

Student ambassadors help to promote LBCC

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Looking for a way to become more involved with your school and to promote it in the community? LBCC's new Student Ambassador Program, created by Student Services, may be right for you.

Working through the Student Life and Leadership office, student ambassadors will serve as spokespersons for the college—visiting area high schools and community events, guiding tours for prospective students, and assisting with LBCC activities.



Patty Wachs

This term the first ambassador, Elizabeth Wolcott, joined the team, which will eventually be composed of five students. Wolcott, a New Mexico native, has lived in Corvallis for four years. She attended LBCC for a year two years ago.

Returning fall term, Wolcott accepted a work study position in the Student Life

and Leadership (SLL) office until the ambassador position became available and she could "really do something."

In December, Patty Wachs, the coordinator of the Student Ambassador Program began work. From her desk just inside the SLL office door, she is able to greet everyone who enters and determine if she can be of service.

Wachs, who formerly worked for the federal Job Training Partnership Act, has a bachelor's degree in social and behavioral sciences from Linfield. She recently moved from Rainier, Ore., to Corvallis.

She said she really likes people and wants to help them reach their potential, adding that she believes in the community college system.

Her duties include recruiting student ambassadors and advising and coordinating the program. She said this also involves recruitment and retention of students for LBCC. In addition, Wachs will work with the Student Programming Board (SPB), especially as a support and advisor to those involved with (Turn to "Ambassadors" on Pg. 2)



Icy Reception

Photo by Josh Burk

Students were surprised to find sheets of frozen rain on their cars Monday morning as a cold front moved through the area. Groundskeepers roped off several walkways and outdoor stairs that became slippery, but conditions improved by midafternoon.

Students honor MLK through volunteerism

by Erica Larsen
of The Commuter

LBCC students will have the opportunity to contribute to their community during this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration being sponsored by Student Life and Leadership (SLL).

For the first time, SLL has agreed to participate in the national program "Into the Streets," which is designed to involve students and staff in volunteer work in their community.

Three volunteer projects have been organized:

- Tuesday, Jan. 20—a road clean-up on Allen Lane and Pacific Blvd. from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Jan. 21—cooking and serving at the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Albany from 3 to 6 p.m.

- Thursday, Jan. 22—a reading program at Sunrise Elementary in Albany.

A schedule of events and sign-ups are available in the SLL Office in CC-213. Students who partici-

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Proposed Corvallis ordinance aims to raise wages of city employees and contracted workers

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

A proposed ordinance for the city of Corvallis would require private contractors working for the city to meet a standard of pay higher than the minimum wage.

If the ordinance is adopted, Corvallis will be one of 300 mid-size and larger cities that have adopted "living wage" laws for city workers and contractors.

The proposal was presented last Thursday night to a meeting of the Corvallis NAACP by Jeannie Berg-Rempel, a representative of the Mid-Willamette Valley chapter of Jobs with Justice, a nationwide coalition of labor, religious and community groups. Jobs with Justice also played a role in the 1996 campaign to raise Oregon's minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour by 1999, the highest in the nation.

The term "living wage" is used by the group to describe the wage required to keep a family of four above the poverty level for that area.

A "living wage" in Corvallis would be higher than that of other places, Berg-Rempel said, because the cost of living is higher in Corvallis than in other areas of the country. She cited an article in the Jan. 7 Gazette-Times which compared

the cost of living for Oregon cities. While groceries and utilities are cheaper in Corvallis than the national average, housing and health care were far more expensive than similar housing and services elsewhere.

"We have a pretty progressive community in Corvallis and this is an opportunity for them to lead by example."

—Karin Gerstle

The group's proposed ordinance would require that city workers and workers whose employers contracted with the city be paid a minimum of \$7 per hour if they received health benefits, or \$8.25 per hour without a health care plan.

There are a number of factors at work in Corvallis that made the city a prime contender as a Jobs with Justice campaign site, Karin Gerstle, an organizer with the group, said. The cost of living in Corvallis is high and there are a number of wage earners, Gerstle said. In addition, there are over 12,000 potential voters at OSU who have been supportive of

measures similar to the living wage proposal.

"We have a pretty progressive community in Corvallis and this is an opportunity for them to lead by example," Gerstle said.

The group began meeting with community activists to plan a course of action in Corvallis in October of last year, Berg-Rempel said. The group now has a draft of its ordinance which it would like to formally propose to the city council by May. Berg-Rempel described the campaign as a three-pronged approach. "We're drafting legislation so we have something concrete to show the council," she said. "We're also doing community outreach" to inform people in Corvallis of their proposal and generate more support. "Finally we're studying the process (of proposing and adopting living wage laws) to see how it can be improved."

The process is going slower in Corvallis than it did several years ago in Portland, when a living wage ordinance was quickly adopted by the city council. The speedy adoption of the proposal led to some problems, however.

"In Portland we've had some problems with the enforcement language used (Turn to "Group" on Pg. 2)



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Oak grove closed due to risk of falling limbs

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Bright summer sunlight shimmers through the leaves of LBCC's oak grove; not a single breeze stirs the quiet setting. Suddenly, with no warning, a large branch crashes to the ground.

This is not an isolated event, according to George Van Keulen, head of the LBCC grounds department. He said that many of the oak trees on campus are dying, and limbs may fall and injure people. Therefore the oak grove is closed.

Van Keulen emphasized the danger and asked everyone to stay out of the oak grove on the southeast corner of campus. He explained that college officials decided last summer to rope off these trees, but this has not kept everyone out of the wooded area. Some warning signs are posted, and more will be added, he said. "A rope is not enough, apparently."

The college has also removed the benches from the grove and will take out the lights, he added. When funds become available, they plan to put a sidewalk around the oak grove, which the wellness trail now circles.

Horticulture instructor Greg Paulson first noticed the tree problem six to seven years ago, Van Keulen said. "The college has been very aware for a number of years." He said he has been pro-active about this situation for five years.

Experts from OSU were among those who helped assess the seriousness of the situation. Preventative pruning has been done the past few years to remove hazardous limbs. Three dead trees outside the grove have been down, including one by the highway and one by the creek.

"This tree was in bad shape. There wasn't much life," said van Keulen, referring to the oak tree which fell over last month. "There were no roots on this tree. It was just standing there. It was incredible."



Digital photos by Rich Bergeman

Volunteers for Wood Share cut up a large oak that blew down in the east campus oak grove over the holiday break. The tree produced about four cords of wood that were donated to elderly and needy residents of Sweet Home, according to Al Gouley (right), who coordinates Wood Share as part of the Gleaners Program. Gouley said this is the second time he has helped remove fallen oaks, which have made the grove so hazardous it has been declared off-limits by college officials.

The school received help cutting up the tree from wood share, a local volunteer non-profit group, which gave the four cords of wood to needy people.

Roots dying and trees decaying are not unique to LBCC oak trees, but common problems in Western Oregon. If the oaks are watered too much or the weather is too wet during the summer, their roots can't dry out. Nearby construction and sidewalks also cause damage to the trees.

Originally a memorial rhododendron garden was planted near the oak grove, which was standing before the college was built. These plants required summer watering, which contributed to the deterioration of the oak trees, some of



them hundreds of years old.

This garden was moved two years ago to a spot near the Health Occupation and Science and Technology buildings. Different tree species, which are better suited to the environment, have been added to the oak grove, such as pine, fir, dogwood, chestnut and filbert. Many of the new trees were donated to the school.

Van Keulen said they won't cut down all the oak trees because "it's not right to cut them down if they might live another 20 years." The grove is also home to many birds. LBCC plans to keep the grove as it is and to continue to add new trees.

Ambassadors pledge student involvement

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the Intramural and Recreation Sports Program.

Student ambassadors will work with Admissions and the Career Center, as well as SLL. Referring to SPB and student government members, Wachs said, "We all think of ourselves as one group."

The first two days of winter term, Wolcott assisted SLL with handing out donuts, hot cocoa, coffee, applications for SLL positions and lists of planned activities. She said people were surprised at all the activities planned. In addition

to assisting with SLL campus events, they also plan to help with campus clean-up, serve in a soup kitchen and read to children.

Wachs said she is visiting various departments and meeting with the department heads to learn more about what's happening at LBCC. She and Wolcott also plan to visit all the campus clubs. They welcome input from anyone interested and are available to help in any way they can.

They desire to see students become better informed about their school and

become more involved. January activities include next week's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and the annual Schick 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Sign-up sheets for both events are in the SLL office.

Students who qualify for work study may apply for the remaining student ambassador positions. Wachs said it involves some time outside school hours. Brochures and applications are available in the SLL office, College Center Room 213. For more information, stop by or call 917-4457.

Volunteers needed 'In the Streets' for MLK celebration

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Participants in the projects will receive a free T-shirt and pizza dinner.

Forty students are needed to participate in the "Into the Streets" projects; 16 have signed up so far.

Other activities to be held during the celebration include the viewing of two films at noon in the Fireside Room—"Gandhi" on Jan. 20 and "Malcolm X" on Jan. 22.

In addition, the Grace Christian Gospel Choir will entertain in the Commons at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 21; an international food fair will be held in the Alsea/Calapooia Room at noon Jan. 21; and a study circle for discussing racism will be held in the Board Rooms at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 22.

Additional information is available by calling 917-4457.

Group proposes 'living wage' for Corvallis workers

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in the legislation," Berg-Rempel said. "We also failed to clearly define what a contractor was. This time we're hoping to avoid some of the mistakes we made in Portland by being more methodical."

The group's cautious approach was commended by council member Bruce Sorte, who attended the meeting.

"Even the bottom 20 percent . . . have gotten a little bit of a raise in the past year."

—Bruce Sorte

"The more consensus you build, the more support you're going to have in the community," he said.

Sorte said it is important for the city to do something to shore up gains in wages now, when the local economy is strong. "Even the bottom 20 percent of wage earners here have gotten a little bit of a raise in the past year. We need to work hard now to prepare for the next drop."

Berg-Rempel pointed out that a minimum wage family needed twice the services, such as emergency food aid, food stamps or health care, as a family supported by a living wage earner. "The benefits of adopting a living wage include higher taxes being collected as well as less strain on the Oregon Health Plan."

"This isn't the be-all, end-all solution to wage issues in this country," Berg-Rempel said. "But when the community is an employer they shouldn't pay their employees so little that they end up needing food stamps."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Livestock Judging Team excels in national competition

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

After a slow start at the beginning of the school year the LBCC Livestock Judging Team has come back to be a competitive force in recent national contests.

According to Rick Klampe, one of the coaches of the team, this is the first time in school history that LBCC has placed in the top five in Kansas City, where they faced 25 other teams, and Louisville, Ken, where there were 21 other teams.

In Kansas City the team took fourth overall. In individual placings Chandra Orr took sixth in beef, sixth in swine and third overall. Mitch Magenheimer won second in sheep.

The team showed its skills with a fifth overall placing in Louisville, and in its last contest in Phoenix, where the team placed second overall. In individual placings, Ty Kliewer took sixth in reasons, first in beef and seventh overall; and Mary Hannan won second in sheep.

A judging team consists of five people. The contest starts in the morning with the placing of classes in which the contestants judge four different animals of the same species of beef, sheep and swine according to physical makeup and market value. They examine the animals for muscle, correct structure, good posture, frame and condition; then they support their judging orally to a judge. When giving reasons the student is judged on accuracy, content and presentation. The individual points are then totalled up to make up the team's score.

"This is the most powerful judging team in LBCC's history," said Klampe.

The team hopes to continue its success in Denver this Friday at yet another national contest.

In addition to Orr, Kliewer, Magenheimer and Hannan, the team members are Matt Arata, Dan McNary, Anna-Marie Pimm, Karen Williams. Coaches are Klampe and Cara Ayres.



Photo by Jeremy Parker

Members of LBCC's Livestock Judging Team (left to right), Mitch Magenheimer, Dan McNary, Anna-Marie Pimm, Mary Hannan and Ty Kliewer, examine sheep at a practice with the OSU team at OSU's livestock facility Saturday. LB's team has placed in the top five at three national competitions this academic year.

SLL hopes to persuade more students to run for office this year

by Eric Rinkin
of The Commuter

For the past few years LBCC's Student Life & Leadership has had difficulties filling the Associated Student Government positions (ASG), but they're trying to turn that around this year.

In the 1996 election, the only position filled was the office of president by Matthew Alexander, who will not be running for office again this year. In addition, six positions on the Student Programming Board were vacant. All positions were eventually filled by appointment last term.

Now Student Life & Leadership (SLL) is facing new elections on Feb. 24 and 25, and the issue of student participation has been brought to life again.

The purpose of the ASG is determined by the students involved. Last year the officers rewrote the bylaws and constitution. In addition, they promoted involvement with flyers, press releases and ads in The Commuter, tables in the courtyard and information forums.

"Although some students are not interested in the transition process, we have seen increased interest," Alexander said. "However, it is more difficult get-

ting students involved than at a four-year university or college."

"The Associated Student Government gives students an opportunity to learn more about themselves and leadership," Alexander said. In addition, it gives them a chance to have their tuition paid for. The president and vice president get full tuition for winter and spring terms. All other ASG positions get full tuition in spring and half tuition in the winter.

"If you want to learn about leadership, this is a great opportunity," Tammi Paul Bryant, director of SLL, told the Commuter in 1996.

ASG members plan to publicize why student participation is important and the benefits of being involved by speaking in classes and having a table in Takena Hall and placing ads in The Commuter.

If the positions are still not filled, new officers will be selected through an appointment process to find replacements.

The terms of office will last from May 1, 1998 to May 1, 1999. There are eight positions in ASG and eight positions on the Student Programming Board. For more information or an application, visit the Student Life and Leadership office in CC-213 or call 917-4457.

Artists, writers find opportunity in the Eloquent Umbrella

by Brock Jacks
of The Commuter

The Eloquent Umbrella offers an outlet for poets, writers, artists and photographers at LBCC.

The Eloquent Umbrella is a literary journal that publishes the works of Linn and Benton county residents and LBCC students. The staff comes from the Literary Publication class, which works with the

Graphic Arts, Digital Imaging, Fine Arts and English departments. "Ideally, we like to have a balance of community, staff and student work," said Linda Varsell Smith, instructor for the class. "We're hoping for a lot of student work this year."

The journal was first published as part of The Commuter, then moved to a co-curricular activity. Since 1992 Smith has incorporated the publication of the

Eloquent Umbrella into a winter term class. Students in the class review all submissions and vote on which to accept. Issues have had anywhere from 52 to 92 pages each, with last year's issue containing 84 pages.

Anyone wishing to submit written material can take it to AHSS-108 by Jan. 26. The deadline for photos and art is Feb. 15. Copies of the Eloquent Umbrella are \$2 and will be available late spring at the LBCC Bookstore.

And it starts all over again

Students were busy buying books and shuffling class schedules last week as winter term got off to a slow start. At right, Wilma Hendersen helps students spend their book allowance, while Steve Grubbs and Jason Schmitt, below, look for classes that still have openings.



Photo by Carrie Baxter

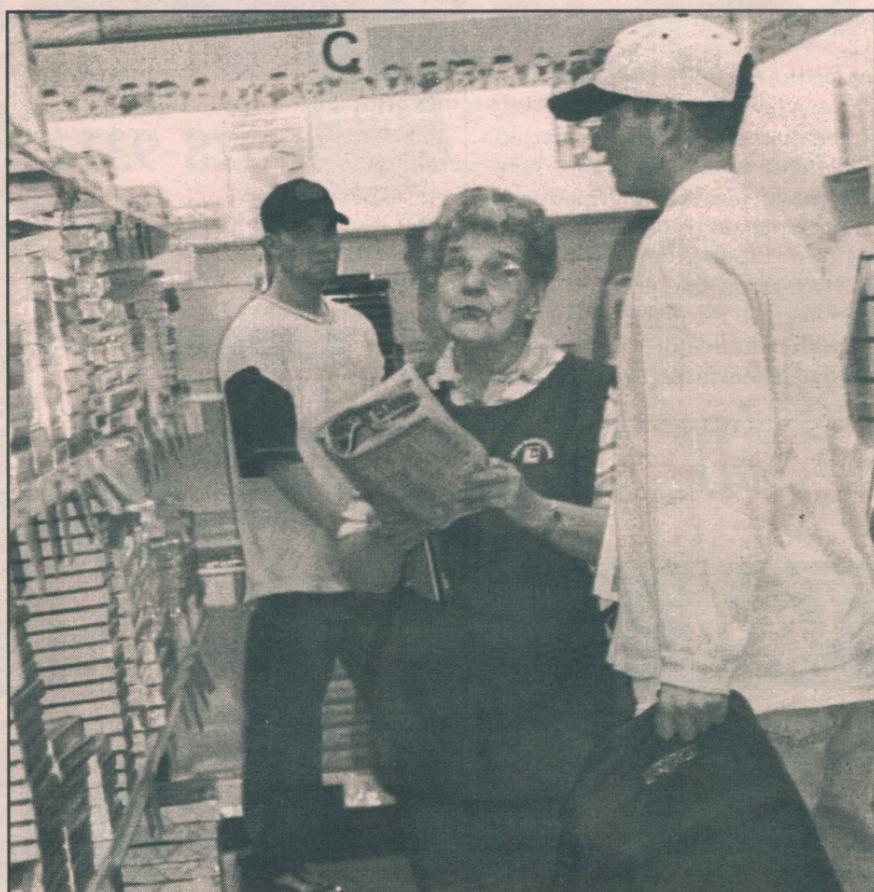


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Men thump Mt. Hood in opener, then drop heartbreaker

by Michele Dardis
of the Commuter

The LBCC men's basketball team experienced a tough loss against Chemeketa in Saturday's home game.

The game got off to an even start with a score of 15-15. Marc Cordle scored nine of the Runner's first 10 points from outside the key. The Chiefs made the first move, leading by at least seven points through out the first half and scoring 37 points to the Runner's 29.

In the second half LBCC turned things around and took a two-point lead, 64-62, with about a minute to go.

The Chiefs then made their last two-point field goal, tying the score at 64-64. Then due to a foul, Chemeketa got the opportunity for a free-throw, making both shots, with only one second remaining. Brian Csergei attempted to pass the ball from Chemeketa's key all the way down the court to teammate Brian Fauth, but the pass was intercepted by one of Chemeketa's players.

Coach Randy Falk said it was a tough loss and that it was disappointing to lose, but that the way the game turned around "shows that we can be a good team."

The Runners won their first league game against Mt. Hood last Wednesday with consistent play, scoring 41 points in the first half and 47 in the second half.

The final score was 88-79, with 36 points from three-point shots. Fauth lead in total points with 30, Csergei contributed 17 and Cordle added another 15.

Falk said of his team that they are off to a good start in a tight league, with a 1-1 record, adding that they are expecting to make the playoffs.

"The team is a lot of fun to be around," said Falk, "They're doing well in class and on the floor, which is what we want."

The Runner's next game is Wednesday at Lane starting at 8 p.m. after the women's game, with the next home game on Saturday against Clackamas also at 8 p.m.

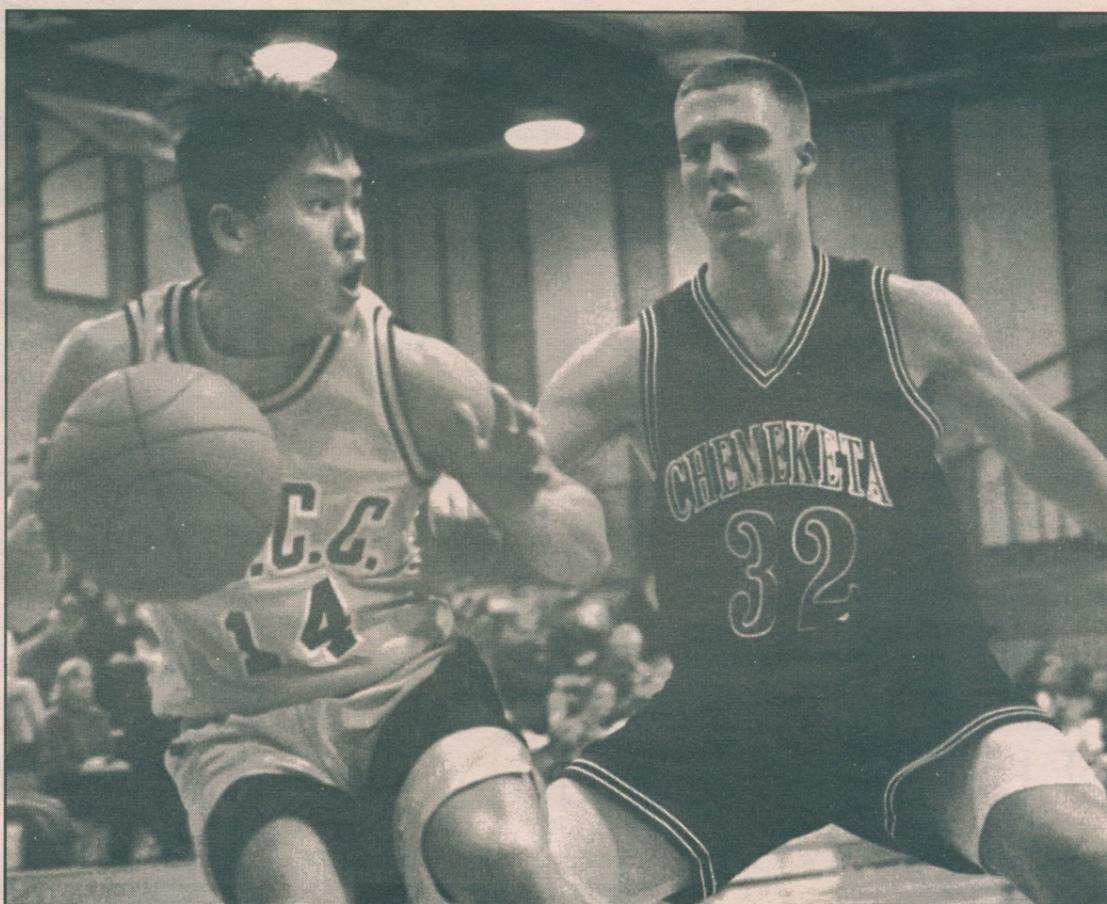


Photo by Shawna Phillips

Roadrunner guard Justin Priddy maneuvers around a taller Chemeketa player during Saturday's game in the Activities Center, which the Roadrunners lost in the final minutes by two points. LBCC is now 1-1 in league play. The next home game is Saturday against Clackamas at 8 p.m.

Women drop first two league games in lop-sided fashion

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Lady Runners had a rough time last week, losing to Mt. Hood on Wednesday before returning home to get trounced by Chemeketa on Saturday.

Linn-Benton started out on a good note in Wednesday's game, jumping out to a 10-6 lead, but shot themselves in the foot by not scoring for 18 straight possessions, which allowed the Saints to grab a 35-17 lead at the half. The Roadrunners came out strong again in the second half, going on a little run before falling into a drought again. Mt. Hood took the game handily, 71-32.

"We've been having a problem with our execution," admitted Head Coach Craig Jackson. "When the opposing team goes on a run we need someone to be able to step up, but that hasn't happened yet."

Debi Cain and Karen Bryan led LBCC's offense with eight points each. Leslie Boer added seven. As a team, the Roadrunners managed to shoot only 19 percent from the field and 50 percent from the free-throw line, and had a total of 20 turnovers in the game.

Although Linn-Benton's percentages improved a little bit in their game against

Chemeketa, the final score was worse. Their field goal percentage was up to 22, and they shot 59 percent from the charity stripe, but they were still no match for Chemeketa, as the Chiefs breezed to an 88-38 victory.

Linn-Benton's offense in the first half was very sloppy. Bad passes and hurried shots, most taken with the shot clock winding down, continually stymied the offense. For about the last 15 minutes of the first half the only points the Roadrunners collected came off of free-throws—

that is, until Boer put in a three-pointer at the buzzer.

That shot almost sparked the offense again as LB came out a little more aggressive in the second half, but the Chiefs immediately responded by picking up their intensity even more. Chemeketa allowed the Runners to score only two points from the field over the last 11 minutes. "We played a little harder in the second half, but we didn't play any smarter," Jackson said.

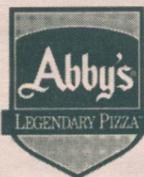
Turnovers were a huge factor in the

game, as the Roadrunners committed 29, leading to 29 of Chemeketa's points. LBCC only managed four points off of the Chief's 19 turnovers

Samantha Nedry and Talia Cheren were the offensive leaders with eight points apiece. Bryan grabbed 10 rebounds, while Jenny Gardner added four steals.

Linn-Benton (1-8, 0-2 in league) will face Lane in Eugene tonight and come home again on Saturday to play Clackamas. Both will start at 6 p.m.

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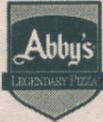
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Upcoming Games

- LB v. Lane @ Eugene
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- LB v. Clackamas @ home
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- LB v. Umpqua @ home
Wednesday, Jan. 21
- LB v. Portland CC @ Portland
Saturday, Jan. 24
- LB v. SWOCC @ Coos Bay
Wednesday, Jan. 28
- LB v. Mt. Hood @ home
Saturday, Jan. 31
- LB v. Lane @ home
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- LB v. Chemeketa @ Salem
Saturday, Feb. 7
- LB v. Umpqua @ Roseburg
Wednesday, Feb. 11
- LB v. Clackamas @ Oregon City
Saturday, Feb. 14
- LB v. SWOCC @ home
Wednesday, Feb. 18
- LB v. Portland @ home
Saturday, Feb. 21

Women's games start at 6 p.m.
Men's games start at 8 p.m.



Photos by Shawna Phillips

Volunteer creates dance team to jazz up games

DeBord also dances her way into part-time teaching job

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

If you've been to any of the men's basketball home games this year, you may wonder who the girls are that sit on the edge of the court in the little skirts and the short tops with the letters "LBCC" emblazoned across their chests.

They are Linn-Benton's dance team.

This is a new thing for LBCC, but not for the director, Lori DeBord. The ex-Blazer dancer has been an assistant coach for the West Albany High-Steppers since 1992. A year later she opened a dance school (the Albany Dance Academy). She also goes back to Portland occasionally and helps out with choreography for the Blazer dancers.

The idea of coaching a college dance team had been mentioned to DeBord by different people throughout the community over the years, but she had always been hesitant until earlier this school year.

"Finally, I just decided that I had enough girls throughout my advanced hip-hop class to come out here and perform," said DeBord.

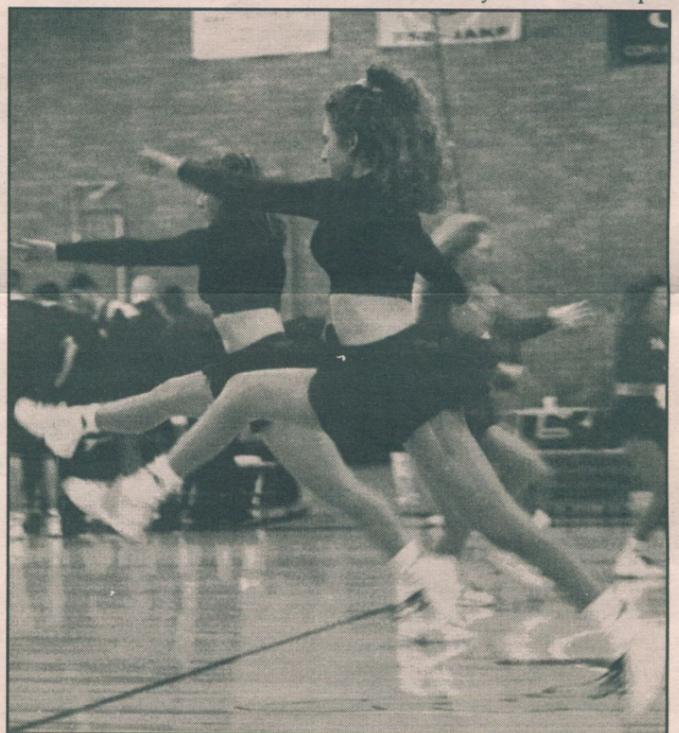
Instead of advertising that she was going to put together a dance team so that other girls could try out, DeBord kept it very hush-hush and just took the girls from her class because she wanted to see how things would work out before it turned into something really big. However, on Aug. 29-30 she will be

"We're doing this to bring entertainment and excitement to the game. Also we're here to support the basketball players and hopefully bring in more of a crowd."

—Lori DeBord

holding tryouts for next year's team.

The current team consists of 12 women, including DeBord (Sweet Home High School), who performs with the others. Half of the team is made up of her former students from West Albany: Wendy Bryant, Jessica Hannahs, Lacy Hyatt, Teya



Members of the new LBCC Dance team show off their split leaps at the men's game against Chemeketa. The dance team was created from Lori DeBord's hip-hop dance class at the Albany Dance Academy.

Warner, Beth Wright and Heather White. Shannon Larsell and three sisters, Dawn, Cindi and Gail Derrickson, are from South Albany. Kirsten Sampson is from Stayton.

The women get together every Wednesday to work on learning at least 20 different routines to keep the crowd entertained during the time-outs. All of them are either full-time or part-time students and those who go to school part-time have full-time jobs, so they have to work their practices into already busy schedules.

"We're doing this to bring entertainment and excitement to the game," commented DeBord. "Also we're here to support the basketball players and hopefully bring in more of a crowd."

DeBord was careful to stress that her dance team is not taking the court to steal the spotlight away from the basketball players. "They come first, and we are second," she insisted.

Another point she stressed is that the reason they don't perform during the women's games, which start before the men's, is that some of the girls have other commitments during that time. "We are incredibly supportive of the women's team and wish we could be there to cheer them on," DeBord said.

Right now DeBord is only doing volunteer work, but when spring term comes around she will officially be on staff at Linn-Benton. She will be teaching two dance classes, a jazz class and a hip-hop/L.A. funk class. As of now they are scheduled to be held at the Albany Dance Academy, but if the gym is available they will be held at LBCC.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Marketing manager seeking mature college students as business associates. Flexible hours to meet your college schedule. Two requirements 1) enjoy working with people 2) open to creative unlimited income. Exciting opportunity. Not MLM. For interview call 541-926-8508.

Yellowstone National Park representative, Tom Porter will be on campus for recruitment on Tuesday, February 3, 1998. There will be an open forum 9a.m. to 1:30p.m. in the Commons Lobby and interviews by appointment in CC-135 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Application and sign-up sheets for appointments are available in the Career Center T-101. Please stop by for more information or call 917-4780.

Espresso Server position available. Do you love coffee and its many variations? Hours 1-7p.m. during the week and 7-2p.m. on weekends. Right here in Albany! We also have bartender, cocktail person and door person positions available. Talk to Job placement in the Career Center at Takena 105.

Assistant/Receptionist (Albany) and Secretarial/Administrative Person (Corvallis). These are good jobs for you if you have the skills, but little experience. See Job Placement in Takena 105.

Restaurant Cook in Sweet Home. They are currently changing menus and you can try your own recipes and wow them. See us at the Career Center in T-105 for more information.

Press Operator: Know the Davidson 600 & 901 press and have camera knowledge? There is a full time position in Albany looking for your skills. Come see Job Placement in the Career Center in T-105.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Guistwhite Scholar program for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members. Ten \$5,000 transfer scholarships awarded to community college graduates. Deadline: June 1. Applications can be downloaded from www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us or contact advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101.

Scholarship available for Broadcast Journalism majors. Contact OSSC Valley River Office Park, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. Must be Oregon Resident. Submit Federal financial aid application. Deadline March 1, 1998

The Oregon Association of Public Accountants Scholarship Foundation is offering approximately 10 scholarships of \$1,000 each for accounting students. Students must be an Oregon resident carrying a minimum of 12



Photo by Jake Taylor

Lunch Rush

Students and staff in the cafeteria Kitchen scurry about to keep up with orders during the lunch hour rush. The demand on the kitchen may ease somewhat following the expansion of the Camas Room in Takena Hall, which is currently in the planning stages.

credit hours. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1998.

The St. Charles Medical Center is offering the MaryAnn Thomas-Hosier Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in his/her initial nursing program. The \$1,250 grant is be used for tuition, books, or direct school fees. Contact the career center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is March 1, 1998.

The American Society of Women Accountants, Salem Chapter will be awarding six scholarships totaling \$15,000. Students must be pursuing a Bachelors or Masters degree in accounting. Contact the career center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is February 1, 1998.

The Oregon State Scholarship Commission is offering awards in over 140 programs. Pick up the application and description of the awards in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Applications must be received by OSSC on March 1, 1998.

The Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation is offering 50 scholarships to qualifying students in Paper Science and Engineering at University of Washington. Brochures are available in Takena Hall. Deadline February 1, 1998.

The Oregon Nurserymens Foundation offers 15 different scholarships. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline April 1, 1998.

The American Water Works Association is offering three \$750 scholarships to students at two year colleges. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline April 15, 1998.

The Gonzaga University School of Business Administration is offering the Daniel G Brajich Scholarship for \$1,500. The scholarship is for students who plan to transfer to Gonzaga University in the fall of 1998. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is February 1, 1998.

WANTED

Looking for serious but fun female

keyboardist, drummer, and bass to play with R&B, hiphop rap group with Christian influence. Call 754-7514 if seriously interested, leave message.

Computer wanted! Minimum requirements of 200 MHZ 32 meg ram, Windows 95 based preferred. Need to run Auto Cad R13. Contact Jeff at 967-8860.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENTION MUSICIANS: Musicians club forming here at LBCC for students and staff Membership free. Come join the fun. For more details contact Jon at (541) 327-2853 or e-mail at alex@dnc.net

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

FOR SALE

1984 Chevy S-10, A/T, stereo, need to sell \$1,800. Leave message 541-327-2853.

You Can Go Into The Streets With LBCC

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

Into the Streets (Road Clean-up) 2:30-4:30pm Meet in Takena
Participants will be involved in cleaning up the roadside in front of LBCC.

Wednesday, January 21, 1998

Into the Streets (Soup Kitchen) 3-6pm Meet in Student Life
Participants will prepare and serve a meal for a local soup kitchen in Albany. Transportation will be provided.

Thursday, January 22, 1998

Into the Streets (Reading project) 3-5pm Meet in Student Life
LBCC students and staff will participate in an after school reading program for children. Books and transportation will be provided.

*"Everyone can make a difference, because anyone can serve."
-Dr. Martin Luther King*

For More information or to sign up for any of the "Into the Streets" projects, contact the Student Life and Leadership Office at 917-4457.

All participants will enjoy an official "LBCC Goes Into the Streets" t-shirt and a lively discussion and dinner following the events.

LBCC Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration January 20-22, 1998

Tuesday, January 20

Film: Gandhi 12-2pm Fireside Room
Civil Rights Poster Display All Day Commons
Into the Streets(Road Clean-up) 2:30-4:30pm Meet in Takena

Wednesday, January 21

Gospel Choir 11:30am Commons
International Food Fair 12-1pm Alesa/Calapoois Room
Into the Streets(Soup Kitchen) 3-6pm Meet in Student Life

Thursday, January 22

Film: Malcolm X 12-2pm Fireside Room
Study Circle about Racism 11:30-1pm Boardrooms
Into the Streets (Reading project) 3-5pm Meet in Student Life

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OPINION PAGE

editorial

30 years later King's dream lives on through the lives of those he inspired

by Keisha Merchant
of The Commuter

Many wonder what is so special about this man, Martin Luther King Jr., that separates him from other great men and what makes him so special to give him his own day.

Here's what I think about this man, his dream and his day.

Good morning, Martin Luther King Jr. I thought you should know how I feel about you and what is happening now in my generation.

Do you remember your dream that you shared in your day? Well, I am one of the ones in your dream. In my generation I sat among all races as friends. I also got a chance to stand, hand in hand, for who I am without the threat of death.

Sir, I wondered what would it take to do what you did. I wondered was it hard to believe in your dream, and still never get a chance to see the peace it would bring. I wondered, why did you have to die, and did you ever think if it was worth the price?

I wondered, did your dream consume you, and was it the thing that energized you, and did it mold you into the man you became, and could I do the same, if I too, would dream and believe.

I wondered, did you wrestle down your famous dream with disbelief, or did you accept it as a divine gift? Tell me what can I do to be faithful to my dreams like you were.

Is it possible, I wonder, to bring all people together, still in my day, but who knows because I have so many things telling me to go another way.

There's so much to do, and I can't find the strength to believe that dreams do come true. Life can be so cruel, and I don't have the strength like I am supposed to, but tell me, did you keep your dream on your free time and did it bring you closer to reality?

Many say it's not worth falling for your dreams because they may not come true, but you dreamed and didn't give up. Is that the reason why your dream came true?

You spent your life running after your dreams, and look what it did. It brought this day for me to say, I have a dream, thanks to your effort.

In my opinion, you chose to give up your life for a dream of equality that was not motivated by selfish gain. But I also understand now what you meant when you said we can't wait. We now know what can happen through a dream.

Sir, you are a pioneer of dreaming for a nation, not just for a race, but for humanity. Equal opportunity and everything we know that has to do with the pursuit of oneness comes from your sacrifice to live out your dream.

This day, we celebrate the realization that dreams can come true. But more, that one person can do it through faith.

This day is given to one man because of the odds that were against him and the overwhelming challenges he had to face that created an impossible task that wasn't expected from a man of his kind, creed and generation.

He not only overcame those odds, but also overcame the disadvantages of having his rights taken and stripped from him due to discrimination. He turned around and helped all races.

Believe it or not, even his own race thought he was done, but still he didn't stop. He went beyond and overcame so all races could be equal.

He went beyond what was expected.

He chose to love when he could have used the pain to hate. He used it to make an army of peace to help all men to live together. Many thought it could not be done, but he had faith and didn't allow his dream to be terminated.

Thank you Martin Luther King Jr. for following your dreams.



commentary

Simple solutions for annoying drivers

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

I do a lot of driving. From commuting to school every morning to endless trips to the mall, I spend a lot of time in my car. And all this experience has led me to one inescapable conclusion, the driver's test in Oregon must be incredibly easy to pass because there are a lot of idiots out there on the road.

You all know what I'm talking about: people who do things that are so stupid you really feel the need to flip them off, but don't because you know they won't know why. Okay, maybe stupid is the wrong word. Perhaps ignorant is a more accurate description. Either way, I am now going to attempt to educate those who don't understand the rules of common courtesy when it comes to driving. Therefore, I hereby present to you, the reader, my personal Top 5 list of Automotive Annoyances and some oh-so-simple ways they can be remedied.

Annoyance No. 1: People who drive too slowly. I drive Highway 34 to school every morning, and every morning I inevitably get stuck behind someone who thinks the speed limit is 45 miles per hour and that they are being a daredevil by doing a whopping 50 miles per hour. Now, I personally like to cruise on the highway at 60-65 miles per hour on average. (Yes, I know that is speeding. So arrest me.) And I really, really hate catching up to someone who is driving the aforementioned 50 miles an hour and being forced to slow down to their ludicrously slow speed.

The solution is simple. Speed up. That's right, all the slow driver has to do is apply pressure to the rightmost pedal until they are traveling at at least the speed limit (which is 55 on 34). Of course, the other solution is for the slow driver to simply pull over and let the faster moving traffic pass (which is why 34 needs to be widened to four lanes, but that's a story for another editorial).

Annoyance No. 2: People who drive too slowly in the left lane. On a four-lane road, Annoyance No. 1 shouldn't be a problem, but in this imperfect world we call home, it is a very common occurrence. Oregon law states that slower moving traffic is supposed to keep right, and that the left lane is to be used for passing slower-moving cars. But, as I pointed out earlier, many people are ignorant to these laws. Some travel in the left lane for no apparent reason and refuse to move over for faster-moving cars. There are two ways to get past this annoyance, the first is to simply pass the slower-moving car on the right. (Feel free to express yourself with whatever gesture you feel is appropriate as you do.) Or you could try to persuade the slower moving car to move over. Unfortunately, some drivers fall into a trance like state while driving, apparently oblivious to all other cars on the road. When you encounter drivers of this nature you have several options:

Option A: The good old headlights flash, which is (supposedly) a universally recognized sign to move

over, but apparently there are very few who realize this. **Option B:** Tailgate the other car until they decide to move over for fear of being in an accident (this isn't exactly the safest option).

And finally, we have **Option C:** (my personal favorite) Continue catching up to the slower car at your current rate of speed, then, at the last possible second, change lanes and pass them (self-expression is always healthy at this point).

Another aspect of annoyance No. 2 is people who drive along at the same speed as the car in the right lane, effectively keeping you "boxed in." There is only one solution to this problem. One of the slower cars must either pass the other one or slow down and let it pass them so that they can get into the same lane, preferably the right one. This solution is so simple it's a wonder more people don't do it. Of course, if you are the driver stuck behind the two slow cars you are pretty much SOL unless you decide to employ the infamous (and very, very illegal) pass-on-the-left-using-the-turn-lane maneuver (which I don't recommend, unless you want to become a greasy spot on the highway).

Annoyance No. 3: People who don't signal. This is one thing I really don't understand. Why are certain people incapable of using their turn signals? Does it require too much effort to push the oh-so-heavy turn signal lever up and down? Or do they simply not possess enough brain power to concentrate on driving and figure out which way to push the lever at the same time? The law states that you have to use your signal when turning and changing lanes. It's that simple. The solution to this is as simple as the law itself, USE YOUR SIGNAL. Heck, you might even like it.

Annoyance No. 4: People who pull out too close in front of you. I know everyone has had experience with this one. You are driving along minding your own business and some guy decides to pull out in front of you, and I mean RIGHT in front of you. So close that you have to slow down a great deal to avoid rear-ending them. Of course, one of the most common responses to this is for the oncoming driver to pass the car entering the road in the turn lane (again, self-expression is always healthy in situations such as these). In my opinion, if the oncoming driver has to slow down at all while you accelerate, then you have pulled out too close to them.

Annoyance No. 5: People who think they own the road. I'm sure everyone can relate to this one. We've all had at least one run-in with people who drive like they are the only person on the road. These people think nothing of pulling out right in front of you and then cutting you off so that they can get into the left lane and then drive too slowly next to another driver so that you can't pass. There are many ways to rid the road of this type of parasite. Unfortunately, none of them are legal. While you can't remedy this problem, you can certainly make yourself feel better about the whole thing. How, you ask? Why, self-expression of course.

