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Three measures affect students

Loren Newman
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One week from now the mail-in ballots for Oregon's mid-term election will be due, but do you know what you're voting for?

Among the many measures on the ballot this year are at least three that could have a direct impact on students at LBCC—Ballot Measures No. 41, No. 43, and No. 48.

Measures 41 and 48 would seriously affect how the state deals with its finances, while Measure 43 deals with parental notification before an underage daughter's abortion.

Measure 41 allows Oregon taxpayers to make the same deductions on their state tax return as on their federal return. Supporters say that it will help middle class families reducing their state taxes by several hundred dollars. Opponents, however, say that it will hurt low income families by cutting funding for public services like schools, health care and police. This measure would reduce the state's revenue from personal income taxes by \$151 million for

2006-2007 and would continue to reduce the state revenue at an exponential rate.

These cuts could directly affect students, according to Mike Holland, LBCC vice president. "The simple answer is that I think students might expect to see a rather steep increase in tuition, and oddly enough probably a fairly sharp reduction in the amount of courses and programs that we offer."

Measure 48 would be even more devastating, he said. It proposes a spending cap on the state in the form of an amendment to the constitution that limits increases in spending to increases in population, plus inflation. Its supporters say that the state needs to slow its spending and not waste funds. Those opposed say it will hurt schools and other important public services.

If Measure 48 were to pass and be applied to the 2007/2009 budget, it would result in a cut of \$2.2 billion. Remaining revenues that couldn't be spent because of the limit could be used for "kicker" refunds or a "rainy day" reserve fund. Revenues that exceed the

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Witchy Women

photo by Michelle Turner

A pair of "sandwiches," Pauline Myers of the Foundation Office and M'Liss Runyon, a publications designer, enjoy the halloween party and costume parade on Tuesday in the Commons Cafeteria. Many of the offices on campus decorated for the holiday with staff dressed up according to themes such as Disney's Magical Kingdom (Admissions), Down in the Coal Mine (Business Office) and the Death Disco (SL&L).

Hotmail, LB spam filter collide

Kristina Bennett
The Commuter

Students using Hotmail e-mail accounts are discovering that e-mails to their instructors are sometimes being blocked by the new spam filter the college installed last May.

In the past few weeks, the Office of Information Services has received word from a few instructors that their students' e-mails have been blocked by the filtering software, named the "Barracuda."

Although the reports from staff have been few so far, they may grow because Hotmail, a Microsoft Web e-mail service, is popular among students.

"Next to Yahoo and Google, Hotmail has been the world's leading free e-mail account since 2005,"

said real estate investor Peter Dobler, a 20-year veteran in the Internet business.

The problem is that Information Services has recently discovered that the advertisements that Hotmail routinely attaches to the ends of emails are sometimes flagged as spam by the Barracuda filter. Thus the embedded advertisements are at fault, not the students.

According to Anthony Lagoy, a journalism major, "I have been using Hotmail for a while and had no idea that my e-mails were being blocked. I recently tried to

e-mail a few of my teachers and I got messages sent back, stating that there was some error that caused them to be blocked."

When the Barracuda blocks a message, the sender receives a message letting them know that

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photo by Adam Loghides

Signs for and against the many ballot measures line the streets of Lebanon, Corvallis and Albany as the Nov. 7 election nears.

The Weather Through the Week

Source: Yahoo! Weather Service

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Sunny
Low-41
Wednesday

High-59
Rain
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Measure 43: A dangerous step in the wrong direction for teenage girls

Here's a scary story for the day after Halloween. A 15-year-old girl regularly suffers from abuse at the hand of her father, including both physical and sexual assaults. Her father rapes her, and she ends up pregnant.

Not wanting to give birth to her own sibling, she opts for an abortion. Soon after she makes the appointment, a letter arrives addressed to her parents. This letter informs her father that she is planning an abortion. The father is then thrown into a rage and beats the girl for trying to get the medical attention and support she needs.

Though it may seem too frightening for reality, it is what some teenage girls will face if Measure 43 is passed, a measure that requires a certified letter of notification be sent to the parents of an unemancipated minor 15 years or older who seeks an abortion. The only exceptions to this are for medical emergencies, in which case the girl must seek the approval of the courts before commencing with the abortion.

What terrified young girl who has been abused or rejected is going to seek the help of the legal system in planning an abortion? It's highly unlikely that a girl who probably feels that the system has failed her already is going to turn to it for help. And we all know how quickly the courts move. It could be too late by the time the case is heard.

In addition, doctors who perform abortions without parental consent are subject to lawsuits, even if for reasons as simple as the letter not reaching the parents in time or a common mail mix up.



ELIZABETH URIARTE

If you want to protect your child from harm, talk to her BEFORE something as serious as abortion comes up . . .

involve their parents and other trusted adults in decisions regarding pregnancy termination, and the majority of them voluntarily do so.

Legislation mandating parental involvement does not achieve the intended benefit of promoting family communication, but it does increase the risk of harm to the adolescent by delaying access to appropriate medical care."

If you want to protect your child from harm, talk to her BEFORE something as serious as abortion comes up, and make sure that she is aware that you are there to support her no matter what.

Don't let the government be her parents. Do the job yourself.

How does this help anyone? Most teens that opt for an abortion also voluntarily consult with parents beforehand, and if they don't, it's generally for a good reason.

They fear they will be abused or disowned. Some teens may run away, commit suicide, or even attempt to take matters into their own hands and perform their own dangerous methods of abortion.

It is the natural inclination of most parents to protect their children. Families should enable proper communication and allow for an environment in which their

children feel safe enough to come to them when they need it. The government shouldn't be forcing this upon families.

Even doctors are against this measure. A statement by the American Academy of Pediatrics said, "Adolescents should be strongly encouraged to

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hot Shots' 'hushed up' policy on vulgarity, pool table removal hurts all

To the Editor:

I have to say, I was a bit shocked to walk into the Hot Shots Coffee shop a couple weeks back to find a large vacant spot where the pool table used to be.

I later found out that apparently several new students had been using foul language, leading ultimately to the decision to remove the pool table. I'm also surprised at how "hushed up" the situation has been.

I have read nothing about it in The Commuter. I wonder if anyone even went up to these new students to inform them on the policies regarding obscene language in the shop.

Somehow, I think not. I found the whole act to be committed in a childish manner and I am aggravated at the student government for acting so quickly without meeting with any of us who wanted to speak with them, and at the parties responsible for the coarse language.

Do they really think they're going to prevent all distasteful actions from ever occurring there again? Last year some of us students did our best to monitor the activities of others while we were in the shop. We can't always be there.

Is it so hard for somebody from the student government office to walk up, tap the offending party on the shoulder and say, "Could you please not curse in here? Here is a list of our policies."

It is a drastic and cruel measure to punish all for the indecencies of few.

Mike Thomas
 Pre Law

EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but columns can be longer. Contributors who wish to submit columns are asked to first contact the editor to arrange for space in the next issues.

The Commuter attempts to print all letters received, although we reserve the right to edit for grammar and length. Letters that raise libel, poor taste or privacy concerns will not be printed.

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A vote for a Republican candidate may be a waste of your voice

Politicians and political parties are spending millions of dollars on television, radio and newspaper ads, and the time draws ever nearer for you to cast your vote to decide which direction you would like this country to go in the future. One ad carried on almost all of the television channels stresses that you should not vote until you thoroughly study the issues and understand what a candidate stands for rather than blindly following either party's media hype; a very good idea at any time.

We've had six years of Republican dominated politics in this country. During that time many jobs have been exported to other countries, the rich have gotten tax breaks, the middle-class American family has been driven closer to the poverty level and we have dumped billions of dollars into invading a country whose people do not really want us there and hate our guts. During that same period your tuition rates have risen while educational benefits have decreased.



What we have reaped from it [war] is a country highly divided, where you can be murdered over religious beliefs or ethnicity.

WALT HUGHES

George W. Bush won the presidency by decision of the U.S. Supreme Court six years ago. He assumed office in Jan. 2001 and he and his Republican cronies spent the next nine months floundering around. For those who may remember, Mr. Bush seemed to be a do-nothing president at that point.

Then came Sept. 11, 2001 and the destruction of the Twin Towers of New York City's World Trade Center. Though the word terror is not new, it jumped to the forefront that day and has been waived like a banner by the Republican Party every day since. It was used as the reason for consolidating the nation's intelligence and law enforcement services along with federal and state emergency management services into what is now known as the Department of Homeland Security. It was used as the reason to pass the Patriot Act, tighten airport security, create a "no-fly" list of people banned from traveling on the nation's airlines and conduct warrantless surveillance of U.S. citizens. As most of you should be aware of, that includes the use of wireless Internet services available at LBCC, local restaurants and coffee houses and at home or other wireless systems available. Big Brother now monitors every word you say or type, including so-called "private" e-mail.

We declared war on al-Qaida and attacked Afghanistan and the Taliban government as a result of the destruction of the WTC in Sept. 2001, because al-Qaida was based in Afghanistan and being protected by the Taliban. To this day Osama bin Laden, head of al-Qaida, has never been captured while the Taliban fighters have come back to wage battles against the U.S. military and the Afghan government.

Without finishing what he started in Afghanistan

Bush decided to go to war with Iraq. The pretext was that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and news around the world pointed out that George Tenet, former head of the U.S. CIA, stated that finding those WMD would be a "Slam dunk" without a problem. We all know today that the statement was not true.

We have spent thousands of lives and billions of dollars on a war that is unappreciated and unproductive where the Iraqi people are concerned. After destroying the government of Saddam Hussein we did not find any WMDs. What we have reaped from it is a country highly divided, where you can be murdered over religious beliefs or ethnicity. We have a total chaotic mess with no end in sight.

We also have a president who doesn't like advice from anyone but his closest cronies, a Congress that has had a total of 18 of its members either indicted or under federal investigation and a government that seems to be incapable of doing much besides

giving tax breaks to the rich, filling the coffers of the defense contractors and acting like arrogant princes of the realm.

Take the ongoing problem of cleanup and the fiasco from hurricane Katrina, the Michael Brown/FEMA affair, the indictment and guilty plea of Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, the indictments of Tom Delay, Katherine Harris and Representative Rick Renzi, the problems with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the resignation of Representative Mark Foley and the possible indictment of House speaker Dennis Hastert over the Foley affair and ask yourself if this is a government that you want representing your interests.

Some believe that the rest of us are lazy, ignorant and could care less about what goes on as long as it does not directly infringe on us.

While you're spending your time and money getting an education in the hopes of earning a decent living, supporting your family and paying bills, they let your future jobs be shipped overseas while giving corporations tax breaks, sell our ports of entry to foreign entities, sit on their hands and watch while we are invaded by an average of 3,000 undocumented low-wage earners each day and ignore your needs while giving themselves raises.

If this is the future you want you should vote Republican. For anyone wanting to check the facts it is as simple as putting up news alerts on Yahoo, Google, MSN, AOL or any of the Internet services.

You can also gather news at AssociatedPress.com. Regardless of how you feel on the issues, exercise your right and vote. It is the one right countless Americans have given their time and lives to defend.

PERSPECTIVES

"What is the meaning of life?"



• Talia Barnes •
Undecided

"I don't know, good question. I've been thinking about it my whole life. Fulfill every second being happy in the moment, not regretting. The challenge is being able to abide in that philosophy."

"Be happy. I guess from a biological perspective-reproduce."



• Brandon Sperly •
Undecided



• Alicia Davis •
Undecided

"Sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll and death-death is the meaning of life, too."

"There's no definition for it. I think it probably fits into two categories: music, happiness, fulfillment of dreams."



• Meagan Dykstra •
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"Fulfill your life calling to the best of your ability."

"The sunflower that grows from within."



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HELP WANTED

You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/StudentEmployment to look at student and graduate jobs. For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101).

CWE Wastewater & Compliance Tech (#4629, Albany) Perfect student job that is flexible, part time during school and full time during the summer. Pay starts at \$10/hour. If you are an engineering or science background LBCC student, then this is for you!

Disney College Program

(Corvallis) We are looking for bright college students to experience our program! This recruitment will be Nov. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Nov. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center (Western Blvd & College Drive).

Students in Service (AmeriCorps)

(#4759) Earn an education award while serving your community! All LBCC students including work studies are eligible & you can choose your own service site & schedule. The job needs to be in the area of education, environment, human needs, public safety or homeland security. Call 917-4459 for more information.

Pizza Delivery Driver

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The LBCC Scholarship and Awards Committee currently have scholarship application opportunities available for LBCC students fall term. 169 scholarships totaling \$212,200 will be awarded. Scholarship descriptions and applications are available online at www.linnbenton.edu/scholarships. Scholarship and Awards applications for Fall Term must be received by the Financial Aid Office by Nov. 3, 2006, at 5 p.m.

The scholarships being offered are: James A. Riley/Corvallis Clinic Scholarship (4) \$500, Eric Mann Memorial Endowment (1) \$1,000, International Student Scholar (1) \$300, John & Betty Gray Early Childhood Scholarship (18) \$300 per term up to three terms, Libby Memorial Scholarship (18) up to \$200 per term, up to six terms, Linn Benton Employers Council Career Scholarship (1) \$1,000, LBCC Foundation Merit Scholarship (45) \$1500, LBCC Foundation Merit and Need-Based Scholarship (69) \$1,500, PFLAG Supporting Diversity Scholarship (2) \$500, Peter DeFazio Scholarship (2) \$1200, Printing Services Graphic Arts Scholarship (2) \$1,000, Robert Dale Schmidt Memorial Endowment (5) \$800, and Willamette Chapter Studebaker Drivers Club Auto Tech Sch. (1) \$500.

Stouder earns teaching award

LBCC News Service

Business technology instructor Sally Stouder received the Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year award from the Oregon Business and Management Educators Association at their annual convention last month.

Stouder, a Philomath resident, has been employed at LBCC since 1979 starting part time at the Benton Center Business Technology Lab for 12 years, and full time for the Business Technology Department on the main



Sally Stouder

campus for 16 years. Stouder has also taught classes for LBCC's Training and Business Development Center.

Over the years, Stouder has published several manuals for the Business Technology Department and was instrumental in starting the Medical Assistant Program.

She has a B.S. in business education and an M.S. in education, both from OSU.

She was named LBCC Outstanding Part-time Instructor in 1990 and received the Outstanding STP Newsletter award from Western Business Technology Educators in 1994. Stouder is a past member of the OBME Council, serving one year as facilities chair.

Measures: 48, 41 would cut LB funds

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spending cap could only be used with a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislative Fiscal Office said that had Measure 48 been in effect the last 10 years, the general fund budget for the state would be about 25 percent less than it is currently.

"If Measure 48 passes, I think community colleges and higher education would be hurt disproportionately," Holland said, explaining that few other state services have other revenue sources, while colleges can raise tuition. If the Legislature requires colleges to make up some of the lost revenue by increasing tuition, LBCC's share of the cuts will be much more dramatic than just 25 percent.

"It would be wrenching and devastating to the whole institution," Holland said.

Unlike Measures 41 and 48, Measure 43 isn't about money; instead it requires an abortion provider to give 48-hour written notice to a minor's parent before an abortion is performed. Currently, a minor 15 to 17 years-old can get an abortion with out parental notification.

Supporters say this keeps parent in the know about an important decision in their daughter's life. The measure also allows a girl who has been a victim of abuse to go before a judge to stop her parents from being told. Those opposed say that girls who are scared and or abused might not be able to go before a judge and may try an unsafe or illegal abortion. They believe that the girl and her doctor should decide whether or not to inform her parents.

You can find more information on measures and candidates in the 2006 Oregon Voter's Pamphlet and the League of Women Voters' 2006 Voter's Guide.

Hotmail: Students asked to avoid Hotmail

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their message will not be delivered since it has been blocked. The instructor remains clueless as to what their student is trying to communicate unless the student reports the problem.

So far, Information Services has dealt with the problem by

Other Measures on the Nov. 7 ballot

Measure 39 prohibits a public body from condemning private property if it intends to sell it to a private party. Those in favor argue that the government should not be able to seize someone's land if the government is going to sell it to another person. Those in opposition say that the government should be able to seize land if a new owner using it will bring more tax money and jobs

Measure 40 would change the state constitution to require all Supreme Court and Appeals Court judges to be elected by district rather than state-wide, which is current practice. Supporters say this would insure that all areas of Oregon are equally represented on the high courts. Those against argue that judges should be elected on knowledge and merit, not where they live.

Measure 42 prohibits insurance companies from using a customer's credit score to determine their insurance rate or premium. Those in favor say that currently people with bad credit ratings are getting charged more for insurance, even though this doesn't make them more likely to be an insurance risk. Those opposed argue that Oregonians with good credit histories now pay less for insurance, and if Measure 42 passes those with good credit scores will have to pay more to make up for those with poor credit scores.

Measure 44 allows any Oregonian without prescription drug coverage to participate in Oregon's prescription drug program. Supporters say that the more people who are in this program the lower drug prices will get, and that this measure doesn't cost any more money for Oregon taxpayers. Those against argue that if drug companies keep lowering their prices for programs like these, they might have fewer funds for research and development.

Measure 45 changes the state constitution and sets term limits for state legislators—six years as representatives, eight years as senator. Supporters claim that the measure would allow new people to become lawmakers, and get rid of career politicians. Those against argue this would take away choices from voters, and give lobbyists more influence in Salem.

Measure 46 would change the state constitution and allow campaign funding laws to limit how much money can be given to a candidate. Supporters claim that under current law, organizations can give large amounts of money to a candidate in return for special favors. Those against say it would change the free speech provision of the constitution and could reduce people's rights.

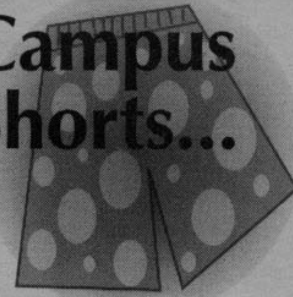
Measure 47, which could only take effect if Measure 46 also passes, limits the amount of money that people and organizations can give a candidate for governor, senator, mayor, representative, or county commissioner. Supporters say this would let the regular people in Oregon have more to say and take large special interest groups out of Oregon politics. People opposed say that it makes it harder to support the candidates and issues voters care about.

unblocking filtered emails one at a time in response to faculty inquiries. Officials say the real solution, however, lies in persuading students to use e-mail services other than Hotmail. Information Services encourages students to sign up for a free LBCC e-mail account (available

on the LBCC Web page) and use that account when communicating with staff or faculty.

"These free accounts are provided to any currently enrolled student. This is the best way to avoid problems in the future," said Assistant Director of Information Services Russ Rinker.

Campus Shorts...



PTK scholarships open to applicants

Phi Theta Kappa is taking applications for the All-USA Community College Academic team. There are two available slots, and the winners will each receive a \$1000 scholarship and the chance to represent LBCC at the national conference. The applicants need not be members of Phi Theta Kappa, but must have a 3.25 GPA. Deadline is Nov. 15.

Drop your ballot off at the LB Library

There is now an official ballot drop box in the Library provided for completed ballots for the Nov. 7 General Election. The Library is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

Vet Tech Program plans orientation

LBCC's Veterinary Technology Program will hold an orientation for those interested in applying Thursday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon in College Center Room 212. The Veterinary Technology Program is a 16-week certificate program that trains students for entry-level positions as a veterinary assistant or technician. Orientation is mandatory before being admitted. For more information, contact the LBCC Business and Employer Services at 917-4927 or www.linnbenton.edu/tbdc.

Community College women meet

The LBCC chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges welcomes students and staff to join the association through November. "How to Handle Stress" with Abby Terris from Heartspring Wellness Center will be the subject of this month's meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. in the College Center Boardroom, with door prizes of free cholesterol screenings.

ASG Positions Filled

Sitting members of the Associated Student Government met Wednesday and appointed Hannah Gzik as vice president, Christian Eastin as P.R. secretary and Joseph (JJ) Quinlivan as science and technical representative. The positions of Health Occupations and Student Services / Education remain open at this time. Anyone interested in either position should pick up an application at the SL&L office. The closing date is noon on Nov. 8, 2006, and final interviews will be held on Nov. 15.

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The Many Faces of Lin Silva

Kristina Bennett
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The telephone rings. "Wow. My phone never rings," states English/writing instructor Lin Silva. "This is bad. I don't even know how to answer it," she chuckles. The typical stereotype that English teachers are boring has definitely been proven false by this woman. This part-time instructor has students lining up at her door to take one of her classes.

Where were you born?

Oakland, Calif. I lived in the Bay Area for 36 years but moved to Eugene about 10 years ago. However, I just recently bought a house in Corvallis.

What made you decide to move out of the Bay Area?

Every time I went home, I just saw more cement and I realized that it was no longer the place that I grew up. When I finally decided to move I literally threw a dart at a map.

Where did you go to college?

I went to Cal State East Bay, although it wasn't called that until a year or two before I started college and I worked in a Jewish deli. It didn't take me long to realize that I didn't want that life so I couldn't wait to go to

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college. I actually went to summer school and graduated a year early. I always thought that I wasn't smart, and I didn't realize that I was smart until college.

When did you realize that you wanted to teach?

I taught environmental science at a private school in Oakland and just knew that I loved it. After a year of that I took a different path and was actually a cop for almost two years. I liked my work but when you give an average 24-year-old a gun after minimal training, there is bound to be problems. As soon as I had my first experience with bullets whizzing in front of my face I realized that my life was in danger for no reason. I always make this comparison with my students though: it takes nine months to be a hairdresser, but only three to be a cop. Kind of funny, isn't it?

Do you have children?

Yes, I have two daughters. Sunnie is 17 and Kelley is 19. Sunnie is exactly what her name means. Everyone loves Sunnie. Kelley attends Sacramento State and is doing very well. She decided to major in communications and may want to take that into being a disc jockey or something of the sort.

What is your favorite thing to do?

Travel! There is nothing better and it has changed

my life. This is one of the reasons why I'm the happiest person I know. I have been to Thailand, Turkey, and I own property in Costa Rica. I plan to retire there eventually. The lifestyle is so different. I would love to have plans to do something at 10 a.m. but show up at noon and it not be a problem. I actually just booked my tickets for my next vacation. It is kind of a reward to myself for raising my two daughters during their teenage years. They think they should get a graduation party when I'm the one who deserves one! I'm going to be on a cruise on the Mediterranean with some usual friends that I travel with. I'm pretty excited.

What is your favorite kind of music?

Rock 'n' roll, baby! My favorite artist is Stevie Nicks, hands down. I also like Celtic music, though. I really like the Corrs. They are one of my favorites.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?

I wake up everyday in the same mood: happy. I am probably the happiest person I know and that is because I know that as a teacher I touch lives, but mine is also touched. I have such a range of students and they all have something different to bring to the table. My goal is to get hired here at LBCC full time. I love this department. It's great and it has a lot of great people in it. Only about 20 percent of people love what they do and I'm one of those people.

Civil War to be re-enacted on campus

Teran Nash
 The Commuter

It was the greatest war in American history. Three million fought, 600,000 died; more casualties than all wars America has fought combined.

The Civil War was the only war on American soil and it's coming to LBCC. The Northwest Civil War Council of Re-enactors will be on campus Saturday Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. to re-enact the life of civil war soldiers and women who took part in the war.

Northwest Civil War Council of Re-enactors is a non-profit living history organization dedicated to educating the public about the American Civil War. The NCWC organization sponsors events throughout Oregon and supports events by participation in adjoining states.

First-year history instructor Robert Harrison has organized this event and says that he has been doing this for years at other schools.

Harrison states that the re-enactors do "an excellent job of bringing history to life," adding that he is excited to share the Civil War with students and is looking forward to seeing the re-enactors portray such a large part of U.S. history.

Members will talk about how a typical Civil War soldier lived: what life was like in camp between the battles, what it was like fighting in a battle and what it was like marching to battle.

They will share how the soldiers dressed, what they ate and how they spent their leisure time. Re-enactors will be loading and firing off blanks to demonstrate Civil War era rifles.

There will be items on display that the soldiers used during the war. The ladies will talk about how women contributed to the war effort and what their daily lives were like at that time.

Though this event is open to all LBCC students, it is not open to the public.

To learn more about the NCWC, visit hwcwc.org or www.116pvi.org/northwest.htm.

Nature photos shown Friday

LBCC News Service

The 27th annual Bob Ross Open Invitational Nature Photography Show will be held Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in Forum Room 104. Nature photographers from throughout the Willamette Valley are invited to share their pictures.

This year's theme is an all-digital show "Windows Into Nature." Photographers can bring images on CD or on a USB hard drive. The event is free and open to the public. You do not have to show photographs in order to attend. For more information, contact Ross at rosspix@comcast.net.

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The Financial Aid Office will be accepting Revision Request forms asking for Federal Work Study on Nov. 6, 2006. Awards will be made on a first come-first served basis. The forms will be available at 8:30 a.m. on that date. The staff will put the time the forms are received. Awarding will be based on financial eligibility and time turned in.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies,
 books, artwork, and other
 entertaining or artistic endeavors.

Corvallis musicians have a wide selection of venues

Anthony Lagoy
 The Commuter

Monroe Avenue in Corvallis has become a lively part of the town's growing live music scene. With many of its locally owned businesses working in conjunction with each other, the options for aspiring artists are growing.

One such place is Bombs Away Café. Opening in the summer of 1991, owner and head chef John Huyck wanted to have an establishment to house his un-

usual culinary style, but he also wanted to be able to showcase his love for live music.

"Live music is a big part of our sustainability," Huyck said. Bombs Away offers early evening shows for the whole family, as well as late night acts for patrons 21 and over, mixing a variety of musical types and performers. It has been home to many local, regional and international acts, such as Substitute, a Who tribute band.

Interzone is another Monroe Avenue favorite. An organic

coffee house founded in 1998, Interzone provides a different atmosphere than Bombs Away. The more intimate environment has become perfectly suited for the singer-songwriter generation. Interzone's performances are for all ages and along with musical events they also run a monthly art show.

Joining Monroe Avenue as a music avenue is Second Street in Corvallis, where The Beanery, Old World Deli, Peacock Tavern and Squirrels regularly host music on weekends.

Floater wows Eugene crowd with release of new CD 'Stone By Stone'

MaryAnne Rose Turner
 The Commuter

The show was sold out 30 minutes after they opened the doors. The mosh pit was bigger than ever and the fans had never been so loud.

"I've never heard Floater play this loud," said one fan.

"They're still Floater. They still have the same sound as they did when I first started listening to them 10 years ago," said Ryan Snider, who attended his first Floater concert at about 12 years old.

Floater released their new album "Stone By Stone" on Saturday. Fans gathered around Eugene's CD World to watch a free acoustics show. Floater played three of their mellow songs and fans lined up to get their new CD signed.

The CD includes a DVD called "Floater: Behind the Scenes." The DVD was shown at Saturday night's show in place of the usually horrible cover band that gets booed off stage. The DVD shows footage of past shows, all the way back to their first and second CDs. There is also a lot of music on the DVD. The fans went wild when they saw the old footage. The DVD is proof that Floater is still playing the same sound.

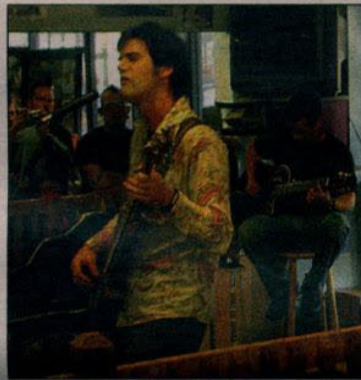


photo by MaryAnne Turner

Rober Wynia, lead singer for Floater, serenades the crowd at an acoustical show prior to their concert last Saturday in Eugene.

During the DVD the band members became part of the crowd. When asked how he felt about the show, drummer Pete Cornett said, "We're really happy with how the CD turned out. We wanted to release it sooner, but there was a lot of hard work put into this one."

Floater played the songs on the new CD from beginning to end to a very happy crowd.

All that could be heard around the McDonald Theatre Saturday night were rambunctious Floater fans who just couldn't get enough, screaming "Floater!" and "Rage it!"

After playing all the songs on the new CD, Floater played a second set list, including "Centerfold," which doesn't get played very often.

Floater fits a kind of classic rock genre of music. There's something for everyone to listen to. They have some music that's more of a heavy metal sound and even some slower rock. It's the kind of music that you can dance too, with or without someone, or with everyone in the pit. Floater is still rockin' and the fans are still getting louder.

For upcoming events and to learn more about Floater go to Floatermusic.com.

"Come see us!" said Cornett.



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"The Dance of Life" is one of several paintings by artist Jeff Adams in the South Santiam Hall Gallery this month. Besides the large and brilliantly colored paintings, Adams also has a few mystical metal sculptures on display through Dec. 8.

Elmira artist paintings and sculpture in SSH Gallery

LBCC News Service

Painter and sculptor Jeff Adams will exhibit his work at LBCC's South Santiam Hall Gallery starting Oct. 30 and running through Dec. 8.

Adams lives and works in rural Elmira, Ore. He refers to his work as mystical, referencing shamanism and natural forms using saturated colors.

"My work comes from a moment of insight, intuition or something seen from the corner of my eye with a sensitivity to the forms and wave patterns that

occur everywhere in nature," he writes.

Adams will host a slide lecture on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the LBCC Forum, Room 104. A reception will immediately follow in the SSH Gallery which is located right across the hallway. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be closed for Veteran's Day Nov. 10 and for Thanksgiving Nov. 23 and 24. This show is free and open to the public. For more information, contact art instructor Analee Fuentes at (541) 917-4540.

'One Night with the King' puts Biblical tales on the big screen

Aaron Broich
 The Commuter

"One Night With The King" brings to life the ancient story of Queen Esther of the Bible, who lived in one of the most extravagant kingdoms of the ancient world. The Persian Kingdom ruled by King Xerxes (also known as Ahasuerus) stretched from modern day Pakistan to Greece. The movie is set in Susa (modern day Iran).

The film uses some artistic liberties that contradict the biblical account in a few places, but the differences are not all that significant. The first twist begins with a back-story in the days of Saul, first king of united Israel. The Israelites were charged by God to utterly destroy the Amalekites for their brutal child sacrificing, but Saul spares Agag, their king, although he is rebuked by the prophet Samuel (played by Peter O'toole). This part is in the Bible, but the movie adds a part where Agag's queen escapes with her unborn child in whom the line of Agag is carried on. Something along these lines is possible, given that Haman (played by James Callis), the enemy of the Jews in the Book of Esther, is Agagite, probably having descended from Agag.

In the movie, Persia was on the brink of war, which

is also not in the biblical account and although this is not a contradiction, it is a driving force that pulls the film together and creates a well balanced tense.

The story of Esther, whose real name is Hadassah (played by Tiffany Dupont), begins with her seeking to travel to Jerusalem, where the new Jewish temple is under construction. She was adopted by her father's nephew, Mordecai (John Rhys-Davies), who reluctantly gives her permission to leave.

King Xerxes (played by Luke Goss) calls Queen Vashti to appear before all the rulers of his kingdom at a royal banquet, but she refuses, thinking that the banquet is just a front for a war council. Xerxes is greatly angered, so he takes away her position as queen and has many virgins from the land brought to the palace from which he intends to find a new wife. Esther is taken during the night and tries to hide her identity as a Jew, because Mordecai asked her not to reveal it.

Esther is selected as queen after telling him the tale of Jacob meeting Rebecca at the well. As Haman grows in power and prestige, he schemes to have all the Jews executed under the pretense that Persia can use their treasure to fund the war against the Greeks. Esther and Xerxes have a falling out after he returns from battle.

As he is about to depart for the war he plans to leave Haman in charge and Esther greatly fears the destruction of her people.

Although there is a lot of drama in the movie, it is generally light-hearted and is better enjoyed if you're not expecting a serious film. The dialog is good, but there are numerous silly moments in the movie, making some intense scenes more laughable than dramatic.

The film makes strange comments about democracy. Xerxes' closest friend, general Memucan (Omar Sharif) repeatedly speaks about the value of peace and defeats the Jews, and is accused by Haman has a traitor who wants to rule while Xerxes is gone at war. Haman makes this case against the Jews, "They would rather bow down to their own God than obey the laws of protocol. Their prophets even speak of a coming king, a king who will reign over all kings and set all men free. Is that not the very essence of democracy?" Haman tries to make a connection between the dangers of Greek democracy and the Jew's monotheism, but all this seems a bit ridiculous. However, the movie is full of interesting contrasts.

The sets and costumes are quite amazing in "One Night With The King," and overall it is an enjoyable film and well worth seeing.

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ON THE ROAD

An in-depth look at exciting travel destinations for summer vacation

Letter from Italy: Student shares Study Abroad experience

Shirley Austin
 The Commuter

Ciao from Firenze! I have been in Florence, Italy, for one month now, and adapting to the culture has been interesting, challenging, but fun!

The study abroad program is wonderful, and I highly recommend it. There are 22 students from Oregon in our program, the instructors are Susanne Tringali from Portland Community College and Mike Holtzclaw from Central Oregon Community College. Holtzclaw teaches geography, and Susanne, who is my instructor, teaches the art classes.

The staff of the ABC School where we attend is great! We use the Internet Train (internet "café") to do our emailing. Walk, walk, walk, and then walk some more—actually, one does not need a vehicle to get around here. We live in the historic center of the city (my apartment is right next to the Duomo) and everything we need is within a short walking distance.

I cannot believe that I am here and seeing the great works of Michelangelo, Botticelli, Donatello, and many others. I am humbled when I realize I can touch the same piece of marble that Michelangelo held in his hands. This city is full of 13th to 15th century Renaissance artworks. It is everywhere. Any street corner you turn there's something to see.

We recently visited the Santa Croce church. The facade is absolutely beautiful, but when you enter, you become a jaw-dropper, for it houses the tombs of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo, and other famous artists of the Renaissance and Gothic times. They are beautifully carved and ornate.

Back to walking around the city—you



photo by Shirley Austin

Picturesque Santa Croce church in Florence, Italy is home to the tombs of such Renaissance artists as Michelangelo, Niccolo Machiavelli and Gallilei Gaillleo.

have to watch out for the maniac drivers here! Most of the cars are very tiny (the streets are very narrow and made of stones and bricks) and there are even more people driving scooters and Vespas. They are crazy! The traffic signs are pretty much "just a suggestion," as no one pays attention to them. They zip along and just honk at the pedestrians. You'd better get out of the way! Jaywalking is a national pastime—you just go when there is a break in the traffic, or you will be left there waiting forever. Besides dodging the vehicles, you also have to

dodge people.

There are so many tourists (funny how I became somewhat intolerant of the tourists after being here for a couple of weeks), and all the streets and sidewalks are so narrow that you have to sidestep all the time. We chuckle now when we see newcomers with their little street maps trying to figure out where they are and how to get where they want to go.

Learning the language has become a challenge. We have at least two hours of Italian language class and Elizabetta, our teacher, who does not speak to us in

English. It is also difficult to practice the language outside of class as most of the time the Italians will just speak to you in English.

We often go to a small café just around the corner from our apartment, run by Giovanni, who does not speak English. I have learned to order my café latte and spremute l'arancia (fresh squeezed orange juice) and to exchange greetings (ciao, Giovanni, comé sta? Ah, molto bene! etc, etc). Customer service is not a concept here in most of the stores, but once you become familiar, they are very welcoming and friendly.

If you make it to Italy, you must visit the Cinque Terre. It is a beautiful stretch of the Italian coastline with five towns connected by hiking trails (or by boat or train). My traveling companions and I stayed in Monterosso, hosted by Manuel, an aging artist, and his two dogs Chico and Nui. He has red and white wine and ice cold beer on tap, and for a euro you can help yourself to a glass and sit on the terrace to take in the view of the Ligurian Sea, in the northern Mediterranean. We had to walk up and up many stone steps to get to Manuel's old Bed & Breakfast, but the view is well worth all the huffing and puffing!

The next day we took the boat to a couple of the other towns, and then hiked between two of them, Manarolo and Riomaggiore. Absolutely gorgeous! I won't write about all of the sites I have visited while here so far—it would take too many pages. Today we are going to the Academia museum, which houses Michelangelo's David.

Oh, yes, we have to attend classes, and we do have to study. Until next week, ciao á boungiornata!

Filmmaker Dale Johnson brings Alaska to campus this weekend

LBCC News Service

Join filmmaker Dale Johnson as he presents "Alaska" on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. in LBCC Russell Tripp Performance Center, LBCC Takena Hall.

Explore Alaska from the comfort of your seat as Johnson transports you from the theater to a place of beauty and awe.

From Anchorage to Wales to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, from modern city life to small villages and the most isolated outposts, come see how diverse Alaska really is.

Johnson began his filmmaking career in the lower Panama jungle. He has a degree from the University of Texas, and spent two years directing and filming the outdoor television series "The Lone Star Sportsman" and five years at NASA working on films during the "Skylab" era.

His most recent work won a gold medal at the New York International Film Festival. Produced by LBCC Performing Arts and Azumano Travel, this is the first film in the new four-part "Travel at the Tripp" film series at LBCC.

Experts from Azumano will on hand along with the film-



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The scenic beauty of Alaska will be the subject of the first installment of the "Travel at the Tripp" series on Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

maker to answer your travel questions, with prizes from Azumano given at each show.

Ticket prices are \$7 for each show, \$6 for students/seniors. Season Passport for all four films is \$20. All films will be shown on Sundays at 2 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center, LBCC Takena Hall, 6500 Pacific Blvd.

SW, Albany.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531.

Online tickets sales available at www.linnbenton.edu, click on the "Travel at the Tripp" quick link under News & Events; go to Buy Tickets.

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NATIONAL NEWS

News about issues and events from around the nation and the world of interest to Commuter readers.

College granny represents older contingent of students

Melanie Hughes
The Morning Call

ALLENTOWN, Pa.— Penelope Sablack has eased into college life halfway through her first semester at Kutztown University.

She has a profile on Facebook (what college student doesn't?), a campus job at the Health and Wellness Center, a full load of classes and a solid grasp on roommate etiquette. She maybe went a little overboard on college spirit with the early deposit she put on her 2008 class ring. Other than that, life is pretty typical for Sablack—even if she is more than 40 years older than her classmates.

"I never thought I looked my age," said the 64-year-old mother of four and grandmother of six while chatting with acquaintances between classes in the Student Union Building last week. "I still don't. But I guess I don't look 18 or 20. I'm even older than the professors."

Sablack is one of many older Americans attending college. At Kutztown alone, there are 13 other students older than 60 enrolled in the university's AdvantAge program which makes it possible for retired people to take courses in a variety of academic areas and to earn college credits at no cost.

But Sablack is not an AdvantAge student. She is a full-time, full-paying student, living in a campus apartment she shares with another student.

College was out of the question for



photo by MCT Campus News Service

Penelope Sablack, a 64-year-old junior at Kutztown University, attends her magazine writing class in Kutztown, Pa.

Sablack when she was the age of most college students. By 21, Sablack was married and had given birth to three of her four children. When her marriage ended in the mid 1970s, she moved her children to northern New Jersey and got a job as a hospital clerk. She worked several other jobs as well. She was an administrative assistant and started a word processing business to supplement her income.

In the late 1980s, after her children were grown, she moved to Warminster and ended up in the medical field again. She

retired from Doylestown Hospital after 10 years as a medical transcriptionist in 1998.

With time on her hands, Sablack signed up for two photography classes at Bucks County Community College and before long she had four college credits.

Once she got a taste of college life, she decided to pursue a degree. It took her awhile—she took courses over 17 semesters—but she graduated in 2005 with an associate's degree in liberal arts and a certificate in women's studies.

After graduation, she couldn't imagine not moving forward and set her sights on Kutztown because she liked the country setting and the affordability of a state school.

"They accepted 64 of my credits and made me a full-fledged junior," Sablack said.

Sablack had developed a passion for women's issues when she took her first English Composition course at the community college, where a professor talked a lot about women's rights.

"The more I learned, the more I wanted to learn. I lived through a lot of the issues we talked about including domestic abuse, not physical, but other abuse," she said. "When I was a young woman, I never sought help. I didn't know there was help. I want to be able to alert women about what's available."

After being accepted to Kutztown, Sablack declared English professional writing as her major with a minor in women's studies. Wanting the full college experience, she opted to live on campus in a two-bedroom apartment at Golden Bear Village South.

Ultimately, Sablack said she would like to write about issues involving women and go for her master's degree.

"I want to bring out the good stuff, too (about women's issues). I would love to go into a prison and be a mentor. With whatever time I have left, I want to make a difference in some way in women's lives."

'Papers for hire' deemed off-topic, faulty by many professors

Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz
Chicago Tribune

For students too bored, too busy or too burdened to write their own term papers, it's tempting to turn to the Web for a little help.

As teachers wise up to the popular cut-and-paste method of Internet plagiarizing and the use of myriad online essay banks, some students determined to outsource their papers are taking a more unusual route: paying for custom jobs. For as little as \$9.95 per page if you give advance notice, to as much as \$44.95 per page for same-day delivery, dozens of Web sites offer to write your paper for you, guaranteeing original, un plagiarized essays they say are written by professionals with master's degrees or PhDs.

Buying custom papers is clearly cheating. But beyond the obvious ethical problems, can a custom-written paper even get you a good grade?

It didn't for a 19-year-old DePaul University junior who told RedEye, an edition of the Chicago Tribune, he paid \$80 for a custom 12-page paper on ancient Israel the fall term of his sophomore year. He ordered it from a Web site four days before it was due in his religion class.

The student, who asked that his name not be published because he didn't want people to know he cheated, received the paper in his e-mail inbox the

morning it was due. He looked it over, deemed it OK and handed it in as is.

And then he got an F.

"It was such a waste of money," the student said. "I'm never going to do that again."

RedEye had a similar experience. To test the quality of custom term-paper services, RedEye purchased two-page papers from three different Web sites on the following assignment:

Discuss the themes of marriage and money in Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility."

Loyola University English professor Thomas Kaminski, graded the finished products at RedEye's request.

He was not impressed.

Only one of the papers addressed the topic, but it was so poorly written that Kaminski said he'd give it a D, and then only if he were feeling gener-

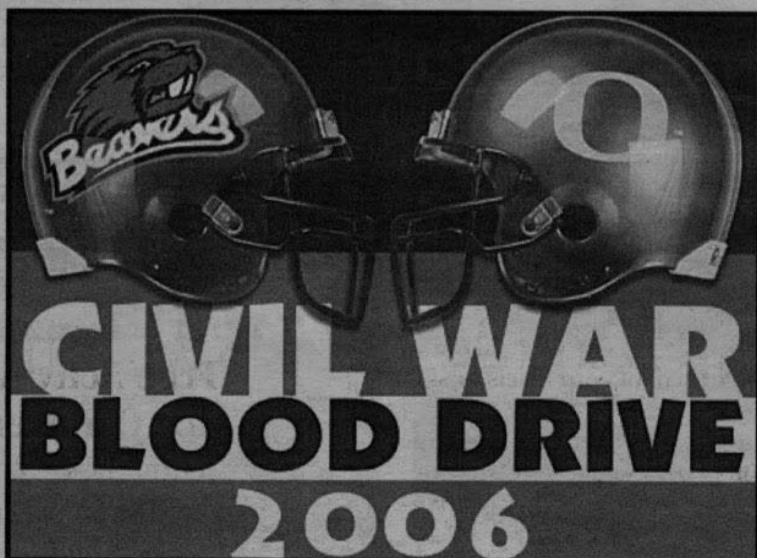
ous. The other two papers were so off-topic that Kaminski said he'd be suspicious and give the student the dreaded "Come see me."

Adding to the insult, one of the papers was found to be largely plagiarized once it was run through Turnitin, software designed to catch plagiarism. Turnitin did not detect plagiarism in the other two papers.

Much more common is for

students to copy information already available on the Internet and pass it off as their own, a practice both easy to execute and easy to catch with Google or systems like Turnitin, which is used in about 6,000 academic institutions around the world.

About 30 percent of the 70,000 papers Turnitin runs through its system daily are found to be plagiarized to some extent, Turnitin creator John Barrie said.



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VEGETARIAN: Three cheese stuffed shells

SIDES: Potato pancakes, creamy pesto shells, green beans w/ mushrooms

SOUPS: Shrimp bisque and French onion

Thursday:

ENTREES: Liver w/ bacon and onions and almond chicken w/ steamed rice

VEGETARIAN: Grilled vegetable pizza w/ pesto and goat cheese

SIDES: O'Brien potatoes, creamy polenta, broccoli and cauliflower

SOUPS: Ginger chicken and coconut (Tom Kha Gai) and split pea

Friday:

Chef's choice

Monday:

ENTREES: Glazed ham and beef goulash w/ Spaetzle

VEGETARIAN: Thai vegetarian stir-fry

SIDES: Lyonnaise potatoes and broccoli hollandaise

SOUPS: Wild rice and Manhattan clam chowder

Tuesday:

ENTREES: Chicken and dumplings and Brazilian seafood stew

VEGETARIAN: Vegetable strudel

SIDES: Couscous and cauliflower w/ cheddar cheese sauce

SOUPS: Cheddar cheese and chicken soup w/ Matzo balls

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LOCAL NEWS

News about our local community, including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Philomath.



photo by Joe Hodgson

Library Director Denice Lee discusses a book with Kathleen Blevins at the Lebanon Library. The library's 70-year-old building originally housed the city's first hospital and will be replaced if a levy passes next week.

Lebanon voters asked to pass measure to build new library

Joe Hodgson
 The Commuter

Lebanon has an opportunity Nov. 7, in the form of Measure 22-64, to decide how their library moves forward. The measure would raise property taxes to fund a new library and police facility. The proposed costs would be \$19.97 million.

Library Director Denice Lee is optimistic about the outcome of Measure 22-64, particularly with the growing manufacturing base and the potential for population growth in Lebanon.

Lee noted that five or six times a year a person will come into the library, pause, look around the building and start to leave. When asked, "how can we help you?" they explain they are considering moving into the area and the library and access to information is an element of the decision, as well as, law enforcement, fire, educational, cultural, medical, and personal considerations.

Many residents of Lebanon can legitimately claim they were born in the library because it is housed in the building which was the first Lebanon hospital, built in 1936.

The Lebanon Public Library moved into the old hospital building, in 1952 and started to serve the community of then 5,800 people in 1953 with 6,797 volumes and 1,279 cardholders.

Today there are 14,000 people in Lebanon, the collection is 33,000 volumes and half the population holds cards.

The building, however, remains substantially the same.

The facility is aged, with deteriorating roof and heating system, and at 5,700 square feet, the building is approximately 25 percent as large as needed to accommodate the community's needs today and through the next 25 years, according to the Portland State Population Research Center.

Stairs at every entrance hinder access to the building, with the only wheelchair access being a steep ramp.

Libraries are no longer simply a collection of books, Lee notes, quiet spaces for study, computer stations, information assistance, and access to specialized databases are as important.

Lee and her staff provide reference material and books-to-loan, including books on tape or CD and videos on tape or DVD.

Their brochure outlines preschool story time, summer reading programs for kindergarten through fourth-grade, young adult reading group, computers for internet search and word processing, and wi-fi access.

It is a lot of activity for a small building, Lee said, creating an atmosphere similar to a fast food

facility.

Although there are college libraries and specialized libraries in the area, Lee said, a public library meets the unique needs of a community at all levels, in multiple ways—from babies to seniors, from poor to wealthy.

Despite its small size, the library still has added programs to grow along with community needs, Lee said, including support for those taking online courses, test proctoring for remote courses and home-schooled students, and provides a place for tutoring.

According to the Carnegie Foundation and the Public Library Association 35 percent of children in the United States enter school with levels of skill and motivation so low that they are at risk for early academic problems and the relationship between skills existing at entering school and later academic achievement remains consistent. Studies of brain development and early exposure of children to the written word—hearing it read by parents and seeing it as it is read—improves their skills through school and their career lives.

Research shows that the earlier a child starts, the better, and libraries are a natural place to focus for preschool children to become acquainted with the written word.

Writer recounts dark episode in local history

Anthony Lagoy
 The Commuter

Corvallis author Ted Cox kicked off the Valley Writer Series Wednesday at the LBCC Albany campus with a presentation on his book "The Toledo Incident of 1925." Cox spoke about how he came to write the book, and who influenced it.

Cox has served in the Peace Corps and worked as a volleyball coach for OSU and LBCC. He has owned and operated the Old World Deli in Corvallis since 1977.

Cox said his book was born from the weekly conversations with his longtime friend, Roy Green, who lived in Toledo from 1923-1952.

While Cox was writing a book on local history, Green urged him to dig deeper into the "Toledo Incident," in which Japanese mill workers were harassed and run out of town, because of its significance to both Oregon and U.S. history.

In 1925 the Oregon Chamber of Commerce conducted a random survey of Japanese people who worked in the sawmills. Many of had been residents in Oregon for over 20 years, yet according to Cox were given "second class citizen status."

After the Civic Spruce mill had a disagreement over hiring Japanese immigrants, the Lane County Protective League was founded in hopes of preventing people of color from coming to town. Throughout the book are stories of the violence to the Japanese people, including one

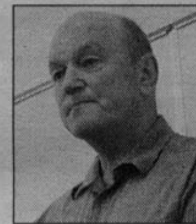
in which a Japanese man who was dragged out of his home and attacked in front of his wife and children.

The "incident" in the book's title occurred when Japanese immigrants showed up to work and were confronted by mob workers who did not want them there. A fight soon broke out, with eight of the Japanese workers receiving injuries that required medical attention.

Five of those workers decided to sue all involved, claiming a violation of civil rights. This is one of the main focuses of Cox's book as the subsequent lawsuits and court proceedings became part of history. Until that time, there had never been a civil lawsuit based on the violation of one's civil rights, so these trials set a precedent, even though many details of this story have been hidden for years.

"The Toledo Incident of 1925" is available at barnesandnoble.com and oldworldpublications.com.

The Valley Writers Series is run through the English department and coordinated by retired English instructor Jane White. The next event on Nov. 7 is a presentation on poetry from instructor Beth Camp and one of her former students, Michael Pohl. It will be held in Takena Hall Room 215 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.



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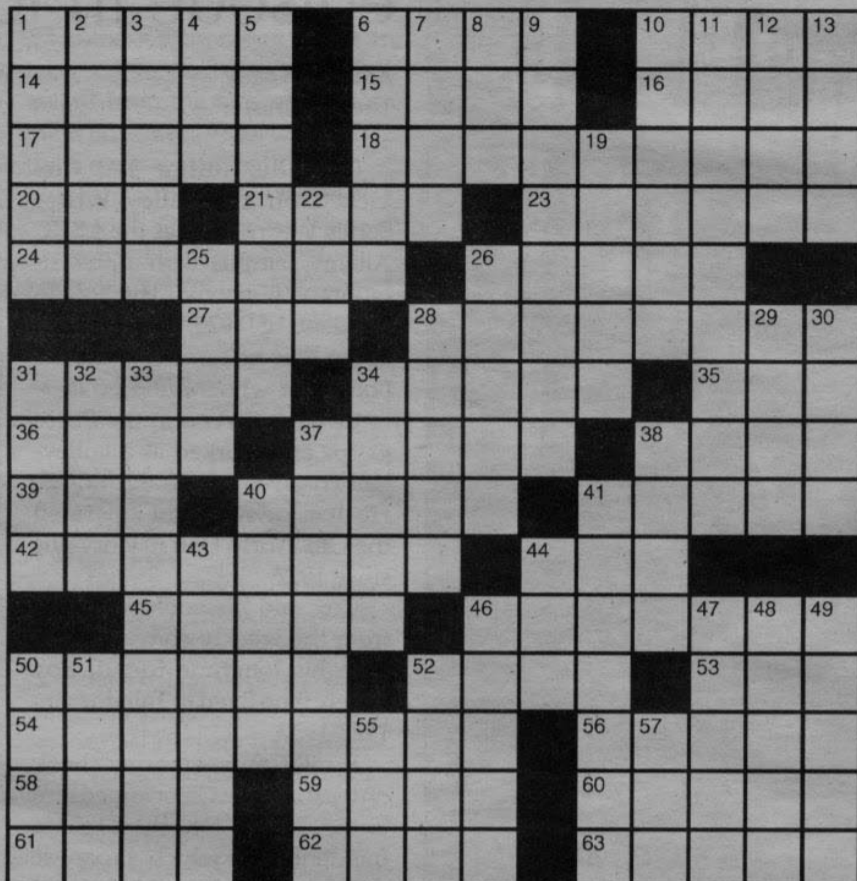
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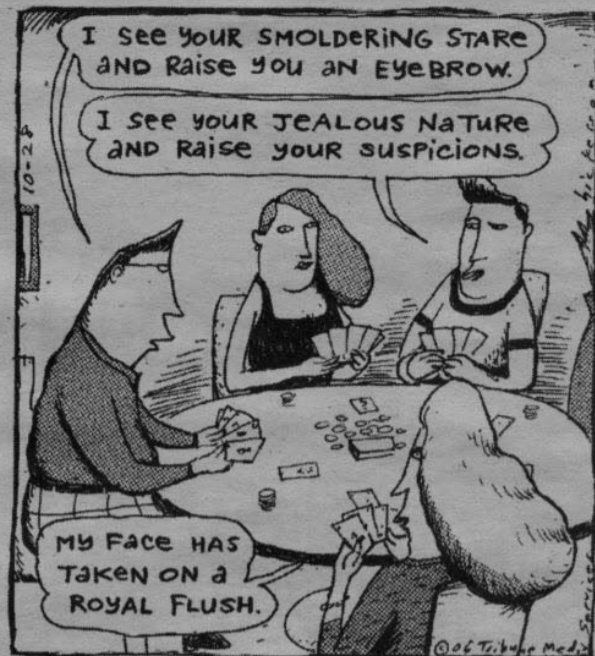
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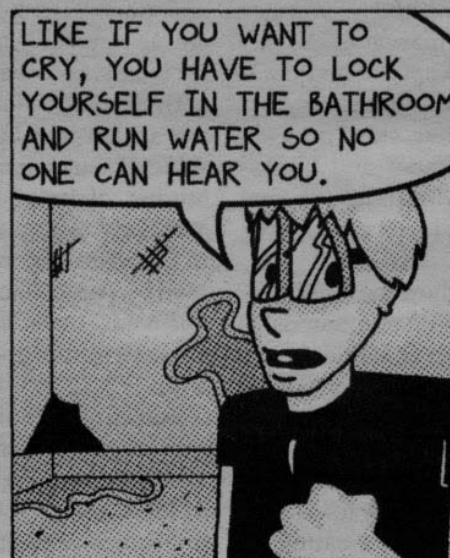
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- The Bible, the world's best-selling book, is also the world's most shoplifted book.
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- The original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" movie was titled "Head Cheese," but was changed at the last minute.

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Cards tame Tigers, win World Series

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

"I've been dreaming of this since I was a little boy," said Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols while holding his infant son during Monday's World Series celebration in St. Louis.

More than 400,000 people lined St. Louis' downtown streets to show their appreciation for their newly crowned champions just three days after clinching their 10th World Series and their first since 1982.

A celebratory parade looked highly unlikely a month ago as the Cardinals dropped nine of their final 12 regular season games.

After limping into the post-season, St. Louis outlasted all in the second season in a mirrored fashion of the 2005 Chicago White Sox, who despite losing 12 out of 19 games in a mid-September stretch, caught fire in October to take their first Fall Classic in 88 years.

Surprisingly, it only took the Cardinals five games to oust the heavily favored Detroit Tigers. Even more improbable was Albert Pujols' lack of dominance in the St. Louis lineup. The series MVP was none other than sec-

ond baseman and leadoff hitter David Eckstein.

"You ever have that fly in the car?" Cardinals outfielder Preston Wilson said. "You're riding in the car and you left down the window and you think he's gone, and two minutes later he's still in there, and you're swatting, and you're like, 'I can't get it.' That's David Eckstein."

The 5-foot-7 catalyst hit .364 with a team-high four RBI in the five-game stint and rallied the potent attack at the most crucial moments while opposing pitchers refused to test Pujols at the plate.

"We can't let teams pitch around Albert," said Eckstein. "Teams are going to do that, but we need to make them pay."

The offense did just that but it wasn't without some added blunders from the Tigers defense.

The Detroit hurlers created a theme for the series as they committed five infield errors, one in each game, with heavy consequences.

"The sick part about it is 99 times out of 100 we all make the play, and this was five times in a row we didn't," Tigers closer Todd Jones said. "It's going to be a T-shirt, I'm sure, somewhere.



photo by MCT Campus News Service

Members of the St. Louis Cardinals pour onto the field to celebrate after their 4-2 Game 5 World Series clinching victory over the Detroit Tigers last Friday. On Monday it seemed that the entire city of St. Louis turned out to show their appreciation to the team when more than 400,000 lined the streets for the victory parade. It was the St. Louis Cardinals' 10th World Series victory and their first since 1982.

In big, bold letters: E-1."

While the Tigers pitching came through time and again in the previous two playoff series, heroics fell short in the final one as the St. Louis staff stole the magic.

After rookie Anthony Reyes' Game 1 surprise over AL rookie-of-the-year front-runner Justin Verlander, Chris Carpenter's 3-hitter (in eight innings) in Game 3 and a solid six innings from NLCS MVP Jeff Suppan in the rain delayed Game 4, Jeff Weaver made up for his Game 2 loss to the controversial Kenny Rogers

by out-dueling Verlander with nine strikeouts in eight innings in Game 5.

The odds-makers were not the only ones who felt that the Cardinals were long shots.

After getting swept by Red Sox in the 2004 World Series, many thought that Cards' best shot was long gone and even some of the players agreed.

"This is probably, on paper, our worst team of the last four or five years," St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen said. "And this is the team that wins the World Series."

Although it wasn't the league's best hitter that decided the outcome of this year's championship, he did in fact come out on top in the end thanks to a complete team effort. In only six seasons Pujols has established himself as the top batsman in the sport and now has a ring to go with his 2005 MVP award.

It is only the beginning for the 26-year-old Dominican and don't think he doesn't know that.

"Now I got one," Pujols said. "Awesome. Great. But I want to keep getting more."

Portland blazes into new season with new talent, new image

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

Still in the midst of their rebuilding mode, second-year coach Nate McMillan and his Portland Trail Blazers will look to improve upon last year's 21-61 record in their 2006-07 campaign, which was the third consecutive year the team has missed the postseason.

Despite their league-worst regular season mark in 2005-06, Portland was only able to land the fourth overall pick in June's Draft Lottery. They landed a second top-ten pick by trading point guard Sebastian Telfair, forward Theo Ratliff and a future second rounder to the Celtics for the large but lethal Raef LaFrentz, former Gonzaga guard Dan Dickau and Villanova rookie guard Randy Foye, who was selected seventh by Boston.

Foye's tenure as a Blazer was extremely short-lived as he was traded, as well as fourth overall selection Tyrus Thomas, to Minnesota and Chicago, respectively, for the rights to former Washington Huskies guard Brandon Roy and Texas forward LaMarcus Aldridge in what would turn out to be a very busy draft day.

The draft was an excellent start for a franchise trying to reverse their reputation as a team full of unmotivated troublemakers. Aldridge and Roy are

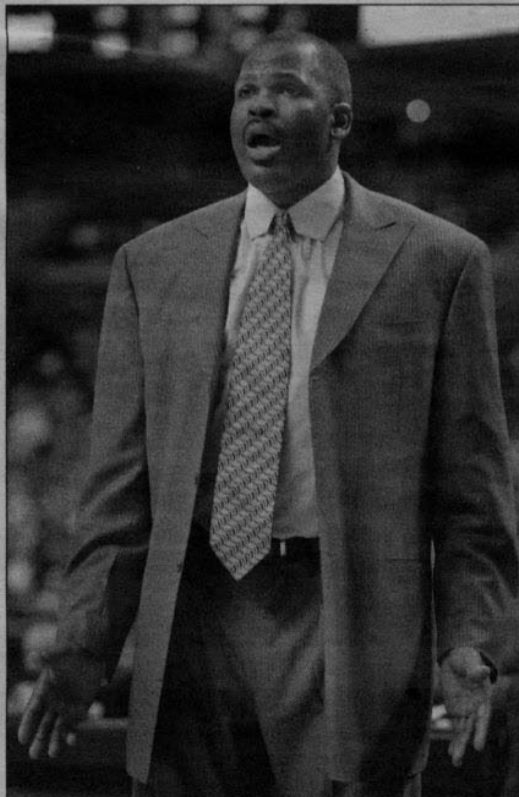


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 Blazer's Coach Nate McMillan may see more exasperating play this year as he takes the youngest team in the NBA into the new season.

not only excellent players, but they have good character, which is something that the Trail Blazers could use on their roster.

While the Blazers still have yet to shed themselves of that image with multi-million-dollar forwards Darius Miles (\$9 million) and Zach Randolph (\$12 million) still making unwanted headlines, they will undoubtedly still be team leaders in the

box score.

Randolph, who led Portland in scoring and rebounds (18.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg) gives the team it's only dominant low-post presence on offense, but Portland feels as if there is immediate help coming from the middle.

Center Jamaal Magloire (9.5 ppg, 9.2 rpg in 2005-06) was obtained from Milwaukee in a deal for assists leader Steve Blake, while Joel Przybilla, who averaged 6.1 points and 7.0 boards in 56 contests last season, re-signed with the club. He will team with the six-foot-eleven

Magloire and LaFrentz to give Portland a versatile triple-tower tandem.

Juan Dixon and second year guards Jarrett Jack and 19-year-old Martell Webster have all made solid strides individually to become one of the most promising young backcourts in the West. Explosive swingman Travis Outlaw will have to continue to progress if he wants see

more time on a bench crowded with prospects.

The entire Northwest Division is stacked with young squads looking to make a splash in the always dominant Western Conference. After finishing the preseason with a disappointing and last place 2-6 record, division foes Denver, Utah, Minnesota and Game 1 opponent Seattle,

already smell blood.

The Blazers are well on the way to righting the ship, but they may still be another season away from even being able to play spoiler.

The Blazers start the regular season tonight as they travel to play against McMillan's former team, the SuperSonics, in Seattle starting at 7 p.m.

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Lady Runners look ahead to promising hoop season

Curtis Tillery
 The Commuter

The Lady Roadrunners look to rebound from last year's disappointing season by putting a very young and energetic team on the court.

This year's squad will be returning three starters—sophomores Molly Fillion, Jenny Fillion and Whitney Bryant.

The Fillion twins look to put the team on their shoulders this season, building on their contributions last year, when Jenny Fillion scored an average 13.6 points per game and Molly averaged 10.3 points and 7.3 rebounds.

At the end of last season, the twins announced their intention to make the playoffs this season, and Coach A.J. Dionne feels as if this could be the year the Roadrunners return to post-season play. She called her new squad "by far one of the smartest and athletic teams I've had."

The team won't be very tall this year, but what they lack in height they hope to make up in

quickness. Coach Dionne plans to use her players' quickness to her advantage by installing a lot of motion and spread offense plays. The team also looks to be very tough on defense this year, and will implement a pressure defensive scheme.

One of the newcomers to the team, Chelsea Hartman, a former volleyball player from Lebanon High who has turned to basketball, may be the x-factor for the Lady Roadrunners this year. Hartman is probably the most athletic player on the team. She was named Offensive Player of the Year her senior year at Lebanon High School and is looking to bring that smooth jumper of hers to the Runners offense this year.

The Lady Runners open their regular season on Friday Nov. 17 at the Shoreline Community College Tournament in Seattle, Wash. The SCC Tourney will conclude on Sunday Nov. 19.

The team will play their first home game on Saturday Nov. 25 against the Lady Red Devils of Lower Columbia College.



photo by Chris Campbell

Lady Runner guard Lindsay Duval is guarded by teammate Jenny Fillion at practice last Thursday in the Activities Center. The LB women's hoop team open their season Nov. 17 at the SCC Tournament in Seattle.

Beavers break Trojans' dominance with 33-31 upset

Adam Loghides
 The Commuter

You would have to forgive Beaver football fans for claiming that they left Reser Stadium last Saturday with cold feet, or if they claim to have seen weird things flying around the sky.

Hell had frozen over.

Pigs were flying.

And somehow—some way—the Beavers had just beaten USC.

The impossible happened right before Beaver Nation's collective eyes last Saturday when OSU defeated the unbeaten, third-ranked and (some said) unbeatable USC Trojans 33-31 in a classic college football game that is sure to be seen for years to come on your favorite "Classic" sports channel, only the Beavers' second win against the Men of Troy since 1967.

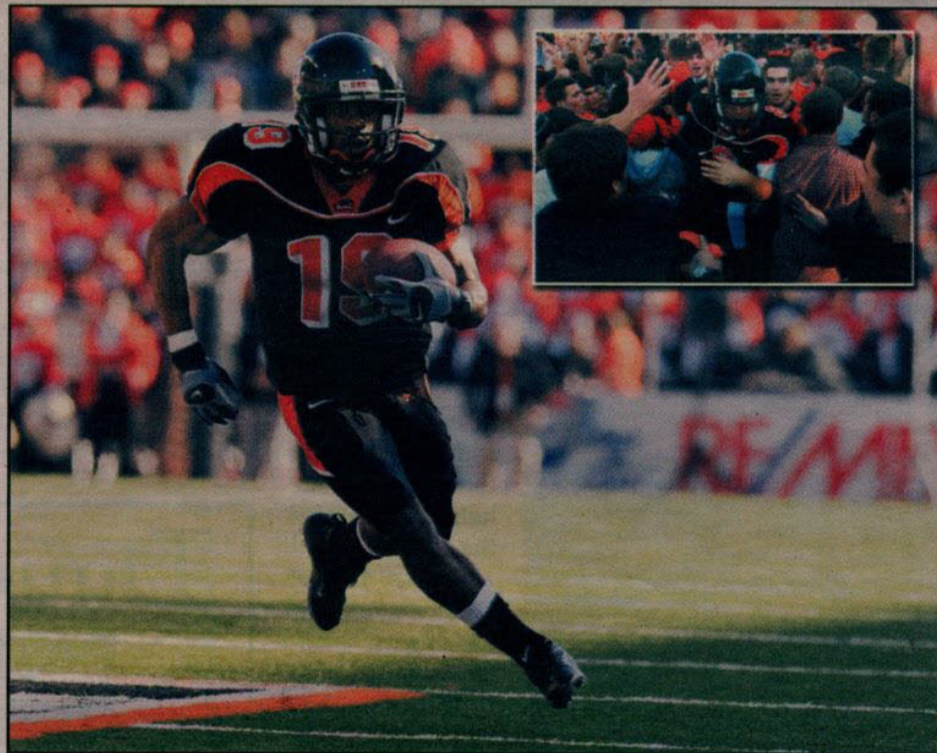
The victory didn't come without a fight from the Trojans, however.

Down 33-10 with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter, USC rode the arm of their first-year quarterback John David Booty nearly all the way back from sure defeat.

After throwing a 2-yard touchdown pass with seven seconds left in regulation, Booty's potential game-tying, and Beaver-devastating, two-point conversion pass fell harmlessly to the Reser Stadium turf, setting off a scene of complete pandemonium.

Many of the 42,871 in attendance rushed the field after the game ended. Up to an hour after the game was over fans refused to leave, sitting on the field, basking in the glow of the programs biggest win since a 3-0 win over USC 39 years ago. Coach Mike Riley shouted to boosters on the field after game, "How 'bout those Beavers!"

The list of streaks that ended in



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Beavers wide receiver Sammy Stroughter returns a punt 70 yards for a touchdown to give OSU a 30-10 lead on the way to a 33-31 upset of previously unbeaten USC Saturday. After the game fans rushed the field mobbing quarterback Matt Moore (inset).

Corvallis that day seems endless. The most impressive of which had to be USC's 27-game conference winning streak. They had not lost a Pac-10 game since September 2003. Their regular season winning streak of 38 games was also snapped.

Beaver wide receiver Sammy Stroughter had eight catches for 127 yards. His 70-yard punt return midway through the third quarter electrified the crowd, giving the Beavers what seemed to be an insurmountable 30-10 lead. An Alexis Serna field goal with 4:51 left in the third quarter made it 33-10.

Then, the wheels almost completely came off.

Freshman Beaver punter Kyle Loomis

fumbled a punt attempt inside the Beaver 10-yard line and the Beavers turned the ball over on downs to USC. They wasted no time in scoring a touchdown making it 33-17 with 23 seconds left in the third quarter.

Three minutes later Booty found wide receiver Steve Smith for a 37-yard touchdown pass and running back Chauncey Washington converted the two-pointer to make it 33-25, leaving Beaver fans holding their breath the entire fourth quarter. In the loss, Smith had an amazing game, catching 11 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns, the last of which made the score 33-31.

Beaver quarterback Matt Moore was

charged with playing efficient and not turning the ball over. He did just that, completing 21 of 32 passes for 262 yards and one touchdown and no interceptions. His 1-yard touchdown run five minutes into the game began the scoring and set the stage for the huge upset. After the game Moore struggled to put his emotions into words, "I'm so stoked right now, I can't explain it."

Moore's nine-yard touchdown pass to tight end Joe Newton on the Beavers' first possession of the second half gave OSU a 23-10 lead.

Afterwards, Newton expressed that the Beaver players knew they had a chance to win on Saturday, even if many around the nation didn't have very high hopes for OSU, "I don't think we were in awe of them, but we definitely respected them. They are a very good team, but we knew we could play with them."

The hidden hero of the win may have been OSU's junior running back Clinton Polk, who ran for 100 yards in his first career start, spelling the injured Yvenson Bernard. Bernard's status for next week is still uncertain.

The Beavers raised their record to 5-3 overall and 3-2 in the conference. Next week they welcome Arizona State (5-3 overall, 2-3 Pac-10). The Sun Devils got their first road conference win of the year last week, a 26-23 overtime win at Washington, so they do bring some momentum to Corvallis.

There is no question, however, which team will be riding higher going into the game. The Beavers will be flying high all week and will have to try to focus in on the talented Sun Devils if they are going to extend their season-high three-game winning streak.

But, for now, Beaver fans rejoice. What looked like a miserable season is turning into something special.