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## Campus smoking policy under review

Officials may toughen enforcement, but discount rumors of a campus-wide ban

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

The rumors have been flying around for months.

The Linn County Tobacco-Free Coalition, Student Life & Leadership and Louise Muscato's Social & Individual Health Determinants class have all conducted surveys on the subject.

Students, former students, instructors, administrators and others have debated, whined and written about nearly every aspect of the subject and its effect on the campus, the community, the rainforests and the universe in general.

But according to Mike Holland, vice president of Administrative and Student Services, rumors of an inevitable campus-wide smoking ban are "ill-founded."

Holland said last Friday that although there has been a great deal of discussion among school administrators about problems associated with smoking on campus, the focus of the discussion has been how to address specific problems like litter and people smoking in non-smoking areas.

"There is not likely to be a total ban, but we do want to have better enforce-

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Photo by Robin Camp

LB student Matt Smith takes a cigarette break outside Takena Hall Monday while students make their way to classes in the background. Campus officials are considering ways to better enforce rules that limit smoking to specifically designated areas, which many smokers say are inconveniently located.

## Oregon gas prices surge to fifth-highest in the nation

'Zone prices' contribute to continual fluxuation in gas costs throughout surrounding areas

by Justin Dalton  
of The Commuter

Motorists commuting to LBCC from afar may notice that gas prices have dropped a few pennies this month. But they shouldn't put their wallets away just yet.

The fluctuation in the gas price war is as complicated as it is frustrating.

Most industry observers agree that it began with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, known as OPEC, which slowed production about three months ago to only four million barrels of crude oil a day, which bumped up the cost to distributors, and led to rising prices at the pump.

Then comes the taxation.

The current gas tax in Oregon is 24-cents-per-gallon. This is added to a shipping and handlers' surcharge because of Oregon's ban on self-service. Altogether its raised Oregon's average gasoline price to about \$1.66-per-gallon, which is the fifth highest in the nation.

But why is an Arco station charging \$1.65-per-gallon and another Arco in the same town charging \$1.67?

It's because distributors practice a tactic known as "zone pricing," according to witnesses before the House Judiciary Committee. They target different social classes of people by area, then adjust the prices accordingly. Thus prices in a lower, middle-class neighborhood are cheaper than stations in a

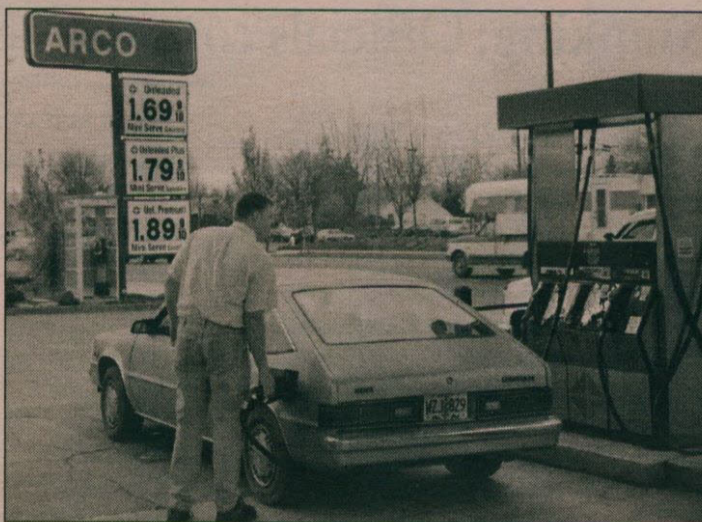


Photo by Justin Dalton

Robert Reimer pumps gas at a local Arco station. Area stations are subject to "zone pricing," which plays a part in the constant fluxuations in gas prices.

higher class part of town. Interestingly enough, when asked about zone pricing, six different employees and two managers at area stations stated they were specifically told not to discuss their prices to the public.

Another wrinkle in the gasoline game may make an appearance to voters on May's ballot. Measure 82, the nickel-a-gallon (Turn to "Prices" on Pg. 2)

## SL&L invites recyclers to turn junk into art

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

The recycling program at LBCC has a new dimension—creations made from recycled trash.

In honor of Earth Day 2000, the Student Programming Board is putting on a recycled creations contest in which students are asked to create something totally out of recycled materials.

LBCC Student Ambassador Douglas Patitz is working on one such creation. Patitz, along with several other students, spent the last few weeks collecting plastic bottles and cans out of the trash to make their creation.

"We wanted to focus around bottles and cans found in the trash

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—Amy Kinnison

to show how many are being thrown away," Patitz said. "We wanted to make a double statement that not only do we create more trash by throwing all these containers away, we lose money that the college could get from cashing them in."

And, of course, there are the savings associated with less trash being hauled off by the local sanitation company.

Although bottles and cans are still being found in the trash on campus, there has been a decrease in the amount of recyclables in the trash overall. "I have noticed a little less recyclables in the trash in comparison to last year," said Rick Pittman, Facilities Services Assistant who is part of the crew that dumps the trash cans on campus.

The main reason for the decrease is the placement of recycling bins for student use around campus. Amy Kinnison, second-year business major, has been instrumental in bringing recycling to LBCC. "I've noticed people using the recycling bins more this year and I try to make sure they are in good locations," said Kinnison. "I would like to get a couple of more bins this year." Kinnison is acting on her own, along with some faculty, to

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Students can turn off their alarm clocks tomorrow morning—classes are cancelled so instructors can get some training.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### Darn Demon Rum!

Sexual frustration is rampant among the women of Kandara, Kenya, who say that demon rum has made their men useless in the bedroom department. So angry were they at their situation that they stormed the police station and demanded that the police chief either close down the village's illegal drinking dens, find them new husbands or order his men to make love to them on the spot. The People newspaper of Nairobi did not say what the police chose to do.

### Making tracks

A young man went on a vandalism spree in Pittsburgh, driving his large sport utility vehicle across 15 of his neighbors' front yards, spinning his wheels and ripping up their lawns. Then he drove home, not realizing the mud and grass embedded in his tires left a trail for the cops to follow. Police Chief Gary Anderson said, "It was a very brief investigation."

### One call too many

An 18-year-old burglar broke into an Alabama home and spent the next several hours calling phone-sex lines. He shouldn't have stayed quite so long. The homeowner arrived as the lad was leaving, spotted him and called the cops.

### I choose contestant #453397

Appearing on the show "Napakymppi," the Finnish version of "The Dating Game," a woman picked out one of three men behind a curtain to accompany her on a romantic sea voyage. When the show aired, helpful callers informed the show's producers that the man she chose was an ex-con who had done five years for bank robbery. The woman has backed out of the cruise.

From the TMS News Service

## Prices: Gas tax would add to rising fuel cost

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gas tax increase, is geared to alleviate congestion of highways and repair roads by reconstructing them with the \$600 million bond to be obtained by the 5-cent raise.

But there may be some light at the end of the tunnel. Last week the U.S. Department of Energy announced that gas prices will plummet rather quickly as summer draws near—down to around \$1.40—thanks to a move by OPEC countries to increase production.

## Manufacturing tech offers summer camp

### From the LBCC News Service

Applications are now being accepted for the Manufacturing Career and Integrated Manufacturing Technology summer camps at LBCC. Deadline for applications is April 21.

The camps introduce participants to manufacturing careers and technologies through a combination of classroom, hands-on practice and industry tours.

Students, who will earn a weekly stipend and college credit, will be taught by LBCC faculty and industry representatives. All tuition and fees will be paid by the sponsoring partners: Wah Chang, CTC, NW Precision Inc. and Entek. LBCC and the Oregon Advanced Technology Consortium are paying instructional expenses.

The Manufacturing Career Camp runs

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, from June 19-30.

Students will receive an introduction to welding, machining, computer-aided drafting, blue prints, electronics, materials, technology and safety. They will spend time with an industry employee and participate in industry tours, as well as explore career choices.

Students must be high school sophomores or juniors currently enrolled in school. Class size is limited to 30.

The Integrated Manufacturing Technology Camp runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 19 to July 21. This is an intensive training program to prepare students for entry-level employment or to give them a head start in a technology program at LBCC.

The training will cover industry busi-

ness practices, computer-aided drafting, blue-print reading, quality assurance, precision measurement, welding, machining, materials technologies, casting, molding, tool and die technology, occupational health and safety, forklift operation and hazardous materials.

Students must be at least 17 years old, a high school senior or older. Previous industrial work experience and vocational instruction is preferred, but is not required. Class size will be limited to 15 students.

To apply for one of these camps, participants should call Susan Boyanovsky for an application form at (541) 917-4607 or e-mail: boyanos@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us. Semifinalists will be notified by April 28 and scheduled for interviews during May 1-5. Finalists will be notified by May 29.

## Recycling: More recycling results in less trash on campus

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bring recycling to campus.

The cafe has noticed a decrease in trash as well. "We used to have to dump the trash cans two to three times a day here," said Gary Snyder, cafe manager. "Now we are only dumping one, maybe two, times a day."

The main cafeteria also does its part. Workers there recycle all bottles, tin cans, plastic and paper products.

Among the items that can be recycled in bins and boxes throughout the campus are pop bottles, cans, plastic containers and paper.

The recycled creations contest will bring into focus the need to recycle products rather than throw them away. The creations can be made out of milk jugs, cardboard, old newspapers or magazines, bottles and cans, boxes, plastic bags and different plastics containers.

A ceremony recognizing the winners will be held in the courtyard on April 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Other Earth Day events include a Flower Planting Party on April 21 in the courtyard. For more information, contact the Student Life and Leadership Office at 917-4457.

## Smoking: Officials consider penalties against smoking violators

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ment of current policies," he said.

The only LBCC policy on smoking is that you have to do it in specifically designated areas of campus. Littering is wrong for everyone; it has nothing to do with smokers in particular (other than the fact that a disproportionate amount of the litter on campus seems to be cigarette butts).

So what's the problem? Why is it so hard to go to a designated area to smoke?

For most smokers it's not.

"I have no problem using the areas provided," says student Lynnette White. "I've worked in a hospital and other places where smoking is allowed only in designated areas. A person has to learn to follow the rules. That's just part of life."

White is one of the hundreds of smok-

"This is a conduct issue.

Violators can be referred to the dean of student services for disciplinary action."

—Vern Jackson

ers at LBCC who are somehow able to "trek to remote corners of campus" in order to have a cigarette without bothering anyone else.

However, according to Vern Jackson, head of campus security, there are those who don't seem too worried about bothering others or following the rules.

Jackson cited a recent incident in which an instructor confronted two students for smoking in a non-smoking area. One of the students apologized and moved on; the other said something un-

printable and finished his smoke.

"Incidents like that cause problems for all smokers," Jackson said. "This is a conduct issue. Violators can be referred to the dean of student services for disciplinary action. No one has so far, but if things like this keep happening it will be a lot more difficult to treat people with discretion and respect, which is what we try to do now."

Both Jackson and Holland agree that there are likely to be additional modifications to current smoking policies. According to Holland, discussion among the administration, the faculty, the ASG and campus security prior to the beginning of the 2000—2001 school year will likely determine what those modifications will be. Possibilities include relocating smoking areas and enforcing penalties against violators.

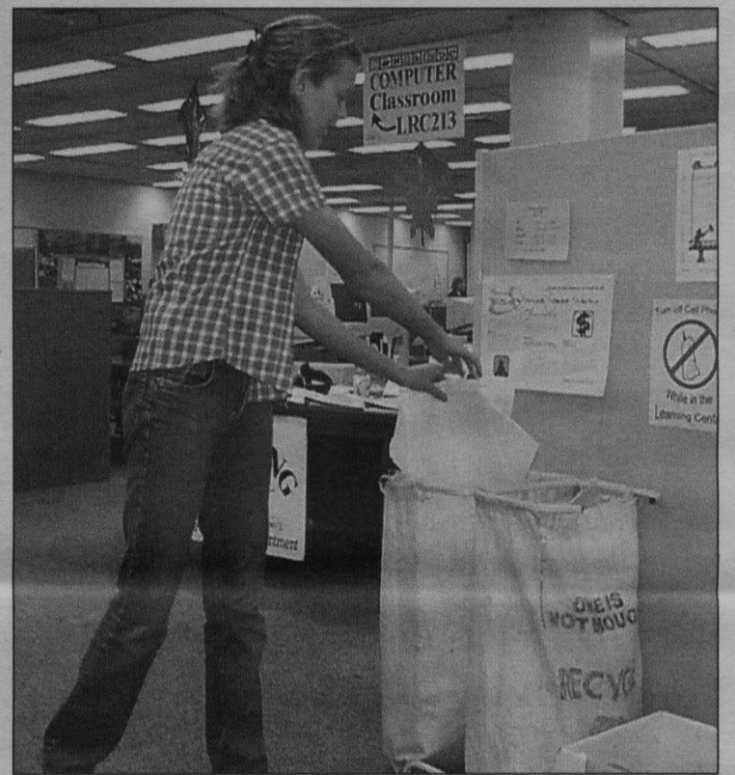


Photo by A.J. Wright

Annie Genstler uses recycling bins in Takena Hall.

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# IN FOCUS

## Advanced Playground 103



Chloe and Courtney (top left) look down on their classmates from their perch atop a playground structure, while Brianna tries out the tire swing.

The new playground equipment at the Family Resource Center gets a workout on sunny days.

Spring sunshine brings LB's smallest students out to hone their play skills in preparation for summer vacation.

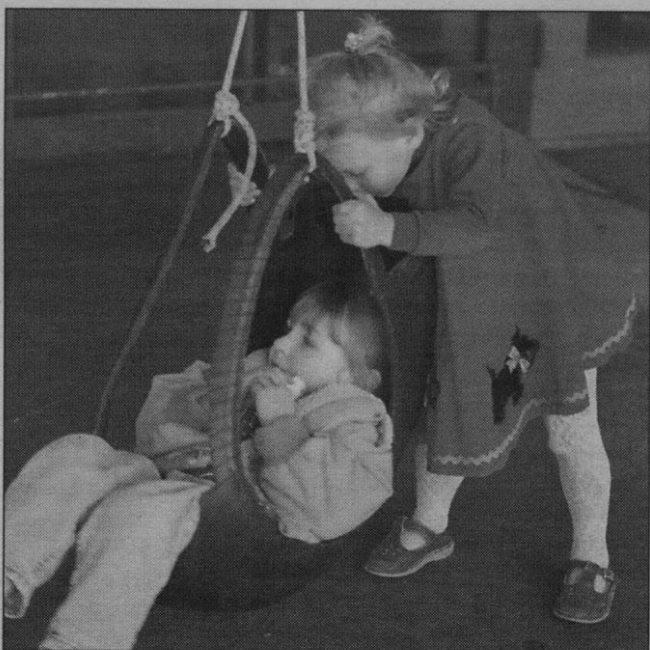
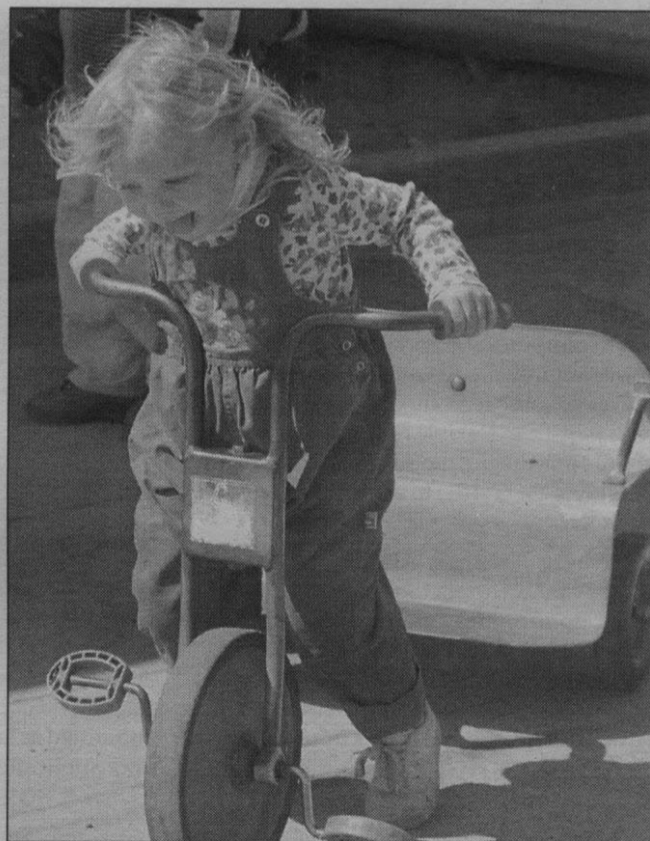
The kids get to play on new structures that were built with volunteer and donations last year.

The Family Resource Center provides on-site care for up to 75 students as well as a parent training class, "Living and Learning with Your Preschooler," for their guardians.

The center offers child care to students and staff members with children between the ages of 2 and a half to five years old.

For the first time, child care will be available during the summer term with fees based on a sliding scale.

Parents who need more information on the child care program can contact Family Connections at (541) 917-4899.



Courtney has a little trouble mastering the parallel slide (above), but Lilly has definitely got the trike figured out (above, right), as she races across the playground outside the FRC building. At lower right, Casey gives Emily a push in one of the many swings in the playground. The structures were constructed by parents and other volunteers last year with funds raised by a variety of activities. A roof covering the area is in the planning stages, with help from the Albany Kiwanas Club. Once the roof is in place, the kids won't have to wait for the sun to come out in order to enjoy their playground.

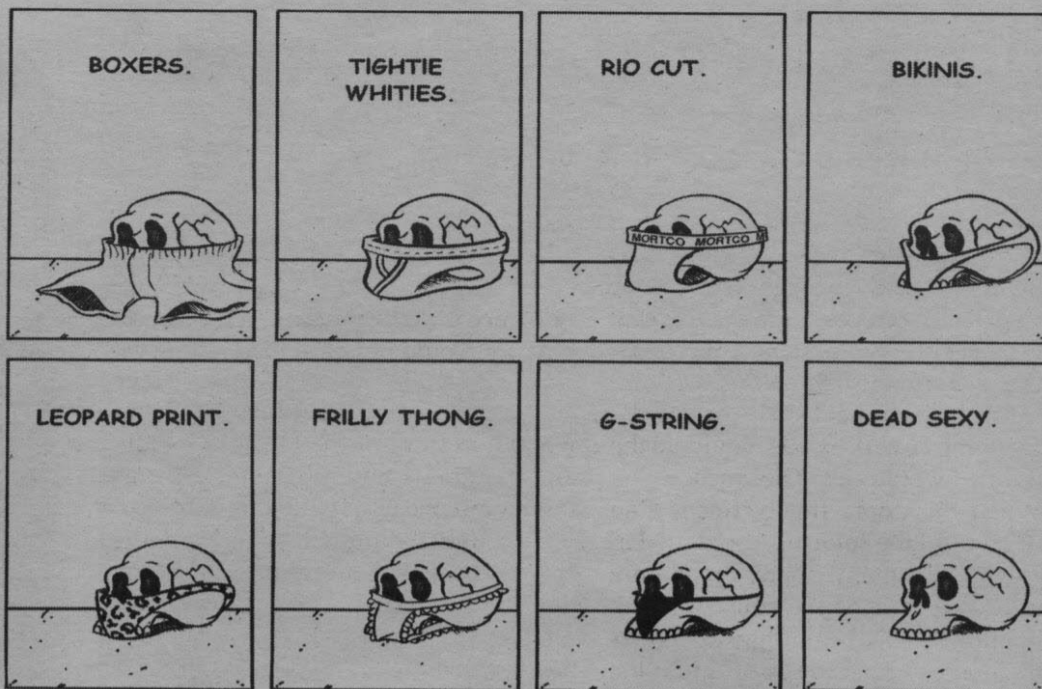
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# FUNNY PAGE

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SKULY'S SECRET



## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

**HP Research Intern** -- Are you going to school for at least another year? We have a part-time intern position that requires a one-year commitment to the job and a desire to work in a library-type atmosphere. This job requires 20 hours a week and those hours are flexible. The pay is \$9.19/hour. See Carla in Student Employment to apply (T-101).

**CWE Computer Support positions** -- Need to get your CWE credits in computer support? We have jobs at Wah Change and Selmet with part-time, flexible hours and possibility of full-time during the summer. See Student Employment (T-101) to sign up and fax your resume!

**Petersburg Fisheries, Alaska** -- A recruiter will be coming to talk to students about summer opportunities on Friday, April 21 in Takena Hall. Average gross wage is \$6,200 for the summer. Ask about the recruiting incentives. See their Web site: <http://www.icicleseafoods.com> for information.

Congratulations to those who attended the Career Fair! The employers were impressed with you as a student and the overall great attendance of our student body. These same employers thought the Fair was very successful and they were happy they attended our Fair. There were a lot of jobs represented there, which shows us the economy is alive and strong. So go get those jobs! Sign up in Student Employment today!!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Attention Dance Majors Transferring to WOU:** Audition class for scholarships for incoming dance majors will be held Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m. in Maple Hall on the WOU campus. Students must bring a Dance and Performance resume and a 500 word or less essay stating why you are pursuing a Dance degree. Please call 541-838-8263 to reserve your audition space now. Resume and essay may be mailed prior to the audition to: Deborah Jones Peterson, Theatre/Dance Dept., 345 N. Monmouth Ave, Monmouth, OR 97361. All recipients must be accepted for admission

and enrolled at WOU. Informational flyers available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

**Hispanic Students:** The Hispanic Dental Association Foundation is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000. These awards are for entry level students who are seeking to advance their scientific and applied clinical knowledge as they enter into the dental profession. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

**Students of Any Major:** The Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon, Inc. annually awards 10-15 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in the sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at Oregon colleges and universities. Students applying should have a minimum 3.5 GPA or higher and include a current transcript, with a final grade transcript required at the end of spring term. Applications will be given preference if postmarked on or before April 1, 2000 but can be submitted as late as July 1, 2000. Information and application available in the Learning Center (LRC 212).

**Attention Engineering Students:** The Society of Women Engineers of the Columbia River Section is offering two scholarships to pre-engineering students throughout the state. Each scholarship is \$250. Students are eligible to apply if they are nearing completion of their pre-engineering program and have applied as a junior engineering student for the 2000-2001 school year at one of the following universities: Portland State University, University of Portland, and the Oregon Institute of Technology. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in their major. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2000. Information and application available in the Learning Center (LRC 212).

**Attention all students:** The P.L.A.T.O. Education Loan program is offering students a chance to receive \$1,000, \$5,000 or even \$10,000 for college. No paper applications are available. All information and the application can be accessed 24 hours a day at [www.plato.org](http://www.plato.org). Scholarships are merit-based

and students must have a grade point average of 2.75 or higher. Application deadline is April 30, 2000.

**Attention Construction Management and all engineering students:** The NAWIC National Association of Women in Construction is offering three different scholarship programs to students in Construction Management, Architecture, Civil/Mechanica/Structural or Electrical Engineering. Information and application are now located in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

**Attention Baker County high school graduate or resident:** The St. Elizabeth Health Services Auxiliary of Baker City, Oregon will award a \$1,500 scholarship to a graduate of a Baker County High School or a current Baker County resident who has at least a sophomore status by Sept. 2000. Applicants must be enrolled in a health care field such as RN, LPN, Radiology or Medical Laboratory Technician, Occupational, Physical or Respiratory Therapy or similar areas. Application deadline is April 15, 2000. Information and applications located in Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

**Attention all students in a medically-related field:** The Geraldine Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment, administered by Legacy Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary, provides a yearly grant of up to \$3,000 to an individual or individuals in a medically-related field. Applicants must be seeking a medically-related field, have recently returned to college after a significant interruption of at least five years due to hardship, must show financial need, must be a U.S. citizen and Oregon resident. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2000. Information and applications available in the Learning Resource (LRC 212).

**Attention all students in Transportation/Distribution/Logistics:** The Transportation Association of Portland plans to give two \$1,000 scholarships. Applicants must have a 2.75 GPA, be enrolled in accredited institutions of higher fields, i.e. learning or offering courses in Transportation, Traffic Management and related Marketing, Economics,

Accounting, Distribution, Warehousing, Purchasing, etc. and who is intending to pursue a career in Transportation/Distribution/Logistics. Applications must be postmarked by April 14, 2000. Information and applications available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

**Attention Agricultural, Food Science and Poultry Science Majors:** The NPFDA (National Poultry & Food Distributors Assn.) Scholarship Foundation is awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to students in the fields of poultry science, food science, agricultural economics/marketing, nutrition and areas of study related to the poultry industry. Applicants must be in their Junior or Senior year when they receive the scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

**Attention: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Students:** The Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund is offering scholarships to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and/or the children of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender persons who reside in Oregon or SW Washington. Applicants must be pursuing their education through the post-secondary level and require financial assistance. Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHI THETA KAPPA is having a bake sale on Thursday & Friday, April 20-21, in Takena Hall, from 8a.m. to 4p.m.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## DiFranco wows Gill crowd

by Keirsten Morris  
of The Commuter

As I approached Gill Coliseum for the Ani DiFranco benefit concert for In Harmony last Sunday, the sight was similar to what I had seen years ago at a Grateful Dead concert: dreadlocks, nose piercings, tatoos and strange hair colors.

I wasn't sure what to expect from the show or the crowd, as this would be the first time I would hear DiFranco.

When the doors finally opened an hour late and the colorful crowd filed in through Gill's many doors, I made my way to the floor of the coliseum. The temperature was beginning to rise as many bodies began to squeeze into the relatively small floor space available, and I got a whiff of patchouli oil, which again reminded me of my Grateful Dead experience.

The crowd was giddy for the show to come—teenage girls giggled with each other while they peeled off their outer shells of clothing in the warming mass of humanity. A woman in front of me was kissing her girlfriend's neck and a small group of 20-somethings behind me discussed the beauty of DiFranco's lyrics and when they had seen her last.

Soon the lights dimmed and Greg Brown strolled onto stage with his guitar and sunglasses, followed by a man adorned with a cowboy hat and a mint green electric guitar. They played soulful folk songs for the crowd for about 30 minutes, after which Brooke Macnamara, director of In Harmony, took the stage

and explained to the crowd the importance of the concert, which was staged to raise funds to build a community to house foster children and seniors in Corvallis.

As the anticipation of DiFranco's appearance began to mount, the murmur of voices could be heard throughout the coliseum. A man placed a guitar on stage and a squeal was heard. A man and woman in front of me talked excitedly and laughed, and began kissing as though no one else in the room existed.

The lights dimmed again and the crowd cheered, while colorful flashing lights swallowed the stage and guitar-wielding, dreads-swinging DiFranco began the show.

DiFranco electrified the stage with her presence and intense songs ranging from love to more politically-charged tunes. I was impressed with the ferocious manner that she expressed her views through her music. The crowd danced and swayed to her funky beats, except for both of the couples directly in front of me, who continued making out throughout the show.

I must say that while I was impressed with DiFranco's impact on the crowd and the raw spectacle of her energy-charged performance, I will probably remember the difficulty of straining my neck to see her over the mushy romance that was taking place in front of me.

It was another flashback to my Grateful Dead memories, when the audience was as much a part of the show as the performers.



Photo by Robin Camp

### Spring Strings

Chris Luckman picks a few tunes on his guitar in the Courtyard while enjoying the sunshine last week. He may have to move his practice sessions indoors this week, however, as forecasters call for rain invading the valley by Friday.

## Low self-esteem is the key for comedy in 'High Fidelity'

by Shauna Noah  
of The Commuter

Some people act. Some people are so cool they don't have to. Therein lies the charm of "High Fidelity."

"High Fidelity" is the new John Cusack vehicle with Cusack as Rob Gordon, a needy, self-centered, dating disaster with low self-esteem. He spends his time compiling top five lists

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with his two goofy employees in Rob's destitute record store.

The story follows Rob as his long-term girlfriend Laura moves out. Rob talks straight to the camera as he goes through his "Top 5 Worst Break Up List of All Time." There's the girl that kissed him and then dumped him for another boy at age 14; a sweet innocent that wouldn't have sex with him and then sleeps with the next guy she dates; a vivacious beauty who is too good for him; a depressive psychotic who was just looking for companionship (in someone else); and finally Laura, the one that shouldn't have gotten away.

The movie is based on the book of the same title by Nick Hornby, which is why the plot is more character-driven than action. The fault of the movie is that it's slow. It doesn't have a strong enough plot line to allow you to really care about these characters as a whole.

But this is where the good part comes in. The director cast Cusack for the lead. This was brilliant. No other actor could give Rob his lovelorn earnestness while saying lines like "You see that? I could have had sex back there." He turned a shallow man that's so self-involved he can't see and doesn't care how he is affecting the world around him into an endearing human being. I now believe that Cusack could read the dictionary and make it interesting.

The supporting cast in this movie is equally fantastic. The real gems would be Jack Black as Barry and Todd Louiso as Dick. They are the "musical moron twins" that work at Rob's record store. The underlying joke of these characters is that they don't really have to be full characters, you know them all ready. They represent your little brother, your friend, the guy that sits next to you in math, those guys that can tell you the exact moment that Pink Floyd sold out, but have never had a date in their lives. The humorous aspect is that these men see themselves as some sort of musical royalty, taunting those who are below their station. This makes for some funny scenes

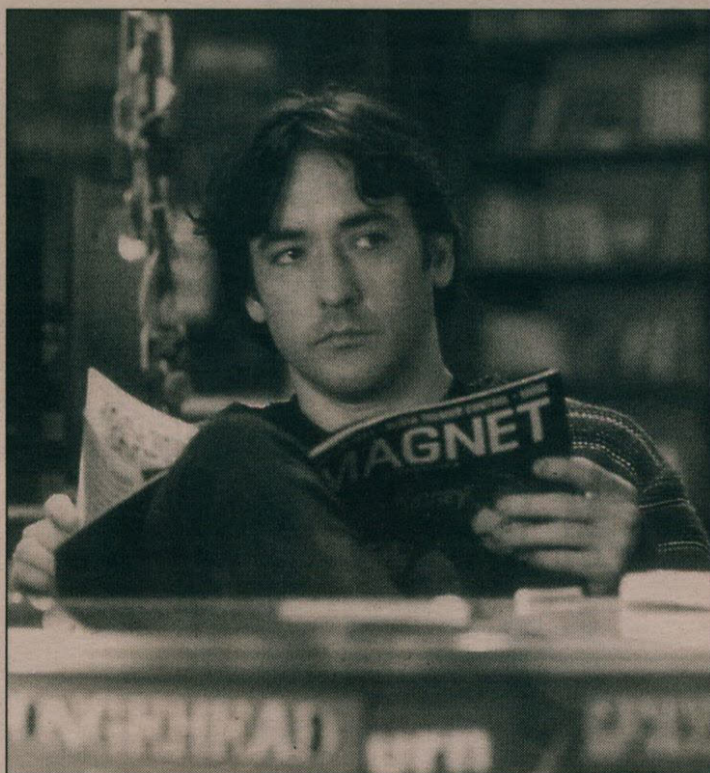


Photo courtesy of Melissa Moseley

### John Cusack stars in "High Fidelity."

where Barry ridicules incoming patrons.

Black adds a lot of much needed energy to counteract Cusack's deadpan wit. Louiso brings a sensitivity, a goofy lovable, along with a walking target for Black. Iben Hjejle as Laura is perfect casting for a girl that you could believe Rob would love. She's perfect as the funny, sweet, smart and tolerant girlfriend.

Lili Taylor is typecast as a psycho ex-girlfriend. And in a special unbilled cameo, Catherine Zeta-Jones plays the too-good-for-you-girlfriend that bluntly breaks Rob's ego.

In the end this film is worth seeing not for its plot, which is slow and predictable, but for its lush characters and funny insights into the male mind. This type of film would work better for home video viewing, and you may want to save some cash and watch it then. But do watch it.

"High Fidelity" is at Ninth Street Cinema and is rated R for sexual content and language. Call 758-7469 for show times.

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### Commons Menu



#### Wednesday April 12

Roast Chicken with Pan Gravy  
Pork Enchiladas  
Pasta Bar  
Taco Salad

#### Thursday April 13

Commons and Courtyard closed for Inservice

#### Friday April 14

Chef's Choice

#### Monday April 17

Sausage Stuffed Pork Loin Roast  
Chicken Gumbo  
Quesadilla w/corn, salsa, pintos

#### Tuesday April 18

Rueben with coleslaw  
Greek-style Lamb Stew  
Vegetarian Thai Curry w/steamed rice

# SPORTS PAGE



Photo by E.J. Harris

## Carpenter makes strides in hammer

by David Thayer  
of The Commuter

The hammer toss event has been around in college track for only a few years at Linn-Benton, yet Heather Carpenter has made the best of it during her two years here.

Carpenter came to LB the way of Stayton High School. She is currently majoring in Horse Management and her career choice is to be a massage therapist for horses.

She was normally not a hammer thrower, but when the assistant coach asked all the throwers to try it, Carpenter liked it and decided to stick with it.

"Getting the technique and all the footwork down is a hard thing to do when you first try to do it. But once you get it mastered, it is very easy."

So far this season, Carpenter has already broken her own school record in the hammer toss (formally 143 feet, two inches) with a throw of 156 feet, six inches earlier this season. That mark ranks her far above the next best thrower in the NWAACC this year.

Carpenter has competed in other events besides the hammer, including the discus and the shot put. "I am not really that good at the shot, and I have been doing the discus for eight years, and you get bored with that after awhile." She has been doing track since the sixth

grade.

The team is much smaller this year, and Carpenter likes it that way.

"We are all really close and we get along great." She also has a great relationship with Coach Brad Carman. "He is really nice and I like him."

Carpenter doesn't know what she would like to do when she gets done at LB. Her choices for colleges is really small. "I am looking at Virginia Tech right now, but am still looking at other schools."

Carman said that a lot of Division II schools have been taking a look at her. "If she could add about 10-15 feet to her throws, Division I schools would really be looking at her too. But that is not to say she hasn't gotten very far already," said Carman. "She has gotten better since the end of last year, and is hitting between 150-156 feet on her throws. She came out really big in the NWAACC Championships last year with a throw of 142 feet to finish in second place."

Carman added that Carpenter is a hard worker who comes in to lift weights, goes out to do her throws and just works hard at what she does.

When Carpenter is not doing track, she is either out riding horses, roller blading or working out.

Carpenter will be competing this Saturday in Salem against Lower Columbia, SWOCC and Chemeketa.

Heather Carpenter still throws the discus for the LB track team, but her success in the hammer throw has drawn the attention of some four-year colleges.

## Spring run/walk held April 20

From the LBCC News Service

Bunny Hop 2000, a run/walk event sponsored by the Student Programming Board, will be held at the LBCC track Thursday, April 20 from noon-1 p.m.

Participants may compete as individuals or in teams of three. The event, which

is open to all students and staff, awards prizes to the team of three with the best poker hand as well as individuals with the best hand.

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## SPORTS PAGE

## Runners' bats come alive vs. SWOCC

## LB sweeps doubleheader against Lakers but gets shut out by Chemeketa

by David Thayer  
of The Commuter

SWOCC became the first victim to fall to the Runners onslaught of hitting and pitching this year, as LB swept the Lakers in a doubleheader Saturday 8-4 and 4-3.

Jake Stickley got the start for the Runners in the first game, and just like in his first start against Lane, he got into trouble in the first inning. But this time, after the first two Lakers reached base, "Stick" retired the next three batters handily.

The Roadrunners got on the scoreboard quickly in the bottom of the first when Mark Morris and Jimmy Zachor singled, followed by Randy Richardson's hard line-drive single that drove in Morris. But LB stranded baserunners on first and second, when Dameon Barrows struck out.

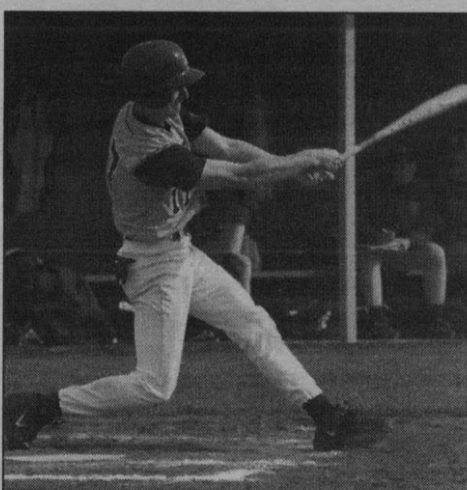
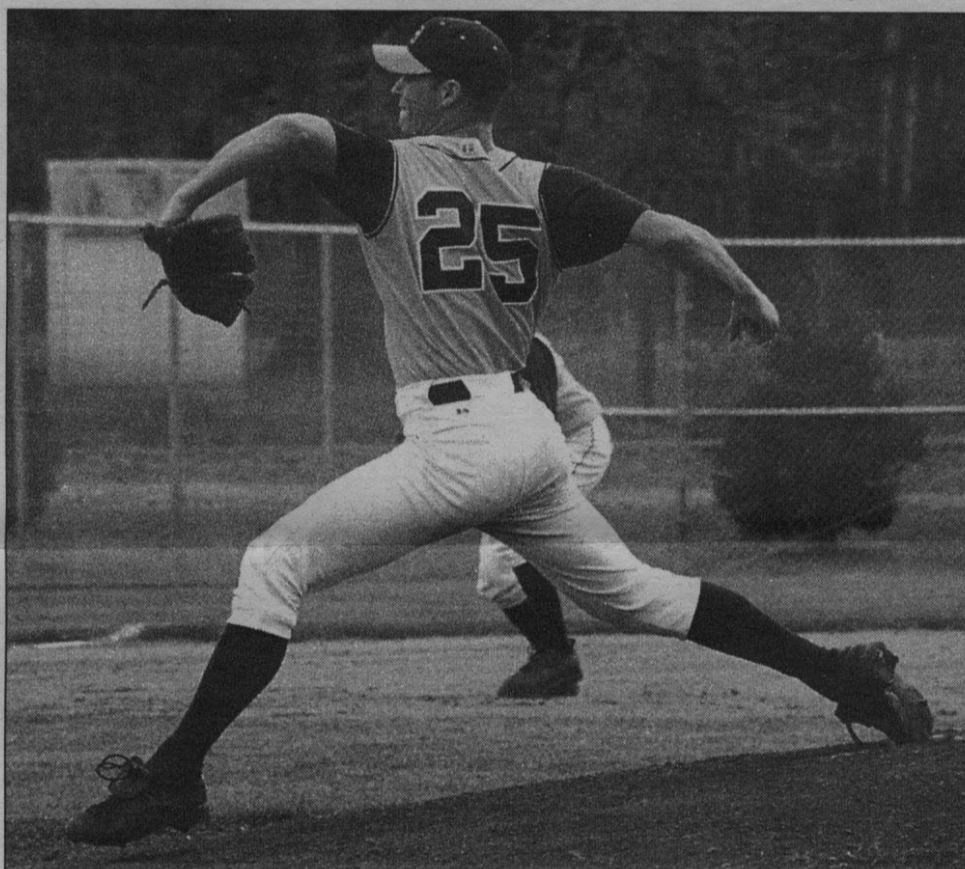
The Lakers picked up a run off Stick in the top of the third, even though they didn't get a hit in that inning. The Lakers picked up a walk, a stolen base and a balk, then a Jeremy Sampson error at third base forced in the runner.

The Runners had a chance to take the lead in the bottom half of the inning, but a disputed call by the umpires canceled that out. With runners on second and third, Barrows hit a soft ground ball to the pitcher and appeared to be safe at first while both runners came into score. But the home plate umpire ruled that Barrows had run outside the first-base line and called him out.

The Runners finally went ahead in the bottom of the fifth inning when Andy Narver led off with a double, and Zachor hit a hard single to right to drive him in.

Then the Runners' bats came alive and broke open the close game by scoring one run in the sixth, four in the seventh, and one in the eighth. In the seventh inning, Zachor picked up the last of his four hits and proceeded to steal second base and then scored on Barrows' single. After a walk to Sampson, Korey Kanaeholo came up, and drove a 1-2 pitch hard to left field, driving in Zachor and Barrows. Troy Bugaran (who went 3-4 in the game) then doubled to left-center field, with Sampson scoring from third and Kanaeholo running hard from first to get the score to 7-1.

In the top of the ninth, Stick was looking for his first complete game of the season. He got the Lakers lead-off hitter to fly out to center, but then things came apart. Stick hit the next batter, gave up a single, then errors by Kanaeholo and Barrows allowed three runs to score. But Stick settled down and got the next two



hitters to fly out and line out. The Runners had three batters who finished with three or more hits (Zachor, Bugaran and Narver). In total, the team had 15 hits and scored eight runs. The defense was again plagued with problems, however, as they picked up four errors. Stick allowed only one earned run (allowed four runs overall), four hits, walked three and struck out three.

Brett Strode got the start in the second game, and again the first inning threw a scare into the Runners. The Lakers lead-off batter reached on a Matt Hinshaw error, then Strode walked the next batter and got the third batter for hit into a fielder's choice. With Runners on first and third, Strode walked the next hitter to load the bases, but avoided any dam-

age by striking out the next two batters. Narver got off to a hot start again for LB, tripling deep to center field and then scoring on a Josiah Stroup single to left. Morris next hit a single, moving Stroup to third, where he scored on Kris Lloyd's deep sacrifice fly to right field, making the score 2-0.

The Lakers managed to get the score to 2-1 one only one hit in the next inning. Strode hit a batter, who was sacrificed to second and then scored on a single. The LB fans were getting more nervous as Strode loaded the bases with a walk and another hit batsman, but he got out of the inning when the cleanup hitter grounded out to Stroup at third.

Photos by Christopher Spence

The Runners provided the fans with some near highlights in the bottom half

of the inning. Ryan Borde led off with a single, then was sacrificed to second by Bugaran. Hinshaw proceeded to double to right, and Borde made an emphatic slide into home to up the lead to 3-1.

After Narver struck out, Hinshaw went to third on a wild pitch and Stroup was hit by a pitch, as was Morris. With the bases loaded, Zachor strolled to the plate. But the Lakers pitcher poured it on and struck him out.

The top of the third proved to be Strode's last inning. After he walked the first two batters, Hawk brought in Brian Lorimor in relief. By the time the dust cleared, the Lakers had scored two runs by putting together a hit, an error, a steal and a couple of hit batters.

The score remained tied at 3-3 till the bottom of the fourth inning, when Narver drove a pitch deep to left-center for a double, and Stroup singled him home for his second RBI. Morris struck out to end the inning, but not after the Runners picked up what proved to be the winning run.

After three innings pitched, Lorimor gave way to Morris in the top of the sixth (Rosti replaced Morris in center). Morris got the Lakers out one-two-three that inning, then only allowed one hit in the top of the seventh to preserve the two-game sweep for the Runners.

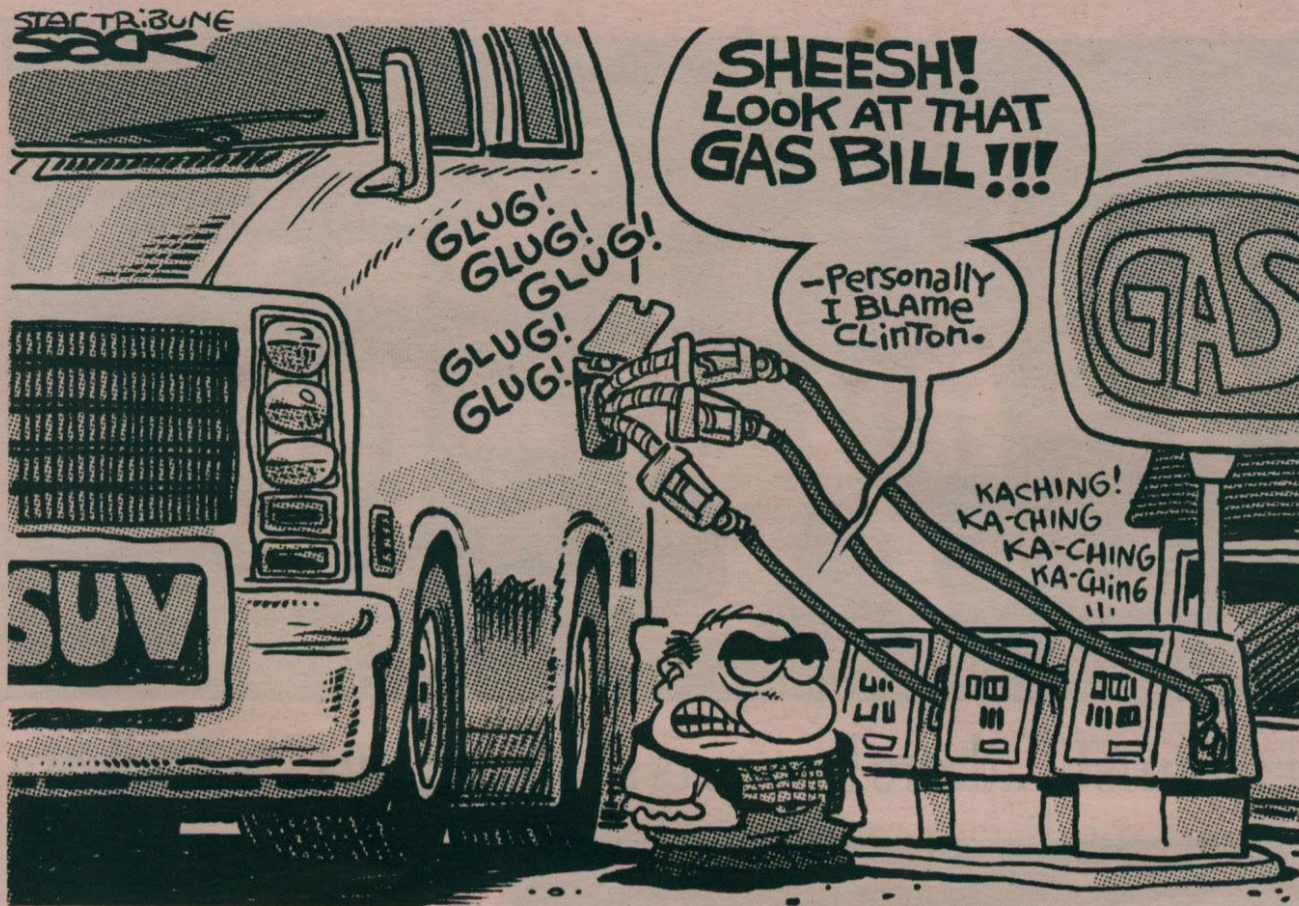
Narver and Stroup were the hitting hero's for the Runners. Narver was 2-4 with a double and a triple while Stroup went 2-2 with two RBI's. Lorimor picked up the win while Morris picked up his second save of the league season.

Earlier in the week the Runners had a tough time with the Storm of Chemeketa. Justin Quaempts was the starter for the Runners in the game, and took the 5-0 loss. Seven LB errors were to blame for that—including three dropped pop-ups.

The 2-1 record over the week gives the Runners to a 3-2 mark in league play and a 8-6 record overall. The results from the Runners game last night against Chemeketa were not available at press time. The Runners next opponents are the junior varsity squad from Linfield College in McMinnville tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. for one game. The Runners then come home to face the Saints of Mt. Hood this Saturday for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

The Runners were without the services of leading hitter Tory Haven for the games against SWOCC, as he was having knee and ankle troubles. The Runners have also been without the services of all-league center fielder Josh Thompson, who will be out the rest of the season with knee troubles.

# OPINION



## COMMENTARY

### Chivalry is not dead; it's just hard to find

by Benjamin Sell  
of The Commuter

There was a time when all men opened doors for ladies, pulled out their chairs, and even stood up every time a young lady entered a room. As I'm sure most people have noticed, those times are long gone. But why? Why does only a dwindling minority feel the need to practice the behaviors commonly known as chivalry?

The answer may surprise you. The main reason men no longer feel compelled to practice gentlemanly conduct is: Women.

Let me make a quick point before I continue—there are two kinds of guys who practice chivalry: Players (or playas, depending on how you wear your pants) and actual gentleman. The former group has made it impossible for the latter to be taken seriously.

Now, I'm not going to lie to you and pretend that I don't hate players. I hate them because they have made it damn near impossible for me to function as a gentlemanly individual. I also hate them because they treat women like objects and are only out to get laid all the time, but that's a different story altogether.

If you just read that last sentence and thought to yourself, "this guy's fulla crap and is only trying to get laid," congratulations, you've just proven my point.

What I'm trying to say is that because the majority of guys who practice chivalry are only trying to get on a young lady's good side so that they can weasel their way into her pants, many women just assume that any young man who opens doors and pulls out chairs is only trying to lure her into a false sense of security long enough to lure her into a dark bedroom. Because of this automatic assumption made by female members of society, the chivalrous males among us are forced to find other means of winning over their prospective mates, thus causing said gentlemanly behavior to fade and eventually vanish from our culture altogether.

Now there are rare exceptions. Sometimes a gentleman will find a young lady either too naive to know that most guys are players or open-minded enough to accept the chance that not all of them are. However, ladies of this caliber are almost as scarce as the gentlemen themselves.

Not to be entirely one-sided though—guys are often guilty of making the assumption that because another guy is acting chivalrous, he is only seeking to gain carnal knowledge of a young woman. Case in point: A few months ago I was at a late-night rehearsal in Takena Hall. On one night we were running a little late and the director was letting people go as their parts in the rehearsal came to an end. My part in this particular act ran from beginning to end with a significant gap in the middle. When a young actress had said her last line, she was free to go, and so began to make her way out to her car. I, being gentlemanly-minded, offered to walk her out to her car for no reason other than to make any would-be thief think twice about attacking her. She accepted and we walked to her car together.

When I returned I was immediately accosted by another male cast member who told me he was going to "take notes" because he was watching "a real player in action." He wasn't completely serious and I didn't take offense. After all, I was attracted to the girl, and that had perhaps influenced my decision to provide her with an escort, but I had no amorous intentions at the time. I was simply concerned for her well-being.

I guess the only way to begin to reverse this trend is for more women to think twice before automatically dismissing any young man who makes an attempt at chivalry, but I'm not even going to pretend to comprehend the incredibly complex inner-workings of the female mind. I know better than to put my foot into a bear trap.

So, aspiring gentlemen of the world, persevere! It's the only hope we have of ensuring that chivalry does not disappear and that every gentlemanly gesture is not misconstrued as a cheap ruse.



Benjamin Sell

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Rude columnist has only self to blame for loss of CDs

To the Editor:

I have several comments about the very distasteful column that ran in The Commuter Wednesday, April 5, entitled "Wanted: CD-stealing, bad breath burglar."

First of all, I would like to say shame on you. You need to get off your pity party. The blame rests on you.

Personally, you asked for it. What were you thinking (obviously you weren't) by bringing 70 CDs with you? How many CDs can you listen to at one time? Hey, I say good old common sense would have said, "I can only listen to one at a time so I should only take three or four with me." Just in case they get stolen.

But ignorance stood in your way and look what happened.

So, if you are looking to receive sympathy from writing that column—think again. I for one, don't feel a bit sorry for you.

Did running people down make you feel better about what happened to you?

You sure seemed to take pleasure in stereotyping people: "Goat-roping buddies," "empty-headed girls," "the police who worry about who took the last doughnut," and "the buck-toothed Macaulay Culkin-lover."

Another thing I am curious about is, how do you know if it was a male or female who stole your CDs and how in the heck would you come to the conclusion he had bad breath?

Perhaps the next time you write a story, you should think before you open your rude mouth.

Linda Matlock

### Turning Point program helps change people's lives

To the Editor:

My name is Debbie Seufert. I would like to tell you about this wonderful life changing class I took at LBCC. The class is called Turning Point. What is so life changing?

Before Turning Point I knew I was not good enough to be anything but a wife, mother, sister. In fact, I didn't talk to people I didn't know. If you had asked me what my name was, I would reply "Debbie the wife, mother, sister of."

I always wanted to go to school and be a help to families with special needs kids. A voice inside always told me it was just a dream, you're not good enough, there is just too many people for you to do this. You will never make it. You'll fail so why try?

People always labeled me stupid, different, and said

thinks like "man, you're not all there!" My mother told me that I was from Jupiter. That's how other people saw me, and how I saw myself.

Since the Turning Point class, I'm know that I don't have to accept labels anymore. I can peel all the labels off that I have been wearing all these years. I now believe that I'm worth something! It takes all kinds of people to make the world go around. It is all right to care for and do things for yourself.

I'm a student now at LBCC. I'm going for an Associates Degree. I am going to be a social worker for special needs families. It may take me four years instead of two years. I have a lot to catch up with, and that's okay. I'm worth the hard work.

My children have a better mother now, thanks to Turning Point. Today if you ask me my name I'll proudly tell you my name is Debbie Seufert. I'm a student at LBCC.

Turning Point is a positive class. I know that there are other people out there who could only benefit from this class if it is offered. This class gave us a toolbox of sorts. A book of different ways to deal with things like stress, anger, self-esteem, etc. My teenage son reads and understands this material and betters himself using this "toolbox." Please keep it going by funding this program.

In conclusion, this class not only helped me get into the world with less fear and more self-confidence, I believe it truly helped my family. A better mother equals better, healthier, happier children which equals a better world.

Please keep Turning Point going for more mothers, children and families. The world needs healthier, happier families.

Thank you for your time and support for this wonderful class.

Debbie Seufert

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