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'Tis the Season

Youngsters get an early dose of Christmas fever as they scamper through Storybook Land at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center Monday night. The annual event will be open through Dec. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the weekend. The center is located at 3700 Knox Butte Road in Albany.

LB student's death leaves fiancée, kids in need of funds

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Last Monday, Christopher Fuhrman, a second-year metallurgy and technology program student from Lebanon, passed away at home due to medical complications. Students and faculty in the program are hoping to raise funds to help with funeral costs.

After Fuhrman's death, students and staff involved in the program, including James DeBolt, the Industrial Tech Society president, raised approximately \$500, which they gave to Fuhrman's fiancée to help with funeral costs.

"It was generous," said DeBolt of the Metallurgy Department's contributions.

DeBolt noted that it's a tough time of year for any family, without the added complications that arose from Fuhrman's death. In addition to his fiancée, Fuhrman also left behind a family of six children, three of his own and three of his fiancée's.

The Metallurgy Department's request for a \$100 donation by the LBCC Foundation to help the family was rejected.

Fuhrman, who suffered from kidney failure and had been (Turn to "Fuhrman" on Pg. 2)

SL&L plans tree decorating party

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Today in the Courtyard the Student Programming Board will host a community tree decorating party from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

An eight to 10 foot tree, donated by John Schudel from Holiday Tree Farm, Inc. of Corvallis will be erected in the Courtyard as a kick-off for the holiday season. Students and staff are encouraged to bring an ornament as a community-building contribution to the event.

"We want everybody to bring a Christmas decoration to put on the tree," said Sasha Avakova, SL&L community events specialist.

The tree-trimming event will be moved from its previous location in the Commons building to the Courtyard for its higher visibility, coinciding with the SPB's move to the Forum building facing the Courtyard.

"We're really excited to put it out there in the Courtyard," said Monica Smith, SL&L health and recreation specialist.

Free refreshments and holiday music will be provided.

LB students join WTO protest in Seattle

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

A small contingent of LBCC students joined the tens of thousands of protesters in Seattle Tuesday to draw attention to the activities of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The massive demonstration included labor delegations, environmentalists, human rights activists and individuals concerned with what they see as the undemocratic aspects of the WTO.

Unions are increasingly concerned with the "free-trade" policy that exports

jobs to other countries that supply inexpensive, and in some cases, slave labor. Under this practice, the consumer pays the same amount for items purchased, the company reaps the profits and American workers are out of jobs, critics say.

Others are concerned that the WTO has the power to overturn nations' laws and the resulting loss of sovereignty of member nations. Since any law or standard established by one country can be challenged by another member under WTO policy as being "anti-trade," opponents say, countries attempting to pro-

tect the environment, pay a minimum wage, or ban products produced by child labor are subject to having their attempts invalidated under WTO free trade rules.

Non-WTO oriented marchers participated in this week's rally as well. One of the largest was the Jubilee 2000 movement, a crazy quilt of churches, entertainers, human rights activists and economists. Their goal is to forgive some third world country's debts, so that the countries may use the money to provide food and health care for their citizens instead.

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Computer kiosks give students access to grades, class schedules

by Andre Vriesman
of The Commuter

Twelve new computer kiosks will be placed around campus next term allowing students to view and print grades, class schedules and information on their registration and financial aid.

The project, coordinated by LBCC Information Services, was made possible by equipment donations from Hewlett-Packard and about \$29,000 worth of hardware and software.

Complete with laser printers, the new

information kiosks will bring computerized registration and record-keeping directly to students. The system will allow students to register, add and drop classes, find information on financial aid, change their campus e-mail address and check their grades—either at a kiosk or on a home computer.

Students can expect to be using the system by spring term, said Ann Adams, director of Information Services at LBCC.

"If you've got access to a computer at (Turn to "Kiosk" on Pg. 2)



Photo by Robin Camp

Computer kiosks await installation of equipment donated by Hewlett-Packard that will give students access to their records anywhere on campus.

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CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Man requests release for time served while at-large

Timothy Marshall, who had been locked up for a 15-year stretch in Florida for cocaine trafficking, escaped in 1987 and remained at large for nine years before being recaptured and sent back to jail. He has now petitioned for immediate release on the grounds that his sentence would have been up by now. Marshall, 39, who represented himself, included in his calculations the time he was on the lam. The request was denied.

Man sues ex-wife for \$3 million in lottery winnings

Thomas Rossi thought he had a happy 25-year marriage, but, three years ago, his wife, Denise, won a \$1.3 million California lottery jackpot and immediately divorced him, failing to mention her newfound wealth. Turns out, she wasn't all that happy. Anyhow, Thomas, 65, found out about the dough when a document to "lottery winners" was mailed to his house, so he took his 49-year-old ex-wife back to court. Citing fraud or malice, the irate judge ordered her to give all the money to her ex-hubby: \$66,800 a year for 20 years.

Woman gets carpal tunnel syndrome from phone sex

A 40-year-old phone sex operator complained that she developed carpal tunnel syndrome by constantly stimulating herself as she engaged clients in extremely suggestive telephone conversations. She told a Florida worker's compensation board that, because she brought herself to shrieking culmination with her callers as many as seven times a day, she now suffers from the now-common repetitive motion injury in both hands. She was awarded an undisclosed amount of money.

CORRECTIONS

A Nov. 17 story on student fees mistakenly said that the Child Care Center at the Family Resource Center receives funding from student fees when it should have said that Family Connections receives some student fee funding.

In the last issue of The Commuter, an article incorrectly stated that bicyclists are allowed in the new Albany Skatepark. It is against park rules for cyclists to use the skatepark, and violators will be ticketed by police.

New vet tech program to start in January

by Angie Bishop
of The Commuter

LBCC has been given the go ahead to seek state approval to start a new veterinary tech program.

The Veterinarian Assistant/Animal Health Technician Program is designed to prepare individuals to assist veterinarians with examinations, treatment, monitoring and record-keeping.

According to Anne Malosh, a training specialist at LB, college officials met with veterinarians from Linn and Benton counties to discuss the need for veterinary technicians, or vet techs. Because the job market for these technicians is growing, Malosh stressed the need to get students through the program quickly so they can get into the work force soon.

Malosh described the 13-week program as being designed to train and qualify students to become licensed tech-

nicians who will work in veterinary clinics. Class sizes will range from 16-20 students and will have three parts: classroom instruction, which will be done on the main campus; an internship, where students can work with veterinarians; and surgery and dentistry lab, which will be taught by LB instructors at OSU.

Although this will not be a transfer program to OSU's School of Veterinary Medicine, Patsy Chester, dean of academic and administration services, said OSU is lending supplies and allowing vet tech students to observe surgeries and other procedures there. Most internships would be with veterinary clinics in Albany and Corvallis, or wherever the students could commute.

This program not only allows vet techs to branch out into radiology and fill prescriptions, but would also be the only "intense program in Oregon," said

Malosh. She said the only other school in Oregon that has a program like this is Portland Community College, which has a two-year program.

The program itself would have the entire course schedule "mapped out" for the student, including such classes as business and radiology, says Malosh. She added that the only requirements for the class would be that the student would "be required to place high in math and English on their placement test."

After completing the program, the student could then go on to take a National Veterinary Technician Certification test, which is offered three times a year.

Malosh said LBCC is seeking state approval by December and plans to begin the program Jan. 31, 2000.

There will be an orientation on Jan. 14 for interested students.

Fuhrman: Donations needed

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on dialysis for five years, started the metallurgy program about a year and a half ago.

"He was a busy guy—a dedicated student and dedicated to his family," said DeBolt.

Due to medical problems, Fuhrman had to drop out of school a couple of times, but always kept coming back. The weekend before his death, Fuhrman was suffering from abdominal pains, but fearing a hospital stay might make him miss a test on Monday, he declined to see a doctor.

Along with collecting funds to go toward funeral expenses, DeBolt hopes to coordinate a gift tree to collect presents for Fuhrman's children, who range from newborn to age nine. DeBolt would also like to possibly set up a trust at a local bank.

For more information on contributions in Fuhrman's name, contact DeBolt at 917-4630.

WTO: Protesters march in Seattle

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Some country's debts greatly exceed the entire amount spent on all services for their citizens, which can never be paid off due to the interest charged on the loans.

Students from LBCC, OSU, University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark, Lane Community College and Portland State University joined the marchers from Jobs for Justice, AFL-CIO, Alliance for Democracy, Public Citizen, People for Fair Trade and Rainforest Action Network in Seattle.

Kiosk: New technology allows students to access grades on-line

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home, or in one of the computer labs, or even in Starbuck's, you'll be able to access this software," said Adams. "The kiosks are a convenience for people who don't have a computer at home."

Linda Samet, information support specialist, demonstrated the new records system, which uses a mouse-driven operating system similar to Windows. "It's point and click," she said. "If you can use a Web browser, you can use the kiosks."

Adams said the new system is expected to pay for itself. By allowing students to check grades on-line, the process of mailing grades can become an option rather than a necessity. "The grade mailers that we're sending out to students are costing us about \$20,000 a year," said Adams.

Information security will be a high priority. Student information on the network will be protected on a secure server that uses encryption to prevent data theft.

Students will only have access to their records and not without a confidential password. The kiosks and software will also be Y2K compliant.

The software that will power the kiosks and Web-based system was created by Systems and Computer Technology, the same company that created the computer records systems for OSU, Western Oregon and the U of O.

The computer kiosks could be placed on campus as early as January.

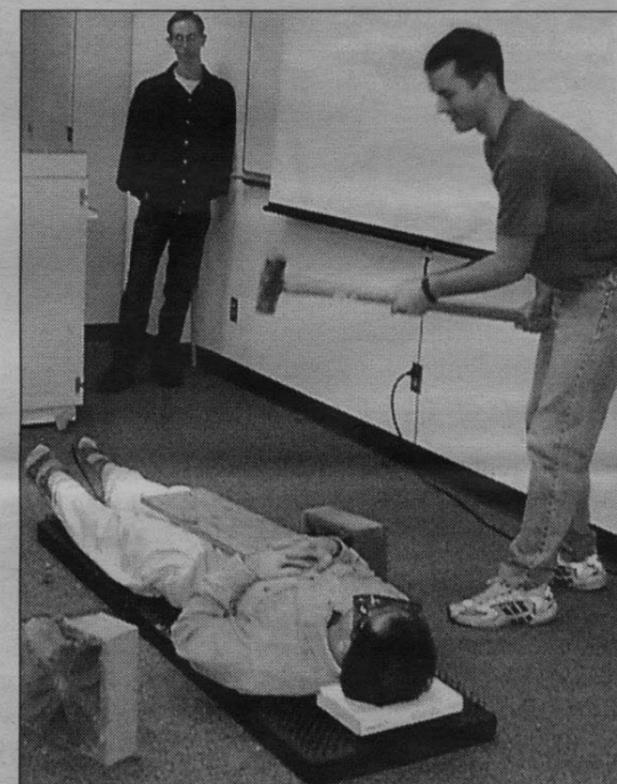


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Holy Broken Bricks Batman!

Chad Engel prepares to break a brick on physics instructor Greg Mulder's chest while he lies on a bed of nails for a project on pressure distribution.

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IN FOCUS

Volunteer whale spotters help tourists during break

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

Volunteers will be stationed along the entire Oregon coast between Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 to give the public a pod of information regarding gray whale migration to Mexico.

Spring migration is from Baja, Mexico, to the Bering Sea in Alaska.

A total of 126 potential volunteers showed up on Nov. 20-21 to learn about whales. The program works with a budget from private donors of \$10,000 that pays for advertising, training and materials. This year volunteers listened to marine biologist Bruce Mate from OSU's Hatfield Marine Center in Newport talk about his life work in studying the behaviors, biology and migration of marine mammals through satellite tagging.

The huge mammals, which weigh 40 tons and are the length of a Greyhound bus, travel 9,000 miles during the migration period, swimming non-stop for six weeks from Alaska to Mexico. By the time they get to Oregon they have been traveling for three weeks and are half-way to their destination.

Mate described gray whales as inquisitive creatures that will let you touch them if you get close enough on a boat. Through satellite tagging, Mate's research team also discovered the following:

- Gray whales stay an average 25 minutes and a maximum of 51 minutes below the surface.

- The typically travel 100 miles per day, day and night.

- During the migration they will fast for three to five months, working off 70 percent of their fat body reserve. The purpose of the fast is to help them stay on schedule and get to Mexico on time to mate and give birth to their calves. Those that are low on fuel may stop along the way and nibble.

- A technique called spyhopping helps the huge mammals hear and see their way to Mexico by staying close to the shoreline. Hearing is done through their whole body through a process called full-body conduction.

- The tail or "fluk" when seen is an indicator that they are diving three whale body weights so they can surface again.

- Whale blubber helps insulate them from the cold water. Ninety percent of their time is spent under water.

- The whales are sexually mature at



Illustration by Joe Ellingson

the age of eight. Females "calve" (give birth) every other year.

- Blow holes are about the size of a male human thigh.

Among other information about the whales presented at the workshop is the fact that they have ridge knuckles on their tail and barnacles on their skin. The barnacles are parasites that mature over time throughout the mammal body.

Mate wasn't able to explain the purpose of the mammals' habit of leaping from the water, typically called breaching. He gave an analogy that when one human yawns, it is contagious and another human unconsciously yawns.

"When one whale breaches, another whale may unconsciously have this urge to breach," he said.

On the sober side, Mate said that within the last year there have been sightings in the Bering Sea of an unusual

high mortality rate among the gray whale population due to a food shortage, making them more susceptible to diseases when they run out of fuel. Satellite data indicate that mammals are starting their migration south later than usual.

The volunteers at the two-day workshop come from all walks of life. Paul Colbert, a volunteer since 1990 from Bandon, got hooked on whale-watching when he experienced touching a whale in Baja, Mexico.

"You touch a whale and you instantly develop a bond with the whale," he said. Colbert goes on to say that he has spotted gray whales from the Oregon Coast shoreline 50 to 100 feet away and 20 to 50 feet from a cliff area. A Tillamook High School teacher in attendance regularly volunteers with his students, who learn how to interact with people and care about whales. A retired couple from

Whale watching spoken here

If you'd like some help spotting the gray whales as they migrate south along the Oregon Coast, you'll find trained volunteers at 30 prime whale-watching locations between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.

Look for signs that say "Whale Watching Spoken Here." Among the staffed sites along the Central Oregon Coast are:

- Boiler Bay Scenic Viewpoint
- Depoe Bay Sea Wall
- Rocky Creek State Scenic Viewpoint
- Cape Foulweather at Otter Rock
- Devil's Punch Bowl at Otter Rock
- Don Davis City Kiosk in Newport
- Yaquina Bay State Recreation Site
- Seal Rock State Recreation Site
- Yachats State Park
- Devil's Churn Viewpoint
- Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center
- Cook's Chasm Turnout
- Sea Lion Caves Turnout

Pennsylvania said they are interested in sharing the information they learn with the campers at the South Beach campground in Newport, where they serve as campground hosts.

Oregon State Parks worker Mike Rivers is the "Whale Watching Spoken Here" volunteer coordinator. He has the responsibility of staffing the 30 whale-watching sites from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with the volunteers who attended the two-day training session. Rivers recommends that morning light with the sun at your back is the best time to spot blows with your naked eye, then focus more closely with binoculars. "Calmer days are better whale-watching days," he added.

You can contact Mike Rivers about the Whale Watching Volunteer program at (541) 563-2002 or by e-mail mjrrivers@teleport.com

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The Commuter is seeking to fill a position beginning Winter Term for

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The LBCC 29th Annual

Children's Winter Festival

Saturday, December 4, 1999

1:00-3:45PM • LBCC College Center, 2nd Floor

Circus & Magic Performance Grande Finale at 3 P.M.

- Cookie Decorating
- Sing-A-Long
- Father Claus
- Storytelling
- Santa Claus
- Free Gift for Every Child
- International Games

Free for all Linn and Benton County children 12 years old and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by the LBCC Student Programming Board

LBCC is an equal opportunity institution. If you need accommodation for disability in order to attend, please contact the Student Life and Leadership Office, (541)-917-4457, at least one week prior to the event.

Two canned food donations are appreciated

Photo with Santa or Father Claus

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CAMPUS NEWS

WTO teach-in tells evils of sweatshops, big corporations

Day-long event sponsored by Peace Studies Program discusses impact of WTO on economy, quality of life in other countries

by Angie Bishop
of The Commuter

"People are literally taken out and shot for doing what I do," labor law enforcer Jim Cook told a group of about 25 people during LBCC's Teach-In on the World Trade Organization on Nov. 17.

Cook said his role as a representative of Jobs for Justice often pits him against businesses in other countries that run sweatshops and don't want a labor law enforcer poking around their factories.

He was one of several speakers in the day-long event planned to educate the public about the impact of the WTO on the economies and quality of life in other countries, especially Third World nations.

In his talk, Cook emphasized the adverse impact that multi-national corporations are having on the workers in small countries in the current global economy.

For example, he said the amount of clothes made outside this country is overwhelming. "It's a tremendous reversal from just a few years ago. What's going on here?"

Cook explained that sweatshops are common in countries like Mexico, Saipan and Indonesia because the governments and/or military of those places are "easily corruptible." While their governments may have strict laws on the books regarding the treatment of workers, there is no enforcement of these laws, leaving workers without the protection that Americans have in the form of unions.

Discussing the North American Free Trade Agreement, Cook explained what he called "NAFTA's Vicious Cycle," illustrating the multi-stage process, using corn as an example.

First the U.S. exports corn to Mexico, causing exports to increase because cost is low. However, the U.S. corn is not from small farms. Over 95 percent comes from huge agricultural "mega" farms, he said.

Then the small corn farmers in Mexico lose their farms because the corn available in Mexico is coming mainly from imports. The small farms are bought by huge Mexican agricultural conglomerates.

Next, maquiladoras are formed because Mexican

farmers, now destitute, are forced to work for foreign corporations at extremely low wages to make products that are sold in the United States at huge markups. For instance, out of the \$100 the consumer pays for a pair of sneakers, approximately 40 cents goes to the worker who makes them, Cook said. Over \$50 goes directly into the company, with the rest divided among contractors, transportation and materials.

Next, U.S. small farmers are pushed farther out because cheaper corn is coming from Mexican imports. As they lose their farms, the land will join the vast holdings of agri-business giants such as Monsanto.

At this point, Mexican immigration increases because the living conditions in Mexico are so disparate, and this, in turn, necessitates increasing the border patrol budget to a whopping \$2.2 billion.

Because these immigrants are undocumented workers, they are exploited—they work for less than normal wages, may end up unpaid and without legal recourse, Cook said.

Gradually, small farms on both sides of the border disappear while agri-business's profits sky rocket as they pressure the Mexican government to import even more corn, continuing the cycle.

"This is where immigration comes from. This is where sweatshops come from," Cook added.

To emphasize his point more, Cook concluded by saying that Donald Fisher, the chairman of GAP (which he said uses foreign sweatshops), makes \$24,000 per hour, while paying Russian workers only 11 cents an hour. GAP, Guess, Nike and other brand names regularly use sweatshop labor in other countries to keep their profit margins high, Cook claimed.

Also at the Nov. 17, session was attorney Greg Kafoury, who spoke on the WTO and human rights.

According to Kafoury, the WTO has become increasingly dominant in power. He asked the audience if the "human future was to be decided by humans" or the big corporations.

"The power has always come from top down," while "the benefits get sucked from the bottom up," Kafoury said.

If the WTO was allowed to continue, he said, the real threat to Americans would be the big corporations, adding that the right-wingers of the past had it backward—without governments that are willing to stand up to the WTO, there is no chance.

The reason for this, Kafoury said, is because the WTO allows big corporations to "sweep aside environ-

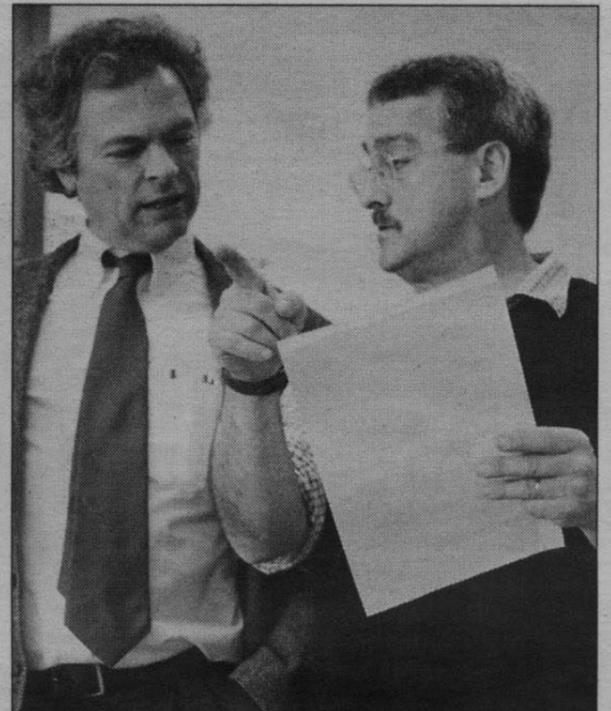


Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Greg Kafoury, one of the speakers at the WTO Teach-In, talks with LB political science instructor Doug Clark during the Nov. 17 event.

mental laws" as well as labor laws and anything else that might stand in the way of corporate profits.

According to Kafoury, international corporations are not in the business to care about people. Their purpose is to make a profit by exploiting all available resources and then moving on, unconcerned about the wreckage that's left behind.

Kafoury pleaded with the audience to "steel" themselves from the uninvolved, consumer-trained world to save the future of humans.

The other option is to not get involved and let the WTO place the fate of the world in the hands of multi-national corporations, he said, saying that would amount to "a coup overthrowing democracy in the world."

"If people do not rise up to protest the sale of their rights and resources to the WTO, they will have to live with the consequences; a world where the only law is greed, and there are no more protections for such trivial matters as justice, choice, freedom or the right to make a decent living," he said.

Linn-Benton looks toward the future with the 21st Century Campaign

by Kathy Hansen
of The Commuter

President Jon Carnahan has big plans for the future.

With the recent approval from LBCC's Board of Education and Foundation, Carnahan will initiate a fund-raising campaign to get the college ready for the next century.

"In large part, my idea for the 21st Century Campaign is to impact the community like we have over the past 25 years," said Carnahan, adding that he would like "to return to the things that made this college successful such as local control and local involvement."

In 1990 a property tax initiative was passed that limited the amount of funding schools could receive from property taxes. As a result, the college's operational funding now comes primarily from the state of Oregon.

"This has taken local control away from LBCC," said Carnahan. He feels that his campaign will restore more control of funding to LBCC.

The campaign has two parts: Soliciting private sources for gifts to the LBCC Foundation and asking voters to pass a capital bond measure for new construction and renovations. The privately raised funds will go to student scholarships

and education enhancement.

"Enhancing the quality of education and community partnership is a goal," said Carnahan.

One of the ways this campaign will do that is by raising money to incorporate a one stop center in East Linn County. "The Lebanon Center will include our community partners, Adult and Family Services and the Community Services Consortium," he said.

Another area that Carnahan would like to improve is the artistic environment on the campus. "Not that we don't have programs and activities," he said, "but there is not a lot of art work and sculptures on campus. I want to enhance this area."

In order to ask the public sector for support, the college must identify its needs and create a case statement, he said, so he asked college departments staff to submit need statements to their department heads.

The areas he was interested in identifying were:

- Ways to help students stay in school and help them succeed while they were at LBCC.
- Ideas to help build community partnerships.
- Finding ways of assisting students

obtain scholarships.

- Promoting reform for teachers and their courses.
- Upgrading technology and equipment.
- Improving and promoting the area of arts and culture.
- New building projects, labs, and renovations.

After reviewing the college's needs, Carnahan will submit them to the public and ask for their support.

"I've worked here for 27 years and I think we have one of the best community colleges in Oregon," said Carnahan. The 21st Century Campaign is his way of ensuring the college's success will continue through the next century.

LB Goes Into the Streets!

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, LBCC's Student Ambassadors are taking volunteers "into the streets" to serve our community. Volunteers are needed to work on a low income housing project, Habitat for Humanity, as well as prepare and serve food at local soup kitchens.

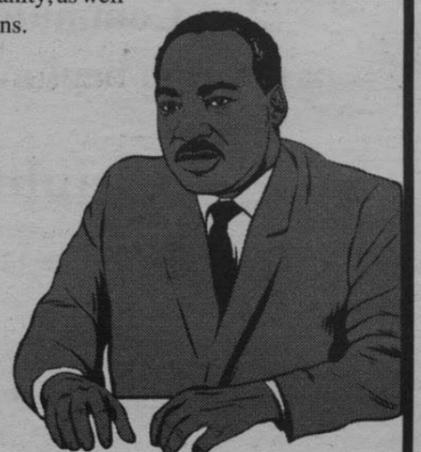
Habitat for Humanity

Jan. 17 (Monday)
all day in Philomath
(there are no classes on that day)

Soup Kitchens

Jan. 18, 19 & 20
mostly late afternoon hours
in Albany and Corvallis

Contact an Ambassador in Student Life & Leadership for information and to sign up.



THE TICKET

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Film Divine

Kevin Smith ruffles a few feathers with his latest flick, but that shouldn't keep "Dogma" from becoming a hit
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Music Makers

A trio of LB teachers get their kicks off campus by performing in local bands
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Millennium bug can ravage your wallet

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

The millennium is coming, are you ready? If the stores have anything to say, you need to buy one of everything millennium to survive.

There's enough millennium stuff out there to keep your head spinning and eyes popping, as well as put a huge hole in your pocket book.

Just check out the Y2K site through Alta Vista. There's all sorts of stuff covering Y2K, from toys to news events to tanning lotion—everything you'd ever "need" to make it through this major event.

Need some new millennium shoes? You can find them here. The Y2K shoe is a leather-clad, square-toed clog that comes in four different colors and sells for a mere \$78.95 through Nordstrom's.

Or how about a Y2K survival kit? It comes complete with knife, battery-operated clock, and stress grip. Or how about some Y2K tanning lotion for just \$33.75? And don't forget your Y2K bug spray to protect you from that nasty Y2K bug, or whatever.

And speaking of bugs, some government officials are concerned about "too much partying and too little protection" this New Year's Eve, leaving revelers risking sexually transmitted diseases. Kind of puts a whole new light on the term "Y2K bug," eh?

There's plenty of other products named after the millennium as well, including but not limited to: Millennium Barbie (where's Ken?), Millennium Monopoly, Millennium Cabbage Patch Dolls, Millennium teddy bears, Millennium champagne glasses, Millennium beer mugs, Millennium T-shirts and baseball caps, and Millennium key chains.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has granted 272 new trademarks for millennium goods and services. The office has 1,415 patents still waiting approval, 21 of which were turned down because the requester misspelled millennium.

Barnes and Noble's database shows 113 Y2K



Illustration by Joe Ellingson

titles for your reading pleasure. You can get books for the survivalist on your list like "The Y2K Survival Guide & Cookbook" or "The Great Seventh Number: Surviving Y2K and The New Millennium."

There are even books for the kiddies on your list. "Y2K: What Every Youngster Should Know About the Millennium Bug" or "Y2K-9; The Dog Who Saved the World" should top most kids list this holiday season, don't you think?

How about a survival video like the one Leonard Nimoy (aka Spock) stars in called "Y2K: Family Survival Guide." The plug says "find out how to survive the possible impending doom which may be unleashed if significant computer systems fail in 2000." The key words here are "possible," "maybe" and "if." Sounds like old Leonard needed some quick cash.

There are several new millennium songs out as well, with names like "Y2K" and "Y2K-Funkin' till 2000 Comz" or "Y2K-Beat the Clock." Prices range

from \$5.99 to \$22.99.

You can also pick up a Toshiba SD3109 DVD Video Player whose ad says it's so advanced, it's Y2K compliant. At \$499.95 it's sure to empty a few more pockets.

There are some entertaining headlines for your reading pleasure as well. "The Y2K Bug Shows Up In Philadelphia" was a headline for a story about how 500 people in Philadelphia got notices telling them to show up for jury duty in 1900—an error they say was caused by the Y2K bug in city court computers. Maybe everyone should steer clear of Philadelphia for a while.

Martha Stewart decided to call off her Y2K Hike for the new year, deciding that it wasn't a "good thing" after all. She'll opt for the usual, dripping-with-coziness home entertaining instead. A much better "good thing" for her to do than braving the cold.

According to an Associated Press article ranking nations for Y2K preparedness, the best prepared are Bermuda, Chile, Canada, United States, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Britain and Israel.

The worst prepared nations are Liberia, Madagascar, Niger, Somalia, Belize, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Moldova, Tajikistan, Egypt, Oman and Qatar. The rest of the countries fall somewhere in the middle.

The White House has put together a special "terrorist team" to protect the nation's Capital from infiltration, according to the New York Times. Government officials have also put together a Millennium Council with the theme "Honor the Past—Imagine the Future." It didn't have much advice on what to do if we have no future left to imagine, though.

Will the traffic lights go out? Will we get our paychecks? Will the bank say we're broke? Will the militia terrorize our neighborhoods?

Hell, who knows? But we'll find out soon enough, when the millennium bug hits us, just a few short weeks away. I'm ready. Are you?

Turn of the century bashes abound in local area

by Katie Botkin
of The Commuter

You've probably heard it before, but the turn of the millennium comes only once every thousand years.

Of course, it isn't coming this year—the millennium officially starts in 2001—but that doesn't mean you can't party anyway.

Several organizations are planning millennium bashes later this year to get you in the mood to enter the year 2000.

There are two celebrations going on at the Linn County Fairgrounds Dec. 31—a "Bull Bash" in the arena and "Millennium Madness" in the Willamette Events Center.

The "Bull Bash" starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. The "Millennium

Madness" party benefits the Boy's and Girl's Club of Albany. Tickets are \$150 per couple, half of which will be tax deductible. It will include a light show, casino games, film clips and costumes (if you want to dress up) of the last century. Dancing will go on until 1 a.m., followed by a breakfast buffet. To contact the Boy's and Girl's Club for further information call 926-6666. The fairground's number is 926-4314.

The Venetian Theater in downtown Albany will be hosting a celebration that includes three bands, a buffet, party favors, and a Y2K survival kit. The cost will be \$99 per person or \$180 per couple.

For anyone who is still high school age, there is a bash at the new Corvallis Boy's and Girl's Club, located at 1112 NW Circle Blvd. There will be karaoke and pizza and it will probably feature a

Monte Carlo theme and require a small fee. For further information contact the club at 757-1909.

Some of the churches in the area are hosting New Year's Celebrations and they do not charge for admission. Among them is the Vineyard Church between Scio and Lebanon, located at 35787 Richardson Gap Road, which is putting on a three-hour "fun time." It ends with a short worship service to bring in the New Year.

Several parties are still in the planning stages. One, called "Extreme 2000 Controlled Thunder," is expected to be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, featuring bands and food vendors. Call 757-1521 to confirm.

Another tentative bash is being planned by the Corvallis Gazette-Times, called "Celebrate 2000." The time and place have yet to be announced.

The **TICKET**

Irreverent humor of 'Dogma' pokes fun at organized religion

by Shauna Noah
of The Commuter

In the current environment of political correctness, it would be easy for an independent writer/director to make the jump to mainstream by doing a bland action film about some environmental disaster or some lame mother-daughter bonding theme. That's why Kevin Smith should be commended. The writer/director of the cult hits "Clerks," "Mallrats," and "Chasing Amy" moves to big budgets and big stars by attacking a subject that is thought to be off-limits in today's society—religion—though it might be with a juvenile sense of humor.

"Dogma" follows two angels, Bartleby and Loki (Ben Affleck and Matt Damon), who were cast out of heaven and banished to Wisconsin. They soon find that they can return to heaven through a loop hole in Catholic dogma. What they don't know is that by going behind God's back, they can prove that God can be tricked and is therefore not infallible, which can reverse existence and the world will end.

Trying to stop the renegade angels is Bethany (Linda Fiorentino), a descendent of Jesus, Rufus (Chris Rock) the 13th apostle left out of the Bible because he was black, Serendipity (Salma Hayek) once a muse but now a stripper, and Jay and Silent Bob (Jason Mewes and Smith), the two stoner staples of all Smith films.

To understand the movie, you have to look at the history of it. "Dogma" was held back from release for over a year because religious groups believed it to be blasphemous. While I'm sure that devout church groups don't appreciate the ethnic and gender-bending jabs at the Bible, most of the jokes are harmless, and the end offers a gentle, positive, pro-faith message.

The only complaint about the movie is that, while it's full of ideas about every religion, sometimes there are too many of them. The minute you



Ben Affleck and Matt Damon star in Kevin Smith's latest release, "Dogma."

Smith has a way with words. The speeches he writes for his actors are both eloquent and breathtaking.

feel as though you have a grasp of what is going on, Smith throws another curve ball at you, which can be a little trying.

The real beauty of the movie is when it slows down the action and allows the dialog to take over. And though people either love or hate this movie, there is one thing that is undeniable — Smith has a way with words. The speeches he writes for his actors are both eloquent and breathtaking.

The beautiful thing about Smith is that when he finds actors who can interpret his work well, he keeps them for

every film he makes. And there is no better example of this than Affleck.

Affleck first appeared in "Mallrats" and then became the main character in Smith's next movie "Chasing Amy." He then went on to become the big star with Damon. Though in "Good Will Hunting," Affleck had to stand in the shadow of Damon, "Dogma" makes it perfectly clear that Damon is in Affleck territory now.

Damon's jokey id-drivin angel is lame compared to Affleck, who is truly at home in Smith's vernacular. Affleck's angry speech about how God favors humans over angels blazes off the screen. I think Affleck deserves an Oscar nod for this part.

The other Smith favorites, Jason Lee as a trouble making demon and Mewes as the one-track minded Jay—have a great time with their parts, while the performance of the rest of the actors are debatable.

Fiorentino is too deadpan to really bring out the best of the writing. She is likable and does awe-struck well. Rock can do no wrong and strays from his angry, rant-spouting stereotype to let his character be gentle. Hayek is the one real injustice; she shouldn't even be in this movie. Her character has no point, and the accent that is charming in her other movies, just gets in the way of Smith's rapid verbal pace.

"Dogma" can be fumbling, predictable and trying, but is worth the cost of the movie ticket for the sheer beauty of the ideas and the writing.

TRIVIA TIME

Last week, the new James Bond movie, "The World is not Enough" opened. Pierce Brosnan reprises the role as 007. This is his third go at Bond, but the nineteenth in the franchise.

1. How does Bond cover, when he slips and calls Domino by her nickname in "Thunderball?"
2. What does Bond get from "Morland's of Grosvenor Street?"
3. Who sang the theme song in "A Time to Kill?"
4. How does the motorcycle courier meet his demise at the beginning of "Diamonds are Forever?"
5. According to Bond, which woman was named after her father?
6. How did 007 kill Oddjob?
7. How many clicks did it take to arm Bonds grenade gun?
8. How were Bond's parents killed?
9. In "Tomorrow Never Dies," what type of banking did Bond say he specializes in?
10. Which actress became the third Miss Money Penny in the James Bond series?
11. Who has starred in the most Bond movies?
12. What was Oddjob's favorite type of weapon?
13. What is Blofeld's middle name?
14. Which Bond character sported poison tipped shoes?
15. What type of helicopter was used in "Goldeneye?"

Answers:

1. He told her he saw it on her anklet when he freed her foot from some rocks.
2. His cigarettes
3. "Duran, Duran"
4. A scorpion bite
5. Plenty O'Toole
6. Electrocuted him
7. 3
8. In a climbing accident
9. Hostile takeovers
10. Samantha Bond
11. Roger Moore
12. A steel rimmed bowler
13. Julius
14. Rosa Klebb
15. Tiger

COMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	Cost
"Sandgren in Mexico" watercolor show	Through Dec. 31	Benton County Museum call 541-929-6230	free
Noah Miles hard folk guitar and vocals	Dec. 3 from 8:30-10:30 p.m.	Boccherini's coffee and tea house, 208 SW First	free
OSU Jazz Performance	Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.	OSU's Memorial Union Ballroom	free
OSU Brass Ensemble	Dec. 2 at noon	OSU's Memorial Union Lounge	free
Holiday Concerts at OSU	Dec. 3 at 7:30	LaSells Stewart Center	free
"I remember Mama" play	Dec. 3-4, 10 at 8:15 p.m.	Albany Civic theater	varies
An Evening with Moe	Dec. 1 at 8:30	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$12
Babes with Axes anniversary concert	Dec. 2 at 8 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$8
Childrens Winter Festival	Dec. 4 from 1-4 p.m.	LBCC College Center, second floor	free
Floater with Mel	Dec. 3 at 9 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$10
Chanakuh Celebration	Dec. 4 at 8 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$5
New World Belly Dance Caravan	Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$3
OSU student composers concert	Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.	OSU's Benton Hall Room 303	free
"Between the Worlds" photo display	Dec. 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.	WOW Hall Gallery in Eugene, call 687-2746	free
American Music Institute fall concert	Dec. 5 from 2 to 5 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$3
The Coup, Old Dominion and Karim	Dec. 6 at 10 p.m.	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$14
Quilting with manhole covers	Dec. 3 through Jan. 22	Benton County Historical Society and Museum	free
Christmas with "The Bobs"	Dec. 18 at 8:30	WOW Hall in Eugene	\$14

The **TICKET****Talented LB teachers make music**by **Josh Ransom**
of The Commuter

Think back to elementary school. Remember how surprised you were when you saw your teacher at the grocery store or local pizza parlor? You stood there in amazement as your parents explained that teaching was just their job; they had families and interests that extended beyond the classroom. It took a while to digest all that new information, but as you grew up you learned to appreciate the fact that teachers were regular human beings.

The teachers here at LBCC are no exception. Some are involved in the political process, some travel extensively and some are involved in music.

Business teachers Larry Schuetz and Ian Priestman and English instructor Thomas Chase are three such examples.

Schuetz and Priestman are both members of Meridian, a band that plays mostly classic rock on campus for the students and other faculty members, but occasionally they venture off campus to do shows such as the Fourth of July Festival put on by the City of Corvallis this past summer.

Thomas Chase is currently in a group called Barn Cats. "The name stems from the fact that we literally practice and perform in a barn," Chase said with a laugh.

Music has been a part of these teachers' lives for as long as they can remember. Schuetz got his start at the age of six playing the organ, and by the age of twelve he was performing in his Catholic Church. While in the Navy stationed in Hawaii, he was in a band made up of his fellow sailors, and they even had the chance to open for Santana.

Priestman grew up with music in his native England, and by the age of fourteen he was a professional musician, traveling all over England as a solo act. When asked how he went from being



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Larry Schuetz and Ian Priestman perform at the Welcome Back BBQ.

a solo artist in London to teaching in Albany, he said it was the result of "not having all my eggs in one basket." According to Priestman the journey from performing on stage to teaching is a natural one because "the two professions are very similar... teaching is 80% entertainment. That's why you see so many teachers who are stand up comedians and musicians." Priestman agrees by adding that "you can't compare the two." Teaching, he said, "is a lot of satisfaction."

Chase began by playing the piano and saxophone in elementary and junior high bands, adding the guitar to his repertoire when he hit high school. Like many young people, he had dreams of becoming a professional musician. He was even in a band in high school that recorded an album and was considering touring, but then the Vietnam War broke out and he realized the chances of avoiding the draft were higher if he was in college.

"Looking back I don't regret the decision I made." That desire to tour was "just an adolescent dream."

These three men have a lot of talent among them: they play the keyboard, harmonica, guitar, saxophone, and all three do vocals. Chase and Priestman even write some of the music they play.

Once in a while animal science instructor and livestock coach Cara Ayers joins the guys at a performance on lead vocals. According to Chase, "she sings like Bonnie Raitt."

Nobody was willing to admit having a favorite musician, but influences ranged from David Bowie to Albert Collins to B.B. King to Eric Clapton.

So next time you hear music streaming in from the courtyard, instead of hurrying by, stop and listen because chances are you'll see Priestman on the guitar and Schuetz on the keyboard playing your favorite classic rock.

Choirs perform at holiday concertsby **Shauna Noah**
of The Commuter

LBCC's Vocal Music Department is presenting The Holiday Treat Concert and "The Messiah" this week.

The concert, which features the Concert and Chamber Choir will be performed in the Takena Theater at 8 p.m. this Thursday.

"The Messiah," featuring the Linn-Benton Community Chorale, will be presented at 3 p.m. this Sunday and at 8 p.m. Monday at the First United Methodist Church located on Monroe St. in Corvallis. Tickets are \$4



"People like to come to the show because music is what makes their holiday complete."

—Hal Eastburn

and \$7, respectively and are available at the Takena Box Office or at the door.

The Holiday Treat Concert will have the Concert Choir performing "Sing with Joy, Sing Noel!" and "Come Again, Sweet Love" by Brad Printz; "Glorificamus Te" by Eugene Butler; "Gloria A Dios" by Michael Mendoza; "Hiney Mah Tov," arranged by Iris Levine and Kyrie Eleison and written by Ron Kean; and "Congaudeat," arranged by the choir's conductor, Hal Eastburn.

"The Holiday Treat is traditional. They've done it every year that I've been here," said Eastburn. "We try to mix new and old holiday music along with mixing music that is traditional and music that isn't as well known. People like to come to the show because music is what makes their holiday complete."

Soloists for the Concert Choir will include soprano Bonnie Jean Jarvis of Corvallis; alto Hilary Rosinkranz of Corvallis; tenor Adam Grieve of Salem; and bass David Dominy of Sweet Home, who will also direct one piece with the choir.

The Chamber Choir will perform "Gloria," from Missa Brevis by Hal Eastburn; "Salva Regina" by David N. Childs; "Mary had a Baby" by William Dawson; "Maringa Krismes" arranged by Kitty Fadlue-Dean; "Deck the Hall" arranged by Paul Stuart; "Mungo ni Pendo" by Robert Gower; and an arrangement of German medieval carol's arranged by William Hunt. The show will conclude with both choirs singing traditional carols.

"The Messiah" by George Handel is an operatic oratorical written in the mid-1700's. Featured soloists will be soprano Evelyn Smith of Albany; alto Joan Caldwell of Corvallis; tenor Kurt Zeller of Portland; and Peter Butler of Lebanon.

Accompanying the vocalists is a string quartet featuring Michael Grossman and Penelope Wolff on violin, Abigail Stoughton on viola and Nancy Sowdon on cello, all of Corvallis. Also performing is Ken Saul of Philomath on trumpet and Diane Cummins of Corvallis on the organ.

"The Messiah" is often played in small communities, sometimes as a sing-a-long. What's ironic about that is that it is a very complex piece, and I personally believe it works better as a concert piece," said Eastburn adding, "we are trying to duplicate more of what Handel had in mind, with a small cast of players and doing the very long piece almost in its entirety."

REVIEW**'Harvey' is a hilarious hit with LB audience**by **Schellene Pils**
of The Commuter

I thought drunks were supposed to see pink elephants, not invisible six-and-a-half-foot-tall white rabbits.

But that's what Elwood P. Dowd, played by Mike Baze of Albany, sees in the play "Harvey," a comedy written by Mary Chase that first appeared in 1944 that's as funny now as it was 55 years ago.

Among the play's large cast are Crystal Huff of Corvallis, who plays Dowd's socially aspiring niece, Myrtle Mae Simmons; Victoria Baur as her mother Veta; Robert M. Carlson as the hen-pecked Dr. William Chumley; and Julianne Loftus as his wife, Betty Chumley, an empty-headed society matron.

Baze is a great straight man who can carry a funny line while smiling serenely at the audience. Though he would like to be something of a play-boy, Dowd comes off as a sweet gentleman who enjoys the company of a variety of people, including tall rodents, which exasperates his sister Veta to the point that she tries to have him declared incompetent.

Veta was appropriately melodramatic, considering her brother is a drunk who believes his best friend and drinking companion is an invisible rabbit. In the process of trying to get her brother committed to an institution, she herself gets admitted and manhandled by Duane Wilson, the sanitarium's bouncer, played by Benjamin Sell of Lebanon.

Sell was hilarious as the cocky orderly who keeps grabbing the wrong crazy at the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Sanderson, played by Devin A.

Roberston, Dr. Chumley's assistant.

Dowd finds himself attracted to nurse Ruth Kelly, played by Krysie Tack of Corvallis, but her heart seems already taken by Dr. Sanderson, even though their relationship appears to be a love/hate kind of thing.

Amidst a variety of plot twists and turns, Veta is finally released from the sanitarium and a search for Dowd and Harvey begins. Veta is so annoyed by her misadventure she brings in Judge Omar Gaffney, played by Thomas A. Whitlatch, to help her try to first punish Dr. Sanderson at Chumley's Rest, and also to get her embarrassing brother committed. Dowd, however, appeared to have disappeared into thin air.

Chumley finally finds Dowd and Harvey at a club, where they get to know one another over a few drinks. Eventually, the good doctor also sees Harvey and finds himself enamored of the possibility of losing time, which Harvey has told Dowd he could do, even though Dowd had never tried since he was having so much fun in the present.

In the end Dowd is offered a drug to make him forget Harvey, but at the last minute he doesn't take it, thanks to a sympathetic cab driver played by Jon Annis, whose description of the people on Chumley's miracle drug makes Veta realize just how much of her brother's personality would be lost if he were to change.

I loved this play. The styles of Baze and Sell, though polar opposites, were humorous in their own way. This, combined with Baur's nervous tension, Huff's portrayal of a young girl worried about her future in society, and Tack's flirtation with Dr. Sanderson, made this a great play.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Mars landing to be shown via satellite in Forum Friday

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

"This is a historic event," said Helix Fairweather, about the landing this Friday of a space probe on the planet Mars.

Fairweather, with the help of Media Services, is inviting students and staff to come to Forum 113 from 11 a.m. "until whenever they kick us out" to watch the landing of the probe from a direct satellite feed. Media Services is providing a 15-foot screen and a video projector.

Fairweather hopes that interested students and staff will stop by between classes.

"Here we have another probe landing near the south polar cap on the surface of Mars to help us learn if there was ever water there," she said.

Scientists at NASA are hoping that the probe, the second of many planned missions for the future, will be able to bring back data that will explain why the climate there became colder long ago. The information may help scientists better understand climate changes on Earth.

The Mars Polar Lander has a couple of basketball-sized microprobes that will

be released as the lander drops close to the surface of Mars. The microprobes will penetrate the Martian ground about 3 feet to search for traces of ice, microorganisms and other data.

Many people consider space to be the final frontier, and for some, the planet Mars presents the possibility of proving that life in some form can exist somewhere other than on Earth. If NASA scientists can prove for the first time that there was, or still is, water on Mars, then they may be able to prove that there was once an atmosphere, and maybe even primitive life. Current atmospheric conditions on Mars are too thin for rain to form, so liquid water doesn't last long on the surface. It evaporates or turns quickly into ice. Another question NASA scientists hope the probe will answer is whether life ever existed on Mars, and whether some form of microorganism still lives there and under what conditions have they survived.

Anyone interested in more information about the probe landing are invited to check out NASA's Web site at mars.jpl.nasa.gov/msp98



Photo courtesy of NASA

This is what the Mars Lander Probe would look like if we could be on the Mars South Polar Cap to see it land on Friday to search for evidence of ice and other signs of life and atmosphere. This artist's rendition was provided by NASA.

Linked classes provide continuity between majors and core classes

by Leda Webster
of The Commuter

For many students, the missing link in their college education is the lack of continuity between their majors and general education classes like speech and writing.

The Arts and Communication Division has been trying to deal with this issue by linking classes like psychology and writing, history and music and others so that students can not only learn information but how to use it. A division workshop was held yesterday, where teachers brainstormed to find possible new links.

Linked classes provide a broadened learning base for students, according to LB instructors. Two or more classes of different subject matter are scheduled back to back.

The teachers work cooperatively, dovetailing their time, information and assignments. For example, three years ago linked classes that combined U.S. history and rock music proved to be popular, attracting 40 students.

"Linked classes are less about information than about connections," said

Gary Ruppert, dean of Arts and Communication. "What is more important, to teach information or teach what to do with the information? Interconnected courses are designed to see how information crosses various aspects of life."

"Teachers have a chance to connect with colleagues and learn from them. Discussion in class and curriculum are richer," said Jane Donovan, communication and theater instructor.

"Students have the opportunity to synthesize ideas and develop high level thinking skills," said Beth Hogeland, an education and child and family studies teacher.

This fall, four classes were linked to form what is called "the learning community" with an enrollment of 55 students. The classes are interpersonal communication, introduction to writing, study skills and psychology.

Another link this fall is a speech class connected to a composition class taught by LB instructor, Jane White.

The winter term linked classes will involve child development and English composition.

Students can talk to their advisors for more information.

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—Beth Hogeland

Open registration for winter term classes at LBCC begins Monday Dec. 6

From the LBCC News Service

Early registration for fully-admitted students is underway this week for winter term classes, which begin Jan. 4.

Registration for fully-admitted students returning after an absence begins Friday, Dec. 3.

Registration for new fully-admitted students will be done by appointment

on Dec. 6, 7, 13-17, 27-30. Open registration begins Monday, Dec. 6.

LBCC closure days include the Christmas holiday, Dec. 20-25, New Years holiday on Dec. 31, Jan. 3, and Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 17.

An LBCC registration information booth will be at the Heritage Mall in Albany on Thursday, Dec. 30.

Altrusa Foundation donates \$550

From the LBCC News Service

LBCC's Turning Point Transitions (TPT) program received a \$550 donation last week from Altrusa International, Inc. of Corvallis.

Instructor Joanne Apter said the Altrusa Foundation donated the funds to provide library resources and scholarships for students. Apter's pro-

gram provides training and assistance to people who are experiencing a major life transition, such as single parents, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers and their spouses.

Altrusa helps disadvantaged Benton County residents become more self-sufficient, said foundation spokesperson Jean H. Peters.

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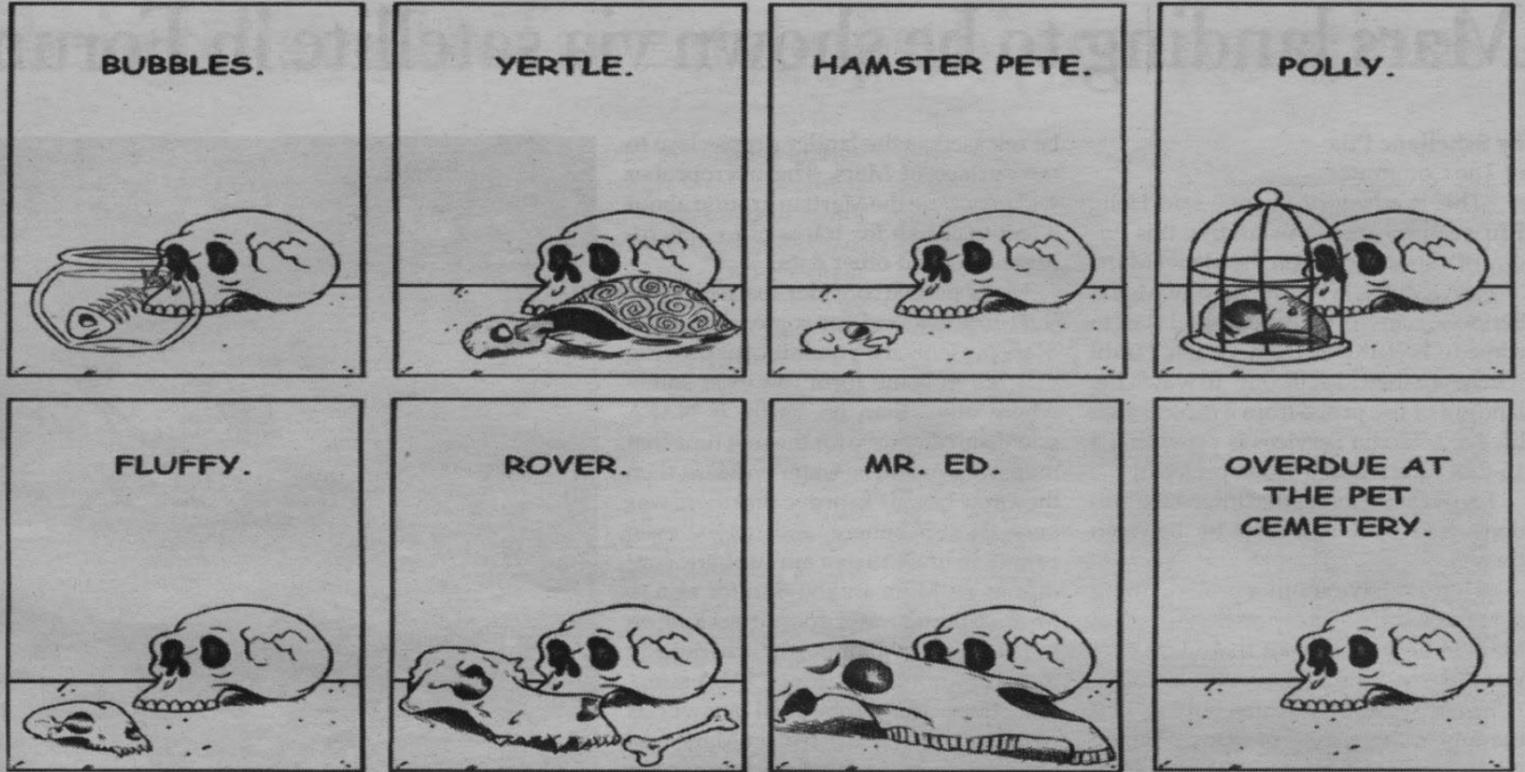
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SPORTS PAGE

THAYER'S THOUGHTS

UO, OSU to be tested in bowls

Not since the late 1940s have the University of Oregon and Oregon State University both played in bowl games the same season.



David Thayer

Now, in the last year of the millennium, they are not only both in a bowl, they both have a chance at winning. But it won't be easy.

The University of Oregon knows what losing to tough teams is like. The Ducks are only 1-5 in bowls this decade. And it doesn't get any better. They are off to the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, to face the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers—the same Golden Gophers team that pulled off the miracle upset of then No. 2 Penn State last month.

The Ducks head into this bowl game without last year's quarterback Akili Smith and top wide receiver Damon Griffin. Meanwhile, Minnesota had its first winning season since 1985 and is playing its first bowl game since then.

Oregon comes from the pass-happy Pacific 10 Conference, while Minnesota comes from the run-oriented Big 10 Conference. The Ducks are led by now starting quarterback Joey Harrington, running back Reuben Droughns, wide receiver Tony Hartley and cornerback/punt returner Michael Fletcher.

Minnesota is led by quarterback Billy Cockerham, running back Thomas Hamner, wide receivers Ron Johnson and Luke Levenson and field goal kicker Dan Nystrom. While not much of a passer, Cockerham was second on the team in rushing behind Hamner. UofO and Minnesota have identical records of 8-3, and had conference records of 6-2 (Oregon) and 5-3 (Minnesota).

Prediction: Minnesota. The Ducks may have stopped Ken Simonton in the Civil War, but Hamner plays in a tough conference that likes to run the ball. Hamner and Cockerham will take advantage of the Ducks defense and win.

The Ducks rival from up the road, Oregon State, will take on the University of Hawaii in the Oahu Bowl in Honolulu. The Beavers head in with a record of 7-4, 4-4 in conference, while Hawaii has an 8-4 record, 5-2 in the Western Athletic Conference. Both teams have played Southern California, Washington State and Fresno State this year—OSU beat WSU and FSU, while Hawaii beat only Fresno.

Oregon State and Hawaii are comparable in the passing game, but the Beavers have the advantage in the running game. OSU is led by quarterback Jonathan Smith, running back Ken Simonton, wide receivers Imani Percoats and Robert Prescott and defensive star Darnell Robinson.

Hawaii is led by quarterback Dan Robinson, receivers Dwight Carter and Craig Stutzman and kick/punt returner Quincy Lejay. Robinson passed for nearly 4,000 yards, mainly to receiver Carter, who had 77 catches for 1,253 yards.

Prediction: The Beavers in a wild one. Robinson will be able to gain a lot of yards through the air, but the Beavers rushing attack will be the difference.



Photo by Kevin Blount

Riley's Billiardroom, which opened earlier this fall in downtown Albany, features a stylishly remodeled interior that contains 21 pool, billiards and snooker tables as well as a cafe and video games.

Rack 'em up at new pool hall

by Robert Corl
of The Commuter

Pool enthusiasts have a new place to hone their skills with the opening of Riley's Billiardroom at 124 Broadalbin St. in Albany.

The all ages establishment offers 21 tables, a cafe that seats up to 40 people and video games. There are standard pool tables as well as snooker and billiards tables. Riley's also has a 21 and over area that houses additional pool tables, darts and eight beers on tap.

Patrons can rent tables for \$4 per hour during the day and \$6 after 5 p.m. They open at 11 a.m. seven days a week, and close at 1 a.m. on weekdays, 2 a.m. on Saturdays, and at midnight on Sundays.

The spacious atmosphere inside the building is the result of owner Jeff Boatwright's one and a half year renovation of an old department store. Boatwright said that he hopes Riley's and the newly renovated Venetian Theater will complement each other to attract the college-aged crowd to downtown Albany.

Runners refocus for home opener tonight after going winless in holiday tournament

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Thanksgiving weekend is a time for people to spend with family and friends, fill up on turkey and have a good time.

But not for the Roadrunners of LB. They not only had to travel to Lynnwood, Wash., to compete in the Edmonds Tournament Nov. 26-28, they came home empty-handed.

They competed in three games, against Centralia, Brewster and Everett and lost all three.

In the first game of the weekend, the Runners had trouble getting on track against Centralia, managing only 18 points by half time to Centralia's 27. They opened the second half strong, but they never fully got over the hump and ended up losing 54-43.

Hamilton Barnes was the leading scorer with 15 points, followed by Nick Phillipi and Mark Chocktoot with six. Vann Lanz led the Runners with eight rebounds, with Chocktoot next with seven.

Chris Livermore led the team with two assists on a night when the Roadrunners had only four assists for the team. Kraig Schuler, Lanz and Barnes each had two steals.

The Runners only shot 29 percent from the floor, but they did shoot 77 percent from the free throw line. LB won the rebound battle, finishing with 36 compared to Centralia's 31.

The next night, the Runners opened up with much more firepower against Brewster and kept the game close for a while, but let it slip away in the second half as Brewster won

by a final score of 88-71.

Barnes was once again the leading scorer, finishing with 23 points. Lanz and Livermore were the only other Runners in double digit points, each having 13. Barnes led the way with 10 rebounds, and Livermore had eight. Barnes finished off his night by leading the team with three assists and four steals.

LB shot better than the previous night, hitting 52 percent from the floor and 42 percent from three-point range. But their free throw shooting was way down, only hitting 40 percent. They also lost the rebound battle, grabbing 36 to Brewster's 40.

On the final night of the tournament, the Runners played against the Trojans of Everett. At halftime, the Runners competed well in a scrappy game, and were down only two points at 22-20. But the second half was a different story as Everett caught fire, outscoring the Roadrunners 52 to 35 on their way to a 74-55 victory.

The leading scorers for LB were Lanz and Livermore, who each had 11 points. Branden Whitney was next with 10. Barnes and Nick Donaldson shared the lead in rebounds with seven. Meanwhile, Barnes led the team in assists with six and tied Livermore with four steals.

The team shot poorly—33 percent from the floor, 56 percent from the line and no three-pointers. Everett won the rebounding battle, pulling down 47 to the Runners 41.

The Runners play their first home game tonight against the Cascade Junior Varsity at 7:30 p.m. at the Linn-Benton Activities Center. They then go to Eugene Dec. 2 to face Northwest Christian at 7:30 p.m. Both are non-league games.

Local links offer discounts to lure golfers in winter

by Adam Williams
of The Commuter

Just because rain and mild temperatures have arrived doesn't mean that die-hard golfers have to stash their clubs in the garage for the winter.

With a few minor adjustments in clothing and footwear, you will be ready in no time to hit the links under Oregon's gray skies and damp air.

"I recommend rain gear, layered clothing, cleated golf boots and a good umbrella to be prepared for any kind of weather," says local LPGA golf pro Mickie Price of Pineway Golf Course in Lebanon.

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During the winter months local courses like Pineway lower their green fees in an effort to attract golfers to create business for the traditionally slower season.

Pineway offers green fees of \$7 for nine holes and \$14 for 18.

Trysting Tree Golf Club of Corvallis has a set price available for college students year-round. Students who present a college identification along with proof that they are taking at least six credits are eligible for student green fees of \$10 for nine holes and \$15 for 18 holes.

The course is well known for its year-round playability, low price and overall challenge.

Trysting Tree also features a full service driving range.

Golf Club of Oregon in Albany offers students a special rate of 18 holes for the nine-hole green fee of \$12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the week.

OPINION



LETTERS

Students need more elbow room in cyberspace

Letter to Editor:

How many of you out there would love to be able to sit up in the forum computer lab and plunk away at your favorite computer game? Whether it is Duke Nukem, Doom, Quake, or even the on-line version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Wouldn't you love to sit back and relax, your hard day's work done? And what about those of us who don't have good quality computers at home and can't do the cool and fun things that we can in the Forum or LRC?

Of course that is where these simple excuses come into play. The first excuse, or reason is, "Students will get dirty games and chat at dirty places." The answer to that one is simple: don't be stupid. As students, you are responsible for the type of junk that you punch up over the World Wide Web. If you want people to trust you, you have to give them a reason for trust.

The second reason is: "These computers are for students who need to get their homework done." I ask those who give that reason this: Is it beyond human morality to stand up from a console and say, "Here, have mine?" No way. Not for me anyway. The simple answer for this one, students, is to give a little. Don't be afraid to type or click "quit" and stand up to give your computer away.

So to all the faculty out there, give us a break. Let us have some fun.

The next issue falls along the same lines. It is that of chatting. Once again, how many of you would love to chat with a cousin or an aunt or uncle or one of your best friends?

I have a cousin that lives in Utah, and I am forced to go to the public library to chat with him, and even then the computers don't have Java so I am forced to use the primitive telephone. I am not going to say anything rash or vulgar. I simply would like to make some online friends and find out how it is going in Utah. Give me, us, and the rest of those out there who can't do this stuff at home, a break.

Jason Franklin

True stories show need for assisted suicide law

Letter to Editor:

Let me tell you a true story. I worked for several years in the nursing home industry. During this period of time I recall several instances like this one. An elderly couple in their 80s had finally bought their RV and looked forward to traveling around America. The couple started out on their first trip. They were physically and mentally in good health. The second day on the road, as

they were negotiating a curve, an out of control logging truck slammed into their RV, crushing the passenger side and shoving the vehicle over a cliff. The man in the accident had a broken hip and arm, but miraculously was conscious. Emergency vehicles came quickly and airlifted him and his wife to the hospital.

I met them a few weeks later when his wife came to the nursing home. She was conscious, being maintained on a respirator and fed through a tube in her stomach, unable to communicate in any way. Her entire body was crushed, and she was left in a fetal position after her surgeries. Her doctors know she was in great pain and did all possible to alleviate it.

Her husband visited her daily, from sunup to sundown. He was extremely dedicated to his wife, and he wanted her taken off so she could die in a natural way because it was her time. The doctors were obligated to sustain her. Her husband felt he knew her wishes after being married to her for over 50 years. He wanted to take her home and let her be released from the excruciating pain she felt daily and would for the rest of her existence. He felt there was no way out and it was true her condition required more and more medication and her relief was less and less.

He expressed to the staff, that for her this wasn't living. He wanted to help her. He could not. The doctors wanted to stop the pain and improve her condition, but they couldn't and could only sustain what life existed. She was trapped inside this body with no choice and no voice.

What could be more dehumanizing than having no choice about your life? What does euthanasia mean in the light of an existence like hers, maintained by present technology?

I wanted to expose you to another person who might have an opinion on death with dignity (choice) and euthanasia who cannot speak for herself but if she could might have every reason to ask her doctors and loved ones to let her be released.

Patricia Chappell

We want mail

Got something you want to get off your chest? Fire off an e-mail to The Commuter Letters column. We try to publish every comment and opinion we get on this page--that's what it's for.

We do need a real name to put at the bottom of the letter--we do not publish anonymous diatribes. So to make sure we know you're real, put your phone number at the bottom of your e-mail letter so we can call to confirm you exist. Send your comments to us at commuter@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.

In order to confirm the authenticity of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address included.

COMMENTARY

Vouchers rob public schools of both dollars and students

by Jennifer Maisto
for The Commuter

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled recently that students who attend religiously affiliated schools could participate temporarily in a tuition voucher program for private schools in Cleveland.

This ruling shelve a federal judge's order to temporarily bar new students from the program. This order would have possibly ended tuition help for students already in the voucher program after the current semester. The Supreme Court ruling postpones the effect of the federal judge's order until the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules on the case.

These court cases raise some serious ethical issues about the tuition voucher program. Currently, there is a lawsuit in progress over the constitutionality of the program. Many civil liberties groups and taxpayers say that the program violates the Constitution's requirement for separation of church and state because most of the vouchers pay for tuition at religious schools. The vouchers are taken out of funds for public schools, which get most of their funds from taxpayer dollars.

The tuition voucher program is a large problem for many taxpayers. Some have no religious ties and do not want to support any religious groups or ideas. Some students in the voucher program are receiving as much as \$2,500 for tuition for private schooling. If the program gave parents back the money that they've put into the public schools, which I'm not sure that they do, then religion wouldn't be such a huge issue.

However, the amount of money that some students are receiving seems to be more than the tax dollars that each parent is putting into the public school system. Taxpayers might very well be putting another person's child through a private school, while their own children remain in an ailing public school.

I'm not concerned with the religious affiliation of the schools. However, I'd be very upset if my child remained in public schools and another child got to go to a private school at my expense.

Another issue that has surfaced in debates over tuition voucher programs across the United States is that money and students are being taken away from the already ailing public school system. Many have removed their children from a poor public school and used tuition vouchers to pay for a private school.

In Cleveland, for example, there are more than 4,000 students from kindergarten through the sixth grade who are receiving vouchers for as much as \$2,500 to attend private schools. This leaves the public school system with much less money for building or expanding schools, purchasing educational material and technology, and for special programs for troubled and gifted youth.

Everyone is trying to escape the problems of the public schools, instead of trying to fix them. The problems plaguing public schools are difficult to solve, especially on an extremely tight budget.

Vouchers that take money and students away from public schools are not a permanent solution. Public school systems need fixing, so that students don't have to be removed and put into private schools.

It seems like no one wants to take the time to sit down and try to find solutions to the many problems that our public schools face. It is an issue that should not be avoided because of the adverse effects that these problems could have on every child's future.