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College may cut subsidy for FRC's childcare

by Erin Bartelds
of The Commuter

On Oct. 10, the LBCC administration informed the Family Resource Center staff that they may no longer be receiving assistance from the general fund.

"In all honesty I didn't expect this," said Jennifer Knapp Beudert, coordinator of the FRC.

LBCC has been providing childcare services to student parents for more than 25 years. Previously housed in the Industrial Arts building, the service moved to its new location in 1988.

"We serve student families with two to five year olds. Because we offer full-time day care it means parents can go to classes and come visit their kids. They have the flexibility to pursue their studies and we offer parent education classes. Parents get three credits for that and they get a substantially reduced childcare rate which has been subsidized by the college general fund," said Beudert.

But that may change if the board ap-



Govinda Heartsong, Amy Heaton and Tami Topper mix sand into the children's mud pit at the FRC. Parents in the co-op give two hours of work each term to the FRC.

Photo by Wendy Geist

proves eliminating the budget for the FRC at its December meeting.

"It's hard not to feel bad that the center is being faced with cuts, but I think these

cuts are really being mandated by the financial situation," said Beudert.

If the board approves the cuts, the center will not get subsidies after June 13.

"We are being told we need to come up with a plan to be self-sufficient and still be able to maintain a presence on campus. It is a big decision-making process for the whole college. Clearly we are not alone in being on this list of cuts. In our case we have time to generate another plan," said Beudert.

In the event of funding cuts the center will still receive some support from the college for the rent free use of the building, the cost of utilities and custodial services as well as computers and office supplies. But fees will have to pick up the cost of teacher salaries.

"We are very optimistic that we will be able to keep the center, we are confident of that," said Beudert. "What is of greater concern is student-parent access, and that we will become more of a center that serves the community. We really want to make sure we are able to serve the students who are here. We have student parent groups researching options for scholarships and subsidies and we

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Political science student moves from classroom to campaign trail

by Michelle Bertalot
of The Commuter

After returning from a trip to Europe with LBCC's Peace Studies club, Tina Empol had new inspiration in her life. She wanted to have a part in her government.

Last summer, when Empol visited Europe, she attended a dinner with "different people of all different nationalities." There, Empol says, she realized that the people were all different but had the same goals in mind.

"I have a vision for our community, which was reinforced by going to Europe," Empol said.

Empol, a former LBCC student and democrat, is running for Corvallis City Council's Ward 2 position. She is running against the incumbent Bill Cohnstaedt. The election will take place on Nov. 5.

Some of her goals are to build a parking structure close to downtown Corvallis. "I don't want to put parking in our green spaces," Empol commented. While in Europe, she saw beautiful parking garages and decided it could be done in Corvallis.

Empol also wants to improve neighborhood livability. "I have a strong voice for neighborhoods," she stated.

If elected to the Ward 2 position Empol would represent the neighborhood in which she currently resides for the city council. There are nine wards for each of the different sections of Corvallis. The Ward 2 area is closest to OSU.



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▶ Tina Empol

Empol started her political career as an intern for State Representative Barbara Ross, where she worked on budgeting and allocating state money.

Empol is the chair of Feminist Trade Policies and Globalization task force for Oregon NOW, a women's equality organization. Their purpose, according to their website (www.oregonnow.org), is "to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men."

In March, Empol lobbied in Washington, D.C., expressing her views concerning trade with every Oregon representative except for Senators Gordon Smith and Greg Walden.

She will return to LBCC next term, after her campaign. After she graduates from LBCC, Empol plans on attending OSU and will start to work on receiving her Bachelor's of Political Science.

"I think people should vote for me because I'm the better one for the job and I'll get things done," said Empol. "I've spent a lot of time living in Corvallis and I love Corvallis."

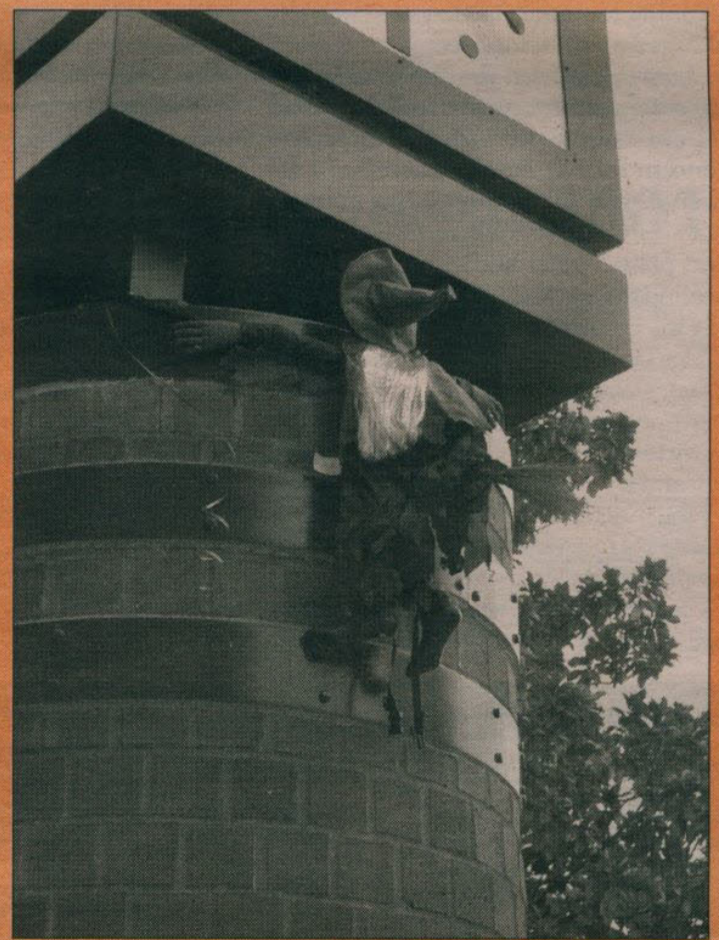


Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Ouch!

Like many students at this point in the quarter, this witch seems to have hit the mid-term wall. For details on LBCC's campus Halloween celebration, see Page 4.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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High: 51° Low: 27°
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THURSDAY

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High: 61° Low: 38°
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Labeling genetically engineered food a good idea

Oregon's Measure 27, on the ballot Nov. 5, is the subject of controversy and interest all over the world. The measure would require that labels on any food or drink sold in the state identify any ingredients that are genetically engineered. Oregon would be the first in the union to do so.

Approximately 80 percent of foods sold in the United States contain some GE ingredients. Genetically engineered plants contain genes they normally wouldn't have. This allows corn, for example, to produce its own pesticide. GE crops are prohibited in numerous countries and heavily regulated in others. All European Union countries already have labeling requirements and American products that are genetically engineered are refused as food aid in some countries.

Food plants have been selectively cultivated and hybridized for many centuries, but genetic modification is a new twist. Genes from completely unrelated plants or even unrelated organisms are spliced into the crop gene.

The evidence that genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are harmful to eat is scanty, but the damage that can be done to the environment by escaped pollen or even horizontal gene transfer from the GMOs has been documented and is

arousing fears in scientists and lay persons alike.

Monsanto and others in the biotech and food business are spending approximately \$6 million to defeat Measure 27, versus the \$10 thousand collected by the people who proposed the measure. This is shaping up as a real-life David against Goliath story.

"The health effects are likely to be small, if non-existent," said Jonathan Eisen, an evolutionary biologist with the Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md. "It's the ecological effects that are likely to be big, and those no one studies. Making an extra-drought-resistant wheat might be good in principle, but it might spread to the desert where we don't want it," and wheat could crowd out native species. "Humans have in the past been shown to be reckless in introducing new organisms into nature."

The gene for herbicide resistance has been spliced into some food crops, so that the fields can be sprayed with Round-Up without harm to the crop, which

means that not only will the crop be sprayed with herbicides while it is growing, but the genes from these plants have spread to surrounding weeds, creating herbicide resistant weeds.

In 1998 the Mexican government outlawed the planting of GE corn, after genes

from genetically altered corn were found in the local corn crop in a small Mexican town, Capulalpan. The government wanted to protect the genetic diversity of the country's most important

food supply. This is not just a sentimental or abstract idea. When disaster strikes corn anywhere in the world, plant scientists traditionally come to this region for the germ plasm to rejuvenate beleaguered domestic varieties. The diversity of natural crop plants is what has kept them alive throughout the history of mankind. Over the eons, evolution equipped the plant genes to survive through all sorts of changes in climate, as well as a variety of disease and pests. This diversity is essential for plants to survive unforeseen catastrophe.

Most of the farmers in lesser-developed countries depend on a portion of their crop to provide the seed for the next year's planting. GE crops often do not produce fertile seed. The farmer, though he may have been donated the first year's crop, is forever dependent on the big biotechnology corporations for his seed. These farmers cannot afford to pay for seed. The whole cycle of harvest and reseed that has been going on for generations is disrupted.

The organic food industry is experiencing a 20 percent annual growth rate. In an otherwise depressed industry, this is indicative of the concern the public has with the safety of the food they eat. It is important to take into account the other effects of GMOs on the environment as well. By our demand to know what we eat and our reluctance to buy genetically engineered food, we send a message to the agricultural monoliths who profit from the world's dependence on their products.

So many countries already recognize the danger inherent in uncontrolled planting of GE crops. It is time to help small and organic farmers the world over, as well as ourselves by sending the message that we do not agree with the offerings on our plates. Vote "yes" on Measure 27.

Adele Kubein



IN MY

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cleaning fee may be needed

Perhaps the time has come for students attending LBCC to be charged a cleaning fee, much as they are currently charged a technology fee.

I am appalled at the apparent lack of consideration for others, lack of respect for our campus, and most of all lack of concern for our environment that I see everyday on our campus during my daily walk. Litter is everywhere, from pop cans and plastic water bottles on the ground around the track, to cigarette butts covering the ground under and around picnic tables (and many times not in a smoking area), trash left on tables in the Courtyard and parking lots where there are sufficient garbage cans, and the filthy, unsanitary bathroom habits evidenced by the mess on the floors and walls of the women's restroom in Takena Hall (just to name one place).

Staff have had to repeatedly make special requests to Facilities staff to have

someone wash blood and feces smears from the walls of the bathroom stalls. Not only is this disgusting, it is dangerous. And our custodial and grounds staff are stretched to the breaking point now, with no extra time allowed in their tight work schedules to wash down restroom walls, pick up butts that have been tossed on the ground instead of into the ashtrays provided in all of the designated smoking areas, pick up paper and other garbage within just a few paces of garbage cans, etc. Perhaps the cleaning fee (\$1 per credit sounds good to me, same as tech fee) will help hire additional help to clean up after students who are too lazy to keep our campus environment clean. Seems only right.

We have a beautiful campus, but it's not going to stay that way without a little effort from each and every student (and staff) to keep it clean.

▶ Susan Sheythe

Imagining for our country

Imagine we live in a dangerous world. Imagine the world has been like this before.

Imagine what it would have been like if the news had paraded all the German families who were suffering from a poor economy due to the Jews (their point of view) in front of the world.

Imagine Americans being openly sympathetic to Hitler.

Imagine if they showed sweet little Japanese children back home running in horror as the Doolittle Raiders bombed Japan in our small swat at the Japanese to turn the tide of war. Imagine if they had interviews of the parents whose sons were dying overseas in Normandy and said to them, "So can you still support the war after seeing your son die?" (YES they could, and displayed a flag in their window with a gold star that signified "My son died for you.")

Imagine politicians trying to placate Hitler with written agreements.

Imagine a group of Americans who

understood that America was threatened by a REAL threat. Imagine them standing arm to arm in long lines to sign up to fight the war. In long lines to sign up in factories to produce what's needed to win the war. Not complaining but SACRIFICING because they understood what was important. Enduring with a quiet grace gas rationing. Food rationing. And not blaming themselves, the president or anyone else—and understanding just what was at stake.

Imagine them being in for the long haul, and understanding that in times of war we sacrifice many things for freedom.

In WWII they "got" it—they understood it. They were a great generation.

They saved us. They really did.

They overwhelmingly overcame the naysayers and troublemakers of the day. America came first.

Imagine, just imagine, Another great generation.

▶ Bobby Villeneuve

Grieving steps induce healthy emotions

Here in the West we are taught not to grieve, especially as men. I won't speak to the properness of this custom. It is known that not letting yourself grieve is unhealthy, and can be destructive both to your emotional well being as well as to your relationships with others. Here are some steps that may help.

Make time daily to grieve; find a quiet, private place and gather a few favorite things and pictures to remind yourself of the dearly departed. You may find journaling your thoughts and feelings helpful, so have paper and pen handy. Write in pen so you won't be tempted to edit your journal as you go along. Recall one special memory of the dearly departed each day to both help you explore your feelings and keep you from being overwhelmed. It is important to let your-

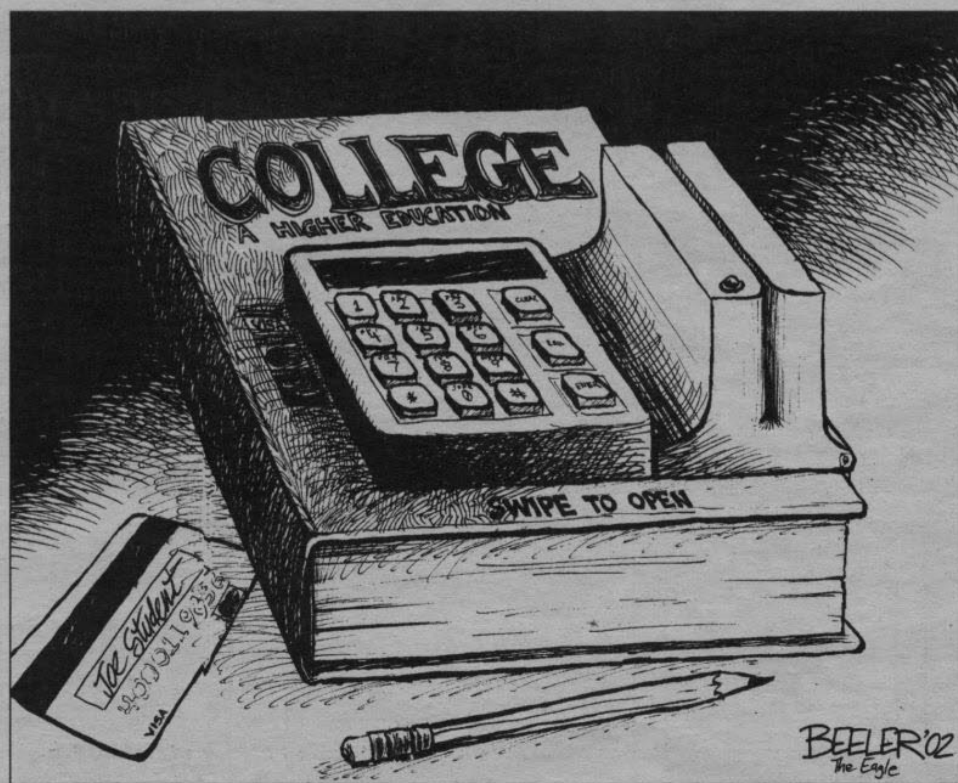
self feel any emotion that comes out.

After you have done this for awhile, how long is really up to you, you should write a short letter telling the dearly departed how you feel. Be sure to cover not just your loss but your happiness together, and then read it aloud. It may be helpful to share this with someone who cares and/or is grieving also.

▶ Jeffery Dodson

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

Native Americans bring their story, songs to campus

by Darrell McGie
 of The Commuter

When making a traditional ceremonial drum, scraping the animal hide with a shard of obsidian is difficult work. But for WeeWish Semu Huaute, a Brownsville resident and descendent of Chumash Native Americans, careful preparation is important when making the ultimate performance instrument.

The Chumash were one of the three largest tribes in California and lived along the coast from Malibu Canyon north to Estero Beach, and inland to the Coast Range. Known as a peaceful culture, they developed a robust maritime economy by hunting and trading bounty from the sea and utilizing a large, frameless plank canoe.

Occupation by Spanish missionaries in 1772 led to the demise of the culture. The tribes suffered from forced labor, disease and displacement. Today, descendants are attempting to reestablish cultural history through public education and preservation of historic rock and cave paintings.

That history will be coming to Forum Room 104 on Wednesday, Nov. 6. WeeWish and her new performance group, Traditional Tribal Teachings, will be initiating their first ever event at LBCC by offering two lectures and a performance of rhythmic drumming, authentic music, songs and story-telling. The entire event is being produced by the Student Programming Board.

WeeWish, which means "little acorn," is the featured speaker. As a little girl, she asked her father, Semu Huaute (renowned lecturer, healer and advocate of forgiveness) why she was named "after a little nut" while her sisters were named for things of beauty and softness. Huaute replied, "But remember, a little acorn grows into a mighty oak."

And so it has proven true.

While attending Humboldt State University from 1980 to 1985, she created a special program of Native American Studies for her graduation that was later adopted by the university as a degree program. She has since lectured on Native American Studies and, after moving to Brownsville in 2000, began advancing Native American culture into mainstream American society. Her focus now is introducing young people, especially those



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Wee Wish Semu Huaute will lecture on Native American issues and perform with her troupe, Traditional Tribal Teachings, in the Main Forum on Nov. 6.

with a troubled past, to their own native heritage through Traditional Tribal Teachings group.

Persons interested in learning about Traditional Tribal Teachings and participating with the group may call WeeWish at (541) 466-5810. The group meets every Wednesday and Saturday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

During the event at LBCC, the group will introduce the audience to native culture, featuring WeeWish in two informative lectures and, for the final act, produce an interactive performance that encourages audience participation.

The first lecture will focus on dispelling misconceptions and stereotype roles about Native American women that have permeated our society by Hollywood and mass media. The emphasis of the lecture is on key

Native American Lectures and Performance

Wednesday, November 6
 The Forum, F-104

- Lecture, 9-9:50 a.m., Native American Women
- Lecture, 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Political Aspects of Problems Facing Native Americans Today
- Performance, 1:30-3:30 p.m., a combination of song, dance, storytelling and drumming

decisions and contributions Native women made for the survival of the tribe.

The second lecture will explore the political issue of blood quantum and how it is dictated by the state, federal and tribal government agencies upon the Native American population. This lecture will address the Certificate Determination of Indian Blood (CDIB) program which determines the legal recognition Native Americans. A question-and-answer period will follow.

The final act, lasting two hours, will be an energetic performance featuring dancers displaying a variety of dances, each with a prelude of historic or anecdotal information. Also, there will be storytelling, songs from different tribes, and a surprise guest.

The group's dancers, some of whom are teens learning their heritage, have hand-made their own dance attire and take pride in showing it to their audience. They have been preparing for this event by learning to make authentic articles and garments of their own particular native heritage, such as beaded head and neck bands, head dress, instruments, shirts, pouches and moccasins.

The arduous task of completing the ceremonial drum has been a group effort, and a daily mission to succeed. The skin is scraped during the day and soaked overnight until ready to string onto its wood frame. Being the anchor of the performance, its pounding rhythmic cadence is expected to reach all souls.

Losses due to thefts, burglaries on campus decline in 2001

by Cole Pouliot
 of The Commuter

In the next few weeks the annual campus crime report will be available in the Campus Security office. The report covers the criminal activity on the LBCC campus as well as the satellite centers for the 2001 calendar year.

The report shows that theft and burglary have both decreased at LBCC, according to Vern Jackson, Campus Security Manager. In fact, stolen personal property dropped from \$10,100 in 2000 to \$4,400 in 2001, while the estimated cost of college property lost to criminal activity went from \$8,900 to \$10,800, a slight increase.

"Overall we have a pretty quiet campus," Jackson said. "Most of the crimes on campus occur when all the people are here during the day." The majority of these crimes are "crimes of opportunity," he said, explaining how most thefts and burglaries are committed when someone is careless, by leaving a car window down or leaving their backpack unattended.

Jackson said his biggest concern was parking lot safety and added, "If I had two words to

"If I had two words to tell everyone it would be slow down."

▶ Vern Jackson,
 Campus Security

tell everyone it would be "slow down." So far this year the college has had two motor vehicle accidents, no one was hurt in either.

As a result of the increase in enrollment this fall Jackson has noticed an increase in illegal parking, "people's patience in the parking lot was short, especially the first week."

The largest security upgrade occurred over the summer when all the locks on campus were changed.

Jackson said that even the staff have limited access to some rooms and admitted, "The downside is the classrooms aren't as open as they used to be." This means many of the rooms, especially the ones with valuable equipment, will not be left unlocked as they might have been in the past.

Jackson also wants students to know about the emergency phones that are strategically

placed around campus. These can be used for anything from a student seeing something suspicious, to just feeling a little uneasy late at night and requesting an escort to their vehicle.

There are at least two security officers usually on duty on campus at any given time, ready to assist the students.

The Campus Security Office is located on the first floor of the

College Center building and is open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and can be reached at 917-4440, or in case of emergency or the office is closed, 926-6855.

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Off Beat

From KRT News

Try, "Who, Me?"

Police in Tennessee went to the house of a man they suspected of committing a string of armed robberies. They knew they had the right man when he answered the door with his hands up. They arrested him.

Got Milk?

A hospital worker in Toronto managed to talk new mothers into allowing him to grope their breasts by pretending to be a lactation technician. He was arrested.

Does Crime Pay?

An inventor offered to install a new security system in German banks to make it more difficult to fraudulently withdraw money from ATMs, but was turned down because it was too expensive. So he counterfeited hundreds of bank cards and robbed them blind.

Cows Drink Water

A man from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals dressed up as a cow and went to the front gates of a school in Aberdeen, Scotland, to inform the children that milk is bad for them. The students responded by hurling cartons of milk at him for about 10 minutes. Police intervened and led the drenched cow from the scene.

Drunk Walking

A man was hit by a pickup truck as he ran across a Texas freeway chasing a half-full can of beer. He was hospitalized.

Pleasure Court

A group of Alabama women, angered that they were not allowed to buy devices to achieve sexual gratification, went to court to challenge the state ban on sex toys. They won.

Mourning "Pop"

The traditional mournful dirges at British funeral services are being replaced by more contemporary pop tunes. Among the selections: "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" and "Another One Bites the Dust."

Tricky Tapping

An 80-year-old man involved in an intense and serious dispute with his children booby-trapped his home in Belgium, to keep them from entering. He placed hunting rifles and explosives at all the entrances. He accidentally set off one of the traps and died of a gunshot wound.

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have a grant up for renewal, which we will be able to put toward scholarships. We are putting a lot of energy toward ways to subsidize students wanting to use our childcare."

Leta Brown, a pre-press technician for printing services, part-time student and FRC parent, is concerned the effort won't be enough.

"The majority of the people using the center are full-time students," she said. "I pay \$125 a month now. I would be looking at \$400-500 a month. For me it will be a huge blow. For students it will eliminate them from the program."

Within a self-recovery plan student parents would be required to pay the current market rates for childcare out of pocket.

"We are fearful that once we have to charge market rates it will reduce access to student families. It's scary for parents thinking about what they will do next year, and living with uncertainty is hard," explains Beudert. "We can't really tell how much it will cost or what will change because we just aren't there yet."

Brown, who's 4-year-old son has been attending the FRC for one and a half years, said, "The ability to have my son here on campus is priceless. It gives me advantages I can't get anywhere else. It has allowed me to take parenting classes which changed our lives tremendously. I have learned parenting skills I wouldn't have access to in a typical preschool. We are becoming better parents because of this center, and our kids are better because of it. We are able to put what we learn in the classroom into practice. It just isn't something that's available anywhere."

The FRC is one of few nation-

ally accredited childcare facilities in Oregon, accredited by the National Association for Education of Young Children.

Beudert agrees.

"We provide a service to students who wouldn't be able to go to school otherwise. In addition to providing care we try to support students in their parenting role, we are a real community. There aren't a lot of options for childcare."

Students like Brown hope the board will consider the issue from both sides and at least give some suggestions to compromise for the good of the center. In an e-mail sent to faculty on Monday, President Jon Carnahan stated, "No final decisions have been made on any of these issues to date! We are targeting the end of November to review and formulate a recommendation to the board in December. Staff and programs impacted will be notified of any pending reductions prior to the December meeting so that there will be no surprises."

He also said that the college must replace \$2.3 million plus another \$1 million if the January income tax referral is not passed.

Brown is trying to let people know what's going on, "We want to find positive ways to get the LBCC community to understand this is an important thing to keep. It is difficult because you're trying to convince people who are looking at their own pay cuts, so it's going to be a challenge. We are going to try to impress on the student body that this is big enough they need to fight for it. This is really a student issue."


Beudert agrees, "I think parents need to make their voices heard, I think they need to go speak at a board meeting so the board knows how valuable the center has been to student parents."

CORRECTIONS

According to the story, "Think before you ink: Initiative system open to abuse", published Oct. 23 in The Commuter, it was indicated that a rule for signature gathers has already been revised and that the revisions were made by Vice President Mike Holland. The correction is that the college's rule is under review and the final revisions will likely not be in place until December at the earliest.

The RPM club car demolition was canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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Student Life & Leadership is decked out for Halloween.

LB celebrates Halloween

by Heather M. Scott
of The Commuter

LBCC will be celebrating Halloween with a variety of events on Thursday, Oct. 31, culminating in a party in the Commons at 3 p.m. where a costume contest and pie-baking contest will be held.

The event is open to both students and staff.

Anyone in a costume is invited to come to the Commons at 3 p.m. for the judging of costumes. Gift baskets will be given to the best costumes in three

categories.

Winners of the pie-baking contest, also open to both students and staff, will be announced at the event, and the pies will be available for tasting. Bakers are asked to bring their pies to College Center Room 109 before 2 p.m. on Thursday in order to enter. All pie bakers will be entered into a drawing for prizes, and the three tastiest pies will be announced at the celebration in the Commons.

Refreshments and door prizes await anyone who participates in the celebration.

Pizza feed held Tuesday

Tim Paulson
of The Commuter

Every year, the Student Government has \$4,000 that is burning a hole in their pockets. The funds are to be used for a special project to benefit the campus. On Tuesday students are invited to a pizza feed, designed to give them a chance to voice their suggestions about how the \$4,000 should be spent.

Students are encouraged to

attend the pizza feed not to merely eat, but also to get involved with what is going on around them so that the major spending decisions do not lie only on a few individuals' hands.

In the past, this has been a major concern to the Student Government and they are worried that it may happen again this year.

The pizza will be served at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., on Nov. 5, in the Commons.

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Day of the Dead Celebration

The opening reception for the Day of the Dead Art exhibit drew about 50 visitors Monday evening to the AHSS Art Gallery, including several of the artists, like photographer Kurt Norlin. The show, organized by art instructor Analee Fuentes and Spanish instructor Margarita Casas, features paintings, sculptures and photographs that deal with the cycle of life and death. Later this week offrendas (altars to the dead) will be erected in the gallery, the Multicultural Center and other locations on campus by students in Casas' Spanish language classes. The art exhibit is on view through Thanksgiving.

Museum gives talk on Grandma Moses show

by Michelle Reed
 of The Commuter

After receiving rave reviews on last spring's presentation of "Meiji Arts of Imperial Japan" at LBCC, the Portland Art Museum will be back on campus Nov. 5 with a presentation of its current exhibit "Grandma Moses in the 21st Century."

This fall's lecture, given by Linda Brooksby, docent for the museum, will be accompanied by a slide show featuring some of Moses' more famous works.

Born in 1860 in Greenwich, NY, as Anna Mary Robertson, Moses was a self-taught painter who began her work at the age of 70, shortly after her husband's death. Her illustrations, mostly of rural New England, are con-

sidered some of the most famous in American folk art.

Over 85 of Moses' images are being showcased at PAM, transitioning through five distinct phases: "Early Work," "Late Work and Old-Age Style," "Work and Happiness," "Place and Nature" and "Play and Celebration."

The exhibit ends fittingly with the last painting Moses completed before her death in 1961, "Rainbow." She was over 100 at the time.

The LBCC show, arranged by Susan Prock, Multicultural Center coordinator, and the Arts and Communication Division, starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All those in attendance will be provided a free soup and roll lunch.

ART HAPPENINGS

Art in the Library

The LBCC library is again displaying an exhibition of art objects from around the world, including some items seen in earlier shows, and many new items, including several original prints purchased last summer in New York City.

The prints on view include three original silkscreen prints by Josef Albers (1888-1976). Albers was a major figure in the Bauhaus art movement in Germany. After moving to the United States he became a significant contributor to the field of color and design theory. These prints have been purchased for the permanent collection of LBCC with the help of a Professional/ Instructional Development Grant. They will be used for study in color theory art classes. The prints are displayed on the North wall of the library.

On the South wall there is a display featuring prints by three New York Artists: Andy Warhol, Keith Haring, and Jenny Holzer. They are considered to be major figures in contemporary American art from 1960 to the present. A brief biography is included for each artist.

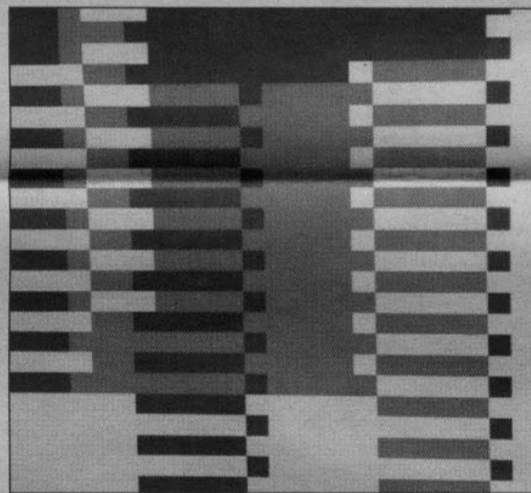
The large glass display case features ceremonial sculpture from Africa, museum reproductions of Ancient Greek ceramics, combat photography from Viet Nam, and a collection of original ancient ceramic objects from the collection of history instructor Michael Weiss.

All objects have been labeled for easy identification. It will be on display through December.

Auditions for children's play

Auditions will be held for the 28th Annual Children's Show, "Shakespeare Can Be Fun! Much Ado About Nothing for Kids," by Lois Burdett, directed by Jean Bonifas. Auditions will be at 6:30 p.m. on the Main Stage of Tadena Theater Nov. 4, 5. Callbacks will be Nov. 6

There are nine roles available (4 female, 5



Original prints by famed German artist Josef Albers are on view in the LBCC Library.

male). All nine roles are eligible for a partial tuition talent grant (\$258) to qualified students.

Students who are cast will be expected to enroll in winter term for Rehearsal & Performance class (1-3 credits) and be available for the matinee schedule which has shows at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 and March 4 and 6. Scripts are available from the Tadena Theater Box Office (Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.).

"Much Ado About Nothing for Kids" is the eighth and newest, book in the "Shakespeare Can Be Fun" series by author Lois Burdett. The book has been adapted for the stage by Jean Bonifas who is also the play's director.

The adaption includes roles for nine actors playing several parts and opportunities for members of the audience to assist them in playing out the story.

Over 6,000 children from the district's elementary schools will attend the 14 performances scheduled to begin Feb. 13 and conclude March 6.

There are also two public performances scheduled for Feb. 23 and March 2. This is an opportunity to perform for an eager audience and to taste the real world of the theater in an extended run.

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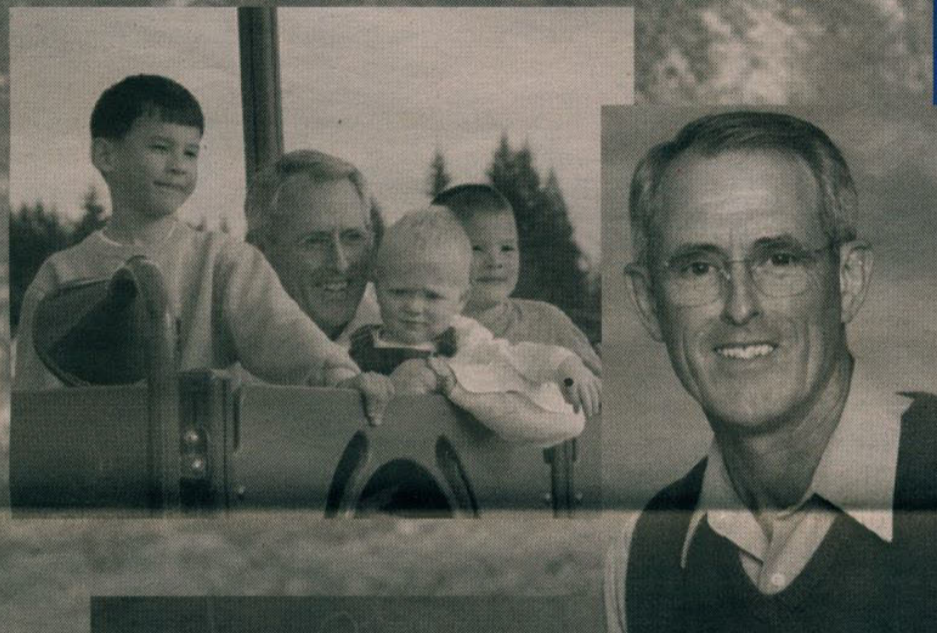
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ELECTION NEWS

18-year-olds would qualify to run for Legislature under Measure 17

by Matt Boase
of The Commuter

A candidate for president of the United States has to meet an age requirement of 35 years before he can attempt to win the office; the governor of Oregon must be at least 30, and Oregon state legislators must be at least 21.

But Ballot Measure 17, if passed Nov. 5, will lower the minimum age of legislators to 18.

The man behind the campaign is Jake Oken-Berg of Portland. He believes getting more young voters interested in politics and introducing new ideas to the public debate could be some of the advantages that would result from the passing of the measure. Oken-Berg ran for mayor of Portland in 2000 at the age of 20. He received 27 percent of the votes and finished a close second, ahead of 15 other candidates.

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and former governors Mark Hatfield, Neil Goldschmidt, Victor Atiyeh and Barbara Roberts have all endorsed the measure. However all arguments aren't in favor. The opposition argues that this measure violates biblical teaching. Age, maturity and wisdom are emphasized multiple times in the Old and New Testament.

Some people will argue that 18-year-olds are

not mature enough to be state legislators. "The younger person is more inadequate, inexperienced and ill equipped to run the government," said first year LBCC student Jared Hernandez who is 18 years old.

"If the age is lowered to 18, they (18-year-olds) won't know what they're doing," said Tabitha Burkey, another student at LBCC.

Oken-Berg's opinion is if you don't want someone under the age of 21 in office, then you shouldn't vote for that person.

"Reaching a certain age doesn't represent quality," said LBCC Political Science instructor Doug Clark. "Is a 25-year-old more qualified because they're 25?"

Perhaps age isn't a matter at all. "You have to ask yourself if there's an age after which you shouldn't serve in the legislature any longer," Clark stated. "If the answer is no, then age isn't a question."

It isn't likely that this measure will affect LBCC as a whole. "A number (of students) will want information about it, a smaller number will want information about taking action, and one or two will want to participate," said Clark.

Information about how you can help support measure 17 can be acquired at info@YesOn17.com or you can call 503-223-2264.



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

To Label or Not?

Measure 27 has attracted most of the money among ballot measures in the Nov. 5 election. The measure would require all foods that carry any genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled as such. Proponents say it is only common sense to tell consumers when foods have GE ingredients, while opponents have waged an expensive ad campaign against it, arguing that it is unnecessary and costly. For an opinion on the measure, see Page 2.

KEY BALLOT MEASURES FOR STUDENTS

by Heather M. Scott
of The Commuter

With all of the stresses college students have, studying the 12 ballot measures on this Nov. 5 election may seem overwhelming. But some of this year's measures may have a significant impact on students.

• **Measure 15** affects LBCC and other colleges by amending the constitution to allow the state to issue bonds to reinforce public education buildings in the case of an earthquake. According to the seismology lab at the University of Washington's Department of Earth and Space, during a one-year period of time it is typical to locate over 1,000 earthquakes with a magnitude of 1.0 or greater in the Oregon and Washington area.

• **Measure 17** relates to students who would like to see younger citizens running for senate or the House of Representatives, or who would like to run themselves. (For details on this measure, see story at left.)

• **Measure 23** affects students and residents who lack medical insurance. This measure creates a health care finance plan for medically necessary services for Oregon residents. The U.S. Bureau of Census reports that young adults ranging from 18-24 years old were the least likely to have health insurance—13.4 percent of students attending college without a degree are currently uninsured, and 10.3 percent of the U.S. population with an associate degree are uninsured. The estimated state expenditures would be not less than \$1.7 billion per year. (For more details on this measure, see story at lower left.)

• **Measure 25** would increase Oregon's minimum wage to \$6.90 an hour in January of 2003. The measure would also adjust the minimum wage for inflation in future years. A vote in opposition would retain the current minimum of \$6.50 an hour. Opposing voters worry that raising the minimum wage may hurt the economy and the job market in Oregon, but proponents argue that \$6.50 is not a living wage. Since most of the 300 work study students at LBCC make minimum wage, an increase would directly affect them.

• **Measure 02-25** in Benton County may also be important to LBCC students living in Corvallis or planning to attend OSU. Measure 02-25 requests that land on the North side of Western Boulevard extending West of 35th Street be annexed and made available for student housing. If approved, the area would be used for the Village at Oak Creek apartments and provide approximately 13 single family resources and 216 student housing apartments. Voters in opposition argue that need for the new living space has not been proven and that the buildings may destroy 8.82 acres of wetlands and damage the delicate ecosystem on the property.

There are a variety of other ballot measures in this year's election that may also be important to students—all are described in the Voter's Pamphlet. In order to vote on these measures you must be an Oregon resident, a registered voter, a citizen of the United States and over the age of 18. Ballots must be received by Nov. 5.

Measure 23 promises health care under state-funded plan

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

Almost everyone wants to see changes made to our current health care system. Hundreds of thousands of Oregonians are uninsured and almost 70,000 children in the state aren't covered under any plan at all.

Measure 23 on the November 5 ballot will create a new health care plan that will be made available to all Oregonians.

Funding for this new Oregon Comprehensive Health Care Finance Plan will come from individual and employer payroll taxes. A voter elected board will develop and implement the new plan.

Some of the highlights of this measure are that there will be no out-of-pocket co-pays or deductibles, all medically necessary health services will be paid for regardless of any preexisting condition, and administrative costs of the plan will be capped at 5 percent. The board will also be communicating with and soliciting input from the public in order to

insure that the plan works.

Under the plan, the maximum tax that can be imposed on any taxpayer will not be allowed to exceed 8 percent of their income.

Britt McEachern of Health Care for All Oregon said on Friday night's airing of OPB's program Seven Days that the average Oregon family annually pays well over \$4,000 for health care. Measure 23 will limit it to \$2,100.

"People are already paying out the nose for health care," said McEachern. Health insurance premiums increase all the time, he added.

"If we saw the government giving us a 15 percent tax increase every year, people would be up in arms," he said, explaining that insurance companies are essentially taxing our health care premiums.

Supporters of Measure 23, which includes groups such as the National Association of Social Workers, the Pacific Green Party of Oregon, Mid Valley Care Advocates, and the Oregon Health Ac-

tion Campaign, argue that the United States is the only First World country that doesn't have universal health care.

Backers of 23 also say uninsured and underinsured Oregonians don't get the preventative basic care that they need, which means they end up overusing expensive emergency room treatments.

Also, the new plan won't be taken away if a person changes jobs or retires, or be denied to someone with a preexisting condition.

Some small businesses also support Measure 23, saying they can no longer afford high premiums for its employees.

Opponents to Measure 23, which include groups such as the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, Oregon Association of Health Underwriters, and the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council, say that this new plan would require huge tax increases. The broad definition of who can be treated for which services will lead to expenses that go way beyond the state's current general fund budget.

Lisa Trussell, an opponent of Measure 23, said Friday night on the program Seven Days that the reason she thinks voters will say no to this measure is that "it's still the single biggest tax hike in Oregon's history."

Opponents also say that people from other states would move here just to get free health care at the expense of Oregon taxpayers. And the low reimbursement rates, along with current expensive malpractice insurance premiums, would force many doctors and dentists to consider moving their practices to other states.

But voters will have the final decision on November 5 when they decide if universal health care is the way Oregon wants to go. Will they say that Measure 23 goes too far or will they decide it's just the solution Oregon needs?

McEachern said, "We know that the system is broken and we would like to see everybody covered, but nobody had come up with a solution as of yet — until Measure 23."

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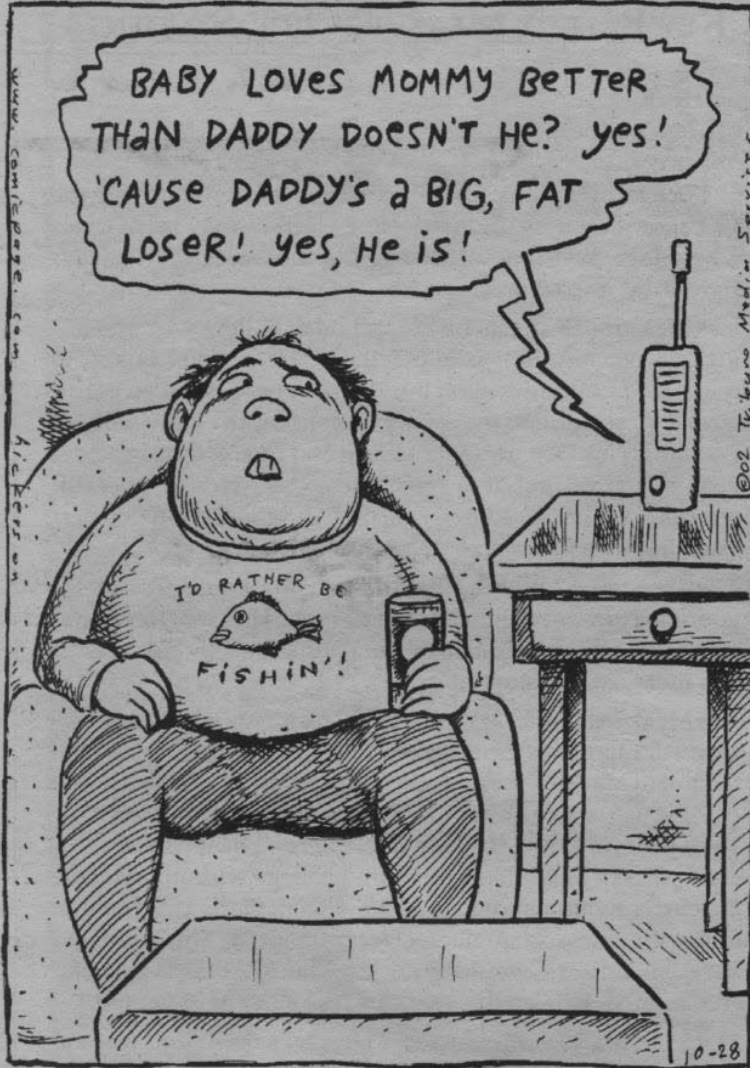
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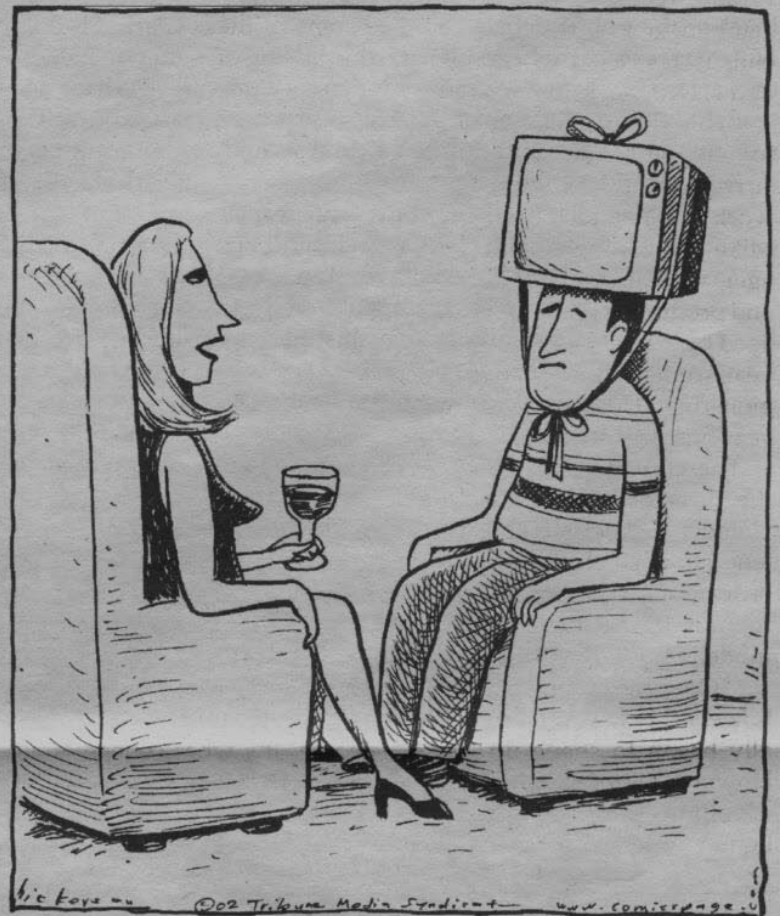
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The dangers of the baby monitor.

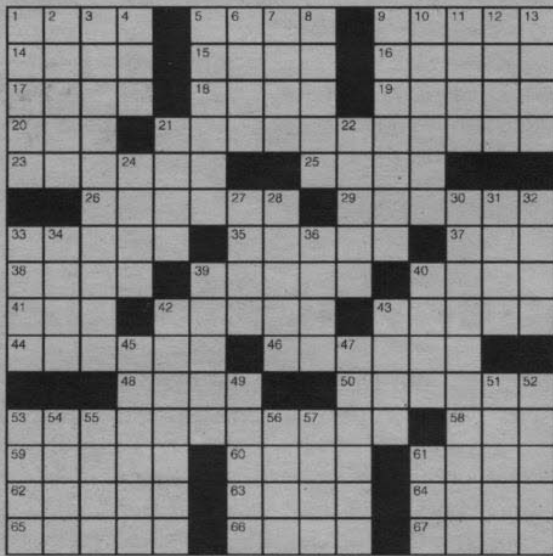
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 - 41 College cheer
 - 42 Set sights
 - 43 Bottle material
 - 44 Soak up
 - 46 Do over
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Bob Dylan...the early years

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LOCAL NEWS

News on happenings around the county including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Philomath, Tangent and Sweet Home

Students can 'escape' to alcohol-free club at OSU

by Shannon Reddicks
 of The Commuter

A new night club has opened on the OSU campus, Escape, where students can enjoy an alcohol- and drug-free environment.

Djs from around the Northwest come to play dance music, such as hip-hop, top 40, and techno. Students have also enjoyed such bands as Floater, Matt Sharp from Weezer and Greg Brown of Cake. Just last Friday, Oct. 24, DJ "Enviu" came in to rock the house. The club is restricted to OSU students, who can bring one guest.

"This is a place for students to "escape" from their usual surroundings of school and work and just kick back," said Mike Howard, assistant manager, who also works booking and promotion. The club is managed by Jason Gerard, a fourth-year student in mechanical engineering. Howard is a third-year business student.

The club was started when the director of the Memorial Union, Michael Henthorn, listened to what students wanted on campus. They took an old room in the MU and began remodeling.

"Over the summer of 2001, however, is when the place really began to shape up," said Howard. Different committees of volunteers formed to manage lighting, interior design and food

service at the end of last school year and through the summer.

An array of individuals were involved in the construction, ranging from students and OSU maintenance workers to contractors who all helped to complete the room before the beginning of the school year.

"Student fees go to pay for some of the club, but attendance is what makes the place run. The more people that we bring into the club, the lower it costs for them to get in, and we can get bigger bands to entertain them," said Howard. "We're here to provide the students with something exciting, not to make a profit."

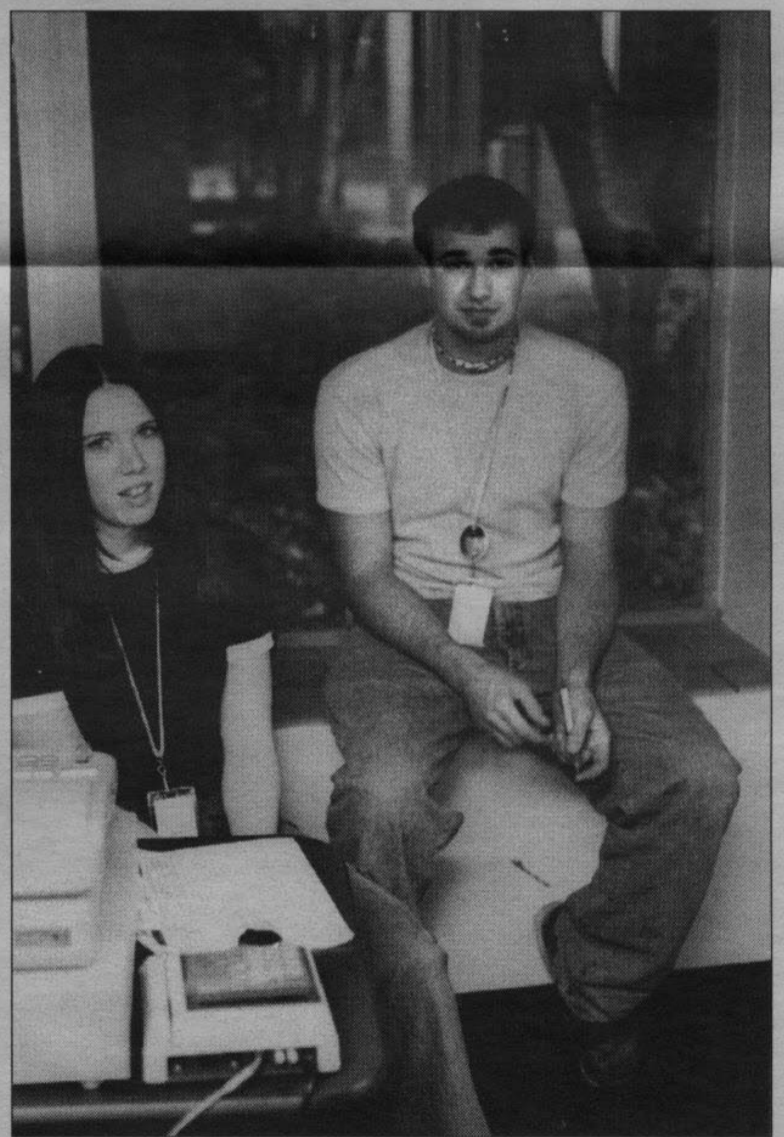
All regular scheduled programming is \$3 per student, and \$5 per guest with student ID. You must be an OSU student to get in, or accompanied by an OSU student, and be 18 years of age. Dual enrolled students can obtain an OSU ID card at the OSU campus.

"I think this place has the potential to be the best," said Howard. "We have the capacity of just over 300, the lights and sound are better than most people could imagine and you're in a intimate venue where you can get up close and personal with the musicians or have fun getting to meet some new people. It's what college is all about. All colleges should be so lucky to have a club on campus."



Patrons of Escape, OSU's new teen night club (above), gather at the beginning of a weekend evening near the flashing dance floor, while others line up outside waiting to get inside (below). Located in the lower level of the MU East, Escape was the result of the work of several volunteers, including Mike Howard (right), who has been working since 2001 to make the club a reality.

Photos by Jeremy Hennig



Presentation on mental illness

NAMI, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, is sponsoring a multi-media presentation on Tuesday Nov. 5 at the Majestic Theater in Corvallis. "In Our Own Voice: Living With Mental Illness" runs from 7 to 9 p.m and is the story of the struggle of persons who live with mental illness. Admission is free.

State and national NAMI grants are also available to support presentations such as this one that features local speakers.

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This week I am taking my hat off. Hats off to the Anaheim Angels, to Emmitt Smith, and to the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

The Angels are your world champions, with great courageousness in game six and a superb job in the seventh game to shut down the Giants, and win their first title in their 42 year history. I enjoyed watching the Angels play, because of the way they played as a team. From starter to closer, from clean-up batter to pinch-runner, all the Angels pitched in and all the Angels can bask in the sun, now that they are finally out of the Dodgers shadow. I'm sure that every person that has ever coached baseball, on any level, appreciated watching this team. That old saying "it's the little things that win ball games," the Anaheim Angels perform the little things beautifully.

What is outstanding about the Angels, is that they are ranked 19th in payroll, and were able to show teams that small-market franchises can win. So cry me a river Yankees, Braves, and Red Sox, because the Angels prove that money isn't always synonymous with winning in the MLB. Everybody doubted the angels, including me, mainly because their AL, but they have done it, so congrats Mike Scioscia, Troy Glaus, all those rookie pitchers, Tim Salmon, Garrett Anderson, Monkey, etc.

Emmitt Smith broke Walter Payton's all-time rushing record over the weekend, and now he is the greatest running back of all time, or is he? Since he broke the record, all I have heard on the radio and television, is the debate on this statement. Smith is a great running back, durable,

reliable, a power runner, and everything else you need in a great back. I believe that he does deserve the record, great o-lines or not, but I do not think he is the greatest running back of all-time. Both Peyton and Barry Sanders had a lot of yards behind below average offensive lines, and Jim Brown was a monster running back. All three of those greats, in my opinion were better than Smith.

The Irish showed the country last Saturday that their success has nothing to do with luck, as they pummeled Florida State 34-24, in Tallahassee. In all the projected BCS standings, it has Oklahoma number one, Notre Dame number two and Miami number three. So if the rest of the season goes like that, then Oklahoma will play Notre Dame for the National Championship, while Miami, defending national champion, who have won 29 straight games and are ranked number one in both the AP and Coaches poll, will be left out.

It was bad enough last year when a team that did not even win their conference was allowed to play, but if this happens then the BCS most definitely will be reformed. I am not taking anything away from OU or ND, but if Miami goes undefeated, they should play for the title.

And let's not forget, that Ohio St. and Georgia are both still undefeated, and have a shot at throwing another legitimate complaint at the BCS.

If you're like me and believe that there should be a playoff system, you are hoping for all five of these teams to go undefeated. But I am a realist, and I do realize that because of money reasons, there will never be a playoff system.

To all the good people, enjoy your week.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Sophomores Honored

The Lady Runners' five sophomore volleyball players were honored with roses from their teammates and parents at the last home league game of the season last Wednesday. From left are Kim West, the team's captain and Sept. 6 Offensive Player of the Week; Janine Dionne, defensive specialist; Jenny Lawrence, right hitter; Leslea Brown, outside hitter; and Danielle Palmer, right hitter. Although there are no more league games at home, the Runners will be playing in the LBCC Crossover Tournament this weekend in the Activities Center.

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SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

Runners squeak by Lakers in fan-pleasing match

by Thomas McGeary
 of the Commuter

Last Wednesday's Roadrunner volleyball game began with a ceremony to honor sophomores Janie Dionne, Leslea Brown, Jenny Lawrence, Dani Palmer and Kim West and ended with a stirring comeback victory over Southwestern Oregon Community College.

The match opened with a block by Kellie Kettles, which lead to four quick points by LBCC. Sophomore West also followed with a big block that left the score at 6-3. Rebecca Buhl took serve and with the help of Jenny Lawrence (who had a great save) started the game's momentum in LB's favor.

The Laker team was unable to answer the attack of the Runners lead by Buhl and West. Kettles took the serve at 27-20, and as the enthusiasm of the crowd grew, the Lady Runners went on to win the opening game 30-22.

But Game 2 was not as easy for the Runners. The Lakers came out with composure and took a commanding lead. By the time LBCC took a time-out, the score was at 6-15, but SWOCC continued the push with three more points before Palmer, Kettles and Mahria Zook followed with two kills to stem the Lakers' run. Amanda Burcham connected with a service, leaving the score at 13-24 and crowd sensing a comeback. But the Runners were unable to close the gap and lost the game.

Game 3 started close and stayed close until Buhl delivered a beautiful, soft-touch kill, followed by a swift kill from Brown, which tied up the game. Buhl then dealt an ace serve and Brown smashed another kill. At that point the game seemed flow LB's way with a kill by West that put LB up 17-14. SWOCC was able to retake the momentum, however, and took a 17-18 lead with a service ace. The crowd knew the importance of

this match and LBCC took a time-out, when Coach Jamie Frazier told the team "Concentrate on the simple things; do the simple things well."

When the team took the floor following the time-out, Buhl came up with a clutch play that tied the game, but SWOCC again pulled ahead at 18-22. Kettles then came through with a great kill and this time a comeback was really in the cards.

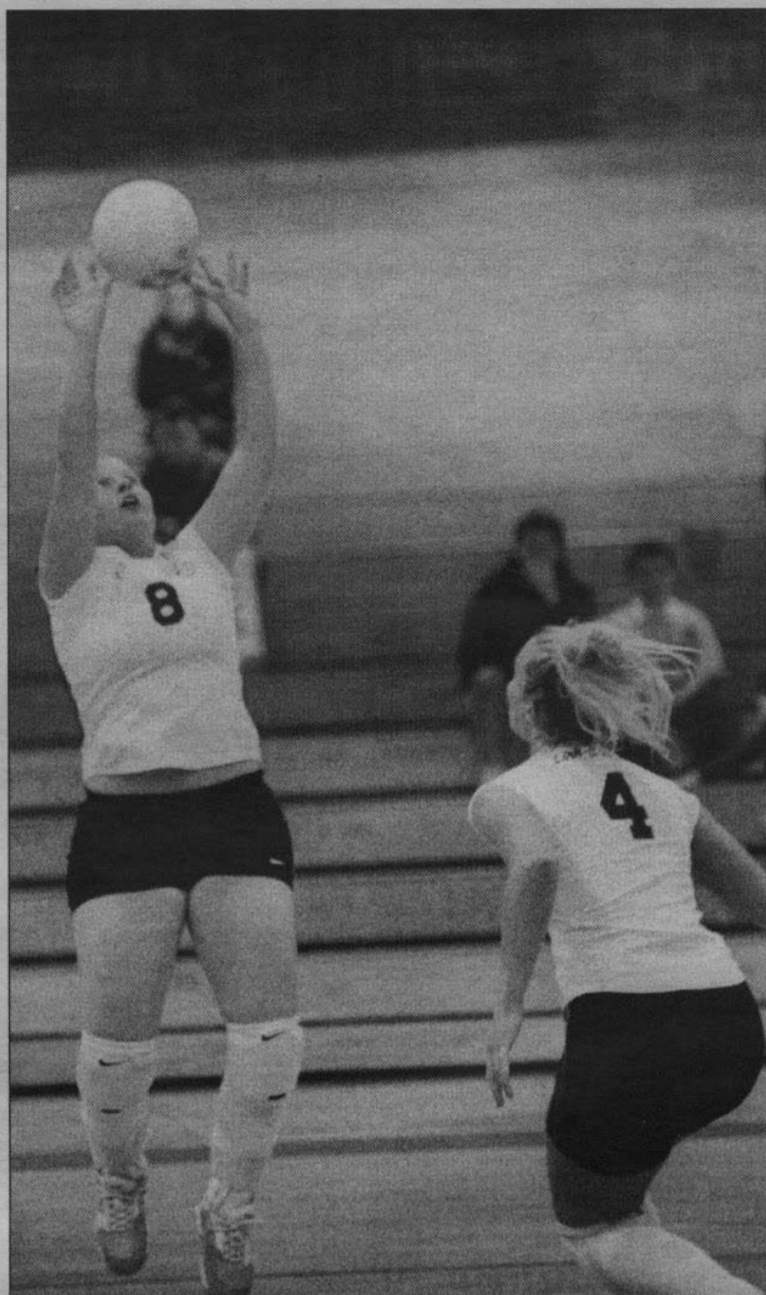
With the Runners down 22-25, Frazier took another time-out and Kettles answered the next serve with a big kill that really invigorated the crowd. But costly mistakes let the Lakers back in it. With LB down 26-28, Lawrence took over with a strong serve that was backed up by Buhl's kill, and LB took the lead for good and won 30-28.

Game 4 proved to be another tough one for the Runners. The score went back and fourth until LB broke ahead at 10-6 with strong volleys and great scores. The Runners seemed to have the game in hand, but the Lakers battled back to a narrow lead at 23-24. West gave LB a push and tied the score at 27, but SWOCC held in tough and led 29-30 when LB took a time-out to regroup. However, after keeping close with the score at 30-31 a net-ball gave the Lakers a 30-32 win in Game 4.

The match was all tied up with two wins for each team, the decisive fifth game would be played to 15 points. The Runners came on the floor with a look of determination that fueled the crowd into the game. Led by kills from Kettles and Buhl, the Runners raced to a quick lead, which reached 12-8 after Kettles' third kill of the game.

SWOCC still hung tough, until Buhl came through with a great point that left Kettles serving for match point 14-11.

LB called a time-out when they lost the point, as Fraizer did not want this one to get away. In the end, SWOCC surrendered the game and the match with a narrow 15-13 score.



Photos by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Amanda Burcham sets up a shot for Kellie Kettles (above) in last Wednesday's match against SWOCC, while Amber Opoiem fires a spike into the Lakers' defense (below). LB edged the Lakers in the decisive fifth game to win the match.

Win at Lane puts Runners in playoffs

by Thomas McGeary
 of the Commuter

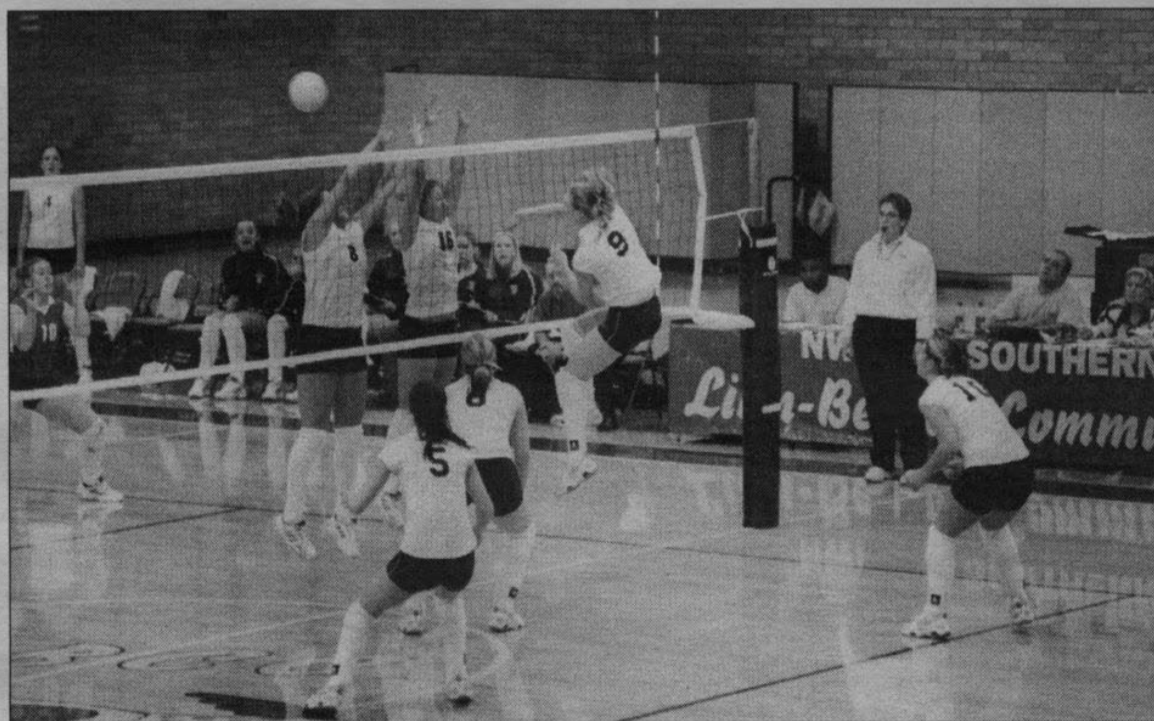
LB took their winning ways to Lane Community College in Eugene on Friday for a match that would set the stage for their next match today at 7 p.m. against league leader Mt.Hood.

Frazier said she could tell during warm ups that "team flow was there."

Leslea Brown, Rebecca Buhl and Kellie Kettles combined against Lane for a total 32 kills. Also Fraizer stated that the Run-

ners were able to "cover the outside of the court," which tilted the match the Runners' way. They defeated Lane in three straight games 30-22, 30-21, 31-29 on the Titan's home court.

The importance of the match was in the standings, where LB took over third place with a 7-3 record. With the top four teams in the division qualifying for the play offs, the Runners are now in a good position. Even if they lose their last two matches, they have clinched a spot in the playoffs.



Annual crossover tournament starts Friday

by Carlie Russum
 of The Commuter

The Roadrunners have invited five teams—Centralia, Whatcom, Umpqua, Lower Columbia and Bellevue—to their second crossover tournament that will be held the weekend of Friday, Nov. 1.

"The teams are selected a year in advance and we try to pick two teams from each region," said Coach Jayme Frazier.

The way the cross-over tournaments are setup is that each

region is required to host a tournament every few years. There are seven to eight teams in each region, and four regions. This year's tournament will be the second LB has hosted since Coach Frazier has been head coach.

In 2000, the Runners won their own tournament. "This year there should be some pretty good match-ups, most of the schools competing are in the top 2 of their region," Frazier added.

Pool-play to set up the winner and loser brackets will begin

Friday. The Runners will play their first match at 2 p.m. and then again in the evening. Saturday the actual tournament will begin. Teams that are defeated twice in the first round will be eliminated, and once a team has lost they have no chance for the championship.

The games have been exciting and competitive for the lady Roadrunners and the fans, according to Frazier. "We have had great fan support this year, it helps build confidence and keeps the team going."

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Mt. Hood.....	7-0
Chemeketa.....	7-2
Linn-Benton.....	7-3
Clackamas.....	5-3
Lane.....	2-6
SW Oregon.....	2-7
Umpqua.....	0-9

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2002

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Wed.	Oct. 30	Mt. Hood	Gresham	7 p.m.
Fri-Sat	Nov. 1	LB Crossover	LBCC	TBA
Wednesday	Nov. 13	Clackamas C.C.	Oregon City	7p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 16	Playoff ties	TBA	TBA
Thur-Sat	Nov.21	Championship	Spokane	TBA

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Anti-war activism on a slow rise in Washington

By Robert Marshall Wells
 The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — With their fall terms well under way, college students across Washington state are slowly turning their attention to what many see as the growing potential for armed conflict between the U.S. and Iraq.

"I think people are interested and staying informed," said Western Washington University student Nate Johnson, 26. "With Iraq, there's been a lot more time to think about it. There's history there. There's a lot more awareness."

But in contrast to the anti-war activism that swept many U.S. college campuses during the Vietnam era, students in Washington haven't mobilized in great numbers.

Johnson, a member of a student group at Western called the Associated Students Peace Resource Center, believes that could be about to change. Johnson and his colleagues are among many students at Washington colleges and universities in the early stages of planning events aimed at stirring debate in their communities.

At Seattle University, philosophy professor Gary Chamberlain, who has worked with students to help organize several on-campus anti-war protests this year, said interest there is on the rise.

"For some of the students, it's



Photo by Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

Simone Thayer dresses as a bound Statue of Liberty during an anti-war demonstration Oct. 26, 2002 in San Francisco, CA. Thousands marched downtown to protest a possible war against Iraq.

just a real dissatisfaction with the American foreign policy in general," said Chamberlain, while "some of them just look at the war and don't see a rationale for it."

But Mike Wallin, 19, a member of the University of Washington College Republicans, said his group believes military action against Iraq is justified. Wallin said he and others plan to publicly demonstrate their support for Bush administration policies.

Wallin said he senses that

many UW students hold similar views but that many are reluctant to speak out because it's easier to either remain silent or take popular positions in favor of things such as clean water, clean air or lower college tuition. "It's easy to say all those things," Wallin said, but this "is a war. It's not an easy thing to do."

At some campuses, discussions, sing-alongs, meetings, lectures and forums related to the war are starting to occur more frequently. Even so, some say

the level of activism among today's college students is a far cry from what it was for those who came of age during the civil-rights, women's rights and Vietnam War eras.

"There was a direct sense of persecution then that there's not now," said Seattle University music professor Jim Ragland, a self-proclaimed anti-Vietnam War student activist in the early 1970s. "I don't find that readiness to be outraged. It's all become very mushy."

Across town at the Univer-

sity of Washington, some students are attempting to take action. Many participated in anti-war events in downtown Seattle earlier this month, and more are expected to take part in similar events later this month.

UW students can often be seen on campus handing out anti-war literature and staging various demonstrations to spark interest and involvement. Jessica Long, a senior, said she and other UW students are also working to form coalitions with high-school and other college students in the state.

Logan Price, 19, who attends Seattle Central Community College, believes that any U.S. military conflict with Iraq would be more about oil in the Middle East than about Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and whether he controls weapons of mass destruction.

"When Saddam Hussein has been on our side, we didn't have a problem with him," Price said. "The way I see it, war is a way of securing access to a country's resources."

Those sentiments are echoed by many at Washington State University, according to student leaders there. But to date, there have been no large on-campus events focused on potential military action.

"We're more of a 'discuss-it-among-ourselves' kind of community," said WSU student-body President Scott Dickinson, 21.

U.N. closer to U.S. on draft resolution on confronting Iraq

By Diego Ibarguen
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

UNITED NATIONS — Two top weapons inspectors told the United Nations Security Council on Monday that a draft U.S. resolution on confronting Iraq would allow a strong disarmament inspections, although they said some points need to be clarified.

The briefing from Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei seemed to bolster efforts to push the U.S. resolution through the divided 15-nation council as it begins what is expected to be a final week of intense negotiations. Several diplomats on the council had said they would weigh the inspectors' views in deciding how to vote.

After the meeting, U.S. and British co-sponsors of the draft resolution seemed full of renewed enthusiasm. Though the pace of further U.N. negotiations remains uncertain after six weeks of talks, U.S. officials said they hope for a vote later this week.

Blix, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, and ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, gave the U.S. proposal essential support. Colombian Ambassador Alfonso Valdívieso, a council member who favors a strong resolution, said Blix and ElBaradei

agreed with the U.S. draft "on almost everything."

"For those who want a strong resolution, this reaffirms our belief," Valdívieso said.

Blix and ElBaradei told reporters that if the Security Council is unified behind a final resolution, that would give them greater chances of success.

"We have stressed, both of us, that just as important as clarity in the text and clarity in the mandate is the readiness of the council to uphold the resolution and the prerogatives of the inspectors, that there be no sort of fatigue in the maintenance, because then our authority will go down," Blix said.

They added that the threat of consequences for Iraqi obstruction was likely to encourage greater cooperation from Iraq. But both men stressed that they did not want to be put in the position of deciding when Iraq had crossed the line of non-compliance.

"We will report objectively ... and it will be for the council to determine whether something is in a material breach and if it wants to give it consequences," Blix said. "We have seen it sometimes suggested that we hold peace and war in our hands. We decline that statement. Our job is to report. And the decision as to whether there is war or peace is a reaction that is for the

council and for its members."

According to several diplomats, Blix and ElBaradei raised a handful of specific points in the resolution's text, mostly on practical matters such as reporting deadlines and composition of inspection staffs. The inspectors also said they wanted discretion in deciding when to remove Iraqi witnesses from the country.

Two fundamental points in the draft — a stringent weapons-inspections regime and the threat of serious consequences for non-compliance — have sparked sharp criticism from several Security Council members, most notably France, Russia and China. All three, like the United States and Britain, are permanent, veto-bearing members. Though none has said it would veto the U.S.-U.K. draft, Russia and France last week informally circulated their own, less-restrictive ideas about a new Iraq resolution.

The Russian position has been all but dismissed as too loose to be effective. But some council diplomats have said the French paper may serve as a bridge toward a broader agreement. Asked Monday whether France had decided against a veto, a French official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "For the moment the mood is to try to reach consensus."

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