunity, still not talking with one another, each hawking their own analyses, newspapers and wares. The Anarchists pushed their dream of autonomous groups somehow bringing down the imperialist monster and heralding their nebulous unstructured structure or unordered order.

The diminished number of delegates did resolve to call for an end to the cycle of violence, the defense of civil liberties, the reassessment of U.S. foreign policy, solidarity with immigrants, and money for social services, not war. They called upon universities to end their complicity with the INS and FBI and to defend academic freedom.

As a final act, the Northwest Student Anti-War Coalition applauded themselves, pledging to stand in solidarity with the protests against the World Economic Forum scheduled for Jan. 31 to Feb. 4 in New York City. They asserted "this will be the next flash point in the movement against corporate globalization."

LB's Sue Cowles welcomed by scientists, penguins in Antarctica

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

Penguins welcomed Sue Cowles as she arrived at Palmer Station on Antarctica Monday Jan. 7.

Cowles, an adult basic education instructor at LBCC's Benton Center, is participating in a program called Teachers Experiencing Antarctica and Arctic (TEA). She will be there through Feb. 15.

Cowles is joining scientists from the College of William and Mary's Institute of Marine Sci-

ence. They are studying Persistent Organic Pollutants and their effects on the food chain. Cowles' job is to assist the scientists in collecting and analyzing scientific data and then to relay the information to students, peers and the community.

Daily journal entries with photos are provided by Cowles and can be viewed at http://tea.rice.edu/tea_cowlesfrontpage.html. She welcomes email sent to her at cowles@tea.rice.edu, which reaches her directly in the field.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEK CELEBRATION

Keep the Dream Alive!

Monday, January 21

Go "Into the Streets" with LBCC Student Ambassadors and Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter.

Noon, Jan 21-Noon, Jan 22, Albany City Hall

Dr. Vincent Muli Wa Kituku speaks to participants from 5-6 p.m. on the topics of Service, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Community.

Tuesday, January 22

Diversity in the Workplace

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Human Rights For Everyone

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Fireside Room

World Peace: What You Do Makes a Difference

7-9 p.m., LaSells Stewart Center, OSU

Wednesday, January 23

Personal Responsibility

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Rediscovering Lost Values

12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Fireside Room

The Art of Leadership and Communication in a Diverse World

3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Fireside Room

Thursday, January 24

International Food Fair

12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Student Lounge

Friday, January 25

Film: Remember The Titans

12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Student Lounge

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MLK Jr. Week is Sponsored by LBCC Student Programming Board, Associated Student Government, Student Activities Programming Committee, MESA and the Corvallis Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. LBCC is an equal opportunity institution. If you need accommodations for disability in order to attend, please call (541) 917-4457, at least one week prior to the event.

CAMPUS NEWS

FRC opens evening child care

by Sherry Majeski
of The Commuter

Evening child care is now available on campus at the Family Resource Center (FRC). Child care is offered Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5:45 to 10 p.m. for children ages 2 and a half years to 10 years old. There are 20 spaces available. Qualified teachers structure fun activities, as well as quiet times for children to rest or do their homework.

The cost is \$55 per term (\$5 per night) for one night a week, which includes a healthy snack. There is no minimum credit requirement for the night program. Parents who wish to study in the library or computer lab can also sign up for evening childcare.

The Family Resource Center is an on-campus child care center offering quality experiences for children while their parents are at school. The center helps strengthen families through parenting support and child care. Parents are encouraged to participate in the co-op program. Parents/students who participate are entitled to reductions on child care fees. Fees are based on a sliding scale according to the family income.

The program allows the parent to be involved with their child while in day care and offers seminars for parent enrichment. The student is required to work three hours in the classroom with the children and attend two hours in seminars per week under the program "Living and Learning with your preschooler."

The seminar topics this term are: "Community Building," Monday, 12 to 1 p.m.; "Guidance & Discipline," Tuesday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and "Learning Experiences," Wednesday, 3 to 4 p.m.

Parents enrolled in this

parenting seminar/co-op earn three credits.

The early childhood professionals work with the children's parents to provide their children with opportunities to explore art, science, language, music, movement and play. This exploration stimulates the growth of social, emotional, physical and intellectual skills. The FRC is designed to allow children to access materials and space both indoors and out and to enable children to learn and grow at their own pace.

The center has an observation room overlooking the play areas equipped with ear phones and microphones so that parents can watch their children while at play. Education, Child & Family Studies students also sit and observe the children for their classes.

Jennifer Hill, criminal justice major, is working her second term at the center as a work study to take advantage of child care for her 3-year-old daughter, Khaitlynn. Hill was on the waiting list for almost two years when she was notified that there was an immediate opening. "This is my new school. I like the doll house the best!" Khaitlynn said, "This is a wonderful, wonderful place for children."

Amy Heaton, certified medical assistant student, has been a co-op parent since the fall of 2000. She does it to take advantage of the great savings on child care for her 4-year-old daughter, Hillary. Heaton said, "I really love working with the children while spending time with Hillary."

Martha Foster, Early Childhood Education (ECE) teacher, has been with the center since it opened in 1988. Foster said, "The center is a place in which parents can feel supported by other parents, as well as the teaching

staff. We all work together to create a good place for our children."

The Center is designed to serve the children of LBCC students.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. To enroll, the child must be at least 2 and a half years old by the first day of school, but not eligible for public kindergarten. Toilet training is not required. The parent must be an LBCC student, enrolled in three or more credits. The FRC is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and Licensed by the state of Oregon Child Care Division.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the Family Resource Center for your child care needs, please plan in advance and get your name on the waiting list.

For more information: 917-4898. To register, call Family Connections: 917-4899 or visit the Workforce Education Building.



Photo by Sherry Majeski

Khaitlynn Hill (above) enjoys playing with the doll house in the Family Resource Center, while Elisa Hernandez and Capernius Easter examine a dew-covered spider web with associate teacher Jenny Cook (right).

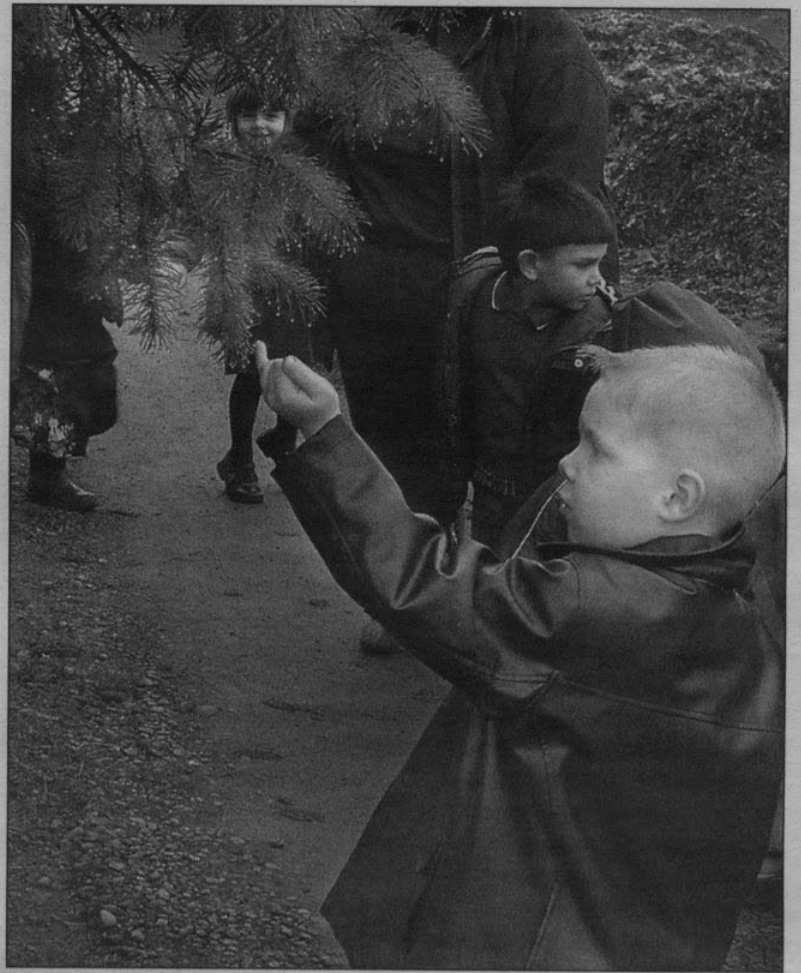


Photo by Jenn Geiger

Capernius Easter checks out dew on an evergreen during a walk around the campus last week along with other youngsters from the Family Resource Center.



Photo by James Bauerle

Home: Increased poverty, shortage of housing cause rise in homelessness in America

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or donors interested in sponsoring a camper can contact the SL&L Office at 917-4466.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, an estimated 760,000 people are homeless in the United States on any given night, and 1.2 to 2

million experience homelessness during one year. Among other statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Census, are:

- By 1995, 36.4 million Americans lived in poverty. Of which, 40 percent were children.

- For an increasing number of Americans, work provides no

relief from poverty. In 1995, real median income was 3.8 percent below its 1989 level.

- In no state does a full-time minimum wage job cover the costs of a one-bedroom unit at fair market rent, and in 45 states and the District of Columbia, families would need to earn at

least double the minimum wage in order to afford a two-bedroom unit at fair market rent.

- There are few or no shelters in rural areas of the U.S., despite significant levels of homelessness.

- Two trends are largely responsible for the rise in

homelessness over the past 15 to 20 years: a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and a simultaneous increase in poverty.

- A 1990 Ford Foundation study found that 50 percent of homeless women and children were fleeing abuse.

Educational Forum on Homelessness

Wed., Jan. 16
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
LBCC's Siletz Room

Learn the challenges surrounding homelessness in Oregon from a panel of community leaders, and learn how you can help generate assistance and financial support for the Albany Helping Hands Shelter.

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Mitzy Schadt, Joann Petry and Pat Collard, who attend evening classes check out likely trails to hike from the Peavy Arboretum entry to OSU's McDonald-Dunn Research Forest (left), while Chris Fox and his dog, Yarrow, prepare for a hike at The Oak Creek Access trailhead (below). The forest supports a wide array of flora and fauna such as the colorful black berry (above).

NEARLY WILD

OSU forest serves everyone from hikers and dogs to students and researchers

by Thomas McGeary
of The Commuter

A careful balance of planning and care make McDonald-Dunn Research Forest a resource for forestry students.

McDonald-Dunn Research Forest is owned and managed by Oregon State University. It is one of eight state forests in Oregon and is located just five miles north of the campus. McDonald-Dunn forest is used extensively for university instruction and research. The forest also receives approximately 130,000 recreational visits annually, having at least 20 miles of trails.

Several types of management regimes are implemented within the forest: even-aged, two-storied and uneven-aged, as well as old-growth reserved stands. The revenue created by harvests sustains the facilities.

The forest also has many cultural artifacts, which are the remains of sites, structures or objects used by humans in the past that need to be preserved.

Dave Lysne, forest director, emphasizes that a primary objective is to "achieve a balance among the economic, research and public needs of the forest community."

Despite this, the forest has been the target of eco-terrorist

acts over the years, resulting in damage to the trees' health or loss of research findings.

Lysne noted that another challenge to effective forest management is unauthorized trail use, including mountain biking off-season or trail-blazing, which damages habitat and research projects.

"Certain trails have posted guidelines that should be obeyed in order to protect the ecosystem," he said.

Managing the forest doesn't come without its humorous incidents. Lysne reminisced over one incident in particular, when a forest patron called in panic over an aggressive porcupine that apparently chased down the patron's dog.

"A porcupine could never keep up with a dog," Lysne said with a chuckle. The patron requested that we have this menacing porcupine removed, but we have a firm policy on giving equal weight to wildlife preservation and human interests."

Those interested in volunteering for trail reconstruction and maintenance in McDonald-Dunn research forest can contact the research offices in Peavy Arboretum or access the forest's web site (<http://www.cof.orst.edu/resfor>).



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ACT's eccentric 'Auntie Mame' captivates audience with laughter

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

The immensely amusing "Auntie Mame" is now on stage at the Albany Civic Theater. A cast of 32 community actors and actresses and director Christi E. Sears of Albany bring to life the 1955 memoirs of Patrick Dennis in this comedy written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee.

After the sudden death of his father, the young Patrick, played by eighth grader Miles Fletcher, is thrust into the care of his glittery, eccentric Aunt Mame, played by veteran ACT actress Jodi Altendorf. He arrives at Mame's 1928 New York apartment in the middle of one of her colorful nightly cocktail parties.

Mame's ability to raise a child is questioned as Patrick learns the fine art of pouring the perfect martini and attends a progressive nudist school. But the two form a bond as Mame goes through several jobs after losing her money in the stock market crash. Then Mame marries a wealthy southern gentleman named Beauregard. They travel the world on an eight-year honeymoon until the day that Beauregard loses his life in an accident in the Swiss Alps.

Meanwhile Patrick continues his education at a prep school (much to the dismay of Mame) and asks the snooty Gloria Upson for her hand in marriage. In an outrageously funny dinner scene, Gloria and her well-to-do parents are shocked as Mame's flamboyant lifestyle is revealed to them in her newly



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

"Auntie Mame" is playing at the Albany Civic Theater in downtown Albany through February 2.

published autobiography.

Costumes and props change often as Mame takes on new interests in the Far East, Ireland and India. The play is peppered with sexual innuendoes and rough language, yet keeps the audience laughing at one-liners and falling hairpieces.

Altendorf, who plays Mame, grows stronger in her acting as the comedy goes along. She is supported and surrounded with fine talent such as Lorraine Sorensen, who plays Mame's dear friend Vera Charles and displays her extravagant character in an entertaining manner. Young Patrick Dennis, Miles Fletcher from Albany, is also a

natural at acting.

Auntie Mame also made it to film in 1958 and won a Golden Globe award for Best Motion Picture. That version starred Rosalind Russell as Mame.

Future performances are Jan. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31, Feb. 1, and 2 at 8 p.m. and Jan. 20 and 27 at 2:30 p.m. The theater is located at 111 First Ave. SW, Albany.

The box office opens 45 minutes before curtain time. Tickets can also be bought at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany and Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis. ACT offers college ID discounts of buy one at regular price, \$8, and get the second half off on Thursday night performances only.

Students invited to submit articles

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A&E Profile: Jane White

by Mariana Schatte
of The Commuter

Who: Jane White

Background: English teacher

This Term: ENG 208 Literature of Africa

From: Outside Detroit

Schools attended: Michigan State and Colorado State

Last book read: "USA" by John DosPassos (1930). "It's a trilogy and the characters are really alive."

Favorite book or author: Shakespeare, also African books; "Joys of Motherhood," "Things Fall Apart" and "Kaffir Boy."

Last CD: Eva Cassidy, "Songbird." "Beautiful music and lyrics about life and mortality."

Favorite CD: Pat Metheny, "Road To You." Jazz fusion.

Last movies: At the Avalon Theater in Corvallis: "Amelie," "Color of Paradise," "Ma Vie en Rose" and "The Closet."

Favorite movies: "American Beauty," "Usual Suspects" and "A Dry, White Season." Also movies about Africa: "The power of One" and "Cry Freedom." She also recommends "Memento" and "Moulin Rouge."

She also recommends students check out a film today in the Fireside Room, "Priscilla, Queen of the Jungle" from 3-5 p.m.

Theater: Supports all local productions of LBCC, ACT, CCT, Ashland or the Shakespearean Festival. The play "Stop Kiss," an OSU production about two young women, their relationships and issues.

Other favorites: Calyx, The Corvallis-based literary magazine featuring women artists. KBOO 100.7: Check out the music news and reports.

Future plans: Fight for peace and justice. Retiring in June.

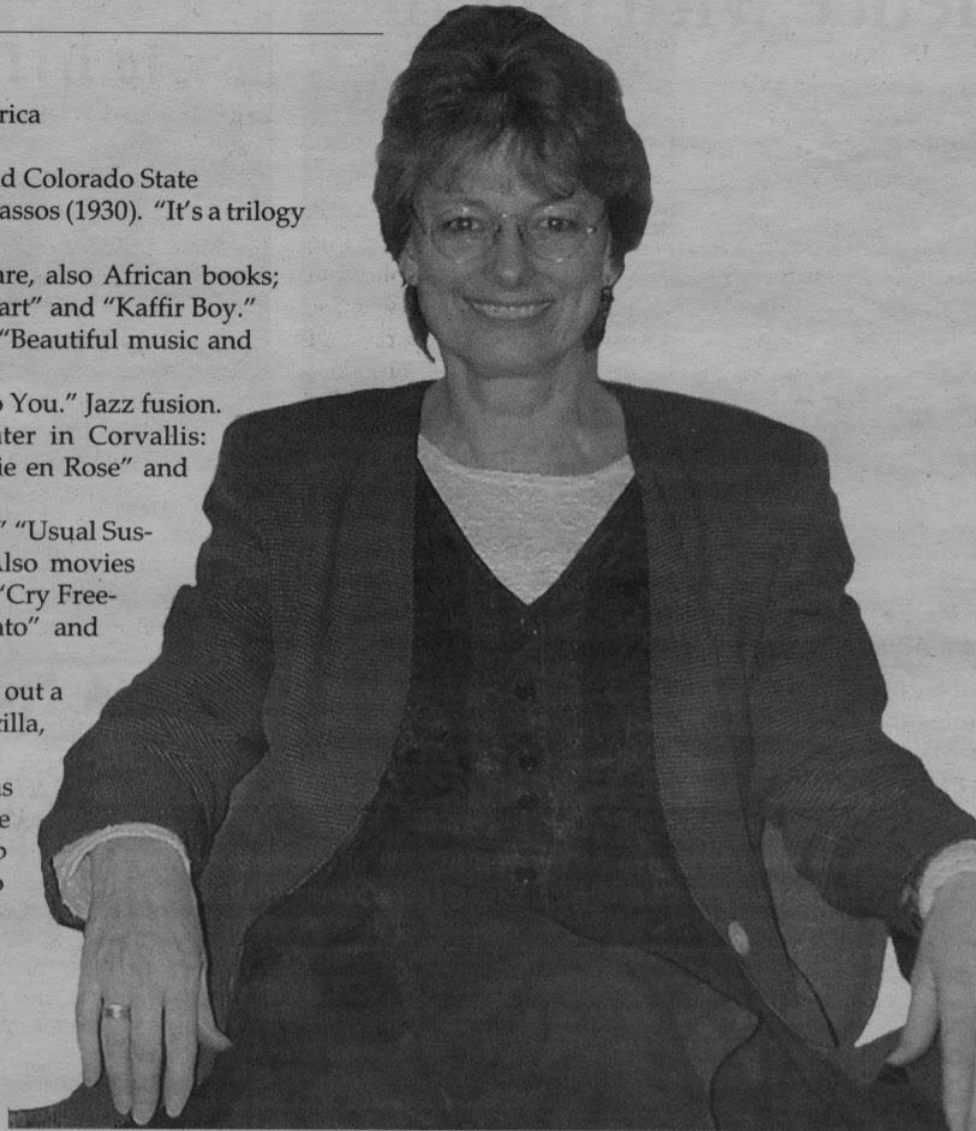


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Latin students hold dance and fundraiser

by Mariana Schatte
of The commuter

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Association of Latin American Students of Oregon State University, ALAS, is hosting a party at the Old World Deli located on 341 SW Second St. Corvallis.

The event starts at 10 p.m. and ends at 1:30 in the morning. It is restricted to people over 21 and the music will be pop, techno and Latin American rhythms.

"The party is for fund raising to get enough money to organize the Latin American Night event and also to have a good time," said Gonzalo Masias president of the association.

The objective of this organization is to diffuse Latin American culture into the community. This organization has a diverse membership of students from Chile, Argentina, Peru, Honduras, Mexico, El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Venezuela, Brazil and Colombia, and people from the local community that are not OSU students. ALAS is open to anyone who is willing to participate. Other nationalities are welcome.

The Latin American night event will take place on Sunday March 3rd, from 6 to 11 and it will include dinner, performances and a dance.

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SPORTS PAGE

Women split league openers; host Mt. Hood tonight

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

The Lady Runners opened their league season last Wednesday in Coos Bay, falling 58-82 to the Lakers, before bouncing back with a strong game to defeat Portland Community College at Portland 68-45.

The Lakers of Southwest Oregon Community College (SWOCC) came into this game with a 7-7 pre-season record, and were able to control the game with their dominant rebounding. The Lakers out-rebounded the Lady Runners 71-48—38 of those boards coming offensively for the Lakers.

The rebounding of the Lakers helped them overcome a woeful 26 percent shooting night, as they were able to throw up 86 shots. Adding to the Roadrunners' woes was the fact that they were in foul trouble most of the night, sending the Lakers to

the foul line 28 times.

Christy Rickert scored 17 points and dished out six points, and Christin Pass scored 14 points and grab eight rebounds.

LBCC then traveled to Portland and took out their frustration on the PCC Panthers, getting a 23-point victory. The Lady Runners were able to get on to the Panthers early, led by Pass, who had 17 points, and Breanna Johnson's 11 points and eight rebounds. Rickert added 10 points.

While students were on break for the holidays, the team was on the road playing a 10-game pre-season schedule, and coming up with three wins.

LBCC started the break with a trip to Redding, Calif., for the Shasta Tournament, where the Lady Runners dropped two games to Lassen and Santa Rosa. Rickert lead the team in scoring in both games, picking up 13

points against Lassen and 14 against Santa Rosa. Rebecca Torresdal added 12 points in the Lassen game.

Next the Lady Runners went to Eugene to play in the Lane Tournament. Their first game came against Lower Columbia Community College saw a 24-point, seven-assist effort from Rickert. Janine Dionne and Pass both added 11 points, but the Lady Runners fell short 66-76. LBCC ended its stay in the tournament with a loss to Columbia Basin 66-87. In that game, Torresdal had 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds, Dionne came up with 14 points, and Johnson had 12 points.

The Lady Runners then took a trip to Olympic Community College in Washington for the Olympic Tournament, where they opened with their first win of the season. It came against Blue Mountain, who the Runners dominated, winning 73-55. Dionne and Rickert lead the team in scoring with 14 points a piece. Linzi Strohm added 11, and Pass had a big night with 10 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Unfortunately for the Runners, the second night was not so gracious, as Whatcom Community College beat the Runners 93-73 despite a season-high 25 points from Rickert. Johnson added 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Runners ended the tournament on a high note, however, edging Spokane 84-83. Rickert again lead the team with 19 points, while Strohm added 13. Johnson had a double-double night, with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lady Runners home opener against Gray's Harbor resulted in another LBCC victory, with an impressive 69-53 score. Rickert lead the team with 24 points, Strohm had 13 points,

and Dionne and Robyn Ward both had 10 points.

The Lady Runners then hosted the defending NWAACC champions Walla Walla Community College, losing 56-73. This time Johnson was the leading scorer with 16 points, and Rickert came up with 13 points and seven rebounds. Linn-Benton finished its pre-season schedule with a 66-84 loss to Wenatchee Valley. Torresdal lead the team with 17 points and eight rebounds, while Rickert contributed 14 points and six assists.

The Lady Runners will play their first home league game tonight at 7:30 in the Activities Center. Students can get in for free with a student body card.

Men open league 1-1

By Commuter Staff

Coach Randy Falk's men's basketball team opened the league season last week by splitting a pair of games on the road, losing to Southwestern Oregon Community College 61-79 before turning around to beat Portland 80-70.

LB's Doug Marshall lead the team in scoring in the win against PCC Saturday, while Nate Marks had a strong all-around game, picking up a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds and six assists.

On Wednesday the Runners played their first league game in Coos Bay, and like the Lady Runners came up short in their debut. Sophomore wing Garrett Hollen lead the team in scoring

with 16 points and also pulled down a team-high 12 rebounds. Marshall also chipped in 16 points to go with his 7 boards.

The team competed in three tournaments in December, returning home with two wins and five losses. Six-foot-six sophomore David Michaelis was leading scorer in most of the games, including the 83-77 victory over the Linfield JV team at the Clackamas Tournament in Oregon City Dec. 28-30. Michaelis had 17 in that game and also led the team in rebounding with 12. Marshall also had 17 points and 7 rebounds. The Roadrunners dropped their next two games in the tournament to Tacoma Community College 71-109 and Lower Columbia 72-84.

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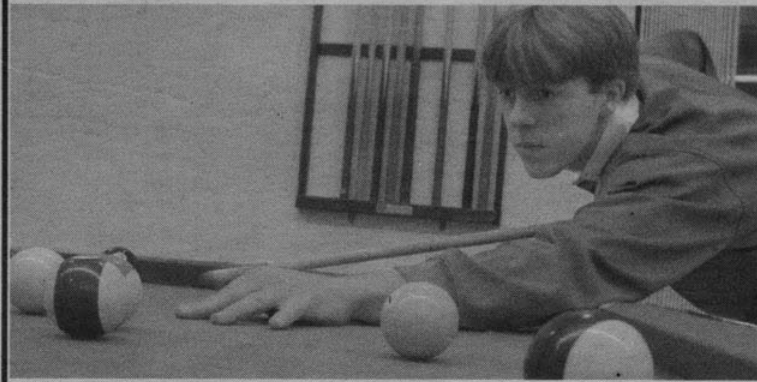
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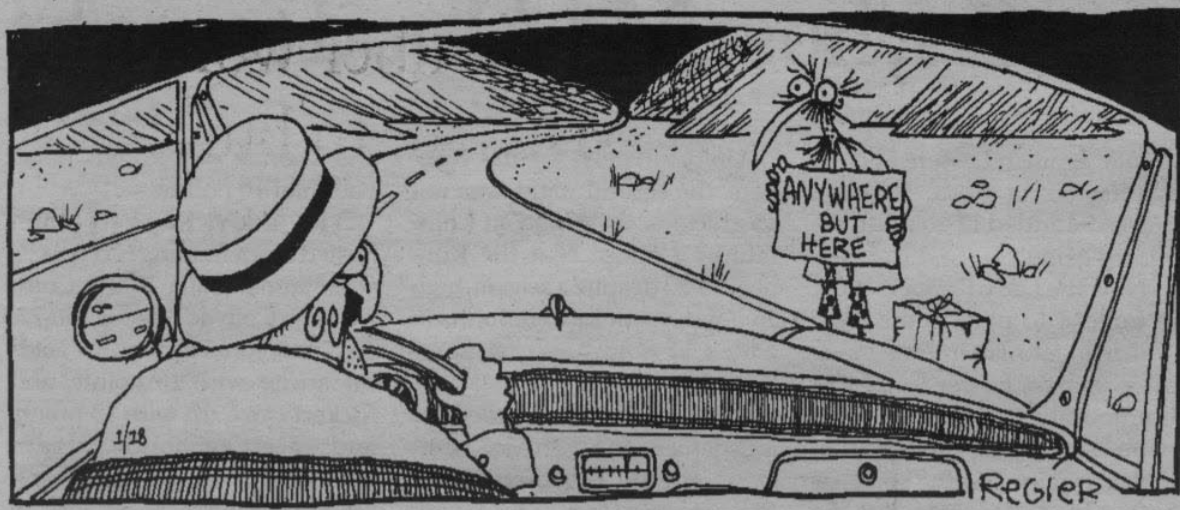
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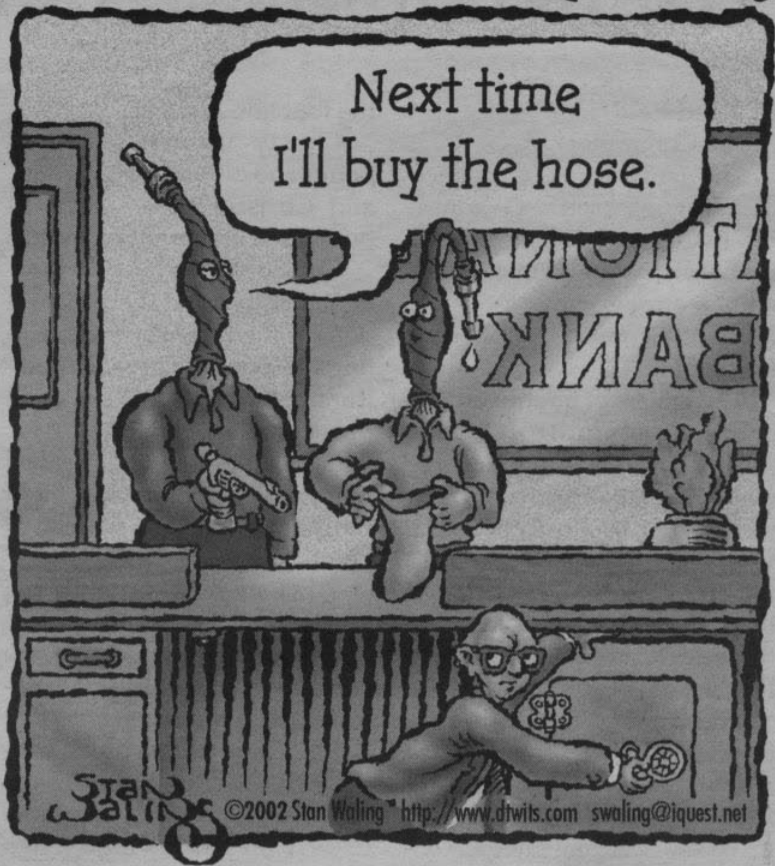
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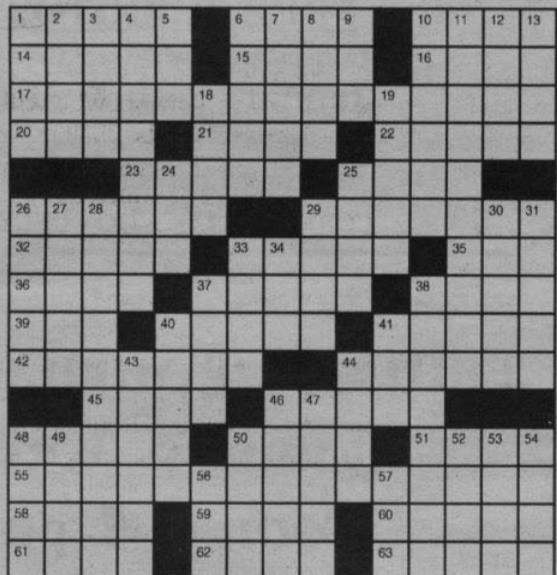


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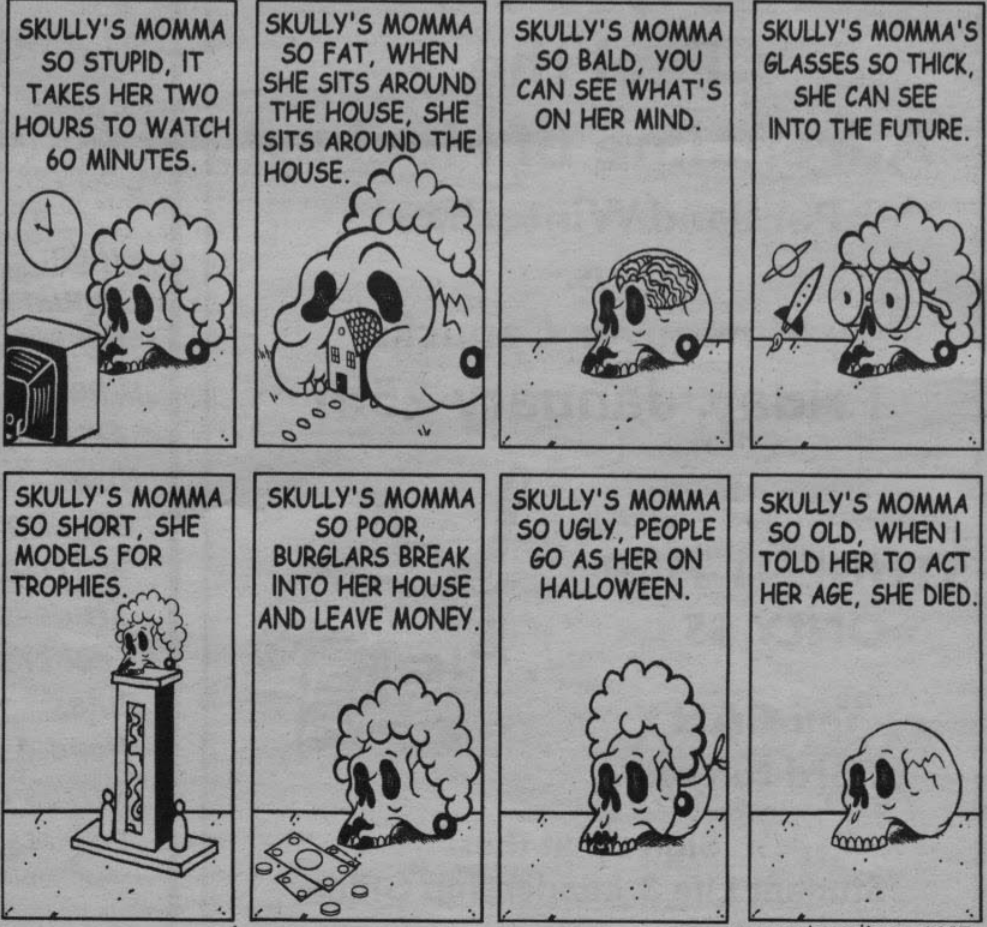


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COMMENTARY

Discrimination takes many forms, but there is only one way to say 'American'

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Have you ever felt the victim of intolerance? Did you ever feel like someone who didn't even know you was demeaning or belittling you based solely on your clothes, skin color or accent, income, religion, physical impairment or heritage?

Living in the United States, which is considered to be 83 percent white (not that anyone really is white, but differing shades of brown), it must be hard for those in the minority to deal with those who take out personal frustrations or prejudices on those who are not like them.

Some discrimination is obvious and overt, other times it is hard to know it is happening, like when you are passed over for a job or denied housing and you're not sure if it is because of who you are or not.



Chad Richins

There are many ways to discriminate. When I worked on the OSU campus as a student painter, I found that I would be treated differently if I was in my dusty work clothes than if I had a ball cap on and a backpack on with a coffee mug in my hand.

So there is classism as well as racism to deal with. Admittedly, my experiences are not significant when compared with racial incidents like those that have happened to others, like the black man who was harassed when passing an OSU fraternity, or the double standards that most women have to deal with every day of their lives.

Even hairstyle can affect the way you are viewed in society, as my dreadlocked friend found when she relaxed her hair and combed it out and found that she was now treated with respect and cordiality at local businesses.

This summer in the OSU student newspaper there was a particularly disturbing column by staff writer Matt LaPlante about people who wear the hairstyle known as a "mullet," which is short in front and long in back. LaPlante wrote that he had been at a DaVinci Days concert when a man next to him who smelled of cabbage and kept bumping into him, offending his delicate sensibilities, was wearing a mullet. LaPlante called the man a "sister-fondling sewage rat" and went on to mention "that scary sho-low that works on the first floor of Kerr Administration building."

I spoke with the Barometer Editor to tell him I found the article disgustingly intolerant and mean-spirited, and e-mailed LaPlante only to never hear back from him. Then last Friday The Barometer ran another column about mullets by Meghan Greerly that wasn't so

virulent in its tone, but still had an intolerant lean when she spoke of how fun it was to go mullet hunting at "WinCo, Fred Meyer, and of course, the K-Mart food lounge."

She then suggested continuing the hunt at firearms shops and taking a trip to Sweet Home. The whole mullet thing struck me as funny when I first heard it years ago, but then I realized that people from rural towns—"rednecks" to some—are the last group of people in America that are fair game for amateur comedians and insecure pseudo-intellectuals. It seems that there is a classist imperative to make fun of those who hail from small towns or who listen to Lynyrd Skynyrd (which Greerly misspelled in her article as Lynard Skynard. I guess that's not in Spell Check.)

Perhaps it is my own rural background that makes me sensitive to such things, but when someone hands me a page downloaded from the internet that makes fun of rednecks, I wonder if this was how it was in the sixties in barber shops and workplaces. Only blacks and latinos and other groups were the target then.

When I see these jokes I remind the bearer that poor people, those from rural America, and people of color have fought and died in disproportionate numbers for their country, they have worked more hours for less pay and taken more abuse than most other groups, all in order to raise their families and to be the backbone of the American economy.

And the poorest of these people are often looked down upon even in their own small communities. Never mind that they have generations of poverty as their heritage and more of the same as their birthright. They are seen as choosing to be poor and unfashionable by the North Face parka-wearing, bleach-blonde, faded and flared-jeans sporting, Christina Aguilera wannabe, Oregon State elitists like Greerly, many of whom come to town to go to school but are never part of the community and choose to deride and demean the locals.

At any rate, there are many ways to say, "You are not like me and I think you are less a person. You have no feelings and it makes me glad to put you down." But there is only one way to say American.

So the next time someone tells a racist joke or busts on rednecks or women or homosexuals, let them know if you don't like it—even though it can be hard, because most humor is based in some sort of put-down and is genuinely funny to some people. It is hurtful to perpetuate these stereotypes.

And the next time someone tells a "mullet" joke, tell them to update their material because that one was old when Greerly was still trying to decide whether to wear glitter lip gloss or plain to her middle school dances.

GUEST COLUMN

Remember words of MLK Jr. to build stronger communities

by Susan Prock
for The Commuter

In just five short days, on Jan. 21, the nation will be honoring the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Perhaps you are looking forward to this national holiday, which closes government offices, banks, and schools as a well-deserved day off.



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But I would like to encourage you to consider the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and what this holiday means in terms of our community and our nation.

Dr. King was the charismatic leader of the Black Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s, but he was more than that. He was a passionate advocate for nonviolence and social justice. He was also a strong supporter of community service as a tool to heal and build strong communities. He said, "everybody can be great, because everybody can serve..." Dr. King went on to note that everybody, whether they are college-educated or not, can serve their community. Service requires only "a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant." This is why Martin Luther King Jr. Day is often referred to as "A day ON, not a day off." Around the nation on Jan. 21, thousands of school children, college students and working people will be in the community participating in service activities. Our communities will be healthier and stronger because of their efforts. Many of these volunteers serve their communities year round in a variety of service activities. Perhaps you are one of the many who serve locally in a variety of ways. If so, thank you for helping to make our community a strong and healthy one.

If you don't volunteer, I encourage you to consider this Monday, Jan. 21, as an excellent time to begin. The LBCC Student Ambassadors are providing a fun service opportunity for you. You can join them and Albany Helping Hands Shelter as they honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by "going into the streets" and camping out in front of the Albany City Hall. The goal is to acquire sponsors who will donate money to Albany Helping Hands Shelter for each hour you spend camping out. If you can't camp out, consider sponsoring one of the ambassadors or donate needed items to this shelter for homeless people. Clean coats, long johns and sleeping bags in good repair as well as men and women's new toiletry items are always welcome. If you would like to learn more about homelessness, join the ambassadors today, Jan. 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Siletz Room for the Educational Forum on Homelessness.

Whether or not you can camp out to raise funds for our local homeless shelter, please consider other ways you can contribute to Dr. King's legacy by serving your community throughout the year.

Check with your local American Red Cross, YMCA, Big Brother, Big Sister Program, SMART, (Start Making a Reader Today), Domestic Violence Shelter, Habitat for Humanity Chapter, or your favorite social justice organization. You can also visit the web site, www.servenet.org, that lists volunteer opportunities by zip code.

A final suggestion might be to learn more about human rights for everyone by attending one of LBCC's MLK Jr. Week programs featuring motivational speaker Dr. Vincent Muli Wa Kituku, a native of Kenya, Africa, or by joining a group of people at the Multicultural Center in the study circle, "Toward a More Perfect Union In an Age of Diversity."

Dr. Kituku will facilitate a workshop for student leaders, Jan. 23 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., that I highly recommend to anyone who considers him or herself as a leader. Tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, we will offer an informational program on Study Circles. The Study Circle will begin on Feb. 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will run for six consecutive weeks.

Online



THE COMMUTER ONLINE

This term The Commuter is once again attempting to pull hesitantly onto the information superhighway, running on three cylinders, checking our mirrors carefully and trying not to cause a wreck.

If everything goes well, we will have an online presence so that anyone off campus can stay up on school news and features and parents that live out of town can see where their money is spent.

Like the print version of our award-winning student-run paper, the online version of the Commuter is concerned with bringing you the stories and images of life in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

We welcome any feedback, submissions, complaints, corrections and contributions. This in your paper, after all. Whether you're reading this on the Loop bus after a long day of attending classes, at one of our satellite centers waiting for class to start or in the Courtyard Café with a cup of coffee and a worried mind working out differential equations, we are here to break it to you gently and maybe make you laugh or think once in awhile.

The page should be up by Jan. 17, at www.lbcc.cc.or.us/commuter.

Happy surfing, webmonkeys.

STAFF PICKS

The staff of the Commuter was recently asked what their favorite web sites were and this is what they said:

Greg Dewar, Contributing Editor—www.keenspot.com and www.gamerevolution.com "Game Revolution has all your gaming needs and keenspot has hilarious comics about the devil."

Sherry Majeski, reporter—ChihuahuaKingdom.com. "I go into Chihuahua Kingdom because I raise Chihuahuas and a lot of people looking for dogs to buy go there so it is a good source to sell or get information."

Chad Richins, Editor—rukind.com "It's great. It's all guitar

chords and tab for Grateful Dead, Frank Zappa and more."

Amanda Humphreys, reporter—thespark.com, it has all kind of jokes, and..um..I don't know, check it out.

Mariana Schatte, A&E Editor—u2.com and amnesty.org "U2 has lots of links to other human rights sites like Green peace, and Amnesty helps to make people aware and secure human rights around the world."

Mickey Love, Asst. Ad Manager—epitaph.com "I can find out what my favorite bands are doing. I can order clothing and also find tour dates."

Rich Bergeman, Advisor—ebay.com "I like poking around looking for things to buy and sell. Mostly I sell antique stereoview cards that I've collected from second-hand stores over the years."

Wendy Geist, Copy Editor—EverydayIgo.genealogy.com because I just found out I have an uncle in New Zealand."

James Bauerle, Photo Editor—Anithesis.com, which is religion and philosophy and phonebasher.com which is films of people destroying cell phones.

Tracie Love, Reporter—just my email site, Hotmail.com