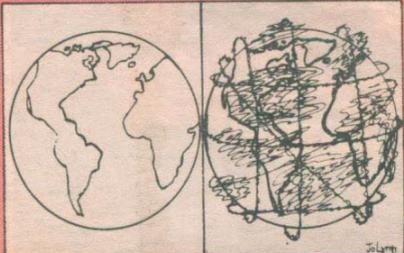


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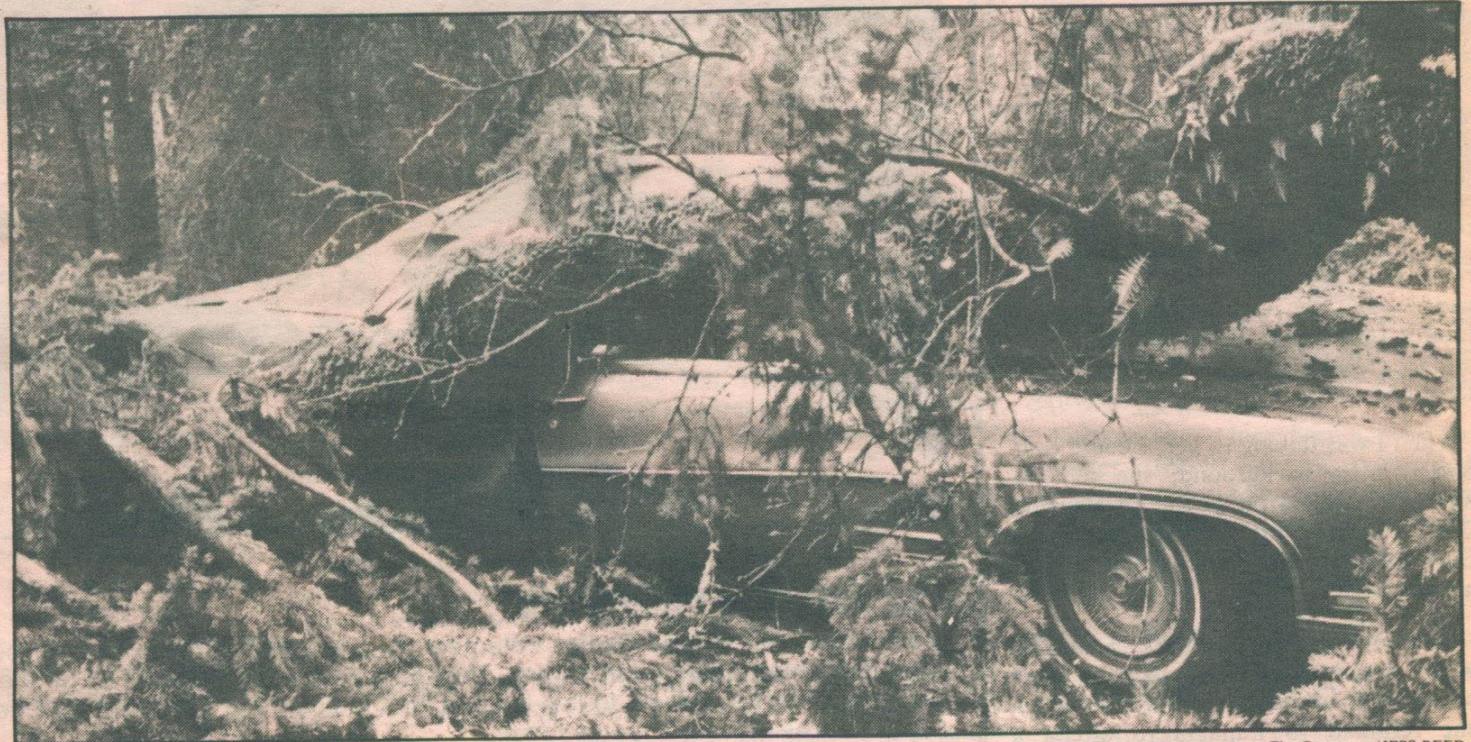
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Hope It's Insured

North Albany resident Terry New woke up Monday to find his Buick Wildcat totaled by a tree, which was toppled by 60 mph winds around 1 a.m. The winds were created by a fierce Pacific storm that blew down many trees in Linn and Benton counties, resulting in much property damage, temporary power outages and closed roads. At the LBCC campus, the wind blew some roofing tiles from the Family Resource Center, but did little other damage. Rain is supposed to start again on Friday, but no high winds are in the forecast.

Hwy 34 scene of 'saturation patrols'

Police spurred into action after fatal accidents

By Arik Hessdahl
Of The Commuter

Following a string of automobile accidents, resulting in four fatalities in eight days last month, the Oregon State Police has stepped-up patrols on the Corvallis-to-Albany stretch of Highway 34, the main route that Corvallis-area residents take to the LBCC campus.

Sgt. Brian Forrest of the State Police said that at one point last week, six patrol cars were involved in what is called a "saturation patrol" of the area in an attempt to curb speeding on the highway.

"Speeding is a big factor," Forrest said. "It's a four-lane highway and some drivers treat it like a freeway. But in this case, nearly every eighth of a mile, there's someone entering from either a private driveway or a major intersection, creating more traffic."

Forrest explained that increased speed reduces braking distance and reaction time, increasing the possibility of a rear-end collision.

Forrest cautioned motorists to be "doubly cautious" when using the highway, "especially at this time of year, when the nights are dark and wet."

Forrest said that the stepped-up patrols will continue.

Ken Hilton, District Maintenance Supervisor for the Oregon State Highway Division, agreed with Forrest that speed in the area is a problem, and defended the soundness of the roadway's construction.

"It's a safe stretch of road. It's wide, it's straight and it has good visibility. But several people take it too fast. I feel comfortable saying that the average speed is over the designated 55 (mile-per-hour) speed limit," he said.

"They look ahead and step on it," Hilton said.

The wet season also increases the potential for serious accidents especially during periods of heavy rain.

"Sometimes the rain comes down faster than it can drain off," he said.

Hilton added that the road is old enough for wheel ruts to contain standing water, but that the problem is not serious.

Although it is not scheduled for any major work soon, Hilton said that Hwy. 34 may eventually be repaved with a type of surface known as F-mix, an open graded pavement that allows water to run inside it, improving drainage of rainwater.

"It's something we could do, but there are other roadways that need it, and it would be expensive," he said.

Corvallis official honoring King delivers speech

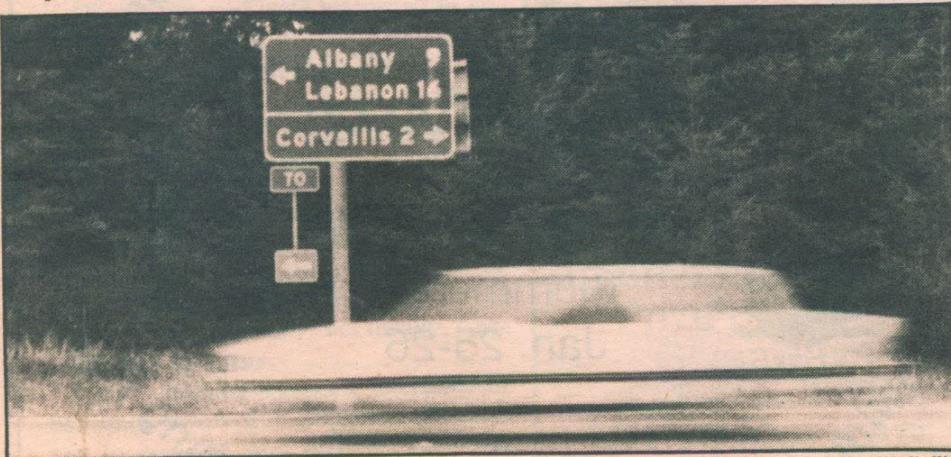
By Erica Gutelius
Of The Commuter

Gerald Seals, Corvallis City Manager, will speak in a program sponsored by LBCC to honor the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday.

Seals, a native of South Carolina, experienced the civil rights struggles first-hand. He will discuss what Dr. King's life and work meant to him, and his vision of the American Dream.

"Songs of Praise," a recently formed trio that specializes in gospel music, will sing two songs traditionally associated with the civil rights movement, and the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which is unofficially considered the "Black National Anthem."

The program is from noon to 1 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Forum 104. For more information contact Prudence Miles, Director of Student Programs, at 928-2361 ext. 105. The program is free and open to students, staff and the public. Monday is the national observance of Martin Luther King Day.



The Commuter/ERIC ISHAKAWA

Beefed-up patrols will try to stop speeders on Hwy 34.

LB Panamanian student responds to U.S. capture of Gen. Noriega

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

LBCC student council member, Dania Samudio, a Panamanian citizen, shared her feelings on the recent invasion of her country by U.S. forces.

"I was very glad," she said about her reaction to hearing that the U.S. had invaded. But she was worried about her family residing in Panama City. Her mother called her early in the morning of December 20 to tell her not to worry.

"When I was talking to her, I could hear bombs in the background," she said. It was also hard on the people of Panama City. "Most of the children didn't have Christmas presents and people didn't have enough to eat."

Samudio first came to the U.S. in 1986 where she attended South Albany High school as an exchange student after which she returned to Panama to attend a private college. She returned to the U.S. after student demonstrations at the public college led to repeated closings of the colleges by the administration. "Everybody was very nervous, we had a curfew while I was at the Catholic University," said Samudio. The schools had to close early to give the students time to get home, she said.

In regard to the elections held last May, Samudio said that she and other Panamanians never believed that Noriega would relinquish power. "He had too much power," she said, "people were pushed to vote for the government...if they didn't vote they would lose their jobs."

Now Samudio hopes to see real democracy in Panama, and she would like to see U.S. media begin to show Panama in a better light, "they only show one part of Panama," she said, such as the poor communities near U.S. military bases and the area surrounding General Noriega's headquarters.

Overseas jobs available for credit

Undergraduate students can earn academic credit by assisting refugees in Thailand or working for a Turkish newspaper, a Japanese Travel Bureau, an agency in China, or a bank in Germany.

Many of these positions include room and board, and stipend, or regular pay.

Sixty diverse positions are available for 8-10 weeks across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, Through the International Cooperative Education (ICE) program.

ICE is a program offered by Linn-Benton Community College International Studies through the Northwest International Education Association. The association, which is dedicated to the promotion of international and intercultural

education, is comprised of over 30 colleges and universities in the western United States and Canada.

ICE provides students with the opportunity to increase their cultural awareness by working in a foreign country and living with a host family. Many positions do not require foreign language. For some, eligible students must be enrolled in a foreign language class or have studied a foreign language in high school.

Applications for the summer of 1990 are due soon. For more information, contact your ICE Coordinator, Richard Horton, Career Center, Takena Hall, 967-6102.



The Commuter/JESS REED

Tax Tutors In the Making

Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) listen to an expert on Internal Revenue Service tax rules in training sessions this week. The seniors have been boning up on the tax code for the past two weeks so they can offer free advice to low-income area residents in the weeks preceding the dreaded April 15 tax filing deadline. The class graduates today.

OPB to offer GED classes on local television

Linn and Benton County residents have a second chance to finish high school now that the General Education Development (GED) class is available on Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) Channels 7 and 10 and Cable TV Channel 31.

LBCC is cooperating with OPB in implementing this program, which is part of a nationwide movement to encourage adults to take and pass the GED test. A Learn to Read television course also is available, but this course is aired only on the OPB Channels.

The GED television programs feature a variety of formats and illustrative skills needed by students who are preparing for the GED test. When enrolled in the GED or Learn to Read courses, students can come to the LBCC Library on the main campus and check out video tapes of the

courses for the entire term.

About 22 percent of Linn County adults and eight percent in Benton County have not graduated from high school. This is lower than national figures, which show that 34 percent, or 72 million, adults 25 years of age and older have not completed the 12th grade.

Through GED on TV, many people who are unable to attend a regular class can study at home for the GED test. While the GED on TV alternative may not be best for every student, it helps reach those who are homebound or whose work schedules conflict with regular classes.

The three workbooks needed for the GED class can be purchased at the LBCC Bookstore on the main campus and at the Sweet Home, Lebanon and Benton (Corvallis) Community Education

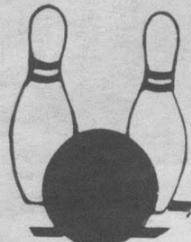
centers. The cost of each workbook is about \$6.20. When students are ready to take the official GED tests, a charge of \$25 covers all five tests.

LBCC part-time student registration continues through Friday, Jan. 19 although a late fee of \$5 begins Jan. 15. Students enrolling in the GED course have the option of requesting a one-to-one volunteer tutor, while those signing up for the "Learn to Read" course are assigned a volunteer tutor.

Anyone interested in enrolling for the GED on TV course may call Nancy Kendall, the Home Study Coordinator, at 928-2361 ext. 371. Those interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer tutor also can contact Kendall at that number.

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Tryouts tonight for 'Arms and the Man'

By Rhonda Gerig
Of The Commuter

Tonight is the last chance to audition for LBCC's Mainstage Theatre production of George Bernard Shaw's "Arms and The Man."

Auditions begin at 7 p.m. on the Mainstage Theatre in Takena Hall.

"Arms and The Man," written in 1894, is a comic satire on war and the professional fighting man. It also makes light of starry-eyed lovers who nearly allow their silly illusions to destroy their happiness.

Scripts are available in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Building, Room 108.

Directed by Jane Donovan, theatre instructor, "Arms and The Man" will run Feb. 23, 24 and March 2 and 3 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 25 and March 4 at 3 p.m..

Future productions include "Treasure Island" directed by David Apple, Scenic Designer, running Jan. 26, 27 and Feb. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 28 and Feb. 4 at 3 p.m..

The Mainstage Theatre's final production of the 89-90 season will be "Mame" directed by George Lauris, theatre instructor, in May.

New welfare law to bring more students

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

About 800 to 1,000 new students will be attending LBCC next year under the federal Family Support Act, according to Mary Spilde, secretary to LBCC's president.

The act, passed by Congress in 1988, is an effort to transform the welfare system from a long-term income maintenance program to a short-term education and employment entitlement program.

Spilde discussed the impact of the new law at LBCC at a press conference for reporting students at the end of fall term.

"Instead of continuing to pay money to keep people on welfare, what the government is trying to do is spend money in the short term to educate people so that they can become employed and become self-sufficient citizens and get off of the welfare rolls," Spilde said.

Spilde said she doesn't see this as just another Band-Aid program or temporary effort to fix the existing problem, as has been the case with past welfare reforms. Previous programs to help reduce welfare rolls have not included education, Spilde said. Consequently, when welfare recipients, who are mostly women, have taken entry level jobs without benefits they have been forced to return to welfare as soon as they encounter financial difficulty, such as an illness, car problems or lack of childcare.

"About 75 percent of the people that get off of welfare are back on within a year," Spilde said. "This program is designed to try and get people off of welfare and into jobs where they can support themselves and their families on a permanent basis."

According to Spilde, the government had more in mind than welfare reform when it initiated this program.

"Because of the changing work force and the labor force needs of the future, by the year 2000 there is going to be a worker shortage," Spilde said, meaning that America can no longer afford any "throw-away people." The welfare population will be needed to keep our country going, and high skills will be required of them as workers, Spilde added.

The Family Support Act also provides for extended welfare during the educational process and through the transition into employment to cut down on recidivism. The program will target high need welfare recipients, such as parents under 24, and older parents whose children are almost 18, and who will soon lose their benefits, Spilde said.

The expected 800 to 1,000 new students will undergo an initial assessment and then enter a life skills program. "That program is really the first stop," said Spilde, "where they will work on self esteem issues, communication skills, and do career exploration, to try to figure out what they want to do with the rest of their lives."

At this stage, the influx of new students will have a "huge impact on our Adult Basic Education and G.E.D. programs," she said, "because most of the clients that come into this program will need help with their basic skills."

According to Spilde, people will be able to spend as much time as they need in the life skills program. From there they will enter some kind of vocational training. "That's the next place where the college will be impacted," Spilde continued, "because we'll have to set up a variety of short term training programs that will lead eventually to self sufficiency jobs. The requirement here is that the training cannot be for longer than one year."

This means that the two-year degrees LBCC currently has are not going to work for this population, said Spilde. "We will have to do a lot of curriculum development, a lot of labor market surveying to find what jobs are out there and how much they pay, and then develop programs to meet those particular needs. One of the things that we want to do, however, is look at clusters of careers and ladders of careers."

Under this philosophy, if persons complete one-year program and decide later they want to go on for a two-year or four-year degree, the one-year program can be used toward the goal, said Spilde. "That, let me tell you, takes a lot of coordination and planning," she added.

Student increase stretches budget

LBCC's Budget Committee, which consists of the LBCC Board and community members from each of the college's seven representative areas, will meet Jan. 31 to wrestle with projections that the college needs \$590,788 to balance its 1990-91 budget.

The base budget, however, does not include the backlog of unmet needs for equipment, supplies and staffing that exists because of the belt tightening the college has done over the past few years, according to college officials. That tightening stems from a promise the college made in 1986 when voters approved the college's current tax base: to request no additional funding for four years.

With the additional pressure of increased enrollment, the college's budget has been stretched to the limit, the committee was told last month.

Subcommittees have been appointed to consider 1990-91 budget requests by departments, including prioritized unmet needs, in the broad areas of instruction, student and administrative services, and business and college services.

Deadline is Friday for submissions to 'Eloquent Umbrella'

Writers and artists who would like to see their works of art and words of wisdom published have until Friday to make submissions to the "Eloquent Umbrella," LBCC's student-managed literary annual.

Editor Deanna Buchanan said works of prose, poetry, essays, line drawings, design work and black-and-white photographs are eligible for submission. Art work is particularly sought, she added.

Deadline for the 1990 edition is Friday, Jan. 15.

Submissions can be made in Rm. 116 of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

The "Eloquent Umbrella" is sponsored by the Associated Students of LBCC and the college's English Department.

Earth Day 1990 Meeting on Friday

Supporters of Earth Day 1990 will hold an organizational meeting Friday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Alsea Room next to the Commons.

All students and staff interested in expressing concern for the environment are encouraged to attend.

Earth Day 1990 will be a global demonstration of citizen concern for the protection of the Earth. Educational workshops and projects of local and global concerns will occur internationally. The goal of Earth Day 1990 is to galvanize support for today's new wave of environmental issues working with; the idea of "think globally, act locally," according to sponsors.

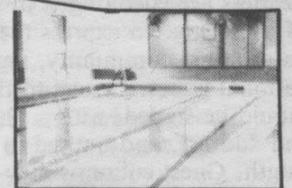
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POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

Newspapers tussle with typos in never-ending proofing battle

To The Editor:

Do you have so little pride in your newspaper that you don't ever bother to check spelling and typographical errors? Every week there are at least half-a-dozen (if not more) errors. For example—I wasn't aware that the Santiam Restaurant had a desert; I'm sure they don't even use sand as a garnish! They do, however, serve some wonderful desserts. Please try and improve your standards. Signed: A Weekly Reader.

Not an easy thing for any editor to read. But no one ever said the newspaper business is meant to be easy. Every publication runs the risk of printing an error each time the press runs. It's not an exact science. And there is always room for improvement.

But that is not an excuse.

On the average, there are between 175 and 200 inches of body copy in a typical issue of the Commuter, often more. At 40 words per column inch, with one half-dozen typographical errors per issue, we end up going to press 99.5 percent correct. Actually, our record is not nearly so good, as we usually can locate more than one half-dozen typos that escaped our proofreading.

The difference between newspapers and other forms of printed matter is that it is put together more frequently, so less time is allowed to pay such attention to fine details.

Admittedly, the issue our unsatisfied reader above referred to was published at a time when the Commuter staff was short-handed in the production lab, and errors often went to press unnoticed. That situation has been rectified, and we have reorganized our production process so that most stories are edited at least three times in its three phases of going on the page: once on the computer screen in typesetting, and once more during paste-up. Early last term, there weren't enough people on the staff to do this.

It is somewhat comforting to know that even the great newspapers like the Washington Post and New York Times are called on the carpet for errors. The Columbia Journalism Review has a feature called "Lower Case" that prints headline errors by the nation's daily papers that often lead to humorous double-meanings. The feelings of those editors must be similar to those of our editors when we receive anonymous notes such as this.

In the past, The Commuter has had a strong record of accuracy and professional quality. Quality that has won us the rating of "First Class" for 1988-89 by the Associate College Press, and Best in the Nation in the Community College Journalism National Challenge in 1985. A fine tradition, but not an easy act to follow.

In the interest of producing a higher-quality publication, we will continue to work toward fewer errors and a higher degree of accuracy. In the future, reader responses that come to us signed will be welcomed. We are always interested in feedback. If we're wrong, tell us.

Arik Hesseldahl
Managing Editor

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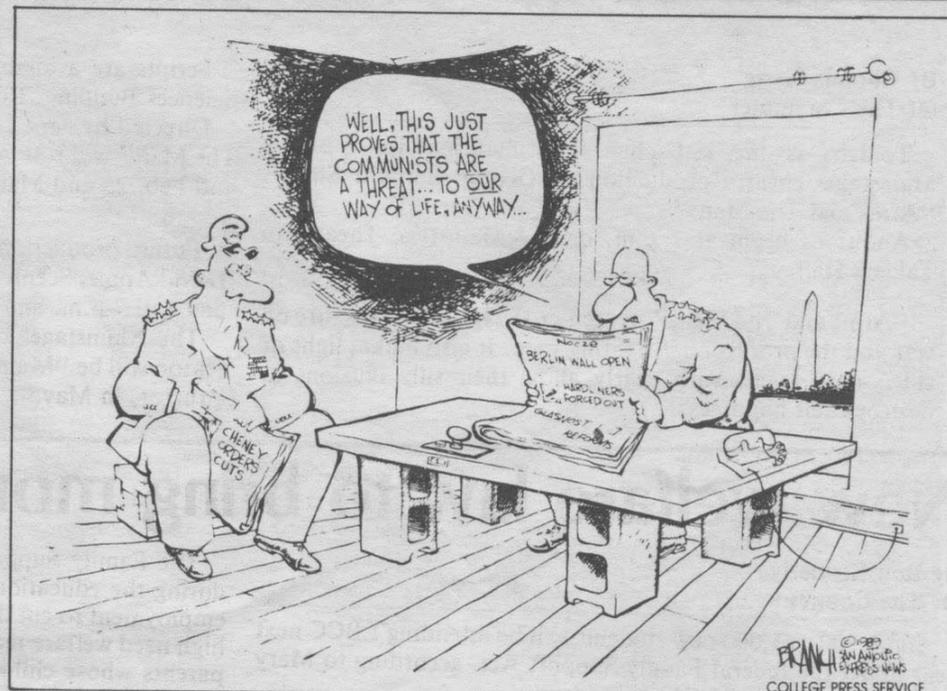
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MATT RASMUSSEN

Winds of change usher in nineties

As a decade, the 80s were blown into history on the winds of a storm of democracy the likes the world has never seen.

In Eastern Europe the economical storm had been brewing for most of the decade, coming to a head on cue to end the 80s and the cold war as well. In Western Europe the European Economic Community coasted out the decade poised for 92, having spent the better part of the 80s planning the democratization of Western Europe's economy.

The Evil Empire, a.k.a. the Soviet Union, seems to have been the center of the tempest. The 80s saw the nation of godless communists rise above the ocean of cold war flotsam and rhetoric, riding a wave of public support generated by glasnost and perestroika.

In the far-east the fires of democracy burned brightly as Chinese students sought democratic reforms. Although the student protesters were eventually silenced with repressive brutality and a hailstorm of bullets, no torchlight of democracy in the 80s shone brighter than the one held by the students in Tiananmen Square.

With all the changes sweeping the distant corners of the world it may be easy for some to overlook our own democratic advances closer to home. The winds of change that are bringing the first breaths of democracy to Poles and Romanians can't help but to stir up the air that North and Central Americans breathe.

The 80s saw the United States move from the world's leading economic power to a "kinder, gentler" nation of congressional hucksters, religious con-men, and fraudulent administrations with debt-ridden, military driven budgets.

We opened the decade with an overblown invasion of a small island nation, Granada, in the Caribbean. And closed it with a full-blown invasion of a small Central American country, Panama.

Throughout the 80s we safeguarded democracy in the western hemisphere by

sponsoring mercenaries, supporting authoritarian regimes with militant death squads, and making secret deals with drug dealers in the name of national security. We paid for many of these actions with the best of capitalistic ideals; we sold arms to Iran at twice the market value, used military transports to move cocaine into the country for sale at street value, as well as the old-fashioned way, we taxed it from the overflowing coffers of the American people.

In reality we were safeguarding our own democracy and damning Latin America to live under the thumb of gunboat diplomats and a host of puppet tyrants.

It is good that most Americans rejoice at the sight of democracy in Eastern Europe. It is sad that we have to look that far to find a democratic leap worth rejoicing in. It is even sadder that some Americans, including our President, believe we played some vital role in the movements, or that we won some contest. In truth, these countries were plagued by incompetent authoritarian regimes, stalled economies, and years of bureaucratic plundering that led to a willingness of people to change.

Ironically, much the same conditions exist in most Latin American countries. Our exportation of so-called democracy to our little brown brothers over the last 100 years has included more than 50 military incursions and countless covert operations resulting in the overthrow of elected governments, as well as a few well-known operations that didn't go over as planned—such as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Despite all our goodhearted intentions these countries still live in poverty and despair. The only aid we seem able to pass through Congress on a regular basis is lethal aid.

As we enter the 90s in the midst of these winds of change there is a definite smell in the air and it is coming from Washington. From a would-be-wimp still living in the cold war, and his would-be advisors still living in Teddy Roosevelt's time.

COMMENTARY

Failure to vent emotions can lead to unhealthy behavior

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

A ten year old boy lies in his bed stricken with a severe headache and repeated vomiting. He hears the sounds of his parents arguing violently in the next room. "Is that all you can do," shouts his father, "feed your face like a pig?" "At least I don't spend all my time and every cent I can get smoking cocaine like some lousy junkie!" retaliates his mother. This basic scene, with some variations, has been played out for decades and occurs today, with alarming frequency, all over America.

What, you might ask, could possibly breed this degree of dysfunction which can be found at all levels of our society? From the very poor to the very rich, one common behavior pattern is now being looked at as a major contributing factor to this epidemic problem. That behavior is the simple lack of healthy venting of human feelings and emotions. This may sound like an exaggeration, yet begun ear-

ly in life, this behavior can set into motion a chain of events which can ruin, or even end, the life of the strongest people.

For generations in our country, children have been given the message, in their formative years, that feelings just are not shown, either in or outside of the home. At home it's "stop crying or I'll give you something to cry about!" In the case of a parental dispute, when the child may be very upset by what is happening, it's "Stay out of this; it's none of your business!" Away from home, the parents' warning is "Don't talk about what goes on in this house!" in the form of the old "Don't air our dirty linen in public!" It is not surprising that a child, raised in these surroundings, develops an attitude of low self esteem and self worth early on. What they feel is not important, and so, neither are they.

These negative messages of worthlessness can evolve and distort into a state of self hate. A child who hates

himself is unable to receive any nurturing love, from either himself or any other person, no matter how much he may crave it. Without love, a painful void forms within the child and desperate to quench that hunger, feelings of physical satisfaction can be easily confused with emotional satisfaction.

In our example family, the mother had turned to food to feel good, as a compulsive over eater. The father had turned to drugs as an addict. Both strive to fix themselves, only to find that the "quick fix", though it may work for a time, eventually becomes useless. After a time, the painful void returns, bringing with it the added problems of the addictive disease they have acquired. Soon, feeling good, even with increased use is an unobtainable dream. Compulsion with self well-being becomes all consuming, so their son, and each other, have secondary—if any—importance. The son, consequently suffering from a variety of painful unvented emo-

tions begins to manifest physical pain with severe headaches.

This story is indeed a sad one, but luckily, not a hopeless one. Support groups and treatment centers for feelings-based addictions are forming daily. Help is now available for everyone from the overeating mother, to the addicted father and the pain-dominated son. Talking about how they are feeling is stressed in all forms of group and individual therapy.

I speak strongly on the importance feelings have on health, for I have lived it. I suffered headaches as a child in a dysfunctional home, and I lived the progressive stages of addictive disease for nearly twenty years. I was lucky to survive what I went through, and today I know for sure that if I choose to live on, I will not hold my feelings inside anymore. Sharing feelings can be painful sometimes, but it will pass, and the pain of sharing is much easier to bear than the pain of not sharing.

Saving environment requires individual action now

By Pete Wisniewski
Of The Commuter

As Earthweek '90, the 20th anniversary of the first Earthday, April 22, 1970, approaches, it is not just fitting and proper to look at the state of the environment, it is vitally necessary and important that we do.

The last two decades have witnessed a significant increase in the general awareness of ecological issues. Recent polls indicate that three out of four Americans call themselves "environmentalists" and believe that environmental standards cannot be too high, regardless of the cost. However, despite the concern which people have for water and air quality, pesticides, hazardous substances, ozone depletion and the greenhouse effect, few positive gains have been made in protecting the Earth's fragile ecosystem. Many environmentally destructive actions continue, and many more have accelerated.

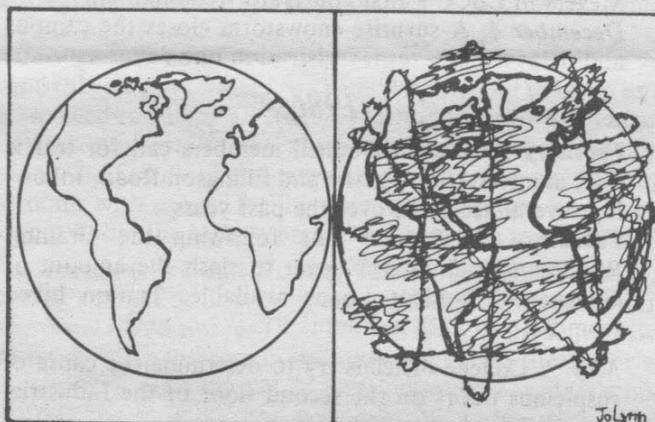
Our failure to materially address such issues is the result of bureaucratic inefficiency, powerful special interest groups, lack of personal initiative and responsibility, disinformation, lack of communication and organization, limited allocation of resources and effort, and a conflicting social value system which favors expansionism and waste instead of sufficiency and conservation.

The last 20 years have shown us that all people are inextricably linked, biologically, economically, socially, politically, and ecologically in a vast global community, where the significant actions of anyone affect everyone.

We have come to realize that the Earth, far from being an infinite storehouse of exploitable resources, is a delicately balanced, finite world of limited capacity. It is potentially much more vulnerable to damage and abuse than we, in our immature and rapacious hunger to conquer, ever dreamed. While mankind has flourished, the relative size of our one world has dramatically shrunk. No longer is the Earth an unlimited frontier. It has become a global village.

Quality of life is not the same as increased productivity, materialistic wealth and a booming consumerism. We have confused opportunity with license.

Our "use it and throw it away" mentality is an indication of something more serious than mere affectation to fashionable, eccentric absent-minded preoccupation with the particular drama of our personal lives. It



reflects a self-centered set of values which disposes us to pursue convenience and status at the expense of moral responsibility and environmental ethics.

To an extent, we have begun to cultivate an appreciation and understanding of an ecological Bill Of Rights, including those of animals and the wilderness community. However, our sensitivity to the broader aspects of the viable health is yet immature.

Estimates place the rate of species extinction at 400 to 1000 per year.

While, out of a global population of 10 million species, this rate may seem inconsequential, it certainly wasn't to those species members, nor is it to currently endangered species. What is, or should be, especially troubling, is that most, if not all, of these extinctions are the direct result of mankind's intervention in ecological communities, either through pollution, exploitation, wilderness destruction, or to other types of destruction. In addition, this rate has increased during the past 20 years, indicating a large-scale impact of events affecting large number of animals and plant populations.

Our knowledge of the essential role which organisms perform in the complex web of life is imperfect, incomplete, and extremely limited. Our grasp of the interconnective relationships between ecological communities and the rest of the planet is similarly poor.

We know that ecosystems play an important part in the maintenance of all life forms, but we can only guess at their long-term significance.

Our failures to control human population growth is possibly the most serious aspect of our destructive rela-

tionship to the Earth and its living citizens. We are not the only members of the community. We might develop a moral philosophy which weights the relative scale of life-privilege heavily in favor of human eminence, but it would fail to account for the value of other forms of life in and of themselves.

In addition to denying the inseparable relationship between mankind and other living things, such a self-centered philosophy would demonstrate an extreme arrogance and irresponsibility by encouraging a wasteful, ruthless, and insensitive citizenship.

I don't think that we, as members of the human race, have developed such a moral policy.

However, there are numerous examples of short-sighted greed, apathy, inefficiency, governmental policy, corporate unaccountability, expediency, carelessness, intolerance, destruction, territorial and ideological reactionism, mismanagement and wastefulness that testify to our collective inability to exercise a refined and purposeful code of environmental ethics.

The condition of our environment continues to deteriorate while our elected officials seek a mediocre compromise between increased productivity and quality of life. Community action groups have had, time and time again, to organize and mount a vocal campaign to protest an unwanted intrusion by the government of corporate interest into their lives in the form of toxic dumps, nuclear reactors, polluting industries, or other disruptive institutions.

Grassroots activism at the community level works. In fact, that's what democracy is really all about. However, the most important element is you, the individual. It requires a personal responsibility to get informed and be active.

Environmental activities focusing on Earthweek '90 are being organized in communities, cities and campuses across the country and in at least 84 countries. I challenge each of you to think about the personal and global significance of Earthweek '90 and get involved with the environmental workshops and lectures being planned at OSU and at LBCC.

If the Earth is poisoned and destroyed by our failure to do something about it, it won't be anybody else's fault but ours. Yours and mine. 'Nuff said.

Looking back: LBCC through the 1980s

By Arik Hesseldahl and Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

Last week we began the slow and agonizing process of training ourselves to put a "9" after the "19" instead of an "8" when assigning a date at the top of our checks and term papers.

Generally the media loves to fill all kinds of space in such times with retrospectives and other analyses of the past decade. The Commuter is a progressive publication, but not beyond jumping on an occasional bandwagon when real news is in short supply.

The following retrospective covers the last ten years of LBCC as witnessed by the Commuter.

1980

October 1: LB opened the 80s with a 28 percent increase in full-time enrollment for fall term of the 80-81 school year. There was a grand total of 2,025 students carrying 12 or more credits.

November 19: A fire, classified as arson by the Albany Police Department, blackened the car of LB student David Crabtree. Damage was estimated at \$150.

1981

April 15: LBCC board announces Dr. Thomas Gonzales as the new school president. "If you keep the energy moving...then things move themselves," he said, "It excites me when progress is made."

April 28: A 20 year-old female LBCC student is assaulted in a restroom by a man wearing a mask; she kicked him in the groin and ran out of the building.

September 30: LB faces serious budget problems after the Governor cuts state funding to community colleges by 10 million, and county levy B fails.

1982

January 20: Four to five hundred community college students rallied at the state capitol to protest further cuts in state funding of community colleges.

December 1: The Associated Co-Curricular Programs' Budget Committee cut four sports: tennis, wrestling, golf and women's softball. "I felt like it was an extremely frustrating experience," said Blaine Nisson, student activities coordinator, "\$25,000 in cuts were made in the last half hour and no rationale was used."

1983

February 16: The LBCC board voted Tuesday night to refuse a grant to fund a conference on Soviet life. Board member Herb Hammond said, "Such a politically controversial program is not appropriate to community college sponsorship and particularly LBCC."



March 30: Two levies failed to pass last night leaving the school facing further budget cuts.

April 27: Charles Dallman, culinary arts instructor, has filed a grievance with the faculty association over the merger of the culinary arts department and the business affairs division.

May 18: For the second time this spring voters defeated both of LBCC's ballot measures. "It looks like it's back to the drawing board," says president Gonzales.

1984

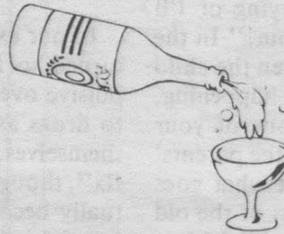
January 11: Albany Police officers removed smoker Leonard Glen Higgins from the non-smoking section of the Commons after making belligerent remarks to administrators who asked him to move.

November 7: Ballot measure 2 is defeated. The measure, had it passed, would have forced the college to cut 11 programs and lay off as many as 90 employees.

1985

January 16: The LBCC Board of Education again received a request to review the much-disputed issue of serving alcohol on campus.

April 10: Ban restored: At their regular monthly meeting, March 14, the LBCC Board of Education unanimously reaffirmed the college's policy against serving alcoholic beverages on campus.



April 17: The small engine repair program is to be phased out at the end of spring term due to budget cuts, job scarcity and dwindling enrollments according to Dave Carter, chairman of the Small Engine Department.

May 1: Short term emergency loans fund for new students established. Up to \$75 available per student.

September 25: Registrar Jon Carnahan is appointed as Vice-President in charge of Instruction.

October 9: Groundskeeper Jack Minnick and student Kathy Keaney are married in the LBCC courtyard. Earlier in the day, Minnick's brother married Linda Meyers in LBCC's first courtyard wedding.

December 4: A surprise snowstorm closes the campus and delays winter term registration one day.

1986

February 5: Student Council members call for traffic light at intersection Pacific and Ellingson Road, following several accidents over the past years.

February 19: Federal cuts following the Gramm-Ruddman-Hollings Act begin to slash the amount of Guaranteed Student Loans available. Tuition hiked from \$216 to \$228 per term.

May 7: College officials try to determine the cause of suspicious odors on the second floor of the Industrial Arts building.

May 28: Tight budget forces cutbacks in tutoring. Tutoring program is axed for summer term, and plans to modify the program to limit future tutoring to vocational majors is considered.

June 4: Smoking banned in Takena Hall as students and staff complain of smoke collecting on second floor study area.

1987

January 21: The Oregon State Board of Higher Education votes to switch state universities from a quarter system to a semester system effective fall term 1990. LBCC officials are surprised by the sudden change.

January 28: Work Study and Guaranteed Student loans are again placed on the chopping block by the Reagan Administration for the proposed 1988 budget, which calls for a \$3.7 billion cut by eliminating work study and increasing interest paid on GSLs.

February 4: Semesters seen as inevitable, despite feeling by most students and faculty opposing the change.

February 18: Staff gives OK to semesters in an open forum meeting which fails to raise much opposition to the idea.

February 25: LB plans to guarantee graduates fit for employment. Money-back plan proposal unveiled for transfer courses that don't transfer. "If a student graduates with a 'C' grade or better in a course that is not accepted at a four-year college, we'll refund the money for that course," said Vice President Jon Carnahan.

April 22: Lebanon Center put up for sale. Plans to move the center into town are drafted.



March 11: Political Science instructor Doug Clark announces plans to visit Nicaragua on a fact-finding tour to aid establishment of a sister-city relationship between Albany and the city of Chichigalpa.

September 30: Ending months of discussion, the LBCC Board of Education gave final approval to have the college begin converting its academic calendar from the quarter system to the semester system. The Epic of "Razz and Chazz", a controversial weekly column by Commuter Editors Matt Rasmussen and Chuck Bacon is launched.

October 14: Accreditation team gives college passing grade.

October 28: High student load default rate forces death of Emergency Loan fund. It has not been reinstated.

November 18: U.S. Department of Education threatens to cut off federal financial aid to colleges that don't curtail student defaults.

1988

February 3: Oregon State Police increase patrols on Highway 34. 38 tickets and 20 warnings are issued in one two-hour period.

February 10: State approves traffic light at controversial intersection of Pacific and Ellingson.

March 9: Rash of thefts hits campus. Security officer nabs suspected burglar on stake out.

April 20: Track Coach Dave Bakley travels to Nepal where he studied the country's track and field training programs.

May 4: Former security officer pleads guilty to series of thefts of campus offices and desks.

May 18: Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson visits the OSU campus. Michael Dukakis wins the Oregon Democratic primary.

May 25: Students take semester change protest to steps of state capitol.

June 2: Baseball team captures Northwest championship.

October 26: Board votes to allow alcohol under restrictive policy. LBCC Foundation audit reveals missing funds. More than \$500 is missing.

December 7: Nancy Lee Mashofsky Widmer is charged with first-degree aggravated theft and four counts of first degree forgery in connection the the missing funds discovered in a fraud audit done of the accounts of the LBCC scholarship Foundation.

1989

January 11: Widmer pleads guilty to criminal charges in Linn County Circuit Court.

February 1: Computer virus discovered in MacIntosh computer lab.

February 22: French Banquet held by Culinary Arts Department is the first campus event to serve alcohol.

March 1: Nancy Widmer testifies that compulsive spending was the cause of her forgeries of checks by the LBCC Foundation.

April 5: Widmer sentenced to two days in jail, five years probation, is ordered to pay \$61,601 in restitution over two year-period.

April 12: Campus peeper reported in LBCC women's restrooms.

April 26: President's Council bans smoking in Commons.

May 24: Jon Carnahan is selected as interim President to fill the office vacated by Dr. Tom Gonzales.

CLASSIFIEDS**NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS****COLLEGE REP TO VISIT**

A representative from University of Oregon will be in the COMMONS LOBBY on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1990 from 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM to talk with students interested in transferring to that school.

TABLE: Join us in the cafeteria to chat in Spanish. Look for the table with a flower—Every Wednesday at 12:00.

SUPPORT FOR EX-SMOKERS

The LBCC Women's Center is hosting a Smoker's Anonymous Group. The open discussion meetings are being held on Fridays at 12:00 noon for ex-smokers and those with a desire to stop smoking. Both men and women are invited to join us. Room HO 201A.

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Gallery features garment show

"The Art Garment" is now showing in the LBCC Art Gallery, Humanities Rm 100, and will continue through Jan. 19.

Alice Hall, Polly Johnson, Kirsten Lee, Jean Leitschwager, Sabine Miner, Pat Pennoch, Susan Perry, and Torri Pratt are the featured artists.

Opening of new Lebanon Center delayed

By Ila Pitts
Of The Commuter

Completion of LBCC's new Lebanon Center has been delayed, postponing its move until Feb. 5, according to the center director, Al Barrios.

"The new facility is more than 90 percent complete and is in the wrap-up stages of the electrical work," said Barrios.

He feels the new 10,200 sq.-ft. facility which formerly housed the J.C. Penny Co. will be the "Showplace of the College,

something the city of Lebanon and the college can be very proud of."

The center will house two general purpose classrooms, an art lab, an office technology lab, developmental education classrooms and a student break area with vending machines.

In addition to a larger bookstore and registration location, the conference room will be available to the community.

Barrios also plans an open house in February, "with many special events and activities on the agenda," including the monthly meeting for Linn-Benton's Board of Education.

Winter term enrollment shows continued increase

By Kathe Nielsen
Of The Commuter

Preliminary LBCC winter term enrollment figures show a continuing upward trend—an increase of 5.5 percent. Based on third day reports, 7,182 enrolled at LBCC, by a total head count, 372 more than winter term 1989.

Leading the increase is full-time registration, with a gain of 15.3 percent; 2,342 students attend LB full-time compared with last year's winter enrollment of 2,031. Part-time numbers are only slightly down from 2,600 last year to 2,593 students this year.

But all these figures are likely to change. "We're still registering students," said Blaine Nisson, director of Admissions.

According to Nisson, no demographic or divisional breakdown reports will be compiled until this week, and "the numbers will be continually changing, at least until fourth week figures are available."

By that time, 1989 fall term enrollment figures will be official. During fall term LBCC experienced an enrollment increase of approximately 10 percent, which is expected to be the highest percentage gain in Oregon. Statewide, community colleges averaged increases of 7.5 percent.

Projecting through the end of the school year, Nisson said, "When you combine last year's totals and this year's increases, we have the potential to be up as much as 20 percent. I think we need to survey all students to find out why attendance at LB is up."

While difficult to pinpoint the reasons why, by sheer numbers the educational system has been strained. Additional classes have been added, but physical space has become scarce. Classrooms with proper facilities are at a premium.

But, the resource with the highest premium, according to officials, is money.

"Tuition is something we can look at," said Nisson. However, formal policy adopted by LBCC's Board of Education has set the limit of student's financial responsibility at 20 percent, a level not far from the current 18.2 percent. "Besides," he added, "even that much of an increase in tuition could be significant for some students."

By contrast, in recent years the state's contribution to a student's education actually decreased. During the early 80s, the state contributed just over 40 percent of a student's education, the taxpayers added approximately 30 percent, and the student's paid about 17 percent.

Those financial roles have nearly reversed in 1989-90. Local taxpayers contribute 43.5 percent of funding, while the state's input to the education cost is at 30.4 percent. Student liability runs 18.2 percent and federal funds add 2.9 percent.

The balance is accounted for by "carried over" monies.

LB PeaceWorks reviews program

Linn-Benton PeaceWorks (LBPW) tackles its 1990 program of action Thursday Jan. 11 in CC 135 at 7:30 p.m. LBPW is one of 22 chapters of Oregon PeaceWorks (OPW) the largest peace group in the state.

LBCC student Laura Burt will chair the discussion of four statewide programs

which resulted from the OPW December convention.

Socializing at 7 p.m. will precede the meeting. All students and staff interested in the above issues are urged to attend. Call co-chair June Hemmingson at 926-7070 for further information.

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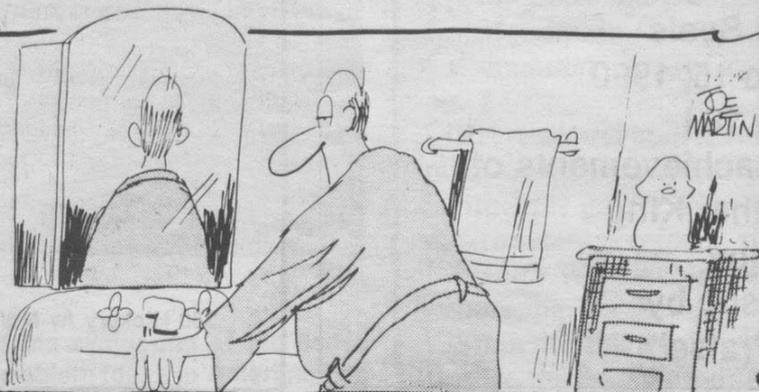
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Men seek first league win in home hoop game tonight

The men's basketball team will be after its first league victory tonight when LBCC entertains Southwestern Oregon Community College in the Activities Center. LB is 0-2 in league play so far.

Chris Whiting had 13 points and Mike Hall added 12 for Linn-Benton as Umpqua Community College defeated the Roadrunners 70-52 to open the Southern Region season Jan.3.

The loss lowered LB's record to 6-8 overall, despite record-breaking shooting from the field. The Roadrunners hit 20 of 33 shots and led at the half 28-25, but were out-scored 41-39 in the final 10

minutes. The Roadrunners then fell to Clackamas Community College 64-58 on Saturday. Whiting had 19 points and Hall added 17 to pace LB in that game.

LB will play its first league home game tonight when it hosts SWOCC at 8 p.m.

Here is a summary of the games the LBCC Men's basketball team played over the winter break: Dec. 16: LBCC 79, Olympic 59; Dec.18: Centralia 78, LBCC 69; Dec.22: Green River 84, LBCC 75; Dec.23: Shoreline 76, LBCC 75; Dec. 29-30 Lane Tournament-- Northwest Christian 83, LBCC 64; Consolation Round LBCC 76, Grays Harbor 73.

Women open with losses

By Ladd Whitcomb
Of The Commuter

LBCC women's basketball team opened league play Jan. 3 with 74-56 loss to Umpqua Community College.

The Roadrunner's record dropped to 0-2 following a 93-62 loss to Clackamas. "They're the number one team in the league," Prince said. "We finished the game with only four players on the floor in the last five minutes."

Kim Downie fouled out with five minutes to play after scoring eight points. Over the winter break, LBCC returned empty-handed from the Lower Columbia Tournament held Dec. 28-30. Clark defeated LB 73-68 and Walla Walla added to the injury 70-53.

Going into tonight's home game against SWOCC, Monica Straws is leading the Roadrunners with a 20-point average per game.

"This game should give us a chance to get back on our feet," Prince said.

Basketball Summaries

Men:

Umpqua 70, Linn-Benton 52

Linn-Benton (52) — Anderson 3, Ecker 2, Whiting 13, Hall 12, Henderson 2, Esplin 2, Karo 7, Badger 4.

Umpqua (70) — Cowen 7, Bolton 1, VanLier 4, Hargett 4, Briscoe 18, Richard 11, Loiler 5, Westbrook 9, Smith 5, Wagner 6.

Halftime score:

Linn-Benton 28, Umpqua 25.

3-point goals: Linn-Benton (1-3) Hall 0-1, Badger 1-2, Umpqua (3-8) Cowen 2-3, Richard 1-4, Briscoe 0-1.

Clackamas 64, Linn-Benton 58

Linn-Benton (58) — Allen 7, Whiting 19, Wechter 3, Henderson, Anderson, Hall 17, Ecker 8, Badger 4, Karo.

Clackamas (64) — Daniels 18, Bartel 3, Osborne 24, Spencer 5, Nosland 6, Martines 4, Lucas 4.

Halftime score:

Clackamas 25, Linn-Benton 23.

3-point goals: Linn-Benton (4-5) Aleen 1-1, Wecher 1-1, Hall 2-3, Clackamas (7-15) Daniels 3-6, Bartel 1-3, Osborne 1-3, Nosland 2-3.

Women:

Umpqua 74, Linn-Benton 56

Linn-Benton (56) — Torrez 7, Slack 4, Downie 22, Dejong 4, Orchard 1, Straws 18.

Umpqua (74) — Pinard 4, Chestnut 8, Stapleton 11, Hunter 23, Cornish 14, Schacht 14, Jantz.

Halftime score:

Linn-Benton 26, Umpqua 23

3-point goals: Linn-Benton (6-16) Torrez 1-5, Downie 3-5, Straws 2-6, Umpqua (2-5) Schacht 2-5.

Clackamas 93, Linn-Benton 62

Linn-Benton (62) — Torrez 12, Slack 8, Downie 8, Dejong 2, Orchard 10, Straws 22.

Clackamas (93) — Yoder 4, Hewlett 19, Houston, Brown 2, Drennen 12, Murphy, Garner 7, Graham 3, Harker 2, Lilliard 9, Pember 14, Stephenson 21.

Halftime score:

Linn-Benton 26, Clackamas 23.

3-point goals: Linn-Benton (6-12) Torrez 2-4, Straws 4-8, Clackamas (1-1) Hewlett 1-1.



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Karate instructor Dave Gray helps his brown belts get their moves down in his intermediate level class on Monday. The class will be preparing for the many Northwest tournaments coming up this year, one of which will be held on the LBCC campus in April. Gray has been teaching at LBCC for several years and has coached many students to high rankings in the tournaments.



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