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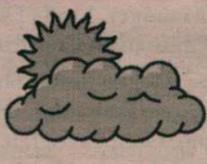
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People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.

—Anton Chekhov

Source: Weather.com

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## OFF BEAT

## No prince charming

When she was 4, Luk Pla was adopted by Thitiphan Yugala, a prince of Thailand. She began a romantic relationship with him at 14 and married him when she was 23, and he was 60. Soon after the fairytale wedding, she put insecticide in his coffee, causing his death, and fled the palace so she could be with her lover, a 19-year-old chestnut peddler named Uthet Choopwa, whom she subsequently wed. She has been sentenced to six years for killing the prince.

## Victoria's secret?

Police say that Buffy Guenst, the treasurer of a Pennsylvania township, went on what amounted to a five-year shopping spree, spending \$231,000 in taxpayer money on herself. Her downfall came when she used the town credit card to purchase lingerie from Victoria's Secret. The police chief said, "These are not things that the township normally buys."

## So we meet again

An attorney had a sexual tryst for money with a woman of questionable repute in a St. Louis hotel. Money changed hands, apparently part of a long-standing arrangement. This would all have been a private matter until they discovered, to their great dismay, that she is witness for the prosecution in a drug case in which he is representing the defendant. Though this never came up during their encounter, the judge booted him off the case as soon as it became known.

## You callin' me what?

A bunch of Russian orchestra musicians, on a trans-Atlantic flight, swilled down much tax-free liquor they picked up in Finland, and then had a major fistfight somewhere between Norway and Iceland. These musicians have often flown this route to New York, and are well known to Finnair personnel.

—From KRT News

## A view of the Afghan war

Doug Hostetter, a past leader in AFSC and Fellowship for Reconciliation, will speak and show slides today at noon in the Fireside Room. His presentation is entitled, "A Grass Roots View of the American War in Afghanistan." He represented Help the Afghan Children on a three-week trip in early January. He is chair of the Peace and Social Concerns of the Evanston, Ill., Menonite Church.

## Free photo workshop

A free workshop on how to stretch the boundaries of photography will be offered Saturday, March 9, from 12 to 3 p.m.

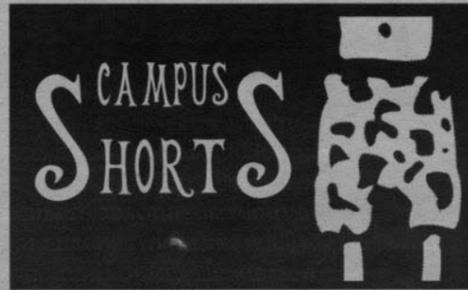
"Altering Reality," led by LBCC photo instructors Rich Bergeman and Kurt Norlin, will show participants how to turn realistic photographs into impressionistic images through a process known as SX-70 manipulation.

Participants will use low-tech Polaroid cameras to make their own photographs and then return to rearrange the structure and mix the colors of the original photo to achieve a variety of painterly effects. Cameras, film and embossing tools will be provided free of charge. The workshop will be held in Forum Room 109. Both adults and youngsters are welcome.

"Altering Reality's" is part of the LBCC Humanities Festival running from March 3-17. For more information, contact Bergeman at 917-4563

## Graduation applications due

Students who will be completing their programs this spring, should apply for graduation now. Applications for graduation are available in the Admissions Office in Takena Hall and on the LBCC website



www.lbcc.cc.or.us—click on admissions and then forms.

Students applying for graduation will receive additional information on ordering caps and gowns and announcements. The deadline for applying for graduation spring term is April 12, but students are advised to apply early so they can receive an evaluation before they have to register for spring term.

Students must complete a graduation worksheet for their degree or certificate, and obtain an advisor's signature on the worksheet. Submit worksheets and graduation applications to the Admissions Office in Takena Hall.

Students cannot use a worksheet older than five years and they must either use the worksheet for the year they declared their major or the current worksheet.

At the end of Spring Term, a review is conducted to ensure each student completed Spring Term courses in which they enrolled. The student is notified of any discrepancies. For more information contact Lynn Groshong at 917-4829.

## 'Music of Note'

The LBCC Performing Arts Department presents "Music of Note," a concert featuring the LBCC Concert and Chamber Choirs, conducted by Hal Eastburn, Thursday,

March 14, at 8 p.m. in Takena Theater.

The Concert Choir will be accompanied by Lucy Watts on piano. Solos will be performed by Sopranos Heather Howell and Chelsea Westerfield, Alto Janell Watson, Tenor Adam Grieve and Bass Chris Simpson. Music in the program includes work from Mozart, Puccini, Andre J. Thomas and Bob Chilcott.

Admission is \$4. There is no reserved seating for this event. Tickets are on sale at the Takena Box Office and two hours prior to performance. For phone reservations, call (541) 917-4531.

## Health Fair today

The LBCC Health Fair will be held today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the gym. Featured are local gym; massage therapy, acupuncture, FREE health food, juice, bottled water, door prizes and FREE gift sacks!

## 'For all the Saints'

The LBCC Performing Arts Department presents "For All the Saints," a concert featuring the LBCC Chorale and Chamber Choir, conducted by Hal Eastburn, Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in Takena Theater.

The primary focus of the Community Chorale's performance will be the celebration of the many "Saints" immortalized in music, including St. Cecilia, a patron saint of music, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Patrick. The Community Chorale is accompanied by Judith Krueger on piano.

Admission is \$7. There is no reserved seating at this event.

Tickets are on sale at the Takena Box Office. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon; 1:30 to 3 p.m. and 2 hours prior to performance. For 24-hour phone reservations, call (541) 917-4531.



Photo by James Bauerle

## Humanities Festival in Full Swing

A display of African artifacts, including masks, bowls, a headdress and other items, is in the LBCC Library this month as part of the Humanities Festival. The display was installed by art instructor Gary Westford, who is also one of seven instructors showing work in the Art Faculty Show in the AHSS Art Gallery, which is also part of the festival. The two-week event features more than a dozen presentations. Today, faculty members are presenting talks on "Catastrophic Public Events and Post Traumatic Stress" (11 a.m., Siletz Room); "Shared Symbols and Public Meaning: Social Control in Times of Crisis" (noon, Siletz Room); and "Discovering the West: Frontier Photographers" (7 p.m., Fireside Room). A complete schedule is available at [www.lbcc.cc.or.us/humanitiesfestival](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/humanitiesfestival).

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**Cover Photo by Chad Richins: Members of the Mighty Warriors outside the old Summit general store are Greg Searight, Evelyn Idzerda, Beth Madness, Michael Riley and Tommy Nunn.**

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Today's vice president to become tomorrow's president

by Twila Skelley  
of The Commuter

The campus voting for the Associated Student Government took place this last week on Feb. 26 starting at 7:30 a.m., and continued until Feb 27., ending at 11:30 p.m.

Voting was up this year from last year's turn out. In 2001, 112 votes were placed while this year 155 votes were placed. This is still down from 2000 when 298 votes were placed.

President for the 2002-2003 school year will be Roxanne Allen winning by a landslide with 104 votes, while her competition received only 16 votes. Allen served as the ASG Vice-President for the 2001-2002 school year.

Vice-presidency was won by Charlotte Aaron, receiving 105 votes. Aaron served as the Student Programming Board's Team Leader last year.

Public Relations Representative, winning with 114 votes is Victoria Oke.



*"I would like the students to be more aware of all the clubs and different organizations on campus."*

—Roxanne Allen

Science and Industry Representative is Crystal Bishop winning with 72 votes, compared to her competitor at 42 votes.

Katrina Jackson was voted as this year's Business and Health Representative with 101 votes.

Jonathan Champney received 99 votes and will be the Student Services Representative.

Arwen Lequieu received 8 votes and 5 write-in votes, totaling 13 votes making her the Liberal Arts Representative.

This year's At-Large Representative will be Ann

Marie Ammon, winning with 71 votes.

The new officials are required to hold three to five office hours a week in the Student Life and Leadership office, attend committee meetings and attend a mandatory weekly meeting. They must also be enrolled at least part time and hold a GPA of 2.0.

The division representatives, as in their title, represent different departments of the college and that department's students. They each are required to serve on three campus committees ranging from Distance Education and Gender Equity to the Book Store Committee.

When president Allen was asked what her goal for this next year is she said, "I would like the students to be more aware of all the clubs and different organizations on campus. I don't think many people know we even have clubs."

Contact information needed about clubs and organizations on campus can be obtained in Student Life and Leadership on the first floor of the Student Union.

## LB increases recycling efforts but trash cans still attract recyclables

by J.Oxley  
of The Commuter

Students concerned about the environment may find it disturbing when they look into the garbage can in their classroom and see it full of discarded pop cans and glass bottles.

Because most classrooms do not have separate recycling bins for cans and bottles, the trash can is their inevitable destination. Students in a rush to get to their next class often don't take the time to look down the hall or around the corner for that big green recycling bin.

Occasionally the Associated Student Government has received complaints that there are not enough pop can recycling bins in classrooms and elsewhere on campus, said Jon Henderson, the student body president. But putting recycling bins in every classroom is not realistic, he said. In order to expand recycling here on campus, it has to be done through the custodial department, which has a limited number of employees.

"Really, pop cans are about the only thing that we don't actively have containers everywhere for," said Kevin Lacey, LBCC's associate director of facilities. "They can go in the mix recycle (bins). For the most part, people pick them up; but when custodians do find cans and bottles in the garbage, they take them out and put them in the [recycling] containers."

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality reported in 1998 that Oregonians generate six pounds of waste per person everyday (four pounds is thrown away and two pounds is recycled). LBCC has been recycling as long as Albany Lebanon Sanitation has been providing the service, said Lacey. In the last year,



Photo by James Bauerle

**Despite an increase in the number of recycling bins on campus, students still often pitch cans and bottles in the nearest trash can.**

buildings, in core areas such as Takena Hall, the LRC and the Courtyard Cafe, as well as outside. These army green dumpsters are easy to spot and clearly labeled white paper, glass bottles and jars, or mixed recycling. Mixed recycling includes paper products, plastic bottles and containers, tin cans and aluminum foil. Paper-recycling receptacles—large white bags held up by frames—can be found in the LRC, the Library, computer labs and in staff resource rooms. Five-gallon containers from the Culinary Arts Department are now

(Turn to "Recycling" on Pg. 4)

LBCC's recycling service has expanded, making it easier for the college to recycle. In the past, all paper products had to be separated into different groups in order for them to be recycled. Now everything is divided into two containers—one for white paper and one for everything else, including newspapers, magazines, colored paper and cans.

According to the Facilities Department the following are the recycling guidelines at LBCC:

- Recycle Together: Computer or copy paper, white or light pastel colored paper, fax paper, NRC paper, envelopes, and index cards;

- Mixed Items Recycled Together: Newspaper, magazines, junkmail, plastic, tin and aluminum pop cans, foil, phone books, and bright or dark colored paper.

- Recycled Separately at LBCC: Cardboard, batteries, glass, and confidential paper upon request.

- Not Recyclable at LBCC: Wrappers from copy-machine paper reams, glued binding (books), rubberbands, coffee cups, candy wrappers, paper towels, adhesive labels, or shredded paper.

The LBCC Facility Department has placed a variety of recycle containers in and around classroom

## Peace Studies taps 8 for symposium in York, England

by Heather Bristol  
of The Commuter

Eight LBCC students already have booked their first month's adventure for this summer. They will be off to York, England to attend the 11th Biennial Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights.

The conference is an event in which students and teachers from around the world have a chance to gather and discuss the political and economic events that are occurring in their countries or communities.

The symposium was created in 1982 by a group of Western European teachers who wanted to discuss Cold War issues. Since then this symposium has grown dramatically through people's connections around the

world, according to political science instructor Doug Clark, who will lead the LBCC delegation.

Student delegations from LBCC have been part of this symposium since 1988, when Clark was on a Fulbright teacher exchange to the Netherlands and his Dutch counterpart organized the first LBCC delegation. LBCC and Skagit Community College in Washington are the only U.S. colleges that have participated since the beginning. Skagit's delegations have been led by Larry Sult, who used to teach at LBCC in the 80s before taking a political science teaching post at Skagit.

To have the chance to go to this symposium, these students filled out an application and went through a series of interviews. Out of the 20 applicants, the eight students picked are Matt Martin, Tina Empol, Theresa Champ, April Chapman, Patrick Niedermeyer, Thomas McCreary, David Dorman and Musa Jaman.

The team not only attends the one week conference in York, but also has the chance to travel through Europe, staying in hotels or with contacts the delegation have made from past trips. Tentative plans call for the team to visit Budapest, where a former LBCC student now lives, Berlin and the Netherlands.

"We want to get as close to the ground as we can, to not be Americans but as members of the community," said Clark.

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—Doug Clark

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Mexican and Chilean women to speak for 'Herstory Month'

by Karalynn Arkills  
of The Commuter

This month is National Women's History Month, or as Susan Prock of the Multicultural Center likes to call it "Women's Herstory Month."

Normally the Multicultural Center likes to run numerous programs and events for the month, but this year only two events are scheduled. Prock said she's discovered that turnouts are typically low during March, because of finals and spring break.

"Students don't have time to come to a lot of events [in March] because they are getting ready for finals," she said.

The first program will be a forum given by Pastora Gutierrez Reyes, from just outside Mexico

City, who will speak about her life in Mexico as a weaver and demonstrate how to weave in the Tapotec method. The talk will take place on March 6 from 2-4 p.m. in the Siletz Room.

An interpreter will be present to translate her remarks into English. Many of her weavings will be on display and available to purchase in the Multicultural Center as well as in the Siletz Room during her discussion. Pastora's trip to the United States has been funded by the Multicultural Club.

The second event is going to be a discussion given by Mariana Schatte, international LBCC student, who will be talking about the society of Chile and women's role in that society. The talk will be held in the Multicultural Center on March 7, from noon to 1 p.m.

## Recycling: LBCC does its part in cleaning up trash

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being used as recycle bins for batteries. These containers can be found in the LRC and in the Math Lab where calculators are frequently used. Improvements were made last year when Student Life & Leadership spent about \$500 of student funds on new recycling bins. The new square containers are blue, green and brown. They are clearly labeled for paper, glass, or cans and plastic bottles. These new receptacles can be found in the Library, the LRC, the Commons, the Courtyard Cafe and in the Multicultural Center.

Some groups do their own recycling and supply their own recycling bins. Peace Studies actively recycles pop cans and plastic bottles in an effort to raise funds off the deposits. They have four large blue bins in Takena Hall and boxes in several classrooms. The Metallurgy and the Welding departments recycle their pop cans, putting the deposits back into their programs. The Forum computer lab recycles glass, pop cans, plastic bottles and paper. They keep the deposits off the pop cans and put the proceeds back into their program; everything else they take over to the cafeteria.

"We recycle most everything they [Albany Lebanon Sanitation] will take," said Gene Neville, the food service manager in the Commons Cafeteria.

In the Cafeteria, the Conference Services Department, with the help of the Culinary Arts

Department, recycles glass, plastic, tin, plastic-hinged carry-out containers and more on a daily basis. They use the deposit off the pop cans to cover the cost of the deposit paid upfront when purchasing wholesale.

All in all the college recycles

pretty decently, said Henderson. "In the back we have a huge bin for recycling. We have a bin probably double the size of our trash can that's used for recycling. So we almost recycle as much or more than we have in garbage."

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### Flags Taking Flight

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Less than a week after about 70 new international flags were hung along the Courtyard balcony, two were reported stolen. The flags of the United Kingdom and Vietnam became the latest missing flags following the earlier theft of the Pakistani flag. Campus Security has no leads and has received no calls about the latest thefts. Each flag costs about \$30. The Pakistani flag is dark green with a white bar, a white crescent in the center and a five-pointed star. The Vietnamese flag is red with a large yellow star in the center. The British flag has a red and white cross and X on a blue field. Anyone with information can contact the SL&L Office.

Application  
Deadline  
for GRADUATION

If you plan to participate in the commencement ceremony and/or plan to graduate Spring Term 2002, you must turn in your graduation application to the Admissions Office by:

**April 12, 2002**

NOTE: you may be required to meet with your advisor before you apply, so **don't wait until the last minute!**



You can print a worksheet and graduation application from LBCC's home page, [www.lbcc.cc.or.us/admissions/forms.html](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/admissions/forms.html). Select the name of the form you wish to print. You may also pick up a form at the Admissions Office.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Loan burden weighs on some, welcomed by others

Attitudes on repaying student loan debt vary according to income after graduation

by Jeff Hall  
of The Commuter

Financial aid advisors warn students to limit their borrowing while in college, but whether student loans become a financial burden or a wise investment after graduation depends on whom you talk to.

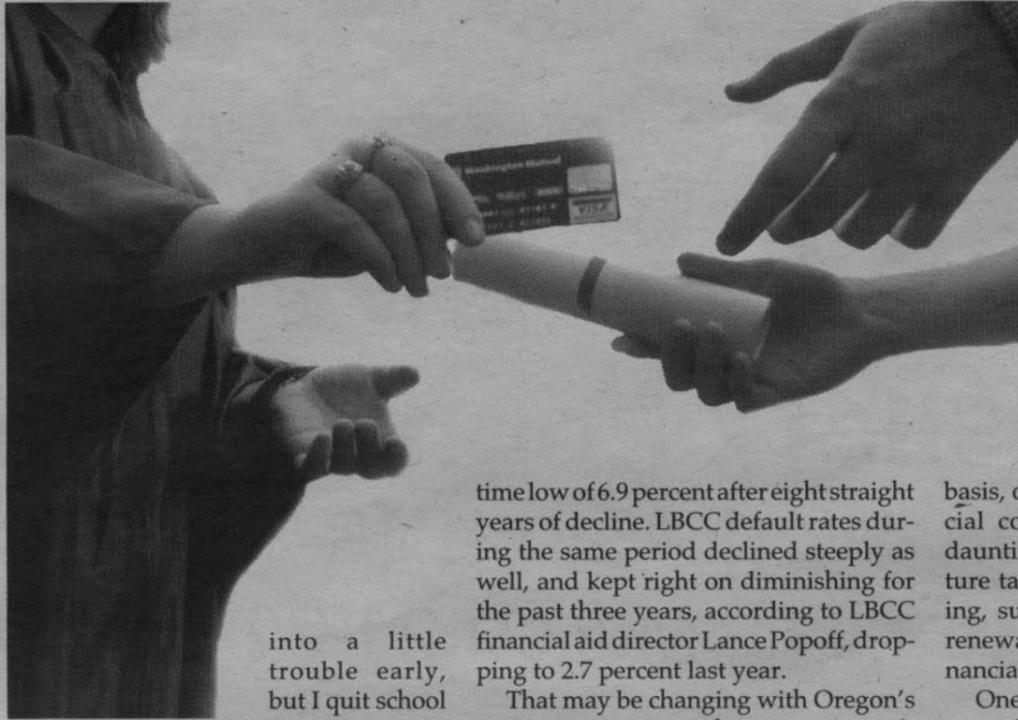
Those who land jobs in their chosen careers tend to view the repayments as a small price to pay, while those who don't graduate into well-paying careers see their student loans as a serious drag on their life-styles.

Dan G.'s bank has allowed him to consolidate student loans totaling \$31,000 into one payment. He can manage his debt now with smaller payments that will finally end when he is 48 years old. Unfortunately, he will have paid over \$100,000 by that time—including \$70,000 in interest. A talented artist and commercial web designer, he questions the high and continuing cost of his education and the ethics of the system that allowed him to run up the bill.

On the other hand, graduates like Laurie W. question whether they borrowed enough while they were in school.

"Things have worked out really well for us," Laurie says about her and her college-graduate husband. "We both have good jobs and we can afford it (the payments). It was a little hard at first, but now I wonder if we could have borrowed a little more and lived a little better."

Several years after graduating from OSU, John S. says, "I'm probably kind of unique. It took longer, but I worked my way through. Someone told me that people who didn't borrow their education wound up doing better later on. I got



into a little trouble early, but I quit school for a year to pay it off and then went back and finished. It's all kind of a blur."

These graduates, who agreed to be interviewed on condition of anonymity, reflect the range of opinions expressed in a recent national student loan marketing study—a relatively small difference in how much you pay each month can make a big difference in how you feel about paying it. The study found that 43 percent of those who spend 15 percent or more of their monthly income to repay student loans felt burdened by the debt, but only 12 percent of those who spend 10 percent or less felt the same way.

The same study reported that the majority of graduated student borrowers felt that loans were the only means of affording their education, and worth every payment.

Statistics show that by 1998 national student loan default rates were at an all-

time low of 6.9 percent after eight straight years of decline. LBCC default rates during the same period declined steeply as well, and kept right on diminishing for the past three years, according to LBCC financial aid director Lance Popoff, dropping to 2.7 percent last year.

That may be changing with Oregon's sputtering economy, however. According to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC), the state filed four times the number of default claims on student loans during 2001 compared to the prior year; 600 versus 140.

"It's only going to get worse as we see the unemployment rate get worse," OSAC spokesperson Gene Evans said. "It's a direct correlation between the economy and student loan payments."

According to Evans, the highest default rate is among students who leave school without getting a degree. Without the career benefits an education could have provided, they find themselves unable to afford payments.

Oregon's public university graduates

of 2001 left school with an average of \$17,000 of student debt. According to another study, one third of all students have more than four credit cards and 80 percent have at least one; and many of them are well used.

"We're stunned at the amount of money students have racked up on the Visa and MasterCard," Evans said.

This compounding of debt can catch graduates unaware, resulting in an inability to make payments on a regular basis, or in the amount required. Financial consequences for defaulting are daunting, and include the seizure of future tax refunds, a damaged credit rating, suspension of professional license renewals, disqualification from future financial aid and garnishment of wages.

One former student, Tim C., became part of the default statistics recently and discovered how quickly the government strikes back. "I have \$13,000 in unpaid student loans and have made no effort to

repay," Tim said. "I saw my first IRS return go toward my debt this year."

Working closely with lenders to provide relief is a much better plan than walking away from your student debt. According to Popoff, all agencies involved in student-lending are seeking

ways to assist borrowers to meet their obligations. It is not unusual for a lender to work out a plan of payment that is affordable, even if it is lengthy.

Of course, a borrower has to request that help. Simply ignoring the bills is the worst thing you can do.

*"It was a little hard at first, but now I wonder if we could have borrowed a little more and lived a little better."*

## Family Resource Fair 'Celebrates Families' with 25 workshops Saturday.

by Wendy Chasteen  
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College and several sponsoring community organizations are offering the 19th Annual Family Resource Fair, Saturday, March 9. The theme of this year's fair is "Celebrating Families". This is a way that the community says "thank you" and shows support to those who are doing the important and sometimes difficult job of raising children, according to sponsors.

The keynote speaker will be Gloria DeGaetano, educator, author, consultant and parent coach. The Canadian Broadcast Corporation proclaims her, "One of the best media educators in North America today". Her newest book is, "Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill: A Call

to Action Against TV, Movie, and Video Game Violence". In addition to the keynote, Gloria will be doing two workshops; "Literacy Development in Young Brains" and "Media Violence in Early Childhood: Helping Children to Play Peacefully".

There will be 25 workshops split into two sessions, the first at 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and the second from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. From "Baby Massage" (make sure to bring your baby) to "Creative Approaches for ADHD", there are workshops that deal with all aspects of child-rearing. Among the workshops are "Scrapbooking for You and Your Family", "I'm Three Years Old! Behavior from a Child's Perspective", "Building a Strong Foundation for School Success", and "Issues facing Adolescents".

Child care is available for children from 6 months to 10 years of age if you preregister today, March 6. The cost is \$2 per child and space is limited. Lunch will be provided for \$2 per person, and admission is only \$1 for each adult.

"Parents will come away with important information that they will wish to use," said Linda Donald, the Parenting Education co-coordinator for Family Resources Education at LBCC.

The whole family is invited and some workshops, such as "Essential Skills for Healthy Relationships" by Ken Himes, encourage you to bring your partner. The workshops are interactive and will be held on the LBCC campus in the Industrial A and Forum Buildings.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## At the Summit

Rural life in a small Oregon community is lively and musical

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Some of the old-timers, or members of their families, still come to Summit to find glimpses of their past.

They come in cars that roll slowly down quiet country lanes as they try to recognize buildings or landscapes from old photographs or even older memories. Sometimes they stop and ask the locals about a place or a name, sometimes they just drive on.

Those who have come to Summit to live are often fleeing the stress and toil of city life, and have no problem with the slower pace of life, or the lack of excitement. Many in the Summit community are artists; writers, musicians, and craftsmen. The pastoral setting allows them the peace to do what they do and live a less hectic life.

Plotted by William Post in 1885, the town of Summit sits on the highest point of the railroad line that still runs through the mountains and over to the coast, and once saw a period of prosperity coinciding with the arrival of the railroad and logging in the twentieth century. Now it is one of those out-of-the-way places that seems untouched by modern life and the problems it can bring.

At the Summit Center—a renovated and relocated Baptist church that serves as a community center—card tables and an old piano sit quietly behind the unlocked door. The outside of the center is brightly painted and inviting, the small grassy area next to it is idle. Kids sometimes practice skateboard tricks on the wooden stage outside the building. Cars and trains pass by, but mostly they don't stop. The center was moved in the late 70s by residents who illegally rolled it over a railroad track without a permit, earning themselves a ticket from the police but safely relocating their new community center.

Just down the road from the center is a remodeled general store dating back to the 1890s that nonetheless has a warm and

habitable feel to it—not the empty museum feeling you get when you look at a restored pioneer home.

Tommy Nunn, local maker of music and musical instruments, bought the store when he moved to Summit about ten years ago, having known many of the locals for years.

Now his shop is cluttered with wooden instruments in various stages of completion and flooded with light from skylights that let in the intermittent Oregon sun.

Every Sunday, Tommy and his band get together to practice their Celtic style, old-time music, plan upcoming events and talk about community matters. They play instruments with strange names like the bouzouki, the bodhran and the hammered dulcimer, which are apparently well known in Celtic music circles and very recognizable, even to non-musicians, by their sound.

Inside the crowded shop they gather in a circle and play music that is sometimes whimsical and sweet, and sometimes achingly sad, smiling and absorbed in what they all obviously love to do.

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Evelyn Idzerda is the Warriors' guitar player, supplying much of the rhythm of the band along with bouzouki player Greg Searight, bass player Michael Riley and drum player Beth Madness. Idzerda also plays piano when convenient (the band doesn't take one with them on the road.)

A lot of the leads and melodies are played by Nunn on the hammered dulcimer or on the fiddle. Some of the songs they sing are very old, and some just sound that way, written by modern performers in the old style.

Living in Summit seems to have been good for the members of the Mighty Warriors, as they are all fairly laid-back, healthy looking people, quick to joke and share a story or two, even with an outsider.

Evelyn Idzerda writes about Summit and nearby Blodgett for

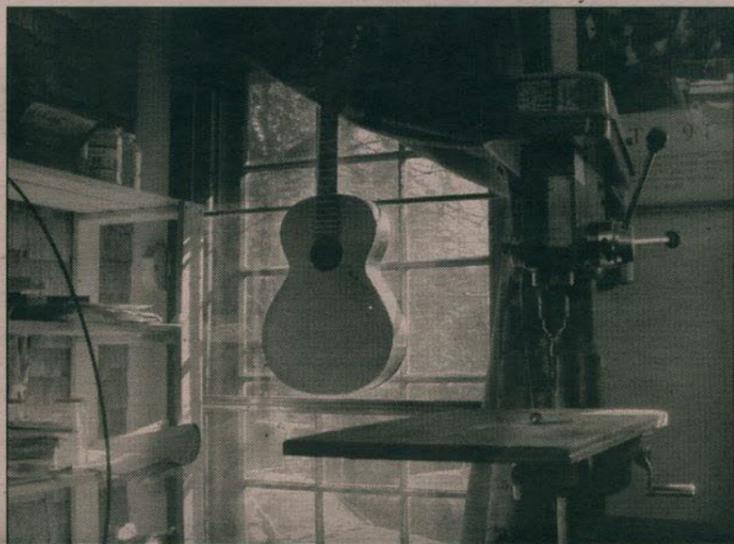


Photos by Chad Richins

Members of Mighty Warriors practiced their brand of Celtic music in Tommy Nunn's shop in Summit. From left are Nunn, Michael Riley, Greg Searight and Evelyn Idzerda. Nunn builds a variety of musical instruments in his shop, including bouzoukis, fiddles, guitars and basses.

*"This a great place to live because you know your neighbors. You can rely on each other."*

—Tommy Nunn



the Corvallis Gazette-Times, and is also the mother of two young aspiring musicians. "It is a great place to raise kids, but it has some trade-offs. We have to drive them in to Philomath for soccer practice, that sort of thing," Idzerda notes, "but when we go to a city we realize how much we like it at home."

Michael Riley is a colorful, borderline cantankerous, well-known local musician who has his own music label—Mary's River Music—with which he does on-site recording for people, along with his other projects like running the Sunday blues jam at Teri's Town Tavern in Lebanon.

Greg Searight claims to be attempting retirement, besides his gigs with the Warriors, and Beth Madness is a dance instructor/

hairdresser whose antics sometimes live up to her chosen stage name. When asked about how it is to live in Summit, Madness said, "It just keeps getting friendlier!" with a mischievous grin.

Nunn adds, "This a great place to live because you know your neighbors. You can rely on each other."

The elementary school at Summit closed down in 1969 and Don Wagner bought it and moved in in 1972.

He's still living there on the hill where the school bells once rang, as described in the book by Marlene McDonald about the schools of Benton County.

The large white building is actually the fourth school built in Summit and the third on the present site, according to Mary Gallagher of the Benton County

Historical Society, but the kids nowadays are bused to Blodgett and Philomath, so the schoolyard is empty and quiet. On a sunny Oregon day, it seems a pity.

Wagner invited Idzerda to Summit almost twenty years ago and she left the San Francisco area amid the rubble of an earthquake to give the country life a try.

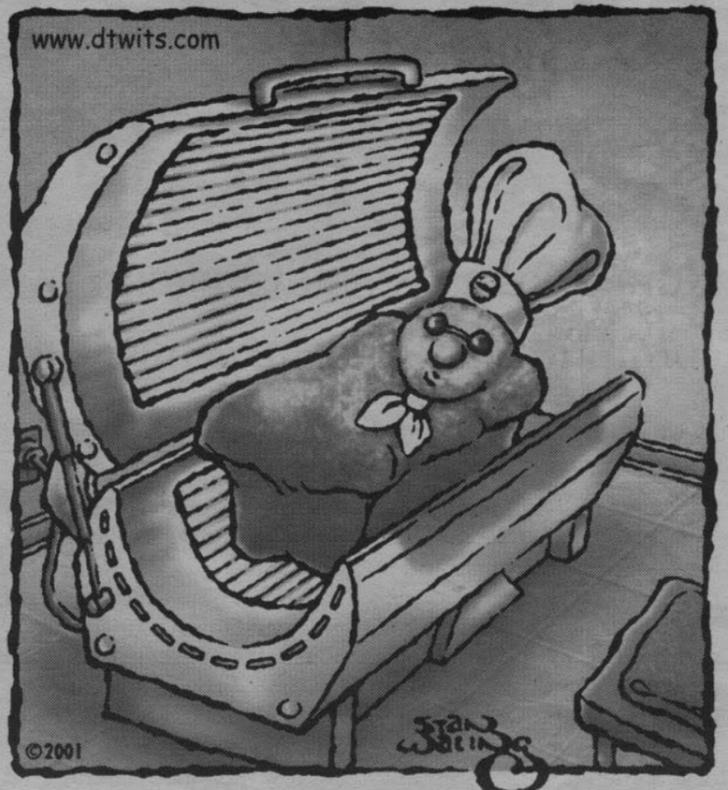
The slower pace of country life might fool a casual tourist into thinking that Summit is less vibrant or alive than it really is, but the truth is that there is a kind of life here found in only a few places.

In today's world of instability and uncertainty, the relative peace and security of rural life is something you have to experience to believe.

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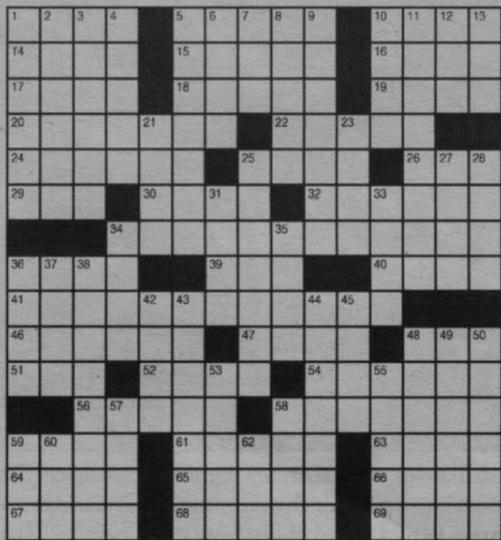
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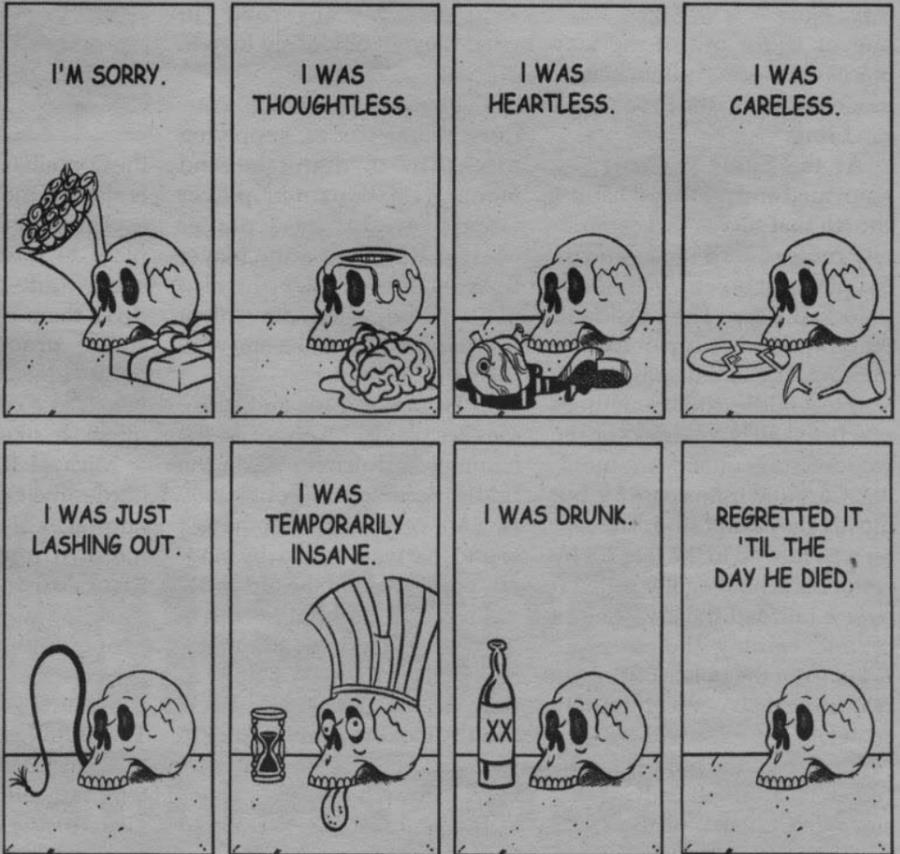
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## THE ADVENTURES OF SKULY BY WILLIAM MORTON ©MM SKULY'S APOLOGY



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Inmates given chance to learn in GED program

LB takes basic education into local jails with specially funded program

by Patrick Berry  
of The Commuter

Open Three!" the instructor calls, and the main gate into the prisoners' section of the jailhouse slides open. Beyond this portal the transient prisoner population roams under surveillance. Cream-colored hallways echo with the voices and activity of the small assortment of inmates. Once across this threshold, the echo of the closing gate behind them, the instructors enter a room of tables, books, one solitary computer and the ever-monitoring security camera.

This is one of the more unusual classrooms where LBCC teaches continuing education and GED preparation. Through independent, federal and state grants, Linn and Benton county jails employ the talents of two LBCC instructors to teach GED and Adult Basic Skills courses. The program is in the second year of a three-year contract. Prior to 2000, the long-running program was negotiated on a yearly basis.

This version of the GED program helps prepare inmates who may have missed a high school diploma in basic reading, writing and mathematics. For some these are only review skills, for others these skills become building blocks toward self-direction and future goals after they are released.

The instructors, Gary and Marianne (they requested that their last names not be used in this story), provide six hours of weekly instruction at the two facilities. Although the classes are an open enrollment format, the inmates are required to file a request for the class, which is considered a privilege. Negative conduct may disqualify them from attendance. The instructors cover the same basic skills as are taught in LBCC's regular GED classes. When these students are ready for GED testing, Patty McMenamin, LBCC testing specialist, comes to the jail and administers the tests.

According to Candy Johnson, director of Basic Skills Development and Disability Services, the majority of attendees are male: 35 percent are between the ages of 19 and 24 and 53 percent are 25 to 44. The Benton County jail is so small there are usually few females. Although the Linn County Jail has separate facilities for male and female inmates, too few of the women request the class to justify a separate program.

Within the two jail populations, 87 percent of the inmates function at or below a ninth grade level, compared with a

national average of 79 percent. Most of the inmates who attend these classes genuinely want to learn, according to the instructors, but a few do use class time as an excuse to leave their cells.

During class times the rules are simple—show respect for the instructor and fellow classmates. The instructors do have the authority to expel any student who disrupts their class. Marianne recalled one case in which a student was removed from class for continually arguing the wrong answer to a math problem. At the next class session, this student was the first in line asking for permission to return.

The inmates in Marianne's class speak highly of her dedication to teaching and the respect she has for them as students.

The tools allowed in the classrooms are meager—small pencils with separate erasers and a single computer with limited tutorial programs for reading and writing. Preparation for these classes is also difficult because

the inmate population changes often. The students of Monday's class may be transferred to another facility by Wednesday's class.

At a recent class session at the Benton County Jail, three of the seven inmates in attendance spoke about the class. One said he was attending primarily to brush up on reading skills and testing through the computer; his future goals were unclear.

Another said he hoped to work in autobody repair and welding after his sentence. Although having some difficulties in math, he said he appreciated the opportunity to try to improve his skills. He was to be transferred to Oregon State Prison

the next day.

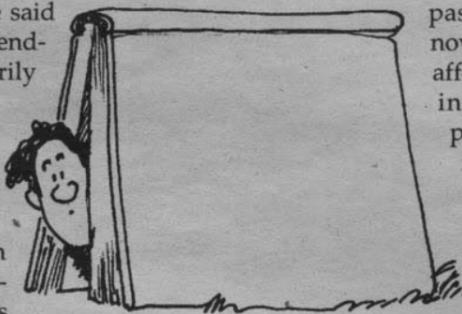
The third inmate stood out with his grasp of the subject matter, his jovial attitude and his overwhelming respect of the instructor for taking time to work with them.

According to Marianne, this student could pass the GED now if he could afford the testing fee. His plan is to wait for transfer to the state prison, where the testing is free. His ambition is to continue his education, preparing to enter college after completing his sentence and following his father's footsteps and become a flight engineer.

This particular class ended with two rounds of hangman, an ironic game to be played in a

jail atmosphere. The two students officiating the game secretly chose the two words "philosophy" and "progress" from their dictionaries and each person was allowed to guess one letter. If the letter was incorrect a body part was added to the hangman. The first game ended in a hangman as the letters P, L and O were yet to be guessed in the word "philosophy." The second game was decided more quickly as the word "progress" was guessed while still missing the vowels O and E.

The inmates seemed to appreciate the opportunity to learn and showed respect for the instructors. The program's small size allows for the kind of individual attention that enhances the learning environment. Although the students may vary in academic ability, some may even have learning disabilities, the instructors say this closer attention could be the first stepping stone toward rebuilding an inmates life.



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## SPORTS PAGE

## Women win last game with last shot

by Jered Reid  
of The Commuter

Linzi Strohm's last shot as a Roadrunner will be a memorable one. The shot was just a lay-up, but with only four seconds left in the game, it was the game-winner.

The Lady Runners ended their season on a high note last Wednesday night, as they beat Southern Division foe SW Oregon, 74-72. LB finished their season with a 6-8 record in-league and a 9-18 record overall.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Runners played in front of perhaps their largest home crowd of the season, and the game did not disappoint. The Runners and the Lakers exchanged leads from start to finish.

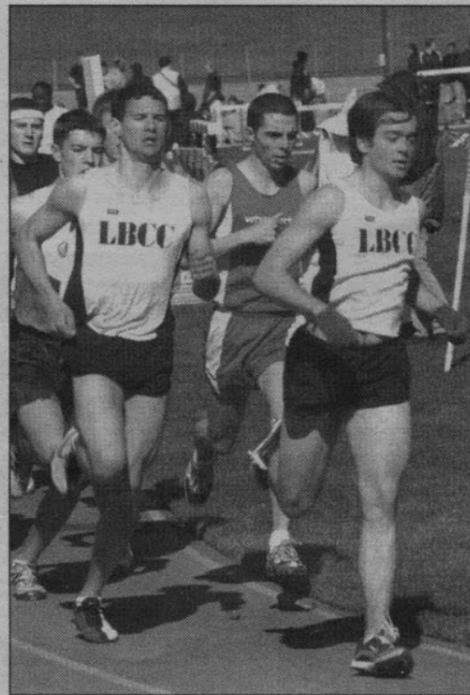
Coach A.J. Dionne's starting lineup of Strohm, Janine Dionne, Christy Rickert, Christin Pass, and Rebecca Torresdal came out red hot. After an early 15-point run, the Runners were up 19-5. However, the Lakers were able to mount a comeback, and after scoring eight unanswered points, they were back in the game. In the closing minutes of the first half, the Lakers went on a 13 point run and led at the half 33-27.

At the beginning of the second half, both teams exchanged baskets just before a Dionne three-point field goal gave back Runner momentum. The Runners went on a 14-2 run to grab back the lead, and the rest of the game was back and forth.

With just two minutes to play the teams were all even at 68. The Lakers went up with a free throw by one point with just under one minute remaining. Then Dionne hit from the field to make the score 70-69. Rickert then added two clutch, free-throw shots to give the Runners a three-point lead with just 30 seconds remaining. However, the Lakers marched down the floor and hit a game-tying three-pointer with just 11 seconds left on the clock, giving the Runners plenty of time to get off a shot. Rickert drove the ball down the court, and after drawing a double team from the Lakers, she dished the ball to a wide-open Strohm, for the game-winning shot.

All five of the Linn-Benton starters finished the night in double figures, Pass led the team with 22 points off of 9 for 10 shooting. Rickert came up with 17 points to go along with her six assists. Sophomore Rebecca Torresdal had 11 points and six rebounds on the night, and Dionne and Strohm each added 10 points. Strohm also led the team in rebounds with seven.

## Track and field team opens in windy Icebreaker



Photos by Brad Carman

LB runners Kevin Silbernagel and Kasey Carlson run the 1500 meter at the Linfield Icebreaker Saturday (above). TJ Vetkos (right) competes in the pole vault.

by Jered Reid  
of The Commuter

The track and field team opened its outdoor season at the annual Linfield Icebreaker in McMinnville, last Saturday in cold windy weather.



TJ Vetkos led the men with a second place finish in the pole vault. "He only cleared 13-8, but in the cool and windy conditions, that was respectable," said Coach Brad Carman.

Jason Ellingson, hampered by a hamstring injury, pulled out of two events but did compete in the

discus, landing in 11th place with a throw of 127 feet.

LB's two 800-meter runners, Kevin Silbernagel and Kasey Carlson, both won their heats and ended up ninth and 19th respectively. Silbernagel had a time of 2:04.90, and Carlson ended up with 2:09.06. Matt Kragness ran the 400-meter for the Roadrunners and finished 10th overall with a time of 52.56.

"He didn't run anywhere near as fast as he wanted to, but, based on the weather conditions and his training, he is right about where I expected," said Carman.

On the women's side, Heidi Van Dam led with throws of 108 feet in the hammer, 35 feet 4 inches in the shot put, and 96 feet 7 inches in the discus. Missy Beach was close behind with a hammer throw of 106-3. Daniell Palmer threw the javelin of 94-7 and the hammer 84-3.

"I thought the hammer went well for all three women, but I know Heidi is a much better discus thrower and Daniell is a much better javelin thrower. All our throwers work very hard and I expect the marks will show that in the next few weeks," said Carman.

The next meet will be March 15-16 at the University of Washington Open.

## Men close season of high hopes with lopsided loss

by Greg Cero  
of The Commuter

The basketball season for LB finally came to a close last Wednesday as the men's team lost a game that had nothing on the line for either team.

Already out of playoff contention a game before, the Roadrunners were playing for pride against top-ranked Southwestern Oregon. However, much like the last few weeks have gone, the game was lopsided early and it was evident that Linn-Benton would be outmatched. SWOCC

won the game handily, 90-58.

The loss gives the Runners a 5-9 mark in league which puts them in sixth place, and a 10-17 record overall.

Three weeks ago the team was 5-3 in league and held a third-place spot, with a realistic shot at making the playoffs for the first time in several years.

Since then, however, the team tailspinned into a six-game losing streak, capped off by last week's game against No 1. Southwestern Oregon. The Lakers started the game in high fashion as they opened up with a 34-4 run. SWOCC shot nearly 50 percent from the field in the first half while Linn-Benton was only able to make 19 percent. At the half the score was 46-11.

Linn-Benton came back to outscore the Lakers in the second half, but it was not nearly enough. It was a harsh way to end a season that had such high hopes just weeks before.

Freshman post Bryon Orth led all LB scorers with 19 points. Sophomore David Michaelis had another double double with 13

points and 11 rebounds in his final game as a Roadrunner. Despite closing the season with a six-game losing streak, the players recognize that many positive things happened this season.

"We put up 10 wins this year and that is a big improvement over the past few years," says freshman guard Justin Duke. "It's up to the returning players to make sure we use this as a stepping stone and bring Linn-Benton to the top of the league and start making a run at things."

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# SPORTS PAGE

## LB baseball team ready to swing into new season

by Jered Reid  
of the Commuter

Baseball Coach and Athletic Director Greg Hawk is done "waiting for next year" and believes that this season will help erase the memory of last year's losing campaign, which was only the third time the Runners finished under .500 in the last 30 years.

"We are strong in depth, in both pitching and on the defensive side," said Hawk, "I am very optimistic about this season."

Hawk said that last year the team played well against stronger opponents, but lost to teams they should not have. Last year the Runners lost 12 league games that were only decided by one run.

This year's squad is made up of 11 sophomores and 14 freshmen. Hawk was also able to get some great transfer players, left-handed pitcher/first basemen, Nathan Pendley and speedy shortstop, Scott Vogel.

Vogel will join sophomore second baseman, Colin Kaneshiro to make up the middle of the infield. It's a duo that Coach Hawk is quite excited about, explaining that they are both good fielders who should turn a lot of double plays this season.

Freshman Neal Glynn will also be playing at both shortstop and second base this season. At the corners the Roadrunners will have sophomore Jeff Frost and freshman Brian Farrimond join Pendley



Photo by James Bauerle

Jeff Frost takes his cuts in the batting cage during practice Monday.

at first base. Freshmen Kai Therrien and Travis Rood will be at third base. Both Rood and Therrien are solid hitters—Therrien led the state last year in the 3A high school batting average.

On the mound for the Runners this year will be eight sophomores and six freshmen. Brad Barnes, John Best, Brian Farrimond, Casey Lovell, Jeremy

Robinson and Mychal Wagner will be this year's freshmen pitchers. Philomath high school graduate Best was all-state last year. Sophomore pitchers include Greg Cero, Paul Collins, Jeff Frost, Andrew Larsen, Matt Nesbit, Nick Newmann, Nathen Pendley and Aaron Watchman. Coach Hawk is excited about Larsen returning, saying that he was one

of last year's best pitchers.

"We have a lot of depth on the mound, which is always important," said Hawk.

Behind the plate, the Road Runners have two freshmen and one sophomore. Redshirt freshman Ben Anderson will be joined by sophomore Brady Henderson and freshman Eric Beasley. Hawk showed great enthusiasm about his catchers, saying Anderson has been doing a great job this season. Beasley is also last year's 2A baseball player of the year.

This year's outfield will be primarily made up of freshmen, but the youth doesn't seem to concern Hawk.

Freshman Jason Cardwell will be playing center field this season, Cardwell is a quick player and has a solid glove. Tanner Abel will be in left field, and Hawk expects him to do well this season, especially on the offensive side. Freshmen Thomas Gullede and Mychal Wagner will also be in the outfield this season, and sophomore Nick Newmann should add some experience to the young outfield.

On the offensive side, Hawk has mild concerns, explaining that his team does not have great power and will have to manufacture runs by hitting line drives and stealing bases. Although Hawk believes the team's power is one of their weaknesses, he believes that there should be no problem with producing runs.

"We are going to have to play our best ball to make the playoffs this season," explains Hawk, "but, I love a challenge."

## Anglers can expect plenty of trout, salmon and steelhead in state's lakes and rivers

by Mark Mackey  
of The Commuter

"Trout fishing should be good as always this year," said Gary Galovich, a fish biologist of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

According to 2002 Northwest Regional Stocking Schedule for the South Willamette Watershed District, an estimated 15,000 trout were planted in January and February and an estimated 50,000 more trout will be stocked in March.

During March the Cottage Grove Reservoir will receive an estimated 10,000 stock trout according to the schedule.

He also believes there will be a good spring Chinook salmon and summer steelhead run because of a forecasted high return rate due to changes in their stocking program.

According to Galovich, the biggest change in the stocking regulations was the reduction of

stocking rivers and streams with hatchery trout, which was made a few years ago, because of declining winter steelhead runs.

One of the reasons for the change in stocking policies was to reduce the impact of stock trout competing for natural resources with native steelhead and salmon during winter runs.

Galovich also believes boaters will have a much better fishing season this year because of the higher level of snow pack in the mountains.

Many boat fishermen were left high and dry last year due to the water shortages.

According to 2002 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations stream fishing for the Northern Willamette Zone opens April 27 and the Southern Willamette Zone opens May 25. Both close Oct. 31.

For more information check the 2002 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations and the Spring Fishing Forecast at your local fish and wildlife office.

## Time is running out for fun in the snow

by Phillip Ruzek  
of The Commuter

It's local and just a half-hour away from the valley, and its abundance of snow is great for camping and snow recreation.

At 4,097 feet, Marys Peak hardly seems like a ski or snowboarding resort, but this season it is. But it won't be for long because spring weather is already starting to melt the unusually large snowpack.

Only 15 miles away from the valley, the peak is conveniently close to drive or hike. Every year between Dec. 1 and April 1, the road leading up to the peak is blocked off because of the snow. A forest ranger up on the peak

*"It is nice to have a place so close and in our backyard to go to for winter family fun."*

—Mike Wilson

last week said that the road may open early because of the snow melt. A day-use permit on the peak costs \$5, but people can purchase an annual pass for \$35.

To get there take Hwy 34 west going toward Alsea, then take the turn off to Marys Peak Road. The road is clear to the gated area, about 5.5 miles. From the

gate to the summit and back again is seven miles, according to Corvallis resident Bruce Pryor, who frequently hikes the peak. "Hiking in snow is tough," he added, "so you need to be in good shape."

Mike Wilson, another Corvallis resident who is a frequent visitor to the peak, said the snow conditions were especially good to play in this year. "There are some really fun sled runs near the top, but they are only reachable by parking at the gate and walking up."

"It is nice to have a place so close and in our backyard to go to for winter family fun," Wilson said.

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### COMMENTARY

## Continued growth may doom public institutions, like LB, to extinction

### To the Editor:

I agree with your editorial on the national, state and local budget crisis (The Commuter, Feb. 27). Especially the thought about the need for every American, regardless of their social and age status, to set aside a portion of their incoming financial wealth to tide them over, during future downturns in the national, regional and local economies.

Where my perspective on the issue differs from your expressed editorial views, is in an organic, fundamental premise of "saving" now for the means to preserve tomorrow. For if you ask any of your like-age, brain-conditioned customers going through the Linn-Benton Community College brain factory, you will undoubtedly learn that your age bracket of local Americans have a future vision of the immediate here and now—getting my job, getting my apartment, getting my girl/boy friend, getting my car/stereo/VCR/trip to Mexico, and letting the future unfold as it may, whatever way that occurs.

The cultural ethic of saving to buffer the means of tomorrow is nowhere in the thinking of your like-aged, post adolescents/premature adult students at Linn-Benton Community College.

Further, the societal infection is delineated by the sociometric research of the Columbia School of Social Research. We humans as biological animals respond to changes in environmental breeding and social resources, just like every other animal species, in God's Pool of Life. We live larger whenever possible and shrink our realms of life only when the social resources shrivel or are used up faster than they naturally occur.

Extreme examples of this human social phenomenon are the "Z" Generation, as written up in the National Home Builders Association's Bulletin, who "expect" to have as their birthright at least a 3,800-square-foot house.

Because in the Bubble Boom of E-commerce, this slice of Americans were awash with easy money. A parallel article in the San Diego, Calif., Sunday Newspaper Supplement commented on the increased size of the "Z" Generation family (married or not) from only two children to as many as five. During the zenith of the Bubble Boom, they could flash cash to get everything

their dreams desired, without any thoughts of self-restraints.

In the San Diego Sunday Newspaper Supplement survey of the young, rich, mobile "Z" Generationers, the surveyors in several instances were laughed at and taunted by the interview subjects for even hinting that anyone in the "Z" Generation would ever have to incorporate any self-restraint in their life/mind style. Such an evil concept was/is something that only economic peasants would be forced to do.

The field researchers of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife state this phenomenon of species expansion to the maximum of its environmental carrying capacity even more bluntly—in terms of maximum resource consumption in the immediacy, it is a biological trade-off in expanding select subspecies of a type of animal, as advantage over other subspecies of that critter, next year.

It is all about command of breeding territory, according to the ODF&W macro biologists. Survival of the fastest brood stock. There is no real conservation of anything on this planet beyond getting specific biological images forward in time.

For an example of this principle, that strikes right at LBCC, consider the people, through time, that birthed and grew the LBCC institutional culture! To the LBCC institutional growers, how big of a facility is enough? How many customers are enough? How many millions of dollars annually is a big enough budget? And how many faculty and staff is enough? And would any of the LBCC growers willingly admit to their refusal to accept a permanently diminished or strategically shrunk institution, for the larger sake of the human social fiscal well-being?

By now I believe you see the points I am sharing with you.

All biological entities naturally expand their realm, through time, to the maximum extent possible, regardless of the long-term consequences.

Please ponder this maximum and then take another journalistic look at the national, state and local fiscal crisis. I will look forward to your future editorial on the subject.

—Don Baarstad

### COMMENTARY

## U.S. must give East Timor a chance

by Thomas M'Geary  
of The Commuter

The fifth weekly Peace Forum dealt with the disputed region on the island of Timor in Southeast Asia, located off the northwest corner of Australia. The island consists of West Timor, East Timor and Indonesia. From 1500-1975 Portugal officially controlled East Timor. When the Portugese colonial forces withdrew, civil war erupted.

In December of 1975 Indonesian forces invaded and East Timor became the 27th providence of Indonesia. However, the authority of the Indonesian government has never been recognized by the United Nations. On Aug. 30, 1999, the United Nations organized ballots, and the people of East Timor voted overwhelmingly to separate East Timor from Indonesia.

Threats and violence preceded the vote, and after the ballot results violence escalated as militia forces, backed by Indonesian security forces, killed over 1000 people and left over a quarter of a million refugees.

Today Amnesty International is working for a measure to ensure the "crimes against humanity," committed during the 1999 uprising, do not go unpunished. Several suspects in this case include senior members of civilian and police authorities. The security and fairness of trial for both the victims and the suspects are a concern of Amnesty International. They have called on the international community to ensure the trials are successful. If these crimes go unpunished what will keep future systematic human rights violation from happening again?

In 1998 representatives in both houses of congress went on record supporting self-determination in East Timor. Today the United States has refused to support an international human rights tribunal that would examine those abuses and killings. The United States policy towards Indonesia has been more concerned with economic and strategic value than human rights issues. Following the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, Indonesia became an important ally in the cold war. U.S. military aid to Indonesia did not terminate until September of 1999, when President Clinton called off military ties and suspended World bank and IMF loan assistance.

Since the 1975 Indonesian invasion of East Timor, the United States has supplied the Indonesian army with more than \$1 billion in arms. The Pentagon has persisted in advocating military assistance to Indonesia, including exploiting loopholes in current legislation.

The people of East Timor have a huge task in rebuilding their nation; reconstruction of basic social services, economic infrastructure, and promoting a civil society. The United States must exercise self-control in providing new military aid to this fragile country. This would allow Indonesia to develop greater stability, democracy and respect of human rights.



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