

Smokers may find fewer places to light up on campus

by Lindsay Kenning
of The Commuter

There was a time when people smoked in supermarkets and shopping malls.

Through the years, however, more and more public places have banned or severely restricted smoking as environmental and health concerns gradually changed views on smoking in public.

LBCC is keeping up with the trend. In August the Smoking on Campus Committee, chaired by Glenda Foster, Liberal Arts & Human Performance Division secretary, presented the College Council with a proposal to restrict smoking to the parking lots and to six specific areas on campus, five of which are covered.

The College Council passed the proposal to President Jon Carnahan without objection, but did express concerns about how to inform students about the new policy and the locations of the designated areas.

Designated smoking areas

The proposed designated areas include all of the campus parking lots, as well as the following covered or semi-covered areas:

- Under the overhang in front of the Activities Center.
- The first and second floors between the Business Division and College Center.
- The first floor between the Industrial A and AHSS buildings.
- The second floor outside the Science Technology Building overlooking the Greenhouse.
- Behind the WEB Building.

In order to meet those concerns, Carnahan said he plans to set up a series of open forums so students and staff can voice any opinions or ideas they may

have about the new policy before he takes it to the college's Board of Directors. Although the times and dates of the forums have not yet been worked out, Carnahan said he wants them to be held throughout the fall term.

The smoking committee's proposal was developed after it conducted a non-scientific poll of student and staff attitudes last spring. Of the 369 people who participated in the poll, 214 (58 percent) wanted to restrict smoking to designated areas, and 28 percent did not want smoking allowed at all. Of those who wanted to ban smoking outright, 96 were non-smokers and eight were smokers.

About 14 percent of all respondents felt the current policy was fine (39 non-smokers and 12 smokers). Overall, 307 non-smokers and 62 smokers responded to the poll.



photo by Josh Burk

Ice Cream Break

Students line the curb along the Courtyard enjoying free ice cream cones served up by the Student Leadership Team. The event, held on the opening day of classes, was intended to mark the anniversary of the invention of the ice cream cone.

SPB's Welcome Back Barbecue hopes to lure students into the courtyard with burgers and blues

The LBCC Student Programming Board is welcoming students to fall term today by meeting every college student's dream—cheap food, games and live music.

Several booths will be set up in the courtyard from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Lunch will be \$2 a plate and will include either a burger or garden burger, soda pop, chips and a cookie.

Tom Morlan, who is back by popular demand for the second year in a row, will be on stage in the courtyard. A 1980 graduate of West Albany High School, Morlan has been performing for the past 20 years. Backed by his guitar and prerecorded background music, Morlan describes his original music as "melodic rock with a bluesy flavor."

Among the booths will be one promoting the returning Mobile Health Van, sponsored by the Linn County Health Department. The Women's Center will be there to discuss student employment and career information, and a miniature golf course will be set up in the center of the courtyard.

SPB would like to thank all of the student volunteers who helped to make the barbecue possible.

Student government uses appointments to fill seats left empty after February's election

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

More LBCC students are now becoming involved in student leadership, stepping in to fill seats left vacant after last February's student body elections drew only one candidate.

Last spring it appeared that the student council scene might be a rerun of fall 1996, with only one officer—the president—in place.

Matthew Alexander, 1996-97 ASLBCC vice president, was the only name on the ballot to fill the 12 positions for the Associated Student Government. He began filling in as president early when former President Sarah Hammelman's employment took her away from campus last spring.

By April, Vice President Derek Clark was added to the roster. Timothy French and Nathan Wood, science/industry representatives, and Shauna Kiefiuk, business/health occupations representative, joined ASG before fall term began.

Last Wednesday three students were interviewed and appointed: Amanda Klindtworth, business/health occupations; Jennifer Mckinnon and Jenni Hodges,

liberal arts/human performance representatives.

Applications remain open for two student services/extended learning positions and two at-large representatives. To qualify to serve on student council, students must be enrolled for at least six credits and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Involvement in student government includes student representation on campus committees and the opportunity to make positive contributions to the school.

Student Life and Leadership Director Tammi Paul Bryant said the officers have been working since last spring to clarify and revise the ASLBCC student constitution so that it will "make more sense" and correspond with the bylaws. They had both students and staff read over the proposals and give feedback in order to make it a more workable document.

At its Sept. 24 executive meeting, ASG voted to send the amended constitution to the students for approval in a special election scheduled for Oct. 15. Two hearings on the draft will be held before the election. After the constitution is approved, the bylaws and election code will be fine-tuned to bring them into agreement.

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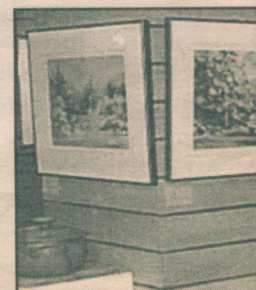
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Can't stand your teacher? Friday is the last day to return books and to add or drop classes and receive a full refund.

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Recent tax breaks bring help to college students, parents

From the LBCC News Service

Officials at LBCC anticipate that recently enacted federal legislation will help students and families as they save for college education, pay tuition bills and repay student loans.

The new law, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, was signed by President Clinton on Aug. 5.

"This legislation will be a significant benefit to a large majority of our students," said Michael Holland, vice president for administrative and student affairs at LBCC.

According to Holland, the new law provides some important benefits:

- A scholarship tax credit with a total potential value of \$1,500. Called the HOPE Scholarship tax credit, parents or students may deduct 100 percent of the first \$1,000 of tuition and mandatory fee expenses and 50 percent of the second \$1,000 of such costs. The credit is available during the first two years of college, and will apply to classes starting on or after Jan. 1, 1998. The credit is phased out for single taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes between \$40,000 and \$50,000 (\$80,000 to \$100,000 for joint returns).

- A "lifelong learning" tax credit allows deduction of up to 20 percent of the first \$5,000 in tuition and fees

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—Michael Holland

after the HOPE tax credit is claimed. This credit can be used to acquire or improve job skills and for undergraduate and graduate tuition and fees after grants and scholarships have been deducted. The "lifelong learning" credit will be available after July 1, 1998 and is subject to the same income range phase-out schedule as the HOPE tax credit.

- Beginning Jan. 1, 1998, Individual Retirement Account (IRA) holders can withdraw money penalty-free for the payment of undergraduate and graduate education costs.

- The law creates "Education Individual Retirement Accounts" with nondeductible annual contributions of up to \$500 per child. Earnings in these accounts will not be subject to federal tax so long as they are used to pay college expenses. Parents may put money into Education IRAs beginning Jan. 1, 1998, subject to income limits. The income limits are substantially higher than those affecting the tax-credit programs.

- The interest paid on the first 60 months of any loan used to pay college expenses may be deducted. The maximum deduction will be \$1,000 in 1998, \$1,500 in 1999, \$2,000 in 2000 and \$2,500 in 2001 and thereafter. This is an "above the line" deduction and can be claimed by taxpayers who do not itemize deductions. The deduction is phased out for single taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes between \$40,000 and \$55,000 (\$60,000 and \$75,000 for joint returns).

Holland said the new federal benefits are available to all qualified college students, not just those planning to attend a community college. However, he cautions parents and students to consult with their personal tax advisors as they make investment or tax decisions, since there are additional technical details attached to each of these new programs.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan believes the new legislation is timely and helpful. "Although our local economy is strong," Carnahan said, "we should never forget that thousands of students, young and old, still struggle to meet college costs. Congress and the president have stepped forward in a way that will help many in our community gain the skills they need to become current in today's work force and attain new skills."

Phone lines may soon replace registration lines

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

The long lines leading up to the registration desk that mark the beginning of classes every term at LBCC may soon become a thing of the past.

The college is in the process of creating a telephone registration system that will allow students to register for classes without ever having to leave home.

"We plan on piloting the system summer term and hopefully we'll have it fully in place by next fall," said Donna James, assistant director of admissions. Before the system can be put into place, however, the college's phone lines must be upgraded and new lines installed, and new software must be added to the computer system.

Students who plan on returning to LBCC next fall can expect to receive instructions to call a phone number after a specific time, and will then type in the course registration numbers of classes they wish to take. Prerecorded messages will then inform students if classes they have selected are closed.

"We haven't fully worked out the details for who registers when," James said. Similar systems at other colleges commonly give priority to those students with the most accumulated credits.

The college will continue to do in-person registration for those students who choose not to use the telephone registration system, and there are currently no plans to eliminate any of the 10 part-time registration staff positions.



Photo by Josh Burk

No Left Turn

Commuters to campus from Corvallis can no longer turn left onto Looney Lane from Highway 34. The state highway department closed the left turn last lane week because it was considered dangerous. Drivers returning home from campus can still turn onto Highway 34 from Looney Lane.

Student Leadership Team invites others to get involved

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Other activities on tap for the ASG is a public reception Wednesday Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room to honor the 40 students who received LBCC scholarships this year.

Vice President Clark said the council is "off to pretty good start." He sees the student body officers as the local court for students to speak to for help with their concerns about LBCC.

"Students are the reason the school's here," he said, adding that ASG solicits input and encourages participation.

Anyone is welcome to attend the regu-

lar Wednesday council meetings from 3 to 4 p.m., following the joint meeting with the Student Programming Board (SPB), the eight-member student group that plans campus activities and provides various programs for students, hopes to fill its two remaining positions this week.

Both leadership groups form what is called the Student Leadership Team. Its office is in the Student Life and Leadership Office in College Center Room 213. Students are invited to drop by for additional information or to express any concerns they may have.

Open positions on ASG, Program Board

Students interested in participating in student government and activities this year can apply for the following positions:

- Student Services & Extended Learning Representative (2)
- At-Large Student Representative (2)
- SPB Series Events Specialist
- SPB Current Events Specialist

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CAMPUS NEWS

Accreditation team seeks student input in open forums next week

Public forums will be held next week to gather student input for a national accreditation team visiting the campus.

The first session will be held Monday, Oct. 6 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Library to discuss library and instructional technology issues. The second will be Monday from 3:15-4 p.m. in the Family Resources Center to seek input from stu-

dents who use the Center.

The final forum will be Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 9-10 a.m. in Learning Resource Center Room 212. This session will be only for interviewing of engineering students.

The dates, times and topics of future public forums will be announced later on campus bulletin boards.

EMT instructor, student honored

From the LBCC News Service

Instructor Steve Bowen and graduate Kevin Rogers were honored this month by the Oregon Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Awards Program.

Bowen, an Albany resident and LBCC Emergency Medical Technician Course Director, was recognized as EMS Educator of the Year. Rogers, an EMT-1 for the Brownsville Fire Department and an LBCC EMT program alumnus, was named one of two EMTs of the Year.

The Oregon EMS Awards Program is sponsored by Emergency Medical Services of the Oregon Department of Human Resources' Health Division.

As EMS Educator of the Year, Bowen was recognized for his "willingness to commit time beyond that which is required" and for his dedication to his students' success. In 1996, his students had a 100 percent first-time pass rate on both written and practical EMT exams at both basic and intermediate levels, an

"almost unheard of" occurrence.

At the same time, Bowen completed his Associate of Science degree and all requirements for the Fire Instructor III certificate. He also donates time and support to a variety of non-profit organizations and camps.

Bowen has been a part-time instructor at LBCC since 1992 and is a full-time EMT-paramedic for the Corvallis Fire Department. He was awarded the Oregon EMS Lifesaving Medal in 1994 for providing life-saving emergency medical services while off-duty.

Rogers began his EMS career as a recruit in the Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department in 1992. He was recognized as the department's EMT of the Year in 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Rogers "is the type of person that you want to appear on the scene when you dial 9-1-1," said Bowen. "His professionalism and compassion to the community is truly an asset to our EMS profession."

LBCC joins OSU to offer Japanese class

From LBCC News Service

LBCC is making it easier for busy college students and business people to meet foreign language requirements or to get on the global business bandwagon.

LBCC is collaborating with OSU on a transfer-level, first-year Japanese language class via television for the first time this fall. Continuing sequential courses are planned for winter and spring to complete the 12-credit program.

First year Japanese I, JPN 111, is taking place now at LBCC and the Benton Center. The class meets Monday.

Setsuko Nakajima, OSU senior instructor in Japanese, said proficiency in a foreign language is an entrance requirement for public universities in Oregon. She also pointed out that "Japan is a major trading partner for Oregon. Over 100 Japanese companies have branch offices in Oregon."

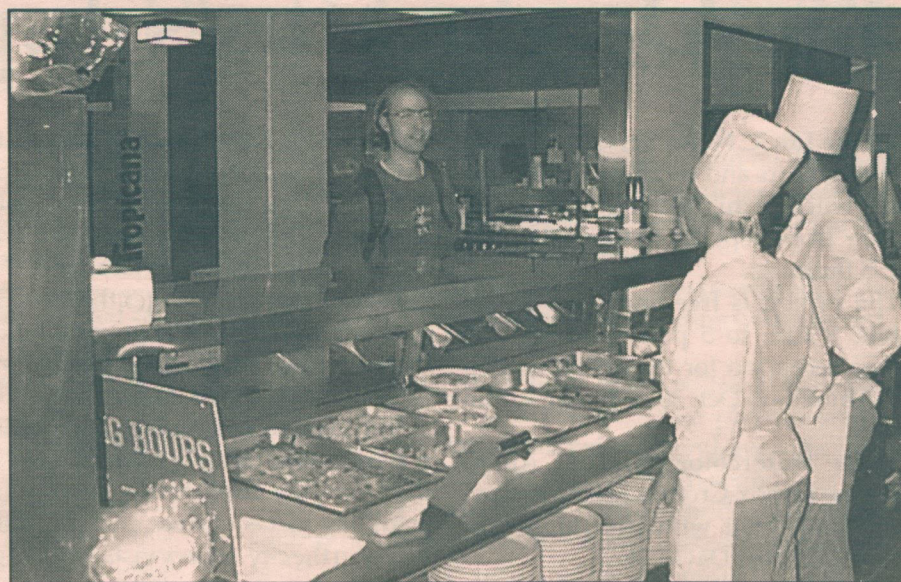
Joseph T. Krause, head of OSU's foreign language department, added that "Being monolingual in the nineties is like being illiterate a century ago. Language study in general is an essential component of full membership in global society, both as an employee and as an individual." Krause said Japanese is the foreign language most often recommended by business schools.

Nakajima says there are other advantages to learning Japanese. Students who successfully complete the LBCC-OSU program may be ready to participate in

OSU's Japanese Language Program or the Japanese Area Studies Program. Students may be eligible to apply for internships in Japan subsidized by the state of Oregon.

Nakajima's lectures for First Year Japanese I will be transmitted by television from OSU to LBCC's main campus. Students will view the lectures on the main campus or at the Benton Center in Corvallis or at home on cable channel 18 or 99 in the Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon and Philomath areas. Video copies will be available for checkout from the LBCC library and the Benton Center.

The course has a day and evening section. Tuition for the four-credit course is \$144, plus a \$15 lab fee.



Digital photo by Josh Burk

Chow Down

Students will have a little less time to find food in the Commons this year. Cafeteria hours have been shortened and are now 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., which means the scramble area opens one hour later and closes one-half hour earlier.

Low-cost Health Van returns despite disappointing student response last year

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

They're Baaack!!!!

The Mobile Health Van (MHV) returns to LBCC Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and every Wednesday thereafter, in the parking lot in front of the Career Center, to the east of Takena Hall, in spite of concerns last spring that they would be no longer be able to provide health care for LBCC students.

The Linn County Department of Health Services, who provide the van, are as interested in having the MHV here as we are that they are here, said Jackie Paulson, chairwoman of LBCC Health Occupation Division, adding that the MHV may only be at LBCC for the fall term because of the lack of funding. Paulson said she hopes it will be here for winter and spring quarters as well.

Although the van is able to provide services for as many as 20 students every Wednesday, last year attendance was low, with an average of only 10 students a visit.

There will be a banner and perhaps sandwich boards set out as reminders on the days the MHV is here, said Paulson. She hopes this will help students inter-

ested in using the services provided by the van to find it. Last year the van was often confused for the bloodmobile.

Fees are determined on a sliding scale, based on gross family income. When appropriate, insurance, including the Oregon Health Plan, will be billed for services. No one will be turned away, even if they have no insurance.

For more information on the Mobile Health Van or to make appointments call the Linn County Department of Health Services in Albany at 967-3888 or outside Albany at 800-304-7486.

Health Van Services

- Sports physicals and other physicals required by classes.
- HIV testing and, if needed, counseling
- Tuberculosis tests
- Immunizations, including Hepatitis B shots
- Yearly pap tests
- WIC appointments for students unable to attend their regular appointments
- Checkups
- Drop-ins are welcome

All Campus Welcome Back



Oct. 1st 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

In the Courtyard

Menu: Burgers, Vegi Burgers,
Vegi Sticks, Cookies, Chips, Soda
Price: \$2.00 per plate

Featuring:
Info and club booths,
live music, mini golf

Sponsored by the LBCC Student Programming Board

While you're at the BBQ, check out this event!



Author and professor Douglas Cazort will be available to sign copies of his book - *Under the Grammar Hammer: The 25 Most Important Mistakes and How to Avoid Them.*

From 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Courtyard Books can be purchased for \$14.00 each. All profits from the sale of the books will go towards funding more activities.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Group!

Planning meeting;

Two meeting times available:

Tues. October 7th 3-4 p.m. and

Wed. October 8th 12 noon-1 p.m.

Need more information?

Call Shaun, 917-4660 for locations and answers.

Four Oregon artists display watercolors, ceramics

From the LBCC News Service

Watercolors and ceramics by Oregon artists will be exhibited at the LBCC Art Gallery from Sept. 22 to Oct. 30 in the AHSS Building.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. A closing reception for the artists will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m. in the gallery.

Three watercolorists, Tom Allen, LaVonne Tarbox-Crone and Jane Kelsey, share the exhibit with Iron Mountain Pottery ceramist David Stern.

Allen, a Corvallis artist and former LBCC art teacher, conveys his love of nature in a bold, fresh style called "American Colorist" by some critics. Allen says his full palette of color and brush strokes "imitate nature, rather than copy it."

An artist since the third grade, Allen has sold over 600 paintings to public and private collections worldwide. Allen has served as artist-in-residence at

Yellowstone National Park and at the College of Agricultural Sciences at OSU.

Jane Kelsey is a new watercolorist in Corvallis. Though she paints with great detail, she rejects the "photo-realist" label because she rearranges the facts. She presents what normally goes unnoticed in renderings of glossy reflective surfaces and the worlds happening within.

Tarbox-Crone of Eugene is a full-time watercolorist. Her work brings dazzling light into the corners of everyday life: sparkling vistas of trees and sky, fallen leaves in the city, snowy vistas and bright ice in the forest, a Sunday excursion in a vintage car.

Stern, of Iron Mountain Pottery, makes dinner plates, bowls, canisters, lidded jars and vases with strong and natural colors and practical everyday use. Working full-time on his craft in Sweet Home, Stern says, "I love the craft, I love connecting to people through my pots, and I'm grateful to have fun and



Digital photo by Josh Burk

The LBCC Art Gallery is showing paintings and pottery through Oct. 30.

make ends meet."

Stern's glazes remind us of Oregon's green ryegrass fields, blue mountain skies, and sandy coast.

Stern says, "To live well is to live with art. There is no substitute for serving a meal on real materials of clay, crafted from your area."

review

'Full Monty' exposes male anxieties

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Anyone who's ever been unemployed for an extended period of time, or had to go through a really frustrating job search, ought to know exactly how the heroes of "The Full Monty" feel—ready to do absolutely anything for a buck (or a "quid" as they say in Yorkshire).

But as desperate as we may get at times, I think it's safe to say that few of us have ever considered becoming a male stripper to pay our rent or child support. And that's what makes "The Full Monty" such a hilarious movie.

"The Full Monty" takes place in Yorkshire, a rusting steel town in the north of England. Its protagonist, Gaz, played by Robert Carlyle, used to work at one of the city's many decrepit steel mills and is now unemployed, divorced and on the verge of losing any chance to see his son because he owes 800 pounds for child support.

Gaz's friend Dave (Mark Addy), is still married, but the union is now devoid of love, romance and even communication. Like Gaz, Dave too used to work at the steel mill, and both men have been out of work for so long that they don't even bother looking for jobs anymore.

It isn't until Gaz is forced to face the prospect of not being able to see his son Nathan (William Snape) anymore that he becomes inspired to find a way to make money. And what an inspiration it is!

After passing by a male strip club and realizing how much money the dancers take in for what appears to be little work at all, Gaz hatches the most unlikely of schemes: to treat the ladies of Yorkshire to a display of the finest middle-aged, balding, out-of-shape, arrhythmic, buck-naked talent the local men have to offer.

In a black-and-blue-collar town full of unemployed men desperate to do

anything for some cash, it's not hard to recruit people for the job. One of them even has a decent body and another has actually taken a dance class or two, so the audience is treated to some great audition and rehearsal scenes, including a full dress rehearsal (or is that a full undress rehearsal?) that culminates in the whole troupe getting arrested, which makes for great publicity.

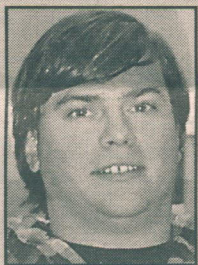
Aside from the delightfully ludicrous prospect of average-looking to decidedly unattractive men taking the stage for a striptease, a major part of the film's appeal is the way we see the characters struggling—with their job prospects, with their feelings of failure as workers, husbands and fathers. As my date to the movie remarked, this movie is about real men, not the superficial Rambo-type leading men we usually get, but men with real frustrations, anxieties and hang-ups that they must struggle to overcome.

Mark Addy, in particular, does an excellent job as Dave, Gaz's overweight friend and reluctant partner in the strip troupe who can't imagine anyone wanting to see him dance in the buff. Carlyle, who played the psychotic Begbie in "Trainspotting," also turns in an excellent performance as a man on the verge of giving up entirely until his love for his son inspires him to keep going.

A few tender scenes aside, "The Full Monty" is about laughs, and it delivers. The film's absurd premise, spiked with colorful British dialogue and a few slapstick visual scenes, makes for almost nonstop laughter.

Finally, it should be pointed out that, despite the film's title, the movie does not contain any frontal nudity. The full Monty—which is British slang for going for everything—is never actually shown, so squeamish moviegoers need not fear being traumatized by the sight of Robert Carlyle's package dangling in front of them on the big screen.

All in all, I loved "The Full Monty" and had no reservations about paying "The Full Price" to see it. It was six bucks and an hour and 35 minutes well-spent.



Albany Civic Theatre honors its 'best and brightest' in 38th annual Awards Night

by James Eagan
of The Commuter

The neon lights may be bright on Broadway, but the stars were out and the magic was in the air last Saturday night as Albany Civic Theater presented its 38th annual Awards Night.

Every year, Albany Civic Theater (ACT) honors its best and brightest of the past season in a special celebration at the start of the new season.

Even though ACT presents awards to individuals, the night is not about that. It is about the ACT community as a whole.

"Thank you" was the most prevalent theme of the evening as actors and directors showed their appreciation to fellow actors, directors, stage crew members, and all the others without whom a play at ACT could not be produced.

Some of the honorees include:

- Bruce Wells ("Something's Afoot"), Clint Burgess ("Stalag 17"), Cami Martin, Clare Schwalle, Kendra Shippy (all in "Showboat"), Leslie Quinn and Lissa Conway (both in "Fortinbras") for outstanding performances in minor roles;

- Rebecca Warner, Pamela Baker,

Olivia Bloom (all in "Showboat"), Stephanie Moore ("Crossing Delancey"), H.P. Drake III ("Greetings!") and Kevin Kirby ("Spokesong") for outstanding performances in supporting roles;

- Christopher Gorrell ("Greetings!"), Mark Summers ("Fortinbras"), Victoria Baur ("Death and the Maiden") and Claudine Smith ("Crossing Delancey") for Outstanding performances in leading roles.

- "Fortinbras" was awarded Critics' Choice and Favorite Play.

In addition, Doug Johnson was honored with a Service Award, and Shannon Wass was presented with the James Hendricks Award as the most promising newcomer.

After all the presentations were made, the real party began. Music, dancing and general revelry commenced in the Act II portion of the ACT building on downtown 1st Street, lasting until well past midnight.

For everyone involved, ACT's Awards Night was a celebration of the theater community in Albany as a whole. No one walked away a "loser."

Poets offer readings, workshops Saturday

From the LBCC News Service

Poets Jane Glazer and Ann Staley return to the Valley Writers Series, offering free public readings on Saturday Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe. The readings are sponsored by a grant from the Benton County Foundation.

After the readings, the poets will conduct concurrent workshops on writing poetry from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. To register call 917-4555. Each workshop is free and is open to 15 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Glazer has taught for 20 years in Portland and Eugene, publishing her poetry

in various literary journals. Her first poetry book, "Some Trick of Light," was a finalist for the Oregon Book Awards in 1994. She now lives in Portland, where she serves as an urban forestry commissioner. She won the Portland Beautification Award in 1995 for her work with Heritage Trees.

Staley has taught writing-intensive courses at Philomath High School and Clark College's Northwest Writing Institute. She is a founding editor of "Fireweed" and teaches the freshmen "Language and Thinking" course at Bard College in New York. Staley also teaches "Writing about the Natural World" and "Visual Thinking" at LBCC.

Exhibit targets artists with 'art in their blood'

From the LBCC News Service

When it comes to appreciating art, it may be all relative. Family relatives, that is, at the "Art as Inheritance" show at the LBCC Gallery, Nov. 2 to 26.

The public is invited to bring one to three pieces of their own or their rela-

tives art work to the LBCC Art Gallery on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., AHSS Bldg. Room 100.

Bring along a description of "How art got into your blood," that is, how art was encouraged in your home, along with any support materials available.

SPORTS PAGE

Young Roadrunner v-ball squad has big shoes to fill

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Four new faces were added to the LBCC Volleyball team before preseason to go along with five other freshmen on this year's team, making it one of the youngest squads in recent years.

Joining the team this fall were Tisha Hewitt, from Union High School, a setter and a defensive specialist; Lebanon grad Bobbi Fisk, a middle and right side player; Michele Dardis, also a right side player from Redmond High School; and Krysie Tack, a Sweet Home grad who will act as a utility player wherever she's needed.

All four were players that Head Coach Jayme Frazier had tried to sign last spring, but they signed late

"We're a very young, team and it will be a challenge for us this year."

—Jayme Frazier

because they were unsure where they wanted to play.

They join five recruits who were signed last spring: Amanda Vannice, Tamara Trier, Andrea Tedrow, Elicia McFadden and Jenny Gardner.

Returning sophomores on the team are Opal DePue, Dondi Schock and Melissa Gale. This trio will be looked to for leadership by their younger teammates. Last season Schock led the team and the NWAACC in hitting efficiency at 44 percent and had a team-high 74 kills. Gale finished fourth in the NWAACC in hitting

efficiency with 36 percent and was second on the team in digs. Gale was also a second team all-league selection, and along with Schock received Offensive Player of the Week honors during the season.

Though the Roadrunners are inexperienced, they fared quite well in preseason play, ending with a record of 3-1.

"We're a very young team, and it will be a challenge for us this year," said Frazier. "The players aren't showing a lot of confidence yet, but they have indicated some potential that they need to reach soon."

The young squad will be hard-pressed to match the success of last year's team, which finished fourth in the Southern Division with a 5-7 record, making the playoffs for the first time in school history.

jock in the box



Who: Dondi Schock

What: Sophomore Middle and Outside Player

Background: Henley H.S./Klamath Falls, OR.

Recent Highlights: In the preseason tournament at Chemeketa, she had a total of 37 kills, 18 digs, and 13 service aces, earning first team all-tournament honors.

Sports Hero: Gabrielle Reese
Best Sports Moment:

"I six packed a girl from the back row. It was a back row attack and I knocked her down."



Photo by Josh Burk

Killing Time

Students will find a few new arcade games in the College Center Recreation Room this year to help fill their spare time between classes. Also available are ping pong and pool. The rec room is located in CC-212 behind the Student Life and Leadership Office.

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Preseason

9/5 @ Shasta CA: 10-15, 3-3,
15-13, 15-15, 20-18

9/6 @ Yuba Tourney (CA):
vs. Sierra: 15-6, 8-8
vs. Feather River: 4-15, 8-15
vs. Diablo Valley: 15-8, 15-8
vs. Butte: 6-15, 15-8

9/7 @ Feather River CA: 12-15,
11-15, 15-9, 15-7, 4-15

9/10 @ Linfield (Varsity):
8-15, 4-15, 13-15

9/13 @ Chemeketa Tourney:
vs. Blue Mountain: 15-10,
11-15
vs. Shoreline: 10-15, 15-6
vs. Centralia: 9-15, 9-15
vs. Grays Harbor: 4-15, 4-15
vs. Columbia Basin: 3-15,
15-7

9/15 vs. Western Baptist JV:
15-1, 15-7, 15-13
9/17 vs. Linfield JV: 15-13,
15-9, 15-4

Regular Season

9/24 vs. Clackamas: 2-15, 4-15,
11-15
9/26 @ Chemeketa: 5-15, 5-15,
5-15

Upcoming Games

10/3 vs. Umpqua- 7 p.m.
10/4 vs. SWOCC- 1 p.m.
10/7 @ Willamette JV- 7 p.m.

Inexperience leads to two volleyball losses

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Although the preseason went well for Linn-Benton's new volleyball team, their inexperience showed in their first two regular season games.

Last Wednesday the Roadrunners lost to Clackamas at home 15-2, 15-4, 15-11. Dondi Schock and Melissa Gale led the way for the 'Runners. Schock had eight kills and three of LB's four service aces, while Gale ended with six kills and nine digs.

"Our last game was the best," Coach Jayme Frazier stated. "We played well in the third game. I was happy with their attitude, they never got down. Overall, it was a good team effort."

In Friday's game at Chemeketa, LBCC lost in three games of the same score, 15-5. Sophomores Gale and Schock again led the offensive attack with seven kills, and Gale added eight digs. However, the Chiefs' net play prevented Linn-Benton an effective offense.

"We're improving every game, but we need to compete more aggressively and improve our court awareness. We just need a little more time to get it all together and then we should be okay," said Frazier.

The coach is expecting a tough ride this year because the rest of the league is the toughest she's seen in about five years.

The losses put the 'Runners at 3-3 overall and 0-2 in league. This Friday and Saturday LB will be at home to face Umpqua at 7 p.m. and Southwestern Oregon at 1 p.m. respectively. On Tuesday they will travel to Salem to play Willamette JV at 7 p.m.

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Metals grants enable schools to improve welding training

From the LBCC News Service

With \$37,000 in grants from the Oregon Metals Competitiveness Strategy Group, students at local high schools and LBCC will soon receive improved welding and fabrication training.

"These grants will help meet industry needs and improve student awareness about careers in the metals industry," said Susan Boyanovsky, metals school partnership grant coordinator at LBCC.

LBCC will administer the grants to build a regional welding and fabrication technology program. A partnership consisting of pilot high schools in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties, LBCC, the Education Service District, Oregon State University, and Oregon metals companies will update existing high school and community college welding curriculums.

The curriculum changes will make the current training consistent with American Welding Society Entry-Level Welder Standards, Oregon's Certificate of Advanced Mastery and community college welding program entrance requirements. Students who meet American Welding Society (AWS) standards and pass a knowledge and skill exam will be eligible to receive industry-endorsed AWS credentials.

"Welder/fabricators earn above-average wages and benefits," said

Boyanovsky. As proof, she points to a 1993 national American Welding Society survey which found welder/fabricators averaged more than \$30,000 a year. Oregon's average annual wage in 1994 was \$24,789, according Oregon Employment Department data. Boyanovsky said the average annual wage in Linn County's primary metals industry is more than \$37,000.

The grant will also fund a regional metals industry education forum planned for November at the LBCC campus and industrial sites. The forum will bring together industry technicians, community leaders, officials and teachers from high schools and community colleges to learn about AWS National Standards, industry practices, school issues and school improvement models.

The grants were awarded through the METALSWORK project, a consortium which includes the Oregon Metals Industry Council, Oregon Precision Metal Fabricators Association, the Regional Strategies Board for Multnomah and Washington counties and the Portland Development Commission.

The grant proposal "was the strongest regional proposal we received," wrote Rick Dawes of Enoch Manufacturing and chair of the industry grant review committee for METALSWORK.

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Employers are looking for you! There are over 200 jobs listed at the Career Center in Takena Hall Room 101. Student Employment services are free to all present and former students. To get more information, drop by anytime and ask for Carla.

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Receive free transportation, lunch and admission to the Oregon Coast Aquarium on Oct. 11. Seats are limited to the first 12 students to sign up in the Student Life and Leadership Office, room CC-213, so bring your friends and sign up today!

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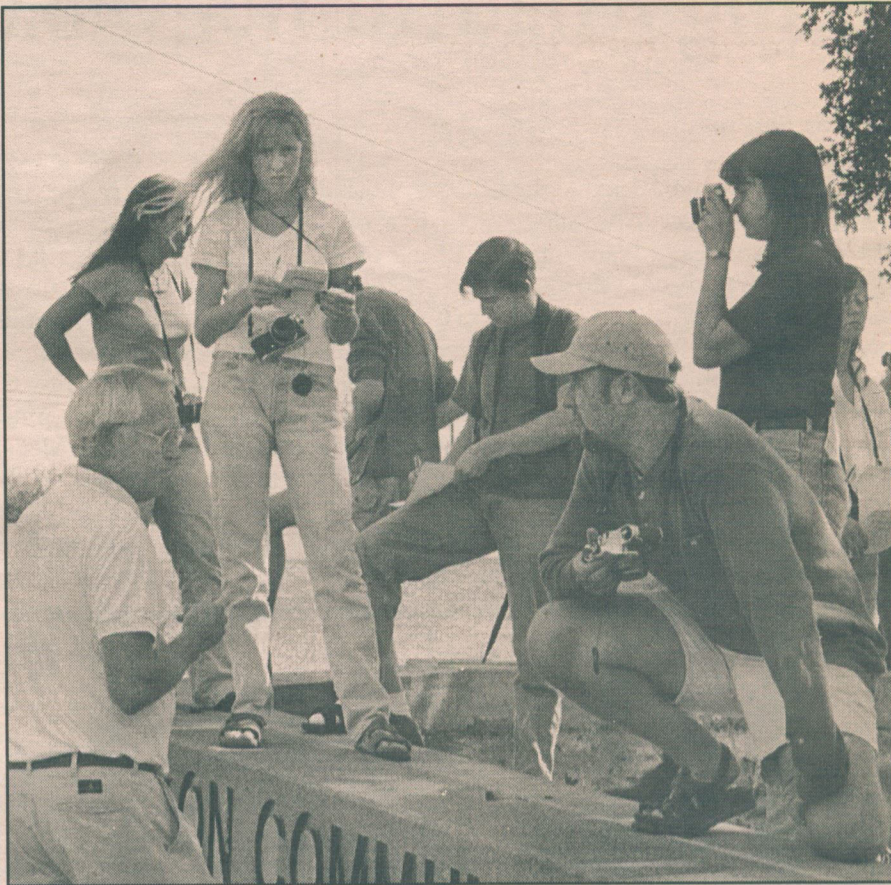
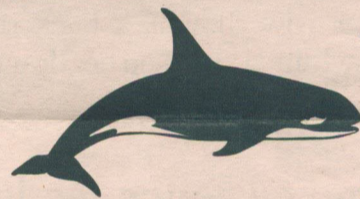


Photo by Josh Burk

What's an F/stop?

Photo lab instructor Kurt Norlin (left) works with photography students as they perform exposure exercises on the east end of campus last week. Like many other classes, Intro to Photo was full when classes started. Enrollment was up about 2 percent over last fall, according to college officials.



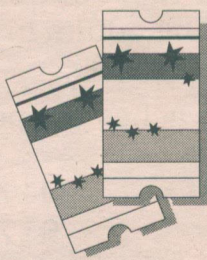
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OPINION PAGE

editorial

Got a gripe with financial aid? Here's your chance

On Oct. 13, Managing Editor Pete Petryzak and I will be attending a lunch with Congressman Peter DeFazio.

By traveling around to different schools and colleges, DeFazio is looking for students input on the financial aid system.

There are a lot of problems with financial aid. While watching students in the Bookstore, anyone can witness abuse of financial aid. Along with their books and supplies, students buy toys and candy for their kids and expensive college sweatshirts for friends and relatives. When told that there's a \$10 minimum in order to charge on their account, they become flustered because they can't buy the one candy bar they put on the counter. So instead, they turn around and grab the first thing they see that's for sale, no matter what it was, in order to bring their balance to \$10.

In addition, there are too many glitches in the eligibility requirements that prevent some students who truly need the money from receiving aid. Other glitches allow students to collect aid not because they need it, but because they can.

While not being able to evaluate each individual students' scenario, the government has developed a formula for granting aid to students.

What we as students can do to make this formula more fair is to speak out and let the government know how the system is working for us. For some it's working great, but for others it's not working at all.

That's what DeFazio is coming here for; to hear our ideas and thoughts. But he doesn't want to hear just my and Pete's ideas, he wants to hear all the students' ideas that he can.

I encourage you to contact me or Pete and let us know what your concerns are. You can reach us in The Commuter office by phone (ext. 4451) or drop by. I will also have a box on my desk for students to leave written comments. All of the comments that we receive will be taken to the meeting and presented to DeFazio.

Please don't be shy. There is too much money, and too many student educations at stake. Nothing can be done if nothing is said.

—Melani Whisler

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commentary

Apathetic community condemns itself to continuous problems and incompetent leaders

by Neil Jensen
for The Commuter

The prevailing attitude of the average American seems to be one of apathy. When asked to become involved in their communities, schools or other public projects, they seem to have many excuses. Then they wonder why there is no one to do the important tasks that need to be done.

As a result of this apathy, community and governments are run not by those whose interests reflect the needs of the population at large, but by people who may be motivated by their own self-interest.

Ask the average American to become involved in his or her own government and they say, "let someone else do it." If this were the attitude of all Americans, there would be no government and the country would be in a state of anarchy. This is obviously not a desirable situation. There are many positions in the government of a country, state county, city and even a school that must be filled by someone.

When there is a shortage of qualified people who want to be involved in their government, the quality of the people filling those positions can fall. The worst manifestation of this apathy is the low turnout for elections. In many cases, the winner may not even be chosen by a majority of the eligible voters he or she represents because of a low voter turnout. This is an inexcusable situation. When the turnout at the polls doesn't even reach 50 percent, as quite often happens, the people who are represented send the message: "I don't care who makes my decisions for me."

The excuses used by people to avoid involvement in their government are many and varied:

- "I just don't have time to vote or help out on community projects." Though they manage to find time to sit in front of the TV for four or five hours everyday.
 - "I don't think I'm qualified" (to do that work, to make those decisions, etc.). What makes them think that the people who are willing to try don't feel the same way, too?
 - "Somebody else will do it." If everybody felt this way, then nobody would do anything.
 - "My vote doesn't count anyway." This explains why so many scandalous politicians remain in office.
- These and many other excuses, some of which are

very creative, are used by Americans to avoid their civic duty.

We often hear people asking, "Why doesn't someone deal with this problem?" whatever that problem is. The people who ask this question quite often don't want to do anything themselves, but want someone else to do it. The net result is that problems, which need remedies, are quite often overlooked or ignored by those who could do something.

"Why doesn't my representative represent my interests?" This questions and many like it are too often asked by people who would not be willing to do the job themselves. They do not realize that one of the most important qualifications of a public official is a willingness to do what others will not. This leads to some very crooked and perverse people gaining positions in government.

Then we ask, "why are politicians so crooked?" not realizing that we helped elect them even if we didn't vote. Not voting can be the same as voting for people you don't like. At least by voting you can express your choice, even if your candidate doesn't win.

Is there a cure for apathy?

Becoming involved in your community and the governing of it are the only sure ways to cure apathy. When you see a problem in need of fixing, attack it in whatever manner you are able. This may mean a letter campaign, physically fixing the problem or anything else you feel will work.

When someone is needed to run a civic project, volunteer. You may be just the person needed. This is how those projects get done. If you feel a certain program you have seen in another community would improve your own, get it started. If you don't start it, no one else will. If you see a position that needs filled on your local school board, run for it. This is how school board members are found. If you feel your interests aren't being represented, talk to your representative or run for office yourself. If you think you could do a better job, maybe you can.

Remember, all of these things have to be done by someone. Why not you? If you feel you may be able to contribute even a very small amount, do it. Just do it. That is the answer to getting things done in this country and in this community. Even if it is just voting, you should do your part for yourself and your community.

LOONEY LANE

Despite Mom's and Dad's favorite recipes and late-night hours, students still slam their campus dining service

by Colleen De Baise CPS

Amanda Horowitz is sick of dining hall food. Horowitz, a Northwestern University sophomore, is a vegan. That's kind of like a vegetarian except stricter—she won't touch meat or any food that comes from an animal, such as milk or cheese.

Needless to say, she finds her dining hall options a bit limited. "It seems like three out of four days I have beans, beans, beans," she complains. "That is all they think I want to eat. I used to love all kinds of beans, but it gets old fast. Beans, beans, beans."

Other students are less critical of dining hall grub. Chris Bokel, a Syracuse University freshman, says the cafeteria meals are tasty, if not exactly gourmet.

"Everyone always complains [but] they can't possibly accommodate everyone," he says. "I mean, you can't expect the dining hall to be a five-star restaurant."

Maybe not, but campus dining halls, once considered the scourge of college students' existence, have been forced to spice up their image to compete with fast-food restaurants, pizza delivery and local eateries. As a result, some dining halls now lure students by asking parents to send in favorite recipes. Others offer trendy foods such as wraps, smoothies and cappuccino. Dining halls even are offering late-night meals and delivering food to better accommodate students' busy lifestyles. Still more cafeterias work to meet the epicurean needs of picky eaters like Horowitz.

An estimated 15 percent of students who eat at campus dining halls forgo the standard beef stroganoff and chicken divan, choosing vegetarian meals instead. And, "salads aren't the only vegetarian option at most colleges," says S.E. Nunmaker, food services manager at American University. The college's food service saw an 8 percent rise in the number of vegetarian students last year and now offers garden burgers, pastas and other vegetable dishes. Just like Mom's? Some dining services are hoping to attract students through Mom's "home cooking."

At Saint Mary's College in Indiana, the menu showcases parents' recipes. Students dine on "Gretchen's Mom's Herb Chicken," "Maura's Mom's Tuna Noodle

Casserole," "Kristen's Mom's Mac-n-Cheese" and "Janet's Mom's Meatloaf."

Roanoke College in Virginia also urges parents to send in favorite recipes so that students who eat at the campus dining hall feel more at home. "College food does not mean inferior food," said Michael C. Maxey, dean of admissions at Roanoke. "We've had students who told us that they chose Roanoke because of the food after they made a decision about the quality of the college."

Still, campus dining services find students are a difficult crowd to please. Brian Landauer, 18, a Syracuse freshman, admits his favorite dish is take-out. "I have a full meal plan, and at the end of the week, I have 13 meals left! I only eat in the dining hall when it is absolutely necessary," he says. "The food literally makes me sick." Horowitz is convinced her campus cafeteria can't get lettuce right. "And the salad is pretty awful everyday—the lettuce is always limp and icky," she says. "For once I'd like some decent salad. I don't think that is too much to ask, do you?"

For most students, it's an issue of quality, not quantity. Even tough critics admit campus dining halls are serving up more than mystery meat and noodle casseroles. Most cafeterias have made an effort to spice up their daily menus. The dining hall at Western Washington University now offers Cyberwraps, or tortillas, rice, beans, meats, fresh vegetables and spices rolled into a lunchtime wrap. Students can wash it down with a "Final Exam," which is a frosty carrot, apple and celery juice blend. Made-to-order quesadillas filled with peppers, meats, cheese and onions pressed between sun-dried tomato and pesto is a main dish at Northeastern Louisiana Univer-

sity. Indian curry chicken, Spanish tapas and other ethnic entrees are on the menu at Northwestern. Yet, often even a more varied menu than years before doesn't improve the dining halls' reputation in the eyes of students.

"The dining hall has done a lot in the last year to increase the variety and options, but it has not really increased the quality of the food at all," said Jeff Jewett, 19, a Northwestern University sophomore. "It's still the same old dorm food."

Other students say their main gripe with the dining hall is its schedule. "The real problem I have is with the hours of the dining hall," says Shanon Henry, 18, a Syracuse freshman. "I'm a college student. I don't go to bed at 10 o'clock at night. I eat dinner at 5 or 6 p.m., and then come 10 o'clock, I'm hungry again, and I have nowhere to go for food."

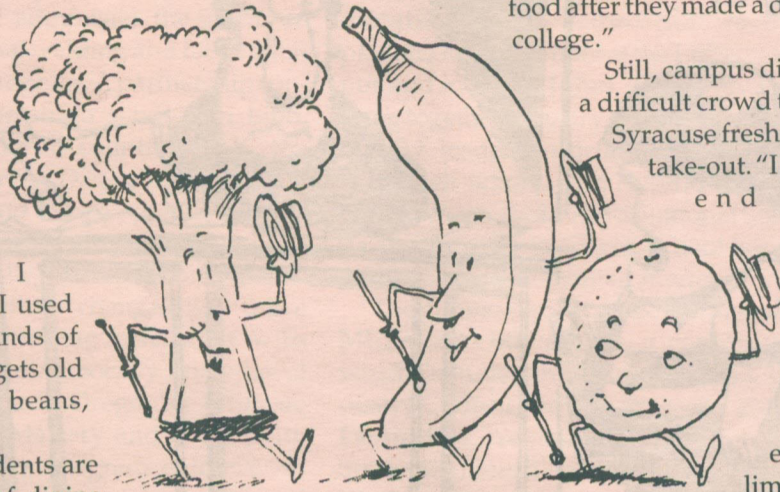
Henry's night cravings aren't unusual, according to Marriott Management Services, which manages the dining services at 500 colleges nationwide. In a four-year study of more than 75,000 college students, faculty and staff members, the late-night meal or "fourth meal" turned up as a popular trend. About 60 percent of students say they eat a meal after 10 p.m., with many colleges have started a late-night pizza delivery service to meet the needs of hungry students burning the midnight oil. Others have added cafeterias and convenience stores with night hours to provide students with the "fourth meal."

The survey also found that students prefer to bring one-third of their campus-bought meals back to their dorm rooms or apartments.

According to the survey, students eat alone because "There's no one to eat with," and "I want to eat and watch TV or use my computer." In an effort to cater to students who are a "party of one," many colleges have added more options to their take-out menu. Some campus dining halls even offer dorm or apartment delivery.

Allison Bryan, 19, a University of Missouri student, says campus dining halls will never live up to students' discriminating tastes as long as there are so many mouths to feed.

"I think that our dining halls try hard to bring good food to us, but serving the masses is hard," she says. "[That] leads to inefficiency, and sometimes inferior food."



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RIGHT AROUND THE AGE OF 11 OR 12, GIRLS HAVE A TENDENCY TO GROW IN HEIGHT A LITTLE FASTER THAN BOYS OF A SIMILAR AGE... THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF MY TWIN SISTER, TRACY... & I CAN REMEMBER THE EXACT DAY IT BEGAN TO HAPPEN...

SO I FOLLOWED THIS WEIRD SMELL UP THE STAIRS & INTO THE FIRST DOOR ON THE LEFT... HOLY TOLEDO!! I ENTERED A ROOM THAT COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A WHITE BOY'S PARADISE... POSTERS, A BONG, A FRIDGE, A HUGE STEREO BLARING AC/DC... KISS BACK IN THE 80S... Hey man... Do you like AC/DC? Uh, yeah... Not about to get into one of those "Disco Sex Conversations"

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MY MOM TOOK TRACY & I OVER TO HER FRIEND'S HOUSE... Kerri!! You should go check out my two boys room!! It's upstairs to the left... Just follow your nose...

AFTER SITTING THRU A DEAFENING DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWER OF THEIR STEREO, THE BOYS FOLLOWED ME BACK DOWN-STAIRS... Isn't their room wild, Kerri? Do you like AC/DC? Uh, yeah!!

EVER SINCE THAT DAY MY SISTER QUESTIONED JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING OUR MOM EVER TAUGHT US... Mom!! I was just telling the truth!! Hey you telling me that it's not right for me to tell the truth? ... & MY MOM HUNG ME FROM THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR.

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THIS IS LENNY, MY NEW ROOMMATE'S CAT... A LOT OF FOLKS ARE SURPRISED THAT I LET A CAT MOVE INTO THE FLAT BECAUSE OF MY PET RAT, ANA CHAVEZ... I'M KINDA SURPRISED MYSELF... BUT IT'S AMAZING HOW WELL BEHAVED THIS FELINE IS...

I MEAN... IMAGINE HAVING TO GO AGAINST EVERY INSTINCT YOU WERE EVER BORN WITH... IT'S REMARKABLE... THIS CAT HAS THE PATIENCE OF JOB... HE IS THE EPIHOME OF PASSIVENESS...

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