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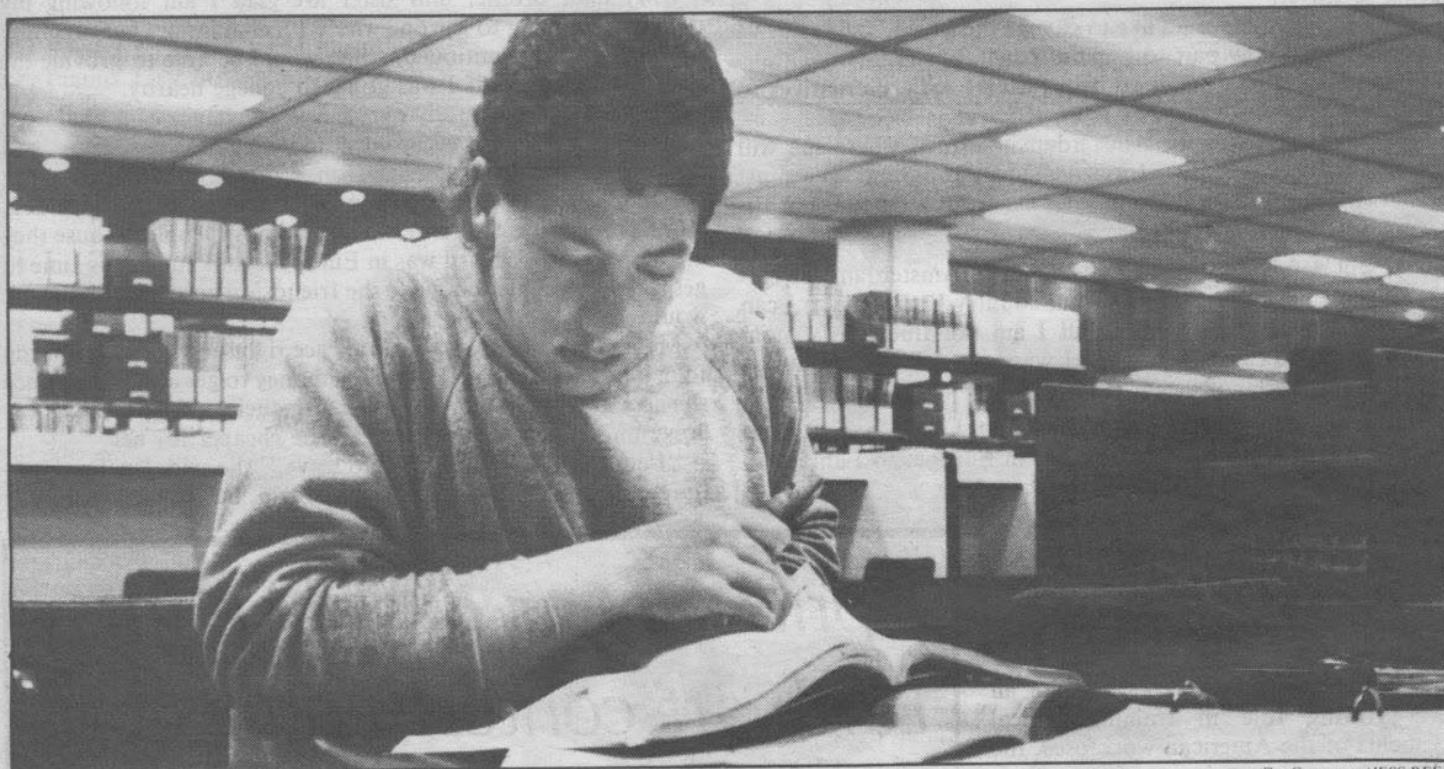
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Dead Week Doldrums

Mike Savage puts in a late night studying in the main library as he prepares for finals during dead week here at Linn-Benton last Monday. During dead week instructors usually refrain from delivering mid-term tests in order to prepare students for finals, but due to the short term and the loss of days due to snow, some teachers have had no choice but to deliver tests leaving students short on time. Finals begin Monday and a one-week spring term break follows next weekend. Spring term begins March 26 with registration going on now.

Faculty president sets salary aside for scholarship

A new scholarship for business students has been established by Economics instructor Gerry Conner.

The fund comes from Conner's salary stipend as president of the faculty association, which Conner predicted would amount to \$2,000 by the end of the winter term.

Conner said that when he was first elected to the position 10 years ago, faculty association presidents received no such pay. Conner later resigned the position to work as chairman of the faculty negotiations committee.

When Conner was re-elected to the position last year, he decided to donate the salary to the LBCC foundation.

"It just seemed that since I once agreed to do it for nothing, I should do it for nothing now, but I wanted to have access to the money, and as we get to the end of my year, there is still quite a bit of the money left," Conner said.

The scholarship will be worth \$100, and will be awarded to the Outstanding Student in Economics at the Business Division's Awards Banquet spring term.

Humans, not statistics, lie behind high default rate

By **Kathe Nielsen**
Of The Commuter

On paper, they are the same—students who defaulted on their Guaranteed Student Loans.

In real life, it's quickly evident that they are not.

Jo enters a room with cool confidence. Her expression is one of calm, almost aloofness. She earned her Master's degree last June from OSU in Apparel, Interiors and Merchandising. She owes just over \$10,000 in student loans. She cannot make the \$180 a month payments, she can't find a job.

"I've been seriously looking since August," she said, "I've sent out over 70 letters and had 15 interviews for all kinds of jobs. It's not that my expectations are too high. No, there's just nothing out there, my field is very specific."

Linda, on the other hand, bounds into a room like a puppy, seeking approval. Her look is anticipatory, she wants to

please, she wants to say the right thing. She stopped attending LB last year. She used her student loan to buy a car instead of paying her child care fees. So now, in order to be readmitted, she must come up with the \$900 she owes LB.

"Did your parents expect you to succeed?" she asked. "My parents expected me to be pregnant by 16, and I was. I don't know what I want to do, I just know I've failed at everything I've ever tried."

Both women, both single mom's, both living in Corvallis, both now living on welfare, are two of the people behind the statistics of the rising default rate.

While not representative of all students in default, their profiles highlight reasons for Linn-Benton's 31.9 percent default rate.

In an interview earlier this term, Lance Popoff, director of financial aid, said that personal problems are one of the main reasons for the high default rate. "Most

students are balancing many things; school, family, jobs. If one of these things gets out of synch, school is the first to go. Then, because they have not completed their education, they are financially unable to repay their loans."

Paper problems compound the personal problems. Missed deadlines for filing deferment papers either through ignorance or avoidance could be falsely inflating default rate figures which, according to Popoff, are "suspect."

Problems in contacting students during their six month "grace period" contributes to unclear default figures. A simple change of address can cause a student to be considered in default.

"Lenders are required to pursue payment of student loans with 'due diligence'. That means at least two attempts to contact the student either by phone or mail. If nobody's home or a student has moved, the lender can then notify the federal agency that the student

is in default."

"Some lenders just go through the paces and end up turning over 100 percent of their loans, while others are doing committed jobs," said Popoff. He would like to see the federal government put a "little heat on the lenders" to follow up with students.

Student's unrealistic earning expectations, being unaware of certain field's limited employment prospects, even length of time required to fulfill education plans, "cause some students to withdraw from school in frustration, added Popoff, "or to settle for a lesser position which severely restricts their ability to repay."

"And some students' socio-economic backgrounds are just not conducive to repayment," said Popoff. Because community colleges can't deny students an education no matter what kind of background they have, he sees the default

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STREET BEAT

How do you rate LB's registration system



Larry Whitehead

"As far as I am concerned I haven't had any problems with the registration here. It might need some improvement but I don't know yet, I have always got my classes registered for early. I am already registered for next term's classes. The idea is to get in there early for registration. But I don't see any problem with the system."



Keith Avila
Basic Transfer

"I always register late and it gets a little hectic with the length of the lines. I don't know how you could improve it without hiring more people to work the registration windows. It needs more windows because at late registration you just get overwhelmed and it takes hours to register sometimes. If you can't fit one class in then you have to go back to end of the line after revising your schedule. It's a hassle."



Steve Jarvis
Basic Transfer

"I think it should be first come first serve for registration. I really don't like to make an appointment because one time I get to be first and the next time I get to be last. Even though I have an appointment I am still registering on the last couple days. I think I would be in favor of first come first serve. I think there should still be a piece of paper saying that you made an appointment, but you should be able to go on any of the days that early registration is held. If I show up on the very first day that appointments are being made and can only get a card saying I can register three days after registration begins that's stupid. I should be able to register early since I was there early. I suppose it makes it easier for the people that register us if we do it the way we are now, but I would prefer my way."

Compiled by James O'Guinn

Environmental studies lead student overseas

CVHS graduate transfers from LB to University of Amsterdam

By Pamla Winslow
Of The Commuter

LBCC freshman Melissa Schmaedick of Corvallis will be heading for the University of Amsterdam this fall to study international environmental protection.

"I think the main key to solving environmental problems is to educate people with practical solutions," Melissa said.

Eventually, she would like to help people in the world set up programs to conserve energy, water and heat. "This will benefit the people and the environment," she said.

Her starting point will be social geography--the study of the land, people and how they live with the land. Melissa likes to work with people, so she decided to study internationally in order to travel.

"A lot of people would like to change the world," she said. "I just want to do my part to hopefully help others."

One idea Melissa has is to help farmers with alternatives to pesticides that make farming more efficient.

She plans to leave for Amsterdam in April, where she will enroll in the university's foreign student program. She must spend two terms of study to pass an exam for a language proficiency certificate.

"It will definitely be a struggle going to Amsterdam for college since I have never lived in that country," she said. "I can speak and understand Dutch, but I am not fluent. My mom taught me to speak Dutch when I was young." Her mother is from the Netherlands.

"I grew up in the United States, but I have a European background. I feel more comfortable in Europe, so I am going to go to school there," she explained.

It won't be her first time in European schools. During her senior year of high school she went to Geneva, Switzerland, to live with some relatives and attended high school there.

Because she was not in an official exchange program, she had to get special permission to graduate from her home high school, Crescent Valley in Corvallis. In order to receive her diploma from CVHS she had to keep her grades at an honor roll level in Switzerland. She did, and consequently received her diploma from Crescent Valley and a graduation certificate from Geneva.

"I went to Geneva my senior year partly because of the way they teach there. Instead of having quizzes throughout the quarter, they have one big test," she said. "I was able to gain a lot more knowledge about everything I studied."

"My dad, brother and sister are glad I am following my dreams and going to Europe where I feel at home, but my mom is worried," she continued. "She would be able to provide me with a place to live if I was going to college nearby."

But the chance to study overseas is a "chance of a lifetime," Melissa said. "I wish everyone could. The next best thing is to become friends with someone from a different culture."

Making friends in Europe can be difficult at first, she added. "In Europe it is a lot harder to get to know people because they are all reserved. When I was in Europe it took me a long time to get to know people, but once the friendship was made, I knew it would last."

Melissa said she is in a real rat race right now. She is working four jobs so she can make enough money to get established once she gets to Amsterdam. She will get financial aid from the Dutch government, so college will be a little cheaper for her.

"I am glad it is almost time to leave," she said. "A few months ago it seemed like it was just a dream, but now it is reality."

Bill proposes new college agency

WASHINGTON D.C. — Despite an ever-growing role in training critical elements of the American workforce, the nation's community colleges are "perpetually regarded as second-class" institutions, said Rep. Les AuCoin as he introduced legislation today to upgrade their status.

Community colleges, AuCoin noted, provide training of 10 million students this year, and yet "there is no community college presence at the Department of Education."

That failure, AuCoin observed, indicates "that community college are on the short end of the shortest stick," a situation requiring Congressional intervention.

Specifically, the AuCoin-Hatfield legislation is designed to establish, for the first time, an Office of Vocational and Adult Education and Community Colleges within the Department of Education. The office would provide technical assistance and leadership for the nation's 1,200 community colleges.

"Presently, community colleges have no place at the table when education policy is made," said AuCoin. "That's a completely intolerable situation, given the now critical role community and junior colleges play in building a competitive work force for the United States now and in the 21st century."

The growth in the number of Oregon community colleges, as well as student enrollment, parallels national trends. Enrollment at Oregon's colleges jumped 6.8 percent in 1988 and another 7.5 percent in 1989, with current enrollment estimated at 300,000.

April 4 set as deadline for Earth art contest entries

By Moni Shuttlesworth
Of The Commuter

An upcoming "Earthday" contest offers artists an opportunity to express their concerns on worldwide environmental issues.

LBCC's Earthday club members Jill Shinkawa and Natalie Cutsforth have organized the contest for local artisans, 18 and over.

Cutsforth says all entries must be submitted by April fourth at the Student Programs office across from the Commons. All art media will be accepted and displayed at the LBCC library from April 9-22.

The \$2 entry fee will cover costs of prizes, said Carol Trueba, club organizer. Any funds left will go into future projects.

Shinkawa's t-shirt design is the first

and second place prize. She says the silkscreening will be done on campus in the graphic arts department. The t-shirt will also be for sale until the end of spring term.

Trueba says that community businesses have also donated prizes, including restaurants, art supplies stores and the bookstores, have donated gift certificates. All entrants will also receive an Earthday button.

Judging will be done by students, staff, local artists and gallery owners. Winners will be notified the following week and will be announced in the local papers.

Shinkawa says all work must be identified by name, address and phone number and entries must be picked up by April 26 at the Student Service office. If you have questions, contact Cutsforth at 754-7755.

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A variety of performances add music to end of term

There will be music in the air on the LBCC main campus over the next two weeks, as the concert and chamber choirs, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the Community Big Band, the "Southernaires", and the Concert band present a variety of performances in the Mainstage Theatre.

The Concert and Chamber Choirs will be performing Thursday, March 8, the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, LBCC Community Big Band, and the "Southernaires" will be featured in a concert Monday, March 12, and the LB Concert Band will give a benefit performance Sunday, March 18.

The Concert and Chamber choirs will perform on the Mainstage Thursday.

Both choirs are under the direction of Hal Eastburn, LBCC vocal music director. Pianist Lisa Boylan will accompany

the Concert Choir. Musical selections for the Concert Choir performances include "Cannons, Rounds and Songs" with "O Music" by Lowell Mason, "Ah My Heart" by Jacob Clemens, "Viva La Musica" by Michael Praetorius and "Scherzo" by Ludwig Van Beethoven; "To Music" by Franz Schubert; "Sure on this Shining Night" by Samuel Barber and "Come To Me, O My Love" by Allen Parker.

Chamber Choir will sing "Alleluia" by William Boyce and "Alleluia" by Wolfgang A. Mozart; "Lost," three satirical poems on love; "Lullabies and Nightsongs" by Alec Wilder and "Contrapunto Bestiale alla Mente" by Andriano Banchieri.

Concert Choir members include

Soprano: Deborah Bunker, Renae Jeffreys, Michelle Knudsen, Michelle Mead, Lisa Pond, Tracie Safley, Lorena Smith, Eudoxie Davies, Cathy Widmer; Alto: Sherry Dickinson, Ruth McMahan, Onny Setiopotro, Natalie Cutsforth, Corie Sabin; Tenor: Mick Byson, Chad Gerig, Jerry Whitmore; and Bass: Kirk Caudill, John Akin, Keven Cromack.

Members of Chamber Choir include Soprano: Melanie Anderson, Deborah Bunker, Lisa Boyd, Ann Dillon; Alto: Kia Dallons, Cori Sabin, Cathy Widmer; Bass: Adams Davis, Wayne Baker; and Tenor: Chad Gerig, Ross Jackson, Warren Stroup.

Tickets are \$2 general admission and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

Tickets will be available at the door.

"An Invitational Jazz Night" featuring LBCC's Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the LBCC Community Big Band, both under the direction of Gary Ruppert, and the South Salem High School "Southernaires" directed by Loren Wenz will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, March 12, in the Mainstage Theatre.

The 12-member Vocal Jazz Ensemble will sing "The More I See You," "S Wonderful" and "I Got Rhythm" arranged by Gary Ruppert. Joining with LBCC's Big Band, the ensemble also will sing "Dindi" and "Goodby Mr. Blues." Featured soloists include Mick Bryson and Susan Simonson of Corvallis, Karen Ruppert of Albany and Debbie Bunker of Philomath.

The 19-member Community Big Band will feature solos by Mike Mears, Jim Angaran, Jim Martinez and Susan Simonson, all of Corvallis, and Brad Hoyt and Jerry Hughes, both of Albany.

The 24-member "Southernaires" was the featured vocal jazz group at the 1989 and 1990 International Association of Jazz Educators conventions in San Diego and New Orleans. They consistently have been one of the top high school vocal jazz groups in the Northwest.

Tickets for "Invitational Jazz Night" are \$3 general admission and \$2.50 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

"Strike up the Band," a benefit performance for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, featuring the Linn-Benton Concert Band will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 18, in the Mainstage Theatre.

The 45-member band is directed by Dr. Richard Sorenson, director of bands at Western Oregon State College. The band will play a variety of musical styles.

Tickets are \$2.50 general admission and \$2 for senior citizens and students. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds from the concert will help fund Linn County Retired Senior Volunteer Program. For information about tickets, call the Linn County RSVP Office, 928-2361 Ext. 227.



The LBCC Community Big Band practices for next Monday's Invitational Jazz Night, when they perform with the LBCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble on the Mainstage theatre.

Tickets are \$3.50 for general admission and \$2.50 for students at the door.

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POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

Community college legislation may be beneficial, theoretically

Proposed legislation to create an office at the Department of Education to help voice the needs of community and junior colleges is a good idea, but it needs to be viewed with caution and plenty of debate.

Congressman Les Aucoin, in a press release from his office, is quoted as saying that "community colleges are on the short end of the shortest stick," and that Congress should step in to remedy the situation.

Yes, we agree that the needs of community colleges need to be addressed at the national level, and yes, federal funding to smaller institutions should be improved, but not at the cost of the autonomy of the colleges.

The facts are simple and difficult to deny. As a result of belt tightening at the federal level, state colleges and universities are becoming more difficult to enter. Oregon State's recent freshman grade point requirement hike serves as a good example. Add to that the steadily rising rate of student loan defaults, resulting in a drop in available GSL's, and the mission of community colleges on a state and national level is clear.

To be expected in the near future: rising enrollment, lower availability of student loans, and more older than an average students in need of retraining to meet new job needs. What does that say? Community and junior colleges will need more status when Washington does its books for the next fiscal year.

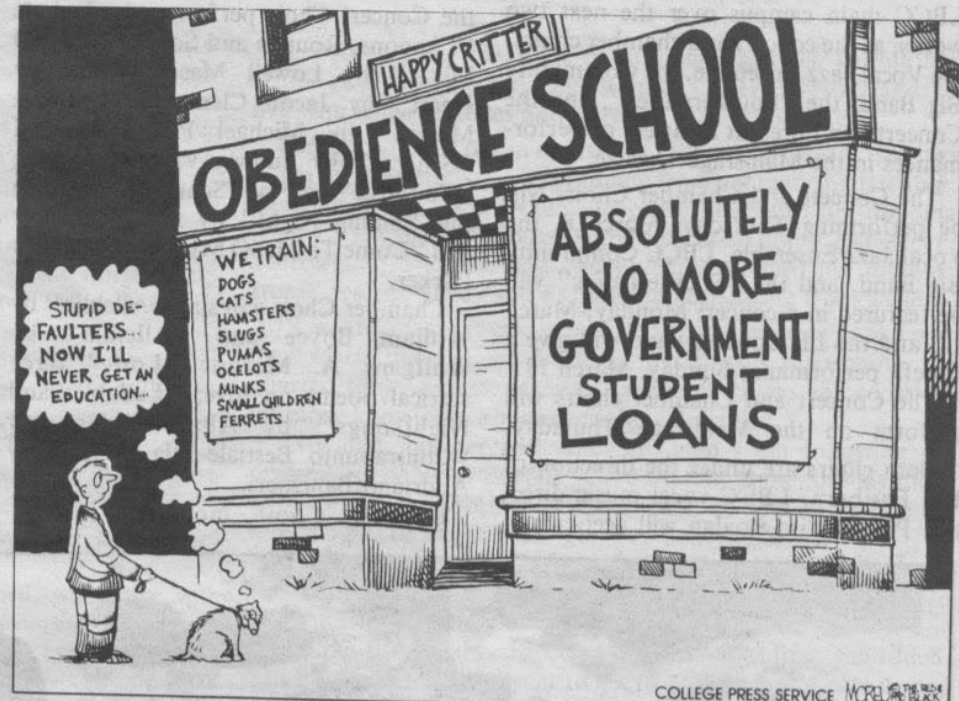
But the question remains, should community colleges give up regional autonomy for a slew of red tape that blankets the true needs of these institutions with empty promises and platitudes?

If there is no money to properly fund larger institutions, from what magic pork barrel does Aucoin expect to pull the money? There is more to consider than just creating an office of advocacy in Washington.

There is no such thing as a free lunch, especially in Washington. What new requirements, quotas or guidelines may be imposed? Some specific goals for what this office may hope to accomplish would help avoid any blind leaps.

Aucoin, and his colleagues should be willing to work with such bodies as the LBCC Board of Education to establish specific unmet needs of our community colleges, and use this office to see that they are brought forth for debate in Washington.

The theory of a voice in Washington has it's merits, but the fear of a federal bureaucracy hog tying local concerns with mythical federal dollars holds more water than Washington's trickle-down theories.



LETTERS

Chamber dinner needs no alcohol

To The Editor:

It was indeed dismaying to me to note that the Board of Education of Linn-Benton Community College had said "yes" to the request of Albany Area Chamber of Commerce to serve alcohol at its Distinguished Service Banquet on March 30, 1990.

If it is necessary to serve alcohol at a banquet, honoring citizens who have served their community well during the past years, in order to attract a crowd, then something is wrong with the well-meaning reason for the banquet.

There are two public bodies, both of which, out of one side of their mouths, say that alcohol and drugs are a menace to or society and yet request and condone

the use of alcohol by grown people at a public gathering.

If there is automobile accident after the banquet and the person responsible is cited for drunken driving, who is going to accept the responsibility for that?

Reports show that the use of alcohol is declining in the country. It seems to me to be important that the chamber and college should review their decision and help further that decline by not serving alcohol at the banquet, thus setting a laudable example for our distinguished citizens, young and old.

The use of alcoholic beverages by LBCC students is forbidden on campus. Why doesn't the same rule apply for visitors to that same campus? Try sparkling cider; it's really not bad.

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L.B.C.C. WELLNESS PROGRAMS

Twelve-step programs proving popular, effective with addicts

By Susan Osburn
Of The Commuter

The 1990s may be labeled as the decade of recovery. It's almost in vogue these days for someone to have a past of destruction that led them to a turning point for healing enlightenment.

Just flip on the tube and there's Oprah or Phil encouraging their guests to reveal deep obsessive-compulsive secrets to the ponderous American audience. The spectators are eager to know how the addicts stopped drinking and drugging or gambling or overeating or shopping or anything else that is malevolent.

Chances are the addict will mention that their involvement in a 12 step program is what keeps them on the straight and narrow. Such recovery programs involve regulary attended, informal meetings where individuals share their "experience, strength and hope" with other members in a support group setting.

"No doubt about it, I'd be dead. I know that sounds dramatic but my program is my lifeline. Before I stopped drinking, I was suicidal and completely lost my self-worth. But I started attending meetings and realized I wasn't alone—I'd found hope," says Bonnie, an Oregon resident who has been sober now for six years.

A recent Newsweek article stated that some 500,000 support group meetings are attended by 15 million Americans each week—four times that of a decade ago.

Why?

Some members say it's the common bond of illness or crisis which brings them together and allows them the freedom to share their experiences that they wouldn't ordinarily discuss with other people.

"With my fellows I reveal hidden aspects of myself that I wouldn't tell to my own mother. I hid all my life and stuffed my emotions always pretending I was O.K. when I was really ripped apart internally. In recovery, I've found peace and self-assurance," says one recovering drug addict and Linn County resident.

If 12-step programs are so healthy and popular, why the anonymity of its members?

"Anonymity gives members the comfort that what they talk about at meetings or with fellow members will be kept in strict confidence. You have to remember that many of us have suffered lifetimes of mistrust. There have been a few instances of anonymity breaks that led people to relapse—and that can be a matter of life or death," says Tawnya, who is recovering from bulimia.

Perhaps as recent as 15 years ago, the only support group that most people knew about was Alcoholics Anonymous that was founded in Akron, Ohio by Bill Wilson and Dr. Robert Smith in 1935.

But up until the mid-70s, AA's members were mainly white, middle-class men. And the only support group with female majority was AlAnon, founded by Wilson's wife, Lois, in 1951.

Membership in AA continued to grow and now the numbers of women and minorities are doubled that of ten years ago. And Al-Anon, a program for loved ones of the addicted person, has seen an increasing influx of men for the last five years.

"I was always taught that boys shouldn't cry. And if they really must, they'd better do it in a closet. I can't tell you how many times I've been at a Al-Anon meeting and shed tears—even in front of the women—and that was a big step for me. I learned that women have a lot of the same feelings I do," says Tommy.

Countless recovery programs have incorporated AA's 12 step creating offshoot support systems ranging from Adult Children of Alcoholics for people that grew up in dysfunctional families to Emotional Health Anonymous of people who have been diagnosed with an emotional disorder.

"The main thing is that these programs emphasize your responsibility for your own recovery—attending meetings, calling your sponsor and working the steps. But at the same time help is always available when problems arise—you will never have to be alone again," says Mark, who attends several programs. "I've never worked a perfect program but as long as I try my best, go to meetings and be as honest as I can, I know my chances for a long, productive life are in my favor."

Volunteers sought to watch Linn County justice in action

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

Court Watch, a project initiated by Albany Free From Drug Abuse (AFFDA) to examine Linn County's justice system is in need of volunteer help, according to Cass Templeton, volunteer coordinator for AFFDA.

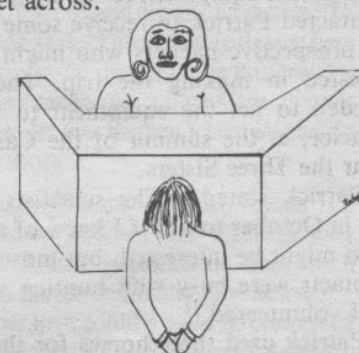
Court Watch, which is fashioned after a similar program used in Massachusetts, began in Albany in July of 1989, said Templeton, with the endorsement of the Linn County District Attorney's Office. Following an orientation by district attorney Jason Carlile on the workings of the criminal justice system, Court Watch volunteers met with Linn County judges who were made aware of how the project works.

The judges were told, said Templeton, that observers from AFFDA, equipped with a standard form, would keep records of drug and alcohol related cases and their dispositions. Statistics would then be compiled to show total cases on the dockets: convictions, acquittals, dismissals, and reasons behind decisions, in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each court, and the prosecuting system in general.

Since the initiation of the project, over 200 cases have been observed according to Templeton. Within the next few months AFFDA plans on releasing its findings which Templeton hopes will bring about

some change in the way the Linn County justice system deals with offenders and change the attitudes that exist regarding drug dealing and drug use in the Albany area. The message now heard by offenders, as AFFDA perceives it, is that it's alright to deal drugs and use drugs in Albany, because punishment will be minimum, said Templeton.

"What we want to do," Templeton said "is to get the message to them that it's against the law, number one, and if you break the law you've got to pay. That's the whole concept of what we need to get across."



In order to be effective, the Court Watch project needs volunteers she said. Of the original 23 volunteers at the project's beginning, the volunteer staff now stands at about nine, which greatly hinders the number of cases that can be observed, she added.

Anyone interested in donating any amount of time, said Templeton, can call AFFDA at 928-4234 for information.



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LBCC's and Linfield's Evening and Weekend College Programs invite you to a presentation at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, in room 217 of LBCC's Takena Hall, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany. Advisors from both schools will be on hand to answer questions after the formal presentation.

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Division director leads pack trip for scientific team

By David Mihm
Of The Commuter

The hobbies of hiking, backpacking and riding horses for one LB staff member have turned to the benefit of mankind.

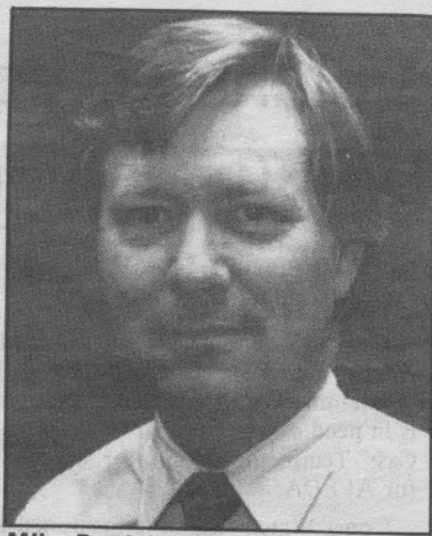
Mike Patrick, director of the Farrier Science Program, spent much of his hunting season last Fall leading packhorses loaded with scientific equipment into the mountains so a science team could perform tests on mountain glaciers.

The science team, based at the Oregon State University campus, needed someone to pack the equipment to the sight so they contacted Patrick to receive some names of prospective packers who might be interested in making the trip. The team needed to get the equipment to Collier Glacier, at the summit of the Cascades, near the Three Sisters.

Patrick stated, "The scientists called me in October to ask if I knew of anyone who might be interested, but most of my contacts were busy with hunting season, so I volunteered."

Patrick used three horses for the trek. He rode one horse and the other two carried the equipment. The two horses packing the gear had to carry such things as a drill, a number of drill bits, a generator, and a large 170 meter section of prepiped cut down into three meter long bundles.

When asked if this was a normal load for a packhorse, Patrick commented, "When I asked them how big the generator was they told me it was pretty small and shouldn't be a problem, but they ended up bringing a different generator that weighed close to 75 lbs., and that was an awkward load that I had to even the weight out on the other side of the horse."



Mike Patrick

Patrick made the nine-mile trek in one day and commented, "The trail was good, and the weather was great, the only thing that concerned me was a section of the trail that lead through a lava flow. The trail wasn't bad, but you had to go slow so the horses wouldn't cut their legs."

The packing trip went all the way through the mountains without a hitch, the only problem lay in the last fifty yards of the journey.

The horse carrying the large section of pipe stepped off the trail and rolled on her side and slid part way down the sandy mountain side. The horse escaped the incident without harm, stated Patrick, but they had to unload the Appaloosa horse and carry the equipment the rest of the way into the campsite.

The science team set up camp that evening while Patrick headed down the mountain hoping to escape the trail before it got too dark.

The team drilled holes in the glacier and placed the pipe down into the snow, to measure changes in ice mass.

When asked how he felt about the trip, Patrick said, "It was fun and a lot of people ask me about my packing adventures. I think it has to do with the desire in a lot of us to participate in the Old West.

Foreign, American students take trip to coast promoting friendship

By Mari Tsukahara
Of The Commuter

International and Intercultural Services at LBCC is taking applications for a field trip to Newport on March 15.

It is planned to promote friendship between foreign and American students at LBCC. Everybody is invited to refresh from the fatigue of

finals, by taking a walk along the beach, meeting new people, and enjoying shopping.

The trip includes a potluck lunch that will give participants an opportunity to taste various cuisine from around the world.

For more information, contact Charlene Fella, 928-2361, Ext. 238 in T219 or Student Activity Center.

Muno goes to national bowling finals

By Katie Whiteis
Of The Commuter

Winning second place at the National College Recreational Regional tournament, advanced Les Muno, Linn-Benton student, toward the bowling nationals.

Muno won second place by beating out over 60 bowling competitors, at the University of Idaho, Pocatello.

Muno had told friends that regional

would be, "no problem," after he had taken first place at LB's recent tournament.

With regionals behind him, Muno is looking forward to Nationals which will be held in Reno, Nevada, on May 4.

"I'll be up against the top 24 players in the nation, I'll do the best I can," said Muno, the only competitor for Oregon.



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Bone marrow transplants raise ethical questions

By ROCHELLE SHARPE
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Mary Ayala is having a baby to save her daughter's life.

Unless 17-year-old Anissa gets a bone marrow transplant, she almost certainly will die of leukemia. For two years, doctors have searched in vain for the one donor in 20,000 who could supply the proper cells.

Now Mary Ayala is trying to create the perfect match.

At 43, Ayala became pregnant again. Doctors now say the baby girl she will deliver in April almost certainly is compatible — and may save Anissa's life.

But what Mary Ayala calls her miracle baby is being condemned by some as the devil in disguise.

Suddenly, a practice that desperate mothers have quietly engaged in for almost two decades is being attacked as a harbinger of the Brave New World — where women conceive babies for bone marrow and abort them if their genetic material proves useless.

The Ayalas began their donor search in April 1988, after doctors discovered Anissa had leukemia.

Earlier that year Anissa, who played soccer and served on her school's student council began bruising from the simplest activities, like carrying books to class.

Then she started developing lumps and getting bad cramps. Eventually doctors performed a series of tests and reached the fateful diagnosis: without a bone marrow transplant, Anissa could die in three years.

The Ayalas first tried to find a compatible donor among their relatives, then turned to the National Marrow Donor Program, a registry of volunteers. Soon, they joined LIFE-SAVERS, a group that recruits potential donors by publicizing the individual victim's plight.

For Anissa, the odds of finding compatible bone marrow are especially long. With 20,000 types of marrow, finding a person with similar cells would be hard enough. But Anissa also is Mexican American, an ethnic group underrepresented in the donor registry, which lists 87,037 volunteers. It often is easier to find compatible donors among those with similar ethnic backgrounds.

Beginning to despair of finding a donor, the Ayalas contemplated another possibility: having another baby. One of four siblings have compatible marrow.

Their idea was far from unique.

"This has been happening ever since there have been bone marrow transplants," says Arleen Auerbach, an associate professor at Rockefeller University in New York City, who oversees a donor program.

For the Ayalas, the chances of having another baby seemed slim. Abe Ayala's 16-year-old vasectomy had only a 5 percent chance of being reversed. And Mary Ayala was in her 40s, an age when most women have trouble conceiving.

But within six months Ayala was pregnant. "I feel my baby is a blessing from God," she says.

In November, she thought her prayers were being answered early.

Three months into the pregnancy doctors told Anissa they had located a compatible donor, a man from San Francisco. But then, suddenly, he backed out.

Dr. Rudi Brutoco, chairman of the Life-Savers Foundation in Covina, Calif., said he had no idea why the man changed his mind.

Although Anissa wanted to talk to the potential donor, Brutoco said contacts are forbidden because of the risk of bribery or extortion.

Mary Ayala underwent amniocentesis, a test that told the family the baby has an almost 99 percent chance of being compatible. Brutoco said Ayala never would have considered abortion even if the marrow had not matched.

After her sister's birth, if the baby's umbilical

cord contains enough proper cells, they will be transfused into Anissa. If not, she will have to wait until her sister is at least six months old, when additional cells can be taken from the infant's bone marrow.

Given that timetable and Anissa's precarious health, the family continues to search for a donor. It was during their most recent campaign that Mary Ayala discussed her pregnancy — and ignited a furor.

Within hours, critics were questioning her values.

"Using someone without their consent, like it or not, is dehumanizing," said Alexander Capron, a professor at the University of Southern California. "There's a sense that a person is a means to an end and not an end in herself." But, Brutoco said, "The real ethical issue here is that every day 25 people die in this country because they cannot get a transplant. It's not right that we let that happen when we can do something about it."

At Walnut High School, where Anissa is a senior, neither students nor teachers ever considered ethical implications until such discussions started dominating the news.

"What more love could a child be conceived in than to save a life?" asks Alice O'Keefe, a home economics teacher. She says both Anissa and her mother are distraught over the negative publicity.

In the school, whose motto is "caring and sharing," students plan to spend three weeks canvassing each of Walnut's 25,000 residents, asking them to take blood tests to determine if they are compatible with Anissa. The students also will solicit money to cover the \$75 cost of each test.

Every day, students toss spare change into a five-gallon jug. Many wear LIFE-SAVERS buttons with a brown heart and the program's phone number: 800-950-1050.

Earlier this week, Anissa, looking fit and healthy, spoke at an assembly in her honor and thanked students for their help.

"Time is really running out. Without a bone marrow transplant, I will die. But I'm not going to look at it that way.

"I'm going to wait for my donor to come, step forward, and save my life," she says, eyes welling with tears. "If I can beat it, I will, whether it's with your help or with my baby sister. She's not born yet. But I will beat it. I will." (Rochelle Sharpe writes for Gannett News Service in Washington.)

Transplanting bone marrow

Bone marrow transplants can save lives, but with 20,000 different types of bone marrow, finding a good match is crucial. A national registry program has enrolled 87,000 volunteers, but has shortages from many ethnic groups.

① Donor selection

There are three types of transplants, depending on the source of the marrow.



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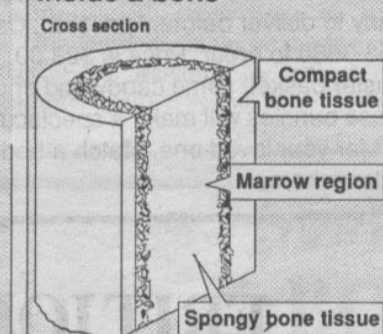


Syngenic
Comes from an identical twin. To date, this has been the most successful.



Allogenic
Comes from a sibling, parent or matched donor. This is the most common.

Inside a bone



Spongy tissue contains many cavities filled with marrow. Bone marrow produces three types of blood cells: leukocytes (infection-fighting white blood cells); erythrocytes (oxygen-carrying red blood cells); and platelets or thrombocytes (clotting cells).

② Preparation

The patient's marrow must be destroyed to keep the immune system from rejecting the new marrow. If leukemia or other cancer is involved, chemotherapy is also given.

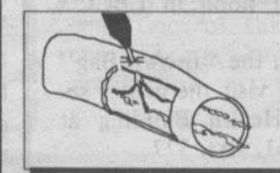
③ Aspiration of the marrow

Under general anesthesia, a quart of blood-diluted marrow is removed from the donor's pelvic bone with a syringe. The marrow is then processed through stainless-steel screens to break up particles and remove blood and anti-coagulants.



④ Infusion

Through a catheter, the marrow is injected into the patient's blood stream. Marrow cells migrate to cavities in bones.



⑤ Supportive care

Because two to six weeks may pass before the marrow begins producing blood cells, patients need transfusions of white blood cells to prevent infection. Transfusions of red blood cells and platelets are also needed to prevent anemia and bleeding. Because preparation for the transplant often causes nausea and vomiting, intravenous feeding may be required.

Source: Dr. Arnold D. Rubin; Bone Marrow Transplantation Research Report, National Cancer Institute, 1986

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International lunch group promotes personal foreign relations

By Mari Tsukahara
Of The Commuter

Every Friday at noon a rose appears on a table in the Commons, marking the site of the weekly roundtable gathering of American and Foreign students.

It is sponsored by the Intercultural and International Service at LBCC to promote friendship between foreign and American students.

The "Multi-cultural table is a place to meet new people," said Sue Adams, student at Oregon State University, involved in practical training in International and Intercultural services at LBCC.

It has been difficult for foreign and American students to find a time and place to meet between classes.

While sharing a table for a lunch may be a small start, steady progress to remove the wall between foreign and American students has begun. Although only a few people gathered for lunch for the first few weeks, the number of people who have discovered this activity has been increasing gradually.

On Friday afternoon on Feb. 22 at the Commons, the multi-cultural table needed two tables to accommodate the people. "This is the first time we have had so many people," Sue Adams said, as she looked around tables filled with liveliness. "Only a few people were joining us till a couple weeks ago."

Although many of the foreign students, American

students, and staff members were meeting for the first time, cheerful conversation soon blossomed. Some foreign students hesitated to talk at first, they start talking slowly as if searching for words in English.

Leslie Tan, who came from Malaysia five months ago, explained that holding back from participation in school activities means less or no chance to learn about American culture and to improve speaking English. Because class hours don't give him enough time to make friends, "the Multi-cultural table gives me a good opportunity to meet a variety of people and to practice my English," he said. He seemed to realize already that experiencing is learning.

Dania Samudio, who came from Panama one and a half years ago, has been actively and positively involved with school activities at LBCC. Besides tutoring for Spanish classes, she is in charge of a "peer-mentoring" program which introduces foreign and American students to each other and helps foreign students with their problems. "Foreign students are starving for friendship,"

She shows a deep understanding for what foreign students have been going through, and what they have been looking for, from her own experiences. Sometimes foreign students are elated, sometimes they are depressed. New foods and aromas, a foreign language, different customs all fascinate them.

On the other hand, they often experience culture

shock and home sickness while being immersed in new problems such as housing, transportation, communication, and language.

Although facing difficulties is inevitable for foreign students, Samudio is a good example of one who has overcome difficulties with a positive attitude and a strong will. "If I just get depressed or hesitate to make friends, nothing will happen," she said. "I willingly introduce myself to people in class, before they come to talk to me."

American students have led development of this activity, Grace Gonzales, graphic communication major, is one of them. She plans activities and acts as a go-between for foreign and American students.

Although it may take some effort and time to develop understanding and friendship with foreign students in English, "Everybody is the same," she declared. She realizes that exposure to foreign cultures enables her to gain insight into American society, as well as gaining new perspectives from different cultures. People who have lived in her native culture don't actively learn that because they have known it subliminally all their lives.

The multi-cultural table has different meanings to each student. Everybody is welcome at this table because the participants realize that cultures do not communicate unless individuals do.

Women's Center renamed 'Sacajewa'

By Cynthia Soper
Of The Commuter

The LBCC women's center was renamed "Sacajewa" at the center open house Feb. 7.

The name was picked by Women's center staff. It is a symbolic reference to the Native American Sacajewa, who led The Lewis and Clark expedition into the Northwest, director Marian Roberts said.

Art Bervin, LBCC humanities instructor, entered the new name and won a \$50 gift certificate at the LBCC bookstore.

Diane Carey, a member of the center's staff, and an LBCC student, said, "Even

if the new name Sacajewa just draws an interest and brings men and women into the center to ask questions, people will learn that we are here and can give information or help individuals."

The staff at the center hopes to have a new sign, and have stationary printed by fall term of 1990. In the meantime LBCC students and the public are welcome to attend the center's "Brown Bag" series of lunchtime sessions at noon in LBCC's Board Room B.

For information on the "Brown Bag" session or the center, visit the center second floor of the Health Building at LBCC or call 928-2361, Ext. 377.

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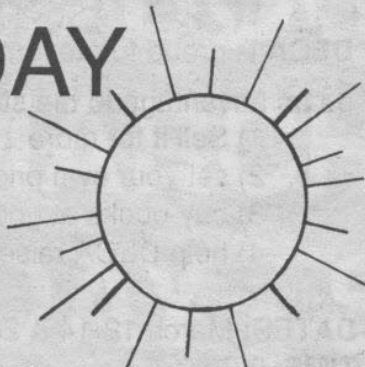


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On July 14, 1960, Jane Goodall, a 26-year-old woman from Bournemouth, England stepped from a government launch onto the sandy shore of Lake Tanganyika. She had been sent by the famed anthropologist/paleontologist, Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey, to begin a long-term study of chimpanzees in the wild. Jane's arrival at Gombe began the fulfillment of a twofold childhood dream: "to study animals in Africa and to write about them."



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Rising tide of homeless strains local shelters

By David Mihm
Of The Commuter

Two weeks ago when the snow fell, winds blew and temperatures dropped below zero, most people sat in their homes sipping hot chocolate and stared into a warm and inviting fireplace.

But for some people in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties, the snow meant a completely different thing. To some the weather even meant possible death.

The problem of homelessness has grown and continues to plague the tri-county area. In 1988, 1,970 were served by shelter agencies. Second, in 1989 2,872 individuals were served, with 29 percent of those persons being children under the age of 18.

As this number continues to grow, it doesn't account for the growing number of those people who were turned away because of over crowding. In 1989, 899 people were turned away because of extensive over crowding

and bed shortages, according to shelter officials locally.

This means that in the next year well over 3,000 people will seek shelter, and the government is finding it hard to find the resources to accomodate the excess.

The homeless are becoming more and more prominent in the tri-county area as the shelters over fill in exceeding numbers of homeless. This means that more people will appear on doorsteps, under bridges and in cars until something is done about this epidemic.

New faculty committee organizes workshops in creative teaching

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

A 14-member committee, Advocates for Creative Teaching (ACT) was formed last fall by faculty members to organize and offer free, on-campus workshops for teachers wanting to explore creative and innovative teaching methods, according to Paul Hagood, co-chair of the committee.

In the past, off-campus conferences and workshops for individual instructors have been funded by LB's Professional Development Committee, said Hagood.

"What we thought we'd do, is be an on-campus teaching development committee that would look both outside campus and within the faculty to find people who had some interesting techniques or ideas, and have them put on a workshop here that anyone who wanted to could attend."

By bringing outside instructors here, rather than sending LB instruc-

tors to workshops, cost would be reduced. Offering workshops at LB by LB faculty, would be a chance to, "share what we already have here," said Hagood.

The objective of these workshops is to improve teaching techniques and in turn help students to get more from the learning process, Hagood said.

"A lot of what we're trying to do is work on how to more effectively teach the people who are already learning and also help the people who aren't succeeding," said Hagood.

A questionnaire was distributed to the faculty asking what teaching topics interested them, said Hagood.

"Now what we're going to be doing is putting on two or three workshops a term that follow-up on the interests indicated in the survey," he added.

Students with suggestions on how teaching methods might be made more effective are welcome to contact the committee, said Hagood.

Activities planned after dead week

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

It may be dead-week but campus is alive with up-coming events and planning for spring term. Following is a list of what's happening:

Thurs. March 6 The LB-Budapest Peace Delegation is hosting a question and answer session featuring Hilda Horvath at 1 p.m. in the Alsea Room, CC 205. Horvath, an Albany resident who immigrated from Hungary in 1969, will answer questions about her experiences, and about her community education class offered next term, Hungary: Language and Culture. The class is a ten-week course that will give students a conversational ability in Hungarian and provide an overview of the Hungarian people and their culture. "Once you learn the alphabet you can read a Hungarian word because the rules don't change for each letter," said Horvath.

The Budapest Delegation kicked off its fundraising efforts with a display in the window next to the north doors on the second floor of Takena Hall. One of the events being planned for next term is lunch-time servings of Hungarian goulash.

Thurs. March 8 Linn-Benton PeaceWorks will be meeting at 7 p.m. Some of the topics to be covered include an evaluation of the Nuclear Age Education Workshop, held recently at LB; development of tax day leafleting for April 16 at local post-offices; recognition of LBPW peace worker Dorothy Fishman and the group will consider a request from Doug Clark for a joint fundraiser for the LB-Budapest Peace Delegation to Hungary.

Fri. March 9 The LBCC Earth Day committee is holding a planning meeting at 3 p.m. in CC 135 to discuss Earth Week on campus April 16 to 22.

Student Programs is planning several events next term. Student elections will be held May 1 and 2. Application deadline for student council positions is April 24.

There will be a blood drive April 23, and Healthweek April 30 through May 4, featuring a health topic each day from 12-1 in the Fireside Room.

Spring Daze is scheduled for May 21-25, there will be an international day, Hawaiian day, Carnival day and a country and western day.

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Capt. Tidy declares war on litterbugs

If you were to ask me how I came to be running after litterbugs in downtown Miami while wearing bright red women's tights, I would have to say that the turning point was a visit to my optometrist.

My optometrist is named Dr. Jeffery Jeruss, and although he look like a normal human being, only slightly larger, it turns out that, when it comes to littering, he is—and I mean this as a compliment—insane. So am I. I HATE littering. I hate it when you go to a park or the beach, and the day is suddenly destroyed by the arrival of: The Picnic People From Hell. You know these people. They have a large nuclear-powered radio and enough food to supply several Candian provinces, and they immediately transform themselves into a high-output litter machine, cranking out potato-chip bags and beer cans and sandwich wrappers and chicken bones and critical-mass poop diaper weighing more than the infant that generated them.

And when it's time to leave, these people simply... leave. They pick nothing up. They just WALK AWAY from what looks like the scene of a tragic dumpster explosion. And on the way home they flick their cigarette butts out the car window. Of course! You wouldn't want to mess up a sharp-looking ashtray interior, not when the entire planet is available! Ha ha! Good thinking, you MORONIC SLIME-EXCRETING PUKEHEADS WHY DON'T YOU TAKE YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS AND...

Forgive me. I get carried away. But I never did any thing about it except mutter and seethe, until my fateful visit to Dr. Jeffrey Jeruss for an eye examination. He was shining his little light into my eyeballs, making that hmmm noise that medical professionals are trained to make, when I happened to mention littering. Suddenly Jeffrey was stomping around the examination room, neck muscles bulging, denouncing the beer-can tossers of the world and waving his eyeball light around like the Hammer of Thor. Watching him, I realized that I had finally found the perfect sidekick for: Captain Tidy.

Captain Tidy is a concept I've fantasized about for many years. He is a masked avenger for the forces of neatness. When a person litters, Captain Tidy comes swooping out of nowhere and explains to the litterer, in polite terms, that he or she is being a jerk.

What kept me from acting out this fantasy was basically the fear of being embarrassed, by which I mean having my nose punched

into my brain. But I knew that if Captain Tidy had a SIDEKICK, a LARGE sidekick, a large TRAINED OPTOMTRIST sidekick, that would be a whole different story.

And thus Jeff and I became: Captain Tidy and Neatness Man. We assembled costumes consisting of the aforementioned red tights (size triple-extra large), plus red Superman-style boots, plus blue shorts and shirts with our superhero names professionally lettered on them, plus white gloves, plus capes made from garbage bags, plus utility belts from which were suspended

feather dusters, dust pans and rubber gloves. Also, of course, we wore hoods and masks to preserve our Secret Identities. If you had seen us wearing our outfits and standing in our official superhero stances—hands on hips, chests thrust out, garbage bags blowing out dramatically behind—your only possible reaction would have been to say, with genuine emotion in your voice: "What a pair of dorks."

But we didn't care. WE were on a mission. We rented a black Tidymobile with very dark windows and we spent a day cruising the streets. When we saw people litter, we'd leap out, rush up to the perpetrators, pick up their litter, hand it back to them and say, with a deep but polite superhero voices, "Sir, you don't want to litter, DO YOU?" Inevitably, they'd look ashamed, take their litter back and dispose of it properly. One possible explanation for this, of course, is that they thought we were dangerous escaped perverted tights-wearing lunatics. But I like to think that they were genuinely impressed with our message.

At one point, a tough-looking street crowd actually APPLAUDED us for making a man pick up his cigarette butt. And remember this was in MIAMI, a city where armed robbery is only a misdemeanor.

By the end of the day, thanks to our efforts, Miami had been transformed from a city with crud all over the streets into a city with crud all over the streets. But at least SOME litterers had been chastised, and Jeff and I felt a LOT better. I strongly recommend that you consider becoming a litter avenger in your particular city or town or random suburban area. What's the worst that can happen to you? OK, death. But probably you'd do fine. Just remember to be polite. "Speak softly and carry a large sidekick," that's Rule Two of the Captain Tidy Code. Rule One, of course, is: "Always visit the bathroom BEFORE you put on your tights."

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Defaulters face personal problems, paperwork maze

rate at "not suprising." Many students coming to community colleges haven't been instilled with values such as, "when you borrow money, you pay it back. Many of our students have never been set that example."

The reality is, that for whatever reasons, there are thousands of students in default.

The bottom line is that many of these

loans will never be repaid.

"Well, I have nightmares about it. About not paying it back," said Jo. "I paid on it for awhile, while I was working, till there was no money left. But I'll pay it off someday, I know I will."

Her advice is simple, "Don't take out loans unless you have to, especially if your home situation is unsure, and do

more of your job search before graduation, even though you don't have the time to do it."

Linda's solution is simpler and sadder. "I need someone to help me. I need someone to hold my hand and take me through all this step by step. I'd like to pay my loans back, but I don't know how. I guess what I need is a magic wand."



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SPORTS PAGE

Roadrunners must 'over-achieve' to succeed

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The sun has shown (a little), the birds have started singing, and Linn-Benton baseball coach Greg Hawk has put his team on the diamond.

After enjoying seven successful seasons at the helm, Hawk said this year's team will have to be "an over-achieving ball club."

Since he came to LBCC, Hawk has been named Coach of the Year in the Southern Region of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges three times, 1986-88 and was NWAACC coach of the year in 1988 when his team won the Northwest title.

His 1986 ball club was the Southern Region champions.

Hawk played college ball at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Miss. In college he played with such greats as Gary Gaetti presently playing for the Minnesota Twins. After graduating Hawk took a teaching/coaching position at LBCC in the fall of 1983 where he knew expectations would be high to continue the high quality of baseball at Linn-Benton.

Hawk's assistant coach for the third straight season is Bill Brown, who played high school ball in Rio Linda, Calif. and coached for 10 years at the high school and American Legion levels. He played for the Boston Red Sox organization for five years and was named to the All-Rookie team.

With only six returning sophomores, the Roadrunners could be lacking in experience this year.

"I have to recruit a new team every year. I only get a player for two years, not four," said Hawk. Consequently this year's team will be a young ball club with some quality personnel.

LBCC has three players drafted by the

pros—two pitchers, Sean Hickman by the Boston Red Sox and Shawn Henrich by the Montreal Expos and Ken Kaveny, a first baseman by the Cleveland Indians.

Hickman played his high school ball at Taft High School in Lincoln City, and Henrich played for Hermiston High. Kaveny played for West Albany.

The Roadrunner program is a well-known program, having winning season after winning season and consistently getting players drafted.

"When we beat a ball club it's expected, but when a ball club beats us it's like they just won the seventh game of the world series," said Hawk.

After finishing in third place last season with what Hawk said was "probably the most talented team I have coached at LBCC," he said. "It's time for the Phoenix to rise from the ashes."

With an abundance of fresh, unrefined talent LBCC could be lacking in some categories.

"Defensively the Roadrunners will be a little slower but should be a good defensive ball club before it's over," he said.

Offensively the Roadrunners have a number of players that can hit the ball all over the field.

"Thad Holman will give this team a real boost on offense," said Hawk.

"Kaveny is a real offensive power—6'2" 215 pounds. He's a big physical man who demands respect by just looking at him" said Hawk.

Hawk said it's too early to see who will stand up and take charge and show some leadership, but there have been some guys that have stepped forward.

There are three ways to show leadership to other players vocally, quietly and by example. Shane Touchette, a sophomore transfer from Yavapai Community College in Prescott, Ariz. has "stepped to the front and taken over as a vocal leader," said Hawk.

Hickman has emerged as a quiet leader just doing the things that need to be done, said Hawk. Holman and Kaveny have shown leadership in their play, he added.

With a reputation for being a baseball school, Linn-Benton is considered, by Hawk, as a "Down on the farm" type team. By that he meant that most other community colleges are in metropolitan areas, while LBCC is in a rural setting.

"Metropolitan schools have more money to recruit players with, we have to work harder to make up for the loss in finances," said Hawk.

Hawk feels the Roadrunner coaches have worked harder than metro coaches in recruiting players. LB's program is a "blue collar" program, he said—the players aren't bought, they earn their way.

"I ask a good player to come here and earn one quarter (tuition), where other schools give two of three quarters to the same caliber player," said Hawk.

Once a player has earned a spot on the Roadrunner roster they have to live by a few of "Hawk's Rules."

"This is a real discipline program, no hair over the ears, no earrings and no face hair," said Hawk. When the Roadrunners show up all looking relatively the same Hawk says, "it's kind of an intimidating program."

Hawk says discipline in a program is a necessity. "You can't win the Kentucky Derby with a Shetland pony." Baseball players aren't all Hawk wants in his program: he wants students as well.

Hawk said he sets up study hall that the players attend one night a week and checks on grades frequently.

"Three or four players didn't pass twelve credit hours fall term and I was very disappointed," said Hawk. "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. It's up to the players to get



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Catcher Shane Touchette leaps for a fly ball during a drill called fungo fun running.

it done in class if they want to be a student athlete."

When on the recruiting trail Hawk looks at more than just how well a kid can play. "One of the first questions I ask is, are you a student?"

When looking at the Roadrunner roster it's easy to notice that almost all the players are from Oregon. "I wish my whole team was from Linn and Benton counties," Hawk said, adding that the team is his family. "My real family is back in the Midwest, but I'm here to do a job."

On his office wall is a motto Hawk said he lives by: "Life's greatest ability is to get along with people."

"This is an arm-in-arm situation. All the coaches here do it for the love of the game."



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Stretching Out

Shawn Leffel clears a hurdle as Tim France takes the inside lane and Trina Fitzjarrald comes up on the outside. Linn-Benton's track and field teams begin league competition in a three-way meet against Umpqua and Chemeketa Saturday, March 31, in Salem. The Roadrunners had a non-league meet Saturday, March 3 to gauge their strengths. They found themselves particularly strong in the pole vault with Kevin Ackers winning the event at the Linfield Ice Breaker and Ken Jackson constantly improving. Linn-Benton also has a strong sprint corps built around Russ Waters, Mike Hall and Gary Robb. The Roadrunners have a good hurdler in Leffel, but more depth in the event is needed. LBCC is looking for their strongest competition to come from Clackamas and Lane.