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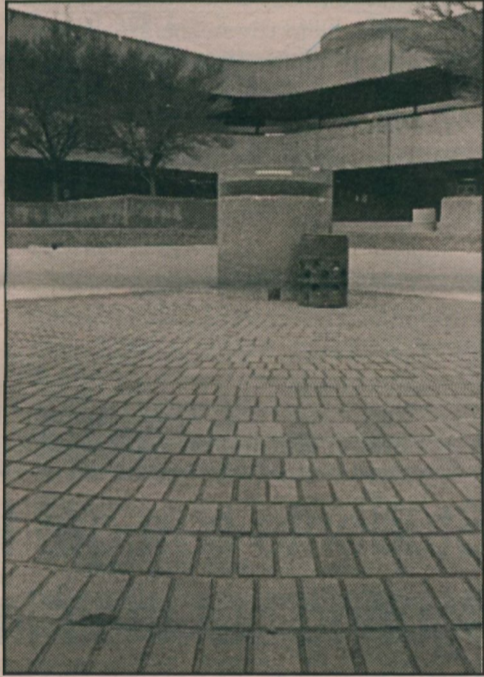
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Photos by Chris Treloggen

Wading into his work

LB groundskeeper Juan Deleon fishes around for debris in the college center fountain Monday. Besides the regular debris of algae and leaves, Deleon has collected paper cups, cans and even dirty diapers during his weekly task. He said the courtyard fountain was recently shut off and drained because it needed repairs to the crumbling masonry near the fountain's mouth, which will cost about \$750. One of three groundskeepers, Deleon is also responsible for about 140 acres of grass and trees.



Criminal justice major gets his feet wet, rescues woman

by Bill Chiaffino
of The Commuter

A 25-year-old LBCC student rescued a young woman from the cold, swift, rain-swollen waters of the Willamette River near the Takena Landing in North Albany last Wednesday.

John Herron, a criminal justice major and resident of Albany, was patrolling with Officer Aaron Davis of the Albany Police Department when they received a call shortly after noon that a van was floating down the river.

The officers were quick to respond and began searching for the van and any survivors.

Herron was searching from a trail along the river when other officers stationed on a nearby bridge spotted 26-year-old Kaitlyn Skinner, of Corvallis, grasping a floating log.

He plunged into the water and pulled her to safety.

"She was emotionally shot," Herron said. "She wanted out."

The police had feared that Skinner's had driven the van into the river, leaving her children inside, but later learned that the children were home with their father.

Police are still investigating why the young woman drove the van into the Willamette.

The vehicle, a Ford Aerostar which belonged to Skinner's brother-in-law, will not be removed from the river until the summer months or when the water

level drops.

Giving little thought about going in after the young woman, Herron said he was excited about it all. His only fear was getting the department in trouble had he been injured or hurt.

"I was jacked up and the blood was pumping," said Herron. "I'm just lucky I didn't get in trouble for my actions."

In his second year at LBCC, Herron is pursuing a career in law enforcement like his two brothers, who are

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—John Herron

state correctional officers, and his father, who served 14 years as a Linn County Sheriff's deputy.

He said he'd like to transfer to Western Oregon State College next fall and someday work for the police department in Bend.

Skinner was taken by police to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis for observation and psychiatric evaluation.

Officer Steve Westling, one of the other officers on scene, injured himself as he ran down into the park and fell.

He, not knowing that Davis and Herron had arrived, tried to reach the woman himself.

Student and family trying to recover from fire

Donations of clothing, furniture, bedding and basic household items needed to assist family

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

Cathy Ball of Albany, a first year Accounting Technology major at LBCC, needs your help.

Ball's family needs clothing, furniture, bedding and basic household items to replace those destroyed by a fire two weeks ago. The fire was in the homes of Ball's 74-year-old grandmother Della Heseman, her mother Joyce Young, brother Jim Young, sister Nancy Munson and 6-year-old niece Samantha Shaw.

No one was injured, but Heseman's 10-year-old poodle, Sugar, and some cockatiels died from smoke inhalation.

The family occupied both halves of a south Albany duplex. Both duplex units sustained heavy smoke damage in the fire, which is believed to have started from cigarette ashes smoldering in a garbage bag.

The family's renter's insurance expired two days before the fire, Ball said.

It will be at least two months before the duplex is ready to live in again. Until then the family is staying with other family members and friends.

Ball and her sisters Laura Utt and Nancy Munson are full time students at LBCC. Utt is a second year Accounting Technology major and Munson is a first year Office Specialist major.

The Heseman/Young Family Relief Fund has been set up at Key Bank for anyone who would like to donate items to the family, or you can contact Ball at 926-7590.

Sixteen colleges visit to assist transfer students

by C. Baughman
of The Commuter

Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution can get first-hand information as well as advice from students who went through it during three days of events next week.

College Transfer Day takes place on Monday Feb. 13 and is designed to help answer students' questions on the "technicality of transferring, dates to transfer, and the GPA required by different

colleges to transfer," stated Marthajane Christensen, a counselor at LBCC.

Representatives of 16 colleges in the Oregon State System of Higher Education will be in the Commons from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer student's questions about the schools and transferring. Booths will be set up so that "students can browse while they eat their sandwiches," said Christensen.

Christensen also said that this is a good opportunity for students to be-

come aware of schools that are further away geographically, such as Eastern Oregon State College, and those lesser known, like George Fox.

Seminars on what students can expect when transferring will take place Feb. 14 and 15 from noon until 1 p.m. in Room HO-202. Students who have transferred from a two-year college to a four-year college will be on hand to answer questions that students may have on the process of transferring.

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CAMPUS NEWS

AIDS class invites campus to hear guest speakers

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

Students are invited to visit LBCC's AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases class to listen to upcoming guest speakers on various issues, including living with the disease.

The class has scheduled three days this term to have people who have lived with, know about, or have AIDS themselves come in and talk about the disease. "All students are welcome to come," said Louise Street, who teaches the class.

The class, which will be taught again next term, attempts to give students an understanding of various aspects of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in our world today.

"I think everyone should take the class," said Street. "It is becoming a heterosexual disease."

In fact, almost all new cases are women and adolescents.

"People need to understand what the high risk behaviors are for transmitting the virus," said Street, who worked for the health department of West Aus-

tralia before she joined the LBCC Health and Physical Education Department this fall. "I worked in HIV/AIDS education while living in Australia."

Street lived in Perth, Australia, from 1989 to 1991, working with gay men, prostitutes, drug users and other high-risk groups. She also spent time as a teacher at OSU.

"The stats are changing all of the time," Street said. "We go in to detail and study all sexually transmitted diseases. We study the personal, social and the global implications of AIDS. We talk about what people with AIDS go through. It's a very difficult death."

By the year 2000, the United States will have an estimated 1.5 million AIDS cases, according to the World Health Organization.

As of February of this year, there were 441,523 reported cases of AIDS in the U.S., with 2,936 cases in Oregon. The most recent tally reports that 243,423 deaths were caused by AIDS, with 1,700 from Oregon, which ranked this state 17th in the nation.

There are an estimated 10,000 people in Oregon

who have tested HIV positive, but have not contracted full-blown AIDS.

The class covers various topics, including high-risk behaviors, testing for the virus, confidentiality, informed consent, partner notification, quarantine, and AIDS in physical sports.

"We talk about a lot of controversial issues," said Street. "The class focuses on knowledge of high-risk behaviors and prevention strategies, but also understanding and acceptance."

"This is a very popular class at OSU," added Street, who plans to teach it again here at LBCC.

The three guest speakers who will visit the class this term are Honey Vanasche from the Linn County Health Dept. on Feb. 14; Margo Denison, head of Valley AIDS Network (VAIN) and mother of an AIDS victim, on Feb. 16; and possibly an actual victim of the disease, if a babysitter can be found for the woman's daughter, on Feb. 23.

The class meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 1:50. If students have any questions or wish to help, contact Street at 967-6109.

British instructor finds American students lively, more motivated

by Alan Hawkins
of The Commuter

Life in America is treating British Fulbright Exchange Instructor Ian Priestman pretty well.

"I'm pretty sure they're going to drag me kicking and screaming to the aircraft in August when I've got to go home," Priestman said recently.

Priestman applied to the Central Bureau for Education, Business and Exchanges in London for an exchange position at the same time LBCC Fulbright Exchange Instructor Andrew Vanderplatt applied to the exchange program in Washington D.C. The two were paired by computer and have traded teaching positions as well as their homes for the year.



Ian Priestman

landed a bit part in "Our Country's Good," an upcoming production at the Majestic Theater in Corvallis.

"I think that my accent helped me get the part," he said.

In England full-time students are supported by the government.

"They are generally not as motivated because somebody has put the money there for them," he said. "American students are more lively, they tend to debate more."

On the other hand, the academic standards are a bit higher, he said.

"Back in Britain, if you get an advanced grade point average of 4.0, you probably end up at Oxford or Cambridge University, which is a place of academic excellence for the elite. 'A' grades are thrown around more freely here than at home."

Priestman says that he is enjoying his stay in America and would like to stay and get his Masters in International Business at U of O, OSU or WOSC.

"I didn't want to be stuck in Hull the duration of my working life."

Priestman, 34, hails from Hull in Yorkshire, England, which was the most bombed city in England in World War II.

"I had been teaching at the same position since 1987 and was looking for a change of environment," said Priestman. "I didn't want to be stuck in Hull the duration of my working life."

While Priestman's expertise lies in International Business, he has many talents that go beyond the classroom. He exhibited his musical talent recently by playing guitar for students and faculty in the Fireside Room as a member of the LBCC student/staffband during the "Rhythm on Rye" series. He also played at the Jackson Street Juice Bar in Corvallis on Feb. 4.

Priestman is also an actor and has

Committee reduces number of credits needed for Oregon Transfer degree

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

Changes in the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree requirements will mean fewer credits needed for a degree.

The Curricular Issues Committee met Jan. 19 to discuss and approve changes in the current AAOT degree.

The committee decided to compromise between the argued elimination of sequences and the current requirements.

They elected to maintain sequences in arts and humanities; so-

cial sciences; and math, science; and computer science.

They did, however, reduce the amount of total credits needed in each area.

The total general education credit requirements were reduced from 63 to 58.

"Students have more room to pick up their major or minor courses," said Patsy Chester, assistant to the president for academic affairs.

Students who are currently working on their degree can graduate under the old requirements, or convert to the new ones.

Students can get free assistance figuring out their income taxes

By Ray Haycock
of The Commuter

Oh no, tax time again! The April 15 deadline is just around the corner.

"Here I am a starving student and the government is already demanding money that I don't have," you may be saying. "I have two term papers to write and a test in physics to study for. How will I ever find the time to do my taxes?"

But you can relax a little bit. Help is available through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to prepare your income tax forms.

This service, located in room T-105B in Takena Hall, is being provided free for low-income students attending LBCC and others needing assistance with tax forms.

Students can meet with volunteer counselors Jack and Anita Todd by appointment from 1-3:45 p.m. on Fri-

days. Jack is a retired Certified Public Accountant and has been a tax counselor for 10 years, according to the local RSVP office.

The class for tax counselors was instituted by Peg Hatfield, RSVP's first director at LBCC, which has trained approximately 30-45 tax counselors each year at LBCC. The service provided by RSVP is part of the national Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons.

The TCE program has over 30,000 volunteer that have helped over 1.5 million elderly and low income families nationally. Each volunteer receives all the supplies necessary from the Internal Revenue Service, with the exception of pens and pencils.

Last year 1,428 people in Linn County received assistance from RSVP Volunteers.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Grad makes transition from millwork to paperwork

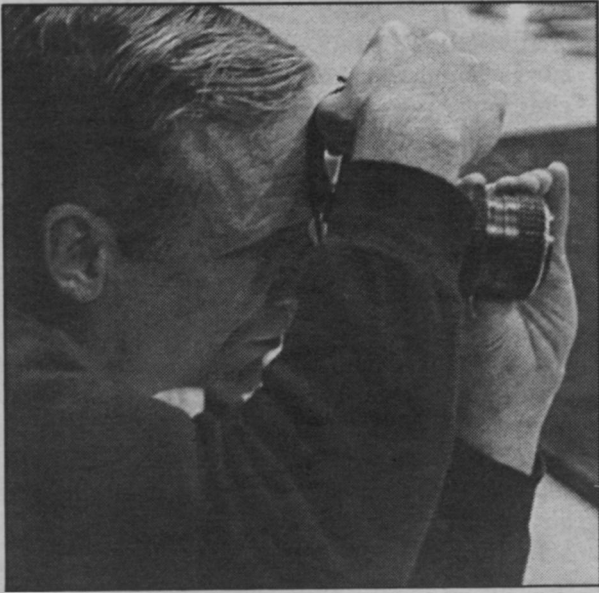


Photo by Chris Trelloggen

LBCC journalism grad John Butterworth photographs a high school wrestling meet in his new role as editor of the "Benton Bulletin."

by Jacob Schmid
of The Commuter

LBCC graduate John Butterworth has hit the press with a new occupation.

The Philomath-based Benton Bulletin hired Butterworth on as editor last September after he received an Associate of Science degree with journalism emphasis in June of 1994.

Butterworth started college in November 1992 after suffering a stroke that damaged his vision, costing him his former job as a timber faller and logger. He began studying criminal justice, but switched to journalism when he discovered a latent interest in the field. Attending LBCC for six consecutive terms, he emerged with his degree and a new direction in life.

The transition from mill work to paperwork was surprisingly smooth. Both jobs allow a large margin of independence and self-supervision. As editor, Butterworth is responsible for everything from ads to pasteup and design to the sports page—but he's in charge, so there is a positive element of self-discipline that makes the work enjoyable.

Since there are only three other employees at the Bulletin, and circulation is only about 3,500 issues a week, the news in Philomath is essentially Butterworth's to describe—and he has a lot of room to express his opinions.

So far, his favorite parts of the job are writing the sports column and the editorials. Although he is subject to some criticism, it is a position he is happy with, particularly because he gets to interview interesting people and continue to learn.

Butterworth was a little intimidated at first by the new computerized equipment that is revolutionizing the news industry—for instance, the electronic full-page printer that the Bulletin recently acquired. Now he feels much more comfortable exploiting the modern conveniences.

"Philomath is in the middle of a transition, and the growth of the paper depends on the growth of the town," he said.

In the future, Butterworth plans to continue his education to earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree. Eventually, he hopes to become a teacher at a community college, or write for a wider audience.

news briefs

Amendment Submitted

The College Conservatives Association (CCA) has submitted a draft of an amendment to the ASLBCC Constitution that, if approved, would create an office of ASLBCC president. After collecting the required 250 signatures, the CCA hopes the proposal will be approved by the necessary two-thirds vote of the ASLBCC Council of Representatives and put to a vote before the student body.

Special Olympics Event

The Special Olympic Basketball Jamboree will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, in the Activities Center. The games start at 9 a.m. and run to 4 p.m. Between eight and 14 teams will be competing, including two from Albany.

Preschool Open House

Parents considering preschool for their children are invited to attend two open houses at LBCC's Albany Preschool Co-op on Wednesday Feb. 15 and Feb. 22. The event begins at 9:15 a.m. and runs until 11:45 a.m. at Fairmount Elementary School, 1005 Spring Hill Rd. NW, in Albany. Call 967-8835.

Speaker describes dysfunctional systems

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

It's people perpetuating dysfunctional systems that cause the world's problems, not the people themselves, Dr. David Bella told a group of about 22 people in Forum 104 last Wednesday.

What he said drew nods and giggles of recognition from his audience. Bella, OSU professor of environmental engineering and engineering mechanics, was the first lecturer in Phi Theta Kappa's honors lecture series.

"The world acts in loops," explained Bella, demonstrating with a flow chart with no beginning or ending point. "Information gets distorted to fit the needs of the system."

He said that this kind of dysfunctional system is not confined to technology assessment, which is his area of specialty, but can be applied to any number of systems, such as family or teacher/student relationships.

"Listen to the frustrations of students," said Bella. Teachers complain because students don't ask questions,

by Karen Cox
of The Commuter

Former LBCC student, Nancy Phepf, has started an adoptees group in order to offer support to people like her.

An adopted child herself, Phepf was going to a support group in Eugene, but said that traveling back and forth from Eugene to Corvallis in the winter was too dangerous. She decided to start a support group in Corvallis to make it easier for people in the Albany and Corvallis area to get the support they need.

Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at recreation hall in the Knoll Terrace Trailer court in Corvallis. "I just want to be there for adoptees and to talk to them," said Phepf.

Phepf's own search for her parents started in 1990 when her then 21-year-old daughter was diagnosed with a tumor on her collar bone and later found out she had diabetes when she was pregnant. Phepf's son also had a lot of allergies and medical problems.

Phepf wrote to the judge in California hoping to get information on her birth parents, but the judge responded that the medical problems were not a good enough reason to open the records. Phepf later went to her adoptive parents and asked for information. She was able to get in touch with her birth aunt and uncle and found some of the information she needed.

"I'm a firm believer that there should be at least medical back-up information available," she said.

Phepf has been running ads in the local newspapers, but says she is not very happy with the way the group is going.

but the students don't ask questions because the teacher goes to fast, and the teacher goes fast because the students aren't asking questions, he said. It becomes a loop of cause and effect that is difficult to break out of.

The problem with this arrangement is that, instead of people being in control of the system, the system is controlling them, he said.

So what is the solution?

The key is to assume that people are good, and listen to what they have to say—take their problems and concerns seriously and don't attempt to place any blame, he said.

"Each person caught within the system has good reasons for their behavior," he said. "But if all you do is your job and respond to the system, the system has its way. We have an obligation to go beyond the system."

The next speaker in the Phi Theta Kappa series will be Dr. Warren Kronstad, OSU professor of plant engineering and genetics. Dr. Kronstad will speak at 12 noon on March 1 in F-104.

Former student starts support group for adoptees



Photo by Amy Radie

Nancy Phepf talks with Dianne May about finding her birth son, who had been adopted.

The group started out with four people: Phepf, an adoptee, and two birth parents seeking a child they had given up for adoption. But Phepf postponed the meetings over the holidays and when the group met again in January she had lost contact with the birth parents, so the group is down to two.

Anyone interested in attending the support group can get in touch with Nancy Phepf at 753-9126.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Albany men fight weapons export charges

ALBANY, Ore. (AP)—Ed Johnson and Ron Griffin are well-liked, they're Elks, golfers, and former Little League coaches—and about as unlikely a pair of international weapons traffickers imaginable.

Yet the pair are awaiting their trial to begin Monday in Miami on charges they took part in illegal sales of cluster bomb components that ended up in the arsenal of Iraqi ruler Saddam Hussein.

Johnson, 55, a salesman for Teledyne Wah Chang Albany, is charged with conspiring to illegally export zirconium by falsifying applications for export licenses. Zirconium is used to make cluster bombs burn better.

Griffin, 62, a research technician for Teledyne, is charged with lying to federal officials and could face up to two years in prison if he's convicted. The company asked him to retire last year.

The case resulted from the sale of 130 tons of low-grade zirconium that Teledyne exported from 1983 to 1988.

The incendiary metal eventually went into 24,000 cluster bombs built by Chilean arms magnate Carlos Cardoen, who sold them to Iraq.

But here in this All-American City of 35,000, the home of the Timber Carnival and the biggest Veterans Day parade on the West Coast, the charges against two hometown men ring false.

"The U.S. government was looking for a scapegoat," said Albany ryegrass seed farmer Dean Schrock.

"I think the government has been lying all along.

They knew where this stuff was going," Schrock said of the zirconium that the company sold to Carlos

Cardoen, a Chilean industrialist and weapons maker.

Schrock knows Johnson and Griffin through their long-time membership in the Albany Elks Club, where the defendants both served as exalted rulers. Schrock also employed Johnson's three boys at summer jobs driving combines during harvest.

"As far as the government goes, I don't believe a thing they say anymore," Schrock said. "They're leaving them hanging out there."

Sherwood general contractor and former Albany resident John Johnson, who knows both men, said "I personally and honest-to-Godly think they were looking for a couple of goats and they found them."

He noted that Ed Johnson, who is no relation, had heart bypass surgery last summer. "It's been hard on Ed's health," John Johnson said. "He's really upset and scared."

The Teledyne plant, named Wah Chang, or "great development" in Chinese, also is the Albany area's biggest employer with 1,200 employees and a \$52 million annual payroll.

Teledyne Wah Chang spokesman Jim Denham said the company was "very concerned about these guys too," especially since the government refused a Teledyne request to drop the charges against them.

Teledyne Wah Chang and its corporate parent, Teledyne Industries Inc. of Los Angeles, already have pleaded guilty to a 1993 federal indictment and have agreed to pay \$13 million in fines.

The plea revealed that Teledyne had been producing and selling weapons-grade zirconium produced in Albany since the early 1970s.

Professor says pigeon droppings made her ill

MEDFORD, Ore. (AP)—An associate professor is suing Southern Oregon State College, claiming pigeon droppings on the building where she worked have made her sick.

The lawsuit seeks \$100,000 and a new office for Jacqueline Switzer, chairwoman of the Political Science Department at the college in Ashland. The lawsuit is the only one filed by any of the 25 people working in Taylor Hall since the pigeon droppings became a problem, said college spokesman Tony Boom.

Last year, the college started a cleanup effort after an industrial hygienist for SAIF Corp., the state's largest workers compensation insurer, reported the droppings could contaminate the air with bacteria.

The inspection was prompted by complaints that an unusual number of people working in Taylor Hall were getting sick.

Jerry Casby of the attorney general's office said he anticipated opposing the lawsuit.

Originally filed in Portland, the lawsuit will be transferred to Jackson County Circuit Court, Switzer's lawyer said.

Switzer would not comment on her specific health problems. In 1993, the lawsuit said, the droppings caused her to develop a physical disability that compromised her ability to perform major life activities.

Space technology used in Gulf War revolutionizes agriculture

TIFTON, Ga. (AP)—Space-age technology that guided missiles to distant targets during the Persian Gulf War has found a place down on the farm.

The technology, known as precision farming, is already revolutionizing agriculture in the Midwest and it's headed South.

Precision farming allows growers to monitor and precisely control small areas of their fields so that they can increase production, reduce use of pesticides and fertilizers, and boost profits.

Instead of spraying a whole field, for example, they would spritz here and there—only where needed.

"It allows you to be a better manager of the resources that you've got and should result in better profits," said scientist Craig Kvien, who is studying the technology at the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton.

Farmers can buy the basic equipment to monitor yields and map their fields for about \$10,000. Kvien believes the technology will be common in Georgia by the year 2000.

But farmer Billy Sanders of Vienna, about 60 miles southwest of Macon, believes the cost of the equipment and the need for skilled people to run it will deter growers.

"Some use of it will be inevitable," said Sanders, one of the state's top-

producing cotton growers and a leader among farmers in trying new technology.

"It's in the infancy. A lot of these things are better coffee-shop talk than application."

Precision farming is used by farm co-ops in the Midwest to grow more than 1 million acres of corn and soybeans, and research is under way in Georgia, Tennessee and Texas to use it on cotton and peanuts.

Several major corporations are positioning themselves to be on the forefront of the technology.

Deere & Co., makers of John Deere tractors, and Rockwell International, a major defense contractor, have formed

research groups to develop technology and enter the market.

Cross Equipment Co. of Albany, a subsidiary of Atlanta-based Gold Kist Inc., is developing precision farming equipment and is working with Kvien to bring the technology to farmers.

Pierre Robert, a precision-farming expert at the University of Minnesota, said farmers can save from \$20 per acre for corn and soybeans to up to \$140

University of Illinois researchers are developing sensors that will attach to farm equipment and record moisture, fertility and other soil information. Farmers currently have to send samples away for testing.

Other researchers are developing sensors that will detect weeds and the levels of pesticides herbicides. Now, farmers use human scouts to check fields for bugs and weeds.

Researchers in Tifton are focusing on peanuts.

Last year, they tested a peanut combine equipped with a global positioning receiver, a yield monitor and a computer. Those tests will continue this year.

"This is taking off because there are a number of growers who see the potential," said Kvien. "It's a more precise management of resources. It has both economic and environmental benefits." ronmental analyses for minor projects.

COLLEGE TRANSFER DAY



Cut through the red tape when transferring from a two-year college to a four-year college or university. Join us and the institutions below on College Transfer Day to find ways to ease the transition process.

Monday, February 13, 1995

LBCC College Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bassist, Concordia, Eastern Oregon State College, George Fox, Linfield, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Pacific University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College, University of Oregon, University of Portland, Warner Pacific, Western Baptist College, Western Oregon State College, Western State Chiropractic.

ALSO

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Award-winner 'I Hate Hamlet' plays at ACT

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

"I Hate Hamlet," is a swashbuckling comedy about an actor haunted by the ghost of John Barrymore.

The play opens Friday at Albany Civic Theater.

Written by Paul Rudnick, who also wrote the screenplays for the "Addams Family" and "Addam's Family II" movies, the play charts the trials and tribulations of TV star Andrew Rally and his encounter with the ghost of Shakespearean actor John Barrymore.

John Marvel makes his directorial debut at ACT with "Hamlet." The cast includes Albany actors Oscar B. Hult as Rally and John Baur as the departed spirit of Barrymore. The supporting cast includes Teresa King and Janet Hiltabidel of Albany; Hollyanna Smith of Salem; and Corvallis actor Jeremy Donaldson.

In New York, "I Hate Hamlet" received four award nominations from the Outer Critics' Circle, and it was hailed by the New York Times as "unapologetically silly and at times hilarious."

Performance dates are Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and March 2, 3, and 4 at 8:15 p.m.; and on Sundays, Feb. 19 and 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for people over 60 or under 18.

Tickets may be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelry in Albany at 967-8140 or at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis at 752-7779. When tickets remain, they go on sale at the theater box office 45 minutes before curtain.

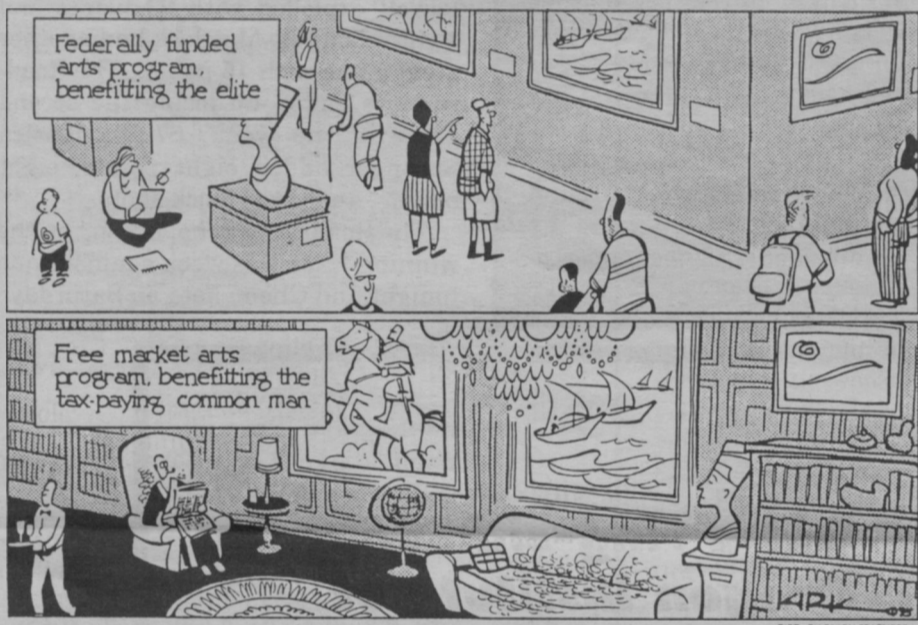
For more information, call Albany Civic Theater, at 928-4603. The theater is located at 111 West First Ave.



Photo by Jim Eagan

Janet Hiltabidel, Hollyanna Smith and Oscar B. Hult star in 'I Hate Hamlet' at ACT.

commentary



Yeah, but is it art—or money?

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

What is art? Ask that of a hundred people and about half of them will say "Huh?"

Art is not merely paint thrown on a canvas or lumps of clay pounded into the shape of a human being. Art, in all forms, does much more than that—it defines who we are, what we are doing, and how we feel about it. It is a visual expression of our existence on this tiny little planet.

An even bigger question is this: should the federal government give grants to artists, or should all arts funding be taken care of on the free market? Think carefully about this one.

As you ponder over this question, consider my earlier statements concerning the definition of art. If, for example, Congress in its infinite wisdom decides to cut all federal arts funding, what happens to us, the viewing public? We lose the chance to look at the human condition from radically different points of view.

We, as human beings, have this crazy need to learn more about our lives. What better way to do that than through art?

Consider this at the same time: What happens to artists who depend on federal money? If extremely lucky, they can actually sell to people who are willing to support their efforts. But humans also have this weird instinct to express themselves to their fellow

humans. This is where the artist comes in. If the artist has no money, how can he/she teach us anything? Also, how can we learn about ourselves without our teachers?

If art funding goes entirely private, money will say who sees those "lessons." At private galleries the public will probably have to pay obscenely high admission fees to see even the crayon drawings of a 4-year-old.

Pieces of art will become mere commodities—products to be bought and sold by the monetarily-advantaged elite. For the middle class, the only art they'll be able to see is on their refrigerators.

Art has been, throughout history, an integral part of our lives. Consider the fact that the oldest cave drawings in existence have been recently discovered in southern France. They're not Renoirs or Picassos or anything like that, but they're art nonetheless. So who's to say that art is not important in all of our lives?

Evidently, Congress. The Republicans have been trying to kill the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) for years.

Now that they're in control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, we just might have to say a sad farewell to the NEA.

And what does this mean to the rest of us? It means that there might not be any more lessons to be learned. It means that there may not be any more teachers to teach us those lessons.

And that might be the hardest lesson of all.

review

'Little Women' not loved by all

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

Film critics have power. With the mere twitch of a thumb a movie can live or die. Years of writing, planning, fundraising, lying, cheating, and stealing to create a movie can be flushed with the word of someone who has never even shot a roll of 16mm Tri-X through a non-synced Bolex.

Sometimes films that were thrown together in the time it takes to watch them are catapulted to the top of the box office charts by a misguided critic—even though the film was made with all the care and loving O.J. afforded Nicole.

On the other hand, many a small film has found an audience because a caring critic decided to eat lunch while viewing the rough-cut of a work in progress instead of rubbing elbows with the studio set.

"Little Women" is a film the critics fell over themselves complimenting. Siskel and Ebert were so enthused they looked like they were hitch-hiking and Willamette Week praised it with the honor of pick of the week.

Audiences seemed to agree as they left theaters with tears in their eyes and its earnings seem to indicate that the film-makers did something right.

And so goes the consensus.

The film "Little Women" stars Winona Ryder as the wide-eyed Jo made famous in the book "Little Women," known to many of the feminine gland since adolescence. Her performance is engaging and, like most of the movie,

religiously true to the book.

But as inconceivable as it may be to most of the critics, there are those who do not care to spend two hours watching the adolescence of a sparkling white child unfold into what the 1930s considered a woman.

If this were a contemporary child-to-woman trek it would look more like Melrose Place—complete with sex, greed and moussed hair.

Perhaps the lack of these modern ingredients is a ringing endorsement for "Little Women."

It might be unfashionable to find fault with a movie so many expect to see noticed at Oscar time, but the emotional exchanges are mired in the heavy English of the period.

Every character hides their feelings behind adjectives and adverbs that sound almost Shakespearean. My kingdom to hear, just once, "You Bitch!"

On the other hand, the film is beautifully shot. The sets are perfect in detail and complimentary of the warmth of the family.

The exterior shots were of the actual home of Louisa May Alcott, author of the book and the interiors were recreated seamlessly.

The acting is flawless—perhaps too flawless since Susan Sarandon's immense talents are relegated to a minor character with far too little time on the screen.

But, the critics universally loved "Little Women." So what. The only opinion that really matters is yours.

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SPORTS

Hawk adds to his coaching and teaching duties

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

They say when you need something done, give it to a busy person. That must be why Greg Hawk, LBCC baseball coach and physical education instructor, has recently been named interim athletic director.

Hawk was hired to replace Dave Bakley, who retired Dec. 31 from LBCC after 22 years of service at the college.

"I'm following two outstanding athletic directors in Dick McLain and Dave Bakley," he said. "They have given me a real good lead to follow. Teresa Thomas and Annette Easdale, our secretaries, and Ed Watson, dean of our area, are very supportive. I've got good people around me."

Hawk will assume the athletic director's responsibilities for the remainder of the 1994-1995 school year.

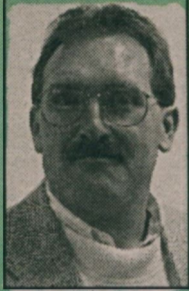
To Hawk, the job opened at the right place and right time.

"I have a master's in athletic administration and I'm the dean of coaches," he said.

Hawk, 37, began his coaching career at LBCC in 1983, coaching the women's basketball team for four years and baseball for the last 12 years.

The women's team had an overall record of 40-8 during his tenure, going 10-2 in league each year. They had two league titles, were second two years and finished third at the NWAACC tournament in 1985.

"We lost our other two titles on the last game of the season," Hawk said.



Greg Hawk

The baseball team has won five league titles under Hawk and earned Northwest championships in 1988 and 1991. The Roadrunners have been to the playoffs in nine of the last 11 seasons he has coached.

"As our T-shirt says we are 'The Northwest Tradition' as far as junior college baseball goes, and I'm proud of that fact," he said.

Hawk quit coaching women's basketball in 1988 to spend more time with his family. He and his wife Beth have two daughters, April, 8, and Whitney, 6.

"Coaching both sports was taking too much time from my family life, and I had to make a decision," said Hawk. "I really miss being around the hardwood floor. It takes me back to where I used to be. Athletics teach us a lot about life. There are a lot of positive adjectives to describe athletics. The neat thing is we work with people and try to lead them in the right direction."

Hawk earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Northwest Missouri State University and taught and coached high school sports in Sweet Springs, Mo. Hawk attained his master's degree in athletic administration from Eastern Washington State University.

Among Hawk's new duties are to conduct coaches meetings, make sure each team meets its budget, attend commissioner meetings and game management.

"I see one of the big keys to this position is to draw up financial support for our program. I think we have a great product to show the community."

Hawk says that things will be extremely busy around his house but feels he can handle it.

"It takes time from my family, but it's a neat opportunity for me," he said.

Women stumble to season finale

by Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

The women's basketball team has had some rough times this season as they continue to struggle their way to the finish of league play.

This past week the Roadrunners lost games at SWOCC in Coos Bay and at home to Mt. Hood. The two losses moved them down in the standings with a record of 4-6 in league play.

On Wednesday at SWOCC the Roadrunners, hoping to tack on to the win column, came up short in a 69-60 loss. Lynette Murdock led all scoring with 18 points and eight rebounds. Also adding to the Roadrunner loss was Sarah Wordon, with 11 points.

Coming back to host to Mt. Hood on Saturday, the Roadrunner's Darci Powell exploded with 23 points and eight rebounds. Murdock had another great game with 15 points. The Roadrunners ended up losing the second game of the week, 67-60. Jessica Sprenger added eight points, eight boards, and three block shots.

The Roadrunners hope to get on the winning track this week against Lane tonight and Chemeketa on Saturday.

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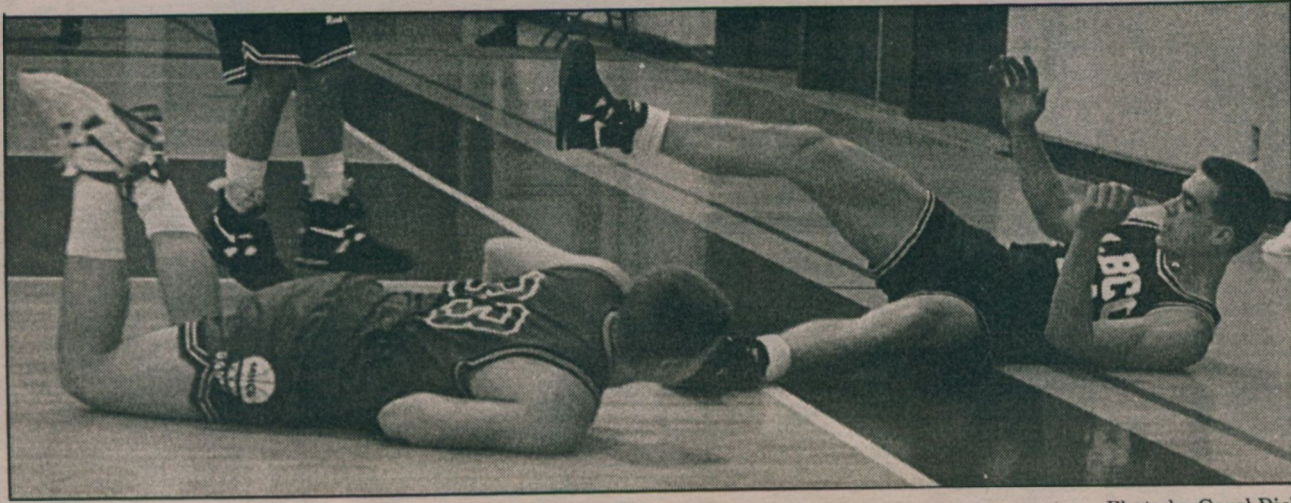


Photo by Carol Rich

Greg Obrist hits the ground in Linn-Benton's 105-81 loss to Mt. Hood last Saturday. Obrist scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Men split, stay in three-way for first

LBCC hosts Lane tonight then travels to Salem to vie Chemeketa for first place

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

A rarity for this year's LBCC men's basketball team happened Saturday—they lost 105-81 to Mt. Hood. Despite the loss, LBCC (6-2 and 14-5) is still in a first place tie with Chemeketa and Lane.

LBCC led 41-40 at half time but then saw their lead disappear in the second half. With time running out, the Roadrunners had no choice but to foul. By the end of the game, LBCC had 10 more personal fouls than Mt. Hood and had five players foul out.

LBCC shot only 65 percent from the charity stripe while the Saints were 78 percent for the game and 28-35, 80 percent, in the second half.

Greg Obrist led the Roadrunners, scoring 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Sean Eaton added 19 points, while Steve Roberts and Jeff Taylor each dished out five assists.

Despite being out-rebounded 29-21 Wednesday, LB defeated SWOCC 86-78 in Coos Bay. LBCC forced 20 SWOCC turnovers, compared to their nine.



Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Jeff Taylor, Donny Cloud and Kyle Wonderly each express the loss in different ways.

Taylor paced LBCC with 29 points and four steals. Roberts added 17 points, including 4-for-5 from the three point line. Chris Swallow put in 14 points, while Kyle Wonderly added 11. Eaton collected a team high five assists.

LBCC, 8-2 and 14-5, host Lane for the final home game tonight and travel to Chemeketa on Saturday.

Racing fans prepare for engines to start

First of two analyses on auto racing

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

Football season is over. The hockey season was half over before it even started, and now the Blazers are struggling through yet another basketball season.

Later this month, a new season begins: auto racing.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it is once again time to smell the gas fumes, to hear the cheering crowds, and to witness the perfect symbiosis of man and machine.

Here is a small preview of what to look for in the coming months:

- **NASCAR SuperTruck Series:** This is a new series from the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. It is loosely based on

the NASCAR Winston Cup chassis design, but uses truck bodies instead of sedans. Running on short tracks and road courses, the SuperTrucks' engines have a 9:1 compression ratio, which will be used in Winston Cup cars in '96. Many Winston Cup teams are running trucks as test beds for '96.

- **NASCAR Winston Cup:** Is it possible that Dale Earnhardt will win a record-setting eighth title? He's got a good car coupled with a great team in the pits.

Also this season, look for Jeff Gordon to win more races. In his sophomore year, he won both the Busch Clash and the inaugural Brickyard 400. I think we'll find his name at the top of the points standings often.

Bill Elliot, having left the Junior Johnson team, is now the driver/owner for his own team. Look for his name in the win column soon.

After a miraculous recovery from his near-fatal injuries in a practice accident, look for Ernie Ervan to make a possible comeback. Robert Yates might field a second car this year, which Ervan might occupy at some point in time.

- **The PPG/IndyCar World Series:** Michael Andretti is filling father Mario's shoes at Newman/Haas this season. Look for more wins and poles from him this year.

Following his stint with the extremely successful (dominant?) Penske team last year, Paul Tracy has decided to try his hand with Newman/Haas. I think we'll see some spectacular stuff from him.

Can Al Unser, Jr. secure a second straight title

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, it is once again time to smell the gas fumes, to hear the cheering crowds, and to witness the perfect symbiosis of man and machine.

with Team Penske? Only time will tell. Teammate Emerson Fittipaldi, however, will have something to say about that.

With the Unser, Jr.-Fittipaldi combination, could the Penske team have another mind-numbingly dominant season? We shall see.

Last year's Rookie of the Year Jacques Villeneuve gained some valuable experience last season. I think he'll have even more wins this year as this rising star rises even more.

Even though he scored a respectable second place with the Honda engine last year, Bobby Rahal is switching to Mercedes power this year. This is one name that will be at the top of the race results soon.

There you have it: my picks for NASCAR and IndyCar racing for this season. I'll have a Formula One season preview next week.

Heinemeyer's Highlights

by Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

scores

Women's basketball

Linn-Benton 60, SWOCC 69
Linn-Benton 60, Mt. Hood 67 (Sat.)
Oregon State 101, Cal 76

Men's basketball

Linn-Benton 86, SWOCC 78
Linn-Benton 81, Mt Hood 106 (Sat.)
Oregon State 76, Cal 67

football

Linn-Benton students play Mud Bowl

Fifteen of the bravest souls came to Corvallis this past weekend to be a part of the first week of Mud Bowl One.

Led by quarterback Randy Rogers, the Blue came out strong in the first half with two touchdown passes on the offensive end, one caught by wide receiver Chad Peterson, and the second by running back Michael Hawk.

The Blue also put together some remarkable defensive plays, having two interceptions in the half, both run back for touchdowns.

As the second half came to a start with the score Blue 28, Red 7, the Red knew they had to put something together. That is when Red's Ryan Mangus took it into his hands.

The running back ran for two quick touchdowns to put the Red back in the game, 28-21.

But that wasn't enough. Blue's Randy Rogers connected with Hawk on a 50-yard TD reception to secure the Blue victory in week one.

gymnastics

OSU ranked gymnasts miss Anderson

The OSU Gymnastics team has only been missing one thing this year, and that is not a winning season.

The Beavers have been without Senior All-American Marilyn Anderson. Anderson has only been seen once this season at the Jan. 20 opener at Penn St.

Without Anderson the Beavers have put together some impressive wins and have worked their way up in the rankings to ninth.

Although they continue to have success in meets, the lady Beavers would still like to have Anderson back in action.

The ladies are still adding victories to their record and hope to keep moving up in the rankings.

basketball

This weekend brings out the best

NBA players will be taking this coming weekend off to attend this year's Slam-dunk contest, 3-point shootout, and All-Star game.

Shaquille O'Neal, Hardaway, Kemp, Hill, and Olajuwon are just a few of the big names who will be playing in the game.

Rookie sensation Grant Hill, who received the most votes as a rookie will be making his first appearance.

With these exciting players on both teams, this could be an All-Star game to remember.

calendar

This week in sports

Women's basketball

Lane CC at Linn-Benton 6 p.m. (Wed.)
Linn-Benton at Chemeketa 6p.m. (Sat.)

Men's basketball

Lane CC at Linn-Benton 8 p.m. (Wed.)
Linn-Benton at Chemeketa 8 p.m. (Sat.)

marla's musings

The paws that refresh us

by Marla J. Lawrence
for The Commuter

You may not believe this, but I really didn't have anything to write about this week. After watching my team suffer an excruciating (if predictable) defeat in the Super Bowl last weekend, I was too depressed to even think about the column I'd planned to do on the redemptive qualities of being an underdog—and since it's impossible for me to discuss politics these days without the use of profanity, my usual subject matter doesn't make good copy.

Fortunately, inspiration jumped—or rather, crash-landed—into my lap, curled up on top of my notebook and began to purr just as I was about to tear my hair out. This unexpected muse—a ten-year-old striped tabby named Chrissie—usually faces immediate deportation for this action because she knows as well as anyone else in my household when I'm doing something important (and cares as little as they do). But then she looked at me with those big green eyes of hers, sealing my fate with a trick that all cats use whenever they want to appear pathetic: an expression author Paul Gallico calls the Silent Meow.

Those of you who belong to a member of the feline persuasion are undoubtedly familiar with this sort of manipulation. But for the uninitiated, here's how it works: You're in the kitchen fixing yourself a tuna sandwich, or merely sitting around in your good clothes waiting for your beloved to finish dressing for an evening out—when you get the feeling that you're being stared at. Sure enough, your cat is parked right by your feet, gazing up at you with a mute appeal for a bit of that sandwich or a spot on your lap. Should you refuse, however, she will open her mouth to beg—only nothing comes out. This maneuver leaves you with the impression that to produce an actual "meow" would cost the poor thing more effort than she can spare.

Since I'm a sucker for this treatment, I was effectively stymied by fifteen pounds of fuzz and adipose tissue. Then it occurred to me that Chrissie had done me a favor, not only by giving me something to write about, but by relieving my anxiety. It's hard to climb the walls when one is pinned to the sofa by a creature who doesn't like having its beauty sleep interrupted; in fact, even the simple act of stroking a cat has been shown to lower blood pressure and reduce stress.

Who can stay in a bad mood for long when there's a kitten in the house? Unless, of course, the kitten itself is the cause of the bad mood, as happens when it's natural curiosity tells it to "explore" the last roll of toilet paper. I've found that watching the little critter chase invisible mice and do gymnastics on the curtain rod is a sure cure for the blues.

But then, cats provide a wide range of services for their human companions that are too often taken for granted.

Think about it: how many people do you know of who can maintain their own independence and still offer unconditional love? Cats are also remarkably non-judgmental; they don't care if we're having a bad hair day or if we've put on a little weight. They also don't mind our quirkiness or our insensitivity or our selfishness—all they want is a little affection and the occasional scratching on that itchy place they can't reach. They don't even object to our habit of putting the litter box right next to their food and water dishes (which is pretty gross when you think about it—after all, how many of us would want our meals served in the BATHROOM?!).

Best of all, cats have the capacity to form bonds with us that, once established, can't be broken except by death or abandonment, bonds which have no parallel in human relationships.

We all have friends who, for reasons of their own, find different interests and become distant from us. Children grow up and move away and sometimes husbands and wives stop loving each other and leave—but cats, bless their souls, never do.

Thanks, Chrissie.

OPINION

WASHINGTON'S PLANS
DON'T GO FAR ENOUGH
TO HELP STRUGGLING
FOLKS RAISE THEIR KIDS!



DON'T THEY KNOW
HOW EXPENSIVE
IT IS TO PUT A KID
THROUGH SCHOOL?

AND THIS REALLY
BURNS ME UP -
WELFARE MOMS!



IF THEY CAN'T
AFFORD KIDS,
THEY SHOULDN'T
GET PREGNANT!

ellen goodman

Calculated mis-statements from right-wing politicians ignite political 'word warfare'

Boston—Imagine coming home from vacation to discover that your congressman had a name-change operation. It's enough to make a girl lose her tan.

Hereabouts, most of us have known and voted for Barney Frank ever since he ran for the state legislature under the slogan, "Neatness Isn't Everything." We've known him rumped and ironed. We've known him fat and thin. We've known him closeted and out.

We've known him as the owner of one of the fastest mouths in the Western Hemisphere. And the operator of a mind that just about keeps up with the mouth.

But Barney Fag? After House Majority Leader and Ph.D. Dick Arney let this little bit of Freud slop off his lip, he insisted vociferously that it was just a mispronunciation, "I had trouble with alliteration. I was stumbling, mumbling..."

Well, Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers to you too. Frank, fank, fink, fig, fag? As Barney said, in all his mother's 59 years of marriage no one had ever called her Elsie Fag.

As for Arney's sub-subconscious, the man uttered this provocative pronunciation right after proclaiming, "I like peace and quiet." He ended that possibility with the sentence: "And I don't need to listen to Barney Fag (pause) Barney Frank haranguing in my ear. . . ."

But enough psychotherapy and speech therapy. After dabbling in some medical literature, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that certain right-wing brethren in the new order are suffering from a new disorder. They are suffering from what I can only describe as Political Tourette's Syndrome.

Tourette's Syndrome, you may recall, is that unfortunate neurological disease whose symptoms may include, among other things, involuntary swearing. A disease, by the way, that is three times more likely to affect males than females and gets worse at puberty.

My medical dictionary describes the swearing symptoms with a sympathetic and classic understatement. It says: "This aspect of the disease complicates social adjustment."

There you have it.

Newt Gingrich, speaker of the House and also

a Ph.D., pontificates in futuristic cyberspeak about the Third Wave when everybody will have a tax-deductible laptop computer. But then, says mom, out pops a decidedly First Wave word on the first lady: Bitch!

Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) prides himself on speaking Patriotism as his first language. Then out jumps a primal slur on his commander in chief: Traitor!



The honorary member of the new Republican class, talkmaster Rush Limbaugh, insists that some of his best friends are strong women. But then from somewhere behind bared teeth blurts out: Feminazi!

This short list doesn't include other such verbal escapees as "counterculture McGovernniks" or "media elite" (certifiable swears) but you get the idea. At least the new leaders aren't like the poor

man in Coral Springs, Fla., whose neighbors wanted to evict him because his disease makes him shriek at night. On second thought maybe they are like that.

Nobody has yet suggested that we evict Arney and Gingrich, both of whom, of course, deny everything and blame the media. (Another symptom.) It became rampant at the Republican National Convention in 1992 when rancid little bits of hate speech, such as misogyny, homophobia, workingmotherphobia—kept popping up from under the sweet frosting of family values.

But what typifies the current strain of PTS is the irrepressible meanness in outbursts of those who find themselves in positions of what we would loosely call responsibility.

Responsible people, alas, are expected to hold their tongues. Conservatives, on the other hand, include many who have long bridled at the "political correctness" cops and longed for the good old days when you could call a strong woman a bitch and a homosexual a fag. Thus we have whole minutes, hours, weeks of responsible speak punctuated by volcanic verbal eruptions—Bitch! Fag!—followed by the passionate denial of people who couldn't help themselves.

As Barney Frank said, it wouldn't have popped out if it weren't in. Bitch! Fag! It's getting to be a habit. Or a disease. And as the medical book says, it "complicates social adjustment."

OPINION

letters

OSPIRG, NWF organize
adopt-a-species campaign

To the editor:

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) kicked off their Adopt-a-Species campaign in counties all over the state today.

The campaign offers a fun, tangible way for citizens to take an active part in national efforts to pass a strengthened Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA was originally passed in 1973 to protect all species, including humans, by preserving the ecosystems on which they depend. The campaign aims to mobilize a broad range of citizens from across the state to let their elected officials know that Oregonians want a stronger ESA.

The ESA is considered the crown jewel of American's environmental laws and our best legal defense against a growing tide of extinction and habitat destruction. As Oregonians we need to get active so that our leaders prioritize this issue.

Organizers are inviting businesses, campus groups, school classes, health professionals, religious groups, community groups and environmental groups to "adopt" threatened and endangered species.

The goal is to find symbolic foster parents who will speak up on behalf of their species and ESA itself through public education, letter-writing, lobby visits with members of Congress and other activities.

Activists in the Pacific Northwest have committed to getting all 925 species on the Federal Threatened and Endangered Species list adopted by groups. On March 11, 1995 OSPIRG and NWF will sponsor a Walk for the Wild parade through the streets of

Portland to demonstrate the diversity of public support for the plight of our species and to call for a strengthened ESA.

For more information or to adopt-a-species, contact OSPIRG at 725-4500 or NWF at 222-1429.

Monica Bond, NWF
Lauren Siegal, OSPIRG

So-called College Conservatives
Association not a recognized 'club'

To the editor:

Letters have been sent to both the LBCC Commuter and to the Barometer at OSU signed by Eric Bootsma representing a "College Conservatives Association." We would like to clarify a point that might easily be misunderstood.

Linn-Benton Community college provides the opportunity for all students to participate in clubs and organizations. If there is not a club that reflects a particular student interest, there is a simple process outlined for the establishment of a club that meets that interest.

Student organizations that are formed through this process have several benefits. They are able to reserve free rooms for club meetings, get assistance with publicizing meetings and events, have fundraisers, request loans from a club reserve fund, and receive bookkeeping and purchasing services through the Student Programs Office.

The so-called "College Conservatives Association" has not been through this process; it is NOT a club at Linn-Benton Community College even though Mr. Bootsma regularly uses that name to lend credence to his projects, both on our campus and at OSU. Thanks for a forum to clarify this issue.

Charlene Fella
Associated Student Government Advisor

commentary

New welfare debate
shows political shifts

by Jonathon Yenkin
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP)—Not too long ago, if anyone had suggested that welfare recipients be forced to work, he would have been shouted out of the Statehouse.

The traditional liberal view that ruled the day dictated that education and job training offered the best path for poor people to climb out of poverty—and not fall back in.

But as the recent debate over welfare reform shows, the political ground has been shifting dramatically in this state. Now, when legislative leaders talk about breaking the cycle of welfare, they increasingly see mandatory work as a solution.

Just ask Gov. William F. Weld how the mood has changed. Less than two years ago, he proposed something that sounded a bit radical at the time: Parents with school-age children should be required to work or train for a job.

The governor drew howls of protest, and his plan didn't go anywhere.

But in an amazing turnabout, such a work proposal is now close to becoming law, and it's even tougher than what Weld first suggested.

Under a bill that overwhelmingly passed the Senate on Thursday, able-bodied welfare parents with children age 6 or older would have to work at least 20 hours a week, either with a private employer or in state-financed community service. They couldn't escape the requirement by enrolling in job training, unless they were already in such a program before the law.

As further evidence of new political credo, consider some of the rhetoric heard these days from Democratic leaders in the Legislature.

Just last year, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chairman Thomas Birmingham stood in support of legislation that would have given welfare clients the option of job training or education instead of work.

But after the Senate passed its latest bill, Birmingham said in his opinion, work should come first for able-bodied adults.

Why do such attitudes now hold sway? Some of the reasons can be found in a number of state and national political and social trends.

Two elections caused tremors in the welfare debate. First was President Clinton's victory in 1992. His campaign pledge to "end welfare as we know it" sent a signal to fellow Democrats in Massachusetts that it was okay to talk about overhauling the system.

Then came Weld's re-election last fall. Weld campaigned heavily on the notion of forcing welfare recipients to work, and his landslide win seemed to send a message that many voters shared some of his ideas.

To many politicians, the message the public is sending is one of anger.

"Increasingly, there is a frustration with the seeming transgenerational dependency on welfare," Birmingham says.

He also points to the growing number of women in workplace, which he says "makes it harder to justify the argument that women who are receiving welfare ought to stay at home."

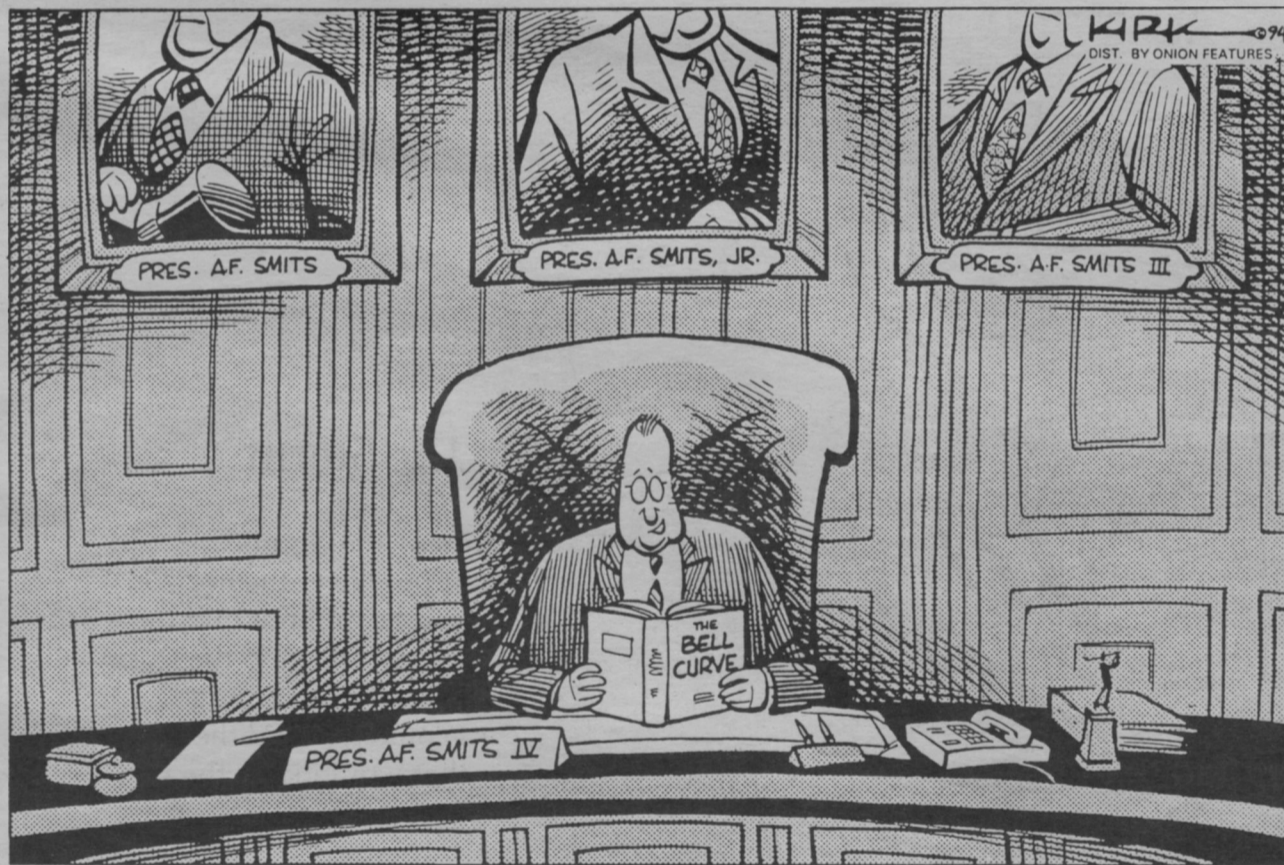
Then Birmingham points to another reason for the increasingly conservative tone.

"It's an issue, frankly, where it's very easy to engage in one downmanship."

Deborah Harris, an attorney with the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, which does advocacy for welfare recipients, sees cynical forces at work. She agrees that the public is frustrated as many people struggle to get by on tight budgets.

"Politicians have directed anger away from government . . . and have turned that anger toward the poor," she said.

Whatever the reasons may be, the Legislature—and the country—has clearly moved to the right on welfare reform.



"JUST AS I THOUGHT... MY ABILITY TO RISE THROUGH THE RANKS AND BECOME PRESIDENT IS LINKED TO MY SUPERIOR GENETICS..."

Express yourself

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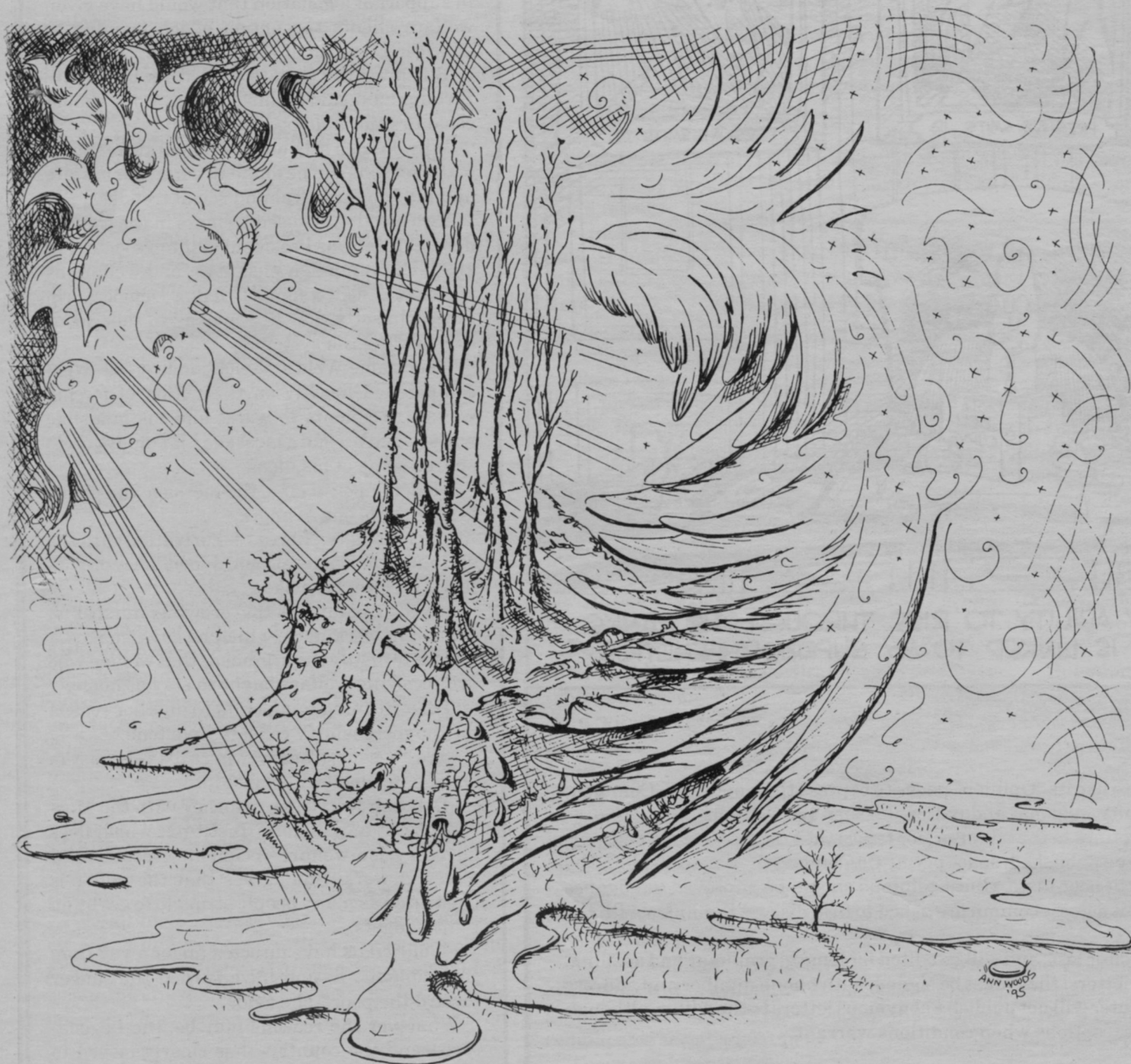
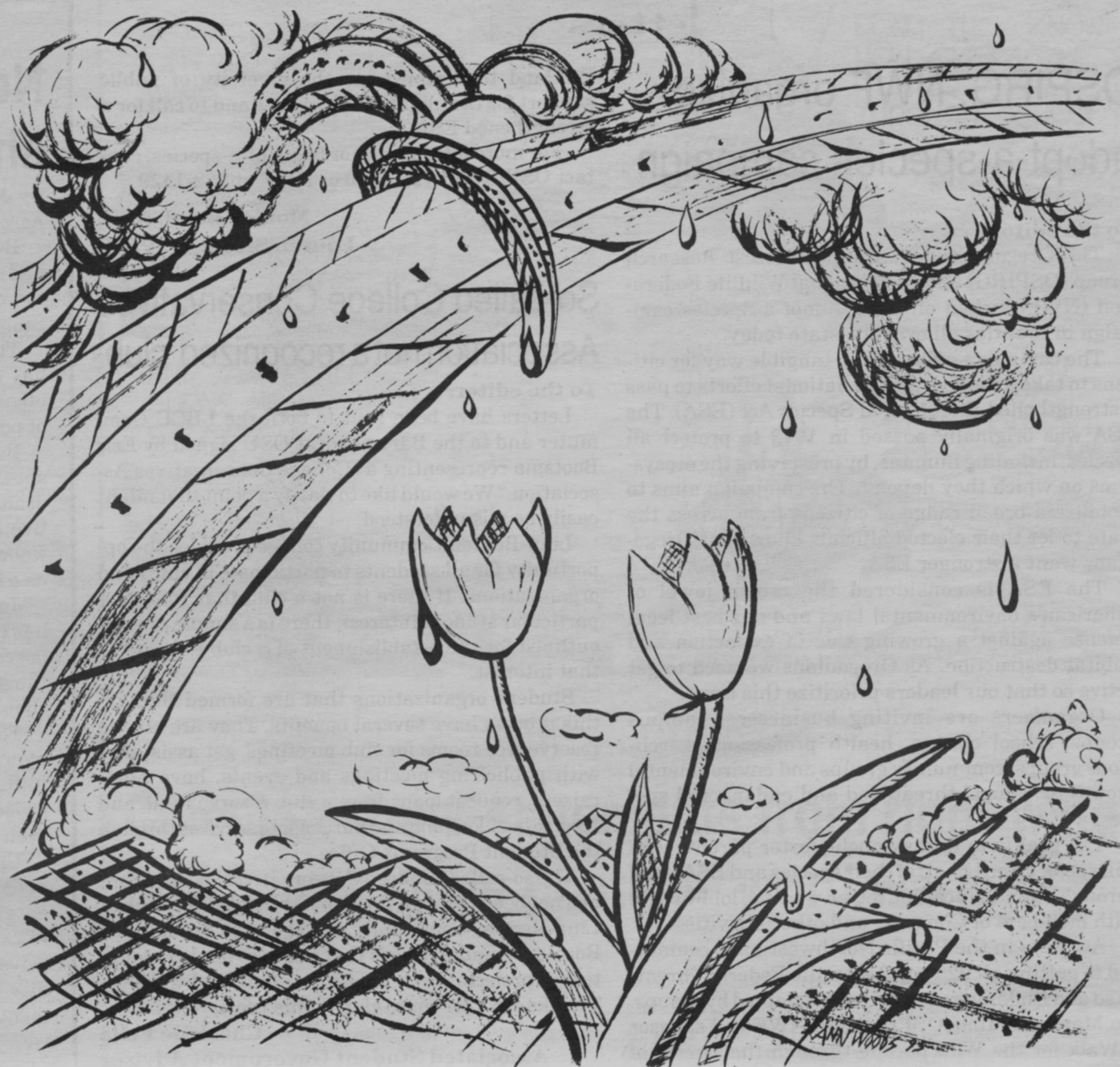
Life from Death

As Winter approaches
trees shed their garments
of color
to bravely stand
naked in the snow
while the grass retreats
beneath a cloak of brown.

Death reigns,
cold and icy,
holding in captivity
the memories
of warmer days.

Though Winter brings death,
to the hopeful
she brings life.
For while her frozen tears
lie heavy on the ground,
Spring works slowly
to thaw Winter's tears
and nourish the hungry
with her waters of rebirth.

Marie L. Hollibaugh



The Storm

I saw the clouds
appear over the horizon
and I could not find the words
that would stop the storm
I knew was coming.
I could not find the song to sing
that would keep the rain
from falling.

I wanted
to throw over you
an umbrella of hope
but there is no umbrella to give
you.

Let me instead
put across your shoulders
a blanket of friendship.
Let me take your hand
and walk in the rain with you
so that you don't have to
walk alone
in the storm.

Marie L. Hollibaugh

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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95 transfer students in early childhood education may apply for a \$400 grant from OAEYC. Deadline to apply is March 1, 1995. Applications available in Career Center, Takena Hall.

95-96 Scholarship for Accounting Students. \$1000-\$2000 awards from the Oregon Association of Public Accountants. Applications deadline: April 1, 1995. Applications available in Career Center.

95-96. SME Education Foundation Scholarship for students in Manufacturing Engr. or Manufacturing Engr. Tech. Six different school's scholarships to apply for, with various award amounts. All six have Mar. 1, 1995 deadline. Applications available in Career Center, Takena Hall.

95-96 National Society of Public Accountants Scholarship. Available to full-time undergraduate students in degree program. B or better GPA. Application deadline: March 10, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

95 Taylor Scholarship for full time Nursing or Engr. related fields of study (including Auto Tech). Approximately \$6,000 award. Deadline to apply is April 15, 1995. Applications available in Career Center.

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95 Oregon Farm Bureau Scholarship for Agriculture majors. Award amount

is \$500. Deadline to apply is April 1, 1995. Application available in Career Center, Takena Hall.

95 American Water Works Scholarship for Water/Waste Water Tech. Students in the amount of a \$5000 award. Deadline to apply is April 10, 1995. Applications available in Career Center, Takena Hall.

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95-96 NAWIC Scholarship for students in construction related fields. Deadline to apply is Apr. 1, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall. (Amount of Scholarship is not given)

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95 Business and Professional Women's Education Programs has various scholarships available to women who meet all eligibility requirements. Applications available in the Career Center, Takena Hall. Deadline for applications, Apr. 15, 1995.

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Datsun 310GX 4 cyl, 4 speed. Dependable car. \$725. 928-8573 after 3 p.m., ask for Jake.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: A maroon Day-Runner (organizer). It has my ID & Student Body Card inside. Also, very important documents. **VERY IMPORTANT TO ME!** No questions asked. If found call 967-6112. Reward!! You can also return it to LBCC Security.

WANTED

Any JFK articles, books, or pictures. Depending on item, will pay. Call 451-5799 after 4 p.m.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

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*Tens of
thousands of people
will need blood during
the holidays.*

*Still wondering
what to give?*



American Red Cross

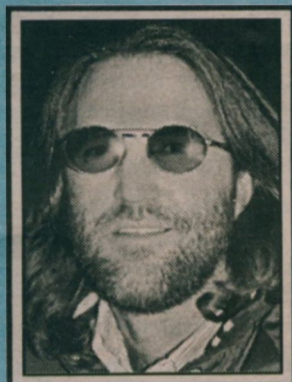
Give blood again. Once more will be felt for a lifetime.

THE LAST WORD

you said it

What should student government buy as a class gift?

More than anything it should be on something to draw different kinds of people together. Like activities that promote diversity and community—activities that get people past superficial, judgemental attitudes and into interpersonal and cultural awareness. We need to cut down on isolation in this country.



Bernie Leclerc, Albany
First year, Biology



I think they should put in some wheelchair ramps to the second floor.

Angie Sackett, Lebanon
Animal Science

I think handicap access doors are needed. The school is not adequately set up for the handicapped.

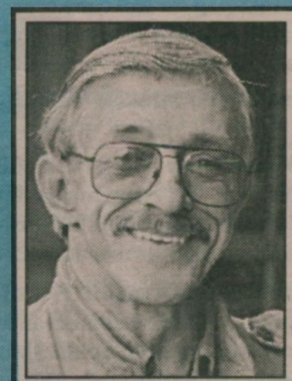
Joy Reed, Alsea
Transfer student



I think access doors for the handicapped are a good idea. Elevators would be good, too, but they're pretty expensive, I guess.

Vickie Santiago, Monroe
Second year, Criminal Justice

It should be on something educational not just mindless entertainment. Many small areas need funding such as the photography lab. It needs to be refurbished. Because of cutbacks in funding some programs have been cut. It's a way to save a program.



Alan Hawkins, Crawfordsville
Second year, Photography

they said it

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If the world were merely seductive, that would be easy. If it were merely challenging, that would be no problem. But I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve (or save) the world and a desire to enjoy (or savor) the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.

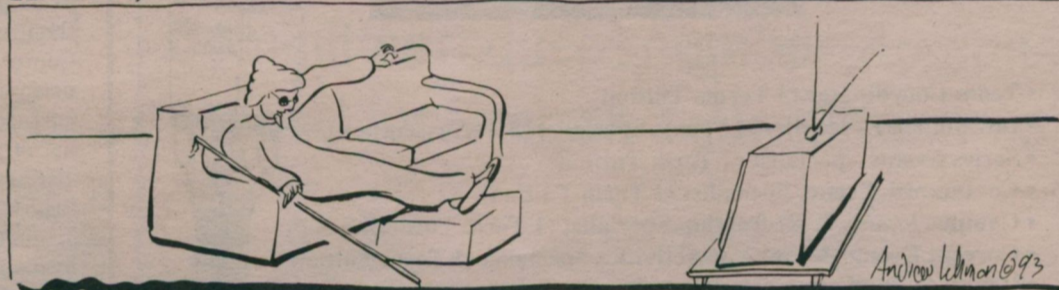
—E.B. White

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LEHMAN by Andrew Lehman



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BABA COOL, THE HIP YOGI, DEMONSTRATES THE YOGA POSITION, 'THE POTATO'.

Crossword 101

"Double Trouble"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Double _____
 - 5 New York state tree
 - 10 Give a hand
 - 14 Cupid
 - 15 North of Virginia
 - 16 Cartoonist Peter
 - 17 Obsenity
 - 18 Chewing gum
 - 20 Bill
 - 21 German ones
 - 22 Chops
 - 23 Actor Greene
 - 25 Plead
 - 27 Dear Parisienne
 - 29 Double _____
 - 33 Weighed down
 - 34 Industrial engineers; abr
 - 35 Paddle
 - 36 Swit.'s neighbor
 - 37 South American mountains
 - 38 Char
 - 39 Encountered
 - 40 Racer Bobby or Al
 - 41 Playwright Edward
 - 42 Double _____
 - 44 Scarves
 - 45 Dish
 - 46 Craving
 - 47 Courtyards
 - 50 Abstain from food
 - 51 Doll, for one
 - 54 Look again
 - 57 Flat mountain top
 - 58 Prefix for potent
 - 59 French stop
 - 60 Double _____
 - 61 Puts
 - 62 Layers
 - 63 Andy's pal

- DOWN**
- 1 Number one
 - 2 Ms. Bombeck
 - 3 Four on the town
 - 4 Type of plane

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- 5 Actor Matthew
- 6 Without help
- 7 Math sign
- 8 Ad _____
- 9 Snakelike fish
- 10 Father _____: Leper missionary
- 11 Mr. Dickerson
- 12 Sullivan or Frank
- 13 Many
- 19 Rims
- 21 _____ go braugh
- 24 Pitcher Hershiser
- 25 Beneath
- 26 Hwys.
- 27 Scale
- 28 Loather
- 29 Finished
- 30 Two on one
- 31 Street show
- 32 Sea birds
- 34 Map part
- 37 Picnic pests
- 38 Soak up
- 40 Ordinary
- 41 A tit for _____
- 43 Excuses
- 44 Partially frozen raindrops
- 46 Stingy person
- 47 Fusses
- 48 One in a volume
- 49 Smallest pig
- 50 Double _____
- 52 Old Christiana
- 53 Chatters
- 55 Have a meal
- 56 Prefix meaning three
- 57 Bus or subway; abr

Crossword answers on Page 11