

## Elections hold few surprises but some controversy

by Josh Burk  
of The Commuter

Same story, different year.

That's the best way to explain the circus act that the Associated Student Government is engulfed in.

For the second year in a row, Linn-Benton Community College's newly elected ASG consists of only one person. This year it's President Matthew Alexander.

Alexander is currently the vice president of the student council, where he will remain until May 31, when 1997-98 officers are installed. Alexander is eager to assume leadership so that he can work on instituting his new ideas and policies.

Also on the ballot last week were minor amendments to the student constitution, which passed with 79 votes in favor and 14 against.

Although Alexander was the only candidate to file for one of the 14 positions on the council, several others

were written in on the ballots. The only write-in candidate to remotely challenge Alexander was Tina Empol, who fell more than 30 votes short of Alexander.

Empol, along with Tyler Frakes, also received votes for the vice president position, although neither of them tallied the necessary percentage of votes to be considered a winning candidate. The ASLBCC Constitution says that a write-in candidate must receive at least 40 percent of the votes cast to be eligible for the position, according to Tami Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership.

Empol plans to file a grievance objecting to various acts that the current council has taken that she says are contradictory to the constitution. One is that a write-in needs only 40 percent of the votes cast for each seat, not 40 percent of the overall voter turnout. She also objected to the candidate application process, which she said was too cumbersome, and the campaign period,

which she said was too short.

Also receiving votes were Tonya Albrightson for Science and Industry representative; Zach Golik and Elijah Van Vlack for Business Training/Health Occupations representative. Golik also received the most votes for the Liberal Arts and Human Performance and the Student Services and Extended Learning positions. Frakes also accumulated more votes than any other for the Representative At-Large.

Even though these individuals didn't receive enough votes to win, they will be considered for the empty seats in the future.

According to Bryant the student council will discuss what they plan to do about the vacant seats at its meeting Wednesday.

"The ASG will probably choose members by the appointment process," said Bryant, similar to the new

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Photo by Pete Petryszak

### Neither Rain nor Sleet . . .

Miserable weather was no deterrent to the Seaside Wellness Team Saturday as faculty and staff braved the rain and windy weather to clean up Allen and Looney lanes south of the campus. Thirteen students, staff and faculty gathered about 20 bags of trash.

## College, Target create wetland ecology site

by James Otto  
of The Commuter

They say the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, but grass isn't all that LBCC wants growing on its new property across Looney Lane from the main campus.

The 9.24-acre lot, donated to the LBCC Foundation in 1996 by the Schrock family, who own several grass seed farms in the Valley, is part of an old wetland area.

George Kurtz, executive director of the LBCC Foundation, said that two parcels of land changed hands; one was sold to Target and the other was donated to the LBCC Foundation.

The Target Corporation had to relocate a stream that had previously flowed through the area it planned to develop. Additionally, Target is responsible for restoring a wetland area it displaced.

Kurtz said the Foundation's property was set aside as an ecology laboratory and a wetland area in order to reduce the Target site's environmental impact.

Discussions are now underway over Target's offer to share responsibility in restoring the wetland area, which will replace the wetland the company had paved and built over two years ago.

LBCC Academic Affairs Vice President Ed Watson

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## Student sets sights on LBCC Board of Education seat

by Tricia Schwennesen  
of The Commuter

Honor student John C. Claxton hopes to be the first student elected to the LBCC Board of Education Tuesday.

Claxton said his top priority is to make LBCC affordable and accessible for all students.

"If tuition is too high and books are too high, then students can't come here at all," he said.

A desire to give back to his community and school prompted him to run for the board seat that represents Benton County, he said.

"As an older student and an honor student, I just thought Linn-Benton had given me so much," he said, "and what a wonderful way for me to give back to the school."

Claxton has been a student here for two-and-a-half years, is

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a member of the Phi Theta Kappa, International Honor Society, and served one term on the Student Programming Board.

"As a board member I could bring what I've learned as an honor student to the meetings—doing my homework, researching the issues and being prepared," Claxton said. "I don't have an agenda. I just want to use my abilities the best I

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### Spring term registration begins next week

Registration for spring term begins March 10, when continuing full-time students will get the first crack at classes.

Registration appointment cards are now available in Takena Hall. Fully admitted students returning after an absence can begin to register March 14, and new full-time students can begin registration March 17.

Open registration for all students begins March 19.

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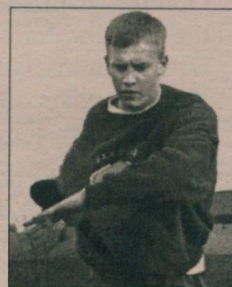
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Turn your summer job into an outdoor adventure. Reps from Yellowstone are recruiting today in the Commons lobby.

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New faces dominate LBCC track team as athletes prepare.

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## CAMPUS NEWS



Photo by Tricia Schwennesen

### Honor Society Induction

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, inducted 55 new members into LBCC's Alpha Tau Upsilon chapter on Friday evening in the Forum. Pictured above are some of the inductees participating in the candlelighting ceremony. Two new officers were installed: Kim Folsom, recording secretary, and Gloria O'Brien, membership coordinator. Dr. Diane Watson, dean of student services, also received an honorary membership. President Jon Carnahan was the guest speaker. The next induction will take place during spring term.

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procedure followed by Sarah Hammelman last year when she was the lone person elected to the ASG. The current council will collect applications from potential representatives, then the group will sit down as a whole and handpick the most capable people for the council. Bryant commented on how much easier and more cost efficient the appointment process is than holding a special election. "It costs lots of money to put an election on. You have to pay the poll workers, the vote counters . . ."

For the year to come, Bryant is confident that Alexander will do a good job as president. "He is interested in learn-

ing and likes to ask questions. He has a lot of motivation."

In hopes of remedying the low candidate turnout for next year, Alexander has said that he wants to revise the application process in order to give students more time to prepare for the elections. He also wants to better publicize what student government is doing.

Write-in candidate Empol also believes the application process is flawed. She said that she purposely avoided following the procedure and chose to run as a write-in instead as a way of protesting the process. The Commuter last week incorrectly implied that she missed the deadline unintentionally.

## Four LBCC Board positions open

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can to get the job done."

Claxton believes a pro-active approach is necessary to help students at this college, and because he is a student he believes he has first-hand knowledge of what students need.

"You can't be an effective board member if you're not in touch with what's going on on campus," Claxton said. "The board needs to make their presence known to better serve the students."

It's important to weigh the effect decisions will have on students before the decision is made, he said.

Claxton is running against incumbent, Richard H. Wendland, to represent Zone 5, which includes much of rural Benton County.

"I know it's gonna be very difficult to beat my opponent. He's been in the community a long time and served on the board for 11 years, but I think as a stu-

dent I could bring a new view to the board," he said.

Claxton said he believes people have negative feelings about government agencies, but he would like to turn that around by asking the board as a member, "How can we make it better and more efficient?"

"I think it just takes one person to change a community," he said, "and, if people see you giving, they want to give too. We're not here just to take, take, take."

Mail-in ballots are due Tuesday and can also be dropped off at the Linn or Benton county courthouses.

Also on the ballot for the LBCC board are incumbent Edward House and Marshall Johnson for Zone 2/3 (north and west Linn County), incumbent Hal Brayton for Zone 4 (Lebanon), and incumbent Tom Wogaman for Zone 6/7 (Corvallis).

## Wetlands will serve as natural classroom

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said that the college's role will be limited to what will fit in with its curriculum.

Kurtz said that the property could serve as "a very convenient land lab," which could be monitored on a long-term basis to document the return of wildlife. That process may take over 20 years, according to biology instructor Steve Lebsack.

Lebsack said the college has not yet conducted any studies to survey the plant and animal life on the property. But Lebsack added that several species of birds have been sighted in the area, including sparrows, brown creepers, nuthatches, acorn woodpeckers and at least five different kinds of warblers.

Lebsack also expects to see red-tailed hawks and other broad-winged birds of prey hunting rodents in the surrounding fields. The smaller birds, such as sparrows and warblers, are expected to attract accipiters, particularly Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks, which specialize in chasing small birds through underbrush and dense woodland.

Horticulture instructor Greg Paulson said the current plan is to restore the area to what he called a climax community for the valley floor. Some undesirable non-native plants, such as the blackberries growing along the fence, will be removed, while Oregon white oak

and Oregon ash will be planted.

The site had apparently been used for grazing previously, Paulson said, and it was probably managed to promote grass. Grazing, he noted, impedes the growth of woody vegetation, such as trees and shrubs. Once grazing has stopped in the adjacent fields, the grass will probably be replaced by shrubs and wildflowers.

Paulson called the land "a natural classroom," a place where students could gain hands-on experience studying native flora and fauna and the effects of surrounding development.

In spring, a wetlands expert from the Division of State Lands will come to LBCC to teach students how to evaluate wetlands areas, Paulson said.

Paulson said that the land presents not only a rich educational asset but also a chance for LBCC to contribute to water quality in the stream.

While Paulson said that the land could be "an exciting site, if we can preserve it," and that it is expected to become "an invaluable buffer for that stream," he added that "it's not really exciting right now, as you'd expect with an area which has been grazed as it has."

Paulson described wetlands as "great big sponges" which hold large quantities of water, filter it and release it slowly.

The water coming into the area will be runoff from a



Photo by James Otto

**A plaque honoring the Schrock family marks the wetland site donated to the college last year.**

large industrial parking lot, which Paulson said will produce poor quality water. But once the area is well-revegetated, he said it will help greatly in improving that water quality.

Currently, the land is mostly a wooded area with grass being the main lower vegetation.

"It won't be a park," Paulson cautioned. The parcel of land is planned to serve as a preserve and will most likely be off limits except for those officially studying it, he added.

Both Paulson and Kurtz said that the area will probably be completely fenced off, and Kurtz added that the gate might be relocated to make it impractical to drive onto the site.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

## Wastin' away in Mazatlan: Break gives student fresh outlook

Story and pictures by Tyler Sharp of The Commuter.

After a week of 95-degree weather, saltwater, fish tacos and lime margaritas, I returned to Corvallis two weeks ago rejuvenated and refreshed, ready to take on the rest of winter term. The dreary Oregon skies were not enough to dampen the warm memories of my time south of the border.

From the minute my plane landed in Mazatlan, Mexico, I was permanently transfixed with culture shock and the heat of the sun. Mazatlan is a college student's paradise, full of restaurants, clubs and all the activities you could conceive.

On the first day, I wandered the streets with my brother. Being a social science major, I was in "people-watching heaven" as we wandered from shop to shop, stopping often for something cold to drink. This was a much needed necessity for us. It felt like we were standing on the sun as we walked down the streets, having been in Corvallis only eight hours earlier.

After an evening of shopping and wandering, my family and I went to a restaurant renowned for having great seafood, an amazing place called the Shrimp Bucket. It was packed full of people, and the smell of seafood instantly started making my mouth water. As we sat down I noticed the Mexican band playing in the corner was playing a Mexican rendition of the Eagles' "Hotel California."

Day 2 started at 5:30 a.m. when my brother woke me up in order to witness the most beautiful sunrise I have ever seen. We stumbled downstairs to the lounge for scrambled eggs and toast, ate quickly and were on our way out for adventure.

It didn't take us long to discover we could cover more ground if we took a



"pulmonia"—basically a Volkswagen "thing" converted into a taxi cab with a canopy and a loud stereo cranking some American-80s' tune. Pulmonia translates literally to pneumonia since they have no doors or windows. We drove around until about noon when it started getting very warm. It was time to hit the beach.

On the beach we found a local man

### Taking off

Tyler Sharp prepares for his first adventure in parasailing on a beach in Mexico, left. Above, the group loads into a truck "taxi" for a ride to the port, where they caught a sightseeing boat. Once out to sea, they saw countless sea lions and a pod of leaping dolphins.

who was renting body boards, or rather he found us. We spent the remainder of the day catching amazing waves and splashing about in the surf.

Later that night we discovered the Mazatlan "night life," visiting so many places it would be impossible to list them all. We went to places that had everything from mechanical bulls to people

dancing on the bar.

The rest of the week was spent mostly lying on the beach, shopping and eating—three of my most favorite things.

On Day 4 we decided to take a boat out on the ocean where we saw countless sea lions and fishing boats catching marlin. We got lucky enough to run into a pod of dolphins. To see the dolphins leaping out of the water was a spectacular sight.

On the last day we decided to see some of the surrounding countryside, so we took a bus out of town and caught a taxi. The beautiful mountainous country had a semi-desolate feel to it with very few trees.

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This excursion really gave us a deep appreciation for our high standards of living in America.

People were living in small rundown shacks without floors, the ground was littered with garbage, and the animals looked as if they were about to die of starvation. However, the people were all very friendly and were amused by our feeble attempts to recall the conversational Spanish we'd learned in high school.

My trip to Mexico is one I will never forget.

I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for beautiful weather, warm oceans, friendly people, authentic Mexican food and shopping.

When I got off the plane in Portland, I was glad to be home. Mexico was great, but there is no place like the Pacific Northwest.

## Give me a break! Students and staff make plans for spring vacation

by Tyler Sharp of The Commuter

As spring break nears, many students and staff are busy planning trips and adventures, while others are resigned to catching up on work.

Spring break is probably the most widely enjoyed break in the entire year, even surpassing the ever-popular summer vacation.

My theory on this is: when summer break comes around, most proud parents expect their career-bound students to find a job and help pay some of the year's expenses. Spring break, on the other hand, is a horse of an entirely different color. Because it is only one week, it would be hard to find someone who would hire a student for such a short time.

Picture this: You and your friends or family or both, have an entire year to plan every conceivable adventure and then jam it into a wonderful one-week window of opportunity.

I find this a particularly appealing challenge, and I've been planning this

year's adventure for almost two years. Come March 21, I'll be in one of our country's most beautiful national parks: Zion, in southeastern Utah.

Ten of my friends and I are embarking on a six-day hike that will take us over 60 miles, 10 miles per day, carrying backpacks that will weigh up to 70 pounds. We'll start on a trail that will take us up 4,000 vertical feet in eight miles. I am looking forward to it, to say the least. But I am not the only one heading out of state next month.

Bridget Meyers, a culinary arts major, is going transcontinent to be with her father and old friends in New Jersey. Meyers and her father plan to go to New York City to shop. "The beach is only 15 minutes away, and there are horses," Meyers added.

Culinary arts major Brenda Sterner is looking forward to a week in the great outdoors as well. Sterner plans to go up to a friend's cabin on Mt. Hood to relax. Later in the week, she plans to head across the valley to the Coast Range for a bit of hiking.

able to access course information and contact the instructor and each other via the Internet.

This is one of the first on-line classes to be offered by LBCC.

Those who wish to enroll must have access to the Internet. For more information contact Charles Fandel at 917-4239 or e-mail can be sent to [tofandelc@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us](mailto:tofandelc@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us).

### Personal health class goes on-line

This spring term features a new on-line class, HE250 Personal Health, which will allow students to follow the course on the World Wide Web and e-mail.

The three-credit health class will be taught by instructor Charles Fandel.

Students will be instructed by Fandel using the Internet instead of the traditional classroom setting. The class will have a web page and students will be

Eric Michealis, also a culinary arts major, is busy planning his schedule of "hanging out" he says. Michealis is also planning a "road trip down the coast."

Other students, such as Valerie Pifer, a criminal justice major, are headed down south for one reason or another. Pifer is going to Los Angeles to visit some friends and do some good old-fashioned "hanging in the sun."

Not everyone will be going on vacation this break. Some students and staff actually have to work. Sarah Anderson, a child development major, is embarking on an adventure of a different kind.

She is going to Silverton to work at a day care center. Anderson does not mind giving up her break in order to work, but is really looking forward to working with the kids. She also will be getting ready for next term when she continues her college career at Oregon State University.

One of LBCC's librarians, Daphne Goetzinger, says "I plan on staying home and working and spring cleaning."

Those people who have not yet figured out what they are going to do during their week off still have some time to plan before finals end on March 19.

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# Eloquent Umbrella's sixth edition currently in process

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

The 1997 edition of LBCC's annual literary publication, "The Eloquent Umbrella," is now in process as the Writing 247 class selects material and designs the journal.

Meeting twice weekly each winter term, the class offers students an opportunity to experience the process of publishing a magazine.

Instructor Linda Smith said that the quality of the prose and poetry submitted this year is the best she has ever had. She added that the current class, which is

jurying the submissions from students, faculty, staff and area residents, is being "very selective," accepting only a small number of pieces on the first read through.

After reading every piece submitted, class members vote on each manuscript. Smith, as teacher, has an equal vote in the decision process, which she described as a "collective, cooperative effort."

After the literary contributions are decided, the class repeats the process for accepting art and photography.

In its sixth year as a literary publication class, "The Eloquent Umbrella" also tries to involve other campus departments, such as graphic design, electronic imag-

ing, art, photography and English.

Susan Cameron, who was recently appointed editor, said she wants to experience the editing process from the other side. As part of her work at Hewlett-Packard, Cameron has written in-house publications for distribution internationally.

For the current issue, all material is being scanned in, rather than typed, before converting it to the chosen fonts. "The Eloquent Umbrella" will be available this spring in area bookstores, including at LBCC. Following publication, public readings by contributors are planned for Albany and Corvallis.

## Internet Intersection

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of The Commuter

**Library of Congress:**  
<http://www.loc.gov>

**Native American Research resources:**  
<http://metro.turnpike.net/adorn/gov.html#native>

**U.S. Census Bureau:**  
<http://www.census.gov>

**CYFERNET (info on children, youth, family crime and composition):**  
<http://www.cyfernet.mes.umn.edu/statis.html>

**Book Finders:**  
<http://www.aztech-cs.com/bookfinders/y-home.html>

## Coming Concerts and Attractions

compiled by Cindi Fuller  
of The Commuter

### Miscellaneous

- March 7, The Radiators and Merl Saunders, Roseland, Fastixx.
- March 31, Cheap Trick with Silverjet, La Luna, Ticketmaster.
- May 6, U2, Autzen Stadium, Ticketmaster.
- May 25, Tina Turner, The Gorge in George, WA, info not available.

### HULT Center Calendar

- March 6, SHOCASE free noon concert, Lobby, "Strings Celebration."
  - March 7, Gallery Walk, 5:30-7:30 p.m., SORENG.
  - March 7, Eugene Opera, 8 p.m., SILVA.
  - March 9, Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Mikado," 2:30 p.m., SILVA.
  - March 9, Alice in Wonderland, 2 p.m., SORENG.
  - March 11, George Lakoff, "The Mind Made Flesh," 7:30 p.m., SORENG.
- Ticket information call 541-682-5000.

### Community Center for the Performing Arts Calendar


- March 7, The Cherry Poppin' Daddies with Engine 54, rock-funk-swing/ska, showtime 9:30 p.m.
  - March 8, Pete Miser & D.J. Chill, Cool Nutz, Life Savars, Luke-C, The Organics, hip-hop, showtime 9:30 p.m.
  - March 9, Fishbone with The Skeletones, ska-funk, showtime 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available from CD World, EMU Main Desk, Green Noise, House of Records, La Tiendita & Taco Loco, Record Exchange, and the WOW Hall.
- For more information call 541-687-2746.

## A&E Trivia: Did you know?

compiled by Cindi Fuller  
of The Commuter

The oldest indoor theater in the world is the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza, Italy. Designed in the Roman style by Andrea di Pietro, alias Palladio (1508-80), it was begun three months before his death and finished by his pupil Vincenzo Scamozzi (1552-1616) in 1583. It is preserved today in its original form.

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## Creative Connections

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### Theater camp for kids

The Albany Civic Theater will hold the Spring Break Theater Camp for kids aged 9-up on March 24-28, taught by Mark Summers and Tori Baur. Registration is required and forms are available by contacting Stephanie Long at 541-757-2890.

### 'A Man for All Seasons'

The Corvallis Community Theatre's third production of the season, "A Man for All Seasons," written by Robert Bolt and directed by Grahame Pratt opens on March 14. The play runs through March 23 at the Majestic Theatre with show times at 8 p.m., except for Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on March 16 and 23. Tickets are \$7 per person, \$5 for seniors and 18 and under. Reserved seating tickets are available at Rice's Pharmacy or by calling the Corvallis Coin Shop at 541-754-8455.

### Concert and Chamber choirs perform

The LBCC Concert and Chamber Choir will present "Music in March," directed by Hal Eastburn on Thursday, March 13, at 8 p.m. in the Takena Theatre. Tickets for festival seating are \$3 at the door or at the Takena Theatre box office, Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m. For reservations by phone call 541-917-4531.

### Eugene artist featured at the Corvallis Arts Center


Eugene artist Annette Guardjian presents an emotionally charged exhibition of paintings and photographs from March 12-April 4 at the Corvallis Arts Center. Guardjian works with the visual interplay between the two media. The Corvallis Arts Center is located at 700 S.W. Madison in Corvallis with open hours Tuesday through Sunday, noon-5 p.m. For more information call Hester Coucke, CAC curator at 541-754-1551.

### Punk rockers at Community Center

On Wednesday, March 5, the Community Center for the Performing Arts and U of O campus radio KWVA welcomes the notorious punk rockers "The Hanson Brothers," with special guests "The Mex Pistols" and "The Redundants." Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door and are available at CD World, EMU main desk, House of Records, La Tiendita, Taco Loco, Record Exchange and the WOW Hall. Doors open at 8 p.m., and show time is 8:30 p.m. For more information call 541-687-2746.

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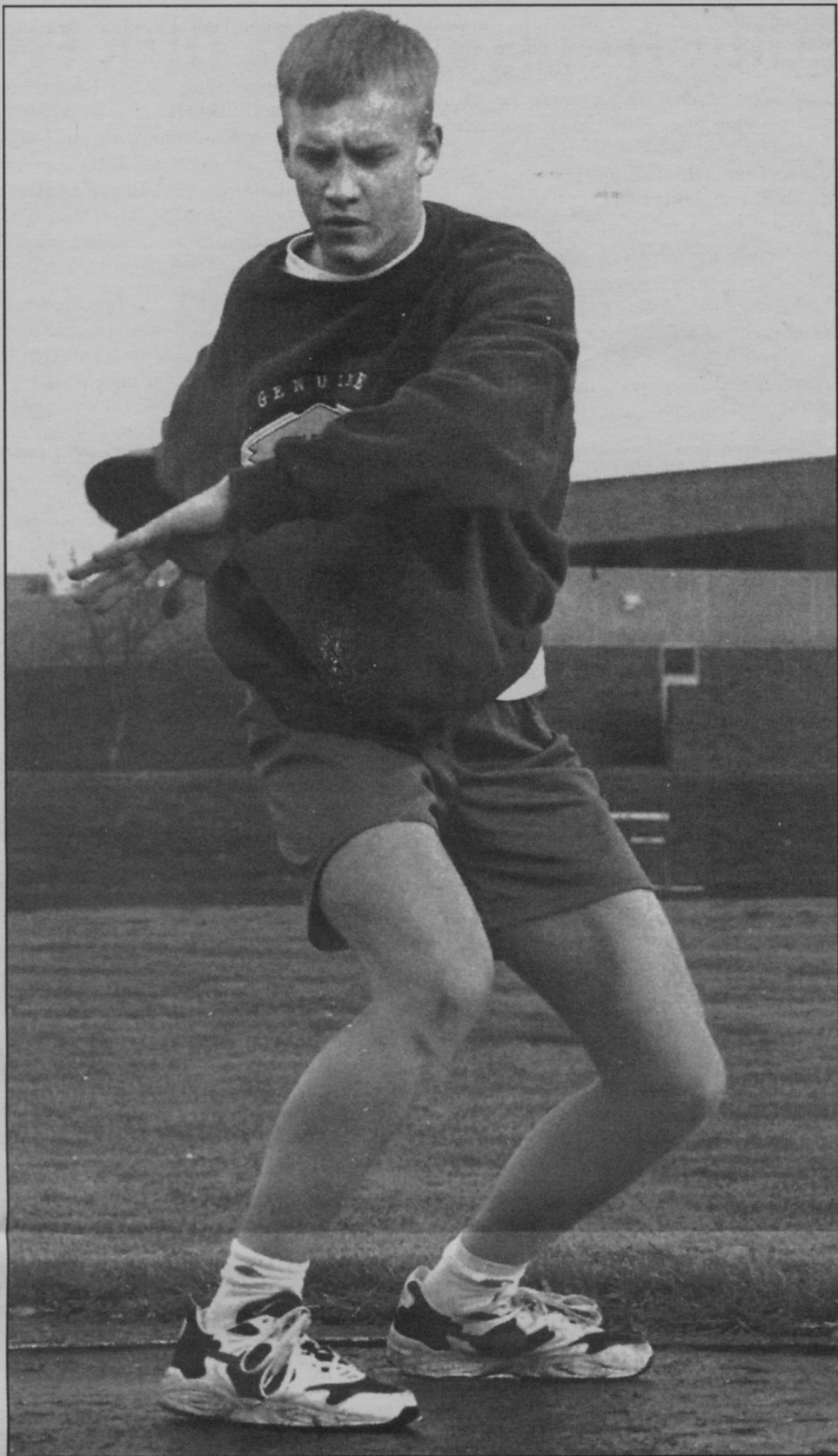


Photo by Errin Gamache

Will Clark shows his form in the discus throw as he practices for this weekend's track meet at Linfield College in McMinnville.

## Track team full of new faces as it prepares for first meet Saturday

by Rich Mehlhaf  
of The Commuter

With so many coaches preaching "Win, win, win at any cost," LBCC track Coach Brad Carman has a different coaching philosophy.

"I train my athletes to win and to go on to Division One, Two or Three schools," Carman said. "A lot of these athletes are used to being the best at their events, and then they come to college and everybody is competing at a higher level," said Carman. "I'm their stepping stone to succeed."

Both the men's and women's teams are fairly young. In fact, all of the athletes on the women's team are freshmen and, the men's team only has one returning athlete. Sophomore Ryan Grant, a jumper and sprinter, was on the team last year, but didn't participate because of an injury. Coach Carman is petitioning to get Grant one more year of eligibility. "Ryan is a good athlete and is a hard worker. We are expecting good things from him this year," Carman said.



Brad Carman

Although the men's and women's teams lack experience in collegiate competition, there are still a lot of athletes worthy of watching this season. On the women's side, freshman Melissa Gale, who was ranked the 17th best javelin thrower in the nation by Track and Field News, and freshman distance runner Darcy Zettler are expected to lead the way for the Roadrunners. "Melissa and Darcy have been working hard. I'm pleased with where they are at right now," Carman said.

In the men's ranks, freshman sprinter and jumper Rich Stauble, freshman sprinter Kyle Sherrod and sophomore sprinter and jumper Ryan Grant are all expected to have a good season. "All three guys have a great work ethic and are great competitors," Carman said.

Track season hasn't officially started yet, but the Roadrunners have already competed in three preseason indoor track meets.

"The score wasn't kept, so I don't know if we won or lost. These meets were just a chance for the athletes to go out and compete, and I'm pleased with how we did," said Carman.

LBCC's first track meet will be at Linfield College on March 8.

## Coach Falk fights tumor and wins; gives thanks for outpouring of support

by Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

When Randy Falk, the head coach of the LBCC men's basketball team, started having problems focusing his left eye last year, he figured a trip to the eye doctor would straighten things out.

But it turned out that glasses were no help, and he was advised to see his family doctor and schedule a CAT scan. What the scan showed came as a complete surprise to Falk. A tumor was pressing against his optical nerve and causing his blurred vision.

In September he underwent two risky brain surgeries in a period of two weeks. The surgery that he needed was not necessarily routine, yet it was not all that uncommon.

"This type of tumor is non-cancerous, and the doctor, I think, told me that he sees this kind of surgery about once every other week," Falk commented frankly. "Almost everybody who goes through that surgery comes out rather well."

In the first surgery the doctors had hoped to be able to remove the whole tumor by making a low entry into the skull. Unfortunately, they only managed to get half of it out, which led to the second surgery, in which the doctors made an upper incision into Falk's skull.

This time they were successful in eliminating the problem. He followed the surgeries with six weeks of radiation therapy in order to get rid of any remnants that might have been missed.

In order to test the results of the operation he went back to the eye doctor to take another vision test, which showed that the operation was successful, but that he needs to wear glasses, which is just fine with him.

When told about the tumor, the Falk family tried to take on a very positive outlook.

"When I think back, I don't recall me or my family spending too much time focusing on the potential implications of the surgery. We just understood that it was something that needed to be done," he recalled.

This problem not only had an effect on him and his family, but also on his basketball team. He ended up missing

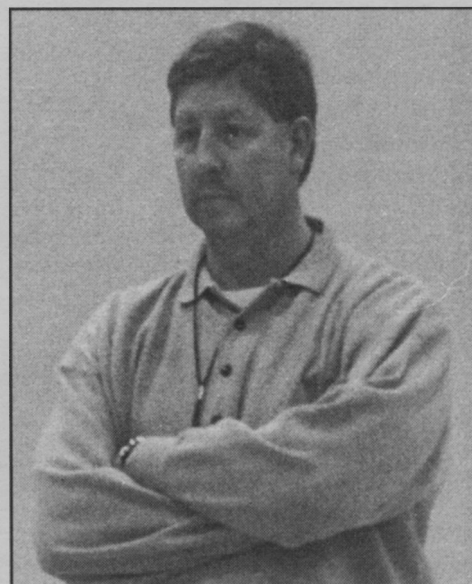


Photo by Shawna Phillips

Randy Falk watches his team practice before one of the final games.

the first few weeks of practice, so he wrote to each member of the team explaining what was going on, that he wouldn't be able to make it to practices for a while, and that Assistant Coach Joe Kleinschmit would take over in his absence.

"The players were in pretty good hands with Kleinschmit as coach. I felt pretty confident that they would find direction from him," praised Falk, "and they did."

However, even after he was able to resume his position, the doctor's orders were to take things very gradually. He had to start out working part-time, and little-by-little he increased his workload until he felt completely ready to work full-time again.

According to Falk, this whole ordeal would have been almost impossible for him to endure without his strong spiritual faith, loving family and caring friends.

"It was overall kind of a humbling experience for me because of the outpour of support that I got from my family and friends and my co-workers here at school," he said gratefully. "I would like to publicly thank everybody that supported our family during that time, especially the people in the Human Performance department. In many respects, they were close to the situation."



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**YWCA Camp Westwind** is recruiting staff members for a one-week camp. The camp will be held June 15-21, at Camp Lane on Highway 126. Information packet is available in the Career Center at T-101.

Willamette National Forest has temporary employment opportunities in the following areas: Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP); Youth Conservation Corp (YCC); Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP); Applications accepted through local State Employment Offices, or participating offices. Also students may be recruited through their counselling offices. For more information, go to the Career Center, Tadena Hall or call 917-4780.

The City of Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation dept. is now accepting applications for the Summer Day Camp Program and the Swim Park. Day Camp employees are responsible for planning activities for children ages 4 to 10. Positions include Leaders and Aides. Swim Park positions include Lifeguards and Head Guard, responsible for over-

seeing operations and supervising guarding staff. For more information go to the Career Center, Tadena Hall or call 917-4780.

Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is a summer education and job training program for high school youth ages 16-19 and are now offering jobs as Assistant Crewleader and Crewleader. Summer camp is from May 29 or June 6-Sept. 1; and Fall camp is from Sept. 7-Oct. 12. For more information go to the Career Center, Tadena Hall or call 917-4780.

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Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp Program is an outdoor recreational facility which serves children, youth and adults with disabilities. They are now recruiting counselors for the 1997 summer camp. Participating counselors may earn six undergraduate or graduate practicum credit hours through Portland State University while gaining valuable personal and professional experience working with a wide range of individuals.

Agri-Tech Inc. of Oregon is advertising for approximately 20 Summer Seasonal positions. The jobs that are currently open are as follows: Tractor Operator, Loader Operator, and Site Lead.

The Chicago Botanical Garden will begin its selection process to fill positions for the 1997 Internship Program in late March. See information in the Career Center.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

1997 Albany General Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship packets are available for students interested in applying for the medical scholarships. Criteria and info. in the Career Center and the HO office. Deadline 4-9-97.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is for women who have completed two years of satisfactory college work. The student must be an Oregon resident. Information regarding this scholarship is available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

1997-98 Oregon Agriculture Memorial Scholarship. Eligibility: attending or preparing to attend a college in Oregon in an agricultural-related major. Deadline: April 1, 1997. Information available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall.

The Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation is offering 14 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per year to students who want to

explore the field of horticulture through their studies at a community college or university. Students must complete the application form, attach a copy of their transcripts and provide three letters of recommendation. For complete details, please go to the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

Linfield College is offering a new academic scholarship for transfer students. Scholarships range from 20-50 percent of tuition. To be eligible you must apply to Linfield, have attended a 2-or 4-year college full-time and have a GPA of 3.25 or above in transferable courses. Please go to the Career Center in Tadena Hall for information. Deadline is March 15, 1997.

Three \$500 scholarships are being offered to students attending Pacific Northwest two-year colleges. These scholarships are intended for students whose training will lead to or enhance a career in public water supply. Application deadline is April 14, 1997. Applications are available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall.

The Gerald Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment in the amount of \$3,000 is awarded to qualified students pursuing medically related fields in vocational or undergraduate programs. Please pick up your application at the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Deadline March 31, 1997.

Japanese Studies Scholarships are being offered through the Consulate-General of Japan. These scholarships provide selected students with a monthly stipend of 142,500 yen, transportation to and from Japan and university tuition. Dates of study are Sept. or Oct. 1997 to Aug. or Sep. 1998. Language proficiency required. Deadline April 16. Please go to the Career Center in Tadena Hall for more information.

\$500 Scholarship prize awarded by the American Merchant Marine Veterans for the best 8- to 10-page essay on the role of the U.S. Merchant Marine during WW II. For rules and format information please go to the Career

Center in Tadena Hall. Deadline: April 15, 1997.

The Oregon Association of Legal Secretaries and the Portland Legal Secretaries Association are offering scholarships to those students pursuing a career as a legal support person. Applications will be judged on Merit, Ability and Need. Deadline: March 21, 1997 for more information and applications, please go to the Career Center, Tadena Hall.

Applications are being accepted for the Clifford J. and Grace M. Taylor Scholarships which are available to students enrolled full-time in a medical or engineering related field of study. The award shall cover tuition, books, and fees. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and Oregon resident. Deadline: April 15th. Go to Career Center, Tadena Hall.

Scholarships are awarded to qualified students in all areas of Peace Studies, including fields of anthropology, sociology, political science, education and international law. For more information on the Beatrice Stevens Scholarship Fund, Inc. Contact the Career Center, Tadena Hall. Deadline: March 31, 1997.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants are offering the John L. Carey Scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 per year or study for liberal arts undergraduates pursuing graduate studies in accounting. For complete details, please go to the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Deadline April 1, 1997.

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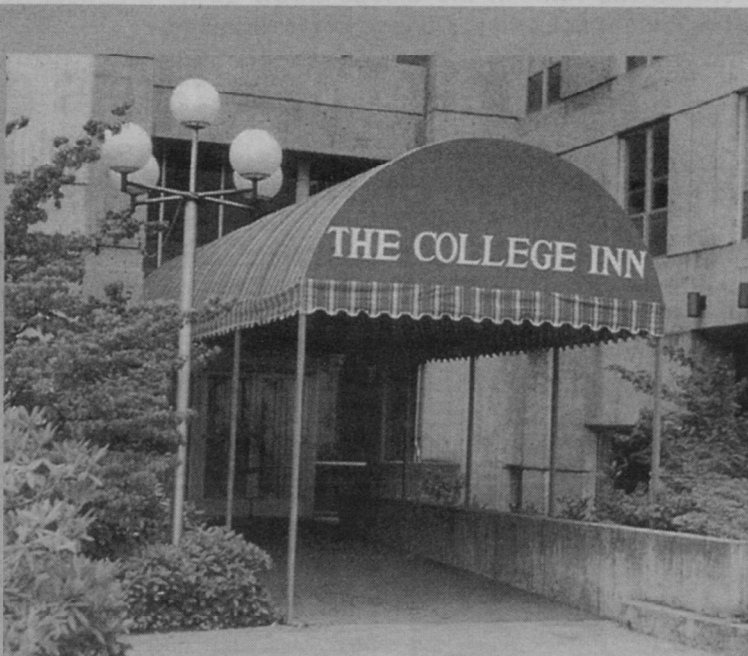
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## OPINION PAGE

## commentary

## Is gun control common sense or extreme?

by Cindi Fuller  
of The Commuter

Gun control in the United States has been a controversial subject for a very long time.

Opponents of gun control say that by limiting the ability to purchase guns, we will leave only the criminals with guns and the innocent unprotected against them. Supporters of gun control argue that, if you eliminate the power to purchase guns, you can control and diminish the acts of violence and crime in our country.

Never being a supporter of gun control in the past, I must admit that my views are quickly changing with the multitude of violent occurrences around the country. Drive-by shootings have become common happenings. Children take guns to school and shoot their peers or teachers. And just this week in an attempted robbery in Los Angeles, the criminals had more firing power than the police department.

Something is very wrong when our law enforcement cannot adequately protect themselves or citizens against the "bad guys."

When you compare the U.S. to foreign countries that have strong laws against having guns it shows us that having the freedom to purchase guns is not an effective tool in preventing or protecting citizens in crime or violence. These countries who enforce gun control have lower crime rates and violence. Countries such as Japan or Canada who have a no-gun policy have extremely lower crime rates than we do in the U.S.

And now Britain is following suit with their new no-gun policy, which came as the result of the mass murder of 16 schoolchildren last year. Although some may look at a gun-control or a no gun-policy as an extreme measure, we need to do something to stop the crime wave in this country. We could possibly prevent such a tragedy if we were to take action before such a painful event occurs in our own lives and communities.

If we don't, we will have to live with our consciences and with the regret that we waited too long.

## guest column

To clone or not to clone:  
That is the ethics question

by Duane Fandrem  
for The Commuter

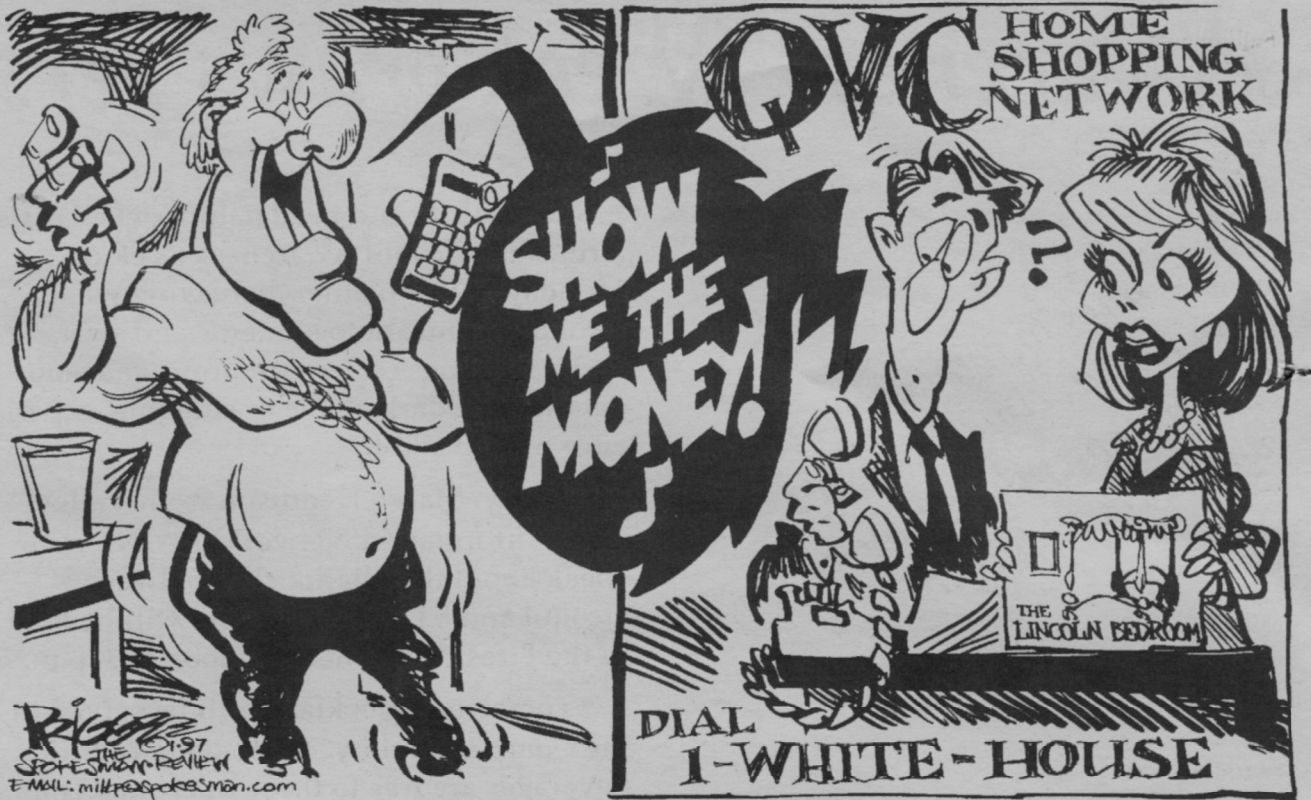
One of the most controversial subjects today is genetic cloning. We no longer have to worry about which came first, the chicken or the egg. I guess that we shouldn't SQUAWK about this.

More important are the ethics issues which can never be justified to the recipients. A herd of look-alikes, no more brand marks needed, and all the herd does the same things at the same time. Wow!

In our class, we touched on the issues and where this could take science. Seriously, the benefits of disease control and the removal of hereditary problems will drive mankind to centurion ages. This could promote welfare states and escalating government costs.

With the scarcity of resources, overcrowding and all the other negatives in this world, one true benefit (CLONING) will stretch the annuals, social security and everything that exists today. Since we are already obsolete in industry 10 years out of college, the retraining phases will be the most important phase in our whole employment life. We talk about recycling our garbage and scarce resources and how we'll be recycling our minds.

See how one new scientific breakthrough can cause a great demand on everything that is "set in place." I'm a male, and I'm adjusting to social changes daily. Now, my virility is at risk, the black-widow syndrome. Will I become an "endangered species" due to cloning? Mankind has already created endangerment. And now, have I done it to myself? When I walk, I survey the faces. If I find myself, I will be horrified. More importantly, I will want to compare SS numbers.



pete petryszak

## Social Security crisis waiting in the wings

"Saving Social Security and Medicare" was a key theme of both campaigns last fall. Both Clinton and Dole pledged that keeping those programs solvent would be a top priority for their administration. The issue drew both parties to the center on election night, as they promised to put the campaign behind them and work together on it. So whatever happened to that promise?

In the midst of the brouhaha surrounding Newt Gingrich and "professor-gate," a bipartisan commission exploring funding options for Social Security released its report. The panel suggested several alternatives to the current system, with a common theme that workers should be allowed to invest a portion of their Social Security tax on their own. This looked like a promising point from which to launch the debate, but rather than fulfill a campaign promise, Congress opted to launch investigations into Clinton's campaign fund raising.

Although no longer in the spotlight, the Social Security crisis is still there. It's a shame that it hasn't been taken up because it seemed like the one campaign issue that both sides could come to an agreement on.

Social Security is approaching the point where the fund is paying out more money than it takes in. When that happens the surplus money from previous years is going to get eaten up fast. Then one of two things will happen—either Social Security, which has always paid for itself, will start running a big deficit or the program will be cut off.

Of course, anyone who's been paying into the system for 20 or 30 years only to lose his turn at the trough when he or she is 55 or 60 is going to be miffed, to say the least. The politicians know that, so I doubt they'd cut it off. They would probably continue it, giving our already spiraling national debt more velocity.

The main problem with Social Security is that we have fewer workers paying into the system and more retirees being paid by it than when it began. When the program was started during the New Deal, 17 workers were paying for every one retiree it supported. By 1960 that ratio had fallen to nine workers for every retiree,

and now it is less than three to one. A sarcastic professor of mine once put it succinctly: "People just aren't dyin' like they used to."

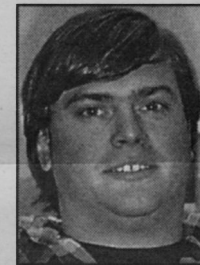
A Social Security tax increase looks inevitable. That may be another reason why Congress is ducking the issue. Attacking the ethics of the other party doesn't endanger a politician's chances for reelection like proposing a tax hike does. Unfortunately, the fund is going broke and the truth is there's a large chunk of personal income that hasn't ever paid into the program.

Right now, retirement taxes are only paid on the first \$60,600 of your income. This translates into a high-income worker paying a substantially lower percentage of their income into Social Security than a worker making anything from minimum wage to \$30 an hour. Even a one percent tax on income over the current cutoff could shore up the system for some time. If someone making \$60,000 has to pay 6.2 percent of his lifetime income into the system, why should a millionaire be allowed to pay only 1 percent or less?

Taking money out of the trust fund for investment in the market is risky, but it could also pay off well. People should be allowed to try it with some of their payroll taxes. We need to keep in mind, though, that if people invest their contributions and then lose it all, they'll probably expect the government to bail them out, which could create a crisis worse than the current funding problems.

Other options, such as cutting taxes on senior citizens who work or means testing certain benefits, are also worth considering.

Social Security has served retired Americans well for 60 years, and workers who are paying into the system deserve what today's retirees receive from the system—not a pot of gold, but some assurance of a decent standard of living. Congress should remember their campaign promises to workers and start taking action to see that they get it.



## letter

## Election application process called too complicated

To the Editor:

Because of difficulties with the elections process for student government, I have filed a grievance with the Election Committee. I'm not doing this because of "sour grapes." After hearing complaints of student apathy, I tried to do something and ran into numerous obstacles and hoops to jump through. I want to inform the committee of problems with the process that make it hard for students to get involved.

I first saw an election ad a week before the election. In addition to collecting signatures to get on the ballot a candidate must complete the Election Committees'

application packet, which requires 15 pages of busy-work. Some questions in the packet would make good term paper topics for a government class. You must also obtain recommendations from two students and one instructor, who must answer questions that I'm not sure people who only know me from class would know about me.

The application must then be reviewed by the Student Life and Leadership Office, the selection committee and the Dean of Student Services. I checked the process at OSU and their paperwork for getting on the ballot takes less than five minutes to fill out.

It may be that the problem behind the lack of student government may not be student apathy but an unworkable process.

Tina Empol, Corvallis



LOONEY LANE

# Awareness Week draws personal responses

Student Life and Leadership kicked off Drug and Alcohol Awareness week on Monday with a banner displaying what alcohol has meant to students and staff. Some responses were humorous and some detailed the darker side of students' experience with alcohol.

- Today, Margo Dennison from Valley AIDS Information Network (VAIN), will speak about the relationship between alcohol and STDs. The lecture will be held in the Fireside Room from noon to 1 p.m.

- Tomorrow, mocktails will be served in the Commons lobby. These nonalcoholic beverages are free to those interested from noon to 1 p.m.

- On Friday from 3-5 p.m. flag football will be held on the athletic field. Students should sign up in CC-213 by Friday. Teams will be selected randomly on Friday. Rain or shine: BE THERE!

Reproduced on this page are a few of the responses to "What Alcohol Has Meant to Me." Check out the rest on the red bricks in the Commons lobby while sipping a mocktail and signing up for flag football.

*"Times to remember, times to forget, times I wish I could remember, times I wish I could forget"*

*"For many of my friends it has brought trouble & abuse"*

*"If you drink and don't make ass, then it wasn't worth it at all"*

*"Alcohol has meant a DUII, a \$1,200 fine, peeing in the streets . . ."*

*"I hate the smell of it"*

*"Pregnancy"*

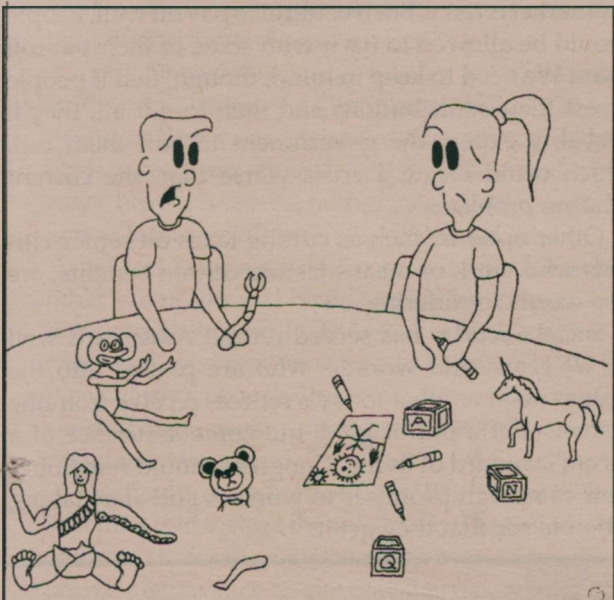
*"It is possible to use this drug responsibly"*

*"Alcohol is a gateway to fun if handled responsibly"*

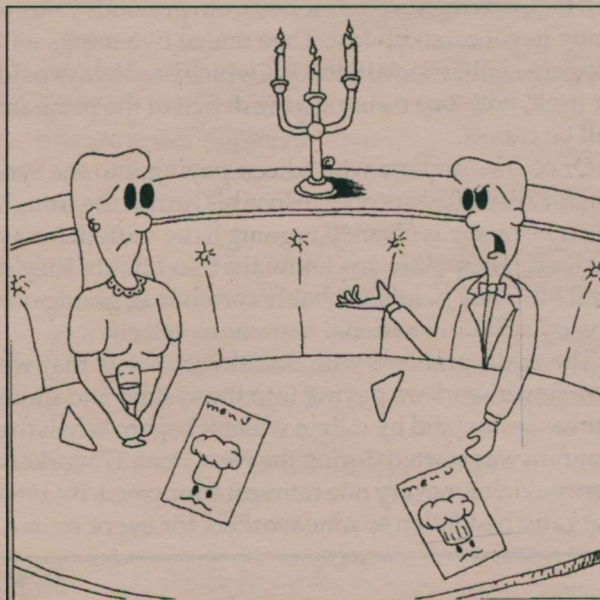
Reality Bites

by Lance Dunn

Weekly Crossword



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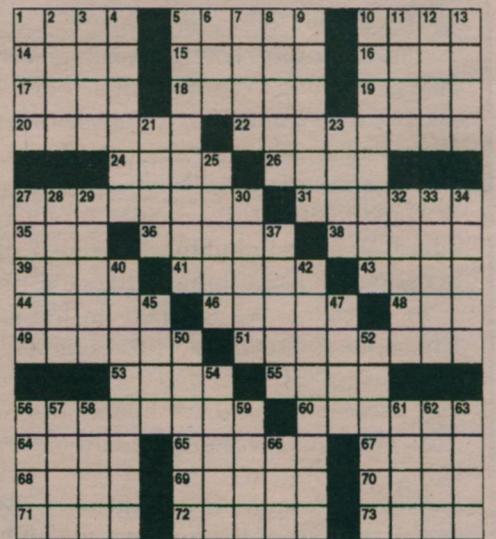


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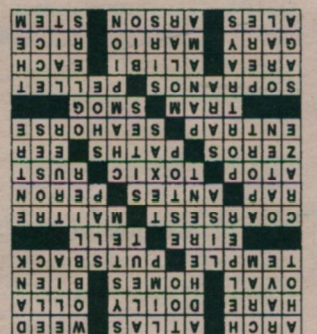
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