

Lunar eclipse view planned for Jan. 20

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

Look to the night sky tomorrow for a viewing of a total lunar eclipse, weather permitting.

The eclipse of the full moon will occur around 6:30 p.m. in the eastern sky and should take about four and one half hours from start to finish, ending around 11 p.m.

LBCC astronomy instructor Helix Fairweather is planning a viewing of the eclipse on campus in the Forum parking lot at 7 p.m. if the weather stays clear.

"A lunar eclipse occurs when the sun and moon are on opposite sides of the Earth, and the shadow of the Earth falls on the full moon, and it starts to block it out, creeping slowly across till it blocks it out totally," said Fairweather.

Although the eclipse starts around 6:30 p.m., the moon will start to enter the umbra, or darkest part of the eclipse, around 7 p.m., which makes that the best time to start viewing.

"Ancient Greeks knew the Earth was round based on the circular, or spherical, shape cast by the Earth's shadow on the moon," Fairweather said. "They knew that only a round object would cast a curved shadow."



"It is easy to see, just look up in the sky."

—Helix Fairweather

The moon may display color changes, blending from shades of coppery red around the northern edge to progressively lighter shades of yellow on the southern edge. If the moon is bright, a blue "cap" at the southernmost rim of the moon may be seen.

The eclipse may be seen without the use of magnifying devices.

"It is easy to see, just look up in the sky," said Fairweather.

This year marks the first since the 1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo that the Earth's atmosphere is clear of lingering aerosols, which can alter the brightness and color of an eclipse.

For more information, contact Fairweather at 917-4233.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Building Community

Almost 20 students showed up to help build a Habitat for Humanity house in Philomath Monday as part of Student Life & Leadership's "Into the Streets" community service program to honor Martin Luther King Jr. For more pictures, see Page 3.

Canadian-style health plan proposed for Oregonians

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

A plan to provide comprehensive health care for every Oregonian is among the 134 proposed initiatives submitted for inclusion on the November ballot. The plan, which is similar to the national health care system in Canada, would be paid for by payroll and income taxes.

Unlike the current Oregon Health Plan, Health Care for All would exclude no one and would cover all medical, dental and vision related expenses. Rather than choosing from a limited list of physicians, members would be free to seek treatment from any Oregon licensed health care provider. The plan will impact every resident of the state, including the approximately 500,000 Oregonians who have no health insurance.

Betty Johnson, a former social worker, is chairwoman of the

group. She says that even with the increase in taxes, many Oregonians will still pay less than they currently do for health care since insurance premiums, deductibles and co-payments would disappear.

In order to control costs, the plan proposes to cut down on administrative and middleman costs and invest the money directly into providing health care, a move which sponsors believe will trigger intense opposition from the insurance industry.

Before voters get a chance to consider the initiative, the sponsors must have the ballot title and petition sheets approved by the state attorney general's office. After that the group must gather 66,786 signatures to get the plan on the November ballot.

For more information contact Don Miller at (541) 757-9917.

Instructor reflects on near tragedy on beach

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

It's been nearly a month since Wellness Coordinator Richard Gibbs and his family visited the site where their simple game on the beach almost ended in tragedy.

The Gibbs were one of five families who made the trip to Lincoln City together with visions of spending a relaxing week on the coast and collaborating on a festive Christmas celebration. As it turned out, this Christmas was one that

"In an instant the water made the log a weapon."

—Richard Gibbs



no one could forget.

It was a lazy morning on Dec. 21. Gibbs, his wife and four daughters were taking advantage of the fine weather to play and bask on the sunny beach. The

ocean swells were gently lapping at the shoreline, making it easy to run back-and-forth, dodging the tide while trying not to get wet.

While heading back up the beach toward their houses, one wave managed to sneak up on them unnoticed.

"It was one of those waves that go farther than the others," said Gibbs.

In this case, about 50 yards farther. Seeing the water hardly startled them into a frenzy, so they trotted up to a log (Turn to "Gibbs" on Pg. 2)

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OFF BEAT

Robber leaves calling card

A robber handed the teller at a Jacksonville, Fla., bank a note saying he was armed with explosives which he threatened to set off if large sums of money were not immediately handed over. Alas, he wrote the note on the back of a police report which detailed his own previous arrest on another matter. He is in custody.

Occupation: Selling drugs

A young man pleaded innocent to drug possession charges in a Vermont court, but may have given the authorities the impression that he is no stranger to illegal substances. He filled out a routine court form, and, in the box marked "occupation," he wrote "selling drugs."

Police get their man

San Diego police chased a man suspected of robbing an electronics store, but lost him in the thick underbrush along Interstate 8. They knew he was nearby, so to trick him into coming out of his hiding place, one of the cops said to the other, "As long as no one is around, let's just shoot him." The man surrendered immediately.

Takena Support Lab holds open house this week

From the LBCC News Service

The Takena Support Lab is having an open house Thursday and Friday this week to demonstrate the services offered to students with disabilities.

The lab is in Takena Hall Room 221 and the open house will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The Disabilities Services staff—Coordinator Cheryl Allison, Assistant Coordinator Kathy Knecht-Miner, and Instructional Assistant Susan Neuschwander—will all be on hand to answer questions and demonstrate various assistive technologies available to students.

The office has equipment used to help students with visual, hearing, physical and learning disabilities. In addition, it is open to all students who would like a quiet place to study and help with math, writing and study skills. A limited number of computers are also available.

CORRECTIONS

Two photo captions misspelled the names of Diana Barnhart, Doug Patitz and Roxie Putman in last week's Commuter.

The Commuter regrets the errors.

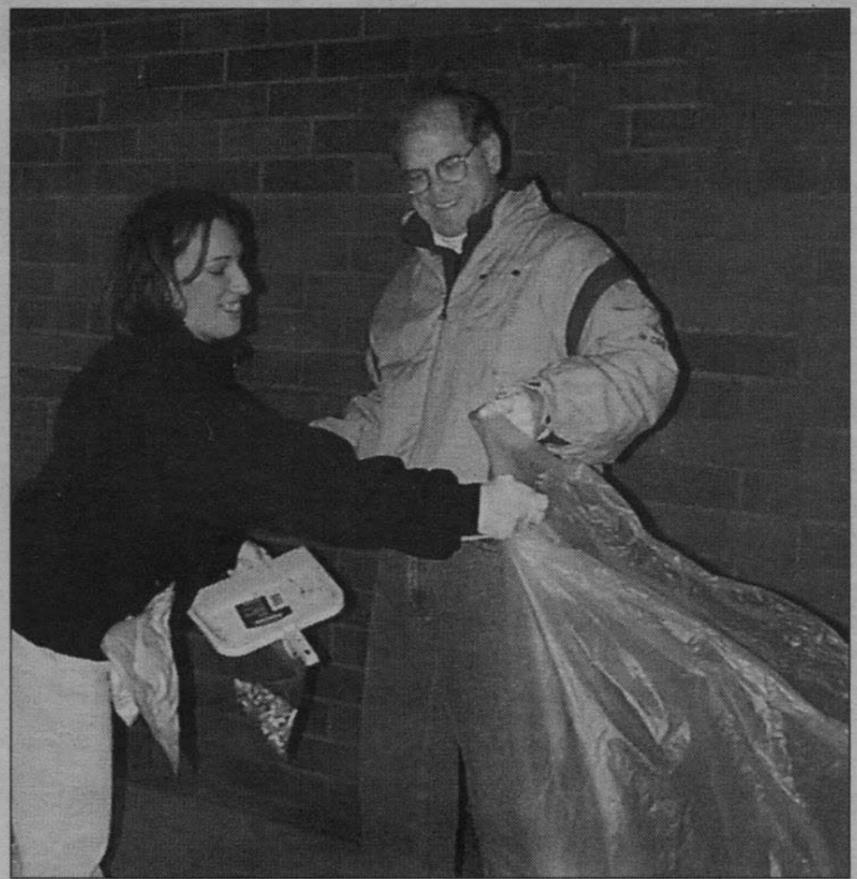


Photo by Keirsten Morris

Trash Patrol

Student Representative Adrienne Stuart and College President Jon Carnahan pitch in to pick up litter during last week's Trash Bash competition. Members of the winning team—Roxie Putman, David Gottwald, Jackie Lovell, Ed Knudson, Jackie Turle and Adam Ball—collected more than 600 pounds to win the competition.

Gibbs: Lincoln City accident promotes awareness of beach safety, CPR training

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that they had proclaimed to be "home base."

Lori was holding their 3-year-old daughter and went over the log first. As the wave approached them from behind, 14-year-old daughter Amber slipped in the sand just before reaching the log.

Although the wave was only several inches deep, it swept past Amber, pushed the log forward and, as the tide pulled back, the log rolled on top of Amber's head and shoulders, while at the same time pinning Lori's leg. The log, later estimated at five tons and 20 feet long, could not be budged.

"To see Amber lying there was devastating," said Gibbs. "I told my other daughters to start digging her out while I went for help."

Frantically, Gibbs ran up two flights of stairs to the road and started yelling for help. He spotted and grabbed a heavy 4x4 beam that had a cement block on one end and headed back to the beach, with a passing jogger and a nearby worker on his heels. Using the 4x4 they pried up the log.

"We could barely lift it, maybe only 6 inches or so," said Gibbs. But it was enough to free both Amber and Lori. Trapped for nearly five minutes without air, Amber's limp body was pulled out and carefully rolled over.

"She looked terrible, covered with sand. I had to dig out sand that was packed into her mouth before I could give her CPR," said Gibbs. "It seemed like in the instance that she started breathing there was a police

officer on the scene, followed by a medical unit."

According to Gibbs, Amber again stopped breathing in the ambulance and rescue workers had to force oxygen tubes down her throat to get her stable. Upon arriving at North Lincoln Hospital, Amber was loaded into the Life Flight Helicopter and flown to Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center in Portland.

"It was about a 20-minute flight to Portland for Amber, but it was about a three-and-a-half hour drive for us. And that drive was the worst because Lori and I didn't know if she was alive or even dead," said Gibbs.

When the Gibbs' arrived at Emanuel Hospital, Amber was stabilized in critical condition. A nurse informed them that Amber's lung had been bruised and brain damage was highly probable because of the prolonged deprivation of oxygen, but the extent of the damage wasn't pin-pointed yet.

"We could go in and see her every two hours, and later on that evening she started moving her hands, but she was still unconscious," said Gibbs.

The couple decided to leave for a while and eat some dinner. Upon their return they learned that Amber was awake and asking for her parents.

Miraculously, Amber progressed and was released the following afternoon.

"Walking out the next day was really weird," Amber said. "I didn't know what to think. It didn't really hit me, I mean I could've been dead. I guess I was in shock."

In spite of the bizarre sequence that led to near tragedy, the Gibbs' remained at Lincoln City for Christ-

mas to celebrate the miracles and support that helped them overcome.

This incident drew widespread attention from three major TV networks and four major newspapers. Gibbs said that the media attention was a very positive thing.

"It promoted a lot of awareness, many people don't think about safety at the beach, in an instant the water made the log a weapon."

Similar incidents have led to the death of four on Oregon's beaches, Gibbs later learned.

On another note, Gibbs stressed the need for people to learn emergency training, like cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

"Any kind of situation calls for emergency training. Since we were the only ones on the beach, I was the only one who could do it. If I didn't know CPR, she'd be dead," said Gibbs.

Amber said she sustained some nerve damage to her right arm along with a bruised lung, however she remains in high spirits and doesn't complain about any pain. Though she has some physical therapy to deal with, she's quite anxious to get back into cheerleading at Philomath High School.

Gibbs expressed a lot of gratitude toward the people of Lincoln City for the many phone calls when news of the accident was released.

"It says a lot for humanity that people in a community give that kind of support," said Gibbs.

Gibbs would also like to encourage more students to consider learning emergency training through the courses offered at LBCC every term.

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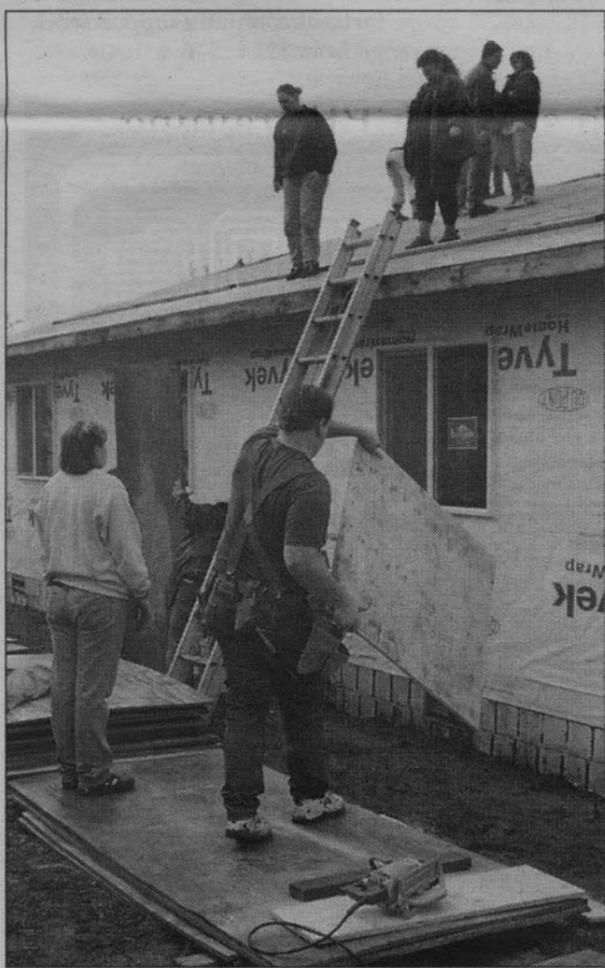
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IN FOCUS



Building the American Dream



Students honor King's memory by volunteering to build house for needy

Seventeen student volunteers honored Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday by donating their free day to help Habitat for Humanity finish a home in Philomath. This is the second year that SL&L members have worked with Habitat for Humanity. Last year, a dozen students lugged dirt, yanked weeds and completed the landscaping on an Albany home.

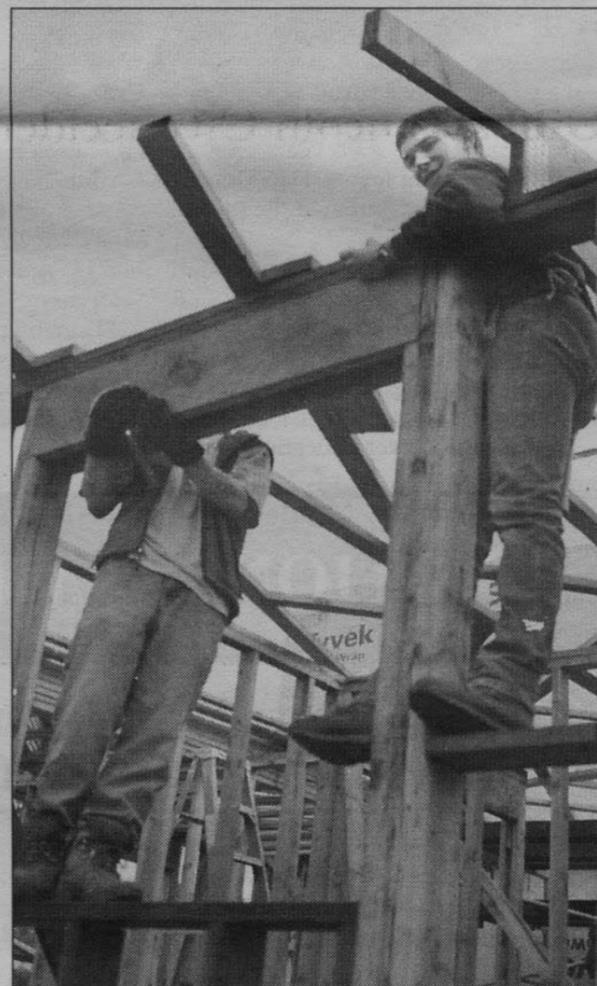
Carol Wenzel coordinated this year's volunteers, all of whom will receive a free T-shirt and dinner in appreciation of their time.

SL&L members and student volunteers continued to observe the teachings of MLK by working in Albany and Corvallis soup kitchens Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information on how to get involved in these events, call 917-4457.

For information on future Habitat projects, call the Albany office at 967-4030 or the Corvallis office at 752-3354.

Story and photos by Lizanne Southgate



On Monday LBCC students joined the Habitat for Humanity site supervisor to help finish a College Street home in Philomath. At left, Stacy Hartsook and Jami Hamilton tote lumber, while Horizon Zero and Brandt Schmitz secure roof segments, at right.



CAMPUS NEWS



Photo by Robin Camp

The Race is On!

Benjamin Sell and Anna Kahl rehearse a scene from "The Tortoise and the Hare." Public performances of the children's play will be Sun. Feb. 20 and 27 at 3 p.m. in Takena Theater.

Speakers discuss death penalty

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

Capital punishment will be the subject of discussion as two showings of the movie "Dead Man Walking" precede visits by Mitch Morrow, Superintendent of Oregon State Correctional Institutions, and Sister Helen Prejean, upon whose experience the movie is based.

Showings will be Jan. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

and Jan. 26 at noon in the Student Union Lounge.

Superintendent Morrow will speak on Jan. 28 at noon in F-104. Sister Prejean appears in Takena Theatre on Feb. 1 at noon. Following her presentation, she will answer questions and sign copies of her book.

For more information, contact Student Life & Leadership at 917-4457.

Students learn computer support

From the LBCC News Service

The first group of students has begun a new short-term certificate program in basic computer support now offered at LBCC.

According to Ann Malosh, training specialist in the Training and Business Development Center, 15 students began the special Basic Computer Support program in December and will finish in April. The next training class will be offered next fall term.

Tuition for the program is \$2,500 per student and financial aid and subsidies from the state offices of Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult and Family Services are available to qualified students.

Malosh describes the training as a first step on a computer technology career ladder. Students will study and attend classes 35 hours a week for 15 weeks. Their training will use the A+ Certifica-

tion curriculum developed by the Computing Technology Industry Association to help employers assess the skills of computer user support applicants. Candidates for certification must pass a test on microcomputers, displays, storage media, printers, basic operating systems, modems, buses and CD-ROMs.

During the first five weeks of training, participants study various computer software and systems, including networks and the Internet. They also learn how to purchase, install and maintain a personal computer. In the last 10 weeks, students study the A+ curriculum, customer service, and job search skills.

Malosh said certified graduates of the program may find jobs as help desk technicians, field service technicians, bench technicians or integrators. Entry level wages for basic computer support workers range from \$11 to \$16 an hour.

State Farm donates car to LBCC

by Leda Webster
of The Commuter

Local State Farm Insurance agents Tuesday donated a car to LBCC's Driver Education program through the LBCC Foundation.

State Farm Regional Representatives David Price and Rob Roach presented the car to LBCC at a ceremony Tuesday afternoon.

The 1998 Ford Taurus was a State Farm company car. Company cars have a turnover of every two years and are usually sold to employees. Dan Meyers, a State Farm agent, initiated the idea to donate the vehicle.

"We run about 700 people through our Driver's Ed program in a year," said Gwenn Marchese, director of the Albany Extended Learning Center. "Getting a new car is just wonderful. We need safe cars that are going to get the job done."

The 10-week Driver Education course

requires 12 hours in class, six hours driving and six hours of observing. It uses a fleet of nine cars. Information about Driver's Ed can be found in the LBCC Schedule of Classes under Vehicle Safety and Operation.

In addition to the LBCC donation, local State Farm agencies have collectively given over \$1 million to United Way, Special Olympics and the Red Cross. State Farm also sponsors school programs that promote safety such as Education and Safety Kits, Fire Safety, Earthquake Safety and Bicycle Rodeo.

"If State Farm can promote driver safety we will all become benefactors," said Doug Keck, LBCC's director of development.

"Donating a car is a win-win situation," Meyers said. "In the long run, it's great because it creates conscientious, careful drivers, which protects everyone."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Floater christens new Venetian

Despite difficulties finding a label, Floater had no problem finding a fan base at Albany's Venetian Theater last Saturday

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

Floater, the Portland-based funk band, made its first appearance at the Venetian Theater in Albany since the theater's recent \$1.2 million remodel.

Judging from the enthusiasm of the sold-out crowd, it was a successful show.

"Floater is great," said Dustin Crouse who also praised the newly remodeled Venetian.

"It's nice to have a place to go," he said. "There is not a lot to do in this area."

A few in the crowd had never heard Floater, including Josh Sipos of Albany, but they liked what they heard. "The sound fricken rocks," Sipos said. "It is my first concert here."

"I like the sound-proof bar," said Lacy Hyatt, and LBCC student. "I like how it is clean and not smoky."

Even the band liked the new Venetian. "I love this place. I am hoping to come back to this place," said Floater guitarist David Amador.

According to Amador, Floater has had a lot of labels tell them that in order to get signed, they need to adjust aspects of the band.

"We did those things and we are still not signed by them." By recording what they wanted to, Floater feels their last album, "Angels," was a big slap in the industry's face.

Floater's recording style is unconventional in other ways as well. While most bands have a limited play list when they record, Amador said "every time we have gone into the studio to record we've gone in with 20 or 30 songs. We have to think what cohesively puts this album together."

Their next album is expected to be released this summer. McMinnville-based Elemental Records, which

was recently purchased by Cassandra and Aaron Thorpe, allows Floater the freedom to choose when they record and when they produce, and added drummer and percussionist Peter Cornett.

"Floater is one of the nicest group of guys I have met," said band manager Cassandra Thorpe.

"We have always had a different variety of songs and feelings," said Cornett. "That freedom really depends on who you have managing you."

"I wish more bands would feel comfortable with doing what they feel," said Amador.

"Elemental Records has less power and less weight than any other label," said Robert Wynia, lead vocalist and bass for Floater. "But we are the happiest band on Earth."

One major contribution to the bands happiness has been the recent move from Eugene to Portland.

"Eugene is calm and uncomplicated but I am really loving Portland. The night life is so fun," said Amador.

"I think that the larger the city the tougher the audience," he added.

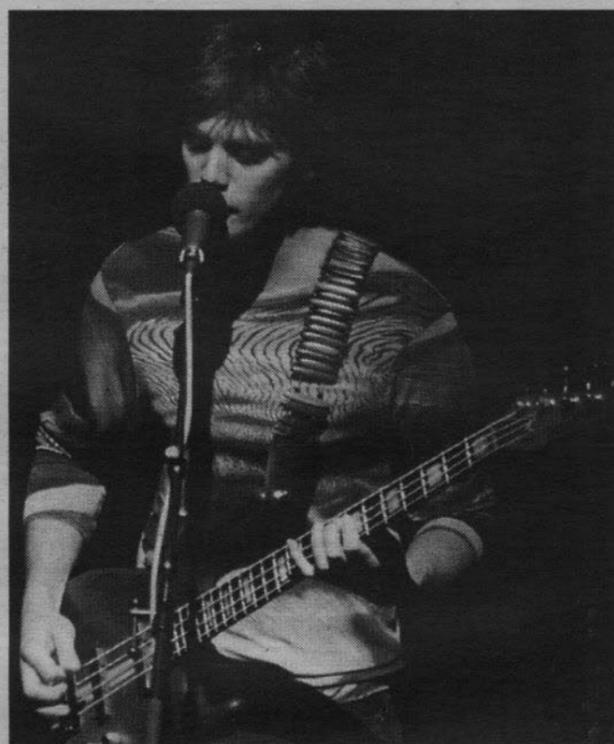
Floater's image has been progressively changing over the years. "It's called growth," said Cornett. "It is about having fun with what you've created."

The concert-goers responded positively to both the band and the newly-remodeled music venue.

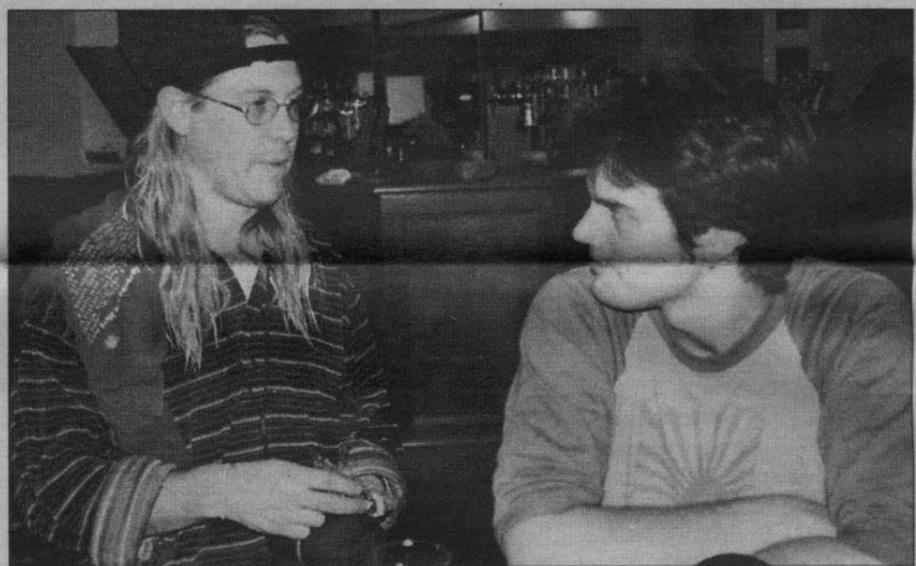
"Everyone used to tell me what potential it had. Now it has the amenities to go along with it."

Rob Connell, co-owner of the Venetian, said he was happy with the new appearance of the theater.

Cassie Blevins, 10, a Waverly grade school student said, "I liked it when they sang Danny Boy because everyone sang along. It's cool to have a place to hang out and have fun."



Robert Wynia, lead vocalist for Floater, electrifies the crowd at the Venetian Theater, which was packed on Saturday for the band's first concert in Albany since the theater was remodeled. Below, drummer Peter Cornett and Wynia take a break between sets.



Lacy Hyatt

"I like the sound proof bar. I like how it is clean and not smoky."

—Lacy Hyatt

Photos by Christopher Spence

Two poets read at Corvallis Art Center

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

"Two working-class poets," a poetry reading featuring Clemens Starck and Tova will be held tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Arts Center.

Starck is an OSU carpenter and author of "Journeyman's Wages," which received the William Stafford Memorial Poetry Award and the Oregon Book Award.

Starck will read excerpts from "Journeyman's Wages" and "Studying Russian on Company Time."

"Carpentry is my bread and butter," said Starck. "I moonlight as a poet. My poetry is simple and plain. My poems represent absolute clarity. That is what I want to relate."

Tova was former poetry editor of "Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Femi-

nists and our Friends." Tova is also co-manager of Mother Kali's bookstore in Eugene and a non-fiction freelance writer. She was recently awarded a poetry fellowship from The Oregon Literary Arts G. Daily Poetry Fellowship.

She will be working on her manuscript and scheduling many readings due to the financial support of the fellowship.

"My poetry stands for angst. I write about family, it's about passing voices that are unheard. Such as my aunts who were Jewish prostitutes," said Tova. "I make them come to life."

The reading is free and open to the public. The Corvallis Arts Center is located at 700 SW Madison Ave. For more information contact Steven Sher at 752-5949.

Blues fans offered trip to Portland for a behind-the-scenes tour

From the LBCC News Service

"Blues for an Alabama Sky" at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts is the theatrical centerpiece for a day of theater and music in Portland, March 5.

The trip highlights a variety of behind-the-scenes discussions and live performances bringing travelers close to the actors, musicians and artists that define their work by the history and spirit of the blues. "Blues for an Alabama Sky" paints a canvas of life and the Harlem Renaissance in 1930s New York during the Great Depression.

The guided tour, "Playing with the Blues: A Soulful Adventure of Theater, Music and Art," is presented as an outreach community program by ARTrageous Adventures of OSU led by

art educator Barbara Sobo Gast.

The tour includes theater tickets, a forum discussion with the actors, a presentation by Portland musicians and educators Thara Memory and Dick Bogle, a visit to the Photographic Image Gallery, a catered luncheon at The Heathman Hotel, charter coach transportation and professional art tour leaders.

A pre-tour program and music performance on Feb. 14 is also part of the trip.

The deadline for reservations is January 21, and the cost is \$155. Space is limited—early reservations are encouraged. Trip fliers with mail-in reservation forms are available at the Albany Public Libraries or by contacting tour leader Gast at (541) 456-4331.

Death of Oregonian Ben Linder subject of Corvallis book talk

By Shauna Noah
of the Commuter

Author Joan Kruckewitt will be at Grass Roots Books and Music in Corvallis on Saturday Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. to talk about her new book, "The Death of Ben Linder: The Story of a North American in

Sandinista Nicaragua."

The book is a true story of a young Oregonian who went to Nicaragua to offer his skills in engineering to support the Sandinista government. While surveying a stream for a hydroplant, Linder and two Nicaraguans were ambushed

and killed by U.S.-backed freedom fighters, on April 28, 1987.

Kruckewitt incorporates once classified CIA documents about why Linder was targeted, and an interview with one of the men who killed him.

"I would like readers to remember

Ben Linder as a hero, both in life, because he proved that one person can make a difference, because, in a sense, his death helped end U.S. financing for the Contra rebels in the late 1980s," said Kruckewitt.

Kruckewitt is a journalist with 15 years of experience.

NATIONAL NEWS

Free Internet access in Latin America competes with AOL

by Doreen Hemlock
of Knight Ridder Newspapers

America Online is buying Time Warner in the world's biggest merger, but that doesn't mean all will be smooth sailing for the U.S. Internet leader as it ventures south of the border.

Internet analysts see big challenges for AOL's new Fort Lauderdale-based partnership — AOL Latin America, a joint venture with Latin media powerhouse Cisneros Group.

That's even if the merger lets Latin clients have access to Time Warner music clips or CNN news in Spanish.

AOL Latin America is investing \$200 million in its Latin expansion, which began in Brazil in November. Service will start in Mexico and Argentina at midyear, said CEO Charles Herington. It aims to become one of the leading premium-priced brands in the Latin region, the world's fastest-growing market for the Internet.

But the partnership is starting late in Latin America and arrives when free Internet access already is taking off and could reduce its potential client base, said Lucas Graves, a specialist in Latin American Internet at Jupiter Communications, a high-tech research company based in New York.

Plus, it faces a strong rival in well-funded Terra Networks, the Internet unit owned by Spanish phone giant Telefonica. The company said Thursday it will spend \$22 billion to buy the remaining stakes in phone companies it already part-owns in Brazil, Argentina and Peru. That could make it harder for AOL Latin America to find a phone company partner to help cut high phone costs.

"In the United States, AOL works from a position of strength, leveraging the brand it so painstakingly built up over years through some pretty hard times," Graves said. "But they don't enjoy that position of advantage in Latin America and compete with other companies in that position. The shoe is on the other foot."

There's plenty at stake. Just in Brazil, the biggest Latin market, the number of Internet users is forecast to rise from

some 3 million today to as many as 7 million by 2003, said AOL Latin America's Herington. Internet users regionwide are projected to top 19 million by 2003.

To compete, AOL Latin America is developing local teams with local content in its Latin markets. It sends a handful of employees from each country to AOL headquarters in Virginia for technical training, and lets each team adapt its Internet Web site to local tastes, Herington said.

In Brazil, for example, that means content in Portuguese, news about soccer, Brazilian stock markets and currency, and local partners such as financial newspaper Gazeta Mercantil and bank Itau. Graphics also are bolder and more colorful than in the United States, he said.

Still, users have a global edge, Herington insists, because they can click into AOL International from their screen and get content in other world markets. "That is part of the beauty of being in a community with more than 19 million members," he said, differentiating his company from smaller regional rivals.

Just what the Time Warner link means for Latin plans is still unclear.

"It's too soon to tell how the merger will affect any of our international services," said a spokeswoman at AOL headquarters, referring to overseas ventures with German media group Bertelsmann and Japanese conglomerate Mitsui, among others.

The merger may help add content online from such Time Warner units as the Cartoon Network Latin America, HBO en español and CNN en español, said Internet analyst Graves. But he questions if that's enough.

"AOL is a U.S. brand, moving into a completely different market in Latin America," Graves said.



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Gerald Levin, left, chairman and CEO of Time Warner, Inc. and Steve Case, chairman and CEO of America Online, give each other a high five after announcing the merger of Time Warner and AOL last week.

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From the LBCC News Service

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Tutors will learn about adult learners, learning styles, assessment and goal-setting, basics of teaching reading, writing and spelling; basics of teaching English to speakers of other languages and lesson planning.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Presidential hopeful envisions peace in the Middle East

Bush wants to achieve peace, give unborn children rights and enact large tax cuts

by Carl P. Leubsdorf
of Knight-Ridder Tribune

Gov. George W. Bush said last Sunday that, if elected president, he would take a hands-on role on some aspects of Middle East peace negotiations and leave other details to his secretary of state.

"That's a very good question," Bush said when asked on CNN's "Late Edition" whether he would follow President Clinton's example and take a hands-on role or leave the talks to his secretary of state. "I think both, depending on the state of the negotiations."

He also said that one of his first acts as president would be to "start the process" of moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, though he acknowledged that might disrupt peace talks by angering the Palestinians.

"I think part of the president's job is to make it clear that's my intention," Bush said. "That's exactly what campaigns are meant to be. I've sent a clear signal. That's what I intend to do."

But he said, "What I wouldn't do is to impose the United States' will on the peace negotiations." The Texas governor answered questions on a variety of foreign-and domestic-policy issues during the 40-minute interview taped last week in Iowa, where the presidential nominating process formally begins with precinct caucuses Jan. 24.

He sidestepped a couple of questions about whether he backs specific portions of the 1996 Republican platform that

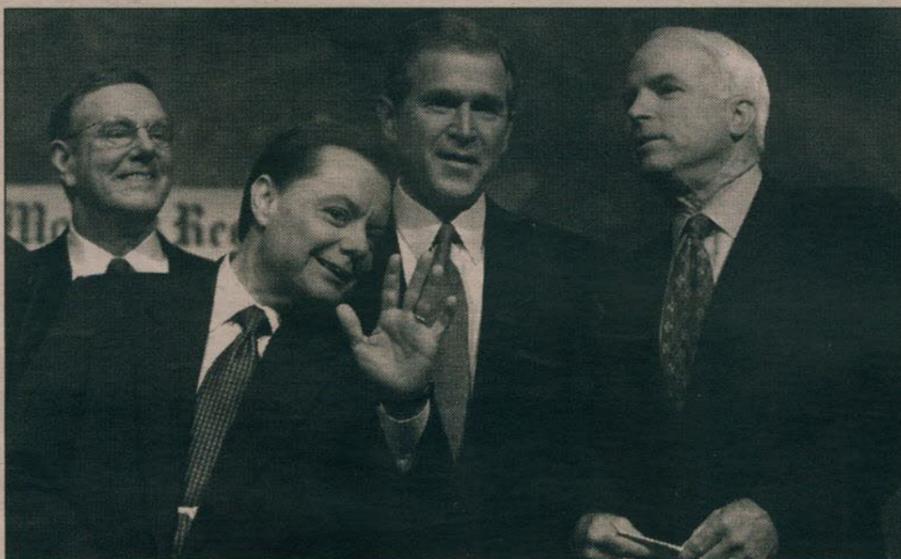


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GOP candidates Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer, Gov. George W. Bush and Sen. John McCain talk with reporters after a recent debate.

detail the GOP's opposition to abortion rights.

For example, when asked about a provision that calls for appointment of judges who respect the "sanctity of life," he replied by citing his own standards for judicial appointments.

And when asked about a provision in which the GOP talks about applying the 14th Amendment's equal protection under the law to unborn children, the governor replied, "I'm not very familiar with what that part of the plank is all about." But he said he favors "protecting unborn children by law."

For the most part, Bush reiterated



"What I wouldn't do is to impose the United States' will on the peace negotiations."

—George W. Bush

positions that he has taken in speeches, campaign appearances, seven televised debates and prior interviews.

He renewed the criticism he has expressed about rival John McCain's tax-cut plan, declaring that an ad in which the Arizona senator opposes using the entire surplus on tax cuts sounded like it could have come from Democratic candidates Al Gore or Bill Bradley.

"That sounds like the talk of people in

Washington, D.C., who want to keep the money in Washington and not pass it back to the taxpayers," Bush said.

McCain, who appeared earlier on NBC's "Meet the Press," denied that he was adopting any Democratic ideas. "It's a matter of priorities," he said.

McCain, asked whether he had to win the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary to have a chance for the nomination, said, "I don't know what the definition of a win is, but clearly we have to do very well."

Meanwhile, Bush's top strategist, Karl Rove, echoed comments made by the governor last week in Iowa that set a very low target for success in Iowa.

"We win by coming in first, in our opinion," Rove said on ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

"Our hope is to meet the highest percentage that anyone has ever gotten in a Republican caucus, 37 percent." Recent polls have shown Bush in the mid- to high 40s with more than double the support of his closest challenger, billionaire publisher Steve Forbes.

Forbes, appearing on the same show, declined to say how well he hoped to do in Iowa, but said that "it will be apparent on the night of the (Jan.) 24th that we made a very strong showing, that this is not going to be a coronation, that it's a real contest."

The other three GOP candidates, Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes, all appeared on "Fox News Sunday."

Hatch, who has been in last place in Iowa polls, said: "If I can finish in the top four, I'd be doing very well. If not, we'll have to look at it."

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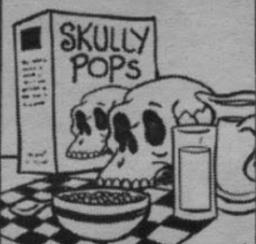
Attention COLLEGE TRANSFER OR PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL STUDENTS:
The Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC), formerly the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, is accepting applications for a wide variety of scholarships including the Ford Scholars and Ford Opportunity Programs (Single Parents). Some are "need based" and some are "merit based". Majors include Dental Assistants, Business, Graphic Arts, CNA or Nursing, plus many more. Check out the prospectus at the Career Center in Takena Hall or at the OSAC website at www.osac.state.or.us. The OSAC application must be submitted before March 1, 2000. Feel free to bring your questions regarding this application to the Scholarship Workshop featuring Kathy Pyfer from the OSAC on February 8 or 9, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fireside Room CC-211.

Attention AGRICULTURE STUDENTS:
The Oregon Agriculture Education Foundation will be accepting applications for their Memorial Scholarship until April 1, 2000. Ten scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$750-\$1,500. Additional information and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall!

Attention ATMOSPHERIC, OCEANIC AND HYDROLOGICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS:
The American Meteorological Society (AMS) is awarding 10 industry scholarships and 11 undergraduate scholarships. The AMS encourages applications from women, minorities, and disabled students, traditionally underrepresented in the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. All applications need to be received by February 11, 2000. Additional information and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

Attention WATER/WASTEWATER STUDENTS:
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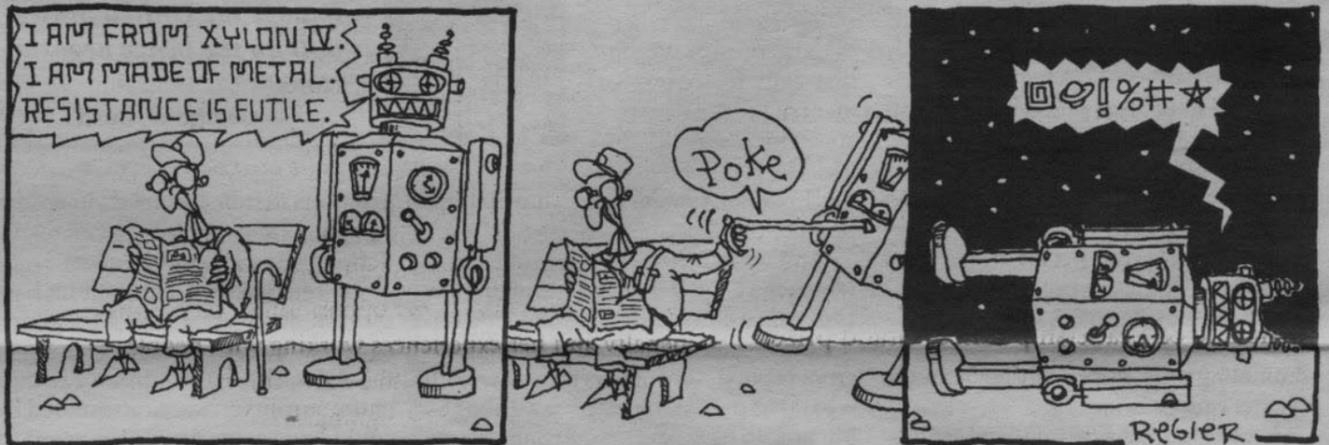

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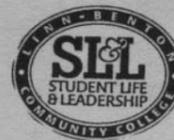


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Winter Term Events

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"Dead Man Walking" Movie

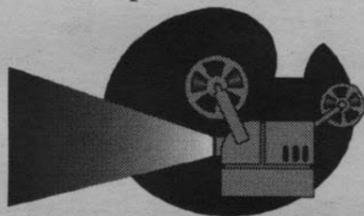
Jan. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 26, 12-2 p.m.

Student Lounge

The movie "Dead Man Walking" was based on the life experiences of Sister Helen Prejean who will be visiting on Feb. 1.

In preparation for her visit the movie will be shown twice during this week and is free to students and the public.



Sister Helen Prejean

Feb. 1, 12-1:45 p.m.

Takena Theatre

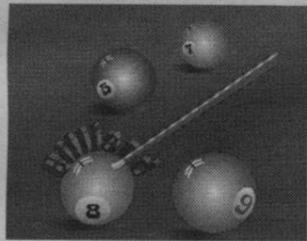
Sister Helen Prejean is the author of "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.," which was on the New York Times best-seller list for 31 weeks and which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Her book has been translated into 10 languages and is now being made into an opera by the San Francisco Opera Company. She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 and 1999. Sister Helen will speak at LBCC about her opposition to the death penalty and her experiences working with people on death row. She will also be available to answer questions and for a book signing.

ACU-I Billiards Tournament

Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Recreation Room

This annual tournament will be double elimination with prizes to the first, second, and third place winners. Sign up in the Student Life & Leadership office. Grand prize: one month pass @ Golds Gym.

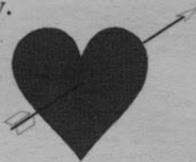


Valentines Flower Sale

Feb. 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Siletz Room (CC-213)

Carnations can be ordered in the Student Life & Leadership Office or at our table in Takena Hall beginning Jan. 31. The price is \$1.50 each or six for \$7 and includes a carnation wrapped with greenery and delivered on campus to a specified room or office between 8am-2:30 p.m. of Valentine's Day.

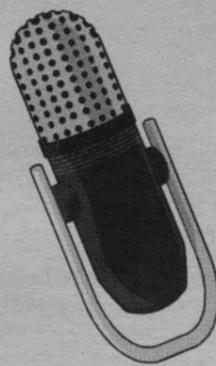
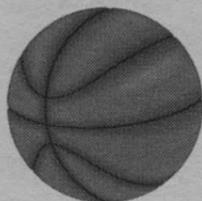


3x3 Basketball Tournament

Feb. 25, 6-9 p.m.

Gymnasium

Sign up in the Student Life & Leadership Office in coed teams of 3 or 4 for this annual basketball tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams.



Dinner Theatre

Feb. 17, 6:30-10 p.m.

Commons

The LBCC Programming Board and Culinary Arts students will host this annual event that includes dinner and the play "Chapter Two", by Neil Simon, performed by the Alpha Omega Repertory Theater from Texas. Tickets are \$20 (general admission) and \$15 (students/senior citizens).



College Bowl

Feb. 7-11, 12-1p.m.

Student Union Lounge

Challenge your knowledge in the "jeopardy game" just for colleges. College Bowl will give teams a chance to test their combined knowledge and expertise. Sign up in teams of 4 or 5 in the Student Life & Leadership Office.



Hoodoo Ski Trip

Feb. 12, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hoodoo Ski Area

Enjoy a ski trip to Hoodoo Ski Bowl. Transportation and lift tickets will be provided for the first 10 students who sign up in the Student Life & Leadership Office.

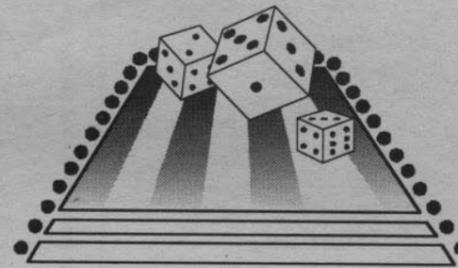


International Board Games

Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Multicultural Center

Come join us in playing Mancala (African Stone Game), Parchesi, Cribbage, Go and other international board games. Instruction will be provided.



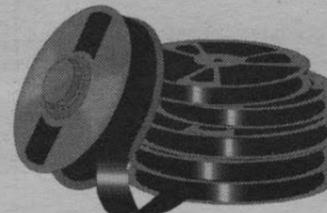
Women's Film Series

Feb. 28-March 1,

12-1:30 p.m., Alsea/Calapooia

March 2, Willamette Room

Films include "Body Politics", "The Power Game", "Postcards from the Future", and "The Need to Know". This outstanding film series, narrated by actress Susan Sarandon, reveals the heart, mind and soul of half of the world's human population—women. Soup and rolls will be provided for all who attend.



For more information or to sign up for these events contact the Student Life & Leadership Office. Call 917-4457

SPORTS PAGE

Lady Runners humble Portland; lose tough one to Lakers



Photo by Robin Camp



Photo by A.J. Wright

LBCC's Carrie Wilson (above) drives to the basket with two Portland Panthers hot on her heels in the Lady Runners' game Saturday night in the Activities Center. LBCC won the game handily, 83-70, to notch their first league win of the young season. A few nights earlier, Wilson scored 14 points against Southwestern Oregon Community College in a game that saw the Runners fall by 10 points, 70-60. Mindy Klinkebiel (left) was the team's leading scorer in that game with 15 points. The Lady Runners head to Gresham to play Mt. Hood tonight and return home to play Chemeketa in the Activities Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Evie Larsen scores 17 and pulls down 6 rebounds in Saturday's victory over Portland

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Portland became the first victim of the Lady Runners last week, but not before LBCC dropped a tough one to the Lady Lakers of SWOCC earlier in the week.

The victory over Portland seemed to be a sweet one for the team. They had a commanding 40-24 lead going into halftime and shot much better than the Lady Panthers, hitting 42 percent to 18 percent.

But the second half was a different story. The Panthers made a 37-29 run to cut the Runners' lead to nine at 75-66. The

Runners quenched that run with a 6-0 run of their own to put the lead at 15, and had the game in hand from there on, winning 83-70.

The Lady Runners had four players finish in double digit points, with Evie Larsen leading the way with 17. Kelly Dexter was next with 13 while Michelle Miller and Summer Wright tied with 10. Larsen tied Dexter for the team lead in rebounds with six while Miller pulled down five. Wright passed out five assists to lead the team, and also stole the ball four times.

Overall, the team shot a respectable 38 percent to the Panthers 31. The turnover battle was almost even, with the Runners turning it over 28 times to PCC's 26. The rebound battle was all LB, 35 to 26.

"We were all really excited about this game, but I think we were too excited because we knew we were going to win. We just needed to come out a little more

humble. We turned the ball over too many times and should have been up by 30 at halftime," said Wright.

Coach A.J. Dionne felt pretty much the same.

"I don't think we played like we can the whole game. We let up and made way too many mistakes. We had a goal that we were going to try to really limit our turnovers and to steal the ball 15 times (team total was 19)."

In last Wednesday's game, it was all Lakers early, as they took a 37-25 lead into halftime. Both teams shot very well,

with the Lakers shooting 44 percent to the Runners' 39 percent.

In the second half LBCC started to turn the game around, shooting 46 percent and outscoring SWOCC 35-33. But the story of the second half

was SWOCC's ability to get to the free throw line—the Lakers hit on 14 of 21 free throw attempts to preserve their lead and win 70-60.

Mindy Klinkebiel finished with 15 points to lead LB, while Carrie Wilson was not far behind with 14 of her own. Karen Bryan battled for seven rebounds, while Jana Sissom did the same for six. Wright dished out six of the 17 total assists the Runners had.

Overall, the Runners shot better than the Lakers from the floor (42 to 38), but SWOCC took advantage on the free throws, shooting 72 percent to LB's 55 percent. The Runners also turned the ball over 29 times. They did out-rebound SWOCC 44-34, but were unable to capitalize on their edge on the boards.

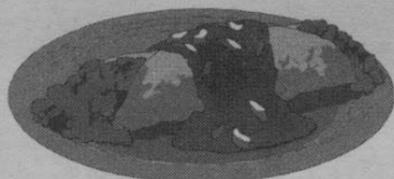
The Lady Runners next game is tonight against the Mt. Hood Lady Saints in Gresham at 8 p.m. They then come home to the LB Activities Center to face Chemeketa at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

"We were all really excited about this game, but I think we were too excited . . . We just needed to come out a little more humble."

—Summer Wright

Commons Menu

1/24/00-1/28/00



Monday

Sausage Stuffed Pork Roast
Chicken Gumbo
Quesadilla

Tuesday

Rueben Sandwich
Lamb stew
Vegetable Thai Curry

Wednesday

Pot Roast
Chicken Burrito
Grilled Vegetables w/ Quinoa

Thursday

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Paella
Grilled Vegetable Pizza

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Chef Choice

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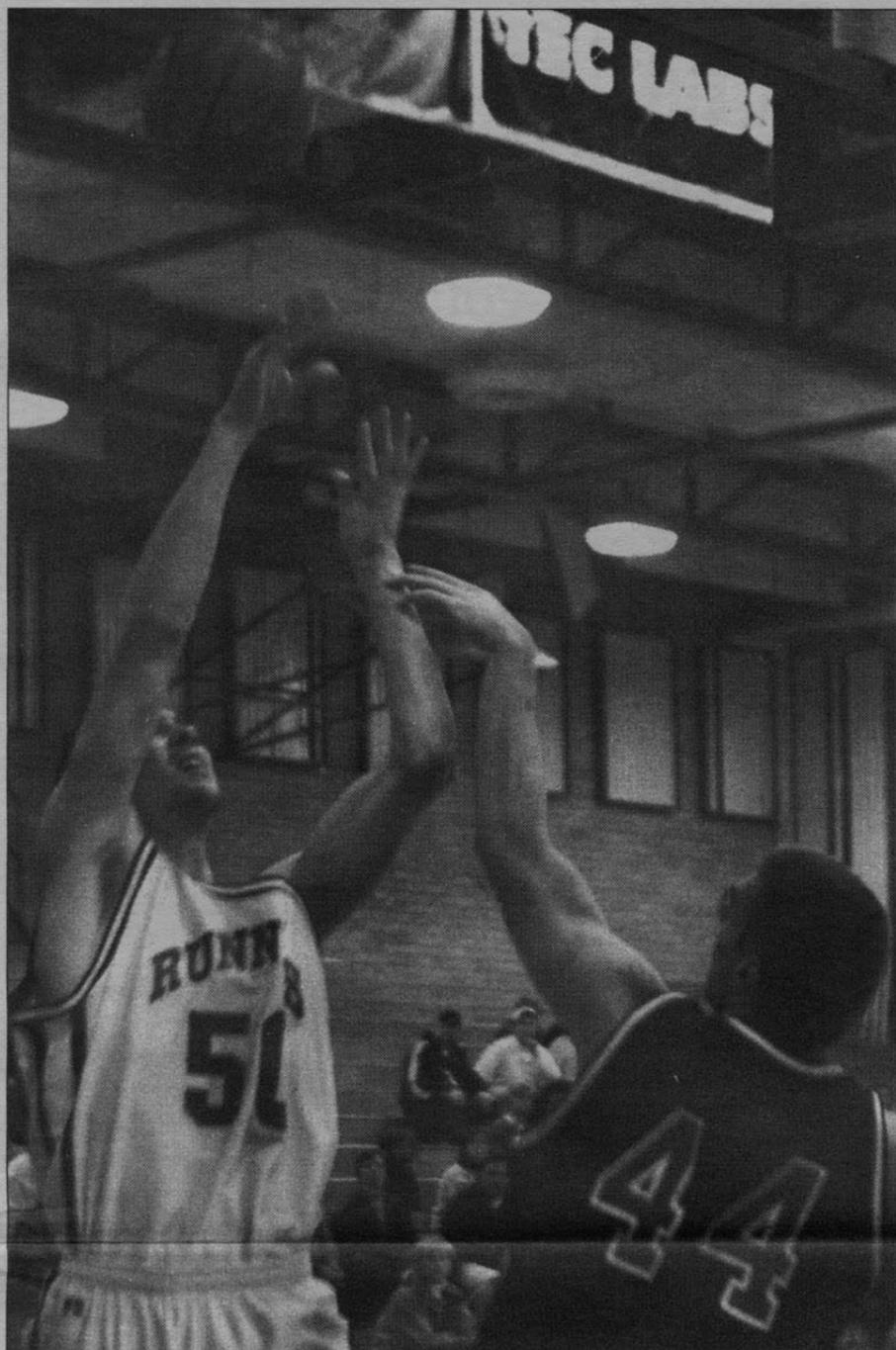


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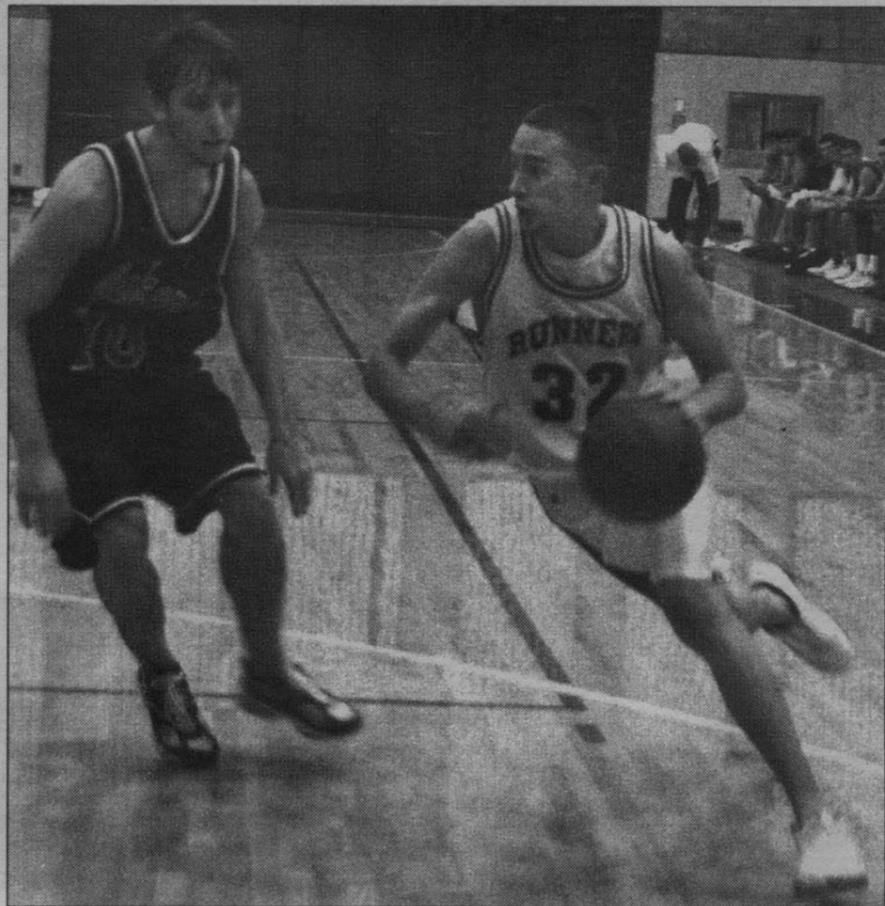


Photo by A.J. Wright

JR Brusseau (above) drives against a Laker defender while Branden Whitney (left) goes up for a shot during the Roadrunners' 91-52 loss to SWOCC at the Activities Center last Wednesday. Brusseau, who scored 10 in the Laker game, bounced back with 25 points in last Saturday's win over Portland Community College, also at the Activities Center. Brusseau was the leading scorer for the Runners in both games. The men play tonight at Mt. Hood in Gresham before returning home for a Saturday game against Chemeketa at 6 p.m.

Three days after losing by 39, Runners' trounce PCC by 24

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton earned a split in its last two games of a three-game homestand last week, losing to Southwestern Oregon Wednesday by a lopsided score of 91-52, and thumping Portland Saturday, 98-74.

In Saturday's game, Portland and LB played close for the first 12 minutes before a 5-0 run by the Runners turned the game around. LB cruised to a commanding 47-32 lead at half-time.

The second-half was a see-saw battle that saw each team go on extended runs. The Runners came out fast, jumping to a 21-point lead, but the Panthers answered with a 8-3 run to cut the lead to 16. LB then went on a 13-8 run to get the lead to 26, but Portland answered with a 19-9 run of their own to again get the lead down to 16. But that was all the Panthers could muster, and LB went on to win the game easily.

JR Brusseau was the leading scorer with 25 points (16 in the first half). Hamilton Barnes was next with 16 and Matt Brown finished with 11. Kraig Schuler bullied his way into the crowd to grab nine rebounds. Barnes and Brown both tied in assists with four.

The Runners won the rebounding battle over the Panthers 48-39, and beat them easily in shooting, 49 percent to 37.

LBCC's effort in the win over Portland was in marked contrast to how it played earlier in the week against SWOCC. The Lakers jumped all over the



Photo by Robin Camp

Kraig Schuler applies some tough defense against Portland during Saturday's 98-74 win in the Activities Center. Schuler had eight points and nine rebounds.

Runners in the first half of Wednesday's game, stifling LB's offense on their way to a 51-26 half-time lead. SWOCC continued their domination in the second half, out-scoring LB 40-26 to make the final score 91-52.

Brusseau again led the Runners with 10 points, followed by Barnes with eight. Brusseau tied Branden Whitney for second on the team in rebounds with three, but the team leader was Chris Livermore, who pulled down five.

Barnes dished out five assists, while Mark Chocktoot was close behind with four.

Linn-Benton was handled easily on the boards, especially on offensive rebounds. The Lakers pulled down 17 offensive boards compared to the Runners' zero. SWOCC had 47 total rebounds with LB only managing 17.

Commenting on the team's play against SWOCC, Brusseau said, "Our problem is that we don't put our full effort and heart into the game all the time. We go in spurts."

Coach Randy Falk said the Runners played two entirely different games on Wednesday and Saturday.

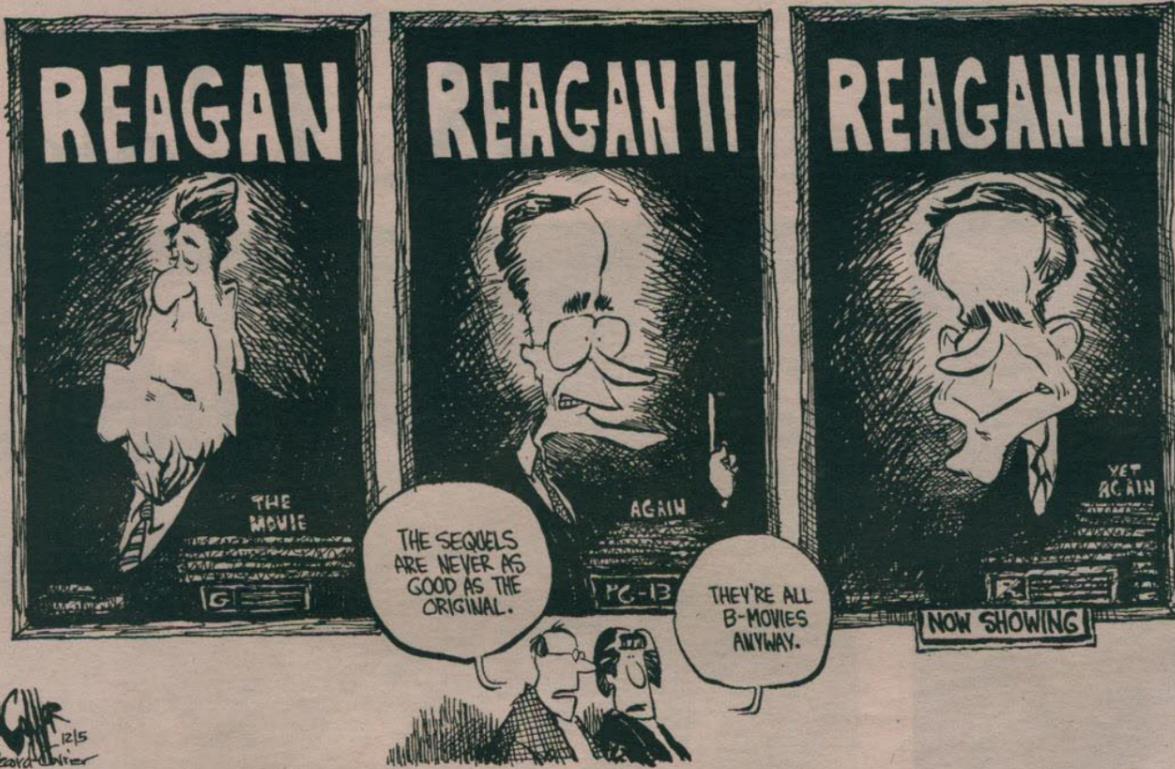
"Today (Saturday) we brought a little heart and we competed," Falk said. "We were just really lazy in our efforts Wednesday. The thing they did the best (against Portland) was play as hard as they could play. If they can do that much, it seems like many other things in the game can take care of themselves."

Matt Brown added that the team's mindset for the game was to play tough defense.

"When you play good defense, your offense picks up too," Brown commented that if the team plays and practices like it has, he feels they can challenge tonight's opponent, Mt. Hood.

The Runners make the trip to Gresham tonight to face the Saints of MHCC at 6 p.m. They come back to face Chemeketa at the Linn-Benton Activities Center on Saturday at 6 p.m.

OPINION



David Weber
12/15

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smokers should learn clean air courtesy between classes

To the Editor:

Have any of you out there come to school breathing the clean air that only seems to be on the outside of our school?

I know I am not alone when I stand up and say: "I am tired of having to put up with second-hand smoke!" Almost every day, while going to and from classes I am having to hold my breath. There are areas that are designated for smokers, but smokers obviously don't always use them. The areas that are designated might as well not be—you can still smell the smoke, due to all the breezy walkways that make for a miserable walk to class. I see people smoking right outside of classes, standing on the second floor looking down at the fountain, and walking down the stairs smoking. Do these people have any consideration for others?

I feel just because some people choose to smoke, those of us who don't smoke shouldn't have to put up with this disgusting habit while at school. We should find a place that these people can go between classes where it wouldn't affect the rest of the students. If any of you are like me, going from one intense lecture to another, I like a little fresh air, not a headache when I step outside.

Carissa Glass

Reader says Pell Grants are a good education investment

To the Editor:

Recently a co-worker of my husband made some very ignorant comments about Pell Grants and the people who use them. He stated that it is bad that people are using HIS tax dollars to go to school and if they circulated a petition to close LBCC he would be the first to sign it. Now please note, that his wife has a Pell Grant and attends LBCC.

Upon hearing this, it dawned on me that he is probably not the only person who thinks this way, so let's clear a few things up. First, whether it is an adult who has been working or a younger student whose parents have been working, someone has been paying into the Federal Tax System for years, allowing that person to recoup something.

Second, the majority of people that receive Pell Grants have a job. My husband works over 60 hours a week and I worked full time up until December. We are constantly paying taxes and contributing to our Pell Grants. Third, Pell Grants are not large grants. Combined we receive less than \$4,000 a year. Our out-of-pocket is about \$2,000 a year. Fourth, it is a person's God-given right to better themselves.

Many older adults sacrifice school when they are young to be home with their kids and take care of their families the best they can. My husband worked hard manual-labor jobs in order to keep me home to raise our girls. Those girls are now old enough that our going to school will not take anything away from them. If anything, it gives them a better understanding of how important college is. So if school is not for you, then do not go, but do not harass and insult those who want to do something great with their lives. We have just as much to contribute to society as those who can afford to pay for college themselves.

Tina George

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WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Have you already broken your New Year's resolution?



"Not since 1997 when I made a New Year's resolution not to make any more New Year's resolutions."
—Michael Harris

"Yes, eating fast food. I wasn't going to eat anymore because it's not good for the diet."
—Katrina Fanning



"I didn't make any because everyone always makes them and they feel bad 'cause they always break them."
—Terra Michalson

"Yeah, I was going to exercise more. I started to, but scheduling got in the way."
—David Fitchett



"No. I have three. Potty training my kid, working with computers, and getting rid of stress."
—Tim Rohrer

"No. I'm working on getting back into my size-nine Rockies after my daughter was born."
—Angela Jones



"I didn't set any so, no, I haven't broken them."
—Robin Brooks

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