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Mix-up may shoot down kids' party

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

For the last 28 years the first weekend of December has been the time for the LBCC Children's Winter Festival. Hundreds of kids fill the Commons, Fireside Room, and most of the rest of the upper floor of the College Center to meet Santa, decorate cookies, hear stories and participate in other activities.

This year it may not happen.

Although Student Programs scheduled the Winter Festival 10 months before the event's traditional date, a private organization—the Friends of the NRA—had already scheduled the rooms for the same time. The 28-year-old LB tradition might be broken so the group can hold a banquet.

Randy Brown, Angela Rivera, Michelle Wolfe, Peter Boucot, Pei Wu and Kathy Rousseau met with Jon Carnahan, LBCC president, to seek a solution to this scheduling conflict.

Brown was quick to point out to Carnahan that the date chosen for the festival, besides being traditional, also fits around the student's Thanksgiving break and fall finals.

"They [the private organization] don't have to deal with a holiday break and finals. We do," Brown said.

Carnahan suggested that the event be moved to the Activities Center, noting that the college had just purchased mats to protect the floor for such events.

Due to the acoustics and lack of easy access for baby-strollers however, the Activities Center was not greeted as the best answer for the problem.

Carnahan agreed to the organization renting the Commons to ask if they could reschedule.

"I don't mind calling these people and asking them if they could move [their date], but I will not impose. I won't bump them," he stressed, explaining that all parties wishing to rent the rooms must be treated fairly.

Friends of the NRA had been refused use of campus facilities in the past because Carnahan and the board thought they were having a gun trade show, which would be a violation of LBCC's weapons-on-campus policy. When it became known it was a banquet, permission was granted and the room was rented.

Both Carnahan and the group agreed
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Photo by Jessica Sprenger



Photo by Amy Radie

Spring Days

Rhyan Purser and Eva Umland stretch for the finish line in the Bungee Run event during the opening of Spring Days on Tuesday. Earlier in the morning, President Jon Carnahan and political science instructor Doug Clark planted a tree in the northeast section of campus to memorialize victims of violence. Spring Days continues today with a footbag competition from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; The Women's Center BBQ from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Cactus Cannonball from 12-1 p.m.; and miniature golf from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. In addition, club booths will be open in The Courtyard, and the Industrial Technical Society will have a gold-panning event.

Committee seeks ways to help minority students

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

Few LBCC instructors are prepared to advise minority and international students, according to a survey recently released by the college's Diversity Committee.

The survey was a tool to find out what steps need to be taken to be more inclusive of minority and international students, which is the goal of this committee created last September at the request of LBCC President Jon Carnahan.

Out of 450 surveys sent, only 44 responses were received, and of those only 12 indicated a willingness to advise minority or international students, according to a report submitted by committee member Jim Bell, instructor of anthropology and geography at LBCC.

Minority enrollment at LBCC totaled 7.6 percent of students enrolled for credit in September 1994, not including Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students, where minority figures are higher. Bell said the survey was intended to get staff impressions about

the need for advising and recruiting minority and international students.

Survey results were presented to the Student Council in their April 26 meeting.

"My interpretation of the survey was not quite as negative as the (student council) minutes reflected," said committee member Tammi S. Paul Bryant of Student Programs. Many respondents explained that they were unwilling to advise minority students because they didn't have the skills. Bell agreed.

"Many people felt awkward about it, and with training and support they would get over that," he said. One of the committee's goals is to increase staff training opportunities.

The Diversity Committee is an outgrowth of a leadership project undertaken by Diane Watson, LBCC's director of Admissions and Student Records. The project, part of a program sponsored by the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, assessed the needs of LBCC's minority students and developed a "strategic plan" to serve

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that the school policies regarding priority of room rental needs to be clarified, since the policy offered no clear-cut resolution to the conflict.

Michelle Wolfe of the Family Resource Center said "the community expects this (festival)" and that the 100 volunteers are expecting 700 kids to participate in the festival.

Carnahan promised to get back to the group after speaking with the organization renting the rooms. Angela Rivera, LBCC student moderator, said she hoped the NRA group will compromise so LB's Winter Festival tradition can carry on.

Communication problems hinder staff's progress

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minority students and developed a "strategic plan" to serve them. The five-year action plan was subsequently endorsed by Carnahan, who appointed the committee to implement, revise and monitor it.

The plan consists of 59 action items, ranging from staff development to promoting cultural events and increasing multicultural classes. Although committee members in general felt positive about their objectives, a follow-up on some of the priority items indicates that progress is slow.

Bell feels the missing ingredient is a solid communication process. He said faculty members are isolated. "I wish we had inservice every quarter or some way of reaching everybody," he said. He feels that one week of inservice per year is not enough for an organization "to stay current and innovate."

Lack of communication also seemed to be the problem last year when a "Multicultural Center" was set up by Student Programs in the Fireside Room, but lasted only one term.

"Peoplesaid 'why are you using space and money to provide a place for these people to go? Why should there be a multicultural center?'" said Bryant.

Carnahan said the center—consisting of partitions that separated off about a third of the Fireside Room—"just kind of appeared." He objected to its presence based on the fact that there hadn't been discussion about the need for it or its location.

"The governing process is set up to include everyone," he said. "I don't remember this ever coming up."

Another priority item is to "provide access to a collection of library books in Spanish," but Jory Rolfe, LBCC's information technology librarian said in an interview that "nobody has ever requested it." She said the library has only added one Spanish language book to the library's collection this year.

"What we have purchased are books by people of color or anthologies by other-than-white Americans," said Rolfe. These were purchased "in support of the classes we teach."

Despite such communication problems, the committee has moved forward. It has sponsored a number of on-campus workshops on such things as intercultural communication and conflict resolution, as well as several events to promote cultural awareness. They have so far submitted two grant proposals to find funding for selected programs, and are working on two more.



Photo by Michelle Harris

The old Elkins Mill site in Lebanon is still under consideration for a new East Linn County Training Center.

LB Board OKs proceedings for new Lebanon training center

Meeting at the college's Sweet Home Center last Wednesday, the LBCC Board of Education authorized President Jon Carnahan to move ahead with plans for a training center in the old Elkins Mill site in Lebanon.

The board was told that about \$1 million in funding might be available through the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative that could be used for a beginning phase of the project, funding a building of 10-12,000 square feet.

The original plan, which was in the college's first capital bond levy defeated a year ago, called for a 20,000-square-foot building. However, the project was removed from the amended capital bond measure that was put before voters and approved last November.

If the college does receive the initial funding, it would need to provide approximately 25 percent, or about \$250,000, in matching funds. One potential source for those matching dollars is sale of LBCC's current Lebanon Downtown Center, which would be empty when classes moved to the new site. The Lebanon Downtown Revital-

ization Committee views the Downtown Center as a good site for an anchor store for the city.

While unemployment in Linn County has gone down in the last two years, the demand for professional/technical training in the two-county district, especially in East Linn County, is still high, Carnahan said. The college currently has no facility in that area that is large enough for professional/technical training.

An additional possibility is providing one-stop services for displaced workers, the unemployed and others seeking training by moving the current Lebanon JOBS program from Santiam School, which the college now rents, and joining forces with other local service agencies, all located at the Elkins Mill site.

The college is still waiting to learn the final outcome of state funding for the next biennium. On May 11, the Education Ways and Means subcommittee passed a base budget for community colleges that approves the \$322 million level recommended by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

OSU students launch effort to regain J-program

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

A grass-roots effort has sprung up on OSU's campus to reinstate the journalism program, spear-headed by Jack Josewski, editor of OSU's Daily Barometer and former editor of The Commuter.

"The program was cut a few years ago—a casualty of Measure 5," Josewski said. "Most of the classes are (still) in place: ethics, media, photography."

To reinstate the program at least one full-time instructor and a few more classes would have to be added.

OSU has a television station, FM radio station, and the student newspaper. But, the university offers no journalism degree.

The effort to get the program back includes writing letters to every living graduate of the past OSU journalism program and asking for their support, as well as writing to every legislator in the state.

Also, Josewski and his supporters are going to gather signatures with help from campus cultural groups, and a supporting resolution has been put before the OSU student council. Josewski said the argument against OSU's program is that the University of Oregon already has an accredited program, and that the state needs only one.

"Just because the U of O campus has an excellent student voice doesn't mean the students at OSU don't deserve one," he countered. "Just because the U of O has an excellent football team doesn't mean we don't deserve one."

Buttenhoff, Brown to address graduation ceremony June 8

Commencement exercises for graduates will be held Thursday, June 8, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Activities Center.

Ceremonies begin with the Willamette Valley Pipe Band playing the processional, followed by Shirley Buttenhoff, chair, Board of Education, giving the welcoming address.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan will introduce

Buttenhoff and Randy Brown, LBCC Student Association rep., who will deliver the student address.

Special awards, degrees and certificates will be presented by Carnahan; May Garland, faculty association president; and Dr. David Bezayiff, dean of student services.

The ASLBCC is sponsoring a reception afterward in the Courtyard.

campus briefs

College budget bills emerge

The community college base budget was passed by the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee on May 11. The budget came out at the governor's recommended amount of \$322 million for state aid for community colleges. Any addbacks will be determined after the May 15 revenue forecast. Money for Skill Centers and the Advanced Technology Center are included in another bill (HB2107) that passed the Ways and Means Committee May 12.

Summer term registration

Summer term classes at LBCC begin June 19. All fully admitted students continuing from Spring term, After Four Program students and fully admitted students returning after an absence began registering May 15, and will continue on a first-come-first-served basis during open registration starting June 12 at the registration counter in Takena Hall. No registration times are assigned during the summer. Telephone registration begins June 12 for students charging tuition with VISA or Mastercard, 917-4985.

High school diploma

An informational meeting about the External Diploma Program will be held on Friday, May 26 at 3 p.m. in the Workforce Educational Bldg at LBCC. The program is aimed towards adults who want to earn their high school degree. For more information contact the Student Development Office.

Business recycling advice

Small recycling business owners and potential owners may soon receive business counseling and workshops from volunteer retired executives and business owners in a new program called Recycling Economic Development Advocates (REDA). For more information call Carla Raymond at the Linn-Benton Community College Training and Business Development Center.

Pottery sale

Students and Instructors of the Benton Center Ceramic Studio clean up the studio and sell work at their Spring Pottery Sale, Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The public is also invited to a preview reception, Friday, June 2, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Benton Center is located behind to the Cannery Mall off of 9th Street, Corvallis.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Talk is cheap on national show

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

Lately, it seems that everyone has a talk show. People that nobody have even heard of before have suddenly appeared on national television discussing some strange topic with other complete strangers.

Melissa Lindsay, an LBCC student, was a guest on one such talk show this Monday.

After calling all the talk shows around the country, she finally found one that was interested in her story: The Maury Povich Show. She and the other guests had one thing in common: they wanted their "exs" back and were willing to do anything to get them.

The producers of The Maury Povich Show flew her out to New York to tape the show. All her expenses were paid, except for food and car rental.

"I saw people that were guests on other talk shows like Jenny Jones come out of the hotel and climb into limos. They [the producers of the Povich show] were really cheap—cheaper than any of the other talk shows I called. They promised me an autographed picture of Maury. I haven't gotten it yet," she said.

Having never been in front of a television camera before, let alone on a talk show, she said she was "really nervous. I said 'uh-huh' and 'yeah' a lot."

There were five couples altogether. After two songs, one poem, and a staged phone call by the other couples, Lindsay and her boyfriend were up.

"I gave him a puppy, but the producers wouldn't let him keep it," she said, laughing a bit. The puppy, as it turns out, was simply just another piece of stage business. "I got him (her boyfriend) back, though." That's what really matters to Lindsay.

So what is Povich like? "Friendly," she said. "Short, but friendly. The producers were nice, and no one in the audience booed us. The audience only has about 75 or so people in it. Some of them are there every day."

In case anyone was wondering, yes, she got paid for her efforts. Excluding airfare and hotel costs, she made a whop-

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ping \$50.

Asked how she felt about her face being broadcast around the country, she said: "It's really embarrassing. About a third of Albany knows about it. Everyone my boyfriend works with is going to tape it, watch it during lunch, and even show it at the Christmas party."

So after everything that happened, was it a good experience? "Yes," was the enthusiastic reply. "I would definitely do it again. I have a new story that I'm trying to get out there." And so the process begins anew: calling around, being put on hold, and waiting.

Who knows—maybe she'll be the one who's "next... on 'Geraldo.'"

Local student violinist wins soloist contest

Forest Grove—Robin Yu, a violinist at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis has been selected as the solo contest winner for the Music in May festival to be held May 25, 26 and 27 at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. As winner, Yu will perform a solo with the Music in May orchestra ensemble during a public concert at 3 p.m. on May 27, in the Pacific University Athletic Center.

Yu, 15, began her violin studies at age 6. She

debuted as a soloist with the Young Musicians and Artists Connoisseur's Orchestra at Willamette University in Salem at age 11. She has received numerous awards, including the Gershkovitch Award from Portland Youth Philharmonic.

Music in May is a three-day program of musical instruction and performance. More than 600 students from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are selected to participate.

commentary

Letterboxing gives a view of the 'big picture'

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

Well, summertime is almost here. Time for rest, relaxation, and generally having a good time. It's also a good time to catch up on all those movies that you "just haven't found the time to see."

And that's why VCRs were invented. After that came the ability to see a really good (or really bad) movie in the comfort of our own homes.

Picture this: you go to Blockbuster and rent "Jurassic Park" because you're the only one in your entire apartment complex who hasn't seen it yet. You take it home, pop it in the VCR, munch on some popcorn (not cooked in coconut oil), and punch the play button.

Fast-forwarding through the FBI warning that nobody really pays attention to anyway, you finally find the opening credits. Lo and behold, you find those annoying little black lines at the top and bottom of the screen. The process of putting those lines on your screen is called "letterboxing." While this may be extremely annoying to you, to me it's the ONLY way of seeing a film on video. The problem is, letterboxed films are really hard to find on videotape. The only way to do it is to buy a laser disc player, but very few people have the cash to buy one.

After a while, the lines go away. What's being used now to show you some really scary Tyrannosaurus rex footage is called "pan/scan." In pan/scan, the video company moves its cameras around to show you various parts of the frame. The problem with this is the fact that you're not seeing the entire film.

"What?" you scream. "Of course I'm seeing the whole movie! What the heck are you talking about, man?"

Say, for instance, that you actually managed to see "Jurassic Park" in the theater. Remember how wide the screen was? The camera operators set up their shots to fill that entire screen. They spend hours trying to get the right composition so the actors and the scenery will look as good as they can. But when it's put on video, the wideness

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of the screen and the squareness of your TV screen don't quite match. Using the pan/scan technique, only a third to a half of the frame can be shown at a time.

Therefore, you are in fact seeing only half of the original movie. Get my point? Letterboxing a movie when it's put on video lets you see the entire frame on your square screen. That's why those little black lines are there. So you can see the whole movie. Seeing a letterboxed copy of "Jurassic Park" is as close as you can get to seeing it in the theater. If you have a big-screen TV, you can get even closer. But if you have enough money to get a huge behemoth of a TV, then you can probably afford a laser player.

I'm sure that it's pretty obvious to you by now that I think that seeing a letterboxed movie is much better than one that's been panned and scanned. If you share my preference, write to the video companies and tell them. They'll only sell a product that people want to buy.

Seeing a big-budget film in my living room is great, but I'd really like to be able to see the same film I saw in the theater.

review

'A Goofy Movie' isn't just laughs

Despite its cartoonish title, Disney's new flick delivers a poignant message just in time for Father's Day that isn't only for kids to enjoy

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

Fathers and sons have been locking horns since there have been fathers and sons. Maybe it's a male thing—when there are two males, there will be trouble. When the two males are father and son, there will be all sorts of trouble.

Finally a movie has been made that addresses this timeless problem. Finally two characters have been brought to the silver screen that fathers and sons relate to and can perhaps germinate a deeper understanding of each other's inner feelings. It isn't often such a gift to humankind of this magnitude comes to your local theater.

Especially when it is brought to you in the form of man's best friend.

Disney's "A Goofy Movie" is just such a gem. Goofy, that multi-jointed, black, buck-toothed hound of dubious lineage that seems to have more slap-stick accidents than The Three Stooges cubed, now has a son: Max.

For a real laugh try to picture Goofy during Max's conception (though this might blow the PG rating), but this isn't necessary for a real laugh. The movie provides many laughs as Goofy tries to find a place in his teenaged son's life.

Max doesn't exactly embrace his father's dorkiness. Matter of fact, he's quite embarrassed at anyone knowing Goofy is his father.

At first, no one can blame him.

Well, Max gets in some trouble at school. Goofy gets a hyper call from an anal-retentive principal telling him that he better do a better job parenting or his son will end up in the electric chair. Goofy's three-watt brain comes up with an idea: it's time to take his son fishing.

Max, however, is in the throws of his first crush. A female pup (notice I didn't use the proper name for a she-dog) has caught his eye and heart. Max nerves up and asks her on a date to a concert where he has exaggerated his association with the star.

Ah, what a tangled web we weave . . .

Max's plans experience Goofious-Interruptus as Dad carts him off across our great nation along the same route his father had taken him.

Max is not a happy camper.

All he can think of is his new gal. Goofy can't quite figure out why Max isn't feeling the way he did when he made the trip with his dad. Tension. Tension. Tension.

But, it's a Disney film so you know there will be a resolution. And it is actually a believable conversation we have all had or should have had with our fathers.

The action while the talk is happening proves there is nothing that can't be made interesting to all ages with lots of falling rocks, thundering waterfalls, and a couple near misses.

The film is set in the here and now which makes it identifiable for everybody. Though the animation ain't "Lion King," it is actually worth seeing on the big screen. It's well-shot and paced, proving it wasn't just slapped together to suck a few bucks from the pre-summer audience.

"A Goofy Movie" is rated PG for lots of action and Goofy sneaking a peek at a rather large woman in her unmentionables.

LOCAL & REGIONAL NEWS



Scio gets wild and woolly for annual fair

Hundreds of people crowded into the tiny town of Scio over the weekend for the annual Linn County Lamb and Wool Fair to watch sheep dog trials, listen to music, and munch on lamb burgers. Above, Ed Barraclough demonstrates how shorn wool is tossed onto screens for sorting. At far right, a black-face ewe gets a stylish cut from shearer Leonard Isreal. One of the most popular events at the annual fair is the Northwest Champion Sheep Dog Trials (below), in which the dogs must herd several sheep through gates set in a field. LBCC student Jim Mainord of Lebanon (right), gets an appreciative kiss from his dog after the competition. Although Mainord's dog, Di, did not compete, his black-fleece ewe lamb took the championship ribbon in its class.



Photos by Amy Radie and Carol Rich



Graphics students design logo for local child victim center

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

Children who are the victims of crime and abuse will be helped by graphic arts students from LBCC.

John Aikman's Design 3 class is creating the logo for the Linn County Child Victim Assessment Center, or ABC House. Young victims of crimes who are currently involved in the justice system will find a safe haven at the center while they are dealing with their judicial concerns.

Currently, the child is bounced around from stranger to stranger to be interviewed and examined for the particulars of the crime.

ABC House will provide a single forensic social worker who will interview and examine the child while law-enforcement representatives observe from behind a two-way mirror and videotape the interview. The goal is to prevent the child from being re-traumatized by repeated interviews from

various agencies.

"This is a program with a total focus on the children," said Ann Hamer, the project coordinator and the only paid employee of the program. "I'm the only employee so I'm doing everything, so any help would be appreciated."

The center is in its beginning stages, looking for a site and funding for the building. The non-profit organization is funded by donations of time and money. It hopes to receive a grant from the state to help raise the estimated \$500,000 needed to get the center up and running.

"It's really very important that we get the support of the community," said Hamer. "We are incorporated as a non-profit organization so [contributions] are tax-deductible."

Homer spends much of her time going from organization to organization telling people about the project. "I'm just trying to let people know that we're

out there," Hamer said. "I need to interest community organizations."

The Linn County center will not be the first of its kind. There are several others in Oregon and over 280 nation-wide. The first one was in Alabama in 1981, and the first one in Oregon was built in Jackson County five or six years ago.

The ABC House logo will be selected from among 24 designed by the 12 students in the design class. After being demonstrated to the client, the chosen logo will be placed on all of the center's information to be handed out at different community events.

"We hope to use the logo to communicate the needs of the project to our community," said Aikman. "I think they'll have difficulty choosing one."

ABC House is also looking for creative individuals to help design various things for fund raisers.

LOCAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Ceremony remembers victims of AIDS

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

A cool breeze blew through Corvallis Central Park as more than 120 people gathered for a candle-lighting ceremony commemorating those people who are suffering from or have died because of AIDS.

The candles flickered as they were lit, the silence was broken only by the soft chirps of the birds in the surrounding trees and the occasional crying of a baby.

For the fifth year, Valley AIDS Information Network (VAIN) has helped to put together this event to quietly remember those who have lost loved-ones, or are dealing with the deadly disease themselves.

"It gives them (sufferers) a chance to come and remember so their loved-ones won't be forgotten," said Marilyn Dorsey, current president of VAIN. "There are so many people touched by AIDS and this gives them an avenue to express their grief in a safe environment."

The event began with a quiet song from the Corvallis Women's Choir as the candles were being lit.

The opening comments were made by a member of Responsible Mothers and Others, followed by a reading of the names of victims who have been sewn into four separate quilts. The first quilt was started in 1989 when VAIN was started.

Dorsey gave a few closing words and mentioned one person who could not



Photo by Carol Rich

Participants in last week's AIDS memorial ceremony listen to speakers read the names of victims of the disease in Corvallis Central Park.

attend: Brian Bishop, who was admitted to Ruby House, a HOSPICE in Roseburg last Wednesday.

Bishop, who was well-known in the area, spoke at LBCC for the AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases class earlier this year.

The ceremony concluded with a moment of silence and then a final song from the choir.

"Being here is an important part of

being a part of the community of Corvallis," said David Zaworski, a local resident who turned out for the event. "What always hits me is thinking about the families, especially the families who are unable to reconcile (with the victim)."

Those who want to write to Bishop can do so care of Ruby House, 3035 Laurel Springs Drive, Roseburg, OR 97470.

The cost of fire prevention devices is minimal compared to potential damages and loss

by Diane S. McDonald
for The Commuter

The Joneses stood staring at the dripping, smoldering, charred house frame, which just an hour ago was their "home sweet home."

Shock and distress showed in their faces. Tears streaked down their cheeks, washing away the soot from their faces.

But worst of all was the knowledge that this damage could have been prevented.

Jerry Jones knew the batteries in his smoke alarm were dead. A few months ago he was annoyed by the high-pitched chirping at one-minute intervals that indicated the batteries were low. He removed the batteries with the good intention of replacing them.

He never meant it to go longer than a day, but days turned to months—months too late.

Jones is now part of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics. According to the NFPA, one-third of the installed smoke detectors in homes don't work properly because of missing or dead batteries.

In 1992, the cost of fire loss was \$10.1 billion, with \$5.4 billion from home fires. With proper use of fire prevention techniques and devices, this cost could be severely reduced.

With modern technology improving, convenient smoke detectors have been developed for enhanced safety. One new detector, the Ultralife 100, can't be closed unless it has a lithium battery installed that will last six to ten years. Another, the Generation 2, screws into a lightbulb socket to use household electricity, and has a self-recharging backup battery to keep running while the power is out.

After Jones became aware of these new smoke detectors, he purchased several Ultralife 100s, one for each of his four bedrooms, one for the kitchen, one for the living room, and last, but not least, one for the garage.

Then, after speaking to firemen and reading several articles about how to protect his home and family, Jones went one step further—he had a sprinkler system installed in his new home.

Although this may seem like excessive protection, the

March 1994 issue of Home Mechanix magazine debunks several "myths" about sprinkler systems. They are:

Myth No. 1: Sprinklers are expensive. Actually, installation cost is about \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Myth No. 2: Sprinkler heads are ugly. Today there are many color-coordinated sprinkler heads that match most decorating schemes and are almost unnoticeable.

Myth No. 3: Sprinkler systems leak. Insurance surveys show accidental activation occurs in only one out of 16 million sprinkler heads.

Myth No. 4: Massive water damage is caused from sprinklers going off from a fire. In fact, a fire hose puts out 125 gallons of water a minute, while a sprinkler sheds only 13 to 18 gallons per minute.

Myth No. 5: The entire sprinkler system will be set off in the event of a fire. To the contrary, each head is individually activated. Eighty percent of house fires are controlled by two or less sprinkler heads and the fires are usually out before the fire department arrives.

Other safety measures include using a flame retardant upholstery treatment, installing copper instead of aluminum electrical wiring, and using a high-efficiency woodstove instead of a fireplace.

There are many other fire protection devices, such as fire extinguishers and rescue ladders, but these will only work if you know where they are and how to use them. During a fire you only have 30 seconds to find the fire extinguisher and use it before the fire becomes too intense from heat and grows out of control. You don't have time to look around for the extinguisher or read the directions.

The development of an escape plan and practicing that plan is the single most important and inexpensive tool every home and business has. Part of this plan should include a gathering location all individuals can be accounted for.

It can save a life and it doesn't cost a cent.

As for the Jones family, they discovered that a little investment in prevention can save a lot of heartache.

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Proposed bill may reverse state's helmet law

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

Many LBCC students have discovered that motorcycles are cheap, fun, and much easier to park than driving a car around for 15 minutes before a space opens up on campus. Although motorcycles are popular and practical, safety has always been a detracting issue.

Moving through the the legislative machinery right now is a bill dealing with motorcycle safety and motorcyclist's rights.

HB 3419 passed the house 52 to 7. This bill permits motorcyclists 18 and older to ride without a helmet. This will repeal the current helmet law in effect since 1988. The present law makes it mandatory for all motorcyclists and their passengers to wear Department of Transportation-approved helmets.

"Well, I'll sell more parts, for one thing," responded Dave Lofstedt of Albany's J-D Cycle when asked what effects the new law would have if passed. He feels that many people choose not to ride when forced to do so with a helmet. "Motorcycle registration will go up [without a helmet law]. In California motorcycle registration went down after they passed their helmet law," Lofstedt added.

"Most people who favor helmet laws are uninformed non-riders," said Jonald Gradwol, legislative officer of the Association of Motorcyclists of Oregon (AMO), an organization dedicated to promoting biker's rights.

"A helmet will not stop brain damage. Brain damage is caused by the brain shifting in the skull," he said, addressing prevention of head trauma—the most common reason people wear helmets.

Statistics in the Motorcycle Statistical Annual published by the Motorcycle Industry Council show that states without helmet laws have fewer reported accidents and less fatalities when there is an accident. Helmets have been shown to cause neck trauma that wouldn't have occurred had the rider not been wearing a helmet, the annual reported. Also reported is that motorcycle fatalities in Oregon have increased 42 percent per 100 accidents since the passage of the 1988 helmet law.

"Tourism will go up," Lofstedt stated. "We [now] go to Idaho and Montana for vacations so we don't have to wear helmets," he said.

HB 3419 has passed the House and if it clears the Legislature there will be no public vote before it becomes law. Gov. John Kitzhaber could veto the bill which would send it back to next year's legislature.

When the helmet issue is put to a vote, the major opposition comes from "the medical community and the helmet manufacturers [who] pay for the ads," Gradwol said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hormone regulation may hold promise for AIDS treatment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — AIDS researchers have achieved promising results by targeting human hormones instead of the virus, and medical experts are calling for more experiments.

Research teams in the United States and France have looked at the role of cortisol, a hormone produced in the adrenal gland that ordinarily helps fight stress.

But in AIDS patients, cortisol seems to help the virus reach cells and may aggravate AIDS symptoms by suppressing a victim's immune response.

Excess cortisol has already been linked with chronic fatigue syndrome and certain kinds of depression.

"This is an interesting venue to go down for AIDS therapy," says Carl Dieffenbach, a top AIDS research official at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

"There are clinical syndromes associated with the overproduction of cortisol. It makes sense logically," he said.

Drugs that regulate cortisol and related hormones have been tested in

recent trials with positive results.

A University of Pennsylvania study released in April found that the anti-cortisol drug RU-486—better known as the "abortion pill"—blocks an HIV protein that uses cortisol receptors in a cell to infiltrate it and churn out copies of the virus.

Production of the AIDS virus decreased by 70 percent in treated cells.

"I think this is a novel pathway and it could be very interesting," said pathologist David Weiner, the study's author and a leading AIDS researcher.

In France, a Rene Descartes University study finished in October 1994 found that using the hormone-regulating drug prednisolone raised the level of disease-fighting CD4 T cells within two weeks.

Another leading researcher, Dr. Irving Chen, head of the AIDS program at the University of California at Los Angeles, said the findings fit in with the new approach to fighting the disease.

"All the drugs currently out are di-

rected against the virus itself, and the AIDS virus mutates rapidly and gets around these drugs," he said. "If you have a drug that acts directly on the cell instead of the virus, there's less chance HIV can get around it."

Later this year, the Brazilian government is expected to approve widespread use of an anti-cortisol drug called Anticort and developed by Dr. Alfred Sapse, a former UCLA researcher who now runs his own company in Nevada and mails his unapproved product to AIDS patients.

Sapse had predicted success with RU-486 before Weiner's study. He has long claimed that overproduction of cortisol lies behind many ills, including AIDS.

"Ninety percent of the damage in AIDS cases is caused by cortisol," Sapse insists.

Sapse is negotiating with the Food and Drug Administration to conduct U.S. clinical trials with Anticort to treat AIDS-related anemia.

Survey shows fewer timber jobs lost than expected

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A newspaper survey indicates that far fewer Northwest timber jobs have been lost since 1988 than the industry or the federal government predicted.

The Oregonian said its study of employment statistics for the past six years showed 16,695 direct wood products jobs were lost in Oregon and Washington, and Idaho had a net gain.

The industry's Northwest Forest Resource Council in 1989 predicted the loss of 65,700 direct jobs, based solely on reduced timber harvests in Western Oregon and Washington.

The government forecast at least 20,000 lost jobs.

In 1992, then—President Bush predicted that every millworker would be out of a job due to a federal ban on timber harvest to save the northern spotted owl.

The ban was lifted this year, and Bush was proved wrong.

But The Oregonian said that isolated pockets where job losses have been concentrated—in towns such as Burns in Eastern Oregon or Hoquiam, Wash.—problems have been far more severe.

"In our case, it has translated into population loss," Judge Dale White says of Harney County in Eastern Oregon.

White says that when jobs go, social problems erupt. "We've seen the physical and sexual abuse, the drug and alcohol problems affecting families, the mental health problems."

Grays Harbor County, where Hoquiam sits, has seen its unemployment level rise from 9.5 percent in 88 to 11.6 percent in 93.

According to the numbers gathered by The Oregonian, Washington state lost 4,900 direct wood products jobs between 1988 and 1994. Oregon lost 13,800 jobs, and Idaho gained 2,034 jobs.

Economists such as Weyerhaeuser's Brian Greber say an additional 1,700 jobs probably were lost among workers who were self-employed and not tracked by state statistics.

Overall, 171,500 people worked in forest products jobs in the three-state region in 1972. By 1982, the count was 134,400. By 1988, it had climbed to 152,097 with near-record federal timber sales, before dropping to 135,427 in 1994.

Community comes to aid of outstanding student

LA PINE, Ore. (AP) — Chris Duffin is graduating from La Pine High School this spring with straight As. He also lettered in wrestling, helped build houses for the homeless and distributed Christmas baskets to the needy.

His teachers and peers have nothing but praise for the quiet, stocky 18-year-old.

How could it be, Duffin's neighbors asked, that a teenager with his accomplishments could not obtain a scholarship to attend Oregon State University?

Duffin's family, struggling with poverty, could provide none of the \$10,000-a-year cost for tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Duffin qualified for student loans, but was unwilling to build up a huge debt load.

Despite the setback, Duffin still planned to pursue his dream of becoming a mechanical engineer. He would continue his job as a busboy at Sunriver Lodge, he said, then enroll at Central Oregon Community College with an eye toward transferring later to Oregon State.

No one was more disappointed than his stepfather, Pat Smith.

"We always told Chris if he kept his grades up and his nose clean and worked hard, there would be ways for him to go to college," said Smith, who is disabled with lung disease and "a bum arm" and is unemployed.

"We want him to break the cycle of poverty," said Smith, himself a high school dropout. "He was building houses for the homeless when we were homeless ourselves. It's just not right."

He volunteered for the Habitat for Humanity organization, which builds homes for poor people.

Neighbors who read Duffin's story in the local newspaper, The Bulletin, agreed, responded by setting up a fund

at U.S. Bank to help pay his college expenses.

One person even offered to pay Duffin's tuition all four years if he maintains a B average, said David Kerr, assistant principal at La Pine High School.

"This is just unbelievable," Pat Smith said.

Pat and Cindy Smith and their six children moved north from California in 1987 so Pat could help take care of his ailing mother. After she died and the medical bills were paid, the family was left with little money and few options.

Their low point came when they spent several months squatting on public land in the Ochoco Mountains, living in a 16-foot trailer parked alongside a stream. Pat Smith, despite his disabilities, was trying to find work as an independent timber faller to keep his family going.

It was during those days and nights, including a stretch when Duffin was sleeping in the back of the family's pickup through a cold winter, that he decided his life was going to be different.

"We were pretty much homeless for three years," Duffin said. "I went into high school and thought: I want to go to college and I want to get a job so I won't end up like my stepfather."

Pat Smith finally received a small settlement over his injuries, which he used to buy a converted double-wide mobile home in La Pine.

"It's not fancy, but it's paid for and Chris and the girls have bedrooms instead of sleeping bags," Cindy Smith said.

Duffin, now bound for college, said he learned something from the experience: "You can always sit there in self-pity and say, 'Oh, look how bad life is treating me,' or you can just get down and do it. You can go out and live life and not let life live you."

House approves measure to privatize OHSU

SALEM, Ore. (AP)— A measure to free Oregon Health Sciences University from administrative ties with the state's higher education system won final legislative approval Monday in the Oregon House.

The House approved Senate amendments to the bill on a 57-0 vote and sent the measure to Gov. John Kitzhaber.

"The goal is to reduce losses and

help the university compete," said Rep. Carolyn Oakley, R-Albany, the measure's floor manager.

The plan, which is backed by Kitzhaber and former Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, would make OHSU a public corporation that would be freed from administrative rules that apply to state agencies.

Backers of the measure said it could

save OHSU \$5 million in the next biennium and enable the state to limit the school's 1997-1999 general fund allocation to the amount it receives in 1997.

"It is in the best interests of this Legislature to charter OHSU as a private corporation," said Rep. Cedric Hayden, a republican who lives in Lyons.

Automakers to recall Japanese-made seatbelts in 8 million cars

DETROIT (AP) — Eight automakers have agreed to recall more than 8 million cars in the United States to replace Japanese-made seat belts that might unlatch in crashes, The Detroit News reported Sunday.

Three more automakers were expected to agree to the recall this week.

The seat belts were installed in some 1986-1991 model vehicles of Honda, Nissan, Daihatsu, Isuzu, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Suzuki, General Motors, Chrysler and Ford, the News reported, citing

unidentified sources.

The three car companies that had not yet agreed to the recall were not identified.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator Ricardo Martinez planned to announce the agreement Tuesday, the newspaper reported.

The seat belts made by Takata Inc. could increase safety risks because pieces of the release buttons break off and jam the buckling mechanism, sources

told the News.

Regulators are especially concerned the flaw may cause belts to unlatch in crashes. The NHTSA has reports of at least 539 consumer complaints and 47 injuries, but no deaths.

Takata believes the release buttons' propensity to crack is due to faults in the plastic from which they were made.

The plastic was supplied by Japan Synthetic rubber, Japan's largest manufacturer.

SPORTS

Roadrunners to watch Indy instead of playing baseball

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

For the first time since 1989 the Linn-Benton baseball team will not be playing in the post-season tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

To make the playoffs, Linn-Benton needed to down Mt. Hood in a double-header last week and Clackamas needed to drop two to SWOCC.

Unfortunately, the Roadrunners' season came to an abrupt end Thursday when they could manage no more than a split with Mt. Hood. LBCC overpowered the Saints in the first game 14-4, but dropped the second 5-4 to finish the season 13-12 in league, two games out of second place. The team finished with an overall record of 20-14.

Linn-Benton put the first game away with a 10-run outburst in the seventh inning. Joel Greene started the scoring barrage with a homerun—his third of the season—on the first pitch of the inning, and followed that with a two-run double after the Roadrunners batted around. In between, Skip Marler scored on Jim Pex's single, Brian Thompson came in on Matt Rice's single, and Miguel Garcia and Rice each scored on passed balls. Greene himself was sent home on Marler's double, and then Marler scored for the second time in the inning on a Pex single.

In the second game, Roadrunner reliever Troy Custer issued a bases-

loaded walk in the bottom of the seventh and final inning to give the Saints a 5-4 victory.

The Roadrunners' runs in that game came in the third, when Greene doubled and then scored on Marler's single; and in the fourth, when Pex scored on Rice's single, Ricky Lowe tripled and then scored on a wild pitch.

Marler was 4-for-8 on the day with a double and two RBIs and Pex went 3-for-6 with two RBIs and five runs scored. In the first game Kilpatrick was 3-for-3 with the RBIs, while Greene hit 3-

for-5 with three RBIs and a stolen base. In game two Hardin was 2-for-2 and Rice was 2-for-3 each with an RBI.

Last Tuesday, the Roadrunners beat

their rivals, the Chemeketa Cheifs 8-3 to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Linn-Benton started their scoring in the second when Garcia scored on a Hardin single and the Rice scored on a Lowe single. In the fourth Garcia scored again, this time on a Lowe single, then Rice and Lowe scored on a Greene single. Greene tripled in Ben Ward and Lowe in the final inning. Rice also scored on a Lowe single.

Greene finished the game 3-for-4 with four RBIs. Lowe was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and three stolen bases. Rice and Thompson each went 2-for-3.

"Even though the season didn't go the way we expected," coach Greg Hawk said. "I'm very respectful of the people that came to play in this program."

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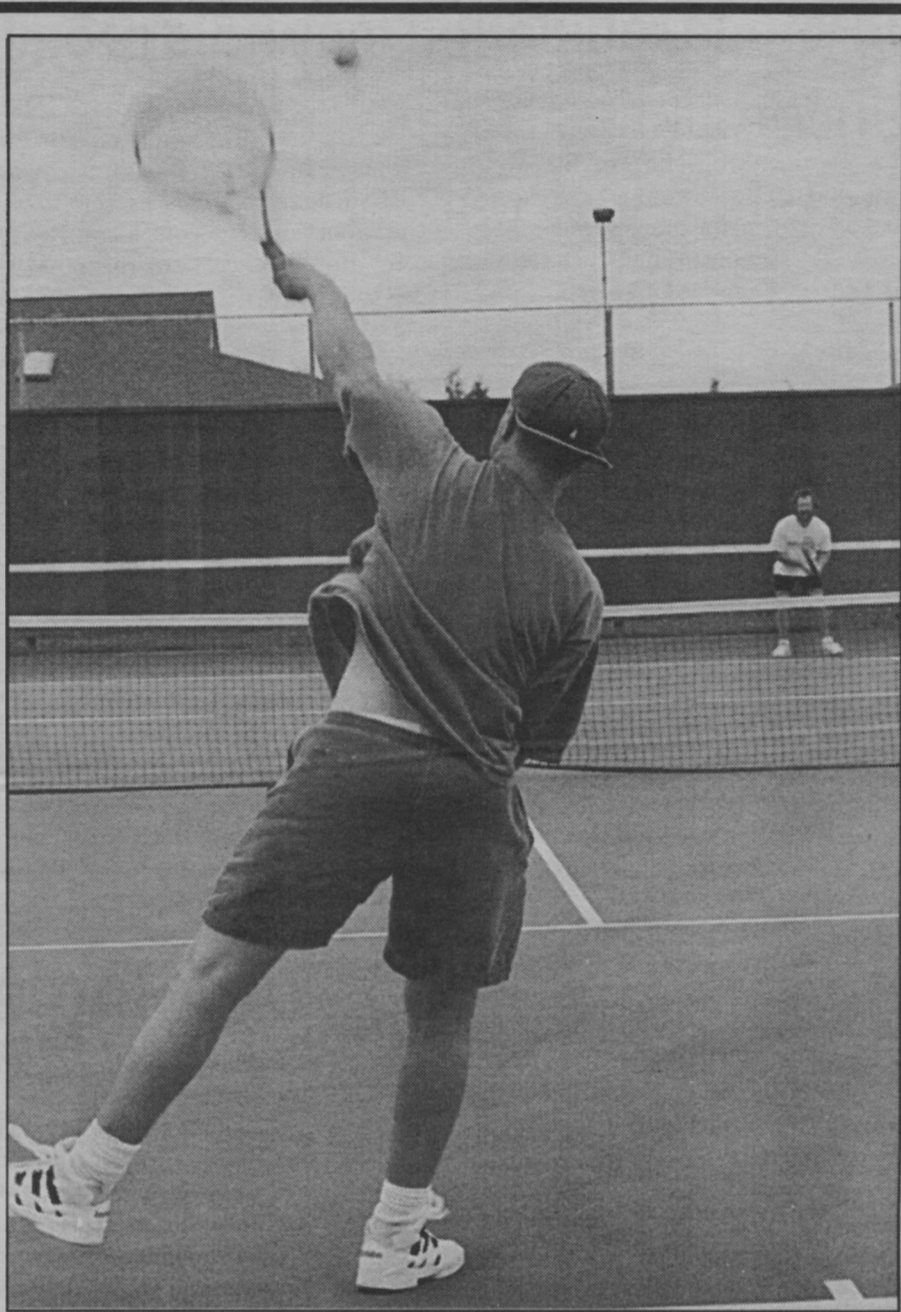


Photo by Carol Rich

Rocking Home the Serve

Derek Hoehne serves to Jack Giles in last Tuesday's Intramural Singles Tennis Tournament, which drew five players to the courts, even though 12 had originally signed up. The doubles tournament on Thursday drew a larger turnout, however.

Blading is hot new trend for summer

by Jennifer McCloskey
of The Commuter

One of the hottest new trends today is the modified version of ice and roller skating combined—rollerblading, which hit the streets about seven years ago.

It's popularity reportedly began on the boardwalks of California and from there it seemed everyone wanted to try it.

When walking down the street, it's hard to not spot someone soaring by on these crazy-looking skates. Usually they have on a helmet and elbow and knee protection to prevent injuries in case of a wipe-out.

There are some things to take into consideration, however, when thinking about going on that afternoon jaunt with the rollerblades. The first thing is the cost.

Rollerblading can be expensive, depending on how devoted you are to the sport and your level of performance.

For those who dedicate their weekends and summers and all of their spare time to rollerblading, it can be quite expensive. One pair of rollerblades can cost anywhere from \$65-\$165 or more, not including the protective gear that is required by law. The price of protection against injury depends on the durability of the gear, and if it's not top quality you might find yourself shopping for more sooner than you expected.

There is an alternative to spending

beaucoup bucks on the sport if you've never done it before . . . rent!

There are places to lease rollerblades and the protective equipment if you decide that owning isn't for you. Renting is also a good way to try it out and to see just how much you really like it, or if you even have the coordination to balance on the thin blade.

Another important thing to recognize before gliding down the pavement are the laws of the area you will be covering. In some places, rollerblading is so popular that there are limits to where it can be done.

For example Seaside, Ore. has regulations for those who want to be in motion on the boardwalk doing things other than walking. People who ride bikes, surreys or use rollerblades are required to skate only on the right-hand side of the boardwalk. However, there are specific times in which the main street of Seaside is closed off and bladers are allowed to be in the streets.

In other parts of the country, like California, there are designated areas for the rollerbladers only. And in Florida, there are at least two beaches that are laced with boardwalks where rollerblading is prohibited.

The fines are hefty for those who choose not to abide by the laws and they are handed out frequently.

So in preparation for your first or your next rollerblading outing, know the rules of the road and most importantly, have a wonderful time.

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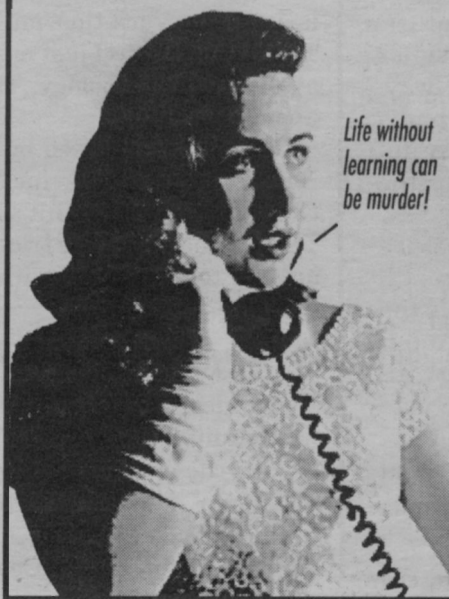
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Life without learning can be murder!

OPINION

soapbox

Uncertainties about the future just part of the crapshoot of life

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

Last week it hit me with a jolt that school is almost out. I've been so wrapped up in the day-to-day doings that the calendar has been marching along without me.

Suddenly, it's time to finish up projects, study for final exams, prepare for graduation, and find summer employment (to say nothing of pruning the bushes in the yard and planting the garden!) Amidst this flurry of activity, I'm realizing that my days at LBCC are numbered and my plans for the future are nothing but pie-in-the-sky right now.

This year has been a "safe" period of time for me, relatively speaking. Although it hasn't been a picnic financially, at least I've had the support of a fairly regular income from loans, grants, work study, and my position as editor. And there has been security in knowing that in a pinch there were people I could call on for help.

But as of mid-June, the income will stop. Beyond that, nothing is certain.

I've been thinking about an analogy a friend of mine once used for transitions. She said it's like being a trapeze artist who has let go of the bar and is hanging in mid-air, expecting another bar to swing toward her so she can grab on. She said that letting go of the bar is an act of total faith.

When I made the leap of faith into this process of becoming educated—into mid-air, so to speak—it was with the resolve that there would be something for me to grab onto at the other end. I knew that it wasn't going to be easy and would require recommitting myself again and again. But this is the first real test of my

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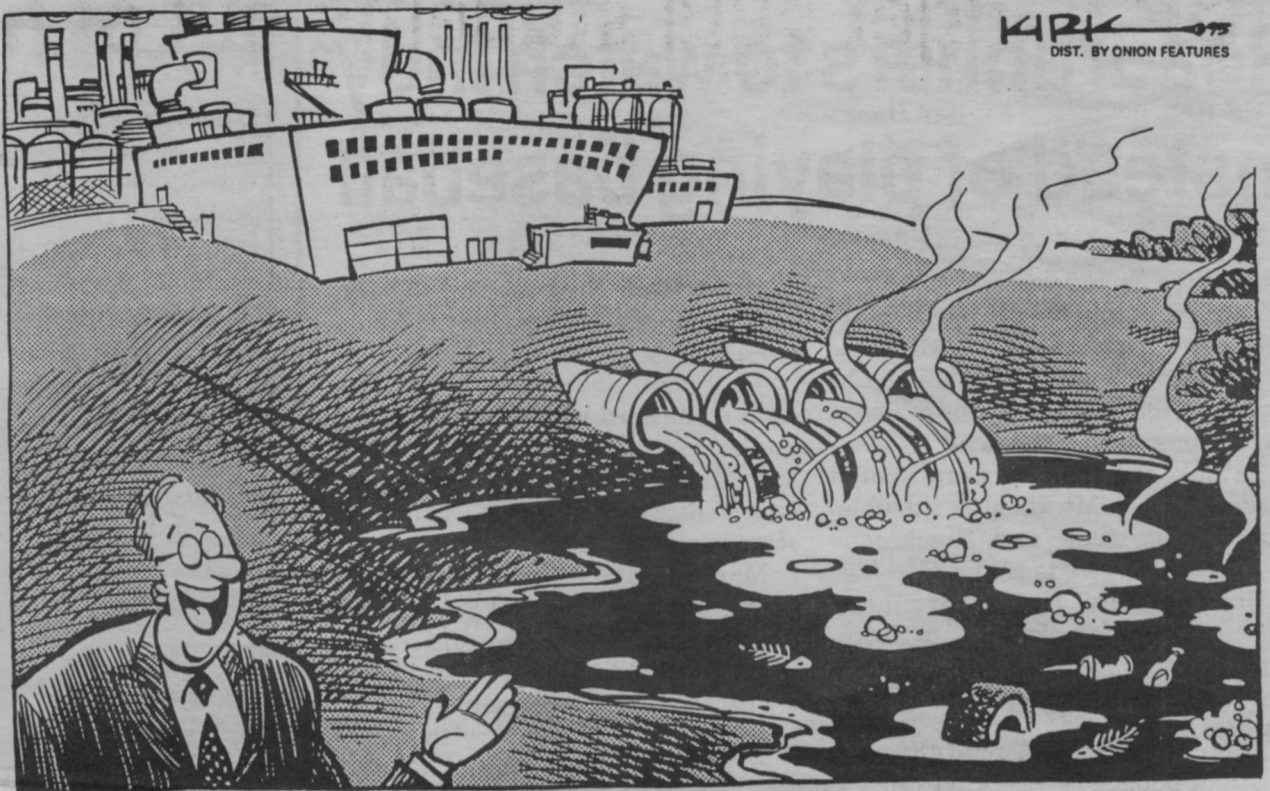
The rest of the lesson is that sometimes you have to hang out there in mid-air so that when the other bar swings your way, you're in a position to grab it.

In other words, if you don't cut loose from the past, and have faith in the future, you're destined to swing on that same bar forever. You won't be able to take advantage of opportunities because you won't be in the right position.

I've never been a person to play it safe. Twice in my life I've sold all my worldly possessions to embark on some new and exciting adventure. But back then it was only me that would suffer if the plans fell through (which, by the way, they did in both cases, but meanwhile I had a great time!). Having the responsibility for another human being as well as myself ups the ante.

Still, the principle remains the same, it's just that the stakes are higher. Life is still about learning. It's still about waking up in the morning in anticipation, not in dread. And if that means there are times I have to let go with no bar in sight, so be it. The alternative is to exist, but not fully experience life.

So even though it's scary, I'm still out here in mid-air. The bar will show up when it's time. When it does, I want to be ready.



"IT'S THE SAME AGE-OLD QUESTION: IS THE LAKE HALF-POLLUTED, OR HALF-PRISTINE?"

ellen goodman

Apologies aren't what they used to be

Boston—I am now convinced that the latest of the endangered skills, the last remnant of a civilized or at least civil society, is the fine art of apology.

The expression of remorse has gone the way of the thank you note. It's atrophied from lack of use and changed expectations, rather like the notion that people should be on time. It's been pushed to the threshold of extinction by an era that can't tell the difference between rudeness and frankness.

When leaders in public life are called to account for their behavior these days, they behave like small boys being dragged by their parents to their victim's house. Staring straight into the other boy's black eye, they utter a "sorry" of such profound insincerity that the other boy is sure he'll get clobbered when they meet again without a parent around.

There was a perfect example of apology atrophy recently in Congress during a discussion of the Clean Water Act, of all things. In an ideological fit, a Republican congressman from California, Randy Cunningham, lumped some of his 'greener' opponents with those "who want to put homos in the military."

Cunningham should have had his mouth washed with soap and (presumably clean) water. But after one of those ritual Capitol demands, the Congressman delivered a classic in the growing genre of non-apology apologies.

"To me, using that short term was not wrong, but if it is offensive, then I apologize and will not use it again."

Translation: I didn't do anything wrong. They're all a bunch of hypersensitive, politically correct, liberal you-know-whats, but my staff says I better say something or I'll never hear the end of it.

Not exactly a mea culpa. Not exactly a serving of humble pie. Not exactly, as my dictionary defines it, "An acknowledgement expressing regret or asking pardon for a fault or offense." But it's going around.

The "if-I-offended-anyone-then-I'm-sorry" apology is just one variation on the political un-apology. There is also the "I just misspoke" apology. The "slip of the tongue" apology. The "taken out of context" apology.

These were all used by various politicians in the Barney "Fag" Frank incident, the Hillary "Bitch" Clinton affair, the Bill "Traitor" Clinton debacle. They all mastered the trick of saying they're sorry "if anyone took offense" without admitting they were offensive.

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Of course, apology atrophy is by no means limited to politics. My favorite example can be heard at any airport gate when there are more passengers than seats. The agent steps up to the mike to announce his regret for bumping you, saying: "We find ourselves in overbooked condition."

Oh, and how did we "find ourselves" in this overbooked condition? By cosmic forces? Did the butler do it?

Then of course, there are the corporate apologies. "We deeply regret that this accident took place." The car engine blew up, the oil from the tanker covered the bay, the cancer-causing agent got into the air. How exactly it "took place" is never mentioned. Nor is anyone actually at fault.

When did the art of apology become the act of squirming out of responsibility? When did they take the sorrow out of sorry? When did they take the contrition out of an apology?

In the all-time tear-jerker of the 1970s, "Love Story," readers were told that "Love means not ever having to say you're sorry." This was a lie of immense proportions, to which anyone who has ever been in love for more than a week knows.

Any lover who committed a personal misdemeanor and said, "Well, I wasn't wrong but if you were offended, I'm sorry," would be out the door. Any husband who "found myself in an unfaithful condition" would find himself in court.

But the public art of apology has declined as the art of litigating has increased. Having a lawyer is being told never to say you're sorry. In the legal world, I'm sorry means sue me.

Today doctors can't tell patients they are sorry. Manufacturers can't tell customers they are sorry. They are told to worry about whether they broke a law, not an ethical or moral code. This lawyerly mentality has taken over politics, the terrain of lawmaking inhabited largely by lawyers.

But un-apologies don't clear the slate in private life and they shouldn't in public life. The art of apology is a civil one, an expression of regret, empathy, responsibility, that helps people get over their disagreements, the wrongs they commit, and go on living together in one society.

People in public life may need a new course in the old ways, the proper ways, of saying I'm sorry. Lesson one: It begins by being sorry.



OPINION

GOP budget cuts students out of higher education

by US Representative Peter DeFazio
for The Commuter

Nothing is more important to raising incomes and living standards in this country than education.

The economic facts are simple: the more you learn, the more you earn. The lifetime earnings of college graduates are significantly higher than non-graduates.

The gap in average earnings between high school and college graduates has doubled from 39 percent in 1979 to 80 percent in 1993. Education is the clear fault line of economic opportunity in this country.

That's why the Republican budget is particularly alarming.

When Speaker Gingrich and his colleagues released their budget blueprint this week, we finally got an honest look at what the Contract With America will cost.

For students and working families, the price is too high. As GOP Representative George Radanovich told the Wall Street Journal, "If we had come out with this budget as our 'Contract,' they wouldn't have voted us in."

The budget plan will devastate millions of students and their families who rely on federal education loans for college. Of the \$35 billion in financial assistance that the Education Department plans for grants, loans and work-study programs, the GOP budget proposal would cut \$24 billion over the next seven years.

We've got to balance the budget. But it's wrong headed to target students, seniors and working families while increasing the Pentagon's budget by \$92 billion and granting less than one percent of the wealthiest Americans (those earning over \$250,000) a \$20,000 annual tax break.

Republicans chose to decimate education programs and student aid rather than tighten the belt on defense spending and make corporations and wealthy Americans pay their fair share of taxes.

As a recipient of financial aid who couldn't have attended college without help, I'm deeply disturbed by this proposed de-investment in our future.

Some of my colleagues forget that it wasn't long ago when Republican Majority Leader Dick Armey, Senator Phil Gramm and House Speaker Newt Gingrich went to school on student loans.

What was a good investment then is a good investment now. Student aid is not only planting a seed for an individual, but also for our economic future.

Students are already being priced out of higher education. The total cost of an undergraduate degree in today's dollars (including tuition, books, room and board) will be about \$40,000 for this year's first-year students.

While Republicans boast of their \$500-per-child tax cut for the middle class, they hide their intention to make college more expensive.

Currently, parents who want to help their students go to college must save \$800 a month for the next four years for a public, four-year school—and this is prior to the Republican budget reductions in student aid.

Republicans are planning to eliminate the interest subsidy for students while they are in school. This plan will increase a student's total debt by 20 percent. An average student will pay \$5,000 more to attend college.

Students who continue on to graduate school would see even larger increases. This additional cost will hit working families and poor students especially hard, forcing many to forego a higher education.

The Pell Grant program—once the foundation providing equal opportunity and access for all students—has declined sharply since 1976, from 44 percent to 21 percent of the average aid package. Now, Congress wants to freeze Pell Grants at their 1995 level, making the grants lose value each year as the cost of living rises.

In addition, the House budget proposal ends the need-based Perkins Loans, affecting over 700,000 students.

And with the elimination of the State Student Incentive Grant, 1600 of Oregon's neediest students would lose their aid.

The Republican philosophy is that you make the economy grow by concentrating more and more wealth into the hands of fewer and fewer people at the top.

Higher education is being slashed by \$24 billion to help fund the Republican \$345 billion tax cuts, skewed toward the wealthiest Americans.

Plain and simple, this is a rerun of trickle down

Reaganomics. During the trickle down experiment of the 1980s, the middle class had their income go down and their taxes go up.

Reagan and Bush sliced education funding and we can see who won and who lost. We have the greatest income and wealth gap since the 1920s with the top 1 percent of our country having more wealth than the bottom 90 percent combined.

When our students are denied access to higher education, they lose their chance to climb the ladder of success and the gap widens.

We must invest in our people and our students' education. Our competitors have figured this out. Germany and Japan invest in education and training. They have a closer partnership between government, business, labor and education because they know that when they're all on the same side, their countries win. They focus on how to get the most out of every human being, not just the wealthy.

The Republican budget will condemn the next generation of Americans to declining incomes and expectations. It continues the impoverishment of America, robbing middle-class families struggling to get ahead for the sake of corporate and upper income tax cuts. It is precisely the wrong medicine for what ails our nation.

While Republicans boast of their \$500-per-child tax cut for the middle class, they hide their intention to make college more expensive.

letters

Students urged to fight aid cuts

To the editor:

As student council moderator (president), I am encouraging the students who oppose the federal financial aid cuts to let Senator Bob Packwood and Congressman Jim Bunn know you are not happy with their support of these cuts.

Postcards that just need a signature and sample letters are available in CC-213 and in Financial Aid.

No postage is necessary, just drop them off in the boxes located in either area and the postage will be taken care of.

Higher education makes cents! We are the future and we need to have access to higher education. Don't be silent! It only takes a couple of minutes. Join me in the fight against financial aid cuts!

Angela Rivera



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EMPLOYMENT

MEN AND WOMEN EARN UP TO \$480 weekly assembling circuit boards and electronic components at home. Experience unnecessary, will train. Immediate openings your local area. Call 1-602-680-4647 ext. 102c.

ALASKA SUMMER EMPLOYMENT Students needed! Fishing industry. Earn up to \$3000-\$6000+ per month. Room and board! Transportation! Male/female. No experience necessary! Call (206)545-4155 ext A60652.

CRUISE SHIPS NOW HIRING. Earn up to \$2,000+/month working on Cruise Ships or Land-Tour companies. World travel (Hawaii, Mexico, the Caribbean, etc.). Seasonal and full-time employment available. No experience necessary. For info, call 1-206-634-0468 ext. C60651.

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION available for a Foreman Trainee promotable to Foreman. This is for a wood preserving utilities contractor; wood pole inspection, testing for wood strength, problem solving for utilities company. Must have good driving record, like to work outdoors in all weather conditions, able to lift 50 lbs. (\$10/hour for probationary period.) For more information, visit Career Center in Takena Hall.

INTERNATIONAL EMPLOYMENT Earn up to \$25-\$45/hour teaching basic conversational English in Japan, Taiwan, or S. Korea. No teaching background or Asian languages required. For info, call: (206) 632-1146 ext. J60652.

FOR SALE

'82 Toyota 4wd, good cond. 4 in. lift, 33 in. tires. \$3,500 OBO. '86 YZ 250 motorcycle, fair cond. Very fast, \$900 OBO. '84 V30 Magna motorcycle, w/14,000 mi. Comes with helmet + tankbag. Exc. cond. \$1800 OBO. 258-3808 ask for Brian.

386 Packard Bell computer and dot matrix printer for sale. All is in very good shape. Computer also has windows and comes with a mouse. Everything for \$1000. Willing to negotiate. Call Erika at 758-3129.

Yamaha 105 Electone Organ, like new. Great for teaching music. Paid \$1000 for it, asking \$400. Call 924-0435 if interested.

1982 Olds Tornado. Perfect burgundy interior. All options Power Moon Roof, new parts. 130k miles, \$1400, 1-800-223-3737 ex 314.

1992 Grand Prix. Excellent cond. only 28,000 miles. Loaded, \$11,050. Mon-Fri., 8-5, ext. 845. After 5:30 p.m. & weekends 926-7752.

Raleigh 3 speed bike. \$80. Collection of sports cards \$50. For info see Carol Rich in Commuter office.

HELP WANTED

ATTEN: Early childhood education majors. Put your education to work right now by helping families provide their children with the best educational toys on the market. Flexible hours and unlimited income potential. Call for information on full or part-time career opportunities with Discovery Toys, 753-9838.

Attitude is more important than experience. Seeking motivated leader for our team. For more information call (503) 363-2383 anytime.

MISCELLANEOUS

Education Loan Consolidation. Interest rates on student loans are likely to rise in July. If you are thinking of consolidating your student loan debt, you should do so now. There are eligibility factors for borrowers to get in on the FFELP consolidation program, contact the Financial Aid Office or your lender for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1995 Scottish Rite Foundation Scholarships. Ten to fifteen \$1000 awards for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Deadline to apply is July 1, 1995. Application in Career Center, Takena Hall.

The Arthur Parenzin Geography Scholarship Memorial Fund is offering one \$2000 scholarship to eligible student entering OSU Fall 1995, pursuing an undergraduate degree in geography. Deadline to apply is June 1, 1995. Apps available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

95-96 Navajo Nation Scholarship program announces aid available to eligible students. Must show verification of legal enrollment in Navajo Nation, show financial need by completing FAFSA and complete a tribal application. Deadline for winter term is Oct. 1, 1995; spring term is April 1, 1996. Apps available in Career Center.

Free Financial Aid! Over \$6 billion in private sector grants & scholarships are now available. All students are eligible regardless of grades, income, or parent's income. Let us help. Call Student Financial Services: 1-800-263-6495 ext. F60651

1995-Native American students may apply for scholarship (two \$500 awards) to be awarded to eligible applicants. Must be 1995 High School grad, resident of Wallowa County, Native American descent. Application deadline: July 10, 1995. Apps in Takena.

95-96 Oregon Logging Conference to offer scholarship to students in diesel

mechanics and forest (wood-related) studies. Approx. six awards of \$600 each to be made. Deadline to apply is June 10, 1995. Apps available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

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Babies Are a Lot of Jeans . . . If you father a child, paying for a new pair of jeans is the least of your worries. Child support will cost you as much as 9 pairs of jeans EVERY MONTH, and the State of Oregon won't let you use lay-away.

For your future . . . don't be sexually active now.



Linn County Commission on Children and Families, Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies Coalition



The PARTY'S OVER . . . When you're a teen mom, you don't dance the night away. You walk the floor all night with your crying baby.

For your future . . . be a kid, don't have a kid.



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The Commuter
A Weekly Student Publication

Creative students wanted for the 1995-96 staff

Photo Editor

This position offers valuable experience for anyone interested in a career in photography. Applicants must have knowledge of conventional lab work. Familiarity with desktop publishing helpful; opportunity to learn how to print pictures digitally.

Production Manager

The Commuter is seeking an individual with experience in graphics and/or journalism to serve as production manager. This position involves coordinating page layout, pasteup and related production operations. Macintosh experience helpful.

Assistant Editors

Students interested in arts, entertainment, copy editing and sports writing are encouraged to apply for one of the assistant editor positions. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply.

Desktop Typesetter

This part-time position pays approximately \$6+/hour for up to 12 hrs/wk. Work with the Mac to typeset copy, design ads and format tabloid pages. Macintosh experience and good English skills required; familiarity with Pagemaker helpful.

Advertising Manager

Individuals with career goals in business, graphics or journalism are sought for this position, which involves coordinating the sale, design and billing of display advertising for The Commuter. Macintosh experience helpful.

Work Study Jobs

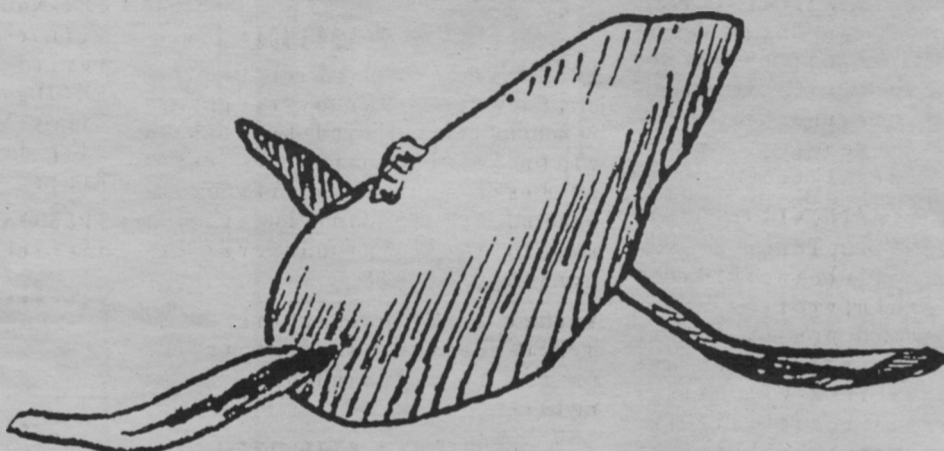
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- Production Assistant
- Advertising Assistant
- Photography Assistant

Applications available in The Commuter Office (CC210) or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-108)
For additional information call ext. 4450

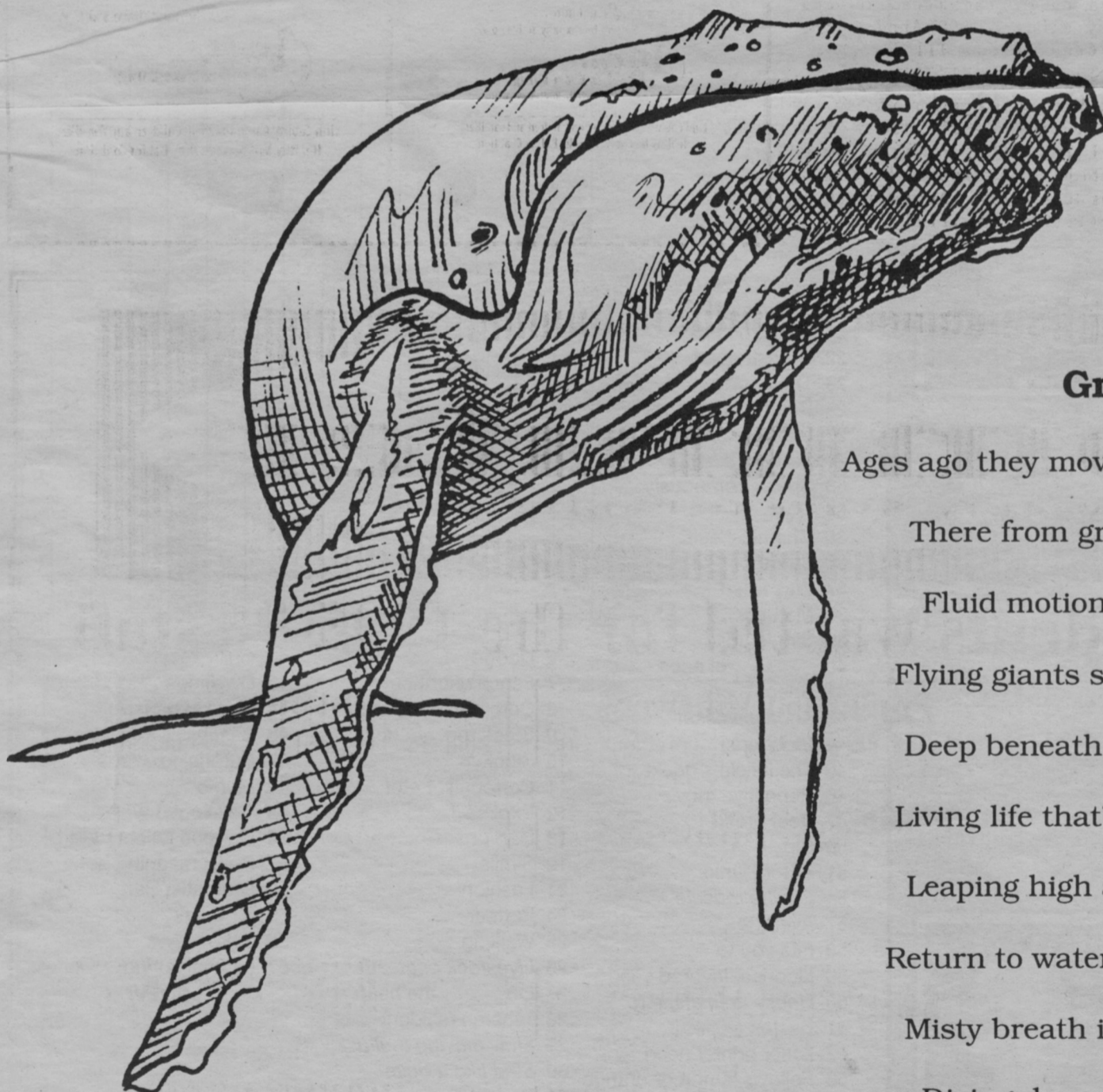
EXPRESSIONS

Whales

Whales of the sea
 Carefree and beautiful.
 Oh! how your songs set me free
 Of all the worries,
 With your beauty and gracefulness
 Of the open sea.
 Oh! set my worries free.
 Oh! Whale of the sea
 Beautiful to see
 Swimming playing so gracefully.
 In the big open sea.
 With their babies beside them
 In the open sea.
 Oh! Whales sing your song for me.



By Sandra L. Knight © '95



Grays

Ages ago they moved from land to sea.
 There from gravity to be free.
 Fluid motion, magic dance.
 Flying giants sing song chants.
 Deep beneath the ocean blue.
 Living life that's tried and true.
 Leaping high against the sky.
 Return to water thunders boom.
 Misty breath in morning's air.
 Diving deep without a care.

Illustrations by Corey Stevens

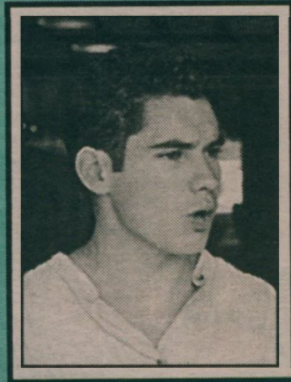
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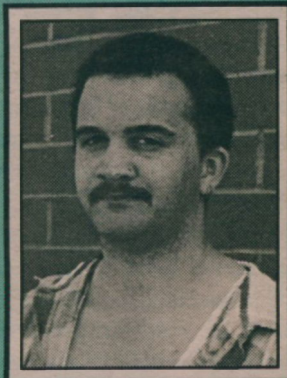
you said it

What do you think should happen to Bob Packwood?

"I tend not to know exactly what the situation is. All you can go by is what women say about what he has done. I think the Congress has a right to investigate his personal life. He is a representative of the U.S., therefore truth and justice should be upheld."



Corey Stephens, Albany
1st year, Graphic Design



"Our government is based on a system of fact. Everyone deserves equal protection under its laws. I think he did it, but I think the court should let him have his day."

Simon Turner, Corvallis
2nd year, Criminal Justice

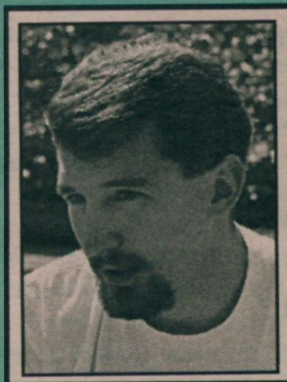
"I really believe they should look at all the evidence and judge it. An investigation should go forward, all the evidence should be heard, and people should not prejudge."

Gina Golden-Yancey, Albany
1st year, Business



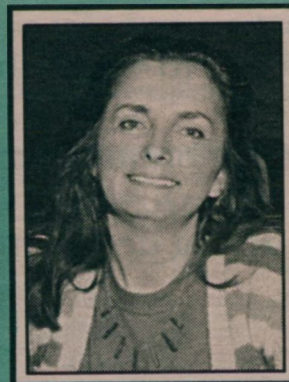
"If they found him to be guilty, I think they should make him leave Congress. He should get the same punishment like any regular person."

Doug Such, Albany
2nd year, Computer Science



"He holds such a powerful position that Oregon would lose out on not having a representative in such a position. But, on the other hand, why should he be excused for his behavior? No one else could get away with it."

Barbara Mathews, Jefferson
2nd year, Business

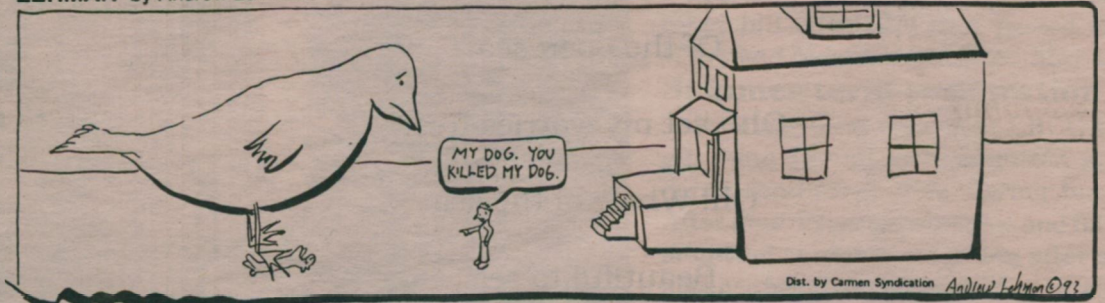


they said it

"It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it."

—Joseph Joubert

LEHMAN by Andrew Lehman



YES, THE BLUE BIRD OF HAPPINESS HAD ARRIVED AT LAST.



Crossword 101

"Animalistic"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tennis legend
 - 5 Congress:Abrev
 - 10 Fathers
 - 14 Donnybrook
 - 15 Egg shaped
 - 16 Buffalo's lake
 - 17 Memo subject abrv.
 - 18 *Feline X-ray machine*
 - 20 _____ Miserables
 - 21 Unconstrained
 - 22 Unrestrained
 - 23 Theatricize
 - 25 Diatribe
 - 27 Diatribe
 - 29 *Serpent's hangout*
 - 33 Speak pompously
 - 34 Trap
 - 35 Chemical suffix
 - 36 Stride
 - 37 Was killed
 - 38 Matures
 - 39 Single unit
 - 40 _____ of aces
 - 41 Sheep's cry
 - 42 *Aquatic vessel*
 - 44 Slobbers
 - 45 The infield's goals
 - 46 Repetitive movie
 - 47 Beef breed
 - 50 Rip
 - 51 Actor Hanks
 - 54 *Equine muscle*
 - 57 Average
 - 58 Fits you to _____
 - 59 Licorice-flavored seed
 - 60 *House animals, e.g.*
 - 61 Bastes
 - 62 Laser printer need
 - 63 Follows lemon or orange

- DOWN**
- 1 Seed covering
 - 2 Trig term
 - 3 *Equine contests*
 - 4 French summer
 - 5 Find

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- 6 Dodge
- 7 Fence entrance
- 8 Common contraction
- 9 Stock reg. agency
- 10 Signify
- 11 Cartoonist Peter
- 12 Expires
- 13 Dry
- 19 Similar
- 21 Fashion
- 24 Partner
- 25 Walking _____
- 26 *Livestock chateau*
- 27 On _____ the heap
- 28 Teheran resident
- 29 *Slow moving mollusk*
- 30 *Strut like a dove*
- 31 Perfect
- 32 Tries
- 34 Cabbage salads
- 37 Stain
- 38 Baseball's Matty
- 40 Maltreatment
- 41 Chilly reaction
- 43 Dwellings
- 44 More expensive
- 46 Baseball's Pee Wee
- 47 Surprising words
- 48 Memo
- 49 Developed
- 50 Harmon Killebrew, e.g.
- 52 Prefix meaning bone
- 53 Dramatist Hart
- 55 Mr Sajak
- 56 Yoko _____
- 57 Mineral spring

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