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Takena kiosk temporarily exposes students' SS numbers

Registration officials correct problem with Takena Hall kiosk soon after it was discovered

by Leon Tovey
of the Commuter

James Bauerle is not a hacker, but recently a malfunctioning registration kiosk in Takena Hall made him feel like one.

Bauerle, a photography major and Commuter work study, discovered a technical glitch in the kiosk outside

Takena Theater that allowed him to view the Social Security numbers of every other person who had used the kiosk that day.

"Basically, all you do is go to the User Login box and enter a number," he explains. For example, if a student enters the number five, immediately another box opens, listing every Social Security number starting with a five.

If a user selects one of the numbers and hits "enter," the pin box fills with a series of asterisks. If the user hits "enter" again, the screen asks for verification.

That's as far as you can go without the specific Social Security number holder's PIN number.

But simply getting access to another person's Social Security number is enough to threaten their privacy.

All services at LBCC require photo ID before they will release information on a person, but a really determined individual can do a lot with a Social Security number, including getting the user's name from one of the labs on campus. That fact worries many people—including those at LBCC's registration desk.

As soon as The Commuter reported the problem to Registration/Records, which oversees the use and maintenance of the kiosks, the problem was solved and the telltale box disappeared. So far the only kiosk to have this problem is the one in Takena Hall, which was installed this fall, according to Registration Coordinator Susan McCloskey.

"It's a new system and we're still working the bugs out," she says. "We have had a few problems, but overall we've had good feedback. We know it works because people use it."

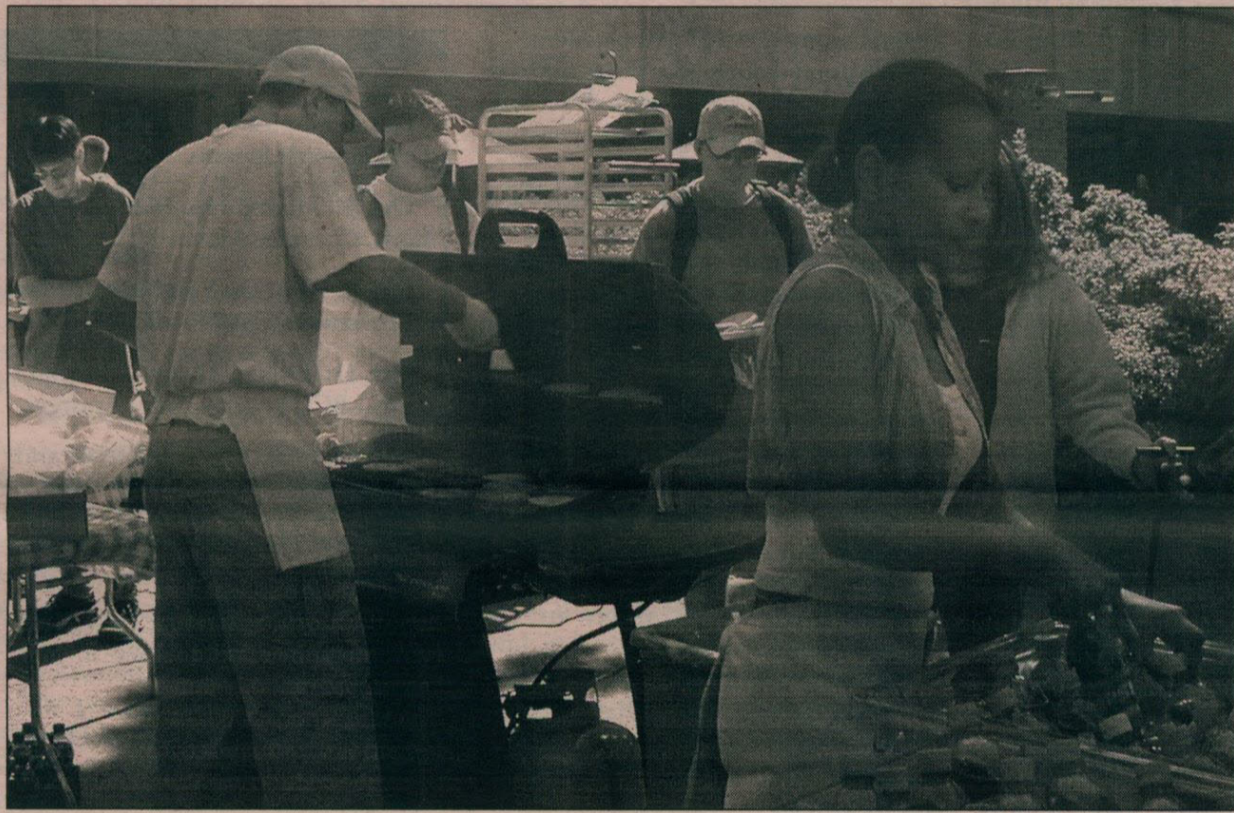


Photo by Lisa Jimenez

Feeding the Masses

Business major Brian Holcomb works the grill during last Wednesday's Welcome Back Barbecue while fellow business major Sherri Schubert doles out drinks to the hungry crowds. The annual event sponsored by Student Life and Leadership also featured information booths and other activities.

ASG launches week-long drive to register voters

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Associated Student Government is sponsoring a number of activities next week for its fall Voter Registration Drive.

The drive runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and is intended to help students at LB meet the Oct. 17 registration deadline for the Nov. 7 general election. Students will be able to register at voter registration tables located in front of the Student Union.

According to ASG President Todd Gifford, LBCC's drive is part of a larger campaign at community colleges across the state aimed at increasing political awareness and involvement among college students.

"There are something like 300,000 community college students in Oregon," Gifford says. "If we could get all of those students involved—that would be a force to be reckoned with."

Gifford says his personal goal for LBCC is to get everyone involved.

"I would like to see 100 percent registration and 100
(Turn to "Registration" on Pg. 2)

LBCC nursing program gets a boost

Kate Sundstrom
of the Commuter

Prospective nursing students enrolling this fall had better odds of getting in to the nursing program as a result of a \$50,000 donation from Samaritan Health Services that was given last summer.

The donation allowed LBCC to hire an additional instructor, which boosted enrollment from 39 students last year to 50 students this fall.

Becky Pape, director of professional development at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, said a tremendous nursing shortage exists "and anything we can do to help the community meet increasing health care needs will benefit us. LBCC has an exceptional program that produces a high caliber of graduate. Their nursing board pass rate is 100 percent." She also said that Samaritan Health Services hires a majority of

LBCC nursing graduates.

Jim Bell, director of LBCC's Health and Human Services Division, said LBCC graduates are having little trouble finding well paying, career-track jobs in the region. "At a time when other community colleges are either reducing or leaving nursing enrollments, LBCC will be able to increase the number of graduates in two years," Bell said.

Samaritan Health Services health care organizations operate three mid-valley hospitals: Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, Albany General Hospital and Lebanon Community Hospital. In addition, it also operates First Care Physicians, Samaritan Dialysis Services, Heart of the Valley Health Care Center, Corvallis, Samaritan Health Physicians and Wiley Creek Community in Sweet Home. It is affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon and Mennonite Health Services.

GETTING OUT THE VOTE

Monday, Oct. 9

- Voter Registration Drive kicks off in front of the Student Union

Tuesday, Oct. 10

- Candidate Forum at noon in the Commons
Free pizza will be served to those in attendance

Wednesday, Oct. 11

- Free pies offered in the Student Union

Thursday, Oct. 12

- Red, White and Blue Dress-up Contest starting at 11:50 a.m. in the Student Union

Friday, Oct. 13

- Rock the Vote 2000 BBQ Finale from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Courtyard

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Smitten teacher back in class

Eyebrows were raised two years ago when Laura Sclater, a then 28-year-old elementary school teacher in Ontario, wrote a bunch of love notes to one of her 13-year-old students in which she referred to him as a "hottie" and "big stud," and signed the notes "your woman." She was suspended from teaching. But now she has been reinstated, causing a major uproar among parents in the school district. Sniffed School Board Official Debbie Clarke, "We would not place Laura Sclater in a classroom if we felt that she was a risk to students."

Cuffed car thief takes off

Even though he was handcuffed behind his back, a suspected car thief attempted to escape police custody in Pompano Beach, Fla., driving off in a cop car which he steered with his knees. He was originally placed in the back of the cruiser, but wiggled through the partition, then drove toward a group of deputies, one of whom shot him, and sideswiped another car. He managed to go 12 blocks before crashing into a wall.

Chromosomes don't lie

Jessica Wicks was born a man, and so, the state of Texas considers him a man even though he has had a sex-change operation to become a woman. As a result, Jessica was allowed to marry Robin Manhart, an actual woman, in San Antonio because the state considers it a legal union between a man and a woman, even though it doesn't look like one.

Peek and fly

A Pennsylvania stripjoint has found a way to accommodate customers who can't afford the \$20 cover charge and those who just want a peek and don't want to linger there: drive-through nudity. The Climax Gentleman's Club in an isolated area of Salem Township, charges \$5 per minute at the drive-through window where clients can pull up and watch a lady dance in the altogether. Most people pay for about two minutes and then move on. One stripper said that the majority of drive-through patrons are couples, carloads of women and college kids "who can't... afford the door, but... can afford the window."

—From the TMS News Service

Multicultural Center welcomes new leader

Susan Prock brings background in women's studies and community activism to new job

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

It's 8 a.m. and Susan Prock, LBCC's new Multicultural Center Coordinator, begins her day with a smile and starts typing away on her computer.

A display of African clothing, jewelry, purses, and a Turkish burro (saddle) bag adorn the walls around her. A Zen Sand Garden sits on the coffee table inviting people to meditate and be creative. The bookshelves have are filled with books ranging in subject matter from the Dalai Lama to Ireland. Prock finishes her typing and talks about how she looks forward to making the Multicultural Center the hub of the LBCC community.

Hard work is not foreign to Prock, who grew up on a ranch in Alturusa, Calif., not far from the Oregon border near Klamath Falls. She talks about home as a place where you had plenty to eat and felt like a part of the community. Prock sees the center as something that can provide a sense of community for all students.

For two years Prock traveled to Roseburg daily and helped the community develop an Intervention/Prevention Community Education Program for the Domestic Violence Center. These days, she teaches a Women's Studies class at Oregon State University, as well as heads up the LBCC Multicultural Center.

She hands me a "Take Care" pamphlet for violence-free living printed by Raphael House, a domestic violence intervention and prevention group in Portland. I skim through the contents and notice titles such as "The Cycle of Violence" and "Domestic Violence and Kids." Susan explains that violence



Photo by Lisa Jimenez

New Multicultural Center Coordinator Susan Prock talks to visitor Mariah Rose in the center's office on the second floor of the Student Union.

against women is a global problem.

"We don't want to face the realization that there is this slave trade of women and children being forced into prostitution," she said.

One of Susan's favorite quotes is "Ask me what are my virtues, not about the color of my skin," (Arabian Proverb). Another quote she holds dear is "The longer we listen to one another, with real attention the more commonality we will find in all our lives. That is, if we are careful to exchange with one another life stories and not simply opinions." (Barbara Deming)

Susan invites all students and staff to come listen to a variety of speakers and share stories with others, every Monday and Wednesday at noon in the Multicultural Center.

The door opens and a group of students enter, Susan immediately greets them and offers them a cup of tea, understanding that all people need to feel welcomed.

LBCC among top 50 ag degree producers

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

LBCC ranked among the top 50 agricultural business and production two-year schools in the country for the 1997-1998 academic year.

According to a study performed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, 23 associate degrees were issued by LBCC in the field of agricultural business and

production in 1997-1998. That was good enough to place LBCC 39th out of the top 50 colleges in the country as reported by Community College Week magazine in their July issue.

The magazine went on to list the top 100 community colleges by the number of overall associate degrees awarded. It also compiled lists of top associate degree and certificate producers by gender, minority category and subject area.

CORRECTIONS

The Commuter incorrectly reported last week that bus service from anywhere in Linn and Benton counties to the LBCC campus was free to students with a valid ID card. However, the East Linn Shuttle is not currently participating in the free ride program. Free rides are only available on the Linn-Benton Loop and Albany Transit Routes.

Registration: Voter drive features Candidate Forum Tuesday

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percent involvement in the Nov. 7 election," he says. "It's really important this year, because we (LB students) finally have some issues that we can rally around."

The focal point of the drive will be a Candidate Forum on Tuesday Oct. 10 in the Commons (second floor College Center). The forum will feature a question-and-answer session with candidates for state representative and county commis-

sioner for Linn and Benton counties.

Other events include a Red, White and Blue Dress-up Contest on Thursday, Oct. 12, and a Rock the Vote BBQ Finale on Friday in the Courtyard.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Dual enrollment program more than doubles in enrollment

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

For students planning to transfer to OSU, the LBCC/OSU dual enrollment program may be just the ticket.

LBCC and OSU offers dual enrollment for students pursuing a four-year degree, making the transition from community college to university easier. The program is open to non-state residents, international students and students pursuing a second degree as well as transfer students.

Dual enrollment started in the fall of 1998 and was at that time limited to Oregon residents only and included only a few transfer degrees. Now in its third year, LBCC has 320 applicants as of last Wednesday, according to Bruce Clemetsen, director of enrollment.

"This time last year we had 124 applicants, so it's up significantly from last fall," said Clemetsen.

The program offers students the ability to split credits and financial aid between schools to achieve full-time status. It also allows students to participate in events at both schools and live in OSU campus housing.

"For a lot of students, being dually-enrolled is a

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—Jan Frasier-Hevlin

convenience," said Jan Frasier-Hevlin, LBCC counselor. "Students can save a lot of money in tuition by coming here first—but can still live in the dorms at OSU, which a lot of students like."

Community Colleges are set up to give students of any age easy access to higher education while allowing flexibility, Frasier-Hevlin said. International students who need to bring their English skills up also find the Community College is a good place to start.

LBCC and OSU are participating in an international dual-enrollment program as well this year, allowing students from foreign countries to enroll at both schools.

"This is the first time we have had an international dual-enrollment program," said Frasier-Hevlin.

OSU and Southwest Oregon Community College

also offer dual-enrollment, and OSU started a pilot program this fall with Portland Community College with limited degree transfers.

For students, there are plenty of advantages to dual-enrollment. Besides lower tuition and OSU housing, students can take advantage of the libraries and computer labs at both schools as well as free tutoring services at LBCC. The program also allows students to participate in OSU's Study Abroad Program.

The Study Abroad Program allows LBCC students access to OSU's program through the Office of International Education at OSU. Students work with advisors to determine the best place for study for their degree.

"It's a real exciting opportunity for LBCC students," said Susan Prock, LBCC's Multicultural Center Coordinator. "It expands their choices so much."

Also new this year is the free loop bus between LBCC and OSU. This was enacted in part for the dually enrolled students that had to commute back and forth, Clemetsen said.

"We hope to have new features this winter term that will make the whole transfer and enrollment easier for students," said Clemetsen.

New Program at LBCC offers degree in food & wine dynamics

by Lisa Paolo
of The Commuter

LBCC began offering a new degree program in Wine and Food Dynamics this fall.

The program will lead to a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree. Students in the program will take their general education and culinary arts courses from LBCC, and more specialized courses in viticulture, wine making and wine appreciation at Chemeketa Community College and OSU, according to Scott Anselm, the program's director.

The program is designed for those who are already involved in marketing wine and food or want to be. It is also available to those who want to enhance their knowledge of wine and food but

don't necessarily want to become chefs.

Classes will focus on how to properly pair wine and food, the principles of viticulture, wine making, food and sauce preparation, and the techniques of tasting and analyzing foods and wines. Students will also learn how wine and food and sauces are produced, and how various production techniques affect the flavor of the meal.

"It is a unique program that draws upon the strengths of these institutions and industry partners," said Anselm. "It's ideal for wine makers, restaurant owners and wine tasting room staff, as well as for those interested in advancing their culinary skills."

Classes are scheduled in the evenings for the convenience of working students.

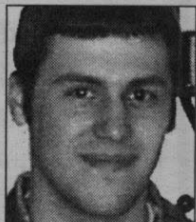
Machinist brings home award

by Ben Hughes
of The Commuter

LBCC machinist grad Adam Tuma finished fifth nationally after taking first place in state at vocational contests this year.

The two competitions were hosted by VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). There are more than 30 vocational schools, technical schools, and colleges that compete in each competition.

After Tuma won Oregon's No. 1 spot, he went to Kansas City in June to place fifth in the national championship. He was the first LBCC student to place in the top five for some time.



Adam Tuma

The tournament for precision machining requires a display of seven different machining skills in an eight hour period. Demonstrating skills in milling, grinding, turning, computer programming, and quality control was no problem for Tuma—a student instructor Dick Carter calls "quiet, a listener, and a natural machinist." Carter also noted that "some people aren't compatible working with metal, but Adam is."

Adam started machining at South Albany High School. He started attending the LBCC summer camp in 1999, and earned his one year machinist's certificate three terms later.

During his first term at LBCC, Entek Manufacturing saw Tuma's potential and hired him as cleaning personnel. Now he runs several machines and has a promising career in his future.

Counselor wins award for Internet class

by Allen Garner
of The Commuter

LBCC counselor Lynn Bain was presented with the 2000 Les Atkins Award for Career Guidance Excellence on June 21, 2000.

Bain was recognized for the quality of her Internet-delivered courses HD208 and Career Planning Online. HD208, also known as Career/Life Planning, is for

LBCC students, while Career Planning Online is aimed at high school students.

The high school class helps students assess their values, interests and skills, and instructs them on career research, job hunting, goal-setting and decision making.

Both classes were the first in the state to combine all aspects of planning and exploring in an online system.



Photo by John LaGere

Hot Wheels

A member of the Albany Fire Department checks out the scene after a car fire in the Tadena parking lot last Friday. The fire started when the oil cap was left off, causing hot oil to ignite in the engine compartment. Several students battled the blaze with fire extinguishers until firefighters arrived.

Survival Seminars seek to ease rigors of college experience for new students

Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

Surviving a deserted tropical island located in Southeast Asia with a naked guy (Rich) and brash trucker (Sue) may seem an easier fete than your first quarter at college.

If so, the Learning Resource Center is offering a series of free Survival Seminars to help you adapt to the rigors of college life.

The seminars meet on Tuesdays from noon to 12:50 p.m. at the Writing Desk in the LRC. They started the second week of the term and will continue through week seven.

Sandy Fichner, an assistant instructor at the Writing Lab who organized the seminars, said "We are addressing a college-wide goal that aims to improve student retention and student success. Once we have students on board, we aim to keep them on board at LBCC and plan on doing this by better helping them with college."

Fichner added that working at the writing desk helped her hear what stu-

dents really needed to help make their college experience better. What she heard the most was students finding other students to work with, and the seminar seemed to her a good place to start.

The mini-seminars are being taught by campus staff. Subjects vary from Setting Up a Study Group, which takes a look at the advantages of studying with others; Time Management, which is designed to help balance your life; Overcoming Test Anxiety, which covers valuable test-taking tips; Reading Your Textbook Efficiently; Taking Notes; and Using Your Learning Style.

More classes are in the works for the winter term, such as finding money for college, how to meet people on campus, and note-taking for math.

"I am always open for new ideas from faculty and students for further workshops," Fichner said.

A sign-up sheet is available at the Writing Desk inside the LRC to reserve your seat, but walk-ins are welcomed. Prizes will be given away and snacks provided.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hopes run high in Alaska for sweeping pot law

by Stuart Eskenazi
Knight-Ridder Tribune

ANCHORAGE — The folks behind a statewide ballot initiative to decriminalize marijuana in Alaska will stare you down with their glassy eyes and sermonize on the numerous commercial uses for industrial hemp, the environmental benefits of hemp production and the medicinal benefits of the cannabis plant.

And sure, the Nov. 7 measure is about all of those things.

Mostly, though, it's about the freedom to get stoned.

"In most places, you have to pass a pee test in order to work there," says Soren Wuert, a former head of the Alaska Green Party who works at the Free Hemp in Alaska campaign office in Anchorage. "In our place, you have to fail the pee test to work here."

Efforts to change laws, whatever they may be, tend to focus on incremental steps. But instead of adopting a deliberate strategy, backers of the Alaska marijuana initiative have declared anarchy.

The initiative is so sweeping — it not only would legalize pot for personal use but grant amnesty to anyone with marijuana convictions — that even the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and High Times, the Sports Illustrated for potheads, were slow to support the measure.

The Free Hemp in Alaska campaign office is plastered with orange stickers that organizers found while rummaging through inventories of secondhand office supplies. The stickers, probably leftovers from a bakery, read, "Baked with pride in Alaska."

It's a fitting motto for a campaign where some volunteers and paid workers come to work high and where a few loiter near a back door to sneak tokes, even though campaign protocol prohibits such behavior.

Some volunteers, including a 16-year-old boy, say they are at the nonprofit campaign working off court-imposed community-service sentences for marijuana-related convictions.

"Yeah, I find that ironic," says Thomas Holohan, 34, who satisfied 200 hours of community service by designing the campaign's Web site.

"Sweet irony at that."

The campaign has set up shop in a strip mall on one of Anchorage's seedier streets. A yellow mural painted on the south face of the building reads, "Vote Yes. Nov. 7, 2000." The message and date are separated by an image of a giant green cannabis leaf.

The campaign office side door is always open, providing passage to an adjacent espresso bar with trippy decor that is the informal hangout for the potheads, libertarians and environmentalists behind the initiative.

Within these surroundings, initiative supporters feel invincible.

If the initiative passes, Alaska will be the only state in the country to legalize marijuana consumption, possession, distribution and cultivation for personal use, practiced in private.

The law would apply to anyone 18 and older, even though Alaskans aren't allowed to buy cigarettes until they are 19 or alcohol until 21. It would release any Alaskan currently behind bars for a marijuana-related crime and clear the criminal records of those with past convictions. And it would convene a panel to consider restitution to those who have been imprisoned.

Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles opposes the measure. A former U.S. attorney for Alaska under President Bush, Wev Shea, is tirelessly campaigning against it.

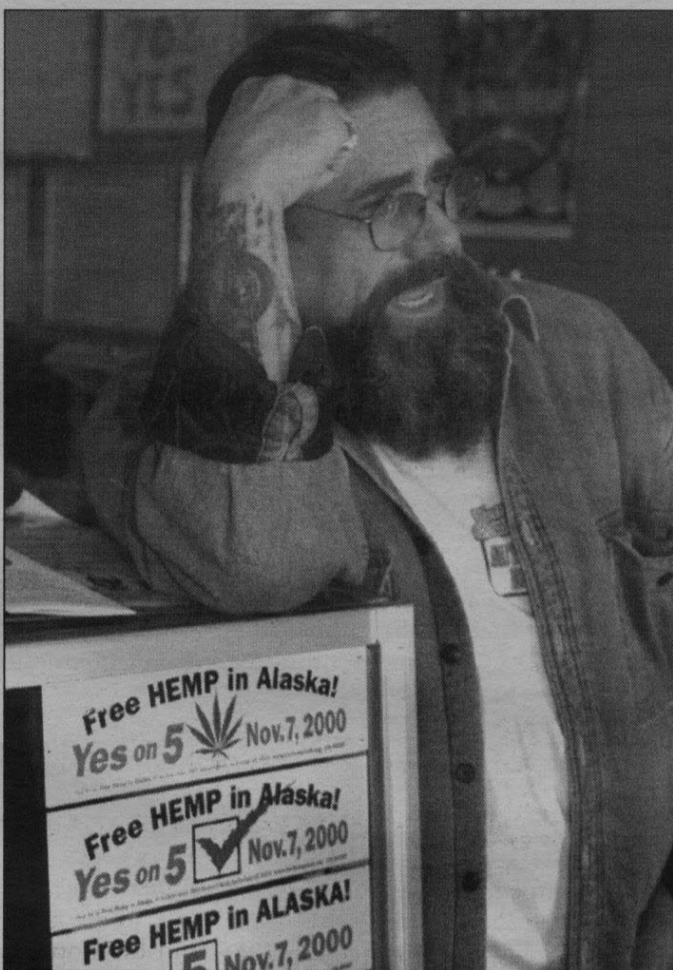
"If marijuana is legalized, it becomes socially acceptable, and once it becomes socially acceptable, a lot more people are going to try it," Shea says. "If this passes, what is going to be the perception of Alaska? That we all just sit around and smoke dope?"

The section of the initiative that prohibits state or local law-enforcement agencies from working on marijuana cases would shackle all drug-enforcement efforts in a state that relies heavily on multiagency task forces, Shea says.

"If this passes, Alaska is going to basically be the drug haven of North America," Shea says.

Initiative supporter Mitch Mitchell, one year out of federal prison for trafficking in 1,100 pounds of marijuana, thinks the initiative will be good for tourism.

"They are going to have to build another airport," he says.



Sil DeChellis, 62, is treasure of the Free Hemp in Alaska campaign. The group is trying to get a referendum passed in the November election to legalize marijuana.

Political consultants in Alaska say the measure has a good shot at passing, helped by a predicted high turnout for the presidential race and a high-profile property-tax-limit initiative.

Opponents of the measure are concerned. "People in Alaska are free thinkers, and their opinion — which obviously I don't agree with — is that marijuana is a soft drug and therefore not a big deal," Shea says.

When handicapping the election, there also are practical things to consider. Political pundits and people on both sides of the issue agree: Alaskans are herb-friendly.

Two years ago, Alaskans voted overwhelmingly to legalize marijuana use

"If this passes, Alaska is going to basically be the drug haven of North America,"

—Wev Shea

for medical patients. Washington and Oregon are among six states that have passed similar laws recently.

Marijuana for private, recreational use was once legal in Alaska. In 1975, the state Supreme Court extended the constitutional right to privacy to marijuana use. In 1983, however, the Legislature limited amounts protected under the law to 4 ounces or less. And in 1990, voters passed an initiative that made marijuana illegal again.

Cheryl Lewis, a 45-year-old volunteer for this November's initiative, had moved to Alaska two weeks before the 1990 measure was passed.

"I thought at the time that it was a vast conspiracy to make my life miserable," she deadpans.

At the Free Hemp in Alaska phone bank, upstairs from the campaign office, Lewis places calls to potential supporters. She learned of the initiative when campaign workers went to Kinko's, where she worked, to make copies of literature.

"The word 'hemp' did catch my eye because I have, um, friends who may or may not be occasional smokers," Lewis says. "I'm not admitting to anything."

Sean Smeeden places phone calls at another table, soliciting contributions of time and money. He is 16. When he and some buddies got busted for setting fire to a trash can, police found marijuana in his coat pocket. He is working off his community-service sentence by volunteering at the campaign. He has promised his mother not to smoke pot until he turns 18.

"The arrest has been positive for me," he says. "If I hadn't been arrested, I probably wouldn't be volunteering here."

The Associated Student Government has the following positions open:

Science/Industry Representative

2 terms of tuition paid
Deadline for applications is
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Business/Health Occupations Representative

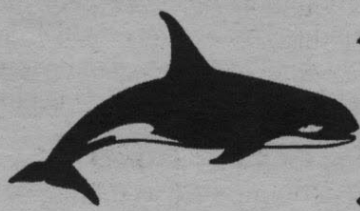
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We are looking for students to fill these positions. Please come in and find out how to become more active on campus and learn to build your leadership skills. Applications for these positions are available in the Student Life & Leadership Office.

Copy Editor Wanted

Edit copy and proof pages. A student with strong English and grammar skills and an interest in language arts is encouraged to apply. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred. The appointment carries a 4-credit tuition grant per term, and provides valuable on-the-job training and experience covering a wide variety of editing techniques.

Applications available in The Commuter Office (F-222) or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-108). For additional information call ext. 4563 or 4451.



Free Oregon Coast Aquarium Trip Saturday, Oct. 14th

Leaves 10:00 a.m., returns 4:00 p.m. The trip will include lunch and admission into the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Seats are limited to the first 11 people to sign up in the Student Life and Leadership Office CC-213, so hurry in and sign up today.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Local music scene thrives on change

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Like unstable ions that come together for a brief time and explode apart to form other complex bonds and relationships, the various artists that make up the local music scene exist in a dynamic, volatile state.

From salty troubadours to fresh-from-the-can garage bands, it seems that the only constant is change. Local group Nautical Sauce Posse is one of the most stable elements of the Corvallis music scene, gaining near-veteran status by virtue of having played together in and around town since 1998. Other bands like the short-lived Scared For No Reason, which included elements of possibly defunct local band Sex Team and Uncle Hungry's proprietor Paul Russe, scarcely made a blip on the local radar before disbanding.

When you try to put together a family tree of local groups, side bands, collaborations, session work and recording efforts, it gets a little hard to keep track. For example, one of the acts generating the most buzz around town these days is James Shook & the Resolutions—a mostly reggae band making bar and festival crowds in Corvallis sit up and take notice.

Lisa Vazquez of the Resolutions, who used to drum with stellar Corvallis funk rock act South Town Hounds, also sang back up vocals and played hand drums on singer/songwriter Thais Perkins' newest CD *Imaginary Elephants*.

Also playing on Perkins' album, is local bassist Dan Scollard, who recently joined a few ex-Rubberneck players in Porterhouse, an acid-jazz/funk group known for playing Portland regularly and who recently played at Bombs Away



Cafe on Monroe in Corvallis.
Confused yet?

At its core, the local music culture is a creatively incestuous, loosely associated group of individuals who share a mutual desire to make good music and keep coming together in limitless combinations. When you look closely, you realize how stratified everything is, but also how connected.

From the older blues/rock bands like Mottburger, to hard-working ever-present acts like Minus and 1,000 Pieces, to up-and-coming bands like the South Town Hounds (who put in a fantastic

appearance at this year's May Day festival), to the growing underground rave and hip-hop scene represented by the tasty dance groove selections of DJ Rema and Jersey Doggs, the diversity in local entertainment has perhaps never been this great.

Sprinkle in eclectic visitations by bands like Jesus Presley and Los Mex Pistols Del Norte, and the range of flavor gets even more intense.

If diversity is truly a measure of health, then for the foreseeable future, the local music community appears to be in very good shape.

The Resolutions stir up crowd at the Fox & Firkin

Evolutionary band leader Shook mixes up a savory blend of reggae, rock and blues

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

James Shook has roots.

Not only does he have family ties to this part of Oregon and friendship ties to the local music community, he also seems deeply rooted in the music he writes, arranges, and produces.

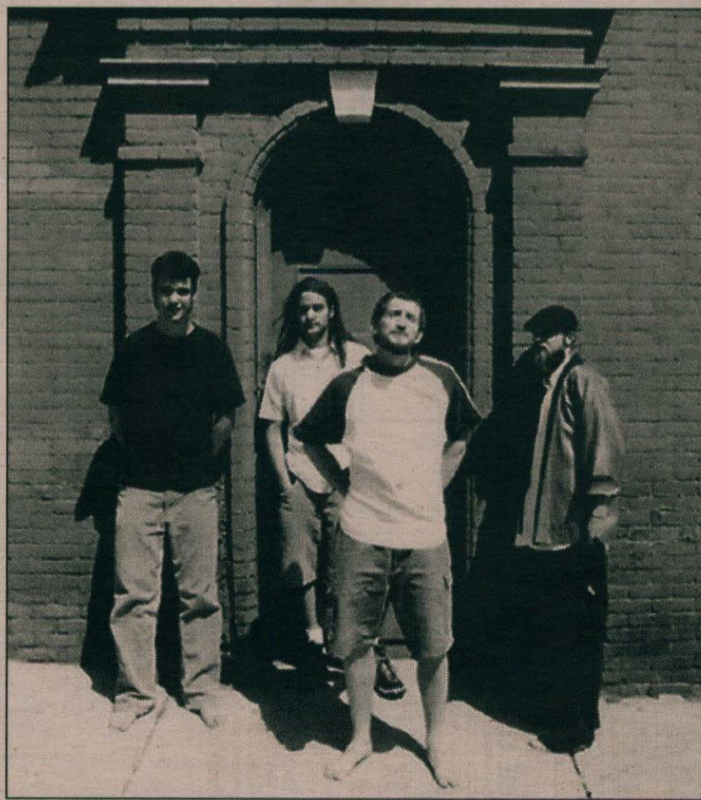
At the Fox & Firkin in Corvallis last Saturday, Shook and the current lineup of the Resolutions had the crowd eager and expectant before they ever took the stage, having garnered somewhat of a reputation in town from a cosmic set played at sunset during this summer's second annual Solstice Festival at Starker Arts Park.

The festival appearance served as their introduction to the community and gave notice that another star was winking on in the local musical constellation. The band, which is named for the second section of John Coltrane's classic album "A Love Supreme," is currently going through another evolution with the addition of Lisa Vazquez, vibrant and talented hand drum specialist and vocalist, and new drummer Patrick Robinson.

Shook says the name of the band has many meanings, including the fact that much of their musical message is aimed at conflict and how we as human beings deal with it.

At the Fox & Firkin show the group turned in a crowd-pleasing performance, carried by the solid grooves of bassist Ben Olson, the clever and on-the-money percussion of Vazquez and departing drummer Jed Keipp, as well as the soulful, endearing vocals and guitar magic of front man Shook, whose sparse, yet tasteful note selection and earnest stage presence added another layer of class to the show.

People often describe the music of the Resolutions in terms of feelings and the "vibe" they give out. It was easy to understand why after experiencing their show at the Fox.



James Shook (front center in cutoffs) and his band the Resolutions have been drawing enthusiastic crowds in Corvallis since their Solstice Festival debut this summer. Band members are (and have been) Ben Olson, Jed Keipp and John Etzel. Not pictured are Lisa Vazquez and new drummer Patrick Robinson.

The future of the Resolutions includes a tour swing through California, a CD release party in Portland for ex-Holladay Records labelmate Jerry Joseph, and a solo acoustic performance by Shook on Oct. 20 at Sunnyside Up Cafe in Corvallis.

REVIEW

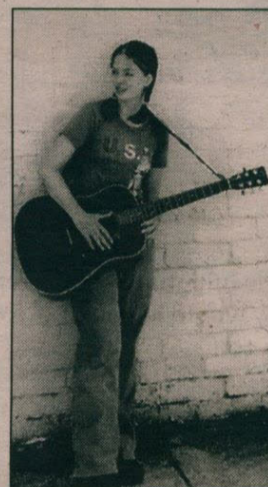
Thais Perkins' second CD shows talent

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Imaginary Elephants is the sophomore CD effort from local singer/songwriter Thais Perkins. Folk or Folk/Rock are definitely applicable labels for Perkins' music, but there is a gravity to her lyrical style and content that resists such pat definitions.

The rolling, upbeat style of the first song lives up to its name "Sunshine," and sets a bright tone that carries through the rest of the album. A few songs have a hint of Ani DiFranco in their delivery; Perkins being a part of the wave of young women songwriters heavily influenced by DiFranco, the trace of Ani is not surprising.

As a whole, "Imaginary Elephants" is a fairly polished work with a depth of layered sound and lyrical fortitude that belies the young chanteuse's 22 years, and clearly shows potential for a bright future.



Art tour heads south

by Nicole Scott
of The Commuter

OSU's Craft Center director, Barbara Sobo Gast, is planning a tour of Mexico for local artists with ARTrageous Adventures.

Mexico Art & Soul will be a 10 day tour focusing on Mexican art, culture and cuisine. The tour is being sponsored by the OSU Craft Center and will run from Jan. 18 -27, 2001.

Judy Zaffroni, who lives in the village of Melaque will join the tour there as they explore Mexican art, culture and food. Participants will have a little extra time to explore the beaches, snorkel and take relaxing siestas.

The deadline to sign up is Oct. 5, 2000. The tour is limited to 14 people, so don't miss this opportunity to visit the tropical Southwest coast.

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THE GONGFARMER

BY RANDY REGIER



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by Stan Waling



Puddles tips his hand.



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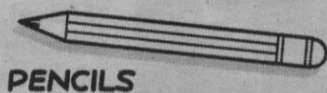
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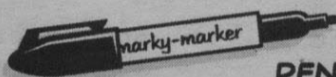
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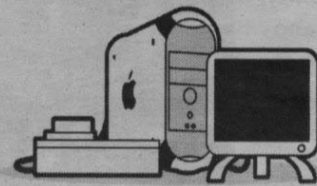
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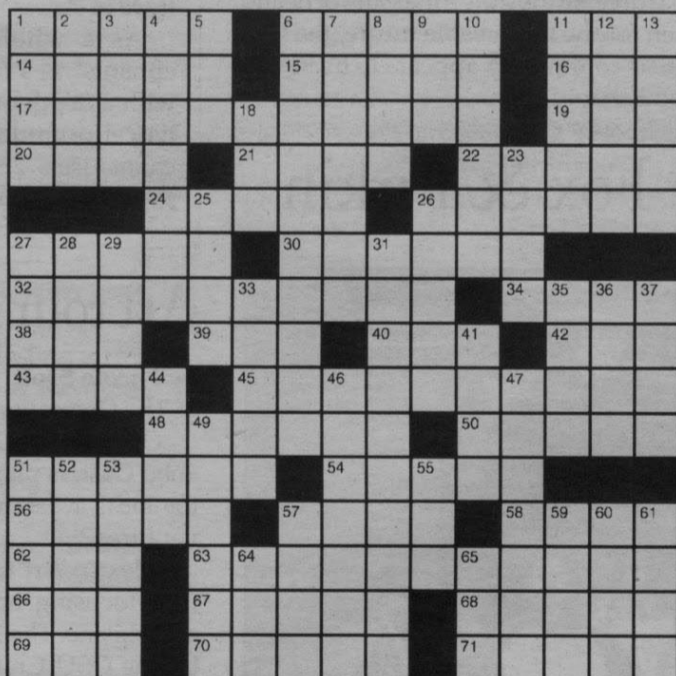


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 - Tendency to break
 - Sentimental drivel
 - Bear-market word
 - Charity
 - Senator Lott
 - Bewildered
 - Keanu or Dan
 - Rouen's river
 - Brides' mates
 - Greeting rituals
 - First-rate
 - 10th mo.
 - X
 - Board-game cube
 - Fish eggs
 - Horse arrester?
 - A realistic goal
 - "Silkwood" star
 - Malicious burning
 - Loos and Louise
 - Regretting
 - The king of France
 - Emcee
 - Hindu discipline
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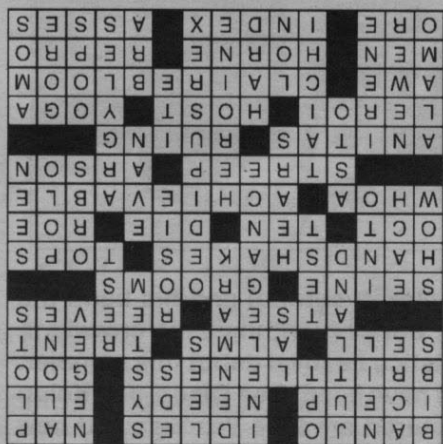


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 - Piece of land
 - A Diamond
 - Peninsula of 7D
 - Make a choice
 - Lack of refinement
 - Hamlet's home
 - Majors and Grant
 - Harris and Asner
 - Method
 - Israeli desert
 - "Home _____"
 - Scenarios
 - _____ Vegas
 - Remainder
 - Exam
 - Perez of "White Men Can't Jump"
 - Display
 - Apiece
 - Absorbed by
 - Drama by Sophocles
 - Pays heed
 - Globes
 - Ralph Lauren's company
 - Observed
 - Writer Hunter
 - Concerning
 - Leading lady
 - Fancy socks
 - Chinese

Solutions



- discipline
- Rigorous
- Crockett's Waterloo
- Sorry 'bout that!
- More recent
- Pierce with a horn
- Goodnight girl of song
- Book after Joel
- Native of: suff.
- Bikini top

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SPORTS PAGE

Roadrunner volleyball gets new coach

by Gelina Inches
of The Commuter

Seth Elliott has come a long way since he first picked up a volleyball at West Albany High School.

"My friends and I thought it would be cool one day to go and play some volleyball," recalled Elliott. "At first it was just for fun, but then we thought it would be cool to start a team."

Trouble was, they had no coach, so one of Elliott's friends asked one of the clerks at the sports shop where he was buying a volleyball shirt if he'd be interested in coaching then. He agreed, and all of a sudden West Albany had a volleyball team.

Nearly 10 years later, Elliott now finds himself at the helm of the LBCC Lady Roadrunners volleyball squad. He took over as head coach this year after serving as assistant under Jayme Frazier for several years.

Elliott was a senior the first year that West Albany had an official men's volleyball team, and in his first year he was



Photo by Chris Spence

Seth Elliott, new coach of the women's volleyball team, talks to some of his players after Monday's practice session outside the Activities Center.

voted Most Valuable Player for the United States Volleyball Association Junior Olympic team.

After Elliott graduated from high school in 1993, he continued to play in tournaments as well as playing some beach ball. After the summer he attended LBCC, which doesn't have a men's volleyball team, so he volunteered to be the assistant coach for the women's team. He was 19 years old at the time.

After graduating from LBCC Elliott

went to Western Baptist College for a year and worked as their assistant coach.

So, when LB head coach Jayme Frazier announced that she wanted to take a break from coaching last year, Elliott was ready. "When Jayme left I decided to stick around for the sophomore's return. I wanted to give them a chance to go all the way," said Elliott.

So far he's gotten the team off to a strong start, going 3-2 in league play after two weeks of the season.

Lady Runners win two straight against SWOCC and Umpqua

by Gelina Inches
of The Commuter

LBCC's volleyball team finished their weekend in southern Oregon successfully, returning home on a two-game win streak.

On Friday the Roadrunners traveled to Coos Bay, defeating SWOCC by scores of 15-12, 15-11, 15-2. Middle-hitter Jamie Caster had 13 kills and setter Dani Arlyn had eight.

On Saturday the Roadrunners had yet another victory in Roseburg, beating the Umpqua Timberwomen in a match that went the distance—15-7, 15-11, 11-15, 12-15, 15-1. The team collected a total of 30 kills and 51 assists in the five-game match, led by Caster's 17 kills. Shannon Gerding was second with 13 kills, and Arlyn had 51 assists to lead the team in that category.

The Roadrunners, with a record of 3-2 in league, play this Friday at home in the Activities Center against powerhouse Chemeketa at 7 p.m.

Slow start this fall fails to dampen Hawk's enthusiasm

Roadrunners open fall baseball tryouts with scrimmage against Japanese all-stars and run into some tough pitching

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

LBCC baseball coach Greg Hawk is in a pretty good mood for a man whose team lost its first two games of the season.

In what Hawk calls "one of the funnest experiences I've had in my 19 years as a coach here," the Roadrunner's fell 8-4 and 4-1 in a doubleheader against Japan's International Club—a team composed of all-star players from various Japanese Technical colleges—last Tuesday.

"I just loved the international flavor of it," Hawk says of the doubleheader that kicked off the Runners' fall season. "I think it really broadened our horizons."

The fall baseball season is used as a sizing-up period—a time for coaches to look at the available talent and figure out what to do with it.

As part of the selection process, Hawk teaches a Beginning Baseball class that the coaches use to choose their final lineup.

This year Hawk says that the Runners have "a lot of interesting new players" to supplement the team's veterans, and that—in spite of the losses—last week's experience was a positive one.

"We'd only been practicing for a week and it was our first time against live pitching, so I'd say we did pretty good against a team of all-stars that have just finished their regular season," he said. "I was impressed with how we played at times, particularly with some of our performances on the mound and the way we were chasing balls."

Hawk credits the Japanese pitchers with doing lots of damage to the Roadrunners' offense, especially in the second of the seven-inning games.

"They threw some difficult pitches at us, a lot of curves and sidearm things that really highlighted the differences in the way the game is played in Japan vs. the way it's played here. It's more of a coaching game for them. It's quicker, more athletic. It's a lot less about power hitting and pitching than the way most American teams play."

The biggest problem for the Roadrunners, however, may have been the Roadrunners themselves. Because



Photo by Chris Spence

Hopeful members of LBCC's baseball team practice hitting in the batting cage near the ball field last week as they prepare for the fall season. This year, the coaches have nearly 60 players to choose from for the final team lineup of 24. Final decisions on the lineup will be made in January



"We're building. And I think that in a couple years, we're going to be right where we want to be."

—Greg Hawk

performance during the fall season is used to determine who will make the final team lineup in the spring, the Roadrunners were less of a team than they will be in a few more months.

"Some of the guys were a little lax in the dugout," Hawk says. "But it's early in the year and most of these guys haven't had a chance to get to know each other yet, so that's to be expected. They'll become more of a team as the year progresses."

Building more of a team is something that Hawk, who is also LB's athletic director, sees as finally being within his grasp. LBCC was able to offer more scholar-

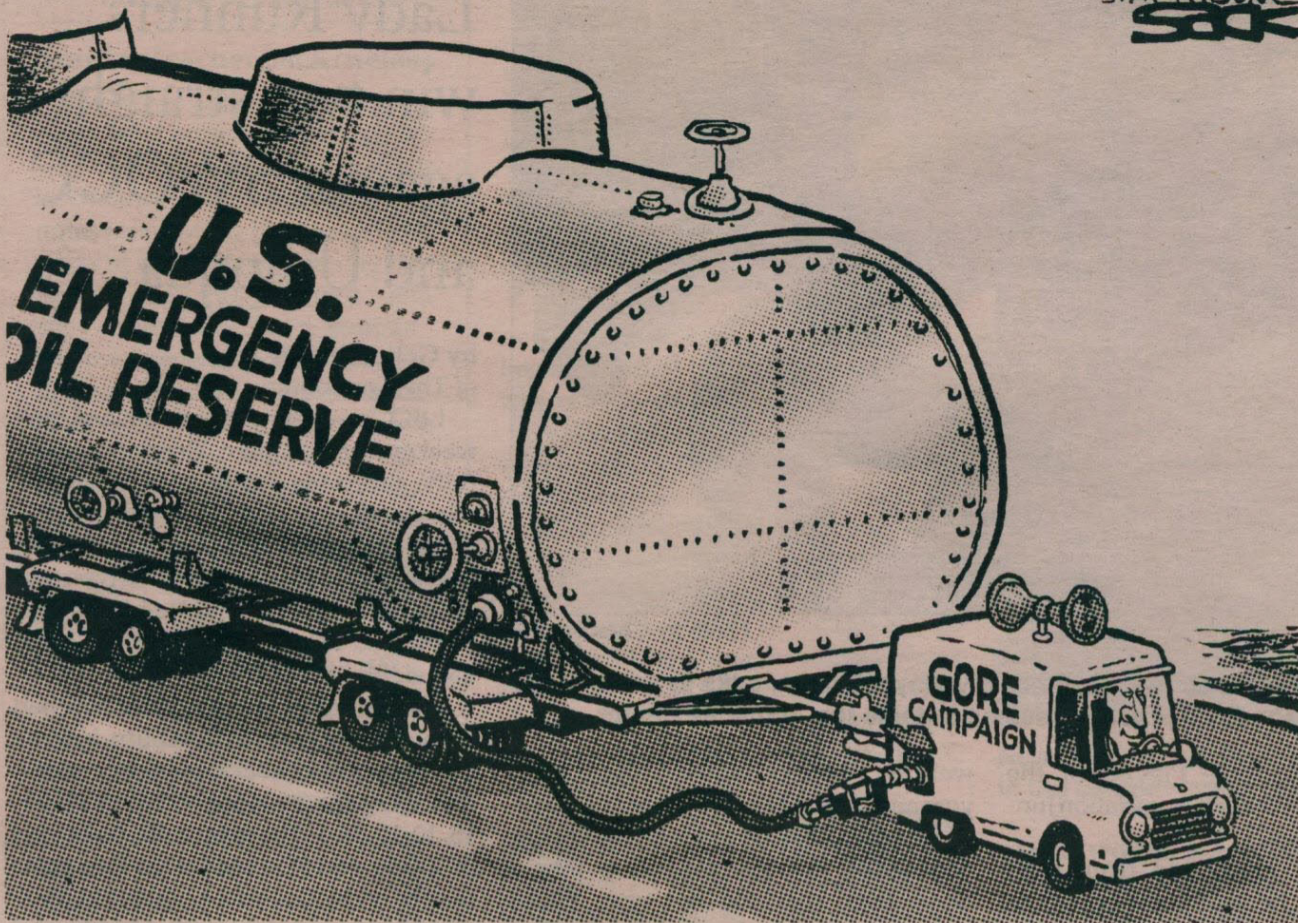
ships to its athletes this year—a fact that has helped coaches improve their recruiting.

"There have been times in the past when our coaches have felt a little like used car salesmen when it comes to recruiting," he says. "This year we've gotten a lot of support from President (Jon) Carnahan (among others) in improving athletics at LB. There's a lot more pride in the department. We're building. And I think that in a couple years, we're going to be right where we want to be."

The Roadrunners next game will be at 11 a.m. Saturday Oct. 7 here at LB against the Clackamas Cougars.

OPINION

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WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What do you think about excluding third parties from the debates?

With only hours to go before Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush squared off in last night's first presidential debate, LBCC students were asked whether they agreed with the Debate Commission's rules that kept third party candidates out of the debate.

"I think they should let the voters hear the views from the independent parties"

—Kasey Carlson, engineering



"I think it's wrong. I think all of them should debate. Television is the best way to have your views come across to the people."

—Katie Kennedy, communications

"I don't exactly think it's right. If it's another party, they should be included."

—Jason Kent, horticulture



"I think it sucks. Ralph Nader all the way."

—Marissa Walker, animal science

"I would love to see (Ralph) Nader debate with (Al) Gore. Gore wouldn't know what to do."

—Leslie Terranella, psychology



"I don't have too many opinions on politics. I try not to depress myself."

—Ryan Harris

COMMENTARY

Remember the '80s? Don't kid yourself

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Okay, I realize that this is probably going to date me, but I'm going to say it anyway. I miss the '80s.

Breakdancing, Super Mario Brothers, rock bands with hair so huge that it could be seen from orbit—the '80s had it all.

Back then rap music was considered the greatest evil since the Japanese auto industry, and politicians could stand up in congress and blame the spread of AIDS on deviant homosexuals and low-life needle-freaks. Yessir, those were the Reagan Years, and God-fearing, red-blooded Americans could walk down the street with pride and purpose.

We had enemies in those days (Who could forget that "Evil Empire" known as the Soviet Union?), we had allies (Remember that dashing young Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, who helped us battle the Ayatollah and his screaming Muslim hordes?). We had an economy that made millionaires out of people who did absolutely nothing (so what if unemployment was at a 20-year high), and most of all, we had people in the White House that we could be proud of.



Leon Tovey

How could anyone not be proud of Ron and Nancy? Old Dutch battled the Russians, the Democrats and his own senility (sometimes all at once). How could you not love the guy? And dear Nancy—it's not every woman who could devote time equally to her husband, her nation and her psychic (not necessarily in that order), and still find time to take care of the home the way a woman is supposed to.

Ah yes, who could forget the Reagan years?

Apparently the GOP.

The closer we get to November, the more George W. and his Reaganomic crony Dick Cheney try to convince us that the '80s were an idyllic time that any true American should be willing to sell his soul to return to. Sorry bub, but I was there, and I just don't buy it.

Not that they've really forgotten the '80s—just the parts that actually happened. You know, like Iran-

Contra, the market crash of '87, or the time we bombed Libya for reasons known only to the White House (and even then...). How about the War on Drugs? The deficit? STAR WARS? Does any of this ring a bell?

People like Rush Limbaugh and Pat Buchanan accuse the "liberal media" of revising the past and distorting the truth of what the '80s was all about. They could be right, but I don't think so.

The first political memory I have is of Ronald Reagan telling the young people of America that ours was "the generation that might someday have to face Armageddon."

No wonder we're so screwed up. No wonder people my age are so cynical and disconnected when it comes to politics. We were promised the end of the world and all we got was a television war in Iraq and a half-hearted coup in Russia. What a rip. We're like all those suckers who bought tons of supplies for Y2K and then had to donate them to Goodwill on Jan. 2.

So yeah, I remember the '80s, and I'm not too sure I want to live them again. I mean, it would be great to see Wham or A Flock of Seagulls back together again, but I'm not sure I could handle another Arms Race.

Al Gore may want to do away with all farming, but as far as I know the only fields George W. Bush is interested in are oil fields. I'm not sure, but I don't think oil is going to keep all the people in this country fed—even if you executed all the ones who didn't vote Republican.

Tune in next week—we'll reminisce about the Nasty '90s and I'll tell you why you shouldn't vote for Gore/Lieberman.

Mahalo.

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