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## State to shut off Looney Lane cutoff to campus

by Jacob Schmid  
The Commuter

Commuters who take the Looney Lane shortcut to Linn-Benton Community College from Highway 34 can expect a change of routine in the near future.

Traffic will be re-routed to Highway 99, and the use of Looney Lane will be restricted to right-hand turns onto Highway 34 only.

The unprotected left turn onto Looney Lane has been considered an accident hazard for some time, and the college has been working with the Oregon Dept. of Transportation to do something about it.

What we have is a situation where people are crossing two lanes of high-speed oncoming traffic," said Tom Mayers, the Assistant Project Manager for ODOT. "It's potentially a very dangerous spot. We haven't had any fatalities yet, but we want to keep it that way."

Plans to make the junction safer began back in October of 1994. Several options were discussed, including

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Photo by Bill Jones

### H<sub>2</sub>Ohhh!

The sun sets on a soggy section of the Willamette Valley near Corvallis as heavy rains over the past several days cause wide-spread flooding. Reports early in the week had the Mary's River in Benton County and the Santiam Canal in Linn County going over their banks. The Willamette River is expected to reach flood stage at Albany and Salem on Thursday morning.

## what students think

### Students speak out on Wyden's victory in mud-spattered election

by Josh Burk  
The Commuter

It was long and dirty but now it's over. The Senate race to fill the recently vacated Packwood seat between Republican Gordon Smith and Democrat Ron Wyden came to an end last week when Wyden edged past Smith by just 1 percent.

Wyden and Smith both ran negative campaigns, slashing each other left and right at press conferences and through their advertising.

Toward the end of the race Wyden tried to turn his campaign style around and stop the mudslinging. Smith, on the other hand, continued to bombard Wyden with more negative ads on his television commercials.

Rick Harris, a law student at LBCC, thought that

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—Rick Harris

the whole ordeal was garbage. "What a joke. All this was, was a way for two politicians to make cracks at each other."

Angel Carey, an LBCC student, couldn't believe that Wyden won the election. "Ron Wyden is a career politician, he loves to screw people over. He lies, and uses trickery and deceit to get what he wants. He is a bum."

Randy Koch, a science major, said. "Gordon Smith

should have won. Even though they both ran a bad campaign Smith looked better and he reached out to his voters better. Everywhere you looked you could find a Gordon Smith sign or billboard."

"I am glad to see that Ron Wyden won, he has more experience and I think that he will better represent us in Washington," said Marge Fillman.

Although Smith had a bigger campaign war chest, spending multiple millions of dollars (in fact \$2 million of it was his own personal money), Wyden was still able to go the distance with Smith.

Political commentators say it could have been his abrupt halt from using negative ads or maybe his years of experience in politics. Either way, it's over and many are happy with the result while others are wondering whether the better man won.

## Suffering in Bosnia inspires OSU student to start relief project

by Andrea Banks  
The Commuter

*Exhausted from a long day, a war relief volunteer lies peacefully in her cot ignoring the sounds of explosions, gunfire, and refugee's cries to take shelter. Fear-ridden sounds like these have become common-place to the volunteers from Corvallis as she rations toys and blankets to the children of the Balkan war.*

The 16,000 children killed and maimed in war-torn Bosnia might disgust most people, but Brenda Gilbert has a mission—sacrificing the contentment and safety of her comfy Corvallis life to enrich others' lives. Gilbert is

one of the organizers of Here and Now, a youth-oriented relief project that takes medical supplies and toys to survivors of the Balkan war.

Wearing a fashionable oversized flannel, the 20-year-old OSU student recently sashayed into Starbucks just like any ordinary college student. She was there to talk about her travels to the Balkan state.

Her excitement cannot be contained.



Brenda Gilbert

as she speaks of the children she's seen overseas. She makes it sound like a trip to Disneyland.

The love and concern she has for humankind rules out any feelings of uncertainty she might have for continuing her efforts over there. Compassion isn't a strong enough word to describe this young, enthusiastic founder of the relief project.

Gilbert and a student from New Jersey started Here and Now to help the survivors of the Balkan war. After a trip to the former Yugoslavia three years ago while still in high school, Gilbert saw the

workings of other humanitarian efforts. She also saw a need that wasn't being fulfilled. Though wounds were being tended to and beds were being provided she could also see expressions of depression and despair, a lack of joy on children's faces.

She knew she could help, but she also knew she would need help. She dreamed of involving other young people, students like herself. Three years in the planning, Here and Now, Youth for Building a Better Tomorrow, made its first official outing to the Balkans last

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## Former LB students speak at College Transfer Day

by Matt Wade  
of The Commuter

Last Friday's College Transfer Day drew an audience of about 30 to listen to a panel of former Linn-Benton students explain the pitfalls of transferring to a four-year school.

The common theme of the event was that transferring involves leaving a supporting and helpful environment to go to a more competitive and elitist one.

The panelists—Jack Josewski (OSU), Kelly Noble (Willamette), Debra Deveraux (OSU) and Jim Hagan (SOSC)—stressed that leaving LBCC for a four year school is somewhat of a shock to the system.

Work is harder, grading is tougher and the competition is more cutthroat. But after the first couple of weeks you begin to settle in and get a feel for what's going on. To help do this, all the panelists stressed how important it was to join a club or organization to get to know people.

Deveraux said that transferring is a big change and that it is important to get to know your advisor. She told the audience to contact the University, and to follow up on their own and

also check out the campus to get the feel of it.

"Talk to people and know what classes are relevant for you," said Noble. "Know what you want so you get your needs met."

Josewski stressed the increased competition and the amount of study at the University level. Be careful what classes you take because it is very easy to get in over your head. But he also said "OSU has a nice atmosphere for learning and that it is a great place."

Hagan warned that not all community college credits transfer and also advised watching your finances. "You can easily spend over \$2,000 just for fall term", he said.

Questions from the attentive audience revolved around campus life, differences between four-year schools, expenses and various school requirements.

Although transferring is a big change, students are successful. Transfers have a better record than do those who attend a university for all four years, said Martha Christianson. "Their GPA is higher and more of them graduate."

Students can get more information in the Career Center.



Photo by Bill Jones

### Rising Waters

Heavy rains Monday night and Tuesday morning flooded sections of the Northeast campus, forcing the temporary closure of the north entrance from Highway 99E due to high water. Caution markers were also placed along the curve on Looney Lane Southwest of campus, where water covered part of one lane until late morning. As rain continued throughout the day Tuesday, more roads in the area were being closed because of high water, including Ellingson Road, opposite the north campus entrance.

## Traffic on Looney Lane soon to be regulated

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the closure of McFarlane Road, as well, which is the south-bound extension of Looney Lane; but it was decided that traffic on that part of the road is not heavy enough to warrant further regulation.

At a meeting on Aug. 29, 1995, members of ODOT collaborated with LBCC President Jon Carnahan and Vice-President George Kurtz to devise a final outline for the project.

ODOT will construct a curb at the entrance of Looney Lane from Highway 34 to prevent access and install traffic lights at the ramps that connect 34 to 99. A light will also be set up at the junction of 99 and Allen Lane to regulate the increased flow of traffic.

Clearance for the construction is expected sometime in June. The first step will be installing the traffic lights which are now being tested for durability. The closure of Looney Lane is expected to go into effect sometime in early 1997.

## Disorder at the border results in injuries, arrests

by Tricia LaFrance  
of The Commuter

Two Albany residents who were on a computer-carrying caravan headed for Cuba were not among those who were hurt or arrested during a clash with San Diego police at the Mexican border, according to sponsors of the mission.

During the noisy border clash on Jan. 31, five people were injured, 12 activists arrested, and about 350 computers seized by the U. S. Customs Service, according to press reports.

The group attempting to bring the computers to Cuba included North Albany residents, Ed Hemmingson and his wife, June, who is the local chair of Linn-Benton PeaceWorks. The Hemmingsons had left Albany Jan. 27 by car and were part of a caravan of 20 vehicles and hundreds of volunteers who attempted to directly challenge the U.S. embargo of Cuba.

They had been collecting computers donated by local citizens to help computerize Cuba's medical system, linking hospitals and clinics to an on-line medical information system that will cover the entire island. Computers had been collected in dozens of cities along the west coast, from Seattle to San Francisco to Denver.

The Pastors for Peace Friendship caravan traveled along

three West Coast routes, with public events in 19 cities, before converging in San Diego.

The group had planned to travel into Mexico and then fly on a chartered Cuban airliner from Tijuana to Havana, where they would deliver the computers and medical supplies to the Communist nation.

However, the activists were met by a number of San Diego police and U.S. customs agents who refused to let the vehicles cross the border into Tijuana. According to the Associated Press, hours into the standoff, several protesters rushed the police line, injuring one activist and four Customs agents. Twelve protesters have been arrested for investigation of assault on federal officers.

This was the second time the Minneapolis-based Pastors for Peace group has attempted to cross into Cuba at the Southwest border. They have tried to deliver humanitarian aid and equipment to Cuba through Canada several times.

Members of the IFCO-Pastors for Peace and the San Francisco-based Infomed group had slept with their computers in a Lemon Grove church Tuesday night because they feared the computers might be seized before they even left for the border.

## Relief team looking for more members

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year over the Christmas holidays.

Gilbert and five other young volunteers from across the nation spent hundreds of hours preparing for the job. Donations of money, toys and supplies had to be solicited. Local individuals and merchants came through with dolls, teddy bears, balls and toys. A Colorado hospital donated \$15,000 worth of medical supplies, including a heart monitor machine.

Then came the question of how to get all the items to Croatia.

"Suitcases," Gilbert thought. So she only a back pack for her personal needs she stuffed the donated items into suitcases, and on Dec. 21 the six Her Now volunteers left New York for "Dakovo Displaced Persons Settlement" their suitcases bulging with treasure.

They spent the first few days in the industrialized city of Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. "Although Zagreb is beautiful both culturally and socially, it couldn't wait to make our way to Dakovo," Gilbert said. There they found a camp where 50,000 "displaced persons" patiently wait to begin again.

Shortly after arriving in Dakovo, volunteers, a translator and some of the kids of the camp locked themselves in a room, unloaded the toys from their cases and made a list of kids in the camp so toys could be distributed evenly.

"You'll start a riot if you just start passing out toys to anyone," explained Gilbert. With a Madonna tape playing in the background, the eager helpers started wrapping the toys. "Then we all put on our Santa Claus hats. The children went wild." After opening the gifts the children's spirits continued through a game of checkers in the snow.

Not all the children in all the camps had the good fortune of receiving gifts, and one day, after running out of toys, Gilbert looked into a young child's pleading eyes. Fortunately, she had a pocket full of balloons.

"I blew up the balloons and gave them to the kids. One little boy was so excited because he got a green balloon. A few minutes later that little boy was in tears because his balloon had hit the ground and popped. It was so sad. Then a little girl came over and gave her balloon to him."

In order to continue her dream of bringing joy to others, Here and Now needs volunteers and donors with a generous spirit of that little girl.

Volunteers can join Gilbert on her trip to the Balkans. She plans to take more excursions during the months of July and August and hopes to get more local young people involved. If you are 18 or older with a sense of adventure and a giving spirit you can call for more information. In addition, Here and Now is always in need of donations of money, toys and medical supplies.

Gilbert can be contacted at 737-9334 at Luther House 211 N.W. 23rd Corvallis, OR 97331 (753-5213)

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## CAMPUS NEWS

## Nursing program plans reunion party

by Jeff Green  
of The Commuter

The most successful nursing program in Oregon is having a party.

LBCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program is planning a 25-year reunion for April 27. As the 25th graduating class is about to celebrate, they are inviting all past graduates and faculty to attend.

Letters are to be mailed this Thursday to graduates informing them of the dinner, open house and social hour. They are expecting up to 800 in attendance, yet still do not have the names of all the past graduates.

In the past, LBCC has had the highest percentage of graduates pass the National Counseling Licensing Exam in the state, and ranks as one of the highest in the nation for two-year college programs, says Director Jackie Paulson.

The nursing program is geared towards preparing future nurses for jobs in hospitals and professional facilities. About half of the students' time is spent in the classroom and half practicing skills in hospitals and clinics.

To keep up with technology, several new improvements are planned for the program. New beds in the skills lab, upgrades in the computer lab, and a computer link to journals and articles of nurses around the country, are scheduled to be completed this year.

Those who would like to be included in the planning of the party can attend a meeting Feb. 12, at 4 p.m. in the nursing office.

If you or someone you know is a past graduate or faculty member and would like to attend, contact the nursing office at 917-4511.



By Deborah Shelby

## Checking It Out

Jesse Raskauskas, a second-year student at LBCC, collects some information about transferring to Western Oregon State College in Monmouth at Monday's College Tour Day in the Commons. Helping him is Alison Marshall, director of admissions at WOSC. Marshall was one of about 16 representatives from different colleges and universities around the state who staffed tables at the event, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. College Tour Day is sponsored by LBCC's counseling office so that students can meet with representatives from a variety of schools and collect information about admissions policies, scholarships and instructional programs.

## Celebration marks completion of Benton Center renovations

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

The Benton Center in Corvallis celebrated the completion of renovations with an open house and elevator ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Feb. 2.

The celebration marked an end of seven months of remodeling and repairs to the 72-year-old Washington Building, located at 630 NW 7th St., Corvallis.

The repairs brought updated restrooms, three new classrooms, and a new math lab and elevator to the center.



Jon Carnahan

Nearly 100 people attended the celebration, including students, teachers, staff and LBCC President Jon Carnahan.

Attendees were treated to acoustic music by Jon Tenbrock and Les Gustafson Zook, as well as a scavenger hunt/trivia quiz for children and the young at heart, which featured questions about the center and features of the remodeled building.

Carnahan, Capital Projects Director Bob Miller, and John Doty of Merle Doty and Sons Construction of Corvallis were presented with commemorative plaques by Dorie Nelson of the Benton Center for their work in planning, funding and coordinating the project.

On the plaques were mounted pieces of debris knocked loose during the re-

pairs as a tongue-in-cheek tribute to their efforts.

Doty also took time to thank Paul Bounty of LSR Architecture, who drafted the plans for the renovations, and the staff at the Benton Center for their patience and perseverance during the time it took to complete the repairs. At 4:49 p.m., Carnahan cut the ribbon and took the first ride in the center's new elevator.

The Benton Center offers classes, gym facilities, study help and career counseling to residents of Benton County.

Career Guidance Counselor Lynn Bain, who works 16 hours a week at the center, said the students she sees include transfer students hoping to attend OSU, as well as students currently enrolled at OSU who prefer the smaller

class sizes at the Benton Center.

Doty said part of the reason the remodeling took seven months to complete was the building's age.

Another factor in the repair time was the fact that small undocumented renovations had been done over time so although the contractors had the original plans of the building, they weren't always accurate.

Doty explained that some repairs, like the remodeling of the restrooms, were completed and in use soon after the project was begun, while other parts took longer to complete.

The remodeling work was done by Merle Doty and Sons Construction and 10 other subcontractors from the Corvallis/Albany area.

## Couple to lead discussion of Middle-East peace practices at brown-bag session Friday

by Dannie Bjornson  
of The Commuter

The barricade nearly prevented Palestinian students from entering Hebron University in the tension-wracked West Bank of Israel. The obstacle was symbolic of Israel's refusal to publicly acknowledge a Palestinian presence there. So, Cliff Kindy, a member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams from North America made a fateful decision. He tore it down.

Kindy was arrested and along with several other CPT members spent several days in an Israeli jail. Despite his experience he remained an active force in non-violent actions meant to provide a violence-reducing presence in the Middle-East.

Kindy and his wife Arlene will lead a brown bag discussion at LB this Friday about their experiences in both the Middle-East and Haiti. The discussion which is open to the public will be held in the Willamette Room in the College

Center from noon to 2 p.m.

Documenting cases of abuse towards Palestinians by Israeli settlers, soldiers and authorities in the West Bank, Kindy helped to raise international awareness of the situation.

Lois Kenagy, a member of the CPT steering committee and a close acquaintance of the Kindys, speculated that the discussion will focus not only on the Kindys' experiences but on the CPT's approaches to conflict resolution. "The pen and camera are dynamic tools," said Kenagy. "The CPT take people into areas of conflict where they use violence-reduction approaches to ease tensions."

"Students will gain a perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, a microcosm look at the people. They will gain an understanding of how American students can be involved in the peace making effort."

For more information contact Doug Clark, Peace Studies Program Coordinator at 917-4557.

## Sweet Hearts Night

Wednesday, Feb. 14

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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Really Rosie' creates enchanting mix of fantasy and reality

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

"Stop screaming and yelling and I'll tell you already! The enchanted one, that's me!" sings Rosie. Welcome to a place where kids pretend and play, quarrel and sing—the true-to-life world of "Really Rosie" as portrayed by the LBCC Performing Arts Department.

In this drama, written by award-winning author and illustrator Maurice Sendak, the audience witnesses children in a lower-class neighborhood in Brooklyn, N.Y., interact as they mix fantasy with reality.

"Really Rosie," LBCC's 1996 theater production for children is directed by drama and speech instructor Jane Donovan. She said they stuck with the book and tried to reproduce Sendak's illustrations in their scenery.

Donovan explained that the play doesn't have much plot, but is fun, fast-moving and full of songs. Unlike past children's productions, it does not incorporate audience participation.

Originally produced as an animated version on CBS in 1975, most of the action in the story takes place on the front steps and in the cellar of Rosie's house on a hot day in July.



By Dan Hildebrand

**Mandi Rowland plays Rosie. The play is scheduled to run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Feb. 11 to Feb. 25. Sunday matinees begin at 3 pm on Feb. 11, 18 and 25.**

Mandi Rowland, of Corvallis, plays the imaginative Rosie, leader of this group of 8- to 10-year-olds whom she auditions for a movie of her life.

Albany students include Jennie Statler, in her first role, as Kathy; Seth Carter (Bottom in "A Midsummer-Night's Dream") as Alligator; R. Joseph Brown

(Hairy Man in "Wiley and the Hairy Man") as Chicken Soup; and playing two children added by the LBCC cast, Amber Griffiths, another newcomer, as both Sonja and Rosie's mother and Anya Corbitt as both Louise and Johnny's mother.

Adam Sperling, of Corvallis, plays Pierre and Jason Rice, of Scio, plays Johnny.

Gary Ruppert, LBCC instrumental music instructor and chairman of the Performing Arts Department, is the music director. He remains on stage the entire time, playing the piano teacher and using a synthesizer to accompany the 10 musical numbers composed by Carole King, Grammy Award-winning composer and recording artist.

William Earl, an OSU theater instructor, is the costumer. Barbara Platt, of Philomath, is the choreographer. Tim Sweeney, of Corvallis, is stage manager. Bruce Peterson, theater manager, designed the scenes and lighting.

Drama students Aimee Vosburg of Sweet Home and Eric Singer of Albany serve as production assistants and Jaime Speelman of Scio is costume mistress.

Public performances of "Really Rosie" are scheduled for Sunday, Feb.

11, 18 and 25 at 3:00 p.m., and Friday, Feb. 17 and 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Tadena Theater and lasts approximately one hour.

Tickets are \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for adults. They are available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and through the LBCC box office. Box office hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and two hours prior to each performance. Tickets may be reserved by calling 917-4531 and must be picked up at the box office at least 15 minutes before the performance.

## Local writer to share insights at reading, workshop

by Christina Bondurant  
of The Commuter

Ann Staley started writing at an early age. Like most young people, she was trying to figure out the world; her parents, her family, the secret world no one seems to talk about.

Staley, a teacher for the past 25 years, now teaches writing at Philomath High School and at Lewis and Clark College's Northwest Writing Institute.

She will be on campus this week as part of the Valley Writers Series, giving a reading on Thursday from 1-2 p.m. in Tadena Hall Room 213, and conducting a workshop on Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon in Boardrooms A and B. Thursday's reading is free, but the workshop costs \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for others.

Staley was raised Catholic and she said certain elements of the church, including the Latin mass and confession influenced her greatly because of the power of the words. The way words can be used for such an intense purpose, to admit your sins and be forgiven, tuned her into the power of words.



Ann Staley

Staley said she always wanted to be a teacher—it was a calling for her. And she knew she could do better than her teachers did in high school.

The people who encouraged Staley the most are those whose work she's read—Virginia Woolf, Willa Cather, and William Stafford are a few of the many. She says she could not choose just one, because they have all affected her in different ways.

"When I think of myself as a writer I think of myself as a cliff wall with layers of sedimentation representing the words of different people," she said.

Staley has worked with people of all ages, teaching everyone from Portuguese immigrant kids to adults in community education. All of her classes are workshops, as she works and writes along with her students.

Staley is also one of the founding editors of "Fireweed," a poetry journal put out four times a year that includes work from many different artists, from famous poets to new poets.

"In this community there is a wonderful group of people who write and for whom writing is a gift," she said.

She also says the Valley Writers Series has done a wonderful thing by bringing these people forward. She has been to the workshops and readings in the

past, but this is the first year she will actually be a part of the series.

Staley has always written book and poetry reviews and about teaching, and recently she has become a prose writer rather than a poet.

"Essay writing is a combination of other kinds of writing so wonderfully giving you a chance to reflect on old things and experience new things," she said. She has put together two new pieces to be submitted, one about home, the other an almanac from Central Park in Corvallis.

"I don't write to get published," she added. "I write to make sense of my life." Teaching is also important to her.

"My life has been so enriched by my students," she said. "I think all teachers would say that. There are days when I think 'wow, they're paying me to do this! How could it get any better?'"



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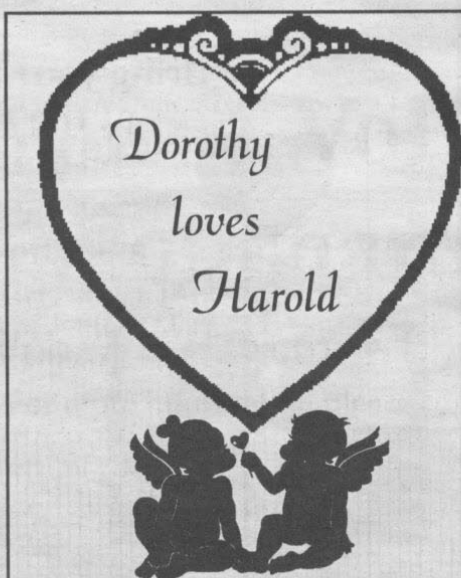
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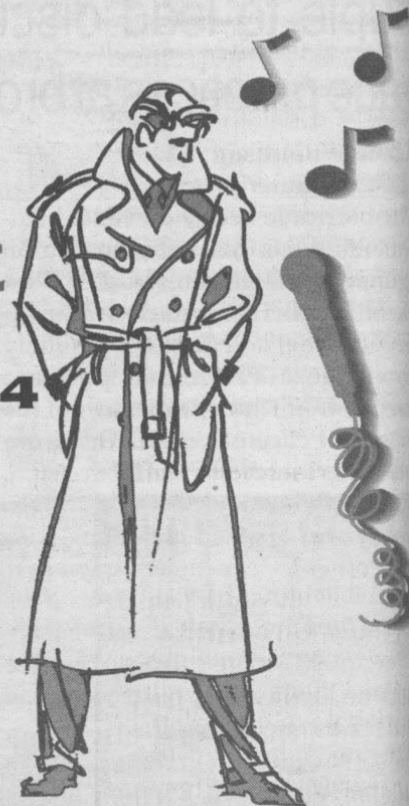
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**SPORTS PAGE**

# Lady Roadrunners run away in overtime

By C. Sandoval  
of The Commuter

A last-second desperation three-point shot by Andrea Farnsworth of Southwestern Oregon Community College sent last Wednesday's game into overtime, but Linn-Benton immediately responded to the challenge by scoring the first seven points in the first two minutes of the overtime period to defeat SWOCC 67-60.

But not before Lady Lakers came back one more time. With the Roadrunners leading by as much as 11 with 1:10 left, the Lakers reacted by scoring the last four points of the extra period. It was too little too late, however, and Linn-Benton hung on for the victory.

The Roadrunners record improved to 4-5 in league and 15-5 overall. With the victory the Roadrunners were a game out of fourth place, the final playoff spot.

It was close from the getgo, but SWOCC led throughout most of the first half and took a 26-22 lead into the locker room.

In the second half the Lakers were up by five with 8:27 left before Linn-Benton drew two quick fouls to turn the tide.

The Roadrunners took its first lead with 5:20 left in the game at 42-41. The Lakers and Roadrunners then exchanged the lead five times before a free throw by leading scorer Kodi Waite put Linn-Benton up by three with 22 seconds to go. SWOCC then called a time-out to set up its last-second shot that sent the game into overtime.

Waite, the Roadrunner's point guard, led the scoring for Linn-Benton with 20 points and 10 assists. Melissa Olson, who had an outstanding game, followed with 18 points, 16 rebounds and two blocked shoots. Melinda MacLean added 13 points of her own.

The Roadrunners next game is on the road tonight against Lane Community College, before returning home for their matchup with defending NWAACC champions Chemeketa. Linn-Benton then hits the road to face Mt. Hood and closes the season at home against Umpqua and Clackamas.

# Men's basketball team routs Lakers in 81-71 victory

by C. Sandoval  
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton played host to the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon Community College on Wednesday night, who arrived ready to play. The Roadrunners came out on top with an 81-71 victory.

The men's defense held off a few runs from the Southwestern Oregon squad which never really got on track after a half hour wait, due to the women's overtime game.

The Lakers didn't connect on their first six shots, and didn't hit their first field goal until three and a half minutes into the game. Once on track SWOCC was able to gain its first lead at 16-15 with 9:30 to go in the first half. Linn-Benton held a 31-29 lead at half time.

Linn-Benton continued their dominance of the game throughout the second half and never really looked back. The Lakers made a few attempts to make a game out of it, but the Roadrunners' defense held back the charge.

Chris Swallow led Linn-Benton with 27 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Both Kyle Wonderly and Steve Roberts scored 16 points of their own.

The victory the Roadrunners, 10-11 overall, moved into a three way tie for third place in the Southern Division, tied with Lane and Umpqua with a 4-5 league record.

Linn-Benton faces Lane, 10-11 overall, tonight in Eugene and host Umpqua, 13-10 overall, next Wednesday night.



Photo by Jason Andrus  
Kyle Wonderly and Andy McCabe (42) compete against players from Southwestern Oregon for a rebound during the Roadrunner's 81-71 victory over the Lakers last Wednesday. Both of the Roadrunner basketball teams were to compete at Mt. Hood last Saturday, but icy road conditions prevented the trip from happening. The games have been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 12, with the women's game starting at 6 p.m., followed by the men's game at about 8 p.m.

## scoreboard

### Women's Results

LINN-BENTON 67, SW OREGON 60 (OT)  
SW OREGON (60): Farnsworth 3-11 0-2 7, Hard 1-6 5-6 7, Queddeng 4-8 0-0 8, Carroll 2, Dossman 2-7 0-0 4, Stroup 1-3 0-0 2, Jim 0, Hyatt 3-8 2-28, Murray 8-20 2-22, Cozby 0, Voigt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 23-70 9-12 60.  
LINN-BENTON (67): Waite 5-12 10-12 20, Hein 0, Blem 0-2 0-0 0, Sprenger 2-5 0-0 4, an 5-12 3-4 13, Ziegler 2-5 1-3 5, Knudsen 1-0 1-0 1, Olson 7-18 4-7 16. Totals: 22-57 23-32 67.  
Time—SWOCC 26, LB 22. Regulation—LB SWOCC 54. 3-point goals—SWOCC 5-19, Linn-Benton 1-1, Westgaard 0-3, Queddeng 0-1, Murray 4-13, LB 0-3 (Waite 0-2, MacLean 0-2). Fouls—SWOCC 37 (Hyatt 12), LB 34 (16). Total fouls—SWOCC 29, LB 14. Fouled out—Farnsworth, Stroup, Sprenger. Assists—C 11 (Carroll 3), LB 15 (Waite 10), Turnover—SWOCC 24, LB 17. Blocked shots—C 0, LB 6. Steals—SWOCC 9 (Hyatt 6), LB 4. Technicals—SWOCC Bench.

### Women's Standings

Clackamas	.....	9	1	.900	—
Chemeketa	.....	8	2	.800	1
Umpqua	.....	7	3	.700	2
SW Oregon	.....	5	5	.500	4
Linn-Benton	..	4	5	.444	4 1/2
Mt. Hood	.....	3	6	.333	5 1/2
SWOCC	.....	2	7	.222	6 1/2
and	.....	0	9	.000	8 1/2

### Men's Results

LINN-BENTON 81, SW OREGON 71  
SW OREGON (71): Brooks 4-4 0-0 9, Schade 1-0 0-0 0, Guy 3-7 0-0 6, Kei. Young 2-9 1-2 6, Kev. 0-1 0-0 0, Brady 4-6 0-0 9, Bowden 4-5 4-5 12, 4-8 2-10, Stamper 1-1 0-0 2, Leonard 5-12 11-15 71.  
LINN-BENTON (81): Roberts 3-9 9-10 16, Graves 2, Cloud 1-3 0-0 2, Clark 2-6 2-4 6, Heron, 9-16 4-6 27, McCabe 6-10 0-12, Wonderly 16, Sexton. Totals: 29-61 17-25 81.  
Time—LB 31, SWOCC 29. 3-point goals—C 4-15 (Brooks 1-3, Schade 1-1, Guy 0-2, Young 1-5, Kev. Young 0-1, Brady 1-3), LB 6-15 (Roberts 1-5, Graves 0-2, Cloud 0-1, Clark 0-2, n 5-8). Rebounds—SWOCC 26 (Cooke, d 6), LB 34 (McCabe, Wonderly 10). Assists—SWOCC 14 (Guy, Kei. Young 4), LB 14 (6). Steals—SWOCC 15 (Guy 5), LB 15 (4). Blocked shots—SWOCC 9 (Leonard 1, McCabe 7). Turnovers—SWOCC 26, LB 11. Fouls—SWOCC 22, LB 14. Fouled out—Leonard.

### Men's Standings

Chemeketa	... 10	0	1.000	—	
Clackamas	.....	8	1	.889	1 1/2
Umpqua	.....	4	5	.444	5 1/2
Linn-Benton	..	4	5	.444	5 1/2
Umpqua	.....	4	5	.444	5 1/2
Mt. Hood	.....	3	6	.333	6 1/2
SW Oregon	.....	3	7	.300	7
and	.....	1	8	.111	8 1/2

### Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 10  
Chemeketa

**1996 safer sex week**

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# Rape Awareness week inspires second thoughts about self-defense

OSU's recent Take Back the Night event has spawned a lot of conversation about rape. I was even handed a piece of paper that showed all these fun ways to convince a rapist that he'd better find a better way to blow an evening. It detailed such niceties as tearing out a throat, smashing groins and busting knees. The paper concludes by stating that for best results, try a 12-gauge shotgun.

The part about the shotgun bothered me a bit, as it should most thinking people.

Many years ago in a town not so far away, I was leaving work late at night and carrying the night's receipts. Imagine my surprise when a rather large individual appeared and attempted to persuade me to hand over the money to him. I declined. He insisted. I declined again. He insisted again—but this time physically. Without much thought, some very old training took over and the would-be robber was laying unconscious on the street with a broken jaw.

I knew he might have friends nearby—possibly even watching me. So I dashed for my car and sped away and got the money into the night deposit, leaving my new friend lying in the gutter.

It took a few minutes before a very basic fact crept into my mind: the impact on a skull that is hard enough to cause unconsciousness ain't all that much less than an impact that causes death.

And I left him lying there.

I turned the car around and went back.

He was gone.

I got out and checked the doorways, alleys, under cars and even in the bars, but to no avail. The guy was gone. I decided to tell the police about it, saying there was this hellacious fight in front of my work and this guy was laid out and he wasn't moving and now he was gone and maybe he was really hurt and so on... all the while I'm keeping my bloody knuckles in my pocket. So, the police came out, and they can't find him either.

This is bad. This guy might have been seriously hurt, and I'm the one who did it. At that moment I would have given all the money that went into the night deposit to have known if that guy was all right or not.

This was not a good feeling at all.

So, does this mean I'm suggesting that women should just submit to a rapist if he attacks? Don't be silly. What I am saying is, if you use force to defend yourself, be aware that you are going to have some powerful feelings about having hurt another person—even if that person was trying to hurt you.

Since my attempted robbery incident, I have acquired a concealed weapons permit. What's more, I've taken advanced classes and now instruct other people wanting to empower themselves against violence. I've been involved with hundreds of people who now have the legal right to carry a gun. Many of them have come to the classes the same way I did—they were attacked and now want to arm themselves against it happening again.

There are those in our class who have successfully fought off a robber or attacker. They have punched, clubbed, kicked or clawed their way out of the clutches of a bad guy. Almost all of those who hurt their attacker badly have one thing in common: They all wish they had run away or just given up their possessions rather than having hurt another person. This is a feeling not glamorized on TV, in the movies, or by gun dealers.

So, why the hell are these people getting training with a gun if they don't like hurting other people?

Because they hate getting hurt even worse. Once you go toe-to-toe with someone trying to hurt you, the first question you ask later is, "Oh God, what if he had a gun?" Regardless of how you feel about the gun situation in this country, the fact is bad guys and girls have guns like they've never had them before. If there is a chance you will cross paths with someone with a gun, your best defense is having a gun too, AND having the training and practice to use it correctly and legally. Of course, nothing beats avoiding the situation completely.

People who think a key-chain can of mace is going to stop someone who wants their purse or life are in for a terrible surprise. The fact is, most people do not drop like stones when maced. Ask any cop you know.

Those shock guns that supposedly zap your assailant into the next county look really cool, but are useless. If you have ever brushed against an electric fence,

you know what these things feel like. I know I had just slammed a fifth of Jose Cuervo, I would notice a zapper. Once when working as a bodyguard helped the police restrain a rather large individual enjoying the benefits of PCP.

The officer, not using his brain, decided to mace a combative tripper. Standing behind this guy, I got a full force in the face. It pissed me off. It DID NOT hurt me. The guy I was holding laughed. I felt it for a few days, no doubt about it, but it didn't stop me. My nose full of Patchouli often does.

Remember, any weapon you pull is the first thing any bad guy is going to want to get his hands on as he sees it. This includes your body. If Mongo pulls out your handy can of pepper spray, he's going to take it away from you. Do you think he's going to let you take it away? Hell no. He's gonna watch YOU dance. If YOU try to breathe that stuff. He's gonna watch you with the 50,000 volts those zappers say they have. He's gonna grab the fist or foot you throw at him and break it off. He's gonna grab that gun and make sure you do what he wants you to do.

When it's all over you'll wish two things: that you had run away, or learned how to use the weapon correctly.

Weapons and training do not make you invincible. They can make you stupid because you think you're invulnerable. Sure I can take that dark path back to the Hell, I got my mace. I'll park where I want. My Smith and Wesson are with me.

The best weapon you have is your mind.

Getting back to the Take Back the Night rape awareness event: Killing rapists or cutting off their hands will not stop rape.

Making all men take salt peter with their water will turn small percentages of men into rapists toward other aggressions—like, say, non-violence.

We are at a time in human history where we have the technology to educate the world about rape. People know that boys need to be raised to respect women, and not objectify them. No, this won't happen overnight. It probably won't happen to a significant level in our life times. But, education is the way it will happen. Ignorance will never be so easily defeated. A 12-gauge shotgun.



## classifieds

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Transfer students planning to pursue a bachelor's or master's in accounting may be eligible for scholarships provided by the American Society of Women Accountants. Deadline to apply is Feb 13. Applications are available in the Career Center.

'96 Minority Scholarship Program: American Chemical Society announces scholarships for minority students majoring in chemical sciences. Must be full-time, U.S. citizens or permanent residents and demonstrate need according to federal aid application. Pick up apps at the Career Center. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

'96 Eligible Oregon residents who plan to major in Journalism in any 2 or 4 year public or private institution may apply for scholarships given by Broadcast Journalism at Oregon Community Foundation. Info available at Career Center. Deadline to apply is March 1.

Kaiser Permanente announces scholarships available to full-time students enrolled in the Dental Assistant Program. Deadline to apply is March 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Attention transfer students in Early Childhood Education. OAEYC announces 1996 grants in various amounts for Oregon residents pursuing a degree/career in Early Childhood Education. Deadline to apply is March 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center.

'96 Ford Family Foundation Scholarship. 100 scholars are selected. Students who have completed or are completing an associate degree in preparation to transfer to a baccalaureate degree-granting college or university. Pick up application from the Career Center in Takena for a list of requirements. Deadline to apply is March 1.

'96 Scholarships available for students in manufacturing engineering, industrial technology or other manufacturing related program. Must be full-time students, have completed 30 cr. hrs with a 3.5 GPA. Apps available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is March 1.

Transfer student to OSU or Eastern Oregon State College with interest in agriculture sciences are eligible to apply for scholarships of \$1000 to \$2000. Apps are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is March 15.

Land O' Lakes Inc. will award 75 \$1,000 post secondary scholarships to students pursuing degrees in agriculture or food-related fields. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in an undergraduate degree program. Apps are available in the Career Center. Deadline to apply is March 15.

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Summer Employment: Crater Lake Lodge, Inc. will be on campus Monday, Feb 12 recruiting for summer help. Jobs are available in retail, maintenance, administration, house-keeping, food service, lodging, and boat and

cave tours. To sign up for an interview visit the LBCC Student Employment Center in the Career Center, first floor of Takena Hall.

"A friend in need is a friend indeed." Are you a good listener who would want a rewarding experience? Volunteer for Linn-Benton Crisis Hotline. 757-2299.

Looking for work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part-time, full-time, temporary and permanent

positions are available. If you are interested in the Federal Work Study through the Aid, a few jobs are still available as well as at the Extended Learning Center in Lebanon. For a complete list of jobs visit the Career Center, T-101. Visit us!

### MISCELLANEOUS

Interested in the Spanish club? Come to the cafeteria Thursdays at noon and play with the scrabble game and meet interesting people.

## Valentine Flower Sale



LET YOUR VALENTINE KNOW YOU CARE... SEND FLOWERS!!

Red, white and pink carnations ...\$1.25 each or 6 for \$6. Free Delivery on campus 8a.m. to 2:30p.m. on Feb. 14.

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## OPINION PAGE

## commentary

## Comedy of rape clouded feminist ideology

Bootsma  
Commuter

signs read "Chivalry Promotes Rape" and "Dead Don't Rape." Framed neatly in the front page of the Gazette Times, they screamed for atten-

photo, which showed several women who appeared to be screaming madly marching down Monroe in Corvallis, summed it up for me regarding "Rape Awareness Week" (RAW). I came to the conclusion long ago but this was the nail in the coffin—feminism destroys tradition and spurns the truth.

Feminism brought to OSU this week one of the most boring spectacles I have had the pleasure of witnessing in quite some time. "Rape Awareness Week" was advertised as a week of "raising awareness," however it was little more than a big male-bash-a-thon, with a large amount of inflated and false statistics to back it up.

Why "Rape Awareness Week" would be a good idea to show just how silly feminism really is when I read the stories the week before. But I never dreamed I would find our local Gender Feminists (for definitions see my Oct. 25 column) doing the same things they do over the nation—from citing false statistics to using faulty logic to back up faulty policy.

During RAW the Barometer faithfully and loyally printed letters from Saferide (an OSU feminist staff member) ON THE FRONTPAGE!! The Barometer has clearly gone beyond the bounds of journalistic integrity by publishing Saferide propaganda as factual. The ample coverage was probably a preventative measure, otherwise the feminists most likely would have picketed the Barometer's office and thrown out a large number of people for lack of coverage.

The statistics Saferide used were misleading and false. One day they seemed to be saying that 84 percent of all college men were rapists, then in the same issue a letter claimed that rape statistics are in fact much lower than reported. I know that not all are reported, but only 5 percent is too little. The 84 percent reported statistic is used to cover up the false claim that one in four women are raped. In fact, according to Christina Hoff Sommers of Clark University, the number is closer to one in 20.

I don't mean to demean the actual victims of rape, but I think it is a terrible and reprehensible crime, and should be punishable with either death or castration. But to erode the meaning of the word rape by using it as almost anything (one feminist, I believe it was Therine McKinnon, had defined ALL sex as rape) diminishes its impact.

It is not to that the hysterical focus on college campus rape when statistically, according to Peter Hellman of *Rolling Stone* Magazine, rape is more likely to happen in a city than on a college campus. It seems to me that these feminists are mostly sheltered brats not able to face the real world out there where crime happens. But that doesn't seem to daunt feminists, although they often don't go out to stop crime at the edge of the university. But I guess the idea that Marxists speak of just has too much common sense to fall prey to the narcotic of feminism. Feminist philosophy is roughly a modern form of Marxism, a class struggle. But instead of factory owners oppressing the workers, men oppress women. It is the same theory—remove the oppressors and the oppressed in charge, and heaven on earth, here we are.

The way that feminist ideology blows up the issue of rape makes women feel trapped and suffocated. This sets up feminism as the savior of all women, the only way to escape the bonds that hold them down. So the wild-eyed conspiracies of a patriarchy, which will reach a Nirvana where women will truly be able to control their menstrual cycles and be in charge of the world.

I don't believe in feminism, but I don't believe women only have to be barefoot and pregnant. I don't believe that feminism can set you free, because it bases its arguments on falsehoods and shoddy Marxist philosophy. I believe there is only one thing that can set you free, hard work, and maybe that's why feminism doesn't like it. By the way, I believe in chivalry and treating a woman more than a sex tool.



## letters

## Student journalist gets 'jacked' over Bootsma columns

## To the Editor:

I read with disgust the op-ed piece in *The Commuter's* Nov. 8, 1995 edition from the resident dinky thinker at LBCC, Erik Bootsma. I don't believe Bootsma has had an original thought in the dozens of letters he spouts, but instead attempts to relay ideas he has heard from conservative commentators somewhere. Unfortunately, Bootsma usually misses the point, and only winds up sticking his foot in his mouth to the depth of about thigh-deep. He seems to have no concept of reality or vision of what the future looks like.

Those of you who know me know that I spent several years in LBCC's journalism program a couple of years back. I learned some interesting things working as the editor of *The Commuter*, and one of the things I learned is that a journalist is sometimes faced with serious ethical decisions.

The editorial staff of *The Commuter* needs to make better editorial decisions and quit wasting their paper, ink, and reader's time. We've heard Bootsma. We know what he has to say. Nothing intelligent.

As the editor-in-chief of *The Daily Barometer*, at Oregon State University, I realize that there are as many opinions in this world as there are people, and I am the first to defend anyone's right to free speech. Often the opinions we publish in the OSU student press are not popular and I am the person who hears about it. Believe me—I hear. But we are not going to give regular column space to someone who does nothing but spout tired, misinformed, jumbled rhetoric, week after week. If you want to run a conservative columnist, buy one. There are many on the market, and if that fails, call us. We will recommend one of ours.

I support intelligent debate and diverse opinions, but when I read the ridiculous statements in Bootsma's Nov. 8 editorial concerning Oregon State University's Presidential Commission on Hate Crimes and Hate Related Activity I could only shake my head in wonder at this idiot. The world is changing at break-neck speed and the first place social change usually appears is the college campuses of any country, just as the social

atmosphere on our college is changing.

There are always a few who just "don't get it."

Bootsma's statement that: "To rid the campus of real hate is a noble cause, but it is a futile one, and the methods used to promulgate this goal only serve to feed the hate and resentment it works to destroy," is absolutely stupid. It's people like Bootsma that make it necessary to have such a commission. Someone needs to help educate Bootsma so he can understand that we live in a diverse changing environment and the old way of thinking is no longer acceptable in a diverse social community where all members have equal rights.

Bootsma ends his column with words he has heard somewhere that made me laugh considering the source.

"Remember that a college is a place to express oneself and learn new ideas, and any limitation on this freedom leads down the road to indoctrination." Since a college is a place to learn, Bootsma needs to get started. He has a long way to go.

By the way, *The Daily Barometer* will no longer publish Bootsma's letters to the editor because our letters policy clearly states we will not publish false or misleading information and all letters must contain class standing of students. Bootsma has been submitting letters to our university press signed "Erik Bootsma, LBCC journalism student." Upon checking, we discovered Bootsma is not a journalism major at LBCC and was clearly intentionally misrepresenting himself by saying that he was.

When I approached Bootsma about this misrepresentation, he played dumb about it. His next letter was signed as the "president of the college conservatives association."

There is no such organization at LBCC.

Such an invention amounts to the same as signing a letter as "the president of the LBCC student millionaires club." This is clearly making a misrepresentation of one's position or importance. Bootsma desperately needs a class in ethics. It's not that hard to be truthful. So much for his credibility.

Jack L. Josewski, Corvallis

## Price of concert performance attracts criticism

## To the Editor:

An open letter to Tammi Paul Bryant (Coordinator of student Activities):

I have been a student at Linn-Benton for three years. This is the first time that I have written a letter about the programs that you oversee.

It is a very tough challenge to stretch the dwindling dollars in your budget. Since I have been attending school, I have seen a lot of student programs eliminated due to budget constraints. You are to be commended for your abilities to "get blood out of a turnip." How-

ever, I've heard play Friday Feb. 9, in the cafeteria. I'm told they're being paid \$2,000 for playing two hours. This is outrageous!!!

It's not that I object to the music, but to the amount that is to be paid. This \$2,000 could be used to pay for other, cheaper, music groups or for other necessary student services. I strongly urge you to cancel this very expensive engagement.

R.W. "Bear" Alford

(Editor's Note: The band 'The Trenchcoats' will perform in Forum 104, not the cafeteria.)



## Lace to laces; female boxers pack a punch

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—Hearing guttural, gut-wrenching groans, screams and the occasional obscenities coming from offices near Kirtland Air Force Base, one might think Irene Garcia is running a torture chamber.

It's close.

The unassuming office space has been transformed by Garcia, a boxer and kickboxer, into A Woman's Place, the first all-women's boxing gym in Albuquerque.

It's not only a gym. Garcia's place is an oasis for women to master a sport overwhelmingly dominated by men—and to gain self-respect.

"Training with Irene isn't easy," says Christiana Cooper, a 22-year-old college student.

"Sometimes it gets a little noisy in here," Garcia says with a wicked smile. "But they can grunt, groan, scream—whatever it takes to get it done."

While going through enough running drills, squats and jumping jacks to make Rocky Balboa jealous, Garcia pushes, prods, and most of all, encourages her students to do their best in her practice facilities, in the ring and in life.

"We've never been given permission to defend ourselves," Garcia says. "We've always had to rely on brothers, fathers or other men to take care of our safety."

While 11 students grunt through the most evil leg lifts ever seen (one woman stands above another and pushes the other's legs full-force toward the ground, up and down, for five minutes), Garcia turns and shouts over the din: "What are you?"

"BOXERS!" the women scream at the top of their lungs.

"I say I'm a boxer to people I don't know well, and they all look at me so funny," Cooper says. "They all say 'Show me your hooks'—but I don't advance my secrets and what I know to anyone."

Cooper, who has been under Garcia's wing for about three months, already shows the subtle moves and grace of a more experienced boxer.

"I had a friend who boxed at a men's gym, and it sounded really cool," Cooper says. "I'm very fitness-oriented, but with this, I feel like I'm able to defend myself as well."

"There's no doubt I would be able to defend myself on the street. I'm prepared, and I think that's pretty cool."

"We try to make their upper bodies powerful without adding bulk," Garcia says. "They'll be tight, but not big."

Trine Ortegón, a 29-year-old part-time student and full-time worker at a shop, has the makings—and the looks—to be a fighter.

Decked in all-black bike shorts covered with boxing shorts, a tank top that slightly covers a series of tattoos and a black baseball cap, Ortegón binds her hands in bright-red wraps, then squeezes them into her puffy, red boxing gloves.

"I've always wanted to be a boxer, but I've always had a fear of hitting," she says. "I figured that if I took boxing, I'd get over it."

The rookie in Garcia's program, Ortegón also shows the discipline and natural talent of a well-seasoned fighter. Her moves are smooth; her pivoting feet move her body in rhythm with the punches she throws.

"This is a lifelong thing—I would want to teach this someday, too," she says after her workout.

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resting on a bench near a wall of windows that lights the practice space. "I've found my nature call."

Along with the training, Garcia's students say she provides inspiration on a more personal level.

As the first woman involved in kickboxing in New Mexico, Garcia, 44, has a background in Kempo karate. She was a boxer for three years but says she had a hard time rounding up female opponents.

Now, there's a sense of camaraderie in Garcia's gym. Several plan on actually going into the ring—Garcia is working on a card for sometime this year—while others box purely for the workout.

It's a kind of sisterhood, fused by the intense workout and an open-arms policy that make all feel at home.

Garcia says the sport is gaining popularity.

"Now that it's a fad, it's becoming a lot more acceptable—especially for women," Garcia says. "That's a good thing. It takes down those barriers and gives women permission to learn to hit."

"Here, they have a sense of their own physical power. No one here is allowed to say 'I'm sorry' when they hit—if the person who's slipping (receiving punches) gets hit, she didn't do her job."

Along with the physical workout, the women in Garcia's gym also can work at sparring, although it's not required. The women aren't allowed to spar until they learn defensive skills. Since her gym is so new, most haven't worked to that point.

The training is much the same for women as for men, Garcia says, but most of the time, she has to start with the basics.

"Most women don't even know how to make a fist," she says. "It's abstract to them because they have no role models before them."

Until Garcia builds enough female fighters in her arsenal to have role models for younger fighters, she says she will take her students to men's boxing gyms.

"That way, they can see why they do what they do—they'll have a better understanding," Garcia says.

The inspiration for this endeavor, Garcia says, is the ever-increasing number of assaults on women.

"Since many women don't know how to defend themselves, they're stuck mentally and physically," she says. "Boxing is the perfect vehicle to change and become strong within ourselves."

"The women that train here may wear skirts and heels, but they'll hit like a Mack Truck."

## Desperate pair turns to skull duggery for tattoos

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—It was a real-life tale from the crypt.

A police detective said two people stole a skull from a cemetery to trade it for tattoos. Their plan backfired when the tattoo parlor returned the skull.

"It's certainly bizarre," said Steve Newcomer, a lawyer for Steven Dukett, 34, and Alisha Clark, 18, both of Toledo.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Let's just say it's harder than I thought to teach a whale the old head-in-the-mouth trick."



Dukett and Ms. Clark were charged with one count each of breaking and entering and abuse of a corpse, fourth-degree felonies. Each count carries a sentence of 1 1/2 years in prison. They made an initial appearance Thursday in Municipal Court. Judge ordered them held in the Lucas County jail on \$10,000 bond.

Prosecutors said Dukett and Ms. Clark broke into a mausoleum at Woodlawn Cemetery, stole a skull and took it to Off the Wall, a west-side tattoo parlor. Tattoo parlor employees later took the skull back to Dukett's house.

Police said the family of the person entombed was upset. They declined to identify the remains. Detective Phil Kulakowski said the idea to steal the skull apparently came to Dukett and Ms. Clark after they were in the tattoo parlor, where one of the employees he wanted a human skull.

"Dukett took it upon himself to get it," Kulakowski said.

Karen Drouillard, Dukett's girlfriend, said she was with Dukett at the tattoo parlor when the skull came up.

"I heard them talking about how they wanted a human skull. I thought it was a joke, so I blew it up," she said.

But Kulakowski said Dukett and Ms. Clark broke into Woodlawn Cemetery on Jan. 14 and broke into a crypt. He said they had been drinking.

"They randomly picked this particular site and didn't target a particular section," he said.

Ms. Drouillard said Dukett took the skull the day to the tattoo parlor, where employees kept it overnight. Ms. Drouillard said two of the employees took the skull back to the house the following day and said they didn't want anything to do with it.

"He (Dukett) wanted to put the skull back where it belonged, but he was scared. He didn't want to go back to prison," Ms. Drouillard said.

Dukett was released from prison in September after an 11 year-sentence on burglary charges. He was on parole at the time of the break-in, Kulakowski said. A man who answered the telephone at the tattoo parlor declined to comment. He also declined to give his name. Police learned about the disappearance of the skull Jan. 21, when they were called to Dukett's home by his roommate, who said he found the skull in a duffel bag on the enclosed front porch.



## Short defense is future

MADISON, Wis. (AP)—Police who found a man's shorts report he defended himself by saying "something similar to, 'This is not my underwear.'"

"When it's alcohol or drugs, we often hear, 'I'm just holding it for a friend,'" police spokesman Ackeret said. "I've never heard the defense, 'This is not my underwear.'"

The conversation occurred Friday. The 22-year-old man, a barber in Chicago, was jailed because he had no driver's license.

He had been stopped because his vehicle had no proper license plate registration.

During a routine search, police said, they found more than 19 grams of rock cocaine in his duffel bag.