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ASG election attracts large voter turnout

by Kelly Heinonen
of The Commuter

In the largest voter turnout in recent memory, Todd Gifford was elected student body president last week, beating his only challenger, Roger Shear, by just two votes.

Voter turnout was substantially higher this year than in previous years. Last year only 47 people voted, while this year's voter turnout was 298. Current ASG officers attribute this to the fact that

for the first time, students were able to vote on-line.

Other winners were Jonathan Henderson, vice president; Sherrie Fenn, public relations representative; and Luke Theurer, science and industry representative. Mike Steele, a write-in candidate for representative at large, was also elected, pending the completion of the ASG student government application.

Offices that still need to be filled include representatives for business and

health, student services and liberal arts. Students can go to the Student Life and Leadership office to apply. Applicants will be interviewed by the current ASG officers, who will select the most qualified candidate.

Voters also approved an increase in student fees of up to 20 cents per credit



Todd Gifford

hour to finance free bus passes for all students. The results will be used by ASG to persuade the Board of Education and the local bus companies that serve the campus to adopt the plan. If approved, full-time students will pay from \$1.50 to \$3 more per term.

Proposed amendments to the ASLBCC Constitution that would realign ASG representative positions with the college's revamped division structure failed to pass.



Photo by Kathy Hansen

Catch it While You Can

David Hayes takes advantage of a break in the clouds to munch down a pizza from the Courtyard Cafe. Unfortunately, a sunny courtyard will be a rare sight this week, as forecasters call for continued clouds and periods of rain through the weekend.

Racist fliers cause outcry in Corvallis

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

Last Monday, some residents of Corvallis woke up and found disturbing, racially-suggestive fliers scattered on their lawns.

The fliers, some of which were found in close proximity of Garfield and Wilson elementary schools, portrayed the silhouette of a black man smoking, and was spattered with comments including "He may be your equal, but he's not ours!"

Enraged and fearful, many residents made complaints to Mayor Helen Berg and to the Corvallis Police Department.

Adrienne Graham, Corvallis' ombudswoman, stated that though the content expressed seems slanderous, "it's not a direct hate crime and only citations for littering can be issued at this time."

Although the investigation is being conducted from a littering standpoint, it's undisputed that the community reacted to the content of the flier.

"This sort of thing leaves the community thinking what can we do," said Graham.

Suggestions have been made to start a neighborhood watch.
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Governor tells students to get educated and get involved

by Katherine Botkin
of The Commuter

Gov. John Kitzhaber reminded about 70 high school seniors that they would be responsible for Oregon's future at the "Class of 2000 Forum" held at LBCC last Wednesday.

"You can determine your place in society," Gov. Kitzhaber said, telling the students that they could cause change by getting an education, which he linked to voting. The forum was sponsored by the Corvallis Gazette Times and Albany Democrat-Herald to gather ideas from high school seniors about the challenges facing them in the new century.

Until his junior year in college in 1968, the governor said he wasn't at all inter-

ested in politics himself.

Then he started noticing a few things about the world around him. Black citizens couldn't vote, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s non-violent civil disobedience was in full swing. King would take a group of blacks into a restaurant where they were not allowed and wait until they were arrested.

The Vietnam War was underway, too, and even though 18-year-olds couldn't vote (at that time the voting age was 21), they could get drafted and be sent halfway around the world to fight for the rights of people who could vote.

After King was assassinated, Kitzhaber said he and his friends started getting involved. They went door-to-

*"When I'm 70, you guys
will be in charge."*

—Gov. John Kitzhaber

door getting signatures to try to lower the voting age. Ultimately, their efforts paid off.

Kitzhaber admitted to the students that the world is much different now—although young people still get sent off on military peace-keeping missions. He said only the day before he'd sent a National Guard corps off to Bosnia, and some of the soldiers were as young as 19.

Yet the world is different—more difficult, said the governor—which brought
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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Gov. Kitzhaber addresses high school students at the Class of 2000 Forum last week at LBCC.

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OFF BEAT

Plane wrecks car

Judy Neuhaus had just brought her son's car home from the mechanic in Englewood, Fla., and told the lad that he needed to take better care of the vehicle. Then, a single-engine Cessna 150 airplane dropped out of the blue and crushed it. The pilot and his passenger were not injured. The car now needs more work.

Cook serves late night snack

A cook and a waitress on duty at the Huddle House restaurant in Mount Pleasant, S.C., closed the place down late one night, and brought two dozen of their friends in to feast on free food. The entire incident was caught on videotape. Arrests may follow.

Drinking winners robbed

Two men won \$21,000 in a Detroit casino, and then foolishly decided to celebrate their good fortune in a Southfield, Mich., bar. After a number of drinks, they went outside where they were promptly robbed of their winnings.

Too old to be bold

A 50-year-old woman with a gun tried to rob the Texas Tavern in Roanoke, Va., but the proprietor refused to hand over any money, and the bar patrons simply ignored her. "People continued to eat their chili, and they just kind of looked at her," prosecutor Neil Horn said. She resorted to pleading and then finally gave up and left. She was arrested a short time later.

Man caught in the act

Despite a ban on smoking on all airliners, Charles Everman slipped into the bathroom of the Boeing 737 flying him out of Houston for a quick nicotine fix, confident that he wouldn't be caught. But he accidentally started a small fire, setting off alarms and forcing the plane to land in El Paso. He faces various charges.

Alleged wife beater

After her husband died, Nyoero Ongori, of Bomwanda, Kenya, "married" another woman, Mary Orang'o, eight years ago, forming a social union allowed by her Kisii tribe under certain circumstances, though not recognized under Kenyan law. Anyhow, the "marriage" was a nightmare. Now 80, Nyoero took her "wife" to court accusing her of all sorts of abuse, cruelty and general odiousness. A "divorce" was granted.

From the TMS News Service

Design consultant creates fresh spring look

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

LBCC will soon be getting a new look starting in the spring quarter.

Mayer/Reed Design Consultants of Portland was hired by the LBCC administration to design a new sign system on campus to help better direct students and visitors to classrooms and offices. During last year's construction, several offices were moved or had their entrances changed, including the library, The Commuter, Student Life & Leadership and some classrooms. As a result, most of the new entrances off the courtyard have had only paper signs hanging in their windows for months.

Architecture Metal Crafters of Clackamas was hired to do the exterior installation of the signs. Marlene Propst, the director of marketing and public relations at LBCC, said that the project is being professionally signed "from the road up," meaning students and visitors will find directions to campus offices as soon as they pull into the parking lot. She added that this is the first time that LBCC has been professionally signed since the campus was built in the 1970s.

The new signing system cost LBCC \$68,000, and the funding came from the major construction bond that was issued in 1994.



Photo by A.J. Wright

Marlene Propst, director of marketing and public relations, shows off some of the new signs that will soon replace the old wooden signs found around campus.

The color-coordinated signs have a black-and-blue background with white lettering and a touch of yellow. The signs will have building directories with maps that list staff offices at each entrance. Exterior signs will be placed all around the campus, and parking lot and pedestrian markers will be visible to students as they walk up to the buildings.

The old wooden signs now located in front of Takena Hall, the College Center and the Activities Center will be replaced.

Social held today for business and computer students

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Business and computer systems division majors are invited to attend a student success and retention social and munch on free pizza and drinks today from 2-5 p.m. in the Fireside Room, where advisors and faculty will help guide students with their schedules and careers.

"Our goal is to have students in this division have a sense of community," said Angie Klampe, a counselor liaison for the business and computer systems division.

The division is composed of 17 majors in the business management, business technology and computer systems pro-

grams, which include such majors as business administration, accounting technology, legal secretary and computer science.

The social is an attempt by administrators to give business and computer system students a chance to better prepare their schedules and careers.

"We're interested in ensuring that students are on the right course," said Sally Andrews, an LB faculty member.

With over 200 students scheduled to attend yesterday's social and an additional 130 slotted to attend today, the event is an attempt to help guide the large number of students involved in the programs and to make sure they are on

the right track in terms of classes they should be taking and what they need to graduate.

Klampe points out the need for students who are part of such a big program to feel that they are a part of a larger picture.

"We want to put a face with the names," added Andrews.

This is the pilot project by administrators to target student retention in the business and computer system programs.

If the social is a success, it will be refined with help from student advisors.

"We want them to connect with their advisor," said Klampe.

Hate Flyers: Community outraged by outbreak of racist literature littering lawns

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hood Watch group geared at preventing future episodes.

A logo on the fliers linked them to the World Church of The Creator, an Illinois-based "church" that advocates white power.

The WCTC's Web page includes such titled articles as the insane teaching of creativity, an Internet Blitzkrieg and blatant statements that Jews were responsible for the slave trade.

Extreme support groups for this organization have displayed militant behavior toward other ethnic and religious groups and some incidents have resulted in aggravated murder.

"So far there's been no indicators that

"This sort of thing leaves the community thinking 'what can we do?'"

—Adrienne Graham

such a group exists in Corvallis," said Graham.

According to Graham, a plan of action to deter distribution of racial literature will be put onto the agenda at the next meeting of the Community Alliance for Diversity.

Among founding members of the alliance are LBCC President Jon Carnahan and Director of Student Programs Tammi Paul Bryant.

Gov.: Education is 'currency of success'

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him back to his first point.

"Education is the currency of success," he said. He told the students that education, job opportunities, housing, public safety and environment issues would affect them in the years to come, and for that reason they should vote. Only six percent of people 18-35 vote—it's the people over 50 who primarily decide the outcome of elections.

"If younger people voted, they could change the complexion of the Oregon legislature," Gov. Kitzhaber pointed out.

Over and over, he stressed the importance of getting involved. "When I'm 70, you guys will be in charge," he said.

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IN FOCUS

UNCOMMON GROUND



Sidekicks cafe has a drive-up window for students in a hurry or a relaxing sitting area for those with time.



Sidekicks offers a large array of foods from soups to sandwiches and pastries and cakes. Teas, coffees and biscotti provide a lift.



Gone to the Dogs coffee shop provides the early birds with a quick fix, featuring not only espresso drinks but also a wide variety of food.

Get that morning kick at Sidekicks Gourmet Desserts & Espresso in Albany

With a quiet and friendly atmosphere, Sidekicks Gourmet Desserts and Espresso offers just about everything a person could want—good food, friendly people, a relaxing atmosphere and reasonable prices.

Inside, students will find an array of foods including salads, soups, pastries, sandwiches, muffins and cake. And of course they have a large selection of espresso beverages.

There is plenty of sitting room in the old diner interior. As long as the customers are eating or drinking, the staff does not mind students studying unless there are people waiting for seating.

For those in a hurry, there is a drive up window where customers can pick up their lunch and caffeine jolt. If that is not enough, huge cakes (including an excellent carrot cake) are available along with several other sugar-laden desserts all of which are guaranteed to satisfy the sweetest tooth.

The espresso is good, with a whole board full of selections. If you feel adventurous try a new drink, if not, all the normal drinks are available.

The people at Sidekicks will even sell you various coffee blends by the pound, or if coffee is not your forte, they have a large selection of teas available.

Sidekicks is varied enough that one can go out for a complete sit down lunch or just grab a quick bite to eat.

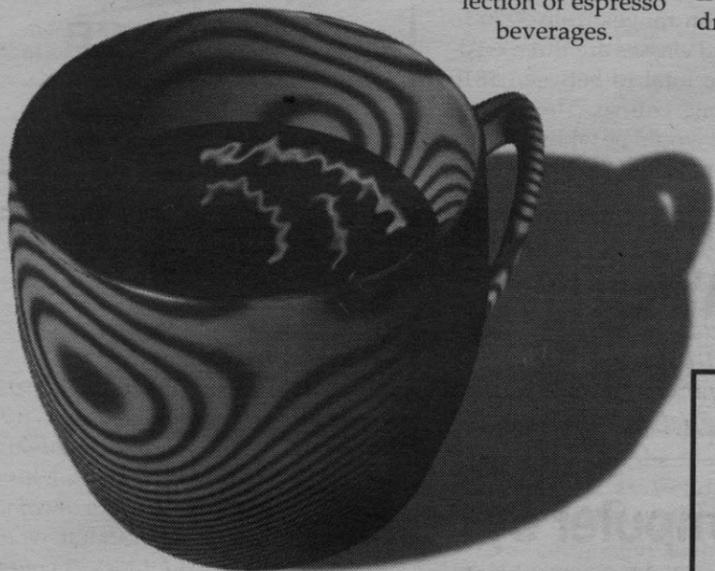
Sidekicks is located at 832 S. Lyons Street in Albany. They are open Monday through Thursday 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

The early bird goes to the Dogs for its morning buzz

Whether you want coffee, hot dogs, biscuits and gravy or a frescante, Gone to the Dogs is the answer for those unfortunate enough to be up at 5:30 a.m. in the morning.

Breakfast options also include bagels, muffins and Polish sausages. The coffee is good, and as the sign says—it is hot. For those don't drink coffee, chai tea, hot chocolate and frescantes (similar to milkshakes) are available.

With fast, competent help, Gone to the Dogs provides breakfast and lunch for those in hurry. It opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 308 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.



Graphic Illustration by Joe Ellingson

Coffee fact:

According to legend, coffee was discovered by goat herders after they made the link between their jittery goats and the coffee plant the lucky beasts were feasting on.

Tangent Coffee provides coffee and pastries for students en-route to school

Located on Highway 99 just past the Highway 34 exit, Tangent Coffee provides snacks and good coffee for LB-bound students.

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Assorted Flavors	

Find a book and a buzz at Grass Roots Bookstore in downtown Corvallis

Grass Roots Bookstore in Corvallis, located at 227 Second Street, has great coffee, a fabulous selection of non-top-40 music, books and friendly service.

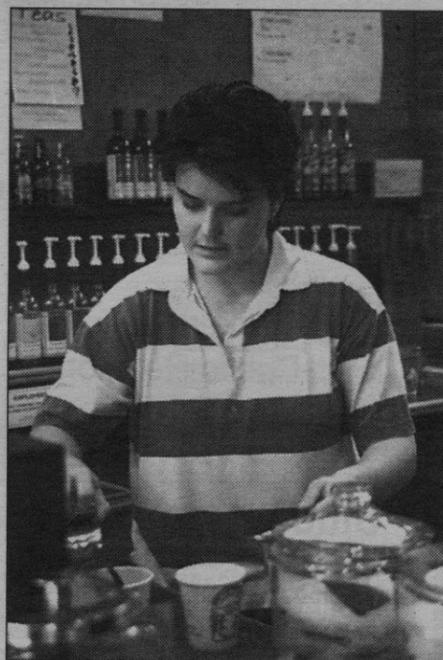
Whether your looking for Celtic music, a new best seller or just a good cup of java, Grass Roots can serve you. CD players on the counter allow customers to listen to new releases while waiting for the barista to complete their coffee. The coffee is primo, with a wide variety of espresso drinks available to the coffee connoisseur.

Grass Roots is open Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and is definately worth stopping by.

Coffee fact:

The person who prepares espresso is called a barista.

Stories by Robin Camp Photos by Robin Camp and Lizanne Southgate



Laura McGinty draws espresso at Grass Roots Bookstore in Corvallis.

Coffee fact:

To ensure that your coffee is enviromentally-friendly make sure it is shade grown. This will let you know that the coffee did not contribute to deforestation of the rainforest or destruction of migratory bird habitat.

CAMPUS NEWS

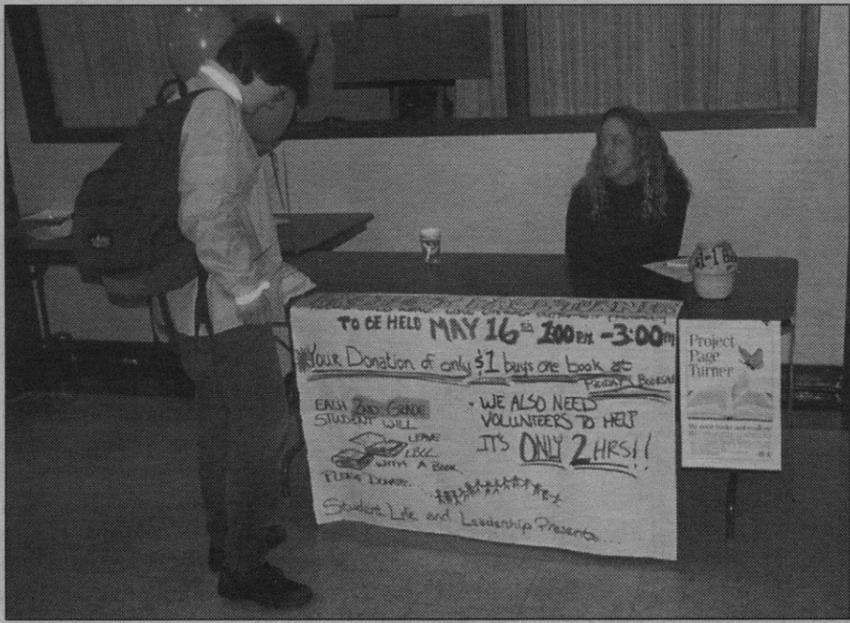


Photo by Christopher Spence

Bucks for Books

Nora Webb, a member of Student Life & Leadership, collects donations for Project Page Turner, an outreach literacy program for local second-grade students.

LB hosts University of Phoenix

by Corey Stewart
of The Commuter

Many people don't realize that within the confines of LBCC's campus lies an entirely separate university. The University of Phoenix is the largest private university in the United States with 70,000 students currently enrolled. The Albany campus opened in January of 1999. A three-credit, five-week class consists of about 12 to 15 students and classes are convened one night a week for about four hours. For the working student, this university may be an expedient way to receive a degree while still having time for a job or raising a family.

"Classes consist of working professionals with common bonds," said Jena Hedding, the university's enrollment counselor. "Most of our students are parents and/or spouses and have car payments, house payments, etc." The University of Phoenix caters to the working adult and allows them to attend work-related intensive classes while continuing to have time to earn a steady paycheck.

Classrooms are rented from Linn-Benton, and the teachers are working professionals who teach in their field. The purpose for this is so students can get more of a hands-on approach about their course of study from people with life experience.

"The University of Phoenix has been a wonderful opportunity for me to continue my education," said Stephanie Maxon, a health resource supervisor who works on LBCC's campus. "I find the online forum to be very user-friendly," she added.

Class times are usually from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., leaving time for students to keep a day job. Tuition ranges from \$270 to \$300 a credit and classes are three credits, bringing the total to between \$810 and \$900 for one course. The typical length a student would be taking classes until graduation would be a year and

nine months to two and a half years depending on their degree of choice.

Bachelor's degrees offered include business management, business information systems, information technology and human services. Masters programs are also offered and include business administration, technology management and a Master of Arts in organizational management. The university is fully accredited through the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. Their credits are transferable to major universities like OSU and U of O.

If you're interested in learning more about the University of Phoenix, stop by their office on the second floor of the Industrial Arts building.

Student hunts skies for asteroids

by Charleen Nelson
of The Commuter

LBCC student John Stephan and Astronomy instructor Helix Fairweather are collaborating on an astronomy project that uses remote imaging technology to study the sky. Their hopes are to find an unknown asteroid.

The student-driven project was formulated by Fairweather after she attended several workshops at the Pine Mountain Observatory in Bend.

"There are several steps that must be taken before actually searching for an unknown asteroid," said Fairweather.

First of all, a known asteroid must be located.

Second, its location in the sky must be recorded. This is done by taking a series of images approximately every hour and in the same location in the night sky using remote imaging.

Each of these images is overlapped to look for any changes in stars. If a change or a moving white dot is found, it is probably an asteroid, according to Stephan.

The third step is to submit these im-

ages to the Minor Planet Center. The planet center will then decide if the information is correct and a known asteroid was actually found. If a known asteroid was found, the planet center will then give Fairweather and Stephan the go ahead to search for unknown asteroids.

If Fairweather and Stephan do discover an unknown asteroid, they have decided to name it in memory of Stephan's Aunt Mary, who passed away in 1959 due to cancer.

"She was a very unique person who loved to stimulate young minds," said Stephan. "She had me reading astronomy books instead of comics. I was the last one to see her before she passed away, and she made me promise to continue studying astronomy."

Right now Fairweather and Stephan's project is on hold due to bad weather. "We plan to pick back up with it in the spring," said Fairweather. "We're just in the beginning of it."

For more information or to get involved with this project, contact Fairweather at 917-4233.

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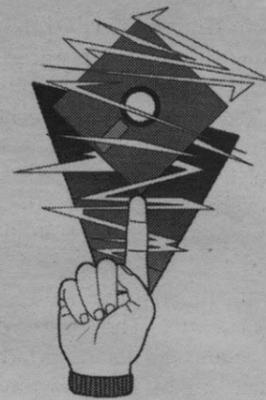
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Why you need to attend:

- To find out if you are on track for graduation
- To meet your program advisor
- To schedule spring and summer courses
- To meet other students in your division

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Choirs create 'house of song'

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Takena Theater becomes a house of song next week as Hal Eastburn directs two concerts that explore differing themes of music, including tunes of the British Isles, an excursion through the last four centuries of choral music, and a performance by an LB six-member a capella group.

The Community Chorale presents "The Sprig of Thyme," a performance of folk songs from the British Isles with orchestral accompaniment on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. The 40-member chorale will perform 11 folk songs by John Rutter, a contemporary British composer. The set includes English folk songs as well as two Irish and two Scottish songs.

The Concert and Chamber choirs will present "Mad About Music" on Tuesday, March 7 at 8 p.m., when they will perform songs about music, such as "Oh Music," a canon by Lowell Mason and "Holiday Song," by William Schuman. The Concert Choir will perform "Rejoice in the Lamb," composed by Benjamin Britten and based on a poem by the 18th century poet Christopher Smart.

The Chamber Choir will perform six 20th century compositions, including "Salve Regina," by David Childs; "O Magnum Mysterium," by William Hawley; and "Kyrie" and "Gloria" by Hal Eastburn. Six members of the men's section have formed an a capella group called the B Sharps. Adam Grieve, Chris Luckman, David Hayes, David Dominy, Anthony Rieke and Aaron Rumerfield will perform "Lonesome Road," by James Taylor and Don Gronick.

Luckman joined the LB choir last winter and feels embraced by the accepting nature of being in choir.

"It's awesome. I love being in choir," said Luckman.

Jason Schmidt, a member of the Concert Choir, echoes the feeling of familiarity felt by choir members.

"It's like family," said Schmidt.

Tickets for "The Sprig of Thyme" are \$6 and tickets for "Mad About Music" are \$4. Tickets are available at the door or from the Takena Theater Box Office. For information call 917-4531.

Team wins first LB College Bowl

by Andre Vriesman
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's first College Bowl, hosted by Student Life and Leadership, was held Feb. 14 to Feb. 18, where Fred Turner, Ben Smith, Mike Shepard and Gabriel Leach won first place after they competed in the final round on Feb. 18 in the Student Lounge.

Michael Lindsay, Ryan Parmenter, Ruby Koch and Micah Briedwell came in second in the finals.

'Scream 3': Take a nap and wait for video

by Shauna Noah
of The Commuter

"Scream 3" brings about the final installment of the "Scream" franchise with all the usual suspects.

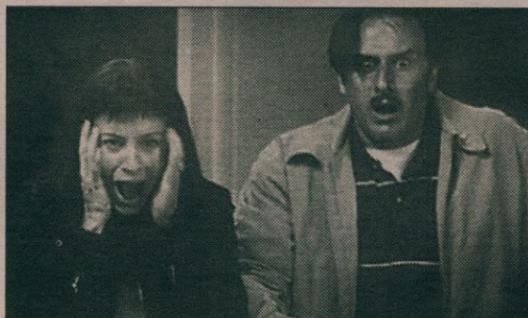
Neve Campbell stars as the reluctant heroine Sydney Prescott, Courtney Cox Arquette as snippy media hound Gale Weathers and David Arquette as the bumbling Deputy Dewy.

To fully understand the "Scream" franchise, one has to look to its past. The original "Scream" brought a significant change in the movie industry with its fresh and witty dialog and surprising plot twists when it debuted in the mid-90s. It marked the beginning of a little-known screenwriter Kevin Williamson, who went on to become the middle-aged voice of a teen generation by writing the "The Faculty," "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and TV's "Dawson's Creek."

Williamson introduced in "Scream" the idea that teens are less a victim of their upbringing in a media-saturated world, and more students of it. He did this all with fresh wit and sarcastic humor that both mocked and enjoyed the horror genre it was a part of.

"Scream 2" was supposed to top the first, using caustic humor and attacking the sequel fiasco of the horror genre. With movies like "Halloween 6," Williamson has plenty of material to play with. But by this time Williamson had already moved on to his other projects and director Wes Craven was trying to garner some critical praise with more mature movies.

"Scream 2" is a product of these genius' fatigue. "Scream 2" was a critical



Courtney Cox Arquette and David Arquette star in "Scream 3."

disappointment and a box office hit and run.

In "Scream 3" the business suits have taken over and are pulling out all the stops. Along with the cast of regulars, they have brought in independent film darling Parker Posey to add some hip quotient, MTV buffoon Jenny McCarthy for some campiness, and "Felicity's" Scott Foley for some eye candy. The biggest blessing is the absence of Williamson's involvement in the film, instead bringing in a younger screenwriter to pen the last installment.

The movie finds heroine Sydney hiding from the world and seemingly content to live in her own fear until the murders start again. Gale and Dewy find themselves in Hollywood where slowly the cast of "Stab 3-Return To Woodsboro" is getting slashed. When Sydney comes out of seclusion, they bond together with the LAPD to find the killer.

Gone is Williamson's pop culture-soaked dialog, but without this, the movie lends itself to be more plot-driven that is reminiscent of "who-done-its?" of the early days of cinema.

The movie itself is unbalanced. The writing is entertaining, but not fun. It's missing the zest it had in the original, so when they do flashbacks, it's just a reminder of what a spectacle it's become.

The acting is all over the place. Posey is a delight as a prima donna actress, but her type of over-enunciated mellow drama is not suited to such a spook movie. McCarthy just seems happy to be anywhere, Foley is

surprisingly good in his part as a frustrated director and David Arquette is perfect for his bumbling deputy character.

The real drag of this movie is watching Campbell and Cox Arquette. Campbell is trying to move on to more adult parts, and seems unhappy about playing Sydney once again. She shows this by making one face throughout the entire movie.

Cox Arquette is showing her age in this flick. Her thinness is distracting in the movie, as she looks more frightening than the killer. The Dewy-Gale lovefest is designed to be cute because of the real life marriage of Arquette and Cox Arquette, but it is weak and boring.

In the end, I found this movie to be redeeming, but it demonstrated that no other teen-targeted flick, not even combining the same talents, can match the original "Scream." I suggest you save the \$7 and rent "Scream 3" on video.

"Scream 3" is rated R for violence and language and is playing at Ninth Street Cinema in Corvallis. Call 758-7469 for show times.

Jail time overcomes differences, creates bonds in play

by Andre Vriesman
of The Commuter

You don't know if it's day or night. You've been chained to your bed. There are no phone calls, no letters and no hope of getting out. You are in Beirut, Lebanon in the 1980s, and you've been imprisoned, simply for being an American.

Attempting to portray the isolation, anger and despair of wrongful imprisonment, Shell Whittington's production of "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" lit up the stage of the Majestic Theatre in Corvallis last weekend. A cast of three actors starred in the play, which was almost completely dialog-based.

The play begins in a windowless jail cell with Edward, an Irish journalist played by Matthew Olsen, and a American psychologist named Adam played by Mark Staben. The boredom of captivity is quickly getting to them. Adam obsessively does push-ups while Edward spouts his anger at the captors. It's not long before Adam, and later Edward become emotionally unstable and crack.

Soon, a new addition to the mix is made when a dainty British professor, Michael (Neil Conway), lands in the cell. Michael says that he was simply buying some pears for his famous "pear flan," when he was picked up by the captors.

All of the men are afraid, and at first Edward and Adam don't accept Michael. But soon the Irishman and the American have befriended the Englishman, and form a close bond with him. Being of three different nations the men have their quarrels. There are quite a lot of Irish jokes, as well as good-natured humor

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toward the British.

The men pass the time by singing, playing games, making imaginary "movies" and having invisible "vodka martinis." They also speak out "letters" to their families—which help them to cope with the lack of communication. Edward and Michael re-enact a famous Wimbledon victory. Everything is done without props.

Just as quickly as Michael came in, Adam is later taken away from the cell by the captors. Later Michael and Edward discover that he has been killed. Despair hangs heavy, and hope seems to have run out. But Edward is soon told that he is going to be released. The play ends with Edward's release, and Michael wondering if he will ever go home.

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" is at its best is a serious, sometimes funny situation about the human effects of political kidnapping. But the Majestic Theatre's Friday performance fell short of dramatic effect, while sporadically gaining and losing momentum with the audience.

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" is showing at 8 p.m. on March 2, 3 and 4 at the Majestic Theatre, 115 SW 2nd Street in Corvallis. The play runs about two hours and 30 minutes, and contains strong language. Tickets are \$7 per person, \$5 for children and seniors. For more information call 757-6977.



Women's History Month

LB Instructor Wendy Thorson will speak on "Women: From Antiquity On."

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Mark your calendar! --LBCC's Career Fair is coming up Tuesday, April 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gym (Activities Center). We usually have over 70 employers, some with job openings and some willing to talk to you about their industry. Excellent opportunity to talk to several employers all in one place. This only happens once a year!

Cook/Chef (La Grande, Ore.) This summer job is at a lodge in a 127-acre retreat in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. You stay in a cabin with a private bath. See Carla in T101 for this full-time position.

U.S. Bureau of the Census is still looking for a lot of Census Takers. Starting wage is \$10.25/hr plus 31 cents per mile. Work evenings and weekends for about 6-10 weeks. Call 1-888-325-7733 to sign up for a time in your city to take the 30-minute test.

Desktop Specialist (Albany) This full-time position would like someone with 1-3 years experience providing support for MS NT Workstation 4.0, Windows 98, Office 97, and MS Outlook. The pay is \$30-35,000/year for this entry level job. See Carla in T101 for more information.

Violence in our community affects us all. You can help stop the cycle of abuse by volunteering at the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence. Call or E-mail Cathleen for more info, and application at 541-758-0219 or E-mail cardv@proaxis.com

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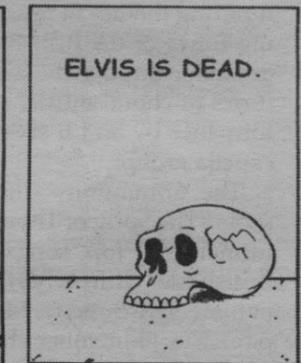
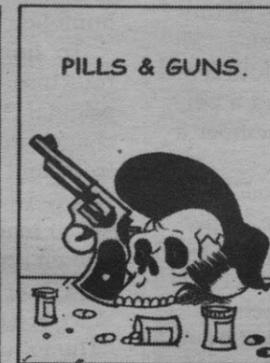
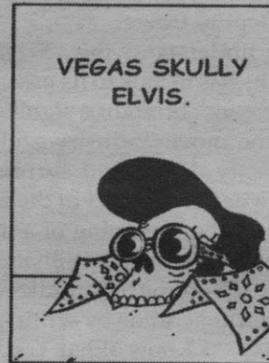
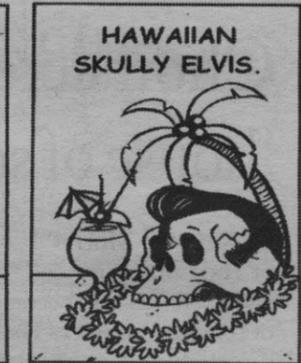
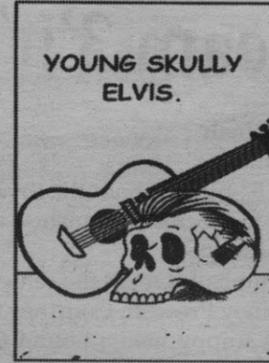
Attention **ALL STUDENTS WITH PRIOR LIFE EXPERIENCE:** The Zonta Club of Corvallis will be awarding up to 10 \$1,200 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. Interested students must meet three of the following criteria: 1) Must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at LBCC or OSU with prior life experience who have resumed their studies after a break in their education, 2) Students can demonstrate willingness to work with children in a job or profession involving the welfare of children or enrolled in a course of study to train for such a profession or job, **OR** students who can demonstrate their interest in working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women, 3) Scholarships are to be used only by full-time (minimum of nine credits) students enrolled LBCC or OSU. Submit application form (available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall or the Financial Aid Office) to Muriel Davis, 2104 NW 27th St., Corvallis, Ore. 97330. Applications must be postmarked by April 3, 2000.

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Thursday March 2, 2000

SHAKESPEARE FOR MODERN TIMES
9:00 AM • Fireside Room • Free
Learn how the works of Shakespeare are continually reinvented for each new age.

READINGS FROM THE ELOQUENT UMBRELLA - LBCC'S AWARD-WINNING LITERARY MAGAZINE
12:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
Oral interpretations by the authors.

YOUR HEROIC JOURNEY: HOW MYTHS REVEAL THE PATTERNS OF OUR LIVES
1:00 pm • Siletz Room • Free

A historical look at how mythology has been created in past cultures and is still being created today in our modern culture. Performance enactments.

THE FOLK MUSIC OF OUR HISTORY
8:00 pm • Corvallis Public Library • Free
Singer-songwriter Jon TenBroek and vocalist Sandy Smith will present a medley of songs celebrating our rich American heritage.

Friday March 3, 2000

GREAT AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
12:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
Features Dorothea Lange and the FSA.

REVITALIZING ROMANCE IN RELATIONSHIPS
12:00 pm • Siletz Room • Free
Learn how maintaining open communication in an intimate relationship is the essential ingredient in revitalizing intimacy.

IMPRESSIONISM AND THE BEGINNING OF MODERNISM IN ART AND MUSIC
8:00 pm • Tadena Theatre • Free
A lecture showing the correlation of ideals and techniques in impressionistic art and music and the influences on modernism as seen and heard through music and slides of artwork.

Sunday March 5, 2000

SPRIG OF THYME
3:00 pm • Tadena Theatre • Tickets \$6
A special Community Chorale concert featuring the music of the British Isles and Scottish folk songs.

Monday March 6, 2000

SOCIAL MAPPING - WHAT IS A HEALTHY COMMUNITY?
12:00 pm • Siletz Room • Free
A social map shows a web of social relations that reflect the interdependency of social roles and institutions and the sentiments and values that hold together or divide communities.

GREAT AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
12:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
Features Lewis Hine.

READINGS FROM THE ELOQUENT UMBRELLA
7:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
Oral interpretations by the authors.

Tuesday March 7, 2000

DEVELOPING YOUR OWN ORAL HISTORY
12:00 pm • Siletz Room • Free
How to create your own local, oral history.

FIGURE-DRAWING WORKSHOPS - OPEN SESSIONS
6:00 pm • AHSS-211 • Free
Open lab for drawing from the nude model, with optional guidance from an instructor.

MAD ABOUT MUSIC
8:00 pm • Tadena Theatre • Tickets \$4
LBCC's Concert and Chamber Choirs explore the diversity in the last four centuries of choral music by notorious authors and composers.

Wednesday March 8, 2000

GREAT AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
12:00 & 7:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
12:00pm features Edward Weston;
7:00pm features Ansel Adams.

Thursday March 9, 2000

PROPAGANDA - PLAYING WITH OUR MINDS
12:00 pm • Fireside Room • Free
How we see propaganda as "bad" when we are against an issue but don't even perceive it as propaganda when we favor the issue. Focuses on techniques and evidence of manipulation in our world.

PUBLIC ART: MURALS AND SCULPTURE
7:00 pm • Siletz Room • Free
West Coast public art in urban settings continues to grow as a valued form of artistic expression. What is it? What does it mean?

Friday March 10, 2000

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SPORTS PAGE

Barnes, Larsen, Klinkebiel receive post-season honors

by Melanie Hodel
of The Commuter

Three LB basketball players were recognized for their 1999-2000 performance.

Sophomore point guard Hamilton Barnes made Second Team All League. Barnes averaged 16.9 points, 4.4 assists and 2.2 steals per game. He hit on 47 percent of his field goals and three-point shots. He led the team in all five categories.

For the women's team, sophmores Mindy Klinkebiel and Evie Larsen received Honorable Mention for their individual performances.

Klinkebiel averaged 10.1 points per game during the league season, shooting 37 percent from the floor. She averaged 2.8 assists, and pulled down 4.8 rebounds per game. Klinkebiel led the team in free-throw shooting and was second in both assists and steals.

Larsen averaged 5.4 rebounds per game during the league season and shot 78 percent from the free-throw line. She

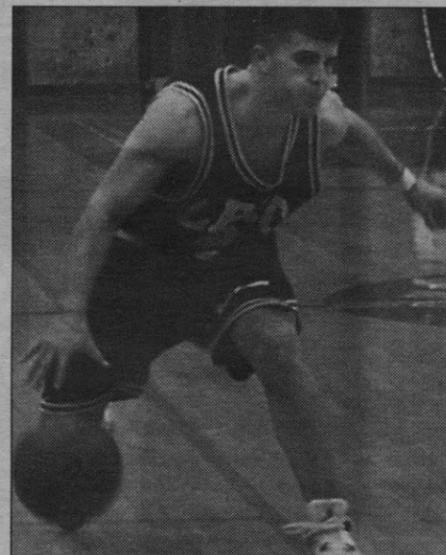
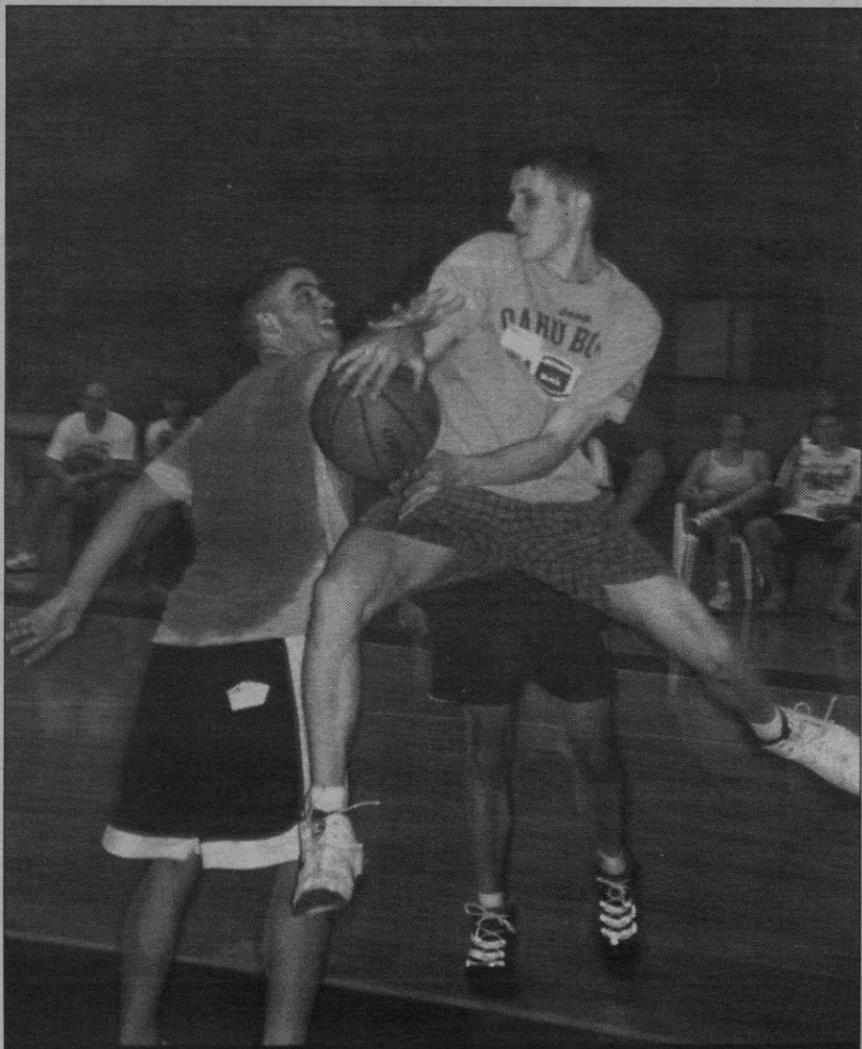


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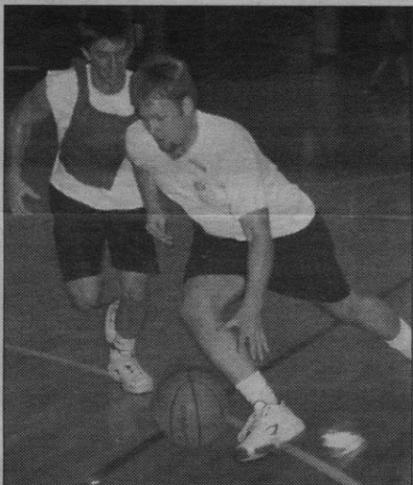
Hamilton Barnes led the Runners in scoring, assists and steals this year.

shot 44 percent from the floor, averaging 11 points per game. Larsen led the team in scoring and was second in rebounds.



3-on-3 Action

Joel Simonson (above) gets hacked as he attempts a pass during the Schick 3-on-3 Tournament in the Activities Center Friday. Simonson's team which included Chris Wells, Chris Sexton and Sara Avery, emerged as the winner. At right, Chris Bryant drives around an opponent during the first round of the tournament.



Photos by Christopher Spence

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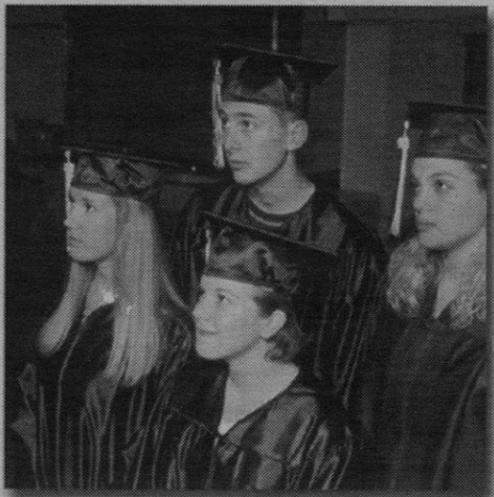
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-proclaimed anarchist calls smoking ban fascist

To the Editor:

It looks like John Griffith and Ray Hilts don't like the way I compare the Linn County Tobacco-Free Coalition to fascism and Nazism. I don't find anything offensive about my statements, all it is is Nazism in reverse. The Nazis used fascism to end lives and the LCTFC are using fascism to save lives.

Griffith and Hilts both argue that the LCTFC aren't fascist, but democratic.

However, I don't think that democracy is so great, democracy legalized slavery in the southern states and put Japanese-Americans in camps during World War II. Just because something is democratic and has a majority rules vote margin doesn't make it right. Sometimes democracy is downright fascist.

I disagree with Democrats, Republicans, Liberals and Conservatives. I'm an independent and anarchist, non-violent, mind you, so I don't like any group or one person telling me what I can or can't do.

Hilts claims that it's the voters' right to do away with secondhand smoke in public places. However, bars and restaurants aren't public places, they're privately owned establishments where the owner pays the taxes,

not the customer. The customer doesn't have any right to force a business owner to do something they don't want to do. An actual public place would be something like the sidewalk, and you don't hear anyone trying to ban smoking on the sidewalk.

The plans for an LBCC smoke-free campus are just insane.

Does anyone really want to see smokers going through nicotine withdrawal for hours a day? Many addicts will never be able to make it through an entire school day without smoking, they'll have to walk all the way out to the street to light up, I think tardiness and class disruptions will become a problem.

Is it fair to have smokers age 18 to the elderly being forced to cower with a cigarette in the bathroom like back in grade school? I'm pretty new to this area and I'd never even heard of any-

thing like a city-wide or campus-wide smoking ban.

The only thing even close to it was when a porno shop opened up and some people thought it was too close to a school. Those people were out there picketing rain or shine for months, and why not, it's an exercise of free speech, right? Of course I exercised my free speech driving by with my middle finger up. Oh, and by the way, that was over three years ago and the porno shop is still there.

I eagerly await your hate mail.

Scott Wilson

Is it fair to have smokers age 18 to the elderly being forced to cower with a cigarette in the bathroom like back in grade school?

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Do you support banning smoking in public places?

The Linn County Tobacco-Free Coalition, or LCTFC, is working on a campaign to enact a ban on public smoking in Albany and Lebanon similar to the one adopted in Corvallis two years ago. Students were asked what they think about the issue and how it would affect them.

"Well, I work at a bar and I think it would be good for people who don't smoke, but I think it could affect the bar financially. I think it should be banned for health reasons."

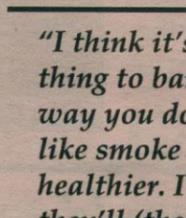
—Jeremy Koki, physical therapy major



"I think it's an infringement on the proprietor's right to have their establishment how they want it. The owner should have the option to

allow smoking. I want to be a free person to take my own risks."

—Wes Hamel, HVAC major



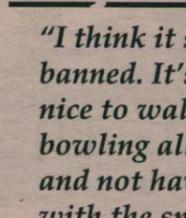
"I think it's a good thing to ban. That way you don't smell like smoke and it's healthier. I think they'll (the establishments) get more business that way."

—Erica Wood, agriculture business management major



"I smoke and I disagree. I feel it's a personal choice. I can see it in restaurants because kids are there, but adults go to bars so it should be their choice."

—Lori Kahl, nursing major



"I think it should be banned. It's really nice to walk into a bowling alley or bar and not have to deal with the smoke, like in Corvallis. I smoke and it's not that big of a deal to go outside to do it."

—D.J. Josi, animal science major

Compiled by Lori Weedmark and Robin Camp

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