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ASG officers take office today; 3 seats still open

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Today the torch will be passed. The 2001-02 Associated Student Government, elected Feb. 27-28, will be sworn in today at 3 p.m. in the Student Union. President John Henderson, Vice President Roxanne Allen, Public Relations Secretary Diane Barnhart, Business and

Health Representative Katrina Jackson and At-large Representative Daniel Wittekind will replace the outgoing ASG—which included Henderson as vice president.

The incoming ASG is the first ever elected entirely online at LBCC. Online voting was first implemented as a supplement to traditional voting booths last

year, when 298 people turned out—the largest number of voters in school history.

This year's election saw less than half that number (117), a fact that outgoing president Todd Gifford believes might be due to the fact that only two of the positions were contested. Henderson ran uncontested for president.

Several positions had no candidates—the positions will be filled by appointment once the new ASG takes office. Open positions include student services representative, liberal arts representative and science and industry representative. The positions each carry a two-term tuition grant. Applications are available in the SL & L office.

Cinco de Mayo means more than fiesta-time

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

For the Mexican and Chicano communities, Cinco de Mayo is a date of great importance; marking the victory of the Mexican Army over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862.

Although the Mexican army was eventually defeated, the "Batalla de Puebla" became a symbol of Mexican patriotism and unity. With this victory, the people of Mexico demonstrated to the world that they were willing to fight to defend themselves against foreign control.

The history of Cinco de Mayo traces back to the French Occupation of Mexico.

In the aftermath of the Mexican-American War of 1846-48, Mexico entered a period of national crisis. Years of internal and external conflicts left Mexico devastated and bankrupt.

On July 17, 1861, President Benito Juarez issued a moratorium which suspended all foreign debt payments for a period of two years, with the promise that after this period, payments would resume.

The English, Spanish and French took exception to this and invaded Mexico in order to get their payments any way they could. The Spanish and English eventually withdrew, but the French refused to leave. Their intention was to create an Empire in Mexico under Napoleon III.

Some historians argue that the real reason for the French occupation was to respond to growing American power. Napoleon III believed that if the United States was allowed to prosper unchecked, it would eventually become a power in its own right, so French presence in the Americas was important.

In 1862, the French army began its advance under General Ignacio Zaragoza.

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Photo by Christopher Spence

Katie Stover, Racheal Pedersen and Hanna Smith help create papier-mâché piñatas in the Courtyard last week in preparation for this week's Cinco de Mayo events.

CINCO DE MAYO EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2

- Hear what student Petra Flores has to say about what it is like to be Mexican American. Free soup and roll lunch. Noon in the Multicultural Center.

Friday, May 4

- Celebrate Cinco de Mayo a day early in the Court-

yard with a free tostado bar, traditional Mexican dances by Baila Con Mexico, and piñata-breaking fun. "Picarso" will also be on display.

Saturday, May 5

- Take in some live music off campus at Squirell's, AJ's, Bombs Away and the Fox & Firkin.

New food service policy may burn campus club fund-raising efforts

By Michelle Mayo
Of The Commuter

Campus organizations who want to make a little extra cash with a barbecue fund-raiser had better check with Food Services about new policies under consideration.

The sparks got started when LBCC's Ultimate Frisbee team held weekly fundraisers last term to help with the costs of their club's trip to a tournament in Hawaii. The Food Service Committee, made up of students, staff and faculty, meet on last month to discuss policy issues raised by such barbecues and by soliciting funds from local merchants.



Campus groups may face more red tape next year if they want to sell burgers in the courtyard.

The committee's concern was on safe handling of food by inexperienced servers and possibility of contamination. Food handlers on campus are required to have a food servers permit to handle food.

Mike Holland, vice president of Administrative and Student Affairs, said the committee proposed that, beginning next year, student groups who want to hold fund-raising barbecues in the courtyard will have to file for a date ahead of time for their event, and that Food Service personnel would handle the cooking and serving of the food. Club members would assist with the set up and clean up in exchange for a contribution to the club or organization.

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OFF BEAT

For better or for worse?

When Rev. Henry Lyons' wife, Deborah, found out that he had bought a home in Tierra Verde, Fla., with another woman, she went there and set the house on fire. The wife's dramatic and public show of displeasure put a spotlight on Rev. Lyons' romantic life and then on financial irregularities stemming from his role as leader of the largest black church organization in the U.S. As a result of this, he is currently residing in prison. Last month, he filed for divorce.

TRL's most wanted

Police say a student at Pennsylvania's Clarion University, robbed a local bank and then headed for Florida for spring break, but stopped in New York where he appeared on an MTV's "Direct Effect." His face was still fresh in the minds of witnesses, some of whom were MTV-watching students, when the show aired. They recognized him and alerted police. Police Chief Michael Reed said, "He was dumb enough to make us look pretty good."

You'll never take me alive!

After his probation was revoked, Dennis O'Brien faked his own death so he wouldn't have to go back to jail. He wrote a phony suicide note saying that he was going to scuba dive into a lake in Arkansas with explosives rigged to his tank. Then he fled. He lived quietly for three years, then he made his big mistake: bragging about how he had fooled everyone. Someone blew the whistle to the cops who showed up at his door. Sheriff Larry Sanders said, "I don't think he expected us."

www.takemywife.com

With revenge in his heart, a businessman in Malaysia got back at his estranged wife for leaving him by featuring her in an ad on the Internet, saying that she was a loose woman available for all sorts of hanky-panky. She received calls from interested men from as far away as Brazil.

Who? Me?

A 19-year-old man, driving his parents' car at 68 mph in a 50 mph zone in Sunnmoere, Norway, was photographed by a 10-foot-high automatic camera designed to catch speeders. To avoid trouble at home, he went back, dismantled the camera and threw it into the sea. But a witness saw him and turned him in.

—From the TMS News Service

Family Resource Center offers summer care

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

LBCC's Family Resource Center will be offering child day care in the summer with an emphasis on outdoor activities.

The center is staffed by contracted LBCC teachers, child-care aids and parents and is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

Enrollment priority is given to Pell grant-eligible students because funding comes from a federal grant which is tied into the college grant.

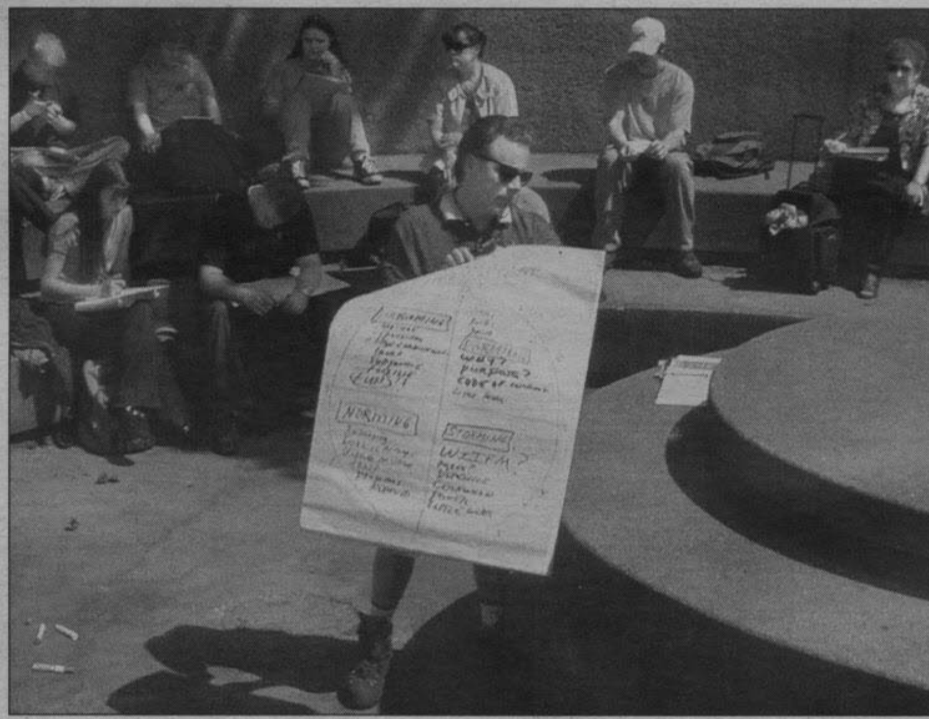
"It is a great experience for the kids involved," said Resource Center Coordinator Jennifer Knap-Beudert.

The center hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The application date for new families is May 11. Pell-eligible students will receive confirmation by May 18 and all others by May 25.

It is a 10-week session with 20 spaces available that are filled on a first-come first-served basis, and in accordance new families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. It is possible to lower the cost by volunteering at the center.

To apply, visit Family Connections in the WEB Building and head for Office 101. You can also call 917-4899.

To schedule a tour, call Sharon Wall at 917-4898. You may also contact Liz Pearce-Smith at 917-4904 or Jennifer Knap-Beudert at 917-4961.



Here Comes the Sun

Last week's warm and sunny weather drew several classes to the courtyard, including business instructor Larry Schuetz and his Principles of Management class, which spent some time working on teamwork issues. Forecasters call for a return to sunny skies in the second half of this week following a wet and windy Monday and Tuesday.

Photo by Christopher Spence

Tibetan monk to speak in Fireside Room today

from the LBCC News Service

Geshe Sopa Rinpoche, a 78-year-old monk from central Tibet, will speak at LBCC today in the Fireside Room from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Rinpoche is one of the last living lamas to complete all his training in Tibet. His talk will focus on an introduction to Buddhism and his personal experiences. He will then take questions from the audience.

Geshe Sopa comes to the area from a four month silent retreat, and he will continue on to Seattle. He has been called one of the central figures in the transmission of Buddhism to the West.

From a very young age, Geshe Sopa

excelled at studies and developed a reputation throughout Tibet as a superior scholar with particularly keen insight both experientially and scholastically into the meaning of emptiness.

Geshe Sopa was chosen at the age of 36 as one of the top 10 scholars in Tibet to debate against and examine the Dalai Lama's philosophical knowledge.

Soon after fleeing into exile in India, His Holiness The Dalai Lama asked Geshe Sopa and three young students to go to the Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center in Freewood Acres, NJ, to help Geshe Wangyal care for the spiritual needs of a large Mongolian community there.

While there he also taught some of the first American Buddhists of the Tibetan tradition, including Robert Thurman and Jeffrey Hopkins.

In 1967, Richard Robinson, the founder of the first Buddhist Studies Ph.D. program in North America at the University of Wisconsin asked if Geshe Sopa would come to teach there as a visiting professor for a year. He eventually became a full professor and taught there for 30 years.

Although he recently retired from the university, this past year he has taught in Taiwan, Singapore, Mexico City, Spain, Puerto Rico, Nepal, India, California and Florida.

History: Mexican holiday celebrated more widely in U.S.

From Page One

Five-thousand ill-equipped Mestizo and Zapotec Indians defeated the French army in what came to be known as the "Batalla de Puebla" on the fifth of May.

In the United States, the "Batalla de Puebla" came to be known as simply "Cinco de Mayo" and, unfortunately, many people wrongly equate it with Mexican Independence, which was

achieved on Sept. 16, 1810—a difference of over 50 years.

Of late, Cinco de Mayo has become very commercialized, with bars and beer companies exploiting the day as a reason to celebrate but rarely paying attention to the origins of the day.

Many people in the United States see Cinco de Mayo as a time for fun and dance.

Oddly enough, Cinco de Mayo has become more of a Chicano holiday than a Mexican one; it is celebrated on a much larger scale here in the United States than it is in Mexico.

People of Mexican descent in the United States celebrate this significant day by having parades, mariachi music, folklorico dancing and other types of festive activities.

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IN FOCUS

May Day



Local gathering in second decade of music and fun

Keeping alive age old traditions and hoping for a weekend of decent weather, May Day revelers gather in rural locations year after year. Loosely organized, the event showcases local musical talent, brings new people together and offers opportunities to learn about and pass on Pagan traditions. Invitations are passed around and donations are accepted to cover costs.

Enjoying a calm moment in the grass, a young woman (top) listens to a band, Irish Moonshine, warm up as her dog lazes in the sun. The fabulous Spoon (right) dazzles onlookers with a nighttime fire display. The May Day crowd (below right) enjoys a bit of dancing and togetherness as the local band the Southtown Hounds (below left) get funky with special guest Griz.



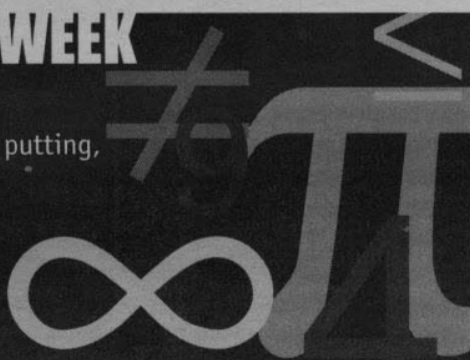
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[Learning Resource Center]

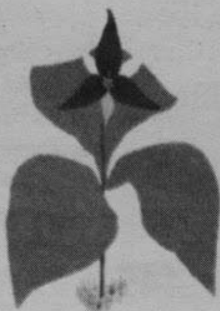
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**DEADLINE IS MAY 18
(for this position only)**

Photo Editor

Students with an interest and skills in photography are sought for this position, which offers valuable experience for anyone planning to pursue a career in photography. Several past Commuter photo editors have gone on to work at professional newspapers in Oregon and elsewhere. Applicants must have knowledge of conventional lab work. Familiarity with digital imaging is a plus, but we will provide training in Photoshop. The appointment carries a 75% annual tuition grant.

Sports Editor

An energetic writer with an interest in athletics and outdoors is sought for this position. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but anyone with a flair for writing and a passion for sports is encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant and provides valuable on-the-job training and experience covering a wide variety of intercollegiate athletics.

Graphics Editor

The Commuter is seeking an individual with experience in graphics and/or journalism to coordinate the graphic design and production aspects of the weekly newspaper. This position involves helping develop the overall design of the paper, creating illustration and info graphics for publication, and coordinating production. Macintosh experience preferred. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant.

Assistant Editors

Applicants sought for several assistant editor positions, including Managing Editor, Copy Editor, A&E Editor, Online Editor. Some journalism or writing experience preferred, but all interested applicants are encouraged to apply. Appointment to Managing Editor carries a 50% tuition grant, while other positions, such as A&E editor, copy editor and opinion editor, carry 35% tuition grants.

Digital Page Designer

This part-time position pays \$8+ per hour for up to 12 hrs/wk on Mon.-Tues. Involves using Macintosh and Pagemaker to paginate tabloid pages under direction of the graphics editor. Mac experience and good English skills required; familiarity with Pagemaker helpful. Provides valuable experience for majors in journalism, graphics and pre-press technology.

Ad Manager

Individuals with career goals in business, graphics or journalism are ideal candidates for this position, which involves coordinating the sale, design and billing of display advertising. Macintosh experience preferred. The position carries a full annual tuition grant. Applicant must be enrolled for the 2001-02 academic year.

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These positions open to work-study eligible students only. Information on work study eligibility is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for Editor is May 18.

Other applications remain open until positions are filled.

Applications available in The Commuter Office (F-222)

or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-112)

For additional information call ext. 4563 or 4451

ON THE ROAD

Back Roads

Take a drive to the country to experience some good old-fashioned summer fun

by Adam Pierce
of The Commuter

The sun is bound to come out for good this summer, and when it does two things are sure to follow. The stores will flood with shoppers buying sprinklers, fans and last-minute air-conditioners, and families and friends be asking themselves the big question:

“Whaddya ya wanna do?”

The answer to that question could lie in the immediate area—an answer that will not only fill a slack summer day, but also cost less than 50 cents, plus the price of gas.

A trip through the Scio-Lacomb-Crabtree area in Eastern Linn County will take you to a swimming hole, a barbecue pit and picnic park, a rooster farm, a historic covered bridge, a classic country store, and a fish zoo. These are all located along about a 25-minute drive east out of Albany, and they are all close enough that you could hit them on a bike, were you feeling that ambitious?

First stop is the Lacombe Grocery, a store that the owner, Burnell Boehland, describes as a “good ole country store.” One of the last remnants of the town of Lacombe, the store was once probably a blacksmith shop, according to Boehland, who said he once found a receipt dating back to 1942 that indicated that horseshoes had been purchased. He has owned the store for about four years and though he doesn’t know much about the history



Photos by Adam Pierce

The folksy Lacombe Grocery is one of the highlights of a weekend drive in the country west of Albany.

of Lacombe, he has heard that it used to be a logging town of about 27,000 that included two grocery stores, two restaurants, a hotel, a roller-skating ring and a brothel.

“I don’t know how you’d have a logging town without one,” he adds after mentioning the brothel. The town now consists of the store, and the elementary school right next to it.

At the store you could pick up some ice, some water, some bubble gum—whatever fits your fancy. They even have a small video section in the back where you are likely to find the hottest new release when even Hollywood and Blockbuster are out of it.

Now that you have your supplies, it’s off to the swimming hole and the covered bridge. You may notice while walking to your car from the store, the haunting noise of roosters. Fear not, there is a rooster “farm” across the road. They are fenced in, and you are safe.

About three miles north is Crabtree Creek and the Larwood Bridge that crosses it. The bridge was built in 1937

and is 105 feet long. It is one of only 52 historic covered bridges in Oregon. The water below gets to be fairly warm in the summer and people can be seen standing on the plank along the bridge and jumping off. At a picnic area immediately to the left of the bridge the water is perfect for swimming. This site also has geological significance—Larwood is the only place in the nation that a river flows into a stream.

Now that you are shriveled and cooled you may find yourself hungry. Well, grab the charcoal and hot dogs because about one mile away is Roaring River Park, which is well known locally for its circular parking lot where many have learned to drive.

Roaring River Park has picnic tables, barbecue stands, a small pond rumored to contain catfish, a large field perfect for Frisbee, and a series of beautiful trails leading down to the river. Few people swim in the river, however, because it’s cold. The water is warmer at Larwood because it rests there from its journey down the Cascades, giving the sun time

to warm it before it’s on its way.

Last on the agenda is about one more mile up Fish Hatchery Drive. This is where the road gets its title and the capstone to your journey: the Roaring River Fish Hatchery.

The hatchery opened in 1924, and is an enhancement fishery, meaning the fish they put into the water are fish that people can pull back out. A sign that greets visitors as they pull in reads: “When they reach the appropriate size, Salmon and Steelhead are either trucked to streams or released directly from hatcheries . . . some are even dropped from helicopters into those hard-to-reach mountain lakes.”

The hatchery has machines that closely resemble gumball dispensers containing fish food. This is where that 50 cents comes in. For a quarter you can get a fist full of the tiny pellets. They don’t smell too great but the fish love them. If your pocket book can’t afford the fish food, the hatchery employees feed the fish three times a day, and the beds at the top of the hatchery have automatic food dispensers, which are a wonder in themselves.

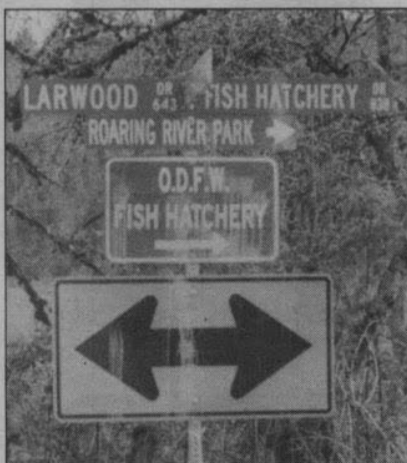
A fun game to play at the hatchery, if just watching fish loses some of its sparkle, is to throw food in front of the person standing next to you, so that when the fish come up a cute little splash wets their pants.

The hatchery is open during daylight hours, and Don Faulhaber, one of the hatcheries’ four full-time employees, says that the majority of the people come during the weekends in the summer.

Faulhaber’s view on the main draw of the hatchery is simple: “people just like to come to look at the fish. There’s an attraction there.”

Now that you have this arsenal of fun things to do one day in the back of your mind, next time someone asks “Whaddya ya wanna do?” you can not only correct their grammar but propose this fine journey through the outskirts of three charming little towns few people have even heard of.


GETTING THERE



Take Highway 20 east out of Albany. Turn left onto Highway 26 at Cottonwoods. Then turn right onto Fish Hatchery Road.

Turn right onto Ede Road. Turn right onto Meredian Drive. Lacombe Grocery will be on the left immediately before a sharp curve where Meredian turns into Lacombe Drive.

From Lacombe Grocery go to Larwood by turning right on Meredian. At Larwood take a right onto Fish Hatchery Drive and follow it for a mile. Roaring River Park will be on your right. One more mile up the road is the Fish Hatchery.




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NATIONAL NEWS

Jenna Bush cited on underage drinking charge

by Jay Root and R.A. Dyer
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

AUSTIN, Texas — President Bush's daughter Jenna Bush was issued a citation early Friday for underage drinking at a bar in Austin, police said.

The incident occurred less than 12 hours before her father, making his first trip back to Austin since becoming president, dedicated a new state history museum just blocks away.

"We don't comment on the private lives of the president's family," said White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo.

Austin police spokeswoman Tony Chovanetz said Bush, 19, was

"We don't comment on the private lives of the president's family."
—White House spokeswoman Jeanie Mamo

not arrested, which she described as standard procedure for handling cases involving minors with alcohol. Chovanetz had no information about any involvement by Secret Service personnel.

Officials said two officers entered the Cheers Shot Bar on Austin's Sixth Street about 1:30 a.m. Friday to check for minors in possession of alcohol. After issuing four citations, the officers noticed "two females, who appeared to be under age, who were also drinking alcohol."

After the officers interviewed the two women, it was determined that they were not of legal drinking age, which is 21.

"One of the females was identified as Jenna W. Bush," according to an Austin police news release. She was issued a citation for minor in possession, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine or community service. The other woman was not identified.

It is not the first time that Jenna Bush, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, has been at the center of a controversy involving alcohol.

In late February, an 18-year-old who identified himself as Jenna Bush's boyfriend was arrested in Tarrant County, Texas, on a charge of public intoxication. He was later retrieved by Secret Service agents, according to Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson.

In an interview in December 1999, early in the presidential campaign, George W. Bush acknowledged concerns about the privacy of his twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara. Barbara Bush is a freshman at Yale University.

"One of my great hesitations about making this race is I really don't want their lives to be affected by me, and I know it's going to be," Bush said then. "It is something that troubles me because I love them and I can understand," he said.

Prof tests college papers with abortion ad

by Billy O'Keefe
TMS Campus

Same story, different characters.

A newspaper ad drafted by a Colorado professor has been rejected by all but one of the 11 student newspapers that received proposals to run it.

According to a first-person account posted at Salon.com, Adams State College professor David Mazel submitted the ad, which declared that "abortion is not murder" and "God is an abortionist," to 11 conservative colleges, universities and military academies in hopes of proving that censorship exists at both conservative and liberal institutions of higher learning.

"There are only two passages in the Bible that speak directly to the issue of abortion, and both indicate unequivocally that abortion is not murder," read a passage in the ad. "To deliberately cause a miscarriage is to perform an abortion. And who brings about this miscarriage? Who performs this abortion? It is the LORD who does so. God is an abortionist."

Mazel cited several claims by critics who chided several allegedly liberal schools for either refusing to run or apologizing for an ad submitted by conservative activist David Horowitz, in which the author condemns reparations for descendants of slaves.

"Horowitz had cleverly and tellingly put liberal college newspapers to the test by provoking the more excitable elements of the campus left," Mazel wrote. "But he had neglected to give conservative campus papers a similar opportunity to prove their free-speech mettle. He had yet to provoke the more volatile minions of the right, say, by ticking off the anti-abortion fanatics."

The results of Mazel's experiment: a nine percent success rate, compared to 29 percent for Horowitz (48 proposals and 34 rejections, according to an earlier report filed by Horowitz).

Of all the papers courted by Mazel, only the student paper at Michigan's Hillsdale College bit. Among the schools who said no thanks: Bob Jones University, Liberty University and Brigham Young University.

Bob Jones Collegian advertising manager John Cofer said that the ad clashes with the beliefs of the school, and that the staff's denial of the ad "should be understandable."

"We have certain values to protect at the university, and the ad was inconsis-

tent with those values," said Cofer, who added that placing the ad would serve no purpose other than to upset members of the campus community.

Asked if the decision to deny the ad was influenced by anyone beyond the staff of the paper, Cofer said no.

Since its initial run in March, Horowitz's ad has received national attention for the outcry it caused at schools, such as Brown University and the University of California-Berkeley, where student editors have run the full-page piece.



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Babes bring lively folk-rock to Forum

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Not many people knew what to expect from Babes With Axes. With a name like that, a lot of images are conjured up that may not jibe with reality.

Some of those few people who showed up for the Babes' show last Friday may have been surprised to find a folk rock "supergroup" of sorts on the stage of the forum.

The three women, who originally came together for a one-night show, are all singer-songwriters in their own right and have recorded individually or with other groups. Their songs are drawn from their individual repertoires as well as some cover tunes like the Johnny Cash song they opened up with, "I Still Miss Someone."

The Babes are Debbie Diedrich, Laura Kemp and T.R. Kelley. Diedrich and Kemp took on guitar duties at the Free Music Friday series concert, with Kelley on bass. The three have been playing together for over seven years, and it shows in their rapport with each other and the audience, as well as in their



Photo by Chad Richins

Babes with Axes, featuring Debbie Diedrich, Laura Kemp and T.R. Kelly, perform in the Forum for Free Music Fridays.

tightly knit vocal harmonies. Kelley is a vocal stand out with a style and projection evocative of an early-20th century juke-joint singer, but Kemp is a great counterpoint with her soft lilting voice and phrasing reminiscent of Edie Brickell or Carole King. Diedrich's own vocal

style falls squarely between the two, providing a nice medium-range bridge.

The show was rained out of the Courtyard and had to be moved to the Forum stage. The next performer in the series is Portland Musician Sattie Clark on June 1 in the Courtyard.

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from the LBCC Art Department

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Works on view include oil paintings, watercolors, mixed media, charcoal, ceramics, photography and other media. All work was created in the past year by students who have taken classes through the LBCC Department of Art.

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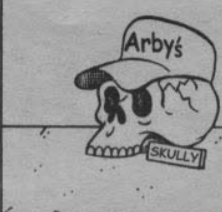
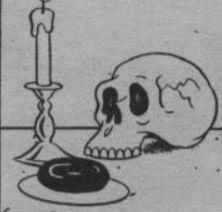


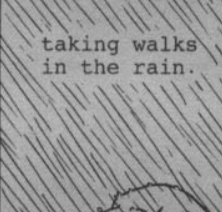
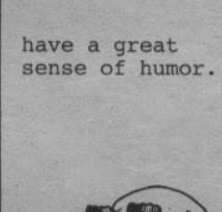
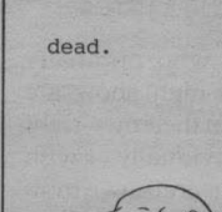
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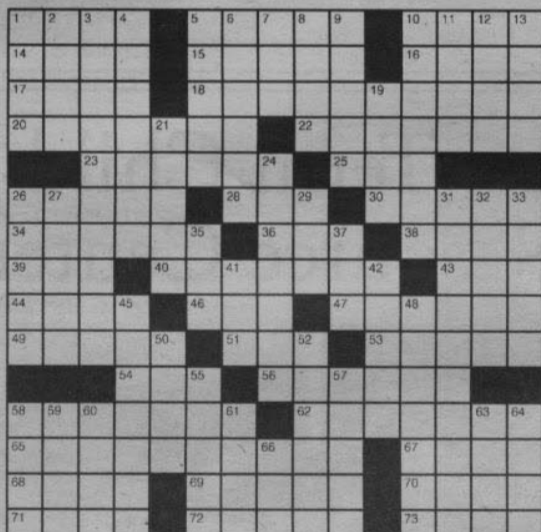
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PHOTO GALLERY



Life down on the farm in Uruguay



Cecilia Capurro, a student in ART264 Intermediate Photography, took a week off during winter term to visit her family's ranch in southeast Uruguay and came back with these portraits of some of the animals who live there. "I love the place," Capurro said of the spread in the hills outside Montevideo, a city of 1.5 million where she grew up. She came to Oregon last year with her husband, who is studying crop and soil science at OSU. Now in her first year at LBCC, Capurro plans to pursue a career in industrial design.



Photographs by
Cecilia Capurro



SPORTS PAGE

LB's Fighting Sheep streak to trophy in Hopu Ka Lewa

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

The Fighting Sheep, LB's Ultimate Frisbee Club, left for the Hopu Ka Lewa with dreams of returning to the LBCC campus bearing a trophy.

Upon arriving in Maui they were informed there would only be trophies for the winner of the championship game and the winner of the consolation game. Since the consolation game would be played by the 11th and 12th place teams, the winner would receive what tournament sponsors called the Penultimate Trophy.

"We immediately set our sights on 11th," joked team captain and LBCC science instructor Greg Mulder.

And after losing their first eight games to talented teams, the LB team reached their goal. In their "championship game," the Fighting Sheep defeated a team from Belgium 15-14. The game was intense from begin-

ning to end, with the Oregonians sneaking away with the booby prize. Although the team actually took 10th place in the tournament due to one team backing out at the last minute, the team was allowed to claim their prize.

It was the second time in the tournament that the teams had played each other, with the victory in the first match going to Belgium.

"We've each won once," said Mulder. "We want a rematch with them. Maybe in Iceland, or possibly Florida."

The rest of the tournament field was filled with a group of "very experienced teams," according to Mulder, leading to the mighty Fighting Sheep finishing with a record of one win and eight losses.

"It was the best-run tournament I've ever been to," said an ecstatic Mulder. "They had amazing hula dancing and Samoan dancing in the evenings."

They also played a night game with everybody wearing glow-sticks.

The Penultimate Trophy wasn't the only award that the team brought home. They also received the Spirit Award, which is a giant conch shell received for "outstanding sportsmanship on the field and a great tendency to get nude off the field," explained Mulder.

"They really want us to come back to Maui," claimed Mulder happily.

Although their season is over, the Fighting Sheep are planning on continuing with their practice and are planning on a scrimmage at Linfield near the end of the school year, and a tournament on Orcas Island in Puget Sound shortly after school gets out.

Anyone wanting to get involved with the team or just looking to play occasionally can contact Mulder at extension 4744 or in his office ST-103.

Runners' outfielder Andy Campbell sets sights on pro ball

Former South Albany star struggles at plate, on mound for Runners

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

Andy Campbell is the only one of 26 Roadrunners that is a native of the Albany area, and has strong hopes of what will come when he leaves LB, and Albany, at the end of year.

Campbell, a sophomore pitcher and outfielder, started his pitching career at the age of 10.

"I wanted to be the focus," Campbell said. "I wanted to control the game."

The left-hander worked hard to do just that. Before his freshman year at South Albany High School, he traveled to California to Rod Carew's hitting camp for a week, where he worked with both major and minor league coaches on hitting and the game. He later went to a camp where was able to get one-on-one advice from Nolan Ryan's pitching coach Tom House.

While attending South Albany High, Campbell played football and basketball along with baseball. By the end of his sophomore year though, he decided to leave the other sports behind to focus more of his time and energy on baseball and his pitching for his remaining two years.

The decision paid off for Campbell, and in his junior year he was nominated to first team All-league in the Valley League Conference. In his senior year, Campbell was nominated to second team pre-season All-State. It was these accomplishments that got him noticed by Coach Hawk and the Roadrunner baseball program.

"He has a very strong arm and an



Photo by James Bauerle

Andy Campbell tries to improve on his .210 batting average in practice and strives for innings on the mound to boost his value in the draft. Hawk is hoping that Campbell can throw with some consistency over the last few weeks of the Runners' season.

overpowering fastball," Coach Hawk said. "He can run, throw and hit. He has great tools as a ball player."

Campbell was given the opportunity many high school athletes dream of, the chance to play the sport they love in college. He decided to attend Linn-Benton not only because it was close to home and a place he could save money, but a school where he could continue

playing baseball for a while.

"It was a place I knew I could come in right away and play," Campbell said.

Now his time as a Roadrunner is coming to an end, and with that many athletes face the challenge of getting recruited, either to a four-year university or into the pros, or giving up the game.

Campbell has dreams and goals he hopes to accomplish, and those include

"He has a very strong arm and an overpowering fastball. He can run, throw and hit. He has great tools as a ball player."

—Coach Greg Hawk

playing baseball for a few more years, at least. His hope is to get drafted and go pro next year, along with some of his fellow teammates.

"I think he could do that (go pro)," said Hawk. "He has a lot of work to do in the mental part of the game to do that though."

"I need to throw more innings if that is going to happen," Campbell added. "I'm putting too much pressure on myself. I haven't been playing as well as I could."

Right now, Campbell is a relief pitcher but he's not getting many innings. He is stuck behind the strong arms of Justin Quaempts and Paul Collins, and has turned into a right fielder with a strong swing—which doesn't seem to be coming through for him—and a talent for pitching that recruiters aren't seeing.

Currently, Campbell is batting .210 for the Runners and has accumulated 11 RBIs.

If his goals get sidetracked however, Campbell does have a back up plan. He is majoring in Exercise and Sports Science, a field where he can continue working with athletes and around baseball. He is not sure which four-year university he plans to attend next year if it comes to that, though he is thinking of Western Oregon University.

"He has all the tools he needs to progress at a four-year university," Hawk added.

Weather spoils track team's plans as athletes compete in two meets

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

The track team spread itself a bit thinner than usual last Saturday, as Christine Smith competed at the University of Oregon invitational while the rest of the team attended the Western Oregon University Open in Monmouth.

"They did what they were supposed to do," said Coach Brad Carman. "But we didn't do anything spectacular."

According to Carman, practice throughout the week prior to the meet in Eugene indicated that Smith would reach 11 feet to reach a new personal record. She fell short however, clearing 10 feet, six inches for the second week in a row.

"The wind and weather were probably a factor in her not clearing a higher height," explained Carman.

Meanwhile, the rest of the team was up the road in Monmouth. Kasey Carlson had another good day, finishing second in the 800-meters with a time of 2 minutes 6.29 seconds to gain a new season best, staying in the race until the very end.

Daniel Kerr moved up to the 400-meters for conditioning and finished in 55.37 seconds. Kerr also ran the 200-meters in 24.42 seconds.

Cassidy Beaver ran the 400-hurdles in 59.26 seconds, which is just off of the season best he set just last week.

Ed Hoffman jumped 6 feet, 4 inches in the high jump for the second week in a row.

Hoffman's performance this week was better than

last week's, according to Assistant Coach Dan Barley as he cleared 6 feet, 4 inches convincingly, and had good attempts at 6 feet 6 inches.

Liz Lowe threw the hammer 106 feet, 9 inches, which fell in between the personal bests that she had thrown in the past two weeks. In the pole vault T.J. Vetkos cleared 14 feet, six inches.

Eric Konzelman was unable to compete in Monmouth and also had to be scratched from this week's NWAACC multi-event championships due to an injury to his left knee. The preliminary diagnosis for Konzelman is a possible slight tear on the MCL. He has had an MRI and should know the results within the next few days.

LB's next event is at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. on Saturday.

SPORTS PAGE



Photo by James Bauerle

Teal Tenney beats the throw to the plate to score one of LB's five runs in a 6-5 loss to SWOCC on Friday. The Runners went 1-and-3 during a three game weekend.

LB can't fight tough luck in one run losses

LB stays fifth in league for fourth week in a row; will face No. 1 Mt. Hood

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners had two wins and three losses last week, splitting a doubleheader with Clackamas on Tuesday and going one-for-three in a three-game series with SWOCC over the weekend.

In the first game of the doubleheader against Clackamas, the Runners had a 2-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh, but the Cougars were able to capitalize on a walk, a hit batter and an error by LB to score the two runs they needed to take the lead.

Andy Campbell scored on a Justin Pratt RBI in the top of the eighth, but the Runners gave up another run to the Cougars in the bottom of the inning. LB was scoreless in the ninth after two pop-ups and a strikeout ended the game.

The second meeting played out in the Roadrunners' favor and ended in a 2-1 victory.

Clackamas took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but the Runners managed to grab control in the sixth. With one out and two runners on base, Catcher Teal Tenney cranked a triple that gave the Runners a 2-1 lead that they held for the rest of the game.

Tenney led the Runners in the game, hitting two-for-three with two RBIs.

On Friday and Saturday LB hosted a three-game series with Southwestern Oregon, losing on Friday and splitting their games on Saturday.

Friday the Runners matched the Lakers in every inning. The game stayed tied until SWOCC took advantage of a Roadrunner error in the eighth to score the winning run and end the game 6-5.

The Runner error that gave SWOCC the win came with two outs and runners at second and third. The Runners decided to intentionally walk the left-handed batter, but a wild pitch by Justin Quaempts allowed the Runner to score.

"Justin was ahead most of the time and didn't pitch with much intelligence like he has in previous games," Coach Hawk said.

LB was led by Jeff Frost, Colin Kaneshiro and Justin Pratt—all of whom hit one-for-three. Kaneshiro and Pratt

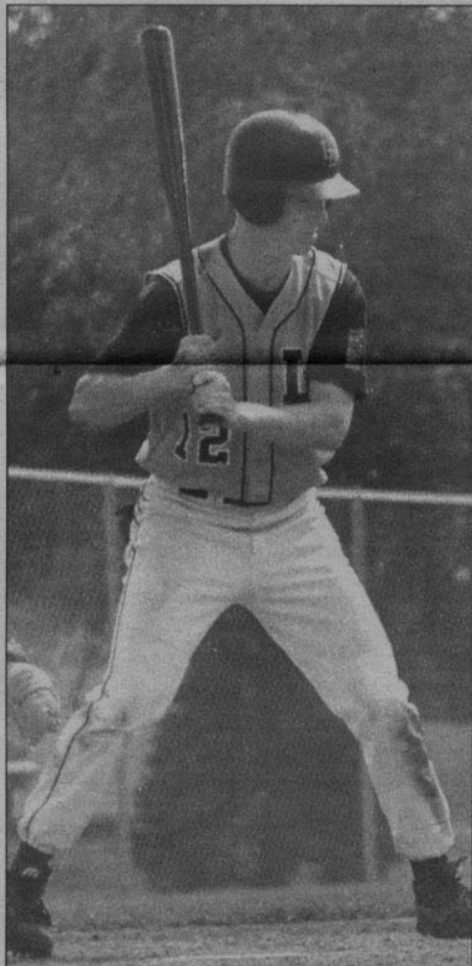


Photo by James Bauerle

Andy Narver hit six-for-10 in last week's games, bringing his average to .338 to lead the Runners at the plate.

had one run apiece, and Frost and Kaneshiro each had an RBI. Quaempts faced 31 batters in the game, had seven strikeouts and gave up nine hits.

On Saturday the Runners won the first of their two games, 3-1, but lost the second game 2-1.

In the second inning of game one, Frost led off with a walk and was followed by David Beamer who also walked, putting Runners on first and second. Nick Hadley then loaded the bases when he got to first on catcher interference. Sam Kirby brought in Frost on a fielder's choice, giving the Runners their first run of the game.

LB scored again in the fifth, when Narver hit a two-run, bases-loaded single to make it 3-0.

SWOCC's only run came in the seventh inning when the No. 4 batter singled to get on base, got to second on an error and came home on a pass ball by Kirby.

"We've just had a little tough luck. It's hard on the guys and the coaching staff. We just haven't had much luck in the one-run ball games."

—Coach Greg Hawk

LB's seven hits determined the game however, and Narver once more led the Runners at the plate hitting three-for-four while Pratt went two-for-four. Narver had two RBIs and Pratt scored two runs. Paul Collins faced 34 batters, had six strikeouts and no walks and gave up six hits to the Lakers.

"Paul threw an outstanding game," Hawk said. "When you don't give them extra opportunities you have a chance at winning games."

The Runners did not prove as successful in the second game after SWOCC scored two runs in the fourth inning and LB could only come up with one in the seventh.

The Lakers' two runs started with a walk to the first batter and a sacrifice bunt advanced the Laker to second. A single and an LB error scored the first run for SWOCC and put the batter on second. That run then scored on a Laker single.

LB's only run came in the seventh from Narver, who walked to get on base and then got to second on a wild pitch. Narver was knocked in by Thompson who got on by a fielder's choice but was left on base when Josiah Stroup hit a hard line drive to the third baseman.

Narver hit one-for-two for the Runners, while Kris Lloyd and Stroup both went one-for-three.

Narver is leading LB at the plate, batting .338 with 27 hits and 12 runs scored. Lloyd is averaging .308 with 20 hits and seven runs scored while Kaneshiro is hitting .259 with 14 hits and eight runs scored.

Quaempts is leading the Runners from the mound with a 2.31 E.R.A and 39 strikeouts.

"We've just had a little tough luck," said Hawk. "It's hard on the guys and the coaching staff. We just haven't had much luck in the one run ball games."

The Runners host Mt. Hood this Saturday.

LINE SCORES

Baseball

At Oregon City

Game One

CLACKAMAS 4, LINN-BENTON 3

LBCC 010 100 010—3 5 3

Clackamas 100 000 21x—4 4 1

Larson, Campbell (8) and Kruse; Shanks, Paulson (8) and Harjo. WP—Shanks. LP—Larson 1-4 S—Paulson.

Game Two

LINN-BENTON 2, CLACKAMAS 1

LBCC 000 002 0—2 2 0

Clackamas 100 000 0—1 5 2

Mendenhall, Quaempts (6) and Kirby; Gliech and Harjo. WP—Mendenhall, 3-1. LP—Gliech. S—Quaempts, 1. 2B—CCC, Harjo. 3B—LBCC, Tenney.

At Albany

Southwestern Oregon 6, LINN-BENTON 5

SWOCC 210 010 110—6 9 4

LBCC 210 010 100—5 5 3

Buffington, Wright (7) and Southerland; Quaempts, Watchman (8) and Tenney. W—Wright. L—Quaempts, 3-4. 2B—SWOCC, Olinger, Southerland. HR—SWOCC, Lahman.

At Albany

Game One

LINN-BENTON 3, Southwestern Oregon 1

SWOCC 000 000 100—1 6 0

LBCC 010 020 00x—3 7 1

Southerland and Thomson; Collins and Kirby. W—Collins, 2-1. L—Southerland.

Game Two

Southwestern Oregon 2, LINN-BENTON 1

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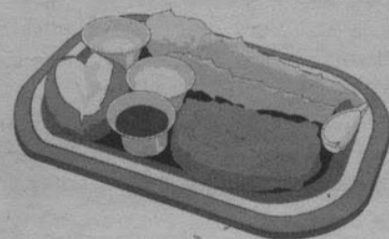
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Knight and Southerland; Larson, Newmann (5) and Tenney. W—Knight. L—Larson, 1-5. 2B—SWOCC, Dunaway.

STANDINGS

Men	League	Overall
Mt. Hood	12-5	19-10
Chemeketa	10-6	18-14
SW Oregon	10-7	12-20
Lane	8-7	17-15
Linn-Benton	6-11	12-16
Clackamas	3-13	8-20

COMMONS MENU



Wednesday:

Meat Loaf; English Style Fish & Chips; Penne Pasta with Sundried Tomato, Kalamata Olives and Feta Cheese; Dilled Potato Chowder, Chicken and Wild Rice soup; Spinach Salad.

Thursday:

Pork Piccata; Coq au Vin; Falafel Sandwich; Ox Tail Soup; Sherried Mushroom Soup; Baja Shrimp Salad.

Monday:

Turkey Cutlet; Braised Lamb Shoulder; White Spinach Lasagna; Roasted Vegetable Chowder; Borscht Polish Style Soup; 3 Mustard Chicken Salad.

Tuesday:

Garlic Chicken; Vietnamese Steak Wraps, Vegetarian Chili; Won-ton Soup; Lentil Soup; Tarragon Shrimp

OPINION



ALL THE RAGE

Diallo's killers should not escape punishment just because they're cops

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Forty-one shots. On Feb. 4, 1999, four New York City police officers fired 41 shots at an unarmed man as he stood in the vestibule of his apartment building and reached for his wallet. Last week a preliminary report by NYPD investigators found that the four officers who killed Amadou Diallo had not violated the department's guidelines regarding the use of deadly force and recommended retraining rather than discipline.



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A spokesman for the investigative panel, which consisted of several Bronx police commanders, paraphrased the report: "In their mind's eye, they perceived a very real danger, and under a perceived combat situation, they behaved appropriately."

WHAT? Firing 41 shots at an unarmed man is hardly what I would call appropriate behavior for men whose job is "to serve and protect."

Of course, there were mitigating circumstances; it was dark, he didn't stop when they told him to, one of the officers stumbled and his fellows thought he had been shot. There are a million reasons why a thing like this can happen. But you know what? There's one reason why things like this should NEVER happen—and it's the only one that matters: they're The Law.

The police are supposed to be the good guys. They have badges and guns and the legal system of the United States of America supporting them. Things like this simply should not happen.

The legal system in this country was designed with the idea that it is better to let a hundred guilty men walk free than to convict a single innocent human being. That's what the words "presumed innocent until proven guilty" are all about. No one should ever be punished for a crime they did not commit.

What was Amadou Diallo's crime? He was gunned down for no reason other than he didn't understand the situation he was in. He was gunned down because a man representing The Law tripped and a few other men representing The Law thought he was dangerous.

He was gunned down because four men got scared. Forget that they were tried for murder and acquitted; forget that the NYPD has a reputation as racist and trigger-happy; forget that Al Sharpton got involved with the case; forget that things like this happen a lot in a place as violent and crime-plagued as New York City. The bottom line is that these men got scared and acted

accordingly. They made a mistake, and in their line of work that cannot be allowed.

I realize that to err is human; people do make mistakes and yes, shit does happen—but when I make a mistake nothing more serious happens than a front page picture runs with an inaccurate caption underneath it. People get to come into the office and say "look what I found wrong with The Commuter this week" and laugh at my expense. When the police make mistakes, people get killed.

Law enforcement officials cannot be allowed the same margin of error that ordinary people are. Every single person who puts on a badge and a gun should be willing to die before making a mistake that will result in the death of an innocent human being.

I'm sorry, I know that must sound crass—particularly to anyone with a police officer for a friend or loved-one—but the fact of the matter is that they knew the dangers inherent in the job when they decided to become police officers. Anyone not willing to accept those risks should quit.

I'm not saying that the men who killed Amadou Diallo are bad men. It's possible, even likely, that they are good men who believed that what they were doing was for the best. It's their training that failed.

It was their training that allowed their eyes to see a gun instead of a wallet, a threat to one of their own instead of an act of clumsiness, a dangerous suspect instead of a human being with hopes and dreams and a future and no idea of what the hell was happening in the final moments of his life.

It was their training that let them fire 41 shots and only hit their target 19 times.

That was still more than enough to kill an unarmed man, but think about those numbers. Fewer than 50 percent of the bullets that left those four guns found their mark. Where did those other 22 bullets go? Where could they have gone?

I don't agree with the people who call those four officers murderers. Murder requires premeditation and I'd like to believe that not even New York cops are that evil. They're not monsters, but they were incompetent, and given the circumstances those four men should not be allowed to continue as police officers.

And although NYPD commissioner Bernard B. Kerik apparently doesn't agree with me, it seems that at least two of the officers do. Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy have taken the test to join the New York City Fire Department—McMellon scored in the top 200 out of 6,000 applicants. I hope they both make it. As for the other two I just hope that wherever they end up, they can live with what they did.

But that doesn't mean that the rest of us should.

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

How would you rate Bush's first 100 days in office?



"He's proven to be highly illiterate."
—Amber Gosnell, Marketing

"He's doing all right. I think his foreign policies and stuff like that haven't been as good as they should be, but overall he's doing a pretty good job."

—James Cotler, Engineering



"He's taking out all of the funding for AIDS prevention. How smart is that?"
—Amber Busteded, Exercise sports science

"I don't agree with the tax cuts that will be effecting teachers and single mothers."
—Laura Victor, Elementary education



"I think he's doing fine. He hasn't done anything outrageous."
—Jenny Bunch, Culinary

"Who's George Bush? Wasn't he president in 1988?"
—Rusty Roberts, Biology

