

Tuition hike, hiring freeze head up budget plan

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

LB President Jon Carnahan has proposed a plan to tackle a projected budget deficit that includes an immediate hiring freeze and a proposed \$1 per credit tuition hike.

Carnahan's strategy is designed to save \$200,000 this fiscal year and \$600,000 in each of the next two years. The projected budget shortfall is blamed on increasing enrollment that is not being matched by state funding. Carnahan said he expects that enrollment will grow 2 percent each year and state funding will increase by 4 percent, not enough to balance the college's budget.



"I need to make sure we are as good as we can be with what we have."

—Jon Carnahan

"We're stuck," said Carnahan.

According to Vickie Chamberlain, executive director of the Community College Association, state funding from the last biennium for all of the state's community colleges declined from about \$2,500 to \$2,300 per student. Currently Oregon's community colleges re-

ceive 4 percent of the total state budget, and LBCC receives 7 percent. Community colleges rely on state funding for more than half of their revenue, with the rest of the college's funding coming from property taxes and tuition.

Chamberlain said that this is the first biennium in which community colleges have not been able to handle all of the students they have received.

Carnahan warned the LBCC staff in a memo and at two all-staff meetings that the college will need to achieve significant savings over the next 30 months.

"In order to determine the targeted savings, I have made several budget assumptions that help our bot-

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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Sheila Hydes, Robin Wynn and Mike Clafly team up to plant seedlings last Saturday on donated land south of the campus.

Horticulture students plant 800 pine trees on land donated to LB

by Lori Weedmark
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Students from LBCC's horticulture class volunteered their Saturday morning to plant 800 Ponderosa Pine seedlings on approximately seven acres of donated Linn-Benton Foundation land across Looney Lane south of the campus.

Donning black rubber boots and work gloves, the group of about eight students and one instructor headed out with their tools of the trade—a wheelbarrow full of shovels, hole-diggers, clippers and trimmers. The ground was soggy enough to suck you in up to your ankles, but at least it wasn't raining.

"I'm giving up my son's wrestling tournament to be here and plant trees," said Marilyn Womack, a second-year horticulture student.

Horticulture instructor Greg Paulson praised the group for donating their time, noting that it only took about two hours to plant all the seedlings. "We didn't

know we'd be that efficient," he said.

The acreage was donated to the foundation three years ago by the property owners as part of a package deal for approval from the county to develop the nearby Target Distribution Center.

According to Paulson, the land was originally farmland, wetlands and forest lands. The foundation received the land as a woodland tract, and it must be maintained as such.

The county assessors saw open spots on the acreage that required planting in order to keep up to code.

"The biology and agriculture department would like to see the property under a conservation easement," Paulson said. "That would then guarantee that it would remain as an undeveloped area."

Starker Forest, a forest management company and long time supporter of Linn-Benton Foundation, donated the 800 trees for Saturday's planting.

Group pushes for Linn smoking ban

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

The Linn County Tobacco Free Coalition is gathering steam in its campaign to enact a ban on public smoking in Albany and Lebanon similar to the one adopted in Corvallis two years ago.

From Nov. 20 through Dec. 15 surveys were collected by the coalition from Albany residents and provided information that concluded a heavy support to restrict youth access to tobacco products, and to ban smoking from work places, restaurants and most other public places.

However, there were strong responses from opposition when addressing the smoking ban on bars and taverns, an agreement that only sided in favor of a ban

by about 7 percent.

A more recent survey conducted in Lebanon presented numbers that again displayed dominant support for a ban in their area's restaurants, bowling alleys and work sites.

According to coalition member and Health Educator Patty Brockman, the group's goal is not to ban smoking altogether, but rather to create a healthier public image by promoting smoke-free facilities, and by doing so could reconstruct the views on smoking that have hooked many youths.

"What we'd like to do is change the social norm among the community by educating youths and raising public awareness," said Brockman.

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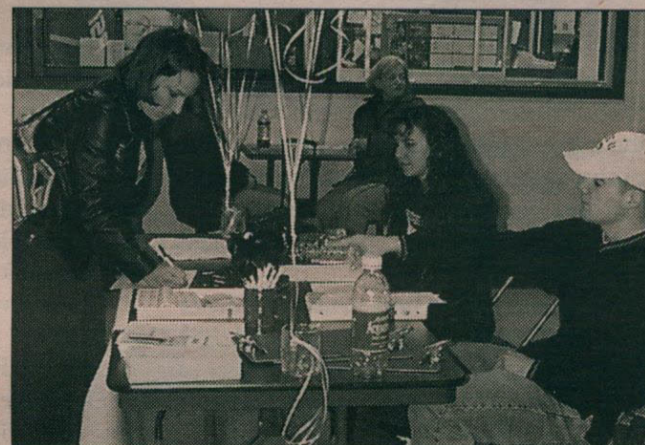


Photo by Robin Camp

Adrienne Stuart checks out the Linn County Tobacco Free Coalition table staffed by Diane Barnhart and Joe Alonzo Tuesday in Tadena Hall.

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Man publishes apology

Welsh accountant Howard Potter celebrated New Year's Eve with his wife and some friends in Cardiff, and behaved so badly as a result of extreme drunkenness that he felt compelled to apologize in a newspaper ad. His plea for forgiveness was directed at the staff of a Cardiff hotel, a man at a fish bar and two policemen. He does not remember all the details.

Love inspires jail break

Despite being in the custody of the State of Hawaii for various felonies, Robert Gouveia thought it would be all right to slip away from the work-furlough program so he could marry his lady love. The manager of the state marriage license office became suspicious when Gouveia used his prison ID to affirm his identity. Police were alerted. There was no marriage.

Traumatic pot luck pays big

During a night of drinking in Searson's Pub in Dublin, Marian Gahan excused herself to go to the john. She then fell asleep while seated on the throne, and did not awaken until 2 a.m., long after the bar had closed. Due to the trauma of being locked in a saloon, she sued the owners and was awarded \$5,135.

Ambulance pays up

A toll taker at a tunnel in Merseyside, England, stopped an ambulance speeding a 74-year-old woman to the hospital, and demanded that the driver pay the \$2 fee. Both he and his supervisor refused to budge, and even suggested the driver take an alternate route. Finally, a nurse in the ambulance paid up, and they were allowed to pass. The patient survived, but an investigation has been launched.

From the TMS News Service

If you pass the bus, you can lose big bucks

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

Warning! Passing that school bus may cost you \$650! Every driver is supposed to know that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when its red lights are flashing, yet some LB students have been spotted doing just that.

School bus drivers stopped on Hwy 99 at the Griffith and Allen Lane stops have reported numerous instances of cars heading into, or leaving LBCC, swerving around stopped buses, despite the lights and warning signs.

Bus drivers are less concerned with the legality of the issue than the danger to the lives of their small charges. "Surely the life of a child is worth a 15 to 30 second wait," said driver Mary Shelton, who is among the bus drivers who have started taking down the license numbers of those who ignore the law. Those reported will be contacted by the State Police.

Drivers tempted to shave off that extra 15 seconds by passing the stopped buses should be aware that the ticket for that offense costs up to \$650. And local police plan to watch the bus stops carefully, to make sure that every offender gets his or her ticket.

So, if you're tempted to push your luck and go around that school bus, first stop and check your wallet. By the time you're done, the bus will be gone and the kids will be safely on the sidewalk.



Photo by Robin Camp

Warning lights and signs tell drivers to slow down, stop and wait until children are safely out of the busy highway.

Budget: Carnahan's plan to be instituted over the next 30 months

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tom line; however, they need approval by both the Budget Committee and the Board of Education," said Carnahan.

In addition to proposing the \$1 tuition hike beginning next year, Carnahan also instituted an immediate hiring freeze, which would keep positions open longer than anticipated and leave vacant positions open for three months.

Carnahan would like to use natural attrition to reduce personnel costs, which make up about 82 percent of the college's budget, as a way to avoid laying off personnel. He also recommended not making this year's transfer of \$100,000 into the early retirement reserve, which LB established two years ago for future use, and absorbing the balance into the general fund.

Last week Carnahan hosted two forums in which he addressed budget issues and answered questions from staff

about what to expect and the intent of his plan. Ultimately, Carnahan said he wants to keep LB at a level of excellence he feels LB has come to be known for.

"I need to make sure we are as good as we can be with what we have," said Carnahan. "We try to meet everyone's needs, and we do a really good job of it."

Linn-Benton boasted an enrollment of 10,698 students this past fall, making it the fifth largest community college in Oregon in number of students.

According to Carnahan, who has worked at LB since the early 70s, LB stands out among Oregon's other community colleges as being the only one to be conceived by the community itself by voting to create a college.

In a new effort to reach out to the community that created it, Carnahan recently proposed the 21st Century Campaign, which raises both public and private funds. But he pointed out that those

resources by law can't be used for the operational budget.

Though Carnahan is hopeful that the college can weather the current budget crunch, he said they won't solve the problem forever. "There has to be major public policy decisions made," said Carnahan. "I don't think we're out of the woods yet."

Gov. John Kitzhaber has some initiatives for a long-term fix for community colleges, and Oregon community colleges plan to ask for \$14 million from the Legislature's Emergency Board in April. But there seems little chance that LB would get anywhere near the \$15 million he said the college would have received if the state had allotted funds proportional to enrollment growth.

Carnahan described his plan as a road map, with targets along the way, but that is flexible enough that direction can be changed.

Smoking Ban: Bar owners oppose proposed smoking ban—say it's bad for business

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Ray Hilts, an Albany resident and coalition member, stated that at this point the current initiative is targeted at compiling evidence for a majority of public concern by surveying surrounding areas like Sweet Home, Brownsville and Tangent.

"I would like to hope that we'd have a work party with the city council and commissioners within a few months to start looking at guidelines for an ordinance," said Hilts.

Although there is an overwhelming

amount of public support, there remains the opposition that's holding a stiff disagreement.

John Pierce, owner of JP's, a restaurant and lounge in Albany, points out that other bar and tavern owners are left feeling helpless as the news of a smoking ban spreads.

"As an owner it would bother you to hear about it, especially when people from Corvallis come over and complain about not being allowed to smoke in the bar," said Pierce. "I talked to the owner of the Peacock in Corvallis about the

action they were taking to fight the city ordinance there, but it didn't work."

Restaurant owners may feel powerless against the implementation of a city-wide ban. "It wouldn't be good for business—but there's nothing much I can do about it," said Pierce.

Though the survey results were highly positive for the Tobacco Free Coalition's movement, the information was somewhat inconclusive. For the 2,706 surveys mailed to registered voters in Albany and Lebanon, the return rate was a mere 15 percent.

Despite the low return rate, Hilts commented that, "The majority of respondents want a smoke-free environment."

The coalition will present its findings before the Albany and Lebanon city councils Feb. 23, in hopes of formulating a plan of action.

Hilts wanted to stress that, "The coalition feels that if a person wants to smoke, they can, that's their right. We want to ban smoking in public places to protect youths from smoking, which will have an impact on future problems."

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IN FOCUS

Help Out!

Stay healthy and happy by helping others; volunteers fill needs while enriching selves

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

Medical studies indicate that those who volunteer are healthier and live longer. Psychological research shows that volunteers are happier, better adjusted and less likely to be depressed.

Maybe that's part of the reason that people take time out of busy lives to spend some hours helping others. Of course there are other reasons.

At a recent Habitat for Humanity site where Student Life and Leadership volunteers helped trim trees, and work on the frame and roof of a new home, volunteers gave a variety of reasons when asked why they chose to spend a Saturday volunteering.

"Well, it looks good on my Phi Theta Kappa scholarship applications," admitted one student. A student with a pruning saw, perched high in a tree shouted down "because I want to give something back to the community," while a third shrugged and said "it just makes me feel good."

During preparation of a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless, volunteer Elizabeth Lundberg offered a practical reason for spending her day stirring and chopping: "It needs to be done." Judging by the smiles on her face and those of her daughter and granddaughter—who also volunteered—the chance to help others was indeed something to be thankful for.

Last Saturday, members of Greg Paulson's horticulture classes gave up a morning to plant 800 Ponderosa Pine seedlings on nearby land. And despite the early morning chill and ankle deep mud, there wasn't a complaint to be heard, only good-natured bantering and the soft sploosh of the dibble stick as it created another hole, for another tree, for another generation.

For those who prefer to help the four-footed, opportunities abound. Volunteers are always needed at local animal shelters and wildlife rescue operations. Since studies show that merely petting a cat or dog lowers blood pressure, over stressed students may want to stop by the nearest shelter before mid-terms and calm down with a little help from Froggy or McKenzie.

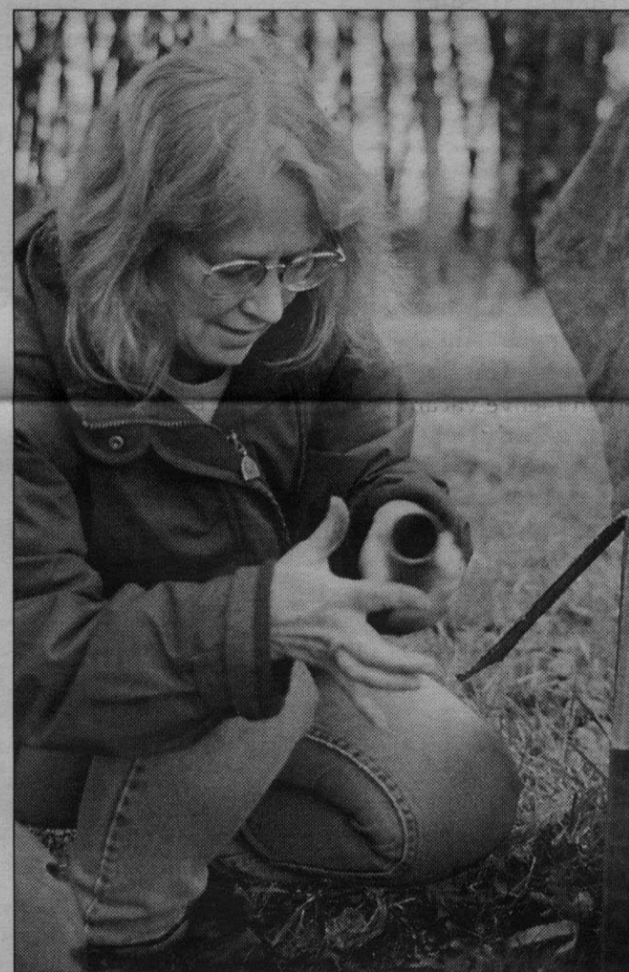
Carl Cox and his wife spend time every week walking and petting dogs at SafeHaven. "We have pets at home, so we just visit the ones here." He smiles down at McKenzie, who rewards his attention with a couple of leg-bruising thumps from a rapidly moving tail.

All these cheerful volunteers must be on to something. So, while it can't be bottled, patented or prescribed, volunteering may well be the best treatment for self-centeredness and cynicism.

The only known side effect is an increased ability to smile.



Elizabeth Lundberg and other volunteers put together a Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless.



Horticulture student Marilyn Womack removes a seedling from its sleeve prior to planting during last weekend's volunteer effort to plant 800 trees on the college's ecology study plot south of campus. Eight students volunteered their time for the project.



Carl Cox (above) plays with SafeHaven resident, McKenzie during one of his regular visits to the shelter. Froggy (below) waits impatiently for someone to open the door and get him a mustache comb.



Photos by Lizanne Southgate

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Habitat for Humanity
Albany (541) 967-4030
Corvallis (541) 752-3354

Volunteers help with finishing and landscaping work on local building projects.

Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation
Corvallis (541) 745-5324

Volunteers help care for animals, raise funds and educate the public.

Corvallis Community Outreach
Corvallis (541) 758-3000

Volunteers needed to pick up food bank orders, load and unload deliveries, transport clients to parenting classes, plan and prepare dinner for clients, perform administrative work, tutor children, provide child care, perform maintenance, translate and interpret languages, and assist health care providers.

CARDV
(Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence)
Corvallis (541) 754-0110

Volunteers needed to answer crisis line (training is provided) and provide advocacy assistance, such as helping clients fill out forms or accompanying a client to court.

St. Mary's Soup Kitchen
Albany (541) 926-8562

Volunteers needed for food preparation, clean up, miscellany.

SafeHaven Humane Society
Albany (541) 928-2789

Volunteers needed to feed, walk, pet, clean up after, and provide foster care for animals. Also needed are people to help raise funds, provide maintenance and technical support.

CAMPUS NEWS



What a Pair

The LBCC Roadrunner and OSU's Benny Beaver team up Tuesday to greet children as they stream out of Tadena Theater after watching the play "The Great Cross-Country Race."

Photo by Robin Camp

LB/OSU dual enrollment questions answered today

by Jason Journey
of The Commuter

Present-day college students have three things on their minds: how to save money, how to make things easier, and, well you can probably figure out the third subject. OSU and LBCC are willing to help answer questions on the first two student concerns.

A dual admission and enrollment fair will be held by OSU and LBCC today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Commons. "The fair will have representatives from each school to answer any questions or pass out any paper work needed," said Roxie Putman, an admissions specialist from LBCC.

The dual admissions and enrollment program provides many opportunities. One of the big opportunities in the dual program is being eligible for the same financial aid programs as an undergradu-

ate fully admitted into a degree-seeking program. Students receive financial aid from the "home" institution, which is determined by the immediate degree objective and enrollment. A minimum of six credits at the home institution is required for financial aid.

The second benefit is saving money. While enrolled at both schools, students can take core classes at LB and take upper-level classes offered only at OSU. Students spend less money on tuition by not taking the full load at OSU.

In addition, dual enrollment eliminates the hassle of finishing an associate's degree and then applying for admission into a four-year university.

Those with questions about dual enrollment are invited to the two-hour event. Pizza and soda will be provided. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 917-4811.

Film festival's 'Children of Heaven' offers honest look at modern Iran

by Kelly Heinonen
of The Commuter

The Arts and Communications Division film festival continues today with "Children of Heaven," introduced by LBCC sociology instructor Arfa Aflatooni. Films are shown on Wednesdays from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Forum 115. The film festival is a prelude to the Festival of the Humanities later this term.

"Children of Heaven" is set in Tehran where two children, a brother and a sister, have to share a pair of shoes in order to go to school. The film shows viewers what life is like as Tehran is being governed by a religious democracy. "I am hoping that this movie will show people that there is hope even in the roughest and

harsh conditions," said Aflatooni. Aflatooni is a native of Tehran, Iran and has been living in the United States for 21 years.

After "Children of Heaven," films include "First Oregonians" and "People of the Walomala," both presented by Tim Bowman, anthropology instructor on Feb. 16. "Matewan," hosted by Doug Clark, political science instructor, is shown on Feb. 23. "Indochine," hosted by Peter Jensen, English instructor, screens on March 1, and "Hiroshima," which is introduced by English instructor Beth Camp, is the last of the series on March 8.

These films are designed to help educate the public about significant issues. According to Jane Donovan, a

speech instructor, faculty members selected films they felt depicted an important event in their area of interest. Each showing starts out with a short introduction, then the film is shown and the instructor leads a discussion with the audience.

So far overall attendance has been varied, Donovan said. Last week's movie, "Conquest of Paradise," drew about 35 students, while "Dead Man Walking," which was shown Jan. 26, drew about a dozen students.

The movies are open to all students and staff who would like to attend, and all are free to come and go as they would like.

For more information contact LBCC program coordinator Beth Camp at 917-4556.

Religious groups provide sanctuary, solace to students

by Katherine Botkin
of The Commuter

"I was high all the time—every hour, at work, at school," a dark-haired girl tells her circle of friends, describing her past when she was at her lowest and tried to commit suicide four times.

"But now I'm back up. Since that night when I became a Christian, it's been good."

These students make up the Tuesday Christian Fellowship sponsored by the Linn-Benton Campus Crusade for Christ. The group, which met last term in the science and technology building, is in a transitional phase.

Every term clubs are supposed to meet in new rooms, and until the students work out their new meeting place, they are holding the club in the cafeteria from 11 a.m.-noon. They welcome anyone who wants to drop by.

Also meeting this term is a second Christian gathering—a Bible study group started by Brian Mills, a former LBCC student who now attends OSU. He may try to start a whole new club, but for now the group has teamed up with Campus Crusade, meeting Wednesday at noon in IA 233A, and drawing many of the same people.

"The Christian life is all about resting in the grace of God," said pastor John

Wang, who substituted for Mills last week. He taught from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, and said no one could ever become a Christian by doing good deeds.

Instead, he said, if you become a Christian, you begin to grow more and more like Christ. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

The group has 13 people in it, although there are many more Christians on campus who are busy during the hour it meets. Heather Rogers, who is helping organize the new group, said they want to eventually move to a less secluded location, where they could be found more easily.

The students who come together during these hours laugh, enjoy each other's fellowship, and sing together. They take what the Bible says seriously. "It's God's love-letter to us, and the more we know His word, the more we know Him," said Leah Ewers, her blue eyes earnest.

"Logic says (the Bible) shouldn't survive," writes Max Lucado in a flyer given out to the members of the Tuesday group. "Too old, too bizarre, too radical. The Bible has been banned, burned, scoffed and ridiculed. (But) it has been the best-selling book in the world for years! There is no way on Earth to explain it."

Carnations bloom for Valentine's Day

by Shannon S. Rice
of The Commuter

Is there someone on campus that you care about?

You can let him or her know by having flowers delivered to their classroom or office on Valentine's Day Monday.

Brent Schmitz, from the Student Programming Board, is in charge of the annual Valentine's Day flower sale. Students are selling carnations in pink, white and red. Orders can be placed between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the table in Tadena Hall next to the Financial Aid office.

Each flower costs \$1.50 or six carna-

tions for \$7. The deadline to put in your order is Feb. 11.

Students from the SPB and Associated Student Government will dress up in tuxedos to deliver the carnations around the campus between 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday.

Student Life & Leadership ordered 750 carnations, which Schmitz expects to sell out quickly. He said SL&L puts on the event on for fun and to give everyone a chance to show their appreciation or love for another. SL&L doesn't expect to make a profit from the sale, but they hope to break even.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Loveline' hosts titillating talk with Dr. Drew at OSU

Despite the absence of Adam Carolla and an angry outburst, Dr. Drew entertains and educates 4,000 audience members

by Andre Vriesman
of The Commuter

MTV's sexual advice show, "Loveline," came to Oregon State's Gill Coliseum Saturday night, packing seats with a sell-out crowd of 4,000. Dr. Drew Pinsky answered questions solo, after it was announced that funny-man Adam Carolla would not appear because of a cancelled flight.

As flashlight-and-microphone-wielding volunteers circled the coliseum, Dr. Drew took questions from the audience. After a brief introduction and apology for Carolla's absence, Dr. Drew told the audience "I want to talk about the stuff you're interested in." Dr. Drew directed several jokes at Adam Carolla, as the show's co-host remained "fogged in" at San Francisco International Airport. "Am I the only one pissed off at Adam Carolla tonight?" Dr. Drew asked the crowd, as he complained about the comedian's absence.

The attendees were a rowdy mixture of students from OSU, U of O, LBCC and local high schools, with a sprinkling of older people. Although some came to have their sexual questions answered, most came to have a good time.

Hoping for good seating, many waited in line for over two hours before the doors opened.

The questions were mostly risqué, ranging from basic love and relationship advice to graphic sexual discussions. One man, who identified himself as a U of O student, asked about the sexual effects of smoking marijuana. Most of the questions, however, were about the physical aspects of sex, or questions about the normalcy of certain behaviors.

Students laughed, cheered and even shouted insults at each other during the question-and-answer session. Dr. Drew answered questions for about one and a half



Photo by Christopher Spence

Dr. Drew Pinsky signs autographs for fans at OSU's Gill Coliseum last Saturday.

hours, before stopping to sign autographs and talk with fans.

As a board-certified internist and addiction medicine specialist, Dr. Drew's intent was not simply to entertain. He was mostly serious, and dished out his 17 years experience in sexual health advising. "I'm trying to use media to do good," said Dr. Drew. "I'm trying to change the culture in a healthier direction."

—Dr. Drew Pinsky

In general, Dr. Drew asked the audience not to listen to the media's sexual advice, and to focus more on interpersonal relationships instead of sexual ones. He also railed against using drugs to enhance sex, and addressed unsafe sexual practices.

One man, after preaching in front of the coliseum, managed to commandeer a microphone. He launched into a tirade against Dr. Drew and the show, telling the audience to "trust in Jesus Christ of Nazareth." After the sound was cut, the man was escorted away by security. Dr. Drew said that it was the first time anyone had spoken out against his show in his presence.

The post-show reception brought more than 40 guests to thank Dr. Drew for the show and learn of his upcoming projects

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

After the "Loveline" show on Saturday at OSU's Gill Coliseum, over 40 guests met with "Loveline" host Dr. Drew Pinsky for a reception in his honor.

Guests at a reception were quick to apologize to Dr. Drew for an outburst from an audience member during the show.

About a half an hour into the show an audience member stood up and, pronounced Jesus Christ as his personal savior and condemned Pinsky and "Loveline" to hell for spreading sin into the world. Visibly shocked, Dr. Drew quickly recovered on stage while security promptly removed the man. He commented that in all the years of doing the show this had never happened.

Later, at the reception, several guests said they were embarrassed by the outburst. One guest said she did not want Dr. Drew to believe that this is what OSU was about and that the majority believed the show promoted safe sex and vital issues that are lacking in America today.

The marquee light at Resers stadium read "Thank You Dr. Drew" in vivid colors. Adam Corolla, "Loveline's" other co-host, was unable to attend the event due to fog in San Francisco that delayed his flight.

Refreshments were served as he mingled and discussed women issues, sex education in America and his new project, the dr.drew.com show, where Internet users can now sign in weekly to watch live feedback and discuss sex, health and love with Dr. Drew, celebrities, experts and along with everyday Internet users.

Responding to questions, Dr. Drew said the success of the show has surprised him. When he started doing the talk radio version of "Loveline" 15 years ago, he did the show as community service to educate people on substance abuse, sex and health issues. Once MTV picked up the show five years ago, he said the show has gone further than he ever dreamed possible.

Desserts and music events sweeten this Valentine's weekend

From the OSU News Service

The OSU choirs are sponsoring a Valentines Dessert Cabaret this weekend in the Education Hall located within the First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis on the corner of Eighth and Monroe.

Two concerts will be held, one on

Friday Feb. 11 and the other on Saturday Feb. 12. Each begins at 7:30 p.m.

OSU students will perform jazz standards, show tunes and music by contemporary artists in a "beautifully decorated and intimate candelit setting," according to organizers.

At intermission coffee and desserts donated from local restaurants will be served to members of the audience.

The Cabaret is a fundraiser for OSU choral activities. The proceeds will be used to help fund future music scholarships, choir tours and other special events

and performances.

Tickets are on sale at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and the OSU Music Department's main office.

Reserved seating is \$18, \$12 general seating and \$6 for students. Call (541) 737-4061 for more information.

Toshi Reagon and The Big Lovely bring "a thrift store of sounds" to the Wow Hall

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

Brooklyn-based singer-songwriter Toshi Reagon will be gracing the stage of Eugene's WOW Hall today.

Although many people have not heard of Reagon, she has performed with many big names in recent years. Reagon has shared the stage with Lenny



Toshi Reagon

Kravitz, Pete Seager, Lisa Loeb and appeared on "The Late Show With David Letterman" after her performance with Elvis Costello last November.

Reagon is not a stranger to the spotlight. Her mother, Bernice Johnson of Sweet Honey and the Rock introduced her to music early on. Reagon states that most of her influences came from artists

such as Chaka Khan, Neal Young, and Ferron.

According to the New York Times "She creates music that's a thrift store of sounds; some old, some new, and many of them timeless."

"When you enter a Toshi Reagon show you are mine," states Reagon in her WOW Hall press release, "You'll leave a little different."

Reagon and her seven-piece band Big Lovely, will be promoting their new album, "The Righteous Ones." The album is a collection of Gospel, funk, folk and urban blues.

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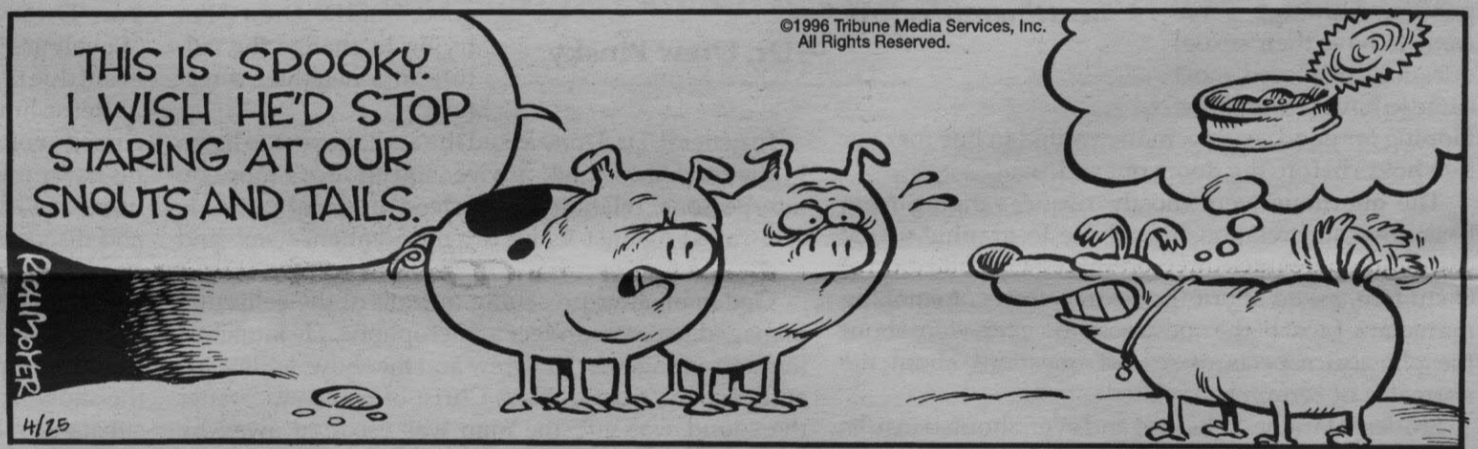
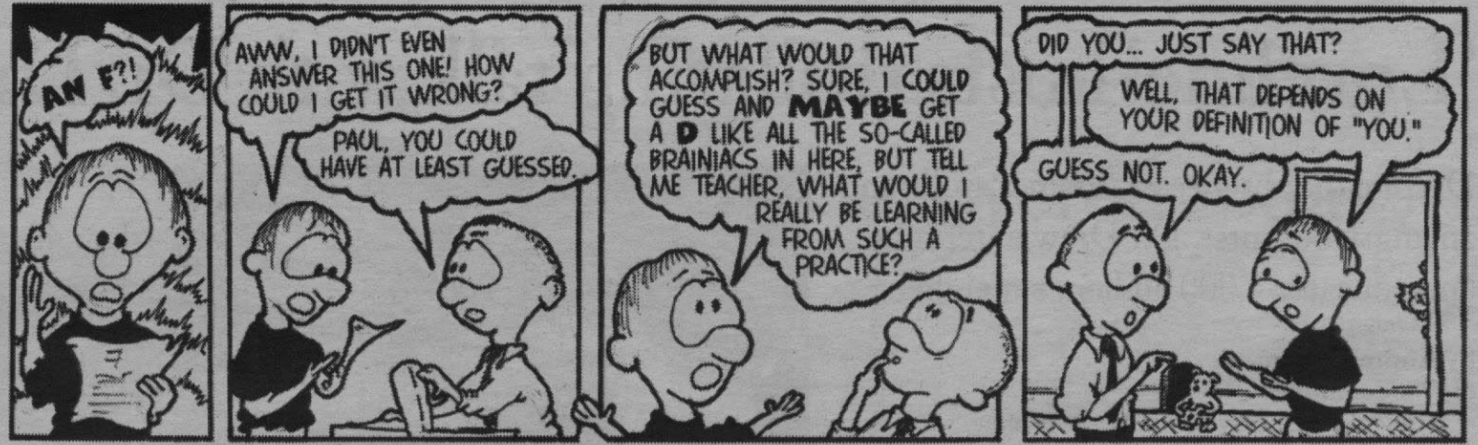
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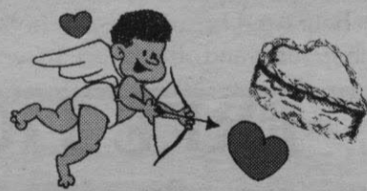


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SPORTS PAGE

Brusseau leads Runner scorers as LB splits pair of games

Hot-shooting wing pours in 30 points against PCC, leads team to 100-91 win

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Runners were hoping to forget about the 17-point drubbing they got from Umpqua a few days earlier when they travelled to Portland to play the Panthers, and they did just that, pulling out a 100-91 victory over PCC.

The first stanza was all Runner basketball, as they went into the locker room leading 55-40. Linn-Benton was hot—hitting 72 percent of their shots from the floor and 81 percent of their free throws. The shooting for the Runners came back to earth in the second half, as they hit 43 percent of their shots and let Portland outscore them 51-45. But that was not good enough to overcome LB's 15-point first half margin.

JR Brusseau dominated the glass offensively and defensively, scoring 30 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Hamilton Barnes was next in points with

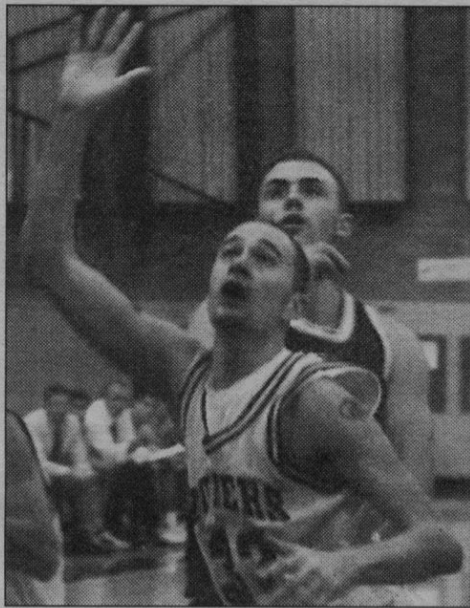


Photo by Christopher Spence
JR Brusseau goes up for two points against Umpqua Wednesday.

20, while Nick Donaldson and Kraig Schuler were next in rebounds with eight.

Overall, both teams shot well from the floor, with the Runners connecting on 55 percent of their shots and Portland hitting 46 percent of theirs.

The Runners, now 4-6 in league play, take on the Lakers of SWOCC tonight at 6 p.m. in Coos Bay, then travel back home Saturday to face the Mt. Hood Saints at 6 p.m. in the Linn-Benton Activities Center.

Umpqua jumps out to early lead and hangs on for 78-61 win against Runners

by Melanie Hodel
of The Commuter

The Runners fell to 3-6 in league play after being defeated by the Umpqua Timbermen Wednesday night, 78-61.

Although the Runners were victorious last time the two teams played, the outcome was quite different the second time around. LB struggled during the first half of the game giving the Timbermen a 13-point lead, 38-25.

The Roadrunners came out stronger offensively the second half, but the defense wasn't enough to stop UCC from matching baskets and keeping the lead.

"Offense wasn't what lost the game, but lack of defense and communication,"

said Coach Randy Falk. "Our greatest problem was lack of defensive intensity."

JR Brusseau led LB with 13 points followed closely by Mark Chocktoot who had 12 points.

Hamilton Barnes added eight points and dished out four assists, while Kraig Schuler scored five points and led the team in rebounds with nine. Andy Ross also pulled down five boards for the Runners.

"I think we were overconfident," said Schuler. The Runners beat the Timbermen 81-58 last time they met, but came out flat this time, according to Schuler.

Although the Runners made a run at Umpqua shortly after halftime and were within nine with about 12 minutes left, they just couldn't keep UCC from scoring and taking back a double-digit lead. The Timbermen shot 52 percent, while the Runners managed to hit only 35 percent of their shots. LB was also out rebounded 57-43.

"I think we're a better team than what we showed on the floor," said Falk. "We are lacking the consistency to compete every moment of the game."

Three-on-three basketball tournament set for Feb. 25

by Karen Bryan
of The Commuter

The Student Programming Board will be sponsoring the annual Schick three-on-three basketball tournament Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the LBCC gym.

The teams will be coed and must have at least one male and one female. There is no fee to participate. Sign up at the Student Life & Leadership Office located on the east side of the Courtyard. Anyone can participate, except for members of the OSU or LBCC basketball teams. Each team will play a series of half-court games and be ruled out by single or double elimination, depending on the number of teams.

The third place team will receive tournament t-shirts while the second place team will receive t-shirts and movie tickets from Act II regional cinemas. The first place team will be awarded T-shirts and a free dinner from Albany's Wyatt's Eatery and Brewhouse.

Refreshment will be available for all participants during the tournament.

Lady Runners slip past Panthers but lose big to Timberwomen, 104-59

Umpqua surges to big victory, but Runners overtake PCC by 1 point; Dexter collects 16, 13 points to lead LB

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Lady Runners went into their games last week facing a tough test in Umpqua and then an easy one in Portland. But both games proved to be tough.

The Runners were trounced by the Timberwomen 104-59 and then barely held on to a victory over the Lady Panthers of PCC 53-52.

The game against Umpqua was close at the beginning, but the Timberwomen went on a strong surge and took a 52-34 lead at halftime on their way to the 104-59 lopsided win. Umpqua was hitting on all cylinders, shooting 50 percent from the field in the first half and 60 percent in the second. Overall, the Runners shot only 31 percent from the field and were dominated on the boards 67-33. The Timberwomen also turned 20 Runner turnovers

into 26 points.

Kelly Dexter was the Runners' leading scorer with 16 points and the leading rebounder with six. Summer Wright had nine points and Evie Larsen and Karen Bryan had three rebounds each.

In the game at Portland on Saturday, both teams shot poorly as the Runners stormed to an early 30-25 advantage at halftime. Portland put a scare into LB to start the second half, outscoring the Runners by four points, but that was one short of what the Panthers needed, leaving LB with the narrow victory.

Dexter was once again the leading scorer and rebounder, finishing with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Jana Sissom was next with 10 points and Mindy Klinkebiel had 10 rebounds.

The Lady Runners easily outrebounded the Lady Panthers 56-40, but the Panthers were able to turn LB turnovers into points, holding the advantage at 21-10.

Linn-Benton takes on the Lady Lakers of SWOCC tonight in Coos Bay at 8 p.m., then take on the Lady Saints of Mt. Hood Saturday at the Linn-Benton Activities Center at 8 p.m.



The Roadrunner Strut

The Linn-Benton Dance Team, coached by Lori DeBord, practice before the men's game last Wednesday. The team performs during timeouts of men's home basketball games.

Photo by Christopher Spence

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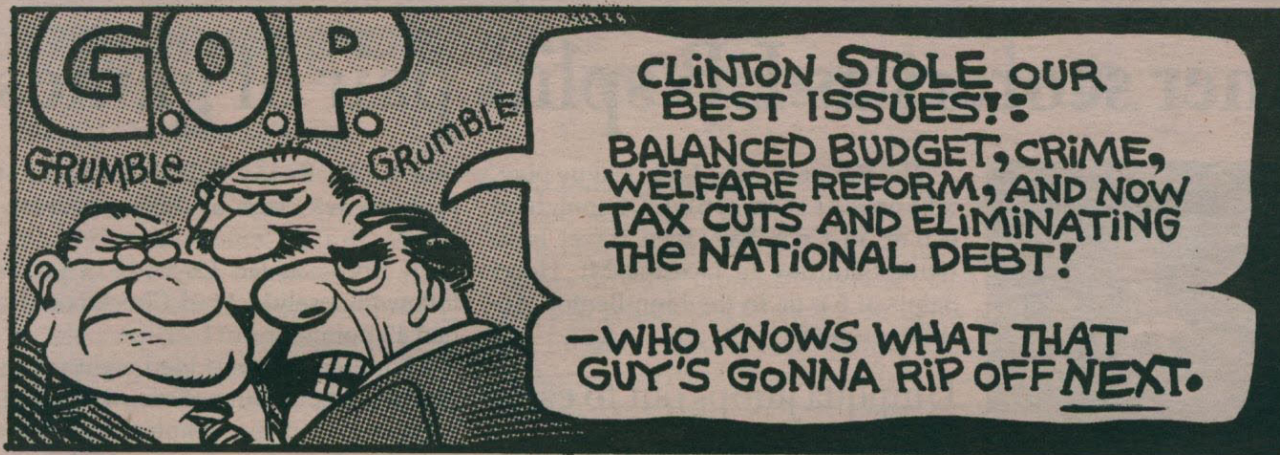
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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smoker's action responsible for non-smoker's reactions

To the Editor:

Myles S. Crain writes in his letter (Wed., Feb. 2) that he is "Tired of having to put up with second-rate criticism," and "infantile comments from many non-smokers," while he smokes in non-smoking areas. I wonder who is being infantile in this situation?

Mr. Crain explains that he doesn't always "have time to trek to a remote corner of the campus" to have a cigarette in a designated smoking area. What campus is he talking about? The campus I attend has smoking areas central to nearly every building. The smokers in my program with whom I attend class seem to have no problem finding time and appropriate designated locations for a cigarette during class break.

Is it infantile to ask a person smoking in a non-smoking area to please take it to a designated area? Am I self-important because I don't want to breathe their smoke? I am certainly intolerant of this behavior, which is totally lacking in consideration for others.

Perhaps if Mr. Crain feels put upon by the stares, comments, and jeers of those who do not care to breathe his smoke, he should reevaluate his behavior. I don't remember a scientific study finding second-hand whining, muttering or staring to cause cancer.

Jack Maynard

Smoker needs to stop whining about disapproval

To the Editor:

In response to the smoker's letter to the editor in last week's Commuter, I have something to say to that person, and all that think this world revolves around cigarettes. Let me start by saying maybe he and his comrades need to begin by picking up their nasty cigarette butts, the ones that mysteriously grow legs and walk themselves out of the butt cans and lay to rest all over campus.

You are absolutely right, you have every right to smoke and kill yourself in the process. I wish you the best and that you succeed in your own demise. Let's talk about the facts; it's been known since the late 50s that smoking is seriously unhealthy, stinky, unwise to say the least, and a leading cause for halitosis, next to poor hygiene. I wouldn't waste my valuable energy giving you dirty looks, but for those who do, I don't blame them one bit.

I truly believe habits are everyone's given rights as free Americans, but responsibility and consideration for their adverse effects should go with them! If I drink should I get into a car and drive? The answers should be no! Why? Because by doing this I am endangering

the lives of all those who I come in contact with. Yes, you can say that I am comparing things from different plains, but in reality they're both gambling with lives, only difference is one is immediate and the other is long term.

My point is that, once your habits turn to behavior or conduct that infringes on others right to peace and safety, you're wrong! So quit whining about where you can and can't smoke; you should keep your habits at home. School is for the sole purpose of learning in the best possible environment, not corrupting it, clouding it with screens of smoke, throwing trash (butts) all over campus or picking your nose! Should all non-smokers have to wear gas masks just to breathe the clean air at school? No, what I think is you need to keep your reckless, and self-destructive behavior to yourself.

Garett Eilers

Prejean's visit fails to sway opinion on death penalty

To The Editor:

In regard to Sister Prejean's visit to this campus, I would have to say that I have seen the movie "Dead Man Walking," and it has not changed my mind in any way about the death penalty. I do believe that the death penalty is a just and fair punishment for those who commit horrendous acts against innocent people.

Some opponents of the death penalty have a hard time understanding why we are for it. For one reason, it is a means of closure for the families of murder victims. I can cite three examples of those who deserve the ultimate punishment: Timothy McVeigh, Richard Allen Davis and Jesse Timmendequas.

McVeigh was partially responsible for the 1995 bombing at Oklahoma City that killed 168 people and injured 500. During the trial, Mr. McVeigh showed absolutely no remorse for what he did, and during the trial he started giggling at the families of the victims, a sign that he was not sorry for his actions. Davis was convicted of the torture and murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas. After he was convicted, he read a nasty and offensive statement (aimed) at the father of Polly Klaas that caused anger and outrage to the public. Timmendequas was convicted of the killing of 8-year-old Megan Kanka. After her death, 49 states passed what is called "Megan's Law," which requires the public be notified if a sex offender is living in their community. . . .

The only people who should be executed are those who commit heinous acts and show no remorse for their crimes. It may be cruel to execute someone, but it is even more cruel to allow cold-blooded killers to get away with murder. That's what the death penalty is for. I thank you.

Jeff Smith

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What do you think about the \$1 per credit tuition hike proposed by LBCC President Jon Carnahan?

President Jon Carnahan recently recommended a plan to the college's Board of Education to add \$1 to tuition in order to help head off predicted budget shortfalls. Community colleges are seeing an increase in enrollment and state funding is not keeping up with the costs associated with the increase. Linn-Benton is the fifth largest community college in the state.

"It doesn't mean much to me. I'm in my second year and will be leaving as soon as I can."

—Loren Knox, secondary education



"Truthfully, you'd think it wouldn't be a good thing, but it's still pretty cheap here. I don't think that \$1 more per credit will make too much of a difference for most of us."

—Mel Juza, fine art

"I don't like it. We (students) can't afford to go to a four-year college, that's why we are here at a community college. Another thing is once they raise tuition, they seem to keep raising it."

—Kate Hampton, business



"I think with the cost of college and books already it's tough enough for students as it is. I work two jobs already to help pay for college, and it seems like tuition just continues to go up."

—Marcie Miner, pre-nursing

"I don't think it will be that big of a deal because it will only be like \$5 or \$10 more per term for most students. Students should be able to scrape that together."

—Josh Anderson, sociology

