



Photo by Keirsten Morris

Warming Up

Dancers from the Oregon Ballet Theater stretch out in preparation for their rehearsal for last Thursday's performance of "Moving Signatures" in the Takena Theater. The ballet company invited photographers and artists to use the rehearsal as an opportunity to capture movement on film and sketch pad. The evening performance was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

Students sought for parking committee

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

The LBCC parking committee is in the process of recruiting two students to sit in on the parking committee appeals board.

Students who apply will get to sit with a jury of three staff members and three students and assess whether or not a student or staffer who gets a parking ticket should have their fine reduced or eliminated.

The only requirement is that a "student must be enrolled at LBCC the term in which they would be part of the committee," said LBCC Security Officer Vern Jackson. After the student has been accepted as part of the committee, they are walked "around the parking lots to orient them with some of the problems," he said, adding that it takes about an hour.

"We typically meet once every two weeks for an hour and we try to work around students' schedules," said Jackson.

Parking tickets are often appealed, but appellants rarely appear in person. When a fine is given it's "kind of a judgement call" by committee members, Jackson said.

Occasionally a member of the parking committee receives a ticket and is not allowed to vote. Jackson is always on hand to help with the judgments and added that "there is occasionally a time when my vote is needed to break a tie."

Parking tickets are \$20 for normal violations and \$100 for parking in handicapped spots. Students and staff who ignore the fine are charged an additional \$10 after two weeks.

Students who do not pay the fines before the end of the term will be unable to receive their grades, transcripts and/or financial aid. Jackson prefers that fines be appealed before they are due, but if money has been paid and the ticket appealed, money can be reimbursed.

Petition application forms can be found in the the safety and security offices, room CC-123.

Jackson would also like to remind people not to forget to set their emergency brakes. Since the beginning of term two automobiles have rolled out of their spaces and into the parking lot.

Although no damage has occurred, Jackson recommends that drivers set their brakes to avoid damage to other vehicles.

LB counselor speaks out against 'pirate' ad

by Lizaanne Southgate
of The Commuter

LBCC counselor Mark Weiss is the first to admit that the commercial is attention-getting.

But it snagged his attention in exactly the wrong way, prompting a swift response to counteract what he believes is a negative portrayal of the school counseling profession.

The advertisement depicts a "guidance counselor" (an antiquated term, according to Weiss) in a conference with a high school student and her parents. The counselor suggests the girl pursue a career "as a pirate," and points out her potential for success depends on how much she is willing to pillage. The commercial is being run by the Oregon Department of Education to promote the Oregon Schools Initiative.

While the advertisement was clearly intended to be humorous, Weiss wasn't laughing. He called the Department of Education, which gave him the telephone number of Tanya Gross, the person responsible for the commercial. When the message left on her machine brought no response, Weiss sent an E-mail to the LBCC faculty and staff detailing his objections to the ad.

According to Weiss, other members of the LBCC staff expressed similar outrage at the ad's content and some other counselors have contacted the Department of Education with their complaints.

Weiss, a counselor at LBCC for eight years, believes that portraying school

counselors as "idiots" may prevent students from going to counselors for help in times of personal or scholastic crisis. Counselors are frequently the nearest (or only) available source of help for a student who is experiencing abuse, violent or self-destructive feelings or undergoing any crisis, he said.

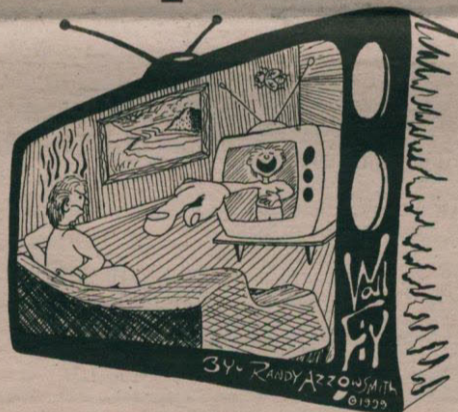
In the aftermath of Thurston High and other tragedies, Weiss said the Department of Education is particularly irresponsible in running ads that discredit one of the few remaining people that a troubled student might turn to.

LBCC has six full and two part-time counselors at the main campus, but area high schools have not fared so well. Voter-approved propositions and budget cuts have wounded most school districts, he said, leaving just enough funds for an art teacher or a music teacher or a counselor, but seldom all three.

As remaining counselors struggle to accommodate the needs of students, the last thing they have time to deal with is negative images sponsored by the branch of government for whom they work, he said.

"People's general knowledge of counselors comes either from direct contact with a school counselor or through the media's portrayal," said Weiss. He would like to see the Department of Education make amends by producing a commercial that portrays a counselor working positively with a student.

In other words, "Take the opposite tack and support us."



Counseling ad intended as 'spoof'

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Sometimes one voice is all it takes to make a change.

LBCC counselor Mark Weiss' complaint to the Oregon Department of Education over one of its Oregon Schools Initiative television commercials has apparently lead to its demise.

"It was intended as a complete spoof," said Tanya Gross, school improvement specialist of the ODE. She explained it was never intended as an insult to the counseling profession.

Weiss, who is also president of the Oregon Career Guidance Association, decided that it was his responsibility to speak out against the ad, which had been running for at least a week.

Shortly after Weiss E-mailed LBCC (Turn to "Spoof" on Pg. 2)



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Students can get college credit on the job

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You'll have to find another place for your nap next week when the Fireside Lounge closes as workers prepare its replacement.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Troubles in Russia create difficulties for exchange student

by Larry Bulling
of The LBCC News Service

For students and instructors at LBCC, Aleksandra (Sasha) Avakova puts a human face on Russia's financial and social meltdown.

The 18-year-old student from Astrakhan, a port city on the Volga River delta at the northern end of the Caspian Sea, is taking general transfer courses at LB. She dreams of someday becoming a civil rights lawyer. "I just love school, and I love to study," said Avakova in lightly accented English.

But now her plans are caught up in the tangled web of her homeland's economic troubles and political intrigues.

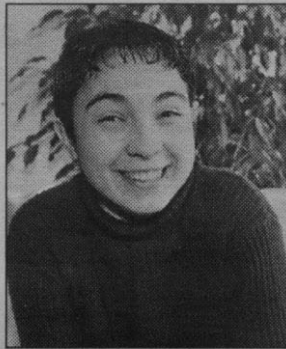
Sasha first came to the United States as one of four Astrakhan students granted a Freedom Support Act Future Leaders student exchange scholarship (a U.S. Information Agency program). She studied a year at Lebanon High School while living with a host family in 1996, then returned to Astrakhan's School of Gifted Children to complete her exams and receive her diploma in June 1997.

A small Russian-owned oil company promised to sponsor Sasha's studies at the University of Oregon. She was all prepared to leave—passport, visa and tickets at the ready—when the company canceled the contract as the Russia's economy worsened. Without financial support to attend school in the U.S., Sasha stayed in Astrakhan, tutoring English and attending courses in Russian law at a small local university.

However, she found the law classes disappointing. "I was really kind of shocked." Back home, she ex-

"The people back home just don't believe or have any faith that things can change. They don't think that if they know their rights, if they know their freedoms, that they will have a right to speak up."

—Aleksandra (Sasha) Avakova



plains, rights are spelled out in the constitution, but few dare to actually exercise them. "The people back home just don't believe or have any faith that things can change. They don't think that if they know their rights, if they know their freedoms, that they will have a right to speak up."

She applied for an opening at Moscow State University. This too was denied, ostensibly due to the economic situation, she said, but in reality because of the corrupt university bureaucracy, which demanded bribes as an unofficial admission requirement. "They really don't care if I'm smart or not; it only depends on if you have money," Sasha said.

During this time, Sasha's Lebanon host "parents," Lee and Mary Propst, kept in touch with her and suggested she study at LBCC. (The Propst family has personal experience with troubles in Russia. In November, their son returned from missionary service there, where he was kidnapped and held hostage for ransom, but luckily escaped with minor injuries. Sasha was in Russia at the time of his abduction.)

With the Propst family providing tuition and living expenses, Sasha began classes at LBCC in late Septem-

ber. Although her student visa does not allow her to work, she was able to receive a Pacific Power scholarship of \$100 for the fall term. Mary Propst said the family asked the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to change Sasha's visa to one that would permit her to work, but the request was denied.

Financial uncertainty is increased because Sasha's parents never know whether or not their local bank will permit them to transfer money to Sasha. One day a transfer is permitted, the next it's not. "My parents don't even know if they'll get paid or may continue working," she adds.

The Avakova family has a long history of artistic endeavors. Sasha's grandmother was an actress, her grandfather managed a circus, and her mother is a theater actress. Her father, a former actor, now works in the office of a Czech-Russian candy company in Astrakhan.

What is most difficult for Sasha is trying to find out what's going on back home. The smattering of Russian news printed in Oregon newspapers is not necessarily all that's happening. Sasha said letters from her mother sometimes bring disturbing news: stores cleaned out by hoarders, food shipments prevented from leaving Moscow, foreign relief shipments turned away at the border because Russian guards demanded "tax payments," and people desperately trying to withdraw their savings from the banks.

"The rest of the world doesn't know what's going on in Russia, and people in Russia don't really know what's going on either," Sasha said.

Despite her dilemma, Sasha remains optimistic: "I never get lonely and homesick, but I miss my family. I love my country and try to have faith in its future."

Livestock team takes second in final standings

by Larry Bulling
of The LBCC News Service

Linn-Benton's livestock judging team took second place in final team standings against 18 junior and community colleges in the Arizona National held Jan. 2 in Phoenix, Ariz.

First place in final team standings went to Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Ill.; third to Connors State College in Warner, Okla.; fourth to Modesto Junior College in Modesto, Calif.; fifth to Delta Junior College in Stockton, Calif.; sixth to Clarendon College in Clarendon, Texas; seventh to Casper College in Casper, Wyo.; eighth to Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan.; ninth to Lassen College in Susanville, Calif.; and 10th to Fort Scott Community Col-

lege, Fort Scott, Kan.

The LBCC team of seven students, coached by animal science instructors Rick Klampe and Cara Ayres, took second in the overall category, first in the beef category, third in sheep, eighth in swine, and second in reasons.

In individual placings for the overall category, Katie Dunlap of Central Point, Ore., took fifth; Chris McBride of Redmond took 11th; Sara Wilson of Canby took 13th; and DeNae Simms of Lakeview took 14th.

In the beef category, McBride took second and Wilson, fourth. In sheep, Dunlap and Simms took ninth and 12th respectively. In swine, Dunlap took 13th. In oral reasons, Dunlap took first; Simms, 10th; and McBride and Wilson tied for 11th.

Spoof: Alternate ads will be used after counselor's complaint

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faculty about the ad, Gross said her department heard from several counselors who were offended by the way the high school counseling profession was depicted. Several of the complaints were centered from LBCC, she said.

Despite the fact that the pirate-and-pillage ad ran for less than a month, Gross said the ODE will not be losing any money on it. Other versions of the ad created for the campaign are being substituted.

The idea for the ads began when the ODE ran a survey that ultimately showed that 67 percent of the general population in Oregon were unaware of what the initiative was intended to do, said Gross.

The initiative creates academic standards in math, English, social sciences, science, arts and second languages and applies to all schools in Oregon.

According to the ODE, last year the American College Testing Program announced that Oregon's 1998 graduates scored higher than the previous class on the college entrance exams. For seven straight years, Oregon has led the 23 states that have had at least 40 percent of their students take the SAT.

MLK Week Events

Wednesday

- International Food Fair, 12-1 p.m., Aalsea/Calapooia Room.
- Speaker: Dr. Jean Moule, 1-2 p.m., Aalsea/Calapooia Room.
- Into the Streets Reading, 3-5 p.m.

Thursday

- Speaker: Paul James, 12-1 p.m., Aalsea/Calapooia Room.
- Wrap Session, 1-2 p.m., Aalsea/Calapooia Room.

Students sought for mystery writing class

by Mary Hake
for The Commuter

Mysteries play a useful role in our hectic modern society, according to Sara Backer, instructor of the Mystery Writers' Workshop at the Albany Center.

Readers can devour a suspense novel as bedtime fare, then relax and sleep well because they gain a sense of order from the story. "We all want to believe in reasons for what happens," she says.

Backer's Saturday workshop met for the first time Jan. 16, but the course may face an untimely death if it does not attract more students. A published author of mysteries, Backer wants to keep the class going because, she says, she

learns along with her students.

This term the class focuses on detection. It will be analyzing Ross MacDonald's novel, "The Far Side of the Dollar."

"The goal of this term is to take apart a classic mystery novel to reveal structure, pace and plot in a way that will help you formulate your own mystery story," Backer said.

In addition, class members commit to writing their own mysteries each week.

Cost of the six-week course is \$29.80. It meets from 9 to 11:50 a.m. at the Albany Senior Center, 489 Water St. Students are encouraged to preregister at any LBCC center.

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IN FOCUS

LEARN WHILE YOU WORK

Students take opportunity to develop workplace skills and make professional contacts while earning credit

by Heather Wahlberg
of The Commuter

Tired of not getting credit for a job well done? Cooperative Work Experience, or CWE, is a program that allows students to receive two credits per term for working at a job that is instructional and related to their major.

To qualify, students must have been in their program for at least two terms and may receive up to 14 credits to apply toward their degree, or for transfer to another college.

Kristen Jones, faculty coordinator of CWE, said that work experience helps students to develop workplace skills while giving them the opportunity to find out what types of jobs are available to them in the community and raising their confidence level.

"It's a great way to make professional contacts, get experience for a resume, try out the field and see if it's really what you want to do," said Jones.

The program originated in 1974 for the professional/technical and two year programs. CWE has since ex-

panded to include all programs offered at the school.

Jones said that the program places an emphasis on community involvement and practical work experience.

"Most students get a lot out of it, even if CWE helps them to decide it's not what they wanted," said Jones.

Jones says that it is rather easy to find a position for anyone through CWE, as long as they don't require payment, because paid positions are more difficult to find.

Students who are interested in getting credit for work can either go through the regular application process then contact Jones about CWE, or go straight to Jones to look for positions.

Students are responsible for working 30 hours at their work site for each credit that they register for, a one-credit seminar with their advisor, completing weekly time sheets, a self-evaluation and a reading report. The student's grade will be determined by fulfillment of the designated hours and completion of the necessary forms and assignments.



Alicia Carrizales, an LBCC cooperative work experience student, helps 5-year-old Krysta Tolentino (above) with her crown at the Jefferson Elementary School Art Center in Jefferson, a small town east of Albany. At right, Carrizales works with 6-year-olds Antonio Birrueta Jr. and Rosalinda Solis. Carrizales, who has a minor in Spanish, is working with Hispanic students, acting as a liaison and interpreter between them and their teachers. Students can earn transfer credits in the CWE program by working in a job, paid or unpaid, that is related to their major field of study.



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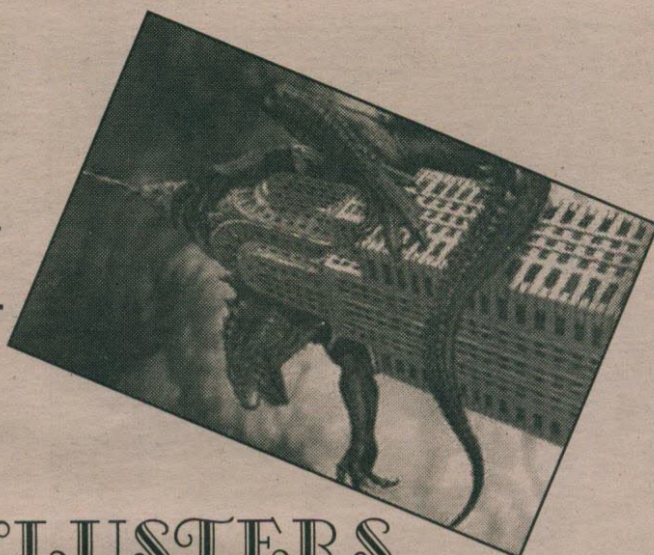
This is an annual event and one of the largest Asian Festivals in the United States. Transportation and lunch provided for the first 12 participants who sign up in the Student Life and Leadership office, CC-213.

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- ★ **4 "Armageddon"**
Bruce Willis kicks asteroid in this sci-fi blockbuster.
- ★ **5 "The Waterboy"**
Another high scorer for Sandler that had us cheering for more.

- ★ **1 "Godzilla"**
Big budget and no plot does not a blockbuster make.
- ★ **2 "Spice World"**
If you wanna be my lover, you gotta turn off this crap.
- ★ **3 "Vampires"**
As drained moviegoers discovered, this movie sucks.
- ★ **4 "The Avengers"**
Angry audiences ought to avenge the loss of their hard-earned cash.
- ★ **5 "The Seige"**
An epileptic seizure would be preferable to this drivel.

review

'Varsity Blues' offers a winning blend of actors and soundtrack

by Brock Jacks
of The Commuter

"Varsity Blues" was No. 1 at the box office this past weekend. With all the hype surrounding this film generated by MTV, this really isn't too surprising.

What is surprising, however, is that the film really does deliver what it promises.

"Varsity Blues" is about several high school students in a small, rather backwater Texas town where life revolves around the local high school football team. It's a place where people rarely have a chance to leave and fathers raise their boys to do exactly what they did—become football stars.

Starring in the film is Jason Van Der Beek of television's "Dawson's Creek." He plays a second-string quarterback who clashes with his coach, John Voight, who is seeking to win his 23rd division championship. Both ac-

tors give excellent performances and are thoroughly convincing in their portrayals. You will definitely hate Voight's Hitlerish character by the end of the film.

This is not another "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" or even a "Can't Hardly Wait." "Varsity Blues" is infinitely more thought-provoking and far less of a comedy than either of those. It is thoroughly modern and may not appeal to an older audience, but anyone that enjoys a well-told story should enjoy this movie.

The soundtrack is terrific. It fits so well with the film. Green Day, Foo Fighters, AC/DC, Third Eye Blind and even Van Halen. Look for this soundtrack to win some awards itself.

Overall, "Varsity Blues" is a great film with a lot of heart. I would recommend this movie, even if you don't particularly like football. It sure beats homework!



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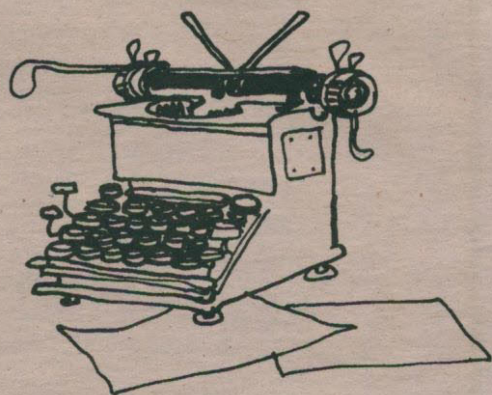
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SPORTS PAGE

Men win first game in shootout at Portland

'Runners come back after loss at SWOCC to beat PCC in overtime as Cordle scores 36

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The LBCC men's team ended their losing skid with a high-scoring overtime victory against Portland Community College Saturday, 95-91.

The win was particularly sweet for the Roadrunners because victories were getting scarce—three games into the league season and LBCC was still looking for its first win.

The Roadrunners started strong against the Panthers and took their first halftime lead of the season, going into the locker room ahead 53-37.

But the Panthers came back in the hard-fought second half, out-scoring LBCC 31-25, which sent the game into overtime at 78-78.

That's when LB took control, scoring 17 points and holding the Panthers to 13.

Marc Cordle led the way with 36 points on 13 of 28 shooting, 8 of 17 coming from behind the arc.

The Roadrunners had four other players in double figures—Mike Aitchison finished with a double-double with 17 points and 17 rebounds and came close to a triple-double by finishing with seven blocked shots.

Hamilton Barnes and Dustin Hamann also collected double-doubles, with Barnes scoring 13 points and dishing out 12 assists, while Hamann scored 10 and collected 11 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures was Jon Fussell, with 11 points.

Overall, the Roadrunners hit 43 percent of their shots and 55 percent of their free throws. They pounded the Panthers on the boards, out rebounding PCC 57-50.

The Roadrunners' strong showing against PCC was a big turnaround from their performance against SWOCC at Coos Bay three days earlier.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, was a day that

the Roadrunners will not want to remember. They were dismantled by the Lakers 79-57.

LB's offensive shooting apparently didn't make the team bus, as the Roadrunners shot a meager 35 percent (18-51) from the floor. What kept them from being totally dominated was their 79 percent shooting (19-24) from the free throw line.

LB only had 12 turnovers, which was four fewer than SWOCC, and had only four fewer rebounds than the Lakers, but those were the highlight stats for LBCC.

Hamann led the 'Runners with 18 points and six rebounds, followed by Cordle with 13 and Fussell with 11.

Linn-Benton's next game is at home against Mt. Hood Community College tonight at 8 p.m. Saturday the Roadrunners are back on the road with a game against Chemekata in Salem on Saturday at 8 p.m. The Roadrunners have an overall record of 9-9 and are 1-3 in league play.

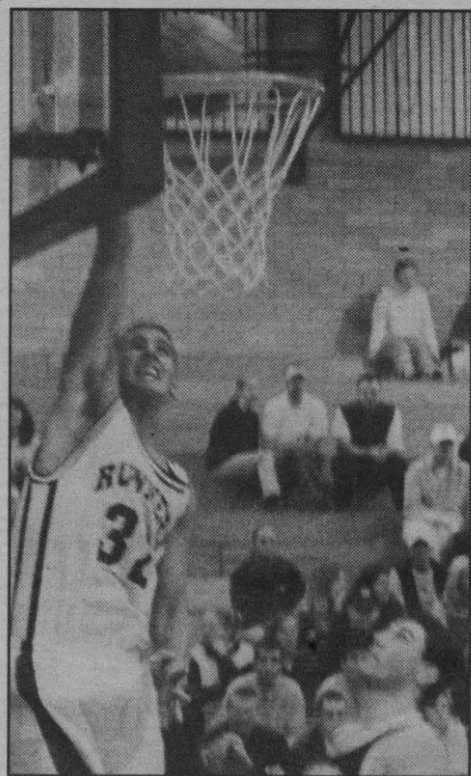


Photo by E.J. Harris

Roadrunner center Mike Aitchison had a monster game against PCC Saturday, scoring 17 points and pulling down 17 rebounds.

Sweat gets double-double but Lady 'Runners still drop two on road

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Hitting the road after two closely fought home games was just what the LBCC Lady Roadrunners thought they needed. But Southwestern Oregon and Portland Community College continued to make life tough for LBCC.

Jan. 13 at Coos Bay was the first road game of the league season for the Lady Roadrunners, who were coming off their heart-breaking one-point loss to Clackamas on Jan. 9.

SWOCC overpowered the Lady Roadrunners, winning 87-65. The Lakers had a better shooting percentage of 45 percent to LB's 36 percent and better free throw percentage of 71 percent to LB's 61 percent. The Lady 'Runners were also out rebounded 40-28 and almost had three times as many fouls as the Lakers.

Sally Aiello was the 'Runners leading scorer with 23. She also was the top rebounder with eight and led the way with six of the team's 20 steals. Three players fouled out (Leslie Boer, Tiffany Sweat and Melinda Klinkebiel).

Linn-Benton played better against

their next opponent—the Portland Community College Panthers on Saturday Jan. 16. The Lady Roadrunners came out strong early, taking a 33-29 lead at the half. It proved to be a different story in the second, however, with Portland scoring 41 points to win 70-66.

Sweat provided the Lady 'Runners with a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 20 rebounds. McKenzie Fauth was next with 10 points and both Jana Sissom and Eva Larsen poured in eight. LB out rebounded the Lady Panthers 56-37, but turned the ball over 29 times compared to the PCC total of 16.

Sweat and Aiello led the team in assists with six each (team total of 18) and Boer stole the ball five times. The team's shooting percentage was a significant factor in the loss, as they hit only 34 percent of their shots. Their free throw shooting was good, however, hitting 15 of the 20 that they took.

The Lady Roadrunners are at home tonight at 6 p.m. against Mt. Hood Community College and on the road on Saturday at 6 p.m. against Chemekata. LB is now 4-7 overall and 0-4 in league play.

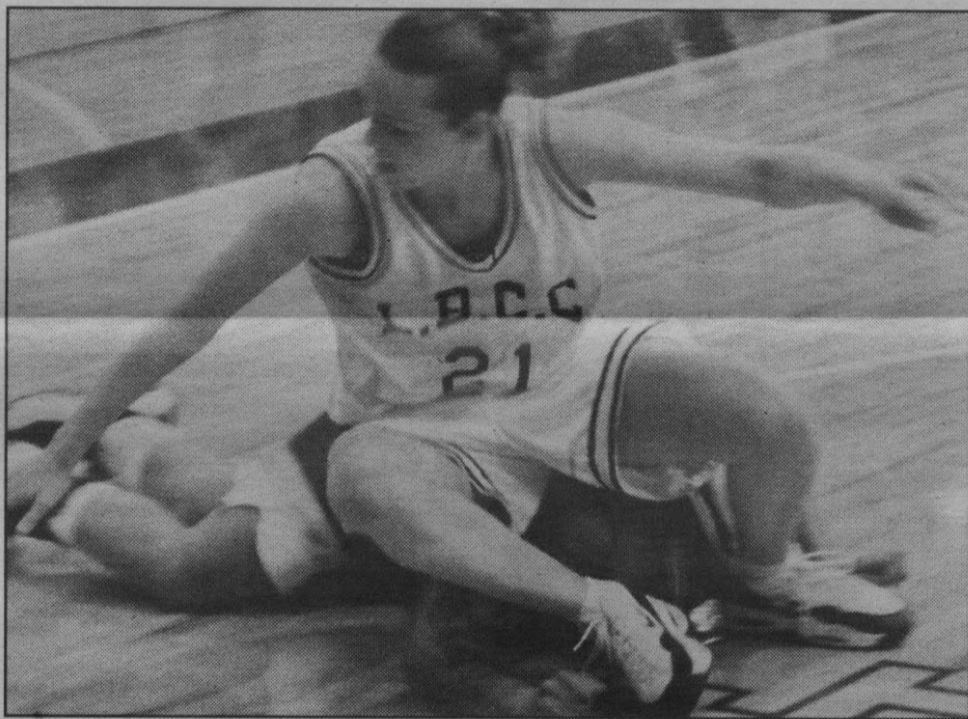


Photo by E.J. Harris

Tiffany Sweat shows the kind of hustle and tough defense that has been the trademark of this year's Roadrunner team. Sweat leads the team in rebounding this year and is one of the leading scorers. In the team's game against PCC, Sweat picked up a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 20 rebounds.

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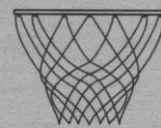
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Gates accused of ordering biased poll creating developer support

by Andrew Zajac
of Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates ordered a rigged opinion poll to support his U.S. Senate testimony about the purported benefit of combining his company's Internet browser with Microsoft's industry-standard Windows operating system, according to evidence presented at the company's antitrust trial last week.

The poll showed that out of a sample of software developers, 85 percent thought integrating the two items would help programmers and consumers. However, those findings conflicted with other Microsoft data showing developers supported an investigation of the way the company combined and marketed the browser and operating system.

The poll results surfaced in the cross-examination of Richard Schmalensee, an economist who was in his second day on the stand as the lead-off witness for Microsoft.

Schmalensee cited the poll as written testimony that disputes the government's assertions that Microsoft is a monopoly and that actions such as folding the browser into the operating system harmed consumers by making it harder to use alternative products.

Government attorney David Boies introduced a Feb. 14, 1998, E-mail from Gates to senior Microsoft executives stating "it would HELP ME IMMENSELY to have a survey showing that 90 percent of developers believe putting the browser into the (operating system) makes sense. Ideally we would have a survey like this done before I appear at the Senate on March 3."

Schmalensee said, "the purpose of (the survey) was not explained to me" and he did not look into why it was produced.

However, other E-mail evidence indicates that Microsoft tailored the questions to get a desired response. For instance, a company executive urged avoiding the phrase "put the browser in the OS" because "the name 'Browser' suggests a separate thing."

The three-month-old case against Microsoft, pressed by the federal government and 19 states, charges that Microsoft illegally used a monopoly in operating systems to try to take over the market for browsers by, among other tactics, weaving the browser into Windows.

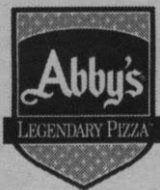
The Gates-ordered poll was treated gingerly within Microsoft. "I wouldn't refer to it as unbiased ... I would avoid releasing the (question) to the press," a company researcher wrote in yet another E-mail. The same researcher noted results from a different survey that "somewhat contradicts your findings," among them a belief by 57 percent of developers that Windows and Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser were separate applications.

In the same sampling, 44 percent of developers thought the Justice Department should pursue legal action against Microsoft over marketing of the browser, compared to 41 percent who did not.

Defending the Gates poll was part of a rocky trial debut for Schmalensee, who, under low-key but relentless questioning by Boies, has conceded that Windows faces no significant short-term competition, while continuing to insist that Microsoft is not a monopoly.



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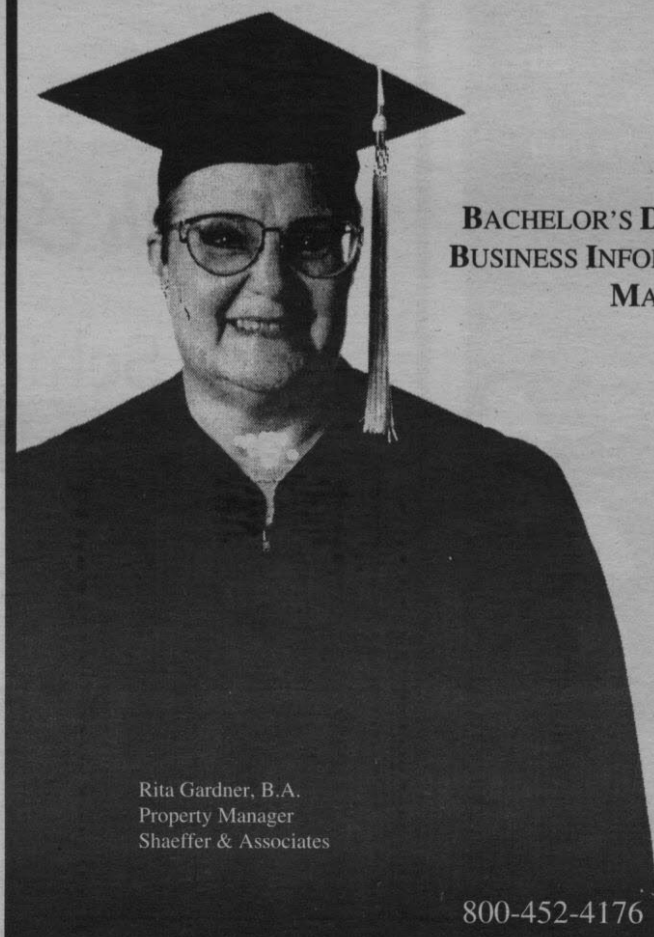
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guest column

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday inspires thoughts on equality

by Keisha Merchant
for The Commuter

Why must a man named King get recognition? The same reason a penny is brown and the dollar is green.

We have a good understanding why the penny is brown and the dollar is green, and so let us also carry an understanding on why we have a holiday for one man and one cause. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an educated man with degrees under his belt. The problem was that he had colored skin during a time when it bothered most people. A tan that was a little too dark for the average person. Sometimes, it appears that the focus of what is on the body matters more than what is going on inside.

Martin Luther King day is often brushed aside as a black race struggle, but in reality it is a social humane struggle. How can cultures get along?

In grade school, children are taught how to keep their hands and feet to themselves, but I guess it is hard to carry over into adulthood where there are frustrations in life. As an excuse, racism and other discriminating methods are used to throw legal temper tantrums and to validate reasons to keep success by the elimination of competitors.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was more than a black man struggling to keep a culture alive. He was a worldwide walking symbol for the world to know that education is more than a word from someone's imagination. Rather, education is a tool to move a country with.

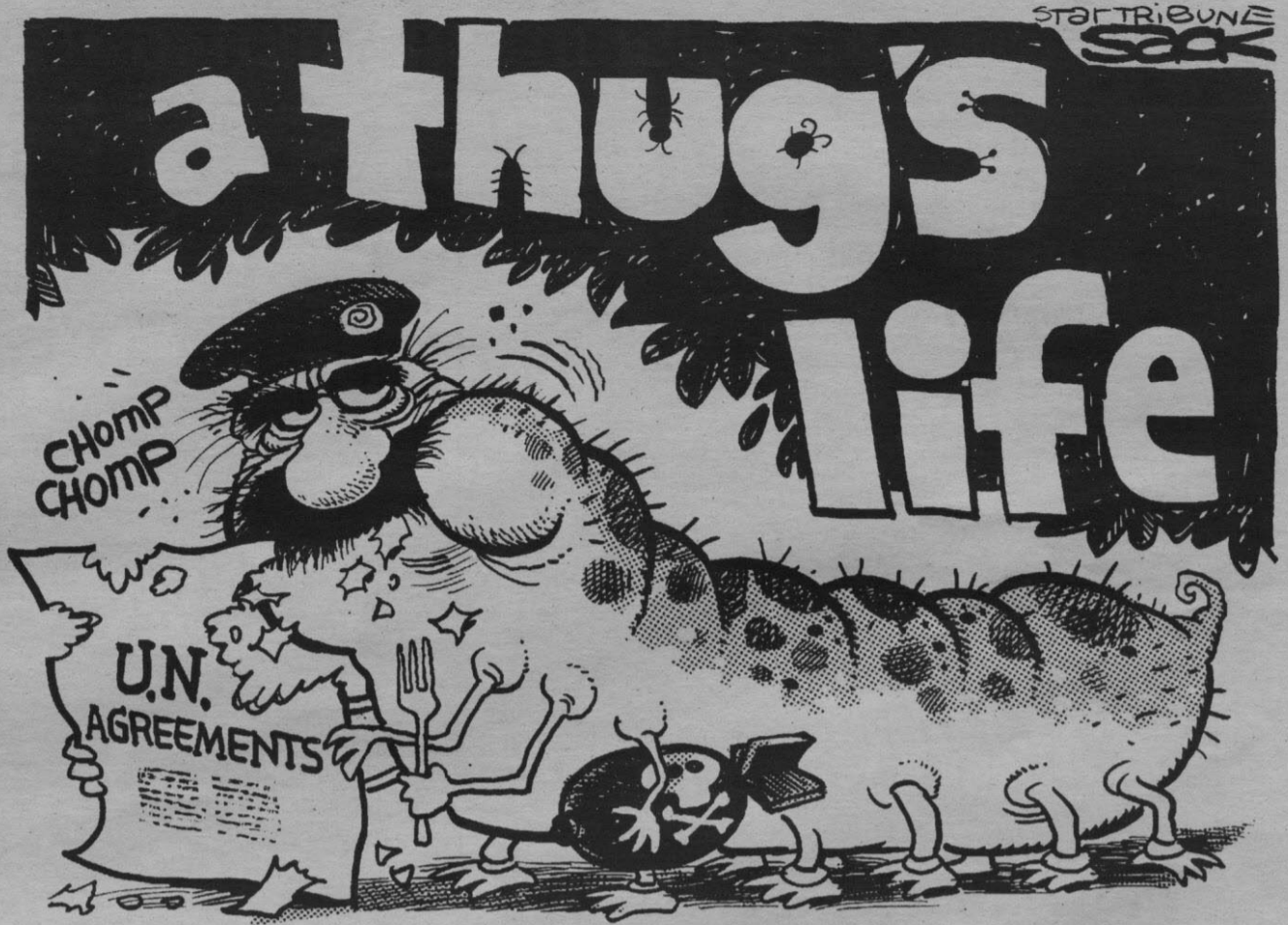
This man not only stood against injustice, oppression and discrimination, but he also stood for education. He believed that knowledge was power. He used what he had learned and now his legacy is his payment on what he had earned from his bookwork.

I am going to wrap up with why the penny is brown and the dollar is green by using equality as an illustration. What is equality? What is racism? Is it a matter of weakness in cultures not being able to stand a little heat in the kitchen? Is it having bombs blowing up your possessions? Is it a matter of crying children who were dying and who were wishing that they weren't victims of what may seem a catastrophe being carried away in the hands of their younger sibling? Is it adults pacing back and forth all night and working all day because they not only had to work for food, but stand on guard just to do it over and over for however long it took for the next killing?

Of course not. Racism was never the matter because it was dismissed as a part of life; we all have to die someday. Let's try education—the vision that filled up the majority of a country, the "What" in the lectures, the "Why" in the morning conversations and so on. I realize how difficult it is to "step in" towards equality. The last man was killed. The price is life.

Why must the penny be brown and the dollar green? Why can't we all just get along? Here's an equation to be solved, who would take the time to figure it out? I know it won't be the ones who are content with life. It won't be the ones who are secure and prosperous. Think about it. Why would you leave a comfortable life? Would it be to protect your child's future? Whatever the reasons, it was for the successful that Dr. Martin Luther King gave up his spot at the table. The benefits spilled over for everyone to eat, drink and be merry: better pay for the majority, a reason to live for the minority and another shot of wine to try once more in the tango dance we call life.

Inspired by "Why We Can't Wait" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



commentary

Year 2000: Will it be the end of the world or just a big party?

by E.J. Harris
of The Commuter

It is 1999. Less than a year remains until the dawn of the new millennium, and every second brings us closer to this momentous occasion. Many are left to wonder what to make of all of the hoopla. Will the end of the century truly be what some describe as "Millennium Madness," where time and fate collide in bloody chaos and social upheaval that will end humanity as we know it? Or, will it be the largest party that the world has ever seen with people of all ages, all nationalities reveling in a drunken celebration of new beginnings? Only time will tell.

But, due to human curiosity, we don't want to wait for the millennium to find out how things are going to unfold. We humans instinctively do not enjoy surprises. I don't mean the surprise birthday-party or when someone gives you a gift. It is the surprises that change our routines that we tend to have a problem with, and if one were to listen to all of the millennium prophecies, both past and present, it would appear that we are in for a few.

Prophets, seers, visionaries and mystics alike have for centuries told of the impending doom that lies in humanity's near future. Now, instead of prophets telling stories of the end, we have elements of the media that report about the state of the world, which seems to be falling apart around us just as the prophecies have foretold. But this may not be a result of mere prophecy.

I do not remember Nostradamus prophesizing about the Y2K problems that now plague the world's computers. How could he? The likelihood that Nostradamus knew about, or could even conceive the concept of a PC is highly doubtful. I have asked friends, who are Nostradamus buffs, about these inconsistencies and they always say that

these things are left up to personal interpretation—what does that really mean? Isn't everything up to interpretation?

I am a smoker. Due to a certain city council decision, I can no longer smoke in any of the bars in Corvallis. I could interpret this as a sign of the end, but some would say this is just a little thing—those

who do not smoke. But if one looks to the example set by the citizens of California, they would see that this problem is larger than one small town in Oregon (California passed a ballot measure that prohibits smoking in any public buildings). It may be that the end of humankind could be brought about by masses of smokers who have grown tired of the relentless pursuit of their innate right to kill themselves slowly with the help of "good o' uncle Nic."

I doubt that the smokers will try to rise up and destroy the earth. But if they do, here is a little tip: everyone run for the high ground. Those angry smokers will give up the chase after that first flight of stairs or an uphill grade, opting instead to say "to hell with it" and return to their lives of lethargy.

I seem to have strayed, let me get back to the point.

True, the smokers of the world are not so oppressed that they may feel the need to cause world conflict to celebrate the turning of the millennium, but that is not to say that there are not groups—minorities, the oppressed or what have you—who feel their situation is so desperate that they might decide to "go out with a BANG!"

Then you have the problem of the self-fulfilling prophecies, which is the theory that if one believes that an event is bound to happen then they will facilitate, albeit subconsciously, the coming of that event—the Millennium. This pretty much gives any misinformed individual license to go crazy with an Uzi when the ball drops in a crowded Time Square, yelling "The end is coming! The end is coming!" All because of the notion spawned by some long-dead prophet's prediction that the earth will end in the year 2000. So, for all of those who might be contemplating any sort of lunacy, or for those who are just generally worried about whether or

not the prophets were right, let me just say this—people thought that the earth was going to end at the last millennium. But did it? NO. The planet was still there in the morning, and largely unchanged except for the few million drunk Europeans who all thought the end was here, I mean there. Whatever.



