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Colleges seek funds to cover cost of more students

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Last week LB President Jon Carnahan joined presidents of other Oregon community colleges to ask the Legislature's interim budget panel for \$16.4 million to offset the cost of rising enrollment.

Carnahan said that Oregon community colleges had to testify before the committee, which will make a recommendation for "some money for some growth."

Because funding for community colleges represents only 4 percent of state funding, chances are not good that the colleges would receive all the money required

to balance the deficit in funds. The colleges' \$16.4 million request is more than half of the \$33 million remaining in the emergency fund, which is supposed to last until the Legislature meets in January.

"We knew that going in," said Carnahan. "We're hoping now that they fund us at some level."

Oregon's 17 community colleges are facing an enrollment increase of about 4 percent a year. Community colleges served approximately 373,000 people in the 1998-99 school year.

Vickie Chamberlain, executive director of the Oregon Community College Association, told the Associ-

ated Press that "community colleges are struggling to catch up with the increased demand, and we are falling behind."

Community colleges are funded primarily through tuition, state funding and local property taxes. Revenue from local property taxes has been restricted in the last 10 years due to Ballot Measures 5 and 50, and raising tuition imposes hardships on students, so an increase in state funding is the only remaining source to tap for more funds, according to Chamberlain.

The state Emergency Board will make a final vote this Friday.



Photo by A.J. Wright

Plants for the Planet

Allen Schroeder and Nora Webb plant flowers in a tub during Friday's Earth Day activities in the Courtyard sponsored by Student Life & Leadership. About 25 people pitched in to adorn 20 planters with daisies, bacopa and gazania. The tubs were then distributed around campus.

Protestors denounce stores for genetically altered foods

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

A local Corvallis group sought to bring awareness to the community Saturday by organizing a protest and "pure food walk" against local chain supermarkets for stocking and selling genetically engineered food products.

Ahimsa Sanctuary, a non-profit organization, organized the protest, which started at WinCo Foods in the Timberhill Shopping Center in Corvallis and went on to Albertson's, Fred Meyer's and Safeway. Approximately 40 people showed up in support, carrying signs and chanting "Just no, WinCo."

"We are here today to bring awareness to the community and get the stores to make a statement to the public about an issue that needs our attention," said Christina Calkins, Ahimsa member and protest organizer.

"I'm here because I question genetically engineered foods, the understanding of how they affect us and how they are propagated in the environment," said local protester Josh Smith.

Genetically engineered foods include

those that are altered with techniques that change the molecular or cellular biology of an organism. One way this is accomplished is to introduce foreign genes into the plants, such as a gene that would make the plant resistant to certain herbicides. Another way is to change the position of the genes, making the plant grow larger or faster.

There are some tomatoes on the market today that have had cold-tolerant genes added so they will grow in colder climates. The genes were taken from organisms like shellfish from the North Atlantic, according to the Center for Food Safety.

Companies like Kraft, McDonalds, Nestlé, Dannon, Häagen-Dazs and Nabisco reportedly use dairy products that contain BGH (recombinant Bovine Growth Hormone) from treated cows. This hormone, which helps increase milk production, has been rejected by nearly every country except the United States.

Some protesters believe that altered food products have not been tested enough to know the long-term effects on

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Students grill candidates on issues

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

LBCC Student Life & Leadership brought Legislative candidates to the Courtyard for a forum last Wednesday to help get students involved in local issues concerning them.

Four candidates running for state Legislature showed up for the event: Democrat John Donovan and Republican Jeff Kropf, who are running for District 36; and Republican Debra Ringold and Democrat Kelly Wirth, who are running for District 35.

Some of the issues discussed at the forum included community college funding, child care for student-parents and the Sizemore initiative.

The initiative, proposed by tax activist Bill Sizemore,

will drastically decrease state income tax revenues, which will affect LBCC because the college depends on state revenues for about 58 percent of its budget.

"If the initiative goes through, LBCC will lose funding that we can't afford to lose," said Joyce Fred, ASG president.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan spent last week in Salem lobbying for increased community college funding. He spoke to the house education subcommittee, requesting support from the state emergency fund.

"We really wanted to show the impact that unfunded enrollment growth can have on community colleges," Carnahan said. "We should elect local officials that show support for our community colleges."

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Photo by Lori Weedmark

State Legislature candidates John Donovan, Debra Ringold and Kelly Wirth answer questions from students Wednesday in the Courtyard.

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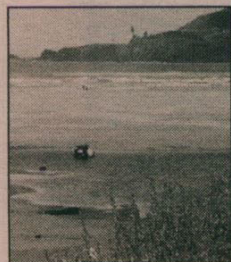
Check This Out

"Tampopo," a Japanese satirical film about food will be shown tomorrow in the Student Lounge at 2 p.m.

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OFF BEAT

Under parental influence

Alice Tirado, whose son who was about to be sentenced for two gang-related murders, came to court in Fayetteville, N.C., to testify as a character witness on his behalf. But she never got to vouch for the lad's moral integrity because she was so drunk that she was stopped by police as she was about to enter the courtroom, and obligingly admitted that she had been drinking until 4 a.m.

A loose connection

A thief stole a utility trailer from Home Depot in Albuquerque, N.M., attached it to his pickup truck, and drove off. A few miles later, it came loose and crashed, so he went back and stole another one. But that trailer also detached from his truck and crashed near the first one. So he went back and stole a third. In the meantime, a deputy sheriff saw the two crashed trailers and stopped to investigate. Just then, the thief drove by with the third stolen trailer, which clipped the policeman's car.

Flight survival tip

On an 8 1/2-hour flight home to England from Texas, Amanda Holt and David Machin, who had not met before they boarded the plane, drank until they were heavily intoxicated and then got to know each other in a most intimate way. They removed their clothes and carried on, ignoring the attendant's orders to stop. Both Holt, 37, and Machin, 40, lost their jobs and were heavily fined. They also received a stern talking-to from their spouses.

Neighbor barbeques pet

Frantic because her pet Vietnamese potbellied pig was missing, Sadie Emerson drove around her Deming, N.M., neighborhood looking for it. She finally found Tiny Boo at an outdoor barbeque - being served as the main course. An angry confrontation ensued. The host of the event said he had shot the 50-pound pig when it attacked him. He faces animal cruelty charges.

Dead man running

Shirley Turner thought her victory was assured in the election for the Board of Education of Kingfisher County, Okla., because, after all, her opponent was dead. But the voters, perhaps not thinking that a candidate's death should disqualify him, chose the late Rodney Hobbs, who died in February of an aneurysm, over Turner, 104-63.

From the TMS News Service

Parents invited to bring daughters to work

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

Parents can mark their calendars for Thursday, April 27, which is Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

The LBCC Gender Equity program, sponsored by Ms. Foundation for Women, is asking staff to bring their daughters to work. The goal is to encourage parents to expose their children to

the many programs LBCC offers.

The Gender Equity program has already accomplished the following:

- Put together tours on campus for high school students and provided them with lunch tickets.
- Made an accessible career pamphlet rack to help undecided students choose from a variety of majors.
- Sponsored a women speaker for

Women History Month.

• Provided training for the faculty to teach them to be bias free and open-minded to diversity in their classroom.

• Organized the Career Fair. Committee member Dael Dixon said that when girls hit their pre-teens their self-esteem decreases, adding "We need to help them realize mathematics and science can be options in their lives."



Photo by Lori Weedmark

Sign-waving protestors gather outside WinCo Foods Saturday before marching through Corvallis.

Protests: About 40 people march in favor of 'pure foods'

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human health or the environment.

"Genetically modified foods can include any food which contains soy, canola, potato, tomato, corn, flax seed and dairy products," said Intaba Liff-Anderson, Ahimsa member and organizer for the local chapter of Organic Consumers Association. "If you buy anything with those products, such as cereals, chips or breads, chances are they have been genetically altered."

Scott Frost, public relations coordinator for Oregon Tilth, addressed the crowd, saying "60 to 70 percent of all foods sold in conventional grocery stores are genetically altered." He suggested the public get involved by pushing stores' management to carry more organic foods and require labeling of foods that have been genetically altered.

Oregon Tilth is a non-profit research and education organization that is responsible for certifying organic farmers,

processors, retailers and handlers. Their goal is "to support and promote biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture."

Protesters included both young and old, some dressed in colorful attire and most carrying signs that said things like "Safe foods, sustainable livelihoods for all" and "Down with genetically modified foods."

One protester was riding a bike—dressed in white overalls with a gas-mask on his face and a biohazard sticker stuck to his chest.

WinCo management came out to greet the crowd of protesters. The company's president, Bill Long, issued a written statement, thanking the group for their interest in WinCo Foods and their policy concerning the sale of genetically engineered food.

The statement went on to say that it was the company's objective to provide its customers with the best quality prod-

ucts, including a generous selection of certified organic products. It said that the company adheres to the laws and regulations set forth by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture and various state agencies.

The statement also stated that WinCo Foods maintains a no solicitation policy that prohibits any demonstration on WinCo property. The statement requested the group to leave the premises, which they did.

Chris Walp, a member of the Oregon Right to Know Campaign, said the United States is the main exporter of genetically engineered foods, a lot of which goes to third-world countries, relief organizations and into the schools.

"We are three to four years behind Europe in the questioning and protest of genetically altered food products," said Walp. "A lot of countries have been resistant to this for some time."

Candidates: SL&L registers about 125 new voters during forum

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Donovan told the audience that he spent 32 years working in education, 16 as a teacher and coach. "In my experience, stable and adequate funding for schools is a big issue," said Donovan. "Balancing that is a big issue on campus as well as in the district and state."

Kelly Wirth said that child care for parents returning to school was an im-

portant issue to students.

"Students who work and go to school need help in this area," Wirth said.

Another issue discussed was the welfare-to-work program. According to Fred, people who choose to go from welfare to school lose all their government help, unlike people who go through the welfare-to-work program, which allows them to retain such benefits as child

care and monthly payments while training for a job.

"Students seem to be penalized for going back to school," Fred said.

During the forum, SL&L staffed a voter registration table and gave away about 300 free hot dogs. The barbeque was set up to draw students and get them to register to vote. About 125 new voters registered during the forum.

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IN FOCUS

Going Coastal

Time to escape? Head to the coast

Photos and story by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

As Oregon's weather continues to transition from the cold, bleak winter to the sun-filled days of summer, sunny days are not uncommon and present a perfect time for students to take advantage of one of the best things about living in Oregon—the Coast.

Before prices skyrocket to summer rates, many motels lining the main strip of Newport offer fares of about \$25 a night.

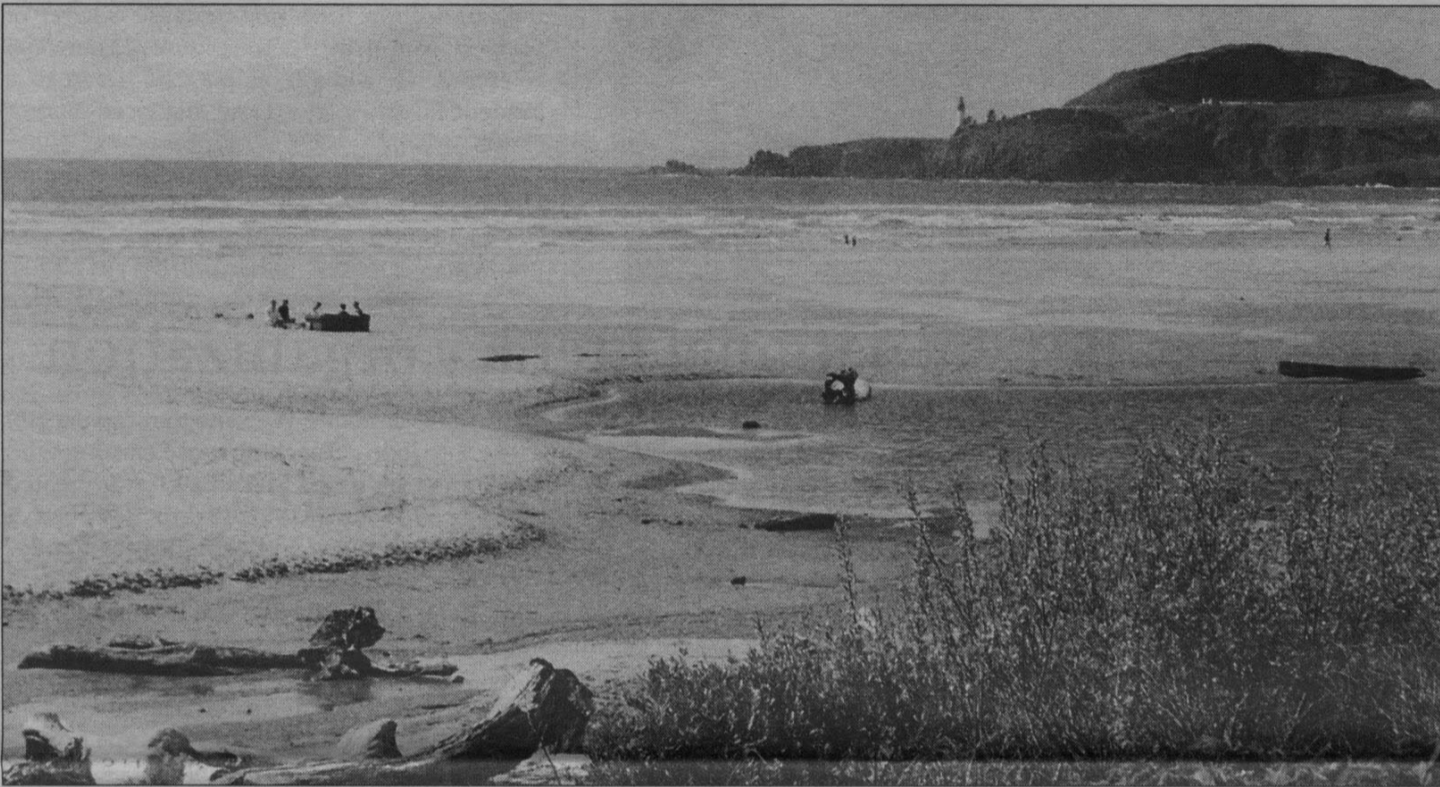
In addition to the attractions that continue to draw crowds to Newport, such as the Oregon Coast Aquarium, there are many other adventures that don't put such a drain on the wallet.

The most obvious is the beach itself, just a minute away from entering Newport. There you can experience all the beach has to offer, such as picnics and walks on the beach, without breaking the bank.

A stroll down Bay Street, with its many art shops, restaurants, and the Rogue Brewery, is a popular past-time for tourists and locals alike, with the salty sea air and the yelps of sea lions off the fishing fleet dock.

A trip to Mo's Chowder House is a must. A bowl of clam chowder for around \$3 is worth the experience of dining in a Newport landmark.

For reservations or price inquiries at two of the cheapest motels in town, contact the Newport Bay Motel at (800) 817-4533 or the Penny Saver Motel (541) 265-6631.



The sandy stretch of Agate Beach seen from Oceanfront Drive in Newport draws picnickers and kite-flyers alike.



Crab nets (above) line a sea-inspired on Newport's Bay Street. Mo's restaurant (right) offers a great chowder at a great price.



Shops and restaurants line Beach Ave. (above) in Nye Beach.



CAMPUS NEWS

Industrial students build parking corral for motorcyclists

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

Motorcyclists can now park their bikes in a motorcycle-only parking lot behind the Industrial Arts building thanks to the efforts of the Industrial Technology Society students John Anderson and Jim Meyers.

The parking area is open to all motorcycles. All that is asked is that riders take their bikes out slowly due to pedestrian traffic in the area, and that they be considerate of the parked motorcycles of others.

Because a motorcycle was knocked over in the area by a fork lift in the past, the space is enclosed by an iron railing to protect bikes.

Meyers plans to eventually get a covering for the parking area so that bikers can climb onto dry seats during the rainy season.

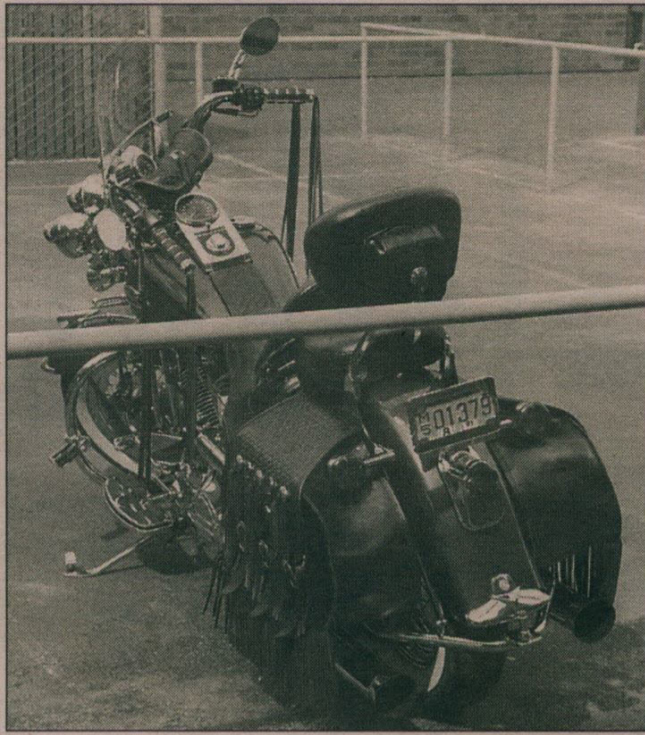


Photo by Robin Camp

The new parking area welcomes motorcycles.

Altrusa offers mentor scholarships to students in their final year

From the LBCC News Service

Altrusa International of Albany is again offering the \$2,000 Altrusa Alliance Mentor/Scholarship to LBCC students.

Administered by the LBCC Foundation, eligible students must be entering their final year of a two-year program at LBCC after satisfactorily completing the first year. Students must also be willing to participate in Altrusa Club activities and fund raising, and must complete the application form and provide a letter of support from an instructor, advisor or personal reference. Consideration may be given to a student's financial need and displaced worker status.

The application deadline is May 31; the recipient will be notified by mail by June 16.

For application forms and more information, call the LBCC Foundation, (541) 917-4209.

LB Web sites recognized as 'hot' by national literacy organization

from the LBCC News Service

Two Web sites developed by LBCC adult basic skills instructor Susan K. Cowles have been awarded "Hot Sites" logos by the National Institutes for Literacy's "Literacy Information and [sic] Communication System."

LINCS recognizes outstanding literacy-related Web sites three times a year and awards Hot Sites logos as recognition of their potential for literacy

programs.

"It's a lot of fun to work on these projects because Internet resources provide wonderful opportunities for teaching and learning," said Cowles, who presents workshops on the subject across the country to various groups concerned with literacy.

The first Web site, "Oregon Weather" provides nine interactive weather lessons and activities in which adult educa-

tion and GED students use Internet resources to practice their reading, writing, math, and research skills. The Web address is <http://literacynet.org/orweather/home.html>

As project coordinator for the Web site development team, Cowles worked with instructors Carolyn Gardner, an LBCC adult basic learning instructor at the time of the project, and instructors from six other community colleges.

The second Web site to receive a Hot Site logo, "Teaching and Learning with Internet-based Resources," was created by Cowles in 1997. It provides a set of lessons plans and activities for literacy students and instructors. It was also selected for the National Institute for Learning's Top Ten list in 1998. The Web address for "Teaching and Learning with Internet-based Resources" is <http://novel.nifl.gov/susanc/inthome.html>

ON THE ROAD

Long, winding road to Alaska is its own adventure

by Twila Skelley
of The Commuter

Please God, NO! That was the first thought that came to my mind when my grandparents asked me to join them for a trip up the Alcan Highway last summer. I mean, 1,522 miles from nowhere to nowhere on a bumpy road that's constantly undergoing repairs and construction—what could be more dull?

I couldn't have been more wrong. The Alcan Highway from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Homer, Alaska, is one of the most beautiful and scenic adventures in North America—mountains at every turn of the head, waterfalls, bears walking along the road, crystalline lakes, small cabins tucked in the trees and interesting folks to meet along the way.

The Alcan and all the territory that goes along with it has been carefully documented ever since people started to settle and pan for gold back in the early 1800s. The established Alcan of today was built by soldiers during World War II and was completed in eight months and 12 days.

Unfortunately, the entire span of the highway is under construction, and may continue to be for a few more years. Even though construction holds people up and can frustrate some, I actually liked getting stopped in traffic. This spare time gave me a chance to stretch, take pictures of the mountain goats and share stories with people from all different walks of life.

One man from Seattle was making a trip to Homer, to do his yearly fishing. This man's excitement about fishing in Homer made it easy for me to remember him.

Another man I met on the road was very friendly, even though he didn't speak a word of English. I really had no idea what he was trying to say to me, but he handed me his camera and I took a picture of him standing near some goats along the side of the road.

Besides construction and wildlife, the Alcan is not all natural beauty—there are plenty of man-made tourist traps along the way. Most are in towns like White Horse, Dawson's Creek and Fort St. John. One reason these towns are all so popular is that they are all old mining towns, each with its own proud history and famous former residents, like Klondike Kate.

There are history museums in each town and historical



Photo by Twila Skelley

The fire that destroyed Destruction Bay along the Alcan Highway can be seen in the distance.

markers. A large portion of British Columbia used to be part of the Oregon Territory, and that's how the area is referred to in the museums. Visitors could easily spend hours looking and contemplating over old Northwest life.

Each of the smaller towns, commonly 100 miles apart, all have a personal history of their own. One town in particular named Destruction Bay seemed to have plenty of reasons to explain its name. In the 100 or so years this town has been sitting in the middle of the Yukon, it has been blown away by a wind storm, washed out by a flood, and, as I was driving through, a fire had just finished burning the town to smoldering ash. From a distance, I could still see the fire burning.

All along the Alcan are motels praising their comfort and exclaiming in loud neon, "CHEAP." The only problem is that they are not cheap. The average price for a motel, one night, is \$75 to \$100. Water usually is not tasty like it is here in the valley, and cleanliness depends on the motel manager's idea of what sanitary really is. My suggestion: bring a tent and camp along the side of the road. The air is crisp and camping is always fun.

Overall, the Alcan is a mix of culture. The Alcan is remote and it is quiet. While traveling the highway, I would imagine that I was back in time. I found it to be very easy, being surrounded by so much history at every bend in the road. There were still times, however, when the road seemed way too long.

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Spicy Korean Beef
Braised Beans and Barley

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Albany resident showcases art at LB

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

The LBCC Library is showcasing photographs and other accomplishments of longtime Albany resident George Andrus.

Showing in the display case is a variety of his photographs of nature, including photos of the sun, galaxies and eclipses he shot using a telescope that he built himself. Also displayed are some of the games Andrus has invented, such as Stacaroo, Gearo and Shackdown, along with sheet music of some of the songs he's composed, which includes "I Dreamed Alone" and "Beautiful, Beautiful Oregon."

Seventeen of his enlarged photographs of nature scenes are hung on the high walls that surround the interior of the Library.

Andrus moved to Albany in 1928 when he was in grade school and continued his education locally until he graduated from the old Albany College in 1938. Andrus said this was around the time he picked up a small folding camera and got interested in photography. He joined the Albany Camera Club and later became its president. He was also a member of the Portland Photographic Society.

For more information on purchasing the photographs, contact Andrus in the library at 928-6484.



Sunlight streams through the fog and trees in this color photograph taken by George Andrus of Albany. The LBCC Library is displaying 17 of Andrus' large prints, along with some of the musical scores he's written and games he's invented over the years.

Easter 2000 celebration in Corvallis draws 10,000 people to Gill

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

Sunday morning at OSU's Gill Coliseum, 28 Corvallis and Philomath churches joined to celebrate Easter and support two local community projects.

The theme of the service was "One church—many congregations." Easter 2000 had its origins at a Citichurch meeting (a gathering of Evangelical leaders and laymen in the Corvallis area) last August. Tinker Melonuk, a pastor at North West Hills Baptist in Corvallis, got the ball rolling when he asked, "What would a testimony of the unity of our churches look like?"

On Sunday more than 10,000 people filled the coliseum and found out just

what it looked like. It was the biggest unified gathering of Evangelical Christians in the history of Benton County.

A 200-member choir started the service with a song "Do You Know He's Arisen?" Pastor Steve Lee of Suburban Christian church gave the welcome message and soloist Pam Baker of Corvallis sang "Amazing Grace." A prerecorded video message from OSU men's basketball head coach Ritchie McKay was played on two big screen projectors.

McKay's message was about his faith and love for Jesus Christ. Interpretations for the deaf and headsets were available to translate the program in Spanish. Pastor Bruce Fidler of Grace Christian Fellowship gave the message about God's

love and commitment.

"It felt great from beginning to end, and I felt a sense of the Lord's presence throughout," said Pastor Fiedler.

The cost of the service was \$30,000, which was prepaid for by participating churches. Proceeds from the service will go to support two local charities, the Corvallis School District Project, which will help at-risk youths with alternatives through a summer program and The Community Outreach project, which of-

fers help to families who are homeless or in transition. The proceeds will help to pay for the building of two new units for the homeless at a new facility. Approximately \$57,000 was raised at the service, which exceeded the goal by about \$5,000.

Thursday, May 4, on the National Day of prayer at the Benton County Courthouse, Leaders of Citichurch will present the events proceeds to the officials of The Community Outreach Project and Corvallis School Board.



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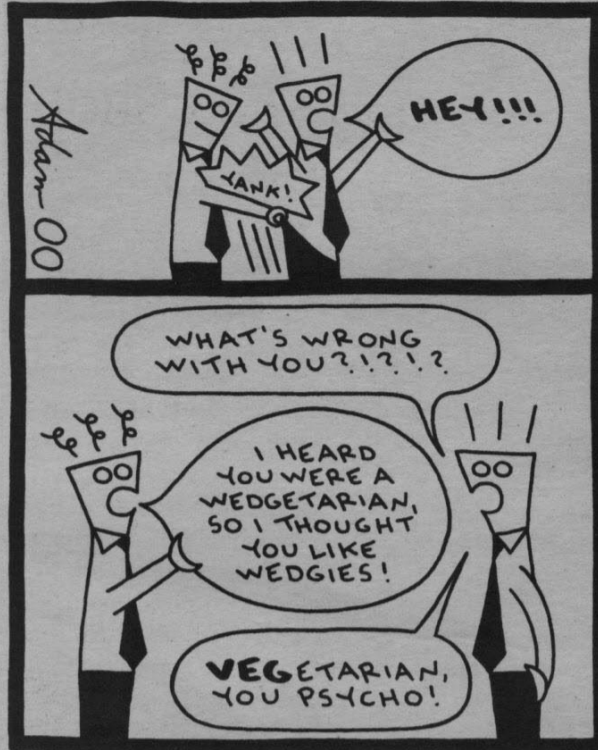
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CONGRATULATIONS to those who attended the Career Fair! The employers were impressed with you as a student and the overall great attendance of our student body. These same employers thought the Fair was very successful and they were happy they attended our Fair. There were a lot of jobs represented there which shows us the economy is alive and strong. So go get those jobs! Sign up in Student Employment today!!

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention DANCE MAJORS Transferring to WOU: Audition class for scholarships for incoming dance majors will be held Saturday, April 29, 2000 at 10 a.m. in Maple Hall on the WOU campus. Students must bring a Dance and Performance Resumé and a 500-word or less essay stating why you are pursuing a dance degree. Please call 838-8263 to

reserve your audition space now. Resumé and essay may be mailed prior to the audition to: Deborah Jones Peterson, Theatre/Dance Dept., 345 N. Monmouth Ave, Monmouth, OR 97361. All recipients must be accepted for admission and enrolled at WOU. Informational flyers available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

Hispanic Students: The HISPANIC DENTAL Association Foundation is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000. These awards are for entry level students who are seeking to advance their scientific and applied clinical knowledge as they enter into the dental profession. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

Students of ANY MAJOR: The Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon, Inc. annually awards 10-15 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in the sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at Oregon colleges and universities. Students applying should have a minimum 3.5 GPA or higher and include a current transcript, with a final grade transcript required at the end of Spring Term. Applications will be given preference if postmarked on or before April 1, 2000 but can be submitted as late as July 1, 2000. Information and application available in the Learning Center (LRC 212).

Attention ALL STUDENTS: The P.L.A.T.O. Education Loan program is offering students a chance to receive \$1,000, \$5,000 or even \$10,000 for college. No paper applications are available. All information and the application can be accessed 24 hours a day at www.plato.org. Scholarships are merit-based and students must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher. Application deadline is April 30, 2000.

Attention CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, all engineering students: The NAWIC National Association of Women in Construction is offering three different scholarship

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mation and applications are available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

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Attention Students in a MEDICALLY-RELATED Field: The Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary is accepting applications for the Virginia Welch Scholarship. Each year the GSHA awards scholarships to men and women who plan to pursue a career in a medically related field in a hospital setting. Applications must be submitted by May 1, 2000. Applications are available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC-212).

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SPORTS PAGE

Four-game skid knocks LBCC out of first

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The mid-season blahs have struck the Linn-Benton Roadrunners, as they only managed to win one out of five games last week.

The Roadrunners defeated Clackamas 10-1 last Tuesday, but then lost two doubleheaders. They lost 8-0, 7-4 to Mt. Hood on Thursday and then to Lane 5-2, 2-1 on Saturday.

The four-game losing streak knocked the Runners out of first place in the Southern Division of the NWAACC. They are currently 11-10 overall and 6-6 in league play.

On Tuesday, the Runners got on the board first in the bottom of the second. With one out, Ryan Borde reached base on an error by the Cougars second baseman. Troy Bугanan then doubled and drove Borde in.

The demise of the Cougars came in the bottom of the fourth, as they allowed seven runs, only four of which were earned, on five hits.

Josiah Stroup led things off with a double and went to third on a single by Borde. Bугanan again provided some fireworks with another double, driving in both Stroup and Borde.

Korey Kanaeholo bunted for a base hit and the throw by the Cougar third baseman was errant, so Kanaeholo moved to third and Bугanan scored. Andy Narver reached on an error by the first baseman and Dameon Barrows singled to score Kanaeholo. Mark Morris then laid down a bunt and reached base on a fielders choice, as the pitcher tried to throw Narver out at third. The throw, however, was off and Narver was able to score. Tory Haven hit a ground ball for the first out of the inning, but Barrows managed to score.

Randy Richardson was then hit by a pitch and Hawk brought in Johnny Rosti to pinch run for Richardson. Stroup popped up for the second out, but then Borde singled again to drive Morris in. The third out came as Rosti was thrown out trying to go to third base. That gave the Runners an 8-0 lead.

The Runners scored one run in the bottom of the sixth and again in the bottom of the eighth to increase the lead to what became the final score of the game. Bугanan was the big star of the game for LB, as he went 2-for-2 at the plate with two doubles and three runs batted in.

Justin Quaempts got the start and the win for the Roadrunners. He struck out eight, walked three and gave up one run on six hits.

Mt. Hood came to Linn-Benton last



Photo by Robin Camp

Roadrunner pitcher John Mendenhall comes off the mound to field a chopper hit toward third baseman Jim Zachor in last Saturday's game against Lane in Eugene. LBCC dropped both ends of the doubleheader against Lane, leaving with a 6-6 record in league play so far this year.

Thursday to make up the game that had been rained out on April 15. Jake Stickley got the start for Linn-Benton and picked up the loss.

The Saints scored two runs in the top of the fourth, one in the fifth, four in the sixth and one in the ninth. The Runners struggled again on defense, as they committed five errors in the game.

Mt. Hood's bats didn't slow down in the second game, as they took the win.

Brett Strode got the start and shut down the Saints in the first inning, but came apart in the second. He allowed one run in the second inning and three in the third off a home run by Mt. Hood's designated hitter.

The Runners countered with a run in the bottom of the third inning, as Matt Hinshaw was hit by a pitch, Narver singled and Barrows doubled to drive in Hinshaw.

LB got another run in the bottom of the fifth without even getting a hit. With one out, Morris reached first on an error, then stole both second and third base and scored on a balk.

After cutting the lead to two runs, and after Brian Lorimor came in to pitch with one out in the third, Linn-Benton shut down the Saints until the top of the sixth, as he and John Mendenhall allowed three Saints runs to score to increase the lead to 7-2.

The Runners got two of those runs back, as Josiah Stroup led off with a single then Hinshaw was hit by a pitch. Narver hit a double deep to left field to bring both runners in, but Barrows

couldn't bring in Narver as he struck out on a 1-2 count.

Traveling to Eugene last Saturday, the Runners were hoping to stop the two-game losing streak by facing off with their league rivals Lane. However, the Titans won both games in come-from-behind fashion.

Kyle Zimmerman was the Runners starter in the first. He allowed an early run to the Titans in the second. Linn-Benton came back with RBI hits by Kanaeholo and Andy Campbell in the top of the third to take a 2-1 lead.

The Titans, however, scored a run in the bottom half of the inning to tie things up.

Both teams were held scoreless until the bottom of the sixth, as the Titans erupted for three runs off Zimmerman and Mendenhall to grab the victory.

The second game was a pitchers dual in the first two innings. Narver broke up the tie score with a double in the top of the third and scored on Morris' single to center.

Meanwhile, Justin Quaempts pitched four innings of shutout ball for the Roadrunners, then gave way to Morris in the fifth. Morris kept the game at 1-0 till the bottom of the sixth, and allowed two Titan runs to score.

The results from the Runners' doubleheader held last night against Clackamas were unavailable at press time.

The team will travel to Coos Bay this Friday and Saturday for a three game set with the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Corvallis opens new skate shop

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Cole Beaman is living the American Dream.

Six months ago, Beaman and three friends opened Anthology, a specialty skate shop in downtown Corvallis. Today, business at the small shop, located in Madison Plaza, is booming.

"We wanted to open a shop for the people, by the people," Beaman says. "We decided to come to Corvallis based on that. There really aren't any other shops of this kind around here."

The lack of similar shops and the City Council's plans for a skate park helped Beaman and his partners, Lance Lorz, Kevin Van Zandt, and Nathan DUBY choose Corvallis as the place to open their shop.

"There are a lot of skate shops in Portland, Salem and Eugene, but that doesn't help kids around here," Beaman explains. "So having a shop in downtown Corvallis is a big draw."

Having a Starbuck's next door probably doesn't hurt either.

"We really kinda got lucky on that," Beaman says. "We were just driving around town, and we noticed a 'For Rent' sign in the window. It's worked out well; kids come in to shop while their parents are getting coffee."

Anthology is trying to make Corvallis a more friendly place for skaters. Beaman & Co. recently donated merchandise to a benefit aimed at raising money for the Corvallis skate park, and has plans to bring the Volcom pro-skate team to town for a demo soon.

The shop also sponsored a four-man team of local skaters who competed in the third annual "Rain and Fury" skateboard contest in Seattle last month. Beaman believes that this kind of community involvement is not only good for business, it's good for the sport.

"It's cool to do that sort of thing because it helps these kids get started in the industry. Plus it's good for business," he admits.

And "good business" is important to four guys in their 20s. Beaman looks forward to the day when business will be good enough for him to quit his job with the city of Hillsboro and leave behind the brutal commute up and down the Willamette Valley.

All signs indicate that day may not be too far off. Anthology has been so successful in the skateboard department that its owners are planning to expand to snowboards this winter. They are also considering relocating to a larger store, at some distant point in the future.

Anthology is located at Fourth and Madison in Corvallis, and is open from noon to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. They carry a full line of boards, trucks, wheels, bearings, accessories and apparel from brands like Volcom, Alpha Numeric, Hawk, and Droors.

Smith, Dobeck dominate pole vault at Clackamas

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton track & field squads were in action last Saturday at the Clackamas Open in Oregon City, looking to gain qualifying marks for the upcoming NWAACC Track and Field meet.

Most of the LB athletes limited their competition to just their specialty events in order to focus on getting their performances. The weather dampened the results in the running events but aided a number of field event performances.

Christine Smith and Katie Dobeck, the dangerous duo of LB pole-vaulting, once again finished first and second place respectively. Smith's winning vault was a season's best of 10 feet. Katie Dobeck wasn't far behind though, with a leap of 9 feet, 6 inches.

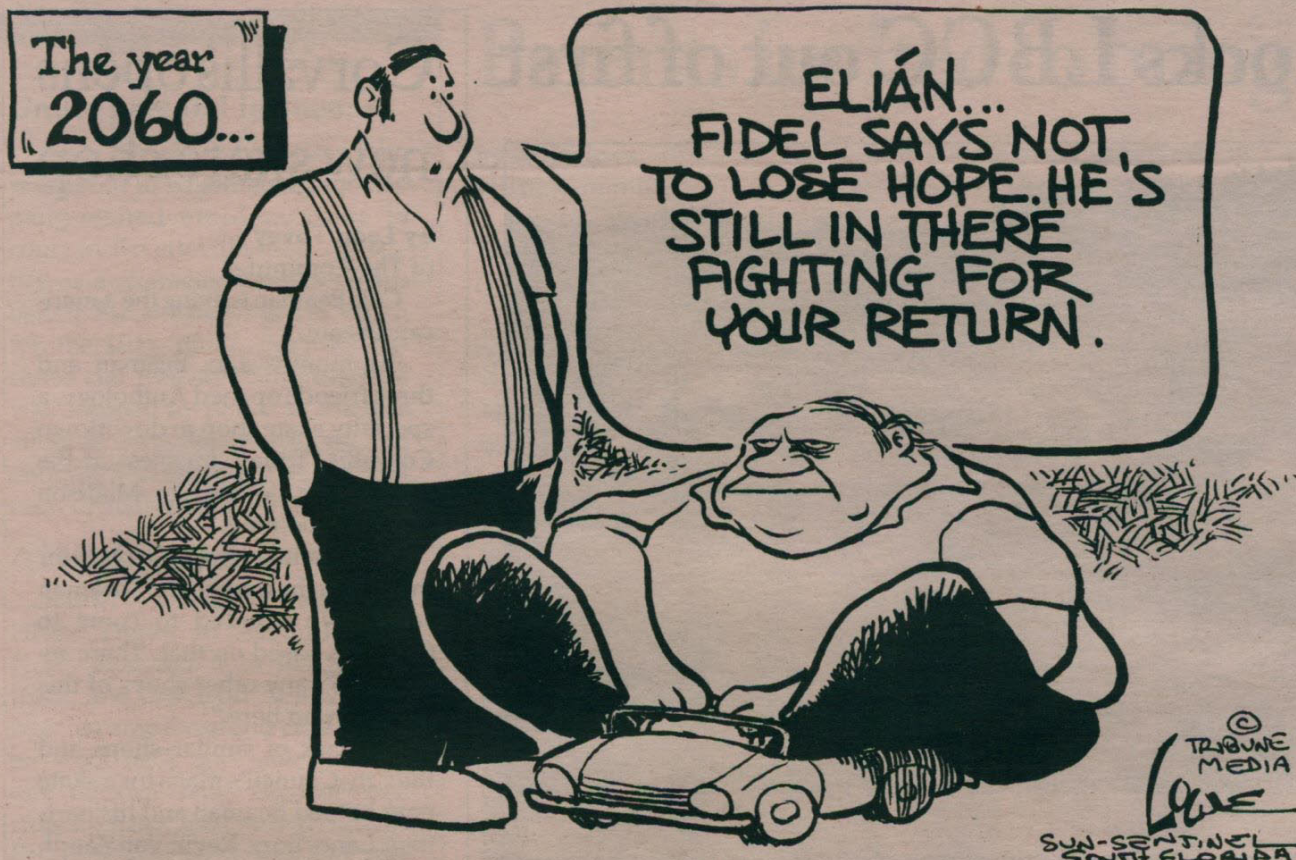
In the men's pole vault, both Justin Kennedy and Tyler

Eikenberry continued to improve. Eikenberry scored a season's best with a vault of 13 feet, 6 inches, despite suffering an injury during the winter that had set his training back. Kennedy didn't do so bad himself, gaining a personal best in the vault at 13 feet. Kennedy also won the 110m high hurdles with a time of 16.3 seconds later in the day.

In the hammer toss, both Heather Carpenter and Janice Hallyburton both continue to get high scores. Carpenter won the event with a throw of 155 feet, 3 inches. Hallyburton grabbed third place at 131 feet, 2 inches. The only other score for the women last Saturday was a second place high jump of 4 feet, 8 inches by Jennifer Schwab.

The next meet for the Roadrunners will be the Western Oregon Open in Monmouth this Saturday. Kennedy will be competing the following week on May 1 and 2 at the NWAACC Decathlon Championships in Spokane, Wash.

OPINION



COMMENTARY

Save a cow—drown your corn flakes in beer

by John Lamothe
of Valencia Community College

There is an urgent plea for help resounding through the fields and stables of this country's pastures and dairy farms. It's a cry of desperation, a "moo" of udder, er, utter hopelessness; it's the appeal of America's dairy cows.

For so long our cows' plight has been consistently ignored by a government too concerned with such petty issues as poverty, social security, health care, and national defense, but one organization, a group that truly embodies the ideals of America, has come to the cows' aid.

(Note To Reader: Tongue planted firmly in cheek here.)

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), has recently begun a new campaign to educate Americans, specifically college students, about the bovine brutality dairy cows are exposed to, in the hopes of changing their drinking habits.

What is PETA's ingenious solution to this cow cruelty? Simply drink beer instead.

According to PETA, a nutritional comparison between milk and beer shows that the golden brew is healthier than its white counterpart, and PETA is milking the information for all it's worth as they target health conscious, beer-drinking college students.

It's about time someone favors beer over that evil cancer of society called milk. Just think of all the social benefits to replacing a heifer with hops.

No longer will we have to deal with all those milk-related car accidents that claim so many young lives.

No more milk intoxicated drivers heading home at 3 a.m. in the morning after a long night at the local dairy.

And let's not forget about the obvious health benefits beer has over milk either. Milk is loaded with fat (unless of course you're drinking skim milk). Instead of worrying about fat, we'll all be able to walk around with those attractive beer bellies.

Some critics may argue that cows are just animals, and we have more important things to worry about. But I believe

that as the head of the food chain, we have an obligation to make sure our cows live peaceful and productive lives, eating grass and . . . eating grass,

before we send them off to slaughter. It's the humane thing to do.

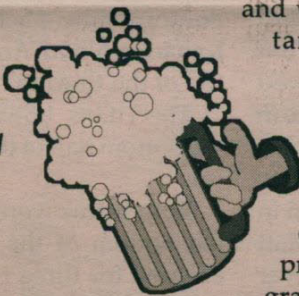
As a college student, I'm insulted by the disgraceful propaganda the milk industry has branded their product with all these years. It's obvious to any intelligent person that their effort to pass milk off as a healthy beverage is a deliberate attempt to put the beer industry out to pasture, and feed their sadistic desires to brutalize "Bessy."

I, for one, don't buy it, and I'm glad such an insightful organization as PETA was able to shed some light on this "cow-tastrophe."

Besides, I've always felt beer tasted better in my corn flakes anyway.



VS



WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What do you think of how Elian was reunited with his father?

Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old shipwrecked boy from Cuba, was reunited with his father, Juan Gonzalez, after a predawn raid by the INS on Saturday. The Commuter asked what students think of the reunion and how it came about.

"I think it was the right thing to do because it's a complicated issue from an American standpoint. We want to do the right thing but we don't know all sides."

—Matt Fulop, business administration



"I think it was good that the father was reunited with his son. The father should have his son."

—Justin Padgett, interpersonal communications

"I thought it was totally the most obnoxious thing. It wasn't right the way we did it—to go into a private house and take a kid by gunpoint."

—Larry Christensen, graphics engineering



"I think parental rights are important when it comes to kids. I think the way he was taken was fine—if the relatives aren't going to cooperate. It's unfortunate but the father has his rights."

—Aaron Danielson, biology

"I think they should let him go back with his father to Cuba. I don't think the way he was taken was right."

—Annette Smith, animal science



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