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Inclusivity

Chisholm's message of hope stirs crowd

By Audra J. Stephens
Of The Commuter

Shirley Chisholm, a former U.S. Congresswoman, gave an inspiring speech to a concerned crowd Friday at LBCC.

Over 300 people listened to Chisholm discuss and answer questions about politics and political figures, racial diversity and civil rights in the Takena Theatre from noon to shortly after 1 p.m..

Chisholm, gave a brief history of racism in America and concluded by saying, "Although our ancestors came to this country on different ships at different times, we're in the same boat now." She hopes people will look beyond race, color and country of origin, to unite and serve the United States.



Photo by Linda L. Wallace

Shirley Chisholm delivers MLK address Friday at Takena Theatre.

"Although our ancestors came to this country on different ships at different times, we're in the same boat now."

Chisholm believes people should be involved in politics at all times, not just during election years. When asked what a person should do to become active in political processes Chisholm replied, one must have "courage, commitment, conviction and compassion." "Start in your own neighborhood or community, live and practice good things in your life and don't be afraid to experiment."

President Clinton's administration demonstrates radical "inclusivity rather than exclusivity," according to Chisholm. She said Clinton gives hope to all people, especially those who have been left out.

Education means more than obtaining a degree says Chisholm. "You, the educated, have to lead this country. If you cannot accept others that are different, then it means nothing that you have learned calculus," she said.

When asked about Zoe Baird, Chisholm stated that her approval "would have set a dangerous precedent for our country." Baird withdrew Friday as the nominee for attorney general. Chisholm said she "resents some women's leaders telling me to

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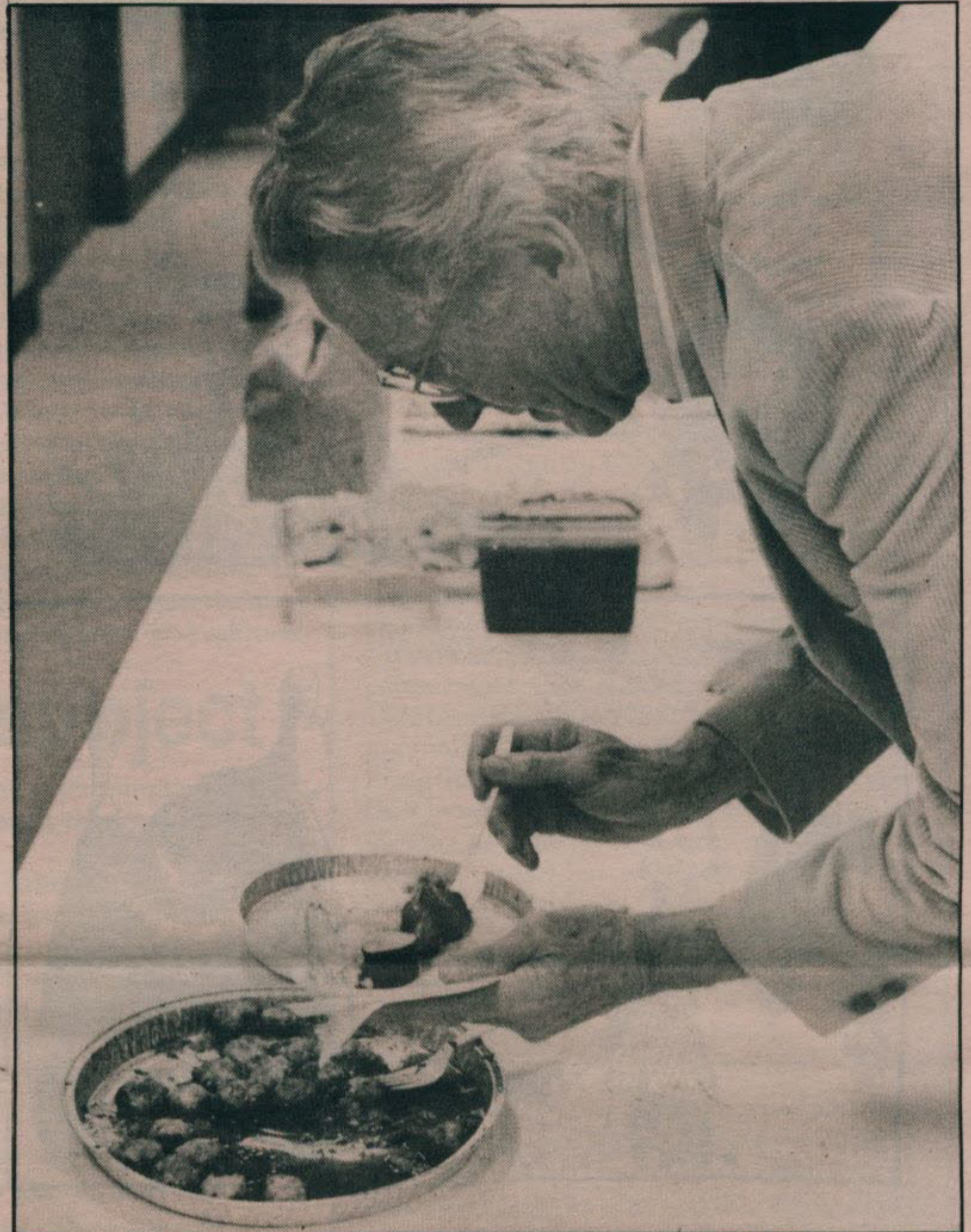


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Food for thought

Philosophy instructor Tom Walmsley samples a variety of dishes at last week's International Food Fair. This was one of many events celebrating LB's multicultural student body during Diversity Week.

College must drop gender-specific courses

Courses such as Life Planning for Women and Men's Issues: Myths and Realities fall victim to anti-discrimination guidelines

By Teri Velazquez
Of The Commuter

Effective Spring Term, several LBCC courses will be dropped from the catalog in an effort to adhere to State Department of Education guidelines prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender.

Most of the affected courses are non-credit classes offered through the Extended Learning centers. The credit courses that will be dropped include Supervisory Skills for Women, Life Planning for Women, Men's Issues: Myths and Realities, and Women and Weight.

"Some of these courses may be retitled and reformatted to make sure that

they are not discriminatory and be back by next fall," said Ann Smart, dean of Student Services and Extended Learning.

Smart said that although LBCC has always allowed all students to attend any class, regardless of gender, the gender-specific titles were against the new federal regulations, which states:

1. "Men" or "Women" should not be used in course titles.
2. Gender distinction should not be indicated by using different course numbers.
3. Course descriptions should not include discriminatory language.

Associate Dean Bob Talbott said "We have no choice in following these directives, even though there may be appropriate times to be gender exclusive." He cited the course, "Women and Weight" as an example. "When a class full of women are discussing their weight problems, they usually don't want men there."

Smart said courses like "Auto Maintenance for Women" could be retitled to "Auto Maintenance for the Novice," making it specific to skill level rather than gender.

If you have questions regarding course titles and/or course descriptions, please call the Academic Affairs Office at Ext. 117.



Dean Ann Smart said some affected classes may be reformatted.

Colleges visit campus to advise transfer students

By Becky Rouse
Of The Commuter

With spring term drawing closer and college admission deadlines nearing with each passing day, students may be wondering, "Where do I go from here?"

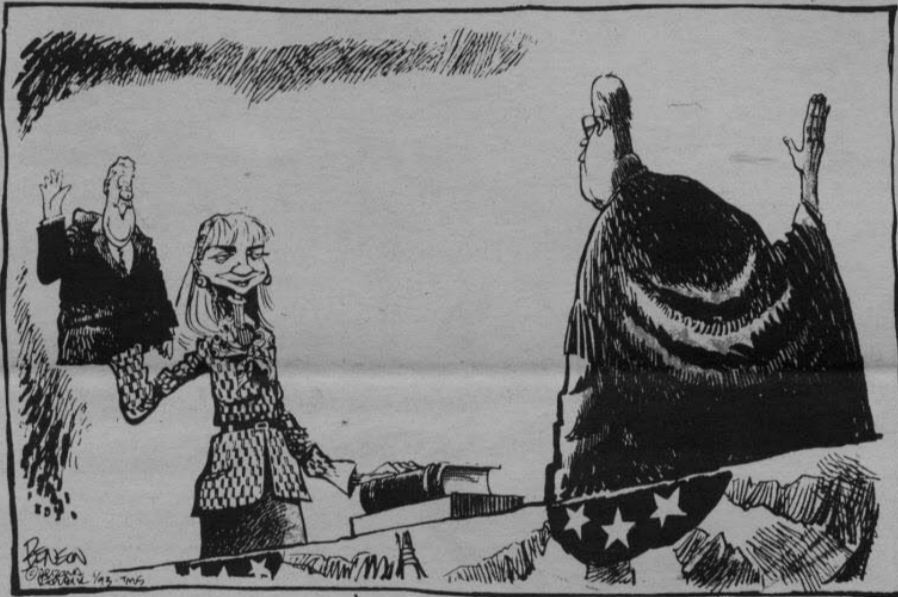
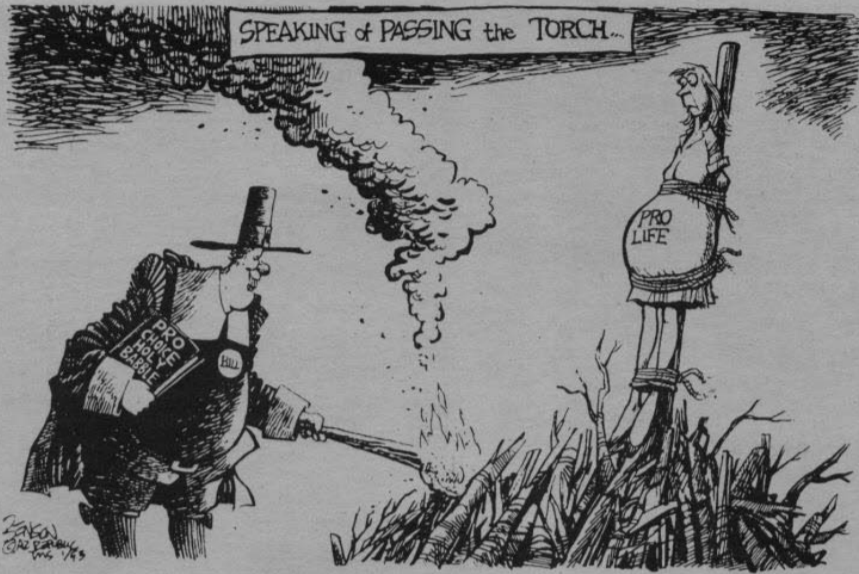
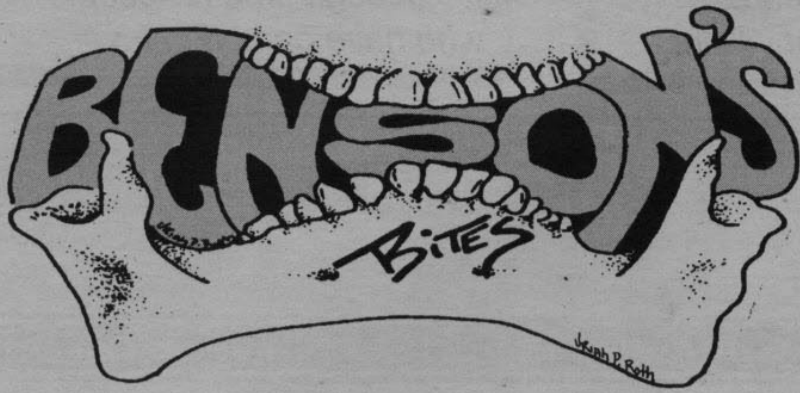
Students who plan to finish up at a four-year school may find answers today at the annual College Transfer Day.

Representatives from 18 schools from throughout Oregon will be on campus Wednesday norming to answer questions as well as hand out brochures, catalogs and financial aid and college applications.

Among the schools that will be present are Eastern Oregon State, George Fox, Linfield, OIT, OSU, UofO, WOSC, Portland State, Southern Oregon, University of Portland, Western Baptist, and several smaller colleges, such as Western State Chiropractic, Warner Pacific, Northwest Christian, Pacific Lutheran, Concordia and others.

The event will be held in the Alsea-Calapooia room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

opinion forum



Those are the breaks of 'common' law of the land

The question came from Angelos Vlahakis of East Lansing, Mich. But in one form or another, it was being asked by countless other Americans this week. "About Zoe Baird,"

Mr. Vlahakis said, "Why must we, the common citizens, obey the laws of the land while the new attorney general, the chief law person of the country, is allowed to break the law and get away with a mild rebuke? What kind of precedent does that set?"



mike royko

He's right, although Zoe Baird didn't get off with a mild rebuke. Before she withdrew her nomination early Friday, Baird had paid a substantial penalty for having hired a couple of illegal aliens as domestic help. She has been held up to public scorn, and now she won't get to be attorney general. So that's more than a slap on the wrist.

But Mr. Vlahakis makes a significant point when he says: "Why must we, the common citizens, obey the laws of the land ...," etc., etc.

To answer his question: Because we are such a law-abiding nation, Mr. Vlahakis, that's why.

That is why you can get on any urban expressway or interstate highway and not see any "common citizens" driving above the speed limit. You won't see anybody tailgating, lane-hopping or shoulder-riding. They are all obeying the laws of the land, the state, the county, the city. You won't see any "common citizens" with expired license plates, out-of-date city stickers, or smoke belching from their tailpipes. And they won't double park; park at fire hydrants, in bus stops, in spaces for the disabled; fail to feed a meter; or tear up, toss away, or ignore a ticket.

When the bars close on Friday and Saturday nights in America -- or even before they close -- you won't see any "common citizens" disobeying the laws of the land by driving after having a few pops too many. That's because "common citizens" obey the laws of the land, bless them.

No "common citizens" cheat on their income tax. There is no underground economy, with workmen asking to be paid in cash so they don't have to declare the income. It is a myth that billions of dollars in taxes are evaded that way. It's also a vicious myth, spread by the tax collectors, that the majority of "common citizens" cheat in one way or another. When Americans say they gave X number of dollars to their church each week, by golly, you know they did it.

When "common citizens" call in sick, especially on Mondays, you know that they aren't committing what might be considered fraud against their employers. They aren't coddling a hangover, avoiding lousy weather, or maybe just sneaking out for a ball game or a round of golf. When they say they are sick, you know they are truly suffering. Nor do any common American workers ever slip some office supplies, tools or other property belonging to their employers into their pockets or briefcases and take these objects home. That would be stealing, and we don't do that, do we? Absolutely not.

Ask any banker.

They can't remember the last time someone applied for a mortgage and lied about having borrowed money elsewhere for their down payment. That, too, would be fraud, and we don't do it. Or load up on credit card debt, then run to a bankruptcy lawyer. If you spend a day or two in divorce courts, you will hear the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

"Common citizens," lovers of the law that they are, would not dream of committing perjury. It is this enormous desire by "common citizens," as Mr. Vlahakis put it, "to obey the laws of the land" that has made our streets so safe. It's why our prisons are half empty and the guards and wardens are being laid off. Why, if it wasn't for elitist lawbreakers like Zoe Baird, nobody would be in prisons, since "common citizens" sure aren't stealing cars, heisting convenience stores, or shooting each other.

Our respect for the laws of the land is why municipalities don't have to hire inspectors to look for non-permit construction, zoning tricks, or violations of fire, safety and health laws. It's why private companies don't have to hire security firms to make sure workers aren't walking out with half the office equipment.

We love the law.

Any insurance guy will laugh at the thought that a "common citizen" would put in an even slightly phony claim. It just happens that almost every car stolen in America had a set of new golf clubs, a rare violin, and a mink jacket in the trunk.

We treat the laws of the land with such respect that judges doze off in their empty courtrooms because Americans seldom sue each other for fraud, duplicity, sneakiness or financial rascality.

Nor do those men who are law-loving "common citizens" ever ignore a court order to pay child support. Which is why we have so few cases of child neglect or abuse.

How fortunate we are that law-loving "common citizens" never smoke, snort, sniff or otherwise ingest illegal substances. If they did, we might have an enormous drug problem. And we know we don't. Yes, except for the evil Zoe Baird, no other country's "common citizens" love the law and obey the law the way we do. And I am the tooth fairy.

Would you believe the Easter Bunny?

opinion forum

Free trade agreement not so free

To The Editor:

LBC is all about jobs. Working people face a threat to family-wage jobs, health and safety conditions from NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement). A program Thursday January 28 shows how free trade has already affected American workers. Both videos: \$4 A Day? No Way! and "Stepan Chemical: The Poisoning of a Mexican Community" will be shown at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in HO202, sponsored by LBC Political Science Department and Oregon PeaceWorks. A representative from Peter DeFazio's congressional office will answer questions and voice your concerns to Washington.

letters

Free Trade is not free—you will pay for it with your job. NAFTA is NOT a trade agreement at all. It's a plan to change the rules on investing in Mexico. It will let U.S. companies take advantage of low Mexican wages and change any U.S. law or practice that stands in the way. Dispute resolution will be conducted by non-elected panels meeting in secret. The public will have no say.

Passage of NAFTA will cost hundreds of thousands of American jobs and will push down wages for all jobs that don't get shipped to Mexico. It will wipe out the social standards and conditions that working people here have fought for and won over the past century. Health and safety rules and work rules will start to disappear. It will increase the poisoning of the air and water on both sides of the border. NAFTA

means a worse way of life for almost all workers in the United States, as well as the working people of Canada and Mexico.

There will always be trade between the U.S. and Mexico. The big question for American workers is UNDER WHAT RULES. Congress is soon going to vote on NAFTA and because of "fast track" can discuss, but not make any changes, in the agreement as presented but must vote it up or down. Clinton has said he would vote for NAFTA only if changes were made. We must keep the pressure on to insure that NAFTA is not passed as presently written.

Come see what NAFTA can do to you.

June Hemmingson

EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Forum" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

Letters should be limited to 250 words or less, and will be edited for length, grammar and spelling. In order to confirm the authenticity of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address.

Homosexual army touchy subject

Just before lights-out the men of barracks four passed the signal. A simple nod, seen by all but one individual.

That one individual, oblivious to his fate, prepared for his nights rest. He yawned, spread his arms in a wide stretch and pulled the covers up. The days rigorous training sessions had exhausted him and he drifted off to sleep.

two cents
by s.e. strahan

The others waited a few minutes to make sure that he was fully asleep before rising from their own beds with towels in hand. Placing various objects inside the towel, the men lined up, waiting for the four that would hold him down to get a good hold.

A small whimper escaped him as the men clamped a towel over his mouth and held his legs and arms down. They then began to beat him with the towels.

When they had finished, one man put his mouth close to his ear and whispered, "Get out of the corps you damn faggot!"

President Bill Clinton has assured us that within the next few months he plans to fulfill one of his controversial campaign promises—allowing gays and lesbians into the military.

Many thought it was a joke. Now the brass are scrambling for a way out. If not a way out, then a plan to minimize the damage this course may cause.

The only apparent obstacle that the 'reforms' have impeding them is the fact that two-thirds are needed for ratification from the senate. But many are sure it will pass in the house.

This leaves the Pentagon with the problem of integrating gays into the military—a task that will

not be easy, considering the discrimination of the typical macho military against the image of feminine gays.

There once was a time when sexual relations between members of the same sex were not condemned. A time many years ago before the church and other organizations formed for the controlling of the commoner's minds and helped make the practice 'sinful' and 'evil'. Do these moves towards societal acceptance of homosexuality indicate that attitudes are returning full circle?

Rather than being the hated homosexual movement, they would become synonymous with America's defense.

Maybe not. Well at least not yet.

Many feel that this proposal on the national agenda was not put forth by the people. It was the direct effort of special interest groups.

This is what it amounts to: An act of the president would force acceptance of a lifestyle that infuriates many individuals. Rather than being the hated homosexual movement, they would become synonymous with America's defense.

This raises the question of whether our society is capable of looking beyond what someone else does in the privacy of their home and accept them for who they are? But this is an old question. Another more germane and pressing question needing discussion—Are people ready to be forced to accept homosexuals?

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We've come a long way baby

Okay, campers, head up. This column, we gather 'round the old dusty tomes of history and pay heed to what the ghosts of the past might have to teach us. Everybody comfortable now?



poet's
corner
chuck skinner

On this day, 27 January, 1973, Dick Nixon began his second term by signing a cease-fire agreement which effectively ended the aggressive part of the Vietnamese conflict. Foreign policy was really the only thing that kept Nixon from being a useless, slimy lump of presidential protoplasm with a few dirty tricks up his sleeve and a vengeful attitude.

And today? What have we learned?

Instead of being in southeast Asia supporting a corrupt government with little credibility except under the SEATO agreement, we're in Kuwait supporting a royal family that supports values that started the Revolution of 1776 (And the one in 1789). Instead of performing limited sorties into Dien Bien Phu, we're firing limited attacks from ships in the Persian Gulf into hotels in Baghdad. Instead of hearing Ho Chi Minh lay out a revolution on Hanoi Hannah's show, we watch Saddam Hussein laugh at us and lay out a Jihad on CNN.

"The more things change, the more they stay insane."

Meanwhile, forces dance between studying the problems in Somalia and Bosnia—dabbing a toe in the water, then deciding that it's really much too hot for a swim, and they really didn't want to swim anyway. Unfortunately, these forces have appointed themselves global life-guards. Luckily, those Bosnian 'cleansing squads' and the Somali warlords have offered to help out anyone who appears to be drowning too much.

You've come a long way, baby.

Speaking of which, of course, 22 January marks the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade, which effectively legalized abortion. Now this issue has produced some of the most violent, extreme reactions of any in recent history. Except maybe which way the paper ought to come off the toilet paper roll.

In honor of the anniversary, and to show just how far relations between the sides have improved in 20 years, representatives from Operation Rescue and the National Abortion Rights Action League have agreed to be photographed standing somewhere near each other.

Ha ha ha—just kidding, of course. They felt that having their individual photos appear on the same page would be quite enough of a sacrifice.

Like my Uncle Frank used to say, "The more things change, the more they stay insane." Speaking of which, it will be fifteen years this Wednesday since Aunt Jenna kicked Frank out on his butt and filed for divorce. Jenna had no patience for country platitudes, and wants to kick Ross Perot in the butt too.

And on a more solemn note, John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, the writer of 'Night in Tunisia,' died last week at 75. He and Charlie 'Bird' Parker are credited with the creation of bebop, and inspiring musicians to this day. We'll miss you, Dizz.

Computer group lends a 'MacHand'

Corvallis Macintosh Users Group donates two state of the art computer systems to LBCC Student Development Tutoring Lab

By Melody Neuschwander
Of The Commuter

Thanks to the Corvallis Macintosh Users Group, two new computers have been placed in the Student Development Tutoring Lab.

The lab serves students with a variety of educational needs. That was just what the users group was looking for when it decided to donate \$10,000 worth of equipment to be used somewhere in the community. The organization also donated a smaller system to the Corvallis Elementary School. "They

were interested in donating it to a place where it would get the most use. They thought it would be used more here than if they just gave it to one person," commented Jan Krabbe, Disabled Student Services Faculty.

One of the special features of the computer system is a special drive that will play discs. The drive can play audio discs or visual discs. The visual discs have such things as entire encyclopedias on them. A person can scan through them on the computer screen to find pictures or graphs to print out and incorporate in a report.

Krabbe said she was "overjoyed" when she learned that the lab would be receiving the computers. "It's so nice when someone does something really nice for someone else," she said.

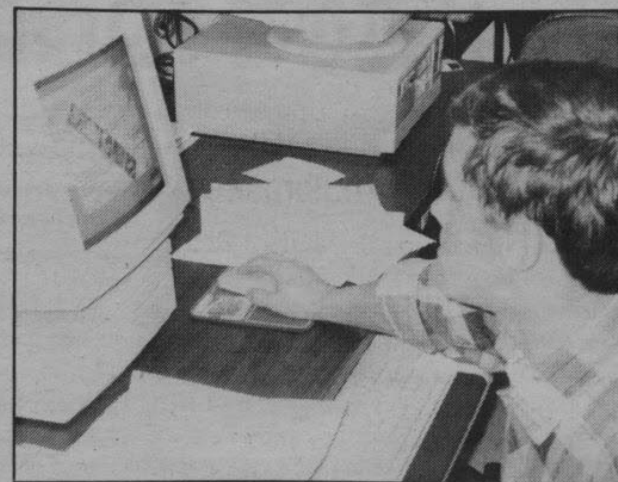


Photo by Todd Schmokel

Loren Shibley works on one of the new computers donated to the Student Development Tutoring Lab. The computers play audio and video discs used to scan for information.

Classified Ad Policy

Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

Cost: Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.

Personals: Ads placed in the "Personals" category are limited to one ad per advertiser per week; no more than 50 words per ad.

Libel/Taste: The Commuter will not knowingly publish material that treats individuals or groups in an unfair manner. Any advertisement judged libelous or in poor taste by the newspaper editorial staff will be rejected.

Recreational games tournament begins Thursday

Student Programs is sponsoring a variety of recreational and intramural activities through the remainder of winter term.

First on the agenda is the annual Association of College Unions International (ACCU) recreational tournament, which is being held Thursday and Friday this week. Students will be competing in billiards, table tennis, bowling and chess for the honor of representing the college at the regional competition later this year.

The billiards and chess contests get underway at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Rec Room, second floor of the College Center. Table tennis matches begin at 9 a.m. Friday, while bowling will be

held from 3-5 p.m. at Lakeshore Lanes in Albany.

An intramural 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held Wednesday Feb. 3 from 4-7 p.m. in the Activities Center. Winners in the men's and women's divisions will be eligible for Schick 3x3 and half-court 3x3 tournaments.

On Feb. 10, a free-throw and half-court shot contest will be held in the Activities Center 6-8 p.m. On Feb. 17, an indoor soccer tournament or a sports college quiz bowl is planned, with times to be announced.

Information on these events is available from the Student Programs Office, CC-212.



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national news

Tainted food linked to Jack-in-the-Box

Food in Nevada is suspected of causing a new outbreak after one child dies in Seattle area

The food poisoning that has hit more than 200 Washington state residents — most of whom ate at Jack in the Box restaurants — is spreading.

Four children in the Las Vegas area who ate at a restaurant in the chain have come down with the same symptoms of bloody diarrhea and stomach cramps, Nevada health officials say.

One of the children, a 22-month-old boy, is on kidney dialysis and in guarded condition, a spokeswoman for Humana Hospital Sunrise in Las Vegas said. "He's not out of the woods yet," she said.

Three other children in Clark County, Nevada, have had the classic symptoms of poisoning by the bacteria *E. coli* 0157:H7. One of them was also hospitalized briefly. The oldest of the children is seven.

Nevada Jack in the Box restaurants received hamburger from the same processor — Vons Cos. of Arcadia, Calif. — that shipped to the chain in Washington. Nevada health officials are performing laboratory tests on the stricken children to confirm illness from the bacteria.

Vons, which makes patties from raw meat for Jack in the Box, also was

supposed to ship the hamburger from the same contaminated lot to the restaurant chain's outlets in Hawaii, Southern California, Mexico and Hong Kong. However, health officials said Monday they don't know of any illnesses linked to those restaurants.

No one knows why — except in Hawaii, where the Vons shipment had not yet been made when the lot was found to be contaminated.

"Maybe there was some difference in the level of bacteria in the hamburger sent here," said Dr. John Kobayashi, chief epidemiologist for the state Department of Health in Washington. "Maybe it is something in how they were prepared."

Kobayashi said the number of confirmed or probable cases in Washington has more than doubled, to 200, just since last Friday. "It will be toward the end of this week, at the earliest, before we know if the interventions have had an effect on the number infected," he said.

Preventive actions included the restaurant chain replacing all its hamburger a week ago, alerting the public to the contaminated meat at about the same time and ensuring that all the restaurants are cooking the hamburgers to a minimum of 155 degrees.

Kobayashi said state investigators have compiled these additional facts about the outbreak:

Of the 117 victims interviewed by

health officials, 108 specifically remember eating at one of 31 Jack in the Boxes, almost all in Western Washington.

Of the 148 victims whose ages were given, the average age is 15.

Two-thirds are 15 or younger. Forty percent are 6 or younger.

Sixty reports of suspected cases were called in to health officials over the weekend just in King County. Children's Hospital Medical Center in Seattle, where many of the sickest children have been treated, still has 16 hospitalized.

One, a 9-year-old girl, is still in critical condition and eight are on kidney dialysis. Twelve of the children have hemolytic uremic syndrome, the *E. coli* 0157:H7 infection at its worst. It usually causes kidney failure and can lead to damage to the heart, pancreas

and central nervous system. Five other children who do not have the syndrome are hospitalized at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

Health authorities are now especially worried about secondary infections spread of the *E. coli* from one infected person to another. "It could get a lot worse with secondary outbreaks," Kobayashi said. The bacteria can be spread by an infected person with diarrhea not washing hands after using the toilet. Anything he or she touches, including food, can then spread the bacteria to someone else.

Families of infected children and health departments in Washington are being told that the children cannot return to day care until stool cultures show they are clear of the bacteria. Sometimes that can take weeks, Kobayashi said.

Environmental world notes

By Dianne Dumanoski
Boston Globe

The dread of nuclear disaster generated by the Chernobyl accident seems to have faded quickly, judging from a new report from Friends of the Earth.

Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, nuclear safety specialists have issued warnings about the perilous state of the 55 or so nuclear reactors in the former communist countries, including 15 of the Chernobyl design.

But according to the investigation by the international environmental group, twice as much Western money, most of it supported by governments, is pouring into those countries to expand nuclear power as is being used to make existing plants safer or close them down.

The study cites the example of funding by the U.S. Export-Import bank: Only \$15 million is going to nuclear safety, while the bank has offered a \$136 million loan for completing a partly constructed nuclear plant in the Czech republic.

Good day sunshine!

The prospects for solar power are getting brighter with each year, according to a new analysis of its economics prepared for the American Solar Energy Society.

Since 1980, the cost of solar-generated electricity has dropped by as much as 1,000 percent. And by the turn of the century, the study forecasts that solar technologies will be generating electricity for as little as 5 cents a kilowatt-hour, a rate competitive with current energy costs. Across the country, electric costs per kilowatt-hour range from 3 cents in the Pacific Northwest to 19 cents for some in the Northeast.

Humpback hazard

Humpback whales that summer off New England no longer face the dan-

ger of harpoons, but other human hazards are taking a toll, particularly on the young.

In recent years, increasing numbers of young humpbacks have been washing ashore dead in the mid-Atlantic states during the winter months.

Researchers have recently discovered that many of these immature whales are not making the annual winter migration with their elders to the breeding and nursery grounds in the Caribbean, the favorite winter destination for the whales that frequent Stellwagen Bank off Massachusetts. Instead, said Dave Wiley of the International Wildlife Coalition in Falmouth, Mass., the young whales seem to be hanging around the mid-Atlantic coast, to continue feeding.

During the autumn and winter season last year, Wiley says, 14 of these young whales died, at least 60 percent from human-caused injuries from ships or fishing nets. Last year's count brings the death toll since 1989 to 34.

Positive identification was possible for two of these mammals, Wiley said.

Coalition scientists are conducting a habitat survey along the mid-Atlantic coast to determine the nature of the threats to the whales and develop a protection plan.

Wolves safe for now

Faced with the threat of a tourist boycott, the state of Alaska recently postponed its program to shoot wolves to increase the numbers of moose and caribou for hunters, at least for 1993.

The Friends of Animals, a U.S. animal advocacy group, Monday called for a tourism boycott of Alberta, Yukon and British Columbia. The group opposes any program to make more moose and caribou available to hunters by killing wolves.

JANUARY

Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. *A River Runs Through It*, by Norman Maclean (Univ. of Chicago Press, \$9.95.) Stories of western Montana.
2. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, with Alex Haley. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) The black leader's life story.
3. *The Indispensable Calvin and Hobbes*, by Bill Watterson. (Andrews & McMeel, \$12.95.) Latest collected cartoons.
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Diversity speaker touts unity as answer

'We are not responsible for the predicament of racism, but we are responsible for how we deal with it.'

By James Otto
Of The Commuter

Last Thursday, as part of diversity week, LBCC hosted a guest lecture given by Kathleen Cross, a published writer.

Cross made a name for herself with her article in *Ebony* magazine describing her personal experiences with racial discrimination. She calls herself a "bi-racial" person. She explained that her mother is white and her father is African-American and says that this mixed heritage, along with her distinctly-caucasian appearance, has allowed her an unusual view of discrimination and the way it affects white and colored people.

The theme of her lecture was that we should look for people's diversity and seek out its positive aspects.

As an example, Cross mentioned the classic *Star Trek* series, where Captain Kirk would have been lost without his Vulcan science officer, Spock. Perhaps this could have been called racism, but Cross felt it was simply an attempt to make the best use of the Vulcan society's extreme strength in logic and emotional discipline.

Cross pointed to the board of directors (all-white) at Exxon—which she apparently believes is quite lacking in some areas of guidance—and jokingly said "We really need a Vulcan."

However, the type of discrimination which Cross says American society practices is quite negative and counter-productive. She gave a very good example of how "appearance determines and affects credibility." When she entered the room, she could easily have been mistaken for another LBCC student, as she was dressed in casual style rather than a suit and high heels. She said she wanted to make a point that she shouldn't have to conform to the European-based culture of "white America" in order to have any credibility.

She went on to say that the color of a person's skin tends to decide how others relate to that person. Cross said her caucasian appearance has brought



Photo by Linda L. Wallace

Kathleen Cross spoke of her unusual back ground during the speech she delivered Thursday.

her acceptance from the predominantly white business world. "It shouldn't make a difference but it does," she said.

The concepts are ingrained in our language, says Cross, in our use of "white" to mean pure, clean and good and of "black" to mean dirty, obscure, and even evil.

"We are not responsible for the predicament of racism but we are responsible for how we deal with it."

"There is a suspicion that comes from constantly coming face-to-face with discrimination," says Cross. This suspicion springs from such everyday put-downs as a trip to the grocery store or a bank where the prejudice in hiring policies is clear for all to see. She says that while perhaps the menial laborers such as stockers and baggers may be black, few or none of the key positions—the positions which require intelligence and integrity—are held by blacks.

While it is important for society to be made more

aware of its diversity and the social ills that people have created in response to that diversity, it is also crucial that nobody—of any race, color or other group should ever be allowed to engage in a witch-hunt against those whom that group considers to be politically incorrect.

According to Cross, adverse media images of non-whites are so prevalent that even little children are discouraged by them. She says she once had to think fast to reassure her daughter it was okay to have brown skin, because the system would not provide that reassurance for her.

Another example she gave was that of a girl whom many considered to be attractive but said that all she had to do was look at the covers of magazines at the perfectly-made-up, light-skinned models, to see that she would always be ugly.

Another example she gave is when people say "I know you're black, but you can do better."

When Cross goes into a black neighborhood she is not accepted because she looks white. While she has seen her caucasian appearance as a privilege in the amount of credibility she feels it affords her in "white America," that doesn't seem to make up for the rejection with which she is greeted by the black community. She says the reason for this rejection is that blacks see her light skin and are reminded of their image of whites as oppressive people.

Cross also mentioned what she called "white guilt," which she defines as the misguided belief that we are responsible for the mistakes of our ancestors.

"We are not responsible for the predicament of racism," she says, "but we are responsible for how we deal with it."

Cross says there is also the myth that whites are superior and must take total responsibility and act as the caretakers of the world. She says a lot of white people have told her "I'm tired of having to live up to that ideal."

Cross pointed out that "white American" culture tends to avoid focusing on the accomplishments of black historical figures. Thus, many educators are not informed of people or events which would cast a more favorable light on black people and their culture. When teachers do not teach about the good things that blacks have contributed to our society, they are ignoring the truth, which is like "the blind leading the blind."

Chisholm hopes to see discrimination end in her lifetime

cool it. Rules must be applicable to everybody. We don't need double, triple or quadruple standards."

Chisholm opposes the North American Free Trade Agreement because jobs would be taken away from American workers and sent south of the border.

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When asked about Sen. Bob Packwood, Chisholm said, "It's very hard for some men to get used to a new set of mores." According to the U.S. Department of Labor, by the year 2000, white males will make up only 39 percent of the workforce. As of now, they are at 44 percent.

The last question of the day was asked by a little boy in the audience. "Do you think racial discrimination will die out in my generation?" "I hope so," Chisholm replied.

Chisholm, who served in Congress for 14 years, explained to the audience, "Serving in Congress was fine, but I want to be remembered as a woman who was black, lived in the 20th century and was a catalyst for change."

Cross says society is changing

By Tony Lystra
Of The Commuter

"We're at a point where we need to recognize that society is changing. We need to understand that the majority of the world is a world of color," said Joy Cross in a presentation to LBCC students last Wednesday.

Cross, a curriculum and evaluation director for a non-profit youth organization called Self Enhancement, gave a presentation on axiology to roughly twenty students as a part of Diversity Week.

"Axiology," Cross said, "is the study of values as it pertains to cultural groups." The concept, she said, comes from the research of Dr. Edwin Nichols of the National Institute of Mental Health. "Axiology deals with the behavior of folks and how come they behave the way they do. This information makes it possible for us to deal with each other in a positive way."

Cross said that in a world that is half Asian, one eighth African, where 700 million Indians and 400 million Latin Americans live, "We have to function and we have to live together, and that is becoming a reality."

"Most of the people of the world are yellow, black and brown, poor, female, non-Christian, and don't speak English. We have to understand that that is the world."

Cross said that the challenge for the nineties will be to instill cultural diversity in the work place and community. If we do not, she said, our society cannot survive.

"In the community and in your jobs at every level, you're going to see diversity represented because that's what the majority of the world is. I've trained 750

Portland police officers in cross cultural awareness. The difficulty has been in people accepting that there is going to be change. It doesn't matter. You can go kicking and screaming, but it is a reality that we have to face."

Cross said she didn't understand why the Rodney King incident shocked the nation. The African-American speaker who grew up in South Central Los Angeles described how, as a child, she witnessed a man stabbing a woman after she had smashed out the windows of his Cadillac. When police arrived on the scene she and other children were given flashlights to search for the woman whom the police assumed had crawled off in the bushes to die. The children found the woman who was cut so badly her bones protruded from the ripped skin on a local drug dealer's porch, begging for barbituates.

Cross described another incident of police misconduct. "My husband had a gun put to his head when I was seven months pregnant. There was a poster whipped up beside him with shotguns over the car—and it simply was a mistake," Cross said in a sarcastic tone. "So they rolled up their little paper and got back in their cars and drove away. That is a daily occurrence in South Central L.A."

Cross admitted she has some trouble with special occasions like Diversity Week.

"I guess I share some resentment at the notion that cross cultural stuff is usually a little piece you add during diversity week or during that time you set aside for black history. It's almost like the parsley you put on the plate. It's not really important, you can eat it if you want to or you can toss it away, it's simply just pretty."

campus news

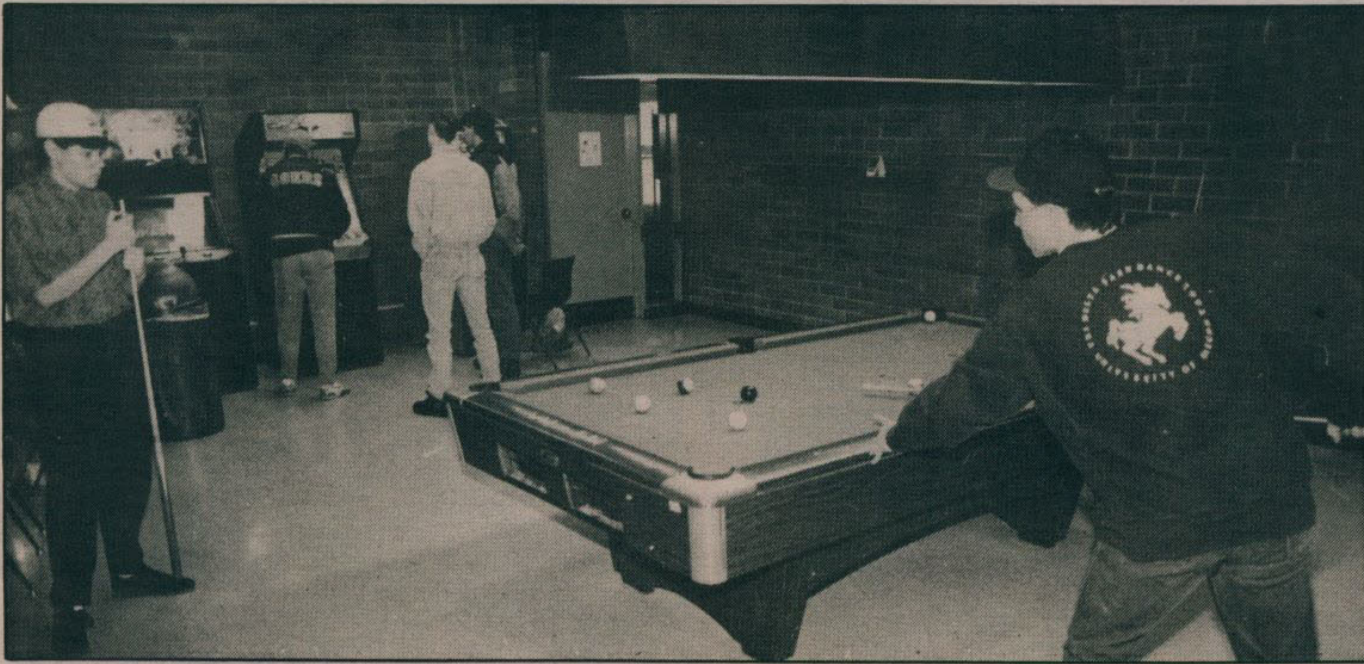


Photo by Paul Turner

Rack 'em up

Students have found a little less elbow room in the College Center rec room since it's been remodeled to make room for added space in the Student Program's office. The room will be the site of the annual ACUI recreation tournament this week, beginning with billiards and chess at 9 a.m. Thursday and continuing on Friday with table tennis at 9 a.m.

New student I.D. cards will go on sale Feb. 1

By Trista Bush
Of The Commuter

The new student I.D. cards will go on sale Feb. 1 in Tadena Hall. The college encourages all students to purchase the \$5 card before spring term.

"Students should bring picture I.D., such as a drivers license, and should know their Social Security number", said Diane Watson, an organizer of the program.

According to Watson, the picture will only take about 30-60 seconds to process and was specifically designed so it could not be tampered with. Watson said this was an important feature of the card since it would be used to

verify checks and identification for test taking.

Marlene Propst, also helping with organization of the card, said that students who lose their card will be able to get a new one. The computer system the program uses will hold up to 10,000 pictures in its memory. According to Propst about 13,000 students from all LB centers will purchase the card.

Student Picture I.D. cards will be available for purchase as follows: Feb. 1, Monday 10 am - 4 pm, Tuesday 10 am - 7:30 pm, Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm, Thursday 10 am - 4 pm, Friday staff only.

LBCC Humanities Art Gallery displays Bob Ross' photography

"The Canvas Paints Itself," a photography exhibit by biology instructor Bob Ross, is on display in the Humanities Building Art Gallery through Feb. 12.

Ross, an Albany resident, has been an LBCC instructor for 25 years, teaching biology, botany and nature photography. Ross began photographing wildflowers on Iron Mountain in the early 1960s when he was a student at the University of Oregon.

In 1988, more than 20 years later, he published "Wildflowers of the West

Cascades," written by Ross and Henrietta Chambers, a fellow LBCC instructor at that time. The book contains 183 photographs by Ross and 102 line drawings by his sister, Shirley A. Stevenson.

For this exhibit, Ross presents Oregon from the aerial view. The photographs, mostly in color, were taken while looking down on the earth -- whether from an airplane, ladder of knee.

Ross says, "This angle reduces the effects of the third dimension and

heightens one's awareness of the earth as a two-dimensional canvas. The surfaces of our natural canvas are land, sky and water. The paintbrushes include gravity, wind and heat. This perspective turns the mud flats, sand banks, lava flows and stagnant water into abstractions.

The exhibit is free and open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Ross will hold a gallery talk and slide presentation at the gallery Wednesday, Feb. 10, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Those attending may bring a lunch; light refreshments will be served.

Council member gives lowdown

By Jon Strode
Of The Commuter

Well, since the resignation of Mrs. Holly Thornhill on January 6th, your student council has been doing a lot. We helped out At-Large Representative set up and run her Diversity week meetings. We participated in bringing Ms. Shirley Chisholm to our campus to speak to us about Diversity.

council notes

Due to a conflict in schedules Mrs. Cheryl Bullock, one of the Science and Technology Representatives, was forced to resign. Applications to her now open position are available in cc-214, but must be turned in by noon on the 28th; sorry for the short notice folks but the office has been busy lately.

Well along with all the business we have this bit of interesting news. We need 20,000 votes to get a yellow blinking light put in at the intersection of HWY. 34 and Looney Lane. So far we have about FIVE HUNDRED. Now I realize that some of us have not signed the petition because we haven't been offered the opportunity. Well your worries are over, come on over to CC-213 and ask to sign up, it could save your life or the life of a loved one. And besides, OSU says they can come up with five to ten thousand signatures before we do. I think that this is a challenge to see just how many of us are aware of our surroundings!

With January almost over and February coming up it's time to look ahead on our calendars. With February comes Valentines Day. And with Valentines Day comes the Programming Board's sale of carnations for the one you love (or secretly admire!). These will be on sale before the big day and will be priced at \$1.25 for single carnations and \$6.00 for half a dozen carnations, so guys and gals start saving up your loose change to get your sweetie a present.

news briefs

Free trade issues discussed

Concerned about the future under a free trade agreement? Confused about what the agreement may mean to the economy and employment? A video program and discussion will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, in Rm. 202 of the Health Occupations Building at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to deal with issues raised by the recent Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico. It is sponsored by the LBCC Political Science Department, Oregon Peaceworks and the Oregon Free Trade Coalition. Two videos will be presented, followed by a group discussion that will be led by a representative from U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio's office. The event is free and open to all students and staff. Bring your own popcorn.

Training center workshops

The Training and Business Development Center is sponsoring the following one-day workshops: Basic Project Management, Business Success, Food Protection for Managers and Key Personnel and Successful Grant Writing. Workshops are held on the Main Campus and pre-registration is required. For more information call 967-6112.

Summer jobs, some are not

Glacier Park, Inc. is looking for 900 students for summer employment at Glacier National Park in Montana. For details on jobs and salaries call Glacier Park, Inc. at (602) 207-2612, or write Glacier Park, Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, AZ 85077-0924.

Help Wanted

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arts & entertainment

Playing lead in Haley's 'Queen' was traumatic for Halle Berry

By Gail Shister
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Her first starring role was no royal picnic for "Queen's" Halle Berry.

During production of Alex Haley's saga of his paternal grandmother, born a slave, "there were many days when I had total breakdowns," Berry says. "I hyperventilated. I cried hysterically. When I knew a heavy scene was coming up I would try to talk myself out of going to work."

"For three months after filming, everybody in my life caught serious hell. I had a bad attitude. I was angry. I'd cry for no reason. I was very confused and insecure about who I was, who I was becoming and what my purpose in life was." The six-hour, \$18 million "Queen," a companion to Haley's epic "Roots" and his final project before his death in February, will air Feb. 14, 16 and 18 on CBS. Berry, co-stars Jasmine Guy, Ann-Margret and "Danny Glover," and others met with TV critics recently at the California Afro-American Museum in L.A.

Berry, 24, best known for her roles in Eddie Murphy's "Boomerang" and CBS's "Knots Landing," never let her emotions cause her to miss work during "Queen's" three months on location outside of Charleston, S.C. (She was, however, laid up for 10 days after being thrown from a horse.)

When Berry returned home to Atlanta — where she lives with her new husband, Atlanta Braves slugger Dave Justice — she hounded her black friends to exercise the rights denied to their Civil War-era ancestors.

"I wanted to kill all my friends who don't vote," says the stunning Cleveland native. "I said, 'Our people died so we would have the right to vote. How can you not vote? As blacks, we have to take advantage of all the opportunities we didn't have then.'"

Speaking of opportunities, Berry has had "Queen" on tape for ages but she can't bring herself to watch it because of the fury it evokes. Instead, she's flying in her mother and mother-in-law from Cleveland and Cincinnati, respectively, to experience it with her and Justice when it airs.

"I don't know how I'm going to react," says Berry, an alum of Chicago's famed "Second City" comedy troupe. "I just want to be in a safe place with people who love me. We can go through it together. We can cry the tears together. We can laugh together."

Like Queen, Berry and Guy, who plays Queen's mother, are of mixed race. Both have a white mother and a

black father. Queen's mother was a black slave, her father a white plantation owner (Tim Daly).

The making of "Queen" was equally painful for Guy, star of NBC's "A Different World."

"I had never been on a plantation before," she says. "That wasn't something my parents took us to on vacations. I didn't know they were tourist attractions until I went to Charleston. I was shocked. ... I didn't know who to talk to about the pain I had."

The outspoken Guy resents the perception that "Queen" is a continuation of "Roots."

"I hate comparison shopping. I don't like doing it in my personal life. I don't like it when it's done to shows, like comparing 'A Different World' to 'The Cosby Show.' 'Queen' is a powerful saga in its own right."

Nothing official yet, but New York sources say ABC News is about to land President Clinton for a live children's "Ask the President" special. (But will he wear a cardigan?)

The broadcast, to be hosted by Peter Jennings from the White House, could air as early as next month, sources say. It would run for an hour, maybe longer, on the network's Saturday-morning schedule. Expect an announcement by next week.

Jennings has done kids' specials about AIDS, racism and the Persian Gulf War.

PBS' "Prime Suspect 2," a sequel to last year's smash "Mystery!" drama about Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison, won't begin airing until Feb. 11, but a script is already in the works for "Suspect 3."

Shakespearean-trained Helen Mirren reprises the title role in the four-hour sequel as well as in "Suspect 3." A big-screen version has been sold to Universal, which will Americanize the story. Mirren says she's not likely to get the role. (Tough break.)

Talk about strange bloodlines. Glamourgal Joan Collins will pop up as Roseanne Arnold's rich older cousin on ABC's "Roseanne" Feb. 16. Collins' character reignites a long-smoldering feud by advising Darlene (Sara Gilbert) to quit high school and pursue her dreams ... Funnygal Karen Williams hosts the fourth episode of the syndicated gay-and-lesbian variety series, "In the Life." The country-western-themed segment will air Feb. 3 (check local listings) ... "Night Court" alum John Larroquette will star in "Crossroads," an NBC fall sitcom about the night manager of a bus station.



Photo by Steve Norris

Acting up

At the recent Children's Theatre Workshop held at LBCC, Kristy Stewart is caught in the branches formed by Director Jane Donovan's tree. Christina Demaio, as the wind, tries to influence her release. The children were participating in a special Saturday drama workshop for youngsters being held by LBCC's Drama Department. The final workshop is Saturday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. No admission is charged.

coming attractions

Photography exhibit opens

Bob Ross, biology instructor, uses a novel approach in his photography exhibit "The Canvas Paints Itself" on display from Jan. 25- Feb. 12 in the Humanities Gallery, ground floor of AHSS. For this exhibit, Oregon is presented from the aerial view, looking down on the earth from an airplane, a ladder or his knees. Ross uses this exhibit to illustrate natural photography, a purist form of nature photography.

Community open exhibit

All local artists are invited to bring one piece of their art to the Corvallis Arts Center, 700 SW Madison, Corvallis on Saturday, Jan. 30 from noon - five p.m. A reception for the artists will be held Friday, Feb. 5, from 7 - 9 p.m. with live piano music by Wally Clark. This year's annual event

also celebrates the center's 30th birthday, and you're invited!

Conservatory offers classes

A variety of music classes for all ages and skill levels are being offered at the Conservatory for Music Education beginning Feb. 1. Arrangements for class admission, tuitions and scheduling must be done in advance. For more information call the Conservatory at 926-2975.

Auditions for Shakespeareans

A Northwest representative for the National Shakespeare Conservatory will be in Monmouth on Feb. 6, to audition actors interested in a two-year professional actor training program in New York City. Scholarships and federal financial aid are available to those who qualify. Call 1-800-472-6667.



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Superheros flex muscles on drugs, guns, AIDS

By Howard Cohen
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The latest weapon against gang violence, illegal guns, drugs and AIDS? Would you believe comic books?

First, the grim statistics: In a Public Health Service study last year, homicide was the second-leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 24, and guns were involved in 64 percent of the cases. Accidents and AIDS scored first and third.

With those figures in mind, two of the comic world's major companies, DC and Marvel, have sent their two most popular characters into battle against the criminal use of guns. And it doesn't stop there.

Comic-book superheroes are developing social consciences. In the next few months, the comics' colorful characters will share their pages with inserts on AIDS awareness, and more ethnically diverse newcomers will appear.

So far, the gun stories have drawn the most attention. DC's new "Batman: Seduction of a Gun," a 64-page special edition, looks unflinchingly at the proliferation of guns in schools: The Caped Crusader is sent into a bloody fray of bodies and bullets at a school where disputes are handled with the squeeze of a trigger.

The edition was inspired by the un-

solved murder of John A. Reisenbach, oldest child of Sandy Reisenbach, executive vice president of Warner Bros., DC's parent company. Reisenbach, 33, was gunned down two years ago on a Greenwich Village street. Proceeds from "Seduction of a Gun" benefit the John A. Reisenbach Foundation, which fights the widespread availability of guns.

DC writer John Ostrander and artist Vince Giarrano spent months researching gun dealers, drugs and teen gangs. The language is raw, and the story is based on real-life incidents. For authenticity, Ostrander enlisted the help of his wife, an inner-city junior high school teacher. Ten students were selected to read the script and add street lingo.

Ostrander's tale strikes with all the subtlety of a gangsta rap song. BLAM! BLAM! "Who we shoot? The cops or the blacks?" asks one white gang member. BRAAAP! BLAM! "Shoot 'em all man! Shoot 'em all!" comes the retort amid a frenzy of bullets and seared flesh.

The white gang members die, but not before wiping out three cars full of police. The rival black gang dies in a crossfire of bullets while fighting Batman.

In the most disturbing scene, a high school student's head is exploded by an assassin's bullet as Batman's

sidekick, Robin, stands helplessly by. "Chaka Zulu say you die, bitch" are the last words she hears.

Why the graphic violence?

"Part of the message we wanted to send is to counteract the (perception) that gun violence is very cool, clean and easy. We wanted to show that violence is brutal," says Ostrander.

Says Batman editor Dennis O'Neil: "The concern is we don't soft-pedal the violence. We tried to make it as ugly as possible. It's not pretty or antiseptic. The horror becomes compounded when dealing with children."

Gov. Douglas Wilder of Virginia ordered 300 copies of the issue and distributed them among legislators in hopes of convincing them to see the need for stricter gun laws in Virginia, according to DC.

Marvel's entry in the social-conscience trend was a two-part Spider-Man tale last fall. In "Something About a Gun" (issues 27 and 28), a 12-year-old character named Elmo finds a lost gun and plans to use it against his bullying classmates. Spider-Man races to find the youth.

As the hero swoops down with Elmo's worried parents in hand, the youngster stands quivering before his tormentors, gun drawn and aimed to kill.

Taunts build upon taunts and Elmo nervously fires - but accidentally, toward Spider-Man. Of course, the

amazing arachnid has his spider sense and web fluid to rely on, and he swiftly stops the bullet.

But the shock of almost killing his idol, and the all-too-real power of the gun's blast, reduces the boy to tears and drives home the point that a gun isn't a toy or a simple problem-solver like in the movies.

Social awareness in comic books wasn't born with these comics, of course. Marvel and DC both have had storylines concerning the ecology, and last year Superman grappled with domestic violence. And as far back as the late '60s, DC's Green Lantern tackled social and civil issues. (Reprints of these tales are coming out soon in trade paperback.)

In 1971, Marvel even bucked the Comics Code Authority to deal with drug addiction in "The Amazing Spider-Man" Nos. 96-98. Despite coming down harshly on drug use, Marvel had to release its series, "In the Grip of the Goblin" by Stan Lee, without the authority's cover stamp.

At the time, the Comics Code Authority, created by publishers to forestall government influence, regulated comic content: no zombies, no drug paraphernalia and no nudity, and authority figures must always be portrayed in the right. A relaxed version of the code is still in effect but has negligible effect.

classifieds

MISCELLANEOUS

Scholarship Announcement: 1993 ACPE Award 1-\$500 award. Eligible students: enrolled in an Oregon or Washington school majoring in computer science, information systems or business. Deadline 2/15/93. Apps. available at the Career Center.

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93-94 Scholarships: National Federation of the Blind. Various scholarships available for students who are legally blind and pursuing a full-time post-secondary course of study. Applications are available in the Career Center.

93-94 Scholarship: American Business Women's Association. Eligible students: Women residing in the Mid-Willamette Valley who are pursuing a professional or business career and in junior or senior standing. Application deadline 4-15-93. Applications are available in the Career Center located in Takena Hall.

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Weekly Crossword

"What's in a Name?"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS
- Indian prince
 - Daddies
 - Rip
 - Spoken
 - Computer letter
 - Calif. college
 - Small rodents
 - Towel salesgirl?
 - Large deer
 - Forbids
 - Circles of light
 - Whiskers
 - Word with green or yellow
 - Conducted in planned stages
 - Fresh air guy?
 - Word with calendar or numeral
 - "_____ in a name?"
 - Large coffee pot
 - Distinctive doctrines
 - Long lock of hair
 - Used car guarantee
 - Bishop's jurisdiction
 - Swindle
 - Get up
 - Southern sister?
 - Most faithful
 - Dobbin's supper
 - 5 in a prescription
 - Transpire
 - Belonging to us
 - Extraterrestrial obj.
 - Barbecue host?
 - Necklines
 - Wind instrument
 - Mountain crest
 - Ringlet of hair
 - Presage
 - Guide
 - Gambling town

- DOWN
- Vatican locale
 - Seed pod
 - Construction worker?
 - Pub offering
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- Standard golf scores
- Melody
- Crafty
- New Orleans University
- Environmental science:Abbrev
- Lowest female voice
- Cheerleaders exhortations
- Burns
- Well:French
- Botanist Grey and others
- Wild party:Slang
- Newts
- 3 sided object
- Book of the Bible
- Toward the front
- Line up gal?
- _____ cross
- Beginning
- Small song birds
- "What's _____ you say?"
- "Give him _____ for his money"
- Mr. Kent
- Mr. Onassis and others
- "Be all that _____ be"
- Kathleen _____
- Repeat verbatim
- Eight:Combining form
- Pal
- Raise to the 3rd power
- Curved molding
- Seedless plant
- Norway's capital
- Existed
- Craft
- TV accessory

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Parcells was wise to choose Patriots over beleaguered Bucs

By Selena Roberts
Orlando Sentinel

The wedding-like ceremony took place under a ballroom chandelier.

Cash was tossed at the man of the moment instead of rice, trying to ensure a fertile, productive team. Flashbulbs popped to record the moment. And the honored guest was in attendance. Bill Parcells was not a no-show this time.

"I feel like a bride left at the altar," Tampa Bay Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse said almost this time last year after Parcells backed away from an offer to coach the Bucs. It was a wise decision by Parcells, who later tried to rethink it. But, by then, Culverhouse had moved on to Sam Wyche.

Lucky Bill. It's true that it would have been a similar situation. Patriots owner James Orthwein, however, handed the money --\$5 million over five years--and the controls to Parcells, something that Wyche can't say.

Look at the Bucs' training-camp holdouts this past summer, 11 unsigned veterans: Now take a peak at the current non-negotiations with left tackle Paul Gruber and quarterback Vinny Testaverde. Wyche has said he desperately wants to keep both.

Yet, this doesn't sound like desperation: "We haven't had a meeting with anyone (in the Bucs' organization) since Jan. 5," said Mike Azzarelli, Testaverde's agent. "Sam has made it known now that he wants Vinny back. He said he wanted to re-sign him as quickly as possible. He said it to you. He said it to me. But we haven't heard word one from Rich (McKay, the Bucs vice president). It has been the same way with their communication with Paul Gruber. The team is not talking."

A team with Wyche not talking? How odd. Yet, this scenario is not so strange. This is the Bucs. This is how they operate, a team of inaction and reaction, never action.

That's why Parcells will be able to bring New England a winner within three years, while Tampa Bay will still be struggling to break .500 for the next five.

"I told him (Orthwein) I wasn't interested in being a competitive team," Parcells said. "I wanted a championship team. That's the only goal a guy like me can have. I'm not interested in making a team competitive from week to week."

He's interested in making something happen, needing an impact player to do so. Watch Parcells snatch Florida State linebacker Marvin Jones with the draft's first pick, knowing what Lawrence Taylor did for his old Giants team.

Special Agent

It seems super agent Leigh Steinberg did not speak for his client, Steve Young, last week, when he suggested that Young go to another team because the fans were holding him up to unreal expectations and were unappreciative when asking for Joe Montana to return.

"I have battled, and this is the team where I feel like I can be the best," Young said in a news conference the day after Steinberg's comments. "I don't think this is any new thing for him (Steinberg). I know it's always bothered him, but how many times do I have to say how much I love it here?"

Soon to be a free agent, Philadelphia's Jim McMahon is making his color preference known for next year's uniform.

"I want to go somewhere where I've got a shot to play," he told the Minneapolis Star Tribune. "Minnesota would be my No. 1 choice. They tried trading for me last year, but the Eagles wouldn't let me go. Minnesota's got a great team, but they lack someone to pull the trigger. That was very evident in the playoff game (loss to Washington)."

nfl notes

Super Bowl sends gamblers into frenzy

"If you put a compulsive gambler in a spot with gambling, it's like putting a guy who wouldn't cheat on his wife in a room with Bo Derek standing nude in front of him."

Arnie Wexler, director, Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey

By Billy Witz
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LONG BEACH, Calif. --The estimated 3 million to 10 million Americans who are compulsive gamblers don't have to go to Las Vegas to find their Bo Derek during the next week.

She'll be on their TV, in their newspapers, hanging around their office water cooler or just about anywhere else they look. If alcoholics have New Year's Eve to shove them off the wagon, then compulsive gamblers have the Super Bowl.

"The hype of the two weeks laying between (the conference championships and the Super Bowl) is the biggest stretch between any event and its conclusion," said Arnie Wexler, executive director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey. "You've got every reporter in the country telling you the point spread, what (the players) eat for breakfast, what their wives put on their nails. That juices a compulsive gamblers' appetite."

The council that Wexler runs has a national 24-hour crisis hotline (1-800-GAMBLER). For the CCGNJ and the nationwide organization it refers many of its callers to--Gamblers Anonymous-- these two weeks are the busiest of the year.

Wexler said that last year his office received more than 500 phone calls in the three days after the Super Bowl and that he expects more than that from those who bottomed out after the game.

Several local members of Gamblers Anonymous say they see increased attendance at meetings (there are 40 per night in the Los Angeles area) at this time of year. In keeping with Gamblers Anonymous policy, they are known only by their first name.

"Super Bowls are always hard for me to get through," said Jake of Long Beach. "After I stopped gambling (six years ago), it took me two or three years before I could sit and relax and watch it without worrying. It's nice because it's not life or death who wins or by how many points."

According to a nationwide survey by The Associated Press, pro and college football are the two most popular sports to bet on, with 26 percent of the respondents saying they liked a lot or loved betting on football.

The Super Bowl is the climax--the anti-climax, some say--of a month-long period of betting that begins with the college bowl games and builds with the NFL playoffs.

"A game is a game," said Mark of Los Angeles. "Betting Tampa Bay against New England is the same as the Super Bowl, but (betting) really starts getting to be a frenzy around the bowls and the playoffs. Because the Super Bowl is only one game (compared to the World Series, NCAA basketball tournament or NBA Championships), everything is so much more accentuated. Plus, everybody is betting on it. You feel like it's more accepted to bet on the Super Bowl."

According to the AP survey, 115 million Americans bet on sporting events. From six-figure books with a casino to \$1 office pools, Super Bowl Sunday is this country's biggest betting day. According to the survey, 90 percent of the country's gamblers bet socially. The rest are split into three categories: professional, criminal and compulsive.

By definition, compulsive gamblers are not discriminating. A gambler is described as compulsive if his habits lead to excessive debt, shatter his personal life, affect his job or lead him to criminal activities to support his habit.

"I'd bet that two cockroaches would come out from

under the table and which one would be first," Wexler said.

The bookmakers accommodate that need for the Super Bowl. There are about 40 bets one can make on the game, from the conventional point spread and over-and-unders (the total points scored) to odds on a 2-0 final score and which quarterback will throw for more yards.

The Super Bowl also draws so much action because it is the end of the gambler's season as well as the NFL's. It's that last chance to even all scores.

"I'd go to Las Vegas during these times with 10, 15, 20 grand and come back with 10 bucks," said Jake.

Mark said he bottomed out 10 years ago. "I quit not too long after the Super Bowl," he said. "The playoffs put me in a frenzy--especially the Jets. I thought Wesley Walker was too fast for Miami (in the 1982 AFC Championship), and (Miami coach Don) Shula didn't cover the field when it rained the day before the game. When the Jets lost (14-0), I went nuts. I was gambling on everything then."

Wexler describes the profile of the compulsive gambler: "It's a person who has an average IQ over 120 and comes from every walk of society. They're bright and intelligent people who can get to the top of their field."

They also are smart enough to realize that you can't win at gambling.

"The better gamblers will bet the same way all the time," said Jake. "You can bet the opposite way the line moves or home team underdogs, things like that. If you always bet a system, you're going to win a little more or lose a little more. If you bet heads and tails, you're not going to lose 40 times in a row."

The vigorish--the 10 percent commission the bookmakers take on winning bets--makes breaking even a losing proposition.

So why do people--even those smart enough to know better--gamble?

"The action is the drug for the compulsive gambler," said Mark of Los Angeles. "Getting the bet down was as important as the bet and the game itself--calling up the bookmaker and the line is busy gets your adrenaline pumping. There was usually a letdown when the game was over whether I won or lost."

"I think most people bet emotionally," Jake said. "If you made the line on the San Francisco-Dallas game seven points, it wouldn't matter if it were seven points or 12 points if a person was a big San Francisco fan. Any time you get emotional (gambling) con-

trols you more. Most people who come in to GA are out of control."

As more people come to Gamblers Anonymous, more of them are younger.

"That's the biggest fear I have," said Chet Forte, the Emmy-winning producer and director who helped shape Monday Night Football. After falling \$1 million in debt and nearly into jail, Forte (pronounced 'forty') is working as a radio talk show host on XTRA in San Diego.

He attends Gamblers Anonymous meetings and frequently gives speeches on gambling addiction. "You're not going to reach the 65-, 70- 75-year-old person who takes his pension check and blows it in Atlantic City," Forte said. "But when you sit in a GA meeting--I'm 57 and I've got to see 19, 18, and 17-year-old kids, you've got to break down."

According to Dr. Clark Hudak, the director of the Washington Center for Pathological Gambling, seeing more high school and college age students in treatment programs is not necessarily bad news.

"I think that's mostly because the awareness (of compulsive gambling) has increased," Hudak said.

But all the talk of point spreads, picks and pools is not the problem. It is merely a symptom.

"When you see the office pools, what you're seeing is the proliferation of gambling," Hudak said. "It's just a reflection of how much gambling there is. It's like a leak in a pipe. You're not aware of it until water starts coming out of the walls."

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sports

Herman's board seals first league win for Roadrunners

Metzker and Price return from injuries to spark Linn-Benton to a narrow 89-87 victory over visiting Saints from Mt. Hood

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's mens basketball team finally posted a league victory, but also endured a pair of losses last week.

After defeating Mount Hood 89-87 at home last Wednesday, the Roadrunners fell to visiting Clackamas, 88-82 on Friday and 89-74 at Chemeketa on Saturday.

In the win versus the Saints, LB's Jason Herman pulled down a rebound of a Mount Hood layin attempt with two seconds left to preserve the victory.

"I think that rebound is the difference between winning the ballgame and losing it," Linn-Benton coach Randy Falk said. "If he doesn't get that rebound, they get it and go back up and make the basket and get fouled or whatever the worst case scenario is that we can think of. All week in practice, the thing we've been stressing is that getting that board is the difference between winning and losing."

Although behind by as many as 13 in the early going due to some lackluster defense, the Roadrunners came back to take a 47-45 lead at halftime behind the efforts of Zac Metzker and Eric Price, two sophomores who returned from injuries. Price, sporting protective goggles, had suffered a blow to the eye and Metzker had hyperextended his elbow in a loss at Southwestern Oregon.

"They've missed the last couple of games and they're excited about being back and being part of the team," Falk said. "It definitely helps to have sophomore leadership on the floor."

Dean Smith led the Roadrunners with 20 points and 14 rebounds. Metzker scored 19 points and had four steals, K.C. Callero had 17 points and dished out five assists, and Price added six points and six assists.

In Linn-Benton's narrow loss to Clackamas, the Roadrunners once trailed by 23 points, before knotting the score with less than five minutes left

and eventually suffering the narrow defeat.

The Cougars erupted for a 60-37 halftime advantage on 60 percent shooting from the floor.

However, LB staged a dramatic comeback in the second half that was ignited by the defense of a pair of reserves that Falk inserted into the lineup to start the second half.

"My hat's off to Mark Holmes and Travis Heyerly," Falk said. "They came out in the second half and started for us and got the defensive intensity going for us that we lacked so severely in the first half."

After Metzker converted a 3-point play with 4:24 remaining, the score was all tied up at 80.

"It was a credit to our guys that we battled back like that," Falk complimented. "We need to understand that we have to come out every single game ready to play."

Although making only eight field goals in the second half, Clackamas capitalized at the free throw line on 24 of 27 shooting to escape with the win.

Price led LB with 27 points and eight assists and Jim Dewey chipped in 12 points and eight rebounds.

"All week in practice, the thing we've been stressing is that getting that board is the difference between winning and losing."

The Roadrunners completed their 3-game week on the road with a loss to the league leading Chiefs.

After a close first half, Chemeketa began to capitalize on Roadrunner fouls at the charity stripe. The Chiefs converted on 34 of 39 free throws in the game for 87 percent.

"I just think that it's hard to beat a good team on their home court," Falk noted. "They just gradually began to creep away from us. By the time they got ahead by 10 points, we had to start fouling."

Price shined with 31 points and 11 rebounds for the Roadrunners. Dewey and Smith each added nine points and K.C. Callero handed out seven assists.

Linn-Benton, 1-5 in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Southern Division and 9-10 overall, hosts Lane tonight.

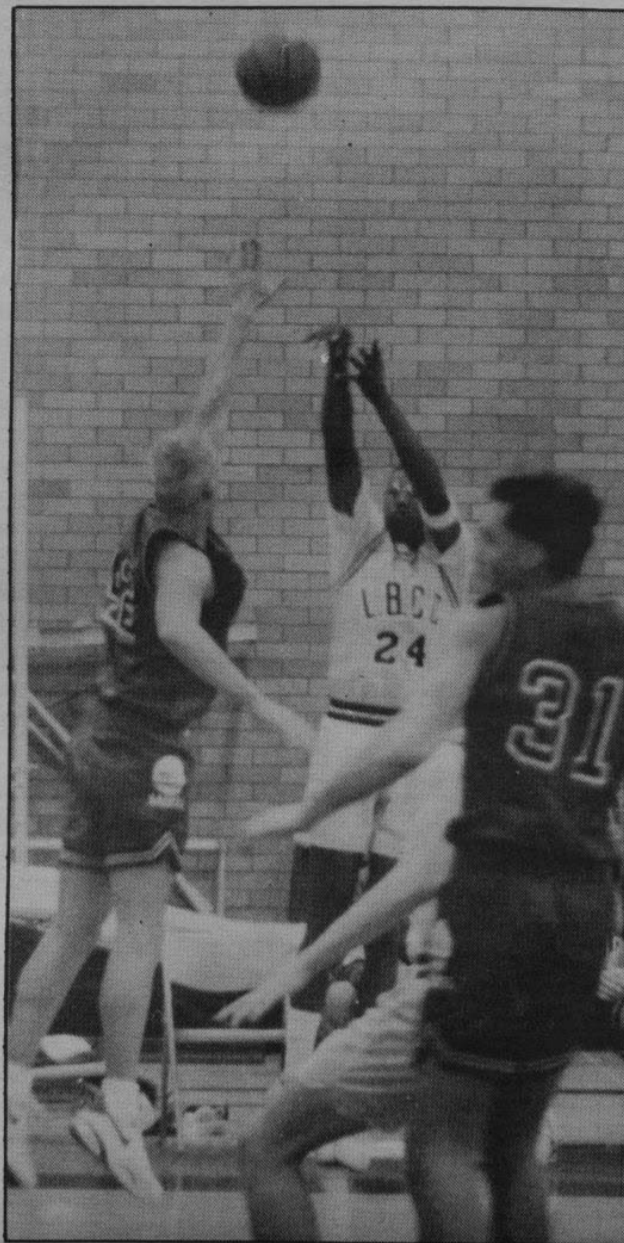


Photo by Linda L. Wallace

Eric Price, #24 shoots a basket as LBCC posts a league victory. After being down by thirteen, the Roadrunners rallied and stormed back to a 47-45 lead at halftime. LB defeated Mt. Hood 89-87.

Roadrunners' poor shooting, turnovers lead to losses

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

The Lady Roadrunners lost a trio of basketball games last week against three league opponents.

Linn-Benton dropped home games

to Mount Hood on Wednesday, 59-45, and Clackamas on Friday, 66-54, and then lost a road contest to Chemeketa on Saturday.

In their first loss, to the Saints, LB's poor shooting and inability to take

care of the basketball were costly.

The Roadrunners shot only 29 percent from the field and turned the ball over 25 times. Linn-Benton also converted just 36 percent of their free throws.

Behind for most of the game, LB closed to within 10 points with about five minutes to go and regained possession by forcing a turnover. However, the Roadrunners turned the ball right back to Mount Hood and an ensuing 3-point shot by the Saints sank LB's chances.

Bridget Burke, playing for the first time in four weeks due to a broken hand, scored 10 points and eight rebounds. Melinda Miller led Linn-Benton with 12 points and eight boards and Mariann McMenamin added 11 points and five rebounds.

Versus Clackamas, the Roadrunners' ball handling woes again were the difference between a halftime lead and an eventual 12-point loss.

After falling behind 26-19 early on, LB closed out the first half with 12 of the last 16 points for a slim 31-30 lead at the intermission.

However, the Cougars took control in the second half, using a 16-6 run to secure a 46-37 lead. The Roadrunners helped out Clackamas by committing 32 turnovers in the game.

"We played decent in the first half, but we can play better than that,"

Herrold said. "We're not going to win a ballgame until we can put two halves together. We didn't want it bad enough. We just are not playing well right now."

Linn-Benton's Nikki Endicott scored 10 points, grabbed seven steals, and dished out four assists. Burke added 10 points and eight rebounds and Tina Molina chipped in 10 points as well.

"We're not going to win a ballgame until we can put two halves together. We just are not playing well right now."

The Roadrunners rounded out their long week with a tough loss at Chemeketa.

Shooting just 25 percent from the floor and committing 32 turnovers contributed to the Chiefs' margin of victory.

"Our field goal percentage was just horrendous," Herrold said. "Obviously that was a killer. We just didn't compete."

Molina and Miller scored seven points apiece to lead the Roadrunners.

Linn-Benton, 1-5 in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Southern Division and 5-12 overall, hosts Lane this evening.



Photo by Jack Josewski

Bridget Burks, #24 and Nikki Endicott, #15 battle Clackamas for a rebound in the Friday night home game. 32 turnovers spelled disaster for LB.

writer's block

My Boots Taught Me A Lesson

When I returned to the women's locker room I gasped. My boots were gone - my favorite hiking boots! I'd left them out of my locker since they were all wet and dirty from the snow and I just didn't expect that anyone would take them. Since starting at LBCC in the fall I'd noted with appreciation the safe, clean, and friendly environment on campus and had come to rely on that security.

Now my feelings of trust were dashed. Someone had entered the locker room and walked off with my boots! I checked the lost and found in the office and found no boots. So I left feeling angry and hurt, walking through the snow in my old worn sneakers. My eyes were drawn to the feet of every female who passed me. I mused that if any woman were stupid enough to steal and then wear my boots, she would be explaining from underneath my line drive tackle. Ha, ha, I almost relished the thought.

After a short while, I realized I was thinking of nothing but my boots and attacking the thief. This negative energy was interfering with my ability to have a good day perhaps more than the loss of my boots. I concluded that feelings of anger and revenge

were more debilitating to the holder of the feelings than to the receiver. I didn't even know at whom to direct my bad feelings. What was I going to do? Walk around all day giving my bad feelings to everyone?

I took a long breath and exhaled. I needed a fresh angle, a new way to look at this. My thoughts had been centered on how I had been wronged and what I would do if this . . . or if that. So I decided to concentrate on the other person instead of me, me, me. The woman who took my boots had stooped to a low level of behavior, but was it out of meanness? Maybe she really needed the boots. Although I don't have a lot, she could be less fortunate than I. After all, I reasoned, I did have more than one pair of boots. While stealing is wrong, maybe I could feel sympathy for someone who has so little she has to steal. Actually, I had been rather stupid in leaving my boots out of the locker. Maybe the woman had not really needed the boots, but when confronted with the opportunity to get something for "free" didn't know how to control her greed. I've had to battle with that temptation myself. Okay, okay - I acquiesced. I'll miss those boots, but I'm giving them to her. I release them.

Instantly I felt lighter and freer without these

stolen boots dragging me down. They were no longer stolen, anyway but a gift to some stranger I might never know. I hoped she would eventually have a better life. I went about my classes that day a much happier person.

Two days later I was picking up a fresh towel at the equipment room and just on a whim asked if someone had turned in a pair of boots. "Sure," he said, "they've been sitting here a couple of days." I couldn't believe my eyes - there were my boots. Wow, someone had returned them, not stolen them. My angry assumptions of two days ago had been wrong, but now I was thankful. The process of forgiving my imagined thief and "giving away" my boots had been a wonderful release from an attachment to material possessions and to righteousness. I did not know the alleged thief, so how could I judge her? I like to think I was rewarded with the return of my boots because I found forgiveness and sympathy in my heart. I want to thank the woman who thoughtfully turned my boots in and caused me so much agony. It challenged me to think about judging of others and forgiveness. I learned a powerful lesson.

by Michele Mennett

The Feast of Acceptance

Who will hear the pain
of two silent wordsmiths
who sit in callous contemplation
of the rending of divinely enmeshed souls

No profundity of human manufacture
no words blithely etched
can penetrate where you have been
physical separation will not remove you
from the webbed lining of my soul

But Surprise!

The actual undoing is meat cleaver clean
no shards or erose edges remain
to snare, entangle or cut again
as both unselfishly render to the other
reciprocity occurs

Yes to life, to love, to God
I am free to love the God in you
to marvel at the gifts he still proffers
to wonder at the depth of his affection

Loving you is indeed loving me
Loving me is Loving my Lord
Glory, Hallelujah, Amen

Those whom God has joined together
let no man tear assunder
and so I abide
and so I serve

by Susan Edens

Human Kindness

The snow had begun falling again and the temperature was dropping quickly. The young man dodged the cars and carts as he ran for cover. Safely inside the store he cruised the aisles to find what he came for. After waiting in a long line of busy shoppers, the young man finally headed out. As he approached the door she saw an older man sitting alone on a bench. It was cold outside as he rubbed his hands together in an attempt to warm them. Beside him was a cart with some bottles and a few other belongings. The young man stopped and sat down beside him.

They did not see me standing there; listening to their words and

watching as gifts were exchanged. Following some gentle tones and understanding, the young man took off his gloves and handed them to his new friend. With eyes full of gratitude, the older man replied, "I may have cold hands, sir, but I have a warm heart." The young man got up to leave, smiling, knowing they had both received a precious gift that day.

The young man retreated around the corner and back into the store. He quietly grabbed a pair of gloves off the rack and paid the cashier. He left through the back door and walked home.

Some things in life never leave our being. Human kindness reaches the very core of the human soul. It mollifies all humanity.

by Elizabeth Zach

Sadie's Song

Look out a strangers wearing your face
Speaks with your mouth.
He's buried you in cement
In somebody else's yard

Green gray granite marks your spot
Your sanguine sighs rise up to a ubiquitous moon
Damn it, I said, Look out-The strangers wrapped your
fingers around your own silent, complacent, throat

You won't defend yourself, will you, my friend
The strangers taken your will too.
He's using it now, to justify his means
and he means to justify you.

Well don't just lie there like a pile of ashen bone
Speak up-Beg the stranger to return your sacred self
Plead to answer-to explain-it was only on loan-
Recall, you took it from another whose name you long forgot
She still had some life in her though, remember how she
fought?

Okay give in-If you must
Relinquish today, become the vanquished martyr.
Just don't come crawling to me,
the next time you lead a lamb to slaughter.

by Susan Edens

Home Poem

Where I live,
the trees are a foot shorter than the brush,
the stars burn brighter,
the river holds the moon,
and only soft sounds echo through the
night.

Shadows from the maple move
Across the window, creeping
Nearer to the ceiling as
Time passes.
I watch the branches sway,
Admiring the seeds as they
Make their way, spinning, to the ground.

Rapids burble soft in the summer,
Increasing their flow and
Volume in the winter.
Every night you can hear the
River's whisper take your worries away.

Roads are made of gravel here.
One day they might all be paved,
And people will come
Disturbing the solitude I now hold sacred.

by David Sallee

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