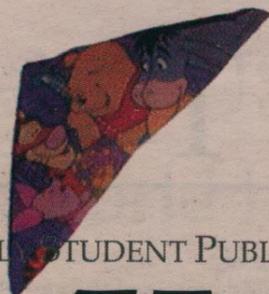


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Monks bring mystical arts to campus

by The Commuter Staff

The LBCC campus will be one of the key sites for a three-day presentation of The Mystical Arts of Tibet being brought to the mid-valley by a variety of local sponsors next week.

Tibetan Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery will present a series of lectures, chants, dances and a sand painting during their stay Monday through Wednesday, April 22 to 24.

The opening and closing events, as well as the mandala sand painting, will take place in Takena Hall, while other events will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville and at OSU.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday in Takena Hall, followed by the beginning of the construction of the mandala sand painting, which will go on for three full days, giving students an opportunity to see one of the most exquisite of all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism.

During the opening ceremony, the lamas consecrate the site of the mandala sand painting and call forth the forces of goodness with chanting, music and man-

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Turning Out for Tulips

The exotic bellflower tulip at left is one of the showier varieties available at the Wooden Shoe Bulb Company near Woodburn. Visitors to the tulip fields, below, make the farm one of the busiest places in the county in the spring time. Last weekend hundreds turned out for the 17th annual Tulip Festival, which runs from March 20 through April 21. Bulbs are available for order and bouquets of cut tulips are for sale. For more pictures and story, see Page 4.

Photos by Chad Richins



Photo by James Bauerle

Joanna Chan posts material on a campus bulletin board during her first day on the job as a new student ambassador.

Students needed to be ambassadors

by Twila Skelley of The Commuter

Student Life & Leadership is looking for a few good men and women interested in being ambassadors for the college.

Unfortunately, it's not been easy.

During the course of this academic year, approximately 14 students have been cycled through the Student Ambassadors program. There are eight positions, and never once have all the positions been filled at the same time.

Carol Wenzel, Student Activities coordinator, cited several reasons for the high turnover of ambassadors, most notably that they have a heavy workload and a great deal of responsibility.

The ambassadors program coordinates a variety of on-campus and community events such as Project Page

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—Carol Wenzel

Turner, a literacy program for area school children. By going to local elementary schools to read to the kids, the ambassadors hope to excite them about reading and help reduce illiteracy. The ambassadors also volunteer at local soup kitchens in Albany and Lebanon each term.

On campus the ambassadors take new students on tours, explaining the different departments and programs on campus, and call newly admitted students to welcome them to the college.

Ambassadors are expected to keep up their grades and stay in good standing with LBCC.

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WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND



High: 51° Low: 35°
Wednesday



High: 57° Low: 35°
Thursday



High: 59° Low: 35°
Friday



High: 62° Low: 38°
Saturday



High: 63° Low: 40°
Sunday

Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair.

—Kahlil Gibran

Source: Weather.com

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OFF BEAT

Pull over please!

A thief being transported to jail in California smashed out the rear window of a police cruiser going 40 mph and leapt out onto a freeway onramp, ripping off his pants in the process. He wasn't wearing underwear. He then stopped a catering truck occupied by two women and forced them to drive him to a store to buy clothes. Once in the store, the ladies called the cops.

Monkey bone

Packs of wild monkeys are scaring the daylight out of the people of Hong Kong, accosting them in parks and neighborhoods, begging for food and sometimes even snatching bags of groceries out of their arms.

Whatever you say...

When a New York doctor's secretary became pregnant with her fourth child, the doctor's wife got it into her head that her husband had been having an affair with her. She heatedly accused him and made abusive phone calls to the secretary. Finally, to reassure his wife, he fired the secretary, who, in turn, sued for sex discrimination. But a court ruled against her saying the doctor was just trying to save his marriage.

Spell it out

A 16-year-old girl tried to rob the HSBC bank in Rochester, N.Y., but her handwriting was so bad that the teller had trouble reading it and had to show it to another teller. By the time they figured it out and handed her a bag of money, it was near closing time, and employees were locking the doors. She was trapped in the foyer and arrested.

You don't scare me

There is a time-honored tradition in France that compels the winner of the presidential election to pardon all minor traffic violators. As a result, the French are driving like maniacs because the April 21 election is fast approaching. They are speeding, parking illegally everywhere and making U-turns wherever they want.

—From KRT News



Childhood classics

Reader's Theater will present "Once Upon A Time: Classics from Our Childhood" Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Corvallis Arts Center.

Join Jean Bonifas, Barry Kerr, George Lauris, Rebekah Schweitzer, Linda Spain and Mary Van Denend as they bring to life the wonders of "Charlotte's Web," "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," "Winnie-the-Pooh," "Wind in the Willows," "Mary Poppins" and "Jack and the Wonder Beans."

It is part of the Linn-Benton Arts Council and the Corvallis Arts Center's Arts x 3 program. There is a suggested donation of \$2.

Walk for a cause

The MS Walk 2002, held by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be Saturday, April 20, at Corvallis' Avery Park at

9:30 a.m.

Funds received through the MS WALK support education, advocacy, research and local programs that enhance the quality of life for people with multiple sclerosis and their families.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic disease of the central nervous system affecting the brain and spinal cord. Last year \$420,000 was raised here in Oregon. The goal this year is \$500,000.

It's not too late to register, organize a team or just volunteer to help. Registration is available on the web site: www.orcnmss.org or by phone at 1-866-333-7155. For more information contact walk coordinator Debbie Wolfe at 967-7936.

No school tomorrow!

All of LBCC's campuses will be closed Thursday, April 18 for Staff Inservice. Classes resume on Friday, April 19.

Join in peace talks

Peace Forums are being held from noon to 1 p.m. every Friday in the Multicultural Center. During this hour, students or guest speakers lead discussions on global issues of peace-related topics.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to bring lunch and join in the discussions.

Kid care celebration offers stress-free workshops

by Emily Shearer
for The Commuter

The fifth annual Child Care Provider Celebration on April 13 at LBCC drew providers from all over Linn and Benton counties to attend a series of training sessions in first aid, puppetry and other skills needed in child care settings.

Child care providers often find themselves looking for new ways to entertain and engage kids in positive, fun activities.

Puppet Pandemonium, a workshop taught by Jenny Cook, was all about making and using puppets with preschoolers.

Spring Fling, taught by Anais Alexander, showed providers some colorful ways to bring the outdoors inside with such rainy-day activities as making new games and using flannel boards to teach about spring.

A workshop called Reducing Stress/Gaining Energy, taught by Maurita Davis, was geared

toward the providers, who are so busy taking care of everyone else that they forget to take care of their own needs.

The last workshop offered, Having a Voice led by Heidi McGowan, was about Stand for Children, which started in Corvallis and now has chapters all over the country. This organization helps child care providers get together and achieve solutions for problems in their schools, neighborhoods and

communities.

The main goal of Stand for Children is to give all children an opportunity to grow up healthy, educated and safe.

For further information about Stand for Children contact Cherrie Barnes at 541-967-1988.

Among those who sponsored the event were the Linn and Benton County Commission on Children and Families, LB-OAAYC, LBCC Family Connections and 43 local businesses.



Photo by James Bauerle

Five Minute-Break

Campus Security Officer Doug Shaeffer helps evacuate students from the north campus buildings Tuesday afternoon during a scheduled emergency drill. No problems were reported during the drill, which emptied the campus for about five minutes. This is the last scheduled emergency drill of the school year.

THE COMMUTER STAFF

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CAMPUS NEWS

Mystical: Dance for world healing at OSU Tuesday

From Page One
tra recitation.

The lamas then begin the exhibit by drawing an outline of the mandala on the wooden platform. On the following days, they lay the colored sands. Each monk holds a traditional metal funnel called a chak-pur while running a metal rod on its grated surface. The vibration causes the sand to flow like liquid.

Millions of grains of colored sand are painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days or weeks to form the image of a mandala.

There are many types of mandala sand paintings, but in

MONKS ON TOUR

Monday April 22

- 9 a.m., Opening Ceremony, Takena Hall
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Mandala Construction, Takena Hall
- 11 a.m., Lecture, Linfield
- 2 p.m., Lecture, Linfield
- 7 p.m., Chanting Ceremony, Linfield

Tuesday April 23

- 9 a.m.-4p.m., Mandala Construction, Takena Hall
- 10:30 a.m.-Noon, "Tibet Today: The Story of Diaspora," F-104
- 7-9 p.m., "Sacred Music Sacred Dance" Performance, LaSells Stewart Center, OSU

Wednesday April 24

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Mandala Construction, Takena Hall
- Noon-1 p.m., "The Ancient Art of Healing: The Buddhist Approach," F-104
- 6 p.m., Closing Ceremony, Takena Hall

general all have outer, inner and secret meanings. On the outer level they represent the world in all its divine form; on the inner level they represent a map by which the ordinary human mind is transformed into enlightened mind; and on the secret level they depict the primordially perfect balance of the subtle energies of the body and the clear light dimension of the mind. The creation of a sand painting is said to effect purification and healing on these three levels.

Traditionally most sand mandalas are destroyed shortly after their completion. This is done as a metaphor of the impermanence of life. The sands are swept up and placed in an urn; to fulfill the function of healing, half is distributed to the audience at the closing ceremony, which will take place on Wednesday at 6 p.m., while the remainder is carried to a nearby body of water, where it is deposited. In this case the sands will be carried to and deposited in the LBCC Peace Garden.

Part of the Mystical Arts of

Tibet tour includes the multiphonic singers of Tibet's Drepung Loseling Monastery performing "Sacred Music and Sacred Dance for World Healing." This performance will be Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center, OSU. A suggested \$5 donation will be accepted at the door.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet is co-sponsored by LBCC's Student Programming Board, Student Activity Committee, Foundation, Faculty Association, Staff and Organizational Development and Multicultural Center; OSU's Philosophy Department; Linfield College's President's Discretionary Fund, Associated Students, Chaplain's Office, Multicultural Programs and Division of Continuing Education; The Hundere Endowment for Religion and Culture, the Corvallis Dharma Study Group, Samaritan Health Services Integrative Medicine, Corvallis Oddfellows, Community Alliance for Diversity and China Delight. Limited transportation to the Sacred Music, Sacred



A mandala sand painting will be constructed in Takena Hall next week by Tibetan monks visiting the mid-valley.

Dance Performance will be provided from Sweet Home, Lebanon and Albany. Call LBCC's Student Life and Leadership

Office at (541) 917-4457 for more information or if you need disability accommodations to attend any of the events.

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APRIL 17th - 23rd

Wednesday

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- Navy Bean Soup
- Beef Noodle Soup
- Vegetarian Delight Salad
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Thursday

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Friday

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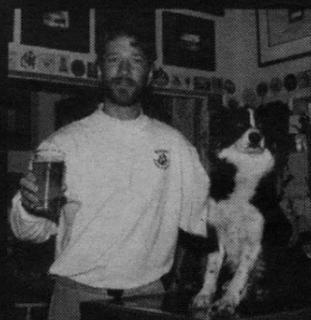


Monday

- Grilled Pork Chop & Sauce
- Chicken Gumbo
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Split Pea Soup
- Chef Salad
- Quesadilla with Pinto Beans

Tuesday

- Reuben with Cole Slaw
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LOCAL NEWS

A Festival of Color

Iverson family offers a taste of Holland at Woodburn tulip farm

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

If you go on a weekend, expect to encounter a little traffic as you approach the Wooden Shoe Bulb Company farm near Woodburn.

Cars line the two-lane country road for miles approaching the entrance to the Iverson farm, which on weekends in April looks like more of a county fair than an agricultural operation.

There are bales of hay for kids to play on next to the pony rides and sheep pen. Hot bratwurst and curly fries are served next to the stand where you can order

flower bulbs or buy cut flower bouquets.

The first time you drive up close enough to see the fields, and the splash of color hits your eyes, it can be a breathtaking experience. Our eyes are used to seeing colorful ads and billboards and clothes, but nothing can prepare them for the raw sensory flood of input on seeing acres of tulips in all hues in banks of violet and crimson and multi-colored rows of all varieties.

The Iverson family is nearing its 20th year of production and recently mourned the loss of co-founder Vicki Iverson, who suc-

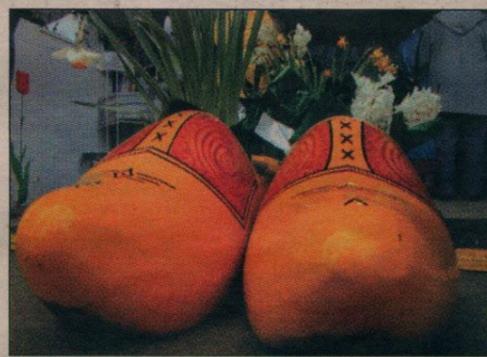


cumbed to breast cancer last April.

Admission to the Tulip Festival is \$4 per vehicle, and 10 bulbs of any variety of tulip are \$7.95 and are mailed in September.

Wear shoes you don't mind getting muddy and bring a camera with plenty of film.

For directions to the festival, go to www.woodenshoe.com or call (503)634-2243.



Visitors flock to the tulip fields in Woodburn, where the owners have recreated the look of the Dutch country side.

Photos by Chad Richins

From flying prisoners to aerial combat, kites enjoy long history

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Kites, those flimsy tethered fliers that appear in the skies over our towns every spring, have been around for millennia. And if you think they are just for kids, you've got a lot to learn.

The origin of kites is not certain, but their history is as colorful as the kites themselves can be. The first recorded kite fliers were Chinese, who fashioned them out of bamboo and silk fabric about 3,000 years ago. A famous tale of Chinese kite flying involved the 6th century Emperor, Kao Yang, who, for his own entertainment, fitted several of his prisoners with wings made of bamboo and had them thrown off a tower to see if they could fly. When this was not successful, he decided to attach his next victims to large kites and let horrified members of their families handle the cables from the ground. One prisoner, Yuan Huang-T'ou, was actually able to land safely on the ground, and in a show of mercy, Emperor Yang commuted his sentence to death by starvation.

Kites also played a part in scientific discovery and warfare. Benjamin Franklin used a kite in his famous, if ill-advised, experiment to prove the electrical nature of lightning in which Franklin and his son narrowly escaped being electrocuted.

In ancient China, a general named Han Hsin flew a kite directly over the palace of the emperor whom he was trying to depose, then used the string to measure how long to dig a tunnel that would allow his troops to emerge within the palace walls. The general's ingenuity paid off with victory and the Emperor was overthrown, marking the beginning of the Western Han Dynasty.

Western military powers also used kites to their advantage. In

the late 1800s and early 1900s, European armies used kites to lift military observers high enough to observe enemy forces, and during World War II kites were used as targets for gunnery practice.

Today, many people who get into kites fly stunt or fighter kites, which allows two or more contestants to engage in aerial combat. The supposed goal of these dogfights is to touch the string of your opponent without tangling both kites, thereby scoring points, not to destroy your opponent's kite. However, with the advent of inexpensive kites, such as those sold at K-Mart for under \$3, it is possible to have some exciting aerial damage matches and not break your bank account. Kite fighters in China would sometimes coat the string with ground pottery, powdered glass, or anything sharp or abrasive to cut the string of the opponent's kite.

Wherever, or however you choose to fly kites, there are some basic safety rules to go by. The



Photo by R. Bergeman

A youngster struggles to keep her newly purchased stunt kite airborne on the Oregon Coast.

biggest rule is to never fly a kite anywhere near power lines. You wouldn't think that power could travel down a thin string, but it definitely can. Trees, as a rule, are not a friend to the kite-flier either, nor are roads, people or dogs. It is best to avoid congested parks and utilize the wide open spaces while enjoying this ancient and exciting pastime.

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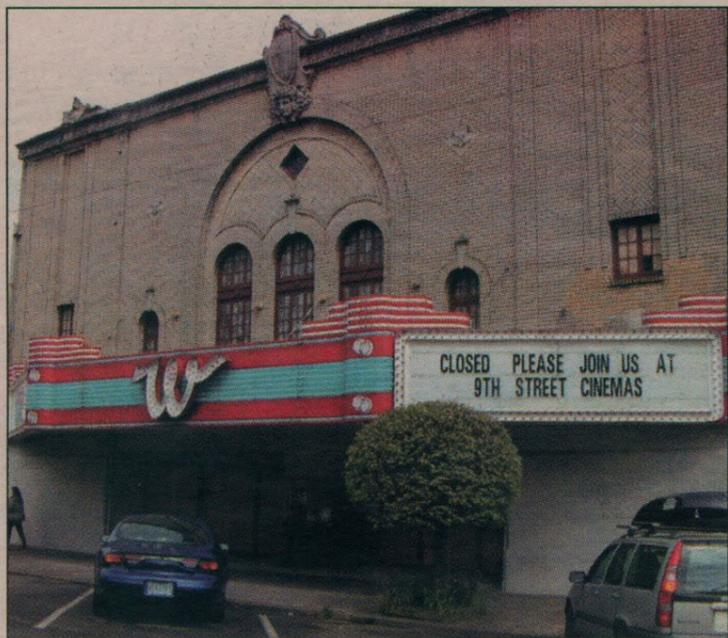


Photo by James Bauerle

The venerable Whiteside Theater in downtown Corvallis awaits an uncertain fate since it was closed down by owner Regal Cinemas earlier this year.

Whiteside worth more to community than to Regal

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

The Whiteside Theater in downtown Corvallis has seen its share of good times and bad times.

It has survived 80 years of weather, two fires (in 1927 and 1936), and thousands of gum-chewing, popcorn-dropping patrons. Recently closed by Regal Cinemas in a cost-cutting measure, possibly related to their ongoing bankruptcy reorganization which began in October of 2001, the Whiteside is now sitting idle, its future uncertain.

The fitful dream of many people in Corvallis is to have the Whiteside land in local hands again and to make it a jewel in the crown of the downtown area, offering a venue for quality musical acts, theater and film. The nightmare of local residents is that the Whiteside will be torn down.

Christina Calkins, a member of the Whiteside Group, a loose collection of citizens in Corvallis whose goal is to save the Whiteside from possible demolition, said, "There are a lot of people investigating different aspects of it." Possible funding avenues include federal grant monies for historic preservation, private philanthropic contributions and city participation. "We'd like to see something happen like the McDonald Theater in Eugene, only run by a local non-profit organization," Calkins said.

Joan Wessel of the Downtown Corvallis Association said, "We just want to see it remain a viable business and not fall to the wrecking ball."

The McMenamain family, who

have been responsible for renovating and restoring many Oregon landmark buildings, have expressed interest in buying the Whiteside and came to town recently to look at the property. Brian McMenamain told The Commuter that although he has received hundreds of calls about

"We'd like to see something happen like the McDonald Theater in Eugene, only run by a local non-profit organization."

—Christina Calkins

the Whiteside, he is only "mildly interested," since the Whiteside is tied up in bankruptcy and there are other issues involved, including the fact that Regal Cinemas can demand that anyone they sell the theater to cannot use it as a first-run movie house. Regal Cinemas real estate handlers could not be reached for comment, but the building is listed with Gray and Associates real estate in Portland.

Jim Dix, the real-estate agent handling the Whiteside did not return calls and a somewhat defensive Regal representative would not disclose the asking price for the Whiteside. According to the Benton County tax assessor's office the 1995 real market value of the property was about \$597,000.

Any action on the Whiteside looks to be in the distant future. With the property tied up in corporate reorganization, and restrictions against future use of the theater, options are limited for prospective buyers.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Whiteside Group, you can try to contact Ian Stoy at 745-5771, but The Commuter could not reach Stoy despite repeated calls.

It appears that for now, the Whiteside will remain in limbo until someone gets interested or something happens to free it up.

Caterer hosts Mom's Day Brunch

by Jemima Van Walk
for The Commuter

Former LBCC Culinary students are preparing to dazzle mothers and others on May 12, creating gastronomical Rembrandts with stainless-steel brushes for a special Mother's Day Brunch at the Adair Clubhouse.

Hosted by Valley Catering, the brunch features Baron of Beef, oysters on the half shell, omelets to order, fruit and champagne spritzers and many other buffet items.

Patrons will be invited to sample an array of gourmet cheeses, fruits and fresh breads, and to stroll under the rhododendron-strewn walkway munching on a chocolate-covered strawberry or a pecan tart. They can fill their plates with asparagus and grapefruit salad, smoked salmon and a

napoleon. From Caesar salad and homemade granola to scones and lemon Tarragon Chicken, the buffet offers not only a rich variety of foods, but also a gallery of color and texture.

Entertainment will be provided by acoustic-guitar player Mike Coulter.

Valley Catering will donate half the proceeds from the Mother's Day Brunch to the Jackson Street Youth Center. Earlier this year, Valley Catering's Tuscany and Paris dinners raised money for the Vina Moses Foundation and the Heartland Humane Society.

There will be two seatings, the first at 9:30 a.m. and the last one at 12:30 p.m. The full brunch costs \$25 per person, with discounts for children. Reservations can be made by calling Valley Catering at 745-7455. RSVP by May 6.

FACULTY PROFILE: THÉO MONTGOMERY

How long at LBCC: Came to LBCC in 1996. Previous teaching experience in Seattle, Massachusetts and Minnesota. Worked three years in Gabon, Central Africa, as a math teacher for the Peace Corps.

Schools attended: Carleton College (B.A.), Tufts University (M.A.)

Favorite CD: "1999" by Prince

Last CD purchased: "Musical Bric-a-Brac" by Perfect Attendance

Favorite books: "Animalia" by Graeme Base; "Epidemics and History: Disease, Power and Imperialism," by S.J. Watts

Last book you read: "Sniff-Snuff-Snap" by Lynley Dodd (a big hit with 3-year-olds)

Favorite movie: "My Life as a Dog" (1985)

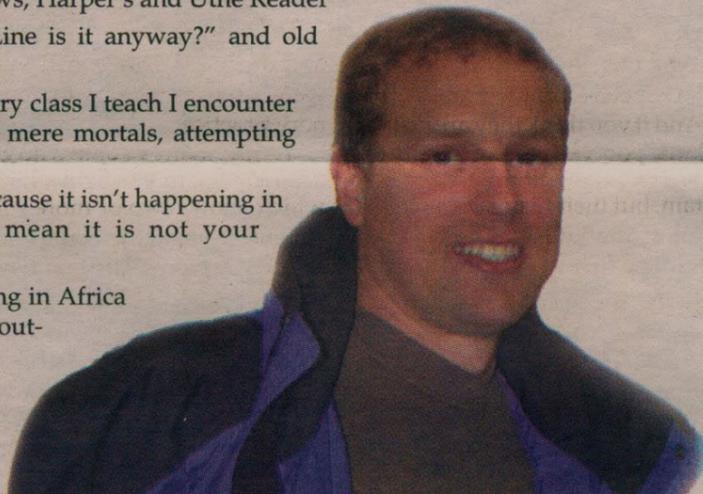
Most recent movie seen: "A Beautiful Mind"

Favorite magazines: Science News, Harper's and Utne Reader
Favorite TV shows: "Who's Line is it anyway?" and old "X-Files"

Heroes: a) "My wife;" b) "In every class I teach I encounter amazing people, claiming to be mere mortals, attempting superhuman feats."

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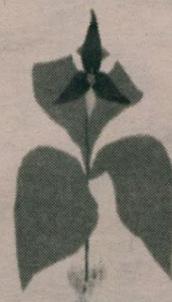


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Scholarships have a new location in the LRC. We are now located near the entrance. Come and visit to see if you are eligible for any that are available. Some expire soon, and are also updated frequently so check often. The following are new this

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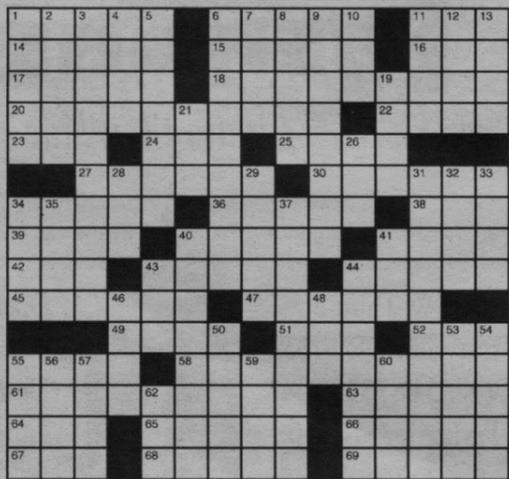
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SPORTS PAGE

Runners have stormy week; still playing .500 ball

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

A pair of comebacks and bad weather summed up last week for the Linn-Benton baseball squad.

Last Thursday, Coach Greg Hawk's team was scheduled to host Southern-division opponent Chemeketa Storm in a doubleheader; however, due to poor field conditions the Roadrunners traveled to Chemeketa instead.

In the first game, the Runners were trailing 3-0 going into the seventh inning, but were able to make a rally to tie the game.

Catcher Ben Anderson started the seventh inning by hitting a single. From there he was able to move to third on a Mychal Wagner double. Anderson then scored the Runners' first run on a single from Jeff Frost. Wagner scored next off a sacrifice fly by freshman Travis Rood. Colin Kaneshiro's hit up the middle brought in the tying run.

The game stayed tied through

the ninth, and went into extra innings. In the top half of the tenth inning, LB loaded the bases and took the lead off a fielders choice hit by Anderson. Kaneshiro came across the plate for the winning run.

Kaneshiro went 3-for-5 in the game, while Frost and Ander-

son both had two hits in the winning effort.

In the seven-inning night cap, the Roadrunners blasted out 12 hits and was leading at the top half of the seventh, 7-2. But in the bottom half of the final inning, the Storm made their comeback. Four walks, an error, a single and a grand slam closed the door on an LB split. The Storm got the win 8-7, despite having only four hits.

Hits were something that LB had no problem with. Nate Pendley, Tanner Abel and Anderson all had home runs, while Scott Vogel hit a double. Pendley, Anderson and Eric Beasley all went 2-for-3, while freshman outfielder Thomas Gullede went 2-for-4.

Pendley's home run brought his total to six for the season, which leads the NWAACC.

Linn-Benton's Saturday game against league-leader Lane was canceled due to rain. The game will be made up Thursday, April 18 at 1 p.m. in Eugene.



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Nate Pendley takes a cut during last Thursday's doubleheader against Chemeketa. Pendley hit his sixth home run of the season in the second game, which LB lost on a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh. LB won the first game in extra innings 4-3.

ON DECK

Thursday April 18

Who: Lane Titans

When: 1 p.m.

Doubleheader

Where: Eugene

Saturday April 20

Who: Lane Titans

When: 1 p.m.

Doubleheader

Where: LB baseball field

Tuesday April 23

Who: SW Oregon Lakers

When: 1 p.m.

Doubleheader

Where: LB baseball field

Woods has no problem creating a masterpiece at Augusta

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

In the "grandest tradition of sports," Tiger Woods proved again his golf excellence and once again carved his name into sports history.

As this year's Masters Tournament showed, there were two stories: Arnold Palmer's last time to compete at Augusta and Tiger's dominance. It was almost as if Palmer was passing the torch to Tiger, and telling him there is nothing in his way of the record books.

Woods defended his green jacket this season and won his third Masters overall joining Sam Snead, Jimmy Demaret, Gary Player and Nick Faldo with three. Only Palmer (four) and Jack Nicklaus (six) have won more. Nicklaus and Faldo are the only two, besides Woods, who have won back-to-back jackets.

Woods has won six of his last 10 majors and seven majors overall, putting him at a tie with Palmer, Bobby Jones and Harry Vardon for sixth all-time. Nicklaus leads the list with 18. Jones, like Woods, was the dominant player of his era and actually helped design the course at Augusta.

Many people marvel at Wood's young age because traditional golfers do not reach their prime until their late 20s or early 30s. However, Woods is not the youngest player ever to win three jackets. That honor belongs to Nicklaus. Where Woods and Nicklaus differ is in the competition each faced. Since Woods has entered the PGA tour no player has won more than two majors. Of Woods' top competitors, Vijay Singh and Ernie Els both have two majors, Retief

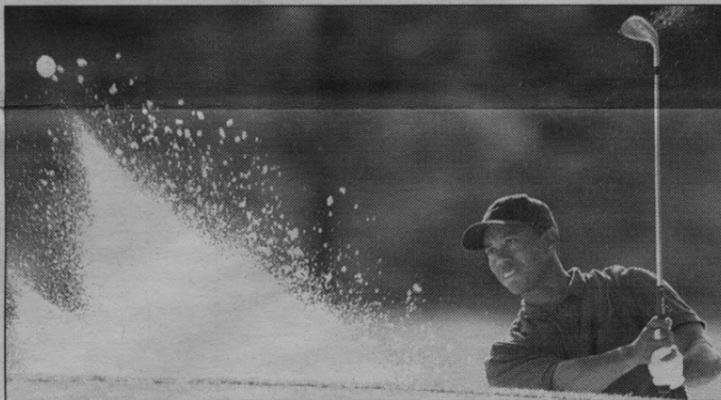


Photo by Knight Ridder News Service

Tiger Woods blasts out of a sand trap at last weekend's Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga.

Goosen and David Duvall have one, and Phil Mickelson and Sergio Garcia have yet to win one.

The level of winning is very high for Woods and very low for his competitors. Maybe this is the reason for Woods being 7-0 in majors when leading after the

third round. No more was this evident than in last Sunday's final round.

Coming into Sunday, the leader board was full of the top-ranked players in the world. There was second-ranked Mickelson, third-ranked Els, fourth-ranked Goosen, fifth-

ranked Garcia and seventh-ranked Singh, all within four shots of Woods. But they all faltered. Mickelson started the day with two birdies then bogeyed the next two.

Els bogeyed the ninth and then triple bogeyed the 13th. Goosen, who was tied with Woods at the front of the round, had three bogeys after the first nine and was three strokes behind after three holes. Garcia shot three over par. Singh, who was just two strokes behind at the front of the round, bogeyed the 11th and the 14th and then made a quadruple bogey at the 15th, hitting two in the water. Woods only shot a one under par, but it was good enough to secure his victory. Mickelson was the only top competitor to match Woods' score.

It may be Tiger's dominance that prompted Augusta to alter nine holes. They lengthened

holes, put in new bunkers and made some fairways tighter. Woods drives farther than any other player so the lengthened course played to his game. What these courses are doing, in my opinion, is trying to give the rest of the field a sporting chance. It makes sense to me because watching Tiger dominate every tournament gets boring after a while. Did it work? I think so. This Masters was not dominated by Woods and he did say that this tournament was much harder than the previous two. But Tiger still remained the Master.

Unless Woods gets injured or a new super-golfer appears, Woods will remain the man to beat, possibly for the next 20 years.

And Nicklaus' 18 majors in 24-year gold standard and might very well be turned into a silver standard.

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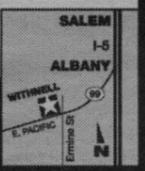
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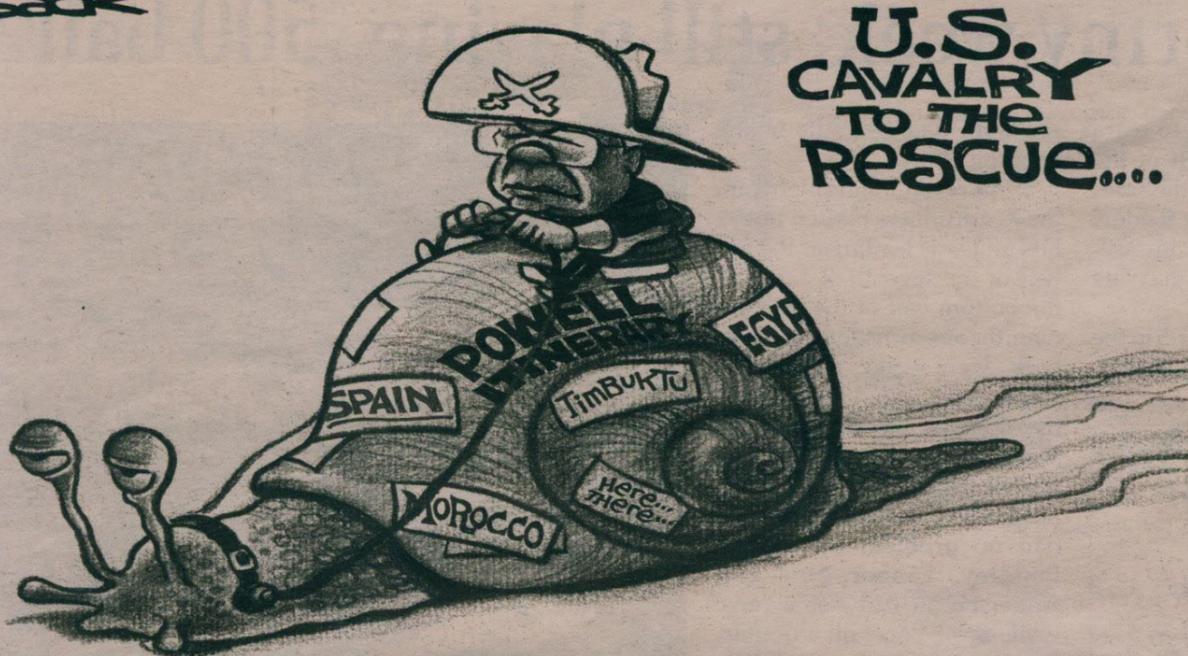


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Oregon, a land of contradictions

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Even though I have been living in the state of Oregon since the last century, (ha ha) I still consider myself an outsider. And like over 50 percent of current Oregonians born in other places, I am still trying to get a grip on this place, trying to define what it is that makes it special.

I could wax poetic about the glory of Oregon's beaches or the majesty of its mountains; praise the virtues of the stoic Eastern Oregon farmer, the dedication of the Portland schoolteacher or the creativity of the Ashland actor. But I'd also have to mention the bodies that have been washing up on those beaches, the poverty evident on Portland streets and the stories of drug-addled abusers and victims that seem to plague rural areas.



Chad Richins

Oregon seems to me to be a place of contradictions. The natural areas of Oregon are at once wild and beautiful and scarred and ruined. The people of Oregon are simultaneously overly idealistic and overly cynical, driving their Subaru wagons past American ghettos to get to the Organic Co-op to buy Rain Forest products in order to support farmers in Ecuador. Or clamoring to over-use the resources they see as their birthright to an extent that would ruin that birthright for their children or grandchildren. The politics in Oregon are supposedly progressive, but if you ever go to Salem and watch a few committee meetings, you may see that there is a lot of nasty good-ole-boyism going on and nothing much seems to change for the better.

Here is my current list of examples of greed and stupidity.

Case one: While the state's schools are reeling from budget cuts that are going to tangibly hurt actual children, the superintendent of the Beaverton School District, Yvonne Katz, has asked for an \$87,000 raise. How that woman can walk through the halls of a school and see children whose lives will be effectively cheapened if she gets her way, and not feel like the biggest slug on the tomato vine of life is beyond me.

Case two: Oregon's sweetheart Brandi Stroeder died last week, and probably would still be alive if the state of Oregon had agreed to pay for a risky life-threatening operation much earlier in her life. She just couldn't afford to stay alive. Doesn't that just kick you in the gut?

Case three: Tree sitter Beth O'Brien fell 150 feet to her death last Friday, just days after an apparent victory, with the sale cancelled and the logging averted. Can someone tell these kids that only experienced climbers should be anywhere near such dangerous heights, and not weekend eco-warriors who want to commune with nature. Every injury, or in this case death, makes your position that much more unstable.

Case four: Television ads against U.S. Senate candidate Bill Bradbury are inaccurate and do more to confuse the issue than clarify who is on what side of things. When I see ads like that it makes me want to vote for the other guy. And no matter how much money Gordon Smith's campaign spends to muddy the waters, I still see Smith as one of the people that put Oregon in a financial pit of despair, or at least hanging over one, by going along with the Bush tax-cut handout to the wealthy. When I think of the real Oregon, and people who have been here and done what they could to make it a better place, Bill Bradbury is one of the people I think of.

To recap: greed BAD, community GOOD. Hooray for common sense and boo to lame justifications.



WHAT STUDENTS THINK

How do you think President Bush is handling the Mid-East crisis?

With the Israeli offensive in the occupied territories still going full speed ahead, President George W. Bush has not gotten the "results" that he said he expected more than a week ago when he ordered Secretary of State Colin Powell to the Middle East to seek a cease fire. LBCC students were asked Tuesday about Bush's policies on the crisis.

"I think they handled it quite well. They didn't beat around the bush."

—Jedd Smith,
CEM



"I feel they handled it the correct way and there is no other way that would be the correct way to handle it."

—Clifford Jones,

undecided major

"Probably pretty violent. Dropping bombs violently."

—C.J. Hurt,
Psychology



"Under the circumstances, he's doing a good job. In his shoes it would be hard to make those decisions."

—Stacy Clark, Animal
Technology and Horse Management

"They've done an alright job. I don't really agree with fighting back and bombing other countries. I don't really follow politics either."

—Taylor Moore, Psychology



"He handled it rather poorly. He should have taken into consideration other people's points of view."

—Jocelynn Gebhart,

Political Science

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