

Student loan default rate climbs to new high

by Tricia Schwennesen
of The Commuter

Default rates on federal student loans skyrocketed to more than 24 percent for LBCC students for the 1995-96 academic school year.

That means that one out of four former students has failed to make their loan payments. This forces the college to institute a federal default reduction plan, Lance Popoff, director of financial aid, said.

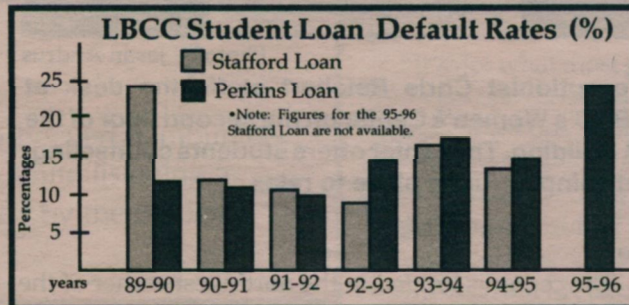
"When defaulters don't pay, that takes money from the fund and money from new students applying," he said. "If it gets over 15 percent we lose some of the new money we get from the feds for students."

Popoff said part of the problem is a change in the equation for how to compute the default percentage. The default rate is computed by dividing the total number of students who received loans into the number of students in default, John Snyder, assistant director of

financial aid said.

Previous to last year, LBCC included students who transferred to Oregon State University and University of Oregon as part of the total number of students who received federal loans.

"We had a much larger number of students for the base, and then they said we could not include them anymore," Snyder said.



The Department of Education (DOE) dictated that LBCC no longer include those students, forcing the total number of students to be fewer and making the percentage higher, he explained.

The default rate is computed approximately 24 to 36 months after the school year has ended to give students a chance to finish with a 6- to 9-month grace period before loan repayment is to begin.

Department of Education regulations mandate that the default rate remain below 15 percent for the Perkins Loan and 20 percent for the Stafford Loan. If the default rate is greater, the school must institute a federal Default Reduction Plan.

Federal student loan programs are monitored by the DOE, and if the default rate rises above 30 percent, the school is removed from the program and will no longer get federal funds for student assistance, Popoff said.

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Photo by Roger Lebar

Almond, a seeing-eye-dog-in-training, interrupts his trainer, Debbie Pierce, in the digital imaging lab. Pierce, a pre-press major, brings the dog to her classes to help his socialization training.

Future guide dog gets his start at LBCC

by Julie Robinson
of The Commuter

There's a new student at Linn-Benton Community College—a small, fuzzy, Golden Retriever named Almond.

Though the three-month-old canine isn't taking classes, he's often seen on campus with a woman named Debbie Pierce.

Pierce, a student at LBCC, has been a volunteer trainer of seeing eye pups for eight years. Pierce's main goal is to socialize the pups around people, so they will learn not to be distracted. She takes them to grocery stores, malls and around campus.

Currently, Almond is getting used to slippery floors, loud noises and learning good house manners.

When the dogs are 14-18 months old, they're sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind, a school in Boring, Ore. There, the dogs go through extensive training.

An important lesson the dogs learn is called Intelligence Disobedience. Pierce says this is the most interesting because the dogs are taught to disobey commands when they know the owner's safety could be at risk.

Pierce said at first it was hard to give her pups up at the end of the training, but then she realized how much the dogs will mean to the blind people who need them. She said she enjoys having the pups around, watching them grow and learn.

"The first puppy is always special," Pierce said. But she said seeing how much the dogs love to work for their new owner makes it all worthwhile.

Voters face record number of measures

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

In addition to selecting their choice for president, senator, representative, and state and local officers, Oregon voters will be asked to vote on an unprecedented 23 ballot measures this year.

The subjects of this year's crop include changes in Oregon's criminal code, a minimum wage increase, revisions to the bottle bill, changes in health insurance laws, light rail funding, a property tax freeze and many others. There are so many initiatives on the ballot this year that the Oregon Voter's Pamphlet had to be divided into two separate booklets, one dedicated to ballot measures and another with the traditional candidates' biographies and position statements.

Fifteen of this year's ballot measures contain proposed amendments to Oregon's constitution. The changes deal with subjects as diverse as criminal law, reporting of public employees' salaries, education and taxes.

There is also an initiative instructing Oregon's representatives in Congress to vote for term limits. Those representatives who don't vote in favor of them will be identified as having voted against term limits on the ballot in the next election.

One measure that could have a significant impact on LBCC is Measure 47, the "cut & cap" initiative. Measure 47 would reduce property taxes to either their 1995-96 level minus 10 percent or to the 1994-95 level, whichever is lower. In addition, future tax increases would be limited to no more than 3 percent annually. The measure would reduce property tax revenues by over \$1 billion in fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with public schools and other local services bearing the brunt of those revenue losses, unless voters pass alternative revenue-raising measures.

According to the Oregon Community College Association, Measure 47 would cut LBCC's annual budget by over \$800,000. It would also require voter approval for any tuition or fee increases or for any transfer of money from the college's general fund to other sources.

In addition to being confusing to many voters, five of the ballot measures have "serious constitutional

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Women's Center offers support, interesting programs and R&R

by Delvene McGovern
of The Commuter

Increased effectiveness is the new goal for the Women's Center.

Marlene Propst, the new advisor for the Women's Center, said the center is in a process of transition, and that the staff hopes to bring more structure to the program.

The center is continuing its existing program, but some of the student work-study job descriptions will be rewritten. Propst said the center has a new office manager, a new position that has been filled by social service major Kris Childress. Most of the remaining job descriptions are still on the drawing board.

The center employs 10 students, eight of whom are new this term. The student work force helps to maintain the Women's Center as a referral service for all students.

Students who are involved in some type of crisis will be advised who to contact for help. In cases involving abuse, for example, someone might offer to walk with you to a counselor's office, or even to your car after dark.

Students who frequent the center will find a peaceful atmosphere where they can relax, study or "grab a quick nap during the flu season," said Childress.

And it is a place where women of all ages can go to interact with each other, said Childress. Occasionally a college staff member will wander in to spend some time. Childress said she likes the idea that it gives students a chance to talk to faculty on an informal basis.

Coffee, tea and various snacks are available, as well as a microwave. And there is a telephone for students needing to make local calls. The Women's Center receives most of the supplies through volunteer dona-



Photo by Jason Andrus

Receptionist Chris Reichert staffs the desk at LBCC's Women's Center on the second floor of the IA Building. The center offers students counseling, advising or just a place to relax.

tions.

The center is located in the northwest corner of the Industrial Arts Building. A banner has been placed in this area to increase its visibility. In the future, Propst hopes to see the center more centrally located which would give students better access to the program and its services.

Two brown-bag lunch presentations are being planned for October and November. Among the topics being planned for the luncheons is a massage and relaxation workshop. Bulletins will be posted on campus with more information on where and when they will take place.

Computer helps students make career choices

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Do you have questions about what to major in?

Do you wish there was a way to find out what career you would excel at?

Do you want to know statistics about a particular career choice you have made, like the average salary or a detailed job description?

Is there a surplus or demand in your chosen field?

How many jobs in your chosen field are there in Oregon?

Do you want to know what colleges you could make a easy transfer to in your specific field?

Are you looking for information on scholarships?

Are you interested in a self-employment?

You can find all of the answers to all of these questions and more by using the Career Information System (CIS) in the Career Center at Takena Hall.

All you have to do is call or walk in and ask for an available time to use the CIS computer. Although it is occasionally available on a drop-in basis, normally you should make an appointment to reserve an hour. Even though an hour appointment may seem too long, once you are on the CIS program and realize all of the information you can get, that hour doesn't seem long enough.

There are no restrictions on who can use CIS—everyone is welcome, whether they are students or not.

One of the two student employment career information specialists, Molly Staats or Angie Klampe, will assist you and be available to answer questions.

The program comes with a handbook and is easy to use.

Staats said that one time a couple came all the way from Medford in southern Oregon to look for help with school choices and fields of studies. They both wanted to make drastic career changes and wanted to find both a community college to start at, and a college to transfer to later. With the assistance of CIS and staff, they were able to pick their new careers and colleges before leaving.

"We have a lot of people within the community that use the system for employment choices, or people who have retired from the military but are not ready to retire," Staats said.

The CIS system is a tremendous time saving benefit to those who use it, according to Staats. A more important issue is that people can make decisions earlier regarding their future careers. CIS can help you identify a career that you may never have thought of, or guide you to a salary that compensates you at a level you desire.

Many students are undetermined about what they want their major to be, and CIS could really make a difference for them, she said. To make an appointment to use CIS call 917-4780.

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flaws" according to a panel of six former Oregon law school deans chaired by Leroy Tomquist, former dean of Willamette University College of Law. The "Voter's Guide," a publication of the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Oregon, includes the commission's arguments why Measures 27, 33, 40, 45 and 46 could be unconstitutional. The measures in question deal with administrative rules, the legislature's authority to overturn laws passed by initiative, the rights of defendants in criminal trials, public employees retirement age and benefits and counting non-voters as "no" votes on tax measures, respectively.

The vast number of initiatives on this year's ballot underscores the need for voters to be as well-informed on the issues as possible. Voter's Guides are available in the Fireside Room in the College Center, and voters who want more information about the measures on the ballot or candidates for office can contact Project Vote Smart at 754-2746.

League of Women Voters to discuss ballot measures

by Shannon Weber
of The Commuter

A presentation sponsored by the local chapter of the American Society for Women in Community Colleges will be at LBCC to discuss upcoming measures on the November Ballot.

Paula Krane, a representative of the League of Women Voters, will be speaking at the presentation.

"State-wide ballots are the topic of discussion, and Krane will give voters an unbiased opinion on each measure so that every vote made will be an educated one," said Ann Smart, dean of students.

The event is scheduled to take place on Wed., Oct. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Calapooia Room, which is located in the College Center, and will be open to anyone interested.

Default rate threatens aid

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Between 1,800 to 2,500 students attend LBCC each year, of which 60 percent receive some form of financial aid. Financial aid includes both the Stafford loan and the Perkins loan, Pell grants, SEOG grants, the Oregon Need Grant, veterans' programs, work study and private scholarships.

Popoff said the college has tried several methods to drive the default rate down. Late disbursement of financial aid money is one way to prevent students from picking up their checks and then not attending classes. Students who receive financial aid must also have their professors sign an attendance verification form to prove they are attending classes.

Another method the college is trying is requiring first-time borrowers to attend a loan class where they watch a video, fill out the loan forms and get questions answered.

In the past, students could receive additional funds if they increased their course load from part-time to full time. However, the college did not adjust if the student dropped down to part-time from full-time status.

"The Feds came in and said, 'if you are going to do that, you have to go both ways,'" Popoff said.

Consistent financial aid is a must, and no adjustments can be made to a student's status after the first two weeks of school.

The financial aid department is looking to be quicker and more responsive in the future, he said.

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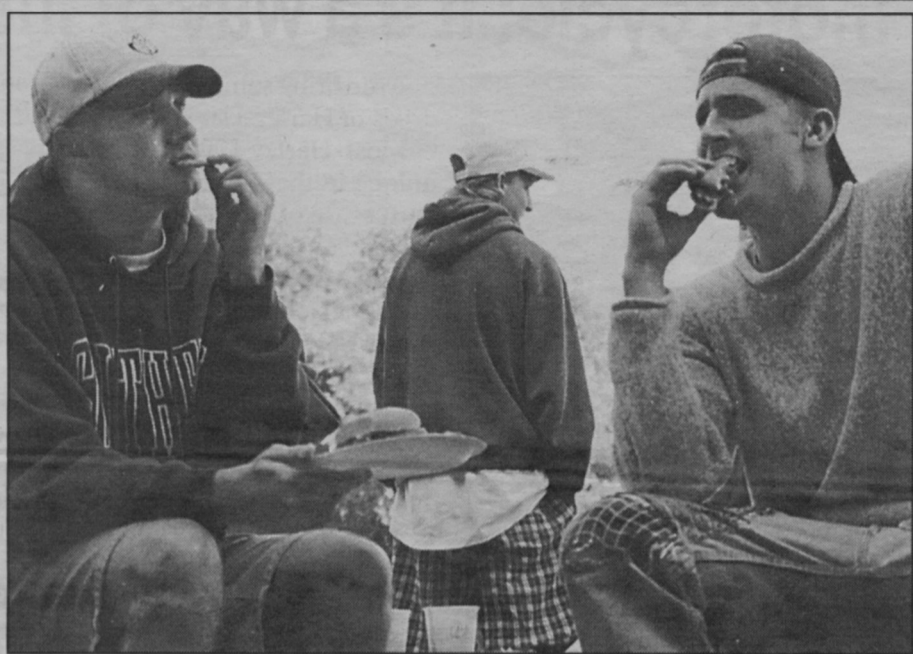


Photo by Amanda Miller

Chowing down

Kevin Konzelman and Troy Castoe enjoy barbecued hamburgers at last Wednesday's annual campus picnic, while listening to Tom Morland sing. The picnic was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

LB student becomes Eagle Scout by helping disabled students

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Imagine being 14 years old and being able to tour a working submarine while staying overnight at a military base in Washington.

That was just one of the many things that young Jared Bell was able to experience by being a Boy Scout.

Scouting hasn't changed much over the years. The boys still go camping and do a lot of other group activities, and they still earn merit badges. But nowadays they have a chance to earn badges for things like citizenship, environmental science and business.

"It's not what most people think. You don't get one (merit badge) for knowing how to tie a knot," Bell stated.

On Friday, Oct. 4, Jared, a first-year LBCC student, was awarded with the highest honor in Boy Scouting after 10 years in the program. He and three other members from his troop, which is based

at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Albany, were named Eagle Scouts.

In order to receive the Eagle award the young men had to earn 21 merit badges, pick a project that did something to help the community, write it out and get it approved by the Eagle board.

Jared's project was to help disabled students at South Albany High School grow and sell plants for a fund-raiser.

He built them a planting table and a mobile planter box. "They needed that stuff and I needed a project. It just worked out."

According to Jared only about 2 percent of the boys that have started out in Troop 334 have stuck with it long enough to receive the Eagle award. That's why it was somewhat unusual that the four boys would be awarded that honor at the same time. It was the first time that it has happened since the troop was organized 25 years ago.

New dental assistant coordinator comes full circle

From the LBCC News Service

Sheri Billetter, LBCC's new dental assistant program coordinator, knew she had just completed a long circle in her life. Sitting before her was a program applicant in much the same position she had been in 24 years ago: a young mother with two children, newly divorced and unemployed, looking for a way to put her life back together.

"It just brought back so much," Billetter said of her interview with the young woman hoping to enter the program next year.

Billetter has vivid memories of her own interview with LBCC's program coordinator at the time, a woman with set ideas of the sort of person a dental assistant should be. The coordinator told her that she would probably have a "tough time competing in science courses" with kids fresh out of high school. This was discouraging advice to Billetter, but "There was something inside me that said 'I know I can do that.' I just stayed with it and I was admitted to the program."

Billetter, who is taking charge with a full program enrollment of 25 students, had been a dental assistant in Dr. William Paul's Corvallis office since 1981. She also had served four years as dental clinic coordinator for the Corvallis Assistance League at the Cheldelin Dental Clinic. Her teaching experience was gained at Green Mountain College, a small, four-year private college in Poultney, Vt.

At Green Mountain, she worked one year as a clinic and laboratory instructor and five years as the college's dental program coordinator and instructor. She served on the academic standards and calendar committees, educational policy and curriculum committee and the dental assisting advisory committee.

Billetter earned her dental assistant certificate from LBCC in 1973, graduating at the top of the class. She also received the Outstanding Dental Assisting student award for 1973. Her first dental assistant job was in Dr. Ron Harris' office in Albany. Through night classes, she finished her associate of general studies

degree in 1975.

By the time of Billetter's graduation, the dental assistant program coordinator, now a good friend, had moved to Green Mountain College to start a dental assisting program. She knew Billetter was interested in teaching and told her of an opening at the college. Billetter got the job, and while working at Green Mountain, completed a bachelor of science degree in education, magna cum laude, in 1981.

Events at the college and at home caused her return to Corvallis that same year. Reagan-era cuts in education funding led to cutbacks in Green Mountain College programs, including her dental assisting program. Her father also had died and her mother needed her help at

home.

Billetter has been a hotline and shelter volunteer at the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) since 1993. She also has provided bereavement and grief support training for Benton Hospice volunteers since her mother's death in 1992.

Billetter's dental assisting program priority is preparing for the American Dental Association's accreditation visit next fall. Accreditation is a once-every-seven-years process that she experienced before with the ADA's accreditation of the Green Mountain program.

"After that's over, then I think we can really look at getting the clinic back in order," she said. The dental clinic was closed last year due to a lack of funds.

"Dental assisting has been a great career for me," said Billetter. "It supported my children and myself as a single parent all this time." Her daughter works in accounts for Goodell Logging Company and her son works for a company subcontracted to Hewlett-Packard.

In her role as a student advisor, Billetter is keenly aware of her students' feelings and how what she says may affect their lives. "I'm very careful in what I say to people. You cannot judge someone by your own standards"—a point Billetter has demonstrated to be true.

"Dental assisting has been a great career for me. It supported my children and myself as a single parent all this time."

—Sheri Billetter



Photo by Jennifer Hale

Sheri Billetter, the new dental assistant program coordinator, has returned to serve the program which gave her a new start 23 years ago. Billetter oversees a full program enrollment of 25 students and is busy preparing for the accreditation visit by the American Dental Association next fall.

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Harley-Davidson: It's not just a motorcycle; it's a way of life

by Renee' Lunsford
of The Commuter

Imagine yourself riding a Harley-Davidson 1989 Softtail Custom Wide Glide motorcycle through the foothills of Montana, the temperature a balmy 80 degrees, the sky clear and the warm wind blowing against your face.

Suddenly, you notice the sky is darkening, thunderheads are building and small pieces of ice begin to pelt your face. You begin to look for shelter, but you realize there is none. The ice pellets are now the size of golf balls. Your first thought is of protecting yourself, right? Wrong.

You throw yourself over your gas tank to protect it from the dents that the ice balls will inflict upon it. So what if your back is being hammered; you battle on, barely making 10 miles an hour until you pass through the storm.

At least that's what you do if you grew up in a Harley family like Dan High did. This was just one of many stories told at the fund-raising event for Muscular Dystrophy sponsored by American Motorcycle Classics of Corvallis on Saturday afternoon.

The fund-raiser featured a People's Choice bike show, a drawing for a black leather motorcycle jacket and an autograph signing by Peter Fonda, star of the movie "Easy Rider." John Lewis, owner of American Motorcycle Classics said he invited Fonda to the fund-raiser.

"I'm a movie fan and a bike rider, and I thought it would bring something special to the event."



Classic Harleys line up for the People's Choice Award (top) during the American Motorcycle Classics of Corvallis fund-raiser for Muscular Dystrophy Saturday. Actor Peter Fonda (right), star of the cult-classic "Easy Rider," was in attendance, signing autographs and mixing with the bikers.

Photos by Renee' Lunsford



"They're the only American-made motorcycle and they're a legend; look back over the years—they started making them in 1903."

—Dave Peasley

Olympic decathlete Dave Johnson comes home to share his story

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Olympic medalist and four-time world record decathlon champion Dave Johnson shared his story at an event sponsored by the Mary's Peak Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Association. As the title "Bringing the Message Home" indicates, Johnson, a Crescent Valley graduate, returned to Corvallis from Southern California where he now resides.

Jeff Welch, sports editor of the Gazette-Times, introduced Johnson to the appreciative audience at the Majestic Theatre Saturday evening, Oct. 11.

National co-chair of the 1996 Memory Walk fund-raising effort for the Alzheimer's Association, Johnson also serves as one of its national spokespersons. He began his speech by urging people to "walk for a cause" working together to fight Alzheimer's and help support therapy. His own grandmother suffers from Alzheimer's and often doesn't recognize family members, he said. About 4,000 people in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties have been diagnosed with the disease.

Johnson greeted and introduced his wife, Sheri, and two young daughters. He then switched the focus to his life as an athlete and brought his listeners up to date since the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Surgery on the broken bone in his right foot required a year to heal. He had hoped to participate in his third Olympic decathlon in Atlanta this summer, however an injury kept him out of training for several months and he was only able to place sixth in the U.S. trials.

Attending the 1996 Olympics as a spectator, Johnson cheered on gold medalist Dan O'Brien, who had failed to qualify for the 1992 Olympics.

Johnson now plans to concentrate on the javelin and try for a medal in that event at the 2000 Olympics.

Currently he is working on his masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Azuza Pacific University near Pasadena, Calif., specializing in sports psychology and the impact of relationships on athletic performance. Johnson said he "will be not just the world's greatest athlete, but the world's greatest sports psychologist."

Following this close-up view of the present, Johnson

stepped back for a panorama of his life.

Born and raised in Missoula, Mont., he moved to Corvallis with his family in 1980, just prior to his senior year of high school. In Missoula, Johnson had been in trouble with the law. He said that his early addiction to alcohol led him to steal for beer. He had been a "pretty good baseball player and bowler," he said, but quit in high school when his main motivation switched to alcohol.

Moving and beginning at a new school gave Johnson the opportunity to make a change, he said, adding that he decided he would get to know people by playing sports, so he went out for football. A friend on the team, Matt Hirte, shared with Johnson about the importance of Christ in his life.

Hirte was also on the track team, and he and the coach encouraged Johnson to compete. He tried out for hurdles and discovered a natural quickness.

Johnson joked that running from the police and jumping fences to get away had been good training for track.

He also competed in the high jump and was on the state 400 meter relay team which took fourth place.

Johnson got involved with a Christian youth group, and that summer he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

LBCC track coach Dave Bakley recruited Johnson, but he wanted to play football so he chose Western Oregon State College. He also began his career as a decathlete there, breaking the freshman record.

His sophomore year, Johnson attended LBCC where Coach Bakley taught him the decathlon, telling him to "have fun," he said.

He added that this was where he found out his potential as an athlete and began to be recognized as one of the top junior college athletes in the United States. He still holds the LBCC record for the decathlon, as well as other track records.

Johnson moved on to Azuza Pacific, a Christian school with an outstanding track team, where he "could excel as a Christian and in the decathlon." He emphasized that he can't take any credit for his superior athletic ability, but calls it a gift from God.

Coached by his Azuza Pacific coach, Terry Franson, Johnson placed 11th in the decathlon in the 1984 Olympic trials and ninth at the Seoul Olympics in 1988. By 1989 he'd set many world records.

Even though he developed two stress fractures in his right foot a week before the Olympic trials in 1992, Johnson placed third.

At that time, Reebok sponsored a \$23 million ad campaign with "Dan vs. Dave." When O'Brien no-heighted in the pole vault, Johnson became the only chance for a U.S. medal in the decathlon. He decided to compete in Barcelona in spite of the pain which "felt like a knife jabbing" in his broken foot.

Johnson sought counsel from God and felt he was to give it his all. He took the audience through each of the 10 events as he struggled to survive the decathlon. He said he "went all out for the Lord" and miraculously moved up to third place on the second day of competition.

As he received the bronze medal that day, Johnson said the Lord saw gold going around his neck. "It was a golden performance for the Lord."

He said that he has on his bulletin board: "My finest day is yet unknown," explaining that his finest day will not be the glory of winning an athletic event here on earth, but will be the day he has his arm around Jesus in heaven and hears the words "Well done."

Johnson also showed film clips of the famous Reebok commercials and highlights of the 92 Olympic decathlon.

A reception followed Johnson's motivational speech, offering refreshments and jazz music, as well as time to visit with the guest of honor.

Corvallis' fifth Memory Walk took place Saturday, Oct. 12, with Johnson leading the group of 171. Pledges for this and the Newport Walk on Sunday, along with corporate sponsorship, should bring in \$15-\$16,000.

Johnson's Olympic coach has called him a "committed risk-taker." When asked if he still takes risks, he answered, "Yes, to succeed you have to take some risks."

He also said that God told him to always give 100 percent, which he strives to do in every area of his life, to be the best he can to honor God.

"To succeed you have to take some risks."

—Dave Johnson

SPORTS PAGE

First league victory comes versus UCC Timberwomen

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

Behind the hitting of Melissa Gale and Carrie Surmon, the Linn-Benton volleyball team picked up its first league win last Wednesday with a 15-9, 15-13, 5-15, 17-15 win over Umpqua.

"We got over the hump tonight," Roadrunner coach Jayme Frazier said. "I think it's just going to feed itself."

The victory came on the heels of four league losses after the Roadrunners went undefeated in the preseason.

"Umpqua's not the toughest team we'll see, but we have played well against the best teams," Frazier said. "No one's going to be easy. It's anybody's game out there, except for Clackamas. It's not going to be easy, but we could be in there."

The 5-15 loss in Game 3 concerned

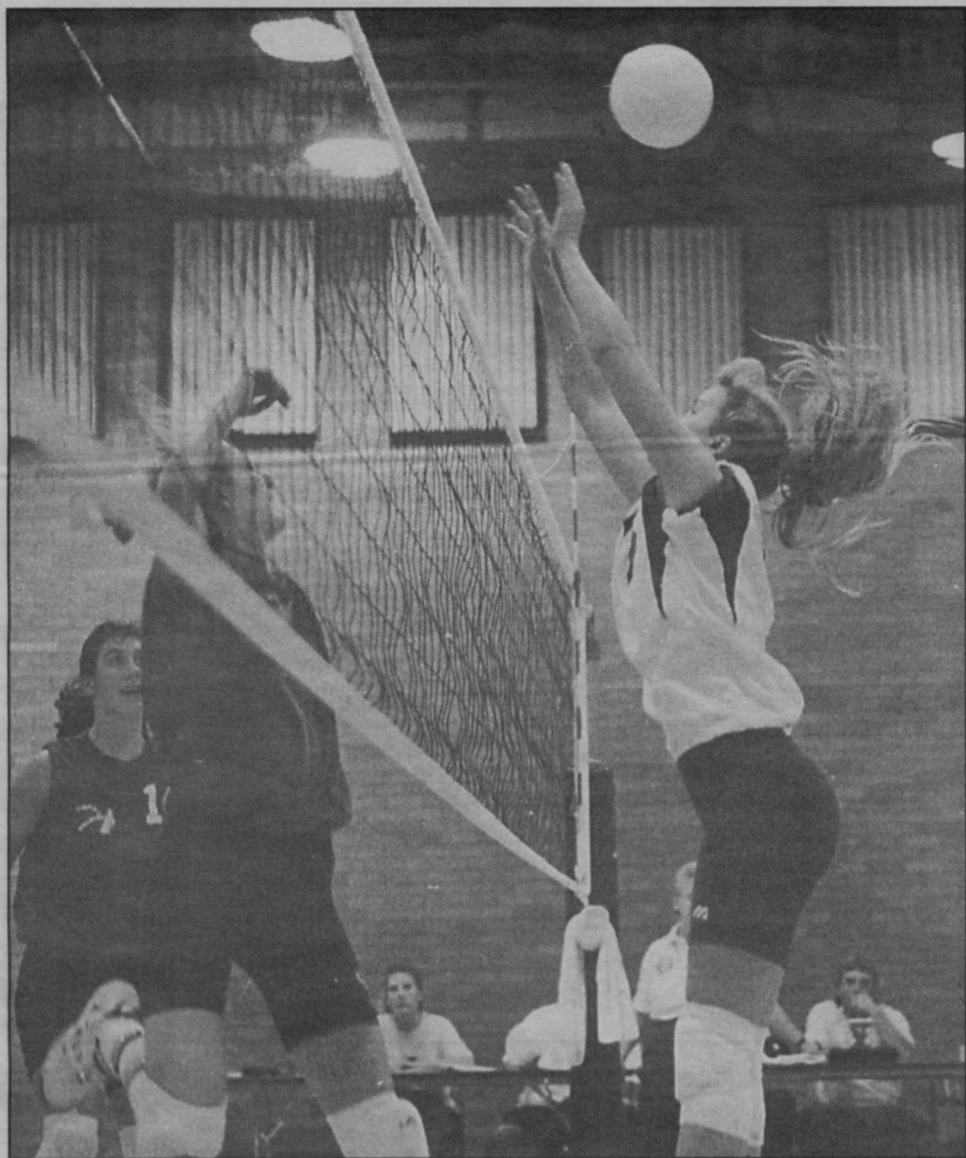
Coach Frazier because of the Roadrunners' previous play.

"That's the pattern we've been showing. Come out strong in a game, maybe even one game come out strong, and then lose it. Or we come out strong, win one, lose one, win one and lose," Frazier said. "Games 3 and 4 concern me just because of that mental lapse we go through."

Gale recorded an attack percentage of 45 percent with 23 kills on 40 attempts.

"Melissa Gale did just an outstanding job finding the holes in the block. Finding the holes in the defense," Frazier said. "We feel real confident about Melissa."

Surmon had 17 kills and a 30-percent attack percentage. She also recorded 20 digs.



Photos by Amanda Miller

Dondi Schock goes up for the block against Umpqua. Schock and the Roadrunners came up with their first league win with the 15-9, 15-13, 5-15, 17-15 victory over Umpqua. The Roadrunners return to league action tonight in their second match up of the season with the Chemeketa Chiefs.



Despite being just out of reach, sophomore Tammy Ames tries to get the ball up to one of her teammates. While Ames helped the defense, Melissa Gale and Carrie Surmon lead the Roadrunners on the attack.

Roadrunner volleyball team finishes fourth at Lower Columbia tourney

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

Following its first league volleyball victory, Linn-Benton finished fourth at the 12-team Lower Columbia Crossover tournament.

The Roadrunners finished tied with the host team for first in pool play, but received the second place berth because LCCC had held Linn-Benton to fewer points in the head-to-head contest.

In Friday's pool play, the Roadrunners split with Big Bend in their first match 14-16, 15-11, but turned around and defeated Southern Division league rival Lane 15-13, 15-3.

Linn-Benton's split with Lower Co-

lumbia was by scores of 9-15, 15-13. In their final game of the day the Roadrunners came up with another split, this time with Highline 15-10, 6-15.

"We were just exhausted," LB coach Jayme Frazier said about the 9:30 p.m. game "It was our first tournament. We weren't mentally prepared, and fatigue was a factor.

The Roadrunners finished pool play Saturday morning with a 15-9, 15-13 victory over Skagit Valley.

Bracket play began with Linn-Benton defeating Tacoma 15-4, 13-15, 15-1.

"That was probably our best match," Frazier said.

In the final four, the Roadrunners fell

12-15, 11-15 to defending league champion Clackamas.

"We had some ups and downs that didn't carry us through the game," Frazier said.

In their final game, the Roadrunners faced Lane for the second time, but with different results. The Titans defeated LBCC 12-15, 11-15.

Freshman standout Melissa Gale didn't play because of a sore rotator cuff.

"We played some new people and some different positions," Frazier said. "We know we can beat them."

Carrie Surmon led the Roadrunners with 35 kills on Friday and 31 on Saturday. She also recorded 10 service aces on

Saturday.

Gale had 54 kills for both days. Dondi Schock amassed 48 kills over the two days. Setter Carisa Norton had 67 assists on Friday, while putting up 71 Saturday.

Defensively, Roadrunners Surmon, Schock and Norton all had 46 digs for the weekend. Schock also had 15 blocks, while Opal DePue added 12.

"We're pretty confident going into Wednesday," Frazier said. "We walked out of there knowing we could have been in the championship."

The Roadrunners, 1-4 in league and 6-6 overall, travel to Salem to play Chemeketa tonight and to Eugene to play Lane Friday night.

Newcomers lead Linn-Benton baseball team through fall season

by Brandi Babbitt
of The Commuter

With just a few fans watching LBCC's first fall ball action against Portland State one would think baseball is not a big sport at LBCC.

But after a sensational win against PSU last Wednesday the Roadrunner baseball team is hoping to win the support of the entire faculty and student body of LBCC.

What is fall ball? According to Greg Hawk, athletic director and head baseball coach who has been coaching the Roadrunners for 14 years, fall ball is more of a time for people who are interested in becoming part of the team to learn the fundamentals they need.

Coach Hawk uses the fall season to serve as tryouts for the spring season. With 68 guys out in the first week and they are currently down to 48 players, the team has to slim down to a mere 30 players for spring action.

With only four returning players from

last season, coach Hawk is optimistic about the potential of his new team. "They've shown a lot of energy. We're going to be a very young team this year, but I also think we're going to be very competitive."

When asked if there were any outstanding players who have caught his attention so far on the squad, Coach Hawk was quick to mention a few names, including freshman Daniel Bowers, who pitched in the game against PSU and who also led his high school baseball team to the 3A State Championships last year. Hawk was also excited about Joe Davies, who he says is a great hitter and pitcher; Brian Everett, who was MVP of the Val-Co league last year; Wade Williams, who was a 3A All-Star at Roseburg High School; and Derrick Wells, who helped lead his team to the Babe Ruth Nationals.

Coach Hawk summed up his overview on the whole team by saying, "This team is so energetic, the energy is ma-

ing everyone excited."

Before fall is over the Roadrunners will face off against Chemeketa, Clackamas, and The Oregon Baseball

Academy.

So next time you drive by and see some action going on, stop on in and see what the excitement is all about.



Photo by Roger Lebar

LB faced off against PSU in just one of a handful of fall baseball games.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Guild previews 'Merchant of Venice'

From the LBCC News Service

The Linn-Benton Opera Guild previews "The Merchant of Venice" by Reynaldo Hahn on Wed., Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. at OSU's Benton Hall Room 303. Angela Carlson, pianist and OSU music instructor, will tell the story of the opera and play recorded excerpts from the score.

Admission is free to Linn-Benton Opera Guild members and LBCC and OSU students.

The public is invited, and the room is wheelchair accessible. The cost for non-members is \$2.50.

The preview will help people understand and appreciate the upcoming performances of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Portland Opera on Nov. 2, 4, 6, 9 at 7:30 p.m. The opera is sung in French, with English translations projected above the stage.

"The Merchant of Venice," first performed at the Paris Opéra in 1935, is not well-known in America. Indeed, no commercial recordings have ever been made.

Hahn's adaptation of Shakespeare's great drama is considered his masterpiece. After initial success in Paris, its continuing popularity was stalled by ris-

ing anti-semitism in France and Germany under the Nazis.

The work was successfully revived in 1979 at the Opéra Comique, but, until this production at the Portland Opera, it has not been fully staged out of France.

People who attend the closing performance on Saturday, Nov. 9, may ride either of two buses sponsored by the Linn-Benton Opera Guild. The round-trip tickets cost \$17 per person, opera tickets and meals not included.

The first bus leaves LBCC's Benton Center, 630 N.W. 7th, at 3 p.m. and stops at Key Bank, 3rd and Ellsworth in Albany, at 3:30 p.m. It also stops for dinner in Portland before the opera. The second bus leaves the Benton Center at 5 p.m. and stops at Key Bank at 5:30 p.m. Both buses return immediately after the performance.

Tickets and seating reservations must be procured in advance. Call the Portland Opera Box Office at (503) 241-1802, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information about the Linn-Benton Opera Guild or to make bus reservations, call Betty Miner, Opera Guild coordinator, 757-8949.



Photo by Rich Bergeman

Art Exhibit

LBCC prepress major Kate Johnson looks over the new exhibit in the Art Gallery. Sculptor Susan Fishel of Eugene and Judith M. Sander, a Philomath costume designer, are exhibiting through Nov. 8 in the gallery, which is located in the foyer of the AHSS Building. A closing reception is set for Nov. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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You are invited to join the Spanish Club Organizational meeting on Thurs., Oct. 17, 1996 from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Look for the table with a Scrabble game on it.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship contest sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. This poster competition will award 19 scholarships totaling \$15,000 to students who submit the best poster ideas to communicate personal responsibility and respect for the law regarding alcohol. This contest runs through Dec. 15, 1996. Information available in the Career Center in Takena Hall

Announcing the EMI/Selena Scholarship Program. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, be Hispanic, a full-time sophomore at an accredited 2-year college who plans to transfer to a 4-year college and enroll full-time fall 1997 in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelors degree. Must have a 3.0 GPA. Application deadline is Dec. 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

96-97 Under-represented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program is offering tuition awards to students who meet scholarship eligibility requirements. Scholarships available in Career Center in Takena

Hall. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1997.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is designed for women who have completed two years of satisfactory college work. The student must be an Oregon resident. Information regarding this scholarship is available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

Willamette Chapter of Professional Secretaries International is offering a \$700.00 scholarship to a student interested in seeking post-secondary education in the secretarial field. Applicants must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in a Business Tech program at LBCC winter and spring term 96-97 school year, minimum 3.0 GPA, plus additional requirements listed on the brochure. Applications are available in the Career Center and Financial Aid office in Takena hall. Application deadline is 10-31-96.

JOBS GALORE!!!!

Are you needing some extra cash?...the LBCC Student Employment Center can help you with your employment needs. We have over 200 different jobs currently listed. Open positions include: Office Administrator/Recep-

tionist, general office/clerical, chemistry lab assistant, bookkeeper, accounts payable clerk, lobby clerk, retail sales, warehouse worker, telemarketing, child care, food service, house keeping, and many, many more...an added bonus - if any of these jobs are related to your major; you could earn elective Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) credits. Also, a few on-campus Federal Work Study positions are still available for STUDENTS awarded financial aid. Let us help you! Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located in the Career Center, first floor, Takena Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 917-4780.

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OPINION PAGE

editorial

Taxing nonprofits and churches is un-American

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Should nonprofit organizations and churches pay taxes?

Recently there has been a lot of talk about nonprofit organizations and churches paying taxes, which is causing a great deal of concern.

Should churches have to pay property taxes, breaking the long-standing historical separation of church and state? Should nonprofit organizations that run on volunteer help and donations be forced out of business because of property taxes? Is this the way the public wants to raise more money to cut the country's deficit?

On Nov. 5 the voters of Colorado will vote on a measure that would require all nonprofit organizations and churches to pay property taxes, and if this measure is passed it is expected that other states will quickly follow. The reason behind this measure—money. With the strains of taxpayers and the vanishing of federal and state aid, some of the public sees this tax as a financial jackpot for local governments.

A quote from USA Today supporting the measure says, "Backers say tax-free institutions like hospitals and museums should pay for city services. Others say they shouldn't have to support religious groups they don't agree with. The initiative would raise up to \$100 million."

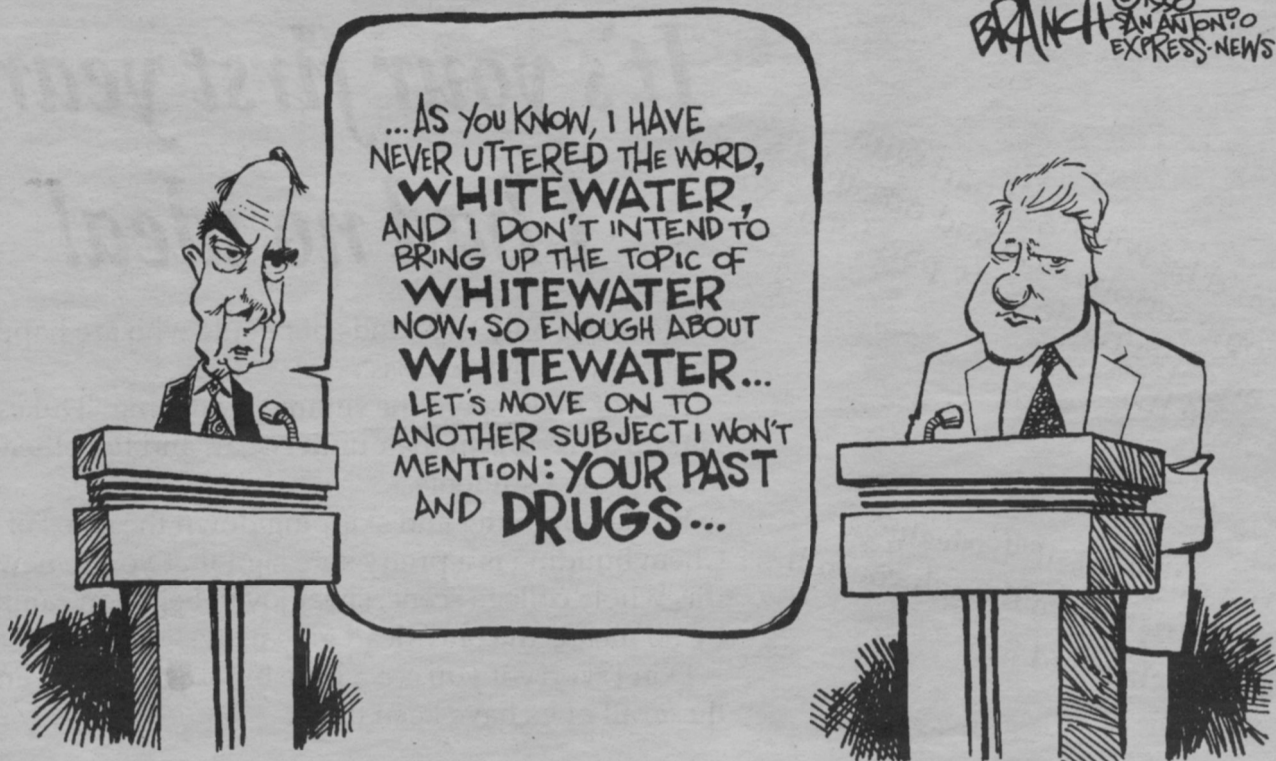
Does this mean that only the rich churches will survive the tax? Will this take away our freedom of choice by leaving fewer options to choose from? What happens financially when we drive the non-profit organization out of business?

The people who need these services will still be here. Will costs be transferred to welfare programs that will cause a larger financial impact than when the nonprofit organizations were managing them? Money is a driving force for the public today in most measures, so it is essential that we be very careful at determining what we support by our votes.

According to USA Today, "The church council and nonprofit organizations have banded together as a committee to raise \$500,000 to fight the measure. Television, direct mail, yard signs and fliers will blitz voters before Election Day. Chris Paulson, a spokesman for the committee and former Colorado House majority leader, warns 'the power to tax (churches and nonprofit) is the power to destroy'.

Who are the nonprofits? Every organization from the Boy Scouts to soup kitchens would fall into this new tax measure. Again it will be the poor who will suffer. Many organizations could not bear up under the new tax and would have to close down organizations that are fulfilling needs of the community—needs that will not disappear even if the nonprofit organizations do? Somewhere, somehow the cost will be returned to the taxpayers.

The answers are never easy but people need to become holistically informed of a measure's impact before voting, or the consequences could be irreparable.



pete petryszak

Does business success make a Senator?

With the campaign to replace Mark Hatfield as Oregon's senator drawing to a close, the candidates have done little to distinguish themselves.

Both Gordon Smith and Tom Bruggere appear content to wallow in ambiguity.

Smith has weighed in as being more conservative on social issues, having authored Measure 31, the anti-obscenity initiative on this year's ballot, while Bruggere has taken a more liberal stance than Smith on issues of welfare reform and gun control. Both present themselves as moderates on environmental issues, promising to make the Environmental Protection Agency more responsive to the special needs and situation of Oregonians.

Apart from these marked differences, the two candidates appear to be mirror images of one another. The one theme that is repeated by both campaigns is that their business acumen qualifies them to represent the interests of middle-class Oregonians.

I see significant flaws in this logic. Certainly Smith and Bruggere deserve credit for their accomplishments as successful businessmen. However, the purpose of government is not to turn a profit, and just because someone has run a profitable business and employs a large number of Oregonians does not necessarily mean he is qualified to decide how government can best provide for the security and welfare of its constituents.

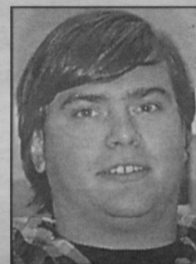
Over the past few weeks I've read some newspaper and magazine articles on the two candidates and watched them debate, and I've come to this conclusion about them: whichever candidate we choose, we will have a friendly, mild-mannered senator who will break ranks within his own party from time to time.

Although Smith has echoed the Republicans' call for a balanced budget, he has not advocated doing this by gutting the EPA and rolling back all federal regulations on business. Smith has said in the past that the EPA has an important roll to play in our lives.

And he should know. In 1986 he accepted \$766,000 in federal money to bring a wastewater pond used by his food processing plant up to EPA standards. Smith clearly is not in a position to advocate doing away with

federal programs he himself has benefited from.

While Smith's business experience shows how government and companies can work together to solve problems, Bruggere's company, Mentor Graphics, is an example of how generous social programs can cost jobs. His company featured a day-care center for its employees and later added a fitness center and a generous pension plan. He deserves to be commended for that, but it should also be noted that these facilities were added at the same time that the company cut over 600 employees from its work force.



Smith's environmental violations and Bruggere's company day-care are really moot points though. I can't see the 105th Congress spending any time debating issues like company-sponsored day-care or the state of the frozen pea market.

The senate is likely to spend time debating federal standards for education and a possible new nominee to the Supreme Court, subjects the candidates have said very little about.

Both Smith and Bruggere deserve credit for their achievements in business. However, they are campaigning for a seat in a governing body completely unlike any board of directors in the corporate world. While these businessmen are used to having their decisions accepted as final, the winner will now be one voice among a hundred. They will be going from an environment in which their policies were carried out expeditiously to one in which decisions are arrived at only after protracted discussion and dissection of the issues.

Neither candidate has talked about this difference between the arena they have thrived in and the one they now seek to enter, and I wonder if they will adapt to the change, or if they will become frustrated by it.

I have a vision of this race being decided by thousands of coins being tossed in the air as voters ponder the choices on Election Day.



Indonesian dissident to speak at OSU

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Author and human rights advocate Carmel Budiardjo will speak at Oregon State University's Memorial Union on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Budiardjo will discuss her book, "Surviving Indonesia's Gulag," which describes her experience as a political

prisoner there, and will also speak on Indonesia's civil unrest and its invasion of East Timor, in which one third of that nation's population has died.

The presentation, entitled "Murder, Torture and U.S. Involvement," is sponsored by Oregon PeaceWorks and Faculty, Staff and Students for Peace of OSU. Admission is free.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Readers are encouraged to use The Commuter's "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, and national issues. Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns.

LOONEY LANE

It's your first year? I had no idea!

You'd be willing to part with some serious cash and possibly an expendable body part for a fake ID.

You call yourself "basically" a vegetarian, even though you still eat chicken and fish.

You rarely cut class for the first few weeks, because you're afraid somehow your parents will find out.

There are only two kinds of people who are happy about going back to class.

Half of them spent the summer watching "Dukes of Hazzard" reruns in their underwear, and the other half are first-year students.

While humming and skipping down the steps of the Chem building is a pretty sure sign that you're new to this whole college scene, sheer joy at being on campus is by no means the only dead giveaway.

Don't worry if you see a little bit of yourself in any of these, all of us have been there.

You don't see any problems with letting people you just met borrow your CDs and clothing.

You own several "baby tees" with insightful icons or single-word statements displayed on them and little plastic barrettes are a staple accessory for you.

On Saturday night you "freaked" with someone on the dance floor at a party. You were sober.

You've joined so many clubs you won't have time for homework because your R.A. told you it's a great way to meet people.

You've put some deep reflection into every poster on your wall and asked yourself, "What does this say about me?"

You're on an intramural team with an oh-so-clever name like, "Kick Your Butt."

You honestly believe the guy you're chatting with online when he says he looks like "that guy who plays Superman on the new show."

You sleep in a bunk bed.

You're applying for credit cards based on the quality of the giveaway item.

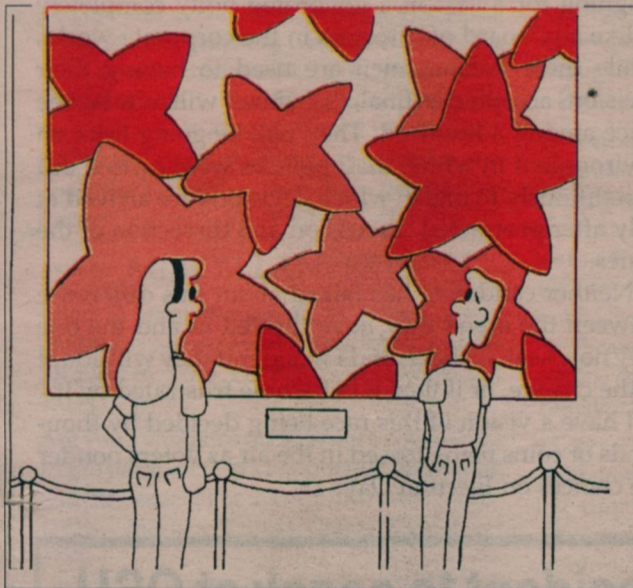
YOU THINK MOCHAS COUNT AS COFFEE.

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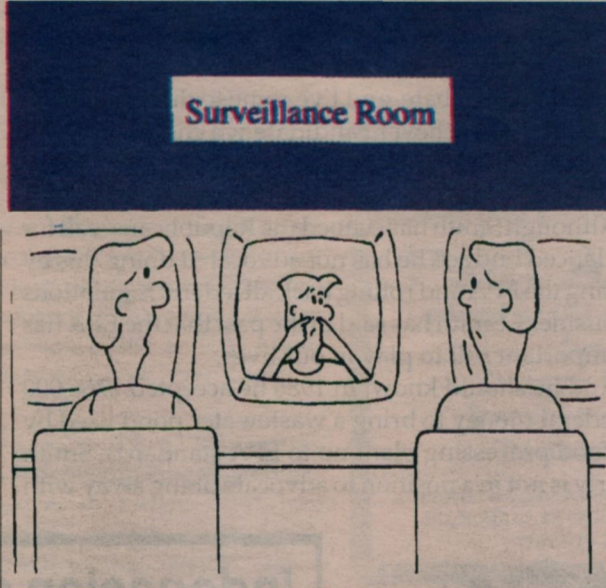
Reality Bites

by Lance Dunn

Weekly Crossword



I heard that the man that painted this had the vision right after his wife hit him over the head.



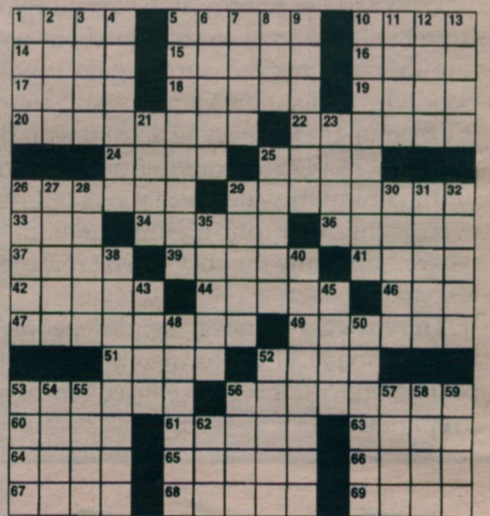
I think putting cameras behind the mirrors in the high school bathrooms was a bad idea.

STAMPEDE

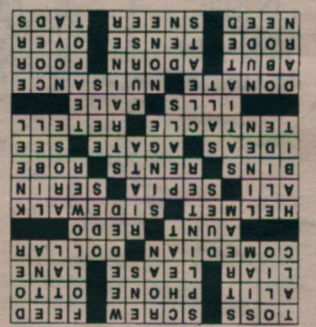


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