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Multicultural Center opens the world to students

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

The sandwich board sign on the second floor of the Forum building stands next to a door that opens into a kaleidoscope of cultures.

Matrushka dolls perch on the shelves next to carved elephants and painted turtles. Lacquer boxes and wooden shoes fill the space between books on language, culture and travel. Works by ethnic authors lean against drums and rattles. Brilliant fabrics and costumes cover the walls.

Welcome to the Multicultural Center.

The center is hosting an open house today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

The center is the brainchild of the Student Life & Leadership office, which wanted a place where students could connect to discuss cultural topics like tolerance and diversity, to share experiences and to learn from each other. The

center offers a space in which to explore the varying perspectives of students from different backgrounds.

Dee Curwen, the new coordinator of the Multicultural Center, wants the center to be "a home-port for foreign students," a place where those new to the language, country or campus can make contact with others.

The small space offers support and mentoring to students needing guidance in anything from conjugating verbs to the way Americans customarily celebrate weddings or holidays.

For all students, the center offers weekly discussions on issues with cultural or gender themes. October topics include "Was Columbus' Voyage a Discovery or an Invasion," "U.S. Culture: a Melting Pot, a Salad Bowl or a Crazy Quilt," and "Where Did You Come From? How Did You Get Here?" The lunch-time discussions are held Mondays from
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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Multicultural Center Coordinator Dee Curwen talks with LB student Hoang Hong in the center's new office on the second floor of the Forum Building.

Carnahan builds user-friendly campus

SL&L and Commuter offices, lounge, Courtyard Cafe and Library entrance create an accessible campus for students

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Entering into his 27th year at LBCC, President Jon Carnahan is focused on the future.

Amidst the rush of Y2K preparedness that has taken the country by storm, Carnahan, feeling confident now with LB's technical status, turns his attention to the college in the new century.

"I think about Y2K and beyond," said Carnahan.

Carnahan's main goal is to see LBCC expand both financially and physically despite restraint from Mea-

sures 5 and 50, which took away the public's ability to support the college financially, has surfaced as a plan to again involve the community.

The plan would seek funds that would be used to support the continued growth of the college. Over the summer, the ball began rolling when Carnahan received two grants from donors in the amounts of \$1.2 million and \$650,000. The gifts will pool with the LBCC Foundation's fund raising efforts over the past two years that have resulted in \$2 million.

"I really think it's possible to go into the community and ask them to support LB," said Carnahan.

Carnahan intends to spend the next two to three years focused on putting his idea, titled "21st Century Campaign—Building Communities through Partnerships," into action, putting LB in a position where the college could support itself financially.

Carnahan responds to what he sees as the goals of the college, and labels his job accordingly.

"I think I understand the leadership role I have to play, both internally and externally," said Carnahan. "My job is to be aware of what's going on around us."

The construction that has been consuming the campus is part of an effort to meet the needs of the students by creating an environment that not only supported student life, but encouraged activity.

"There weren't any gathering spaces, students weren't visible outside the classroom," said Carnahan, so the renovation of LB "from curb to courtyard" was tackled. Moving the Student Life and Leadership and Commuter offices, in addition to the student lounge from their "hidden" locations on the second floor of the College Center building to a more visible location embracing the courtyard was the first major phase.

After the construction was completed, Carnahan noticed that the library, a hub of student life, still seemed unconnected from the courtyard although its location was quite central. Construction began on turn-

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Enrollment up 75 percent in summer

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

The good news is that LBCC enrollment is up.

The bad news is that prime parking spaces and desk spots in classes are getting harder to find.

Though figures aren't completely in for fall term, the trend is definitely up. Diane Watson, dean of student services, reports that full-time student enrollment is up seven percent from last year at the same time. Definitive figures will not be known until the end of the fourth week.

The increase in enrollment can be attributed to many factors, including a new Student Contact Center, she said. LBCC also offered the new JumpStart program, which is designed to give recent high school graduates a head start on their college studies.

President Jon Carnahan also credited the school's marketing efforts, noting that LBCC has gained visibility with local commercials that have aired on MTV and other cable channels, as well as advertisements on community movie screens.

The fall term increase follows a record 75 percent increase in enrollment for summer term.

Watson pointed to several factors that contributed to the summer term increase, including earlier registration and not requiring students to apply for admission before taking a full-time load. LBCC also offered more evening and weekend classes and short-term, condensed classes.

Bruce Clemetsen, director of enrollment management, attributed the rise to the lengthening of summer term from eight to 10 weeks. He said the longer term gave students more scheduling flexibility, enabling them to squeeze in more classes.

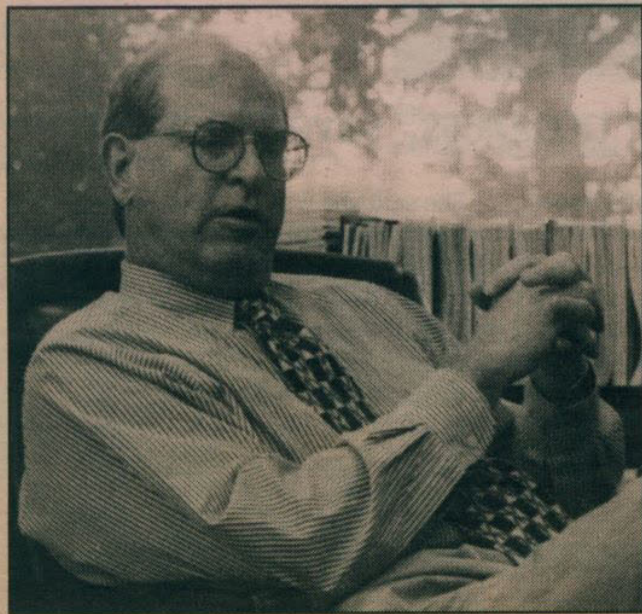


Photo by Kevin Blount

President Carnahan sees a bright future for LBCC.



Bang, Bang

New play explores pain left behind by youth violence

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Find a tutor and feed your face at Welcome Back Night at the Learning Resource Center from 5:30-7:30 tonight.

New Faces

Lady Runners head into new season with young team

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NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. sues tobacco industry

U.S. Justice Department has filed suit against the tobacco industry in an attempt to recover some of the billions spent by the government providing medical services to those with smoking related illness. Costs to treat these diseases are estimated at \$20 billion per year.

Quayle quits, McCain enters

Republican candidate Dan Quayle officially withdrew from the 2000 presidential campaign, citing lack of financial and voter support. Meanwhile, Arizona senator John McCain, 63, declared that he is in the running for the GOP presidential nomination.

Young drinkers face parents

Radford, Florida State and Virginia Tech are among the growing number of colleges that now notify the parents of underage students who are busted for drinking. A provision of the Buckley Amendment allows release of information about financially dependent students to the parents.

President: The future is now at LB

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ing one of the library's large windows that faced the courtyard into a new entrance.

As for more physical changes that may soon grip LB, Carnahan notes that there is more work to be done, but overall he is pleased.

"The things I would hope for are happening," said Carnahan.

As Carnahan heads into his 11th year as president, he feels much a part of LB's existence. "I've grown up here - I've made a conscious choice to be here."

Carnahan came to LBCC in 1973 as director of admissions and registrar. During his tenure at LB, Carnahan has also held the positions of dean of students and vice president of academic affairs before becoming president.

"I've really gotten to know the faculty, the importance of relationships," said Carnahan. "I depend on everyone else."

All of LBCC, including the faculty, depend on the students.

"What we really are about is what happens in the classroom," said Carnahan, adding that "when you look around at the quality of our students academically, we compete with anybody."

New library entrance to face courtyard

Construction causes fewer disruptions than anticipated

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

Construction to relocate the main entrance of the library is nearing completion. When completed, the new entrance will provide easier access to the courtyard, a larger circulation and computer lab area and a classroom.

"Beyond the usual glitches, everything has gone well," said public service librarian Charlie Weyant. The project's most dramatic moment occurred when a worker fell off a ladder and was taken to the hospital. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured.

Construction began July 6 and, by Weyant's "guesstimate," will wrap up sometime in October. To date, construction costs are estimated at \$121,000, according to Jorry Rolfe in the Library and Media Department.

During construction, the library remains a chessboard of contractors working around each other, with painters following sheetrockers, and carpet layers waiting for everyone to get out of the way.

Despite the noise, dust and a veritable parking lot of contractors's vehicles directly outside, library employees said that the project was significantly less disruptive than had been anticipated. Ear plugs were purchased but seldom used, according to library officials.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

A maze of frames surround workers in the library as construction winds down.

"They (the contractors) were very good to us; they used quieter equipment when possible and told us in advance everything that they were going to do," said Corinne Johnson, the circulation coordinator for the library.

Throughout construction, the library remained open to students. "It was harder to study sometimes with all the noise, but the construction really wasn't any big deal", said part-time student

Emerald Beanland.

Changing the library entrance is part of a plan to make the courtyard the "focus" of the school, according to Weyant. The recently remodeled cafeteria, the Student Life and Leadership office, the Union Lounge and the improved courtyard landscaping reflect this shift.

While construction is being completed, the library remains open.

Ear plugs are optional.

Free bus rides Oct. 4-8 in Albany and Corvallis

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

The Albany and Corvallis transit departments are offering bus rides for free next week.

Try Transit Week offers students the opportunity to ride the Linn-Benton loop bus free of charge from Oct. 4 - 8.

The loop bus serves LBCC with routes that run between Albany and Corvallis on highways 20 and 34.

"It's an opportunity for students to try the bus system," said Diane Watson,

dean of Student Services.

A national event, Try Transit Week is making its second appearance in the Linn-Benton area. Riding the bus provides a more cost-effective and many times less-stressful alternative to driving, according to transit officials. This allows students to catch a few winks or do their homework on the way to school.

"It saves a lot of the headache of driving," said Watson.

The loop bus also provides transportation between LBCC and OSU for stu-

dents who are dual-enrolled at both schools.

"We'd like to have more folks on the bus," said Edna Campau, transit coordinator.

Albany Transit and Corvallis Transit are also participating in the event, providing free rides to everyone who rides the bus in the Linn and Benton area. For more information, contact the Linn-Benton loop at 917-7667.

Culture: The new center is 'a work in progress,' says Curwen

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11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other events are held to tie in with a monthly theme. November is Native American Heritage month, which features a demonstration in beading, an appearance by a Shoshone storyteller and a showing of the movie "Smoke Signals."

Along with providing a meeting place

for cultural interchange, the center hopes to replace at least some of the resources formerly offered by the now-defunct Women's Center. Discussion groups on gender-specific issues are planned, Curwen said, although topics are not yet finalized.

Current Multicultural Center hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

She said she would like to meet anyone with ideas for the center, as well as those who might want to lead a group or donate time or resources. In addition, the LBCC Foundation is set up to accept donations earmarked for the Multicultural Center.

Curwen wants to emphasize that the center is "a work in progress. We're evolving."

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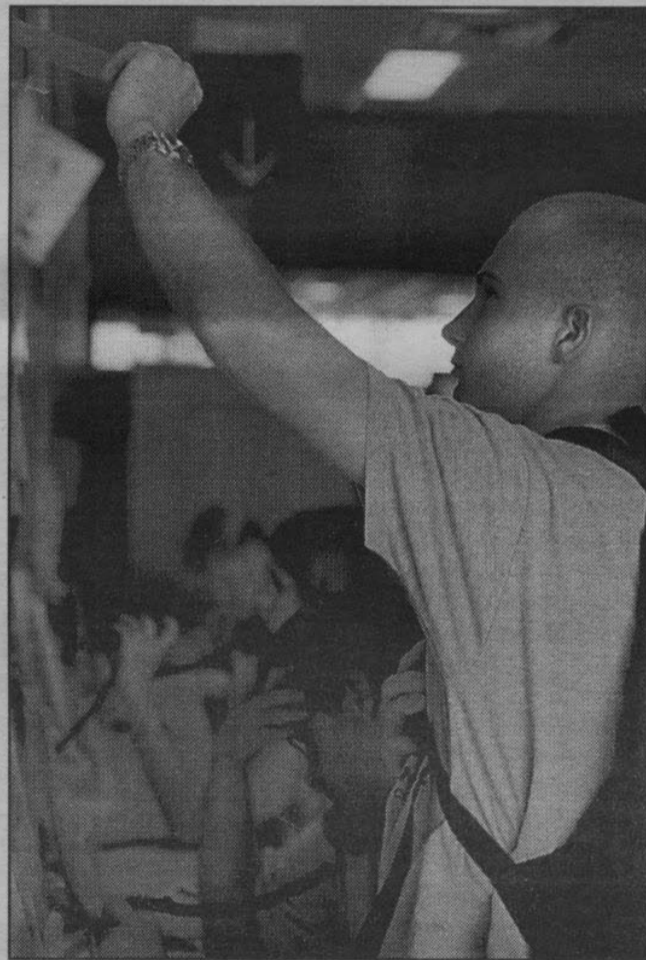
It didn't take long for students to start occupying the new benches installed in the courtyard. The benches replace several Magnolia trees that were root-bound.

School Daze

The last school year of the millenium begins with lots of fresh faces, some familiar scenes and a few new looks

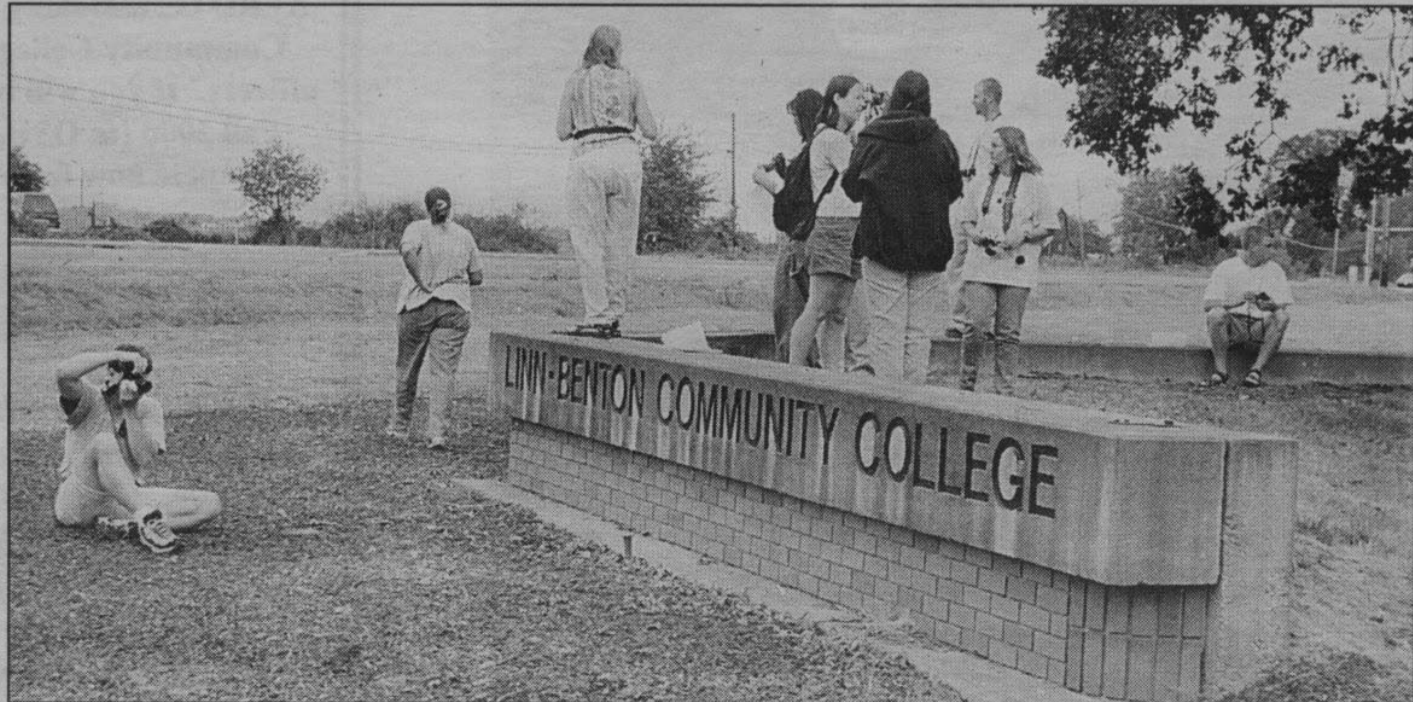
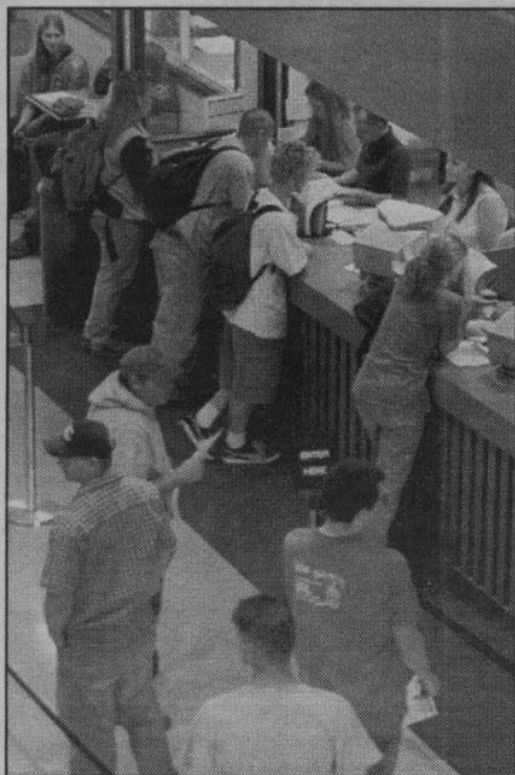


Elizabeth (above) uses telephone registration to avoid the lines at the counter in Takena Hall (below left).



Third-year student Justin Edwards checks out the job board in Takena Hall.

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Students in ART261, Introduction to Photography, take advantage of the warm fall weather to complete an assignment during the first week of classes.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Historic cowgirl photos featured in Portland gallery

by Joshua Ransom
of The Commuter

NW Artists Gallery in Portland's Historic Old Town presents the First Annual Cowgirl Showcase until tomorrow, featuring images from the Pendleton Cowgirl Company photo archives. These historic images, reproduced in fine art prints, illustrate the activities of world champion women rodeo riders from the early part of the century.

Polly Helm, NW Artists Gallery manager and owner of the Pendleton Cowgirl Company, is a native of Pendleton, Ore., where she grew up around the rodeo. Her great-grandfather, J.J. Hamley, founded the saddle shop where the tooled and silver-studded trophy saddles for cowboys and cowgirls have been made since the first Pendleton Round-Up.

A core group of images came to Helm from her collection. For the past 15 years, Helm has been researching early 20th-century female rodeo riders and champions. As a collection, these images of early professional athletes are now distributed as T-shirts, note cards, fine art prints and an annual calendar.

"While our celebration focus is on pictorial art, we see the cowgirl spirit as something much more extensive," says Helm. "The risk and joy of these early female professional athletes is alive and well in America's world champion soccer team, in proud young women scientists and doctors, in middle-aged women turning to art or business for the first time, in senior volunteers, anywhere that women are taking on challenges, saying no to limitations and meeting life head-on. We hope that all girls and women, boys and men, will find these images as inspiring as we do and will find ways to celebrate the Cowgirl Spirit in all of us."

Other aspects of the Cowgirl Spirit are visually celebrated in limited edition reproductions from contemporary cowgirl artists Donna Howell-Sickels and Linda Carter-Holman, along with new selections from local artist Carol Grigg.

Anytime during the Cowgirl Spirit celebration, gallery visitors can enter a drawing for a museum-quality fine art Iris Giclee print from the Pendleton Cowgirl Collection to be given away at the end of the month.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, contact Polly Helm at (503) 248-0552. A Pendleton Cowgirl Collection image can be downloaded for a print reproduction at www.cowgirlcompany.com.



Oil paintings by Analee Fuentes (above) and mixed media by Kurt Norlin (below) are in the art faculty exhibit now on view in the AHSS gallery. There will be a closing reception for the show on Oct. 15 at noon.

Art exhibit showcases work of LB instructors

by Joshua Ransom
of The Commuter

In the AHSS foyer, a special opportunity awaits. For the next three weeks, LBCC art instructors are displaying their work.

According to Gallery Coordinator Kurt Norlin, the display is put on because "it's important for the students to connect with their instructors."

Six teachers have their artwork on display with entries that range from pinhole photography to abstract paintings and pottery.

Greg Walter, a second year instructor, has two paintings on display, "Mossy Roots at Waterloo" and "His Own Private Island." He describes his paintings as "contemporary realism with a basis in formalism," but he adds he also wants them to show "something for someone who doesn't know anything about painting."

Norlin agrees, but went on to say that he hopes his art can assist in changing "how we view things."

Doris Litzer, an 11-year veteran of LBCC, has four paintings on display, including "Encounter" and "Canon."



"I've been interested in art since I was 3," Litzer commented, adding that hopes the show will become an annual event. Norlin shares her sentiment and is planning to make this show a fall tradition.

The gallery is located in the foyer of the AHSS building and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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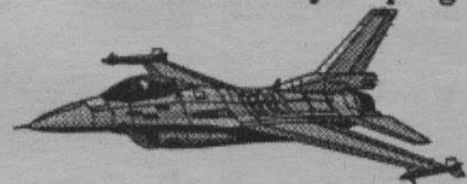
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National body grants award to Umbrella

From the LBCC News Service

The LBCC creative arts journal, The Eloquent Umbrella, recently won Best New Magazine Honorable Mention in the Community College Humanities Association National Literary Magazine Competition.

The journal was notified of the award by mail on Sept. 13.

The annual publication was put together by nine students in the winter term Literary Publication class and features writing, poetry, art and photography by students, staff and community residents. This year the journal accepted 97 contributors and published one of its largest editions ever.

LBCC instructor and publication coordinator Linda Varsell Smith said John Ginn, who graduated from the digital imaging program last spring, received an LBCC talent grant to lay out and design the publication and credits him for making the production process go smoothly.

Graphic Arts major Shelley King designed the cover. Heather Dunlop and Jaime Petersen-MacAuley, two students in Smith's class, edited the journal; Linda Spain was a faculty advisor.

Copies of The Eloquent Umbrella are available for \$2 at the LBCC Bookstore on the main campus, and at the Benton and Lebanon centers. They can also be purchased at the Tadena Theatre Box Office and in Corvallis at The Book Bin, Grass Roots Bookstore and Corvallis Arts Center.

The Eloquent Umbrella currently is taking submissions from Linn and Benton county residents until the deadline of Jan. 15, 2000.

For submission details, please call Linda Varsell Smith at (541) 753-3335.

'Bang, Bang, You're Dead' has dual message

Washington playwright William Mastrimone reacts to school yard violence

by Joshua Ransom
of The Commuter

"Bang, bang, you're dead." What was once an innocent phrase uttered by children at play, has fast become a harsh reality. From Thurston to Columbine to Heritage, violence has erupted leaving virtually no one unscathed. We as a society feel helpless, wondering what we can do to stem the tide of school yard violence.

William Mastro Simone, a Washington playwright, felt that same frustration and fear but it did not hit home until his children told of an anonymous threat left on a blackboard, which promised another massacre. That night, unable to sleep, he began writing a play which would explore these thoughts and feelings. As a result "Bang, Bang, You're Dead" was born.

The concept is simple, five victims confront their killer as he sits in a jail cell. There is no set, no lighting, just a few simple props.

As the play begins, 15-year-old Josh, the killer, sits in a cell as his five victims surround him, demanding to know why they are dead. They tell him of all they are going to miss -- high school graduation, college parties, marriage.

Eventually though, Josh is also reminded of the experiences that led him to this point and how many opportunities he had to unburden himself and get help.

According to Mastro Simone, the play was not only written to help with the healing process, it was written to "...the potential killer—the kid in the audience who harbors homicidal feelings toward others to show them what they will go through and to help them realize there are other options."

In an effort to get the play performed as much as possible, the author stipulated that the tickets were to be available at no cost and even made the script available for free downloading at his website, www.bangbangyouredead.com. The play debuted in Bend in February of this year and has been performed almost

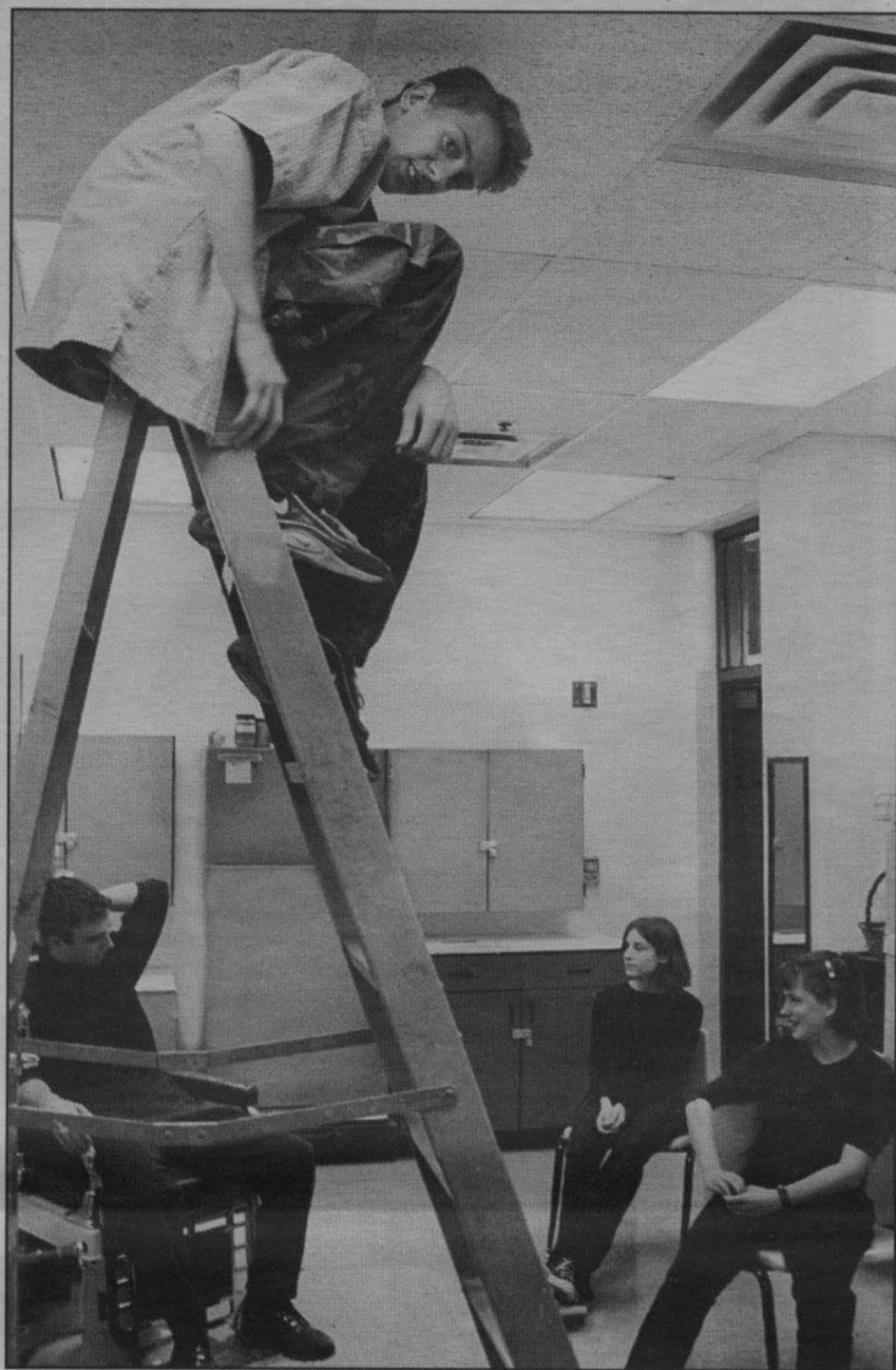


Photo by Kevin Blount

Cameron McPhee and other cast members clown around before Monday's performance of "Bang, Bang, You're Dead" in Tadena Hall.

nonstop since then. It proved to be valuable in the healing process when it was performed at Thurston on the anniversary of that tragedy.

Locally, Oscar B. Hult and Beth Bentley, drama instructors at West and South Albany high schools, teamed up with actors from both schools to stage this production at many locations, in-

cluding South Albany High and LBCC. According to Hult, "From the students point of view, they want to show what kind of effect this can have on their lives."

The last local performance will be Oct. 1, at Albany Civic Theater. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m. Admission is free but advance tickets are needed and are available at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany.

Students, staff model popular LB garb in Bookstore's fashion show

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

When students go to the Bookstore they're usually looking for school supplies or the expensive texts that instructors require for their classes.

Yesterday however, students and staff at LBCC were treated to a fashion show

put on by the Bookstore. About 20 amateur models, staff members and students, walked down a runway set up in front of the atrium at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. Christine Karpinski, Bookstore customer service specialist, got the idea when construction for the new library entrance began. "Without the foot traffic from the

library, I thought it would be a good promotion," she said.

"We redid the whole clothing section with shelving so we could display more. We also got a lot of LB imprinted clothing, the most we've ever had here." The clothing ranges in price from cotton tanks at \$16.95 to gear parkas for \$69.95. The

yellow parkas have, so far, been the most popular item for sale, said Karpinski.

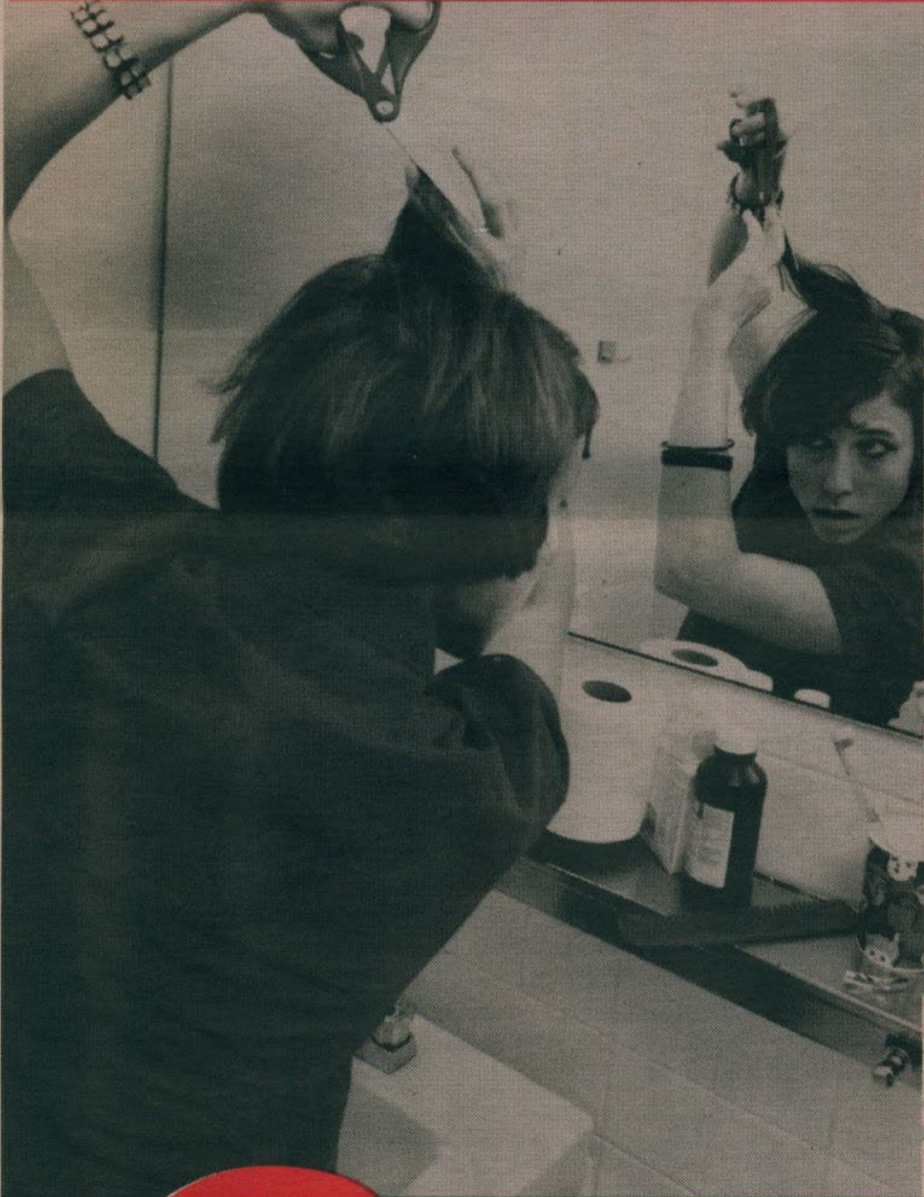
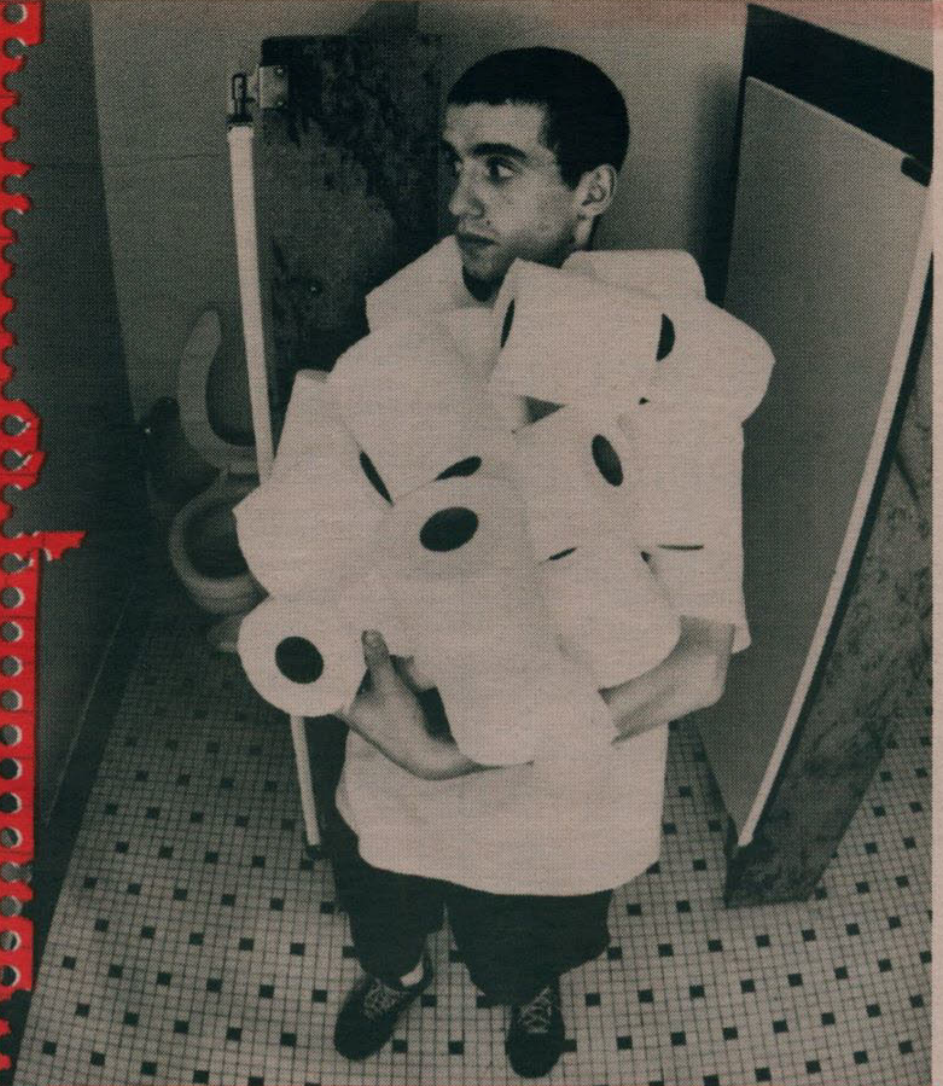
Clothing is not all that will be on display, there will be leather totes and purses, backpacks, umbrellas and stuffed toys. Karpinski who emceed and modeled said she had fun preparing the event and received a lot of help from the staff.

What's Happening

What	When	Where	Cost
Corvallis Rotary Chili Championship	Saturday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m.	CH2M Hill Alumni Center	\$30
Writers on Writing IV	Tues. Oct. 5 at 12:15 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library	free
Womanspace Art Show	Opens Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene	free
Festival of Glass	First Sat.s beginning in October	Lincoln City Art Gallery	free
Teddy Bear Convention "Life is just a bowl of Bear-ries"	Oct. 1-3	Lincoln City 503-775-3324	free
T.S.O.L. -punk rock group with Filthy AK	Sat. Oct. 2 doors open 9 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene	\$7/\$8
U.S. Bomb, The Ducky Boys, Link 80-punk rock	Tues. Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene	\$7/\$8
An Evening with the Disco Biscuits	Fri. Oct. 1 at 9 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene	\$8

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CAMPUS NEWS

20-year Navy vet now heads campus PTK

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Dan Speers is a very busy man.

Not only is he president of Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's honor society, he's also the northern district regional senator for 11 of the 22 community colleges in this area.

That means a lot of travel to play liaison for the district, such as the PTK conference in Utah last week. His next big event will be the Western Leadership Conference at Clackamas Community College Oct. 8-10. With all that travel, as well as his responsibilities as president of the LBCC chapter of PTK, Speers has had to cut down his class load to keep his GPA at the honor level, where it has been since he began his college career three years ago.

"I decreased my load so I could spend more time and energy on PTK," said Speers.

Responsibility isn't new to Speers. He was a member of the Navy for 20 years, 12 as a helicopter crewman, three as an aviation electronics technician, and five as a substance abuse counselor. Speers credits his work as a counselor for his decision to major in psychology. He plans to finish his career at LBCC sometime next year then transfer to a four-year college.

"I'm hoping to go to Willamette for my bachelor's," he said. Then he would like to finish off with a master's in psychology so he can teach psychology and some sociology at the community college level.

This year Speers would like to "increase our membership and get more involvement in our activities."

He advises students to attend their classes to succeed in college.

"By attending your classes you are going to improve your grade by one to two points," he said. He feels that a successful student is "someone who's learning, regardless of whatever grade they're receiving."



Photo by A.J. Wright

New recycle bins allow students to stash their glass on campus thanks to the efforts of student Amy Kinnison.

Glass recycling saves tons of money

Dropping glass and plastic bottles in bins could save LB \$578 a month in garbage fees

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

Amy Kinnison would like to see LBCC change the way it takes out the trash.

For the first time, LBCC will supply recycling bins for clear glass and plastic bottles this year, largely due to the efforts of Kinnison, a second-year accounting technology major. Kinnison worked with LBCC facilities manager Kevin Lacey and Albany-Lebanon Sanitation to get the bins distributed on campus.

Kinnison said she became interested in recycling on campus when she saw the overflow of glass and plastic bottles in the trash.

"I drink a lot of Sobe Tea and found

myself taking the glass bottles home to recycle instead of throwing them in the trash," she said.

Until this year, the only receptacles that students could use for recycling were in the library and some offices, and were limited to plain paper and newsprint. The cafeteria did have a receptacle for glass in the commons area, but bins for tin and cardboard were for staff use only.

Pam Wald, waste reduction coordinator at Albany-Lebanon Sanitation, believes the new recycling bins have the potential to cut trash on campus by at least one-third of its current volume.

LBCC currently pays \$1,752 per month for garbage service. If Wald's estimate is correct, a one-third reduction in trash would amount to a savings of up to \$578 per month in garbage fees.

There is an environmental impact as well. Albany-Lebanon Sanitation statis-

tics show that for every 90-gallon paper recycle bin, 1.5 trees and 690 gallons of water would be saved.

In industry, recycling reduced air pollutants by six pounds per 90-gallon cart, and approximately one-half the energy is used to make products out of recycled materials vs. nonrenewable resources.

The new recycling bins on campus are located on the west side and east side of campus, on both the first and second floors. The second floor bins are set up outside the Student Union Lounge on the east side of the courtyard, and outside the cafeteria. The downstairs bins are located on the east and west sides of the courtyard, and all accommodate plastics and clear glass.

"It's there and we sure hope that people take advantage of it," Lacey says of the new bins. He says he would like to see the program expand in the future.

All Campus Welcome Back

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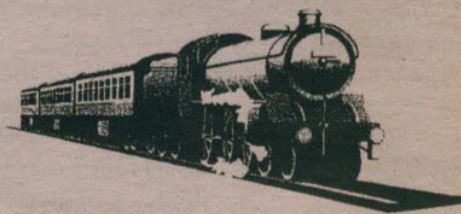
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CAMPUS NEWS

Scholarship helps single father realize dream

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

LBCC student Shad Sallars' dad was a cop. Now, to fulfill a "life-long dream," Sallars is following in his father's footsteps.

A finalist in the Oregon Police Corps' Scholarship application process, Sallars has already jumped over the first hurdles—an essay test, a physical test and the oral test. He received sponsorship from the Deschutes Sheriff's Department.

The scholarship offers \$30,000 for a 4-

year BA program, with the winner committing to work 4 years for a local police or sheriff's department.

Sallars still must pass a psychological evaluation and a medical evaluation. If all goes well, he will transfer to Western Oregon University this winter.

A single father of a 6-year old son and a 7-year-old daughter, Sallars quit his job at Hewlett-Packard to come to LBCC to study in the two-year criminal justice program.

He says his experience with LBCC's criminal justice program has "been real

positive" and that the instructors have always been top notch.

Jackie Turle, the head of the department, "is just awesome," he added.

He advises new criminal justice majors to take all the core courses first and to apply for scholarships immediately.

"The money is out there to help."

As a deputy sheriff, Sallars plans on joining the School Resources Division to "get to kids before they get into a lifestyle of trouble and to point them in the right direction."

"I want to be a role model."

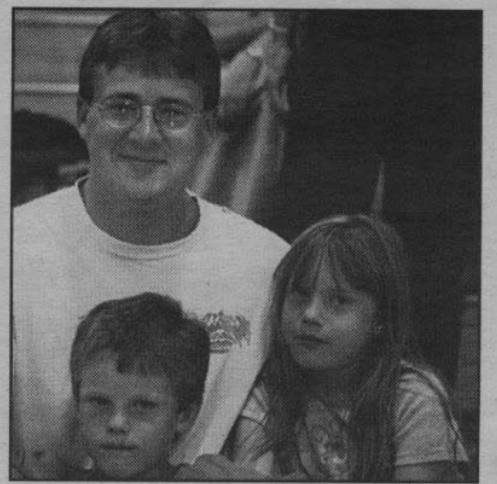


Photo by Robin Camp

Shad Sallars sits with his children.

Commuters feel taxed by rising Oregon gas prices

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

This summer commuters in Oregon had less to spend on vacation recreation every time they pulled into a gas station to fill up. Prices rose from just over \$1 a gallon in the spring, to over \$1.50 at pumps all over the state by Labor Day.

Some of the hike can be blamed on the 42.4 cent tax levied on fuel in Oregon, out of which 24.4 cents goes directly to the state for road improvements and bridge maintenance, preservation and restoration.

Federal tax comes to 18 cents a gallon. That added up to over \$2.2 billion in the last two years. According to Senator Mae Yih, 93 percent of that was returned to the state while the rest was used by the federal government to balance the budget.

Recently a transportation bill was passed in the senate to raise the gas tax an additional 5 cents per gallon. According to State Rep. Betsy Close, "We had this transportation bill that came through, and I felt that my district didn't want to raise the tax." In fact, she sent a flyer out to the voters in Albany asking whether they were willing to pay a higher gas tax. She got 50 e-mails back, 48 of which were a resounding no. "I personally don't want to raise taxes," she added. She feels that the vote will be repealed however, because there were four other places in Oregon that had the same bill come up for a vote and it failed.

Yih said that "the transportation department should be held accountable for the tax dollars they collect." She added that "I have never voted for a tax increase in my 22 years in the senate." Yih voted against the gas tax because she feels that gas prices are already too high. "I think we should be able to work within our budget," she said.

The bill passed, which, according to AAA auto insurance, would put Oregon state gas tax at 29 cents a gallon, the second highest in the nation. AAA auto insurance sent out a petition to all of it's members that would place the issue in the hands of the voters this fall if enough signatures are obtained.

In addition to the gas tax, corporations such as Chevron and Arco determine how high gas prices will be. One of the reasons that gas prices are so high in Oregon is that there are no self-serve stations. According to Close, "The legislature won't vote for it (self-serve) because there are so many people against it, such as the elderly, handicapped and mothers with children." She added "I'm glad we have it that way but the wholesalers don't like it at all, it's all about money."

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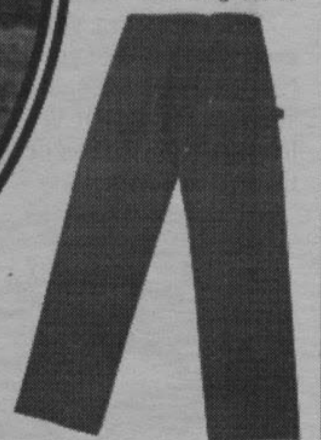
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CAMPUS NEWS

Cindy Nelson replaces Liz Pearce-Smith as FRC head

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

Family Resource Center coordinator Liz Pearce-Smith will be taking her work home with her for the next sixteen months while she is on maternity leave to have her second child.

Cindy Nelson will replace Pearce-Smith as FRC coordinator and instructor until Pearce-Smith's return in January 2001.

Nelson, former director of Chemeketa's Community Children's Center, left her position in Salem to work closer to her hometown of Lebanon.

"I think it is really exciting to be part of a program that is so supportive of students and their families," said Nelson.

This is not Nelson's first experience at LBCC. During the mid-1980s, Nelson taught parent education for eight years at extended learning centers in Lacombe and Scio. Nelson aided in the development of the Marion County Even Start program and is a national family

literacy program trainer. She is also a member of the Association of Child Care Directors. She received her bachelors degree in home economics from California State Long Beach in 1971.

"I feel very confident in Nelson's ability to coordinate this program," said Pearce-Smith. "She has several years experience dealing with families and has many years of solid managerial experience."

Pearce-Smith coordinated the FRC for 10 years and will work with Nelson on a part-time basis during her leave, allowing her continued involvement with the program.

"The most fulfilling part of my job is finding ways to meet the needs of our students," said Pearce-Smith.

Before leaving, Pearce-Smith received grant approval from the Federal Department of Education to fund a summer program at the FRC. The grant will allow LBCC to operate the program year-round.

"A summer program has always been a goal here at the center and I am pleased," said Pearce-Smith.



Photo by Robin Camp

FRC coordinator Liz Pearce-Smith (left) will be replaced by Cindy Nelson while on maternity leave. Pearce-Smith returns to her position in Jan. 2001.

Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center celebrates birthday

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

It all began with a couple of baby barn owls.

In 1987, Jeff Picton, current executive director of Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, was given responsibility for the little birds that had fallen from their nest. They were treated by Dr. Karen Timm of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine and released to Picton's care.

"I was going to college here in the zoology department at OSU," he said. Picton contacted several wildlife rehabilitation centers for advice on how to care for the owls.

"One of them was pretty broken up and it didn't survive," said Picton. The other he raised at his home and later

released.

Word spread that Picton would care for injured and wild animals. The first year, with the assistance of volunteer Becky Prewitt, whom he later married, he took care of a dozen other orphaned or injured animals. The next year the figure rose to 30.

After two years of doing this on a voluntary basis, Picton decided to devote all of his time and energy to the care of wild animals.

Now Chintimini cares for an average of 700 animals at a cost of \$80-100 thousand dollars for food and supplies a year.

Since Chintimini is a non-profit organization that is supported by thousands of volunteer hours a year, fund raisers, donations and grants are essential to the

survival of the rehab center.

This year, as they have done several other times in the past, the center is holding an auction. The entire proceeds will go directly into the care and rehabilitation of wildlife. "Right now we receive animals from as far away as Yachats, Sweet Home and Lincoln City," said CWRC volunteer coordinator and LBCC biology instructor Melissa Kilgore.

The auction, a kind of birthday party for CWRC, will be held at CH2M Hill alumni center in Corvallis on Oct. 1.

Tickets cost \$15 and include dinner and alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks as well as birthday cake. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

There will be a silent auction that begins at 6p.m., for more than 20 pack-

ages such as Oregon Coast Aquarium visits, fishing trips and art as well as about 30 other raffle items.

The oral auction begins at 7p.m. and will be held during dinner. Auction items were donated by over 100 businesses from as far away as Portland and Newport. There are pet, plant and eight coastal packages up for bid along with more than 20 other offerings.

CWRC is always on the lookout for donations and volunteers to donate their time.

According to Kilgore, "We wouldn't exist without the community."

For more information and the locations of where advance tickets can be purchased, check out the CWRC web site at www.proaxis.com/~cwrc.

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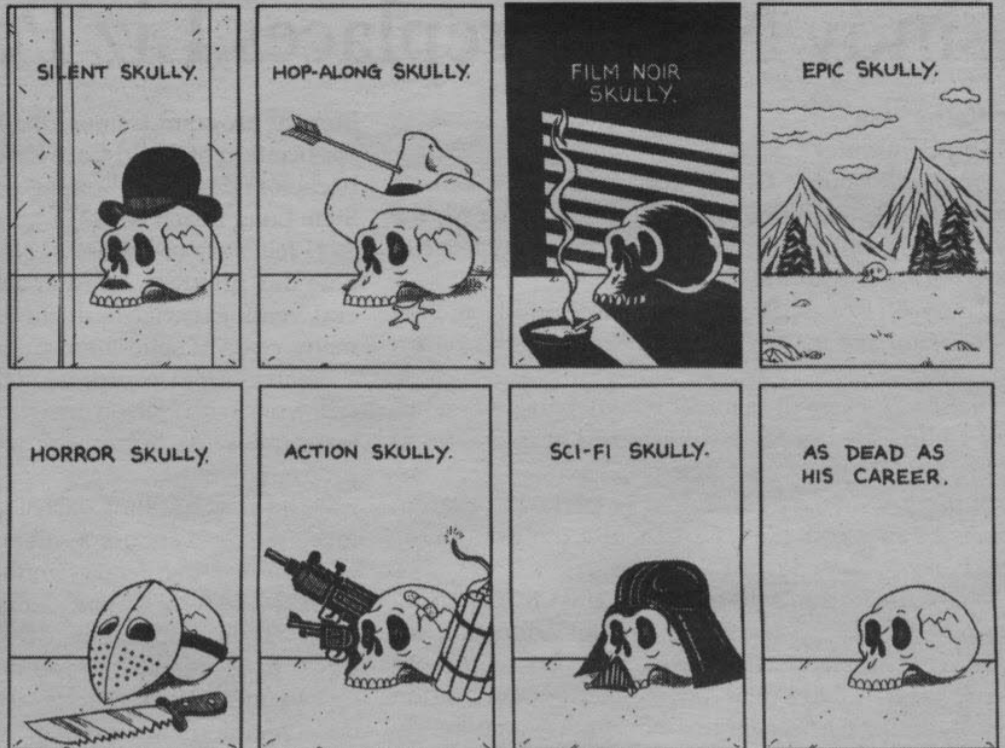


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SPORTS PAGE

THAYER'S THOUGHTS

Summer of '99 has many highlights

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

As we approach the end of the final year of the second millennium, the summer of 1999 will be remembered for years to come by sports fans.

That's when Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire became the first two players to ever hit 60 home runs in back to back seasons; Brandi Chastain ripped off her jersey in the U.S. World Cup victory over China; and the United States rallied to win the Ryder Cup.

Here, in order, are what I feel were the top stories of the summer of 1999:

- Chastain scores the winning goal for the United States in a 5-4 shoot-out with China. China came into the game as the favorite to win the World Cup, but with a Brianna Scurry stop on a shoot-out kick by China's top player, then Chastain putting the ball into the net and ripping off her jersey, the U.S. gained the upset. That coupled with the way the U.S. women's team got every American to join together, no matter what gender or race they were.

- Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs break the 3,000 hit barrier in the same month and a few days apart. Gwynn got his 3,000 hit (which was a single) against the Montreal Expos. Boggs got his on a double against his former team, the Boston Red Sox. Both of them should be headed to the Baseball Hall of Fame when their careers are over. Cal Ripken Jr. would have been a part of this special moment, but he was forced to miss the rest of the 1999 season with a sore back.

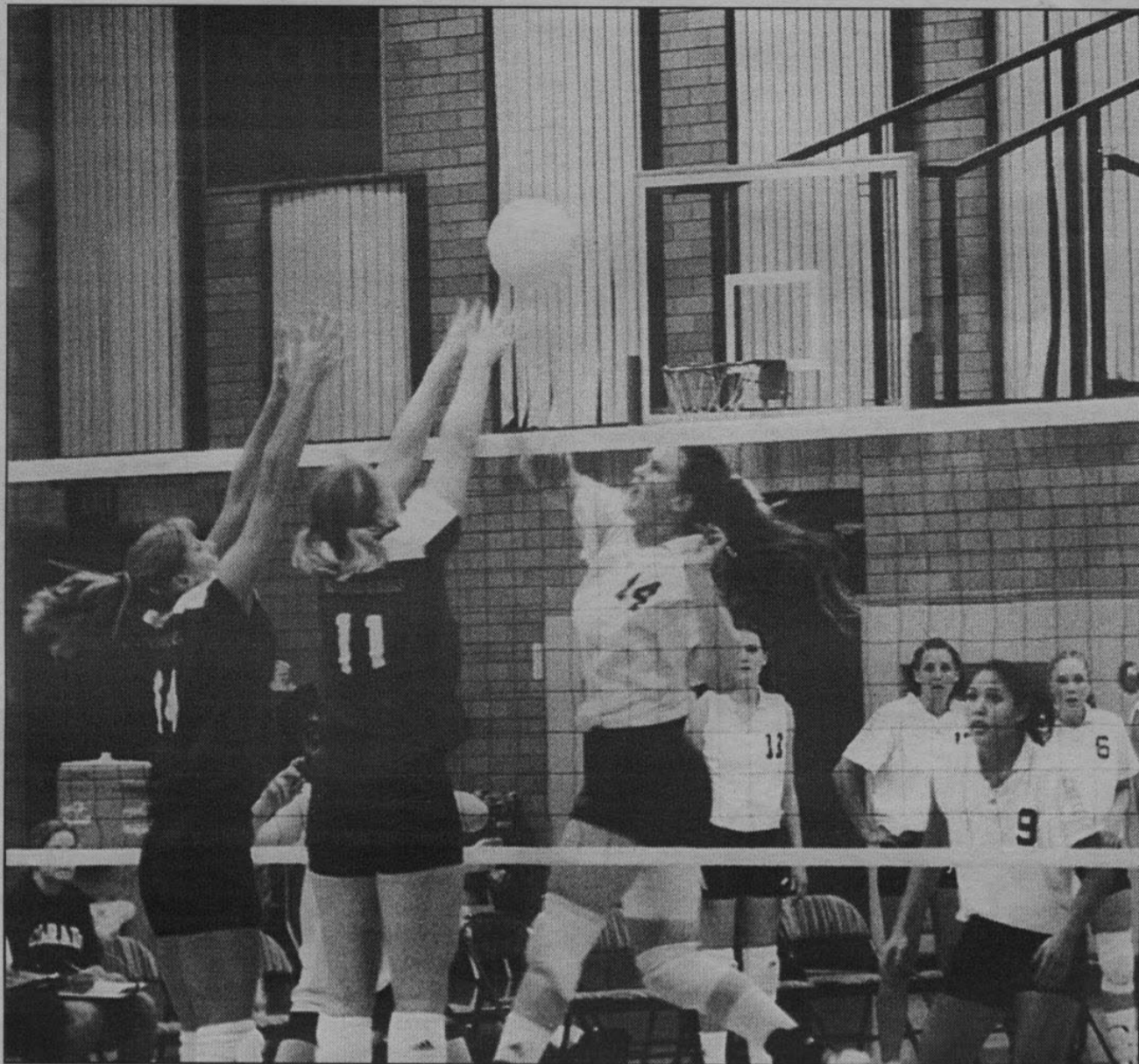
- The U.S. golf team makes a remarkable comeback to defeat the Europeans for the first time in the last three tries. Being down 10 points to six after the second round, Ben Crenshaw and his crew out-scored the Europeans to win. The victory is now considered to be the greatest comeback in any golf tournament ever.

- Four home run records were broken this summer, three by McGwire. McGwire reached the 500th homerun barrier in one of the fastest fashions ever, became the second person (besides Babe Ruth) to hit 400 home runs in one decade, and joined Sosa as the only two players to hit 60 home runs in back to back seasons. Even Ruth or Roger Maris had never accomplished this feat.

- The San Antonio Spurs win the NBA Championship four games to two over the Patrick Ewing-less New York Knicks. The Spurs had reached the NBA finals with sweeps over the Lakers and the Blazers. The Knicks had a tougher time getting there. They had to win at the last second to beat the Miami Heat, then defeated the Atlanta Hawks and the Indiana Pacers. Tim Duncan and Sean Elliott were the main heroes for the Spurs, but they were dealt a serious blow this summer when Elliott had to receive a new kidney. They do not know when he will be back.

- Serena Williams became the first African-American female to win a Grand Slam event since Althea Gibson won Wimbledon in 1958. Williams also became the first African-American tennis player to win a Grand Slam since Arthur Ashe won the U.S. Open in 1975. She defeated Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open final. Unfortunately, her dad's prediction that she would face here sister Venus in the final did not pan out.

Who knows what the rest of the year holds for us, but I'm sure it will be magical. If you have any comments or want me to know what you feel are some of the top moments since the end of the last school year, I would be happy to hear from you. Drop me an e-mail at thayerd@dswebnet.com.



Photos by Robin Camp

Nancy Drake tries to drive a shot past two Clackamas blockers in last Wednesday's league opener.

Cougars, Storm expose Runners' youth as volleyball season opens

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Lady Roadrunner volleyball team lost its first two league matches this season when they faced NWAACC powerhouses Clackamas and Chemeketa community colleges. The matches were a trial by fire for the new Roadrunner squad, which fields 12 freshman and only one returning sophomore player.

They opened the season at home in front of a supportive crowd against the Clackamas Lady Cougars on Sept. 22. The Lady Runners had Clackamas early in the first game, keeping it close till Clackamas pulled away for a 15-11 win. They then went on to defeat the Lady Runners 15-5 and 15-8 in the next two games.

Nancy Drake provided the Lady Runners with six kills while Jamie Caster and Shannon Gerding had five kills each. Kim Wyatt, Sarah Whisler, Jenni White, Caster, Drake and Gerding each had one blocked shot.

Coach Jayme Frazier summed up the match as "moments of excellence that didn't lead to a victory."

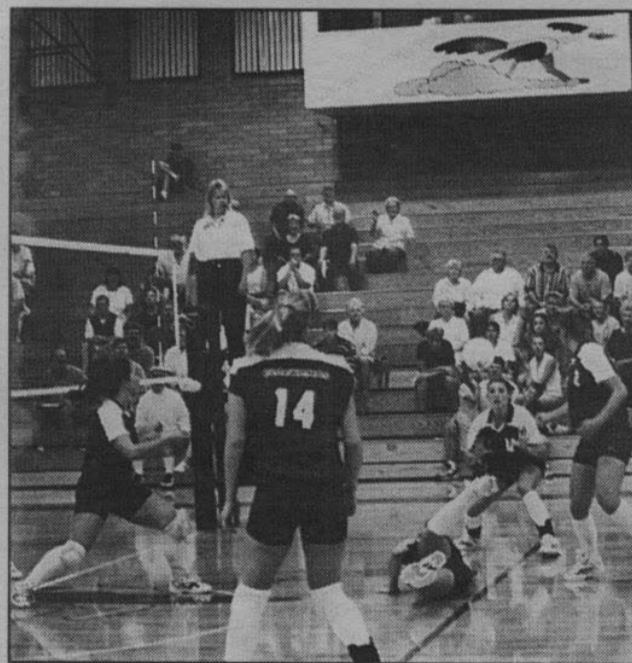
"I thought we looked great for two or three points, but they (the Lady Cougars) were consistent the whole time and that is why they beat us."

Frazier went on to say that her young team showed weaknesses in all phases of the game. "We had some setting problems and a lot of missed serves, but we do have strengths in those areas too. Our aggressiveness on offense is our main key."

Both Coach Frazier and Assistant Coach Seth Elliott agreed that facing such a tough team in Clackamas is a big boost for a young team, in some respects.

"Facing a team like Clackamas this early really helps us because it raises the level of our play and we see the rest of the schedule like this instead of starting off the season facing a weaker opponent," said Elliott.

"I know we can handle the pressure of facing a team like this. It is just that we haven't learned how to work as a team," said Frazier. "I want to get this team to be able to handle the pressure against whatever someone throws out there against us. But all of it is supposed to come from within, not mattering what they did to us."



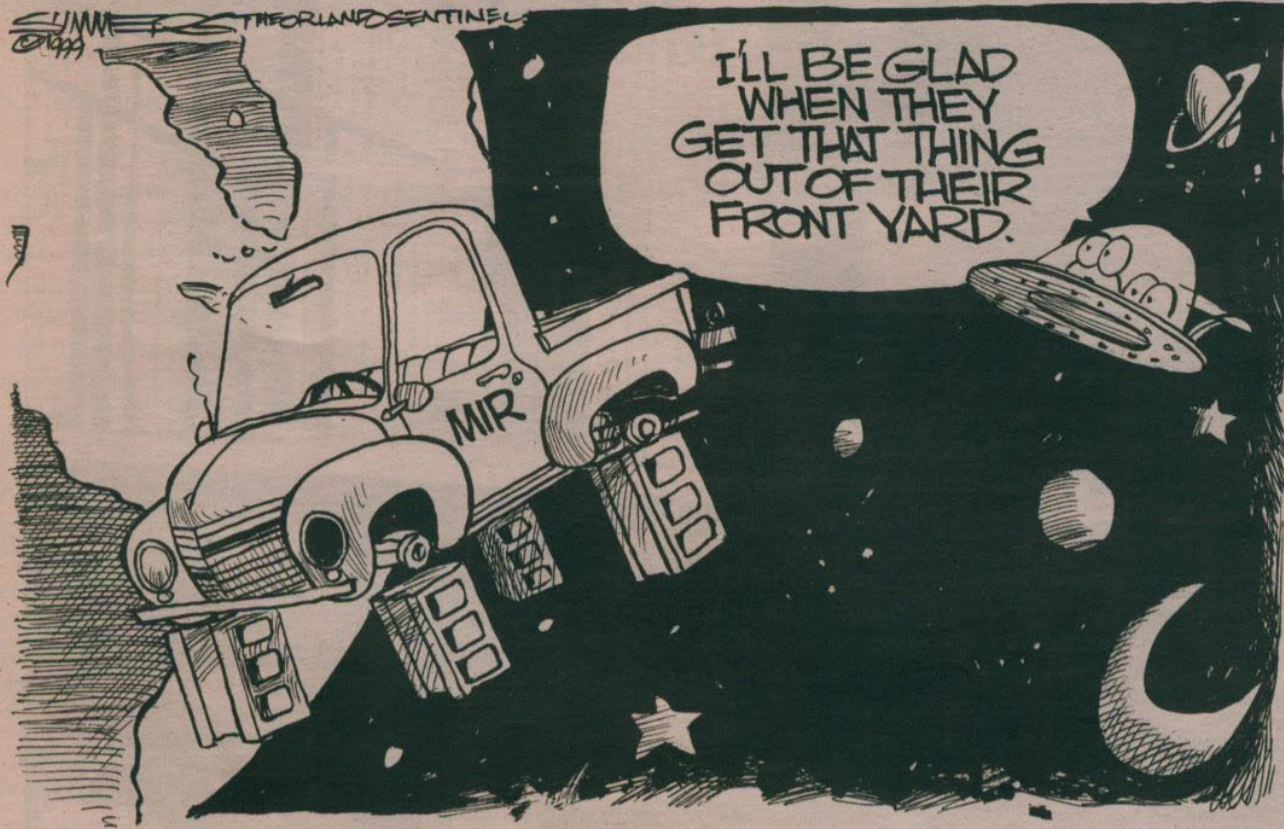
An LBCC shot sends the Cougars scrambling in last Wednesday's match.

On Sept. 24, the Lady Runners traveled to Keizer to face the Lady Storm of Chemeketa and again gave the team a scare in the first game, but the Lady Storm pulled out the 15-13 win. Chemeketa proved to be the better team in the next two games, winning 15-6 and 15-7.

Drake was once again the team leader in kills, finishing with nine. Kristyn Kohler was the closest to Drake, ending the match with five kills. Sheril Baga led the Lady Runners with two service aces, and Kohler had one. Caster was the team leader in blocked shots with two, while Drake, Sarah Towns and Whisler each had one a piece.

The 0-2 Lady Runners' next match is this Saturday at home against the Umpqua Community College Timberwomen. The game starts at 3 p.m.

OPINION



No more body parts for sale on ebay but plentiful supply of underwear left

By Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Okay, I'll admit it, I'm hooked.

They say the first step to recovery is to admit you have a problem. Unfortunately for me and others like me, I doubt if there's a 12-step program or a shopaholics anonymous to cure me of my addiction.

What the heck am I talking about? Ebay auctions, the Internet shopping place. There's something about being the high bidder on something that just brightens my eyes and gets my blood pumping. I suppose that allowing myself to spend so much time (and money) shopping and bidding for things on ebay is sort of like gambling. You make your bid and hope that you will be the high bidder. And those letters of congratulations when you win are like a prize at a game show.



Then when the packages start arriving, it's like Christmas in the middle of the year. Another craving I have is for positive feedback, almost like a pat on the back, "good girl."

But as with everything else on the Internet (or even out there for the general consumption of society) there are those few that have to abuse the privileges that the internet provides.

Ebay has tried to eliminate the sale of guns and gun parts, and it has for the most part, although there are still a few things, such as brass for reloading and gun books, sold here and there.

In fact, ebay made the news again recently for some very odd things that have recently been put up for auction. For instance there are 27 healthy human kidneys for auction on ebay. They are listed in price from \$1 to 5 million each. These sales have been removed

from the auction list. Some listings say that they are pranks, but what kind of person would be tasteless enough to make a joke about something that, for thousands of people in America and who knows how many in the world, is a very serious subject?

But this isn't the only weird listing that has shown up on ebay recently. It would appear that loving couples with big bucks, can also bid for a tiny human life. This is ebay, not ebaby! Come on. To the credit of the couple who began ebay, just like the gun things and the sale of human body parts, the illegal practice of baby selling has been eliminated from the lists of items that can be purchased at the site.

Another very disturbing thing that is for sale on ebay that clogs up the lists are used, worn, stained underwear, sometimes with videotapes and phone calls included in the bid. I suppose that there are people that search ebay who enjoy buying these nasty items, but they clog up the lists for those who are truly shopping for clothing and get annoying after a while. It sometimes seems like every stripper or girl going off to college has decided to sell her undies on ebay. There are, of course, students, moms, dads and many others who are legitimately selling their clothing, and ebay has guidelines for cleaning underwear that is to be sold, but as with ebabies and ebodies, should we call this area, eundies?

There are also some interesting, and legal, things for sale on ebay. Everything from Pokémon to backbacks, and cds to artwork, in fact, anything under the sun that can be bought and sold, is probably on ebay.

The only thing that ebay doesn't have, but should, is a warning sign: "Careful, this site is highly addictive."

For those of you who want to take the chance of becoming hooked, point your browser to www.ebay.com. I'm sure you'll find something you can't live without. I know I did over and over and over!

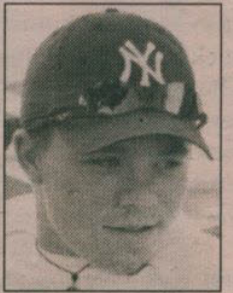
WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Are gas prices gouging you?

Students at LBCC are frustrated by the high cost of gas prices in Oregon. Commuters consider the 42.4 cent per gallon gas tax to be a contributing factor to the prices but seem confused about why the prices remain high.

"It sucks, I'm from Seattle and prices there are, like, 99 cents for regular, here it's like, \$1.50. I get good gas mileage but if I had a bigger car I'd probably be more irritated than I am now."

—Josh Albrecht, elementary education



"It sucks. Everybody has to buy gas 'cause everybody has to go places so why not jack up the gas prices."

—Melissa Juza, digital imaging

"I pay gas with a credit card, but I have noticed that it is really high. If it's really expensive it might cause people to use other forms of transportation."

—Katie Smith, Undecided



"Too expensive, way too expensive. I think they should put a tax somewhere else instead of on gas."

—Ryan Ferebes, nursing major

"I like car pooling. It's important to have the tax, but to tax twice on one year is too much."

—Philip Buyas, computer user support



"It's really unfair, they blame it on the oil refineries and I don't think that has anything to do with it."

—Rob Robinson, graphic design

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