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Hill: Discrimination battle continues

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Affirmative Action laws need to be vigorously enforced and white males need to acknowledge that they have been the beneficiaries of a system of privilege. Racial justice can be achieved in America, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill said Monday at 11 a.m. in the Forum.

In what LBCC professor Doug Clark described as an "argued classroom discussion," Hill answered students' questions regarding two articles on race relations: "Put on a Happy Face" by Benjamin DeMott, which addressed black-white friendships as presented in movies and TV; and "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack" by Peggy McIntosh.

Hill emphasized the conflict between the oppressed and the privileged in an oppressive system. She used an anecdote about a schoolteacher to illustrate this point. The teacher, who realized that she was calling on the boys she taught far more than the girls, began keeping a list of who she called upon and made sure that each student was called on equally. This practice led the girls to complain of unfair treatment. They felt that they were being called upon more often, while the boys were ignored.

According to Hill, this showed that in an equal system, persons who formerly enjoyed a certain privilege will feel discriminated against.

Hill also used a story about a black female bank teller who was made to perform menial chores that the other tellers were not asked to do. This showed how

an oppressive system can elevate the status of those who are not oppressed. Hill argued that the white tellers, whose status should have been equal to the black teller, enjoyed an elevated status because of their employer's relegation of cleaning duties to the black woman.

Questions from the audience ranged from what gender and racial obstacles Hill encountered to what the country's goals should be in achieving racial justice.

Hill said the best way for an individual to resist discrimination is to know how the oppression works, creating privilege for some and denying opportunity to others.

As far as goals for the future, Hill said that current anti-discrimination laws need to be fully enforced.

The belief that white men lose jobs to Affirmative Action is a myth, Hill said. Affirmative Action has opened up 20 percent of middle-management jobs to white women, while people of color hold only 3 percent of those jobs. Hill also added that in today's

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Photo by Bill Jones



Photo by Adam Carpenter

Anita Hill addresses a capacity crowd in the Forum on Monday. This was the first appearance for Hill on her two-day swing through the midvalley. Members in the audience asked her questions about the gender and racial obstacles she faced in her life, as well as how the nation could achieve racial justice.

Hearings set on proposed tuition increase for 96-97

Students are invited to give their opinions on a proposed 6 percent increase in tuition at two hearings to be held next Wednesday, March 7.

The college administration has proposed to the Budget Committee that tuition be increased from this year's \$32.40 per credit to \$44.40. Combined with the \$1.60 per credit student activity fee, the total per credit charge would rise to \$46.00; or \$540 for a 15-credit load. The increase would become effective the following summer term.

The first tuition hearing will be from 12-1 p.m. in the Alsea/Alapooia Rooms on the second floor of the College Center. The second will be from 3-4 p.m. in the Hard Rooms on the first floor of the College Center.

Representatives of the Associated Student Government and the LBCC administration will be on hand to hear student views on the proposed increase and to answer questions.

Holland proposes plan to resolve ASG crisis

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Five proposals to deal with the crisis in the Student Programs Office have been proposed by Vice President and acting Dean of Student Affairs Mike Holland in an attempt to satisfy both sides.

Holland crafted his five proposals for changing student government after speaking with concerned student officers and their adviser. He presented them along with his rationale for each proposal to both parties on Feb. 21. They were made public at the student leadership team meeting Feb. 28.

"These proposals are offered in the spirit of compromise and with confidence that all parties will approach the remaining work with positive and constructive attitudes," Holland wrote in a memo outlining the proposals.

Holland's suggested changes to the LBCC constitution and bylaws are as follows:

- Proposal No. 1. The title Moderator shall change to ASLBCC President, and Operations Coordinator to ASLBCC Vice President. Student elections would still occur at the end of winter term.

- Proposal No. 2. Proposed budgets for ASLBCC and Student Programs expenditures must be approved by the student officers and the Dean of Student Services within four weeks after student elections. These budgets will provide general guidance for spending and the Director of Student Programs must present a written report monthly to the student council on actual expenditures.

- Proposal No. 3. The Student Programming Board should be included in the constitution and bylaws as a part of student government. The chair and vice chair of SPB should be appointed by the Dean of Student Services, with the ASLBCC President serving as an ex-officio member of the board.

- Proposal No. 4. Vending revenue shall be controlled by

the College not the student council, but the Director of Student Programs shall include these expenditures in the monthly budget report to the council.

- Proposal No. 5. The criteria for awarding and rescinding talent grants shall be clearly stated in the bylaws and no talent grants shall be suspended except by the Dean.

President Jon Carnahan postponed the student government elections, which were to have taken place last week, because of the disagreement between some student leaders and the advisers. He urged student leaders "to work closely with Vice President Holland to resolve the outstanding issues in the shortest possible time."

Sixteen members of the leadership team (SPB and ASG officers), one former SPB member and three representatives from the Women's Center met with Holland last Wednesday to discuss the proposals. Also present at the meeting, but sitting in the back of the room, were Director of Student Programs Charlene Fella, the office receptionist and the CAMP program coordinator.

"This is a big issue that needs to be addressed," Fella said. "Anyone who wants to have input needs to be able to do that."

Holland sees the main problem as the issue of control—"students want it," he said, acknowledging that there are other issues that have not been addressed.

Proposal No. 3 generated the most discussion. Holland said that ASG and SPB are not as connected as they might be. He wants to see them "part of the same corporate entity," but not as "a self-perpetuating board."

Some wanted to hold elections for SPB members, while others wish to keep the current application process for appointment.

They seemed to agree that all student groups should be included in the constitution for accountability, but not necessarily.

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what students think

Hill finds both supporters and detractors

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

Recently Anita Hill, a University of Oklahoma law professor, visited LBCC and OSU. Hill was the head speaker at a workshop on sexual harassment and held a discussion with students about race and law.

Hill became popular, or not so popular, back in 1991 when Clarence Thomas was nominated to the Supreme Court. At the hearings, Hill made allegations that Thomas had sexually harassed her while she was working for him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Her statements sparked a nationwide interest in what sexual harassment really was. Many people thought that she was truthful in her claims, and still do, but on the other side, many people believed that she lied to become famous.

A few LBCC students commented on why they believe in Hill, and how she has played a part in their lives.

Robbie Kenwirt said, "Anita Hill was justified in what she did. I believe in what she said, and I believe

that a man shouldn't think that he can take advantage of a woman just because of his position in the workplace."

"Just because Clarence Thomas was her boss doesn't mean that he could harass her. No women should be in that position," said Kelly Jones. "Anita Hill was one of the first women that I saw get up in front of the nation and tell the truth like she did. I appreciate her strength and honesty."

Karen Swenson has very strong emotions toward Hill. "I was working in a restaurant that was run and staffed

primarily by men. It was a bad atmosphere for women, that's probably why not many worked there. I was the butt of most of the jokes because I was a woman, and I was constantly asked out by my fellow workers. When I talked to my boss, a male, he told me that I was making things up and if I wanted to keep my job then I needed to lighten up. Soon after this I was fired. If it wouldn't have been for what Anita Hill did, I would have just taken this lying down, but after seeing Anita I realized that this type of treatment isn't right. I now am the manager of the restaurant and I owe it to Anita Hill."

"I am going to listen to her speak on Tuesday, but only because my girlfriend is making me go with her. I wouldn't go watch her if I had a choice."

—Eric Stevens

Jessie McRae said, "I am glad to see that Anita Hill is coming to LBCC. A friend of mine heard her speak a couple of months ago. Since then I have wanted to hear her for myself. I think that she is a real inspiration."

Some people have different views on Hill's character. There are a lot of people who don't like Hill and don't wish to see the school pay more than \$3,750 for her to lecture here.

"There is absolutely no reason why we should be spending thousands of dollars for Anita Hill to come here and speak. It is a waste of money. I wouldn't go listen to her if she paid us," said Mitch Rosen. "The money that was spent could have been used much more effectively."

Eric Stevens said, "I am going to listen to her speak on Tuesday but only because my girlfriend is making me go with her. I wouldn't go watch her if I had a choice. My girlfriend thinks she is great, so that means I get to waste a couple of hours of my day to listen to her."

Sluggish economy means fewer opportunities, Hill tells LB audience

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sluggish economy there are "fewer fewer opportunities for everybody."

Hill reiterated those themes in a lecture delivered at Oregon State University's LaSells Stewart Center 7:00 Monday evening. In the lecture titled "Race, Gender and Power," Hill used three cases of sexual abuse or harassment of black women to illustrate her view of the progress minorities women have made and what still needs to be done to achieve racial and sex equality.

Film and Video Festival planned for March 9

The Peace Studies Program is bringing the 23rd annual Northwest Film and Video Festival to campus Saturday, March 9 from 7:30-9:15 p.m. in F-100.

Tickets are \$3.50 at the door.

The festival features 11 films created by Pacific Northwest artists. Some are produced in standard film format, while others are in computer-generated or multi-media formats. They range in length from two minutes to 16 minutes. None of the films has been audience rated.

For additional information, contact Peace Studies Program adviser Dr. Clark at ext. 4557.

Student Programming Board members hope the worst is over

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

The negative aspects of the conflict between student leaders and their advisers has been over-emphasized, according to at least two members of the Student Programming Board.

Pei Wu, who is completing her year as SPB team coordinator and is transferring to OSU spring term, said "not everyone" in the Student Programs Office feels they are in conflict with the advisers, and that the Feb. 28 article in The Commuter left the wrong impression.

Wendy Morris, SPB interim team coordinator, said the problem is not all the advisers' fault, adding that only about three student leaders were involved in the problems listed in last week's story. Morris believes some student leaders have "a personal vendetta and are trying to lay all the blame on the advisers." She has also been personally attacked, she said.

Both Morris and Wu desire to emphasize the posi-

tives of the student-adviser relationship.

The advisers are always there ready to give advice whenever needed whether you have questions or personal problems, Wu said. "They provide equal opportunity for students and give everyone a chance to develop."

Wu feels the office atmosphere is very comfortable. "There is no discrimination, especially for international students. I am free to be myself and work with everybody."

Morris said information is accessible to students in two big file cabinets of labeled documents available in the College Center, Room 213.

Wu believes that SPB has partial control of their budget, with lots of input on how the money is spent for the activities they have planned.

Morris explained the activity planner SPB members are required to submit two weeks before any event has specific information on the plans and costs, along with an evaluation of the completed project. The worksheet

is submitted to Tammi Paul-Bryant, coordinator of Student Activities, for approval.

"Tammi has experience," Wu said. "She helps students do their job and tells them things they miss."

She explained that Paul-Bryant helps by giving information, such as ideas of the cost for budgeted items and approving SPB expenses. "She discusses this with students in planning sessions."

Morris added, "Tammi always says 'This is just a suggestion,'" letting the students make the decision."

Regarding the alleged misrepresentation of the students said, Wu called it a "communication misunderstanding," adding that "this conflict is a time for us to use our leadership skills, because we have been trained to solve these issues positively."

Her experience working in Student Programs has been wonderful, Wu said. "I hope we can put all the negatives of the past behind us and make the program work."

Morris said: "Both sides are out now and the students can judge for themselves who's right and who's wrong."



Pei Wu



Wendy Morris

Proposals offered to solve ASG conflict

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sarily subordinate to the ASG.

"Cooperative communication between organizations need to be fashioned carefully," Holland said. "We must respect the feelings and integrity of each."

He explained that the next step will be smaller group meetings to develop formal proposals. These will be evaluated by the various groups involved then taken back to another large team meeting. Eventually, a modified set of proposals will be voted on by the student body as amendments to the LBCC constitution and bylaws.

In an earlier interview, Vice President Holland explained that budget and expense records are kept for at least three years as required by law and are audited regularly. "Expenditures were carefully reviewed and are carefully monitored. There was no impropriety."

Pete Boucot, a guest at the meeting, said three formal complaints were filed last. As IN-REC representative last spring, he felt forced to resign because of "the excessive job-load" and the apparent "double standard" for advisers. He said he was "angry and very embittered."

Several SPB members said that since the meeting, the conflict is more obvious and the office atmosphere has disintegrated. They thought the leadership team was to work together to reach a positive solution; however, some feel they are being pitted against members.

People she thought were her friends now no longer seem to be, said Pei Wu, SPB team coordinator. She feels they can never regain the same relationship they once enjoyed.

Holland said, "If a relationship is going to survive a resolution of the problem, then the resolution needs to respect the relationship."



Photo by Adam Carpenter

Getting Wired

Two workers install wiring in the Forum Computer Lab as part of the remodelling project to make room for \$62,000 worth of new computer equipment that was donated by Hewlett-Packard Company. Forum Computer Lab coordinator Dietrich Schulz said the computers will give students "the tools to prepare students for rapidly expanding business community technology." The HP donation brings the lab's total computer count to 53 IBM-compatibles plus two Macintosh Performa 578s. They should be ready for use by the second week of spring term.

LOCAL NEWS

February's floods leave local ag industry battered but not beaten

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The Great Flood of '96," as it is now called, brought the first flooding Western Oregon has seen in 30 years. Although some cities and towns were hit hard, the Willamette Valley's agricultural land escaped serious damage but not seriously damaged.

The year started with an unusually dry winter. The Willamette snowpack drainage was only at 29 percent of average on Jan. 17, meaning it was a poor year for skiing. However, skiers' prayers had not gone unheeded. By Jan. 31 temperatures had fallen, and a large amount of fluffy white heaven had boosted the annual snowpack drainage to 112 percent of average. This was a perfect recipe for disaster.

One week later, a tropical jet stream carried in a humidity that caused the freezing levels to rise and flooded the Pacific Northwest with record amounts of rain.

The Willamette Mountain Coast Range reported 8.20 inches of rain in 24 hours and 23 inches in only three days. Corvallis set a new monthly record in February with 26 inches in a 24-hour period, according to meteorologist H. Taylor, state climatologist. This, combined with the melting snowpack, added even more fury to the already raging rivers.

Churchill, in his Web Site report on the "Great Flood of '96," reported that 30,000 Oregon and Washington residents were forced to leave their homes, Red Cross served over 90,000 meals, 50 people were injured and eight lives were claimed.

Although \$400 million of uninsured damages were estimated, based on 1964 flood levels, the valley's agricultural businesses were spared major losses. The high water, however, has created problems for farmers whose crops were damaged, and scheduled chemical applications were delayed.

Actually, by and large, the damage to agricultural land is fairly slight," said Matt Herb, a director at Oregon Farm USA in Tangent. "Most of the damage was confined to the river bottoms."

The impact on fields was caused mostly by the river's rapid current ripping the ground and washing out planted crops. The hardest hit, said Herb, will be the sugar beet seed and wheat that is planted along the rivers. A majority of the row crops along the river was unaffected because it is in flood and is not producing this time of year.

Steve Jones, who farms near Peoria on the Willamette River east of Corvallis, is dealing with washouts and gulches caused by rushing water. He is now spending time cleaning up debris left behind by flooding. He will have to replant beets and wheat that will die because

the growing plants were covered by silt.

Anything over 14 days affects yield," says Demetrius, Agronomy Department director at Cenex Supermarket, referring to the floods and continued flooding of water by dam engineers. When the plants are flooded for a long time, he said, there is always an increased chance of root disease and fungus problems. In terms of dollar amounts, it can't really be figured out," added Herb, explaining that a lot of the area



Photo by Josh Burk

Huge pieces of driftwood and other debris still clutter the farm fields along the Willamette River following last month's record floods. Although the debris has made more work for farmers, like the one who owns this field along Peoria Road east of Corvallis, the local agriculture industry did not suffer as severe a financial loss as did the cities. Sugar beets and some wheat were the only crops already in the ground that were affected, although some grass seed crops may be affected if they stay under water too long, thus delaying application of fertilizer and other chemicals.

is still underwater. In some areas, such as the Santiam River bottom, the river has actually changed course and irrigation systems and dikes were wiped out, making it difficult for people to return to their homes and fields.

District Extension Agent for field crops, Mark Mellbye, says much of the damage is to roads, with spotty erosion in the fields. There were several reports of damages to irrigation equipment, such as pumps and water lines, Mellbye said. "We were one-to-three feet away from structural damage to barns and equipment." He added that most of the farms in the area were built before flood control measures and have dealt with flooding for a long time.

The real damage Mellbye foresees will be due to the delays in the application of fertilizers and chemicals.

"They are critical this time of year," said Mellbye, because scheduled application is essential for optimum

crop safety. These delays are due not only to the flooding, but also to the amounts of rain and the fact that the water levels haven't yet receded.

Bob Schroeder at Western Farm Service has experienced setbacks in fertilizer and chemical application, too. The flooding came at the beginning of the first application for some crops, and farmers will have to catch up by rapid sequencing when the fields dry out.

Steve Rohner, who farms near the Willamette along

Peoria Road, lost 20 acres of annual rye and orchard grass. Some of his fields are still filled with water in low spots, and he is anxiously waiting to apply fertilizers. With the rain and the water levels, he is worried about wash-off after application.

The doom and gloom broadcasted to the grass seed markets back East raised some concerns about future prices of grass seed, but Matt Herb of Barenbrug said it shouldn't have a great affect on the market. He is more concerned about chemical burn, slug damage and freeze kill than the impact of the floods.

One problem that may occur in the future, he said, would be the depositing of seeds by streams flowing from an annual to perennial field. This may be brought out in a couple of years as a quality issue, but that can be dealt with and won't show up until down the road.

Steve Rohner sums it up by saying, "We won't know till we get the seed in bag next summer."

A local dairy on Kieger Island owned by Fred Visser was the only dairy in this region to lose production due to the floods. They had to pour out milk in the holding tank to make room for more because the island was cut off from traffic and the milk truck couldn't get through. When asked about the conditions on the island, he replied, "It was a little wet, but not bad."

Farming has been practiced in the Willamette Valley for more than a hundred years. Farmers have seen floods before and are most likely to see them again despite developments of new technology in flood suppression. But most farmers take it in stride.

As Matt Herb puts it, "Its hard to fight Mother Nature."

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—Matt Herb

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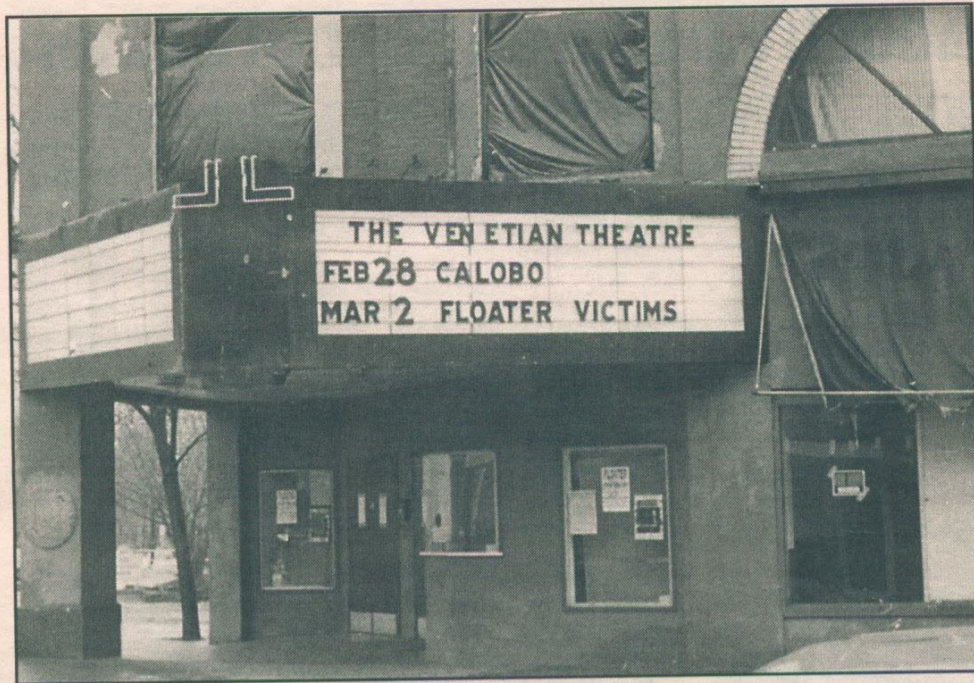
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Noon-1 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room

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3 - 4 p.m. in the Board Rooms

For more information please call Jon Carnahan, LBCC President, at 917-4200; Virginia Moskus, LBCC Director of Fiscal Affairs, 917-4309; Mike Holland, LBCC Vice President, 917-4211; or the Associated Students of Linn-Benton Community College, 917-4457



The Venetian Theatre has been converted from an old vaudeville Theatre to one of the hottest spots for teens. Live music is always on hand at the Venetian.

Old Albany theatre transformed into weekend escape for many

by Christina Bondurant
of The Commuter

The funky, old Venetian Theatre on First Street in old downtown Albany is now the hottest night club around.

Live bands, dancing, a balcony with a bar—these are just a few of the elements that make up the Venetian Theatre.

The theatre was originally built in 1913 as a vaudeville theatre and was later transformed into a movie house. A variety of businesses came and went over the years including a cigar shop and a tattoo parlor.

In 1992, the theatre was purchased by a man named Brauner, he began renovations to turn it into a club. Just before he was about to finish the transformation, he put the place up for sale.

Rob Connell was working on a similar project in Newport. He heard about the theatre for sale and took a chance.

"It was good timing, and a good location, in the valley where the bands and audience would be," he said.

The first show took place in February 1995 with a performance from Rob's own blues band. The club started out just doing shows once in awhile until the summer of 1995 when one or two bands played every week. It was going fairly well, but in the fall it got even better.

Extra help came to keep the theater going. More bands were performing from all over, and the audience was getting bigger.

There's no big corporation behind the Venetian, just Rob trying to change careers. "My interest comes from being a musician myself. I'm providing a place where musicians can play their music and get exposure," said Rob.

Various bands play at the theatre, from punk to blues, there's something for everybody. Original music can always be heard, it's not just a bunch of cover bands.

"I'm not interested in a big bar with bar bands, we're trying to bring in a variety of people and bands," said Rob.

The inside of the theater has a nice feel to it, it seems to have its own personality. The old seats and carpet are comforting in a way, and you feel at home when you sit down. There's a large space up front, close to the stage, where you can get a closer look at the band or do some dancing. Upstairs there is a good sized balcony and a bar, so you can kick back, have a beer and watch the band from above.

Being a regular at the Venetian myself, I have to say that it is my savior. I

never would have thought such a small town would have such a great place to go and see live bands play.

"It's about the only thing you can do in Albany on the weekend," said Dan Perrine, an LBCC student.

After more repairs and renovations Rob is hoping to bring in more national acts, although the club has brought in some excellent acts already. Floater, who just gave an intense performance on Saturday night, plays at the club fairly often.

The funky sounds of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies can also be heard at the theatre. The Battle of the Bands takes place every few weeks, where a variety of new and upcoming bands stage a one-night competition.

The bands that perform at the Venetian are found in a variety of ways. Contacts with agencies, record labels and other clubs helps a lot. Many bands contact Rob, so the club is definitely not having problems finding acts.

Some of the upcoming shows include, funk with Rubberneck on March 9, Battle of the Bands on March 15, blues with Robby Laws on April 13th, hardcore ska with the Voodoo Glow Skulls on April 21 and country with the Derailers on May 1.

Next time you find yourself sitting around the house longing for something to do, check out what's going on down at the Venetian.

review

Chan's humor cheesy in 'Rumble

by Ben Cole
of The Commuter

Everybody's kung fu fighting in Jackie Chan's first American action movie. Chan is a huge star in Hong Kong, but he's going to have to make better movies to make it big over here.

Chan stars as Kueng, a Hong Kong cop on vacation in New York to attend his Uncle Bill's (Bill Tung) wedding. Uncle Bill seems just a little too happy in all of his scenes, and I got annoyed with him quickly. Luckily he and his new bride leave for their honeymoon early in the film. Before he leaves, Uncle Bill sells the grocery store he owns to a young lady, whom Keung decides to help out.

Soon after the grocery store reopens a group of gang members decide to do a little looting and pillaging at the store. Fortunately, Kueng is a martial arts master and beats the stuffings out of the entire gang in less than five minutes and trashes the store in the process. As the ruffians are leaving, Kueng warns them menacingly "Come back again and I'll beat you up!" Jackie Chan clearly hasn't mastered the all-important scary taunt used in all American action movies.

Later that night, the gang decides to get revenge on Kueng, so they lure him to a dead-end alley and throw beer bottles at him. Kueng is badly hurt, but manages to crawl to his next door neighbor's apartment—a little crippled boy's (Morgan Lam) place—and rests there during the night. He doesn't know it yet, but the boy's sister is the girlfriend of the lead gang member. She feels sorry for what she and her friends just did and bandages him up while he's sleeping.

Amazingly, all it takes for all of Kueng's wounds to heal is a good night's sleep. Kueng befriends the boy's sister, and this, of course, makes the gang leader

extremely angry. So, the gang rides dirt bikes into the store and smashes up again, but this time Kueng isn't the

When Kueng does return, the pretress is angry with him so he decides to settle matters with the gang once and for all. He finds their hideout, beats fillings out of their teeth and beats their friend.

Now, the movie is half over and bad guys have learned the error of their ways. We need is more bad guys, not



The movie gives us as generic mobsters trying to get diamonds back from the greedy gang member who stole them. The gangster hides diamonds in a wheel-chair cus-

of Kueng's crippled neighbor.

The mobsters kidnap the gang leader and his girlfriend, holding them for ransom. The gangster who stole the diamonds gets killed, and Kueng discovers where the diamonds are. The mob chase him in a huge finale that involves roof jumping, Lamborghini hovercrafts driving down the street in New York and across a golf course, dozens of crazy stunts, all done by Jackie Chan.

The action sequences are great, lots of karate and the use of what was around: refrigerators, pinball machines and leg braces are all used to inflict pain during the movie. The downfall of the film is its corny, clumsy attempts at humor that aren't funny.

If it didn't try to make the audience laugh and concentrated more on a "Rumble In The Bronx" would've been better, but unfortunately I can't recommend it. I give it five out of 10 stars.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO LET SOMEONE ELSE PAY YOUR TUITION FOR SPRING TERM?

Think we're joking? Guess again! The Family Resource Center may have the ticket to your free term of college. You think it sounds too good to be true? It does, but heck, we'll give you a shot. All you have to do is buy a ticket today

or tomorrow from 11:30-1 in the commons lobby. 1 ticket \$1 or 6 for \$5 (OK, so we're math majors!)

Anyway, the drawing will be held March 10 at noon in the FRC. Now, read the fine print:



Maximum award will be \$510. Proceeds will go towards buying new playground equipment.

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Northwest Film Festival

The 23 annual Northwest Film Festival, featuring 11 films created by Pacific Northwest artists

Tickets are \$3.50 and can be purchased at the door. Some films are rated R, no children allowed.

Character from the film, *Your Name in Celluloid*

Sponsored by the Peace Studies Program. If you need assistance due to physical limitation contact the program at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Saturday, March 10
7:30-9:15 p.m.
in the Forum
at Linn-Benton
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CLASSIFIEDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

ALS Scholarship available to a person furthering a career in a legal support staff position. Award could be up to \$1200. Deadline is March 22, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center.

'96-'97 George and Edna McDowell Trust Scholarship. Eligibility: LB students enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credits). Preference will be given to full-time students (12 or more credits). 4 nursing students and 11 industrial students at \$500 each to be disbursed during term '96. Apps available in Tadena Hall.

Women over the age of 25 years from Benton County who will be attending Oregon State Fall of 1996. Each award is for \$1200. Deadline: March 31, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarships awarded to female Oregon Transfer students who are Oregon residents with at least two years of satisfactory college work. Applications available in the Career Center. Deadline to apply is April 1.

Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation providing 12 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per year to qualified students majoring in the field of horticulture or related field. Applications available in the Career Center. Deadline to apply is April 1.

Albany General Hospital Scholarships. Eligibility: majors in a human medical field attending full time. Deadline to apply is April 10. Applications available in the Career Center.

Clifford and Grace Taylor Scholarship available for eligible students enrolled full-time in a medical or engineering-related field of study. Apps available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Deadline to apply is April 15.

Students majoring in Food Service and restaurant management may be eligible for a scholarship. Apps available in the Career Center. Deadline to apply is April 15.

Hispanic Dental Association Foundation. Eligibility: Entry level Hispanic U.S. students majoring in dental field. Application deadline: June 17, 1986. Applications will be available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall.

Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon for '96-'97. Eligibility: Must have 2nd year enrollment status, be a resident of the State of Oregon. Applications will be available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall

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Speedy Roadrunners plan to burn up the basepaths this year

by C. Sandoval
of The Commuter

The boys of summer are back in action and have been warming up their bats and arms for a few weeks now in preparation for the upcoming baseball season. Although the pros have just recently traveled south for spring training, LB players have been swinging the bats and hucking the balls since early fall.

The baseball season is ready to kick in for what promises to be an electrifying Linn-Benton team that will live up to their Roadrunner name this year. "We have many new faces this year," said Coach Greg Hawk, "We are going to be an exciting team to watch."

The Roadrunners are coming off a disappointing season where they missed making the playoffs by two games. This was the first time since 1989 that the team stayed home for the postseason. "We started off strong last year in the first half of the season," said Hawk, "but then we just came across some bad luck."

The team started last year's season with a 13-1 record, 6-1 in league and on top of the division, but then suddenly started slipping down the standings before ending up with a 20-14 record, 13-12 in league.

This year's team will keep fans on the edge of their seats with a hit-and-run offense that takes advantage of the Roadrunners' speed on the base paths. "We have a lot of speed on the club," Hawk said, "It's going to be

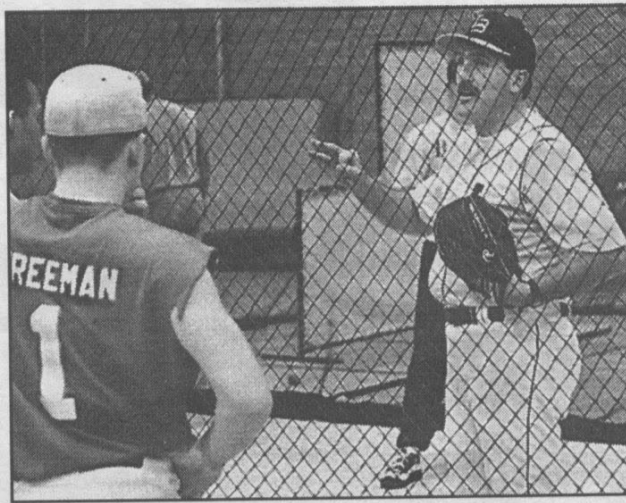


Photo by Trevor Gleason
Coach Hawk gives instruction to his players during a pre-season practice in the gym.

"We have something special. This is going to be a good year. We will be the best that we can be."

—Coach Greg Hawk

a fun year, look out for Miguel Garcia—this kid can run." Last year, Garcia was named second team Southern Region as an outfielder, and hit .339. This year Garcia will make a new home in the infield.

The team will not only depend on their running, but also on their bats and pitching staff. The Roadrunners will be using a three-to four-man rotation led by righthanders Randy Crane and Mark Morris and southpaw, hard-throwing Brian Puter.

Leading the sluggers' club is Joel Greene who made first team southern region with a .402 average. Rick Lowe who also made first team with a .382 average and Jovet Kercado who made second team Southern Region with a .388 average. "The whole team can hit. We will be the best that we can be," said Hawk.

This year's season gets underway on March 17 when the Roadrunners play host to Olympic Community College. Then they will pack their bags and head south to California, making stops in Weed and in Redding to play College of the Siskiyou and Shasta Community College. The league opener will be a double-header in Salem against Chemeketa on March 30.

Coach Hawk expects to have a tough road ahead with teams like Mt. Hood, Chemeketa and Clackamas all fighting for league title honors. But look for LB to right up there with them. "We have something special," said Hawk "This is going to be a good year."

With more athletes, this year's track teams look forward to competitive year

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton track coach Brad Carman and second-year assistant Kelly Walker are banking on the runners on this year's track team to help them improve on last year's season.

Returning for this year's track season are Sami Bond, Brian Earls and Tony Knox. The Roadrunners' roster consists of 18 people including many new faces.

"Sami and Brian have provided some pretty good leadership for the freshmen," Carman said.

The Roadrunners look to have a strong running team.

One of the new members on the women's team is Jolene Bassham, from Sprague, who was the Valley League hurdle champion last year.

Sara Ziemer is being groomed to compete in the heptathlon, despite never having competed in some of the events.

Bond, who just missed qualifying for the NWAACC championship in the heptathlon last year, will be joining Ziemer in the heptathlon along with Bassham.

"Sara is the fastest, Sami has the most experience and Jolene is the best hurdler," Carman said.

Daina Arrell will run the 400 and 800 meter races for Linn-Benton.

Unfortunately, Holly Cole will not compete for the Roadrunners this season, leaving the throwing duties to Bond.

Last season Cole finished third in the NWAACC championship in the hammer, which was an exhibition event, but is now a scored event.

Also gone is NWAACC champion long jumper Paula Leslie, who has used up her eligibility.

New to the men's team are Peter Moller, Dan Grissom, Robert Boyd

and Jeremy Gange.

Moler of Corvallis and Grissom of Tigard will compete in the sprinting events. Grissom, however, has been hampered by a hamstring injury for much of the training session.

"When he's healthy, he and Peter would be two of the better sprinters in the league," Carman said.

Robert Boyd, a transfer from Western Oregon, and Jeremy Gange will compete in throwing events for Linn-Benton.

Carman figures for Gange to do well in the hammer even though his

favorite is the discus. The addition of Gange to the team will help fill the void left by Dan Barley, who broke a 13-year-old

school record last year.

"When his back's not acting up, he shows definite signs of getting that thing out there a long ways," Carman said. "Danny was a perfect technician, but really lacked the size and strength. He had the speed and technique. Jeremy has the size and the strength he just lacks the speed and the technique."

So far, the team has been free of major injuries.

"We have lots of shins and knee and ankle soreness, but nothing we call a real injury," Carman said. "I think usually when the warm weather comes around and people actually start competing some of those soft tissue kind of injuries miraculously heal up and start to feel a lot better."

The Roadrunners hope to field a team that can score fairly well in the Southern Region and compete with Chemeketa, Umpqua, Southwestern Oregon and other schools of similar size.

On Saturday the team gets its first test at the Linfield Icebreaker meet in McMinnville.

"We have lots of shins and knee and ankle soreness, but nothing we call a real injury."

—Brad Carman

Four basketball players named to all league team as 95-96 season closes

League honors Swallow and Wonderly, who led men in scoring and rebounding; Olson, Waite picked for women's team

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

At the close of the basketball season, the Roadrunners had four players named to all-league team.

After helping the men to a third place finish, sophomores Chris Swallow and Kyle Wonderly were named to the first and second team, respectively.

Swallow led the Southern Division in scoring average (20.3 points) and 3-point goals (44 percent) through 26 games. He was sixth in the NWAACC in both categories. Swallow also led the team in free throw percentage (80 percent) and averaged 5.4 rebounds per game.

Wonderly finished third on the team in scoring, averaging 15.9 points per

game after missing six games due to knee injury. He was the team's leading rebounder pulling down seven boards a game.

For the women's team, freshman Melissa Olson and sophomore Kodi Waite were second team and honorable mention picks, respectively. Olson was also named to the All-Freshman team.

Olson, who led the team in scoring, was second in the Southern Division and fifth in the NWAACC, with an 18.8 points per game average. Olson also led the team in rebounds, grabbing 9.4 per game.

Waite finished third in the NWAACC and was first in the Southern Division in free throw percentage at 80 percent.

She also was third in assists in the NWAACC and second in the Southern Division, dishing out seven assists per game.

Swallow and Waite will finish the season Sunday at the NWAACC sophomore all-star games at Chemeketa in Salem. Wonderly has been named an alternate to the men's team.

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OPINION PAGE

letter

Conflict in student government caused by only a few leaders

To the Editor:
In the Feb. 21 and 28 issues of The Commuter stories were printed regarding the Student Programs Office. Both of these stories included quotes from two students: Heidi McKinney and Angela Rivera. Currently there are 27 students who are a part of the Associated Student Government, Student Programming Board, Women's Center and Club Sports, all of whom are affiliated with the Student Programs Office.

As I stated to you on Feb. 28, 1996, I felt that the questioning of two individuals was not an adequate account of what happens behind the doors of CC-213. I do thank you for sending Mary Hake to our meeting on Feb. 28, 1996 so she could report "the whole picture."

Also, I would like to thank Mary for meeting with Pei Wu and myself on Feb. 29, 1996 in order to gain the views of more students. Unfortunately, more students are not willing to speak to the press because they feel threatened. This feeling does NOT come from the Student Programs Office staff or the advisers.

I hope that by my coming forward in the next article (see page 2), in this letter, and in office meetings, that other students will soon have the courage to speak up. I do feel that there need to be some changes in the program. However, I feel that this process could have been handled as adults. There has definitely been lying, blame, a need to control, and manipulation going on in CC-213, but it has not been by the advisers.

I would like to close by inviting any student to the Student Programming Board meetings. They are held every Wednesday (except finals week) from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Willamette Room located on the second floor of the College Center above the bookstore.

Wendy Morris, Corvallis

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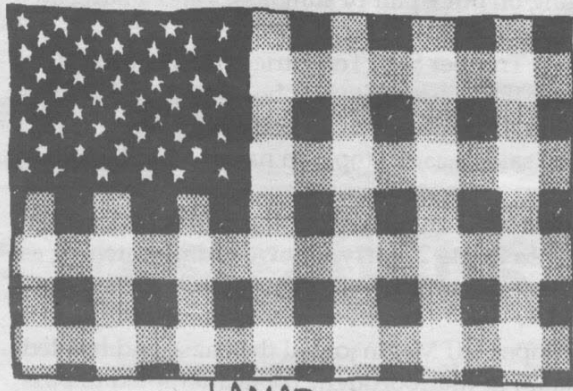
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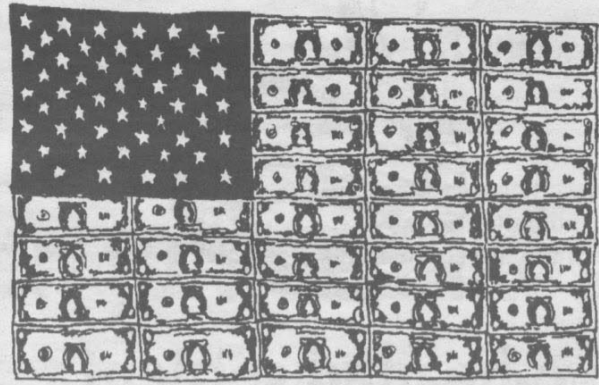
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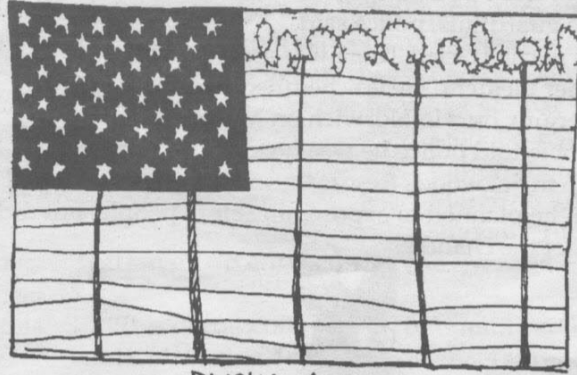
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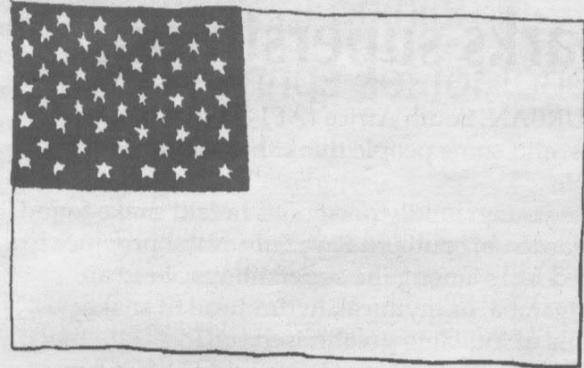
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Common knowledge is often ludicrous

The world is flat, Buchanan would make a good president and too much of a good thing is not enough.

What do these three things have in common? They are all myths which many people once believed or still believe.

As any good philosophy student who has done acid can tell you, there is no such thing as reality, just our perception of it. We choose what we believe to be true and ignore the facts which argue to the contrary.

For instance, I can step outside and find no evidence the world is round. My street doesn't suddenly drop off to Australia. When I dig fence postholes, I do not hear Chinese, no matter how deeply I dig. I bet I could walk all day in a straight line and I still wouldn't end up back at my house.

The only way I know the world is round is that someone told me it was. And I altered my perception to include that "fact" in my reasoning.

Heavy.

It was a slow night at work, so I asked the crew what some of their favorite everyday myths were. Tracy wrote me out a few pages on those pink telephone message thingies. So, I have to be nice and mention Ms. Ross as a major contributor to this column.

The following are things people really believe.

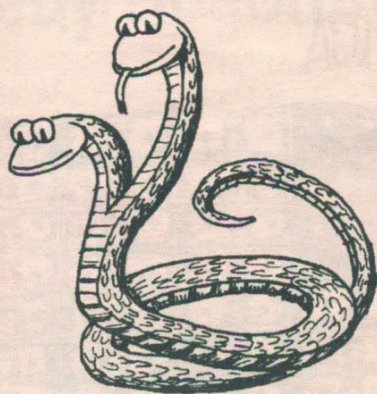
- You are invisible in your car—witness the number of people who feel free to pick their nose while driving down the street.
- You won't get pregnant if you use a condom, foam, a diaphragm or the pill.
- No means yes.
- Q-Tips are harmless.
- We now have the technology to remove tattoos easily and painlessly.
- Tanning booths cannot hurt your skin.
- The customer is always right.
- Your boss is always right.
- You are always right.
- Your parents are always wrong.
- Lesbians hate men.
- Being 18 means you're an adult.
- Problem children are the result of bad parenting.
- All hippies smoke pot.
- If you're low on gas, you need to drive faster to get to the gas station before you run out.
- It doesn't count if no one sees you eat it.
- The best aphrodisiac in the world is green M&Ms.
- Blondes are dumb.
- Every woman gets PMS and appreciates it when men point out that they think they recognize the symptoms.
- Whoever yells the loudest wins the argument.
- Hurting someone with words wins the argument.
- Less than four drinks guarantees no DUI.

- You have to love your family.
- Shoplifting isn't really stealing.
- Everyone convicted of a crime should go to jail.
- Going to church makes up for being a jerk the other six days a week.



- Carrying a gun makes you invincible.
- Seat belts are for wimps.
- If a man has big feet, you know what that means.
- Big breasts mean small brains.
- All men think about is sex.
- All women think about is marriage.

- Cold hands mean a warm heart.
- Cold hearts mean they are a Republican.
- Having a cool car will make up for the fact you are scared to death of socialization.
- Having big breasts will make men notice you in a positive way.
- Putting actors from Saturday Night Live in movies is always a good thing.
- Apologizing means you're sorry.
- Cigarette companies would never sell you any thing addictive.
- Kids will listen if you start a sentence with, "When I was your age. . ."
- People under 20 need constant advice.
- Married people stop having sex.
- Good sex means love.
- Love means never having to say you're sorry.
- Love means you gotta be having sex.
- Gay men think all straight men are hot.
- All laws forbidding oral sex have been removed from the books.
- Attractive people have the best sex.
- I've spent too much time on sex with this column.
- Money is better than sex.
- Money is better than friends.
- Money makes the world go 'round.
- The world revolves around you.
- Being white guarantees you a job.
- Being a minority guarantees you a job.
- A good job guarantees happiness.
- Happiness comes from having a relationship with God.
- Happiness is for sale.
- All antiques are worth money.
- Lite beer tastes good after real beer
- Proper English is more important than what you have to say.
- You have nothing to say worth hearing.
- Going to school will get you a really good job.



Two-headed serpent sparks superstitions

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—Byron has two heads, and some people think that means double trouble.

The young, mildly poisonous herald snake found in a garden in southern KwaZulu-Natal province has evoked fears among the superstitious about an inkanyamba, or mythical, hydra-headed snake capable of inflicting great misery.

Her discovery—Byron was named before handlers determined her sex—on Feb. 6 came after severe flooding killed more than 100 people in the region known for chronic political fighting that has claimed thousands of lives in the past 12 years.

"My ancestors sent me to tell the mayor of Durban ... to allow this snake to be returned back where it belongs," Mandlakayise Victor Madela told the Sunday Tribune newspaper. "If this snake can be taken back, the floods and violence will end."

Nonsense, said Craig Smith, who's made a star attraction out of Byron at his Fitzsimons Snake Park along Durban's beach front.

"Other than the two heads, she's quite normal," Smith said, adding that two-headed snakes are rare but not unheard of.

People who paid the 10-rand (\$2.80) entrance fee Sunday seemed reassured that tiny Byron meant them little harm. At 12 centimeters (five inches), the dark brown snake sat in a tub of water drawing stares but little respect.

"Nobody can keep an inkanyamba," said Matthew Tsoananyana, 43, who heard about Byron on the radio and decided to see for himself. "It should have uprooted everything here. ... I expected to see a very big thing. That's why I'm not crazy for it. It's not big enough."

Some inkanyamba legends give the mythical snake as many as seven heads. According to Tsoananyana, an inkanyamba would chase down whoever captured its baby, wreaking havoc along the way.

South Africans raised on legends and myths often turn to the traditional tales to try to understand tragedies and other major events.

There has been much to explain—decades of violence and oppression under apartheid; continuing political strife in the Zulu kingdom that kills dozens of people a week; the Christmas floods that overflowed river beds left dry by four years of drought.

In some rural areas, politicians and businessmen accuse rivals of witchcraft, often inducing crowds to carry out murderous attacks.

A self-proclaimed traditional healer recently returned from Scotland with a skull he said belong to an ancestor believed to have been executed by British soldiers more than a century ago.

The king's restless spirit has contributed to trouble in South Africa; bringing back the skull and burying it properly would bring peace, the healer claimed. Others, including the Xhosa Royal Council, called the returned skull a fake and the episode a publicity stunt.

Cops arrest motorist for letting it all hang out

COLCHESTER, Conn. (AP)—Spring fever, caused by relatively balmy temperatures this week, might be one reason a Massachusetts man went a little over the edge.

John D. Tobia of Westfield was arrested Wednesday after driving around naked in his car, with nothing on but a pair of sunglasses and a baseball cap, police said.

State Trooper Stan Terry tried to stop Tobia's car because its license plate had been covered over with a T-shirt.

"He said, 'I can't stop. I'm naked,' and he took off," Terry reported.

Tobia sped out of a shopping center parking lot and onto Route 2. Terry followed him, watching as Tobia tried frantically to dress himself behind the wheel.

Trooper Jeff Megin joined the chase and headed Tobia off in Marlborough. Tobia attempted to pass Megin and struck the right front of the cruiser and three guardrails, police said.

A partially-clad Tobia was arrested without further incident. He is scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Norwich on March 14.

Tobia told police he was headed back home from a trip to Foxwoods Resort Casino. Police said he told them he planned to expose himself to people, but did not get the chance.



Tails of the wallaby and other wanderings

YORK, Pa. (AP)—Missing: Wally.

Description: Three feet tall, skittish, likes bread, has a pouch.

Background: Escaped once before.

Wally, a wallaby, has had close calls with motorists and inspired calls from self-described experts since jumping a fence and escaping from his Fairview Township home on Feb. 23.

His owner, Tim Peterson, may not have heeded the advice in the old song, "Tie me kangaroo down, sport."

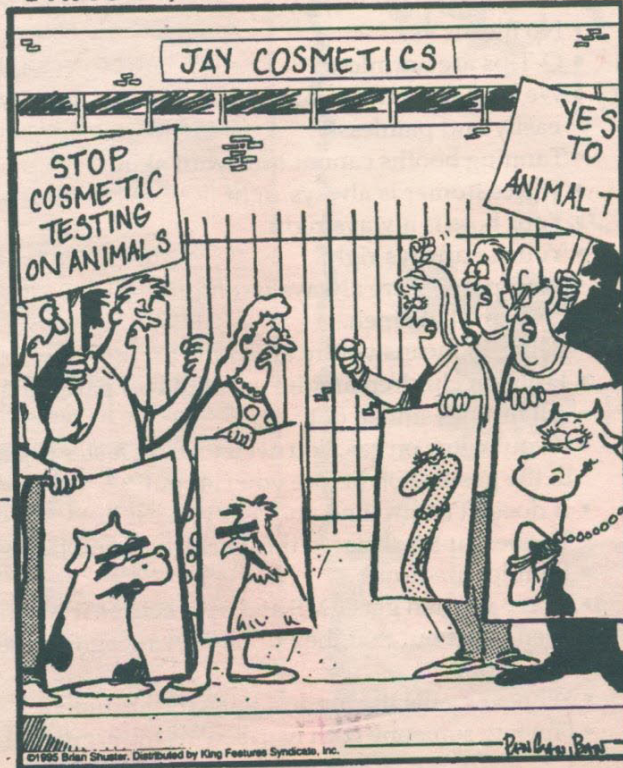
Police are worried that Wally may find his way to nearby Interstate 83.

"Our concern is that he might get onto the interstate, and that could get really ugly," said Lori Musser, township police secretary.

The wallaby, a small kangaroo, was on the loose for 1 1/2 months in 1994, and captured when Peterson put out some mesh fencing.

Musser has her own theory about why Wally escaped again.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"(Peterson) has a female wallaby too, I believe," said Musser. "I suggested maybe there's some kind of marital troubles. But he is a cute thing."

Cute, if you like 35-pound, dark brown Tasmanian kangaroos.

The township doesn't expect to call in helicopters, search teams or canine units, said Musser. A woman who said she was an expert called police with advice and they directed her to Peterson.

There was no telephone listing for Peterson. Wally can be lured by wheat bread. He's skittish, but Peterson told police he doesn't bite.

If someone sees Wally and wants to catch him, said Musser, "You pick him up by the tail and you hang onto him that way."

Experts warn, however, that wallabies have powerful legs that they can use to pummel people they view as threatening.



Bigfoot believers gather for fuzzy film festival

NEWCOMERSTOWN, Ohio (AP)—Does Bigfoot exist?

Don Keating thinks so. And he wants everyone to believe it.

He plans to show films and tell of his own Bigfoot sightings at the eighth annual Bigfoot Conference Saturday in this eastern Ohio community of about 4,000 people.

The Tri-State Bigfoot Study Group hosts the annual meeting, which is expected this year to draw about 50 people—believers and doubters.

Keating, the group's chairman, said the goal isn't to make believers out of the doubters.

"The conference is not to convince people Bigfoot exists in Ohio or anywhere else, for that matter, but to present alleged evidence that it may exist," he said.

Keating said he has twice seen a creature he believes to be Bigfoot—once in 1985 and again 1987.

In 1985, Keating, along with about four others, was in an area where a sighting had been claimed, he said. He and the others heard a heavy walking sound and the sound of limbs breaking. About 30-35 feet away, he saw a creature that looked about 8 feet tall.

It was hairy and light-colored, he said. In 1987, he saw another creature. This time it was about 400 yards away, said Keating.

At the conference, Keating will show a video of what appears to be a Bigfoot walking along a country road. He will also report on new sightings across the country.

The meeting is open to the public and Keating expects some nonbelievers to attend.

"If I hadn't seen what I'd seen on two separate occasions, I'd be a lot more skeptical too," said Keating.

Art Caruso of Youngstown will speak about his investigations into alleged Bigfoot sightings in extreme northern Ohio since late 1993. He also will show pictures of what he says are Bigfoot's footprints found in northern Ohio.