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Satellite centers call for better student representation

by Lisa Paolo
of The Commuter

Representatives of LBCC's extended learning centers told the Associated Student Government (ASG) at last week's meeting that students at the Lebanon and Benton Centers need student government representation for issues concerning them.

The main problem that needs addressing, according to Penny York, director of the Benton Center, is that there is little interaction among the students at the

centers. She said this is partly due to a lack of student activities. Last year only one student activity was held, she said. That was the celebration of the Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead in November, which went over very well and the students seemed to really enjoy it, she added.

The reason more of these activities have not been held is that there is no one to organize such events.

"I know the students would like more of those if there was someone to orga-

nize them," York said.

The other issue York brought up was lack of representation. The bulk of the students taking classes at the centers take them in the evening, she said. Since the ASG conducts its meetings during the day, students are unable to come and voice any grievances or share ideas they may have. In addition, York said the centers need a way to collect input from their students. Also, the students do not want to have to go to the main campus any more than they have to.

The number of students at the centers represents one-fourth of the full-time equivalency (FTE) for LBCC. This is not the number of students, but is a measurement of credits in which 12 credits is equal to one FTE. The Benton Center accounts for approximately 800 FTE; the Albany Center, 500; the Lebanon Center, 200 and the Sweet Home Center, 100.

The ASG responded by agreeing that there should be more representation for the students of the centers. A suggestion
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Secretary of state stops at LB to urge students to vote

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

With a bang and a flash and a flurry of excited e-mails, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury appeared at LBCC last week.

Bradbury, a Democrat who is campaigning against Republican Lynn Snodgrass, Green Party candidate Lloyd Marbett and Libertarian Ed Pole for re-election, met with a small group of students and faculty in the SL&L office during a visit last Wednesday night. The visit was part of a whirlwind tour of schools around the state, including OSU, Lane Community College, and—earlier that day, the University of Oregon.

During the meeting, Bradbury stressed the necessity of involving students in the political process and praised the efforts of LB's Associated Student Government in getting people registered to vote this year. Bradley also congratulated the ASG on the success of last month's Voter Registration Drive, which succeeded in registering 286 voters at LB.

"Younger voter participation is plummeting," he said. "It's important to find ways to get more 18-to-24-year-olds to vote."

One way of increasing involvement among younger voters in the 2002 general election that Bradbury discussed was voting over the Internet—a move that many see as risky, but which the former television journalist sees as important to expanding the political process to include future generations.

"I want there to be Internet voting," he said. "It's clear that the Internet is the medium of the younger generation. We need a system that fits in with modern lifestyles."

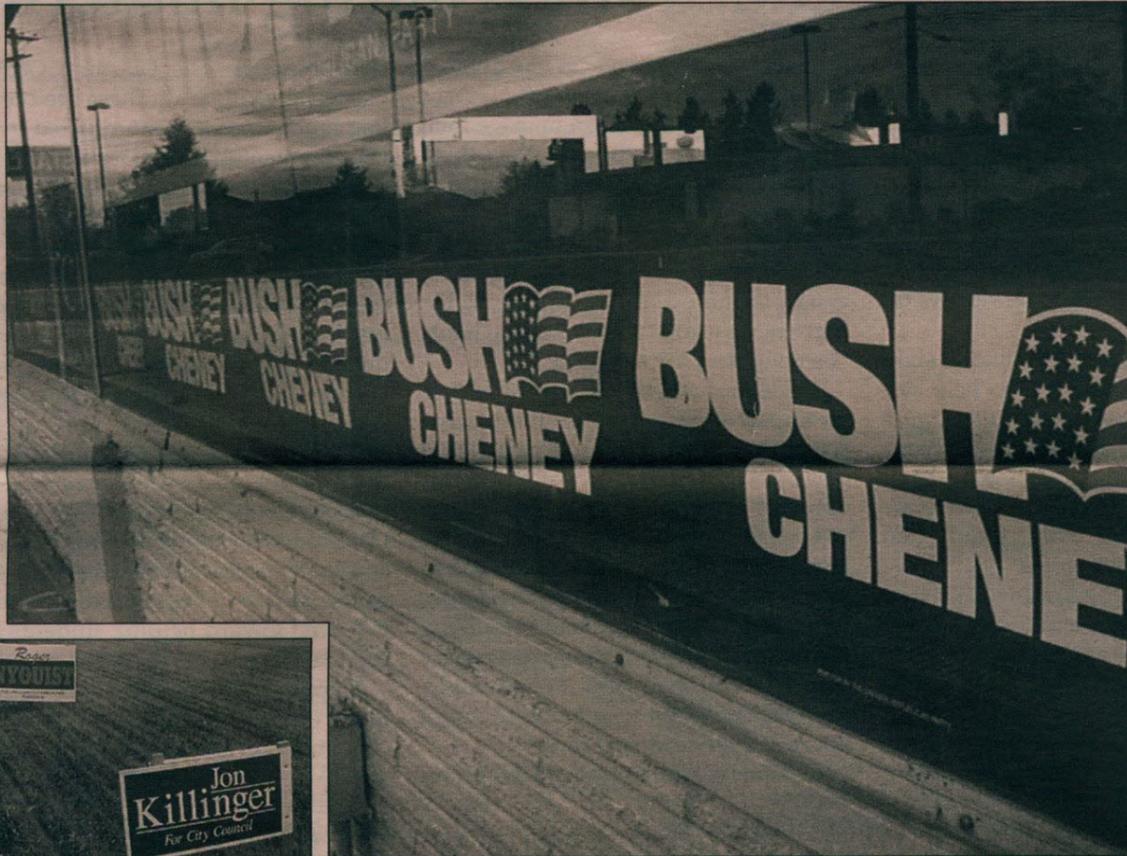
Bradbury pointed to the success of Oregon's vote by mail system as an example of how tailoring the system to the changing needs of the people has worked for the political process.

"We had a very high turnout for the primaries last spring," he said. "But we probably would've had less than 40 percent without vote by mail."

In addition to improving voter turnout, Bradbury
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Bill Bradbury



Photos by James Bauerle and Chris Spence

Signs of the Times

Campaign signs dot the landscape of the Willamette Valley as Election Day approaches. For The Commuter's picks of the state ballot measures, see Page 3.

Registration website back online after repairs

by Leon Tovey
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Web for Students, LB's registration website, is up and running again after being taken offline earlier this month for repairs.

The site, which first went online last spring, was shut down after it was discovered that the registration kiosks, which allow students to access the site on campus, were exposing student ID numbers.

According to Ann Adams, director of Information Services, the problem with the site was linked to a feature of Microsoft's Internet Explorer that allows a user to return more quickly to a previously accessed area of the site.

"That feature comes as a part of Internet Explorer,"

Adams said last Wednesday. "We'd always used Netscape in the past, so the problem slid in under our radar."

After fixing the problem, the site now erases all sensitive information as soon as students leave the site—as long as the student remembers to log-off.

The site was brought back online last Wednesday, and there have been no further problems reported.

Adams said that new features for the site are being developed, including a campus activities page and a feature that allows tuition payment over the Internet using a credit card. "We want to add the credit card feature, but that will take a few months," she said. "Obviously there are security issues that have to be considered, but eventually that feature will be offered."

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Take a stroll around campus today and get a look at student altars for Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican Day of the Dead.

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OFF BEAT

Love in the dark is dangerous

A man and a woman stole off to a peaceful meadow in the Czech countryside for a romantic rendezvous when along came a tractor whose driver was taking a shortcut to a party and did not see the lovemaking couple in the dark. He ran over the man's buttocks, injuring both parties.

Take your seats, if you can

When four tickets to a New York Giants game were mistakenly delivered to a Hopatcong, N.J., man instead of to his neighbor across the street, he took full advantage of the opportunity, police said. The guy kept two for himself and his wife and sold the other two, not realizing that the rightful owner, Joann Koslosky, would assume the tickets were lost in the mail and get replacements from the Giants box office. It all unraveled when Koslosky and her three friends went to the game and saw the neighbors sitting in her seats. She told reporters later, "I said, 'Where'd you get those tickets?' They said they bought them from a scalper. I said, 'I don't think so.'" Arrests followed.

Holy Karaoke! Monks Rock

Two Buddhist monks have been breaking their sacred vows to forswear worldly pleasures by living it up at a karaoke bar far from their temple in Bangkok. It is alleged that the two have gone to the saloon in a provincial area in disguise on numerous occasions where they have been observed drinking alcohol and singing karaoke into the late hours. Religious authorities have launched an investigation.

—From the TMS News Service



Following the Drill

Photo by Lori Weedmark

Students and staff pour out into the parking lots during last Wednesday afternoon's emergency drill. The 1:45 p.m. drill went off without a hitch, according to campus safety officials.

Students battle added stress during midterms

Kate Sundstrom
of The Commuter

The ghoulish specter of midterms looms in the minds of LBCC students this time of the year.

The strain of coping with tests, homework, family issues and finances can entangle students in a web of stress.

The trick is knowing where to turn for help.

Ann Marie Etheridge is one of eight counselors whose job it is to help students through tough times. Etheridge, a veteran counselor of more than 20 years, said the biggest stressor is the pressure of academic achievement. Others are finances, balancing work, family and school and uncertain goals.

Etheridge tries to educate students on the meaning of stress as one way to help them cope. "There are different types of stress," she explains—day-to-day versus unusual.

Day-to-day stresses are ones that are routine, while unusual stresses are con-

nected to main occurrences like divorce, death, accident or a job lay-off.

One way students can manage their stress is to change the way they think about the pressures that build up in their life, she said.

"Most research suggests that stress is not the event itself, but the label we assign to the event," according to Dr. Barbara Mackoff who wrote a book, "Leaving the Office Behind."

Students have the ability to reduce the impact of stress by remembering that action versus reaction equals a physical effect, and that if they control their reaction they can limit that physical effect.

Learning coping skills is essential for handling stress, Etheridge said. Students need to ask themselves how their reaction will affect them. Instead of thinking it will debilitate them, they must realize that this too, shall pass. For example, even though a test may be hard, it will not ruin their academic career.

Campus resources are available to stu-

dents through The Learning Center's "survival seminars." These are brown-bag lunch seminars coordinated by the Developmental Studies Department. Students bring their lunch to the LRC, usually on Tuesdays around noon, and learn techniques for surviving college.

Different topics are covered each week, including "overcoming test anxiety," "reading your textbook more quickly and efficiently," "taking notes you can use," and "using your learning style." These seminars are proving tools for students to help them cope.

Etheridge also encourages students to take personal growth classes through LB. Students hoping to improve their academic scores should take a late start course such as College Success. This class is geared toward helping students succeed in college.

Coping skills for stress is a class offered on the weekend for credit. The class teaches students how to handle stress.

Bradbury: Ballot drop site set up on campus

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said, the vote by mail system saves money on the county level by eliminating the need for staffed polling stations. Ballots can be mailed or hand-delivered to county elections offices around the state—as long as they reach the offices by 8 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 7.

In order to help voters at LB get their ballots in on time, ASG president Todd Gifford has set up an unofficial drop box in the SL&L office in the Student Union.

The idea, according to Gifford, is to make it easier for LB students and faculty to get their ballots in by accepting ballots and delivering them to elections offices. The site is not authorized by voting officials, but received an okay from Bradbury during last week's meeting.

The most important thing, he concluded, is to get as many people as possible involved in the political process and to make the system work for everyone.

Centers: LBCC Bond measure would improve facilities

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was made for the ASG to visit the centers at least once a year and invite the students to come and sit in on meetings.

"We totally value what the centers do," said Student Body President Todd Gifford. "If one quarter of our FTE comes from the centers, then one quarter of what we do ought to be for the centers."

Although no action was taken on the issue, the ASG agreed to bring it up again at the next meeting.

The center representatives then went on to discuss some of their plans for the centers if the \$19.1 million bond measure for LBCC passes on the Nov. 7 ballot. They hope to do major reconstruction at the Benton Center. Right now the center has only one place that serves as a study area, social area and, since there are vending machines, the lunch room.

"This really does not create a good studying environment," York said. If the bond measure passes, this

may be separated into three different areas.

They also hope to have better eating facilities which are even more needed since the closing of the Cannery Mall earlier this year. "There is really nowhere for the students to get food quickly around the Benton Center," York said. "We would like to add some sort of food service and also find out how this affects our students."

The Lebanon and Sweet Home centers face a similar problem, according to Don Stangler, director of the East Linn Centers. They also lack the room for students to study and to eat, and if the bond measure passes they plan to construct a new 44,000-square-foot building in Lebanon for the center.

Another issue is that the centers do not have services such as a financial aid office and have very limited counseling available for the students. The students have to go to the main campus for all of that and would like to see more offered at the centers, said York.

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IN FOCUS

NAVIGATING THE MEASURE MAZE

The Commuter analyzes the issues on the Nov. 7 ballot and makes recommendations on the measures that most impact students' lives.

Measure 3

YES

Requires conviction before forfeiture of property; restricts proceeds usage; requires reporting, penalty.

America's system of justice is founded on the idea that a person is innocent until proven guilty by a court of law. This measure would ensure that the property rights of Oregonians are protected in accordance with that idea.

Measure 84

YES

Amends constitution: State must continue paying local governments for state mandated programs.

If the state requires a local government to participate in a program, the state funds it—it's simple and it's fair.

Measure 5

YES

Expands circumstances requiring background check before transfer of firearms.

This measure is simple: criminal background checks at gun shows. There is no hidden attempt to take guns away from law-abiding citizens, no radical liberal plot to take anyone's guns away. The only people affected by this bill will be people attempting to obtain guns illegally. The bill will close a dangerous loophole in Oregon's gun laws.

Measure 87

NO

Amends constitution: Allows regulation of location of sexually oriented businesses through zoning.

This measure amounts to censorship and a violation of the right to free speech. The definition of sexually oriented businesses is vague and lends itself to misuse by city governments. Similar measures were voted down in 1994 and 1996.

Measure 6

YES

Provides public funding to candidates who limit spending, private contributions.

This measure will help to take Oregon politics out of the hands of corporations and special interest groups.

Measure 88

NO

Increases amount of federal taxes that can be deducted from state taxes.

This measure would cost the state of Oregon almost \$200 million during the 2001-2003 biennium and approximately \$130 million each year after that. In addition, it would benefit only about 60 percent of Oregon taxpayers.

Measure 7

NO

Requires payment to landowner if government regulation reduces property value.

This measure would require Oregonians to pay property owners if regulations on pollution, environmental damage and land use affect their property values. The estimated cost is \$5.4 billion a year. Land, air and water are resources held in common. Society has a vested interest in maintaining the ability to protect them.

Measure 91

NO

Amends constitution: Makes federal income taxes fully deductible on Oregon taxes.

Guts the state budget (nearly \$1 billion per year) and saves no money for anyone who makes less than \$50,000 per year.

Measure 95

NO

Amends constitution: Student learning determines teacher pay; qualifications, not seniority, determine retention.

Adopting this amendment would mean a massive shift towards a focus on standardized tests in Oregon's schools. These tests are not the answer to educational problems. As a recent study by the RAND corporation shows, Texas curricula organized around such tests and programs pushed teachers to teach the tests rather than the material. The result was that students scored far lower on tests that rated overall knowledge and critical thinking skills.

Measure 93

NO

Amends constitution: Voters must approve most taxes and fees; requires certain approval percentage.

This is what we have state representatives for. If you thought this year's voters' pamphlet was excessively large, you don't want this measure to pass.

Measure 8

NO

Amends constitution: Limits state appropriations to percentage of state's prior personal income.

This measure would reduce the Oregon state budget by \$5.7 billion in the 2001-2003 biennium. State funded schools (like LBCC) would probably be first on the chopping block.

Measure 94

YES

Repeals mandatory sentencing for certain felonies, requires resentencing.

This is what we have judges for. This measure would repeal Measure 11 and return power of decision-making to the courts—allowing judges to consider sentencing on a case by case basis.

Measure 98

NO

Amends constitution: Prohibits using public resources for political purposes; limits payroll deductions.

The prohibitions proposed in this measure would dramatically alter Oregon's Voters' Pamphlet by eliminating arguments and candidate statements. In addition it would greatly weaken union and charity participation in the political process. Measure 98 is simply another attack on political access.

Measure 9

NO

Prohibits public school instruction that encourages, promotes, sanctions homosexual or bisexual behaviors.

The latest anti-homosexual effort by the Oregon Citizens Alliance, Measure 9 seeks to codify intolerance into law. Its censorship of classroom speech would only lead to more repression, emotional harm and an increasingly intolerant climate for homosexual students.

CAMPUS NEWS

Gloria Steinem visits OSU to push Gore/Lieberman vote and No on 9

by Michelle Mayo and Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

Last Wednesday, feminist, activist and author Gloria Steinem visited OSU's Memorial Union Lounge and spoke to a full house about pro-choice issues and the upcoming presidential election.

Steinem, president and co-founder of Voters for Choice, said women will lose the right to abortion if the Bush/Cheney ticket is elected into office.

"I have always found Gore to be a good man with a good heart, with his head and his heart connected in a real way," Steinem said.

She encouraged everyone to go out and vote, "and not alone, take a van full of friends." She said her mission was to make sure everyone new the consequences of electing Bush into office—that women would lose the right to choose because he would stack the Supreme Court with anti-abortion justices, and that he would repeal other gains made in the 20th century.

Victoria Conrad, a junior at Cleveland High in Portland, opened the event by denouncing Measure 9, a ballot measure that she said will prohibit the discussion of homosexuality in school classrooms. Conrad, who described herself as an open bisexual, spoke about the harassment she is subjected to at her school.

"We need Oregon voters to be our voice," said Conrad. "We need your support."

When she was a sophomore, Conrad said, she was chased and beaten by 12 of her classmates because of her sexual preference. She added that she's been called harsh and vulgar names, had her head shoved in lockers, and has witnessed the same treatment done to her friends and partners.

"There are a lot of us out there who are afraid (of Measure 9)," said Conrad. "I am afraid. I am so afraid."

If Measure 9 passes, she said, the faculty could do nothing to stop harassment or help her with the emotional distress she endures because of her homosexuality.

"If Measure 9 passes," Conrad said as she was leaving, "our voices, already dim, will be lost."

State representative candidate Kelly Wirth also addressed the crowd, citing her support for abortion and explaining why she is running. She is in the only race in Oregon where two women, one pro-choice and one pro-life, are running against each other.

"I will, without a doubt," said Wirth, "oppose any attempt to restrict a woman's right to choose to have an abortion."

Steinem, who was the last speaker of the day, was



Photo by Michelle Mayo

Feminists and others gather for a speech by Gloria Steinem at OSU.

making the second to last stop on her bus tour of cities and college campuses along the West Coast. The event was sponsored by the OSU Feminist Coalition and co-sponsored by the MUPC Leadership Committee, NOW, Voters for Choice, Saferide, Women's Affairs Task Force, and the Political Science, Women's Studies and Sociology departments.

Corvallis gets \$1 million to build downtown transit center for buses



Photo by James Bauerle

Riders of the Linn-Benton Loop Bus should see a more comfortable bus stop in Corvallis in a couple of years. A \$1 million federal grant will allow the city to build a transit center on Fifth Street near Jefferson Avenue in the next two years.

by Ben Hughes
of the Commuter

Thanks to U.S. Representatives Darlene Hooley and Peter DeFazio, Corvallis will be receiving a \$1 million federal grant to develop and update a new transit mall, which will be completed by summer of 2002.

The grant will help create new covered waiting areas, new bus terminals, sheltered bicycle parking, enhanced handicapped access and better lighting at the location of the current bus stop on Fifth Street between Madison and Jefferson, according to Jon Nelson, Corvallis City manager.

Nelson stated that the current station is not adequate for the increased number of buses. Since 1997 Corvallis has gained three more buses, making the total of six buses a problem on the small section of street where they load and unload.

"There's just too much congestion," Nelson said.

Currently, the transit area offers covered areas for only six people to sit. Standing room in the covered area offers six to 12 more spots, depending how much you want to smell your neighbor. Bicycle and automobile parking is also limited.

With a chance for a new start on a key piece of mass transit, Bernadette Barrett, the head of Corvallis Transit, hopes that the city can add a little flavor to the new center.

"With the limited space available at the new center, we hope we can fit some small retail stores in," she said. Coffee shops are a consideration. City officials hope adding parking spaces and other comfortable additions will attract more drivers to ride mass transit.

Nelson hopes to finish the planning and preparation in six to nine months. Then the city will begin construction, hoping to meet his two-year deadline.

According to statements made by Hooley and DeFazio in a press release, the funds allocated in the federal 1998 and 2000 Transportation Appropriation will be used to finance the city project.

This project is part of a trend started by a \$10 million T21 Transportation Grant that Albany received last year to upgrade its transit system, according to Steve Bryant, Albany's City Manager.

Bryant said the money will be used to build the Albany Multi-Modal Transportation Center.

"It will be a place where Amtrack, Greyhound, taxis, cars, bicycles and local transit busses will meet," he said. "It will be Albany's centralized home for transportation. Hopefully it will attract restaurants, offices and coffee shops."

The city plans to purchase the Union Pacific Railroad station off Pacific Boulevard, and will serve as the spot for the Albany transportation center. Bryant hopes to start construction and finish the project by 2005.

LBCC's Eloquent Umbrella invites artists and writers to submit work

by Nicole Scott
of The Commuter

The student-run annual creative arts journal, the Eloquent Umbrella, is seeking submissions of poetry, prose, photography and artwork for the 2000-2001 edition.

The publication, which comes out in the spring, is a collection of writing and artwork by students and area residents. Anyone from the Linn and Benton counties are invited to submit their artwork.

In addition, the journal is seeking color artwork for the cover of this year's issue—paintings, crayon and pastel artwork all qualify.

Submissions can be sent to the Arts and Communication Division in the AHSS building, in care of Lane Millet, who is advisor to the publication.

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 15. The Writing 247 class that Millet is teaching this winter term will jury the submissions and make the selections of what gets published.

This is Millet's first year as the adviser of this publication. He is taking over for Linda Smith, who had been the adviser for the past 10 years. Both Millet and Smith are part-time English instructors at LBCC.

They plan to meet this week to discuss new ideas for the publication this year. One idea that Millet said he would like to pursue, is to use glossy paper if the budget allows.

Millet said that some of the artists and writers who submit to the journal are nationally known, which is good for the students involved because they will get their work published with reputable artists, and that it's a whole different experience for them.

When the book is finished it will be sold for \$2.50 to \$3.50, depending on production costs. The book will be available at Grass Roots Books, The Book Bin, and LBCC and its extensions.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Politics on stage:

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Last Friday a political rally and concert was held at Oregon State University to support the Democratic presidential and vice presidential candidates and to convince people to get out and vote.

Before the event could get under way, heated debates and a bit of scuffling took place in the crowd between Democratic supporters and a few Republican crowd members holding Bush/Cheney signs.

Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury opened the rally with a lively speech. Wearing a No. 35 Beavers jersey, Bradbury told the crowd he was standing in for Ron Wyden, who was busy in Washington, D.C. fighting for our right as Oregonians to death with dignity.

"There are a number of really important issues that we're facing in this election," Bradbury said. "And it is critically important that you make your will known at the ballot box."

The vocal crowd was a mix of supporters from both parties, as well as those who came only to hear one of the biggest bands in the country—Portland's Everclear.

But when the band took the stage, front man Art Alexakis told the crowd he wouldn't play a note until they put the Bush/Cheney signs down. Eventually the signs came down and the band started playing. Alexakis dedicated the first song, "Everything to Everyone," to George W. Bush.

The band then played their immensely popular song, "Father of Mine," (about an absentee father), and "Heroin Girl," a crowd request that Alexakis explained was about how drugs can kill. They finished up with a low, slow version of their first mega-hit, "Santa Monica."

After the show, Alexakis sat down for an interview. Well spoken and amiable, Alexakis showed he was also knowledgeable about politics and passionate about getting people out to vote.

Commuter: What do you think will happen if you mobilize this large block of voters that hasn't voted before? Do you think they will vote progressive populist strategies or do you think there are a lot of Republican voters that aren't voting as well?

Alexakis: I think there's a lot of both, but I think for the most part the youth vote will be a more progressive

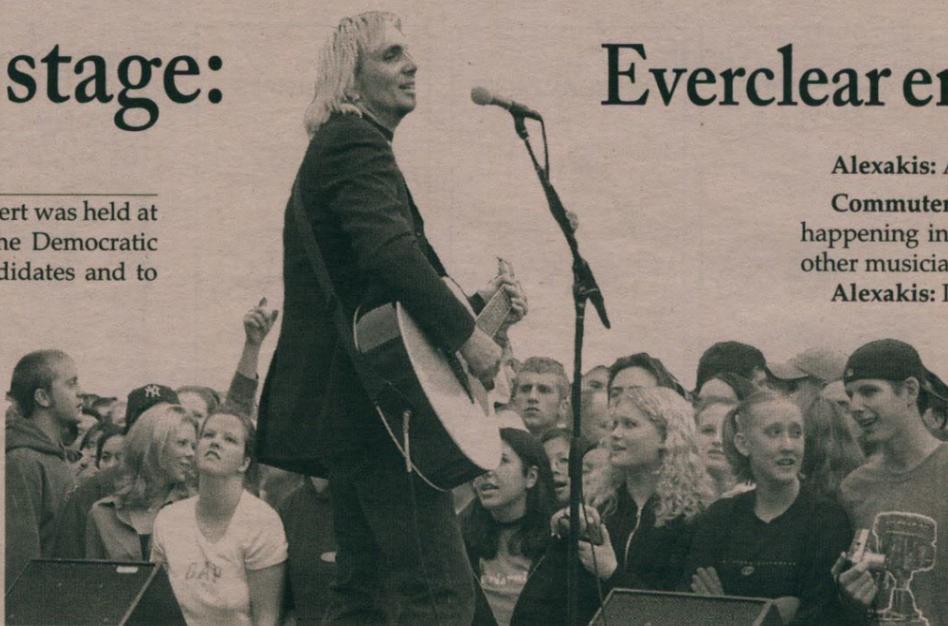


Photo by Michelle Mayo

Everclear energizes voters

Alexakis: Absolutely—the Cold War is over.

Commuter: Have you heard of anything that is happening in Ivory Coast, where Alpha Blondy and other musicians are leading a cultural revolution?

Alexakis: I've heard a little bit about it, yes.

Commuter: One of the musicians used samples from the president who was a general in one of his songs and it was banned. Now the Ivorian people have taken up the cause and there might be a shift in power led by musicians. What do you think is possible for musicians to do in America today as far as leading cultural change?

Alexakis: I think for the main part we all need to become informed, educated, and involved. That's the

whole thing that I'm trying to get young people to do, and I'm trying to get people my age to do. I'm 38 years old. I voted in ah...my first election was in 1980.

Commuter: Who did you vote for?

Alexakis: Carter. Yeah, it wasn't even a choice. I thought it was just a ridiculous idea that Reagan would get voted in. This year a lot of progressives and a lot of liberals said, "Ah, Bush doesn't stand a chance in hell," and I'm like, you don't know what goes on in the underbellies of this country. You get outside of the major cities and you start seeing what's going on. And it's lack of education, lack of information, lack of involvement. The people who are in control of George W. Bush do not want young people to vote. They don't want them to because they know that if they see what's going on, what he's all about, they won't vote for him. I don't believe that. I don't believe that young people will consciously vote an anti-choice candidate for president of these United States. I didn't believe until just recently that candidate could win, and now it's obvious that George W. could win.

At this point Allen Mattison from the Sierra Club, who arranged the interview, interrupted to get Alexakis to get in a photograph with Bradbury, and a group of students and the other members of Everclear.

Commuter: Just in closing, so your main message is that if kids 18-24 get out the vote then they can change the world, right?

Alexakis: They can change this country, which could then in fact change the world.

The people who are in control of George W. Bush do not want young people to vote. They don't want them to because they know that if they see what's going on, what he's all about, they won't vote for him.

—Art Alexakis

thing. I think the main thing that concerns me is that people get involved and people do something about it. You know the average age of voter in this election is almost 50. It's ridiculous. Not that the older people voting is bad, but everyone should be voting. The average age should be around my age; you know, 35 or so, or 30, that should be the average age.

Commuter: The WWII generation is voting also for a set of conditions that existed back when they were young and not so much...

Alexakis: Do you think that they romanced those conditions that maybe really didn't exist? That they imagined existed? 'Cause I think the Eisenhower days, I think there was just a lot of...proportional to what the population was at the time...you know it was about 100 million, 120 million post-war. The baby boomers doubled and tripled that.

Commuter: It really is a different world now, as far as the global detente or whatever you want to call it...

Kesey, Pranksters, DiMicele play in fundraiser for Nader campaign

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Supporters of the Ralph Nader for President campaign held a Halloween costume ball and fundraiser on the University of Oregon campus last Sunday.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of a local cast of performers, including Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters, singer/songwriters Casey Neil and Alice DiMicele, and the Canadian band Clumsy Lovers, as well as a political speech from secretary of state candidate Lloyd Marbett.

Attendees were treated to a performance by The Pranksters with Ken Kesey playing the theramin and a fellow Prankster playing a chrome-colored Electric Axe-ophone. A costume contest judged by the Pranksters was held that included a giant rat, a fairy, a corporate snake covered with company logos, and a man wearing only a pair of black socks.

"I think that a lot of people are in a real limbo, here. We're in a state of flux, creatively."

— Ken Kesey

That's right. Socks.

The folk stylings of Casey Neil included references to environmental martyr Chico Mendes and Hayes Williams, a man wrongly imprisoned in Angola for 30 years. Canadian country/rock band the Clumsy Lovers brought the house to a foot-stompin' frenzy, and Alice DiMicele showed off her impressive vocal talent to close the show.

Fun and frolic took the night, with political content taking a backseat, although Kesey and others opined

from the stage on a variety of issues throughout the show. Kesey said that Nader supporters in Oregon have a distinct advantage as to how they can cast their votes—they can watch the East Coast and Midwest tallies come in, and hold off until the last minute before throwing support behind Gore if the race is too close or voting for Nader if Gore is comfortably ahead.

Later, in a short interview, Kesey said, "I think that a lot of people are in a real limbo, here. We're in a state of flux, creatively."

Reflecting on the way that political conventions have become less like open debate and discussion and more hype and predetermined outcomes he said, "We're seeing less and less give and take."

When asked what the Green Party offers to disenfranchised voters, Kesey said bluntly that the party has life. "The women are smaller around, people's eyes are brighter, they have Life in them."

Student artists, collectors invited to exhibit art in LBCC library

by Allen Garner
of the Commuter

Students and faculty members are invited to display their artwork or collections on the walls and display case in the LBCC library.

James Creighton, the manager of the displays, wants to share with the LBCC community what students can do.

"We have a lot of talent on campus," Creighton commented. He wants to give people who don't pursue art gallery exhibits for themselves a chance for their work to be seen.

He says he feels that it's kind of exciting for the

people to have their artwork shown.

Creighton is open to wall hangings, such as painting and photography, among other art. The walls above the copier and the computer stations are available for them. The display case is for three-dimensional things like collections, and sculptures.

Examples of collections by student and faculty in the past have been Wizard of Oz novelties, an eraser collection, a collection of WWI memorabilia, pocket watches, fobs and woodcarvings.

Students have been displaying artwork in the display case for about 5 or 6 years, although before Creighton got to LBCC, it wasn't used a lot. He started

using it to show book covers of recent library acquisitions, then to display art. He tries to change the display case monthly.

He began soliciting artwork to hang on the walls after the library was remodeled last year. He changes those when some one has some more art to hang, and it tends to stay longer than the display case art.

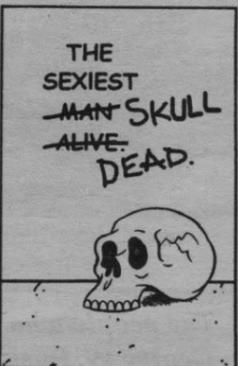
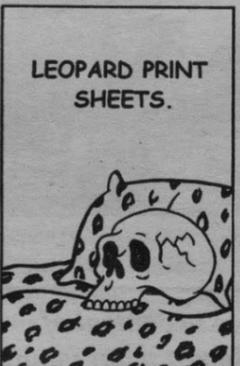
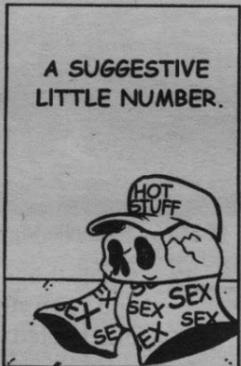
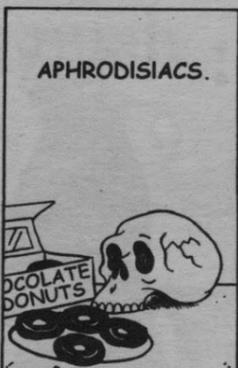
Creighton said he likes learning from the art he installs. He found the WWI collection "a real learning experience."

In order to get art displayed, students must contact Creighton by either dropping by the library or calling him at 917-4656.

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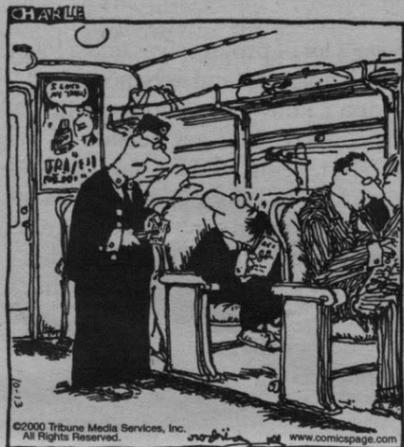
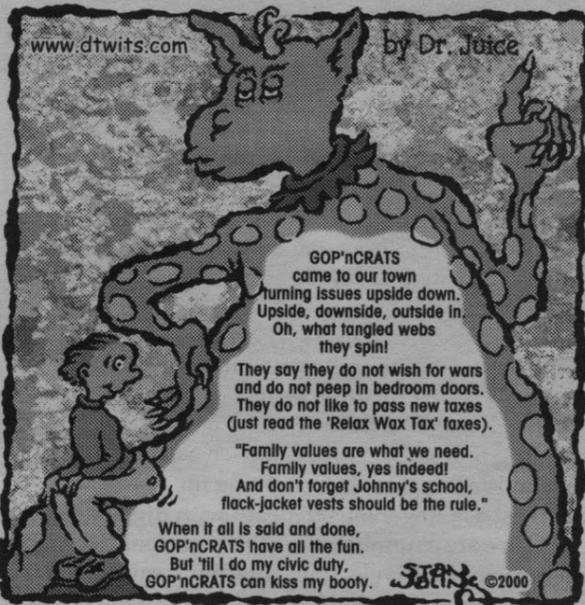
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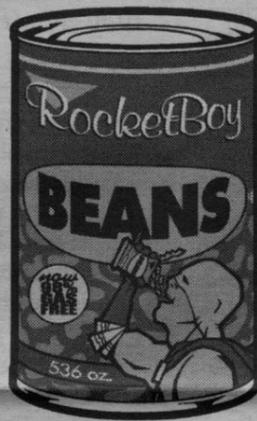
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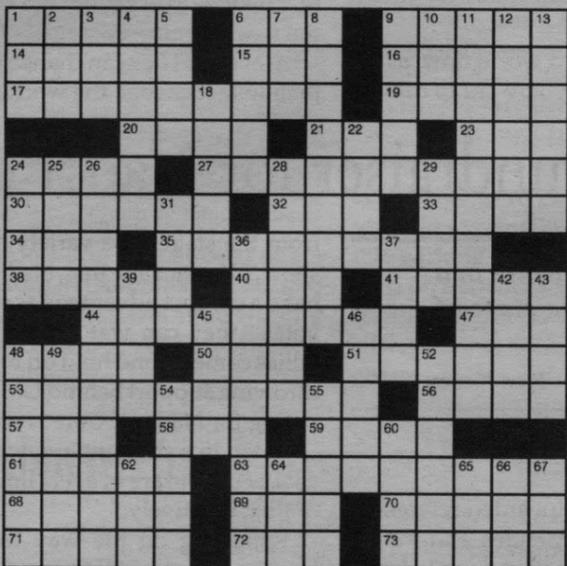
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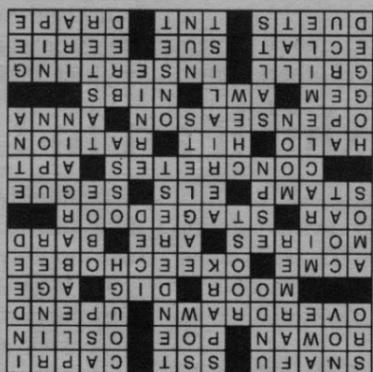
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Improvisational group needs creative, fast thinkers, so if you like to have fun and always wanted to laugh until your sides hurt. Please come to the Forum @ 2:00-3:00 every Friday. Food will be provided. So please come. Participation is optional.

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SPORTS PAGE

Runners scare off most competitors in Halloween tourney

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners got into the Halloween spirit over the weekend at the Halloween volleyball tournament held at Mount Hood Community College.

The Roadrunners placed fourth out of 16 teams, and while there were many teams from their league in the tournament, the Runners only faced Washington teams.

In the first game LB played on Friday the team faced Columbia Basin and dropped all three games, with scores of

15-6, 15-8, and 15-6. The second match of the day was against Lower Columbia, and the Runners bounced back from their disappointing loss to Columbia Basin, beating Lower Columbia in 4 games, 18-16, 13-15, 15-8, and 15-12. They then went on to sweep Big Bend for the fifth place match 15-9, 15-3, and 15-12.

On Saturday, the Roadrunners played Skagit Valley first, and after losing the first game 13-15, turned around and beat them in the next two 15-17 and 15-9 to take the match. LB then faced off against Spokane and lost the match in two games,

15-3 and 15-10. In the last match of the day on Saturday, the Runners met Clark Community College and lost the first game 6-15, then came back and won the next two 15-1 and 15-9.

Sophomore player Shannon Gerding was named to the all tournament team.

The games were all in fun and gave the teams a way to practice and scope out the competition they will be facing in the NWAACC championship tournament. On Saturday, as a way to end the tournament, all the teams dressed up in Halloween costumes. The Runners de-

decided to go as cartoon superheroes with capes and logos, and the coaches did something just as crazy. Assistant coach Zach Elliot wore jeans and a flash t-shirt, but on his hands he wore yellow dish washing gloves and never took them off. Head coach Seth Elliot wore dressy clothes, but unbuttoned his shirt and loosened his tie and revealed his superman shirt underneath.

The Runners face Chemeketa Community College tonight in Salem, and then leave for Bellevue, Washington on Friday for a Crossover Tournament.

Area sports bars offer alternatives for couch potatoes

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

The World Series is over. The Blazers tipped off their season last night against the rival Lakers. So the next big game to get excited about is the Civil War matchup Nov. 18 between OSU and U of O.

The next question is "where to watch that big game?" If sitting around the house in front of your tiny TV isn't appealing, there's always the option of going out.

Corvallis and Albany have a few places catering to sports fans. In Corvallis you'll find the Sports Pub, Royal Pacific Restaurant and Lounge, and Tailgaters, while in Albany there's the First Round Sports Bar and Grill, The Hickory Pit Sports Bar and BBQ Restaurant, and Pizza King.

The Sports Pub, at 175 S.W. Twin Oaks Circle above The Corvallis Sports Park, is one of the most popular places. The park itself is relatively new, and so is the pub. It's brightly lit—for a bar—with large windows looking out on Third Street. Beer is the only alcohol available, but they do serve an assortment of power bars and drinks. The pub had the mandatory big screen, which was showing the Monday Night Football game, the night The Commuter visited, as expected, and was changed to ESPN for Sports Center immediately following the game.

But it's the live entertainment that really set The Sports Pub apart. A balcony just off the barroom overlooks the Sports Park, and on that particular night a roller hockey game was going on, which was entertaining in itself. The Sports Pub also has a typical menu, with wings and dogs and fries, along with the option to order from Papa's Pizza across the street. Additionally, The Sports Pub has Budweiser specials on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays during the NFL games.

Across town is the Royal Pacific, at 800 N.W. Ninth St. The Royal Pacific also



Photo by Chris Spence

Patrons of the Sports Pub, which is located above the Corvallis Sports Park, enjoy the game at one of the newest sports bars in the area. The pub is one of several sports bars in the area that feature big-screen TVs and food and drink specials on game nights.

has a big screen, but it isn't totally devoted to sports like some others. It has different specialty nights which aren't centered around sports—although they do have Monday night specials and a full bar. Royal Pacific is an official sponsor of the Oregon State Beavers, so expect a crowded house any time the Beavers are playing on television.

Unlike Royal Pacific, Tailgaters, at the top of Cobblestone Square at the corner of 14th Street and Monroe Avenue, is a true sports bar emphasizing local sports. Tailgaters features two rooms with a bar in between. One room is full of tables and booths and a big screen TV along with a mural of three OSU defenders making a tackle. Definitely the OSU room.

Tailgaters isn't just for Beaver believers, however. The bar also had a season

opening special for the Blazers last night as they opened the NBA season against the Los Angeles Lakers. Tailgaters also has Monday night drink specials.

Across the river in Albany, the First Round Sports Bar and Grill, at 129 W First St., has a long-standing local reputation as a sports bar, although it's less impressive than the others. There are eight pool tables, video poker, shuffleboard and two small televisions to go with a big screen. But when the jukebox began blaring, the bartenders allowed it to continue playing over the sound from the TV, leaving little evidence that the First Round was a sports bar (other than the sign outside that says so.) They did have the World Series game on, however, and the beer was cheap.

Around the corner, at 231 Lyon St. S.E. is the Pizza King, which offers a very

different atmosphere from the others. Pizza King is designed for the whole family—with a giant big screen sitting at one end of the dining room in perfect view of the entire area. They had video games and a play structure for the youngsters. The restaurant offers a full pizza menu to go along with the beer and soda during the game.

Perhaps the epitome of a sports bar is The Hickory Pit Sports Bar and BBQ Restaurant at 2200 Pacific Blvd S.E. It's a smoky bar centered around a big screen, with five smaller televisions around the room offering views of the big game. The Hickory Pit also had a full menu from ribs to mini-tacos at decent prices. Darts, video games, video poker and Keno round out the bar, along with Monday night specials.

With this many choices, sports fans should have little trouble finding a place to go on Nov. 18, when OSU and the U of O face off in a game that could decide who goes to the Rose Bowl.

Weight room open limited hours for walk-ins

by David Miller
of The Commuter

If you are a regular student who doesn't play on any team and don't take a P.E. class, you will be hard pressed to find time to stay in shape at LBCC.

The weight room, which is equipped with free weights and bikes, is only open to walk-in use from 4-5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It is closed on Thursday and other times because classes are scheduled in there all day long.

According to Richard Gibbs, chairperson of the Physical Education Department, "There just isn't enough space

in the weight room for the growing number of students. It has been a concern of ours since the building was opened."

Gibbs said that students could lobby for more money to have the facility expanded. "We have the space to expand the weight room," Gibbs said. "We just don't have the money."

Gibbs is also trying to get the gym opened during the winter term for some pick-up basketball. A staff person must be present to supervise the students if the gym is opened, he said. The staff member would be there for safety reasons and maybe to give instructions on proper use of the equipment.

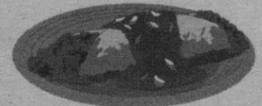
However, any student can fill out a form to get a locker assigned to them and use some of the college's other facilities, such as the track, which is opened at all times.

Plus there is a mile-long wellness trail made of wood chips and bark dust that circles the campus. Students can also use the tennis court and the sand volleyball courts, which are located north of the Activities Center, anytime except during class time.

"We want the students to come out. We want to meet their needs," Gibbs said. "If we got the money to expand the facilities, that's the dream."

Commons Menu

Nov. 1 - Nov. 7



Wednesday

Meat Loaf w/ Mushroom Gravy
English Style Fish & Chips
Penne Pasta w/ Sun Dried Tomatoes
Kalamata Olives & Feta Cheese
Soups: Dilled Potato Chowder &
Chicken and Wild Rice
Salamagundy Salad

Thursday

Pork Piccata
Coq au Vin
Flafel Sandwich in Pita Bread
Soups: Ox Tail & Sherried Mushroom
Taco Salad

Friday

Chef's Choice

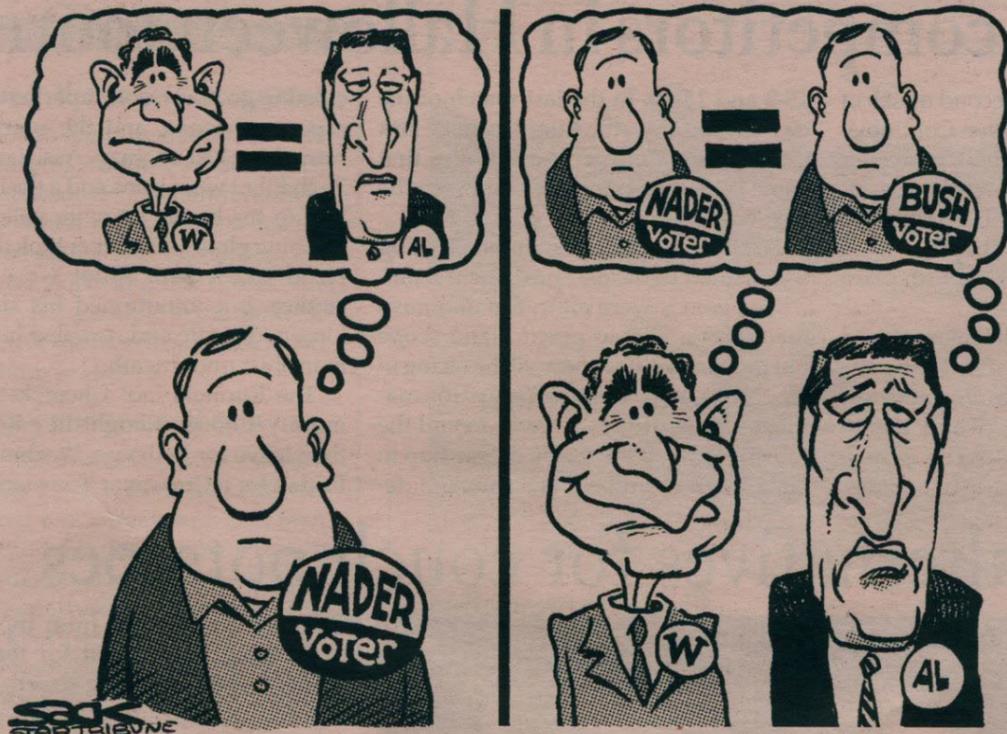
Monday

Turkey Cutlet w/ Brown Butter Sauce
Braised Lamb Shoulder
White Spinach Lasagna
Soups: Roasted Vegetable Chowder &
Borscht Polish Style
Tarragon Chicken Salad

Tuesday

Garlic Chicken
Vietnamese Steak Wraps
Vegetarian Chili
Soups: Won-Ton & Lentil
Tuscan Tuna Salad

OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Vulgar' headline insults readers, Jewish community

To the Editor:

In the Wednesday, Oct. 25 edition of *The Commuter*, a title given to an article was offensive on two levels. The title was "Israel: America's smart-ass little brother." As a publicly funded institution, which you are representing, you need to be mindful of how the usage of the written word can be interpreted by the readers.

You insulted your readers on two levels:

1. By using the vulgar term Ass in a public supported newspaper. Vulgarity should not represent LBCC in any form. It is not acceptable to me as a reader and a faculty member. Nor should it be to you as a student group.

2. Using that term in reference to people who live in the community. You may not be aware of how culturally diverse this area is. With the OSU being our next door neighbor, many nationalities are attracted to this region to live, work and go to school. The slap in the face you gave in the title to the students and the community people who are of Israel decent is also not something we should foster on a public institution.

The title alone made me not even give the article a first read through. Please be more considerate in the future with your choices. Please choose your commentaries, and your words carefully.

Faye Melius

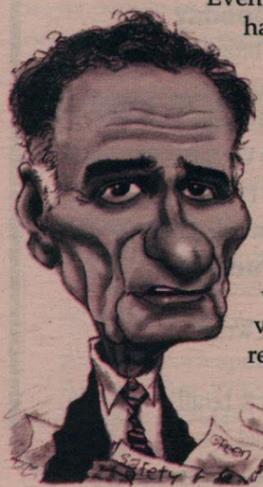
Ideology, logic part ways in Nader-Gore decision

To the Editor:

Last week, Joe Lieberman started begging citizens to not vote for Ralph Nader. By voting for a doomed candidate, these people will allow their arch-rival, George W. Bush, to win the election. His logic makes sense. A vote for Nader is presumably a vote that would have gone for Gore. Six states, with a weight of 48 electoral votes, show significant Nader support.

Even the Republican National Party has caught on and is paying for ads showing Nader attacking Gore. For the love of God and the Environment, vote for Gore, the Sierra Club proclaims. Ideology and logic have never been close friends.

The fact is, a vote for Nader is not a vote for Bush. It's a vote for Ralph Nader. It's also a vote for the ideals that Nader represents: honesty, integrity and a sustainable future. Eight years ago, Al Gore was a radical Democrat bent on saving the environment.



His promises were short-lived. To quote Nader, "Gore said he was going to take on the auto industry. He gave the auto industry eight years of free ride on fuel efficiency standards, which have actually gone down; they're at their lowest level since 1980—one reason for this oil price increase. He's had eight years to convince us—we can't believe him on that." The fact is, politicians make grandiose campaign pledges to please enough voters to win. Once election time is over, the promises are discarded while corporate money continues to flow into the party coffers.

The arguments concerning the pragmatism of voting idealistically go on and on: a third party candidate will never be elected (a pig was recently spotted several thousand feet in the air); the only way to reform parties is from within (Ben Franklin tried that 200 years ago); compromising some ideals is better than sacrificing them all (It's better to give students automatic As rather than have some drop out and not learn ANYTHING). In the end, however, the only "wasted" vote is a vote for someone you don't believe in. Remember that as you look into the mirror for the next four years.

Sean Carey

Palestinian-Israeli conflict goes back to Biblical times

To the Editor:

When I read the article in the Oct. 25 edition entitled "Israel: America's smart-ass little brother," I was disgusted. I personally am not a Jew, but just the same, I have done a great deal of research into history, and I suggest that Leon Tovey do a little more research into this subject, because he will discover exactly why this came about.

Have him research a man known as Abraham or Abram. He will discover that this man had two sons. The first was named Ishmael. His mother was the hand-maid of Sarah, Abraham's wife. The second son was named Isaac. His mother was Sarah.

Even when they were children there was enmity between the two. As they got older it just got worse, and Ishmael tried to hurt Isaac every chance he got. Abraham was finally forced to send Ishmael and his mother away. Ishmael became a prince and his descendants are the Palestinians. Isaac's are the Israelites.

So this has been going on for a very long time, and the only way for there to be peace between the two—well, only one person knows.

Michael Cathearl

COUNTER-POINT

Origins of Halloween traced to pagan and Druidic roots

To the Editor:

I read the article "Setting the record straight on Halloween's pagan origins," with great unease. It seems that Chad Richins feels that he has given the reader all the facts on this particular holiday, and that any beliefs to the contrary are without merit. I take exception to several claims that were made in this article. However, I must admit my knowledge of the history of Halloween was sketchy at best, so I researched it. Here is what I found.

The first issue I would like to address comes quite early in the article. "...or if you think that the true origins of the holiday go back to ancient Druidic traditions of human sacrifice, you might want to question your beliefs." According to the *World Book Encyclopedia* (2000 version), the History Channel, and every other article I read, Samhain, an ancient Celtic festival, is considered to be the origin of Halloween. The celebration marked the beginning of the season of cold, darkness and decay.

According to the *World Book*:

"On the evening of the festival, the Druids, who were the priests and teachers of the Celts, ordered the people to put out their hearth fires. The Druids built a huge new year's bonfire of oak branches, which they considered sacred. They burned animals, crops, and possibly even human beings as sacrifices."

They also used the remains of the sacrificed animals to predict the future.

In researching whether or not the Druids actually did perform human sacrifices, I came across an account from someone who was actually present during this time period—Julius Caesar. The Romans, under Caesar's leadership, conquered the majority of the Celtic territory. In his writings Caesar gave a detailed account of how this was done:

"They have images of immense size, the limbs of which are framed with twisted twigs and filled with living persons. These being set on fire, those within are encompassed by the flames."

Later in the article, Richins points out that authorities on the subject roundly dispel rumors that connect Celtic or Druid religions with animal or human sacrifice. This is not the case, and all of the research I did confirmed the animal sacrifices. And as for human sacrifice, I think that to blatantly state that this practice is only rumor is incorrect.

Richins postulates Christians take a cynical view of the holiday because of its supposed association with the occult. I looked up the word "occult" in the *World Book* also. Their definition is: "A term that refers to wide range of beliefs and practices involving magic or forces outside the natural world. Occultism includes astrology, fortunetelling, magic and spiritualism—the belief that the dead communicate with the living."

This is a major issue, because in every reference I read on this topic, that is what all earlier civilizations believed. According to the History Channel, "the Celts believed that on the night before the new year (November 1), the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred." They also believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to the earth on this night.

It is my opinion that there is factual evidence to support what Richins' article quickly dismissed as having no basis. In order to back up this claim, I am respectfully submitting to you this evidence.

Naomi Villman

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