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**Native Thunder** 

Photos by S.E. Strahan

A member of the Chemawa Dance Team performs in the Commons as part of Human Dignity Month. The team of Native American dancers, which includes representatives of several different tribes, appeared before a large lunch-time crowd last Wednesday. The group performs at cultural events all over the country, and has become more popular lately along with the resurgence of interest in Native American cultures.

# Speaker says AIDS is everybody's business

By Tony Lystra Of The Commuter

B ox of condoms in hand, Student Council members took over the Fireside Lounge on Friday, April 23 for a forum on AIDS and HIV on college campuses.

"Everybody's Business," a video presentation and discussion sponsored by the American Red Cross and the American Association of Community Colleges, included speaker Margo Denison of the Valley AIDS information network of Corvallis.

The video covered various ways which one can become infected with the HIV virus, details regarding testing for the disease, and tools employers and college campuses can use to make their environments more accessible to HIV patients.

Denison, whose daughter is HIVpositive, said LBCC is already handicap-accessible and thus ready to adequately accommodate HIV-positive students

She said that HIV-positive students might easily tire during a three hour exam, or with the rigors encountered in a twelve-credit schedule.

No policy exists at this time, according to Denison, to mandate that Colleges accommodate HIV-positive

students during exams or give such students with lighter schedules the same benefits as those taking twelve credits.

She also said HIV-positive students could safely participate in any LB program, provided it wasn't too tiring for them. "Someone who is in the food services program could continue with it," she said.

"It's good to be scared because this disease can kill you. We should be taking this disease very seriously."

Denison reminded the audience that HIV is very much a concern in Oregon. She said that there are an estimated 200 HIV-positive citizens in Benton county, and 400 in Linn county.

"It's good to be scared because this disease can kill you. We should be taking this disease very seriously," she concluded.

For more information contact the Valley AIDS Information Network hotline at 752-6322.

# Berkey: 'We're all 50th cousins'

By Teri Velazquez
Of The Commuter

hat would your life be like if you suddenly woke up a different gender and color than the one you were when you went to sleep? As an Asian male, would you encounter different reactions than you do as an American Indian female? What would happen if you spent every day as a white female going shopping at your local grocery store, then went to the same store as a Black male?

This type of awareness was the focus of the April 26 presentation by Ernestine Berkey titled, "Who is our Community?" The two-hour talk about race and gender equality was a portion of LB's Human Dignity Month, and judging by the applause and comments of the multi-racial audience, Berkey was a dynamic and entertaining speaker.

As a member of Oregon's Commission on Black Civil Rights as well as the United States Commission for Civil Rights, Berkey has recently lobbied for the passage of Senate Bill 34 here in Oregon. This is the bill which would make it a crime to discriminate against people with regard to their sexual orientation.

She is a passionate believer in a global spirit of "community" urging the riveted audience to "become culturally learned—to be excited about it."

"We are all our community. Community is nothing but feeling connected, but unless we learn to value different cultures and societies, community will not be possible."

One of Berkey's favorite quotes is from the movie, "Dances With Wolves."

"The greatest trail in life is that of becoming a human being."

Berkey's life-trail has led her from her upbringing in Mountain View, California, to her years as human rights activist in the 1960s and 1970s when she counted people like the late Cesar Chavez among her close friends. Her mother was a strong force in determining Berkey's pride and sense of justice as an African American. She often sat in on her daughter's classroom, telling Berkey it was, "to see from what perspective" her teacher was teaching the class. Berkey was the only African American child in her school.

"It took me years and years to appreciate what an extraordinary mother she was."

Another favorite quote, this time from Guy Murchie's book, "The Seven Mysteries Of Life," is one that personifies Berkey's belief to a tee.

"We're all 50th cousins."

It is this sense of "the family of man" that she conveys in her talks about her interest in anthropology and her childhood hero, noted anthropologist Margaret Mead.

"She was not captivated or held hostage to her whiteness."

Berkey left the audience with a simple but powerful message.

"Racism is not genetic. Conditioning can be unconditioned. Learning can be un-learned. If you want to dedicate yourself to being more sensitized, more aware, more global in your personal life, you will want all people to live honorable lives in your community.

# **Blood drive today**

The American Red Cross needs your blood. Well, they don't really need it, they have plenty of their own.

What they need is for you to donate blood, especially type "O".

We all know the blood transfusion story. People sharing their life-giving blood with others.

The new wrinkle is that nearly half the US population has type "O" blood. Type "O" blood is the blood of choice in emergency situations and is almost always given to infants in need of transfusions. Subsequently, the frequent use of type "O" generates a continuing need for type "O."

The complex means by which donated blood is divided, can allow the one donor's blood to give another chance at life to up to four other people.

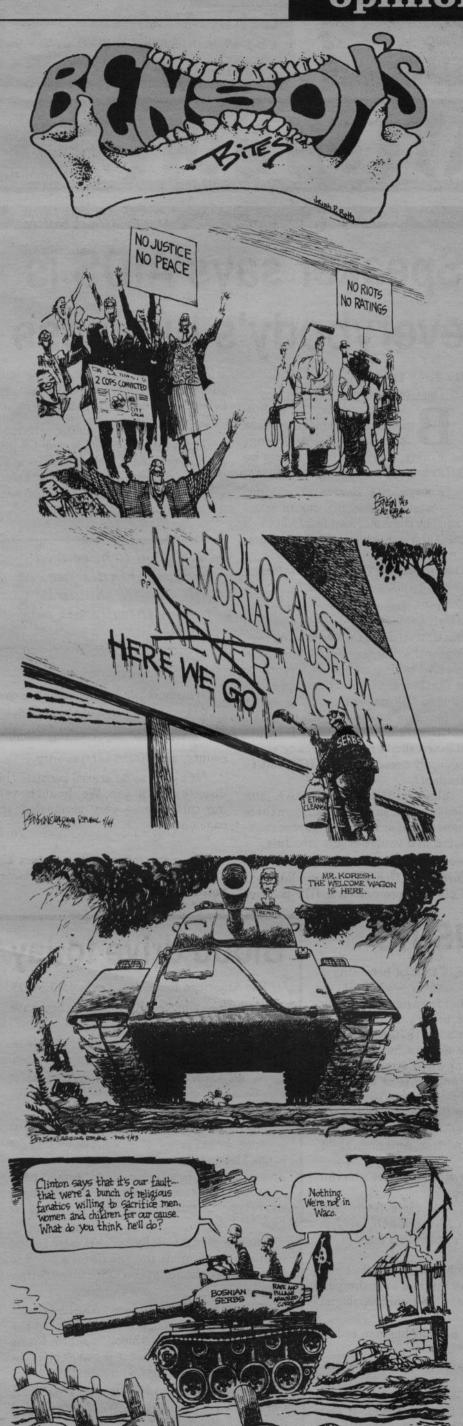
"Donors aren't giving blood to the Red Cross.

They are giving through the Red Cross to the many patients who need blood," said Dr. Frans Peetoom, Pacific Northwest Blood Service director for the Red Cross.

The Red Cross Blood Drive comes to the LB College Center/Boardroom, Wednesday, April 28, from 9:30 am to 9 pm.

Donors may call Tammi Paul at 928-2361, ext 173, to make an appointment.

### opinion forum



### The FBI gave TV what it wanted

"Did you see that latest poll?" asked Slats Grobnik, a note of triumph in his voice.

There are so many polls; on what subject? "The one on the way things turned out in Waco and how most people in America think the FBI did what they should have did, except they think they should of did it a lot sooner."

mike royko

Yes, I did glance at the polls. It appears a majority does agree that action was needed and David Koresh's followers brought their misfortune upon themselves

"Hey, not just a majority. That could be only 51 percent. Uh-uh. The poll was so one-sided that the only people who don't agree are the nine survivors, David Koresh's lawyers and a few weepy bleeding hearts who would have felt bad if Hannibal the Cannibal had to go on a vegetable diet."

A slight exaggeration, but you're right; there appears to be overwhelming support for the government action.

"Yeah, and I'm one of 'em."

Well, you always swim in the mainstream of American thought.

"Right, and when it came to this Waco thing, I was fed up. I couldn't take any more."

Couldn't take any more what? "What? I'll tell you what. Night after night, it was the same thing."

The same what?

"The same story on the TV news shows. They show you the same buildings where the loonies are holed up. Then some FBI guy comes on and says that maybe they are getting somewhere because this David guy is waiting for a message from God. And then the next night, he comes on and says they ain't getting anywhere after all because God didn't send the message. Or some nights, they wouldn't even say that anything was going on. They'd just show you the same buildings and say that nothing's happening. It was enough to drive someone crazy."

But you have a zapper. Couldn't you just switch to another channel?

"Yeah, but I don't like jumping around that way because you might get over to another channel and they're showing you the same thing. Or you get a commercial. Or it might be one of the anchorgirls who got a hairdo I don't like. And it wears the batteries down in my zapper, so why should I be inconvenienced like that?"

Wait a minute, are you saying that you are glad the FBI finally took action because you didn't like the repetition and monotony of the TV coverage?

"Yeah, that's it. It's like watching one of those English movies on that Master Beast Theatre, where all they do is talk and there's no action and nothing ever happens and you can barely understand what they're saying because they don't speak good English like we do."

But the tense standoff was not meant to be entertainment. "Then how come it was on TV every night if it ain't supposed to be entertainment?" Because it was news.

"Boy, for somebody who is supposed to be a newsie, you don't know much about your own racket."

Then explain.

"Look, when I turn on the news, I don't expect them to show me a street in Chicago and have a reporter say: 'Here is a street in Chicago. Last night and today, nothing much happened on this here street. Nobody got shot and nobody got arrested and nobody threw a kid out of a window. Everything was pretty calm.' So what would happen if TV stations put on that kind of story?"

Obviously, that would be a rather eccentric approach to news.

"Sure. And if they did it every night, people would wind up throwing their zappers at the TV. You turn on the news and you want action. If they show you a street, you wanna see who got shot or what house got burned down or who got tossed out of a window. Or if they are gonna do serious stuff, they got reporters yelling dumb questions at the President or the mayor to get 'em mad enough to say something stupid. You got to have action. Even with my favorite bass fishing show.

"Bass fishing?

"Sure. They always catch fish. I think maybe they got scuba divers down there, sticking the hook in the fish's lip, but so what? It's action. But would anybody watch if every week the guy said: 'Well, used up a whole box of night crawlers and didn't catch a danged thing, but tune in next week and we'll try again."

No, I suppose the audience would lose interest.

"That's right. But at least they could tune out. With the news, though, you're stuck because you want to get the baseball and basketball scores and the lottery results. And what do you get? The same Waco story you had the night before, 51 nights in a row. If Desert Storm lasted that long, they would have thrown tomatoes instead of confetti at that Gen. Schwartzwoozitz."

Well, you must be pleased that at least it is over.

"Yeah, and I think the FBI and everybody else learned something from this." About how to deal with dangerous cults and other fanatics? "

No, I think they learned that they shouldn't bust in that early in the morning. They should wait for prime time. I was working when the joint burned down. What a ripoff."

That's show biz.

"I guess."

# Higher ed ponders bad idea

of Higher Education would limit the number of credits a student can

accrue in pursuit of a bachelors degree without being penalized.

editorial

It's a bad idea. Really bad.

Perhaps some of the board members could use a few more college credits themselves. Maybe a critical-thinking course?

One has to wonder if the board sometimes misses seeing the forest for the trees. Is the objective to educate as many as possible? Or to keep students moving through the system at top speed?

According to board member Janice Wilson, the situation is simple.

"We have more people wanting to use the system than we have dollars," she says. "Students who take an extra year are keeping other students from coming through the door.'

According to the proposal, "students who take an inordinate number of classes beyond the degree requirements would be charged the full cost of those classes. That cost would amount to roughly three times the \$2,751 in tuition they pay as in-state students."

Are we to believe we should penalize those among us who want to learn the most, whose interests lie in broader fields?

The board contends the penalty would take affect according to the number of classes taken and not time spent in school. Careful consideration should be given to the students involved before pulling the academic rug out from under them.

"Students who take an unusual number of classes," may very well describe our best students. Who more than the brightest and best students should we try to help the most? Like it or not, they may well hold the keys to our future.

According to Paul Warner, the state's economist since 1989, much of Oregon's economic growth in the last several years was due to expansion of high-tech industries. These industries were attracted to Oregon by a skilled labor force. A diverse labor force.

A less educated work force would ultimately force high-tech industries away and attract labor-intensive industry. Low skilled jobs are hard to come by

proposal by the Oregon State Department these days and those are not the kind of jobs Oregon needs anyway.

> Many students are not in a position to race through their college education. I'm sure a lot of them simply don't because they can't afford to. They have to work part-time jobs while taking classes. Others must pursue a degree and raise families at the same time.

> Corporate America is currently extolling the virtues of lifelong learning. Today, the captains of industry reward the ongoing academic efforts of employees with tuition assistance, time off and promotion consideration.

"Students who take an extra year are keeping other students from coming through the door."

While the board would like to affect only the perpetual students, I wonder if that is how it will really turn out. Are we to believe we should penalize those among us who want to learn the most, whose interests lie in broader fields?

Isn't the college trying to run like a business? The administration sets the prices, and just like any business can raise or lower prices (tuition). If the Oregon State Board of Education sold potatoes, would they raise the prices for their best customers? Would they charge less to the people that may be just on "a couple of months of college" flings?

I think the best customers should get the best potatoes cheapest.

The board says it will "adopt a reasonable level" that would not penalize students who might switch majors early on, or students working toward a double major. The committee now working on the proposal suggests the ceiling be set at 48 credit hours, about one year of classes above the number of hours students need in a particular field to obtain a bachelors

The board is expected to adopt the new limit for the 1994-95 school year.

The number of students affected by this proposal is expected to be small—approximately 1.4 percent of the current 60,525 students, or 847 people, in the eight-school system.

The state of education in Oregon is at a critical point. Taking this sort of action at this time could set a precedent that may be hard to change later. JLJ

## **Cultists lose big**

This is not a funny column. If you're looking for a silly column, try Shawn Strahan's. But this week I am going to be venting some spleen.

Okay. I'm sick and tired of this self-righteous attitude I keep hearing from people about

the termination of the Branch Davidian Waco showdown. It's sort of like 'Desert Storm II-Saddam's a white guy.'

poet's corner chuck skinner

This situation is a lot

like the federal trials of Officers Koon et al-a murder mystery where after reading the first few pages, I could tell you the way it would end. Just a word to those of you who are buying half racks and celebrating and getting pissed over the 'victory of order over lawlessness' (if I may); the folks in that compound won.

Yes, that's right. They won. If they had surrendered to law enforcement officers then they would have lost. They were fighting a war against evil, and guess who evil number one was—the whore of Babylon. You got it. Uncle Sam hisself.

When the B.A.T.F. stumbled through that window like deer onto a highway, the folks defending the compound looked and said to themselves "Get thee behind me, Satan. Eat lead in the name of the redeemer." And God saw that it was good. And thus was the morning and the evening of the first day.

"They broke the law!" I have heard, "They deserved it." Yes. They broke the law. Like the Hebrews at Masada broke Roman law. Like the French resistance broke the law during World War II. Like the protestors at White Sands Nuclear Base. Even a little like the Operation Rescue workers in Alabama.

Like the Christians in early times, who held sacrament when it was illegal. Like Oliver North's team, who sold arms to the Middle East to fund an invasion in Nicaragua. They broke the law because they knew the law was wrong. They fought the law, and they won, because they didn't submit to it.

"And they're part of a cult! Led by a crazy man!" Okay, one thing at a time. Cult. Yes, they are a cult. As are the Moonies. As are the Mormons. As are the Kurds and Dervishes. As are the Wiccans. As are the Buddhists. As are the Baptists.

Let me whip out my Funk & Wagnall's. Quote: Cult (n) < L. Cultus (care or cultivate) A system of beliefs and ritual connected with the worship of a deity. Yep, sounds like most of us belong to (ominous organ chord) a cult.

"But they brainwash their members into believing that Koresh was Christ!" Yep again. Like this society brainwashes its members into believing that the policeman is your friend, that drinking Diet Pepsi will get you sex, that green means go. It's all about perspective.

And speaking of perspective, David Koresh and his followers; perhaps they were only crazy because they had a different belief system than most of us. The men and women gave up normal sexual relations with each other because they felt God said so. And God was more important to them than doin' the nasty.

And Koresh reneged on his word to the Effa-Bee-Eye for the same reason. God came to him and said 'Don't do it, baby.' Now, if I had the choice to either muck over The Lord God Almighty or Bill Sessions, I wouldn't have to think too long about my choice.

Now, I'm not going to discuss whether the decision to ram the compound sucked big hairy rhinos or not, but I will say that it was obvious that very few people in that compound seemed terribly interested in coming out and being good little citizens. This was an endgame situation which the government handled like a hostage crisis because they have trouble adapting to people who think differently than

And it's a shame.

#### letters

# Frye fans sound off

I am Writing in response to Tony Lystra's April 21 Art's and Entertainment article about Java Rama's Comedy Night. Tony, you hit the nail on the head when you said the shows "sucked." In fact, it was probably the understatement of the year.

I had the misfortune of attending two of Java's comedy shows and was blatantly disappointed. I knew I was writing my own obituary after seeing the first show, but the term's been fairly dull. I thought the comedians were not great, but adequate for some laughs (thumbs up to Chip Anderson).

The crowd, oh yeah, them. I've seen more live action at the Corvallis Manor than I did at the Java. I sympathize with Frye, who must have been scared "sh-tless" to voluntarily walk on stage. If people don't want to go and laugh; stay the hell home and watch Beaver Cleaver reruns.

> Russ Cox disturbed analyst

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# Chainsaws to text books: careers in transition

Trio of dislocated timber workers discover the road to new careers begins with the LBCC retraining program

By Harry Lehman Of The Commuter

As the slightly scratched, late model pickup motors into the college parking lot, the driver looks out at the coast range basking in the morning sunlight. Spring fever takes a grip. He envisions a steep, damp draw, dotted with cedars, firs, maple and alder, remembering when he carried chain saws, caulk boots and aluminum hydraulic jacks instead of pens, binders, and textbooks.

His life has been changed.

Like other dislocated timber workers attending LBCC, he is coping with the transition between work and school.

It's a difficult transition, according to employment placement specialist Roslyn Heffner, who presented a lengthy evaluation of timber worker skills at the National Timber Summit, held in Portland two weeks ago.

"I have found formal schooling, even munity college setting, does not work well with this group of people," she told the panel.

She offered little hope for ex-timber workers retraining for indoor occupations. "These jobs were really hard work. Lots of strength and endurance was required," she testified. "They are rugged individuals, proud of their skills and livelihoods; they really liked to be where they were. The main emphasis in a logger's life is the ability to do a job well, stay alive, be in the outdoors, and to be in a situation where there is not as much supervision over them."

Three LB students are bucking that trend, as they participate in the Choices and Options program. The former loggers are enrolled in LB's Waste Water Management program.

Former landing chaser and rigging man, Bill Ritchey, lives in the tiny coastal range town of Alsea with his wife and two children, making the arduous 77 mile round-trip commute to the LB campus, five days a week.

He fondly recalls his early entry into logging, helping his father and working for various logging operations during summers while attending Alsea

Timber had become his way of life by the time he



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Robert Jones: 'I really enjoyed the work....(It) was hard and satisfying. I always enjoyed doing a good job.'



Photo by Linda L. Wallace

Pat Wood of Sweet Home puts in some on-the-job training at the Albany sewage treatment plant.

graduated from high school in 1976.

Country living was a basic tenet of the work. Wood heat, steelhead fishing, and elk hunting were pillars of a pioneer spirit in a community rich in logging tradition.

Changes in the wood products industry however, forced Richey to change careers.

He researched career options, prioritized his needs, and decided that work as a sewage treatment technician would fill the bill. The new job would offer an adequate wage, excellent benefits, and no more getting "beat up, broke up and wore out."

Ritchey's brother John, also a logger, was the first to test the academic waters. Quitting his logging job, he enrolled in LB's Waste Water Management program, and found employment in Newport immediately upon graduation.

When his employer relocated its logging operation to the north coast forests of Vernonia, Ritchey stayed behind, signing up for retraining.

Student life presents its own challenges. Ritchey admits that "it's slow, but I'm gaining. I'm more of a working kinda guy than a school guy, but my life is going to work out O.K."

Solid family backing and financial support from the retraining program, help Richey maintain an honor roll GPA.

Ritchey shares many common values with fellow student Pat Wood, of Sweet Home.

Upon graduation from high school, the Brownsville native accepted an entry-level logging job paying more than three times the 1972 minimum wage .

Wood subsequently tried his hand as a free-lance logger. Success as an independent "gypo" was hardearned, and when an opportunity to work for Willamette Industries arose, he took it.

He learned about the Choices and Options program after a 1991 layoff ended his 16 year association with Willamette Industries. Sixteen years with the company fell two years short of the layoff tenure

Today, a 20 credit academic load keeps him away from home up to 16 hours a day.

Wood's family provides the foundation for his academic success. His wife, Terry, is a teller in a Sweet Home bank, and his mother helps care for the couple's 2 children in the afternoons.

"With classes, I'm gone more than I was as a timber cutter, and with all the homework, there is no time to play around," he said.

Wood is impressed by the Water/Wastewater program. "The instructors are intelligent, well informed and up-to-date," he said.

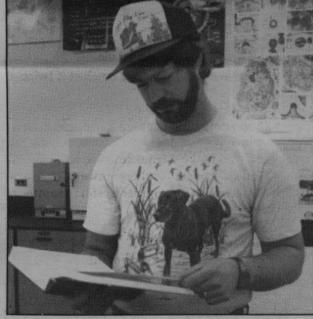


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Bill Ritchey: 'I'm more of a working kinda guy than a school guy, but my life is going to work out OK.'

A third ex-timber worker, Robert Jones, is also building a new career.

Jones and his wife, Darla, raised their three sons in the close-knit community of Valsetz. Jones learned every job in the mill; from pond

man, to lathe operator, to millwright, to car loader. "I really enjoyed my work," he said. "If Valsetz

was still there, and there was a chance to live there, I'd live there." Valsetz, a Boise-Cascade owned town, was razed in the late 1980s, following the closure of the town's

"The boys no longer have a hometown," Jones

Jones recalls that logging was fun and the money good, but benefits were slim and hours unpredictable.

"The work was hard and satisfying. I always enjoyed doing a good job." The career change was a family decision. "When

we found that the mill was going down for good, we discussed things, and decided to take it as an adventure ... as an opportunity to re-locate and explore."

All three students have positive attitudes about their futures.

Richey summed up the philosophy of the trio. "Education is what this country is made of. Math and science are real important in this world today. I believe a person can do anything they set out to do."

### campus news

# Grounds crew insures first impression lasts

Horticulture students lend a hand with tree trimming, pruning and planting to ease the burden on three-man team

By John McMullen Of The Commuter

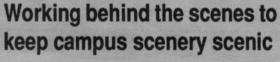
ou mowed the yard three days ago and already it's tall and ragged. Voracious weeds are taking over the flower beds. Blackberries miraculously appear over-night. Your rose bushes are out of control and tree prunings are piling up in the back yard.

If there aren't enough hours in the day to keep up with it all-well, welcome to another spring in the Willamette Valley.

Multiply those yard maintenance activities by a factor of 100, add in a couple of acres of concrete needing regular sweeping, a mile or more of sidewalks to edge, and you begin—just begin—to get an idea of the enormity of maintaining LBCC's extensive

LBCC's grounds maintenance supervisor, George van Keulen, is the man in charge of first impressions. van Keulen and two full-time employees, Juan DeLeon and Charles Mork, are responsible for the maintenance of LB's 104-acre main campus.

In addition, they do minor maintenance at the Sweet Home and Lebanon centers, and take care of parking lots and flower beds at the Benton Center.



The amount of work accomplished by LBCC's grounds maintenance crew can best be appreciated when observed as a whole:

- · 63 acres of lawn to mow, much of it twice
  - 6.5 acres of flower beds.
- 23 acres of parking lots—2245 spaces to be maintained
  - · Internal and external stairways.
  - · Hallways, walks and breezeways.
- · Watering and sprinkler system mainte-
- Volley-ball courts.
- · Tennis courts.
- · Child-care center playground.
- · Hiking paths.
- · Fountains which must be painted, cleaned and winterized.
  - Tree planting and pruning.
  - Baseball diamond and track.
  - Wooden benches and balcony rails.
- · Fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides to be applied.

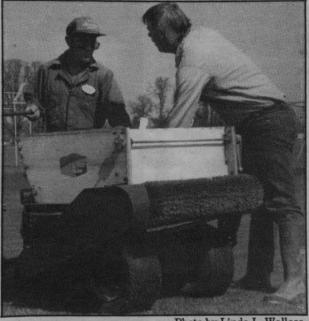


Photo by Linda L. Wallace

Juan DeLeon and George van Keulen top dress the baseball field with mason sands, which fills in holes after seeding. Seed for the field was donated by Great Western Seed Co. of Albany.

van Keulen and his crew do get some help with this monumental task. Greg Paulsen, head of the Agricultural/Horticulture Department at LB, uses the campus grounds as a "lab" for his classes whenever he can.

For example, when snow and ice caused extensive damage to the magnolia grove in the courtyard this winter, Paulsen's arborcultural class turned the misfortune into an opportunity.

During one class session they removed the broken limbs and pruned additional foliage to shape the trees and raise the canopy. The project was coordinated with the grounds maintenance crew who hauled the refuse

Last fall and winter, horticulture students planted aspen and alder along the creek north-east of the business building.

"We want to establish a riparian area", Paulsen explains. "The trees will improve water quality in the creek, keep the water cooler and create a wildlife habitat. As the trees mature they will shade out undergrowth and reduce maintenance costs for the campus."

In recent years Paulsen's classes have been making an on-going effort to minimize damage to the oak grove east of the College Center.

Linda Pace Allen, who graduates from the ag/hort program in June, says that people are unaware of the damage done when "esthetics come in conflict with plant health".

The shallow-rooted oaks were first damaged 20 years ago when a bulldozer was used to clear beneath them during campus cownstruction. The drainage slope was then changed by landscaping.

Eventually, rhododendrons, which were given as a gift to the school, were planted underneath the oak canopy. Unfortunately, rhododendrons require summer watering while oaks need reasonable drainage and dry roots in the summer. As a result the trees have become weakened and diseased.

"The oak grove is seen as kind of a 'mascot' of the campus," says Allen. "Now it's dying. We who care as stewards of the environment feel frustrated at our inability to protect."

In spite of the investment of time and knowledge by his students, Paulsen says that their assistance is limited by the "need [to use campus projects] for timely educational opportunity."

He feels that in the long run the help that he gives van Keulen amounts to an even trade-off for the labor he gets in return.

van Keulen appreciates the help. The students help with pruning, provide regular donations for the purchase of plant materials, and perform soils tests. At present they have made their planting beds available for growing Giant Sequoia seedlings for eventual planting on campus.

However, he would like to see their curriculum cover more "hands on" activities.

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So far this term van Keulen has the assistance of one work study employee, Frank DeClure, a culinary arts major. He expresses surprise that with present economic conditions there aren't more students willing to perform work study-both in his department and throughout the campus.

In past years, work study students have accounted for a substantial portion of his labor force.

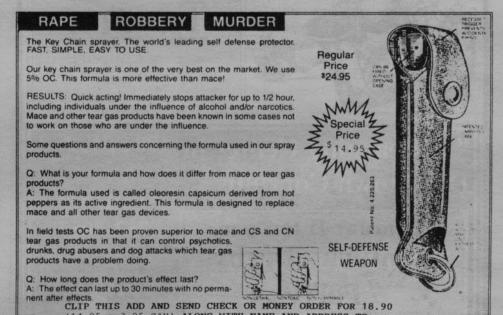
According to Juan DeLeon, students who are not directly involved in campus maintenance can do much to alleviate the work load.

He says he wouldn't need to use the noisy gaspowered leaf blower as often if students would simply "use the ash trays which are everywhere on campus, and put their trash in the trash cans."

One message heard repeatedly when speaking with these individuals who keep the campus attractive is, "I love my job." Perhaps that explains how so few people can accomplish so much.

And when you walk away from a conversation with any of them, it's likely their parting words will be, "Remember, plant trees."





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### local news

# LB instructor travels to the Amazon Basin for science workshop

A trip to Peru seems like a dream come true for a person who studies biology in Oregon

By Tricia Lafrance Of The Commuter

R ichard Liebaert stepped from the airplane in Iquitos, Peru, last month and into a boat that transported him into a biologist's paradise.

After teaching students about the importance of the rain forest for years, the LBCC biology instructor decided to spend spring break exploring the Amazon region first-hand.

"I had to go down there and see it for myself," said Liebaert. "The density and diversity of living things there is so much greater. It's like paradise for a biologist."

Liebaert recalls one morning when

he quietly trudged through a section of

the rainforest near the Explorama

Lodge where he was staying, looking

up through 100-foot-tall vines and giant

trees with great green leaves for

tropical birds. He saw macaws, a yellow

Toucan with a red stripe and blue

beak, and red-white-and-blue cardi-

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He also saw a nearly leafless tree

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nals.

During his week-long visit to the tropics, Liebaert estimates that he saw about 200 species of birds around the lodge where he stayed. Approximately 800 bird species have been identified in North America, while 3,000 species are found in South America—one-third of the world's total bird population.

More than half of the species of plants and animals of the world live in the tropical rain forest, which covers about 6 percent of the globe's land area.

"When you haul a net full of fish in the Amazon, it looks like you made a haul through a tropical fish store because most fresh water tropical fish come from the Amazon," Liebaert said. On one outing, he scooped up neon tetras, cichlids, pencil fish, hatchet fish, black-striped angel fish and many small catfish. More than 2,000 species of fish live in the Amazon—more than are found in the entire Atlan-

vic Ocean from the North Pole to the South Pole.

During a visit to a two-and-a-half-acre plot in Peru's coastal forest that had been recently surveyed by a botanist, Liebaert learned that 308 different species of trees grew in that one small spot. That's about 10 times the diversity a person would find in a similar wooded plot in North America. At least a dozen plant species in that Peruvian plot turned out to have been previously unknown.

Liebaert's trip was to take part in the Third International Rainforest Workshop at the Amazon Center for Environmental Education and Research about 50 miles from Iquitos, Peru. Iquitos is situated along the Amazon less than 4 degrees south of the equator. Classes such as Rainforest Ecology, Indigenous Cultures, Tropical Social Insects and Neotropical Bats were offered to the 100 participants by prominent scientists from the United States and Peru.

ne day Leibaert's study group saw a Ferdelance snake—a pit viper—slithering across the path in the rain forest, and later they picked up some jewel-tone frogs, which were hopping through the leaf



Photo by Rich Liebaert

The lives of the villagers in the Amazon Basin are closely entwined with the river. Children as young as 6 can be seen paddling their shallow canoes alone on the mile-wide river, according to LBCC biology instructor Richard Liebaert, who spent spring break in the region studing the rain forest.



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litter, for a closer look. They didn't realize the frogs were poisonous until one man later rubbed his eyes. He reported that his eye burned so badly it felt like a lit match was inside. Fortunately he was near camp and able to flush his eyes out with water.

Although Liebaert said he "never felt unsafe in the Amazon," he added that his group was advised to be cautious while hiking. One of the guides told his group not to grab onto a branch if they happened to slip on the trail. "It's better to just fall down because most of the vines that you grab hold of might be covered with needle-like spines or something that bites!" Liebaert recalled.

Traveling to the rain forest has been one of Liebaert's dreams for a long time.

"A lot of the ecological interactions that I've read about I've really seen now, and it's more fun talking to the students about them from personal experience. And I went down there because I thought I'd better see this before it is all gone."

cientists estimate that during the past 30 years, about one-third of the tropical rain forest has been cleared or severly damaged and an equal amount may vanish over the next 30 years, which would take with it a quarter of the world's species diversity.

Tropical rain forests grow in a band 3,200 miles wide that circles the globe, with the equator as its centerline. A huge amount of the forest is being cut, said Liebaert. But the Amazon is still

a huge place.

The causes of the destruction are zooming population growth and economic necessity. The consequences are possible changes in the earth's climate and the loss of many plants and animal species, many of which could be of great value to humanity.

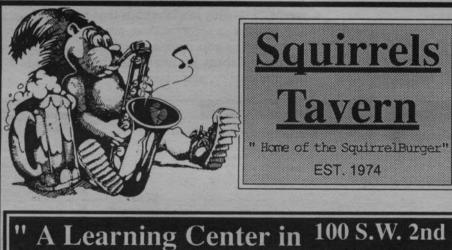
For example, about 40 prescription drugs can be traced to the rain forests. A drug used to treat glaucoma comes from a South American citrus tree. A powerful anti-cancer drug comes from the tropical rosy periwinkle. And a muscle relaxant, often used during surgery, is pressed from an Amazonian vine

"I came away with a couple major impressions about all this," Liebaert said. "It's true, the forest is being cut at a rapid rate, and it's a tragedy. But I didn't get the feeling that all was lost. And I think it is possible to change people's attitudes."

Scientists are working to convince local people that the forest is worth more intact than it is to cut it down and do something else with it.

"I got the impression that a lot of the forest is going to be cut, but it isn't all going to disappear. A lot of people in the United States want to help the people down there, and the people want to save the forest for themselves. They know that they depend on the forest."

Liebaert will present two slide shows today (April 28) on his trip and rain forest ecology in AHSS from 12-1 p.m., and again from 1-2 p.m. The presentations are free and open to the public.



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### campus news

# LBCC upgrades services for the handicapped

By Trista Bush Of The Commuter

"It happened last year during finals week. The electricity went out here at the school. There were six of us in scooters and wheel chairs. LB staff and students had to carry all of us down the stairs.

That day made college personnel think seriously about putting in an Evac-U-Trac (a portable wheel chair capable of taking disabled persons down the stairs in an emergency).'

Rusty Burton is a business major at LB who could have benefitted from an Evac-U-Trac that day the electricity went out.

"There has been a lot of improvement in the services here,"says Burton who was the president of the now defunct Access Club, at LB. The club was created to help make students who are not disabled more aware of fellow students who are and to make the campus more accessible.

In the last several years, the college has installed automatic doors. The newest are at the book store, the LRC, the cafeteria, and the library. Although a student can get into the bookstore, according to Burton, you can't get out. Other recent changes include the two new pay phones outside of the college center on the second floor where as of last year there's an Evac-U-Trac.

But Burton says there are still some things that need to be made more accessible. There are only two bathrooms on the top floor of the college. Burton would like to see the water fountain cup dispensers filled more often.

The Campus Safety and Security Offices charge \$5 for parking in handicapped spaces, the same fee for all parking violations. A representative from the office said that when city police check the parking lot, they can fine up to \$250 for parking in a handicapped space.

The American Disabilities Act (ADA), revised in 1992, requires public and private institutions to produce and execute a plan to make every aspect of their program accessible to persons disabled by Jan.



Photo by Jack Josewski

Rusty Burton, founder of the Access Club, says the campus still has room for improvement.

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At LB the executive director of the ADA Task Force is George Kurtz, Vice President of Administrative Services. LB's task force has set a target date for finishing the transition plan by June 30 of this

According to Kurtz, the task force is divided into three areas of concentration which include, Programs and Services, Facilities, and Employment. The task force looks at what is offered at LB and how it can be improved, at the same time fulfilling the ADA requirements.

Kurtz says the Programs and Services Task Force which will take inventory of every program and service offered and test it against criteria set by the ADA. The Programs and Services Task force is cochaired by Director of Disabled Services, Paula Grigsby and instructor Bob Talbot.

The Facilities Task Force will evaluate every public space controlled by the college and research

the best way to make it more accessible. The task force will not only look at accessibility for wheel chairs but also for the hearing and sight challenged. Facilities is chaired by Dave Wienecke, Director of the Facilities Plant, and includes several students including Melody Neuschwander.

'We have been making improvements throughout the entire 25 year history of the school. . ."

Neuschwander is a creative writing major at LB. Neuschwander who plans to attend Southern Oregon College after graduation said she would like to see an elevator in Takena Hall and a way to get up to the second floor dressing floor in Takena Theater.

Neuschwander remembers a fire drill at LB when her instructor told her to take the elevator down to the first floor. In an emergency the elevators would not be safe.

The employment Task Force, chaired by Lori Allender of the Human Resource Center will research a training module for employers and applicants.

Kurtz said that the changes will be prioritized and slowly phased in to minimize cost and inconvenience to students. "We have limited resources and will take it one step at a time", said Kurtz.

Kurtz also said that any student or staff can make suggestions about the changes and direct them to Grigsby. The task force meets twice a month and is open to the public.

"Making the campus more accessible has been an on-going process," said Kurtz, "we have been making improvements throughout the entire 25 year history of the school, and luckily, when the facility was built, they planned for people with special needs."

For now Rusty Burton will keep pushing for changes and going to class.

"Every one has a disability, but for some people that disability isn't as obvious".

# LB's bicycle commuters find fun and fitness on the road

Of The Commuter

There's an old saying that it's not where you go, but how you get there.

That would seem to be true for the students and staff who ride their bicycles to LBCC. In good weather, bicycling instead of driving a car can be good for the health as well as the bank account.

Celine Davies, a computer science student, said she used to hate bicycling until she took a fitness class. The class taught her to enjoy exercising so much that she frequently commutes by bike between the LB campus and her Corvailis home.

"It's addictive," Davies said. "After a couple days without riding my bike, I feel like I'm missing something. Being at school all day, that's the only opportunity I have to exercise."

Now, she says, she feels much better physically and mentally, and she has lost weight and become more energetic. Rather than wearing her out, Davies said the ride makes her feel alive, happy, and ready for whatever lies ahead.

The best thing about riding a bike instead of driving a car or riding the bus, according to Davies, is the good feeling, the "runner's high" which comes from the release of endorphines-the body's natural painkillers. Her LB-Corvallis jaunt takes nearly an hour. She said she could take less time if she really pushed herself, but that she likes to take her time and

think during her morning commute.

"It helps you think more deeply," she added. Davies also said it saves her money; she explained that while the initial costs (new bike, light, helmet, etc.) are high, there aren't many more expenses along the way, except for the occasional flat tire.

Davies contends that the bike commute is less expensive than riding the bus or driving. "Instead of spending \$10 for a week in bus fare, I ride my bike. You're not only doing something good for your body, but you're saving

What about rain? This is, after all, Oregon. "If it rains, I just lock the bike up and take the bus. The next day, the bike will be there if I want to ride it

Students aren't the only ones who ride bicycles to and from LBCC. Several of the faculty and staff also choose bicycles as their primary means of transportation.

Jack Campbell, a refrigeration/air conditioning instructor, rides his bi-

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cycle year-round, except when the roads ment comes from a fellow instructor are too icy.

It all started, Campbell remembers, when he bought a 10-speed for his son-as a toy. One day, Campbell said, he had to ride his son's bike to get where he wanted to go. That, he added, was when he decided that a bicycle was "not bad transportation."

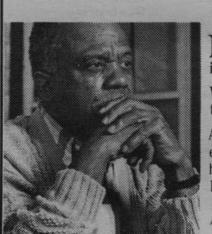
Campbell then started riding with his children, and being left behind. Gradually, he admits, he got into shape, and his children couldn't keep up with him. Now, when visiting his son, he goes riding with his grandchildren. He recently completed a ride to Reno and another to Crater Lake, riding with the Willamette Wheelmen.

At LB, Campbell said he found a great deal of encouragement to ride and stay fit. Much of that encouragewho also arrives by bicycle almost ev-

By using his bicycle, Campbell said he saves at least 80 miles of wear and tear on his car each week, not to mention gasoline. At the same time, he pointed out, he's stronger and more vital than most other 57-year-olds.

In this day and age, when more people are starting to recognize the need for staying fit and saving money, bicycling is becoming more popular as a sport and a means of transportation. A bike doesn't have to be just a toy-all 50 states consider bicycles as vehicles.

While poor road conditions and the occasional rude driver can make biking a little hazardous at times, Campbell added, "If bicycling could be made safer, I think more people would do it."



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Club members expressed thanks to all students and staff who have supported the Peace Studies Club by buying T-shirts so far. For more information, call 928-0852.

Japanese Day

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May 3, Japanese day at LBCC, begins with a traditional tea ceremony from 9 a.m.- 10 a.m. and sushi demonstration, 10

a.m.- 11a.m. in coming Alsea/ attractions Calapooia

Room. Organized by Sachi Kansaki and other Japanese students, those events will be followed by a martial arts demonstration from 11:30 a.m.-1p.m. with Koichi Ando and WOSC students.

#### Black English

Dr. April Falkin, Associate Dean of Business, Training and Health Occupations, has a Ph.D in French and English linguistics, with a specialty in the area of the social implications of language. She will present a combination of video and lecture, Tuesday, May 4, from noon-1 p.m., in the Alsea/ Calapooia Room.

#### Cinco De Mayo

On Wednesday, May 5, from 11 a.m.-1p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, there will be a Cinco De Mayo celebration featuring traditional Mexican food, music, games and pinatas.

#### Opera Guild preview

"La traviata," is the subject of the final preview of the year by the Linn-Benton Opera Guild on May 13, at 7:30 p.m., in Benton Hall, room 303, on the OSU campus. Angela Carlson will tell the story and play recorded excerpts. Free to Opera Guild members and LB students, non-members pay \$2.50 and the public is invited. For information about the Opera Guild's bus trip to see the opera in Portland, call 757-8949.

### Four students look forward to national VICA contest after taking 1st in regionals

By Stephen Garrett

Of The Commuter

LBCC played host earlier this month to the Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) vocational and industrial trades competition.

The industry-sponsored contest, which costs \$6.5 million per year, draws contestants from as far as Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

LB students fared well during the competition. First place finishers include Ronald Nolen (Sheet Metal), Chad Wallace (Auto Service Tech.), Peter Roth (Diesel Equipment Mechanic), and Rudolph Hoaven (Precision Machining).

Students who place first at VICA

competitions receive a certificate, a medal, and a \$20 gift certificate, as well as an opportunity to participate in the national level competition, which will take place in Louisville, Ky., the week of June 20-27.

VICA has sponsored the national competition for the past 25 years. "It's an impressive show, and none other like it in the world," commented Dick Sherman, executive director of Oregon

The one day national competition involves participants in leadership training seminars, briefings, and tours.

LB has garnered national awards the past three years at the national competition.

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### arts & entertainment

# Negativland sticks it to the corporate biggies and Irish superband

By Chuck Skinner Of The Commuter

Earlier this decade, the band Negativland released an EP called 'U2' which consisted, in great part, of samples from a U2 song and a tape of Casey Kasem alternately talking about U2, doing a long-dis-

tance dedication to a dead dog and cursing. Many music stores received the

album and filed it under U2 instead of Negativland.

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Soon afterwards, Island Records (U2's label) brought suits against SST Records (Negativland's label) and Negativland.

During the course of these suits, the band became disenchanted with their label after what they considered to be 'overaggressive' publicity campaigns by SST, and left the label.

Trying to raise funds for the case, Negativland created a magazine called "The Letter U and the Numeral 2" (Another snippet from the Kasem tape) and sold it wherever they could.

SST then brought suit against Negativland for copyright infringement. Apparently the band had the nerve to reprint SST press releases—the same thing they had hoped that newspapers would do.

All of this was good information to have when I went to see Negativland at the WOW on Sunday. Travelling with two lawsuits, no label and restraining orders thigh deep, the band is touring to promote a new album ("Free") with a beautiful stage show. Beautiful, of course, being a subjective term. Negativland is not pretty.

First: the opening band. There was none announced on the flyer, and they never gave their names. For all I know, the management found out that the band was going to be late and collared three fellows at random, saying "Go out and do something."

All I knew was the lights went down and they came out, with their equipment in milk crates. The sound was really kind of unique—sort of a new age industrial thing. Lots of electronic noise and grinding and pounding and the very very occasional sample and I fell asleep for bits and pieces of it. Really kind of relaxing. But awfully long and directionless.

Then we had a break before the start of the real show, which began with a wonderful personal hygiene film about Timmy, "the nicest boy in town" and his new partner and best buddy, Soapy ("You're a giant living bar of soap!"). We laughed.

Then Negativland arrived, kicking in with a new version of U2, since they had been forbidden by the court to perform the original. This was a wonderful multi-media performance, with the flashing lights, the movie 'Rattle and Hum' being shown behind them, and the samples—Oh, let me tell you about the samples.

Most bands that use samples key them in to a big synthesised unit and simply hit a key to access a sample. These guys had a stack of cassettes sitting on top of a player, and one band member whipping them in and out, and punching them up four or five at a time. He was truly amazing to watch.

From there they went to a new song—a version of 'Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For.' The centrepiece of this number was a video of a fellow from their "Weatherman" project talking to the audience.

"You know, I've climbed the highest mountain. And then I walked, I walked through the field. I did that. Ya know why? Only to be with you. Yeah, that's right..."

Meanwhile, the samples ran, and the two guitarists stood at the front of the stage and hummed. Finally, he did find what he was looking for.

The show ran like this, just a wondrous sight to behold, including a sequence of making scrambled eggs by directions provided from samples (Including one: "I said! I'd like! A piece! Of meat!") which ended with the chef making toast.

The toast stuck in the toaster, and smoked copiously, which led into a great new version of 'Christianity is Stupid' with strobe-light crosses and sweeping follow spots.

The smoke hung thick in the air as they performed the finale—a cover of "Proud to be an American" replete with videos: Rattle and Hum on one side of the stage, and a film collage being played on the other, which included BSA publicity shots and copyright logos, superimposed with the phrase JUST SAY BO NO.

# 1960s acid god Iron Butterfly visits the modern alternative realm

By Cory Frye

Of The Commuter

Recently I've become hooked on the music of my father. When I was little, I was subject to thousands of hours of bands like Vanilla Fudge and Blue Cheer

blasting through Dad's speakers. The sounds themselves were enough to empty any city block:

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acid organs bouncing off reverb feedback and echoing, sawing guitars weaving through long, slow jam solos—the orchestral sounds of vanilla lava blending through LSD bards and out their fingers.

My dad really misses those days. I guess you could find an equal to the psychedelic '60s in alternative rock—and that's good. At least someone out there is creating.

But nothing can come close to the extended eightminute acid version of "You Keep Me Hanging On" or Blue Cheer's saucy rendition of "Summertime Blues." That's some hardcore stuff, man.

But like all good things, those extended versions are long gone, reduced to shortened play on classic rock stations (I think its funny that the once-innovative, almost-blank-across-the-dial desert of FM radio is now the monster that AM used to be) so DJs can stick in mouthwash and furniture ads in between Michael Bolton hits without missing a beat.

So when you've gotten bored with life and Henry Rollins and Nine-Inch Nails aren't doing anything for you today, you need to plug in some Iron Butterfly. And have I got the tape for you: "Light and Heavy: The Best of Iron Butterfly," distributed by Rhino Records.

Now I knew very little about the Butterfly. I've got a copy of the 17:05 version of the classic "Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida," but as far as my little mind knew, the band disappeared into obscurity—a one-hit wonder, so to speak.

I was wrong. The lovely folks at Rhino managed to unearth at least 14 different tunes by this little-known band.

The album rips open with the colorful "Iron Butterfly Theme," a blinding carnival instrumental to whet your appetite for the acid universe in which they live. By "Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida," (sadly, it's the "long missing" three-minute single release) you're sucked into the mindmelt and ready to plug in the strobe light and incense.

An interesting sidenote to the history of "Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida"; you'll slap your cheek in amazement and say, "I didn't know that!": the original title of the song was "In the Garden of Eden," but the original composer of the tune was intoxicated and when guitaraist Erik Brann asked him how he was doing on the new song, the original title came out slurred. So "Inna-Gadda-Da-Vida" was born and history was made in 1968. Imagine, the virtues and promise of intoxication.

True story.

Iron Butterfly calms down for "Flowers and Beads," Jocko on Top 40 radio.

a happy-go-lucky ditty about love among the free meadows with Moody Blues-ish harmonies and catchy riffintact. Can you say "Top 40?" I knew that you could.

They drop the sissy front and rock back into the numb with "Possession" to end side one; if you've survived "Light and Heavy" so far without running drooling, screaming naked in the streets, then you can deal with the rest of the album.

Side two explores their "Metamorphisis" years (1969-1970) when they decided to drop their formula and move on. It also includes music from the derived "Ball" dry period ("I Can't Help Deceive You, Little Girl") when they hungered for decent material

Overall, "Light and Heavy" chronicles the growth and death of a band that became successful by fluke. Iron Butterfly's music isn't for everyone; just for people who like any kind of musical noise.

Their lyrics are not fantastic or cosmic ("Flowers and beads are one thing/But having a girl is something/That's if you have a girl who loves you/and is always thinking of you"—and it doesn't get better), but the music far surpasses the writing. Just ignore it. It's great stuff, man.

Despite your own alternative tastes, you can't deny the Acid Gods their place in the annals of rock history; without them, there'd be no alternative scene—you'd be at home on Saturday night hiding under the covers from the Bubble Gum Crowd and Jocko on Top 40 radio.

# Nervous cast prepares to open

By Melody Neuschwander Of The Commuter

As the opening night of "The Read and Feed Potluck," this year's loft theater production, draws near, nerves become more visible.

Jane Donovan, the director of this women's performance of literature, was still fussing with the order of the pieces in the script a week before opening night.

Actresses who knew their pieces so well they could recite them backwards in their sleep, "were getting their tongues twisted on the easiest of lines.

"It's just nerves," Donovan said,
"I know that and they know that,

but we have to overcome them. And we will, in time for curtain Friday night."

Members of the nervous cast are Susan Neuschwander, Melody Neuschwander, Karen Hancock, Yvonne McCallister, Hillary Colter, Tracy Taggart, Kjerstin Groberg, Anne Davis, Helene Tricker, Marjorie Warner, Shelly Whittington, and Kay Carroll.

The performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. and next Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.. Tickets are on sale for \$4 at the theater box office on the second floor in Takena Hall.

# Mystery writer to speak at Series

By Trista Bush

Of The Commuter
Seattle mystery writer J.A. Jance

will be the next presenter in the Valley Writers Series. She writes what she terms "medium boiled police procedurals". Jance

dium boiled police procedurals". Jance will read from her works on May 6 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and at LB on May 7.

Jance will also speak on Fiction Writing on Saturday, May 8 at the library.

Readings are free and open to the public. The workshop costs \$10 for the public and \$5 for students and seniors.

The Valley Writers Series is sponsored by the ASLB, the LB Albany



J.A. Jance Center, The LB English Department and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

### sports

# Draft day delivers the beef to the masses

By Dick Jerardi

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

It took the NFL fellas a mere five hours to wade through the first round of their 58th annual "selection meeting" Sunday.

In a league in which pretension is second only to hubris, the folks in the war rooms unlocked their meat freezers and delivered the prime college beef to the salivating masses.

ESPN, covering the draft live for the 14th consecutive year, explained the importance of a tenth of a second in the 40-yard dash (critical, it turns out), the growing importance of the vertical leap (doesn't that matter in basketball?) and the always-meaningful bench press numbers.

There was just one obvious glitch: Why didn't these people stand draft expert Mel Kiper Jr. and former quarterback Joe Theismann back-to-back? There was a 747 buzzing Manhattan's Marriott Marquis, intent on landing on their hair.

Follies aside, it was fascinating to note a few trends: Apparently, Big East football is every bit as bad as Big East basketball.

The first round came and went without any names of Big East players called. Not even mighty Miami, the signature school of the conference, got a sniff.

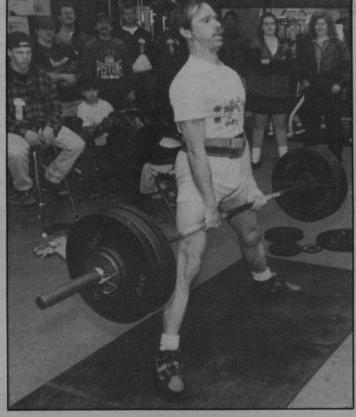
The Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys had the last pick in the first round, but gave it up in a trade with Green Bay.

Obviously, coach Jimmy Johnson knew there would be Miami players available later and he grabbed them. With the 46th overall pick, the 'Boys grabbed Miami receiver Kevin Williams.

Somehow, the NFL generals managed to keep calling out names until four rounds were completed and 112 selections made.

And just think. There are four more rounds Monday.

During that time, there is a chance that somebody somewhere will wonder aloud if any of these fast, athletic, physical specimens, as they are sent packing around the country, actually can play pro football.

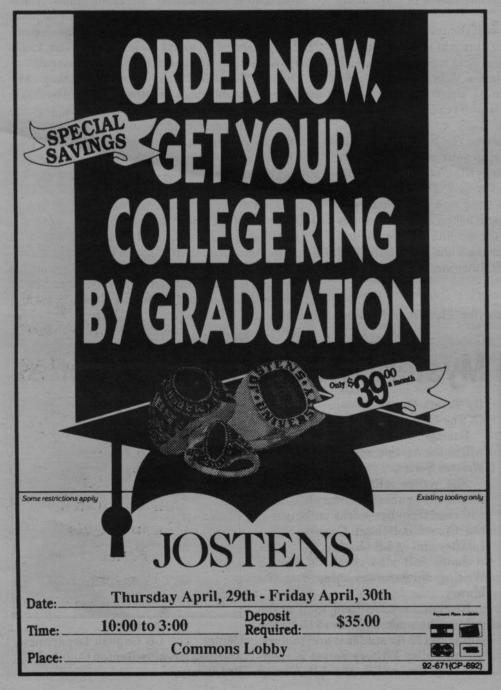


### Special Olympics athletes compete in power-lifting

The Emerald Valley Special Olympics power-lifting competition at Linn-Benton last weekend drew 24 athletes from the Willamette Valley around the area. Hans Bertels (left) power-lifts over 300 pounds during the competition. Bertels, a Corvallis resident who trains at Downings gym, won gold medals in three categories. Chris Walker (below) received three gold medals for her performances. The 26-yearold Salem resident was the only woman in the competition. The LB meet was a qualifier for the state contest May 21-23 in Eugene.

Photos by Steve Norris







### sports

# Track trio leads LB at 3-way meet

By Joel Slaughter

Of The Commuter

Cliff Nimz, Nikki Edgar and Chelsea Gardner each won a pair of individual events to highlight Linn-Benton's showing in a three-way Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges track meet on Saturday.

Both LB's mens and womens teams took third place, with 42 points and 40 points respectively. Mount Hood was first and Clark was second in both the mens and womens meets.

Nimz was tops in both the 110 meter high hurdles in 16.1 seconds and the 400 hurdles in 59.4.

Edgar prevailed in the 100 hurdles in 16.0 and long jumped to a 16 feet, nine and three-quarters inches first place finish.

Gardner sprinted to top finishes in the 100 in 13.1 and the 200 in 26.9.

More first places for the Roadrunner men were Craig Rilee in the hammer at 144-8, Matt Frketich in the pole vault at 14-8 and Josh Bjornstedt in the javelin at 185-11.

LB's Scott Radetich was runner-up in the high jump at 6-6 and Dean Barley placed second in the discus at 135-7. Taking third were Craig Swanson in the 800 in 2:01.9, Scott McKinley in the discus at 134-9, and Barley in the hammer at 137-3.

Both Rilee and Barley set personal bests in the

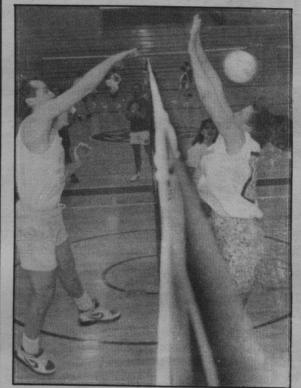
"We were pretty excited about that," said LB coach Brad Carman. "The conditions were less than ideal."

Other wins for the LB women were Kay Magee in the high jump at 5-0, Melanie Grant in the 800 in 2:24.4 and the 400 relay team of Edgar, Gardner, Magee and Grant in 51.3.

Magee added a second place in the javelin at 123-6 and Carolyn Collis was third in the 1,500 in 5:35.1.

Virtually all of the women did well," Carman said. "It was kind of a nasty day and we did all right."

Linn-Benton travels to Western Oregon State College on Saturday for a non-scoring invitational.



#### In Your Face

Photo by Steve Norris

# Eight Roadrunner errors contribute to LB loss

By Joel Slaughter

Of The Commuter

Eight Linn-Benton errors proved costly and 15 Clackamas hits contributed to a 16-6 LB loss to the Cougars in a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Southern Division baseball game on Tuesday, April 20.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called due to rain in the fourth inning with the score tied at four, the bases full of Roadrunners and

"It was raining pretty hard," LB coach Greg Hawk

In the complete game, after falling behind 10-1, LB made a comeback, but was a victim of its own mistakes.

Hawk noted that several times, LB outfielders made several unforced fielding errors and errant throws that cost the Roadrunners dearly.

"We battled back to 10-6, and then we had several errors in a row," said Hawk. "We played very poorly defensively. Mentally, we just did not show up to

Clackamas actually had only three big innings, scoring four runs in the first inning and six runs each in the third and seventh innings.

Leading the Roadrunners offensively, Joel Kercado went 3 for 4 with a double, a home run, two RBIs, and two runs scored. Todd Morehead hit 2 for 4 with a double and a run scored and Scott Anderson chipped in a two-run homer.

Linn-Benton, 0-2 in league and 4-5 overall, was to have faced Mount Hood for a pair of games yester-

The Roadrunners next travel to Chemeketa for a doubleheader on Thursday.

Volleyball players battle it out during Linn-Benton Student Programs' 4-on-4 indoor volleyball double elimination tournament last Saturday in the LB gymnasium. "Dig This," the squad of Ed Thompson, Tim Peppe, Ann McEwen and Sherry Short defeated "Net Patrol," the team of Delbert Kurtz, Debbie Danielson, Phil O'Connor, Cathy Wilson and Ron Danielson two games to none in the championship match. Nine coed teams competed in best of three game matches, playing to 11 points and winning by two. Since there was a minimum of only one LB student per team, the tournament was definitely a community event. "I was really pleased with the way it went," said tournament director and participator Cecil Read.

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### writer's block

### Wild Geese

The wild geese have been making their presence known.

For three weeks or more, they flew so high you could not see them;

You could hear them as they honk now and then,

As though one was leading with a couple joining in....

like the beat of slow music.

But now they are lighting in the field at the bottom of the hill The field is black with geese—when they leave it will still be black until the grass grows back.

While we watch the geese, the leaves pile up on the lawn. They drift against the fence and any solid thing in their way. When we were young we used to rake them up, Pile them up,

and burn them.

The wind would blow from the South,

And all the leaves that had blown by before, would blow on the lawn and we would do it again;

We would carry them in tubs and sacks or clothes baskets, start a fire and burn them.

We found if there were not enough leaves to feed the fire fast enough

The fire would go out,

So we waited longer between times.

Sometimes we would just get a pile started

And some young ones would try to bury each other

(They were as bad as the wind - almost)

(They were as bad as the wind - almost)
Now we just watch the wild geese
And let mother nature have her way.
"It's not nice to fool mother nature," you know
Besides, after you mow the lawn a couple times
In the springtime the leaves will disappear.

The geese get nearer and nearer when they get hungry
They will light in the field near the road
In front of the house

When I think of wild geese, I think of William C. Bryant's "To the Waterfowl"

"There is a power that cares
That teaches them the way along the pathless coast
Through the desert and illimitable air
Long wandering yet not lost."

Or Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air for they sow not neither do they reap, or gather into barns, yet the Heavenly Father feedeth them.

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#### Change

Here she is alone lying on the naked floor. Searching for her soul creates pictures in her mind Children laugh and play one child by a tree, alone tears stinging her eyes. Prom night and she's not going. Watching cars go by the burning sword pierce her heart. memories of hate My rage licks who's close till the water nears. His gentle hand reached for her Slowly she grabbed his He opened the doors to a new life hate; she had no more. For his time and care touched her. Her love shall live on alone; she will never be.

Marsi Oliveira

#### A Wish

May the sun always shine through your eyes while the moon sets with your smile

May the winds whisper softly your name While the sands of time slowly slip away

May the rich earth retain all of your sorrows While the rushing waters carry away your tears

may eternal peace surround you always and forever While happiness caresses your soul.

May the stars shine brightly as the night fades. While the sun rises beginning a new day.

Monica L Zane

#### Youth

To ponder upon the days of youth Appears to me.
A dream lost long ago,
Floating in an unnamed stream
Gone forever.

Only traces here and there
Can I recall,
My endless wandering through the hillside,
No care gut to my own.

Within this dreamy head of mine I could be whatever I wished, Everything was so simple then.

Gathering poppies by the handfuls, These slender little dainties gold as the sunshine.

I would lay beneath the shading willow
Pretending I was a fair maiden,
Pure in heart, good in spirit,
Waiting for those dear fairies
To take me away to their magic hide away,
Where I would be happy and free,
Lost to mortals forever more.

Gina Huff