Student government has lots to do, but only one officer

by James Otto

of The Commuter

LBCC's Associated Student Government (ASG) this year consists of Sarah Hammelman, the current president. All other ASG positions are open.

Openings include vice president, treasurer, secretary, two representatives-at-large and two representatives for each of the following areas; Student services/ Extended Learning, Liberal Arts/Human Performance, Science and Industry and Business/Health Occupa-

Six positions are also open on the Student Programming Board (SPB), which oversees and assists social events and extracurricular programs as well as helping to decide budget matters for LBCC's Student Activities Program.

areas: Series Events, Health and Recreation, Family and Evening Events, Multicultural Issues, Campus



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and Recreation, and Current Events and Political Is-

"We need student involvement," Hammelman said.

SPB is seeking students to specialize in the following Some issues have come up already this year which Hammelman feels are far too important and complex to have only her input.

"You can't complain about something that you are not willing to change," said Hammelman.

Hammelman added that her service in ASG has been a learning experience. "I've learned so much about how things work," she said.

Tammi Paul Bryant, LBCC's Director of Student Life and Leadership (formerly Student Programs), said that this is a golden opportunity for students to get involved in shaping their school's programs and events. "If you want to learn about leadership, this is a great opportunity," Bryant said. "Student leadership is what you make of it. Students pay a lot of money (for their

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Photo by Pete Petryszak

The last remaining section of the Berlin Wall is preserved as a piece of Germany's cultural history.

Students return from Berlin conference

Issues of ethnic conflict and cultural differences Lithuania and Poland. Additional students from Hungary focus of international gathering of students from United States and seven European countries

by Pete Petryszak

of The Commuter

Last August Doug Clark and five LBCC students atnded an international conference in Berlin, Germany, to discuss issues of peace and human rights.

The 8th International Symposium on Education for Peace, Justice and Human Rights met at the Jagdschloss Glienecke (Glienecke Hunting Lodge) in Berlin from Aug. 25 to Sept. 1. LBCC students who attended were Nina Gerken of Albany, Kim Hale and Pete Petryszak of Corvallis, Alyssum Lafky of Alpine and Kayalyn Stewart of Stanwood,

This year's topic for discussion, "Accommodating Differences: How to cope with cultural diversity," attracted over 60 students and instructors form the United States, Great Britain, Holland, Germany, Norway, Hungary,

and delegations from Romania and Latvia would have attended, but were unable to do so because of financial

The group flew into Budapest, Hungary, on Aug. 20 and spent four days there. Clark and the students decided to visit Budapest prior to the conference because they wanted to gain some perspective on the differences between Western Europe and the East. They also wanted to see what life was like in the city after the fall of communism.

They were met at the airport by Tim Van Slyke and his wife, Christina. Van Slyke had been a delegate to a previous conference in 1990, and it was there that he met Christina, who was part of the Hungarian delegation. After completing his education at Portland State University, he returned to Hungary. The two now live in the town of Szolnok with their son, Andreas.

The group's arrival coincided with the celebration of St. Stephen's Day, which marked the 1,100th anniversary of Hungary's independence. Celebration of the event included

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Health Van rolls onto LB campus

by Dorothy Wilson of The Commuter

The van with a plan is headed your way. Starting Oct. 8, a mobile medical van will be on campus every Tuesday to provide health services for LBCC stu-

The 43-by-20-foot self-contained clinic will be located at the far end of the southwest parking lot near the baseball field from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Linn County Department of Health Services, the van will offer preventative care (including physical exams), women's health care, immunizations, and STD (sexually transmitted disease) screening and treatment. Walk-ins are welcome, although physical exams generally require an appoint-

All students are eligible, and fees for services are established on a federal sliding scale based on gross family income. For those who have medical insurance, the health department will bill the insurance company if the policy allows.

"LBCC has not had on-campus health services, other than first aid, since 1976," said Jackie Paulson, chairwoman of the Health Occupations Department and long-time advocate of student health care at LBCC. When Pat Crozier of the L.C.D.H.S. called her last May offering health services to LBCC students, Paulson was overjoyed.

"I thought it was too good to be true." After recovering from the shock, Paulson arranged a meeting with LBCC administrators and health department officials. The plan was approved. Mike Holland, vice president of student affairs, Paulson and Crozier decided to try the mobile medical van for one term.

Paulson then met with ASLBCC President Sarah Hammelman. She offered to help publicize the plan and recom-

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as an advisory to LBCC's Board of Edu-

cation, serves as liaison between students, staff, faculty and administration, coordinates appointments of students to college committees, responds to students' suggestions, complaints and needs, recognizes and aids

LBCC clubs and organizations..." and ment, Bryant said, adding that one-onmakes official recommendations for the use of all monies and student fees provided to the student body.

Bryant said that LBCC is trying to development. move toward larger scale community involvement. "We're trying to do things differently," she said. LBCC□has more students and less staff than in the past, so Bryant is striving for more involvement in shaping the school's future.

According to Bryant, students don't even have to serve in the ASG in order to help shape their school's progress.

Bryant suggested students might join or support a club in their division or get According to a flyer by SLL, ASG□"acts in touch with the ASG□(When people are chosen for it) to share their ideas and

"What it all boils down to is that we want a high level of communication," Bryant noted. Faculty, administration and staff all want input from students. Committees and task forces reportedly need and want student involve-

one contact is desired.

Bryant stressed that it is important for students to have an active role in LBCC's

ASG and SPB□applications, copies of LBCC's Constitution (which describes the rights and roles of students) and specific job descriptions for the openings are available at the Student Life and Leadership Office (Currently labeled "Student Programs")□in the College Center, upstairs, next to the Fireside Room.

Office Hours are 7:30-4:30, weekdays.



The Linn County Heath Department's Mobile Medical Van will visit the campus every Tuesday this term, providing students with low cost medical services.

Health van to serve students, staff

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mended that a student advisory group be set up to evaluate the services and to promote improvement and use of the

Pat Crozier, a registered nurse and public health nursing supervisor, said The staff at L.C.D.H.S. have been anxious to be more accessible to the community, especially to those, like a lot of LBCC students, who are not covered by the Oregon Health Plan."

Full-time LBCC students are not covered under the Oregon Health Plan. One student said he knows what it is like:□"I was studying for a degree in electronics when I came down with mono. I am still

paying my medical bill two-and-a half years later.'

Crozier said that there are LBCC students currently receiving care at the downtown office of the health department who are excited about the mobile medical van coming to campus. Students she has talked to say it has been difficult getting to town between classes.

The staff of the mobile medical van, in conjunction with Student Life and Leadership will host an open-house on Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

For physical exam appointments or questions call 967-3888 or 1-800-304-7468.

Travels in Budapest and Berlin broaden students' horizons

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a fireworks display and a free concert on the banks of the Danube attended by thousands of people.

While exploring the city, the students saw some of the drastic changes Hungary has undergone since the fall of the communist government in 1989.

Most of the socialist artwork that had decorated the city during the communist era was gone, but some of it has been preserved in a park on the outskirts of the city. Statues of Lenin and other communist leaders and tributes to the Soviet veterans of World War II have been kept as relics of a bygone era. Hungary's preservation of this artwork is unique—most of the statues and artwork in other communist countries were destroyed after those regimes fell.

Along the Danube there are modern buildings sitting between Gothic architecture from the 17th and 18th centuries. The newer construction marks places where buildings were destroyed during the second world war as Russian and German armies fought for control of the city

Gutted, rusting factories on the eastern end of the city also served as reminders of the past. Budapest was an industrial center of the communist world, but when that system fell apart there was no longer any demand for the products made there. It also became clear that factories in the East, with obsolete technology and low productivity, could not compete with Western industry, so the economies of many Eastern European countries collapsed. Although new businesses and investment by Western companies have boosted the Hungarian economy, the country still suffers from doubledigit unemployment.

On the way to Berlin, the LBCC group stopped in Dresden, Germany. In past centuries, Dresden's architecture and waterways earned it the nickname "the Florence of the Elbe," but it was completely destroyed by allied bombing during World War II. After the war, however, the government of the former East Germany rebuilt some of the city's famous buildings. The Zwinger, a Baroque palace which was once the home of Saxon royalty, was restored and converted to a museum and art gallery.

Another historical feature of Dresden is the Church of the Holy Cross, a Romanesque Basilica originally built in 1206. The church has been destroyed and rebuilt five times since it was first constructed. Like the rest of the city it was damaged in the war, but was repaired by the communists because of its cultural significance to the German people.

The site of this year's conference, the Glienecke Hunting Lodge, was host to a previous conference in 1988. At the time, the Berlin Wall ran right behind the lodge. Now the only reminders of it are white concrete squares in the cobblestone street it once divided which showed where its support posts had been.

Activities at the conference included workshops on racism, group identity and differences in cultural experiences. The participants also took excursions into Berlin to examine that city's own multicultural charac-

These Berlin excursions included visits by some delegates to a Kurdish women's center, a home for Yugoslavian refugees, an outreach program for members of both German and Turkish right-wing gangs and a multicultural radio station which broadcasts in 17 languages to Berlin's minority residents.

Berlin is home to a number of minority cultures. There is a large Turkish population there, many of whom were invited into Germany as guest workers after the War and later brought their families.

The city also has many refugees from Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia, Kurdistan and Africa.

Berlin's non-German residents make up about 13 percent of the city's total population. Conflicts between ethnic groups have arisen over accusations by rightwing organizations that these "foreigners" are stealing jobs from ethnic Germans or that they are to blame for

The students met with three members of Berlin's city council to discuss the problems facing Germany's non-German population. One of the biggest problems they face is that "foreigners" (those not ethnically German) are not allowed to become citizens. They may have been born in Germany and spend their entire lives there working and paying taxes, but they will never be allowed to vote or hold office in Germany unless granted citizenship by a special act of the government. One of the council members who spoke to the students was of Turkish descent and was the first non-German to hold office on the council.

While the conference did not solve problems altogether, the students who participated learned firsthand the challenges and conflicts which multi-ethnic and multi-racial societies face, and explored possible ways that individual students, educators and citizens can work to promote tolerance of cultural differences.

Clark and four of the students returned in the early hours of Sept. 4, after a 27-hour commute from Berlin to Seattle, Wash. One student, Kayalyn Stewart, spent an additional week visiting friends in northern Germany.

The next international symposium is planned to take place in Oslo, Norway, in 1998.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Graphics students grab all five awards in international contest

Linn-Benton Community College students swept the top five awards in a recent international graphic arts competition in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The eighth annual Gutenberg Awards, sponsored by the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen and the International Graphic Arts Education Associaton, Inc. (IGAEA), drew over 375 poster entries from graphic arts programs in the United States, Canada and Great Britain.



Richard King

All entries celebrated Graphic Design Week.

'Unprecedented" is what Clemson University pro-

fessor E. Lee Weir, president of IGAEA's board of directors, told Dennis Bechtel, LBCC Electronic Imaging and Prepress Technology instructor, of the college's sweep of the top five awards.

Bechtel said this is the second year in a row that an LBCC student took first place in the competition. The winning poster is printed and distributed throughout the nation to all IGAEA-affiliated colleges and high

Richard King of Corvallis won first place and a \$300 prize; Jan Lowther of Shedd and Sandra Thomas of Eddyville, who took second and third place respectively, won a \$100 prize; Jon Walusiak of Lebanon, a graphic design student of instructor John Aikman, took fourth place, and Lara Eckert of Salem took fifth. King, Lowther Thomas and Eckert are first year Electronic Imaging and Prepress Technology majors under

All entries were sent in as dye-sublimation output, said Bechtel, who taught the students in the spring term class Electronic Prepress I.

Three additional LBCC students took certificates of merit: Harlan C. Zimmerman of Harrisburg, a student of Bechtel's; and Kathy Lopez of Salem and Jason Wilson of Newport, both Graphic Design majors under

The Gutenberg entries were judged by the Detroit Club of Printing House Craftsmen and displayed at Rochester Institute of Technology, where the annual IGAEA conference was conducted.

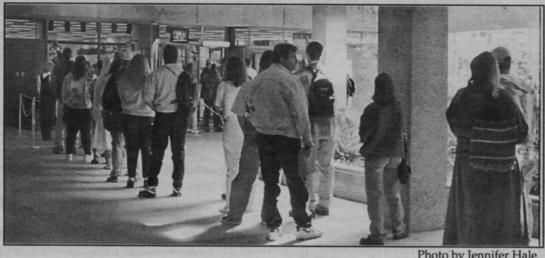


Photo by Jennifer Hale

Hurry Up and Wait

Long lines are an all too familiar sight to students starting school-although registration lines at Takena Hall were bearable, students waited hours to get into the Bookstore to buy books the first week of the term (left). The large number of new students registering this year (up 14 percent over last year) may account for the crowds. Admissions Director Glenda Tepper said the increase may be related to the strong local economy and increased public awareness of the college. Tepper said the official head count will not be known until the fourth week of school, but as of Sept. 26, the total was 7,379 students, 2,134 of those full-time. LBCC opened more sections of math and writing classes to meet the needs of new students.

New Life

Student Programs changes name, reorganizes

by Mary Hake

of The Commuter

"This is the time to change," said Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership (formerly Student Programs). The name change better represents the breadth of services and programs offered by the program, which includes Associated Student Government and the Student Programing Board.

In late spring, several staff, faculty and students met to restructure Student Programs. The meeting included a crosssection of both those who supported and those critical of the way things had been conducted in the past.

In addition to the new name, a new mission statement and set of goals were developed. These are stated in the new brochures available in College Center Room 213 and around campus. Bryant said her office plans to get the word out about all their different services.

She invites everyone to visit the SLL office in CC-213 and see what they're all about. A receptionist right inside the door is available to assist students. The room has also been rearranged, with six desks for student leaders moved into cubicles for more privacy.

Another organizational change moved the coordination of the Women's Center to the counseling office under Marlene Propst. Although SLL will still be supportive of this program, Bryant said, there will be no administrative link.

Charlene Fella, the former director of Student Programs, now works in the admissions office, continuing her role as an advisor for international students.

Since SLL is going through a reorganization process, Bryant explained that she is looking at all the programs with a fresh perspective, as if everything was starting over. SLL is seeking to determine "how we can best serve the population." For example, they plan to expand housing services and increase information on available student housing.

Bryant also hopes to get faculty more

involved with student leaders, both in their selection process and by creating an advisory council of staff and faculty members.

Bryant worked with the business office to create a simplified one-page budget worksheet which shows both past and future allocations. The Student Programing Board and Intramural/Recreation both just completed and adopted their 96-97 budgets, and ASG will as soon as the student council is filled.

The Student Activities Program committee did not turn in its budget recommendations to the college council so they were not approved. Consequently, requested increases expected by some student programs were not budgeted. To meet basic needs, Bryant said the administration decided to roll forward the budget from last year so student activities had money to operate for the current school year.

Bryant works with Diane Watson, the new Dean of Student Services, in planning and managing SLL. Vice President Mike Holland said "Tammi's task is to try to breathe life into a new organization," adding he expects she's working out the issues. Holland filled in as acting dean of students last year overseeing the development of the new LBCC student constitution.

Every spring there is a traditional evaluation survey by student leaders, said Bryant. This is part of the accountability process for SLL. They are also part of the institutional effectiveness procedure which involves setting goals and measuring progress in implement-

Bryant anticipates a good school year. She believes the reason SLL can continue to function is because they are reevaluating and asking "How can we do this differently and still provide the quality of service we have in the past?"

Holland assumes things are going well, adding "I haven't heard any explosions or concerns or problems."

Medical Assistant program trains students for growing profession

The new Medical Assistant program at Linn-Benton Community College is being flooded with calls from interested students asking for more information.

And with good reason. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics lists medical assisting as one of the fastest growing professions in the United States up to the year 2005.

The college, which opened the Medical Assistant (MA) program this fall, began planning the new courses after requests last summer from the Corvallis Clinic, said clinic Director of Patient Care Judy Delano.

"To improve our quality of care, we wanted to standardize the education for our medical assistants," said Delano. "It's a program we would really like to have at the college so that we can get quality people. We'd already asked Linn-Benton before to help us with some programs to educate the medical assistants we had here." The clinic has a mix of LPNs, RNs and medical assistants and, according to Delano, plans to hire more medical assistants in the future.

The Medical Assistant program at LBCC offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree that prepares students in both administrative and medical skills, known in the industry as front office and back office skills. Some classes in the program will be held off campus in a medical facility. The program also requires a closely supervised externship, 270 hours of work experience in a medical office, during the second year.

After completing the program, graduates may take the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) certification exam, soon to be a work requirement for all medical assistants.

The college is now in the process of becoming accredited with the AAMA's Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

"We expect the college to complete the accreditation process by early 1998,"

said Sally Stouder, a business technology instructor involved in the process. "Accreditation is critical to our program because after the January 1998 certification exam, only medical assistants who have graduated from an AAMA-accredited school may take the exam."

Medical assistants handle secretarial duties including scheduling appointments, medical transcription, office bookkeeping, processing telephone calls and office correspondence. Their patient care duties include taking patient histories and vital signs, preparing patients for examination, collecting and processing specimens, performing specific diagnostic tests, and maintaining medical equipment and supplies.

Medical assistant job duties vary with the size and complexity of the clinic or hospital. At the Corvallis Clinic, medical assistants are more specialized, said Delano. "Our medical assistants do what we call back office which is patient care duties, rather than rotating them back and forth from front office insurance and cheduling to back office work, as in the smaller clinics."

Pay for medical assistants varies with experience and area. Lebanon Community Hospital pays \$9.59 per hour, according to personnel officer Maggie Estes; Albany General Hospital pays \$7.41 to \$10.89 per hour for medical assistant Is and \$8.28 to \$12.17 per hour for medical assistant IIs, according to personnel officer Julie Stachurski. Average entry level pay at the Corvallis clinic is \$9.85, depending on past experience and qualifications, said Delano.

Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs) now find themselves in the vanguard of health care cost containment. Their ability to don more hats and be more flexible in their job duties makes them attractive to doctors and clinic administrators looking at ever increasing health care costs.

For information, call Sally Stouder, (541)917-4289 or Mary Ann Lammers, (541)917-4286.

LOCAL NEWS

Drivers beware!

Police warn of Hwy. 34 dangers

From the LBCC News Service

When it comes to driving on Highway 34, Oregon State Police officers want to drive home this simple message to college commuters: "Slow down!"

Oregon State Police Sgt. Ethan Wilson is one of the officers responsible for enforcing the 55 mph limit and other traffic rules that help keep the road safe for the 9,000 to 12,000 daily commuters using Highway 34 to get to school and work. "The most common violations," says Wilson, "are speeding, following too close, refusing to yield the right-of-way and unsignaled lane changes."

Daily patrols and safety engineering measures such as the Oakville intersection modifications are making the highway safer, especially on the busiest stretch between the Corvallis bridges and Mile Post 6. Accidents have declined from 57 in 1993 to 38 in 1995.

However, Wilson emphasizes that drivers must always be especially alert near the highway's traffic signals. Peoria Road now has become the most dangerous spot on the road with a serious risk of rear end accidents; people may not notice that the car ahead has stopped if some person trys to catch a changing light.

Wilson says the last of the planned Highway 34 measures are modifications to the Looney Lane intersection. Eastbound traffic from Corvallis will no longer be able to turn left onto Looney Lane across oncoming traffic. College commuters from Corvallis will have to take the off-ramp to Highway 99E, stop at the signal which will be installed there, then proceed to the college on 99E or get back onto Highway 34 westbound and turn right onto Looney Lane. Construction work at the intersection should begin in October or November.

Basically, says Wilson, "We seek voluntary compliance from motorists using the Highway 34 corridor regarding speed limits and other traffic laws."

College Assistance Migrant program has openings

From the LBCC News Service

Linn-Benton Community College has immediate openings available in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP). The program provides educational assistance to students who have been employed in migrant or seasonal agricultural work at least 75 days in the past two years or whose parents have done so. CAMP provides financial and support services to first-year college students of any age who may have a high school diploma or GED.

For more information contact LBCC CAMP Coordinator Kathy Green at (541)917-4461.

Oportunidad para migrantes

El colegio de la comunidad de los condados de Linn y Benton (LBCC) ofrece clases en el Programa Migrante de Ayuda para el Colegio, o (CAMP). Este programa está diseñado para proveer ayuda en la educación para estudiantes que hayan trabajado en la agricultura de temporada o como trabajadores migratorios por lo menos durante 75 días en los pasados dos años, o para los hijos de padres que cumplen con estos requisitos. CAMP provee ayuda fianciera y servicios de apoyo a los estudiantes durante su primer año de estudios. El programa aceptará a estudiantes de cualquier edad, siempre y cuando tengan su diploma de GED.

Para mayores informes, favor de comunicarse con Kathy Green, al (541)917-4461.



Photo by Cindi Fuller

Tim McGraw performs at the Oregon Jamboree Sunday, Sept. 22, in Sweet Home

Oregon Jamboree attracts thousands

by Cindi Fuller of The Commuter

Over 18,000 people merged into the small town of Sweet Home, Ore., located at the foot of the Cascade Mountains, on the weekend of Sept. 20-22 for the country western music festival called The Oregon Jamboree.

The three-day event showcased an exciting variety of talented musicians. Country western stars who headlined were Tim McGraw, Faith Hill and Billy Dean.

The stage and spectators were hidden in a valley surrounded by mountains lavish with tall green fir trees. An ocean of cowboy hats and boots and big brass buckles blanketed the grounds. The Jamboree was a festival of food, drink and country western music in an authentic country atmosphere.

A collective effort of the community, the Oregon Jamboree included the city of Sweet Home, the Chamber of Commerce, the Sweet Home School District, the U.S. Forest Service, Linn County, the Oregon Depart-

ment of Transportation, local merchants, media, 50 managers and over 300 local volunteers. Over 100 businesses supported the fund-raising campaign with sponsorship and investments.

The establishment of the Oregon Jamboree came from Sweet Home's Economic Development Group. Efforts to diversify the community came as a result of the timber industry downturn. The development of the Oregon Jamboree is a primary tourist attraction which stimulates the local economy.

This year included the first wedding ceremony held at the Jamboree. Jeannine Lancey and Brian Ferguson took their vows on Sept. 20.

They had their first date at the Jamboree in 1994 and plan to attend every year. This year they were given free VIP seats.

Activities at the Oregon Jamboree include camping, children's rides and a country line dance competition, with a beer garden and food booths readily available for refreshments. The weekend was a successful collage of entertainment shared with friends and family.

Conference focuses on resources for women

From the LBCC News Service

"Woman to Woman," a women's resource conference sponsored by Altrusa International of Corvallis and the LBCC Women's Center, will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at LBCC. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Door prizes will be awarded and child care will be available. To register, call (541)752-3320 or (541)917-4461.

"We think this conference can be an effective tool in opening up possibilities for today's women," said Corvallis chapter president Jeanette Maier.

Keynote speaker, Donna Beegle, once a ninth-grade drop-out and single mother, will tell how she broke the cycle of poverty and despair to make a new life for herself. She now teaches at Portland State University while operating her own successful consulting business, Communication Across Barriers, Inc.

Beegle also works for the Portland Educational Network as regional coordinator for the Marshall Caring Community. She has served as a commissioner for

the housing and Community Development Commission for Portland, Gresham and Multnomah County since 1992.

"From self-esteem, to legal issues, to the nitty-gritty of child care issues, we think almost every woman will find several topics of interest among the 15 different workshops offered at this conference," said Maier.

Entertainment will be provided by Dr. Isaiah Jones, noted performer, writer and composer of urban-contemporary music.

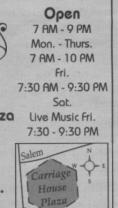
The conference also helps attendees plug into helpful resources for education, child care, housing, job skills, health, and other issues.

Altrusa is an international service club whose Corvallis chapter is dedicated to helping people become self-sufficient. The LBCC Women's Center is dedicated to social justice and to promoting understanding and gender equity.

For limited financial assistance to attend the conference, call (541)754-8850 before Oct. 15.







SPORTS PAGE

Volleyball returns three; looks for promising season

by Jessica Sprenger of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton volleyball team is off and rolling with a 4-2 start to the 1996 season, aided in part by the return of players Carisa Norton, Tammy Ames and Carrie Surmon.

Head coach Jayme Frazier was expecting Ames and Surmon to be the only returners from last year's team, which went 3-9 in league play, before Norton joined the team a week into daily doubles.

Norton now figures to be Linn-Benton's starting setter, with Ames a defensive specialist and the back-up setter. Surmon will move from the middleblocker position, where she played as a freshman, to outside hitter.

Surmon, who suffered a season-ending knee injury during the preseason last year, is the tallest of this year's team, standing at 6-foot-1. □ The rest of the team ranges from 5-3 to 5-9.

"They definitely play a lot taller than they are," | Frazier said.

Complementing the sophomores in the starting lineup are Dondi Schock, Melissa Gale and Dannae Laqua.

Frazier, in her third year at the helm of the Roadrunner program, and secondyear assistant Seth Elliott are changing the Linn-Benton offense from the middleattack game they used last year that showcased the talents of all-league middle blocker Shelly West. This year the focus of the attack will be more to the outside hitters.

Leading the movement is Surmon, who has 29 kills in two league matches at the outside hitter slot, while Melissa Gale, who plays opposite Surmon, has 23.

Playing in the vacated middle blocker position this year are 5-7 Schock and 5-9 Opal DePue.

Schock has compiled 22 kills, while DePue has 13 blocks, including 11 solos. Defensively, Surmon leads the team

with 28 digs, while Schock and Gale have 25 and 23 digs, respectively.

DePue, despite having only two years of volleyball experience under her belt, could be one of the top players in the league by next season, according to Frazier.

In the subbing rotation DePue teams with Ames or Kelli Fraker.

"Kelli's stepped in at the end of the games," | Fraizer said.

After winning its first four preseason matches, Linn-Benton dropped its first two league matches against Clackamas and Chemeketa.

The four preseason matches were the fewest ever for the team, which used to play in two tournaments as well as a handful of non-league matches.

"We've really played above and bewe did in yond how preseason,"

Frazier said. "We still have a lot we're working through. The second time around we really have a shot at beating them (Clackamas and Chemeketa)."

In the preseason, the Roadrunners downed the junior varsity teams from Western Baptist and Pacific University in the two matches they played against each school.

In their first league match, Linn-Benton took defending league champion Clackamas five games before finally losing 13-15, 15-3, 15-5, 6-15, 15-9.

Against Chemeketa last Friday, the Roadrunners fell in four games 15-12, 2-15, 15-9, 15-13.

"As a team we did better against Chemeketa," Frazier said. "Clackamas is every bit as strong as last year and Chemeketa, who finished at the bottom, is going to be close to the top."

Linn-Benton hosts Mt. Hood tonight at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center. Students are admitted free with their student body card.

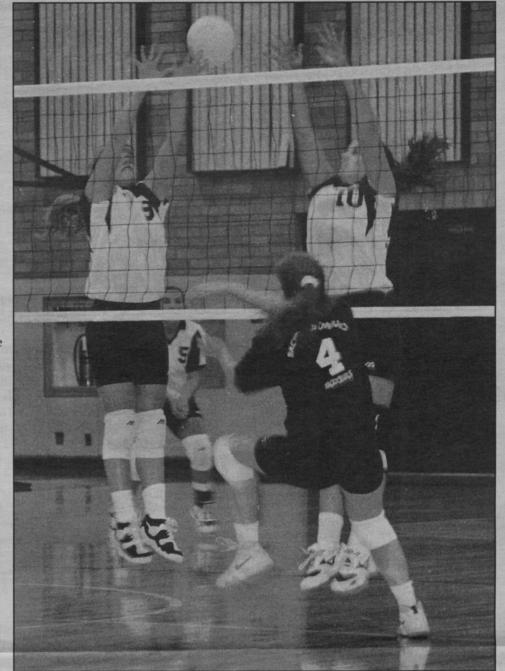


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Dondi Schock and Carrie Surmon go up to block a shot during a preseason match with the Pacific University Junior Varsity. The Roadrunners swept the match in three straight games in about an hour's time. Despite going 4-0 in the preseason, the team found league play more challenging and have so far dropped their first two games.

Photo by Jessica Sprenger

A Swing for Charity

Wellness Director Richard Gibbs takes a shot in vain at the Golf Shootout fundraiser. Business instructor Larry Schuetz won dinner for two at Vistas Restaurant after being the closest to the pin. Schuetz shot was just 5-feet-11 away from the pin. The event was used to raise funds for the track and field team. "It was modestly successful," said track coach Brad Carman.

scoreboard Results

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Gallery features ceramics, textiles

Two Willamette Valley artists, Susan Fishel and Judith M. Sander, will exhibit their works in the LBCC Art Gallery, Oct. 14 through Nov. 8, in the AHSS Bldg.

A closing reception for the artists is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8, from 6p.m.–8 p.m. Admission is free. The gallery is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eugene artist Susan Fishel creates pitfired ceramic vessels, sculptures and platters using wheel-thrown or hand coiling and burnishing techniques. She uses no glazes; preferring instead to rely on the wide palette of blacks and blues, creams and whites, pinks and rusts developed through the pit-firing technique. Bisqued pots are wrapped in copper wire and straw, placed upon a layer of sawdust, then paper and finally a wood bonfire. The chance combinations of copper wire, straw and sawdust in the firing makes each piece a one-of-a-kind wonder.

Judith M. Sander of Philomath is an expert in costume design and creates jackets and angel jackets housed in three-dimensional shadow boxes. Her jackets of natural colors and materials invite the viewer to imagine wearing the costume and participating in the artist's world of fantasy.



Getting Ready

Photo by Roger Lebar

Workers rush to get LBCC's new metallurgy lab ready for classes after it's relocation from the IA Building to the IB Building.

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Looking For Work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Parttime, temporary and permanent positions are available. Accounting intern, Secretarial/ Administrative Assistant, Photographer's Rep/Receptionist, Retail Sales, Yard Work. Child Care Provider, Computer Lab Assistant, Food Service, CNA, Print Shop Assistant, and Auto Mechanic are just a few of the jobs listed. If you are eligible for the Federal Work Study through Financial Aid, a few jobs are still available on campus as well as the Extended Learning Centers in Corvallis and Lebanon. Business Technology Lab Aide (Benton Center), Van Maintenance Aid, Instructional Lab Aide (Lebanon Center) and LAHP Production Assistant position are open. For a complete list of jobs, come to the Career Center, T-101. Visit us Today!

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STUDENT RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES DOCUMENT REVISION HEARING #2 Monday, Nov. 6, 12p.m.-1 p.m. Board Rooms A and B. Only issues brought up in the first hearing are being addressed. Pick up a re-

vised copy in student programs, CC-213. SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship contest sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. This poster competition will award 19 scholarships-totaling \$15,000 to students who submit the best poster ideas to communicate personal responsibility and respect for the law regarding alcohol. This contest runs through Dec. 15, 1996. Information available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program 1997-98. Students must be Oregon residents and be a minority transfer student to attend an Oregon 4 year college in 97-98. Scholarship will pay tuition up to \$2700. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1997. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

Announcing the EMI/Selena Scholarship Program. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be Hispanic, and full-time sophomores at an accredited 2- year college who plans to transfer to a 4-year college and enroll full time fall '97 in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelors degree. Must have a 3.0 GPA. Application deadline is Dec. 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

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College: a journey of discovery

by Mary Hake of The Commuter

Every year several hundred OTAs (older-than-average students) appear among the thousands of students attending LBCC. While pursuing higher education can be difficult for anyone, it often seems overwhelming to those who haven't been in a classroom for a long time. Iknow, I'm an OTA who has survived my first year.

I have discovered that attending college is like traveling in a foreign country. The student assessment test is your passport, the catalogs and class schedules your maps for each term. Many guides and interpreters (teachers and staff) are ready to ably assist your progress, and tutors available to help with problems of different customs and language. Assignments and tests represent the photos taken along the way. This newspaper also provides interesting and useful information as you travel.

When I embarked upon my journey as a full-time college student one year ago, I shared in a Commuter commentary my apprehensions and anticipations about entering the campus microcosm. I have since discovered that my fears were unfounded and my expectations exceeded in my experience at

Being an older student has advantages. Our variety of life experiences enhances learning and offers a variety of material for use in school projects. Also, the confidence gained with our maturity equips us for success.

I found that I could relate well to all age groups-students young enough to be my children, instructors and staff-and felt accepted by these peers. Gone was the inferiority complex I struggled with as a young person. Gone were the worries over what others would think of me.

Although I still felt shy inside and sometimes a bit intimidated, I managed to stretch my comfort zone and my horizons. The growth process was personal as much as

How thrilling to realize I could achieve my education goals each term. I studied diligently and was amply rewarded.

When I was injured in an auto accident the last week of spring term, my teachers were all very understanding and helped me complete my courses despite being unable to attend finals. This personal assistance would probably never have occured at a large university where one is just a blur in the crowd.

I truly appreciate all the friendly people at LBCC who helped to make my first year here a great one, and I look forward to another good year. I know it can be an exciting adventure for us all.

Bon Voyage!

pete petryszak

Voter cynism symptomatic of unhealthy system

Question of the week: How does a candidate run an effective campaign at a time when cynicism and skepticism among voters are at an all-time high?

We're 34 days away from Election Day, and neither campaign has "caught fire." In fact, there isn't much evidence to

suggest either campaign has a pulse.

The campaign moves into the fall stretch with Clinton comfortably ahead of Dole, at least in the polls. Polls can be misleading, however, and when the polling sample changes from "likely voters" to people who are demographically "most likely to vote" the race tightens from a 10point lead for Clinton to a one-two-point lead. Nevertheless, Dole appears to be

floundering.

Dole supporters are quick to point out Harry Truman's surprise victory over Thomas Dewey in 1948. You might have seen that famous picture of Truman holding up a copy of the Chicago Tribune with the erroneous headline: "Dewey Defeats Truman." That's the kind of comeback Dole and his aides are hoping for.

That makes for great campaign rhetoric, but let's remember this is Bob Dole we're talking about. Truman won in 1948 because he hit the campaign trail determined to "give 'em hell," while the theme of this year's campaign for both candidates could be titled "Give 'em Spin."

Truman spent the summer and early fall of 1948 traveling all over the country to speak and get his message out, not

biding his time in Florida hoping his latest round of oneminute TV ads were reaching the "target audience" that his campaign gurus determined would carry the election for him.

This might be a stretch, but I think the politicians who are complaining about the amount of cynicism among today's voters are responsible for spawning it in the beginning.

The first election I really followed was in 1988, when Bush beat Mike Dukakis. What I remember about that election was that virtually nothing of substance was discussed during the

It seems that during that campaign someone came to the conclusion that the average voter had an attention span of less than one minute. Therefore, the entire campaign could be built around sound bites and meaningless catch phrases

"A kinder, gentler America"—don't worry, nobody will ask you to explain that. "1000 points of light"—what's that mean? Who cares? Just say it and they'll call you a visionary. Brilliant. Market your candidate like you would the latest soft drink.

And that's exactly what we got in 1988. Do you remember

any issues Bush campaigned on? I'm sure you remember his ads though. Who can forget Willie Horton? How about the pictures of Dukakis driving a tank while a narrator talks about the dangers of cutting the defense budget?

In 1992, the Republicans used the same strategy with a new twist-let's make the race about character. Translation: Let's dig up as much dirt on this guy (Clinton) as we can and hit him with every half-truth and accusation we can. The voters are too stupid to consider our positions on issues. We need to convince them that our opponent is the Antichrist in the flesh.

Obviously it didn't work.

Before this starts looking like Clinton campaign propaganda, let's take a look at the strategy he's used.

Aside from signing the Motor Voter Act, I can't think of any campaign promises Clinton kept. He sure didn't "end welfare as we know it." And by trying to ram a complex new health care system down Congress' throat without considering any one else's feelings on the matter, he insured that that initiative would go nowhere.

Finally, we have the famous "Clinton Crime Bill" which supposedly allocated some 30 billion dollars to aid law en-

forcement. The big joke about this is that, by the time the bill was signed, the money had already been spent. So, what we ended up getting was a bill full of good intentions and no cash to put it into practice.

That brings us to 1996, with the candidates again out making grandiose promises that the



cynical voters believe will never be kept.

I agree with the political strategists and politicians that there is an unprecedented level of cynicism in the country today. However, I don't share their opinion that this is a bad

What's wrong with cynicism? There's nothing better than listening to a bunch of dishonest politicians who make careers out of telling half-truths and deceiving voters complaining that no one believes they'll live up to their promises. Maybe if the cynicism among voters continues to grow, politicians can be forced to be honest.

Voter turnout in this country has been hovering at around 50 percent for the past few decades—another sign of disillusionment and cynicism among the voters. With both candidates trying to be Santa Claus—Bob Dole promising a 15percent tax cut and Clinton yammering on about "bridges"— I wouldn't be surprised if voter turnout falls to around 40 percent this election.

And that's exactly what they deserve.

It's time to let go of summer's idyll and move forward into fall's stimulating atmosphere as classes begin

by Cindi Fuller of the Commuter

With the ending of summer and the beginning of fall, we have new hopes, inspirations, expectations and goals. Our time away from school has allowed us to let go of the year past and look forward to the year ahead.

We have rested and renewed our strength to start school again. Our only regret is that summer seems to be over so suddenly. We still haven't completed our summer "to do" lists, and there is little time with so much left to do.

Everyone is preparing to begin the process of absorbing and learning this term's curricula. Instructors are ready for the new students who are contagious with dreams and aspirations for their futures. Students are eager with anticipation to learn all of the unknown answers they search for.

The crisp cool autumn air brings the staff and students together. They will work and focus on future goals together.

The excitement of a new level in life, to be going to college has many meanings for the new and returning students and staff. Some see the beginning of their lives taking on new challenges and change, some will see the end of the rainbow with their graduations only a few terms away, but all are anxious to move through this level and get to the next.

With few reminders of summer left, such as bright sunny 80-degree days, it is hard to move forward, but we do. The days are busy as we try to savor each last moment of summer, and now, with the new demands of school, time will pass quickly. All too soon we will be deep in the season of fall, and by Christmas vacation everyone will have finally settled back into the routine.

Whether it's diabolical roommates or mad slashers

by Janet Singleton for The Commuter

When the bad news is your roommate committed suicide, the good news is you'll get all A's. Since most students' academic work won't be up to par in the aftermath of such a tragedy, that's the university's policy. Right?

Yeah, right.

Campus legends and rumors abound-and there's no shortage of those who believe them.

According to college lore, Halloween-night maniacs prowl dormitories and cafeteria vegetables are coated with a secret starchy substance.

At the University of California-Davis, the hottest rumor is that the food service sprays the vegetables with a high-caloric preparation to discourage anorexia among female students, said Patricia Turner. An African-American Studies professor at

Davis, she recently published a book about rumors entitled "I Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Since the mid-80s Turner has kept an ear to the student grapevine. "Sometimes there's a kernel of truth that gets blown up. But by the time a story has circulated for a time, it bears little resemblance to the original story," she said.

"As people repeat rumors they add things and misunderstand things," said Jan Harold Brunvand, author of five books about urban legends and professor emeritus at the University of Utah. "I don't think there is any one individual sitting in a room and making these stories up."

One Davis food services staffer burst out laughing when she was told of the calorie-booster rumor about the university's salad bar. "I'm sorry," she said, "but I've never heard that one before."

Davis dietitian Linda Adams has. "Yes, students will come up to me and say, 'I heard not to eat the lettuce here because you guys spray it with starch.' We offer to give them a tour of the kitchen to show them that the only

thing we spray the vegetables with is water."

Sociologists have called such rumors "mind viruses." "They jump very quickly from campus to campus," said Bill Elise, a folklorist at Pennsylvania State University at Hazleton. Some legends manage to infect campuses across the nation.

According to Turner, "Students may see the university as a great benevolent force taking care of them in place of their parents."

Fear of people who are different, fear of being away

from home for the first time: a variety of worries can stimulate strange stories. "When you're sitting in a dorm bull session things can get exaggerated," Brunvard said. "College students consider themselves sophisticated and independent, but they may be only a year out of high school."

On many campuses, there are rumors about campus killers. A rumor at New England schools caused "widespread panic" in 1991, said Ellis. "A psychic supposedly predicted on the Oprah Winfrey show that 11 female students would be massacred in a dorm named for a martyred presi-

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"The killer would be dressed up as Little Bo Peep," said Brunvard of the same tale. "It would happen in some dorm with an X-shaped plan or a crossshaped plan."

Predictions set the massacre for Halloween night. A lot of students left their dorms for the night, Ellis said. Others threw parties where guests came dressed as mass murderers, such as Jason from the "Friday the Thirteenth" movies.

The campus killer legend may be al-

most 30 years old.

Brunvard has traced it to 1968, when it flourished in Eastern and Midwestern universities. He explains its long-standing popularity by saying, "The bizarre is appealing."

Turner said the rumor was around when she was an undergraduate two decades ago. "I was at the State University of New York at Oneonta. We heard that in the 'National Enquirer,' Jean Dixon had

predicted a massacre of freshman girls at a college that began with the letter 'O."

A number of legends are about "terrible senseless crimes committed by maniacs with sharp objects," said Southern Illinois University sociologist Joel Best. "In the real world far more people are shot than sliced and diced. If you're going to get killed, it'll probably be by a firearm."

"Belief in the campus killer rumor pointed to our vulnerability," Turner said about her college days. "It was about the anxieties we felt about being away from home, whether or not to hitchhike, whether to have sex for the first time."

Turner said such rumors were her introduction to the power of hearsay. "Rumors can be devastating," she said. Her book "I Heard It Through the Grapevine: Rumor in African American Culture" explores racerelated legends from the 1600s to the 1990s.

She started collecting bits of social gossip in the 1980s. Often her sources were her students. Turner tells of a class discussion of an old tale in which a Kentucky Fried Chicken customer is horrified to find a fried rat in his carton of crispy poultry. A black male student raised his 'hand to say he'd heard another chain outlet, Church's Chicken, was owned by the Ku Klux Klan and placed something in the food that would make black men sterile.

> "Several other black students nodded in agreement," she writes. "White students looked at them in rapt disbelief, while the remaining black students made mental note not to eat at Church's."

> Best bounces rumors off his students, too. "In class I'll talk about the legend of the little old lady in the car," he said.

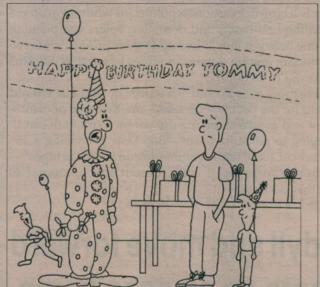
> The story is that someone walking through a shopping mall parking lot noticed an elderly woman was sitting in

his car. But as he stepped up to car he realized it was actually a man in a dress and a wig-a maniac armed with a hatchet. "Then a student in my class will insist that it's a true story, but it actually happened in Albuquerque."

Folklorists like Brunvand said those repeating strange rumors will likely say they heard it from "a friend of a friend." Or they say they have a cousin who was standing right there when the outrageous occurrence took place. "There is always somebody who knows somebody who knows somebody," he said.

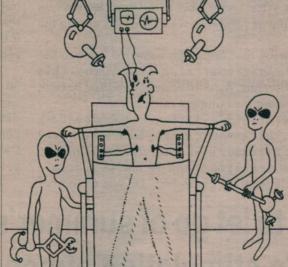
"It's impossible to stop a hot rumor," Ellis said. "Stories that aren't interesting and virulent die out quickly. The more outrageous a story is, the more likely it's likely to spread."

Reality Bites



I don't care if it's your kid's birthday or not, I'm not letting him shoot me out of a cannon.

by Lance Dunn



You know, if you guys are that curious about me, you could just ask.

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Everyone knows that a large percentage of people going away to college are going to be exposed to alcohol. Most parents in all liklihood expect itin fact, your parents probably did the same thing when they Were in college

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You really know how to fuel a rebellion, Fred. Hey if you don't want that I'll take it.

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