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**The Joy of Giving**

An apparently pleased Juli Greer, LBCC theater arts/music major, made her donation for the Red Cross blood drive held in LBCC's Boardrooms A&B on Monday. Out of 95 anticipated donations, 77 individual units of blood were obtained during the five hour drive. Eight of those were from first-time donors.

**The Earth at Risk**

Earth Day speakers cite war, logging and cyanide mining among the many threats to global and local environments

By Michele Warren  
Of The Commuter

Earth Day '91 planted its roots at LBCC Monday with a variety of speakers who addressed subjects ranging from the impact of the Gulf War on Israeli-occupied territories to the preservation of Oregon territory.

A total of eight speakers took part in the activities that began with the raising of the Earth Day flag at 9 a.m.

Lois Kenegy, a member of the first emergency delegation to visit the Israeli occupied territory of The West Bank and the Gaza Strip, spoke to a small gathering of students on the situation in the Middle East. Kenegy said the Palestinians wanted the people of the world to know how hard the war was on them because the media was neglecting stories that expressed their point of view.

Kenegy traveled with a group of eight people, half whom are Jewish, into the region on Feb. 25. In their journey they spoke with the people who knew firsthand what the living conditions were really like during the war.

During the beginning of the war, Israel was worried about security, according to Kenegy. They were also paranoid of the Arabs. Israel ordered a curfew on Palestinians in which they were unable to leave their homes. After seven days people were allowed to go out only for two hours. In some areas young men were not allowed to go out at all.

"Activity moved very slowly around the borders of the occupied territories," says Kenegy. "Because decisions were left up to

the individual Israeli soldiers, it was the soldiers own discretion that decided if an emergency was really an emergency."

After the curfew was lifted the Palestinian people couldn't buy basic supplies because of the loss of revenue from not being able to work. The war caused a lot of economic, as well as agricultural, damage, Kenegy said.

"One-third of the citrus crop, two-thirds of the vegetable crop and one-third of the poultry was ruined because the farmers were not allowed to tend to their fields," said Kenegy.

Kenegy's speech focused on the solutions that can be found to help the Palestinians gain their right to self-determination without the outcome of war.

"Solutions for justice could be found while still avoiding another war like the one in the Persian Gulf," Kenegy said. "People need to create heroes without having to start a war. We need to find meaning in our lives without military action."

Rob Pabst, of the Mary's Peak Alliance, spoke about the alliance's goal to establish more of Mary's Peak as a recreational area, and to help create coordinated management between the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and private land owners.

"The peak is a special place to a lot of people and it is important to preserve that land," said Pabst. The Alliance is focusing on the peak's five points of benefit to the community: low impact, year-round public recreation; cultural history of the Kalapuya Indians;

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**Board okays \$2 tuition hike, fees**

By Sheryl Baird  
Of The Commuter

The proposed 8.4 per cent tuition increase for 1991-92 passed by a 6-1 vote at the Board of Education meeting held at the Sweet Home Center last Wednesday.

The only member to vote against the increase was Robert Danielson of Sweet Home.

The action means LBCC students will be paying \$2 more per credit, or \$312 for full-time status, beginning summer term.

Jeremy Bible, ASLBCC council member at-large, voiced some concerns about increased fees before the vote. He questioned the new \$15 telecourse fee, and said he felt that the

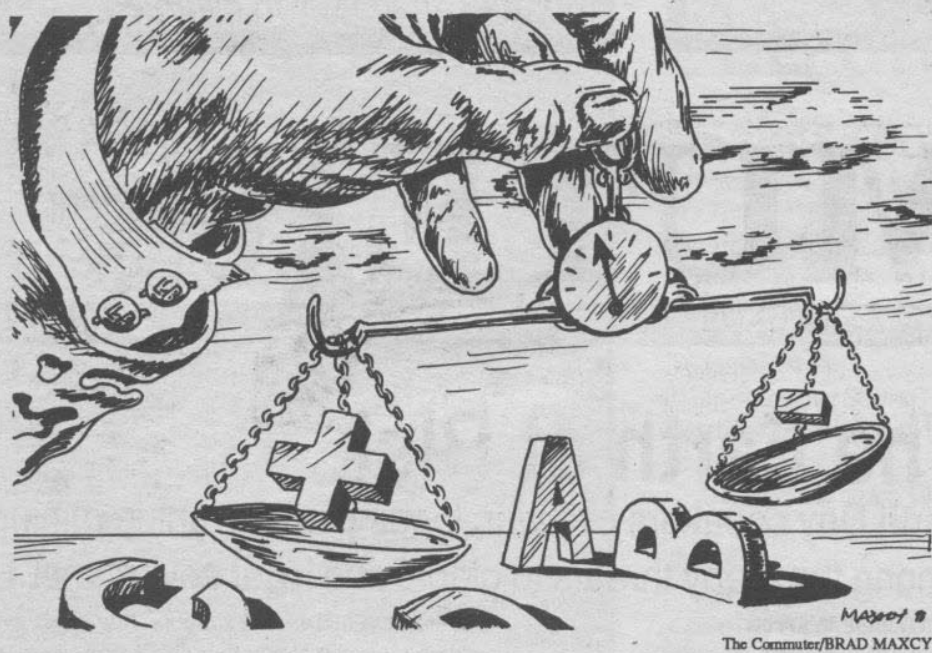
student hearings held before the board meeting did not leave enough time for student input.

Other fees instituted are a new \$20 admissions application fee, which includes current testing fees; a \$5 minimum fee for non-credit classes; a \$2 fee for placement tests for part-time students; and an increase in non-credit van use to \$5 each 50 miles.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan said that the board considered a system of lab fees but felt equal access was best attained through a tuition schedule. That makes LB the only community college in the state that does not charge fees in addition to tuition.



# POINT OF VIEW



## COMMUTER EDITORIAL

### LBCC should follow OSU's lead and switch to a plus/minus grading system

OSU's recent changes in its grading system will test instructors as well as students, and that is good. In fact, we give it an A. We'd even give it an A+ if there was such a thing. And we think LBCC should follow suit.

After all, we are a "feeder" campus for OSU, so why not make transferring as smooth as possible? Since both schools use the same software-- the Banner system--a change-over to a new grading system apparently would not have a monetary consideration, so why not?

Some critics may contend that the additional categories of grades simply drive the grading system deeper into the alphabet.

Another criticism may be that "hard" classes, those already empirical subjects such as science and math, are satisfactorily measurable under the present system.

Others may debate that increased grade possibilities only would escalate the workload of already overworked instructors.

But we believe that the benefits far outweigh the detriments.

Hopefully, the leeway provided for in the wide range of grading options will help "settle out" the long standing feud between attendance and performance.

Especially in the more subjective classes. How many times has this happened to you: A student who sits next to you in writing class attends all classes, occasionally contributes to discussion, turns in all assignments--having written them each morning while reading the back of the Cheerios box, while you burned the midnight oil finessing out your answer to "War and Peace." And you both get A's for your efforts.

The avalanche of A's has gotten out of hand. It is time to reclaim the true value of grades. But it is harder to buck the system and be a tough grader than it is to maintain the cutting edge of being a deserving A student. It's time to relieve the pressure of getting and giving straight A's.

So what is most important about changing over to the +/- grading system is the redefinition of grading criteria. The fresh start would allow instructors to reevaluate their grading standards and would demand that their criteria be clearly restructured in their own minds and resolutely stated to their students.

Establishing a new grading system would permit both students and instructors to begin again, eliminating the "rubber stamp" of A's by the instructors and eliminating the "hollow ring" of receiving those A's.

Not all students (or instructors) may agree. But for those who do, here's how to stop the downhill slide of pride in your achievements.

Begin by talking to each other. Talk about the pros and cons and decide how you feel about it. Then, alone or as a group, take it to the Student Council. Tell them you would like them to initiate the changes. Ask the student council members who also serve as representatives to the Instructional Standards Committee to submit a specific proposal to that group. Upon review, that committee can send a recommendation directly to President Carnahan for approval.

It can happen and it can happen fast. We hope it will.

## COMMENTARY

### News media's policy of concealing names of rape victims is grounded in faulty logic

By DeWAYNE WICKHAM

USA TODAY/Apple Information Network

WASHINGTON — News organizations have for years refused to make public the names of rape victims, a policy grounded in good intentions but which suffers from faulty logic.

To accomplish this noble goal, they have had to extend their grant of protection to all who claim to be victims of sexual assault, since there is virtually no way to make a determination of fact until justice has run its course.

The result is a situation in which those who charge rape go nameless while the accused have their names plastered on the pages of newspapers and broadcast by radio and television stations, long before a court decides their guilt or innocence.

This is a practice that cries out for reform.

The oft-stated goal of this policy is to safeguard rape victims from public humiliation. But since the judgment of whether a rape has occurred must ultimately be made by a jury, news organizations that reveal the names of the accused while withholding the identity of their accusers pre-empt that process. Such a practice presumes the victimization of the accusers, and by extension, the guilt of those accused.

On Tuesday, Michael Gartner, president of NBC News, broke ranks with the people who cling to this troubling practice. He allowed the network's nightly newscast to name and broadcast a picture of the Palm Beach, Fla., woman who says she was raped by William Kennedy Smith, a nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy.

"I hope this has no negative impact on this woman's life, but my first real duty is to inform my viewers," he said.

He need not worry.

For days now, the lawyer and friends of the woman (I'd name her but Gannett News Service doesn't want to), have been giving reporters her version of what happened the night she accompanied Smith to the oceanside compound of the Kennedy family.

They've even come forth to explain why the woman took several items of value from the

home moments after she claims to have been raped. (It was to prove that she was there, we are told.)

Gartner's action drew this response from Jerry Nachman, the editor of the New York Post: "If she wants to drive to Miami and buy a blouse, I don't think it's fair that she hand the sales clerk a credit card and is asked what it was like to be allegedly raped by a Kennedy."

Even the stodgy New York Times made the break — albeit temporary — from its policy of not naming women who claim to have been raped.

"Once her name has become a household word, then however we may feel about her privacy, it's no longer in our hands," a Times editor said, signaling that the paper is about to do the right thing — for the wrong reason.

Rape is an ugly crime, the punishment for which ought to be public castration, or worse. But before we sharpen the knives, let's remember that in our criminal justice system people are supposed to be presumed innocent until proved guilty.

News organizations that profess to "protect rape victims" by refusing to reveal the identities of those who claim to have been sexually assaulted cast a giant shadow upon the accused.

Reason suggests that if the media's practice of hiding the identity of the accuser continues it also ought to be extended to those charged with rape. By so doing, media organizations can report on such alleged crimes without show of malice toward either party.

Ironically, while media organizations across this nation hide the identity of the woman who accuses Smith of rape, she has become something of a minor celebrity in Palm Beach.

Reporters have been camping outside her home for days and her identity is well known to people in that posh community where her friends, employer and just about everyone else knows every detail of what she says she's been through.

Michael Gartner is right. The job of journalists is to inform people, not censor the news.

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# OSU will add plus, minus to students' grades this fall

New grading system surprises LBCC officials, who plan no changes here

By Cathy Boots  
Of The Commuter

OSU recently adopted a plus/minus grading system that will go into effect this fall term, an action that has caught many LBCC faculty and administrators by surprise.

"This is the first I've heard of it," said Gerry Conner, business instructor at LBCC, "but I think it's a major step in the right direction."

Conner says that the subject of changing the grading system was discussed about seven or eight years ago at LBCC, but the faculty felt that the present system worked and saw no reason to change it.

At OSU plans are already underway to implement the new procedure. The OSU faculty senate passed a resolution for the new grading system in February. According to Ralph Reilly, assistant registrar at OSU, the new grades and their corresponding grade point averages will be:

A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.7	C- = 1.7
B+ = 3.3	D+ = 1.3
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.7	D- = 0.7
C+ = 2.3	F = 0

There will be no plus/minus symbols added to the grade of F, and no A+ grade. A C- will be considered satisfactory for classes graded S/U. OSU is the eighth Pac-10 school to adopt the plus/minus system.

Bruce Shepard, assistant vice president for academic studies at OSU, explained that the main purpose for the change is "to provide a more accurate and fair evaluation for students."

Conner echoed that opinion and added that in his classes students are told the first day the exact number of points they need to receive each letter grade.

The cut off points are absolute, and Conner feels that a plus/minus system would give recognition to students who may fall in between the present letter grades.

Shepard said that transfer students from LBCC should not be adversely affected. "We have students transferring from all kinds of grading systems and there have never been any problems."

Although LBCC is not considering changing the grade system, Diane Watson, chairperson of counseling at LBCC, said that it would be advantageous for students to learn how the system works before they transfer to OSU.

"It may not be appropriate at this level since students already have a lot to adjust to," she said "but that doesn't mean it doesn't work and that there isn't value in it."

Some LBCC students contacted about the change feel that the lack of an A+ grade would make the system unfair.

Roger Potts, activities chairperson for the student council, said he thinks students who put in the extra time and effort should be able to work towards an A+. Without it, he said the system would be inconsistent.

Aaron Sahlstrom, another student council representative, agreed. "I haven't heard anything about the change at OSU, but if they did change it here they should definitely include the A+ grade. I can see the point as long as it's equitable."

Blaine Nisson, director of student services at LBCC, said that the subject of the plus/minus system has not been discussed at any meetings that he has attended at LBCC since 1985. He pointed out that he hasn't examined the issue, but doesn't see that there would be any disadvantage if LBCC retains the present grade system.

"We don't need to mirror everything that happens at OSU," he said, "but we would look at a plus/minus system if there were an interest in it."



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

Blaine Nisson, LBCC director of admissions, examines the new Banner software system with Registrar Sue Cripe. Nisson said LBCC has no plans to switch to plus/minus grading, but the new system could handle the change if necessary.

## Loop Bus offers free rides; students conduct survey

By Sheryl Baird  
Of The Commuter

Students will be able to ride for free on the LB Loop Bus this Thursday in commemoration of Earth Week.

Also, during the next few days marketing students will be conducting a survey on use of the bus system.

According to Dave Wienecke, facilities director at LBCC, the LB Loop Commission decided to give free rides on Thursday, which is designated as alternative transportation day of Earth Week, to remind people that other forms of transportation are available. For those who really want to enjoy the alternatives, Wienecke added that the buses are able to carry bicycles.

Karen Plummer, an LBCC marketing student from Sweet Home, said that the survey is being conducted every school day from April 22-May 3. Times will vary throughout the day depending on the marketing students' schedules.

On campus locations for the survey are the Commons, outside the Forum, the courtyard and the area outside the Bookstore. Off campus locations are Hewlett Packard and on-bus surveys.

The surveys are multiple choice and take just a few minutes to complete, said Plummer, adding "Any input will be appreciated."

Agnes Burkey, marketing representative for the transit system, said that regular bus schedules and tickets are available at the Albany Center in Takana Hall. The buses run "approximately every hour from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.," said Burkey.

## Student council extends election deadline

By Shawn Strahan  
Of The Commuter

The ASLBCC voted during its regular meeting April 17, to extend the time to turn in petitions for qualification for the upcoming student council elections to be held May 1-2.

Confusion regarding the deadline for filing was given as the reason for the extension said Charlene Fella, ASLBCC advisor. ASLBCC bylaws permit a five school-day extension. Students have until today at 5 p.m. to submit their petitions to the ASLBCC office CC-213.

Current student council members wish to encourage all who are attending school at LBCC next year to run for office and some recently shared their impressions on the value of being a part of student government.

## Strouder, Johnson named instructors of the year at annual awards banquet; seven others honored

Two LBCC instructors were named part-time instructors of the year at the 11th annual awards banquet held recently. Sharing this year's award are Sally Ann Stouder of Philomath and Dianna Sue Johnson of Albany.

Stouder has taught a variety of office technology classes during her 12 years of teaching part time at the Benton Center of Corvallis. She also has been active in the Philomath community, serving as a Cub Scout leader; room parent chairwoman, baseball and soccer team parent, and member of the Math/Computer Advisory Committee at Philomath Elementary; and Sunday School superintendent for Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath.

Johnson has worked with adult students in the Adult Basic Education, General Education Development and Adult High

"I am accomplishing something—making LBCC better," said Eric Bryant, Student Council Moderator.

"I learned leadership qualities," said Scott Eley, Community Ed council representative.

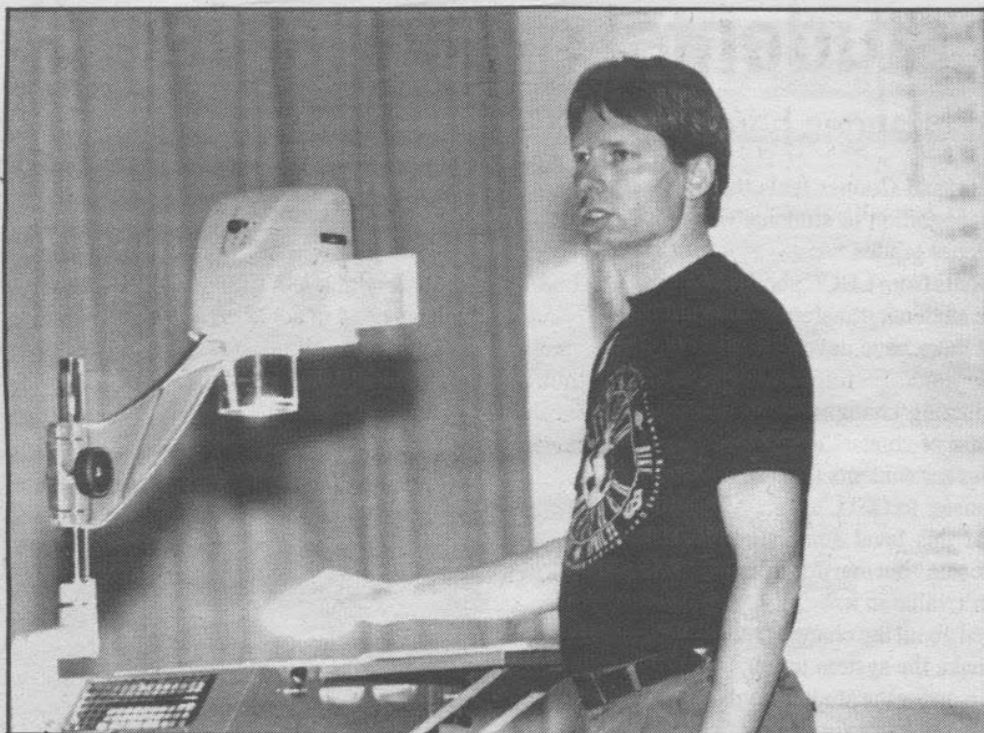
Reba Lancaster, another Community Ed representative, agreed, then added, "I created many new friendships that created a fun atmosphere for me since I was new to Oregon."

The ASLBCC also announced how its "special projects fund" will be spent: the Lebanon Center will receive a rack for newspapers and periodicals; subscriptions were paid for the Benton Center; a water fountain will be provided for the Sweet Home Center; LBCC's library will receive new typewriters and a laser printer will be put in the ASLBCC office for all students to use.

School Diploma programs for six years. A resident of Albany, Johnson also is a volunteer for Linn county's Community Alternatives to Residential Treatment (CART) Program. She has been involved with the program since its inception and has established herself as a leader in the educational program development at CART.

Other part-time instructors nominated for this year's award were Linda Baskerville and Dorothy BlackCrow Mack, both of Corvallis and nominated by the Albany Center; Becky McKenzie of Corvallis-Benton Center; Anna Shields Chase of Corvallis-Family Resources Department; Joan Jurgensen of Corvallis-Lebanon Center; Maxine J.L. Phair-Worthing of Brownsville-Sweet Home Center; and Ernest E. Ortiz of Scio-Science and Industry Division.





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Phil Carver, Oregon Department of Energy representative, spoke to Earth Day participants about global warming. Carver was one of many speakers who took part in the Monday event at LBCC.

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native forest and meadow biodiversity; scientific and educational value; and community benefits.

Another speaker addressing land preservation issues was Michael Donnally, a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Natural Resources Council. Two bills proposed in Congress that would reform the 1872 Mining Law were of much concern to Donnally. The law now allows miners to buy federal public land for \$2.50-\$5 per acre. It also prevents federal land management agencies from prohibiting mining in inappropriate areas or even regulating it. In addition it requires no royalty to be paid to the taxpayers for the mined minerals.

The proposed bills would help set up a fund to clean up the environmental damage caused

by the miners. According to Donnally, one of the most environmentally damaging problems in Oregon is the abuse of cyanide heap leach mining. The ponds where water mixes with cyanide have the potential of contaminating creeks and groundwater. "There is a risk to the health of animals as well as people. Our land destroying capabilities have become overwhelming," Donnally said.

All the speakers at Earth Day agreed that the most important part of helping the earth is to get involved. Writing letters to local and state politicians is one of the best forms of airing opinions and concerns, they said. The speakers all stated that it takes a lot of people to make a cause work, and each stressed that the time to act is now.

## Students back from Gulf War find warm welcome, new policies

By Caroline Fitchett  
Of The Commuter

The contrast was striking.

Twenty years ago Vietnam veterans came home to an apathetic, often alienated public. This year, however, the American people treated returning veterans of the Persian Gulf War to a hero's welcome.

On April 18, Roger Potts, an ASLBCC representative, returned from Germany to McChord Air Force Base in Washington to be greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of family, friends and media. "It was a real exciting time," said Potts, who is back at LBCC.

"It was a relief to come back and find that everyone was totally behind us," added Don Walton, an LBCC criminal justice major and baseball player who was activated Jan. 20.

Recalling his return, Walton explained, "It was about 4 a.m., and there were 400 of us who flew into McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey." Once through customs, Walton found "a huge cake of the American flag, snacks and ribbons everywhere, and signs saying how much they supported us. It was great!"

According to the LBCC admissions office,

about a dozen students were called to active duty, although how many actually went to the gulf is uncertain. Potts and Walton served their time in Germany. As more and more students and staff were being called up in January and February, the college instituted a number of services for concerned students, including a list of those activated and a Desert Storm Support Group for those needing emotional support.

The college administration enacted a "Military Leave Policy" for both students and faculty. "The college did not have a policy that specifically dealt with military leave," said President Jon Carnahan. "So, I prepared a policy for review at the January Board of Education meeting."

The policy, adopted Feb. 20, allows students activated by the U.S. military or the governor to receive a tuition refund if they



Roger Potts

## Oregon Hunter's Association hopes to open local chapters

By James Rhodes  
Of The Commuter

Eight years ago a small group of elk hunters sat around a camp fire and decided to create the Oregon Hunter's Association to advocate their causes. Since then, the OHA has grown to a membership of over 3,000 statewide divided into 12 chapters.

Ken Jacobson, executive director of OHA, said he hopes to create six new chapters within the next two months, including a chapter for the Albany, Corvallis, Sweet Home and Lebanon area.

Jacobson said he has tentatively scheduled an informational meeting for local hunters May 8. At that time, he will explain to prospective members the history of OHA and its activities, procedures and bylaws. The time and meeting place will not be determined until after May 3, he said. After that date, information on the new local chapter or the meeting time can be obtained from Nick Russell at 926-7199, Scott Stouder at 929-5844, Darrell Prather at 745-7812 or Ken Jacobson at 382-4058 in Bend.

Jacobson will also travel Oregon's coast May 6-8, stopping in Brookings and North Bend to organize new chapters.

Membership costs \$20. New members will receive stickers, decals, a subscription to the organization's bi-monthly magazine, and a membership card, Jacobson said. The magazine covers OHA activities, problems and opportunities in the hunting community, and shared hunting tips and experiences, he said.

The OHA performs many services across the state to promote Oregon hunting, he said. On April 6-7, 82 members from seven chapters planted 14,800 bitterbrush seedlings on Forest Service land near Silver Lake. The plants will supply winter feed for mule deer.

OHA operates 120 "water guzzlers," or fiberglass water containers, to provide water for wildlife, as well as a water wagon to maintain them.

A bighorn sheep hunting tag is auctioned annually by OHA, with all proceeds providing the sole income for the sheep hunting program. More than \$230,000 has already been raised for Oregon's program, which is one of the best in the nation, Jacobson said.

The OHA donated \$2,000 to a program in the Ochoco area to put telemetry collars on elk and to monitor their movement from flight.

A \$10,000 fund maintained by OHA is used to reward people who report wildlife poachers.

Several other ideas are still in the planning stages, Jacobson said. These include a lottery, a youth program and a hunting museum. The lottery would be a statewide raffle for a select number of hunting tags, and all money would help fund hunting programs.

A youth program would be run like a big brother or big sister program. It would include a ranch where survival, camping, cooking, firearms safety and hunting ethics could be taught.

An Oregon hunters' museum could be funded by state, federal and OHA funds. Located in the Sisters area, it would exhibit the history, growth and future of hunting in Oregon.

The OHA annual convention is scheduled for May 10-12 at the Eugene Hilton convention center. It will feature seminars, speakers, guides, outfitters and meetings to give people a better idea of the Oregon Hunter's Association.

For further information write to the Oregon Hunter's Association, P.O. Box 6618, Bend, OR 97708.

cannot complete a course. Furthermore, if a student receives an "incomplete" in a course, the deadline is extended by two terms, which "gives enough time (for students) to get back and get personal things settled," said Carnahan.

In addition, financial aid eligibility rules were adjusted to account for The War. Sally Wojahn, financial aid coordinator, said "students who don't finish classes have the potential for having their aid eligibility cancelled," but for certain circumstances students can get an extension.

The Gulf War was added to this list of circumstances, she said, and for the two financial aid students who were activated, "we simply clean slated them, provided they showed us verification of their orders."

Student loans have a special military deferment, in which students are given a year's extension on their loan payments.

If a student receiving veterans benefits acquires an "incomplete" in a class, The Veterans Affairs will "give them one year to make up the class." Tom Bostwick, of LBCC's Veterans Affairs office, explained "then you

must pay the money back or finish the class. If students finish their classes before they leave their benefits only cover up to their last day's attendance." This is also true for students who withdraw from classes.

Although students returning from the Gulf War had few problems using their financial aid and veteran benefits, those who didn't know about the Military Leave Policy couldn't take advantage of its tuition refunds and extensions.

Walton, for example, simply dropped all his courses when he was called up in January, and when he returned, simply re-enrolled for the same courses. It wasn't until later that he heard about the Military Leave Policy.

Blaine Nisson, director of admissions, said students returning from the Gulf War would have to ask at the registration office of they wanted to know how the policy affects them.



Don Walton



# Impact of OSU cuts on LBCC students still uncertain

## Students planning to transfer to OSU should keep their options open, counselors say

By Angela Earwood  
Of The Commuter

The effect of recent program cuts at Oregon State University on LBCC transfer students continues to be shrouded in uncertainty.

LBCC students planning to transfer to OSU to major in general science, journalism, broadcast media, religious studies, or hotel management/restaurant management/tourism are going to have to change their majors, or transfer to another school—probably.

Opposition to higher education budget cuts has spurred so much debate that "it is not beyond reason for some (programs) to be reinstated," said Blair Osterlund, LBCC counselor.

The fate of OSU's Hotel Management/Restaurant Management/Tourism program are still up in the air, for example, he said.

"Some people are going to be affected by this and are going to have to change their plans," said Osterlund. He added that most of the majors in question are available at other Oregon schools.

At this time it is difficult to say how LBCC students are going to be affected because there

are "multiple unknowns," Osterlund said.

Consequently, LBCC students must carefully consider their options. Osterlund's advice is: "Don't narrow your choices. Try to be as flexible as possible. Don't eliminate out-of-state or private institutions."

Tuition hikes at OSU of more than 40 percent, along with increased fees, have narrowed the financial gap between state and private institutions. Many private schools offer additional aid to a student's existing financial aid, Osterlund pointed out.

He said that private institutions such as Linfield College, Lewis and Clark College and Willamette University can offer both the smaller, more personalized classes and a community college atmosphere that large universities are lacking.

Out-of-state tuition allowances can also be built into financial aid packages. Due to program cuts, some students are going to be leaving the state to finish their education. Osterlund said that out-of-state alternatives can actually be positive for some who wouldn't have considered them before. Many students transfer to OSU simply because it is conven-

ient, but colleges are very different.

"Students should take more into consideration than where a school is geographically," he said.

One problem confronting a potential transfer student is fulfilling the admissions requirements of a new school. Over the last few years, state schools have made these requirements more stringent.

Also, different schools have different requirements. Besides admissions, an LBCC transfer student may be asked to fulfill new class requirements or take tests to be admitted to a specific program if he or she decides to continue somewhere other than OSU.

Transfer students to OSU do have priority over new students, Osterlund said. This may aggravate the existing problem of competition for admissions created by enrollment cuts—2,000 fewer students will be admitted at OSU by the 1991-92 school year.

On the other hand, Osterlund countered, so many potential students may shy away from OSU because of the program cuts that the university "may have to become more flexible in their admissions policy if they are not

meeting their quotas."

Nevertheless, OSU's projected enrollment is still very much in question. LBCC transfer students need to act now. Osterlund stressed, "Don't wait until the last minute. Really adhere to all admissions requirements and met deadlines."

Osterlund said he hoped to get more definitive information for LBCC transfer students at this week's Community College Day at OSU.

Diane Watson, head of counseling at LBCC, is attending the community college workshops at both Western Oregon State College and OSU. She said that the workshop she attended at the University of Oregon wasn't very helpful, but she too, hopes to get information more useful to transfer students at the upcoming seminars.

If so, the Counseling Center will consider forming support groups to specifically address the problems and needs of these students.

Osterlund said the proposed groups would also help the students deal with the emotional impact these educational changes may have on their lives.

## Mammogram system at Albany hospital reduces radiation dose, increases accuracy

By Kathleen Richards  
Of The Commuter

Higher quality mammograms using a 75 percent lower dose of radiation and thus hopefully helping ease women's fears of exposure to unnecessary doses of radiation, are now available at Albany General Hospital.

Mammography is the diagnostic X-ray exam used to detect breast cancer. The new radiological procedure to be implemented is possible due the development of a new Kodak film and state of the art processing equipment, said Dick Shanahan, radiology department manager for the hospital.

The new \$8,500 system, which includes a new darkroom built to handle the new film processor, produces sharper images for a more accurate diagnosis and is the most advanced system available, according to Shanahan.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among American women. This year in the United States approximately 114,000 women will learn they have breast cancer. The average woman has 1 chance in 11, (or about 9

percent), of developing breast cancer during her lifetime. While most detectable masses of 1.5 to two centimeters or more can usually be felt through a breast examination, smaller lumps located deep within the breast tissue can be detected only by an X-ray. Women are encouraged to get base line mammograms at age 40 followed by exams every other year. Early detection through mammography offers an increase in the total cure rate.

Some women continue to avoid mammography for fear of radiation risks, but with today's low dose mammography equipment and improved techniques, radiation risks are considered negligible and the benefits outweigh any potential for risk, according to radiologists.

Shanahan said education is an important part of mammography services at Albany General Hospital. A specially trained female technologist performs the mammography. A video on how to do a self-exam is shown and the patients can practice on breast models. More information is available by calling Albany General at 928-8000.

## LB's culinary arts students plan food demonstrations and ice, vegetable carving at 'food fair' Friday in Heritage Mall

By Rich Coleman  
Of The Commuter

Students and the public are invited to the first mini-food show and contest hosted by the LBCC Culinary Arts program Friday, April 26, at the Heritage Mall in Albany.

The show will be held from 1-7 p.m. and will feature the work of 17 students in the categories of: ice carving; cake decorating; working with bread; designing cold-food show platters; and vegetable carving.

"The show will be a lot of fun. It's the first time that the culinary art students will get to show their work off," said

Scott Anselm, LBCC culinary instructor.

Students entering the ice carving competition will start off with a 300 pound block of ice and use a chisel and saw to form the shapes of animals.

While on a smaller scale, vegetable carving follows the same basic concept, except that vegetables like carrots and radishes are used to form shapes such as flowers and swans.

Cakes will be decorated with roses and designs, by the culinary students using a piping bag, said Anselm.

Show cake and vegetable show platter competitions will be judged by the public's votes.



## Valley Writers Series features mystery writer

By John T. Schaefer  
Of The Commuter

The Valley Writers Series continues May 1 at noon with a reading by Mary Lou Bennett of Corvallis in F104.

Bennett is the coordinator of Turning Point Transitions Program at LBCC and has taught speech communication at LBCC, OSU, WOSC, and Clatsop Community College.

She will be reading a passage from her award winning book, "Murder Once Done," and excerpts from two of her magazine essays.

Movie rights for Bennett's book have been acquired by a company in Japan where it will be made into a movie.

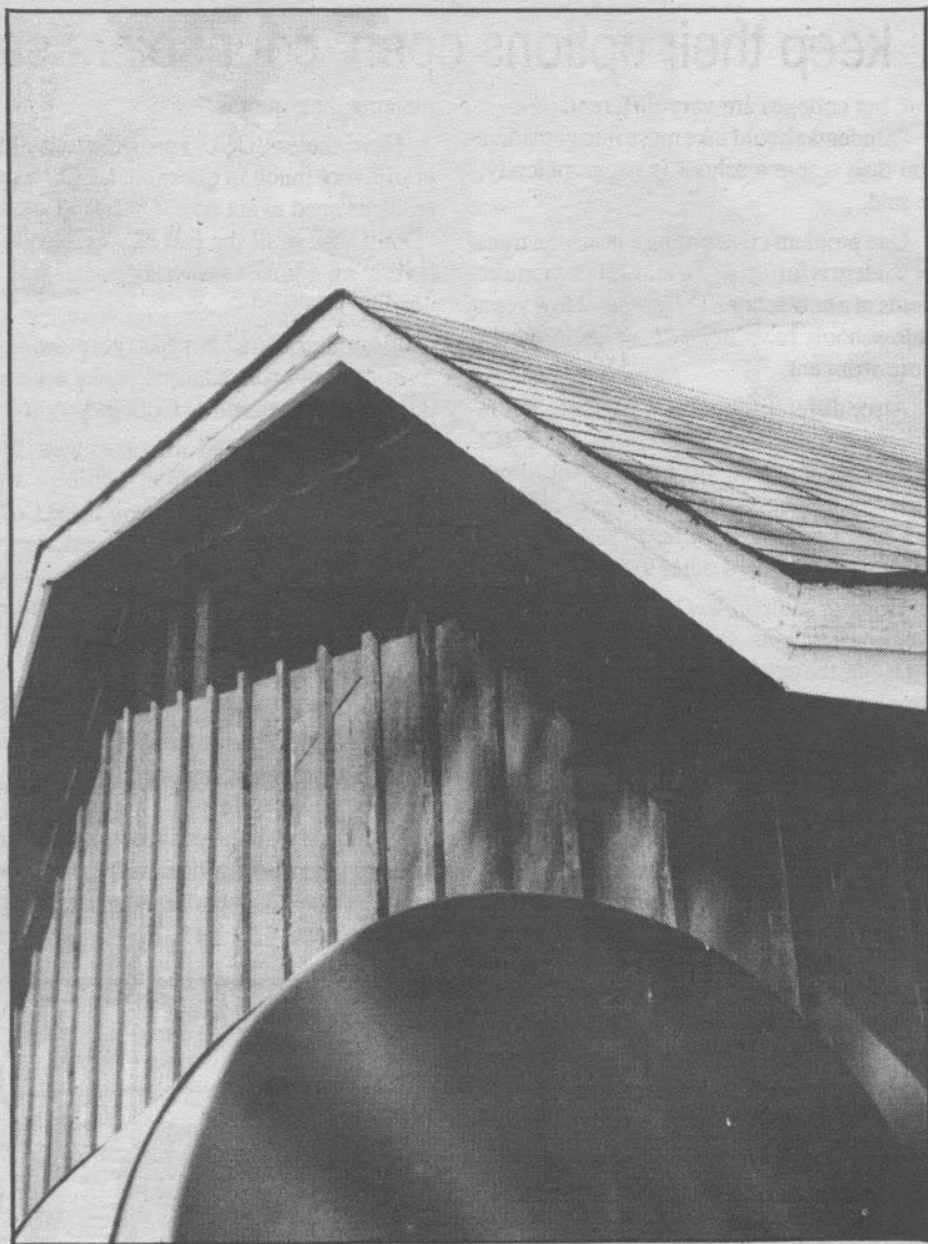
The Valley Writers Series started April 17 with Rick Borsten, author of "The Great Equalizer" and "Rainbow Rhapsody". Borsten is currently working on a new novel "Insane for the Light".

Clem Starck is a poet from Dallas Oregon and will give a reading of his poems titled "Slab on Grade and Other Constructions" on May 15.

The Valley Writers Series is designed to encourage people to write and increase literary awareness in the community.



## CAMPUS FOCUS



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

### A Day on the Farm?

Actually it's the LBCC ground crew/maintenance storage shed located behind the Family Resource Center.

## Male Mythology

### New class designed to help men better understand themselves and their roles in society

By James Creighton  
Of The Commuter

Men, do you feel like you didn't have enough positive male role models in your life?

Do you feel inhibited about seeking advice from another man?

Is it easier for you to talk to women about personal issues than to men? Do you have a hard time expressing your feelings?

If you see yourself in any of these questions, you may find the answers in a new class offered at LBCC—Men's Issues: Myths and Realities.

This 11-week, two-credit class is designed to teach men to focus on ways to better understand themselves and to become more aware of the roles they play in society. Nine people are enrolled in the class this term.

Some of the topics covered in class include defining masculinity, father relationships, male and female relationships, power issues and intimacy.

Bob Boss, a guidance counselor at LBCC since 1988, has developed the class from his own personal interest.

"I was a high school counselor for five years and saw a lot of young males struggle with just who they were, Boss said.

"I think a lot of that is a result of not having enough male role models in their lives. No one there to tell them 'this is the way you do it or don't do it.' All males need to have someone to pass on information to them about how to become a man.

"Historically, men have not been taught to respond to who they really are. They have been taught to do what is expected of them, to fill roles like husband, father, provider and strong one.

Quite often, men are expected to fill roles but were never taught how to. Also, we all have masculine and feminine parts to us, but many males have been taught to suppress that feminine side, and that has gotten us into a lot of trouble."

Boss said he has taken part in men's support group activities for about two years and hopes, through this class, to share some of the feelings and ideas he has learned and developed.

"Through men's groups I have enjoyed the opportunity to be me—to get out of a lot of roles, be myself and express what is going on with me, the things I struggle with. I felt that a class like this would be needed here on campus and that I would enjoy teaching it," Boss said.

Men of today need to be more aware of how they have

## Author: Americans need more fruit, less meat to avoid heart disease

By Tanya Bischoff  
Of The Commuter

Eat more fish and cut the amount of fat you consume in half.

That was the message from Sonya Connor, a nutritionist at the Oregon Health Sciences University, who spoke to students and staff last week.

The lecture consisted of a slide show on how to improve your diet and a display of different foods with the amount of fat they contained next to them.

There are three phases to "The New American Diet" that Connor strongly recommends people follow. Phase I is to avoid foods high in cholesterol and saturated fat and to use light salt. Phase II is to eat more fruits, vegetables, grains and beans. Phase III is to use meat as a condiment and to save regular cheeses, chocolates and salty foods for special occasions only.

The average person consumes 1 pound of fat per day and 60 percent of the public has cholesterol levels over 200.

"As a rule of thumb," Connor said, "one

percent reduction in blood cholesterol reduces heart attacks by two percent." Also consuming more fish protects yourself against heart disease.

Having good recipes however, is the key. Cutting your fat intake in half, so Connor included 300 new recipes in her newest book "The New American Diet System," which took two years to research and develop. All of the recipes are under 500 calories.

"Connors' first book, "The New American," which she co-wrote with her husband, demonstrates how a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol can reduce the risk of coronary heart disease by 40 percent and can help protect against cancer, stroke, high blood pressure and heart disease while promoting weight loss.

This research, which lasted five years, was done with 233 volunteer families in the Hollywood District of Portland, she said.

Getting into the habit of eating right isn't easy but once you find what it can do for you, Connor said, you'll never go back to your old ways.

## Violence Awareness Week plans events

By Kathe Nielsen  
Of The Commuter

LBCC's Committee Against Harassment, Violence and Abuse has proclaimed April 29-May 3, Violence Awareness Week.

The committee has scheduled three activities for the week.

At noon, April 30, and again at 1 p.m., "Stereotypes and How They Relate to Violence," will be presented by Charlotte Higgins-Lee in the Boardrooms A and B.

And on May 2 at noon, a program of music

and readings on "healing from violence" will be held in Boardrooms A and B.

Jerry Phillips, LB criminal justice instructor, will discuss, "Causes of Violence," May 2 at 1 p.m. also in Boardrooms A and B.

The Committee Against Harassment, Violence and Abuse is comprised of faculty, classified and exempt staff and has designated Violence Awareness Week to heighten student knowledge of problems caused by violence in our society, said Mark Weiss, LBCC counselor and committee member.

learned a lot of their behaviors, Boss said. Also, they need to know that they have a responsibility to be role models for other males, especially younger ones, such as children, siblings, students or people they work with, he said.

The class is intended to provide a support group atmosphere for men as well as to be a way to share information about men's issues.

He said one of the goals for this class is to help men understand what it means to be a man in the 90's. He also wants them to learn how they came to be who they are, to learn a greater respect for women as people, not objects, and to gain more self understanding toward becoming a better human being.

Boss said he hopes the class will gain momentum and develop into more classes and a men's support group on campus. He said he would like to see one support group for students and another one for staff and faculty.

The class will be offered again at LBCC in the fall. Boss also will teach it at Benton Center this summer. Anyone interested in more information can contact Boss in the counseling center in Takena Hall or call extension 102 for an appointment.



# Blind student overcomes obstacles to attend LBCC

Darla Dahl receives help from college services, national organizations and Bijou

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The Commuter

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Bijou, an 8-year-old black labrador retriever, settles down to the business of helping her owner go to school. She leads her owner to the school door, down the hall, up the stairs, and to the classrooms.

It's tough work. Every new school term, her owner changes her route, and Bijou must remember the changes. She gets confused and upset at first, her owner said, but soon becomes accustomed to the new routine.

Bijou's owner, Darla Dahl, is blind. Dahl has been blind since birth because of retinitis pigmentosa, a disease that affects the pigments in the eye. She can see light and dark shapes, but not much else.

"I don't know how to explain it," she said. "I'm not a doctor."

Being a blind student poses special problems, Dahl said. The system at LBCC is not geared towards students with disabilities. Luckily, Disabled Student Services does offer some help to her and to other students with disabilities.

According to Paula Grigsby, coordinator of DSS, faculty members read tests, assignments, books and other material to blind students.

Blind students can use a special typewriter to respond to the questions on tests, she said.

In addition, students can use a speech synthesizer unit, VOTRAX, that floats from the computer lab to the computer division and back. The VOTRAX speaks what a student types down, so it usually catches mistakes. However, Dahl said it doesn't always pronounce words correctly because it doesn't have sophisticated programming, and spellcheck programs cannot be used with it.

The system she has at home works much better, Dahl said. She has a Zenith computer that is IBM and XT compatible, with Interactive Speech Output System (ISOS) software with a card, called Accent, that makes the sound. LBCC needs a better voice synthesizer, she said—one that is a better quality and is totally accessible."

Grigsby also said a device in the library called V-tech enlarges printed materials so students who are visually impaired but not totally blind can read. DSS also will order textbooks from Recording for the Blind in New Jersey. The textbooks are either taped or in braille, depending on whether the blind student knows how to read braille.

Dahl said Recording for the Blind has a toll free number she can call to order books. There is no charge, and she returns the books when finished. She must order them long before she takes a class, however. If Recording for the Blind doesn't have a particular textbook, Dahl has to send them two copies. They then cut up the books for people to record for her.

Dahl does know how to read braille. She brings to class a machine called a brailler, which she uses to take notes. The brailler, which sounds just like a manual typewriter



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**Darla Dahl, LBCC criminal justice major, says she is no different than other students here. Bijou, her 8-year-old black labrador retriever, safely guides Dahl around campus.**

with its clicks and pinging, punches little holes on a special type of paper. Unlike a typewriter, the brailler only has six keys.

Dahl's instructors can't read braille, so when she gets an assignment, she takes it home and types it on her computer, using ISOS software.

Dahl said tests provide a problem for her. She talks to the instructor at the beginning of the term to explain the problems she will have, and asks the teachers to allow her to take home her tests so she can do them on her computer. If she can't take her tests home, or if there is a pop quiz, she goes to the Disabled Student Services office, has someone read the test to her, and uses the typewriter they provide.

When Dahl knows she will not be able to

take a test home, she goes directly to DSS to arrange for someone to help her. One particular time, she said, she had a computer science final that she couldn't take home and she couldn't do at DSS. She ended up bringing her husband, Walt, to read for her.

Dahl, a criminal justice major, wants to do probation work for juveniles. She is taking five classes and 15 credits this term. She plans to earn a two-year associate of science degree. This is Dahl's third term at LBCC.

When asked what she likes to do in her spare time, Dahl said, "What spare time?" She said she is a voracious reader. She likes to read trashy best-sellers, autobiographies, historical novels and magazines. One of her favorite

magazines is "National Geographic," which is printed in braille.

Dahl said she also likes to collect neat gadgets. She has two talking calculators, one with a female voice—"very British"—Dahl said, and one with a male voice. She has a watch with a flip-top crystal so she can lift it up and feel what time it is. She also owns an OPTACON, a gadget that scans written material letter by letter and vibrates the shape of each letter under the user's finger. With this she can read, but said it is slow going. She even has a talking clock.

Dahl said the Commission for the Blind has helped her a lot with school. The commission paid for her tuition, reader and tutors, gave her a \$100 book allowance, provided braille paper for her, and loaned her a tape recorder so she can tape lectures.

Dahl, who moved here from Los Angeles in September of 1988, said her main transportation is by bus. A veteran of the L.A. bussing system, she said she is quite used to them. Her husband also gives her rides.

Bijou, Dahl's guide dog, gives her greater mobility, she said. She can get around faster and easier, without the fear of falling down the stairs or going the wrong way. She said she sometimes uses a cane when she has to leave Bijou at home. For the first couple days of a new school term, she said she uses her cane. That way, she'll know where to guide Bijou later.

On Bijou's harness is a sign that asks people not to pet her.

"Bijou is not supposed to be petted while she's working because it distracts her from her job. That makes it dangerous for me," Dahl said.

For example, if someone tried to pet Bijou while she was taking her owner down the stairs, Bijou might get distracted and cause Dahl to take a nasty tumble, she said. Some people might think it's mean to not let people pet the dog, Dahl said, but it's for a good reason.

Dahl has had Bijou for six years. Bijou is her fourth guide dog. Her last dog, Emma, died of bone cancer. Dahl said it was a terrible time because, to her, guide dogs are not just dogs; they are friends and family. Dahl said she will be sad when she has to retire Bijou. Guide dogs usually work from seven to 10 years.

Dahl said she is disappointed in the prejudice and fear shown toward her and other students with disabilities. There are no real differences between her and other students, she said.

She likes to chat, and said she doesn't mind taking notes for people or studying with them. To talk to her, all you have to do is touch her shoulder or say her name so she knows you are talking to her and not to someone next to her.

Dahl said she wishes people weren't so uncomfortable around blind people. But, she added, "I'm not so idealistic that I think I can fix everybody."



## GARDENING FEVER

# Gardeners should test soil for needed improvements

By **Jacque Johnson**  
For The Commuter

It's been said a plant is only as good as the soil in which it is grown. With this in mind, let's talk dirt. Soil (or dirt, as it's known to the cruder minded), is a combination of air, water, plant nutrients, rock and decomposing plant and animal remains. It helps to anchor and support the plant. It is important to know a few characteristics of your soil before you begin to plant.

A soil test gives plenty of information and can help you make any needed improvement to your soil. Garden centers and discount stores offer a variety of do-it-yourself soil test kits or the OSU Extension Service can perform soil tests. Once you have the results, making adjustments to the soil is only a matter of adding the right materials.

pH is a measurement of the Hydrogen ion (acid forming) activity of soil. It affects plant growth by influencing:

- Availability of essential nutrients
- Growth of soil microorganisms
- Efficiency of roots to absorb water and nutrients
- Solubility of toxic substances

A pH of 1 indicates an acid (sour) soil, while a pH of 14 is a very alkaline (bitter) soil. Most plants prefer a pH of 6.5-7.

Correcting pH is simple. Areas with heavy rainfall like here in the Valley tend to be acidic. Adding dolomitic lime, bonemeal or wood ashes will "sweeten" the soil. Arid desert regions tend to be alkaline, so adding cottonseed meal, oak leaves/sawdust, or wood chips will "mellow" the soil. Choosing plants that prefer your soil pH is another less labor-intensive way of living with your soil. Below is a short list of some acid/alkaline loving plants.

### Acid Loving (pH 5.5-7)

- Beets
- Pumpkin
- Cabbage
- Radish
- Corn
- Spinach
- Lettuce
- Squash
- Pepper
- Tomato
- Cucumber

### Alkaline Loving

- Beans
- Broccoli
- Carrots
- Onion

Soil structure influences water drainage which affects plant growth. Heavy clay soils (like most around this area) have poor drainage. They

hold watering the soil, decreasing air circulation around roots and slowing microbial activity. Adding organic matter like compost will lighten up soil, increasing drainage and air circulation as well as making the soil easier to work and faster to warm up in the spring.

Sandy soils are just opposite. They allow water to pass through the soil too fast, making water and plant nutrients unavailable to plants. Correcting this is the same as for poor drainage. Addition of organic matter such as compost will increase the soil's capacity to hold water.

Two simple and environmentally sound ways to improve your soil are by planting cover crops and composting.

Cover crops are excellent soil conditioners. They are planted in the fall when harvest is over and tilled under a few weeks before spring planting. Legumes like clovers and fava beans increase nitrogen in the soil. Grains like rye and oats will improve soil structure.

The practice of composting is a simple and cheap way to turn garden and kitchen refuse into useful organic matter for the garden. A sunny location with good drainage is ideal. It is a good idea to locate near the garden for convenience. A variety of building materials will work: lumber, chicken wire, or bricks. The important thing to remember is that air circulation in and around the pile is a necessity.

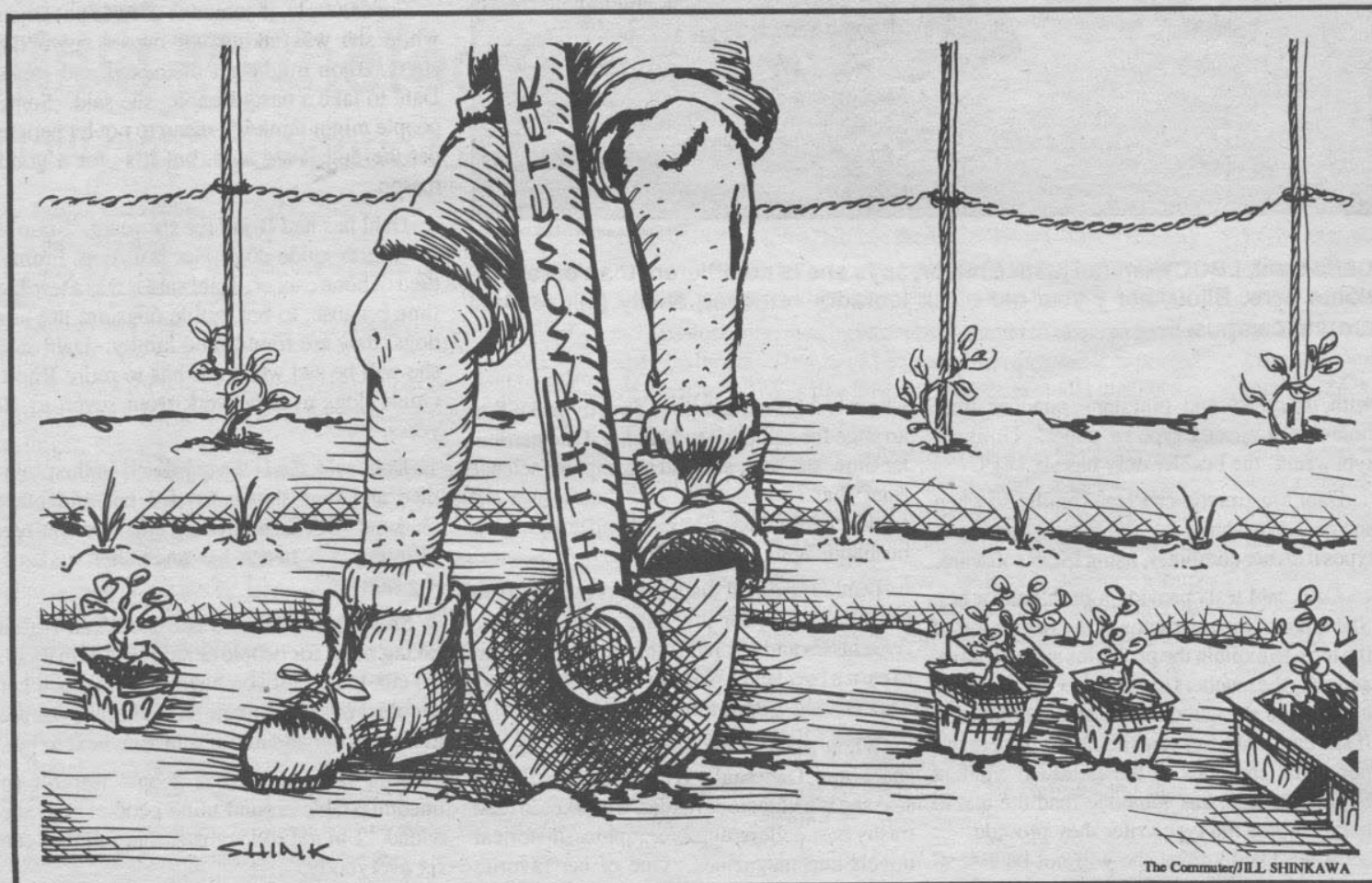
Building two or three bins or piles is ideal, one with fresh waste produced daily, one for fast working compost the needs turning often and the last for finished compost.

Begin your compost with a layer of branches, twigs, or corn stalks, top with a layer of leaves or kitchen scraps, and top this with a layer of grass clippings or cottonseed meal. Putting some of your own soil in the compost will help get it going and supply some of the needed soil microbes. Cover the pile with a tarp to prevent it from getting soggy. Compost is ready to use when it is dark, crumbly and smells sweet.

In addition to compost there are many organic and chemical fertilizers available to the gardener. My preference is for organic fertilizers. These are cheaper and are less likely to harm plants. Some good organic fertilizers are bonemeal, cottonseed meal, bloodmeal, fish emulsion, compost and well-rotted manure.

Chemical fertilizers are available in garden centers and discount stores for a variety of prices. Be very sure to follow application instructions on the bag for best results.

Now that you've become acquainted with your soil, you're ready to do some serious planting. My next column will cover planting and transplanting, so have those seeds and transplants ready.



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## OUTDOOR OREGON

### Fishing the Deschutes Part II: How to fish the Warm Springs stretch

By **Bill Kremers**  
For The Commuter

One regulation that confuses anglers who fish the Deschutes River is where you can fish on the Warm Spring Indian Reservation side of the river.

The boundary starts in the middle of the river, so any time you are on the west half of the river that borders the reservation, you are trespassing and subject to fines and possible loss of your fishing tackle.

You can purchase a permit to fish part of the reservation; permits are available at most tackle stores in Oregon.

One popular way to fish the Deschutes is to take a three- or four-day float trip on the 45 miles of prime trout water between the Warm Spring boat ramp to the town of Maupin. For the day angler and for non-boaters, there are public campgrounds with bank access at Trout Creek and South Junction.

Also, there is a rough five-mile road upriver from Maupin to a locked gate. If you have only one or two days to spend and you want to stay away from the whitewater, the 10-mile float from Warm Springs boat ramp to Trout Creek campground is for you.

Once you go past Trout Creek campground you are committed to taking your boat out at Maupin, 35 miles down river. You are also committed to a series of whitewater rapids starting with a class II+ rapid. Also, downriver is the famous class IV Whitehorse rapid. Be sure and run this section of river with someone who knows the river, because it is a long walk to Maupin if you lose your boat.

Finally, after you figured out all the regulations and made your plans, you are ready to start fishing. You will know if the salmonfly hatch has started because they will be all over the vegetation along the river.

They are everywhere—on your clothes and in your tent. When one of these two- or three-inch-long salmonflies lands on the back of your neck and starts to crawl around, you think you are having a Nightmare on Elm Street. The salmonfly hatch usually begins in mid-to late May and lasts until mid-June.

Even if fishing the salmonfly hatch is your goal, it is best to bring a variety of flies. Deschutes trout like a variety of food in their diet and they are always switching back and forth from salmonflies to caddis flies or mayflies.

You should also bring some nymphs, emergers and adult fly patterns to match the caddis and mayfly hatches. Fly shops love it when you tell them to set you up for fishing the Deschutes.

**Editor's note:** Fishing the Deschutes will conclude next week.



# Novice comedian scores first hit with panty hose bit

by Cory Frye  
The Commuter  
Dateline: April 16, 1991.

It was a warm Tuesday evening when I entered Room 114—with no difficulties, thank you very much. Wielding a tape recorder, I immortalized the evening forever in audio—well, at least until I tape something better over the top of it.

The night for me began at 6:45, when I arrived at class and went over my responses to the absurd set-ups J.J. had assigned the previous Tuesday.

I wondered if they would stand up against the comedic potentials of Fellow Student Mike or even Fellow Student Steve, whose mere appearance and disposition can send anyone in class into fits of laughter.

And there is always Fellow Student Scott, slipping quips from his tongue faster than an actioneer. Would my material be suitable for my peers?

Then, I thought, as do many stand-up comedians, "Who cares?"

Fellow Student Josh entered the room, demanding that our esteemed leader view the latest "Kids in the Hall" episode that he had taped the night before.

Before J.J. could answer, the drooling madman was already at the controls of the VHS, fast forwarding through the performance of stand-up weirdo Emo Phillips, who F.S. Josh considered a god.

When class began, J.J. came up with a bright, scary idea: Her students would stand before the class and read their responses to the assignment.

Lucky me—I was sixth in line for this torture. So by the time I would get up in front of the class, the absurdities would no longer be absurd and there would be a slight possibility that someone before me had used the same material. You can't trust some of those bums with your punchlines—those greedy, laugh-

hungry so-and-so's.

But when my turn came, only one of the possibilities I had tried had been taken care of: Gumby's questionable relationship with Pokey (a thought that appeared many times after my routine).

So I got up from my desk, walked slowly to the front of the classroom, and stared out ahead at a rough crowd. I could feel them growling at me, waiting to spit my remains into the flaming toilet.

"I'm worried about fresh fruit," I stammered. "Well, not really the fresh fruit, but that hose they use at Safeway." I went on to explain the powerful possibilities of this hose, such as spraying the aluminum siding off your neighbor's house and robbing a bank.

Minimum laughter.

And then, I hit them with everything I had. "I'm frightened about panty hose," I began. The rest of my routine consisted of material that isn't suitable for printing, but it got the

laughter I needed for my ego. I was on top of the stratosphere.

I was God. Call me the God of Comedy. I loosened my tie and told them what frightened me about Johnny Quest, Wilma Flintstone (which involved s-e-x and the effword), Gumby, and "The Price is Right."

The results? Well, people might listen to me before booing me off the stage.

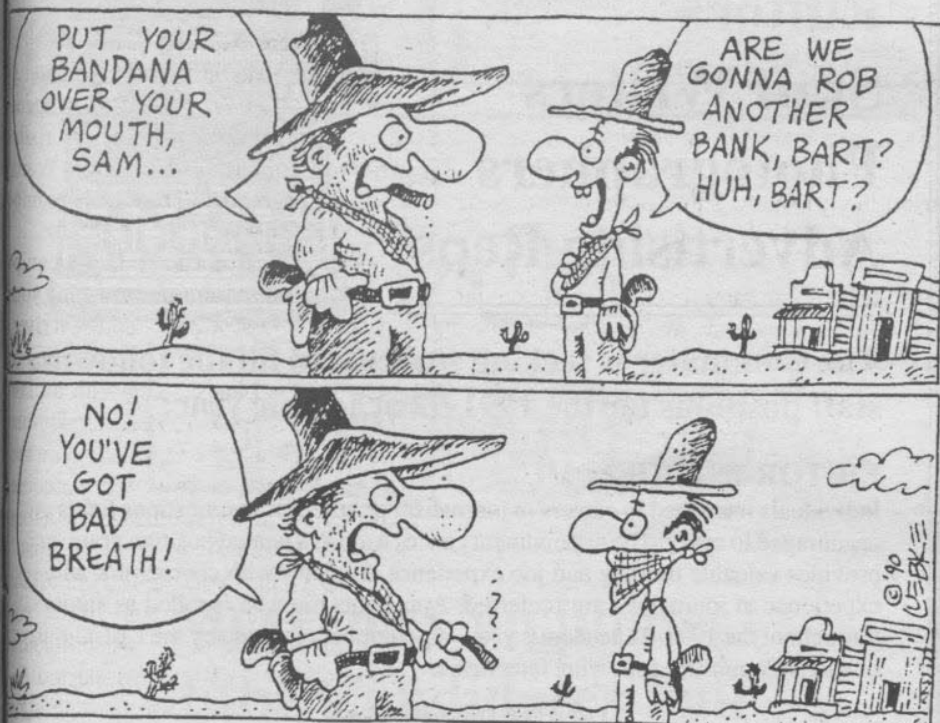
But I'll keep on trying. Like Fellow Student Mike, I will continue my search for the best material, and I will not stop until everyone has died and gone someplace where they will praise my name and laugh for eternity. I will be funny, even if I have to resort to controversy, something I'm no stranger to.

I'll be funny one day. You wait and see.  
**Editor's Note: Tune in next week when Cory, in a flight of ego-gratification, might make a fool of himself performing his own material in front of the hungry crowd.**

## COMMUTER COMICS

### 24TH STREET

DAVID LUEBKE



### This Week's Top Ten: Neglected dates in history

By David Rickard  
Of The Commuter

From the home-office in Hebo here's this week's Top Ten list of important dates in history neglected by historians at LB.

10. July 19, 1804. Lewis & Clark voyaged down the Willamette and threw out their trash in the spot that is now known as Albany.

9. Nov. 12, 1965. The small African country of the Ivory Coast became the first country to launch an avocado into outer space.

8. Dec. 16 1967. "The avocado has landed!" This gave us the popular condiment that has become known as gaucamole dip.

7. July 19, 1996. Brooke Shields loses her virginity.

6. May 3, 1908. Elmer Smithers is born on this day in Drain, Oregon.

5. 450 B.C. The Pharaoh discovers the power of fresh gold chains, later to be duplicated by homeboys and Mr.T wannabees.

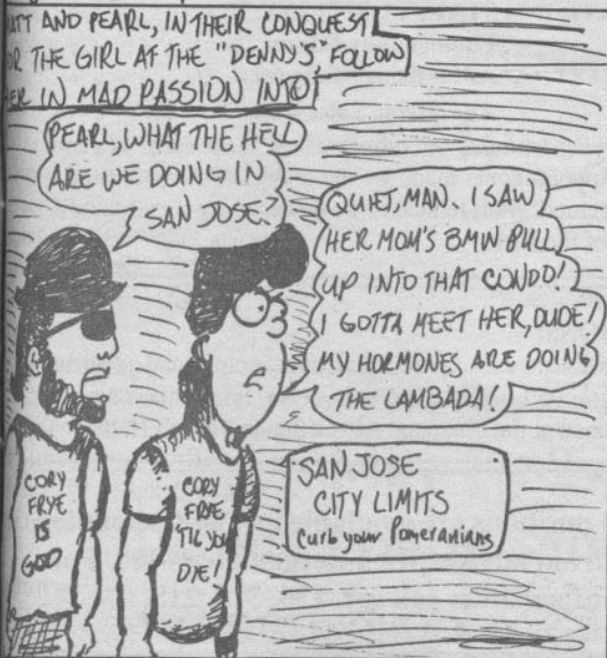
4. March 12, 1914. Sigmund Freud views his mother in the shower, thus creating the "Norman Bates Complex."

3. Sept. 19, 1975. Bob Denver/Gilligan smokes pot with Nancy Reagan at Frank Sinatra's secret island hideaway while the entire cast of "Welcome Back Kotter" hums the Sex Pistol's "God Save The Queen" in the background.

2. May 6, 1958. Annette Funicello introduces the male adolescent to the wondrous mysteries of the brassiere.

1. June 3, 1990. Matt Rassmussen finally escapes from the campus of LBCC after six long years in academia.

### Life in Hopeless



Will our dynamic duo escape this horrific beating?  
**No!**  
Nobody escapes the California Highway Patrol.  
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by Cory Frye '91



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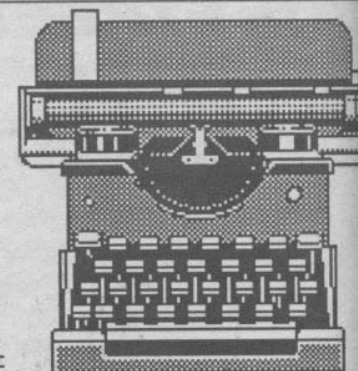
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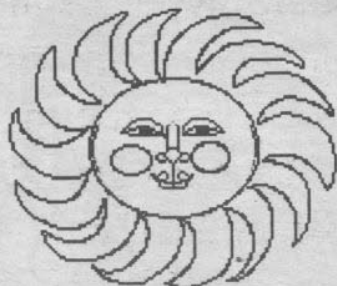
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**PRESS ON TALES***Foreman shows the world heroes never die*By David Rickard  
Of The Commuter

Heroes are far and few in sports nowadays. The last great American heroes appeared on a cold February night in Lake Placid in 1980 and made us all believe in miracles.

Until last Friday night in Atlantic City.

A large American hero emerged that night and made us believe heroes still exist in sports.

He's not your typical hero: he walks a bit like Fred Sanford; he eats a lot like John Belushi; and he looks more like Marlon Brando.

Idiosyncrasies aside, George Foreman is the most genuine hero to come down the sports pike in a long time. You can't help but like the guy.

His resume reads like a roller coaster ride through life's peaks and valleys. The Foreman of the '90's bears little resemblance to the Foreman of the '70's. That Foreman had a killer physique, surly glare and bad attitude. Today he's roly-poly, humble and embraces life. The old Foreman wore a large afro and indulged in the excesses of his crown. Today his head is shaven and his soul is cleansed.

Big George is now a role model. At age 42 and wearing his "I eat whatever I see" philosophy around his waist, Foreman has awakened a generation of disenchanted boxing fans worn-out from the Larry Holmes's, Mike Tyson's and Buster Douglasses that have embarrassed the title heavyweight champion of the world.

Not since Humphrey the Whale's frolicking in the San Francisco Bay has such a large mammal captured the attention and fancy of the American public. Until George the Whale that is.

The crowd at Atlantic City rallied behind the big man chanting his name "George, George, George," from the sixth round on.

This was the first time Foreman had ever heard these strange supportive cheers in his entire career. He was always booed. That was just one his many victories that night.

In the end Evander Holyfield won the fight in a unanimous and undisputed decision. But in his own way Foreman won much more. "He got the points" said Foreman of Holyfield's win "but I made the point."

To some people, the point was that he had accomplished this as a folk hero for everyone overweight and forty-something.

To others, his point was made through his sense of humor and rebirth to life. For one Friday night at least, he made boxing fun again.

**SPORTS PAGE****Roadrunners go 5-1 in six-game stretch**By Kevin Porter  
Sports Editor

Linn-Benton's baseball team hit a power surge over the last weekend when they played six games and outscored their opponents 66-30 while collecting four home runs, collected 61 hits and only gave up 6 errors on way to a 5-1 mark in the past six games.

Last Thursday LB traveled to Chemeketa where the Roadrunners blew out their conference foe 15-2 behind the pitching of Kevin Logsdon and the hitting of Brett Smith and John Hessel.

LB blew open a 3-2 ball game in the last three innings when they scored three in the seventh, three in the eighth and six in the last inning to post the blowout.

Smith was 3 for 3 with two runs scored, Hessel had a double and a home run and Logsdon hit a homer for LB.

In a double header on Saturday the Roadrunners swept Clackamas 16-10 in the opener and 8-1 in the night cap.

Bill Proctor was the winning pitcher in the first game and Jason Myers picked up the win in the second game.

Bill Cohen went 3 for 4 and Shawn Henrichs picked up two hits including a home run in the ninth inning.

In game two Myers went the distance for the Roadrunners giving up just two hits on three walks and four strikeouts.

Gary Peters had the hot stick for LB as he went 6 for 9 for the double header scoring five runs and collecting three RBI.

On Sunday LB finished a game with the



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**LBCC baseball players rake the field prior to a recent home game, and then went on to sweep all of their league games last week.**

Linfield JV's that was suspended due to darkness. The score was tied at 10 in the sixth inning, but in the seventh inning the Roadrunners exploded for six runs and won the contest 16-10.

In the double header LB went 1 and 1 losing the opener 3-2 and winning the night cap 9-4.

In the loss errors spelled doom for the Roadrunners as they committed three and in the win errors spelled defeat for Linfield as they committed six in the night cap.

In game one Kyle Burt opened on the mound only giving up five hits, but Linfield scored three runs on those hits to give Burt the

loss. Hessel went 3 for 4 and Robbie Dill had two hits in the games.

In the second game Geoff Gill started the mound and picked up the win as well leading the charge of hitters for LB.

Gill went 3 for 4 with two RBI in the game and Hessel hit a two-run homer in the third inning as the Roadrunners lead 8-2 at the end of three innings.

The Roadrunners, 6-3 league and overall, played at Lane Community College yesterday in a 12 p.m. double header. Results were not available at press time. The team travels to Oregon State today to take the JV team from OSU.

**New OSU coach happy with spring drills**By Kevin Wilson  
Of The Commuter

The annual OSU spring game this Saturday will mark the beginning of the Jerry Pettibone brand of football at Parker Stadium.

As spring practice nears completion, Pettibone expressed satisfaction regarding the overall performance of his team.

Although optimistic, Pettibone emphasized the difficulties a new coaching staff faces in its first spring practice.

"We're starting over at square one with every phase of our team: a brand new philosophy on defense and a brand new philosophy on offense. There is some carry-over in the kicking game, but not much. We're evaluating personnel for every special team we have," said Pettibone.

Another problem facing the Beavers this year concerns the new NCAA guidelines on spring practice. The changes, which Pettibone described as "drastic", affect several areas of practice.

They include a cut in the total number of practices from 20 down to 15, a reduction in daily practice time from unlimited to four hours, and a mandatory day off each week (Sunday).

The new time restrictions will significantly limit the Beavers Pettibone said. "Of course,

the time cuts will affect us, but a new rule is a new rule, and we're going to go by the rules," he said.

The changes in team philosophy will impact players significantly. Former defensive players J.J. Young, Doug Lewis and Chad Paulson have switched sides of the line to join the offensive backfield. These personnel moves will provide depth in the offensive backfield created by Pettibone's new "spread option" offense which uses as many as eight different backfield setups.

Pettibone said he is impressed with the attitude and work habits displayed by the team. A 10-week conditioning program put the players in good physical condition coming into spring practice.

The conditioning included three days of running and working out and four days of weight training per week.

According to Pettibone, the Beavers coaching staff is anxious to see what the new players on this year's squad can do on the field, at the spring game. Freshman quarterback Don Shanklin, the 1990 Texas district player of the year, cornerback Randy Horton and wide receiver Herschel Curry, both junior college transfers, are all players Pettibone said he expects will play a major role for the 1991 Beavers.

**Track team takes third**

The Linn-Benton men's track team used five first-place finishes to earn third place, and Misty Haflich won the 1500 meters in a six-way NWAACC league meet at Mt. Hood Community College, Saturday.

The men's third-place score of 110 was behind only Mt. Hood's 135, and Clark Community College's 144.

Brandon Baughman again won the 1500 with a time of 4:07.53, and Paul Bellis managed second and third in the 400 intermediate hurdles and the 110 high hurdles, respectively.

In the field events Jeff Beninghoven won the hammer throw with a distance of 124-10, while Curtis Haywood claimed first in the pole vault, clearing 15 feet. Shawn Lefell earned LB's two other first-place finishes, winning the high jump with a mark of 6-2, and also the triple jump with a distance of 35-6.

On the women's side, Haflich's winning time of 5:02.44 in the 1500 was the only first-place finish the Roadrunners could manage. Lisa Ditmer added a fourth place finish in the Javelin with a throw of 88-9, and Cindy Hanning finished the 3000 in 13:13.35, which was good enough for fourth place.