

# Saturday fire leaves student and family homeless

by Melani Whisler  
of The Commuter

We can all learn a lesson from Carolyn Baker. In the midst of tragedy, it helps not to lose your head.

A fire late Saturday afternoon left Baker, 37, and her five children homeless. Nearly everything in the house was destroyed, including the family's pet rabbit and cat.

No one was at the residence at the time of the fire. The family had been at the children's grandfather's funeral earlier that day and returned home at about 3 p.m. to change clothes for the reception at a relative's house. When they returned that night, their house had burned to the ground.

The cause of the fire hasn't yet been determined, but fire officials do know that the fire was started in the back of the house near the utility room. When the fire department arrived, the fire had al-

ready spread into the attic. Firefighters from Corvallis, Philomath and Monroe were called in, and some stayed through the night to make sure that the fire would not reignite.

The Baker family is currently staying with relatives in Philomath.

"It was really overwhelming," Baker told the Gazette-Times.

"There was a lot of emotional support out there from strangers. Things are working out. I'm just grateful nobody was there when the fire started."

—Carolyn Baker

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Baker is the mother of five children, 6-year-old Kelsey, 9-year-old Randi, 11-year-old Jordan, 13-year-old Noell and 16-year-old Daniel.

After working her full-time job at Henderson Office Supplies, Baker not only finds time to raise her five children, (Turn to "Family" on Pg. 2)



Photo by E.J. Harris

**LBCC student Carolyn Baker lost her home in Saturday's fire in Philomath. Firefighters from three cities responded, some staying through the night.**

# Policy change offers better protection for gays and lesbians

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

The LBCC Board of Education approved a revision of its policy code last week, adding a section on harassment prohibiting "behaviors which cause employees, students and/or visitors . . . to reasonably fear for their safety, or . . . interferes with their employment or academic responsibilities."

The policy language, while not prohibiting any specific type of harassment, will afford some protection to a group on campus that has historically felt vulnerable.

February's attack on an openly gay Corvallis High School student showed that homophobia exists in the area. While many citizens have demonstrated support for the gay community, hostility toward them is still in evidence, and the atmosphere at LBCC is no exception.

Often, that hostility is manifested in the form of

graffiti and anti-gay remarks made in class or behind the backs of gay students. Gay students may not be confronted face-to-face about their orientation, but they see "lynch the faggots," "kill all fags" and "fags will burn" etched into the paint in the restrooms.

"It's very demoralizing if you're in class and hear all queers should be shot' or something like that," said Randy Brown, a work-study student. "Students are afraid of being who they are here on campus."

For nearly 10 years, gay and lesbian students and staff have been meeting to discuss these issues and others. Two years ago that group became an official student organization on campus—the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Group (LGBTG). The group's goal is to provide a safe, supportive environment for students who often feel they can't speak plainly with their families or friends.

"For some students this one hour a week is the only time they can openly discuss what's happening to them in their lives," staff member Shaun Marks said. "A lot of them (gay students and staff) can't call their best friend and say, 'I'm questioning my sexuality.'"

The group has about 15 regular members who attend the weekly meetings, but that is only a fraction of the gay students and staff on campus, Brown said. Last fall the group's advisor, Angie Klampe, received a letter from nine gay students who said they would not be attending the meetings because they felt unsafe.

"Albany has historically been a town that does not receive the gay population with open arms," the letter said. "Corvallis is slowly becoming a more tolerant community. . . . This campus is primarily young, middle class, homophobic. We know that it is unsafe to

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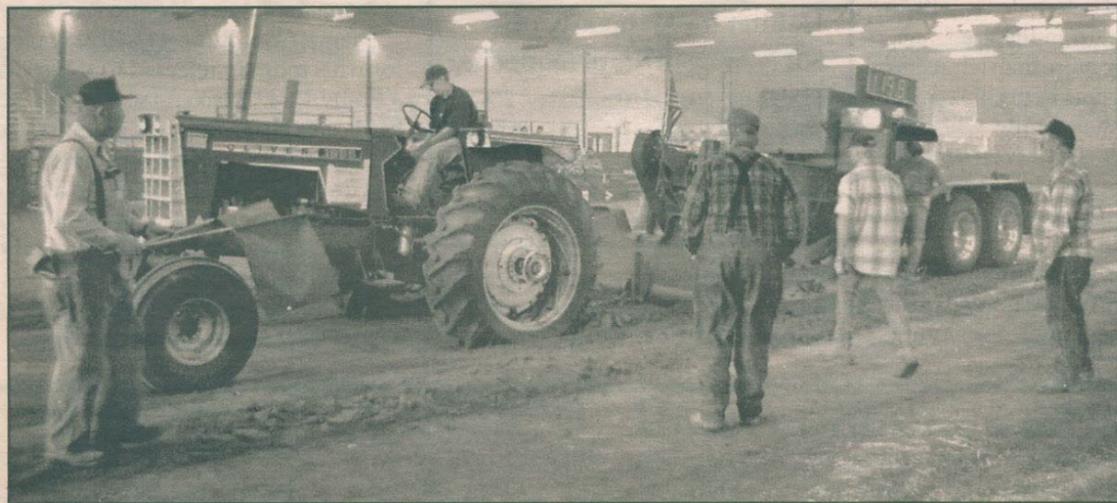


Photo by Jeremy Parker

## Tractor Traction

LBCC student Jason Bishop powers the college's rebuilt tractor toward the finish line in last Saturday's tractor pull at the Benton County Fairgrounds. This was the maiden voyage for the machine, which was donated by Corvallis area farmer Rich Guerber. Students in Heavy Equipment and Diesel Mechanics worked on the tractor for more than a year, rebuilding the transmission with the help of donated parts from Farmland Tractor and retired LBCC Vice President George Kurtz. Students finished last in their first tractor pull, but will try again in June.



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## 'Eloquent Umbrella' unveiled Friday night

Linn-Benton's creative arts journal, "The Eloquent Umbrella," offers two previews of the 1998 edition.

Sponsored by the Willamette Literary Guild, the first public reading will be Friday April 24 at 7 p.m., located at the Corvallis Arts Center, 700 S.W. Madison. Following the presentation, people can chat with the authors and enjoy refreshments.

The Valley Writers Series is sponsoring the second reading on Wednesday May 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in the College Center Board Rooms at LBCC.

The journal can be purchased for \$2 at the public readings, at the main campus LBCC bookstore, LBCC Benton Center and Lebanon Center, Corvallis Arts Center, and Grassroots Bookstore and The Book Bin in Corvallis.

For information, call Linda Smith at 757-3335.

## Earth Day T-shirts on sale

The Peace Studies Program are selling Earth Day T-shirts inside Takena Hall or outside the Camas Room, depending on the weather.

The sale is part of their biennial fundraising to support the LBCC delegation to the International Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights this August in Norway. The T-shirts are the 5th generation of the originals created back in 1990 and come in two colors, ash and light green, and four sizes for \$15.

Individuals who want T-shirts but don't wish to shop in public can obtain one in the office of Doug Clark (T-212) or e-mail their request for later delivery to clarkd@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.



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### Open for Business

Criminal justice student Melissa Gorby chats with supervisor Beth Camp in the newly reopened Women's Center, located on the second floor of Industrial-A. After a two-term hiatus, the center is now open Mondays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## LBCC students' concerns heightened in wake of Corvallis attack

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attend these meetings."

"There's a degree of heterosexism on campus," Brown said. "People believe that homosexuality isn't prevalent here."

Some LGBTG members have told Brown that even their friends have said the group shouldn't be meeting on campus. He added that reports of intimidation have been received at a rate of several times a week in the past.

One incident occurred last year, when Brown worked in the Student Life and Leadership office. Part of his job included sending e-mails to faculty and staff about upcoming events the office sponsored. One e-mail

announced that the coming out episode of "Ellen" would be shown in the Fireside Room, an event that drew some 50 to 60 people.

"Several days later a staff member called me and said if he saw 'any more of this shit' on his computer screen he and I were going to 'butt heads,'" Brown said.

The attack on CHS student Paul Miller sounded an alarm for the LGTBG, alerting them to the fact that if the incident had occurred at LBCC and the victim reported it, it would have been recorded as simply a fight between students, rather than an act of intimidation based on his sexual orientation.

After the attack, LBCC President Jon Carnahan joined other community leaders in signing a full page ad in

the Gazette-Times condemning the attack and encouraging the community to support gay citizens.

"This (the policy change) is exactly what we've been asking for," Brown said. "We need policies in place for students to report harassment and to combat it." There is still no language in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code that prohibits harassment of students based on sexual orientation, although language protecting staff members from that form of harassment was recently added to LBCC employee contracts.

A lack of language condemning harassment of students based on their sexual orientation makes it difficult, if not impossible, to accurately report incidents of abuse or intimidation, Brown said.

## Family asks neighbors for help after blaze

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but she also takes evening business classes at LBCC.

The Baker family was living in the rented home while waiting for a home to be built for them by the Benton Habitat for Humanity. Baker's landlord has another home available for her to move into on the first of May.

Even after losing her home and all her family's possessions, Baker was still able to crack a few jokes. "I'm surprised he (her landlord) still wants to rent to me," she said. The Baker's new home is located just a few blocks away from their old home.

Since the Saturday fire, Baker has been flooded with offers of help.

"It's really hard to say where help is needed because so much has been offered," said Baker. "I'm not sure what's been relieved, and a few items will be able to be salvaged from the fire."

Afraid of getting more than what they would need of various items, Baker did say that she and her family will definitely need clothes. "I've been sending calls to the Habitat for Humanity; they know more of what's been donated and what is needed still."

Lupe McGinnis, president of Benton Habitat for Humanity, was quoted in the Corvallis Gazette-Times as saying,

### how to help

Donations of clothing, household items and money for the Carol Baker family can be dropped off at the Corvallis Habitat for Humanity office, 501 N.W. 25th St., or mailed to Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1551, Corvallis, OR 97330. For more information on what to send, call 752-3354.

"Carolyn Baker is an amazing woman. She has raised five well-behaved children, works full-time and goes to school."

## Jazz concert benefits Performing Arts

The LBCC Foundation is hosting a benefit jazz concert Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in Takena Theatre.

Pianist Gary Ruppert will play pieces from his recently released CD, "Jazz For a Rainy Day." Accompanying him will be vocalist Karen Ruppert, guitarist Mark Lichtenthaler and Mark Bielman on bass.

Tickets are being sold at the door for \$5. All proceeds go to Performing Arts student scholarships and to foundation student benefits.

For more information contact Jan Wade, LBCC Foundation, 917-4203.

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## ON THE ROAD

## Cheap thrills await travelers 'just around the Bend'

by Benjamin Sell  
of The Commuter

The college student on a budget looking for a low-cost adventure should look no farther than a trip over the mountain to Bend. There's a lot to do and see, not only in Bend, but all along the way, from rugged outdoor adventure offered by the many camping, hiking and fishing opportunities, to urban pleasures offered by places like the factory outlets and malls in the Bend area.

Finding your way there takes little to no effort—just follow Highway 20 through Lebanon and Sweet Home and up and over the mountain. The drive over the Santiam Pass takes you through the Willamette and Deschutes national forests, both of which are equally beautiful during the snow-covered winter months and the green summer months.

After Sweet Home you begin your ascent into the mountains. At this point Highway 20 gets pretty curvy, and in bad weather this can be a very dangerous stretch of road. About 25 miles from Sweet Home is the Mountain House, which has been a landmark for pass travelers for years, beginning as a road house on the original Santiam Wagon Road. In its current incarnation it is a combination restaurant-convenience store and is a favorite stop for bathroom breaks and refreshments. It's also a good place to stop for breakfast if you're planning an all-day excursion and left home early.

The trip from the Mountain House to the small mountain town of Sisters takes from an hour to an hour-and-a-half, depending on road conditions, and offers many excellent trails for hikers and bikers. One of the best is the now-restored Santiam Wagon Road, which can be easily accessed from an entry point near the Mountain House. Go around the next corner to the little turnout on your right, cross the bridge and you are on the trail. Some of the other trails along the highway include the House Rock Trail, which starts at House Rock Campground; the Hackleman Creek Old-Growth Trail; the Iron Mountain Trail; and the Rooster Rock Trail. All are clearly marked and easy to find.

Other interesting stops along the way include Suttle Lake, Blue Lake, Lost Lake, Camp Sherman, the Metolius River, the Mt. Washington Viewpoint and Sawyer's Ice Cave (which should be renamed Sawyer's hole in the ground because that's really all it is and not really worth a stop).

About 51 miles out of Sweet Home is Hoodoo Ski Area, which isn't the biggest ski area in the state, but is a good place for beginners to learn the ropes before tackling one of the larger resorts like Mt. Bachelor. Lift tickets run from \$14 for a six-hour night skiing session to \$26 for a marathon 13-hour session. Equipment rentals are \$14.50 for skis for a day and \$20 for a snowboard (plus a deposit). Food is available in the



Photo by Benjamin Sell

The historic Mountain House roadside cafe is just one of the attractions to see while driving east over the mountains to Bend.

lodge, but it tends to be pricey so I recommend bringing a lunch if you plan on spending a day there on the slopes. Call (541) 822-3779 for more information.

About 24 miles past Hoodoo is the town of Sisters, which is famous for the old west motif of its building fronts and can best be appreciated on foot. There are no big-name department stores here, just small family-owned businesses with a wide variety of wares to sell. Sisters gets bigger every year, with new businesses moving in all the time, but no matter how big it gets, it still retains that small-town atmosphere. Of course, with a population of only 820, it's not a hard atmosphere to maintain. You can call the Sisters Chamber of Commerce at (541) 549-0251 for information.

If you stop in Sisters, I recommend eating at The Gallery restaurant along Highway 20. The Gallery has the best cinnamon rolls around, but bring your appetite because they are huge.

Follow Highway 20 another 21 miles and you will enter Bend. On your left just before you hit the city limits is the Mountain View Mall. If shopping is what you are after, there is also the Bend River Mall, a thriving downtown and the Bend Factory Outlet Stores. All of these places are visible from the highway as you drive through town.

The road becomes Highway 97 south of town where you will find one of Oregon's most interesting attractions, the High Desert Museum, which covers an astounding 150 acres of Deschutes National Forest. Often referred to as a "living, participatory museum," it features a wide variety of indoor and outdoor exhibits on nature, art, science and history of the intermountain region. Outdoor highlights include live otter, porcupines and daily birds-of-prey presentations (summer only, in the winter they are indoors); 20 acres of trail-side exhibits on forestry settlement; and The Changing Forest, a new, indoor/outdoor exhibit on high desert

ecosystems and the forces that shape them. Some of the indoor facilities include The Earle E. Chiles Center on the spirit of the west, with walk-through dioramas on the history of the American West, and the desertarium, a living exhibit showcasing bats, kangaroo rats, burrowing owls and other small and seldom seen animals of the High Desert.

This isn't a typical boring museum; the atmosphere there is more theme-park like. The emphasis is more on fun than on learning, and the attractions are appealing enough to interest a young child. I absolutely loved going there as a kid. Admission prices run from \$4.50 to \$6 per person. The museum is open every day of the year from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. For information you can call (541) 382-4754.

Eleven miles south of Bend on Highway 97 is Lava Butte and the Lava Lands Visitor's Center. Lava Butte is a volcanic cinder cone. A paved road to the top provides an outstanding view of the Cascades that you'll share with hundreds of hungry chipmunks who are so used to humans that they will eat right out of your hand. If you are quick enough you can pet them, but I don't recommend it. Chipmunks have been known to bite. At the top is a Forest Service lookout tower, which is open to the public for sightseeing—just don't block the ranger's view. There is no charge at Lava Butte.

The Lava Lands Visitor's Center features displays and slide shows describing the history of the lava areas. Interpretive trails wind around Lava Butte's crater, over the lava flow and through an adjoining pine forest. The visitor center is open daily from late spring through early fall. Call (541) 388-5664 for information.

One of my personal favorite things to see in the Bend area is the Lava River Cave, a large mile-long lava tube 12 miles south of Bend just past the Lava Butte area. The walk is an easy one, with the only real trouble spots near the end, where you have to crawl on your hands and knees, if you choose to go in that far. There is a minimal charge to enter the cave in the summer months, and you can rent lanterns at the entrance for a nominal fee. If you plan to go to the cave, wear something warm because it gets cold inside, even during the summer, and comfortable shoes are a must.

A trip to Bend can be anything, from an outdoor excursion to the simple pleasures of a shopping trip. Most attractions are low-cost or free. In fact, the last trip I took to Bend, I spent more on gas than on anything I did or saw along the way. It is a good destination for a one-day excursion or an extended vacation. For more information stop by the Bend Visitor's Center, 63085 N. Highway 97, just inside the city on the right across from the Tom-Tom truck stop. The center is open seven days a week and features full visitor information services. The information number is (541) 382-3221.

## Weekend escape to the coast offers low-cost, laid-back retreat

by Jeremy Parker  
of The Commuter

The sweet smell of salty air. The cool breeze sweeping off the ocean blowing through your hair. The sand sifting through your toes as you walk down the beach. The sound of seagulls overhead. Listening to waves breaking on the shore as you fall asleep.

A weekend in Newport can be a relaxing way to get away from it all. No homework, no pressures. Just the place to forget all your worries, for the weekend at least.

Unfortunately, for a college student, funding a weekend at the coast may be just out of financial reach—unless, you know where to stay and places to go that don't cost much or are free.

Campsites are the most inexpensive places to stay and offer most of the things a hotel would, such as showers and bathrooms. All you need is a

tent and a sleeping bag. Sure, you don't get cable TV or an ice machine for the cheap beer you brought, but that's what coolers were made for. And who needs TV when you have the ocean?

If you don't like to sleep in a tent, you can rent a yurt, an octagon cabin that holds up to five people, for only \$25 per night. Yurts are hard to get on short notice though. Reservations are available up to 11 months in advance by calling (800) 453-5687.

There are two state park campgrounds just outside of Newport. Beverly Beach State Park, located seven miles north on Highway 101, has 279 campsites at \$13 to \$19 and 15 yurts.

South Beach State Park, just two miles south of Newport on Highway 101, has 254 campsites at \$14 to \$18 and 10 yurts.

Both have nature trails that lead right down to the beach. The campsites are a little cramped though, with one right

next to each other.

I've been all up and down the East Coast from Maine to Fort Lauderdale, and I would have to say the Oregon Coast is the most beautiful and picturesque I've seen so far.

Site-seeing is one of the best ways to spend time there. Newport is filled with breathtaking sites and free places to go. The most obvious is the beach, where you can play Frisbee or football or just look for shells.

Other places that are inexpensive and fun include the 125 year old Yaquina Head lighthouse, located three miles north of Newport. It's open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. While at Yaquina Head you can walk down the new stairs to the beach covered with rocks that have been polished smooth by the constant waves.

An older lighthouse is at Yaquina Bay. Built in 1871, it is the oldest building in Newport and the second oldest light-

house in the state. Some say it is haunted. Entrance is free, and it's open daily 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Historic Bay Front is another great place to spend part of the day. It offers a mixture of shops, galleries and restaurants, which serve fresh clam chowder, shrimp, oysters, crab and salmon. Some of the galleries have beautiful art from all around the world.

The Bay Front dates back to the 1860s, although the seafood industry didn't begin until 1908 when electricity became available.

While there you can walk down to the docks and watch the sea lions lie out in the sun, jump in and out of the water and bark (loudly) at each other.

So, as you're reading this in class, thinking about what to do this weekend, consider an inexpensive trip to Newport.

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## SPORTS PAGE

# 'Runners half-game behind first-place Lane—or are they?

by Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

After a crazy week of rescheduled games and protests, Linn-Benton's baseball team found itself a half-game out of first place—at least for the time being.

Last Tuesday, the Roadrunners were scheduled to play only one game against Lane. Because of the rainout over the weekend, however, they instead played a doubleheader on Tuesday and rescheduled the single game for this Thursday.

Last Thursday, a touchy call by the home plate umpire caused the Mt. Hood coaches to protest a game that LB won by one run. The league has not yet made a

decision on the protest.

Not even Saturday was completely normal since the Roadrunners couldn't seem to put their offense and defense together in one game.

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader at Mt. Hood, LB belted out 17 hits and scored 10 runs. But it wasn't enough—the Saints hit the ball around the park and won 17-10. The third inning, in which Mt. Hood scored seven runs, was the turning point. The inning was capped off by a two-run homer and a double-steal in which a Saint stole home off starting pitcher Robbie Greenawald.

LBCC scored three runs in the fourth, one in the seventh and two in the eighth off a Brandon Arakawa home run. Arakawa batted 2 for 4 on the day. But reliever Mickey Lydic couldn't contain Mt. Hood as they hit three balls out of the yard. Jared Harra hit 4 for 5 and drove in two runs in the losing effort. Travis Haima was 2 for 3, and John Winters went 3 for 6, with three RBIs and a solo shot in the third inning.

In Game 2, Josh Wood pitched an excellent game, giving up only three hits and two earned runs, but the offense faltered, and Mt. Hood took the game 3-1. The 'Runners managed only one run when Harra walked and eventually scored off an Arakawa sacrifice fly. Roger Sebastian was 1 for 2, while both Zach Milton and Barry Banville hit 1 for 3.

"They were the better team on Saturday," commented Head Coach Greg Hawk. "We didn't get any breaks and we didn't create any."

In the first meeting between the two teams on Thursday, jubilant Mt. Hood players may have cost their team the game. After what appeared to be a three-run homer in the seventh inning that put Mt. Hood up by one run, the Saints came out to congratulate their teammate and were touching him before he crossed home plate. The umpire gave them a warning that they did not heed and then proceeded to call the runner out.

That run would've given the Saints the lead, but LB's Sebastian put the Road-



Photo by Shawna Phillips

Derek Wells covers first base during pitching drills in Monday's practice.

runners back on top with a two-run double that gave his team the 8-7 victory.

"We had them down, then we ran out of gas a little bit, and they hit a three-run home run that started all this. The game of baseball is a crazy game at times," said Hawk.

John McManus, Tyler Lute and Sebastian all hit 2 for 4, and Rory Collins was 1 for 2. Robbie Hollister hit his first college home run in the third inning.

On Tuesday, Linn-Benton went head-to-head with Lane and came out with a split. In the first game, the Roadrunners got out to a 2-1 lead, but the Titans pulled away for good after a grand slam homer in the second. LB made two comebacks in the sixth and ninth innings, but just couldn't get the momentum that they needed, and Lane took the victory, 12-9.

Both McManus and Winters hit 2 for 3, and McManus drove in four runs. Collins was 2 for 5.

The Roadrunners did come back in the second game, however, responding to a four-run sixth inning by Lane. Chris Burton walked to start the inning, and

three straight singles by Collins, Winters and Travis Kundert helped the 'Runners tie the game. Winters scored Burton, Kundert scored Collins and Winters scored on a wild pitch. Kundert also came around and scored as Arakawa walked in the last run.

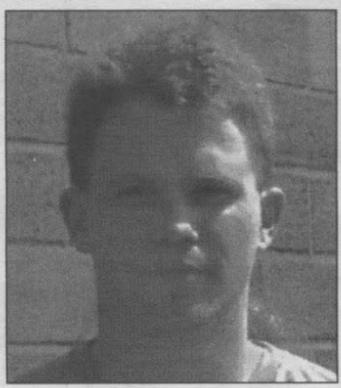
In the seventh, Winters singled with two outs and pinch-hitter Ezra Wedel doubled to score Milton, who went in to pinch run for Winters.

Wedel was 1 for 1, and Winters was 2 for 4, with two runs scored.

"I'm really proud of the way that they battled in the late innings of both games," Hawk said. "We were down late in the first game and came back to put the tying run at the plate, and then in the second game, we're down four going into the bottom of the sixth and the guys just didn't quit."

Linn-Benton is now 6-4 in league, a half game behind Lane, who is 7-4. The team will stay the weekend in Coos Bay to play a three-game series against SWOCC and return home for one game against Clackamas on Tuesday at 1 p.m.

## jock in the box



**Who:** Dan Grissom

**What:** Sophomore sprinter

**Background:** Tigard H.S./Tigard, Ore.

**Track Highlights:** In last Saturday's track meet he ran the 100-meter in 10.8, the second fastest time in LBCC history.

**Sports Hero:** Walter Payton

**Worst Sports Moment:**

"Last year in the NWAACC championships when I was running in the 4x100 relay, I pulled my hamstring."

## Lots of firsts still add up to second place for LB

Grissom, Phillips and Stauble pace men; Growcock and Vandehey lead women's team

by Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

Roadrunner Dan Grissom was two hundredths of a second away from tying the school record in the 100-meter on Saturday at the four-way meet in Salem against Chemeketa, Southwestern Oregon and Lower Columbia.

Grissom tied for first place with a Chemeketa runner, as he reached a personal best of 10.8. He also placed third in the 200 right behind teammate Rich Stauble, running it in 22.9, while Stauble ended with a time of 22.4.

Stauble also won the high jump with a mark of 6-2 and ran the 400 in 59.1 to come in second.

Matt Phillips, who usually vaults in the 16-foot range, settled for 13-0, but still took first place. Coach Brad Carman said Phillips was conserving his energy so he could help out the short-handed team in other events that he usually doesn't participate in.

"The kids all made sacrifices for the team," said Carman. "Pretty much everyone stepped up and did more than what they're used to and sacrificed their

primary events."

Despite a strong, swirling wind, Phillips also scored points for his team by placing first in the triple jump, with a mark of 42-4, and coming in second behind Ryan Grant in the long jump. Grant jumped 20-0, and Phillips reached 18-10. In the javelin, Phillips threw a distance of 155-11 to end in third.

Grant placed second in the triple jump by leaping 40-3, and Troy Robey managed to run down two Chief runners to win the 5,000 with a time of 17:28.1.

The men's relay team also placed first in the 4x100, running in a time of 43.4.

For the LB women, Renee

Growcock won both the distance events. In the 1,500 she finished with a time of 5:26.4, and she ran the 3,000 in 11:36.8.

Jolene Vandehey also won two events—the 400 and the 200, with times of 1:06.1 and 27.5 respectively.

Other firsts were: Darcy Zetler in the 800, with a time of 2:34.9; Jolene Neufeld jumped 29-9 in the triple jump; Jenifer Schwab reached 4-8 in the high jump;

and the 1,600 and 400 relay teams finished in 4:41.6 and 52.7 respectively.

Neufeld also had a personal best in the long jump with a mark of 16-5 1/2 to place second, and Melissa Clements also claimed second with a pole vault of 9 feet even.

Despite all of these strong performances, however, the Roadrunners still couldn't beat Chemeketa, who dominated all of the throwing events. The Roadrunner men finished with 62 points,

which was 37 points behind the leading Chiefs. The women's score was closer, with LBCC collecting 68 points compared to the 77 points collected by the Chiefs.

"Had Chemeketa faltered just a little bit, we would've been right there," Carman commented. "We were very dominant in the relays and every event except for the throws, and that ended up costing us."

For its next meet, the Linn-Benton track team will travel to Monmouth this Saturday to compete in the Western Oregon Open.

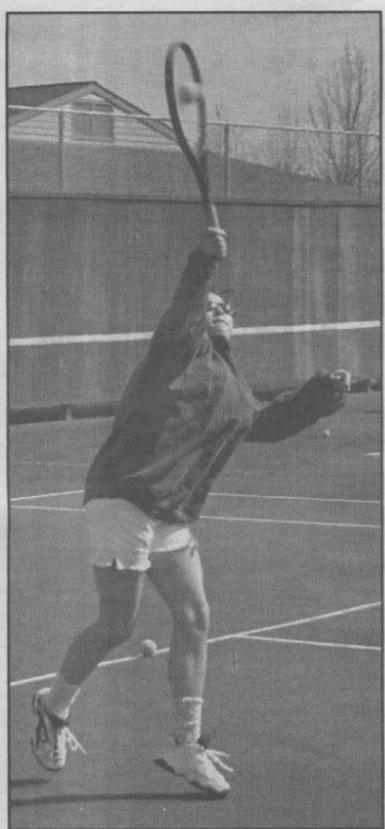


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## Smash!

Stephanie Curtis slams the ball in an overhead smash drill in the Beginning Tennis class Friday.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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New jobs are on file in the Career Center, Takena Hall Room 101. Camp counselors, kitchen aids, archery director, nature director, life guards, tour guides, technicians, nurse and personnel.

Need self-motivated, self-disciplined assistant farm manager in Corvallis for daily operation of vegetable/fruit farm and processing plant. Full-time with benefits. See Takena Room 101 for information.

Human Resource assistant. Bilingual Spanish/English, computer and writing skills, leadership and teamwork skills, 2 year degree preferred. See Carla in Takena Rm 101.

Test Technician in Philomath. Perform precise test measurements for thermal analysis and related testing on various materials including high performance composites. See Takena Rm 101 for information.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

Need a break? Radical Reality Christian Fellowship. A place of refreshment through fellowship & God's word. Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m. in IA-219.

Play Scrabble in Spanish on Wednesdays in the cafeteria at noon. Look for the board and join in!

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual group meeting every Wednesday this term, from 2-3 p.m. Re: Social activities, support and community building. Call 917-4660 for meeting place. Someone will call you back!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Audria M. Edwards Youth Scholarship Fund. Eligibility, be gay/lesbian or the child of gay/lesbian parent(s), be a resident of Oregon or Southwest Washington for at least one year, demonstrate the need of financial assistance. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is May 1, 1998.

Zonta Scholarship. All students currently

enrolled in undergraduate courses with prior life experiences, who returned to college and demonstrate a willingness to work with children in a job or profession involving the welfare of children, or enrolled in a course of study to train for such a profession or job, or students who demonstrated interest in working to improve the legal, political, economic health and professional status of women. Eligibility: student who is currently enrolled at LBCC or Oregon State. Up to 10 \$1,200 awards given. Application and additional info available in the Career Center. Deadline: May 1st.

The Altrusa Club of Yaquina Bay is soliciting applications for scholarships of \$1,000 to be awarded to local women who are reentering the job market. Must be a resident of Lincoln County and a "returning student" enrolling in an accredited post-secondary institution. Additional info and applications are available in the Career Center. Application deadline is April 30, 1998.

The Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary Virginia Welch Scholarship is available to men and women who plan to pursue a career in a medically related field in a hospital setting. Eligibility requirements and applications are available in the Career Center. Deadline is May 4.

Guistwhite Scholar program for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members. Ten \$5,000 transfer scholarships awarded to community college graduates. Deadline: June 1. Download application from [www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us](http://www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us) or contact Advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101.

The Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon, Inc., is awarding 10 to 15 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at Oregon colleges and universities. Requirements and applications are available in the Career Center. Deadline: July 1, 1998.

The Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary is offering the Geraldine Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment, a yearly grant up to \$3,000 to an individual or individuals in a medically related field. Requirements and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is May 15.

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The Hispanic Dental Association Foundation has available scholarships in the amounts of \$1000 and \$500. Scholarships are open to all entry-level Hispanic U.S. students who

have been accepted into an accredited dental program. Other requirements and application are available in the Career Center. Deadline: June 15, 1998.

The National Poultry and Food Distributors Association Scholarship Foundation awards four \$1,500 scholarships every year to students in the field of poultry science, poultry production, marketing, nutrition and all other areas of study related to the poultry industry. Information available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline May 31, 1998.

## Shaved heads help fund scholarship

The LBCC Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance is creating a scholarship for sexual minority students.

To fund the scholarship, the club is setting up a booth at OSU on May 5 during OSU's Queer Pride Week and shaving people's heads for a \$5 donation. Professional hairstylist Dominique Skief of Regis Hairstylists is donating his time for the project. Money raised will go toward scholarships for LBCC sexual minority students.

People who would rather not shave their heads may buy raffle tickets from the LBCC Counseling Center for \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes include a weekend getaway at Middle Creek Run, a Bed and Breakfast near Sheridan; a decorative table from Import Plaza; a Packard-Bell computer and dinner at local restaurants.

## 'Take Back the Night' rally set for Thursday

The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence is sponsoring a "Take Back the Night" rally, march and vigil against rape and domestic violence on Thursday April 23 at 8 p.m. on the steps of the Linn County Courthouse in Albany.

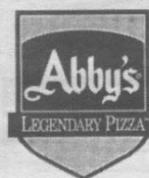
The event features guest speakers, a women's drum circle and refreshments.

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## OPINION PAGE

## commentary

## Monitoring contents of TV shows is parents' job

by James Eagan  
of The Commuter

In recent years, the debate about violence on television has reached a fever pitch.

At the heart of the debate is whether controls on violent programs should be in the hands of the networks, the government or parents. Recently, compromises have been reached that give parents a little more information about the contents of a particular program.

That is all well and good, but some people feel (especially some of those in government) that not enough is being done to keep some of these shows from children. They blame these programs for the increase in violent behavior among young children and teens.

I, however, disagree.

It is the parents' responsibility to monitor what their kids watch on television. The ratings are nice to have, but that alone doesn't prevent children from watching "NYPD Blue" or "South Park," both of which have strong parental advisories.

Parental advisories are absolutely useless if the parents don't heed the advice. Besides, most kids should be in bed by the time "NYPD Blue" comes on.

There is no strong, convincing evidence that violence on television directly translates into violent behavior in children. I've seen some pretty violent stuff, and I have no desire to go out, get myself an Uzi and take out a McDonald's just because I saw it in the NBC Movie of the Week.

An individual has to be pretty disturbed to begin with if he/she decides to reenact the beating scene from, say "A Clockwork Orange" or a shooting on a rerun of "Matlock."

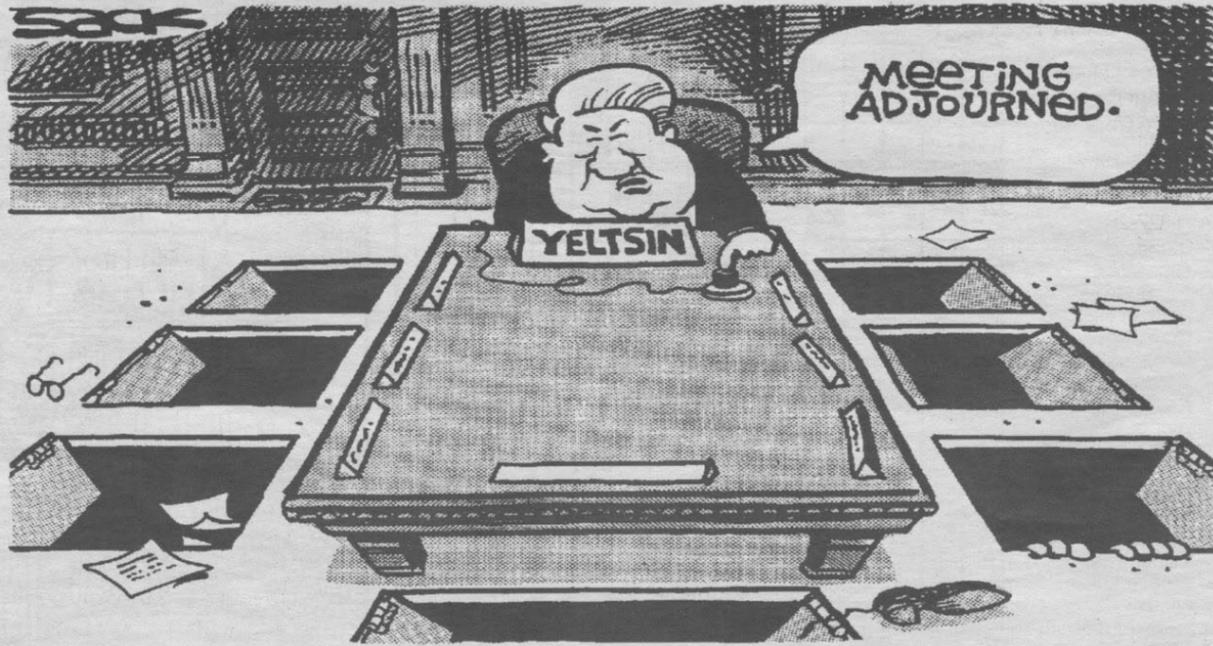
I agree that those who already have violent tendencies may be influenced by what they see on television. But a mentally stable child, whose parents tell him or her that the violence they see on television is not a healthy way to go through life, can see these programs without trouble.

Ultimately, it is up to the parents to decide what their child does and does not see. Even if it means not letting the child watch TV after a certain time. Or even sitting down and sharing the television experience with him or her.

This extends also to movies, music and the Internet.

So parents, keep an eye on your kids. The television viewing habits of your children is not in the control (nor should it be) of the networks or the government. Then we start getting into the issue of censorship, which is another column for another time.

If anyone comes up with a conclusive, valid, independent psychological study of this issue that disagrees with my opinion, I just might change my mind.



pete petryszak

## Sizemore's deficits begin to add up

A lot of people would be a little hesitant to lend money to someone whose initials are B.S. However, since the early 1980s over 70 individuals, banks and companies from Oregon and Washington have done just that, and they've been shafted to the tune of three-quarters of a million dollars.

Bill Sizemore is running for governor on a platform of tax cuts and reduced spending, putting forward the notion that he is the most qualified person to manage taxpayers' money. However, a report in Sunday's Oregonian calls that whole argument into question, detailing how, from 1980 to 1995 Sizemore ran three businesses into the ground, defaulting on \$795,000 worth of loans, many of which came from friends, business associates and members of his church. In addition to raising questions about Sizemore's money managing abilities, the report uncovers ethical lapses on Sizemore's part as well.

Sizemore's first company, Bill Sizemore Carpet Brokers, racked up a debt of over \$350,000 between 1980 and 1984. Pursued by 68 creditors, Sizemore filed for bankruptcy in 1985, something he neglected to mention while he sought seed money for his next venture.

Back in 1983, Sizemore was in Astoria when he saw people playing with a strange, new Frisbee-esque flying disc, all decked out with blinking lights to make it look like a UFO. He took one look at the thing and saw dollar signs.

Convinced that his UFO flying discs would be all the rage from Portland to Europe and beyond, Sizemore sought start-up money from his church and softball buddies. After garnering \$50,000 in small loans, Sizemore registered Illuminated Toy Inc. Larger loans from Rob Robinson, a Portland Restaurateur, Jim Betonte of Wilsonville and Don Straker of Ridgefield, Wash., came in 1985, while Sizemore was spending time in court for business and personal bankruptcy.

The company staggered along for the next decade before being involuntarily dissolved by the state Corporations Division in 1995. The company never had a profitable year, and left debts of \$795,000 unpaid.

Sizemore's third company, ITI Manufacturing Corp., was a subsidiary of the toy company, and Sizemore appears to have used it to finance a profitable real estate

deal in Clackamas County. After selling the 9-acre property for a \$145,000 profit, Sizemore skimmed off \$16,000 to pay off personal debts, even though the land was bought with company money and Sizemore neglected to tell creditor Duane Kelson, a Boring orthodontist who had become a 50-50 partner in the business, that the sale ever occurred at all.

Owning a businesses that goes under doesn't automatically make someone untrustworthy or even a bad businessman, but attempting to mislead potential investors about the company's debt, using company money to finance personal purchases and not knowing when to cut your losses and close the shop does.

Throughout the saga of doomed businesses, Sizemore exhibited nearly all the same irresponsible behaviors he loathes in politicians. He spent borrowed money carelessly without doing enough research into the market he was entering to find out what the chances for success were and how much money he would really need. While his company foundered, he deceived those who were lending him money about its financial health and made promises he couldn't keep, like signing promissory notes to investors pledging that they would get double their money back within six months. When it was clear the business was failing, Sizemore continued to throw money down a hole, like he claims the state is doing by increasing the budgets of schools and municipal districts.

Finally, Sizemore displayed the trait he finds most abhorrent in politicians—he lied. When interviewed by The Oregonian, he first denied ever filing for bankruptcy in 1985, and then claimed to have forgotten the whole ordeal, which involved a debt of \$385,000 and dragged on for two years. When asked about investor Robert Dorszynski, who lent the company \$30,000, Sizemore claimed to have paid him back within a month, when in fact Dorszynski waited for almost a year and had to file suit before getting his money.

Sizemore's personal financial record hardly makes him look qualified to manage the state of Oregon's \$10 billion budget. He has characterized The Oregonian's report as another attempt by the liberal media to discredit him, which begs the question: how can that happen to someone already without credibility?

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor.

Letters should be limited to 250 words or less, and will be edited for length, grammar and spelling. In order to confirm the authenticity of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address included. As general policy, The Commuter will not publish anonymous letters to the editor, although the editor reserves the right to make exceptions when conditions warrant.

## letters

## Alarmists inflate dangers of surplus napalm shipment

To the Editor:

The public is concerned about hauling napalm on national transportation systems to remove it from our existence. A little misinformation goes a long way. Here are the facts that the public should consider in making this decision. The following facts should be addressed to the public.

I was an Army chemist. As part of our Chemical Warfare training, we made napalm and fired it through flamethrowers. The peptizers, when mixed with gasoline, make a jelly called napalm. You can throw it on the ground and carry it in buckets. It needs an ignition source to make it flame. It burns slower than gasoline. When it hits the ground in bomb form, the jelly bounces around, and then an igniter causes the fireball.

We allow gasoline to be hauled on our highways and in other transportation modes. Gasoline is more ignitable and in an explosive form, not rapid-fire form as is napalm when upset.

Opinions offered as excitement issues should be better researched before demonstration to our reactionary public. In my opinion this is where freedom of the press is abusive. We are not sheep, so some BAHs and audience respect should be offered by writers.

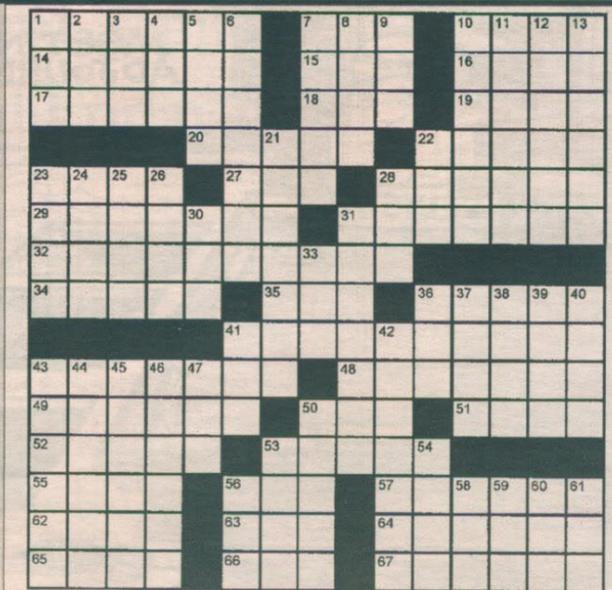
The tradeoffs are disposal or leakage in the environment to abandoned mines or wells. I prefer controlled burning or Iraq.

Let's wake up and tell these writers to be more credible.

Duane Fandrem

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