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Both the men and women split their league openers last week to go 1-1 in the NWAACC **▶ Pg. 10-11**

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Tuition may rise to close budget gap

by Heather M. Scott
of The Commuter

Current battles at LBCC for class spaces and tuition funds may seem minute in comparison to the proposals to deal with the current Oregon state budget shortfall.

In last Thursday's forum on Measure 28, President Jon Carnahan told a small number of students and staff that the budget crisis will mean higher tuition, fewer courses and a reduction in teachers and staff.

Last year's reductions caused the loss of 178 classes at LB. This year, in order to assist in patching the \$700 million shortfall in Oregon, LBCC has elected to drop another 201 currently offered courses and to reduce materials and services by \$198,000.

Approximately 30 staff, including 10 faculty members, will also be cut. Student access to career planning and food service will be affected and maintenance services will be reduced. Proposed changes for summer term include a decline from 10 weeks to eight weeks.

Carnahan has also recommended a \$6 per credit hour tuition increase, that would come one the heels of last year's \$4 per credit increase. The \$6 increase would take affect summer term and cost students who are enrolled in 15 credits \$270 more a year.

Also, students who take advantage of the 15 credit cap on existing tuition will be required to pay for each credit above that normal cut off. Requiring students to pay for credits above 15 will increase the college's budget by \$90,000, Carnahan said.

"No one should be surprised that the state is in some kind of financial crisis," said President Carnahan.

Much of Carnahan's talk relayed the background of the crisis which he traces back to 1990 when measures were passed to put a cap on property taxes.

"When we put the limit on property taxes the economy was really doing great, Oregon was growing and the nation was growing. Things were good and there wasn't a war. People were

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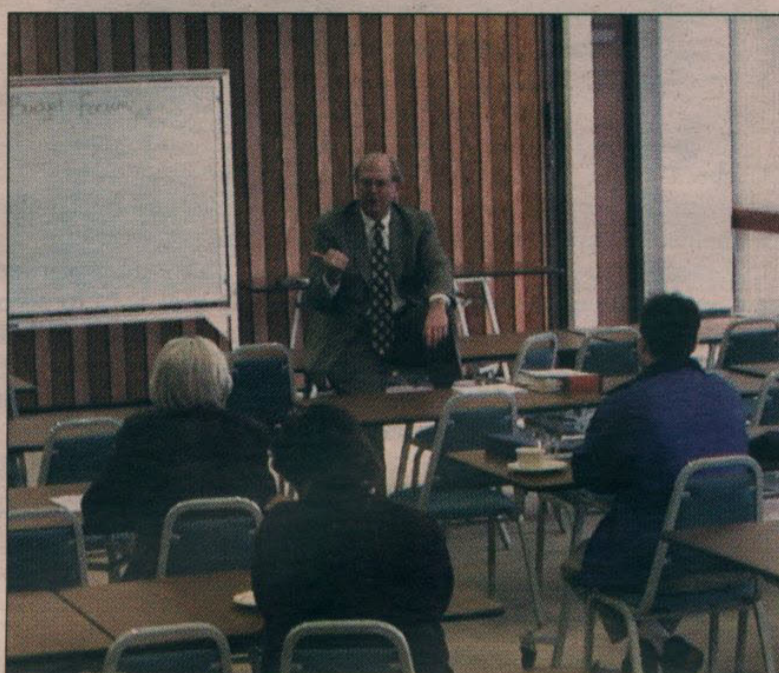


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President Jon Carnahan addresses a group of students and faculty at last Thursday's Measure 28 forum.



Photo by Phillip Ruzek

Looking for One More
Business major Kathryn Vineder waits for one class while trying to find another to add last Monday. More than 82 percent of credit seats are full this term.

Carnahan retires after 30 years at LB

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

President Jon Carnahan will be retiring at the end of this academic year. He notified faculty and staff last Tuesday of his personal decision to end his 30-year career at the college.

Carnahan made his decision because he wants to spend more time with his family. His wife, who taught at Corvallis public schools, retired last year. His daughter graduated from the University of Oregon two years ago and his son will also gradu-

ate from the U of O in June. "It's time for dad to graduate and move on," said Carnahan, who has worked 34 years in education.

Carnahan was first hired on at Central Washington University as the assistant director of admissions after receiving his bachelor's degree in business and education from there. He completed his masters in education at Central while working in admissions from 1969 to 1973.

Linn-Benton Community College hired Carnahan in 1973
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Financial Aid's new refrain: 'The check is in the mail'

Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

Effective winter term, financial aid checks will no longer be disbursed at the business office. All checks for financial aid and scholarship students will be mailed.

It's important for the college to know

your mailing address because that is where the checks are sent, stressed Beverly Gerig, accounts receivable team leader. Some students gave their permanent address when they registered but have moved a lot or have a different mailing address, she said.

To make sure your mailing address is current, you can go to

www.linnbenton.edu and log onto the Student Information System (SIS). Then proceed to view your personal information, and then view your address and phone number. If your mailing address is not correct, pick up a form to change your address at the the Business office in College Center or at the Registration office in Takena Hall.

The last day to charge tuition/books on financial aid is January 17. The financial aid checks will be mailed out on January 21. Start looking for them in your mailbox on January 22. New borrowers of the Stafford Loans will receive their checks February 6. Students who receive the Stafford Loan on a one time only basis will receive their checks February 14.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

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OPINION

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Help yourself with a yes vote on Measure 28

On Jan. 28 a special election will take place in Oregon. This election is vitally important to us as students as well as to the well-being of all of Oregon's citizens.

Measure 28 is a temporary three-year progressive income tax surcharge. This means that the surcharge is higher when your adjusted gross income level is higher. If you earn less than \$10,000 there is no surcharge, in the \$10 to \$20,000 bracket the surcharge is just \$17 per year. Between an income level of \$20,000 and over \$200,000 the surcharge ranges from \$49 per year for \$20,000 to \$1,686 for over \$200,000.

Progressive taxation assures that a larger "tax bite" has no more impact on the wealthy taxpayer's quality of life than a smaller tax payment does on that of the low-income person. Many of us at LBCC are in the lower income tax brackets. Measure 28 tax surcharge will not directly affect us very much at tax time, but it will have a great impact on our educational opportunities and the general well-being of the state.

If Measure 28 does not pass, Oregon higher education will lose \$26.9 million. The resulting tuition surcharges will put a dent in all of our wallets and make it impossible for some people to continue in school. Classes that you are taking right now may be cut next term.

In addition to funding for education, Measure 28 helps to offset shortfalls to corrections and public safety, human services such as elder care and safety-net programs that help individuals and families get through hard times.

We need Oregon's economy to recover. The best way to accomplish this is to prove that Oregon is a good place to do business by protecting vital services like education, public safety and basic human services.

Public safety and human services en-

sure that businesses and employees feel secure. The business community works to ignite our economic recovery and is supported by the essential services that are currently jeopardized.

Our education community provides a well-trained work force, which is another incentive for business to locate in Oregon.

The benefits to the state and all of its residents are worth the small surcharge to our income taxes. If we want our economy to rebound we must keep our competitive advantage in attracting employers. Our quality of life has attracted Hewlett-Packard, Nike, and countless smaller corporations, providing employment for thousands of Oregonians.

In 1982 Oregon was in the grip of a recession worse than the one we face today. Under Republican Governor Vic

Atiyeh, Oregon lawmakers enacted a temporary income tax surcharge very similar to the one proposed this year. Because we chose to preserve our high quality of life and maintain our well-educated work force, we laid the foundation for Intel and other businesses to invest in Oregon.

It is important that you register to vote, educate yourself on the issues and urge your friends and family to vote yes on Measure 28 and other issues and candidates beneficial to Oregon residents.

If you are looking for a way to be proactive, the Corvallis Education Association is inviting LBCC students, staff and faculty to join them in attending a state education rally on the Capitol steps on Monday, Jan 20, from 1-2 p.m. This is a pro-Measure 28 rally. Buses will be leaving from Corvallis High School at 11:30 a.m. If you would like to ride the bus free, please contact Linda Spain by Jan. 15, at 917-4559, or in room T216. The CEA is willing to fund as many buses as necessary for transportation.

If we don't help ourselves and take our own futures in hand, how can we trust anyone else to do what is right for us?

IN MY



OPINION

Adele Kubein

N. KOREA HAS THE BOMB, SO WE MUST BE DIPLOMATIC.



IRAQ DOES NOT, BUT THEY'RE WORKING ON IT.



IF THEY SUCCEED, THEY'LL BE THE NEXT N. KOREA. THE RESULT WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC!



WE'D BE FORCED TO USE DIPLOMACY WITH THEM, TOO.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer.

All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste.

Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us at commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu

What People Think

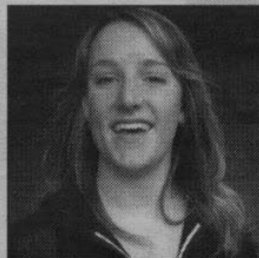
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Have you kept up your New Year's Resolution? What was it?

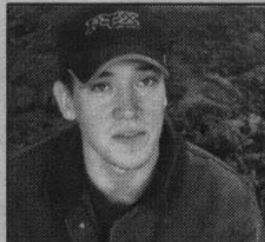
Mariah Zook
Exercise and Sports Science
Pretty Much. Honestly? To quit drinking.



Holly Prinslow
Undecided
I wanted to work out at least three times a week and eat better. I'm working really well on the eating better. The working out so far isn't going so good.

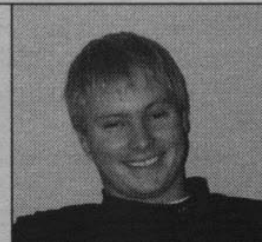


Matt Johnson
Diesel Mechanic
Yes I have. It was to not be over there in the smoking section.



I didn't have a New Years Resolution. I don't need to resolve anything because I'm perfect.

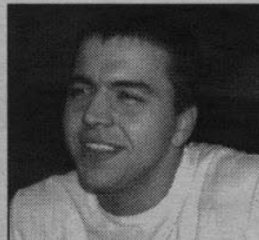
Nick Dolecek
Business



Peter Crawford
Construction Engineering Management
No. To quit Smoking.



Tony Whitcomb
History/ Education
Kind of, not really I wish i had. [My resolution was] To study and do my homework and I haven't really been doing that.



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CAMPUS NEWS

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Linn-Benton receives grant for technology programs

from The LBCC News Service

Linn-Benton Community College will select at least 30 Tech Scholars in winter term 2003, thanks to a \$396,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant.

Students majoring in computer science, engineering or mathematics will have access to this scholarship opportunity that is available to LBCC and LBCC/OSU Dual Enrollment students.

Tech Scholars will receive scholarship grants of up to \$3000 per year. In addition to financial support, Tech Scholars will receive academic support and mentoring from faculty and peers. Tech Scholars can "hang out" and study with fellow students in a designated

Tech Scholars Room is where academic assistance is available. Regular monthly seminars and other special activities of interest to Tech Scholars will be provided. Scholarship dollars can be used to cover standard student expenses, such as tuition, fees, books, supplies, equipment, room and board, and other special needs, such as transportation and dependent care.

To become a Tech Scholar, applicants must:

- ▶ Be a U.S. citizen, national, refugee alien, or permanent resident alien at the time of application
- ▶ Demonstrate academic potential or ability;

special attention will be paid to performance in core program courses (minimum overall GPA of 2.75 required)

- ▶ Demonstrate unmet financial need, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education (FAFSA application required)

- ▶ Be within two years of moving into upper-division program coursework (must be taking or have completed at least MTH 111)

Students who receive Tech Scholars awards must be enrolled full-time in computer science, engineering or mathematics programs at LBCC or in the LBCC/OSU Dual Enrollment Program.

Scholarships may be renewed for up to two years for Tech Scholars who keep their eligibility.

Scholarship application packets are available in the Student Financial Aid Office and in the Science Tech Division Office.

All application materials must be submitted to the Student Financial Aid Office by 5 p.m. on January 31, 2003. Be sure to allow at least 4 weeks for processing the FAFSA application.

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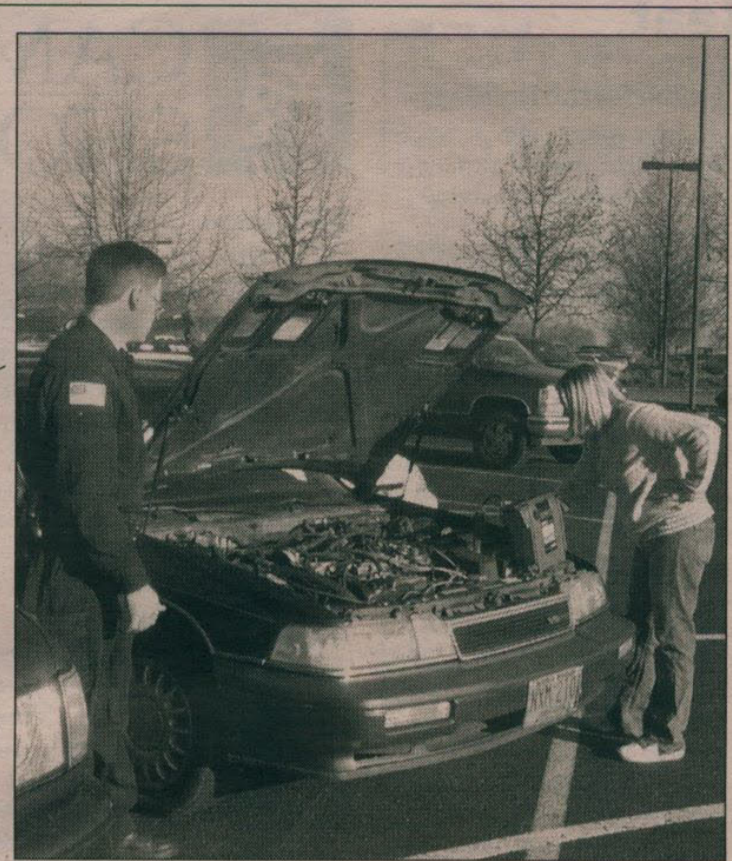


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First Day Car Blues

After leaving her lights on during the early morning fog, student Andria Mengucci receives assistance from Campus Security officer, Doug Shaeffer. Students who find their cars with dead batteries can contact Campus Security for a battery pack to jump start their car.

Budget: Cuts cause financial struggle for community colleges

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moving to Oregon, technology was growing and the stock market was growing. People were making money and spending money. Oregon didn't really feel the impact of the decisions that they made with the property tax situation, and without a sales tax everything was dependent on the income tax," said Carnahan.

Since Oregon's Legislature only meets every two years to discuss the budget, they are naturally forced to look ahead almost three years and forecast a reasonable revenue for Oregon before adopting a budget for the following two years. In June of 2000 the approved budget was \$12.5 billion for the next two years.

"Community colleges came out pretty good [in the 2000 legislature]. We were going to get about \$45 million more in the biennium that we are currently in, than we got in the prior biennium," said Carnahan. "We adopted a budget assuming we were going to get all of this money from the state."

According to Carnahan, community colleges receive about 4 percent of the state's annual budget, a small comparison to the 50 percent that K-12 schools traditionally receive. LBCC receives about 7 percent of the 4 percent total.

Hand in hand with the money crisis at schools across Oregon will come the drop out of many students who are unable to afford the extreme tuition hikes.

Carnahan is taking into account the likelihood that some students will not be able to af-



"Students are saying access as relates to capacity is almost as important as the price we are paying."

▶ Jon Carnahan

ford such a hefty increase in tuition. One plan to aid students in tuition hikes is to approach the board and ask that \$300,000 be put away for students who are in emergency financial situations due to the rise.

LB's tuition of \$43 per credit hour is currently below the state average, which is \$50 per credit hour. According to Carnahan, a survey showed that 76 percent of LBCC students agreed that raising tuition to the state average would be a good exchange for keeping more classes.

"Students are saying access as relates to capacity is almost as important as the price we are paying," said Carnahan.

Carnahan and the board have also considered such options as lab fees and charging for parking, although both were refused. "[Charging for parking] has never been a money maker because in order to charge for parking you have to pay for someone to patrol it," said Carnahan.

One alternative to the severe changes is Measure 28, which intends to temporarily increase income tax rates. Estimates for change in overall income tax for an income level under \$20,000 will be less than \$17 and for a yearly income of under \$40,000, the tax is estimated to be under \$80.

LBCC and the 17 other com-

munity colleges in Oregon are not the only state-funded organizations that will be greatly affected by the budget deficit. For example, the Department of Human Services will stand to lose \$87.8 million, the Oregon State Police will lose \$6.3 million and the Oregon University Systems will lose \$26.9 million. These state-funded organizations are only a small sample of the amount of reductions that will be made if Measure 28 is defeated.

"This is so much bigger than we realize," Carnahan said, "As individuals one of the things we can do is vote yes on 28."

Although, a tuition increase is unavoidable at LB, even with the approval of the measure. But if it passes, Carnahan says tuition will be increased by a smaller amount, some dropped classes will be added back and some jobs will be salvaged.

"I've notified staff [of the reductions], and nothing would make me happier than to go to those people and say, 'you know we don't have to let you off,'" said Carnahan.

Carnahan and the board members have tried to anticipate the failure of Measure 28 and the additional \$1,046,236 the college will lose upon its defeat as well as the chance of reductions in public services if the

Legislature reallocates \$300 million.

"They already made the decision to withhold \$1 million from LBCC assuming that Measure

28 will not pass," said Carnahan, "I spent all fall figuring it out, I didn't want to wake up on Jan. 29 and say 'I missed it by a million.'"

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Off Beat

From KRT News

Home for the Holidays

Four years ago, a Salem, Ore., police officer arrested a man for leaving a diner without paying. But the guy smashed through the rear window of the police cruiser and escaped, still in handcuffs.

Then he fled to California.

The policeman didn't forget. He went to the home of the man's parents at Christmas figuring he would return for the holidays, and, sure enough, there he was.

Still Want War?

The women of Sudan's Loo and Jekani tribes have begun a movement to end the East African nation's 19-year-long civil war by denying their men sex until the fighting stops.

Who Do You Trust?

Seven Florida high school girls, engaging in a bit of teen frivolity, took topless photos of each other with a digital camera and then emailed them to a few friends. The friends emailed them to a few others friends, and so on and so forth the process went on.

The girls were shocked to discover that someone they knew eventually created a Web site with the pictures for the world to see.

Intoxicated Violence

A bull elk became intoxicated when he ate some fermented apples near Karlskoga, Sweden, and then launched a rather unsteady attack on an 8-year-old boy playing in his back yard.

The boy was not seriously injured. The police shot the animal.

Turn It Down

A 24-year-old woman was trying to get some sleep in her Bluffton, S.C., home, but her boyfriend was watching TV in another room and refused to turn down the volume.

After a spirited discussion brought no resolution to the matter, she stabbed him. She was arrested.

Alien Sighting

A man drove through a roadblock in Marseilles, France, and was arrested after a brief high-speed pursuit.

He explained to police that he had been driving recklessly because he was being "chased by Martians." Psychiatrists have been notified.

CAMPUS SHORTS

Relocation

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is now located in the Counseling/Career Center, T-103A. For appointments and general questions call 917-4789.

No Classes

LBCC will be closed Monday, Jan. 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Board Meeting

The LBCC Board of Education will meet tonight, Jan. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Center Boardrooms. The Board is facing a decision to implement a \$6/per credit hour tuition increase and to charge tuition for every credit (currently students are not charged for credits above 15) in order to enhance LB's revenue after major budget shortfalls. The Board will also take action on President Jon Carnahan's retirement request.

Gender Equity

The Gender Equity Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 16 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Clubs and Organizations Room, F220, adjacent to the Multicultural Center. The group discusses male and female dominated careers and acceptance of the opposite genders into those fields. Soup and rolls provided.

Science Trip

Friday, Jan. 17, part-time instructor, Melissa Kilgore will lead students on a field trip to the "Journey into Wonder" Science, Technology and Society lecture with Oliver Sacks.

For the past four decades, Sacks has explored the mysteries of the mind. The group leaves LBCC for Portland at 4:45 p.m. and returns at midnight. Bring \$10 and money for dinner afterward. Interested students, contact Kilgore at 917-4967.

International Dress Day

Wednesday, Jan. 22, the Multicultural Center is celebrating International Dress Day. Wear your favorite clothing from your culture or the cultures you have visited. The reception is from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the center.

A dinner will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Commons. Notify the Multicultural Center before 3 p.m. Jan. 17 if you would like to attend.

Gang Activity

Tuesday, Jan. 21, Debra Hargett and Tori Lopez, Juvenile Probation Officers II of Linn County Juvenile Department will talk about gang activity in Linn County. Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. Free soup and roll lunch.

Car break-ins becoming problem on campus

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Keeping anything of value visible in your car is just asking for trouble, says Campus Security Manager Vern Jackson. According to his reports, there have been 14 car break-ins on campus since mid-September.

Last week, three cars were broken into. Two were parked in the north parking lot and one in the south, according to Campus Security.

The thing that thieves go after most, said Jackson, is CDs. A total of 30 to 40 CDs were stolen out of two of the three cars last week alone and around 1,000 CDs have been stolen so far this academic year.

According to Jackson, some students have holders that carry 200 CDs in their cars and they are the most vulnerable to what is referred to by the Albany Police Department as a "smash and grab." A large object such as a briefcase can be used to break open a car window and in no time at all the perpetrator can steal the person's valuables.

The majority of the break-ins have occurred during the day, when everyone is here, said Jackson. Campus Security does ev-

erything it can do, including patrolling the parking lots, he said. "We maintain patrol times and we try to remain visible."

"You would be amazed at how quickly a 'smash and grab' can happen," said Jackson, citing an example of a time when a campus security officer had just patrolled an area in the parking lot. But 15 to 20 minutes later, someone's car was broken into in that same area.

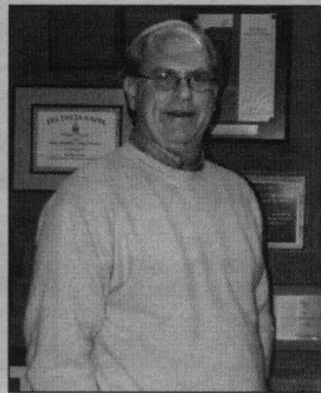
Campus Security encourages victims to also report the break-ins to the Albany Police. A lot of cases are solved by accident, said Jackson.

If by some chance the police pull over a guy that is driving around with a pack of 200 CDs in his car and no CD player, they might have a reason to be a little more suspicious.

"If the crime is not reported, it's not going to be solved," stressed Jackson.

Shoes, baseball equipment, clothing and books have also been stolen from cars on campus.

The best way to protect yourself from a break-in is prevention, says Jackson, insisting students "Think like a thief and keep everything out of sight."



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▶ Jon Carnahan

Carnahan: Helping students at LB is most memorable

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as the college's first director of admissions and registrar. He was appointed director of student services in 1982 and promoted to vice president for instruction in 1985. Carnahan was appointed president of the college in 1989.

"I've grown up with LBCC. I've watched 30 of the 35 years as the college grew," said Carnahan, who considers himself fortunate to have grown professionally in one location without having to move out of Albany.

Carnahan said one of the most memorable things to him will be the stories that students in the community tell him. Students that have recognized him out on the street have told him how great the faculty was and how much help the college was to them as they completed their education at LB.

"That's the best part of this job; hearing how the students who went here have benefited," he said.

Carnahan really enjoys working with students. One of the downfalls of being the president, he says, has been much less student contact. Time consuming jobs such as working on the budget, lobbying the legislature and raising money have kept the president pretty busy in his office. As the admissions director, as the registrar and as the dean of students, he used to work directly with students everyday.

"When I ended up in this job, I had to find ways to continue to be involved with students because that's one of the reasons I went into education," said Carnahan. Through the years he has found pleasure working with student government at LB. "It's been fun to watch the students grow, explore and learn in their government and leadership positions," he said.

Accomplishments that Carnahan is proud of include the dual enrollment program, which he helped start along with former OSU President Dr. Paul Risser. It has become a model for other colleges nationwide. He is also proud of the 21st Century Campaign, which began with a bond measure passed by the public that provided 19 million dollars for LBCC capital improvements on outlying centers and on campus.

The private gift and planned

giving campaign that LB's Foundation is now running is also one of Carnahan's accomplishments. Under the campaign, individuals provide resources to support the college and donate money for student scholarships.

"It is a wonderful way to finish my career; to be able to provide capital resources for the facilities and a campaign that leaves endowments and scholarship money for students," explained Carnahan.

But community college funding has also been a thorn in Carnahan's side over the years. In the early and mid-70's there wasn't a tax base that allowed for stable funding and the outcome of almost every budget election determined whether or not LB would continue operating as a college.

"I can remember one year when we didn't pass an election until late summer and we couldn't start registering for fall until we passed it," he said, remembering tough times in community college funding.

Carnahan has seen two or three recessions over his course of 30 years at LB. But, "the most difficult times have been the most recent years," he said.

President Carnahan has used assumptions and anticipated the worse in order to keep LB afloat financially in anticipation of the next biennium. He has made some tough and not always welcomed decisions that have resulted in program cuts, faculty and staff reductions, and tuition increases.

"There have to be some fundamental changes in Oregon for us to have stability in our education system," stressed Carnahan, who doesn't believe a sales tax is the sole answer to the state's budget problems.

He says he would "absolutely be involved" with this after he retires if the idea were to move ahead and someone was needed to lobby and support it on a statewide initiative.

But Carnahan is also seriously looking ahead to the more light-hearted aspects of retirement such as spending time playing golf with his son. He will also continue his service in many of the community boards he is currently on such as the board for the Samaritan Albany General Hospital, the Oregon Dental Services Board and the Oregon Health Plan Board.

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Popular student heads to Vermont

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

Sean Carey, a former LBCC student and well-known Courtyard Cafe worker, has left the campus to pursue a degree in philosophy in Vermont.

Carey has been a fixture at LB for four years and will be missed by faculty and students. He entered the Culinary Arts program at 16 and received his Associate Degree in that field before going to work for the cafe almost two years ago.

"He is a neat person and was the conscience to make sure we all did right," stated Gary Snyder, supervisor of the cafe. "He was always willing to do extra for a person."

Carey was also an influence for putting veggie meals on the menu and the creator of the Vegetable Meddly Burger.

Carey has taken a lot of classes in political science and philosophy and was accepted to

Marlboro College, 20 miles from Brattleboro, Vermont. Marlboro is a liberal arts college located in the foothills of the Green Mountains in southern Vermont, 30 minutes from the Appalachian Trail, 20 minutes from Mount Snow Ski Resort, 90 minutes from Hartford, 2.5 hours from Boston and four hours from Montreal and New York City.

He said he is excited to pursue a "fresh start of learning and fresh new faces."

On his last day, Friday Jan. 10, he wore an orange hat to make sure everyone knew he was leaving.

Carey said that several staff and faculty who stopped in for their daily fuel-up made sure to say good-bye.

Political science instructor Doug Clark said that Carey always impressed him as someone who was "socially concerned, had a social conscience and wanted to do something to change the world for the better."

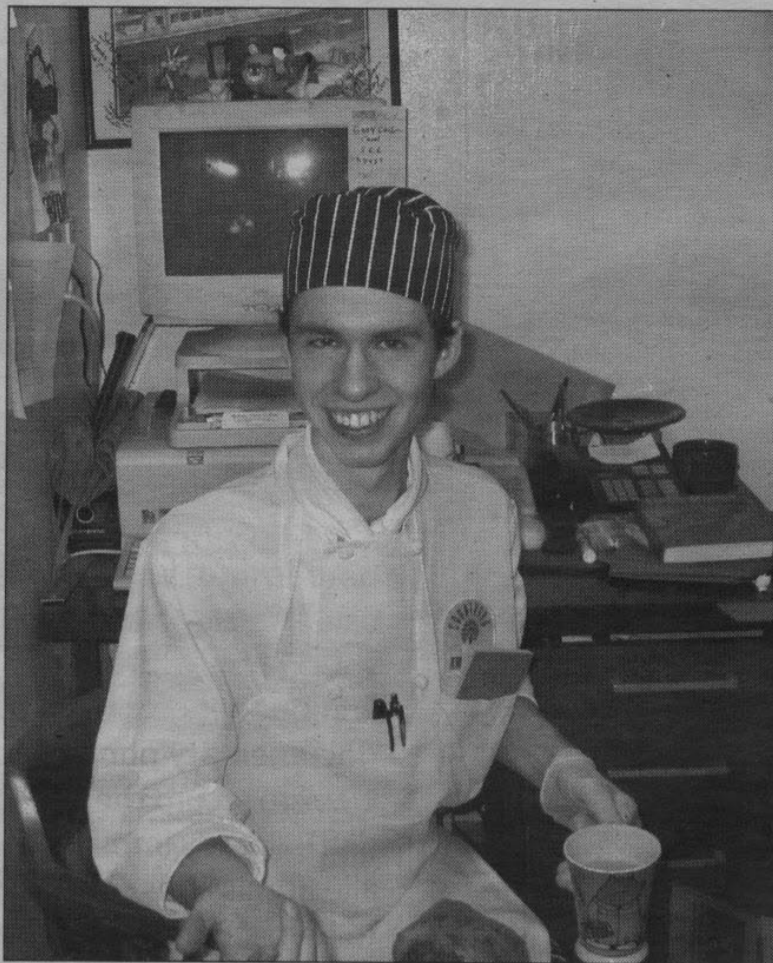


Photo by Thomas McGeary

Longtime Courtyard Cafe worker, Sean Carey, enjoyed his last day at LBCC on Friday, Jan. 10. He received a plethora of heartfelt farewells from friends and faculty. Carey will be attending Marlboro College for Spring Term in Vermont. He studied for four years at LB and plans to major in Philosophy at Marlboro.

LB actors seek help from kids

LBCC's cast for "Shakespeare Can Be Fun: Much Ado About Nothing" is looking for elementary-school aged children who would be interested in helping them prepare for their February performances.

During the regular performances the actors will be asking children from the audience to come on stage and play various parts in the production.

In order for the actors to know how to prepare the children to participate during these moments in the show, Director Jean Bonifas explained, they need to rehearse with children who are not familiar with the play.

Parents of elementary school children who would like to participate in the rehearsals is invited to join the cast on Saturday Jan. 18 from 10:30 to noon in Takena Theater to help with the choreography.

For further information, parents can contact Bonifas at jeanbonifas@proaxis.com

Apply now for next year's financial aid

by Adele Kubein
 of The Commuter

It is time to fill out the big one, the mother of all financial aid forms: the FAFSA. If you have previously applied for federal financial aid, you should have received your renewal application by now. If you are new to the system, you can obtain forms from the financial aid office, or from the FAFSA Web site at: www.fafsa.ed.gov/.

Several sources of financial aid are included in the FAFSA packet. Some of them are grants, which you don't have to pay back, some are subsidized and unsubsidized loans.

Subsidized loans do not begin to accrue interest until you are no longer attending school, unsubsidized loans begin to accrue interest from the time you receive them.

The state of Oregon provides some funding for needy students in the form of grants, often these funds are limited to first come, first served, so it is important to file as early as possible.

Here are some documents needed for filing the FAFSA:

- ▶ Income tax returns, if you file. Records of untaxed income

received such as welfare benefits, Social Security income, Veterans Benefits, etc.

- ▶ Current bank statements, records of assets, mortgage information, farm and business records if applicable.

- ▶ Drivers license, Social Security card, or alien registration card.

Some tips for filling out the form:

- ▶ Read the questions carefully!

- ▶ Use your full legal name, no nicknames.

- ▶ If you still live at home and your parents are separated, the parent you lived with the most in the last 12 months is responsible for filling out the form.

- ▶ Make sure your dependents fit the definition, if you are pregnant and your child will be born during the award year, he or she should be counted as a member of the household.

- ▶ Complete the assets section even if you have none or very little. The information may be used to compute other, local awards.

- ▶ Earned income credit does not count as income, but anything you list as income on your tax forms must be reported.

- ▶ Do not include anything with the form, all enclosures will be destroyed. If you have special needs, talk to the financial aid officer on campus.

- ▶ Copy your form before sending it and make sure it is on time.

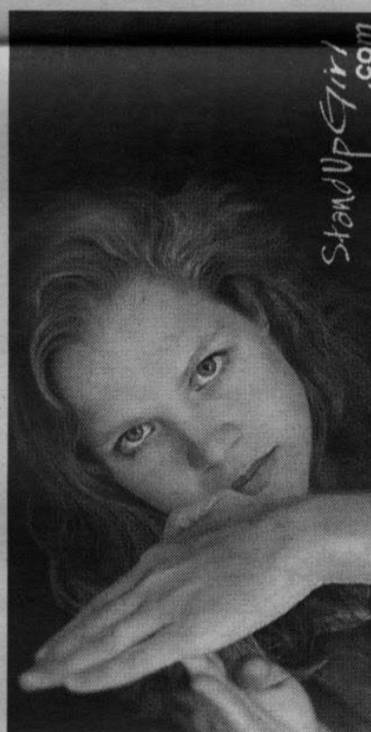
Common Errors:

- ▶ Do not leave a field blank, write in zero if the answer is none.

- ▶ Use pen or pencil when it says to.

- ▶ Use your 1040 income tax form for income and tax figures, not your W2.

If you are unclear about a question on the FAFSA call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-FED AID (1-800-433-3243). The LB Financial Aid Office is also helpful.



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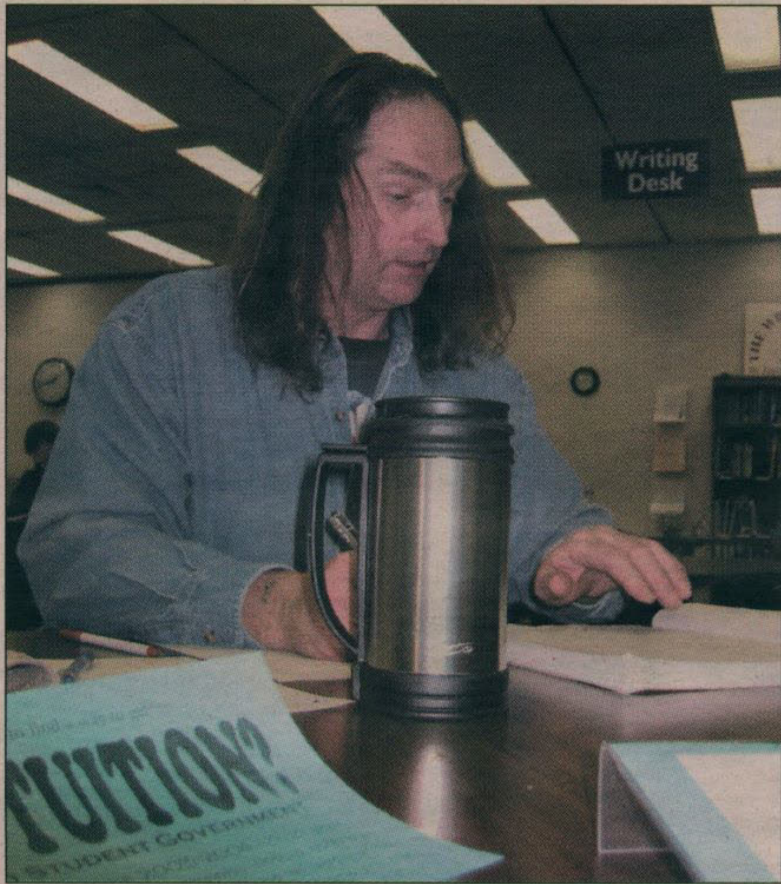
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Back to school



Here We Go Again! LB's Winter Term gets off to a running start

The Christmas break seemed to end all too suddenly last week as students poured into campus to face the inevitable long lines and closed classes. The usual hassle of lining up for financial aid, organizing class schedules and fighting your way into the Bookstore was exacerbated by the college's high enrollment and budget cuts that reduced course offerings. Students in Rich Bergeman's documentary photography class fanned out across the campus early in the week to record the hectic scene. They found some students, like Cliff McCalley (left), already immersed in their new math textbooks, as well as busy staffers, like admissions specialists Betty Seals and Roxie Putman (below left), trying to help students find their way through the registration maze.

Photo by Eric Nepom

Cliff McCalley gets an early start on his math classes in the LRC.



Photo by Heather Bristol

Betty Seals (above) and Roxie Putman man the front lines on a busy first week in the Registration Office.

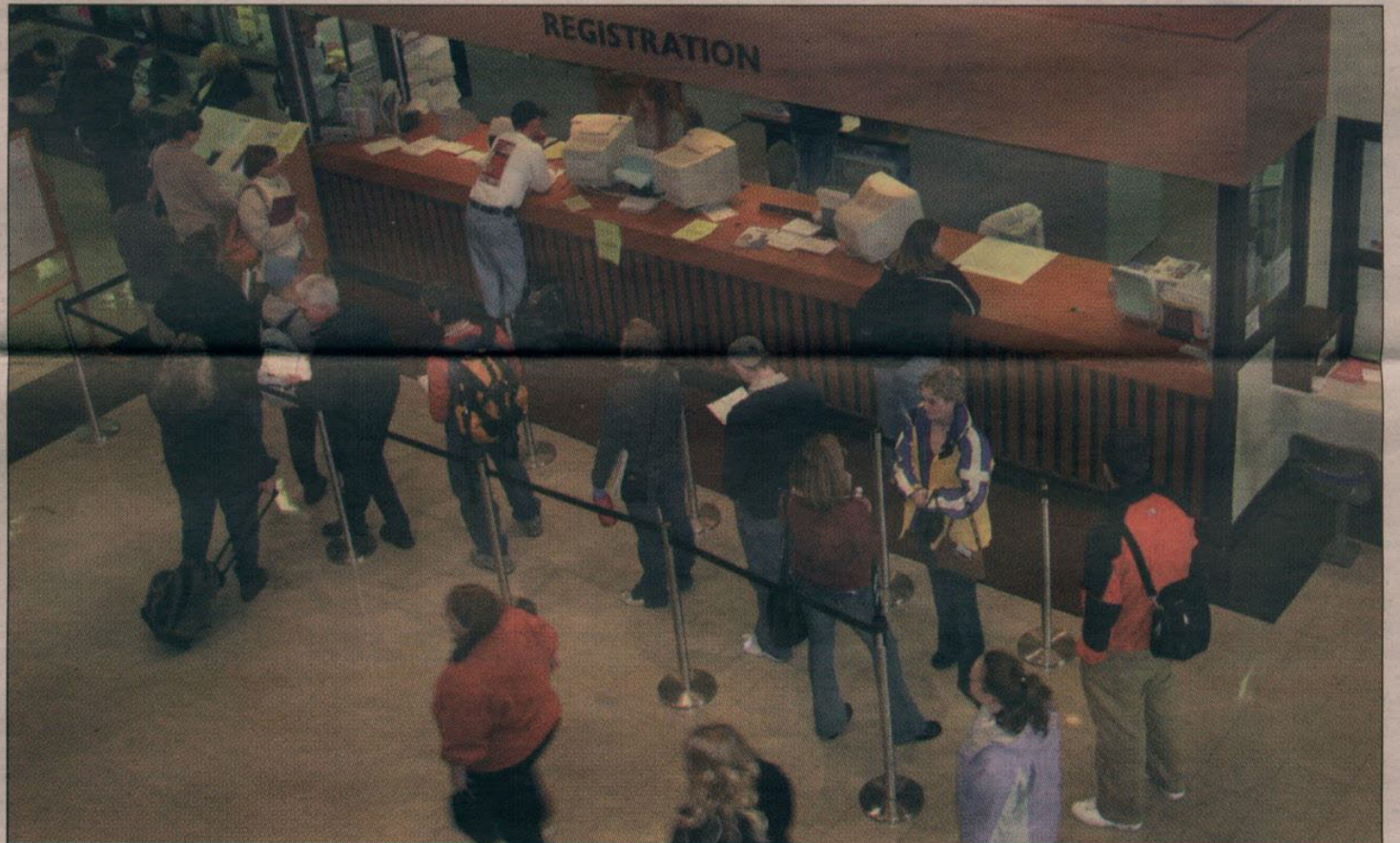


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Students found few classes still open when they got to campus on Monday, making adding and dropping classes a struggle.



Photo by Heather Higginbotham



Photo by Catherine Gunter

Students line up along the balcony to enjoy the sunshine while waiting to get into a classroom.



Photo by Rhonda Hanks

Janet Jones cranks up the espresso machine as customers line up for lattes on the first day of Winter Term. Jones has been at LBCC for 17 years and has worked in the Courtyard Cafe for 6.



Back to school

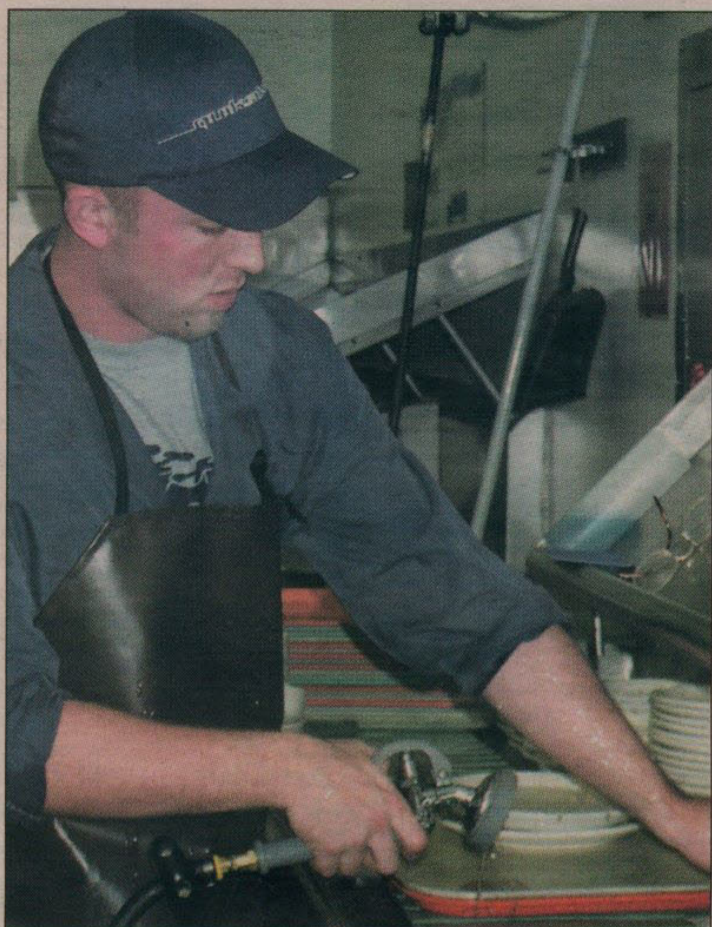


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After their first day back in the Commons Cafeteria, chefs Galan Walser and Merlin Theurar take time out for a game of cribbage. The two chefs said they are happy to be back for winter term. At left, John Owens washes dishes in the Commons kitchen following the first day's rush of lunch customers. He says he uses the work study job to keep up on his rent.



Photo by Wendy Geist

Bookstore associate, Melisa Benson, tidies up the pen section after a busy day.

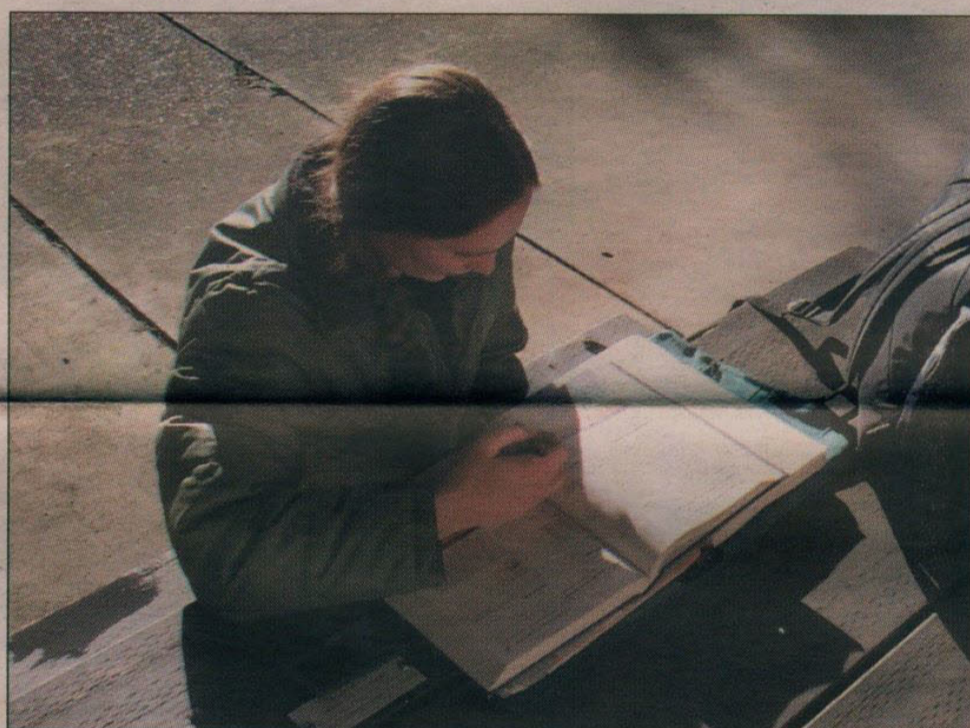


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Jessica Ward, a pre-vet major, takes advantage of the sun to get in some early studying.



Work study student Bridgette Bonner prunes dead leaves off last term's horticultural experiments in the Greenhouse on Monday.

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FUNNY PAGE

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MISCELLANEOUS

There will be a meeting of the Gender Equity Club on Thursday, January 16th from 12 - 1 at the Multicultural Center. All students interested in promoting gender equity on campus are invited! Soups and rolls will be provided. Call Nancy at 917-4786 for more information.

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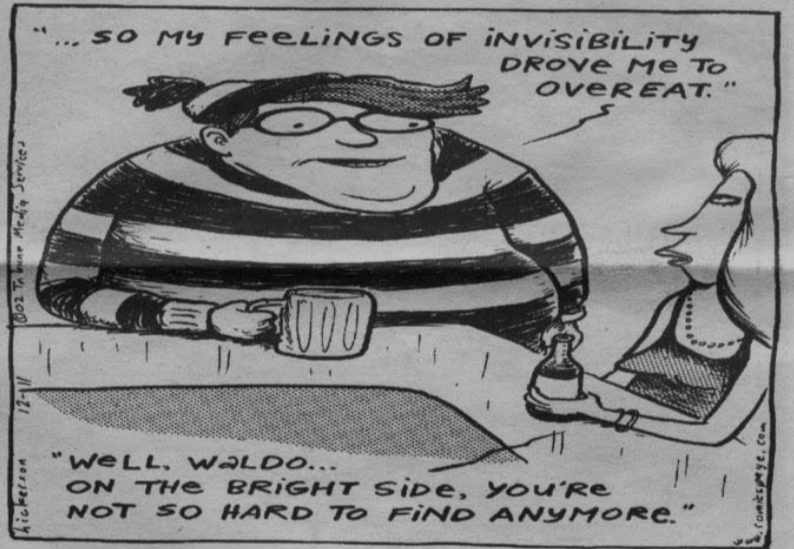
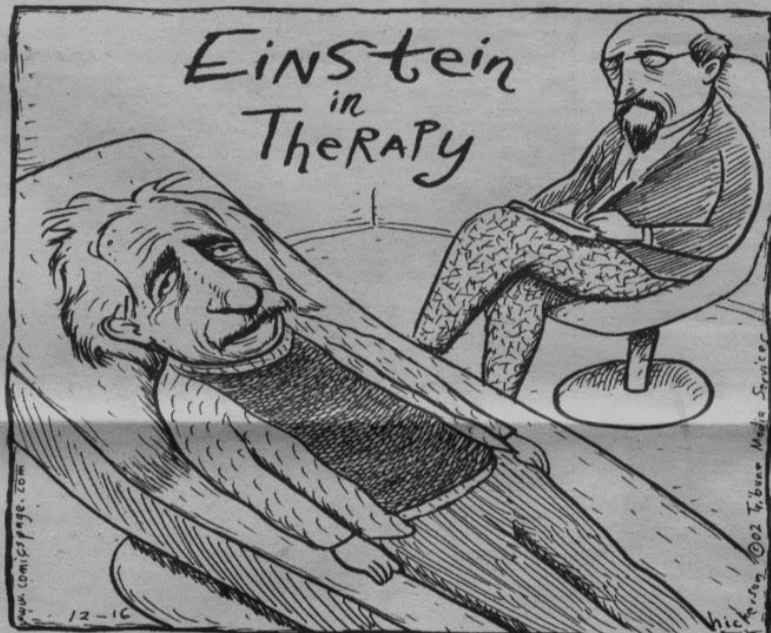
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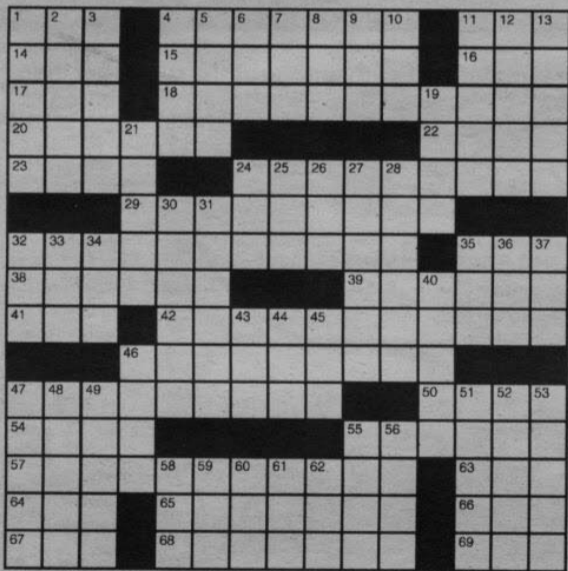
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35 Make a choice
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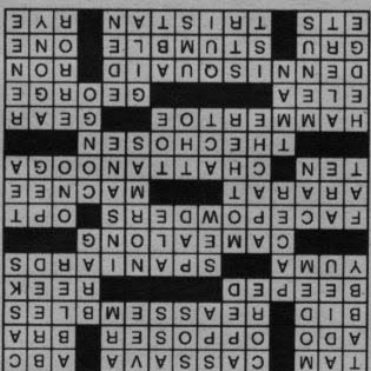


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ART HAPPENINGS

Threads of Diversity

Tuesday, Jan. 21 through Friday, Jan. 24, all students and college employees are invited to the Multicultural Center to decorate a quilt square expressing what diversity means to them. The squares will then be sewn into a quilt to be on display in the Multicultural Center. All materials will be provided.

Native Stories

Esther Stutsman, a Coos/Kalapooya Storyteller will be presenting her stories on Friday, Jan. 24 from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in the Fireside Room in the College Center. The talk is cosponsored by Peter Jensen, a Native American Literature Class Instructor, and the Valley Writers Series.

Photography Talk

Today, Jan. 15, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, Chellie Kew, a photog-

rapher and executive director of The Q Fund, will talk about her processes in photographing African children orphaned by AIDS. Free soup and roll lunch will be provided.

Gulf War Photo Exhibit

An opening reception and presentation for the documentary photo exhibit, "Children of the Gulf War," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 at the OSU Center for the Humanities, 811 SW Jefferson Ave., in Corvallis.

Representatives of the Physicians for Social Responsibility, which is sponsoring the exhibit, will present a talk on the health effects of war at the event.

The exhibit features the black-and-white photographs of Japanese photojournalist Takashi Morizumi, who has documented the consequences of war and economic sanctions on the children of Iraq. The exhibit is scheduled through Jan. 26.



Photo by Scott McClure

Attention on Africa

Melissa Friend gives a close look at the photographs of African children affected by AIDS epidemic on exhibit in the AHSS Gallery. The photographer, Chellie Kew, will talk about her work today at noon in the Multicultural Center.



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SPORTS

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Men quiet Storm after loss

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

The LBCC Men's basketball team opened their league season with a loss to Mt. Hood at home last week but bounced back on the road against Chemeketa to notch their first league win of the new season on Saturday.

Costly turnovers in the opening minutes put the Runners down early as they fell 80-65. The Runners, a team still looking for their identity, were unable to find the chemistry to pull the game out.

But on Saturday at Chemeketa Community College, LB rebounded strongly against the Storm with a 65-58 victory.

Chemeketa appeared daunting at first with its 7-foot center, freshman Chris Botez, and four others taller than 6'5". Yet LB had momentum on its side with a well represented crowd in the stands.

Matt Jaspersen, following his own miss, rebounded and put back an easy basket building LB's lead to 10 with 10 minutes to go in the first half. Solid rebounding in the first half by Peter Nunn, Byron Orth, and James Muncrief gave the Runners plenty of second chance baskets, and by the end of the half they were up by 14.

Chemeketa responded in the second half by turning up the defensive intensity, but great outside passing and patience by LB created good looks for the Runners. Justin Duke hit a three-

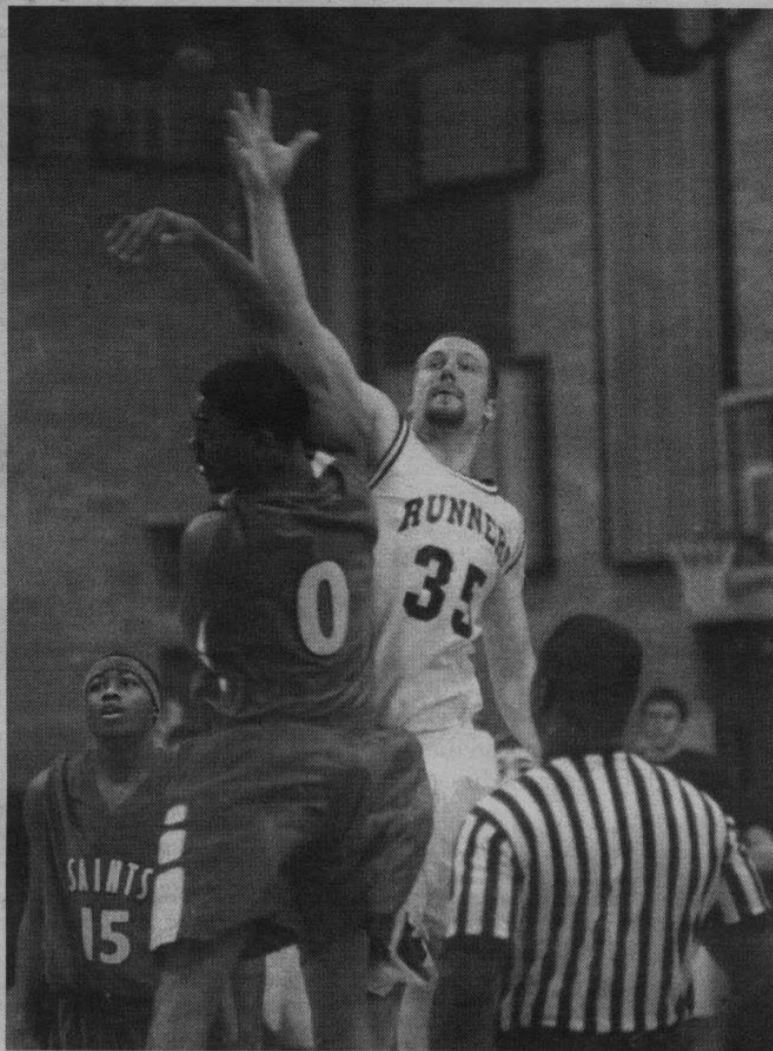


Photo by Thomas McGeary
James Muncrief wins the tip off during the home opener against Mt. Hood. The men lacked the quickness to beat Mt. Hood.

pointer from the corner with 11:29 left, and then Orth was fouled and put LB up by 16.

Chemeketa's defense became more and more stingy and Botez became a rebounding presence. With 4:45 left, the Storm trailed by only eight, but unfortunately for Chemeketa Botez fouled out with 1:08 remaining and the Storm never came closer than seven.

Strong court presence and consistent passing kept LB in control, but the Storm's strong trap presence forced LB into two time outs in the last six minutes.

Nunn scored 17 points. Duke followed with 11, and Orth had 10. Next up is a rematch of the Dale Bates tournament Championship tonight against Lane Community College following the women at 7:30 pm.

Runners battle in three tournaments

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

The preseason that started Nov. 22 left the men with an overall record of 5-7. The men also competed in 3 non-conference tournaments: the Dale Bates Tournament at Lane Community College, the Linn-Benton Community College Crossover Tournament, and at the Christmas Tournament at Clackamas Community College.

At the Dale Bates Tournament at Lane Community College the men faced Shoreline out of the North division. Linn-Benton defeated Shoreline in a high-energy game, 104-100. LBCC's Peter Nunn had team high of 24 points and 7 rebounds; Jacob Espinoza scored 22 points and also had 7 rebounds.

The win put LB against Lane Community College, a top ranked team in the south division, for the championship. Lane defeated the Runners 70-62. Byron Orth scored 13 points and 11 rebounds and Ryan Schmidt scored 12 points and fought hard for 5 rebounds. Espinoza and Nunn were named to the all tour-

ney team.

The Crossover Tournament was held at Linn-Benton Community College December 20-22. First up for LB was Grays Harbor Community College from the western coast of Washington.

The men seemed flat in the first half and were down and out at the half. With good coaching adjustments and a deeper bench the Runners were able to pull away in the closing minutes. Schmidt scored 18, Orth scored 16, Nunn scored 15 and reliable James Muncrief scored 10.

The win put LB against Seattle Community College, which LB matched up against in stand-

ing and league play records. Seattle defeated Linn-Benton 78-74. Leading LBCC scores were Schmidt, 22 points, Espinoza 13, Nunn 10, Orth 10.

The men's first game in the Clackamas tournament was against Clackamas Alumni, which LBCC lost 81-78. LBCC Nunn had 16 points, Schmidt had 14, Orth 13 and 7 rebounds, and Trevor Abell scored 11. That loss put LB against Blue Mountain, which Linn-Benton defeated 79-74. Road Runner Orth scored 19, Schmidt scored 16, Ryan Mostinger scored 11, Nunn scored 11, Trevor Abell scored 10, and Muncrief scored 10. Nunn was named to the All-tournament team.

SPORTS

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Down to final four for ultimate prize

Hello good people. Welcome back and I hope that all of you had an outstanding winter break. This week, I am of course going to write about the playoffs, which is of course the biggest thing in sports right now and I will try to have as much enthusiasm about the topic, as does actor Don Cheadle.

About a month ago, I wrote an article about parity in the League. Fortunately this year it seems that we will have two dominant teams that will compete for the Lombardi Trophy. All the teams still in the hunt, with the exception of the Tennessee Titans, are teams that have been knocking on the doorstep for the last couple of years, and each year have added weapons to make that final push.

The Philadelphia Eagles have fought a little adversity this season with their leader Donovan McNabb going down earlier this season. However what that did, is show people what kind of team the Eagles are. The defense has taken over since McNabb's injury, and has shown that they can tame any offense, including the "unstoppable" Michael Vick powered Falcons. Most importantly for the Eagles, they have home field advantage, and Veterans Stadium is the most intimidating place to play in the League. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers is a team that knows this quite well. The Bucs have failed three times (twice in the playoffs) in the Vet, and now will travel north once again and see if the fourth time is a charm.

The Bucs for the last couple of years have been the best team on paper, and were even called "paper champions," by Pittsburgh Safety Lee Flowers. However, this year the Bucs have lived up to their

hype, and are playing very well. Coach Gruden seems to have propelled these "paper champions" into a well-oiled machine. With the best defense in the League the Bucs are now legitimate contenders.

This is how I see this game playing out this Sunday: The Eagles blitz scheme; which is basically bring the house every down, will probably overwhelm the immobile Brad Johnson once again. The Bucs have a problem running the ball, and this will hurt them Sunday. Earlier this season the powerhouse defense of the Bucs could not stop Duce Staley, and the Eagles went on to win the game. This should be Andy Reid's offensive plan this week, and it will be interesting to see if the small defense of the Bucs have figured out a way to stop the running game of the Eagles. Last week against the 49ers, Johnson was able to throw all over the place, however this weekend he is facing one of the best secondaries in the league and will not have the same success as last week. I am going to pick the Eagles in this game, mainly because the game is in Philadelphia, and I do not see the Bucs beating them there.

To the AFC; where the timeless Raiders will host the gutsy Titans. Both teams are red hot, and their earlier meeting this year where the Raiders put up 52 points and dominated the Titans probably will not happen again. However, if the Titans have the same problems against the pass as they did against Pittsburgh, then it will be very difficult to beat the Raiders. I predict that this will be the deciding factor in this game. The Raiders terrific passing attack with its plethora of weapons is just too much for the injury-torn secondary of the Titans.


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Women feel both sides of lopsided games

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

The Runners opened the regular season at home Wednesday Jan. 8 with a dominating 98-57 win against the Saints of Mt. Hood, but then faltered three days later and lost in a blow-out to the Storm of Chemeketa 86-47.

At the start of the Mt. Hood contest, however, LB seemed flat as Marisa Higgins picked up two quick fouls, and LB was down 4-7. Priscilla Hendrix then took control and freshman guard Sharon Van Eaton hit a three-pointer that started a 13-0 run for LB, putting them up 23-11.

But the Saints dug in and came within reach at 29-26, before the Runners righted the ship. Janine Dionne hit a crucial three-pointer with 25 seconds left in the half to put LB up 42-33 as they headed for the locker room.

Higgins hit three straight three-pointers to open the second half and LB started to pull away for good. Jessie Ziegler, fresh off the bench, connected with Kim West to help put LB up by 20, and with 3:30 left to play, Higgins came off the floor to a rounding applause from the crowd for her strong play.

In their second regular season game on Saturday the Roadrunners found themselves on the other end of a rout in Salem against the tough Chemeketa Storm. The ladies came out fast and were tied in the first several minutes, 17-17, but the speed of the Storm started to take over, as the Runners passes couldn't find the mark. By the time LB took another timeout they were down by 10.

Van Eaton came off the bench and hit a three-pointer with one second on the shot clock to liven the well-represented LB crowd. Hendrix followed with a steal



Photos by Thomas McGeary

and basket to end the half 40-22. Katie Jarrett started the second half strong and when Dionne hit another three-pointer LB was within 13. But that was as close as the Runners would get, falling 86-47 at the final buzzer.

For most of the game the LB crowd didn't think they were getting the benefit of the referees' calls. On one play, Ziegler was slapped so hard the crowd was surprised she didn't get the call. Later, after a foul was called on the Lady Runners with 5:10 left in the second half, Head Coach A.J. Dionne yelled in frustration: "Don't start calling them now. Call them the same way."

Still, the Runners played with composure against a Storm team that on average was a half-foot taller. Hendrix fought hard for 12 points and 10 rebounds and Dionne followed with seven rebounds.

The Runners host Lane tonight at 5:30.



Janine Dionne and coach/sister A.J. talk chat during the game. (top) Freshman Marisa Higgins shoots for the foul for the Runners. (left) Linn-Benton has had success this season thanks to a deep and talented bench. (bottom)



LB's Hendrix, Higgins, Dionne lead preseason

by Thomas McGeary
 of the Commuter

During winter break, the women participated in two non-conference tournaments and five preseason games. The overall preseason standing of 5-7 gave LB the fourth best record in the South Division.

In the Dale Bates Tournament on Dec. 5 the Runners defeated Linfield 71-51 in the first round. Janine Dionne scored a season high 23 points with five steals. Marisa Higgins also scored 12 points followed by freshmen center Priscilla Hendrix with 10.

They then faced Chemeketa, 12-1 in the preseason. Even with big numbers by Hendrix, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds, LB was unable to stop the strong attack of the Storm and lost 71-37. Janine Dionne was named to the All-Tournament team.

Next up for the Runners was a trip to Washington to take on Columbia Basin on Dec. 13 and the Walla Walla Warriors on Dec. 14. Hendrix led LB a season high 27 points and 10 rebounds. Unfortunately the Runners were unable to stop Columbia and lost 75-60.

The loss punctured the spirit of the Runners, which enabled the Walla Walla Warriors to capitalize with a 64-42 win. Hendrix, who played 31 minutes, led the team with 21 points and eight rebounds.

The Crossover Tournament, in Lakewood, Wash. took place the weekend of Dec. 20. In the first game LB faced Yakima Valley Community College. The Runners found their speed and their quick feet as Higgins scored 24 points. Hendrix followed with 14 points and eight rebounds, while sophomore Katie Jarrett put up 12 points and seven rebounds. The Runners defeated Yakima 72-58.

Next up was Bellevue Community College. Hendrix led the team with 25 points and nine rebounds, and Higgins scored 12 with 11 assists. The bench proved vital in the 73-68 win. Coming off the bench, freshman Kelli Wolfram, scored 15.

In the championship the Runners again faced Chemeketa. LB tried to dampen the Storm with Kimberly West's versatile play, and she came through with 10 rebounds, and Higgins scored 12 points. The Storm thundered over the Lady Runners 67-43. Named to the All-Tournament team were Hendrix and Higgins.

The Runners ended the preseason at home against the Knights of Wenatchee Community College Jan. 3. Hendrix put up a huge game with 24 points and 13 rebounds but the Runners were unable to stop the great ball movement of Wenatchee who had three players with over 14 points, and fell 69-57.

STANDINGS

TEAM	MEN LEAGUE	OVERALL
Lane	2-0	12-2
Umpqua	2-0	8-6
Chemeketa	1-1	7-7
Clackamas	1-1	10-5
LBCC	1-1	6-8
Mt. Hood	1-1	4-8
Portland	0-2	6-7
SW Oregon	0-2	8-6

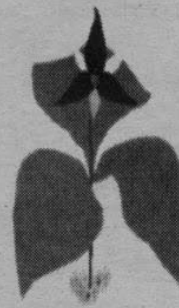
TEAM	WOMEN LEAGUE	OVERALL
Chemeketa	2-0	13-1
Clackamas	2-0	13-1
Lane	2-0	12-3
LBCC	1-1	5-8
Umpqua	1-1	10-5
Mt. Hood	0-2	1-12
Portland	0-2	1-11
SW Oregon	0-2	5-9

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME:
			WOMEN & MEN
Wed Jan 15	Lane C.C.	LBCC	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Jan 18	Clackamas	LBCC	4 & 6
Wed Jan 22	Umpqua	Roseburg	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Jan 25	Portland C.C.	LBCC	4 & 6
Wed Jan 29	SW Oregon	LBCC	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 1	Mt. Hood	Gresham	4 & 6
Sat Feb 8	Chemeketa	LBCC	4 & 6
Wed Feb 12	Umpqua	LBCC	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 15	Clackamas	Ore. City	4 & 6
Wed Feb 19	SW Oregon	Coos Bay	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 22	Portland C.C.	Portland	4 & 6
Wed Feb 26	Lane C.C.	Eugene	5:30 & 7:30
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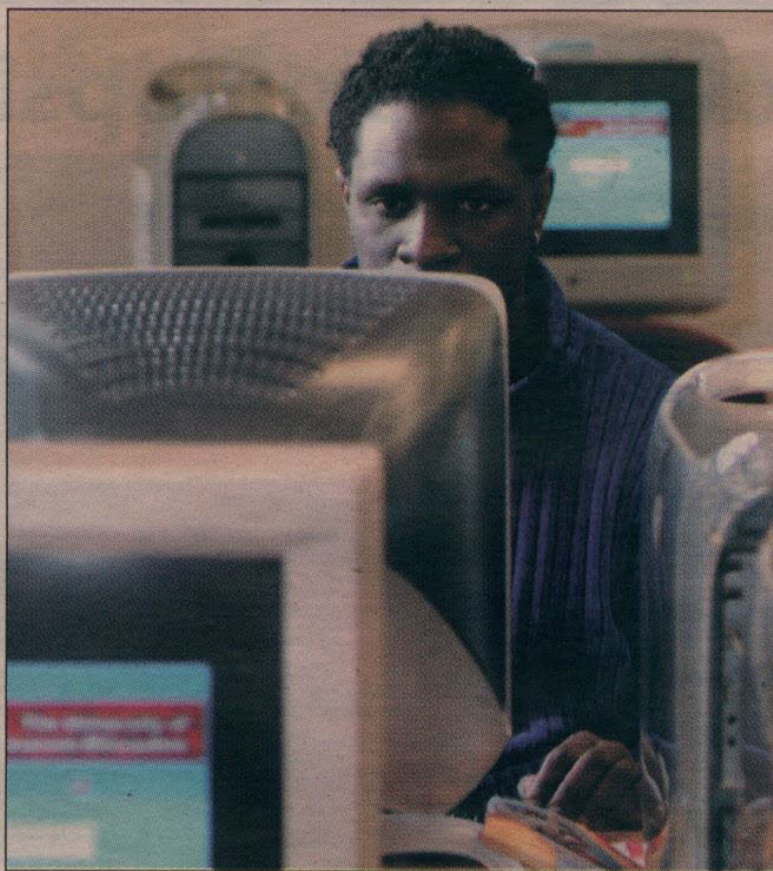
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Surfing for Softies

University of Wisconsin students in Madison, such as Thomas McKinney, will be able to log on and see how professors grade. UW is one of more than 50 public universities nationwide that subscribe to the Pick-A-Prof web site. Bar charts on the site display letter grade percentages that each professor gives out. Critics say the site forces professors to not grade so hard. Students, however, look at the site as a way to give a boost to their GPA.

Photo by David Trotman-Wilkins



Students use web to access professor grading histories

by Dan Mihalopoulos
 Chicago Tribune

Before registering for classes, students at the University of Wisconsin campus soon will be able to use the Internet to see just how tough it would be to ace courses. Many students say they are eager to log

on to pickaprof.com as they decide which classes to enroll in — or which professors to avoid.

Bar charts on the Web site show what percentage of each instructor's students received As, Bs, Cs, Ds or Fs during past semesters.

"I'll be strongly tempted to look, like a bear with a honey jar," said Thomas McKinney, 27, a graphic design major. "You could always hear this kind of stuff through the grapevine. Now you can just punch it up."

The University of Wisconsin student association recently decided to pay \$10,000 to Pick-A-Prof, joining more than 50 public universities nationwide that subscribe to the three-year-old service based in Texas. Student leaders at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and Wright College are debating whether to bring it to their campuses next year.

In an age when students can order term papers over the Internet, the spread of Pick-A-Prof has triggered a fresh debate about the effects of rapid technological change on education.

Many students relish having easy access to grading histories, but college instructors here and across the country are complaining that Pick-A-Prof is the worst blow to the integrity of higher education since Cliffs Notes.

"There is no relation between an easy A and the quality of learning," UW sociology professor Carrie Yang Costello said.

Critics say publishing grading histories on the Internet will make it simple for students to choose professors who are most likely to grade gently. Students inevitably will try to play the odds to give themselves the best chance of posting high grade-point averages and attracting job offers, said

George Davida, a computer science professor and faculty senate member.

"It's a no-brainer," Davida said. "This will turn the university into a casino."

Professors warned that Pick-A-Prof will result in grade inflation.

"There will be an influence on professors to bring students into their classes by not grading too hard," said Jennifer Maher, an associate professor of women's studies.

Pick-A-Prof is a simple, if novel, concept. Data on the grading histories of professors at public universities are open to the public. Pick-A-Prof requests the information from universities and places it on its password-protected Web site.

At most universities where Pick-A-Prof is used, the student associations pay the company to construct and maintain the site.

Pick-A-Prof also runs message boards featuring anonymous reviews of professors, which the company screens for profanity and personal attacks. Company officials say the screening process makes Pick-A-Prof's reviews more useful than the feedback that students post on other Internet sites, such as myprofessorsucks.com.

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▶ Jennifer Maher

Anthrax may be new cure for cancer

by Seth Borenstein
 Knight Ridder

WASHINGTON—Anthrax, the bioterrorism agent that killed five people in 2001 and has frightened millions more, may be an effective cancer killer, according to new research from the National Institutes of Health.

Genetically engineered anthrax protein — designed to activate only on contact with a chemical on the surface of malignant tumors — dramatically reduced and even eradicated cancers in tests on hundreds of mice, according to a study published Monday in the Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences. Thanks to the genetic engineering, the anthrax did not poison the mice.

Three main types of tumors — soft-tissue fibrosarcoma, skin melanoma and lung carcinoma — responded to the anthrax protein, which is a key component of anthrax bacteria, said Dr. Stephen Leppla, an NIH scientist and co-author of the study. In theory, the new toxin should work on all or almost all forms of cancer, he said.

In trials on mice, a single customized anthrax-protein injection reduced the size of lung tumors an average of 65 percent, Leppla reported, and soft tissue tumors 92 percent.

After two treatments, tumors were 86 percent to 98 percent smaller, respectively. Melanomas were 85 percent smaller after one treatment; 92 percent after two.

After two anthrax injections, many tumors — including 88 percent of soft-tissue fibrosarcomas in the mouth — "were completely eradicated," researchers reported. Tumor cells began dying just 12 hours after anthrax treatment began.

The results suggest that there's a good use for one of nature's deadliest bac-

teria, said Dr. Thomas Bugge, an NIH scientist and study co-author. "We are at a very early stage and it will take years before we are ready to try it in humans," he added. "I'm excited, but also cautious about the idea."

For more than 20 years, cancer treatment researchers have been investigating some of the same toxins terrorists consider, including diphtheria and the nerve agent ricin. They produced nasty and sometimes fatal side effects, however. A diphtheria-derived anti-cancer agent is the only candidate to have gained federal approval. It's used as a cancer-fighting drug of last resort.

In addition to yielding an effective new cancer toxin, the anthrax finding "revolutionizes the field" by providing a new technique to keep the toxins from attacking healthy, noncancer cells, said Dr. Arthur Frankel, a leading cancer-toxin biologist at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C..

"It's the most important breakthrough in our field in the last 20 years," said Frankel, who was not involved in the study.

In effect, the engineered anthrax can tell the difference between cancer cells and healthy ones.

Normally, the deadly toxin in anthrax bacteria is activated when it finds furin, an enzyme in all living cells. Until then, it is like "grenades with the pins still inside them," Leppla said.

Leppla and Bugge altered chemicals in the anthrax protein so it wouldn't be activated by furin, but only by an enzyme called urokinase, which is found on the outside of cancer cells.

The anthrax toxin didn't harm skin or hair cells right next to the tumors, because they didn't have the urokinase enzyme on their surfaces, Leppla and Bugge said.

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