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Threat of OSU cuts in vet medicine, pharmacy worries transfer students

By Daniel Patillo
Of The Commuter

LBCC science advisors are telling LB students who plan to transfer to OSU's Veterinary or Pharmacy colleges not to be alarmed by recent news about proposed cut-backs at OSU.

They advise students to stay focused on their studies and wait to see what happens as OSU prepares to cut its budget by \$23 million.

Two weeks ago, the Oregon System of Higher Education, for the first time ever, proposed specific areas that its colleges and universities should cut as they prepare their 1993-95 budgets, which must be reduced 20 percent under Measure 5 constraints.

OSU was asked to look specifically at its schools of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine to make its cuts.

LBCC students could be affected in two ways by any major cuts in those two OSU programs.

First, some LBCC science students hope to transfer to the veterinary medicine and pharmacy programs at OSU—the only place in the state where such training is offered. Second, any cuts in OSU's undergraduate science programs will increase the enrollment pressures at LBCC, according to instructors here.

Stephen Lebsack, LBCC biology instructor, said his biggest concern is that cuts at OSU will create an overflow of students in his science courses, which are already full. For example, he said there are 250 students enrolled in chemistry, biology and anatomy

courses per term at LBCC now.

Jim Lucas, instructor of animal science at LBCC, said not many of his students go to OSU, but that he depends on the college of veterinary medicine at OSU for research and diagnosis of animal diseases. Because the cuts are only proposals so far, Lucas advised students to concentrate on their studies and not to worry about what might happen until it does.

Richard Liebaert, LBCC biology instructor advisor of pre-veterinary and pre-pharmacy majors, agreed that students shouldn't worry because they can do nothing but wait for the outcome. Liebaert said he knows three or four students who want to transfer to either pharmacy or veterinary medicine. He said the waiting list to get into these programs will just get longer if more cuts are made in those programs.

Gary Lear, a former LBCC student who was recently admitted to the Veterinary Medicine College after several years of trying, said the news of possible cut-backs has made his future uncertain.

Lear said he first tried to get into the veterinary school in 1982, and ever since has been taking classes and working in hopes of eventually gaining admission. He spoke about the irony of finally hearing of his acceptance just two months ago, only to pick up the newspaper two weeks ago and learn the veterinary school was targeted for big budget cuts.

Lear, a Philomath resident with a family of three
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Pell grants go in the red as more students apply

An unanticipated increase of 300,000 students who qualified for and received Pell grants this past year has put the nation's main college aid program about \$1.4 billion over budget, reported the Education Department last week.

Students who received grants this year and those whose grants have already been approved for next year will not be affected by proposals to tighten Pell grant eligibility and cut funding now being considered in the Senate.

Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., the architect of the program, said he wants the problem resolved as soon as possible, possibly with a supplemental appropriation for the current fiscal year. "If we do not find a way to cover the Pell grant shortfalls, we run the risk of dismantling the hard-earned gains for the middle class that we have won," said Pell.

Fiscally strapped state governments have increased college tuition throughout the nation, leading to more students applying for financial aid. Half of the Pell grants go to people in families with incomes under \$10,000, while the rest go to those with family incomes of \$10,000 to \$40,000. Grants now range from \$200 to \$2,400, with the average grant about \$1,440.

This summer the Senate subcommittee will likely enact revised plans for the Pell grant system to make up for the over-budgeted aid program.

Aquatic showcase draws thousands to Newport opening

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

"It's almost like we took a chainsaw and cut out several pieces of the Oregon coast and moved them an eighth of a mile inland."

That was the way Public Relations Officer Diane Hammond described the new Oregon Coast Aquarium during the grand opening held over the Memorial Day weekend.

The new \$24 million facility on Yaquina Bay, at Newport, showcases the aquatic life indigenous to the Oregon coast. It is expected to draw an estimated 550,000 visitors this year.

The Aquarium, under construction since August 1990, features both indoor and outdoor exhibits raked by crashing waves. It complete with caves that offer a rare underwater view of marine mammals and seabirds, a children's interactive exhibit and a 7,850 square foot aviary that gives a rare close-up look at the sea birds of the Oregon coast.

Clearly, the stars of the aquatic showcase are the three sea otters, two females and a male, that were rescued from the waters off the Prince William Sound after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. They are Cody, a 55-pound male, Kiana, a 50-pound female, and Sitka, a 45-mile female.

The otters lounge in a pool of 70,000 gallons of sea water 12 feet deep that is filtered and recirculated using usinu using 2.6 million gallons daily.

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One of the more popular exhibits at the Aquarium is the sea lions and seals.

Photo by Jack Josewski

opinion

Talking about my generation

I'm stuck in generational limbo.

My ideas and ideals, causes and pursuits, motivations and lethargies, passions and bitterness connect with a group 10 years my junior.

I'm also attached to my peer group, most who were born during the Kennedy administration, by the ever present voices—internal and external—with those constant reminders; you're still in college? Your father was married, had four kids and was head of accounting when he was your age; isn't it time you settled down? You're too old for that.

Our elders would call them the voices of reason.

I call them cliches and anachronisms.

The images of the American Dream: wealth, 2.2 kids, white picket fence, nice car, nice house and nice job are merely fading voices and facades of some Norman Rockwell painting. For members of the "Limbo Generation," and there are millions of us, we are not sure what American "dream" or avenue to follow.

Given the current state of our union, for the "Lost Generation" of adults 21 to 30, that road of dreams is at a critical fork.

Do we wear right and, using a "thousand points of light" as our sextant and a credit card as our compass, continue the path laid down by the short sighted pioneers—Ronnie and George.

Or do we take the road less traveled, a sharp left, where we dismantle the many barriers, detours, construction and roadblocks that have impeded our progress on a artery laid down by Madison, Franklin and Roosevelt.

The Lost Generation has never arrived at that junction. They're stuck in apolitical neutral.

At least the Limbo Generation is fiddling with the gear shift and engaging the clutch. It's the clutches of the American Dream and lack of generational unity that have us spinning our wheels.

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If it tastes good, look the other way

A fat actor has written the latest best-selling diet book about how he shed excess blubber. If you are overweight, you might be tempted to buy it. Don't waste your money.

Like many of the popular diet books—and there's always one on the best-seller lists—it's basically a rip-off.

That's because the author tries to convince tubby people that they can lose weight while still enjoying tasty, delicious, yummy, satisfying meals.

It can't be done. I've read all kinds of diet books because, like most self-indulgent Americans, I've spent much of my adult life overweight.

I've tried the old-drinking-man's diet, the eat-anything-you-want diet, the three-squares-a-day diet, the lotsa-spicy-meatballs diet, the gobble-pasta-till-you-burst diet and all the other enjoy-eating-and-lose-weight diets.

No matter what they claim, there is only one diet that works.

I call it: The-You-Gotta-Suffer Diet.

Having just lost 25 pounds in about 10 weeks, I know it works and I'm willing to share it with you. It's quite simple. You don't have to do a lot of calorie counting, measuring and weighing tiny bits of food or poring over time-consuming recipes.

All you have to do is be miserable, which is fundamental to any successful diet. And you have to remember only one rule, the cornerstone of my diet.

The rule is: If you enjoy it, you can't have it; if you don't like it, you can eat all you want.

This rule derives from the scientifically acknowledged fact that Mother Nature is a nasty, sadistic, mean broad. She made everything that tastes good fattening. And everything that is not fattening tastes terrible.

An example is the Brussels sprout. Under my diet, you can eat all the Brussels sprouts you want. Stuff yourself with them. Shove them in your mouth with both hands. You won't gain an ounce.

That's because Brussels sprouts are awful. Just as lettuce, celery, cabbage, carrots and most vegetables are awful.

The only vegetable that isn't awful is the potato—and only when it's French fried. Or baked and heaped with butter, sour cream and chunks of bacon. Or covered with gooey cheese. Then the potato tastes great. Therefore, you can't eat it.



mike royko

See how simple it is?

Let's say you go to a German restaurant. There's no big problem in ordering low-calorie foods. You just order the worst thing on the menu.

The menu might have a pork shank with dumplings, which is great cuisine. So, you can't order it.

Order the broiled white fish, with some sliced tomatoes on the side. It's enough to make me gag.

When the waiter asks you what you will drink, follow the suffering rule. The best thing to drink would be a liter of German beer. The only thing better would be two liters of German beer. So you can't order it.

Instead, you order the worst thing the bar serves: a diet pop. Or, if you are stupid as well as overweight, Perrier with a twist.

Then comes dessert. You probably want something wonderful, like a big slab of cheesecake or some kind of rich chocolate cake.

Which means you can't have it. Instead, you must suffer and ask if they have any fresh melon. Squirt a bit of lemon juice on it, smile and pretend you are having a fine time, while you are ready to scream and do violence.

Or maybe you choose an Italian restaurant. Once again, the choice is not difficult. The best thing on the menu would probably be a plate of fettucini Alfredo, or spaghetti carbonara or lasagna. With a bottle or two of red wine. And a snort of anisette with your coffee.

So you order the baked halibut. With Tab.

The rule applies day and night, every meal, every snack.

Breakfast? Don't eat anything good, such as pancakes with sausage, French toast with bacon or ham with eggs. Eat miserable stuff, like half a bowl of oatmeal and some fruit juice. Achh!

Evening snacks? The best snacks known to civilized man are a big bowl of ice cream or half a pizza or two peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or a giant-sized bag of potato chips and a six-pack of beer. If you are a good American and a decent human being, you love these things.

So you can't have them. Eat some yogurt instead. Ugh.

That's it. When you go shopping, just walk down the supermarket aisle. If something makes you salivate, don't put it in your cart. If something makes you nauseated, take six of them.

Just follow the simple rule of suffering and misery and you'll lose weight. And, possibly, your mind.

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forum

Students praise Commuter coverage of campus and world events

To the Editor:

Since becoming a student in January I have picked up a paper every week just to see who is upset with Dave this time.

Somewhere on a strange level I enjoy the humor that I have found there too.

Your paper is the one thing that makes me think that maybe there is more to this school than "parking lot to class and back to the parking lot."

An over-thirty student,
Becky Story

To the Editor:

Dave, the editor of the Commuter, didn't pay me, I promise! But I like the student's newspaper a lot this year, and I feel I have to proclaim it.

In fact, I have good reason to appreciate the newspaper and its editorial policy. The paper is very vivid, not only focusing on the campus life but also on Oregon, the nation, and the world. Peter, William, Tony, Chad and Linda complained that the newspaper doesn't cover school events. We must not be reading the same newspaper. All spring, the campus went through several events which were largely covered by The Commuter: the student elections and voting issues, the open mike after the riots in Los Angeles, Student Activities Program Committee funds, success of the Livestock Judging Team, the Roadrunners sports events, etc...

letters

It would be very boring to open The Commuter every Wednesday and find only the minutes of campus committees and other administrative meetings. The campus is not a closed world, but decisions made in Salem affect us directly. Even the behavior of the dollar on the Tokyo market place affects us. The student's newspaper has to report on global issues.

The Commuter was refreshing this year. Although Peter, William, Tony, Chad and Linda didn't appreciate The Commuter, some DID enjoy it. Good luck to the new editor, and I hope we will still have controversy and diversity in the paper next year.

Valerie S. Dodge

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to the numerous letters complaining about the Commuter, its "radical, personal, and political viewpoints," and how they'd like it to be a more "student-college oriented paper." My question to these people is this: What would be the point? Another paper controlled by big business and conservative viewpoints? The whole idea of a college paper is to allow people to express their views and what's really happening in the world; it is not here simply to please the portion of the LBCC campus that would just assume to ship the remainder of our forests to Japan if it would result in the making of a quick buck for them. If you are looking for a conservative viewpoint that regurgitates the theme "God Bless Our Great America," try reading a NRA newsletter, not a college paper.

Arik Goff
LBCC Student

Pacolips Now; The Blizzard King

Greetings sports fans!

LBCC, shit, I'm still only at LBCC. God what wretchedness and despair. The poison is beginning to loose some of its affect on me. Never party with four aborigines banishing blow guns and pouches of darts dipped in koala dung.

I'm not sure how long I was out. Days maybe who knows. But one thing is for sure every day that I'm here, I grow softer, fatter and slower while they are out there in front of Phred Mayers getting stronger and growing more evil. That's why I took the assignment.

The editor called me into the office. I felt like a cornered wombat, but I needed to get back to work—any work.

"Paco I'm pulling you off the OCA."

"NO!"

"You are getting too involved and we can't keep bringing in bomb squads to go through your house every time your phone rings and it's a wrong number." I growled but knew he was right.

"Just take the files and think about it Paco."

"OK, I'll think about it."

I climbed into the loop bus for the ride home. From my headphones, Jim explored the gold mind and I opened the file. On the surface this seemed like a cake walk, track down a former Commuter Editor for the "where are they now" project. But this was no ordinary editor—this was a legend.

He had gone by a number of pseudonyms over the years but current documentation indicated that he was known as the "Blizzard King". I wondered what the hell that could mean. His real name was Luther, and he had been one of the most gifted writers to crawl out of the mire of the Commuter.

He started writing brilliant satire early, about eighteen, when most of us are still trying to figure out what satire is. He was ruthless in his attacks on the Reagan administration and went after the early Bush league like a crazed Samoan warrior with a battle club, coining phrases like; "Curious George goes to the White House."

Luther was a thesaurus master without equal. His writings are still studied by young staff members, almost as if they were holy writ. During his five long years on the staff he worked in almost every capacity possible. There was nothing this guy didn't do.

The myth surrounding Luther is like a Norse parable. The stories of he and his cronies, Buck Spam and Lance Speed, shut up in a bunker planning, plotting and writing—and reading. Studying

**cooking
with paco**

Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, Jack Kerouac, Ken Kesey, Stinebeck and Hemingway. Those were the golden days filled with creativity and hopes.

What had happened to Luther and his friends? The files listed Lance Speed as dead, killed in a freak lemming stampede in the foot hills of Corsica while trying to gather documentation on the origins of the long extinct Great White European Llama.

Buck Spam was still alive though, and living somewhere around the hills surrounding Mauchu Pichu. It seems he was working on a musical score composed of mating beetle noises recorded during a spring rain fall.

I found instructions in the folder directing me to the Corvallis airport where a helicopter would take me to Peru. There was no reason to delay. I had my Swiss Navy knife, a Zippo, a jar of Gray Poupon and a token for a free dilly bar at Dairy Queen.

The setting sun exploded in a riot of orange, red and yellow over the tarmac. The engine whined and the rudders began to turn.

"Hello tower this is Two Kilo Bravo and I'm outta here!" We lurched into the darkening sky and I relaxed into my seat for the long flight to the Andes.

"Mind a little music?" asked the pilot.

"No go ahead."

I was blasted by a wave of the Sex Pistols—Sid doing it his way.

"Could you reach under your seat and hand me that Doctors Bag?"

Out of the bag the pilot pulled a single marshmallow. "Want One?" he asked.

I declined, and he ate the poofy little white thing.

I was overtaken by exhaustion and soon fell asleep.

My sleep was fitful as I was tormented by dreams of Dan Quayle being badly beaten by Murphy Brown while a troop of pregnant girl scouts stood by pelting Dan with cookies.

As the dream went on I began to feel dizzy. Then I heard the pilot scream: "WE'RE GOING TO DIE, WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!!!"

I woke up. The chopper was spinning around out of control in a downward spiral to the darkness below.

"What is it, what's wrong?"

What is it, What's wrong?"

"TAIL ROTER FAILURE, WE'RE GOING TO DIE I TELL YOU." The force of the spinning pushed me back into the seat as I adjusted to the new level of adrenaline pumping in my system.

NEXT WEEK THE CONCLUSION OF PACO LIPS NOW.

Millions of women living by Murphys Law of Motherhood

By Kathe Nielsen

For The Commuter

I am a "Murphy Brown." I am a very angry Murphy Brown.

No, I don't anchor a nationally televised news show, wear designer suits or pay top dollar for an eccentric housepainter to continually paint rooms in my house.

But she and I do have a lot in common. We both decided to have our children when we found out we were pregnant. We both became mothers during middle age. And we both chose not to marry our children's fathers.

We are not alone. Ten million women in our country have taken on the role of both mother and father. Some by choice, some not. Whether never married, or married 10 minutes, 10 weeks or 10 years, the end result is the same. We are held responsible for the outcome of the entire next generation. We accept the responsibility, although it is a heavy burden.

But the weight of the world is an impossible burden to bear. We cannot be held responsible for all the greed, violence, illiteracy and moral decay in the world today. Nor should we be.

As a fellow Murphy pointed out over the weekend, when the top-grossing movies of the past three years glorify the lives of a hooker, a cannibal and a young boy abandoned by his jet-setting parents, society is in trouble. And believe me, it's not just single mothers who go to see these movies, we usually can't afford to.

Popular forms of entertainment, movies and television, simply reflect popular values. "Murphy Brown" is after all, only a television show, only a small weekly dose of life as someone writes it. Next season, writers, producers and actors on the show will try to condense single parenting into glib 23 minute slices of predication and solution.

It's not that easy. The 24-hour reality is much more complex. Having a child conceived through an act of love, loneliness or sheer folly is not an act of courage. Neither is raising that child, it is an exercise in dedication, perseverance, tenacity and abounding love.

It is that overwhelming love of a child that sometimes persuades women to choose to raise a child on their own. In many cases, including my own, the decision not to continue a relationship with the child's father was made for the sake of the child, not in spite of the child. The decision to raise a child alone can be the supreme declaration of love itself.

And that's the message that Vice President Quayle and President Bush have missed. These men have blamed society's woes on the breakdown of family values. They're wrong. What they are too near-sighted to see is that society has problems because many men no longer value the family.

Bush's typical watered-down response to Quayle's comments last week brought my feelings to a full boil. His only solution for the problem was to restate the obvious, that ideally a child should be born into a family with both a loving mother and a loving father.

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride, George.

But that's just not the way it is.

Single mothers are weary of wishing for caring, nurturing men to be fathers to their children, for respect for a difficult job and for more than 24 hours in a day.

And they're tired of having to beg for the legitimacy of their children as valuable and valued members of our society, for financial support from the child's own father, and not to be blamed for all of our country's problems.

I can't change our world; I don't have the time or energy. I'm too busy being the best single mother that I can be. The only think that I can do is what millions of Murphy Browns do every day. I can only set aside the current debate whether the makeup of my family has contributed to the demise of family values or the devaluation of the family, and concentrate on the soundness of may family's values.

**blast from
the past**

campus news

Five candidates file for student council

Three positions remain open as Student Council elections start today; booths in commons and Takena Hall

By James Murrow
Of The Commuter

Five students have filed for this week's student council election, leaving three positions open.

One open position is for extended learning the other two are for student services.

An appointment process will be held next school

year to select students for the unfilled council positions. At that time students will again be able to apply for positions and the student council will vote on the applicants. There won't be another student election.

The proposal to change the voting process, which failed last month, wasn't the reason for so few petitions being turned in, said Charlene Fella, director of student programs.

"What's interesting is that the decision (of the voters) was to elect all representatives, yet very few voters voted on any of the candidates," said Fella.

Student Council Candidates

Business/H O Division
Gerald Pygott
John Booker

Science/Industry
Jeff Bullock

Liberal Arts/Human Performances
Alice Foster
Jonathan Strode

JOBS Program to move into new building

By Becky Engel
Of The Commuter

Construction on the new building that will house the JOBS Program on campus is nearing completion, with occupancy expected this summer.

JOBS (Job Opportunity/Basic Skills) is designed to give people who have not had positive education experiences a chance to prove themselves.

Mandated by the federal government in 1988, the program was formed to give people the education and training they need to achieve self-sufficiency through employment. The program works with Oregon's Adult and Family Services to provide a variety of educational training, including life skills, basic skills, vocational training, and job search skills. Support services, such as child care and transportation, are also offered.

According to Mary Spilde, dean of the Business, Health and Training Division, the JOBS program started when LBCC did not have enough space on campus, so classes have been located at various sites

in the district.

The new building, which is being constructed with federal funds, will help those in the JOBS program to interact with other educational services at the college.

"We prefer to have these students on campus so that they can feel part of the campus community and feel more like regular students," Spilde said. Many of them have had bad experiences in educational institutions, but "this is a very positive experience for them and we want them to connect that with furthering their education," Spilde remarked.

In addition, there are many resources on campus that they don't have access to when meeting off campus, such as the Computer Lab, Learning Center and the Library.

Although the new building is not yet finished, the Jobs Program hopes to move in at the end of June. Called the Workforce Education Building, it is located near the Family Resources Center on the north side of the campus.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Scholarship Announcement: 92-93 Arabian Horse Scholarship. Eligible students: knowledge and experience with horses. Application deadline: 6/30/92. Additional information and applications available in the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarship Announcement: 92-93 American Association of University Women. 1-\$600 award. Eligible students: re-entry women enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits. Deadline: 5/30/92. Applications available in the Women's Center and Financial Aid Office.

OSU officials doubt cuts will mean elimination of pharmacy, vet schools

boys, said it has taken many sacrifices by him and his family to pursue his career as a veterinarian. He credited LBCC for success achieving his goal of getting into the OSU program.

He said that administrators at OSU told him last week that because he is beyond the undergraduate level he should not be affected by any cuts. If the cuts to occur, he was told, they will affect the undergraduates more than the graduate program.

Dr. Wayne B. Schmotzer, DVM, associate professor of veterinary medicine at OSU, agreed that any cutbacks would affect undergraduate programs the most. The next area of to be impacted would be the clerical staff and hospital.

However, he said students should not get "down or depressed" over the situation because the best students always will find a way to succeed. He said, however, that future transfer students may need better business, communication and writing skills, because the college's tight budget may eliminate assistance in those areas.

He suggested that the veterinary students write their state representatives to lobby for the programs. In a letter to the Gazette-Times, Dr. Schmotzer described the professional veterinary teaching program at OSU as "one of the finest in the country. Every graduate . . . will find employment in veterinary medicine if they choose to do so." He said the college has received 277 position announcement this year for 28 graduates.

Richard A. Ohvall, Ph.D., dean of the College of Pharmacy, predicted that cuts likely will not eliminate his college. He explained that the training of pharmacy students is not expensive and that there is greater demand for pharmacists now than five years ago.

Dr. Ohvall also complained that the media coverage was misleading the public by focusing on the specifics that the Board of Higher Education suggested be cut back. He pointed out that the board only recommended that the colleges of Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine be examined for possible cuts, but said media coverage made it seem that the two schools were destined to be closed.

WANTED!



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Coast Aquarium makes big splash

The otters are fed squid, shrimp, crab, and clams as they float on their backs or frolic through the exhibit. The cost of feeding one otter runs from \$10,000 to \$15,000 annually. Sea otters were once native to the Oregon coastline, but have been extinct here for the last 81 years.

The other outdoor exhibits feature harbor seals and sea lions, a coastal cave complete with a giant Pacific octopus, wave-pummeled tide pools, and the largest seabird aviary in North America.

The aviary houses a variety of birds from the Oregon coast including tufted puffins, rhinoceros auklets, pigeon guillemots, mergansers, buffleheads, goldeneyes, and common murres.

The indoor exhibits at the non-profit educational facility include four galleries replicating habitats found in the wetlands (sand and rocky shores). Located indoors are a demonstration lab, a whale theater that shows an eight minute film about grey whales, a children's exhibit, a cafe, gift shop, and a bookstore.

In Discovery Bay, a children's exhibit, young visitors don life vests and climb aboard the fishing boat Phyllis B, or "wade" in make believe tide pools while exploring stuffed intertidal animals clinging to cloth rocks with velcro.

The primary goal of the new facility is to educate the public about the coastal environment and the creatures that live in it, said Hammond.

"We want people to come away from here with a better appreciation for what Oregon's got in its natural resource bank," says Aquarium executive director Phyllis Bell. "That way they can work to conserve it in the years to come."

The Oregon Coast Aquarium was first conceived in 1981 as an economic development opportunity for the Newport area. The facility plans two future phases: to present more fully the freshwater habitats found from Oregon's Coast Range to its estuaries, and another to exhibit the larger fish that live in the open Pacific off Oregon's shores.

"This facility is unique on the West Coast," reports Hammond. "We intend to educate in a much more literate way than Sea World. We showcase only Oregon plants and animals."

According to Hammond the attendance for Saturday's grand opening was 5,425. The line to enter the facility stretched over 100 yards, two or three persons deep. The crowd, however, seemed to be in a festive mood enjoying the clowns and jugglers provided by the Aquarium to make the wait a little more bearable. Sunday's visitor total was 6,109 and Monday's total was 5,575.

On-going programs for the general public include daily demonstrations at the Coast Lab on varying topics; announced feedings for sea otters, seals, sea lions, and sea birds, as well as a variety of pre-announced special events.

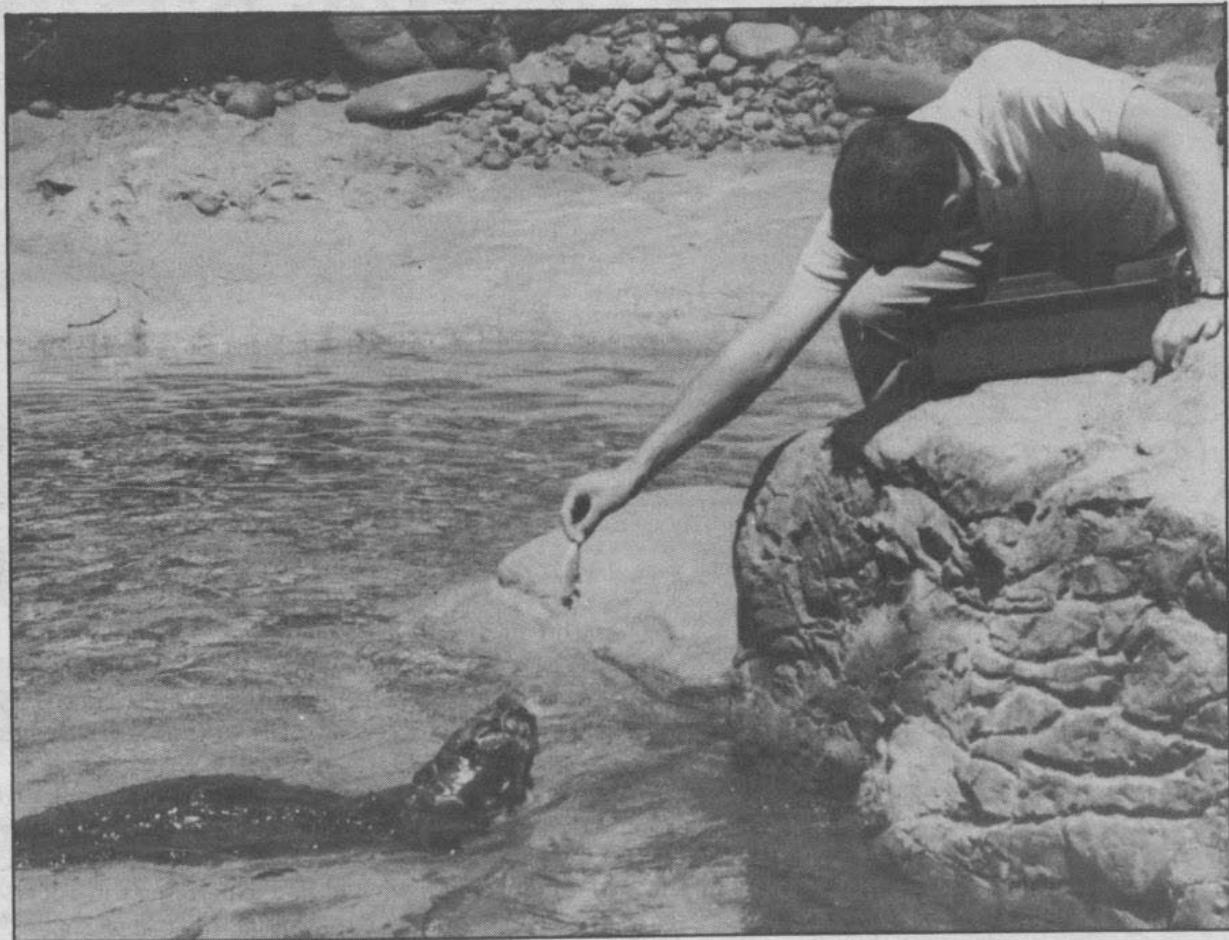
The Aquarium is staffed by 55 full-time and 11 part-time paid employees, as well as over 200 volunteers all of whom go out of their way to answer questions and provide a wealth of instant facts about the exhibits or their inhabitants.

Future plans for the facility, phase two, include extensive boardwalks through the salt marsh, upland bog and river habitats beside Yaquina Bay. Phase three will include an acre of saltwater holding deep-ocean species seldom seen by most visitors, used for both public viewing and research. Design work on phases two and three has been completed, however no starting dates have been named for the construction.

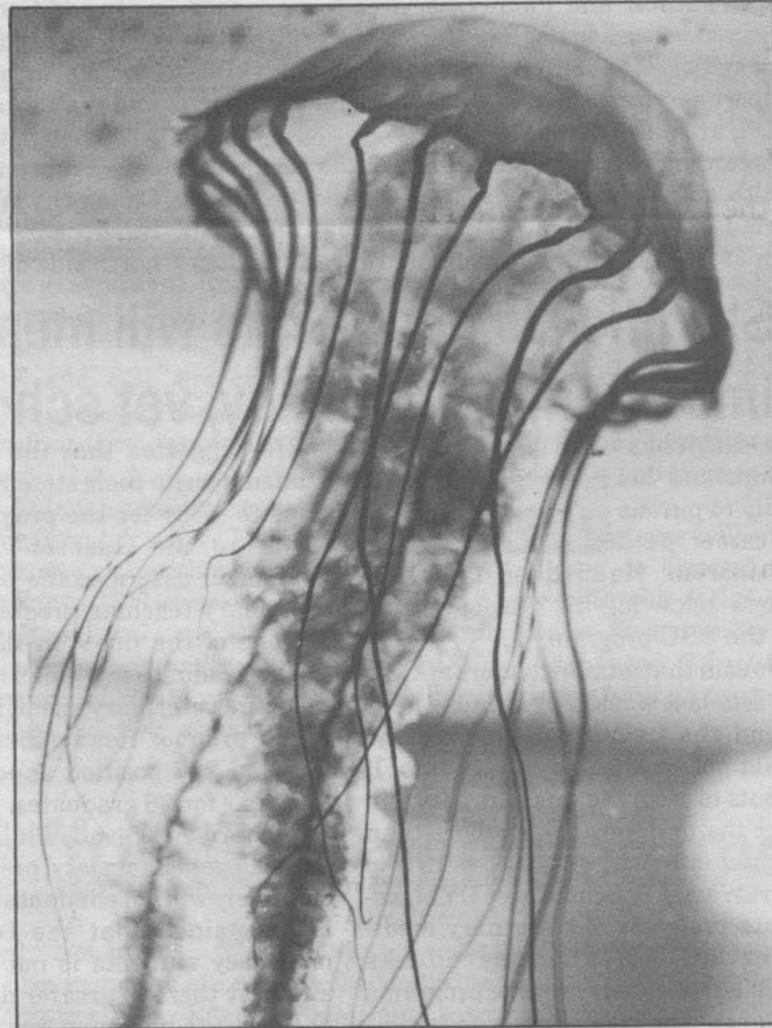
Prices at the Coast Aquarium are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for children 4-12, and under 4 are free. Annual memberships are also available and prices are \$25 for an individual or \$45 for a family and grandparent. Corporate and upper-level categories are also available. For more information you can call 503 867-3474.

The hours at the Aquarium are from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily May 15 to Oct. 15, and 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily Oct. 16 to May 14.

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The sea otters, extinct in Oregon for the last 81 years, clearly stole the show at the opening of the new aquatic center. The otters, two females named Klana and Sitka, and a male named Cody, came to the center from Prince William Sound after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The trio consume \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of fresh frozen fit for human consumption sea food apiece annually. One of the caretakers feeds the animals (above). In one of the many inside exhibits at the center, a visitor is able to get a close-up look at one of the least popular of the sea creatures, the jellyfish (center). The center, which features the largest sea bird aviary in North America, expected the big crowds for the grand opening. On hand were clowns and jugglers to make the wait in line a little more bearable for the crowd. The attendance figures for the three day event were 5,425 Saturday, 6,109 Sunday and 5,575 on Memorial Day. Officials project 550,000 visitors annually.



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Let's Get-2-Gether

Wednesday, May 27

- **ACCESS Club demonstration**— East side of the fountain in the courtyard from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **All Campus Picnic**— In the courtyard from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **Bafa Bafa, Cultural Diversity game**— Located in the Alsea/Calapooia room from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
- **Commuter Forum**— Mainstage in the courtyard from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **EBOP Roping**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **Eloquent Umbrella**— In the courtyard by the Takena Hall from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **Ibrahim Adamu's African Drumming**— In the courtyard between HO and ST from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **PRN Vegie-n-Dip Sales**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **RHAC Ice Cream Sales**— In the courtyard near the ST building from 12- 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 28

- **ACCESS Club demonstration**— East side of the fountain in the courtyard from

12- 1:00 p.m.

- **Christians On Campus Vocal Group**— In the courtyard from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **Diesel Club Dunk Tank**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **Eloquent Umbrella**— In the courtyard by the Takena Hall from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **EBOP Roping**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- **Mini Golf**— In the courtyard from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
- **PRN Vegie-n-Dip Sales**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **RHAC Ice Cream Sales**— In the courtyard near the ST building from 12- 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 29

- **ACCESS Club demonstration**— East side of the fountain in the courtyard from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **Diesel Club Dunk Tank**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **EBOP Roping**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

• **Eloquent Umbrella**— In the courtyard by the Takena Hall from 12- 1:00 p.m.

- **FCC Bake Sale and Basketball Toss**— Near Takena in the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **Fun Run and Walk**— On the LBCC track from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **International Food Fair**— Near Takena in the courtyard from 12- 1:00 p.m.
- **Peace Club Sandwich Bar**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- **PRN Vegie-n-Dip Sales**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

• **RHAC Ice Cream Sales**— In the courtyard near the ST building from 12- 2:00 p.m.

- **RPM Car Show**— In the courtyard near the IA building from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- **T-Shirt Sales**— In the courtyard from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Spring Days

On the west side fo the gym in the grass from 12- 6:00 p.m.

- **Eloquent Umbrella**— In the Gym parking lot from 12- 6:00 p.m.

• **Games**— In the grass field from 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

- **High Stepping Country Dancers**— In the Gym parking lot from 6:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Dance lessons between at 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

• **KRKT Barn Dance**— On the Gym Parking lot from 7:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

- **Maharimbas Band**— In the Gym parking lot from 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

• **Metallurgy Chili Round-Up and Feed**— On the gym front grass from 12- 6:00 p.m.

- **Mini Golf**— In the Gym parking lot from 12- 6:00 p.m.
- **Peace Club Sandwich Bar**— In the Gym parking lot from 12- 2:00 p.m.

• **RHAC Ice Cream Sales**— On the Grass in front of the Gym from 12- 6:00 p.m.

- **T-Shirt sales**— On the Gyms front grass from 12- 10:00 p.m.

• **Volleyball Tournament**— in the Sand volleyball courts or in the gym from 12- 6:00 p.m.

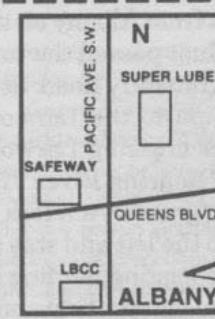
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Backroads

Bridges uncover history for Linn County visitors

By Sharon Nigh Adams
Of The Commuter

For decades they have spanned the creeks and rivers of Oregon. Elegant and captivating, the covered bridges are relics from another era. Now one of these unique bridges is being thrust into the lime-light. Hannah Bridge is being featured in both a Ford and Sears commercial. Hannah Bridge is located about 10 miles east of Scio. Local residents have long realized covered bridges were an asset to the state as tourist attractions and should be preserved.

At one time Oregon had 450 covered bridges, now there are 49, according to Scio resident, Don Rhodewalt. Seven covered bridges remain in Linn County: Larwood Bridge, Hoffman Bridge, Shimanek Bridge, Gilkey Bridge, Hannah Bridge, Short Bridge, and the oldest one, Crawfordsville Bridge.

The passage of Senate Bill 273 saved the remaining covered bridges by appropriating money for restoration and maintenance. Thanks to the bill, several of Linn County's covered bridges have received new decking, roofing and siding in the last year.

Larwood Bridge is probably the most popular in Linn County, Rhodewalt said, in part because of the adjacent picnic area. Also, it is located near the spot where Roaring River flows into Crabtree Creek. Creeks usually flow into rivers, not rivers into creeks, so this is a highly unusual occurrence. Tourists and photographers from as far away as Australia and Germany have visited the Larwood Bridge which is located about 8 miles southeast of Scio.

Shimanek Bridge, which spans Thomas Creek east of Scio, is another favorite. The first documented covered bridge at that site was constructed in 1892, five different covered bridges have been built on that spot over the last hundred years. The present one was built in 1966. It was then that the bridge was formally named Shimanek. The name comes from a local family who lived in the area.

Five covered bridges remain within a 10-mile radius of Scio. Until about 1987 there used to be three more in that region. The removal of those bridges brought protests and "save the bridge" rallies. In late 1987 Rhodewalt and three other local area residents were arrested at the Weddle Bridge site.

"They handcuffed us and threw us in the clink," said Rhodewalt. He added, however, that the protest helped to bring attention to how strongly people felt about losing their covered bridges.

Rhodewalt mentioned that in 1977, Scio Middle School students helped form the "Bridges Brigade" and went to Washington D.C., on a quest to help save the covered bridges.



Photo by Jack Josewski

State Sen. Mae Yih of Albany was instrumental in getting Senate Bill 273 passed. This bill helps counties by matching their money with state funds which come mainly from lottery and highway money, according to Bill Cockrell, president of Oregon Covered Bridge Society. Cockrell said that Lane County's 19 covered bridges is the most in the state.

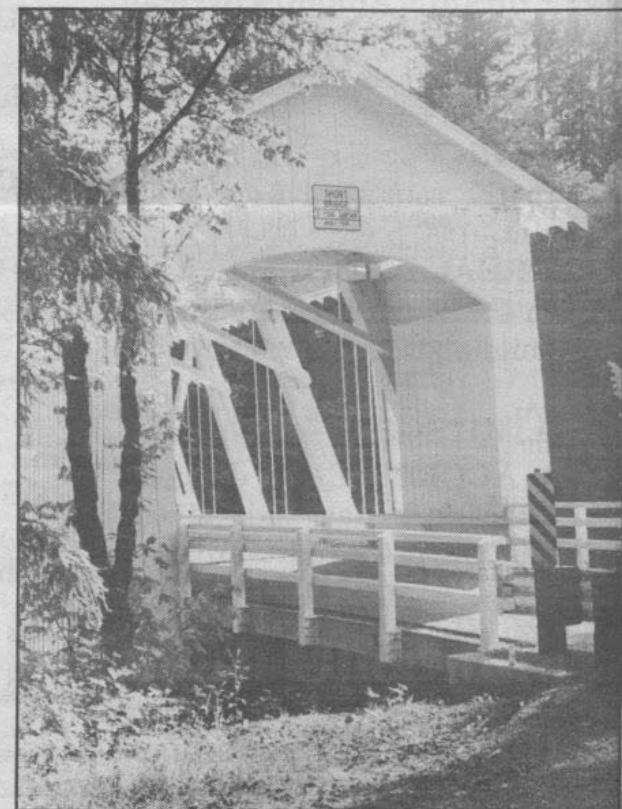
Laurie Blumenstein, president of Linn County Covered Bridge Association, Inc. said "people are realizing the covered bridges are an asset to the state. We raised a lot of flack and caused the state to take a closer look."

One bridge that is slowly being repaired rather than removed is Cascadia Park. Although not a covered bridge in the usual sense, it is listed by the National Society of Covered Bridges because it is constructed of wood with a wooden truss. This type of design is known as the Howe Truss. The roof is actually the roadway. The bridge is closed at present and the traffic it would usually handle has been diverted to nearby Short Bridge, which is a covered bridge in the usual sense. It was built in 1945 and named for Gordon Short.

One Scio resident at the "Save the Weddle Bridge" rally expressed her feelings with these words, "the covered bridges are a blending of beauty and traditional history and they should not be destroyed."

Jordan, Weddle and Bohemian Hall Bridges have been removed but Linn Counties remaining bridges will be preserved. Those who would like to visit the historic bridges may get information and brochures at the Albany Convention Center or the Scio post office. The post office also has a guest book for bridge visitors to sign and paintings of the bridges by local artists adorn the walls.

The Weddle bridge in Sweet Home (above), is one of Linn County's covered bridges that has been moved. The stage coach in the photo was built by Cascade Coaches. The driver is Cordell Sealy and Sylvia Healy rides shotgun. The Short Bridge (below), located at Cascadia is one of the prettier bridges and often furnishes a shady place for the area trout anglers.



Staircase Falls offers hidden beauty for hardy hikers

By Sharon Nigh Adams
Of The Commuter

"It was beautiful, man, awesome!" were the words Tim Schaur, 25-year-old Lebanon resident, used to describe Staircase Falls. The climb down to it was harrowing but well worth the effort according to Schaur.

The south fork of the Roaring River drops about 100 feet and literally descends a flight of rock stairs. The steps look almost hand-hewn instead of carved by nature. The river rushes down the first few steps, and then trickles down the remaining stairs.

Staircase Falls is featured in two books by Ralph Friedman, "This Side of Oregon" and "In Search of Western Oregon."

Staircase Falls is one of the least known, and lesser seen waterfalls in the state according to Friedman.

The small canyon boasts steep terrain and the descent is a strenuous one. The hillside is choked with Sword Fern, moss, wild berry bushes, small Vine Maple trees, a few Fir trees and other grasping vines and weeds.

To reach the falls, you climb over and under fallen logs, push through thick vegetation, cling to plants and branches and hope they won't give way under your weight. You worm your way slowly over slick

logs and moss covered rocks.

The only sound here is your own labored breath, the wind dancing around the trees and the sound of the river as it rushes toward the falls.

Logging in recent years has ripped away the forest barrier that kept this falls relatively private and unknown. Glimpses of the falls can now be seen from the road if one watches closely when approaching the area.

Staircase Falls is located about 30 miles east of Albany. To get there, travel east from Albany on the Lebanon-Scio highway (#226). Just passed the turn to Lebanon take a right on Fish Hatchery Road. Stay on Fish Hatchery until you come to the Larwood covered bridge. Turn right after crossing Larwood bridge and continue past the Roaring River Fish Hatchery until the road turns to gravel. At a fork in the road head up the steep hill to the left and stay on this road until you get to a large logging landing on the left at the top of the hill. You can continue on a little farther up the hill and see the falls in the canyon below. By staying on the road you will cross the stream above the falls. You can follow the stream down to the falls or drive a little further and then climb down the side of the canyon.

This falls is located in rough country and is not recommended for novice hikers.



Photo by Jack Josewski

Staircase Falls located off Fish Hatchery Road rewards the determined hiker with a beautiful view.

arts & entertainment

'Late Night With David Letterman: The Dream Show'

Broadcast Date: May 28, 1992.
With Cory Frye, David Rickard
and Chuck Skinner
Musical Guest: David Sanborn

ANNOUNCER: From New York, where the city never sleeps alone, it's "Late Night With David Letterman" with his guests from the Commuter college rag in Albany, Oregon, Cory Frye, David Rickard and Chuck Skinner. Also appearing tonight is musical guest David Sanborn with Paul Shaffer and the World's Most Dangerous Band. And now, the man who could eat his young if he didn't have to watch, David Letterman!

(DAVID enters to blinking applause meter)

DAVE: (Ruffles his coat as he points at the band) Yeeegghh! What a night, eh, Paul? I can almost taste the love in this room (bugs his eyes and mugs the camera). Yeah, uh, today in the news Vice-President Dan Quayle was in Los Angeles today—you know, Paul, I went to high school with his lovely wife, Marilyn. We knew her as Bubbles LeJoy, the Backseat Gremlin. (mild laughter) Dave fixes his coat some more and continues) As you know, last week Mr. Quayle started moaning about Murphy Brown from the astronomically popular television series and like I said, he was in L.A. this week speaking at a local high school about sex education in the schools. He was alarmed to learn that there was no Magic Baby Fairy. (mild laughter; his eyes kind-of look off to the side as he grimaces) The Magic Baby Fairy, Paul.

PAUL: Yeah, yeah, yeah. That's wild, babe.

DAVE: (segueing into Really Dumb Guy) "We're NBC's top comedy writers, Mr. Letterman. Is there any Diet Sprite?" (laughter)

PAUL: I love that guy, I love that guy.

DAVE: Oh, my Really Dumb Guy?

PAUL: Yeah, babe. He's fabulous. He kind-of reminds me of the Redneck Guy you used to do so well.

DAVE: (goes back into Really Dumb Guy) "I could really go for a big glass of Diet Sprite." (makes face and buttons coat) Anyway, also in the news today (camera shows famous shot of unsuspecting audience member for Dave to make fun of). Oh, my God, what the hell was that? (to control



room) Hey, Hal, is it designated Really Stupid and Obnoxious College Bozos in Goofy Hats Get in Free Night? (laughter) Anyway, folks, tonight on the program we have those wacky, zany guys from the Commuter newspaper in Albany, Oregon—like we know who these guys are! (laughter) Also tonight, David Sanborn is with the band. (applause) Hey, David, can we set up a bedroom over there? Everytime I turn around I see your face with the band. I feel like Pamela Des Barres (laughter/drum roll). DAVE shakes head and makes another face, going into Dumb Guy). "Yep, I would saute my own bladder for a Diet Sprite."

Now let's say hello to our old friend, Mr. Paul Shaffer.(applause)

PAUL: Yeah, yeah. Musical legend David Sanborn.

DAVE: Yes, Paul, not just a guest—a legend. Dammit, people, look at what we do for you; you couldn't get this for free anywhere else! Musical legends right here in our studio. Not just guests; no, we're not happy with guests. Guests are low-life scum. We give you legends and dammit we're proud!

(loud, obnoxious applause)

PAUL: That was a very moving speech, babe.

DAVE: Yeah, and it killed a little time, too. (laughter) Tell you what, folks, we're going to a commercial, but we'll be right back with the Commuter staff.

(commercials come and go)

DAVE: We're back. All right, we'll do the top ten and then we'll get to our first guests (loud ap-

plause) Okay, from the home office in Tellaqua, Oklahoma—there it is on the monitor for your viewing pleasure. Kids, pay attention to this; Tellaqua is on the map and is part of your grade. Anyway, from the home office in Tellaqua, Oklahoma, here's this week's Top Ten Prerequisites Before Joining an L.A. Gang.

PAUL: So if you want to join an L.A. gang, you have to do all of this stuff first.

DAVE: Exactly. For those of you watching at home, being a gang member is not just a job, it's a career. It takes years of schooling and apprenticeships before you can be accepted. They don't take just anybody.

(Anton's drum roll)

Top Ten Prerequisites For Joining an L.A. Gang:
10. Learning Asian So You Can Say Cool "Dirty Harry" Things Before You Blow Away Storeowners.

9. A Note From Your L.A. Gang Guidance Counselor.

8. You Must Know the First Three Verses Of Randy Newman's "I Love L.A." And Give It A Real Funky Beat And A Lot Of Neat Cusswords.

7. The Boy Scouts Have A No-Uzi Rule.

6. Ability to Recite Five Minutes of Dialogue From "Shaft," "Superfly" and "The Mack."

5. Performing A Drive-By Without Honking Your Horn Or Signalling To Turn.

4. Testing The Theory That White Men Can't Jump Or Dodge Rapid Fire.

3. Thinking Nat X Is Real.

2. Passing The L.A. Gang Bar Exam.

And the number one prerequisite for joining an L.A. Gang.... Two Words: Ice T.

(Band dives into Procul Harum's "Whiter Shade Of Pale"—commercials)

DAVE: Hi, everybody, we're back. Uh, our first guest--or guests, I should say—

PAUL: You usually do when you're speaking in the plural tense, babe.

DAVE: Yeah, thanks, Paul. I was there that day in English class. (begins to drink) Get ready, Paul, my lips are pursed...

(PAUL plays Beverage Music)

DAVE: (satisfied) Aahh. Yes, folks, it's a new thing we've started this year. While I enjoy a beverage, Paul provides me with soothing music to make the experience more pleasurable (laughter). Anyway, where were we? Oh, that's right, our first guests are three of the most controversial figures in the state of Oregon. They work on the Linn-Benton Commuter staff where they receive multitudes of hate mail and have received national attention for their sterling efforts. Here are David Rickard, Cory Frye and the lovely Chuck Skinner. Come on out, kids (applause)....

A DISPATCH FROM

SPY

MAGAZINE

Has a Guy Named Colonel Mustard Ever Really Been

in a Conservatory With a Lead Pipe?

The other night on *McMillan and Wife* (we've got it on tape), the villain picked up a fireplace poker and bludgeoned a guest star to death. John Adams, of the eponymous Dubuque manufacturers of the poker, is accustomed to such outrages. On TV, pokers seldom rearrange smoldering logs; they're more likely to be rearranging somebody's skull.

Granted, they're a lot more plausible than steel-brimmed derbies or other murder weapons in fiction. And there are documented cases of murder-by-bowling-ball. But are pokers popular in detective stories because of precedent, or because you can't effectively kill someone with a samovar?

Our search for an answer took us to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in Washington. The bureau's statistics suggest that most TV writers have more imagination than most actual murderers: Of the 21,500 homicides in the U.S. in 1989, none were reportedly committed using

pokers.

We turned next to some experts with first-hand poker-handling experience. Ron Pulone owns Sunset Fireplace Fixtures in City of Industry, California. "I can't recall anyone's getting killed with a poker in L.A.," said Pulone. "They just shoot them."

John Adams says the only poker deaths he knows about have been on TV. Adams sees no reason to restrict sales of even his heaviest pokers. Besides, "the poker is a more wicked-looking tool, [but] the tongs would be a more agonizing death."

Joel Potter, for 24 years a New York City policeman, has personally investigated hundreds of murders. Not one has appeared to be poker-related. "You struck out with me," Potter told us. "There's two other men here. One guy has a vague recollection of hearing about one." Potter also thinks he remembers a murder-by-icing. "But maybe that was one of those Columbo jobs."

MUSIC

MAY 27

The five-piece bluegrass band Kentucky Rose will be featured at the last of this year's Brown Bag Series at the Corvallis Arts Center, 700 SW Madison from 12:10-12:55 p.m. There is no admission charge and beverages will be available.

coming soon

MAY 29

KBVR-FM (88.7) and MUPC will be bringing Majick Circle and Eugene's Sow Belley to the B-BQ Band Blowout between Snell Halls on the OSU campus, where some of the finest ribs will be slapped on the barbie. The show will be broadcast on KBVR and KBVR-TV, Channel 11. Contact Charlie at KBVR radio at 737-3639 for more information.

MAY 30

The Starker Arts Park presents "A Benefit for Jim Seed," featuring the music of local bands like Majick Circle, Acid Reign, Dead Pan Cool, Calobo, Soma, Life On Mars and Grupo Con-

dor. The event starts at 10 a.m. and ends when the final car speeds home. For more information about this musical festival, contact Matthew Aberbach at 754-2219. The Park is located on Sunset Park Road off 35th in Corvallis.

FILM/THEATER

MAY 29

Five of the wackiest nuns to ever take the stage star in the musical comedy "Nunsense," directed by Pat Kight. The curtain rises at 8:15 p.m. at Albany Civic Theater, 111 West First Ave., Albany. Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$6 for children under 18 and senior citizens and may be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany (967-8140) or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis (752-7779).

MAY 29-30

The International Film Series presents Andrej Wajda's "Korczak," the story of Henry Goldszmit (aka Janusz Korczak), who adopted some 200 children in a Nazi death camp. The film begins at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and admission is \$2.75.

campus briefs

Mike Avery signing party

Mike Avery, author of "The Secret Language of Waking Dreams," will be in the LBCC Bookstore on May 28, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. to sign and discuss his book. Mike is an LBCC student majoring in Waste Water Treatment.

Caps and gowns available

Caps and gowns are now available in the Bookstore for all graduating LBCC students. Students need to stop by admissions to pick up their form first before purchasing their cap and gown units. Cap and gown units will remain on sale until noon the day of commencement, June 11.

Summer term books

Summer term books will be set up and ready for sale on Monday, June 8. Textbook buyback will be held the week of June 8. The hours will be: Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Willamette Room; Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Willamette Room; and Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Bookstore returns window.

LBCC Library open

The LBCC Library will be open on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. for those students who want to study for final exams.

Attention PTK members

The Spring Induction Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in Takena Theater. Inductees need to be there no later than 6:30 p.m. Friends, students, faculty and staff are welcome.



Photo by Jack Josewski

Morning Mist

Student Linda Pace-Allen spends her early morning hours caring for the plants in the Horticultural Department. Pace-Allen, the president of Phi Theta Kappa on campus, hopes to enter the field of plant research or teach horticulture. The department includes a greenhouse, labs, vegetable and ornamental gardens, and a land lab. The department also takes care of the grooming on campus grounds.

Mountain bikers work to improve McDonald Forest trails

By Becky Engel
Of The Commuter

McDonald Forest has always been used primarily for research by OSU, but recreational use has blossomed in its own over the past few years.

Hikers, runners, equestrians and mountain bikers have all flocked to use the 18 miles of trails they created without permission from the university, creating conflicts between all the users of the forest.

"The biggest problem is that bikes are so quiet there is no forewarning between the bikers and the horseback riders," said Mike Ripley, president of the Corvallis Mountain Bike Club.

Conflicts arise when the biker comes down the hill behind horses, who cannot hear the bike behind them. But there are "very few conflicts between hikers and bikers. Horseback riders would like for us to announce our coming and we just haven't gotten it all together yet," Ripley says.

Despite the conflicts between the users of the trails in McDonald Forest, Ripley encourages new people to get involved with preserving and working on the trails.

Ripley gathers the Corvallis Mountain Bike Club and volunteers together to form work days to fix up the trails. During work days, volunteers restore trails that have been over used during races or neglected during the wet season, when the trails are not suppose to be used because of erosion problems.

Despite the fact that some of the McDonald Forest surrounds private lands and consists of unauthorized trails, Ripley hopes to improve these trials and make them useful for recreation. He is also seeking to improve ties between the private landowners

and the users of the forest. Ripley believes that by doing this, the club can educate the public on the correct use of the forest trails and proper etiquette.

Ripley also hopes to further educate the present mountain bikers on proper use of the trails--avoiding trails during the wet season, control of the bikes to prevent damage of the trails, and properly yielding right-of-way to hikers and equestrians.

The Corvallis Mountain Bike Club has unofficially been around for five or six years. Randy Pratt, the first president of the club gave the funds to Ripley and "basically gave me the club to do with as I needed," Ripley said. Ripley hopes to use the money for trail repair and education as well as to buy tools and supplies to work the trails.

In order to be an official club member, one has to work the trails twice on the work days. Currently there are approximately two dozen official members and over 100 unofficial members.

The unofficial members are usually shop owners or those who work weekends, when most of the trail work days are held. But Ripley hopes, with the funds from Pratt, they will be able to

buy tools to leave at the gate at Oak Creek, so that those who work during the weekdays can do so. Another plan of Ripley's is to hold group rides that will include 30 minutes of trail work before going on the ride.

The Corvallis Mountain Bike Club consists of various skilled mountain bikers, ranging from beginners to expert. Although most of the riders are expert, Ripley encourages everyone to come out. "I hope to list a club ride and list the difficulty of the trails so when they arrive they won't get left behind,"

Ripley said.

Ripley organizes time trials to the top of McCulloch Peak every third Wednesday of the month. With those ride times, Ripley can rate the riders and assign riders with similar times to go together on the weekly rides. The club meets for trail committee meetings every month, with the next meeting being held in July. The next work day is May 16 at 8 a.m. at the gate at the Biology Station, west of Corvallis. Those interested in participating are invited to attend.



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Season Finales

Track athletes shine in championships, but diamondmen drop 2 in playoffs

Grant wins 800; Frketich second at championships

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Melanie Grant, Craig Riley, Josh Bjornstedt, Matt Frketich, Nikki Edgar, and Marc Aitken all shined in their final events in 1992, five of them with personal-best, at the North West Athletic Association of Community Colleges track and field championships last Thursday and Friday at Clackamas.

Although both the mens and womens Roadrunner teams did not have particularly memorable outings, some of Linn-Benton's individuals did. The Roadrunner men placed eighth out of 12 teams while the LB women finished 10th overall.

Melanie Grant ran a personal-best, school record 2:19.83 in the 800 to take the title in that event. "She ran a real aggressive race," LB Coach Brad Carman said. "She led from start to finish."

Marc Aitken also improved his best throw in the hammer by five feet and took fourth with a throw of 155 feet, 9 inches.

Craig Riley stunned everyone by exceeding his personal best in the hammer by 15 feet to take sixth with a throw of 140-2. Riley had gone into the

meet seeded 11th.

"I was very pleased with our hammer throwers," Carman said.

Josh Bjornstedt bested his top javelin toss with a 191-5 effort on his last attempt to assure him third place. He was in sixth before his final throw.

Matt Frketich equaled his personal best in the pole vault with a 15-0 jump to clinch second place. Frketich almost tied for first when Lane Community College's Steve Coxon missed his first two vaults at 15-0, but cleared his third attempt and eventually won at 16-0.

Nikki Edgar took fifth place for the LB women in the long jump with a 17 feet, 2 3/4 inch effort. "It wasn't her best, but still a very respectable jump," Carman stated.

Also placing were the Lady Roadrunner 400 relay team of Edgar, Grant, Terry Cheeseman, and Kay Magee in fifth in 52.66.

However, despite some top performances, there were certainly some disappointing results.

Andy Popp, who took third place in the 800 last year, failed to make the finals this season. Brian Eli and Cliff Nimz both had good preliminary races, but faltered in the finals.

"We either did a lot better or a lot worse than was expected," said Carman. "For the most part, it was a good showing."

LBCC loses first two; fails to defend tournament title

By Joel Slaughter
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Linn-Benton headed into the NWAACC baseball tournament as the defending champion and aspirations of repeating their 1991 title performance. However, a pair of losses at the tournament, hosted by Lower Columbia last Thursday and Friday, ended the Roadrunners hopes to win a second straight championship.

LB's first contest was against Lower Columbia, which was difficult due to Lower Columbia's home field advantage. However, the Roadrunners hung tough, and lost a close one, 4-3, on a sacrifice fly in the top of the ninth inning.

Lower Columbia opened up a 3-1 lead in the sixth inning with the Roadrunners' only run coming on Jeff Greene's leadoff home run in the fourth.

But, LB made a comeback, tying up the score in the seventh on a bases loaded, two out single by Todd Morehead and an error by Lower Columbia pitcher Ryan Frazier.

Then, after LB pitcher Jason Myers hit the leadoff man, the No. 9 hitter, and gave up a walk and a sacrifice bunt in the ninth, LC's John Liepa delivered a sacrifice fly for the victory.

Myers, 8-4, gave up eight hits, four runs, and six walks while striking out two and hitting two batters.

Green went 2 for 4 with a double and a stolen base, Morehead hit 2 for 4 with an RBI, and Brad Waterman went 2 for 5 with an RBI.

The loss sent Linn-Benton into the losers bracket to face Bellevue. This time, a two out, three-run homer by the opposition sealed the Roadrunners fate, as they lost 6-2.

The score was tied 2-2 in the sixth inning, but the deadlock ended when Bellevue got a run in the seventh and three more in the eighth off Duke Ashlock's three-run blast.

LB pitcher Jason Olson lost for the first time in 1992, giving up 11 hits, six runs, and two walks while striking out four, to lower his record to 4-1.

Roadrunners Greene hit 2 for 4 with an RBI, Adam Green had an RBI single, and Morehead and Scott Anderson each got a hit.

Ron Dillon, Adam Green, Myers, and Jeff Greene were chosen to play in the NWAACC All-Star Game on Sunday at Yakima Community College.

Green earned second-team all-league honors last week in the NWAACC at outfield as did Greene at designated hitter, and Myers at starting pitcher.

LB ended their season at 24-15, second place in the Southern Division.

NCAA needs to stop 'sell-out' of collegiate athletics

Real reform cannot occur until big-time college programs have to follow the rules too

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is in current need of some type of major change. College campuses have become the minor leagues for professional sports leagues.

According to the 1990 NCAA pamphlet, the association exists: to promote intercollegiate athletics; to uphold the principles of institutional control of all intercollegiate athletics events, the "home rule" regulation; to encourage NCAA members to adopt recruiting and eligibility standards that will ensure satisfactory scholarship, sportsmanship and amateurism; to formulate and publish playing rules governing intercollegiate athletics; to legislate any national issue pertaining to intercollegiate athletics; to maintain intercollegiate athletics on a high level.

The following are just some of the recent "problems" of the NCAA.

Hank Gathers, Loyola Marymount's best basketball player, died on March 4, 1990 of a heart ailment. He reduced dosage of the drug that would have saved his life,

because it slowed him down and he could not play up to his potential. With the NCAA "home rule," member schools are allowed to determine their own athletic fate. Without this rule, the NCAA could have stepped in and could have controlled the Hank Gathers situation better than LMU did.

Maryland's All-American basketball player Len Bias, died in June of 1986, only hours after being selected by the Boston Celtics in the NBA draft. The night Bias was drafted, he and a couple of his friends drank beer and cognac and snorted cocaine for over three hours. Bias' blood cocaine level was 6.5 milligrams per liter, 25% over lethal concentration level. Maryland's coach, Lefty Driesell ordered his players not to cooperate with police on the subject.

In June 1987, Driesell told a coaches clinic in Providence, Rhode Island, "If you know how to use cocaine and use it properly, it can make you play better."

Police could have tried to control the activity leading to Bias' death, but the dormitories are virtually "off-limits" to police.

We can only hope that the NCAA remembers that the term "student-athlete" means student comes before athlete.

The biggest problem on college campuses is that of steroid use. The percentage of offensive linemen using steroids is around 50%. The number is even higher for other athletes. Yet, less than one percent of all the athletes tested by the NCAA since 1987 have tested positive. The users are always a step ahead of the testers and until the testers are given the money to control steroid use on college campuses, athletes will continue to get away with using it.

The NCAA drug testing program at one time was a total joke. Athletes were told when they were to be tested, so as long as they were clean on that day, they would be fine. Even when the NCAA expanded their drug program, so the athletes would not know when the tests were to take place, less than 10,000 out of the association's 250,000 athletes will be tested each year. Some collegiate athletes filed lawsuits and got injunctions against the NCAA, because they claim drug testing is a violation of their privacy.

If an athlete makes it to the point of collegiate athletics, drug tests should be mandatory. If they don't want to take the test, then drop them

from the team. If the NCAA runs this properly, there will be shake-ups at some of the big time schools.

CBS paid the NCAA \$1 billion to broadcast games from 1991 to 1997. Anheuser-Busch's advertising dollars pays the money so CBS can fork over that kind of cash, thus causing Anheuser-Busch to own the rights to the NCAA. With this under the current conditions, the NCAA continues to allow Anheuser-Busch and CBS to encourage underage drinking.

In 1980, Georgia's All-American running back, Herschel Walker, was not admitted into the university until after the Georgia-Tennessee game in which Walker scored the game-winning touchdown.

These are just a sampling of what is going on in college athletics and the NCAA in general. The biggest question now is how to begin the long process of change, the NCAA needs to admit that a majority of their schools are rules violators or suspected rules violators.

As writer Francis X. Dealy, Jr. said in his book, Win at Any Cost: The Sell Out of College Athletics: "The lacrosse program at Wooster College is not the problem."

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