



Be My Valentine



Becky Moore (above) of the Student Programming Board gets carnations ready for delivery Friday, while D.J. Josi bestows a flower on Joanne Secrest at the TBD Center.



Photos by Jeremy Parker

Volunteer recycling efforts leading to 'barrel anarchy'

by Brock Jacks
of The Commuter

LBCC students looking to toss their recyclables into a handy storage container may have been wondering why there aren't such bins around.

In the past, barrels around campus have been maintained primarily by the Peace Studies Club. Other groups, such as the former Women's Center and even a student raising money for South Albany High School, have put out recycling bins on campus.

The recyclable bottles and cans are disappearing from the Peace Studies bins, and it has been a mystery as to who is removing them and why.

Right now Doug Clark, the Peace Studies advisor, isn't sure who is emptying the barrels, but he thinks it sounds like a mission for someone who's interested in

encouraging recycling on campus.

The barrels were a volunteer project by the Peace Studies and were limited to the cafeteria by the group after some groups complained they were "competing" for cans.

"Collection barrels reflect Peace Studies environmental themes. Usually they bring in from \$30 to \$40 a term," said Clark.

Clark also noted that the club has not received any money from the barrels since last summer. Former member Pete Petrovack used to take care of the barrels, hauling them off when they filled and bringing the money to the club, but he has since moved on to OSU.

"I'm not sure, but perhaps the money is going to pay someone's rent," Clark said jokingly, "Right now it's barrel anarchy!"

Fighting the flu bug

Two natural remedies, oscillo and echinacea, are popular ways to weather the flu season

by Tina Flores
of The Commuter

With the flu season in full force, many sufferers have begun turning to alternative health care after traditional medicines have let them down.

According to local health supplement stores, the two best-selling homeopathic flu remedies this flu season are preventative medicines—oscillococinum and echinacea.

Oscillococinum, nicknamed oscillo, is the talk of the alternative medicine community this year. Oscillo does not actually fight the flu virus, but it dra-

matically increases your body's natural defenses against it. Oscillo is a granule that you put under your tongue and suck like candy. It has to be taken within the first 24 hours of flu symptoms.

According to a press release from Anasyr group, people who make homeopathic medicine don't know exactly why it works but have studies that prove its effectiveness.

"Oscillo is a highly diluted concoction of duck liver and heart," said Wesley Stoker of Stoker's VitaWorld located in Corvallis. "I have had a couple of customer's voice-mail me praising the effectiveness of oscillo. Oscillo has been flying off my shelves and out of the store."

General Nutrition Centers in both
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Disabled students, staff look forward to functional elevators

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Disabled students are trying to be patient as they wait for repairs on the College Center elevator to be completed.

According to maintenance, they'll have at least a couple more weeks to wait.

Regular users of the College Center elevator have had their mobility reduced or have had to maneuver their way through construction debris to the elevator across the courtyard near the Science Technology Building, more than 500 feet away.

"It's obviously very inconvenient," said Carolyn Wright, a psychology teacher who said she uses the other elevator to get to her classes on the second floor. She said that people in non-powered wheelchairs have to work even harder to get to where they are going.



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—Melody Neuschwander

"I understand that they have their own problems. We just have to be patient," said Wright.

She said that she knows that they put in automatic door openers and ramps in order to retrofit a campus that didn't begin as handicap accessible, but wishes that the ramps were not so steep and difficult to maneuver. She would also like to see another elevator on campus that is more conveniently located than the

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—Amelia Kinnson



current elevators.

Amelia Kinnson, a business major, thinks that the school should get together with disabled students to discuss the problems that only the disabled students and faculty can understand.

She said that it's difficult wheeling her chair to the other elevator because she has to maneuver in the courtyard, the cords and boards from construction in the courtyard. She added that she has had to use the wheelchair
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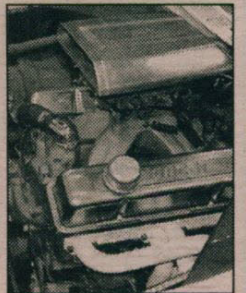




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Over-turned

State troopers inspect an overturned semi-trailer that blocked the Highway 34 median and one westbound lane between campus and Corvallis on Feb. 12.

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recently due to a knee inflammation that grew worse from using the stairs when the College Center elevator went down.

Kinns added that she thinks the school should discuss with Disabled Students Services some of the things that could be done to improve disabled student access on campus, like more doors with automatic openers.

"It would be better if they worked together as a team," she said. "It's a good school, a good opportunity, why not make it better?"

Melody Neuschwander, a creative writing major, said she has "noticed how annoying the elevators have been lately. The elevator is my only option."

Neuschwander said that two weeks ago when she tried to get upstairs, neither of the elevators were working and

she had to call maintenance, who used the freight elevator behind the kitchen to move her upstairs.

"It's a royal pain," she said, adding that now there is a long line at the only remaining elevator outside the Science Technology building.

"It's a basic necessity," said Neuschwander, "I think that they (maintenance) should take care of things that are absolute priority."

The wait should be over soon, not only for 35-40 disabled students that attend class, but also the people who deliver the mail and supplies. The 25-year-old elevator, which has been out of operation since early this term, should be up and running by the end of the month, barring any problems in the meantime, according to Kevin Nicholson, head of maintenance.

Flu: Alternative remedies help fight flu

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Albany and Corvallis have both reported a high number of oscillo sales.

The second best-selling remedy is echinacea. VitaWorld, GNC and Herbs in Thyme report selling large amounts of this herb. Echinacea is reported to fight the flu by strengthening the immune system and, like oscillo, should also be taken at the onset of symptoms. Some say it prevents the flu altogether if taken on a regular basis.

Barbra Franzke of Herbs in Thyme makes her own blend of tea she calls "cold time" that includes echinacea and is her most popular seller.

"Customers come in and tell me how soothing cold time is and how well it works," she said.

Jeri Caudle, a massage/aroma therapist at Herbs and Thyme, advises treat-

ing the flu with a massage with her special blend of oils that include pine, thyme and tea tree oils that help aches, pains, and soothe breathing. Franzke and Caudle have taught classes on how to use homeopathy and aroma therapy to fight colds and flu. Herbs in Thyme is located next to the Book Bin on Fourth Street in Corvallis.

A nurse at the Corvallis Clinic said that an estimated 5,000 more flu shots were given this year over last year, and that doctors at the clinic were recommending TheraFlu and echinacea.

Pregnant women are being told Tylenol and Robitussin should be taken, she said.

Oscillo and echinacea were not recommended for pregnant women as no tests have been done about the effects on the fetus.

Internet can be homework aid if you know where to look

by Sarah Crauder
of The Commuter

Just a few years ago, the World Wide Web was something only a few computer geeks knew about, but now everyone seems to have a Web page.

On the Web you can find anything: entertainment news, stock indexes, fictional stories, sports scores and product information.

You can even get help with your homework.

There are hundreds of pages that offer such help in various subjects. Just point your browser to Yahoo.com, type in the subject you're struggling with and Yahoo will spit out a list of Web pages that might fit the bill.

You might have to follow a few links to get to a place that will help you, but if you're truly stuck, it's well worth it.

For the more traditional subjects like math and history, there are hundreds of pages to sort through, so here is a short list of help pages or indexes for the traditional core subjects of math, history, science and writing.

- Sumfun (webhome.idirect.com/~sumfun/) is an index of math-related sites sorted into categories. You can find sites that get you in contact with on-line tutors or give you help with your homework. One such site is Ask Dr. Math (forum.swarthmore.edu/dr.math/dr-math.html). The site is divided by math levels and has lists of math questions and answers asked by other stumped math students. If you can't find your answer there, e-mail Dr. Math and get your own question answered.

- In the area of science there are a number of 'Hypertextbooks' on-line. These are usually for people taking distance education classes at universities,

but you can still use them for your own research purposes. A good example of one is MIT's Biology Hypertextbook (esg-www.mit.edu:8001/esgbio/). It reads just like a regular biology textbook, but it has a search engine you can use to find your answer quickly, and has imbedded links in the text that take you to a glossary if you're unsure about specific terms.

- A good history site is The History Net (www.TheHistoryNet.com). It offers information on both world and U.S. history and has a search engine to help you find what you're looking for. It has a very nice look to it, but most of its information comes from history journals and magazines. You might be better just going to the page Yahoo shows you when you search for "history." You can look for events by date, region or country, and it is easy to quickly find what you're looking for.

- Chris' Wave (www.humberc.on.ca/~coleman/cw-soft.htm) is a site to sell writing software, but clicking on the links page will give you a list of writing sites that can help you with grammar and style (after you weed out the ones that offer help on getting agents to professional writers). There's also a link to a nice little site that gives suggestions on breaking writer's block.

You should be aware, however, that not everything on the Internet is necessarily true, so if you are using it for research, it's always a good idea to double check your facts.

There is a world of information on the World Wide Web and it's all accessible from a PC connected to the Internet. With the help of a search engine or two, you can get the information you need quickly, and get back to doing your homework.

Student body elections next week

Campus-wide elections for student government positions will be Feb. 23 and 24.

Only two applications were turned in before the Feb. 12 deadline: Rebecca Moore for vice president and Danielle Farmer for at-large representative. An

application was turned in for the position of ASG president, but was turned in after the deadline.

Candidates are scheduled to appear at the candidate forum on Feb. 17 in the new student lounge on the second floor next to the Forum

Loop bus adds routes, times to campus

The Linn-Benton Loop Bus, which provides service between Albany, LBCC, Corvallis, OSU and Hewlett Packard, has added new routes to its run, improving the availability of the bus to students.

Effective last Monday, the routes include more frequent stops at Second and Broadalbin streets and LBCC in Albany, 15th and Jefferson streets and Fifth and Jefferson streets in Corvallis and the

Amtrak station.

The loop bus travels between Albany and Corvallis on highways 20 and 34, and operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Fare is 85 cents for a one-way trip. Term passes and discount coupon books are available in the Albany Center Office in Takena Hall. For more information call 917-7667.

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IN FOCUS

Single mom balances schoolwork, daughter

McQueen finds education worth sacrifice of social life

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

For Cherina McQueen, study time may not even begin until 10 p.m., when 14-month-old daughter Cyndia is finally asleep.

By then the trips back and forth to pick up and drop off Cyndia are over for the day, the food has been prepared and served, the classes attended, the work study hours put in and the dishes done.

Now, it's time to get to work.

McQueen is one of many single parents attending LBCC who face the daunting task of squeezing school work, employment and family life into a 24-hour day. The hardest part of being a single parent and student, says McQueen, is managing the time and stress demands of the dual roles.

The 26-year-old mom is attending LBCC to complete a one-year certificate program in juvenile corrections. After that she plans to enroll in

a wildlife program offered at OSU.

Eventually she wants to use this unique mix of training to run a combination juvenile foster home and wildlife rehabilitation center where kids and animals can help each other. As she says, "Something has

to touch them."

Before returning to school, McQueen spent nearly four years working in plastics manufacturing. She was making "a whopping \$7 an hour" when she quit.

McQueen now receives financial aid, including work study, that allows her to work toward her degree. While she confesses she is still just as poor as before, now at least she is working toward a goal rather than merely putting in hours at a dead-end job.

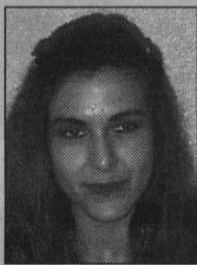


Juggling her dual roles as mom and student leaves little time for socializing.

"My social life is a joke," she said. "I have a roommate who goes out all the time and does these fun things and I get depressed. If I can take Cyndia with me, then I'll go out."

While McQueen is in class or at her work study position in the Financial Aid Office, Cyndia stays with her grandmother and great-grandmother. For now, she is still too little to be in the Family Resource Center on campus.

Although she can't make use of the FRC, McQueen is grateful for other services that are available at LBCC. She makes frequent use of the Learning Resource Center "es-



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—Cherina McQueen

pecially the Writing Desk when I need to know how to write something in a certain style."

Asked what other services a college might offer to single parents, McQueen replied that a study center with child care would be helpful. That would give her

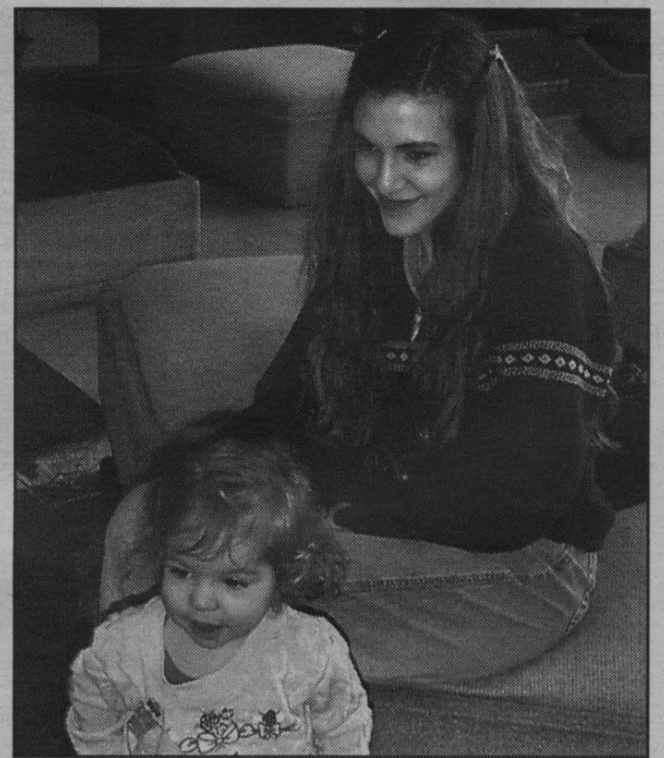


Photo by E.J. Harris

Cherina McQueen and her 14-month-old daughter find a moment together in Takena Hall.

a chance to use the computers, do her research and maybe even find another student to work with.

McQueen is taking a parenting class at LBCC to help with "coping skills." While she is quick to admit that being a student and single parent is hard, she keeps her focus on the future.

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Measure 58 begins legal battles and debates over adoption rights

by Michele Brosnan
of The Commuter

Any adopted person searching will find his or her birth mother. This measure would lessen the grief, pain, expense and time to make contact," said LBCC student and birth mother Lizanne Southgate.

Southgate refers to Measure 58, which allows adult adoptees 21 and older to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate. The measure was passed by 57 percent of voters last November.

However, a lawsuit filed Dec. 2 in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem, has led to an injunction against the measure becoming law while the legal issues are argued in court.

In the meantime, adoptees and birth mothers who would like to make contact are barred from accessing the necessary records.

Franklin Hunsaker, a Portland attorney, filed the lawsuit to block Measure 58 on behalf of seven birthmothers who say the measure violates their privacy. On Jan. 19, the National Council of Adoption joined Hunsaker's lawsuit. The National Council of Adoption is known for its support of the Uniform Adoption Act, which would seal adoption records for 99 years, criminalize searching and shorten the time for the birth mother to change her mind to eight days after birth.

Defending the law are Attorney General Katherine Georges, Helen Hill, the chief petitioner of the measure, Oregon Adoptive Rights Association, Curtis Endicott, an adoptee, and Susan Updike, a birth mother.

Because of the injunction, Tom Hill, a 57-year-old Eugene adoptee, and others are in legal limbo as they await the law to give them access to their original birth certificate.

Hill has been searching for seven-and-a-half years for his birth mother. "The right is mine to my own birth certificate," he said. "People who are not adopted have a right that adoptees do not."

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Rebecca Barnes, a Salem adoptee, was given the information on her birth mother by a family acquaintance, but she has chosen not to meet her. Barnes, a single unwed teen mom, said, "I do not understand how she could give her child up for adoption." But she still believes that adoptees "have a right to their original birth certificates and to know who they came from."

Although the lawsuit was brought on behalf of seven birth mothers who want to keep the records sealed, many birth mothers and adoptive parents support opening the records.

Kathleen Bailey, a Portland birthmother who was forced to relinquish her daughter due to illness, says, "My daughter did not agree to the adoption agreements made between adults. She has a right to her original records."

Southgate agrees. "Children didn't have a choice for records to be closed," she said, and their records should be open to them.

Pam Simpson, an Albany adoptive mother of three said, "Children should have the right to get their birth certificates and find their birth mothers, if they want."

Adoptive parents have often been blamed for sealed records, but a 1992 survey of Adoptive Families of America in OURS magazine, 70 percent of adoptive parents said adoptees should have a copy of their original birth certificate if the birth parent did not object.

The seven birth mothers who are represented in the lawsuit said the adoption had not been disclosed to spouses and children, and the revelation of their identities to their children who were adopted would disrupt their lives. One, who is not an Oregon resident, feared being tracked down by the child's father who

raped her.

Birth mothers are also among those who support the measure that would open the records.

"There is a bond between mother and child which always remains," Baily said. Added Southgate, "For adoptees who are searching, they absolutely have to meet."

Southgate's daughter, Erin, was able to use the adoptive parents resources to hire a private investigator to search. Erin located her birth mother after 18 months of intense searching. Southgate is convinced that the measure would have helped her daughter locate her in less time.

Bailey was able to meet her daughter, who was only 14 at the time, through family connections because her daughter demanded she be allowed to meet her "real" mother. Bailey said the law would let adoptees connect with their birth families.

Bastard Nation is an Internet activist group that is pursuing the opening of adoption records and the unsealing of original birth certificates. Bastard Nation was behind the grass-roots effort to pass Measure 58.

Original birth certificates were not sealed nation-wide until after WWII, due to a shift in the social climate toward unwed mothers. Oregon did not seal birth certificates until 1957. According to an article by Brad Knickerbocker in the Dec. 16 issue of the Christian Science Monitor, half of all adoptees alive in the United States were born before the 1957 law.

The law is expected to be on hold for at least two to three more months. A hearing on the lawsuit is scheduled before Judge Norbland in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem in March.

This case could go to the Supreme Court and threatens to prevent Oregon from being the first state to legislate adoption reform. A similar Oregon measure passed by voters on physician-assisted suicide was in litigation for three years before being signed into law.

thayer's thoughts NBA season is off to a crazy start

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The National Basketball Association is in full swing, coming off one of the worst strikes in pro sports history. Plus, we are coming off a season in which the Chicago Bulls won their third consecutive championship, defeating the Utah Jazz.



But what can we expect from the teams and players this season?

Will the NBA and the Bulls hold up with the retirement of Michael Jordan?

That all depends on who is willing to step up in the NBA. The top three players are Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers, Ray "He Got Game" Allen of the Milwaukee Bucks and Kobe Bryant of the L.A. Lakers. All three can be compared to Jordan with their tremendous basketball abilities, but Bryant plays for a better team and has better moves than Iverson or Allen.

The Bulls will have problems replacing Jordan, Scottie Pippen (who was traded to Houston), Dennis Rodman (who is still in limbo), Luc Longley (who was traded to Phoenix) and Steve Kerr (who went to San Antonio). Former OSU Beaver Brent Barry could do it, but he is mainly a scorer who doesn't know the meaning of defense. Maybe Corey Benjamin, another Beaver whom the Bulls picked in the first round, but he is only a rookie. Tony Kukoc and Ron Harper are the only legitimate threats left on the Bulls.

Did the strike cause a lot of players to leave their respective teams from the 1997-98 season?

You bet it did. You had the trades of Pippen to the Houston Rockets, Longley to the Phoenix Suns, Webber of the Washington Wizards to the Sacramento Kings for Mitch Richmond. The free agent market was pretty strong too. Antonio McDeyess left the Suns to return to the Denver Nuggets, but the Suns were able to replace him with Tom Gugliotta (of the Minnesota Timberwolves). Jim Jackson, who has spent his whole career moving from team to team, signed with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Who will replace the Bulls as the top team in the NBA?

The Los Angeles Lakers and Indiana Pacers were the pre-season favorites, but so far it looks like the Utah Jazz and the Detroit Pistons. The Jazz are still led by John Stockton, Karl Malone (who rescinded his earlier demand to be traded) and Jeff Hornacek. The Pistons are led by up-and-coming superstars in Grant Hill and Jerry Stackhouse.

There are still a few remaining questions that need to be answered in this NBA season. Who is going to make it to the NBA Championship? Will Dennis Rodman ever sign with the Orlando Magic or the Los Angeles Lakers? Will the fans accept the players and owners the rest of the season?

Ferrari drivers beware of LB's bad Vega

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

Can you imagine a Chevy Vega out-accelerating a Ferrari F-50?

LBCC's Racing Performance Club race car can do just that. Weighing in around 1,800 pounds with a 327-cid (cubic inch displacement) engine that puts out more than 350 hp, the 1971 Chevy Vega runs a quarter mile in 12.29 seconds and does 0 to 60 in 1.2 seconds.

The students have been racing the Vega for more than 10 years. This race season starts the third weekend of April, and the RPM club plans on towing the car up to Woodburn to start tuning on March 14.

The club has been in existence since 1971, making it the oldest club on campus. The club tries to teach safety, craftsmanship, teamwork and professionalism to its members.

"Motor sports is the largest and fastest growing sport in the world," said Brian Sciedler, a former student who now works for the Auto Shop and contributes his time and knowledge to the club.

Members work on improving the Vega's performance every year, and the result is a race car that tops out at a 117 mph and can out-accelerate a Ferrari, a McLaren F1 and a Dodge Viper. With open headers, the roar from the engine sounds similar to a NASCAR race car.

In its last race in October, the Vega won its first two runs at Woodburn Track. It ran three runs before the engine started knocking and had to be shut down.

All members of the club who get a chance to drive the car are covered by \$470,000 of insurance through the NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) as well as track fees. They have \$235,000 from the NHRA and Woodburn provides an additional \$235,000 at each race.

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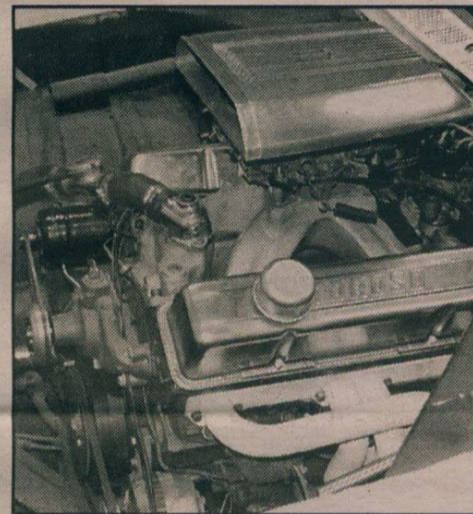


Photos by John Paul Viviano
The RPM Club has revved up this Chevy Vega with a 350-horsepower engine (below) so they can take it racing. The hot rod out-accelerates a Ferrari F-50.

mance parts company out of Gardena, California, has been a major contributor over the years, donating pistons, cams and roller rockers. Funds for the Pro-Street racer come from projects

that students in the RPM club take on. Flat fees for projects are then put towards parts.

Future plans for the Vega include a 454 cid bored to 468. Sciedler and Troy Lawson, the club president, expect the engine to put the car in the low 10s and figure it will be capable of an 8-second quarter mile. It will also put the Vega's top end speed at a respectable 160 mph. Unfortunately, due to track rules, the RPM club will have to keep it in the 10s due to the lack of some safety devices, such as fire retardant suits, and the required professional racer's drivers license.



"It's a great team sport," Sciedler said about the teamwork involved in racing a car in Pro-Street class. Other club activities include field trips to performance engine shops, such as Summit Racing Equipment and General Motors. Sciedler described the club's efforts as "working together as a group for a common goal."

Employees enjoy night of prizes

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Fourth Annual Employee Appreciation Night kicked off last Wednesday with prizes and the President's of Linn-Benton Around-the-World Shoot Around.

The biggest prize of the night was the round-trip tickets from Albany to Seattle on Amtrak and a one-night stay at the Doubletree Hotel at the Seattle Airport. The prize was given out during halftime of the men's game against Southwestern Oregon. The winner was Janet Converse.

Other big prizes given out were:

- One-night stay at the Double Tree Hotel in Seattle: Millie Bell
- LBCC Bookstore Sweatshirt: Tom Anderson
- Mazzi's Restaurant \$15 gift certificate: Rob Lewis
- Mid-Coast Athletics Polo Shirt: Rachael Heisler
- The Book "Under the Grammar Hammer" by Doug Cazort: Craig Hosterman

Track and Field Coach Brad Carman won one of the sweatshirts offered by the Wellness Committee. The two men's assistant basketball coaches, Jeff Forty and Chris Carpenter, won a free lunch at the Santiam Room and a lube, oil and

filter change.

"Coach Hawk has done a great job with this event. It's really neat that he has got the staff involved," said President Jon Carnahan.

Athletic Director Greg Hawk said he gave out 68 prizes given out to 70 people, even though the event was held on a day that saw the valley's first significant snow fall. "I did feel that the weather did slow down at least 20 to 25 people from showing up," he said.

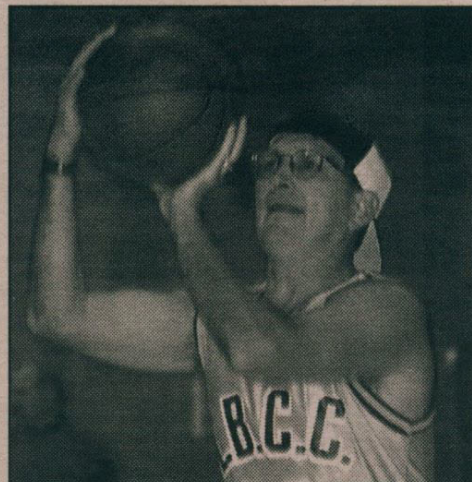
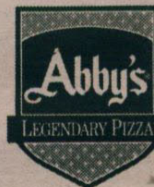


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LB Vice President Ed Watson goes for a shot during the President's Shoot-Around at halftime of the men's game.

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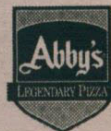
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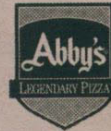
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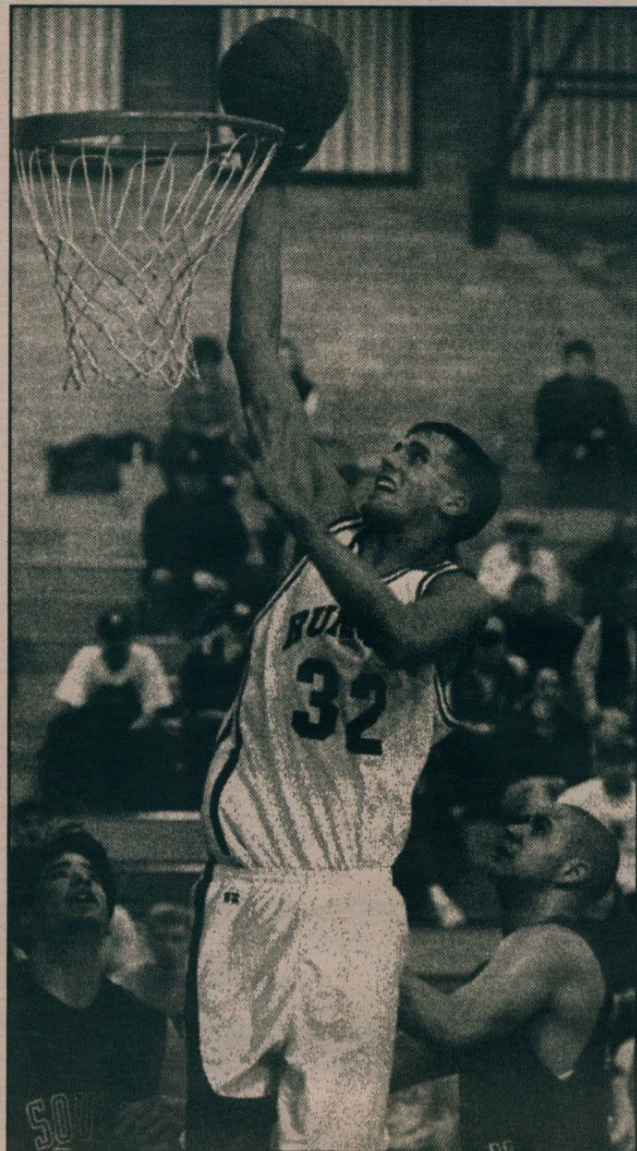
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SPORTS PAGE

Losses to SWOCC, Hood knock LB out of playoff hunt



• Photos by E.J. Harris

Mike Aitchison (above) rises over the Lakers to score two of his 14 points in Wednesday's game, while Marc Cordle (right) scrambles for a loose ball. Cordle was the Roadrunners' leading scorer with 19 points. LBCC lost the game 75-66, effectively knocking the Roadrunners out of contention for one of the remaining playoff spots. The team plays at Lane tonight and return for their final home game of the season Saturday at 8 p.m. against Chemeketa.

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

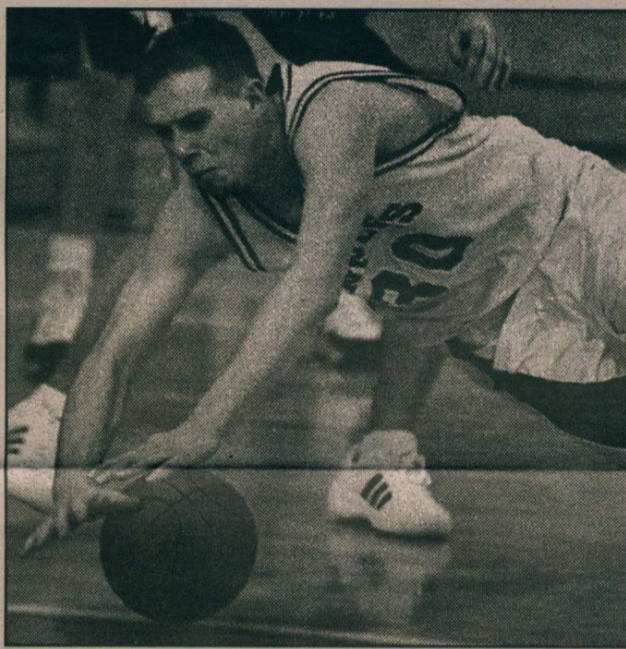
Coming off back-to-back losses to Umpqua and Portland, the Roadrunners were hoping the home court would help them against the Lakers of SWOCC last Wednesday. But the Lakers kept the Roadrunners at three victories for the year, winning 75-66.

Linn-Benton had control of the first half, taking a 33-31 lead at the half after leading by as much as 10 in the early going.

The Roadrunners began the second half strong, but ended it in disaster. After SWOCC took its first lead of game at 35-33, the Roadrunners went on a tear, spurting to their biggest lead of the game with about nine minutes left in the half at 58-49.

But the Lakers were not done. They went on a 20-5 run to grab a 69-64 lead, then scored six more points to finish the game out with the win.

The Lakers hurt the Roadrunners most from behind the arc, hitting 39 percent of their three pointers on 11 of 28 shooting. The Roadrunners hurt themselves with



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—Marc Cordle

20 turnovers and only scoring 10 points off the bench.

"They went on fire while we went cold," said Roadrunner wing Marc Cordle. "We pulled out all the starters and we had to pick up where the second team left off. This loss just knocked us out of the playoffs."

Cordle was the Roadrunners' leading scorer with 19, while Aitchison and Barnes had 14 and 11 respectively. Aitchison and Barnes did have double-doubles,

with Aitchison grabbing 13 rebounds (and came close to a triple-double with eight blocked shots) and Barnes dished out 10 assists.

The Roadrunners went back on the road on Saturday, and once again came home with a loss. This time they lost

to Mt. Hood Community College up in Gresham. The final score was 74-70.

In the first half, Linn-Benton was in control of the game offensively and defensively, going into the locker room ahead 33-24. They shot 56 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free throw line while the Saints only shot 46 percent from the field and 60 percent from the free throw line.

But a few costly turnovers in a crucial part of the second stanza turned the flow of the game over to Mt. Hood, and the Saints took control going down the stretch. They shot 63 percent in the half, compared to the Roadrunners' 42 percent. The Saints finished the game shooting 56 percent while LB shot 48 percent.

Coach Randy Falk complained that turnovers at crucial moments have plagued the team all year. "We are making better ball-handling decisions, but we need to overcome our difficulty in pressure situations."

Jon Fussell was one of four Roadrunners in double figures, finishing with 18 points. Behind him were Aitchison, Hamann and Cordle. They had 17, 16 and 10 respectively. Aitchison also had another double-double, grabbing 15 rebounds to go along with those 17 points.

The Roadrunners are now 3-9 in league and 11-14 overall going into the last two games of the season this week. They face Lane Community College tonight in Eugene at 8 p.m., then face Chemeketa at home on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Women lose close game to SWOCC but face big loss at Mt. Hood

by Joshua Johnstone and David Thayer
of The Commuter

"The lack of mental strength and focus was the biggest problem we had in this game," said Head Coach A. J. Dionne after Wednesday's loss of 62 to 58 against Southwestern Community College in the LBCC Activities Center.

"We were in the game pretty much the whole time, but we could have come out stronger in the first half," Dionne said.

The Lakers edged the Roadrunners by three at the half 29-26, but the Roadrunners continued to play hard and were only out scored by one in the second half.

Leslie Boer led the Roadrunners in scoring with 15 points, hitting seven of 12 from the field. Boer also added seven boards, four assists and five steals. Melinda Klinkebiel and Opal DePue combined for 25 points, 10 boards, five assists and four steals.

What hurt LB the most was being out-rebounded 41-31 and shooting only 32 percent from the field in the first half. The Lakers had the advantage from the free throw line, taking 22 attempts while the 'Runners only had eight.

"We turned the ball over and we didn't have much aggressiveness and action from the post play," said the coach.

The 'Runners visited the Mt. Hood

Saints in Gresham on Saturday Feb. 13, hoping to win their third game of the season, but the Saints dominated the game, winning 74-55.

The first stanza belonged to the Saints. They went into the locker room leading 39-24. The Saints shot better than the 'Runners from the field at 39 percent to 31 percent and hit 43 percent of their three's while LB went 0-3.

The second half was close, but being down 15 in the first half hurt the 'Runners.

The Saints out-scored the 'Runners 35-31. The 'Runners did better in the second stanza, hitting 60 percent of their shots.

Tiffany Sweat was the team's leading scorer with 17 points, while Beth Nelson scored 13. Nelson finished with nine rebounds, followed closely by Sweat with eight. Both Nelson and DePue turned the ball over 10 times, however. Nelson also led the team with seven steals and tied with Sweat with three blocked shots.

The 'Runners out-rebounded the Saints 43-34, but they turned the ball over 38 times compared to the Mt. Hood total of 21.

The loss drops the 'Runners to 2-10 in league and 6-13 overall. They play their last two games of the season this week against Lane tonight in Eugene at 6 p.m. and against Chemeketa on Saturday at home at 6 p.m.

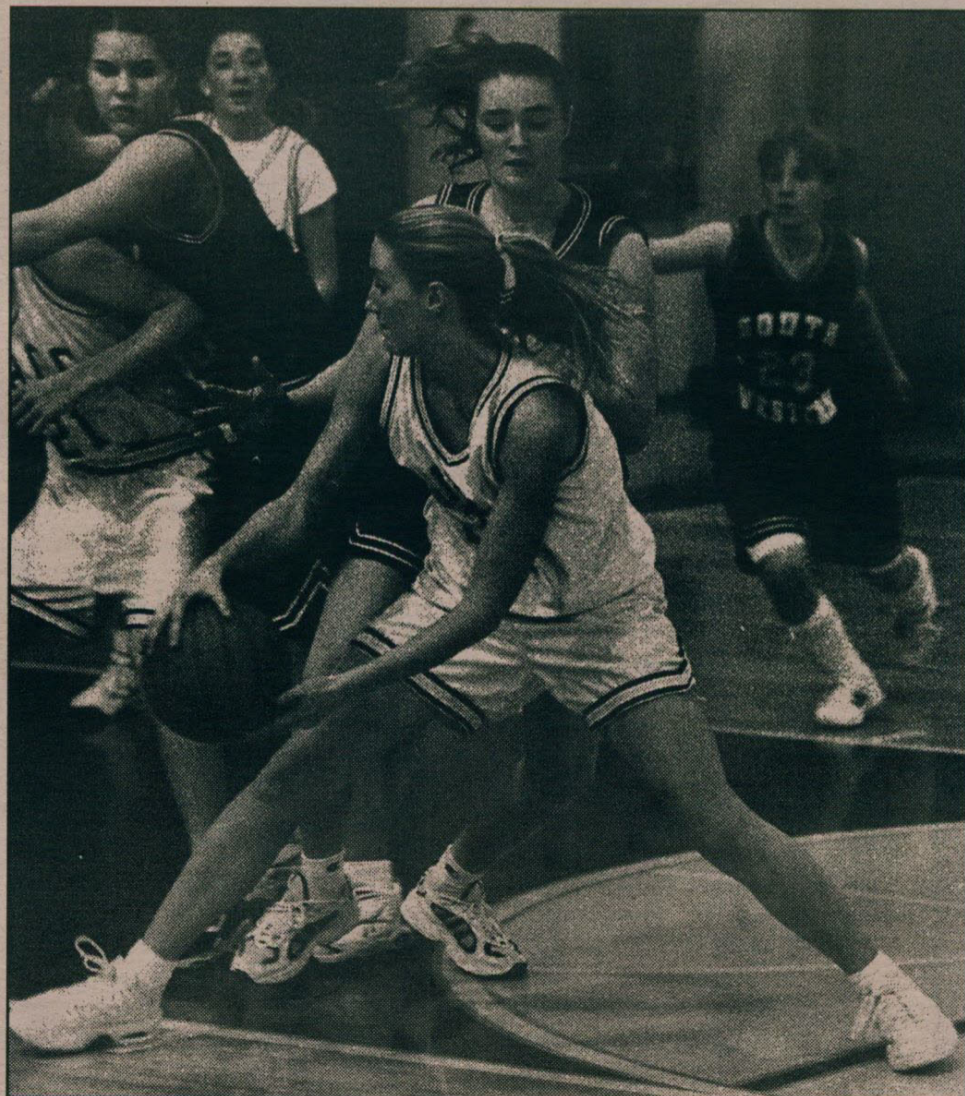


Photo by E.J. Harris

Beth Nelson looks to pass to a teammate in the 'Runners 62-58 loss to SWOCC last Wednesday. Nelson has scored 41 points in the last four games since she returned from a wrist injury.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Umatilla Electric Cooperative is offering seven \$800 scholarships to students who reside or whose parents' primary residence is in the UEC territory. More information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall or by calling 1-800-452-2273. Deadline is March 1, 1999.

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The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Oregon is offering \$500 scholarships (Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship) to female students who have completed two years of satisfactory college work. Applicants need to request an application packet on or before March 31, 1999. More information is available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1999.

The Oregon Fire Chiefs' Association is offering the Neil Hamilton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to those students studying Fire Science courses. For applications and more information, contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is March 5, 1999.

Western Utilities Supply Company is offering three scholarships for the amount of \$750 per year to students enrolled in a two-year program in the waterworks field. Criteria and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 15, 1999.

St. Elizabeth Health Series Auxiliary of Baker City, Ore. will award a scholarship of \$1,500 to a graduate of Baker City High School or a current Baker County resident who has at least a sophomore status by September 1999. The applicant must be enrolled in a health care field, such as RN, LPN, Radiology or Medical Laboratory Technician, Occupational, Physical or Respiratory Therapy of similar areas. Additional info and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is April 15, 1999.

The Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation Memorial Scholarship is offering scholarships for the 1999/2000 academic year. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year. Previously they have ranged from \$750 to \$1,500. Applications and information are available in Takena Hall. Deadline is April 1, 1999.

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The Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children is offering two \$400 and two \$500 scholarships to students and professionals seeking education or training in the Early Childhood Education field, serving children birth to eight. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is March 10, 1999.

The OreALS Scholarship Fund Inc. is offering scholarships to students who are preparing for the career as legal support staff. These scholarships are 40percent based on financial

need. Information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is March 31, 1999.

The National Poultry and Food Dist. Association (NPFDA) Scholarship Foundation is awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to students in the field of poultry science and the poultry industry. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is May 31, 1999.

The Zonta Club of Corvallis is awarding five \$1,200 scholarships to LBCC students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Applicants need to be currently enrolled undergraduate students at LBCC with prior life experience, demonstrate interest in working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women. Additional information and applications are available at the Financial Aid office in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is April 10, 1999.

The Women's Shipping Club of Portland Scholarship Fund is awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to students in the fields of international business or maritime affairs. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed applications deadline is April 15, 1999.

The Oregon Association of Broadcasters has established the OAB Foundation for the purpose of funding and awarding Broadcast Scholarships to students who are Oregon residents majoring in Broadcasting, Journalism Production, Management and other broadcast-related studies. The OAB will be awarding four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is March 31, 1999.

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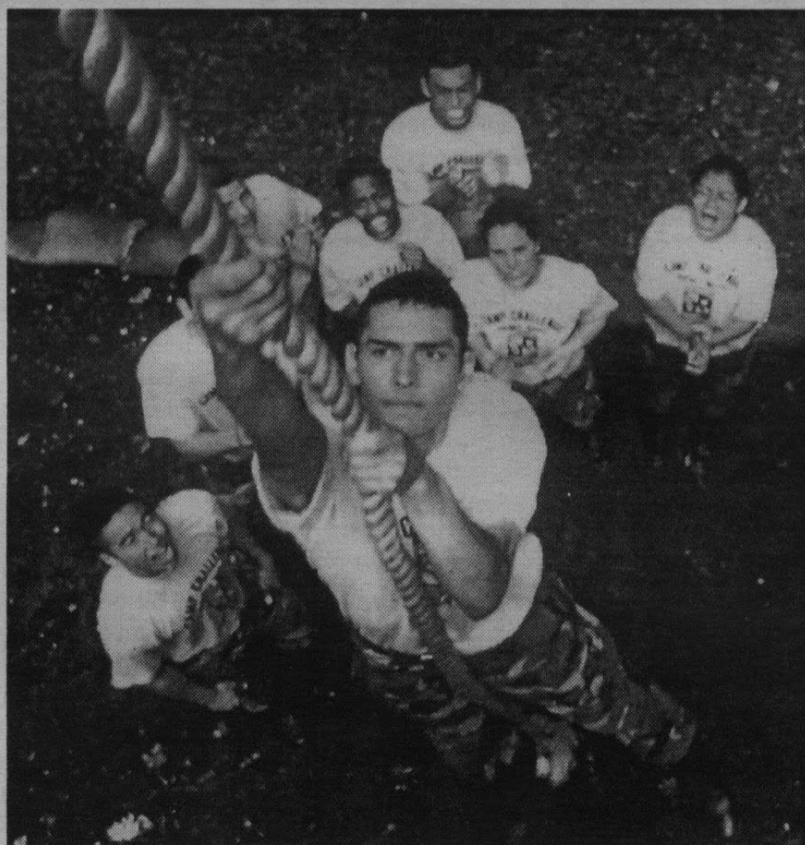
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Photo by Jeremy Parker

A bit of Bali in Eugene

Kompyang Metri, an Asian dancer at the 14th annual Oregon Asian Celebration in Eugene last week, performs the Condong dance from her native Island of Bali. A van sponsored by the Student Programming Board took six students to the festival.

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OPINION PAGE

editorial

No one surprised in impeachment trial; now it's time for a new scandal

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

It's finally over. After Ken Starr spent millions of our dollars and several years trying to pin President Bill Clinton down to a crime, the whole scandal is finally over.

The case began with Whitewater and spread to Paula Jones and finally to the Linda Tripp "talking points" that broke wide open Clinton's affair with

The Republicans had to impeach Clinton. It was their moral duty as hypocrites to make an example of the president.

Monica Lewinski—all the claims of lies and sexual harassment, yet Clinton came out of all this litigation humble and basically smelling like a rose.

It doesn't seem to matter what Clinton does or says. As long as he apologizes for his misadventures, the public forgives him.

My biggest complaint about this entire thing is the fact that no matter what the public says, Clinton was never allowed to have a private life. When asked if he had an affair with Lewinski, of course he said no. How many men, or women for that matter, would admit to cheating on their spouse? Then include the fact that it had to be done so publicly and of course there would be lies buzzing around like bullets in a war zone.

I'll bet if the lives of the members of the Senate and Congress were scrutinized, you would be able to find one or two skeletons in their closets. And you bet your life that whoever was caught with his or her metaphoric pants down around their ankles would try to cover it up.

If you think about it, there was no way Clinton would ever be impeached. There were too many people who wanted him to stay in office. Then there are the problems with war that kept cropping up at the most, for Clinton anyway, opportune moments. There is no way the American public would want Gore to fill in as chief executive if Clinton lost his job. But the Republicans had to impeach Clinton. It was their moral duty as hypocrites to make an example of the president.

So now that the trial is over, Clinton, who, I would imagine, has quite an axe to grind with many members of his congress, can get back to the business of running this country and we, as members of the media, can find some more interesting and less worn out news to stick our noses into.

letter

Reader upset over spelling in 'Einstiens' comic strip

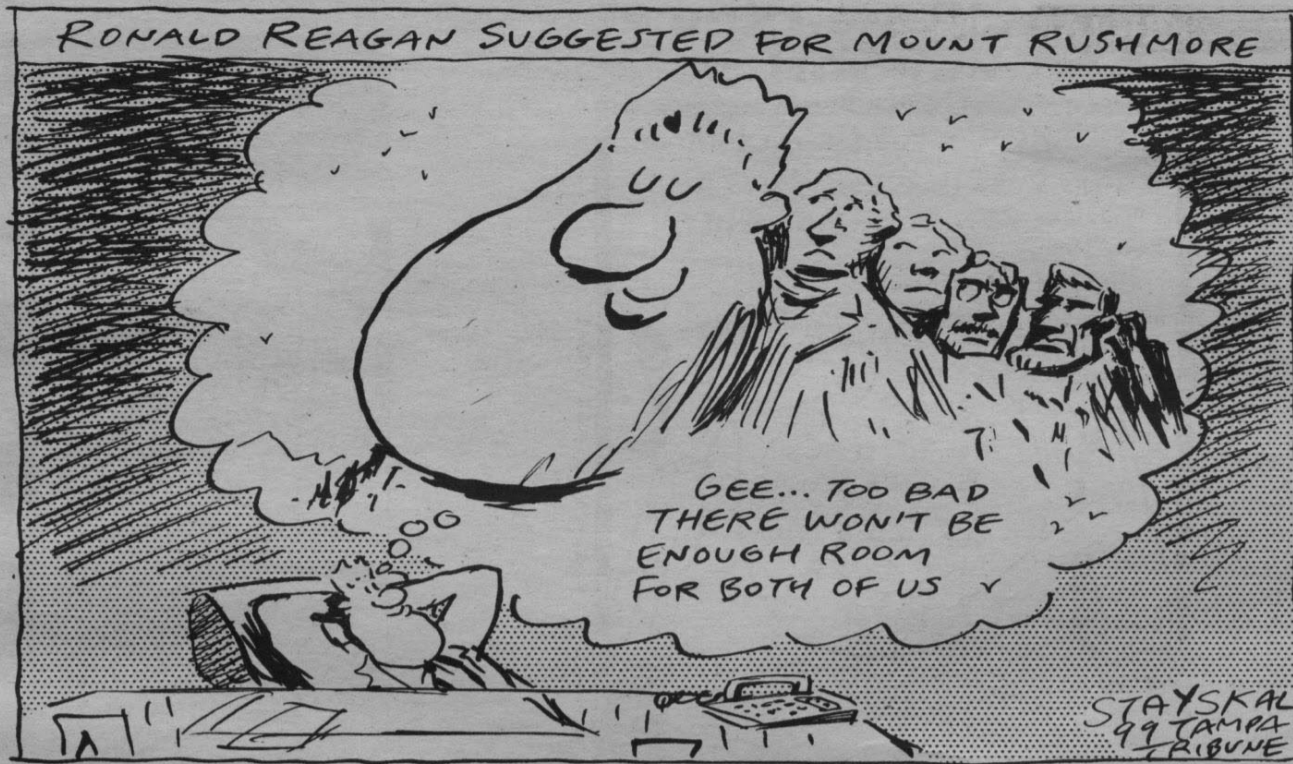
To the Editor:

Stop torchering [sic] ME! There are at least three spelling errors in the Feb. 10 edition of "The Einstiens"—including the name "Einstein." Every week the strip is full of spelling errors.

I understand that the guy picking his nose is not too bright, and maybe he is not a very good writer, but do the words that he says OUT LOUD come out misspelled? Maybe this is intentional, but it doesn't appear to be. If it isn't, please get with it, guys. This is college. At least use a spell checker.

Richard Liebaert

Editor's Note: According to the author of the comic strip, Matt Tedisch, he uses misspelled words on purpose to reflect the nature and attitudes of his characters, who are not that bright.



benjamin sell

Pro-choice denies choices to unborn

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

It's been 26 years since the Supreme Court made one of the most controversial decisions in American history, Roe vs. Wade, the decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Now, more than a quarter of a century later, this decision is still hotly debated. Abortion clinics are attacked, ballot measures are continually voted upon and protesters argue for both sides with equal passion.

Just last month the debate was again at the forefront of public discussion with "The Nuremberg Files," the controversial Web site listing the names and addresses of doctors who perform abortions and scratching out the names of those who have been killed by anti-abortion terrorist attacks.

There is one simple, undeniable fact about abortion that must be established before any discussion of the topic can take place. Abortion is killing. Pay careful attention to the fact that I said killing, not murder. No matter your opinion on abortion, you cannot deny that the future existence of the life growing within the woman will not take place, therefore that life has been killed. Whether you believe that a fetus is a human being from the moment of conception or not has absolutely no bearing on the fact that the future existence of the person has been destroyed by the abortion.

Pro-lifers like the people behind "The Nuremberg Files" argue that no person has the right to decide to end another's life and that abortion is murder. So could someone please explain to me why some of these same people who argue so adamantly against the "murder" of an unborn child see nothing wrong with gunning down an unarmed doctor on his way home to his family, or planting a bomb or setting fire to an abortion clinic?

It's pretty damn stupid that the same people who believe killing an unborn child to be wrong see fit to place fully grown people in a similar situation. Protesting killing with killing is idiocy. Is there a more hypocritical way to express your beliefs? These are the people that argue their Christian beliefs dictate their point of view, but "thou shalt not kill" applies to abortion doctors, too.

Militant pro-lifers aren't the only hypocrites in the abortion debate, however. Pro-choicers have their fair

share of hypocritical practices.

Abortion advocates argue that under the Constitution, citizens are guaranteed the right to choose, and the government should be unable to pass laws infringing upon this absolute freedom of choice. They call themselves pro-choice and claim that they are only acting to protect the individual's right to choose. They don't want anyone, especially the government, to be able to infringe upon their right to choose.

I can understand wanting to preserve freedom of choice; who wants someone making their choices for them?

The fact is, though, by aborting a baby, the pro-choicer has just gone against the very core of their platform, the freedom to choose. The fetus growing inside the woman has a future filled with choices, choices it will never be able to make because its mother imposed her will upon it and made the ultimate choice.

Personally, I believe that trying to impose your will on someone else is fundamentally wrong. Forcing someone to do something against their will is bad on any level, be it something as simple as pressuring a friend to drink or something as heinous as committing rape.

I'm also a big advocate of a person's right to choose. Without the freedom to choose then where are the principles on which our country was founded?

I used to say that the abortion debate was a woman's issue and men had little to no place sticking their noses in it. I always said that if I were ever placed in a situation where a decision of that nature would have to be made, I would leave the decision up to the woman; it's her body and therefore her decision. If she made the decision to keep the child, then I would fulfill my obligation and be a father to it.

But that was before I considered the other possibility. What if she decided that she wanted to have an abortion? I wouldn't try to force her to keep the child. That would be wrong, especially with all the pain associated with pregnancy and childbirth. But neither could I condone the killing of a child, especially my own.

As much as I believe in a person's right to choose, I cannot and will not condone the killing of a human being, and as I mentioned before, that is what abortion is, the deprivation of future life. As much as I disagree with some of the more radical practices associated with the group, I guess that places me right in the middle of the pro-life camp, right where my Christian upbringing says I should be.

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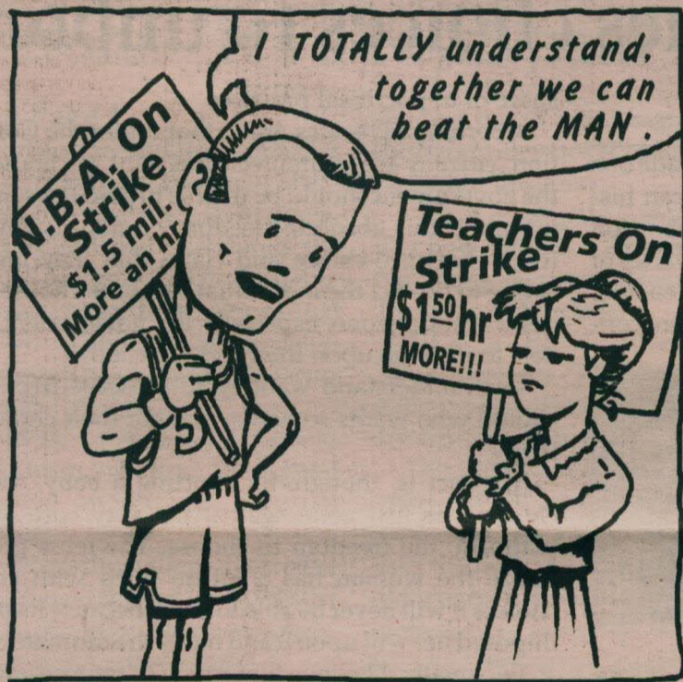
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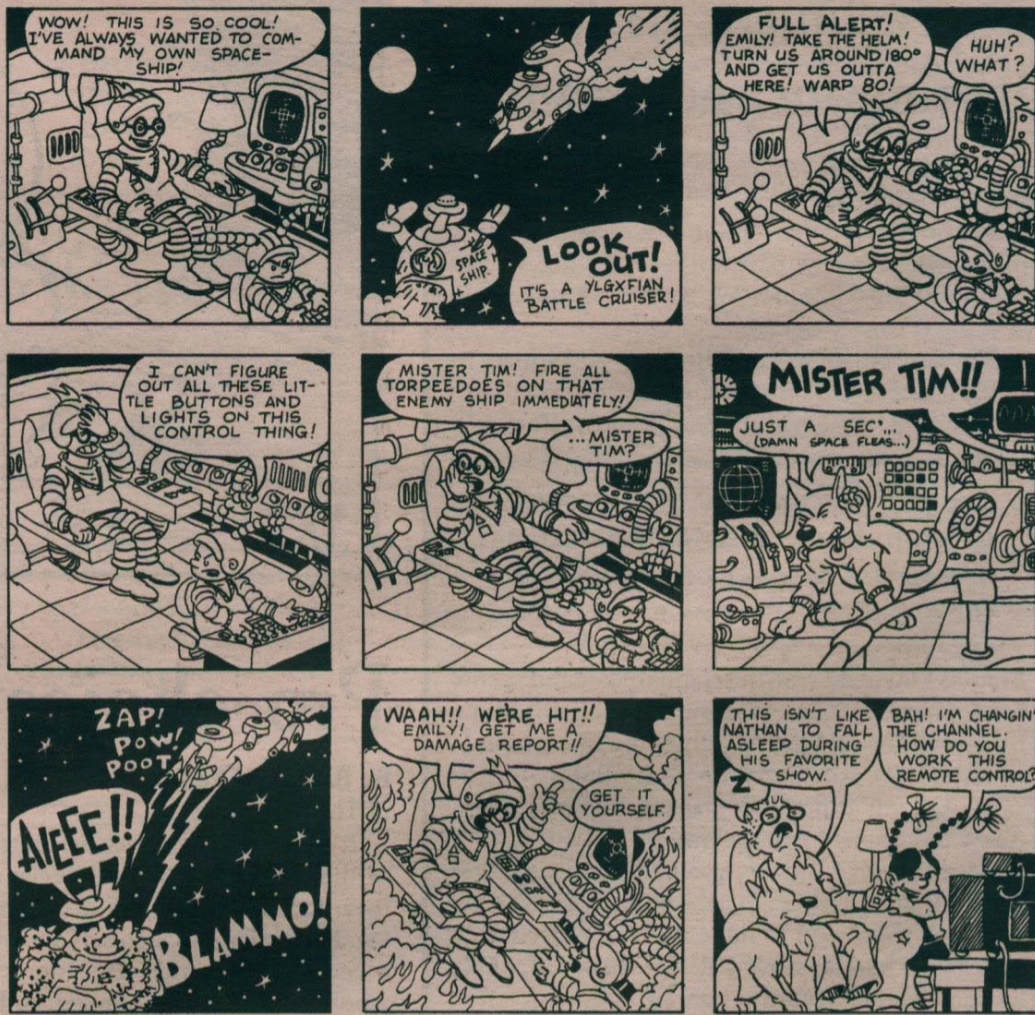
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The KRONICLES BY KEITH KNIGHT

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Is this legal? It's so cute!!

BUT REALLY... IT WAS JUST A LITTLE HEAD... SO I FIGURED WHAT THE HELL... IT BEATS GETTING ANOTHER STUPID TIE...

Freakin' Brilliant... Isn't it?

OH COME ON... SURE IT WAS STUPID... BUT IT AIN'T WORTH LOSIN ONE'S JOB OVER.

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