

Citizenship Class

It's more than just a grade for these future Americans

News to Know

The Commuter launches a weekly current events quiz to test you

Roadrunner Roster

LB men's basketball team brings experience, youth to the court

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Let There Be Light

Looney Lane has long been a dark and treacherous road at its intersection with Hwy 34. After being turned down for several months, college officials and local state representatives have finally convinced the state highway department to install a street light, making it safer for students commuting to campus from Corvallis for night classes.

Students offer opinions, 'insights' on current affairs

The Commuter's first 'unscientific' survey polls students on condoms, candidates and college mascots

Compiled by The Commuter Staff

Tired of public opinion polls and surveys telling us that Bush has a 72 percent approval rating, Madonna is rated America's smartest women or 25 percent of us believe JFK was assassinated by the CIA?

Well, now you can turn to The Commuter Opinion Poll for a weekly barometer measuring campus views and insights concerning local, state and national issues.

In its debut last week, 180 students responded to the following set of questions:

Question No. 1

Students were asked to name one Democratic candidate who has "thrown his hat in the ring" for the '92 election, and of the many names that were produced, the most striking fact was 49 percent of the respondents COULD NOT name even one candidate.

David Duke (who is a practicing Republican) led the way with 21 votes, which shows how media attention can make someone a household name, even if the public isn't clear on the details. Here's the rest of the pack and the number of votes:

Jerry Brown	12
Douglas Wilder	10
Mario Cuomo	8
Bob Kerrey	8
Paul Tsongas	6
Tom Harkin	6
Jesse Jackson	5
Bill Clinton	5
Pat Buchanan	3
Ted Kennedy	2

Question No. 2

Should condoms be distributed at area high schools?

YES—79% NO—21%

Question No. 3

To gauge awareness of Linn-Benton, students were told to name LB's school nickname. Perhaps not surprisingly, 45 percent had no idea what the school nickname was, while 30 percent identified the Roadrunner as the correct school mascot.

Among the remaining nicknames that leaped from the pens of the pollsters, and the number of votes:

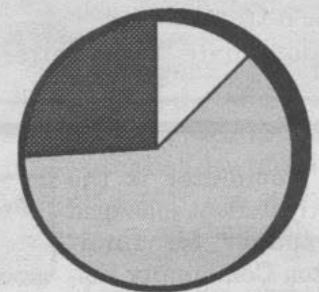
UCLA (University of Corvallis, Lebanon and Albany)	10
Lame Brain CC	10
Tangent Tech	4
Kangaroos	2
Little Beavers	2
Lettuce Bacon Double Cheese	2

And our favorite:

PCPU (Parking lot to Class to Parking lot University.)

Question No. 4

In order to gauge student opinion on the prevailing national debate over President Bush's globetrotting policies, students were asked whether our leader spends too much time traveling at the expense of tending to domestic issues. And here's the breakdown:



Is President Bush focusing too much attention on our foreign policy instead of the domestic agenda?

- Too much attention
- Enough attention
- Not enough attention

Special interest groups depleting America's strength

Award-winning columnist urges Americans to seek unity in the diversity of American culture

By **Kathe Nielsen**
For the Commuter

Fragmentation of the national interest by factions seeking "group advantages" is close to creating a "near-total breakdown of the American society into warring components," said William J. Raspberry Washington Post columnist Monday night.

Addressing over 700 people in OSU's LaSells Stewart Center at the 10th annual Tom McCall lecture to honor

the former governor and Martin Luther King Jr., he said that special interest groups may have come to the well once too often and in the process, depleted the source of the country's fairness and strength.

"Genuine discrimination has been perverted to wholesale jockeying for group advantage," said Raspberry. He used the splintering on campuses nationwide as an example to illustrate what he referred to as the "politics of difference."

One group of students may feel discriminated against and begin "prospecting for nuggets of racism; they are easy to find," he said, then the group

LBCC's Diversity Week Activities listed on pg. 4

cashes in those "nuggets" at the "Assayer's" office (the college administration) and because it works for one group, others follow the pattern. Pretty soon, said Raspberry, the only group left without "nuggets" is the white American male.

These current leaders of specialized interest groups, in their efforts to champion their individual concerns, have relinquished the importance of human beings for the advantages of

the group's well-being, according to Raspberry.

These people are not the moral successors to the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he stressed. They have "lost his genius, his belief, not in special advantage, but in unity," Raspberry said.

King's strength came from the desire to have each individual judged by their own character, not be their affiliation with a particular group. His efforts attempted to knit the nation into a community rather than splitting it into "warring entities" as seems to be

Turn to 'Raspberry', Pg. 5

Hey brother, can you spare a ride

Trend setters, with their predictions of what's hot, what's not; what's in, what's out. With their fingers tapped into the pulse of pop culture, always one step ahead of the burgeoning masses.

editorial

I don't hate "trend setters." I just don't buy into the malarkey they spew.

This past week, I read three separate articles charting the course for the shape of things to come. Yet, as I sifted through these musings of "journalistic junk food," I noticed one common denominator hidden in the rummage—Owning a car is out; Mass transit is in.

Ditch the Beamer, catch the bus. By George they might be on to something.

Judging from our decaying infrastructure of highways, clogged arteries to the metropolitan centers and clogged skies choked from "freedom on the open road," Americans are on the cusp of entering into a new era—by little or no choice of their own.

But we do possess choices that we ignore each day when it comes to getting from point A to point B. Especially on the campus front.

LBCC has two programs; Share a Ride and car pooling that are avoided by the student body and faculty. Take a look at the car next to you as you exit the packed parking lot. Chances are there's one lonely rider at the controls. When is the last time that solitary autopilot offered a ride to someone waiting for the bus or brought up the subject of carpooling with their friends.

Stop complaining about the overcrowded parking lot, the exhaust in the air and potholes in the road. Do something about it. Offer a ride, take the bus twice a week.

Be a trend setter.

I don't hate "trend setters."

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GM took wrong turn, one car at a time

On the one hand, we have to feel for the tens of thousands of General Motors workers who are waiting for the other shoe to drop. For the families that will be wondering where the next paycheck will come from.

On the other hand, I think back to when General Motors and I parted company for good. And I wonder how many others there are like me.

It was 31 years ago and I was buying my first new car. Until then, I had bought nothing but used cars. Get a cheap beater, run it until it falls apart, and then find another one.

But I had finally landed a job on a good newspaper and did some moonlighting on weekends, so it was time to start the process.

The process in those days and before was to buy an inexpensive model. Something like a Chevy. Then, if your income grew, you might later move up to something like a Buick. The Century, if you wanted something to peel away from a light, or the Roadmaster, if you wanted the feel of a road yacht.

And there was the ultimate status symbol: the Caddy. Get behind the wheel, sink down into the plushness, stick a cigar in your mouth, pull into traffic, and you were telling the world that you had it baby, and you were flaunting it.

I was at the first step. So I carefully and prudently picked out a two-door Chevy with a stick shift and a 6-cylinder engine. That was when a 6-cylinder was the mark of the real tightwad, since gas was so cheap.

It had few accessories. A radio, whitewalls, but no power anything. It was, however, new. And after 24 monthly payments, it would be mine.

A month after I bought it, I went on a vacation to Door County, Wis. Halfway there, the car did something strange. The gearshift made a noise, something like "boing?" and jumped from third gear into neutral.

I was traveling at highway speeds at the time, so the leaping stick shift was unnerving. Had it happened at the wrong moment, it could of got us killed.

I slammed it back into third. But a few miles later, it did the same thing.

By the end of vacation, I was driving with one hand while holding the quivering stick shift in third. It was like an arm-wrestling match.

When I told the dealer's service department about it, they said they'd take care of the problem. A few days later, I had the car back. The next time I was on

a highway, it did the same thing.

After several more trips to the dealer, with the same results, I made what I thought was a reasonable suggestion. Since it was obvious that they couldn't solve the problem, I would return the car and they could give me a new car that didn't have a demented transmission.

They thought I was a funny guy and that was a funny idea. So they told me that it was simply a matter of time before they found and corrected the little glitch that made it impossible for me to drive more than 35 m.p.h. without risking death.

They didn't. I finally gave up and traded the car in on something else. It was not a GM product. So the process ended right there. No upward mobility to a Buick or Olds or Caddy.

Not that it mattered to GM. I was one low-budget guy who bought one stripped-down model of their cheapest car. They were GM, king of the mountain, the biggest carmaker in the world, one of the great corporations of all time. What did the loss of a stiff like me matter?

But now, it turns out, it did matter. I wasn't the only one stuck with a lemon that year or in later years. Once I began writing a regular column, I'd hear from people who had similar experiences. They would send me stacks of frustrating correspondence they had with GM and other carmakers. And there was a sameness to the stories. The car was a clunker, the dealer couldn't make good, and somebody in Detroit would send a letter offering little more than sympathy, and not much of that.

And it has finally caught up with GM. It can blame the Japanese and the Germans for horning in on their market; or blame Washington for not protecting them from the foreign invaders; or the Baby Boom generation for not having American brand loyalty. But GM did it to itself.

If it had not been stiffing customers and had made quality products, there wouldn't have been much of a Japanese and European car invasion. But because of its arrogance and stupidity, General Motors opened the gates and made itself the great shrinking giant.

The pity is that those at fault, the top executives who made all the wrong decisions, aren't going to feel the pain. They've cashed in their stock options, invested their hefty year-end bonuses, and stashed their bundles. They won't be in the unemployment lines with the assembly line crowd and the low-level managers.

But I'm not one to hold a grudge. Maybe someday I'll buy a GM product again. Sure I will. The day they find that old Chevy and replace the transmission.

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forum

American health care system due for reform

By Peter DeFazio
For the Commuter

Our nation's medical professionals deliver what certainly qualifies as the world's highest quality health care. The problem isn't the quality of care we receive, it's the simple fact that for millions of Americans, decent health care is increasingly unaffordable, if not out of reach altogether.

The United States spends a larger share of its national output on health care than any other industrialized nation, yet 37 million Americans are entirely uninsured; millions more are inadequately covered against the costs of sudden illness or injury. The U.S. is the world's only major industrialized nation that does not provide its citizens with comprehensive health care.

We spend more than twice as much per person on health care as Germany or Japan. Yet our infant mortality rate is exceeded by only two other industrialized nations - Portugal and Greece. Citizens in 17

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--Peter DeFazio

costs are staggering. Providing emergency health care for the uninsured costs about \$10 billion a year. Those costs are shared by all of us in the form of higher insurance premiums and rising hospital charges.

Our health insurance system is a patchwork of private plans, most commonly provided through the workplace, and the public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Twenty-four cents out of every U.S. health care dollar are spent on administration and billing. The U.S. General Accounting Office estimates that our health care system, with over 1,500 private insurers, wastes at least \$67 billion a year in redundant paper shuffling and red tape.

Family health care costs are going through the roof. Payments for health insurance premiums nearly tripled during the 1980's. Out-of-pocket health care expenses for working families will increase by more than 500 percent between 1980 and 2000. The average Oregon family will pay about \$3,900 this year to support the nation's health care system, a figure expected to increase to \$8,772 in the next decade.

Washington, D.C. is finally getting the message. Congress is considering about three dozen bills to reform the nation's health care system. The President is reported to be working on his own set of proposals. When the House and Senate reconvene in January, I expect the debate on national health care to begin at long last.

There are a number of basic approaches to national health care reform.

The first is the "single payer" approach, which would scrap our existing system of competing private and public insurance in favor of a single publicly-financed and -administered national health insurance system. Patients would still have the choice of physicians and hospitals. Cost savings would be achieved by keeping the rise in total health care costs more in line with family incomes.

The second is known as the "pay or play" approach. "Pay or play" would build on the existing mix of employment-based health insurance and public programs by requiring employers to either provide their employees with comprehensive health insurance or pay to enroll them in an expanded public plan. Unemployed, retired and disabled Americans would be covered by an expanded Medicare-like public program.

Other legislative approaches would attempt to broaden access to health care by offering tax incentives to employers and individuals, allowing them to gain tax credits for the purchase of health insurance. One proposal would expand Medicare and Medicaid to serve all of the uninsured. Other bills would reform the health insurance market, making coverage more affordable for individuals and small businesses.

Any new health care programs are likely to be expensive. The proposals on the table would be financed through different combinations of new payroll

taxes, increases in corporate and personal income taxes, federal contributions equal to current spending on health care and additional state contributions.

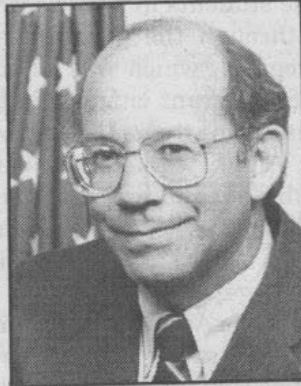
During the first half of January, I'll be holding eight different townhall meetings in communities throughout Southwestern Oregon to discuss the crisis in American health care. We'll examine the legislative proposals before Congress and consider their merits and defects.

Oregon has a lot to say to the rest of the nation on the subject of health care reform. We've already led the way with a courageous and innovative approach to the shortfall in federal Medicaid spending. These townhall meetings should provide a golden opportunity for Oregonians to shape the congressional debate that will begin early next year.

The meetings will be held between January 8th and the 16th. Similar meetings will be held in congressional districts all across the nation. Call one of my offices for details and join me to kick off the congressional debate on national health care.

Local health care town hall meeting dates and times are as follows. In Philomath on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 3 - 4 p.m. at the Philomath City Hall at 1215 Main; and in Albany on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 - 8 p.m. at the Old Armory Building at 4th and Lyons.

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President Bush plans attack on ailing economy

By Matt Rasmussen
Formerly of The Commuter

It seems that President Bush is finally ready to acknowledge the poor State of the Union. Not the former Soviet Union, mind you, but the other Evil Empire—The United States of America.

It's not known just exactly how the President found out about the sad shape America is

blast from the past

in. Perhaps one of the many daily economic indicator graphs he sees got turned right side up for a change; or possibly one of those dismal memos from the Federal Reserve was mistakenly mixed in with his Christmas cards; or maybe it was the fact that Dan Quayle got altogether too excited over finally getting his very own Publishers Sweepstakes entry.

At any rate, the President is now aware of the situation, and as the ever-youthful Mister Quayle put it, Bush is "almost mad enough to do something about it!"

Heavens knows we don't want George mad about anything else. The economy, after all, is not something you can call on General Schwartzkopf and the 82nd Airborne to fix. No, this problem will require a little more finesse than tank treads and smart bombs.

The President is, however, planning an invasion—but instead of the Pentagon planning the maneuver, Curious George is looking to Madison Avenue for the battle plans. And with a little luck we'll all be running around like Joe Isuzu shouting: The British are coming! The British are coming!

Only this time we shall greet them with open arms instead of musket balls and tea parties. The Minutemen, who have long since lost even their ragged farming clothes, will get shiny red doorman outfits. Of course they'll have to pick up the pace a little—if you're planning to support a family on gratuities you gotta move for the bags in well under a minute.

Tourism, folks, that's the ticket. And not just those high-pressure British businessmen zipping over on the Concorde to check on their billions in holdings in the former colonies, then dashing back to jolly old England in time for tea and crumpets. No, we want the whole family.

It's fourth and long and George Bush is finally looking to move the ball downfield. He is going to the air with a play out of the Lee Iaccoca's game-plan. The old chairman of the board pitch play.

Picture the President strolling across the TV screen in a comfortable double knit shirt and a kinder gentler golf cap. "America is a land of contrasts," he says, "from rolling green fields to sandy white beaches to red-hot Dixieland jazz. You'll find Great Lakes and a Grand Canyon. Today there are more reasons than ever to visit America, and there's never been a better time than now."

There sure hasn't. What with the American economy in the shape it's in, you'll have no trouble making reservations or finding accommodations. No long lines, stay as long as you like—we're literally dying to serve you!

The new 1.6 million dollar advertising campaign is just the start of the Bush revitalization plan. If the British take the bait, advertisers will work around the clock to develop a campaign for Germany and Japan.

It was a wise move by the President to start this economic ball rolling in the U.K.—this way we can polish our hospitality skills on people who speak the same language. After we master the art of international kow-towing, we can work on the foreign language skills necessary to going after the groups with the real money: the Germans and the Japanese.

Editors note: Matt Rasmussen, editor of The Commuter 1987-88, is working on his B.A in Journalism at Oregon State University.

U.S. health care system facts

- The United States spends a larger share of its national output on health care than any other industrialized nation, yet between 34 and 37 million Americans are entirely uninsured; millions more are inadequately covered against the costs of sudden illness or injury. The U.S. is the world's only major industrialized nation that doesn't provide its citizens with comprehensive health care.
- Providing emergency health care for the uninsured costs about \$10 billion a year. Those costs are shared by all of us in the form of higher insurance premiums and rising hospital charges.
- In 1989, our nation's overall health care spending totalled \$2,354 for every man, woman and child, more than twice as much per person as Germany or Japan.
- Yet our infant mortality rate is exceeded by only two other industrialized nations - Portugal and Greece. Citizens in 17 of the 23 industrialized nations can expect to live longer than citizens in the U.S.
- Twenty-four cents out of every U.S. health care dollar are spent on administration and billing. The U.S. General Accounting Office estimates that our health care system, with over 1,500 private insurers, wastes at least \$67 billion a year in redundant paper shuffling and red tape.
- Without comprehensive health care reform, U.S. health care costs are expected to swell to \$5,515 per person by the year 2000, a 443 percent increase since 1980.
- Working families will bear the brunt of that increase, experiencing a 512 percent increase in out-of-pocket health care costs by the year 2000, not counting the money paid out for health insurance premiums.
- The trend is well underway. According to a CBS/New York Times poll, nearly 50 percent of all working families had health benefits cut by their employer, or were required to contribute more for coverage last year.
- Polls show that the vast majority of our citizens supports a major overhaul of the nation's health care system. But what kind of health care system does America want? And how will we pay for it?

Students from many countries prep for citizenship in LB class

Questions prospective citizens face would pose problems for most native born Americans

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

Do you know what year the Revolutionary War began? Or who helped the American colonists fight for independence? Or how many delegates signed the Declaration of Independence?

Not many American citizens do, but it's part of the information that prospective citizens study to prepare for the Immigration and Naturalization Service test in a free class offered at LBCC.

Through small, informal groups, students learn about the rights, privileges and responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen. The course is a mixture of learning about such things as national symbols, customs, U.S. government and U.S. history.

Students also learn about the steps necessary for naturalization and how to handle the Immigration and Naturalization Service forms that are required to become citizens.

According to the class instructor, Julia Amicci, the course involves viewing an INS video that is available at any public library to help future citizens prepare for their test. In addition to the video, students study class handouts and then review them with each other in class.

Amicci says the students are encouraged to learn through their interaction with each other. The various

mixtures of cultures and backgrounds of the students helps to move them along toward their goal of citizenship.

The first class of the eight week course, which met on Jan. 7, brought together a mixture of people from around the globe. Students attending represented the countries of Canada, England, Italy, Korea, Mexico and the Philippines.

Many of the students in past classes have come through the government Amnesty Program, which was established in 1986 to grant citizenship to aliens who had come to the U.S. before Jan. 1, 1982. Amicci worked as an outreach specialist for the program, and helped applicants with the various forms involved, as well as bridging the communication gap.

To qualify for the Amnesty program, applicants had to speak English and meet other government requirements to qualify for citizenship six and one-half years later. The purpose of the program was to get rid of a "shadow class" of people who had been contributing to the U.S. economy through their work but were highly exploitable due to their illegal status.

According to INS records, approximately 1.8 million persons came forward by the May 1988 deadline. Another 1.2 million had applied for a special amnesty programs for foreign farm workers that expired Nov. 30, 1988.

"With the Amnesty Program, applicants had to send evidence that they had been here for so many years," explained Amicci. "They had to show their evidence of work and that they



Photo by Jack Josewski

Julia Amicci instructs prospective U.S. citizens in her citizenship class. At left is Victor Lopez, whose son is taking the class.

had not been a burden on the state."

Much of the material covered in the class is information that most citizens would consider common place, such as the location of the 50 states and their names. However, some of the information taught in the class would stump many natural citizens.

The following questions, as well as the ones at the beginning of this story, were taken from the video provided by the INS to help applicants prepare for the citizenship test.

1. Who was the second U.S. president? (John Adams)
2. Who was the third U.S. president? (Thomas Jefferson)

3. When did the civil war begin? (1861)

4. How many amendments have been made to the Constitution? (26)

5. Which amendment gave women the right to vote? (19th)

6. Which amendment limits the president to two terms? (22nd)

7. How long does a member of the U.S. Senate serve? (6 years)

The U.S. Citizenship class is on Thursday night from 7-10 p.m. in Takena 213. Students with limited English skills are welcome. Additional information is available from the Student Development Division. Phone 967-8836.

LBCC DIVERSITY WEEK JANUARY 20-24 1992

JANUARY 20, 1992
TAKENA THEATRE 11AM-1 PM
KATHLEEN CROSS
"WORKING WITH DIVERSITY"

Ms. Cross, a former MHCC student, is service coordinator for Self-Enhancement, Inc., a Portland non-profit organization serving inner city children. She has appeared on the Donnahue show, and was featured in the 1990 issue of EBONY magazine. Kathleen does consulting on cross cultural issues, and teaches drug and alcohol prevention.

JANUARY 22, 1992
FIRESIDE ROOM 12-1:30 PM
APRIL FALKIN
"BLACK ENGLISH"

Ms. Falkin has a Ph.D in French and English linguistics, with a specialty in the area of the social implications of language. During 89-90, April was a Fulbright Program professor of linguistics in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, and gave a Black English presentation to a group of English majors. Most Americans are unaware that Black English is an actual systematic "dialect" of English, rather than a corruption of it. April encourages an open mind and non-prejudicial judgements. Her presentation is a combination of video and lecture.

JANUARY 24, 1992
TAKENA THEATRE 11AM-1PM
PHILLIP WALKER
"MULTI-CULTURAL SENSITIVITY"

Perhaps Phillip E. Walker has become one of america's most sought after black speakers because he is a true 90's renaissance man. Being black has encouraged Phillip to speak on subjects relating to that culture. Being a renaissance man has encouraged him to speak to such diverse audiences as : Suffolk University's Graduate Management seminar, to the Keynote speaker for the National Association for Dramatic and Speech Arts, and many others. Listeners will find Phillip prepared, informative and entertaining. Useful for people from all walks of life, the lecture is a lively, non-threatening discussion, which encourages audiences to actively share their stories of success and failure in this area. Designed to identify usable, concrete techniques, rather than the nebulous philosophizing often connected to this subject.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT PROGRAMS OFFICE, EXT. 831



campus briefs

Emergency loan fund

The Rotary Club of Corvallis has an emergency loan fund for Oregon college students who graduated from an Oregon high school. "Operation Rescue" is a loan program for students who have an emergency financial crisis and need a loan quickly. The program fills the need for quick service loans that other agencies cannot provide.

The loans are intended to be short term and must be repaid. "Operation Rescue" is designed to help those students who encounter a financial emergency that might cause them to drop out of school.

For information about the scholar loan program, write to the Rotary Scholar Foundation, 3232 SW Cascade Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333, or call Dan Petrequin at 753-3989, or Ralph Allen at 754-1195.

LB photography exhibit

"Viewing the Natural Landscape Together - Photographers Elaine Ellmaker Clark and Gordon K. Clark," a color photography exhibit by the Clarks will be on display Jan. 6 - 31 in the LBCC Art Gallery, Humanities room 100.

A gallery talk by the artists will be

held Friday, Jan. 17 at noon in the Art Gallery followed immediately by a reception for the artists.

The Clarks will exhibit 44 color photographs, 22 from each artist, of coastal and mountain landscapes. The images are from locations in Oregon, California, Utah, British Columbia, Washington, Arizona, and Nevada. Sixteen of the photographs are new. Both artists focus on the landscape showing a selective view of patterns, forms, textures and always true saturated color.

Valley writers series

Award-winning poet Juan Felipe Herrera leads off the Valley Writers Series at LBCC on Wednesday, Jan. 22. The series, organized to make reading by creative writers accessible to the college and the community, is celebrating its fourth anniversary at college.

Herrera won an American Book Award for his book of poems "Facegames." His other collections of poetry include "Akrilica," "ZenJose," and "Exiles of Desire." he is currently collecting material for a history of Raza writing in the San Francisco Bay area and teaches at Fresno State University.

Herrera will read from his works noon - 1 p.m. in room 104 of the Forum Building at LBCC.

The Valley Writers Series is sponsored by the LBCC English Department and the Associated Students of LBCC. The public is invited to attend. While the event is free, donations to help defray costs are accepted. For more information contact Jane White at ext. 219.

Nursing students excel

Associate degree nursing students in Oregon had the highest passing rate among community colleges on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) in 1991. Oregon's rate was 97.2 percent for associate degree nursing students while Wyoming was second at 97.0

percent. When the scores for both associate degree and bachelor degree students were considered, the reverse was true: Oregon (96.3 percent) was second to Wyoming (97.5).

Linn-Benton Community College has been a leader among Oregon community college nursing programs, graduating its first class in 1971. Since 1983, the overall passing rate by graduates of the LBCC Nursing program is 100 percent pass, with 324 students passing on the first attempt (97.8 percent) and the remaining 13 students passing the second time.

The LBCC Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing, the official national accrediting agency for nursing education.

Journal deadline soon

The Eloquent Umbrella, LBCC's Creative Arts Journal is extending its deadline for submissions of poetry, short stories, prose, essays, art and photography until Monday, Jan. 20. This year the journal will be produced by the new Literary Publications class.

Submissions are available at the AHSS office 116 and Benton Center. Students, faculty and community writers and artists are encouraged to submit. For more information call Linda Smith at 753-3335.

Kid's drama workshops

In preparation for its annual play for children, the LB Performing Arts Department is holding free drama workshops for children ages 9 to 12. The workshops will be held 1 - 3 p.m. Jan. 18, 25 and Feb. 1 in the Mainstage Theatre, Takena Hall on the main LBCC campus.

The workshops are limited to 20 children each. For workshop reservations, call Glenda or Laurie at 967-6504 between 8 and 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Public performances of the children's play, "The Wheel" by Brian Way, will be presented Feb. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 16 and 23 at 3 p.m.

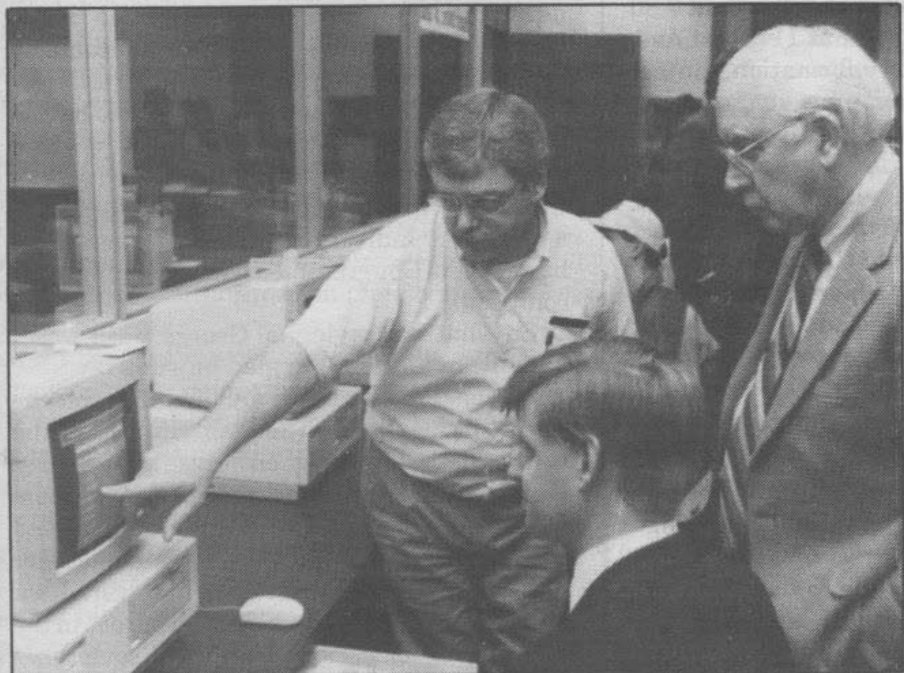


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Checking It Out

Skip Ryan (seated), a representative of Hewlett Packard, talks with Bob Adams of the LBCC Board of Education and Jim Crotts, the LRC Lab Manager, as they examine Hewlett Packard's donation of eight Vectra computers and two printers. A commemorative plaque for HP's donation, which is estimated at \$44,000, now hangs in the LRC.

Raspberry sees need for acceptance

happening now said Raspberry.

Raspberry encouraged the audience not to ignore "the river"—the American culture as a whole—and become preoccupied in individual "streams" of interest. The dangers of that soon turns from "my stream must be recognized" to "my stream is better than your stream."

He urged the group in attendance to accept the perspectives and contributions of all people toward what is the American culture currently: "Culture is not something that happened a long time ago and has stayed still. What is important is to borrow from all the cultures and find out what works. The river is changing every blessed day."

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MUSIC

JAN. 15

The Music Department of OSU presents "Lecture-Concert I: The Late Romantics" as part of their Winter Music Festival Series at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis at 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Music Department at 737-4061.

JAN. 16

The Eugene Hult Center presents the a cappella quartet "Sweetgrass" as part of the Showcase Free Noon Concert, held in the Lobby at 12:15 p.m.

coming soon

JAN. 17

"The Crazy Eights" with special guests Svengali, two Portland-Corvallis based rock/funk/ska bands open at the "Top of the Peacock" at 8 p.m. at the Peacock in Corvallis. There is a \$5 cover charge. The Peacock is located at 125 SW 2nd.

The East Avenue Tavern in Portland presents Good 'Ol Person country artist Sally Van Meter at 9 p.m. She is also holding an album release and signing party to celebrate the release of her new album. The Tavern is located at 727 East Burnside Avenue. For more information, call 236-6900.

JAN. 21

Famous Woodstock folk artist Richie Havens will play at the Eugene Hult Center at 8:30 p.m. in the Soreng room. Tickets are \$13.50 in advance and \$15 at the door. For ticket information, call 687-5000. There are discounts for students, seniors and groups on many shows.

FILM/THEATER

JAN. 14

Jazz, rock, blues, gospel, cajun and country are all showcased in the Portland Art Museum Northwest Center's annual "Reel Music" festival, sponsored by Willamete Week and Music Millenium continues through Feb. 9. All films will screen at the Museum's Berg Swann Auditorium at 1219 SW Park Avenue in Portland. Admission is \$5 general, \$4 for seniors and museum members.

JAN. 17

Peter Medak's 1990 film "The Krays" is Great Britain's entry in the winter edition of the International Film Series at Wilkinson Auditorium at OSU. The film begins at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.75. Call 737-2450 for more information.

The Pentacle Theatre in Salem presents "Romantic Notions, Music of Broadway," directed by Jo Dodge and David Cristobal, opening at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Mid-Valley Arts Council Office at 265 Court Street NE in Salem. To charge by phone, call 370-7469.

JAN. 19

The Eugene Hult Center celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with comedienne Bertrice Berry at 7 p.m. in the Silva Room. It continues with "The Dream Lives On Jubilee," with keynote speaker Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth on Jan. 20 at the same time.

JAN. 20

Auditions begin for the Marc Kemper-directed "This One Thing I Do," the story of the long-time friendship between Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, two pioneers of suffrage at 7:30 p.m. at the Regina Fraser Theater at 111 First Ave. West in Albany. For scripts or information, contact Marc Kemper at 754-0943.

JAN. 25

Rhys Thomas from Seattle will present "Up For Grabs," an acrobatic comedy juggling show in the old tradition of new vaudeville at Calapooia Middle School at 830 24th Ave. SE in Albany. The concert is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and admission is \$3 at the door.

ART

JAN. 14

"Inquiry into Landscape," an exhibit of paintings by Czech-born artist Jana Demartini, will be shown at the Memorial Union Concourse Gallery of OSU through Feb. 1.

JAN. 23

The Salem Arts Association will present two exhibitions through Feb. 23 in the Bush Barn Art Center: "Dennis Gould—The Past Ten Years" in the A.N. Bush Gallery and "Annegret Disterheft—People of Salem" in the Corner Gallery. The public is invited to attend the opening reception of both shows on Jan. 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the Bush Barn Art Center. The exhibits, opening and lecture are free or charge.

JAN. 24

Dr. Stephen Hawking, Lucasian professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University and author of the best-selling "A Brief History of Time," is slated to give a public lecture in Portland at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. and in Eugene at the Hult Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 25.



Stephen Hawking

Excerpts From:
"Master George: Fear and Loathing and a Rolled-Up Paper"
 By Millie Bush
 Milk Bones Printing Press/\$17.34
 Date of release: February 29, 1999.

I have often heard Americans revere my master George as a wonderful, kind President. Obviously they never peed on his sheets because he left them in his room overnight with an abnormally gargantuan bladder. And they never felt a rolled-up Sunday edition of the New York Times being slammed repeatedly across their hairy backs

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 satire by cory frye

They never knew what it was like to be told to fetch a stick that was never thrown, which makes you look like the dumbest bitch ever to walk the White House lawn (excluding maybe a few first ladies), or to be laughed at by hundreds of Congressmen when you come back confused.

So what I'm saying is, George Bush was a horrible man. And I'm glad he's dead.

Not only did he make my life miserable, he also made me stay with Saddam Hussein during the Persian Gulf war when he was hiding out at George's cabin in Kennebunkport. Now there was a real scum. He only fed me after he tasted the Alpo before he put it in my bowl. Sometimes I'd sit there for hours watching him scarf down four or five cans. When he'd take me out in the morning to do my business, he'd sometimes forget that I was out there and leave me to fend for myself against that slobbering Saint Bernhard who thought I was a carpet. When George came back he'd often try to see if I could outrun Airforce One and he and Barb would laugh and laugh, pet me, and laugh some more. Being a Bush really sucks. Neil could tell you that.

My last experience with George and Barb was during the now infamous '92 Campaign Trail when they took me along for votes. We were in Toad Fairy, Arkansas, where George gave a speech at the "Hank Williams, Jr. Bar and Bruise" on levying a humongous tax on chewing tobacco. Even I could have told him that was a stupid move. When that redneck lunged for his throat, George put me in between, shouting, "Sic 'im, Millie! Sic 'im!"

Yeah, right. The only time he treats me like a dog and not as a source of entertainment, I have to suddenly defend his life. "No way," I thought and struggled free, leaving him to fight his own battles. When I last looked behind me, I saw Barb delivering Karate Kid-like kicks under the redneck's Texas-shaped belt buckle. That was the last time I ever saw the Bushes. A year later, George was killed by a diaper service truck in New York and Barb married John F. Kennedy, Jr., in Las Vegas. She now owns half of the NRA and is an avid koala bear hunter, living like Dian Fosse in Australia. Locals call her the "Aussie Fosse" and she swigs Dos Equis like nobody's business.

Me, I'm living the life of luxury as Hugh Hefner's dog in Brentwood. He found me on his doorstep and used me in the August 1993 pictorial "Teacher and Student" with Alyssa Milano with MacCauley Culkin. I really don't care to return to the life of President's First Dog and I wouldn't wish such torture on other animals—even cats.

Peace Club introduces international film series open to students and community

The LBCC Peace Club presents a nine-part video series chronicling The Struggles For Poland, a historical film retrospective from the early 1900's to the rise of the Solidarity movement.

The 60 minute films are part of the Peace Club's educational workshop in preparation for the group's trip to Poland during this summer for the Sixth International Peace Conference planned for Poznan,

Poland. This Thursday's film at 3:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room, will begin with the 1905 revolts following the Russo-Japanese War.

The general public is encouraged to attend, and donations for the Peace Club's trip to Poland will be graciously accepted at the door. For more information contact Doug Clark, ext. 216.

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Stone's 'JFK' opens new book on history

By Cory J. Frye
Of The Commuter

During Christmas Break, I had the privilege of seeing the latest Oliver Stone epic, "JFK." And when I say privilege, I mean it, because I think I was blessed.

As far as Stone movie experiences go, this one beat them all: it was much better than "Platoon," more surreal and intense than both "Born on the Fourth of July" and "The Doors."

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When the movie ended and the lights came on, everyone in that cineplex (including the three drunks who had been snickering until halfway through) simply sat and stared at the blank screen, almost afraid to move. They had been let in on some of the biggest secrets guarded by the United States government concerning the Kennedy assassination.

During Garrison's summation during the trial, several people gasped at the Magic Bullet Theory and at the fact that Oswald, Kennedy's "killer," was on the second floor of the book depository building having a sandwich and a Coke while the bullets were flying in Dallas. I, like other movie-goers, felt betrayed by the lack of information most of us had been fed over the years.

But what surprised me more than the testimony was the movie itself. Before going to see it, I was under the impression that Jim Garrison was a fictional character that Oliver Stone created to tell the story during a fictional trial. It wasn't until the ending credits that I learned that Jim Garrison had actually existed, along with guys like Clay Bertram and David Ferrie, and that there really was a trial. Sting once said, "History will teach us nothing." As far as learning history, this statement is true.

After the end credits, I began to wonder why, in 12 years of schooling, I never learned any of this in history classes. As far back as the third grade, I was taught that Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy from the sixth floor of the book depository building on Nov. 23, 1963 and that was that. No book mentioned Garrison or even questioned the obvious facts derived from the trial. I admit that maybe at 9 years old, we weren't old enough to comprehend all of Garrison's testimonial, but at least they could've mentioned that it wasn't known for certain that Oswald shot Kennedy.

Then we learned that Jack Ruby was just somebody who killed Oswald to get back at him for shooting the president. What about the facts that Ruby and Oswald had at one time been associated with one another? Or that Ruby, the local owner of a topless bar, somehow got into a room that was surrounded by police officers while he brandished a pistol. None of these facts were presented in the history books, not even in my "American History" book during my junior year of high school.

History textbooks really don't present issues fairly. Examples of American issues are told from one side of the coin and the other side is left covered under flowery talk. It's not until the junior high level when children learn that the Indians didn't exactly give up their land to the American settlers in the 1700s. Comedian George Carlin summed it best when he said in 1972, "We gave the Indians a fast trip across the continent; they were having a little cook-out in Massachusetts . . . the white people came and said, 'Could you pick up your stuff and move it over here, could you pick up your stuff and move it over here, could you pick up your stuff and move it over here?' until they were on an island (Alcatraz) . . . off the continent completely! And they had to fight to keep that!"

It's all right to stretch the truth now and then for historical purposes (like Thanksgiving), but children should be taught from the very beginning that the white race hasn't always been popular or just; that the Indians were here first, we betrayed their trust, took the land away and killed those who protested.

We should explain Agent Orange and discuss why we were in Vietnam, a war everyone knew we'd lose. But most of all, we should let children know that we are not a race without faults. If they question us, they should be told the truth. We have nothing to hide from them.

I'm not saying that history books be littered with sensationalism and speculation about the Kennedy trial and other aspects of history, I'm simply stating that they should be presented for classroom discussion and for clearing the minds of children who might be confused by the circumstances. History is not an all-knowing entity; it's being re-written all the time. And with Oliver Stone's "JFK," history will have to once again go back to the literary drawing board and start all over.

Controversial film 'JFK' reopens debate over Kennedy assassination

"JFK," Oliver Stone's fact-and-fanciful attempt to reopen the John F. Kennedy assassination case, and, more importantly, political debate in America. The conspiracy that Stone

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posits in "JFK"—involving everyone and everything from the CIA to LBJ to Life magazine to the Bell Corp.'s helicopters used in Vietnam—is so huge that it can only be taken metaphorically, even though real names are used. It's clear that Stone believes most of use have been asleep since Nov. 22, 1963, totally disengaged from the political process, leaving the dirty work of governing to those right-wingers and businessmen who do care. Stone's moviemaking is remarkable, blending authentic, recreated and imagined footage of a network of shady characters, all in service of a goal that, Stone argues, most of them weren't even aware of—killing the president and eliminating his presumed intent to downsize the Vietnam war. "JFK" is thoroughly compelling, save for some concluding scenes in which the dialogue spoken by the film's hero, an idealized version of New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison, played by Kevin

purple. R. 3-1/2 stars.
GRAND CANYON, one of the year's very finest films, an offbeat, what-does-it-all-mean yarn by Lawrence Kasdan of "The Big Chill" fame. Writing a most original script with his wife, Meg, Kasdan runs a group of bright, articulate Los Angeles types through a series of character defining moments—most notably a couple of lives being saved. The special pleasure of a film such as "Grand Canyon" is that it appears to have been created in response to some common complaints about the nature of most American movies these days. Instead of action, "Grand Canyon" features conversation. Instead of stock characters, "Grand Canyon" offers bright people talking about the most personal subjects they can imagine. Rated R. 4 stars.

Levitation's new EP puts out lots of noise

By Cory J. Frye
Of The Commuter

Get ready for a lotta noise. Levitation, an English psychedelic noise band obsessed with spiritual aspects of life and other dimensions, has released

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its second EP, "The After Ever," a compilation of three very strange and very loud numbers that should never be played over two decibels. Your ears will thank you for it.

Despite the loud, crunching drums, guitars and keyboards, vocalist Bic's cosmic voice seems to have floated down from the heavens to echo through time. Although their sound is relatively new and obviously alternative, one can not help to think that maybe they were around eons before, playing the same music to impulses of light, since the human race was only a thought.

That's not surprising when one finds that the band is almost obsessed with reincarnation and Egyptology, practice the Aural Chaos Theory and staunchly believe that they had all met many times before in previous lives.

"The After Ever" is an extension of their beliefs; in their songs they speak of spirits and orbs and in "Bedlam," Bic proclaims, "I want to go to heaven...for the weekend."

The first cut "Firefly" is almost like a classic piece of art that never saw its conception. "Firefly" builds up to a



Levitation

climax that never comes, because the song ends before it can actually satisfy the listener.

Where "Firefly" fails, "Attached" succeeds. By far the best cut on the EP, "Attached" seems to actually attach the songs together in spiritual harmony. Although all the songs sound alike, it's a noise that never grows tiring—it almost tells a story.

"Bedlam" is a nine-plus minute overhauled dinosaur that would be a great song if it weren't for the excessive solo in the middle, reminiscent of Pink Floyd's irritating 1967 instrumental "Interstellar Overdrive." It bashes and crashes endlessly, like a child throwing a tantrum, before finally (somewhat) calming down—Levitation is not a band for ballads, that's for sure.

"The After Ever" EP is Levitation's second; they've never written an entire album's worth of material, though this would be more of a hindrance than a help to their career. Levitation isn't a band that would be effective after eight or 10 cuts; the mystique would be lost. As far as alternative bands go, this one is the most creative and musical of all.

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Alex Furlong died today. Eighteen years from now he'll be running for his life.

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Students plant the seeds for the green generation

U. Wisconsin, Stanford, and Duke students pitch in to help preserve the environment

College students teach school children how to protect their environment

By National Student News Service

During lunch at Lapham Elementary school in Madison, Wisconsin, Ms. Ann Delmore's kindergarten class used to eat quickly so they could go outside and play hide and seek, tag and jump rope. But after college students from nearby University of Wisconsin at Madison came to talk to them about garbage, Ms. Delmore's class began collecting used tin foil and empty soda cans before going out to play. They then took their garbage to the nearby recycling center.

While college students across the country continue to establish campus recycling programs, lobby state legislators for cleaner air, and demonstrate against chemical polluters, a growing number of students are taking a new approach to environmental preservation: Educating youth.

"The wave of the future is youth reaching out to youth—youth-to-youth organizing," says Marianne Cherni, a youth organizer for Greenpeace. "The environmental movement is waking up and realizing that youth are the movement. When we're talking about saving the future, we're talking about saving their future."

While some student groups are teaching the basics about water and air pollution, others are showing students, such as Ms. Delmore's, what they can do to help protect the environment.

U. Wisconsin Students Teach Kindergarteners About Recycling

By putting on skits, handing out old plastic containers and talking about garbage trucks, students at the University of Wisconsin (UW) are teaching elementary school children in the Madison area about the benefits of recycling.

The more than 30 college students taking part in the Youth Education Program are members of UW's campus chapter of the Wisconsin Public Interest Research Group (WisPIRG), a state-wide student organization working on environmental and consumer protection issues. The UW students have visited seven elementary schools, educating more than 1,000 school children grades kindergarten through third.

"I think it's important to visit elementary school students and teach them about the environment," says UW junior Nina Sanford. Sanford, an intern with the UW WisPIRG chapter, believes that edu-

cating young people about the environment is the key to our planet's future. "If we teach children, they're going to grow up with environmental sensitivity incorporated into their lives. It's something that will be natural, not forced like with our generation."

"I was really impressed with the WisPIRG students' presentation because it gave my students a sense that they could do something to keep the garbage from piling up, namely, recycle," says Ann Delmore, a kindergarten teacher at Lapham Elementary School. "I think it caused students to think about garbage. It elevated garbage to a subject that's important."

Students from PIRG chapters in other states including Colorado, California and Massachusetts are also participating in environmental education programs aimed at youth in their areas.

"The kids knew a lot more than we gave them credit for at first," says Sanford. "They are really on their way to making a difference environmentally. We just helped them along a little."

Stanford Students Help School District Coordinate Curriculum

Students from Stanford University are working with school district officials to integrate environmental protection into science classes at a nearby middle school.

Student members of Stanford for Environmental Education (SEED) met with Ravenswood school district Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Steven Waterman in mid-November and District Director for Curriculum Paulette Johnson in December to coordinate the curriculum changes.

"It's difficult for people to integrate environmental education when they're older," says Stanford sophomore Annie Reese, an American Studies major and SEED coordinator. "I think coordinating our lessons into their curriculum schedule will help integrate all the material so that it will form more of an inter-connected unit in the children's mind rather than a lot of scattered facts."

Ann Takemoto, Program Coordinator for the Stanford School Support Program, believes that SEED's success is due to student efforts to work with grammar school teachers. "It makes better institutional sense to find out what teachers are doing and get their support," says Takemoto. "That's why SEED's program is growing so quickly."

SEED students began visiting a 4th grade class in East Palo Alto once a week in the fall of 1990 to teach them about the environment. Since then, SEED has expanded its outreach to include more than 30 Stanford students teaching in six elementary and middle schools in the Ravenswood school district.

"Most of the students at Stanford and kids from Palo Alto come from backgrounds where they've been camping or hiking and can appreciate nature and the environment," says Reese. "But most of the kids from East Palo Alto have not had that opportunity. So one of our goals is to help them understand why preserving nature is an important thing."

Duke Students Hold Environmental Education for Youth Conference

In an effort to share their environmental education program with other schools across the state, students at Duke University (NC) are planning a conference for February 15th and 16th aimed at training college students to teach grammar school children about environmental protection.

The Environmental Education for Youth Conference, organized by thirty students from an affiliate of Duke's Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) called the Green Earth Gang, will feature speakers, workshops and training on how to set up environmental education for youth programs at other schools.

"We wanted to share the success of our program with other schools across the state," says Green

15 mindboggling environmental stats

- Every two weeks, Americans throw away enough glass bottles and jars to fill up the 1,350-foot twin towers in New York.
- Americans throw away enough office paper annually to build a wall twelve feet high stretching from Los Angeles to New York City.
- Every Sunday, 500,000 trees are cut down to make our nation's newspapers and 88% of these papers are thrown into the trash.
- The United States covers 2,000 acres of land under concrete and asphalt daily.
- More energy escapes through windows in the United States each year than comes down the Alaska pipeline.
- Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour; only 5% are recyclable.
- Two of the world's plants and two animals become extinct each day. By 1992 one species an hour will become extinct.
- One-third of the world's trees have been cut down and about 28 million more acres are being cut every year.
- For every ton of grain produced by U.S. farmers, seven tons of topsoil are lost to erosion.
- More than 60,000 chemicals are injected into the water, air and land across the United States every day, with 500 new chemicals invented every year.
- The United States discharges more than 25% of the 5.4 billion tons of carbon into the air every year, yet accounts for only 6% of the world's population.
- More than 6.5 million dolphins suffocated in United States' fish nets in the past 10 years and then were discarded.
- More than 75% of the whale population has been killed in this century.
- Blue Bird populations have dropped 90% in the last 20 years.
- Only 6 California Condors remained alive in 1989.

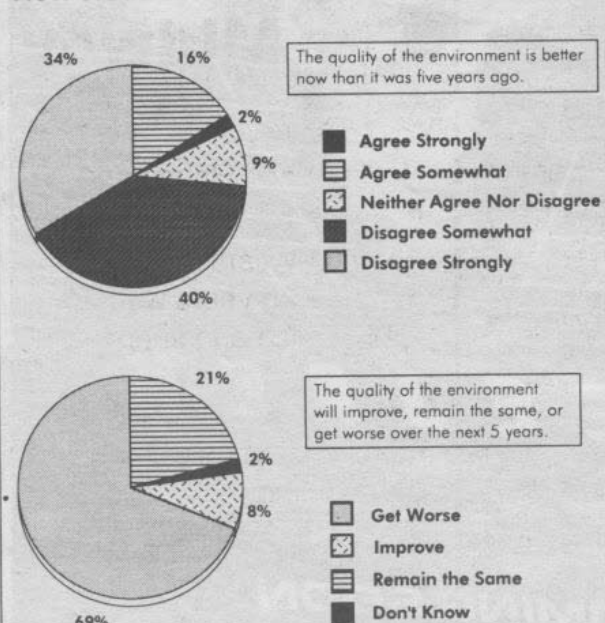
Earth Gang Coordinator Rob Alexander, a junior Duke majoring in geology. Alexander hopes to attract more than 50 students from ten schools to the conference. "Think globally, act locally" is sort of motto for environmentalists," says Alexander. "I felt that by having a state-wide conference, we could take our local program and expand it to a global level."

"The conference will motivate campuses that are involved now and it will motivate new activism as a new initiative," says Melva Okun, Director of the Environmental Resources Project at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Okun, who is president of Environmental Education of North Carolina, believes the conference will also be beneficial to those already involved. "It's always important to revitalize and re-energize people who are already involved. It's good for them to be able to support each other on the back and then go back out there."

Members of the Green Earth Gang expect the conference to provide training for educating school children, foster discussion of why environmental education for youth is important, examine how environmental education connects to social justice issues and help participants develop a step by step guide on how to establish a program.

"I think that as environmentally conscious people, if we really want to make a lasting impact on the future, it's really important to help the children who are the future understand how the environment

How Students View the Environment



Source: Planet in Peril: 1989 National Wildlife Federation Survey of 500 Undergraduates National Student News Service

sports

Former LB basketball coach makes transition to pro ranks

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

Former Linn-Benton men's basketball coach Steve Seidler has made the jump from the college ranks to coaching in professional basketball.

Seidler is currently an assistant coach for the Rockford Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association.

He was hired on at the Lightning by Danny Van Eman, who was an assistant coach with Seidler at Oregon State under Ralph Miller.

Van Eman was released from his contract by the Lightning after 18 games.

Van Eman has been replaced by Mauro Panagio, the winningest coach in CBA history. Under Panagio, the Lightning are 5-3.

Seidler said, "We started out real slow. It was a combination of not really understanding the league and how it worked." This was the first year Seidler and Van Eman had coached in the CBA.

The problem of moving players in and out and still having a successful team is very difficult in the CBA, according to Seidler. "It's tough because everytime you bring in new guys you've got to start from the beginning again to teach these guys what's going on. If you ever get a group of guys together and keep them as a group, it makes it much easier. With people moving in and out it's very tough," he said.

Seidler commented that the biggest difference between the CBA and college basketball is the talent level. He said over half the league has been in the NBA at one time. Some of the guys have been released and are trying to get back to the NBA.

Seidler said that it does not matter to him why he was not hired back at LB. "At the time, I was unhappy, but now this is the way things are going to work out," he said.

He commented further on the LB situation by saying, "I don't want to rehash what Jon (Carnahan) was thinking or why he made the decision

that he made, but in retrospect, he has done me a favor. I will always thank him and Dick McClain for giving me the opportunity to spend two years there. I got a lot done in just two years. I am very satisfied with what I got done in the two years that I was there."

Seidler led the 1991 Roadrunners to a 14-13 record and their first winning season since 1980 and earned their first playoff appearance since 1978. He was replaced by Randy Falk after the end of the school year.

While Seidler was still LB's head coach, he had planned "A Midsummers Night Dream Game" featuring former Oregon State players and the proceeds were to go to the LB athletic department. Since he was released, the proceeds did not go to LB.

Seidler said that there was about \$4000 in expenses which included renting Gill Colesium, publicity and the printing of tickets. Another expense was the practice gear purchased for the game. The \$600 worth of gear was donated to LB. Seidler also took all

those who were involved in the game out for a prime rib dinner at Gable's restaurant in Corvallis. The total cost of the dinner was \$800.

The rest of the money, "a very substantial amount," according to Seidler, was given to a local children's home. Seidler also took an administrative fee for "working my buns off."

Seidler said that the thing he missed most about not coaching in the college ranks is "the interaction with the families, recruiting, and being able to work with the kids and making sure they get an education and move on."

Seidler said about next year, "Either I'll be in the professional ranks, or I'm in a great position right now to get a Division I coaching job."

Seidler said in closing that he would like to say "hi" to all the guys he recruited that are still playing for LBCC and he wants to wish them the best of luck this year and if there is anything he can ever do to help them after this year, they should feel free to give him a call.

In Case You Missed It

The Commuter offers a week-in-review news quiz on current events

- The U.S. unemployment rate reached a five-year high this past week of:
 - 9.5 percent
 - 7.1 percent
 - 5.2 percent
- A high school was arrested at school for carrying two rifles under his overcoat. This happened in:
 - Portland
 - Seattle
 - Albany
- At the NCAA convention, delegates proposed stricter eligibility requirements for scholarship athletes. The committee voted to raise the G.P.A. eligibility criteria from:
 - 1.00 to 2.00
 - 2.00 to 2.50
 - 2.50 to 3.00
- The "God Squad" opened its' run, last week, amidst critical reviews and protest. The "God Squad" is:
 - A new ABC drama starring William Shatner who heads a team of preists who fight crime in the streets of Chicago.
 - Jesse Helms campaign to limit support to artists works funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.
 - Hearings on Spotted-owls and old growth trees versus the future of the Northwest timber industry.
- A record 170 "teams" have signed on for the Barcelona Summer Games, making Barcelona the first boycott-free Olympics since:
 - Munich 1972
 - Helsinki 1952
 - Los Angeles 1932
- Berkeley, Ca. city officials announced the city will no longer celebrate the annual holiday honoring one of our national heroes and renamed the day; Indigenous Peoples Day. The defrocked hero is:
 - Martin Luther King
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Christopher Columbus
- Match the NFL coach with his new team.

1) Sam Wyche	A) Seattle
2) Chuck Knox	B) Minnesota
3) Tom Flores	C) LA Rams
4) Dennis Green	D) Tampa Bay
- Name the Virginia Governor who was the latest casualty in the Democratic Gubernatorial race.
 - Liposuction
 - Breast implants
 - AZT Treatments for AIDS
- The Food and Drug Administration urged surgeons to quit giving patients operations, until new information can be evaluated concerning.....
 - Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise
 - Annette Bening and Warren Beatty
 - Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder
- Hollywood boasts two new proud parents of a 8-pound, 11-ounce girl. They are:
 - Nicole Kidman and Tom Cruise
 - Annette Bening and Warren Beatty
 - Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder

Answers: 1) B 2) C 3) B 4) C 5) A 6) C 7) 1-D, 2-C, 3-A, 4-B 8) Douglas Wilder 9) B 10) B

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1987 Pontiac Fiero, auto., AC, alarm, car stereo, one-owner, non-smoker, excellent condition, well maintained. \$4,000 OBO. 754-7767.

Electric typewriter, IBM Selectric II, works great! \$65. 928-5912.

Kenmore apartment-size washer & dryer. 1-year-old. Dryer uses regular electrical outlet. Washer hooks up to faucet or uses conventional hook-up. Also can be stacked., Call 926-5347 after 4:00. Asking \$575 or best offer. Leave message.

1979 Honda Civic. Runs great. 2 studded tires extra and also AM/FM cassette player. Asking \$900, will consider best offer. Call 926-5347 after 4:00 or leave message.

For sale: two tickets for Siouxsie and the Banshees concert on Jan. 28th at the Fox Theatre in Portland. \$38/pair. Last two in Albany!! Contact Jen at 926-7897, leave message please.

WANTED

I am looking for someone to carpool with on Mon, Wed, Fri. My first class starts at 9:00. Will share gas expenses. Price decided when we talk. Call Wendy at 757-0524 evenings.

WANTED! Male and female prospective dates for the Feb. 12 Spanish Club Date Auction. Both students and non-students over age 18 are encouraged to volunteer. The Spanish Club needs you! If you are interested, contact Holly Thornhill at 752-6473.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Alpha Tau Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa general membership meetings for winter term are as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 16 - 3:30 pm
Monday, Feb. 3 - 12:00 noon
Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 1:00 pm
Thursday, March 5 - 2:00 pm

They are held in Boardrooms A/B.

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Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission.



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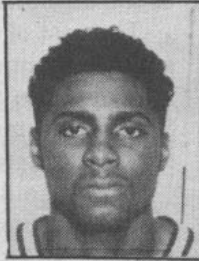
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Roadrunner hoopsters hit the court

#4 Tim Brown

Freshman, Guard
Lynwood High School, North Long Beach, CA Ht 6'0" Wt 150

A Criminal Corrections major, Brown chose LBCC because of a recommendation by a friend. Head Coach Randy Falk said, "Tim has good quickness. He can score from the outside when needed and has exceptional ball handling skills."



#10 Mitch Knudson

Freshman, Guard
Philomath High School, Philomath, OR Ht 6'2" Wt 165

A Criminal Justice major, Knudson chose LBCC because of what it offered in that particular field. He received letters in both football and basketball at Philomath High School. Coach Falk said that Knudson is a "hard worker."



#30 Travis Heyerly

Freshman, Guard
South Albany High School, Albany, OR Ht 6'0" Wt 160

An undecided major, Heyerly chose LBCC because it's close to home, inexpensive, and has small classes. He received letters in baseball, basketball, and tennis at South Albany High School. Coach Falk said, "He just keeps coming at you. He's competitive and enjoys the challenge."



#12 Zac Metzker

Freshman, Guard
Lebanon High School, Lebanon, OR Ht 6'2" Wt 165

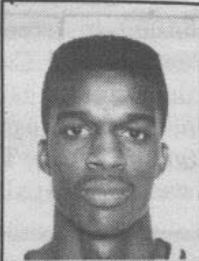
An undecided major, Metzker chose LBCC because of its nearness to home and convenient. He received letters in football, basketball, and baseball at Lebanon High School. Coach Falk said that Metzker is an "intense athlete, a well rounded player, and shoots the '3' well."



#14 Jason Pittman

Freshman, Forward
Willamina High School, Willamina, OR Ht 6'5" Wt 170

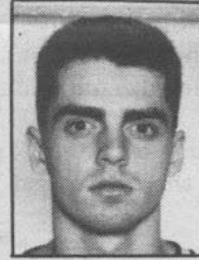
A Business major, Pittman received letters in basketball and cross country at Willamina High School. Coach Falk called Pittman "coachable" and said that he "listens and learns."



#32 Chris Scarborough

Sophomore, Forward
Corvallis High School, Corvallis, OR Ht 6'3" Wt 185

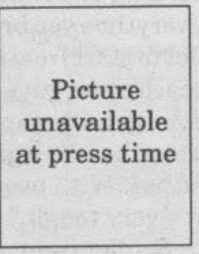
A Business major, Scarborough chose LBCC because it's inexpensive. He received letters in basketball and baseball at Corvallis High School. Coach Falk said, "He's a hard worker. He listens and learns. He's a versatile player who plays both inside and outside."



#20 Ron Dillon

Freshman, Guard
Crater High School, Central Point, OR Ht 5'11" Wt 165

A Criminal Justice major, Dillon chose LBCC because of a recommendation from a friend. He received letters in football, basketball, and baseball at Crater High School. Coach Falk said, "Ron is a smart player with good court sense. He's a good shooter and all around competitor who just gets after it."



#22 Silvano Barba

Sophomore, Guard
Central High School, Independence, OR Ht 6'2" Wt 175

A Business Management major, Barba chose LBCC because of the chance to play basketball right away and its nearness to home. Barba received letters in basketball and baseball at Central High School. Coach Falk called Barba a "solid player."



#34 Kai Williams

Sophomore, Forward
Warrenton High School, Astoria, OR Ht 6'2" Wt 175

A HUAC AAS major, Williams chose LBCC to pursue his HUAC AAC degree. He received letters in track and football at Warrenton High School. Coach Falk called Williams a "very aggressive rebounder."



#24 Eric Price

Freshman, Forward/Guard
Berkeley High School, Berkeley, CA Ht 6'4" Wt 190

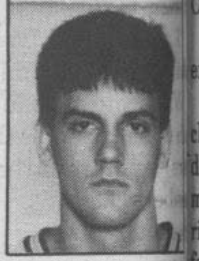
A Business major, Price chose LBCC for a chance to get away from home and still play sports and heard of LB's good business program. Coach Falk said that Price "is a team leader, a good athlete, and handles the ball well."



#25 Craig Albin

Freshman, Guard
Corvallis High School, Corvallis, OR Ht 6'2" Wt 180

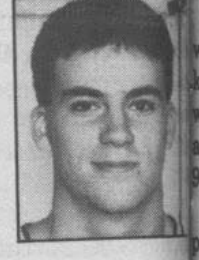
A Business major, Albin chose LBCC because of cheaper tuition and to play basketball. He received letters in football and basketball at Corvallis High School. Coach Falk said that Albin "competes hard."



#40 Justin Labhart

Freshman, Forward
West Albany High School, Albany, OR Ht 6'4" Wt 200

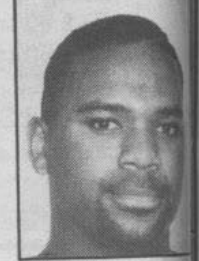
An Engineering major, Labhart chose LBCC for an opportunity to play basketball after high school. He received letters in basketball at West Albany High School. Coach Falk said, "He's very solid in his fundamentals and understands the game of basketball. He also shoots the '3' well."



#44 DeWayne Lee

Freshman, Forward
Merced High School, Merced, CA Ht 6'2" Wt 230

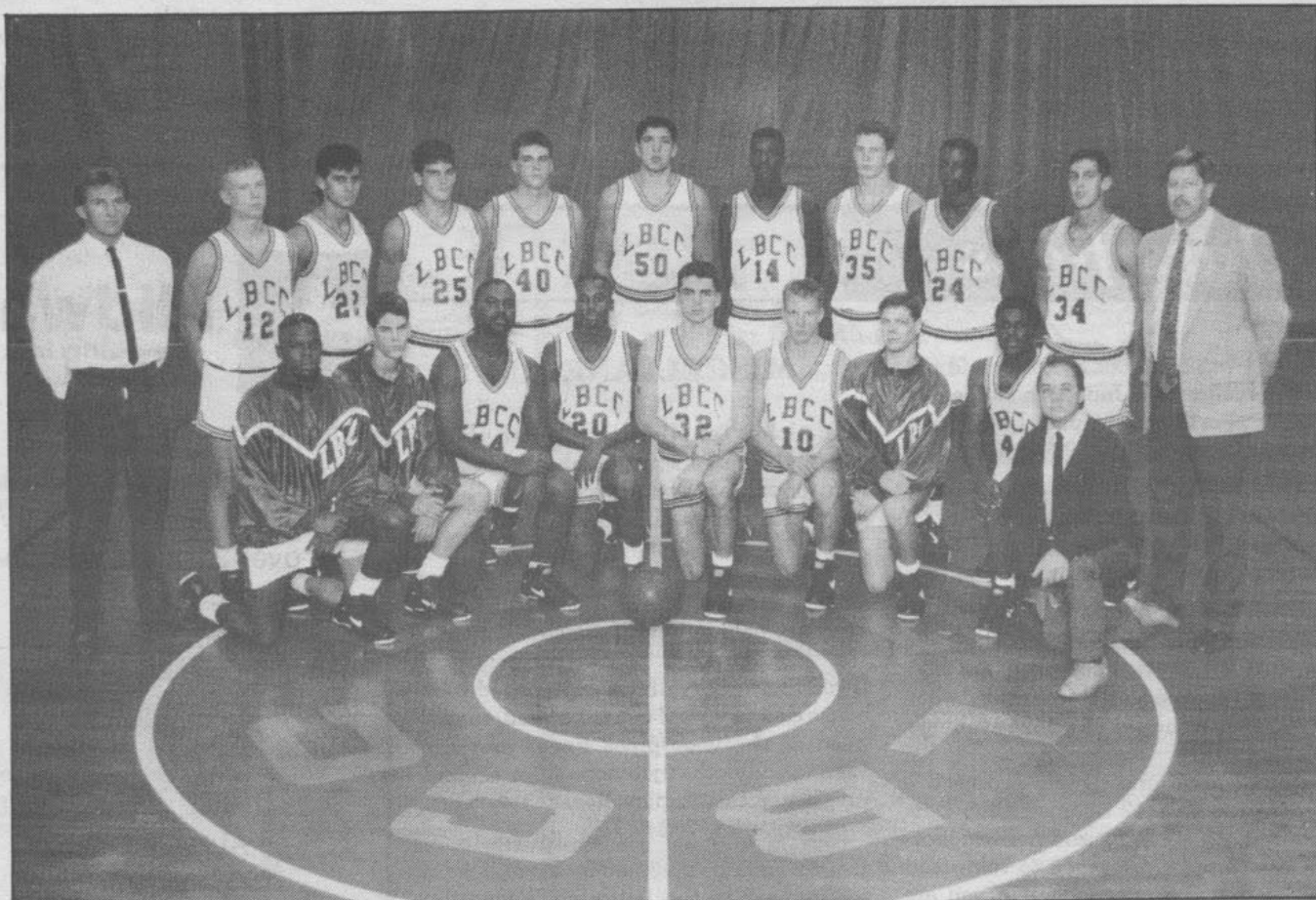
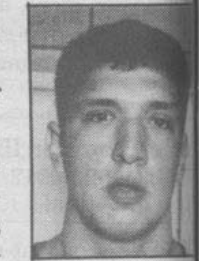
A Data Processing major, Lee chose LBCC because it was in Oregon. He received letters in basketball and track at Merced High School. Coach Falk called Lee a "very physical rebounder."



#50 Ramiro Ramirez

Sophomore, Center
Woodburn High School, Woodburn, OR Ht 6'6" Wt 245

An Associate of Arts major, Ramirez chose LBCC to play basketball and was influenced by former LB coach Steve Seidler. He received letters in basketball and soccer at Woodburn High School. Coach Falk said, "He is a team leader. He leads by example, has a great work ethic, and plays very strong inside."



sports

Corvallis man helps guide mountain bikers around the state

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Michael Orendurff, a Corvallis college student, has found a way to help the ever increasing number of mountain bikers find their way around trails in the Portland area.

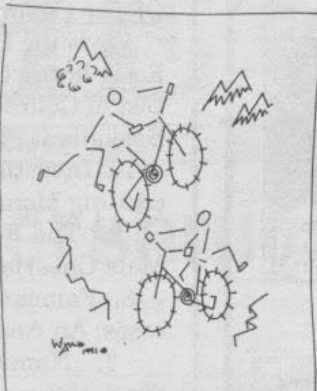
He has compiled a guide entitled, "50 Choice Single-Tracks: A Comprehensive Guide To Mountain Bike Trails Around Portland." More interesting to Linn-Benton students and valley residents is that Orendurff is also near finishing a similar book outlining trails for Mid-Valley riders.

Orendurff, 33, is an avid mountain biker during his free time away from pursuing his Masters in Bio-Mechanics. He began riding eight years ago while involved in a kayak trip to Alaska. Since then, Orendurff has fallen in love with the sport.

"I got hooked I guess," he explained. "It's simply exhilarating."

While living in Portland, Orendurff belonged to a club called PUMP (Portland United Mountain Peddlers) and would ride many different trails with members. He suggested that they keep records of the rides, but nobody was interested. Finally, Orendurff followed up his idea.

"After about two years I just started to collect on my own," said Orendurff. "It took about another two years after that, once I decided I was going to do it, to ride all the rides I thought were of merit."



The next step toward making his idea a reality was to publish the book. Unfortunately, Orendurff was again left to do everything by himself. Without any editing, he knows the publication would have been better, but is nevertheless pleased with its reception, with over 3,000 copies already sold.

"It's had an overwhelming response," commented Orendurff. "I published it myself and just distributed it to some bike stores. It was a good experience. I learned a lot about the book business and a little bit about mountain biking."

Most of the trails in the book are located between Mount Rainier and Mount Jefferson. For each trail, Orendurff gives a rating of difficulty, a topographical map, and points out other qualities such as mud, cliffs, steepness, etc. The book's suggested retail price is \$7.95 and is available in most Portland and Mid-Valley bike shops.

Mountain biking has truly come into its own. In the last few years it has become THE bike sport.

"I think it's just starting on a major upswing," stated Orendurff. "I don't think we've seen a fraction of the growth that we're going to see in the next five years. It's really exploding and I think what's interesting about it is that it's becoming really diverse. We're just getting on the edge of technological advances and a lot of different approaches to the sport."

Orendurff has been injured a few times, but considers mountain biking a fairly safe sport when taking the necessary precautions. Gloves and a helmet are essential when riding, according to Orendurff.

"Gloves are the single most important thing to have to prevent injuries," Orendurff stressed. "I mean no matter what you do, your hands are the first things you put down when you fall and those are such painful injuries."

"A three-foot drop on your head and you will be dead," warned Orendurff. "Your head just can't take very much. I've never hit my head, but if you do, it's just such a risk. You just don't want to mess with that at all."

Orendurff also named tips as riding with a group and carrying a topographical map as necessities when mountain biking. "I think the most important thing is to go with a group and to make sure you have a map," he said.

Which bike to buy is often hard to decide upon. Of course, price, manufacturer and reason for buying are all important in selecting a mountain bike.

"In my opinion, you want to find the smallest bike that will fit you," suggested Orendurff. "What I mean by that is the smallest stand over height. So you want the distance between the seat and the handlebars to be pretty long and the tube between the seat and the handlebars to be pretty low."

Due to the popularity of Orendurff's first book, there will be a sequel. By the end of March, he plans to have "50 Choice Single-Tracks: Mid-Valley" out in bike shops.

"Currently we're working on a book down in this area," said Orendurff. "I'd love to have it out by Spring Break. We've been on most of them, but there's a couple of trails that are at high altitudes that either will get missed or we'll have to wait until the snow melts."

As the sport of mountain biking increases, more trails begin to pop up. A track around Mary's Peak has Orendurff drooling, but it's currently off limits to mountain bikers. Perhaps it might be available soon and another part of "50 Choice Single-Tracks: Mid-Valley." We'll just have to wait for it to come out in paperback.

LBCC men struggle on road trip; lose fifth consecutive game

The Roadrunner Gym will be a welcome sight for the LB men's basketball team, after a dismal road trip which concluded Saturday night after a fifth consecutive loss to Clackamas, 85-77.

The men, 5-9 overall, 0-2 in league play, host SWOCC tonight at 8:00 P.M.,

hoping to get back on the winning track.

The game marks the home opener for the Roadrunners in league play.

Clackamas controlled both ends of the court in Saturday's contest, outrebounding LB 54-39, and shot 55 percent from the field.

Zac Metzker led the Roadrunners

with 20 points and Justin Labhart chipped in 17.

On Wednesday, January 8, the Roadrunners found the going tough, once again, on the opposition's home court.

Umpqua jumped to an early lead and coasted to an easy win over the LB

men, 79-62.

Umpqua manhandled LB on the boards, 41-27, leading to a large percentage of points in the paint for Umpqua. Ramiro Ramirez was the lone bright spot for LB, as he poured in 21 points on a solid 8 for 12 from the field.



Photo by Pedro Luna

Strategy Session

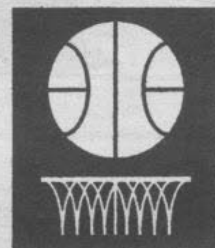
Head coach Belinda Lopez attempts to inspire her team during a tough loss Saturday at Clackamas, 85-76. Tina Johnson led all scorers with 26 points. The Roadrunners led by 10 in the second half, but faltered down the stretch. The defeat dropped the Roadrunners to 0-2 in divisional play and 6-9 overall. On Jan. 8, the women's team lost a tough game to NWAACC Southern Division rival Umpqua, 91-66. Jennifer Stoullil led the Roadrunner attack with 20 points, including 4 of 6 shooting from the three-point line. The Roadrunners' next game is tonight at 6 at home against Southwestern Oregon.

LBCC Intramural/Recreational Sports

Free Throw Contests

Wednesday, January 15, 1992 6pm-Women
8pm-Men

Saturday, January 18, 1992 6pm-Women
8pm-Men



Half-Time Free Throw Contest

Winners will receive prizes.

All participants entered in drawing.

Game and Contest is FREE to all LBCC students.

For more information contact the Student Programs Office, CC-213.

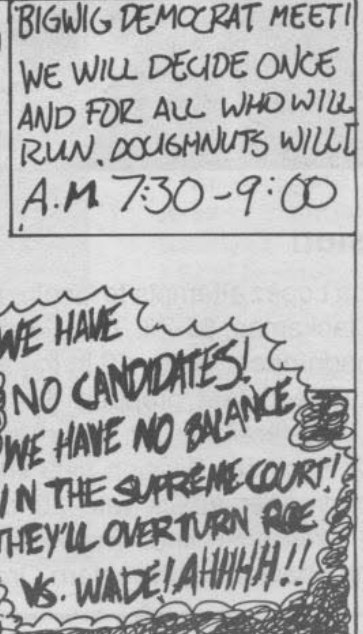
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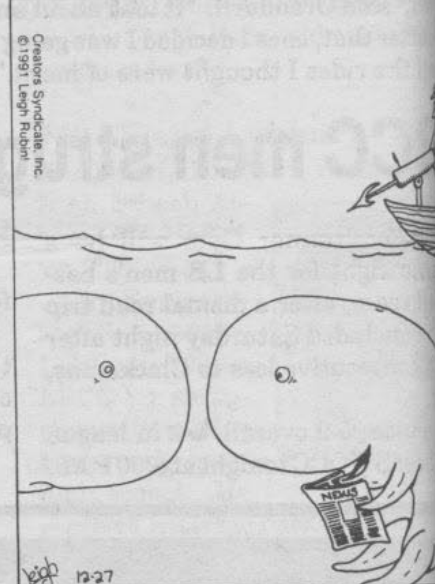
top ten list

By David Rickard
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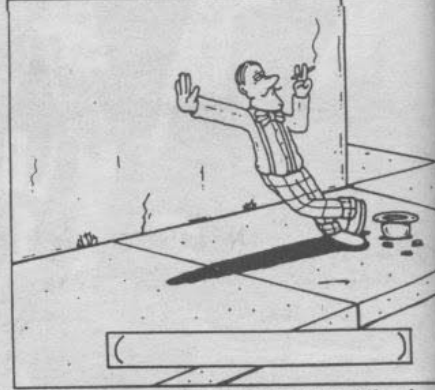
From the Home-office in Lone Rock, here's this week's Top Ten List of Courses Taken by UNLV Basketball Players.

10. Investing Your Illegal Recruiting Money Wisely.
9. The Forgotten Man; The Male Cheerleader.
8. Famous Game Show Hostesses; An American Anthology.
7. Naming The Presidents Since Nixon.
6. Hydraulic Principles of the Keg.
5. Your Ass From a Hole in the Ground: A Comparative Study.
4. Nudie Paintings From the Olden Days.
3. How Many Words Can You Make Out of Tarkanian?
2. Ten Ways to Cheat Off the Exam of That Asian Guy in Front of You.
1. The College Classroom: A Simulation.

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