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How Sweet

Calvin Yeung, Dee Curwen and Jin Wang (right) sell home made Valentine goodies in Takena Hall Monday to raise money for international student scholarships. Below, Shannon Rice delivers a carnation.



Photos by A.J. Wright

Students vote on bus passes, ASG officers

by Jason Yutzie
of The Commuter

On Feb. 23-24 students will be asked to vote for new student government officers and to consider raising student fees to pay for free bus transportation.

The Associated Student Government has placed a non-binding referendum on the ballot to gauge support for increasing fees to finance free student bus passes. One proposal would cost 10 cents per credit to pay for free rides on the Loop and Albany Transit buses. Another would cost 20 cents per credit to include the Corvallis Transit system.

The election will also allow students to vote on-line for the first time. Voting on-line will start at 8 a.m. on Feb. 23 and continue through 7 p.m. on Feb. 24.

To access on-line voting, students can go to the ASG election Web site at www.lbcc.cc.or.us/election. Students must log in with their Social Security number to cast their votes.

Regular voting will take place in the library during school hours on Feb. 23 and 24.

There are eight ASG positions open, but only four have candidates running for office—president, vice president, public relations officer and representative for the Science/Industry Division.

The four positions that did not attract any candidates are representatives for students at-large and for the divisions of Business/Health Occupations, Liberal Arts and Student Services/Extended Learning. The newly elected ASG officers will seek applicants for these positions next term and make appointments after conducting interviews.

Applicants for ASG President are Roger Shear and Todd Gifford. On their (Turn to "ASG" on Pg. 2)

Campus offices offer limited services on Monday

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

When students make their daily commute to campus on Monday Feb. 21, they will find a lot more parking space than they're used to.

That's because Monday is President's Day, and even though classes will be held as usual, the college's classified staff has the day off as a contracted holiday. As a result, many of the offices staffed by classified employees, which include secretaries, custodians, food service workers, clerks and instructional assistants, will be either closed or operating with reduced hours or services.

Normally, President's Day is a school holiday for all college employees, including instructors and managers. This year, however, college officials decided instead to cancel classes on Jan. 3 to do Y2K computer checks, and to make up

for that day off by holding classes on President's Day.

But because the classified staff have President's Day stipulated as a holiday in their labor contract, they are not required to work Monday. "Feb. 21 is written in the contract as a paid holiday already," said Jackie Grenz, vice president of the Independent Association of LBCC.

Ed Watson, vice president of academic affairs, said that faculty and management will cover college services to make sure the campus will continue to operate effectively.

The goal is to not seriously inconvenience students and faculty that day, added Mike Holland, vice president for student affairs.

"All services on campus will be open with a thin supply of staff," Holland explained.

What's what on Monday

- Commons Cafeteria closed.
- Courtyard Cafe open usual hours; grill and fryer not operating.
- Admissions and Business offices open with limited staff.
- Bookstore: Open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Career and Counseling services available on drop-in basis; no appointments or job referrals.
- Security Staff on duty.
- Learning Center open; no testing.
- Writing Lab and Reading Nook closed.
- No mail services.
- Printing Services open, but no big projects accepted.
- No grounds or custodial service; limited emergency maintenance will be maintained.

Secretary of state urges students to flex their political muscle

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, LB President Jon Carnahan, Associated Student Government President Joyce Fred and Director of Financial Aid Lance Popoff met last Wednesday to discuss community college funding, and a proposed ballot measure that threatens schools and student voting.

Bradbury discussed the Financial Aid office's responsibility to get students to register to vote. Surveys show younger voters don't vote because they think that the issues are irrelevant to them, he said, but with half a million college students in Oregon, they represent huge voter potential.



"Elections can be dramatically affected by getting younger voters to vote."

—Bill Bradbury

"I share the governor's enthusiasm for getting people to vote," Bradbury said. "Elections can be dramatically affected by getting younger voters to vote."

"Students don't realize the impact they can have," Carnahan added.

Bradbury is concerned about the dependence of

community colleges on the state income tax for funding, which makes up two-thirds of their budgets. He noted that as soon as Oregon's economy levels out or drops, community colleges will suffer funding losses. He said that it is a "little scary right now if you look at the Oregon budget."

The situation will worsen if a proposed ballot measure makes it onto this fall's ballot and passes—it would allow Oregonians to write off the amount of federal taxes paid from their state taxes, drastically reducing Oregon's budget, and therefore school budgets.

It would reduce the \$6 billion state budget by \$2 (Turn to "Bradbury" on Pg. 2)

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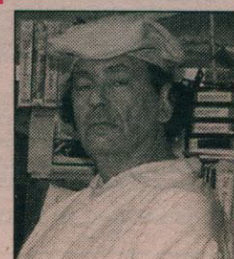
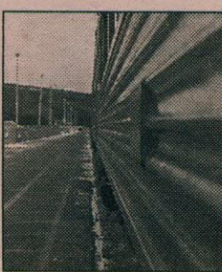
Check This Out

Hear what Associated Student Government candidates have to say at today's debate at 12-1 p.m. in the lounge.

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CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Gruff lady scams lover

Linda Vongehr, newly divorced and in her early 50s, fell in love with Randy Dillard, a man she never met but whose husky voice she had heard on the CB radio and later in hundreds of phone calls. Over the course of the four-year relationship, the Pennsylvania woman sent him large quantities of money to help him solve his seemingly endless problems, medical, legal and marital. In the end, Linda gave him nearly \$100,000 in cash, only to discover that Randy is actually a woman, a scam artist named Barbara Morrow, police said. The deep-voiced Barbara has been arrested. Linda is bankrupt.

La-Z-Boy phones robbery

A man in Biloxi, Miss., actually tried to phone in a robbery. Police said he called the Treasure Bay Casino and threatened to come over and start shooting people unless \$100,000 was delivered to his home in two hours. He gave his address. He was arrested.

Camels fool French

French radio has reported that spy satellite images that officials said showed a gathering of heavily armed Moslem guerrillas in the Sahara Desert actually were of a great many camels herded together for a head count. After seeing the photos, the Foreign Ministry issued a warning that that the Dakar to Cairo road race would be ambushed by fighters from the hardline Armed Islamic Group. This prompted organizers to airlift the participants 1,250 miles from Niger to Libya.

From the TMS News Service

IA teacher donates his book to library

by Jason Journey
of The Commuter

Part-time instructor Dennis Green donated an industrial maintenance book that he authored to the LBCC library last week.

"Industrial Maintenance" deals with problem prevention and maintenance of manufacturing equipment such as boilers and refrigeration units.

"The book incorporates my personal work and teaching experiences," said Green. The book focuses on the trouble-shooting aspects of industrial maintenance.

"Seventy to 90 percent of industrial learning is done informally on the job and that is where my work experience has been incorporated into the book," stated Green.

The book includes scenarios on how to prevent problems and maintain and fix machinery, as well as lessons on new and old skills for different levels of technology. The book was released in January and has sold 97 copies in the first month.

Green also shares his varied life experiences in the book. He has worked on a tugboat, in mines where he learned the art of electronics, and at a Hostess manufacturing plant where he practiced industrial maintenance. Green has taught classes about boilers for 14 years at Lake Washington Technical College. He is now a part-time instructor at LBCC and is currently working toward his Ph.D. in education at OSU.



Photo by Robin Camp
Dennis Green talks about his book with librarian Jorry Rolfe in the library last week.

Bradbury: State measure could cut funds

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billion, effectively cutting the state budget that schools depend on by a third.

According to Bradbury, that measure alone would cut LBCC's budget by nearly \$3.1 million in six months.

Students don't pay enough federal taxes to be directly affected, yet if they don't become involved, Bradbury said, students will see tuition rates going up drastically to compensate for the cuts to in state funds.

Bradbury is eager to reach students any way he can. He knows, for example, that 70 percent of students aged 18-34

"Students don't realize the impact they can have."

— Jon Carnahan

depend on the Internet for voter information.

"We have to be in the medium they use," he said, explaining he is a strong supporter of on-line voter registration. An on-line system would rely on PIN numbers instead of signatures.

Bradbury said getting students to understand their potential impact on voting is a huge challenge.

ASG: Candidates support evening classes, bus passes

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applications, both students were asked what their goals would be if elected.

Shear wrote that he wants "students to know what ASG is, to represent night students and all students better and know what concerns they have."

Gifford said he supports creating a "science desk in the LRC with emphasis on chemistry and physics, (as well as) more vending machines closer to the LRC, and replace individual desks in classrooms with rectangular tables (where practical)."

Three students applied for ASG vice president—Cameron Clark, Brian Holcomb and Jonathon Henderson. They were also asked what their goals would be if elected to office.

Clark writes, "To be a vice president that people remember for getting things

done, listening to their concerns and issues, and getting bus passes for all LBCC students."

Holcomb would like to "get better evening classes, make students more aware of the resources available to them, and get students excited about their school."

Henderson wrote that he would like to see "better communication between ASG and campus club advisors, more advertisement for the school's sports teams, and an expanded role in student involvement within the campus."

One student, Shari Fenn, applied for the public relations position. Unless there is a write-in candidate, Fenn will be the ASG's next public relations officer.

Her goals while in office are to "expand on the diversification of the publicity of LBCC in all areas, further inform

students about the benefits of being active in political decision making, and strengthen bonds between academic and vocational ends of LBCC."

Ryan Dode and Luke Theurer applied for science and industry representative.

Theurer would like to see "improved communications, better attendance of sports activities and more cultural events on campus."

Dode states that he would like to "please the students and live up to his full potential in the position he serves, do the same for faculty, and promote science and industry department in order to show the importance of this division of LBCC."

A candidates' debate is scheduled for today from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Union Lounge located on the second floor of the Forum.

Class repeat policy changed

by Jason Yutzie
of The Commuter

Retaking a class for a better grade may not be as simple as you think. It involves paperwork.

The process of retaking classes was redefined by the Instructional Standards Committee in the spring of 1999. The new policy states that if students want to retake a class and to earn a higher grade, they must file a Repeated Class Form prior to re-enrolling in the class in order to have the old lower grade subtracted from their grade point average. If the form is filed, the old grade will remain on the student's transcript with an R next to it but it will not affect the GPA.

However, if students retake a class for a better grade but neglect to file the form in advance, both the old and the new grade are factored into the student's GPA.

A student receiving a D or an F in a class can retake it as many times as needed. A class where a B or a C is earned can only be repeated once.

"Changes that were made in the spring were too late to be published in this year's catalog," said Laurie Trombley, LBCC Registrar.

Answers to questions and Repeated Class forms can be found at Admissions and Registration in T-115.

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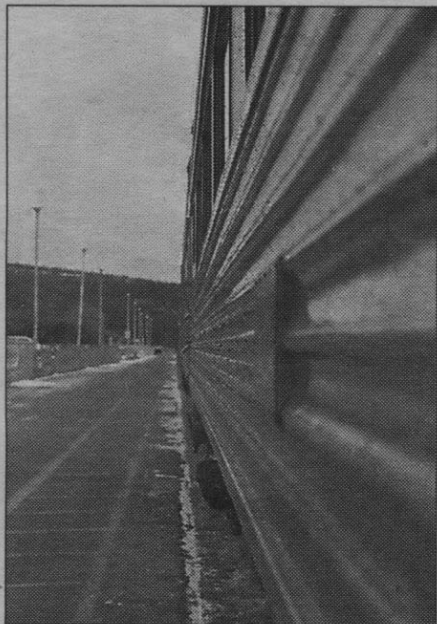
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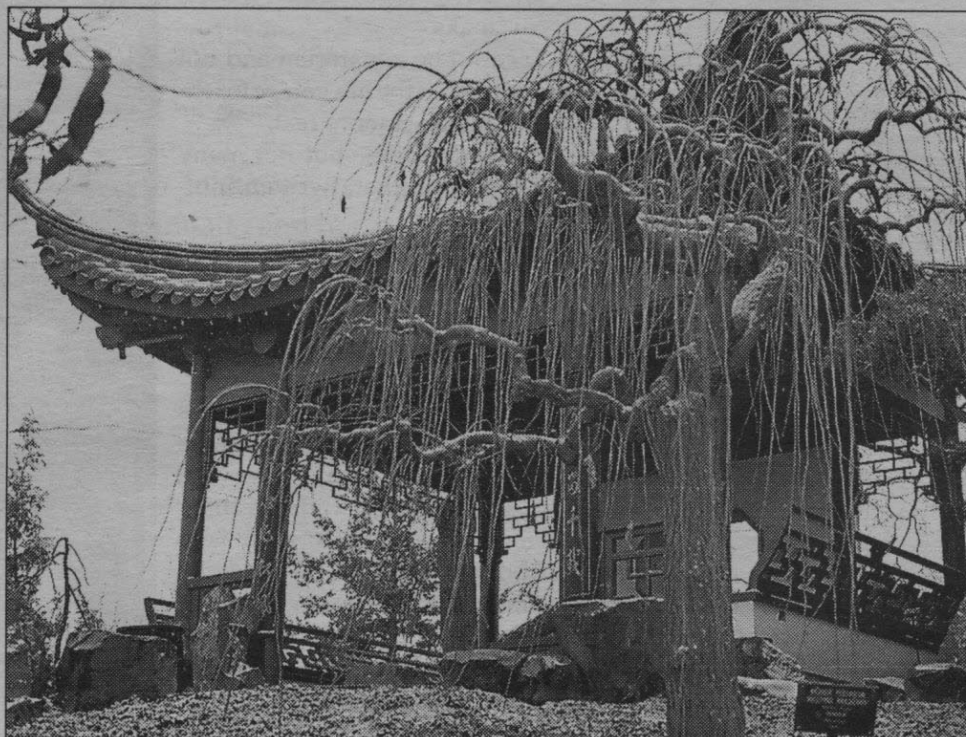
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IN FOCUS

Ride the rails to a bit of Paris in North America



Like the train ride, the train itself (above) appears to go on forever. At right, the Chinese gardens provide a moment of reflection.



The Virgin Mary welcomes visitors into the Notre Dame Basilica.

So you want to visit Paris, France but you can't afford it. Why not visit Paris, Canada (Montreal)? It's cheaper and ever so much closer.

Traveling from Vancouver to Montreal on Canada's Via Rail is a scenic yet rather long trip lasting three days. Once in Montreal, however, prepare for good food, buildings built in the 1600s and 1700s, huge gardens and a rainforest.

Due to the excellent exchange rate, American students will find that by staying in cheap hotels and not spending too much on film at the camera store, that they can visit a city which is advertised as a North American Paris.

For gourmets, Montreal is it. When you order a café au lait, be prepared for a bowl of espresso and milk. Pastries are abundant in Montreal as are many other French foods including a sweet fried concoction with meat and vegetables wrapped inside a crunchy shell. Be warned, however, with all the food, and good coffee, one can spend the entire day just eating in Montreal.

Much of Montreal's architecture was built in the 17th and 18th centuries, including one of the most ornate churches the author has ever seen, the Notre Dame Basilica.

Many of the city's buildings are easily mistaken for castles. In fact one of the largest "castles," a brick and bronze building towering over the street four stories and stretching two blocks, is the Public Works building. Did somebody mention a rainforest and gardens?

The Montreal Biodome, conveniently

located next to the Olympic stadium, the Insectarium (not for those with arachnophobia) and various other botanical wonders, contains within it not only a rainforest, but also a timber forest environment.

Visitors will see capybaras, tamarins, macaws, poison arrow frogs, alligators, bobcats and porcupines. A visitor could blow a backpack full of film in this place without even trying. After one is done oohing and ahing in there, one can then step out into the snow-covered Chinese gardens, the Japanese gardens, the tree gardens (are we detecting a theme here?) and many other varieties of garden. And of course, whether it's one of the wonders of the world or just another dot on the map, no trip is complete without a trip to one of the money-eating tourist traps.

The Canadians are big on shopping, as plastic-happy visitors will find out real soon. When you get back, if you hear a drum roll coming from your mailbox, it's your credit card bill.

The Canadians love shopping. In Montreal, one of the malls alone reputedly stretches 12km, (no, I did not check). Much of Montreal's life can be found underground (due to unfriendly temperatures above ground). A quick tour through any Canadian mall will let you know that the Canadians REALLY like fountains and their preferred indoor temperature is equivalent to that of a Costa Rican rainforest. So, get out that credit card, tell those teachers goodbye, and head north.



Seeing Canada by Rail

One of the best ways to see Canada is on the train. The train trip from Vancouver to Montreal is three and a half days. Amtrak from Albany to Vancouver is five hours. A 12-day pass costs \$256.

How to Get There

Amtrak:
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www.amtrak.com
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What to Pack

- Warm clothes
- Books or other diversions to pass the time on the train
- Phone card
- Emergency cash



Above, Montrealites really like fountains in their malls. At left, a tamarin eyes visitors in the Montreal Biodome.

Story and Photos by
Robin Camp

CAMPUS NEWS

History instructor dresses up the past

by Katherine Botkin
of The Commuter

Heads turn as history instructor Michael Weiss walks by clad in a cloak and floppy cloth hat.

"He's really an interesting character," said one of his students, Anna Kaul, as the jingling of the bells on his cloak disappeared out the door. "He is one of my favorite teachers."

"Interesting" is a word most of his students use to describe Weiss, but they give different meanings to the word.

"He's totally into what he's teaching," said Shannon Ewers. "It makes him interesting."

"Mr. Weiss makes class fun because he shows clips from 'Blazing Saddles' and the 'Simpsons,'" said Ajai Tripathi.

But it can be a bit overwhelming for some. "He's interesting, but disorganized because he's teaching too many classes at once," said Dylan Lahti. "Not enough students are willing to stand up and say, 'We've covered this already.'"

Whatever their individual opinions, most students agree that Weiss is colorful—literally as well as figuratively. Weiss doesn't think his teaching style is anything unusual, but he admits he tries to be colorful.

"I've always been very visual," he said. Even that fact is "interesting," he points out, because he is colorblind, nearsighted and has astigmatism.

He often dresses for class in historical garb and brings in artifacts to show the students. He nearly always has one of his pocket watches on. He held out the one he was wearing, which was from the 1880s and had intricately braided women's hair for a chain.

His hobby of collecting and wearing historical costumes started one day in Greece when he was trying to get a cheap watch to alert him after the passage of 10 minutes, and consequently broke it. One thing led to another, and he thought of buying a pocket watch. However, pocket watches need chains, and then one

needs vests to show them off. That led, eventually, to his more flamboyant collection of peasant's blouses, frock coats and medieval cloaks.

"I don't see how you could be a historian and not collect at least some artifacts from the era you're teaching about," said Weiss. "It makes it more real."

His students like that about him—but not many enjoy his style of testing—requiring handwritten, multiple-page, no-note essays.

"I hated his tests," said Ryan Taylor.

A.J. Wright disagreed with the majority, saying he liked the tests. "I like to get everything done at once. And you didn't have to worry about grammar or spelling or anything."

When he first started teaching at LB in 1989, Weiss gave multiple-choice tests, but more than a third of the students flunked them. Students are doing better with the essays, he said—especially if they study. "I think writing an essay is an important skill—to write is to think and organize your thoughts," said Weiss.

Most of his students take quick notes in class as he teaches and shows historical (and a few more popular) film clips, to have material for the tests.

Most students now are visual learners, Weiss says, but he believes articulating what they're learning also helps stick it in their brains—one reason his students must give oral reports.

Weiss is interested in "human beings as a repository of history," and in the middle of June he is attending the International Oral History Conference in Istanbul. He hopes the conference will be good, but said it would make for a much better time being unproductive in Istanbul—formerly Constantinople, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire—than being unproductive in someplace like Louisville, Ky.

Weiss has traveled all over America and Western and Eastern Europe and has also been to Egypt and Mexico. He enjoys traveling or the historical aspect, but also likes meeting the local people.



Photo by A.J. Wright

History instructor Michael Weiss poses in his Renaissance period garb as Christopher Columbus.

Math instructor joins USIA team bringing Web-based ed to Tunisia

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

LBCC math instructor Theo Montgomery will be heading to Tunisia this week as part of a team of educators that are working together to help bring technology to colleges in there.

The group of four, which includes instructors from OSU and a private business owner, is being sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, or USIA, as part of a cultural exchange between the United States and Tunisia.

"I became affiliated with the group out of interest in the project," Montgomery said. "Someone else had too much going on which left an opening, and I filled it."

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—Theo Montgomery

Administrators and educators came to LBCC from Tunisia last fall to see the technology used here first-hand. Montgomery was involved with presenting the information to the Tunisians and is very familiar with the project.

He also lived in central Africa for three years, giving him a leg up on the culture there.

Montgomery is involved with distant education for LBCC and is in charge of the math lab at Hewlett-Packard. Ac-

cording to Montgomery, Tunisia is interested in Web-based education and technology for their colleges.

"We will work on bringing the colleges up to speed on things like Web-links, e-mail, Internet access and discussion groups," Montgomery said.

The group includes OSU English instructor Laura Rice, LB extended learning instructor Karim Hamdy and John Secret, owner of Peak Internet Service.

Tunisia is a small country located in

Northern Africa bordering the Mediterranean sea. It is part of what's known as the Tunisia From Oregon program.

The group will be in Tunisia for approximately 15 days, working with several colleges and attending conferences on education while there. The project is part of an on-going four-year education and information exchange between Tunisia and our system of higher education.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Sweet Blues

Blues guitarist Coco Montoya (right) made his only Willamette Valley stop on his three-month coast to coast tour at Albany's Venetian Theater last Saturday evening. "This area has always had an active blues scene," said Montoya. "The concert is great," said Debbie Fleming of Philomath. "It is my first time watching Coco and my first time at the Venetian." Montoya played hits to the sold-out crowd off of his newly-released album "Suspicion" and tracks from his first albums, "Gotta Mind To Travel" and "Just Let Go." Judy Snyder, a 1983 LBCC business degree graduate, and her husband Randy, watched the show from the Venetian's upstairs lounge. Montoya, who has been playing the blues since he was a teenager, will make stops at major blues festivals coast to coast and will perform in Florida, New York and Chicago.

"I feel like the music was absorbing into me. It is spiritual and it moves me."

—Judy Snyder

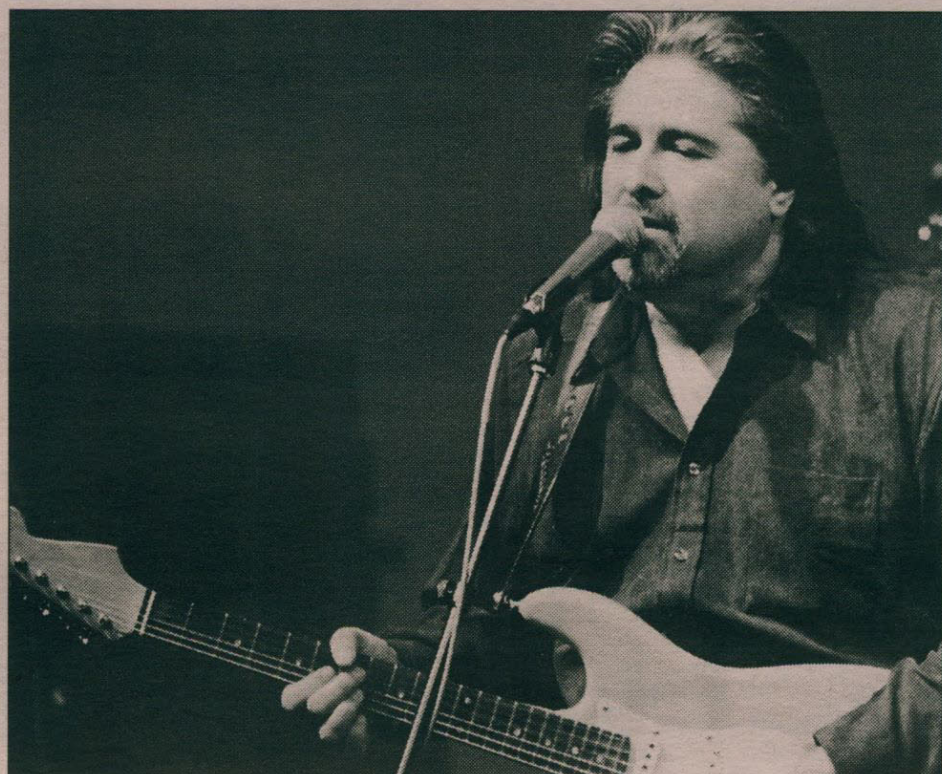


Photo by Christopher Spence

Haywire brings 'straight edge, in your face' rock to Venetian

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

The mid-valley-based band Haywire, composed of both past and present LB students, will play at the Venetian Theater on March 3, marking their third Albany appearance.

Their hard-core style will again rock Albany after making their debut at the First Round earlier this year.

"It was kind of a fluke how we came together with our name," said drummer Jason Wygle. "We were calling ourselves Until Further Notice."

LBCC student and lead guitarist Allen Ramsey thought of the name Haywire.

"It just stuck," said Wygle.

Ramsey has been playing music for over 16 years, and in his free time Ramsey attends LBCC and rides a 6-foot unicycle that he would like to incorporate into the show.

"I'm having the time of my life," said Ramsey.

Ramsey and Wygle have played together for over a year, and bassist James Plagmann joined the band eight months ago. Plagmann is a collision repair student at LBCC and president of the Industrial Technical Society, a campus club for students majoring in collision repair.

"The band is taking off," said Shannon Tudor, Wygle's fiancée. "The lead singer has so much energy



Photo by Christopher Spence

Haywire jams at Albany's First Round Tavern. Band members are Jason Wygle, Allen Ramsey, Michael Brown and James Plagmann.

"The band is taking off. The lead singer has so much energy it is great."

— Shannon Tudor

it is great."

LBCC welding certificate graduate Michael Brown, lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for Haywire, is not a stranger to performing.

"I started playing the violin in the third grade and also played the organ—my mother's idea," said Brown.

"I like the lyrical content," said Plagmann. "Its mean-

ing and content has an important message."

"We write all of our own music," said Plagmann.

"Brown writes about 65 to 70 percent of the lyrics."

"He is very talented," added Ramsey.

The members of Haywire have influences ranging from Jackson Browne to Metallica.

"We are hard rock, straight edge, in your face," said Wygle.

"I have played music all of my life," said Wygle. "I remember my dad playing Jackson Browne, I'd be tapping my toe and I knew that music is what I wanted to do."

But Wygle was not always dedicated to his music.

"It's kind of funny," he said. "I was kicked out of band in the 10th grade for missing a meet. I just didn't show up."

Haywire's fourth band member is Fred Moser, aka "round man the sound man." Moser handles all sound issues associated with the music.

"We would not be the band that we are if it was not for Fred," said Brown. "He is an equal member of our band since joining in Aug. 1999."

Haywire will be playing at Albany's Venetian Theater at 241 First Ave. on March 3. Doors open at 6 p.m. Haywire will be joined by Sullen, Hand, Kick-Ass Martians and Poopstick. For further information contact the Venetian box office at (541)791-8585.

Dinner theater offers Neil Simon comedy

by Jennifer McLaren
of The Commuter

Tomorrow the Programming Board presents Pulitzer Prize-winning author Neil Simon's play "Chapter Two." It's a production by a well-known touring company, The Repertory Theater of America, which has been active since 1967.

"Chapter Two," a light romantic comedy, will be held at LBCC in the Commons. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the play will start at 8 p.m.

Dinner includes an appetizer of wild mushroom strudel with goat cheese and madeira sauce, followed by a caesar salad and an entrée of chicken chardonnay with roasted root vegetables and creamy polenta. For dessert, there will be a triple fruit sorbet. There are alternative offerings available for vegetarians.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for seniors and students. You may purchase your tickets at the Takena Box office or Student Life and Leadership office. For information call 917-4457.

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Tickets also available at Rice's Pharmacy, Corvallis: Jan 31-Feb 18, 11a.m. for the Feb 20 performance. Jan 31-Feb 25, 11a.m. for the Feb 27 performance.

Sunday, Feb 27, 2000 is sign-interpreted and also is the benefit performance for Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships.

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AutoCAD Drafter (Corvallis) An electrical engineering firm is seeking someone proficient in the use of AutoCAD drafting software. This full-time position in Corvallis pays \$8-12/hour. See Carla in Student Employment for more information (T101).

U.S. Bureau of the Census is still looking for a lot of Census Takers. Starting wage is \$10.25/hr plus 31 cents per mile. Work evenings and weekends for about 6-10 weeks. Call 1-888-325-7733 to sign up for a time in your city to take the three-minute test.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

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 specifics at the Career Center in Takena Hall or at the OSAC Web site at www.osac.state.or.us. The OSAC application must be submitted before March 1, 2000.

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!

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Monday
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Tuesday
Swiss Steak
Snapper with Brown Butter Sauce
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Wednesday
Corned Beef Hash and Eggs
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Spring Rolls

Thursday
Beef Burgundy
Pork Schnizel
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Application Deadline
for **GRADUATION**

If you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony and/or plan to graduate Spring Term 2000, you must apply at the Admissions Office by:
April 7, 2000

Note: you may be required to meet with your advisor before you apply, so...
don't wait until the last minute

Caps and gowns will be available in the bookstore prior to the commencement ceremony, which will be held June 8, 2000.

SPORTS PAGE

Brusseau is strong force in Runner offense

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Sitting out your first year of college with an injury could be tough for anyone, but JR Brusseau of the Runners made the best of it by coming out this season with the drive to be one of the best players on the team.

Brusseau came to Linn-Benton from LaPine, Ore., partly because his mom and family were raised in this area. But the main reason was because LB really took a look at him in high school.

"This school really came after me, so that is really why I came here," said Brusseau, who is majoring in exercise and sports science.

Coming into college after playing high school ball was a big difference for him. "In high school, they have one good player on each team and you have to shut him down. Now we have five good players and they are more physical, bigger and more athletic."

But Brusseau never really got to be a part of that during his first year here. He tore some cartilage in his right knee and had to redshirt. While sitting on the bench last year, Brusseau got a good look at the team's chemistry, and he feels it has improved a lot this year.

"We're more of a team this year. We don't have a lot of I's. We play for each other. I noticed a lot of the guys last year played for themselves and not for the team."

The Runners are 4-8 in league play so far, thanks in large part to the play of Brusseau. The Runners might not make the playoffs this year, but Brusseau feels that doesn't mean the season was a failure. "We've grown as a team. I mean, we're playing great ball. We just haven't been playing a good first half."

A self-described basketball nut, Brusseau is also a relaxed, fun, and a not so vocal player on the court.

"I kind of let Ham (Hamilton Barnes) be the vocal leader and I just come up right behind him."

Brusseau also says he loves rebounding over scoring. "I like getting up there over those big guys and taking away their boards because I am a wing while those guys are posts."

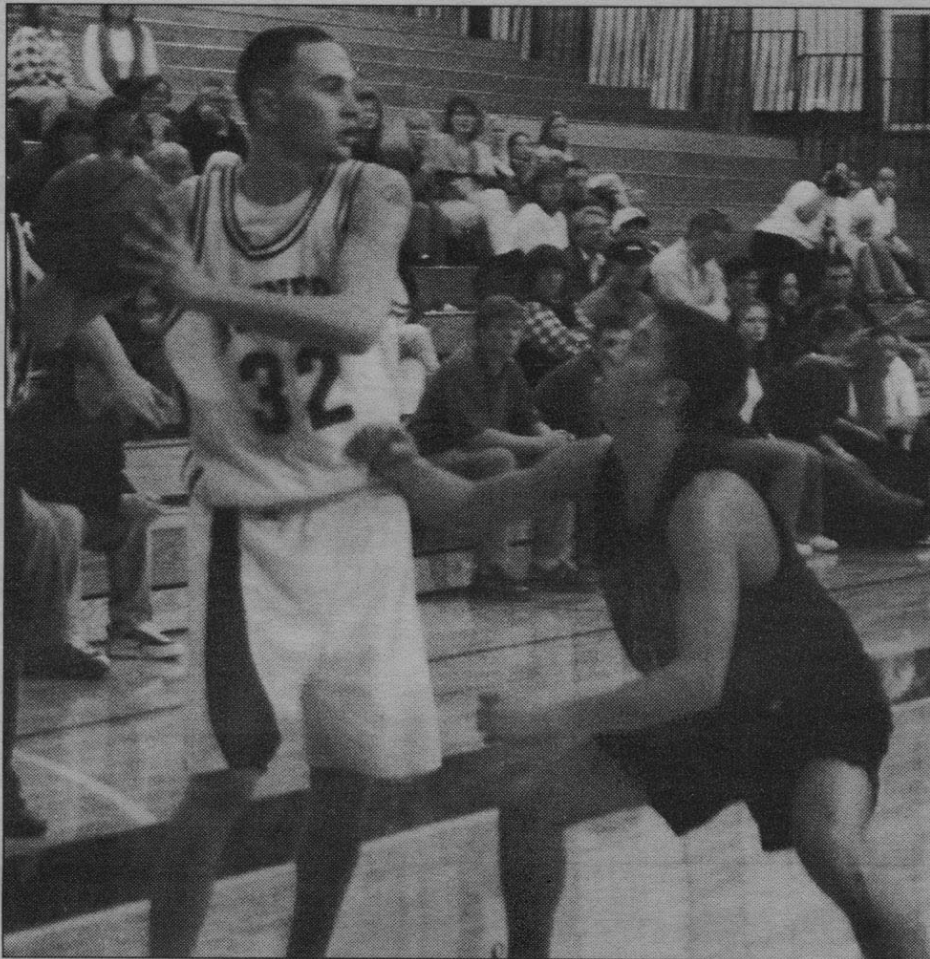


Photo by A.J. Wright

JR Brusseau tests the defense in last Saturday's game against Mt. Hood. Brusseau leads the team in rebounding and is second in scoring this year.

Brusseau says he has a great relationship with his teammates.

"We always talk to each other and we always hang out." Brusseau also likes to make friends with the incoming recruits that come into LB. He describes his relationship with Coach Randy Falk as pretty good. "I talk to him and he talks to me about things."

His teammates see him as a hard worker and an aggressive player. Mark Chocktoot called Brusseau one of the best offensive players he has seen this year.

"He's a really good finisher," Chocktoot said, adding that he is also quick defensively. "Even though he's a freshman, he knows the ropes here more than someone like me or Matt Brown. Just playing against him helps me out a lot too. He and Hamilton Barnes work us hard."

Teammate Vann Lanz described Brusseau a team player who is smart on the court. "His playing style and his aggressiveness when he is on is a great attribute to the team."

Coach Falk agrees that Brusseau is an intelligent ball player.

"He understands the game very well," Falk said. "He does a very good job in most situations, like rebounding. I know he was very diligent about his recovery during his rehabilitation period, and he has come back very strongly and has shown no sign of favoring his knee."

But Falk feels that Brusseau still has to work on his defense. "He has a tendency to be in the right spots at the right times, but needs to assert himself more and pressure the ball."

So far this season Brusseau leads the team in rebounding, free-throw percentage and three-point field goal percentage, and is second on the team in scoring and field-goal percentage.

You can see Brusseau and his teammates at their final home game tonight against Lane at the Linn-Benton Activities Center at 6 p.m. The team closes out the season this Saturday in Salem against Chemeketa at 6 p.m.

Men drop two

Hamilton Barnes, Matt Brown score 20 points each in losing effort against South Western

by Karen Bryan
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners knew they were in for some fierce competition as they traveled down to Coos Bay last Wednesday to face the Lakers of South Western Oregon CC.

When asked what to expect from the Lakers, Mark Chocktoot responded, "SWOCC is tough. They are number one in our league and beat us by around 39 points last time at our place. This is sort of our redemption game."

The Runners efforts to redeem themselves weren't enough as the Lakers won 70-60. LB played well defensively, limiting the Lakers's shots and grabbing defensive boards but had trouble on the offensive end. Shooting only 38.6 percent from the floor left them hurting near the end when the crucial shots that were much needed just wouldn't fall.

Hamilton Barnes and Matt Brown tied to lead all scorers in the game with 20 points a piece. Barnes also grabbed four steals for the Runners and JR Brusseau contributed five assists. On the boards, Kraig Schuler led the team with five while Brown and Andy Ross were close behind helping out with four apiece.

Linn Benton will host the Saints of Mount Hood CC on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Runners compete hard against Mt. Hood, but slow first half leads to 85-80 defeat

by Corey Stewart
of The Commuter

"If we could get our team to play 40 minutes of basketball, we could be one of the top four teams in the league," said Jeff Forty after Saturday night's loss to Mt. Hood at the Activities Center.

This has been a common theme for the Roadrunners for much of the season, as has been their tendency to start slowly, getting beat in the first half but outscoring their opponents in the second half.

It was the same familiar scenario on Saturday against the Saints, as Mt. Hood grabbed a small lead at half-time and went on to win 85-80, even though LB outscored the Saints in the second half 44-43.

For the most part, the Runners played competitively throughout the game, with a few brief lapses in intensity, but it was those lapses that did them in.

"Mt. Hood's fast break points in the first half hurt us and some of those points could have been avoided," Forty said. The Saints collected 12 to 14 easy points off lay-ins in the first half.

In the final five minutes of the game LB played great, pressing Mt. Hood on defense and executing their offense with precision. But with 1:30 left, and down by four, they couldn't close the gap and were forced to foul in an effort to get the ball back. Brusseau led the team with 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

The Roadrunners will try to make amends Wednesday in their last home game against Lane tonight at 6 p.m. in the Activities Center, when a ceremony for the second-year players will precede the competition.

Lady Runners do everything right in Mt. Hood win

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The first time the Lady Runners faced Mt. Hood, the Saints easily defeated them 84-75 by taking over the second half of the game. Last Saturday, however, it was the Runners who took over, winning 87-73.

Linn-Benton jumped out to an early lead, then fell behind, then got the lead back on an 18-11 run that sent them into the locker room ahead 38-29 at the half. The Lady Runners expanded their lead to 23 points in the second half, but Mt. Hood didn't give up, going on a 20-10 run to decrease the lead to 76-63. That was the closest the Saints could get, though, and LB won 87-73.

The Lady Runners had four players in double figures, led by Evie Larsen's 19 and Summer Wright's 15. Larsen was also the team's leading rebounder with 10 (Mindy Klinkebiel had nine) and in blocked shots with five. Wright led the team with five assists. Overall, the Runners shot 49 percent to the Saints' 29 percent and out-rebounded them 51-41.

"I thought we felt a little too over-confident, but then when

we started going, I knew we were going to play a good game," said Wright. She feels that the team can carry this momentum into their final games against Lane and Chemeketa this week.

In the Lady Runners game against SWOCC on Wednesday, the Lakers dominated both halves of the game, leading 36-25 at the half and going on to win the game 80-59.

Kelly Dexter was the leading scorer for the Runners with 12 points. Michelle Miller and Klinkebiel were next, with 11 and 10 points. Dexter also lead the team in rebounds with seven, while tying Jana Sissom for the team lead in assists at three.

The overall shooting for the Lakers hit the Runners hard, as they hit 44 percent compared to LB's total of 31 percent. The rebounding battle was no contest either, with SWOCC pulling down 54 to the Runners 39.

The 3-9 Lady Runners face off with the Lady Titans tonight, hoping to avenge their 63-57 loss to them on Jan. 26. The game will be at the LB Activities Center at 8 p.m. They will end their season in Salem on Saturday against Chemeketa, who beat the Runners by three points earlier in the season. The game also starts at 8 p.m.

OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smoker labels proposed tobacco limits as fascist

To the Editor:

The Webster's Dictionary definition of fascism: "a totalitarian governmental system led by a dictator and emphasizing aggressive nationalism, militarism, and often racism." Definition of totalitarian: "noting or pertaining to a government in which one party exercises dictatorial control." Definition of nationalism: "devotion to one's nation." Definition of militarism: "strong military spirit." Definition of racism: "a belief that one's own race is superior."

Pink lungs good, black lungs bad. Hummm, starting to sound a bit like the Linn County Tobacco Free Coalition, isn't it?

Webster's Dictionary definition of a Nazi: "a member of the fascist political party which controlled Corvallis and Albany from 1933 to 1945." No wait, I messed up. Let me retry that.

Webster's Dictionary definition of a Nazi: "a member of the fascist political party which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945."

The health Nazis, I mean the LCTFC, want to create a smoking ban on the grounds that it will create a

healthy environment for kids. How does this hold water when the ban would include bars and places where a person has to be 21 or over to get in? I figure the more truthful reason that the LCTFC wants a smoking ban is so that nonsmokers will never have to smell a burning cigarette, no matter where they go. It's a proven fact that smoking can kill. It's also a proven fact that it's addictive, don't forget that part.

Every smoker knows that you can't smoke at Fred Meyer, 7-11, Burger King, etc. These are businesses that decided on their own accord that they didn't want people to smoke inside of them. That's okay because it's their choice. When a group of people force a business that would normally allow smoking, like JP's in Albany, that's not okay, because it's not the business owner's choice. Owners who want to allow customers to smoke in their restaurants, bars and bowling alleys have every right to do so because they own the establishment, it's their right, their choice and their livelihood.

Remember cigarette smoking is legal in Oregon, quit treating it like it's illegal. LCTFC, to give yourself more freedom by taking away the freedom of another, isn't freedom at all. I'm currently considering applying for Canadian citizenship so that I won't have to be blatantly subjected to militant Americanism.

Scott Wilson

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Do you vote? What would it take to get students involved in the voting process?

There are currently 500,000 college students in the state of Oregon. The secretary of state says students aren't taking advantage of their numbers to make a difference on the issues.

"I haven't in the past, this year I'm registered. I think easier access to voting polls would be good, it takes time for students to get to the polls."

—Joyce McCall, criminal psychology



"Yeah, I vote. I think more accessibility would be good. Why not set it up where the students are? Also, your vote can be changed."

—Amy Kinnison, accounting

"I'm not a U.S. citizen, but if I were I would vote for things that were important to me, like lowering tuition."

—Jason Pung, business



"I vote, and I plan on voting for Roger Shear. More advertising, letting the candidates use more people to help them. The school could help by letting the word get out."

—Doug Laspatize, Oregon transfer

"I don't vote because I don't care. Some type of reward would be good."

—Dawyn Huxley, undecided



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