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Nation watches Ohio as election nears end

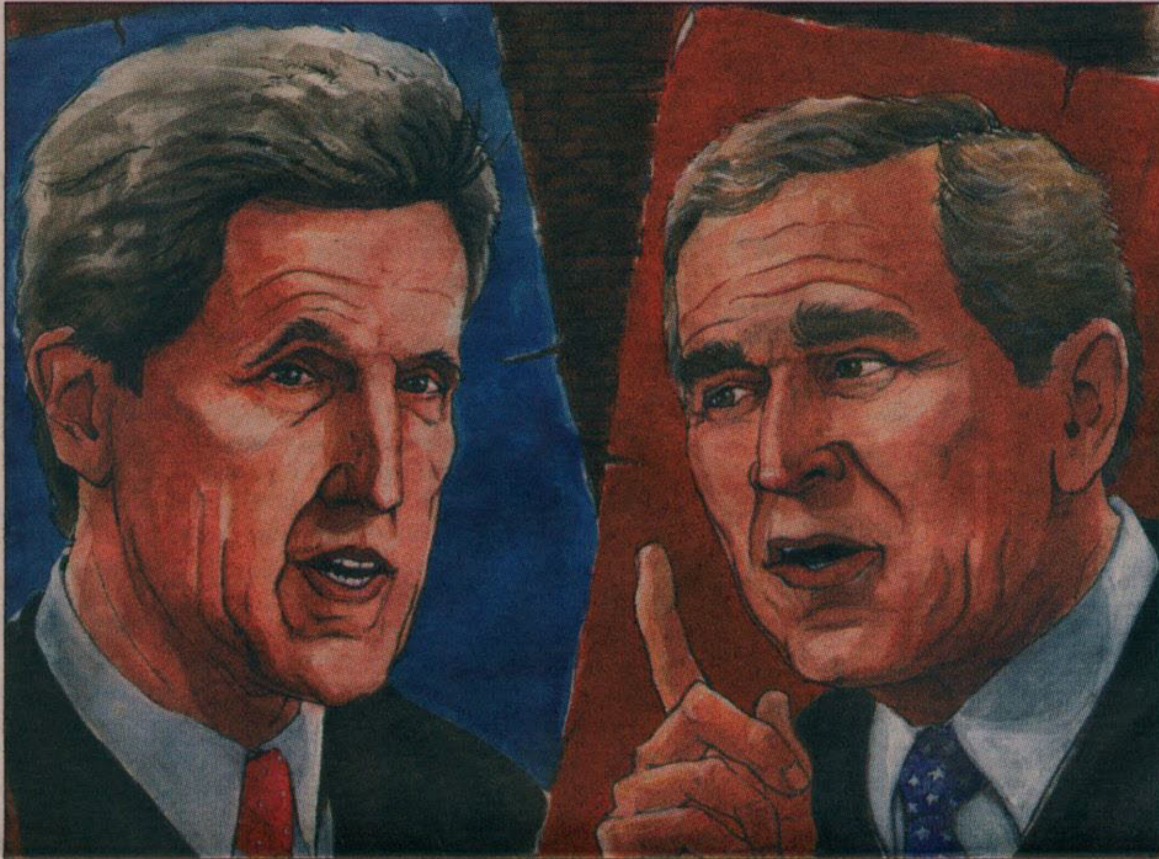


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As predicted, the presidential election split the nation Tuesday as Bush led narrowly in the popular vote but as of midnight still had not collected enough Electoral College votes to secure re-election. The key state appeared to be Ohio, which Fox News called for Bush, but other news outlets said it was too close to call. By midnight, Kerry had not yet conceded the race and was said to be sending hundreds attorneys to Ohio, where provisional ballots may prove to be the difference.

Nick Milhoan
The Commuter

Just as they did four years ago, when most Americans went to bed on Tuesday night, they still were unsure of who would be their president for the next four years.

In what was one of the most highly contested presidential battles in years, neither candidate was able to wrap up the full 270 Electoral Votes needed to be elected president as of midnight. At one point in the night Bush was projected to have Ohio and needed only 1 Electoral vote to win, however later in the night with the state to close to call, CNN, ABC, NBC, and CBS pulled Ohio from Bush leaving the race for the White House to close to call.

As the race ran into the morning, the swing states of Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, New Mexico, Nevada and Ohio were still too close to call. At one point some NBC officials had predicted a tie, that would have left the vote in the hands of the House of Representatives.

Here in Oregon, Kerry won 57 percent of the vote to Bush's 41 percent, which gave the Democrat Oregon's seven electoral votes. State-wide Democrats soared to wins across the state, retaining control of Secretary of State, Attorney General, and State Treasurer, meaning Democrats will continue to control Oregon's four major seats, including governor

Locally Democrats appeared joyous, while Republicans seemed subdued.

"We are doing great in Oregon," said Mike VanLaere Democratic Chair of Benton County. "I think we are going to do good, its still early though."

"It's still early but we are guardedly hopeful," said Jeff Kubler, Republican Chair of Benton County. "So far things seem to be swinging for Bush and hopefully that will help us."

Ballot Measures were failing for the most part, though 35 and 36, although winning at press time, seemed to close to call. For more information on Election Results turn to Page 3.

Students victimized by fraudulent voter registration

Brenda Ranzenbach
The Commuter

Oregon college students, including some at LBCC, report being victimized by collectors of signatures for petitions and voter registration forms.

According to a report in the Oregonian newspaper, students from several college campuses have been deceived into registering to vote as Republican or have had their registration changed from Democrat to Republican unbeknownst to them.

The story details how students at Mt. Hood and Chemeketa community colleges, Western Oregon University and the University of Oregon were asked to sign petitions to decrease auto insurance rates. After signing the petition, they were required to initial a voter registration card. This has also been reported at LBCC.

Katie Eaton, a LBCC political science major, was first suspicious when she

received a recorded phone call from the Republican Party reminding her to vote on Nov. 2. She is not a registered Republican and wondered why they were calling her. She decided to look into it by contacting the Benton County Clerk.

When she went to see the county clerk, she was able to look at each voter registration card that had been submitted in her name. There were two that she had completed herself and another in someone else's handwriting with her forged signature.

Back in September, Eaton recalls being approached in Takena Hall by two elderly gentlemen. They asked her to register to vote. She did wish to register but at that time was undecided on a party affiliation. They pressured her to decide. They stated that undecided voters would not be able to vote. They were persistent with misinformation, pressuring her at least three times.

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DeFazio praises student efforts, condemns Bush

Nick Milhoan
The Commuter

Representative Peter DeFazio (D) took time from his busy campaign schedule this past week to visit LB and talk to students and staff about the issues facing the nation, Oregon and LB students.

DeFazio spoke last Wednesday in Forum 115 for about 10 minutes before turning it over to students and staff for questions.

"After the election nothing ever gets done," said DeFazio. "I want to change that and get things done."

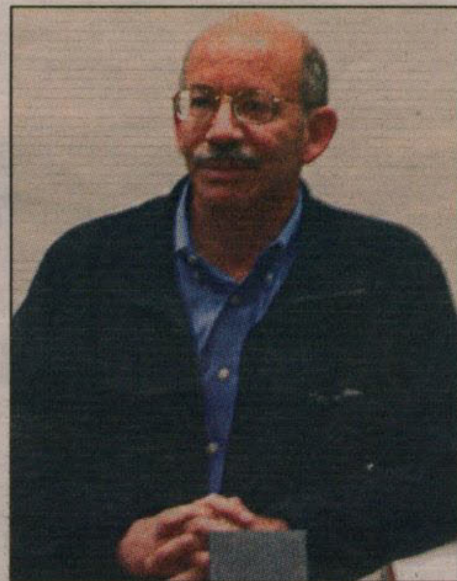


photo by Matt Swanson
Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio talked to a capacity crowd in Forum 115 Wednesday

He was very impressed with LB's abilities to get more than 1,000 new voters registered. "Normally young people don't vote," said DeFazio. "Having over 1,000 new voters here is great."

In the time he was here, he spoke about the federal deficit, no child left behind, the economy, the Bush administration, taxes and more.

LB political science instructor Doug Clark asked DeFazio "What have you

done to address debt?"

"The current administration is run-

ning things ▶ Turn to "DeFazio" on Pg. 9

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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Mostly Sunny

 high 57 low 36
 WEDNESDAY

Sunny

 high 58 low 34
 THURSDAY

Mostly Sunny

 high 62 low 37
 FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

 high 64 low 42
 SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy

 high 65 low 45
 SUNDAY

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Propaganda makes voting difficult

It's the morning after elections and I like many others are rejoicing on some matters and in sorrow over others.

One thing for sure is that the commercials will change and some of us will no longer have fire starters sent to us in the mail.

I'm not saying it hasn't been entertaining, on the contrary. The best mail propaganda I received was a brochure that read on the front, "Choose Your Poison," with a red gas can that had skull and crossbones on it. My first thought was "Yuck, who is sending this?" I turned over the ad and saw Jim Zupancic's name and thought, "I'm not voting for him, I don't like his ad."

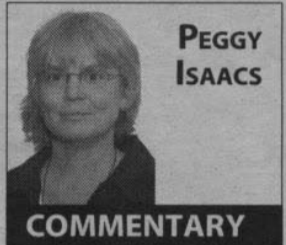
After sorting through the rest of the mail, which by the way on this day I received 8 different ads, I decided to read what this yucky guy had to say. Boy was I surprised to find out it was a pro Darlene Hooley advertisement. Very effective ad, I didn't vote for Zupancic.

Oh! I learned a few things from the commercials, as well. Like DeFazio declined a pay raise till the budget was balanced and he funded 135 scholarships, pretty cool. It seems the biggest lesson was not to take anything, anyone said at face value. I found it hard to believe anything I heard on the TV, it just made things more confusing.

So like many voters, I finally read the voter's pamphlet to make my decisions. Anyway, voting on the issues and candidates after reading the pamphlet made me feel better about an informed decision. I heard on a morning radio program 2 weeks ago that most people flip a coin to make their decisions. This made me nauseated to think that a flip of a coin helped to lead to the war.

We awoke to a new beginning with whoever won. This is a time for change and everyone needs to start standing up for him or herself, on everything that's questionable, if any of us want any kind of future for anyone. With Republicans we need to tell them they can't push the people around anymore and with the Democrats, we need to tell them what we want so they can try to give it to us.

So to the victor goes the spoils, some of which I wouldn't want on my hands. I hope the next four years brings everyone what he or she wants. Let me be the first to say for the last time (until next time), "I approve this message."



**PEGGY
ISAACS**

COMMENTARY

Living with Mr. Bell's legacy

I have always been a fairly healthy individual for the majority of my life. I have never had stitches and the only broken bone in my body was my collarbone on the day of my birth, caused by the OB/GYN as I was trying to escape the birth canal. I was too large to fit through. However, my body has lately begun to take a path which my doctor has no way of navigating.

Last Monday, after visiting my doctor for the second time in two weeks, I was diagnosed with Bell's Palsy. This is a condition where the facial nerve is affected by a viral infection causing paralysis on one side of a person's face. My left side has been paralyzed.

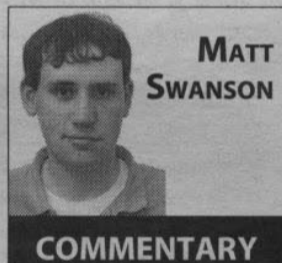
I first noticed I had something abnormal, early one morning when I was unable to whistle a tune on the way to work. It doesn't really hurt but the area of my cheek is unusually tender and occasionally I bite my upper lip when eating a sandwich. However, I have had to readjust my normal facial functions.

For example, my face looks like I just visited the dentist and have been shot up the ying-yang with novacaine. My left side has a small droop to it. I am unable to whistle, smile, frown, pucker my lips to kiss my significant other, blink my eye (which constantly fills with secretion fluid), raise my eyebrow, spit correctly, drink from a cup or can, and to say words beginning the the letters B, P, and F. This may sound like hell, but it's really not that bad.

I am a checker at Safeway, and this last weekend I had to go to work. Until this time, I hadn't been to work since my diagnosis. The night before, I practiced my "Hi, did you find everything okay today?", "Okay, your total is...," "Would you like help out with your

groceries today...okay then, have a nice day!". That next morning, I really had no problems, but soon found out that if I were to place my hand on my cheek I could pronounce words much easier. This practice worked well, but I got some really strange expressions from people just wondering why I was touching my cheek as I told them they owed \$153.55 for groceries, as if I was shocked to hear it was that much!

Not only did I work this weekend, but I also celebrated my twenty-first birthday. I went out with some good friends of mine and we were having a pretty good time



**MATT
SWANSON**

COMMENTARY

as they were laughing while watching me drink things without a straw, especially the shot of tequila. We were on our way to The Peacock when the old security man at the door said I was "visibly intoxicated". My one friend, who knows her way around Corvallis, stood up for me. She told the old man that I have Bell's Palsy, when at this point I wasn't even close to a drunk state of mind. After explaining my diagnosis and warning him about discrimination

we were still denied entrance.

Bell's Palsy can last anywhere from two weeks to one month. I am currently working towards my second week and at this point, it has become something I have just had to deal with. It has been a learning experience not only for myself, but for others. It is absolutely amazing how many people have no idea what it is, making me feel like an expert about the situation.

However, the one thing I can't wait to do is to be able to take a drink of a liquid, laugh and blink both my eyes at the same time and say that was "freakin' funny!"

I want my MTV2, but I want it for free

Do you remember when MTV was strictly music videos? Am I the only one that wants to see something about music on music television?

Not that Mariah Carey's "Crib" isn't the schizzel, and I'm sure someone is plotting to rob her numerous piles of shoes right now, but why can't they talk about when she used to sing words instead of noises? Who really wants to hear about her gigantic kitchen that she doesn't even know how to cook in?

Okay, I know, there is MTV2, which I hear is strictly music videos. My question is, who can afford to pay the cable upgrade? I'm sure it is worth it for those who sit and watch television all day, but I'm not home that often. School, work, and family pretty well ties up my time.

So for the regular schmo like me that wants the opportunity to catch a little old school Thriller love before Michael Jackson was white and accused of child molesting, what do we do? Is there a program for people like

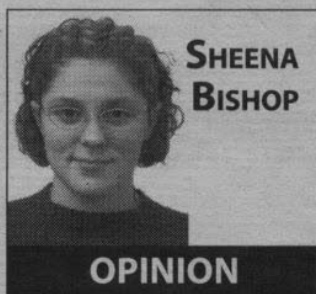
us? You know, something like Alcoholics Anonymous, only for those suffering from lack of quality, uninterrupted musical bliss.

I guess I could fork over the extra twenty bucks a month to see the beloved videos I miss so much, but that means I would have to work at least two extra hours a week to afford it. Then I would have to allocate a new time to study, which would inevitably end up being my free time that I wish I could spend watching MTV2. It's really quite a sticky situation if you think about it. To afford the cable, I will have no time to watch it.

Are you listening, Comcast? I want my MTV2! Free of charge! And something other than the Home Shopping Network,

Nickelodeon, and KEZI while you are at it.

It's time for the lower income bracket to take a stand. Just because we're poor, doesn't mean we don't appreciate high quality entertainment for a reasonable price.



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BISHOP**

OPINION

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ELECTION NEWS

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ELECTION RESULTS AS OF MIDNIGHT

President:

Bush 51%-249^{EV}
 Kerry 48%-221^{EV}
 Other 1%-0^{EV}

Oregon Senator:

Wyden(D) 68%
 King(R) 28%
 Keane(G) 2%
 Fitzgerald(L) 1%
 Brownlow(C) 1%

Secretary of State:

Bradbury(D) 62%
 Close(R) 34%
 Morley(L) 2%

State Treasurer:

Edwards(D) 58%
 Caton(R) 36%
 Schults(L) 2%
 Winegarden(C) 2%

Attorney General:

Myers(D) 59%
 Connolly(R) 35%

Congress:

District 4

DeFazio(D) 61%
 Feldkamp(R) 37%

District 5

Hooley(D) 55%
 Zupancic(R) 41%
 Defoe(L) 1%

State Legislature:

District 15

Price(D) 39%
 Olson(R) 60%

District 16

Wirth(D) 64%
 Gist(R) 33%
 Ellefson(L) 2%

Ballot Measures:

31—Postpones election in event of death:

Yes 66%
 No 34%

32—Exempts mobile homes from taxes:

Yes 62%
 No 37%

33—Expanded marijuana use:

Yes 43%
 No 56%

34—Balances use of two state forests:

Yes 41%
 No 58%

35—Limits medical malpractice claims:

Yes 46%
 No 53%

36—Same-sex marriages:

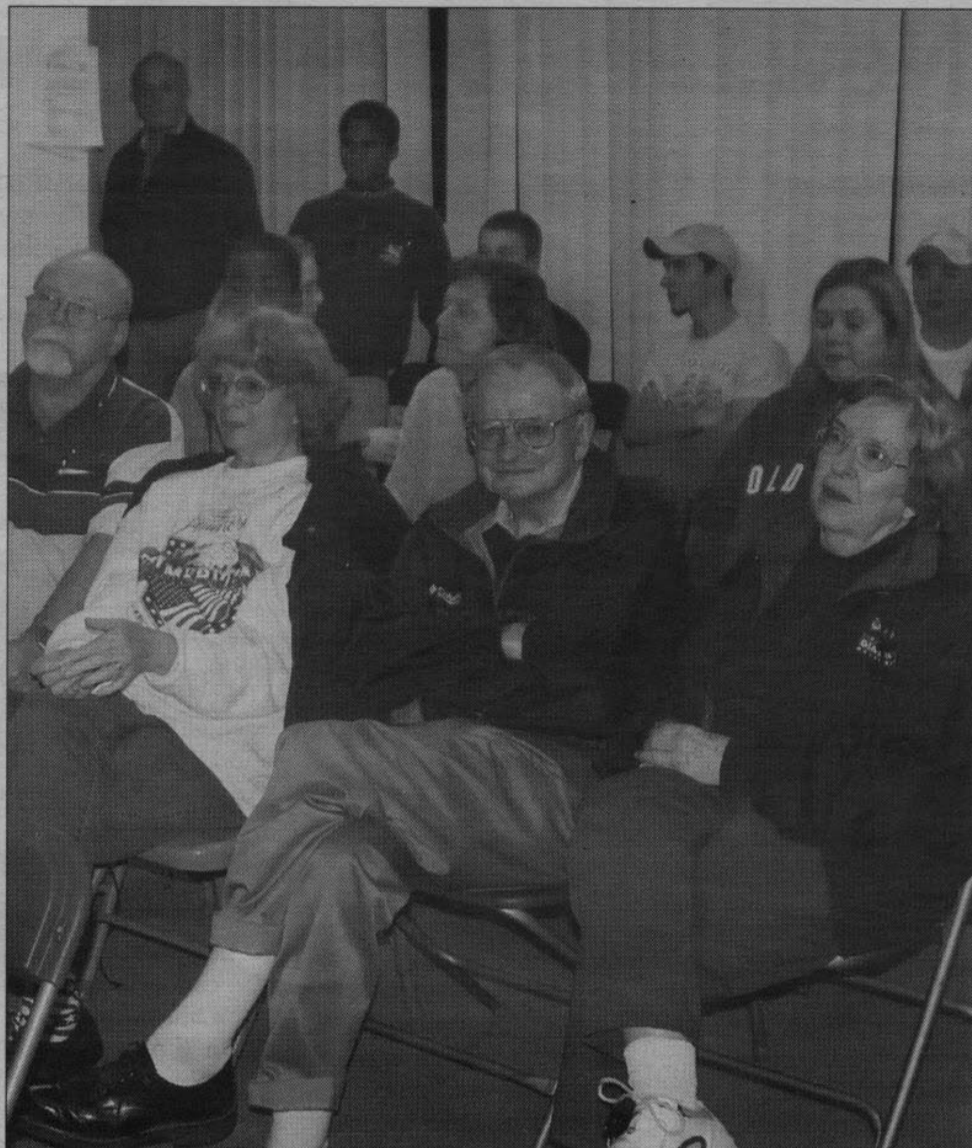
Yes 50%
 No 49%

37—Requires property compensation value:

Yes 54%
 No 45%

38—Abolishes SAIF:

Yes 37%
 No 62%



photos by Peggy Isaacs

The headquarters in Corvallis for both parties were anticipating the election results. The republicans (above) were subdued as they wait for the presidential results, while the Democrats (below) were in more of a celebratory mood. Except for State District 15, where the Republican candidate, Andy Olson, had a substantial lead, the Democrats were winning all other state and local seats in Benton County. State-wide, Democratic candidate John Kerry captured Oregon's seven electoral votes.



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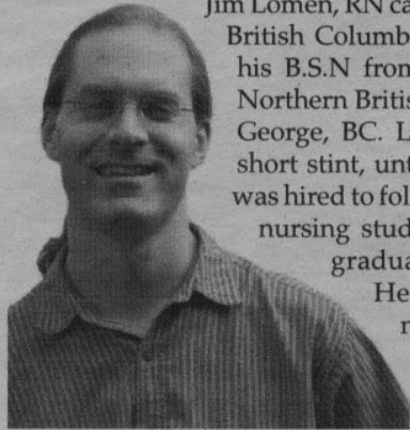
CAMPUS NEWS

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New faculty bring out-of-state experience

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

This year many of LBCC's faculty had retired so they hired 18 new faculty members. Some of these instructors have moved to Oregon from a good distance away.



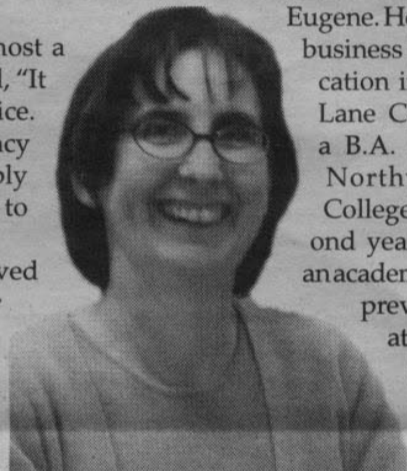
Jim Lomen, RN came from Kamloops, British Columbia where he earned his B.S.N from the University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC. Lomen is here for a short stint, until December 10. He was hired to follow the spring entry nursing students, and they will graduate this Christmas. He is an ER agency nurse with a focus on as much world travel as possible. He tries to work where he travels.

Jim Lomen

His wife, Julie has been an OSU student for the past three years, looking to slow down and examine at other careers.

Lomen has been teaching for almost a year now and really enjoys it. He said, "It keeps me on my toes with my practice. I still moonlight in the local emergency rooms most weekends, and I can apply most of what I see in the workplace to my lectures."

Roberta Bronson, R.N., M.S.N. moved here from Yacolt, Wash. about a year ago when her husband's job was transferred to Albany. Bronson has a master's degree in nursing from California State University, Sacramento. For six quarters she taught as an adjunct faculty—clinical



Roberta Bronson

instructor at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. For five years she was a stay-at-home mom. Before that, she worked at University of California Davis Medical Center, as a Clinical Resource R.N.

Bronson loves being an R.N. and mentoring students. "My goal is to share my love of nursing with my students. Nursing is a diverse, dynamic and exciting field to be working in," she explained.

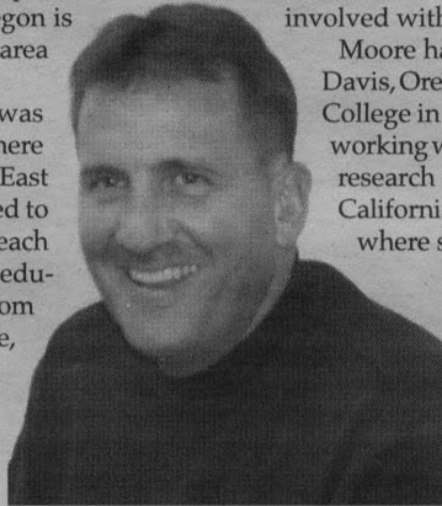
She has been married for 20 years and has two sons, ages nine and five. As a family they enjoy hiking, biking and a variety of outdoor activities. They also enjoy going to the library.

This summer they took the boys on their first river rafting trip to the Grand Ronde River in Northeast Oregon. She said, "It was the perfect river for their first trip. Northeast Oregon is gorgeous. We especially liked the area around Joseph."

Another hire, James Chase was born in San Diego and lived there until 1971. He then moved to the East Coast until 1976 when he relocated to Eugene. He came to LBCC to teach business management. His education includes an A.S. from Lane Community College, a B.A. and M.B.A. from Northwest Christian College. This is his second year of teaching at an academic organization, previously he taught

at Pioneer Pacific College in Eugene. Before that he spent 26 years in the military.

Chase said, "I like helping students achieve and realize their goals, and I like being responsible for educating the future business leaders



Jason Chase

of this area."

Chase has been married for 15 years and has a 12-year-old son. He enjoys athletics and spending time with his family and other people.

Coming from California is Sally Moore, who earned a master's degree in speech communication in 1980. She has been instructing performing arts and speech for 22 years. She enjoys teaching where her biggest pleasure involves classroom interaction which allows her to really get involved with her students.



Sally Moore

Moore has taught at the University of California, Davis, Oregon State University, and Lewis and Clark College in Portland. While she enjoys teaching and working with students, Moore has dipped into some research with another professor at University of California, Davis looking primarily at relationships where she has written a paper on her studies.

She taught part-time at LBCC about 10 years ago, then came back full-time in the fall when her husband Mark took a job at OSU, where he is a professor of speech.

Moore has been married for 13 years and has two daughters, ages 10 and 11. Together they enjoy outside activities. She enjoys pleasure reading mysteries and novels with a lifting message.

Editors Note: This is the first in a series of stories that will profile staff experiencing their first year working at Linn-Benton Community College.

Older students get help transitioning to college life

Sheena Bishop
 The Commuter

For some people, going back to college is terrifying. Maybe they do not feel they will succeed or maybe they are a single parent worried about time constraints. For people who have been through recent trauma, such as the loss of a spouse, maybe college is something they haven't thought of.

For reasons like these, LBCC has started a mentoring program. The program is succeeding through the efforts of Student Life and Leadership, Turning Point Transitions, and the American Association of Women in Community Colleges. Specifically, it is meant to benefit single parents, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers, their spouses, and others experiencing a major transition in life.

"It's part of a grant that is being funded by the LBCC Foundation," Kelly Donegan said, the Outreach and Retention Specialist here on campus.

The new program runs for four weeks, free of charge for those who qualify and gives participants 3 credits to start out with. Two sessions are held every term during the fall, winter and spring. Staff members volunteer to be mentors and are usually paired with people interested in their field of study or who have similar life experiences, like the loss of a spouse or being a single parent.

In order to be successful, those enrolled are encouraged to set goals, identify and use skills, evaluate job opportunities, construct effective resumes, interview successfully, and to select educational and training opportunities that work for them.

Donegan encourages both men and women to look at fields they may not have considered before, like technical training for women or service occupation training for men.

"The same skills you use in quilting and sewing are used in woodworking," Donegan said, reflecting on her own experiences. She had been told in high school that shop classes were a guy thing and she wouldn't like it. In college she took technical classes anyway and found that she was good at it and enjoyed it as well.

"People learn a lot of basic skills in terms of building confidence, displacing anger, and self esteem," Donegan also said. For many, these skills are necessary to move forward in life.

Donegan describes the mentoring as two parts: First, mentoring involves emotional support and encouragement. Second, it helps to facilitate the process of enrolling at LBCC so that people can do something they enjoy for a living.

A strong reason to attend classes here for people who need a new start is that you don't have to get a four-year degree. All you need is an associate's or a one-year certificate to make a substantial amount of money in comparison to minimum wage.

The program benefits those enrolled as well as the mentors. It gives the staff a chance to share their experiences and knowledge and to give someone a healthy role model they can look up to and believe in. The program is a win/win situation for all involved.

If you would like more information about the program or want to know how you can get involved, contact Kelly Donegan at 917-4485 or Joanne Apter, the program instructor, at 917-4876.

College hunts for two students to represent LBCC as top scholars

Kate Paul
 The Commuter

As the application deadline for LBCC's annual student scholar awards approaches, all eligible students are encouraged to apply.

Every year two students are selected to represent the school, and to be involved in the experiences that come with winning the award.

According to Rosemary Bennett, a Linn-Benton career counselor, there are three main things that the winners do.

First they go on to compete at the national level for scholarships, which are sponsored by U.S.A. today and Phi Theta Kappa.

Next they represent LBCC at the Oregon Community College student scholar event, and with that they get a \$1000 transfer scholarship.

Finally, the scholars get to meet the governor.

"Last year's winners Dan Sceahan and Sara Haines were both involved in these things and excelled at them," explained Bennett.

Both are at OSU now, studying sciences. For Sceahan, he has chosen social science and for Haines, biological science and pre-med.

For anyone even slightly interested Bennett recommends going for it.

"I know from experience that scholarships go unrewarded at LB every year. The big reason being lack of sufficient, qualified applicants," she admits. "People with high GPA's should apply because it's very available."

Qualifications include a few key things, students must be enrolled at LBCC and plan to graduate between Dec. 1 2004 and Aug. 31 2005 and must have a GPA of at least 2.25.

Applicants are required to write an essay and have recommendations as well.

In addition to those, Bennett adds, "some community service helps, the quality of the application really makes a difference, and coming well recommended by the faculty is a plus."

Applications are available at the front desk in the Counseling Center and are due Wednesday, Nov 17.

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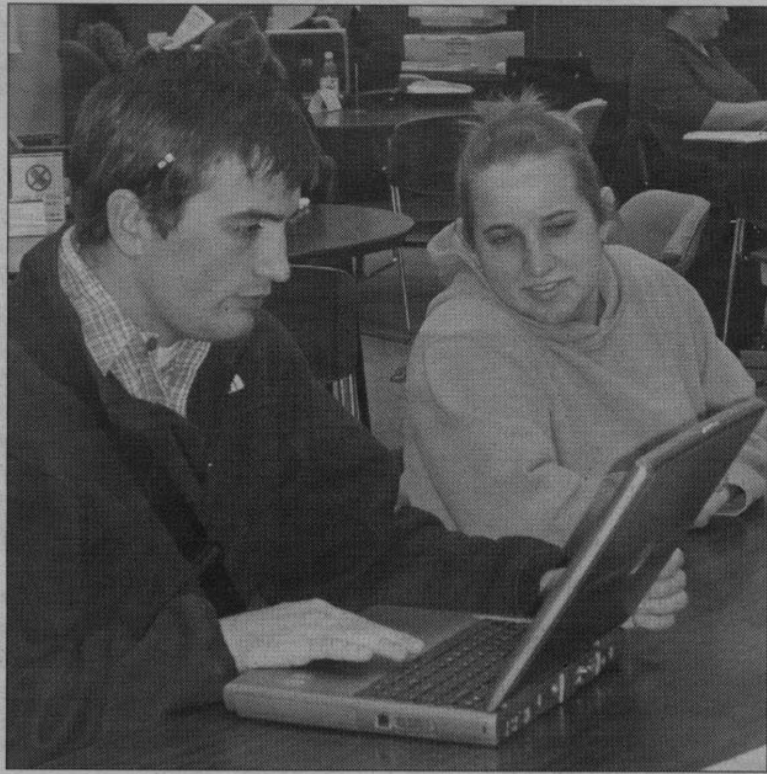


photo by Peggy Isaacs

Owners of laptops can find wireless Internet access points in the LRC, where Joe Zarphe surfs with Tiffany Potts. Other access points now available include the Library and the Commons.

College expands wireless surfing points on campus

Jeromie Preas
 The Commuter

Wireless Internet is now available on the main campus where most students spend their time.

After a proposal by Student Services about a year ago, a budget was formed to allow wireless Internet for students with laptops containing a wireless card. Paid for with funds from the technology fee, each wireless area costs about \$1,000. Properly equipped laptops should inform students when a wireless connection is available.

Access points that currently offer wireless Internet are located in the Commons, LRC and Library. There is no need for a password and no limit to usage. The Benton Center and Takena Hall are in the process of receiving wireless Internet, and the Recreation Room, Multicultural Center and Lounge are future sites where it may be added as funds become available.

These are dual T1 connections that allow the most speed for any one person.

However, there are possible dangers when

using a wireless connection, said Director of Information Services Ann Adams.

"Students need to be aware of the potential for abuse," she said. The wireless Internet access points are "unsecured," allowing student activity to be monitored via the Internet. Internet purchases and personal passwords are left unprotected, and Information Services asks that students not reveal such information.

The connection was designed for students to use when studying and doing research. LB is able to monitor usage to restrict traffic from music and video game downloads. She said Information Services can track students trying to use the Internet for pirating and are able to locate the access point and the student to stop the download.

She added that the more students who use the Internet, the slower it is. "10 a.m. to 2 p.m. are like rush hour traffic," she said.

Although there is no technical support on the use of wireless Internet, assistance from staff members in the computer lab is offered if they have the time. Contact a lab aide for details.

Lack of funds prompt officials to stick needle in health clinic

Melissa Chaney
 The Commuter

LBCC students will no longer be able to receive free health services at an on-campus health clinic due to a lack of funding from both Linn County Department of Health Services and LBCC's Associated Student Government.

According to Dean Diane Watson, the amount of money Linn County Department of Health Services was able to provide for the clinic kept decreasing until last year when ASG, after already contributing \$5,000 to the program, had to pay an additional \$4,000 as Linn County

could not match ASG's money.

As shown, in a report by the Linn County Department of Health Services, approximately 388 of last year's students availed themselves of the resources offered by the Health Clinic, which demonstrates that, as Watson said, "they [students] do need this." However, with a budget of only \$9,000 at \$23 a student, the money barely stretched to cover medical supplies and the services of a nurse practitioner. "At one point the Health Clinic hours had to be decreased because there was not enough money to keep it open," said Watson.

Also shown in the report were the vari-

ous services available for students such as physicals, immunizations, HIV testing with counseling and flu shots when the vaccine was available.

The idea for a health clinic was proposed in 1996 by Heidi McKinney, who at the time was Student Programs Board Series Event Specialist and also Woman's Center coordinator. She felt that it would help students who were unable to get coverage through the Oregon Health Plan. In addition, McKinney thought it would be good to have someone on campus available to deal with medical emergencies that would otherwise have to wait for an ambulance.

While she thought that it was wonderful to have a health clinic on campus, Watson does not believe that it will be back in the foreseeable future. However, she said that students can use the Loop bus to reach Linn County Health, which while not free, does not turn patients away because of an inability to pay.

More information about the health services available can be found on the Internet at <http://www.linnbenton.edu/healthservices/>. Watson also stated that students dually enrolled in LBCC and Oregon State University can use the health and counseling services at both institutions.

Construction, confusion lead to name changes

Sheena Bishop
 The Commuter

As plans proceed to construct a new multi-purpose classroom building on campus next year, the college is also planning to change the names of some existing buildings.

"If we are going to change the name of something, this is the time to do it," College President Rita Cavin said.

She explained that students are often confused by the original names on some of the buildings because they don't make as much sense as they used to.

For example, not all classes in the Health Occupations Building have anything to do with health, and many non-vocational classes are held in the Industrial A Building, such as math, psychology and English. Although the names of those buildings are not among the proposed name changes, others will lose their original descriptive name and be named after local rivers.

The new multipurpose classroom building to be erected north of the current AHSS Building will be named North Santiam Hall. It will be connected to the AHSS Building by a sky bridge.

"We can't just call it the Multipurpose Classroom Building," says Cavin.

The AHSS Building has also outgrown its name. It used to house the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Division, but it is now called the Arts and Communication Division.

Thus, the AHSS building will be changed to South Santiam Hall, correlating it to the new building it will be connected to, and making use of two of the significant rivers in Linn County.

The LRC, which houses the Library downstairs and the Learning Center upstairs, is also confusing, she said. Many call it the LC, but in course registration guides, LC stands for Lebanon Center. Students sometimes end up in the LRC trying to figure out where they went wrong, unaware that they are on the wrong campus.

Changing the LRC to Willamette Hall will eliminate this confusion.

"That's an important building, so it gets a big river name," Cavin explained. The Willamette is the border between Linn and Benton counties, one of the reasons it was selected.

The other change involves the Workforce Education Building (WEB), which burned down last year on Dec. 3. Money from the school insurance policy has made it possible for the building to be reconstructed. Many people did not like the name Workforce Education Building because because the idea of a

building called WEB made them think of creepy crawlies.

The new name for the rebuilt structure will be Luckiamute Center, after a river in both Benton and Polk counties that empties into the Willamette at about the same place as the Santiam.

The funds for the new North


Santiam and sky bridge come from the capital bond measure, and the money to change the sign names on the LRC and AHSS are out of the General Fund.

The Luckiamute Center will be abbreviated LM; the abbreviations for the Willamette, North and South Santiam halls have not been established.

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IN FO

The Willamette River whispers and soft

The Willamette River supports the rich and fertile farmlands along its quiet, meandering course. Its wealth is shared throughout the Willamette Valley and has been the lifeblood for its inhabitants for hundreds of thousands of years. Not one individual can claim fame to its grand discovery. She was explored one piece at a time by many adventurers, but it was the Native American Indians who were the first to have made it their home.

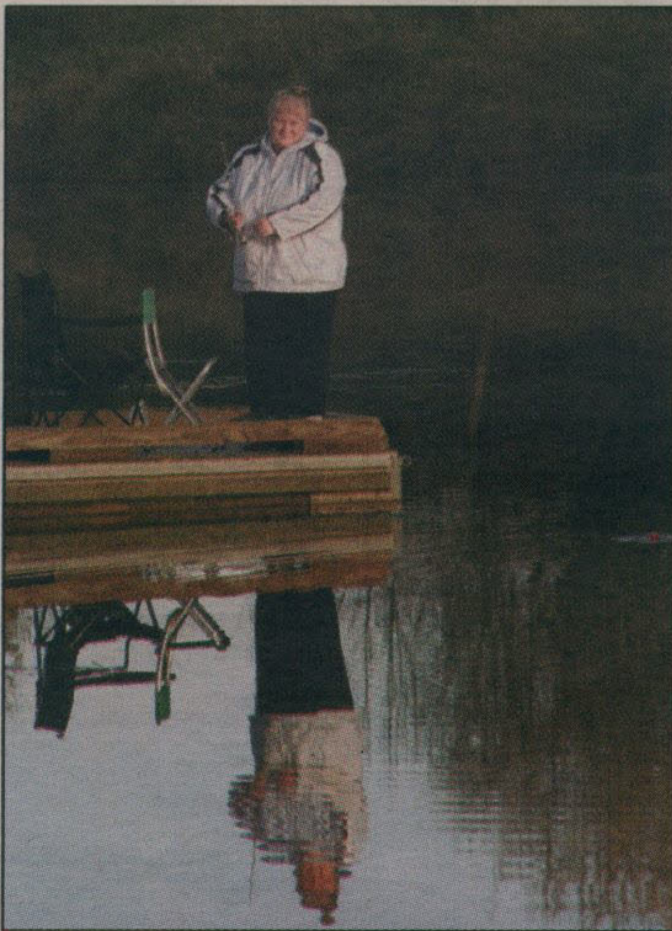
In 1792 an English navigator, Lt. William R. Broughton, a member of the British maritime expedition of Captain Vancouver, sailed up the Columbia where he noted that he had briefly encountered the mouth of the Willamette.

In 1805 Lewis and Clark explored the Willamette for a few miles, but gave up their expedition and turned around and continued their expedition along the Columbia. At that time they noted in their journal of a river they called the Multnomah, after the residing Multnomah Indian tribes.

The Willamette River is said that as rivers go, she is lazy, dull and dirty. Lazy, because she is quiet and serene, and her path through the Willamette Valley is rather smooth. Dull, due to the lack of mountainous rapids and dirty; because of her inhabitants, human beings. Who is at fault here? Why does she get the blame for her lack of vibrancy?

Willamette Mission Park

The Willamette serenely flows through Salem and to the Willamette Mission State Park. The park has eight



miles of trails that follow the course of the river and a small lake in the park that has a boat ramp and is good for pan fishing. The park offers horseback riding and camping with four sites, picnic facilities, volleyball, horseshoes, softball and soccer for family fun.

The park occupies the site where the first mission for American Indians stood, which was founded in the 1830's by Reverend Jason Lee (1803-1845), missionary to the Flathead Indians. A short stroll through the park will take you to the landmark where Reverend Lee established Willamette Mission, the place where U.S. government began in the Pacific Northwest. The Mission House served as a school, chapel, and living

quarters. Near by a barn, blacksmith shop, granary, and hospital stood on a rise. Today, nothing remains of the original structures, but an archaeological frame that marks the site of the mission. Over 7,500 artifacts were unearthed as its story unfolded. Along her banks, the nations largest black cottonwood stands tall and proud where it has watched over the river for more than 250 years.



The Wheatland Ferry

Until recently, the Wheatland Ferry was propelled by an electric cable. In 2001 it underwent major reconstruction and was replaced with a diesel engine. The ferry is a popular choice among the residents living on the west side of the river in Yamhill and Polk counties. The ferry links these counties to Marion County. If it were not for the ferry, the nearest bridge for crossing would be the West Salem Bridge and takes approximately 25 minutes longer. The ferry suspends operations when the river stage reaches the 16-foot level due to safety. The ferry averages 800 to 900 vehicles per day, according to Ed Watson with Marion County.

The Wheatland Ferry is Oregon's oldest continually operating ferry. It was first built by Lindsay Applegate for J. A. O'Neil and A. Beers. Applegate is said to have used discarded religious tracts from the Willamette Mission to caulk the seams of his new ferry. The ferry was purchased and put into service by Daniel Metheny in 1843/44. It had a capacity of one wagon with horse and it was pulled across the river by "mule power and a strong rope."

The Willamette Falls

Near the mouth of the Clackamas River, an entire Clackamas Indian tribe lived. Many other migrating tribes including the Calapooyas, Multnomah's and Chinooks who came every year to fish at what they called Hyas Tye Tumwater, for salmon. In 1842, John McLaughlin changed the name to The Willamette Falls. At the base of the falls on Black Point, the Indian's marks can still be seen in petroglyphs.

McLaughlin established a land claim at the Willamette Falls in the name of Hudson's Bay Company where it utilized the falls major source of reliable, year-round energy. He was responsible for the settling of trappers where they and the Indians began a trade network of fish and

furs, at a narrow area in the river.

McLaughlin had a millrace (a canal in which water flows to and from a mill wheel) blasted into the rock in 1840 to power a sawmill. Since then the power of the falling water has been used to manufacture lumber, flour, woolen cloth, electricity and paper.

In 1852, an attempt was made to build a canal was halted by a fire, before a devastating flood destroyed any hope of salvaging the effort. Ben Holladay, the former owner of the Pony Express in 1861, built a portage railroad. It operated until a canal and locks were completed in 1872.

The Willamette Falls is horseshoe shaped somewhat like Niagara Falls. It is a natural rock formation over which the Willamette River roars. This rock formation supports a turn of the century concrete dam along the lip of the falls. The Willamette Falls Locks closed due to lack of funding.

In 1873, the Peoples Transportation Company built the Willamette Falls Locks so river traffic could find a way around the Willamette Falls. The State of Oregon raised \$200,000 to help fund the project. The locks chambers are made from locally quarried stones ranging from 5 to 15 feet in height and have remained watertight since its construction. In 1915 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers purchased the locks for

\$375,000. On October 1, 2004, the historic locks closed their gates for an undetermined amount of time, due to lack of funding.

At the time of its construction, riverboats were a major source of transportation for cargo and passengers over long distances. Today the locks were more of a novelty to pleasure boaters and not used much by commercial vessels.

South of the falls, the Wheatland Ferry and the Willamette Queen will suffer their closure. They need passage to reach dry dock in Portland. Without the locks, these vessels have to be dismantled to be transported to dry dock.

The Willamette Queen

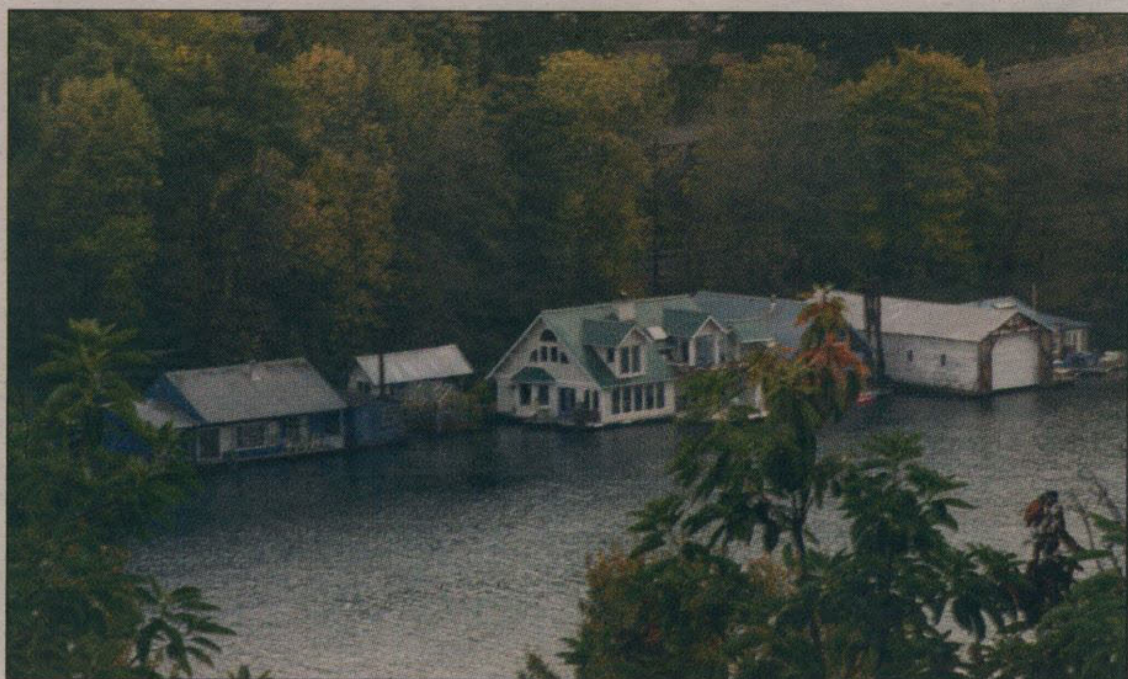
The Willamette Queen located in at Salem Riverfront Park in Salem, takes you back in history as it once was on the Willamette River in years gone by. The Willamette Queen is a scaled down likeness of the former Mississippi and Yukon Territory riverboats with paddles that propel the boat.

Richard Chesbrough, owner and Captain of the Willamette Queen said, "I won't be able to do mandatory U.S. Coast Guard inspections with the closure. My next scheduled inspection is in 2007, and without that I cannot operate. Also, should the vessel break down or get damaged, I won't be able to get her to Portland for dry dock, for repairs without spending thousands of dollars trying to figure out a way to move the sternwheeler from Salem to Portland."

The Willamette Queen is one of the major attrac-



fly glides through the Heart of the Valley



Willamette River Facts

- The Willamette Rivers the 10th largest river in the U.S.
- It is 187 miles long and its basin drains some 12,000 square miles.
- It is the longest river that is totally within one state.
- It is the largest of three rivers, which totally flow backwards, south to north.
- 75% of Oregon's population lives within six miles of the Willamette River.
- The River services 22 cities and 600 companies.
- The River irrigates 85% of the Willamette Valley agriculture.
- 13 dams built on the upper Willamette control 27% of the water flow.
- In the 1960's, the Willamette River was designated the "most polluted" river in the U.S. It is currently in 10th place.
- The Willamette is now designated a "Heritage River"
- The word 'Willamette' is a Native American word meaning Valley of Sickness.

tions to the Salem's new multi-million dollar riverfront park. On board the luxurious riverboat, Captain Chesbrough performs weddings. You can frequently enjoy a historical dinner theater, Monte Carlo party, banquets, reunions dances, company parties or other special occasions:

The Willamette Queen was built in 1990 at Newport and she accommodates 96 dinner guests, plus outside seating for 18 more people. The Willamette Queen relives Oregon's historical past with elegant dining as she paddles along the scenic Willamette River towards Independence or Keizer.



Water Trails of the Willamette River

The bountiful river begins her course in the mountains of West Central Oregon, south of the Diamond Peak Wildernes Area. Its northern flow supplies water to Kitson Hot Springs. Flowing northward, it is fed by the North Fork of the Mckenzie River at Eugene. She flows past Harrisburg, through Corvallis, and divides Albany. Here it is fed by the Calapooia River, joining forces with it just before Independence and venturing beyond, through Salem. In Oregon City, the river topples down about 42 feet over a basaltic ridge, forming the Willamette Falls. from there she flows through Portland then onto to complete her course dumping into the Columbia River with a great force.

Story and photos by
Sherry Majeski

Interesting Riverboat Information

- The first riverboat to come to the Willamette was the Beaver in 1836.
- The Beaver's 75 HP engine consumed 4 cords of wood per hour.
- The draft on most riverboats ranged from 8 to 12 inches.
- The first steamboat named for Oregon's capital was "City of Salem" in 1875.
- The "James P. Clinton" was the first steamboat to make it to Eugene.
- 52 sternwheelers were built on the upper Willamette River.
- The average life of a riverboat was 36 months.
- Riverboats often ran 24 hours per day and with no electricity.
- Samuel Clemens, nicknamed Mark Twain, was the most famous captain.

Willamette Riverboat Facts

- The Steamboat Era on the Willamette River ran from 1850 to 1916.
- 55 steamboats ran on the upper Willamette from Oregon City falls to Eugene.
- Albany was the second largest city in Oregon during the Steamboat Era.
- The first sternwheeler was "Jennie Clark" built on the river.
- The first and only female steamboat captain west of the Mississippi was Minnie Hill.
- Wheat was the major cargo carried on the Willamette riverboats.
- Passenger fare from Albany to Portland was \$1, which included a berth and all meals.





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SCHOLARSHIP:

Willamette Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals is offering a scholarship for two students in any Business Technology program at LBCC winter and spring terms of 2004-2005. Deadline is Monday, November 8, 2004. Please call Carol Raymundo in the Career Center, T-101 for an application or visit <http://www.orgsites.com/or/iaapwillamette/index.html>

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CORRECTIONS

Peace Studies Monthly Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays from 11a.m. to noon, and on the second and fourth Thursdays from 10 to 11a.m. in the Multicultural Center. All meetings are held in the Multicultural Center unless noted otherwise.

Fraud: Complaint filed with secretary of state

▲ **From Pg. 1**
 She did not relent and refused to check a party affiliation.

Eaton believes that the petitioners forged her registration card. She is concerned and has been talking to other students.

Other students have recalled being approached on campus by petitioners who claimed they were gathering signatures for an increase in student funding. They asked for signatures then told students that the signatures would not count unless they also registered to vote.

Shannon Brown, another LBCC student, was approached by a man gathering signatures

for a petition to reduce auto insurance rates. She signed the clipboard but was told that in order for her signature to count, she would have to complete a voter registration card. She completed the card but felt very uncomfortable.

"Something just didn't feel right," explains Brown. "He was very pushy."

According to Mike Holland, Vice President of Administrative and Student Affairs at LBCC, groups coming on to campus are asked to register with security, but not all of them do.

"We are a public institution. We try to get them all but some

get by us," he explained.

In another story, the Democrat-Herald reported last Thursday, that two LBCC students had received multiple ballots. These students reported similar circumstances to that of Eaton and Brown.

Eaton is working to bring this act of fraud to the attention of all students at LBCC. She has posted fliers detailing her story at most entrances on campus. She urges people to report any act of fraud to the Secretary of State.

Students with questions can contact their County Clerk Elections office to verify their voter registration.

Eaton has since reported her case to the Secretary of State. She wrote a letter with the help of the Benton County Clerk. "The clerk was very concerned about the fraud and was helpful with the letter," added Eaton. Linn and Benton County Clerks forward all complaints to the Secretary of State.

The Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and the Attorney General Hardy Myers are currently investigating these complaints. They have set up a web page so complaints can be emailed directly to them. It can be found at www.sos.state.or.us/elections/voter_fraud.

DeFazio: 'No Child Left Behind' called failure

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 ning this country into a hole," said DeFazio. "Bush is afraid to say this though."

He went on to talk about how we are borrowing \$600 billion to pay for every agency and that we can't afford to make all of Bush's tax cuts.

"We are borrowing \$1 million a minute to pay for this country," said DeFazio.

He talked about the country not having a budget and that all of our funding is coming from borrowed money that some day we will have to pay back. He also mentioned that to pay for the budget he has let the government borrow from his 401k.

DeFazio said he voted for Bush's No Child Left Behind because, at the time, he thought it was a good idea, but then stated that it is a "bureaucratic failure" and now Oregon is falling \$63 million into the hole and has to find money to pay for school, because we are not meeting federal standards.

So far DeFazio states we aren't getting anything for our money. We are currently paying out \$24 billion to reconstruct Afghanistan and Iraq, yet less than \$2 billion of that is going to Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan is back to pre-Taliban stages," said DeFazio.

He also went on to talk about national security and that although we are afraid of terrorists and consistently on our toes, we shouldn't be.

"No one will shoot a missile at us," said DeFazio, "If they do they will no longer exist."

DeFazio talked in depth about the Patriot Act and that the House and Senate acted on different terms, yet met to try and work out their differences. He also stated that the White House and Attorney General John Ashcroft didn't like the bill and rewrote it.

"We finished our meeting at around midnight," said DeFazio,

"Yet between midnight and 8 a.m. it was rewritten. When we voted on it at 10 a.m. it was a bill no one had seen. No one knew what we were voting on, we didn't even have a copy of it available to few."

He went on to state that 78 percent of bills put into the House don't have changes to amendments. Also that many members of the house and senate never see the final copy of a bill before voting on it.

DeFazio talked about his take on voter registration being at a high.

"Less than 60 percent of eligible registered voters actually vote," said DeFazio, "Yes we have record turn out for registration, but not everyone is taking the opportunity to vote."

DeFazio went on to talk about how the dollar is faltering and the economy is in limbo. He stated, although we have new jobs and unemployment is going down, the records are not accurate because some benefits have run out and those people are no longer counted.

One student asked about higher education and how he plans to do deal with this. DeFazio stated that unfortunately it's a state issue and state funded.

"Half of college funding used to come from the state," said DeFazio, "Yet now only 20 percent does, the rest comes from your tuition."

He talked about Pell Grant's not keeping up with tuition and that he is willing to fund higher grants, yet most members of Congress are not.

After speaking for just over an hour, DeFazio thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and encouraged all to get out and vote, as this is a crucial election.

DeFazio ran for re-election yesterday against Jim Feldkamp (R) and was elected for another term.



photo by Matt Swanson

Fund-Raising Fortunes

Graphic Design major Jodi Cossack tells fortunes in the courtyard Friday to raise funds for the Visual Arts Club.

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Meth fight prompts cold pill restrictions

Walt Hughes
 The Commuter

According to an article in the Oregonian by staffer Don Colburn, the state Board of Pharmacy has approved an emergency six-month restriction on sales of popular cold medicines that can be turned into illegal methamphetamine.

Starting Oct. 13 it takes a valid photo identification to purchase what were formerly "over the counter" cold remedies like Sudafed.

The Pharmacy Board took the emergency action at the request of Gov. Ted Kulongoski and in an effort to control a runaway methamphetamine epidemic in Oregon.

Amaui Abujme, the pharmacist at Rite-Aid in Albany said products containing pseudoephedrine have been moved behind the counter and people will be asked to show identification before being allowed to purchase from now on.

The emergency order was modeled on an Oklahoma law, but does not require the pharmacy to record the purchaser's name as it is done in Oklahoma.

Under the new rule only licensed pharmacies can sell products whose only active ingredient is pseudoephedrine. Products containing pseudoephedrine combined with other ingredients can

still be sold in retail stores, but must be kept behind counters while liquid and gel-cap pseudoephedrine products can remain on open shelves because they are less easily converted to meth.

Pharmacist Mark Sargeant of the Albany Walgreen's pharmacy said all items are checked out electronically at his store, and when products containing pseudoephedrine are run through the scanners it alerts the cashier who performs the required identification check.

Oregon ranks number one among states in its rate of residents with methamphetamine treatment programs according to the Oregonian. Methamphetamine is involved with the vast majority of property and identity thefts in Oregon and in most cases in where abused or neglected children are placed in foster homes.

Salem Police Chief Walt Myers urged the Pharmacy Board to weigh the rule's inconvenience to retailers and consumers against meth's "phenomenal damage to children's lives."

A call to Albany's Bi-Mart store was referred to their main office where Pharmacist Tom Glover said that Bi-Mart has moved all products containing pseudoephedrine behind the counter, but they have left empty boxes on the shelves so customers can still compare brands.

"I think this is a good starting point."

Pharmacist Mark Watts



photo by Aubri Martin

Darryl Draper (left) signs for a package of Sudafed after showing his ID to pharmacist Lee Strandberg at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

"Bi-Mart also limits purchases to three items," Glover explained, "but there are people who will buy three, take them to their car and come back for more." The new regulations require them to show an identification, but do not stop them from making multiple purchases.

The emergency rule expires in six months, or sooner if the Board or the Legislature enacts a permanent rule according to the Oregonian. Stores have 60 days to comply and Pharmacy

Board members signaled their intention to toughen the emergency rule later, assuming it is made permanent.

"I think this is a good starting point," board member Marc Watt, a pharmacist in Oregon City, was quoted as saying in the article. "I don't believe this is where it should end."

LBC students suffering colds this winter should have no problem purchasing decongestants if they have photo identification when they checkout.

Cowboys, livestock mix it up at Boo Boogie Rodeo

Speedy's death means no finale

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

The bucking broncos bucked better than the cowboys rode at the Boo Boogie Bash Rough Stock Rodeo which was held on Oct. 30 at the Linn County Fair Grounds.

In the saddle bronc event, the rank steeds managed to unhorse all the cowboys who attempted to ride them Saturday night. Cowboy after cowboy kissed the sky as they went flying off the horse so no one took home any money in that event.

The bareback broncs weren't quite as hard on the cowboys because three cowboys took home some money.

First place went to Russ Smith from Ontario, Oregon. Second place went to Clint Wells of Salem and third went to Jacob Fiddy also of Salem.

In the bull riding event, nasty bulls gave their best spin and twist, to unbull their cowboys, but three riders did manage to take home some money. Jimmy Floyd from Powell Butte won first place. Jessie Belyea from Hermiston won second place and Cody Cambell and Nathan Cornelius split third with a tie score.

The barrel racers always win



A Brahma Bull bucks off an unsuccessful rider at last Saturday's Boo Boogie Bash Rough Stock Rodeo. Cowboys rode bulls and broncos while cowgirls competed in barrel races. Jimmy Floyd of Powell Butte won first place in bull-riding, while Karen Davis of Aumsville took first in barrel racing and Russ Smith of Ontario was first in the bareback broncos.

photo by Sherry Majeski

the heart of the audience. The cowgirls come in racing around the barrels competing for the top time for the money.

There were 56 contestants vying for the purse, but only six cowgirls took home money.

First place was awarded to Karen Davis from Aumsville, filling her purse with \$487.20. Second place winner was 10 year-old Lexie Heater from Lebanon, pocketing \$403.20. Third was Karen Lowrey from Scio, with \$319.20. Fourth went to Sabrina Wickson from Hillsboro winning \$235.20. Fifth gave Jessica Crouch \$151.20 and sixth helped out Shannon Smith from Turner with \$84. The entry fees were \$50 to ride.

Rodeo is thought by some to be the world's most dangerous

sport and any cowboy who pays to ride is putting his life in danger. Lane Frost lost his life to a bull named Taking Care of Business in 1989 when the bull threw him and hooked his horn into and under his rib cage, throwing him around like a rag doll. Frost had been a World Champion Bull Rider.

Saturday night, behind the scenes, cowboys were taking safety precautions, wrapping their legs, wrists, arms and putting on neck rolls, wire mesh horn-proof vests and full ASTM helmets.

These cowboys take their job very seriously and spend many hours training between rodeos. They follow the circuit and are willing to gamble their life for the right to brag.

The cowgirls running barrels spend their life dreaming of winning the gold buckle and purse. Their competition is much stiffer having a lot more entrants to compete against. They spend hours upon hours training and thousands of dollars on top notch horses born to turn and burn.

These people don't really do rodeo for the money. Very few cowboys and cowgirls make a very good living getting their brains bucked out. They do it for the love of the sport. Some people play football and others ride bulls and horses.

The Boo Boogie Bash is notable for its thrilling Bull Poker which ends the rodeo. Unfortunately, Speedy whose job it is to upset the poker table has passed

away this fall so there was no grand finale "Bull Poker". You can't give this job to just any bull.

Speedy had the temperament that not many bulls have. He did his job, then left the arena without continuously goring the cowboy.

Speedy came to Wild West Events many years ago when he was rescued from slaughter. He was 18 and had to be put to sleep and he is deeply missed by everyone.

For the livestock, bucking off cowboys is their job. They work for eight seconds a day and receive top-notch care from their owners, Wayne White of Wild West Events, Inc. and Jerry Howell of Howell Rodeo Company.

Saddle broncs and bareback broncs are rank horses that no one wants and would be sold to meat packers if not needed for rodeo. They are inhospitable horses and would be otherwise dangerous as a saddle horse.

A bull could kill a human or other animal in a heartbeat. They can be mean and foul without being provoked. Just as often they can be nice but should never be trusted. Bulls are dangerous animals.

The Boo Boogie Bash Rough Stock Rodeo is produced by Wild West Events Inc. and Howell Rodeo Company every October at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany.

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SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

Lady Runners seal playoff spot with win

Will Quirk
 The Commuter

Wednesday night's game against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lakers featured a back and forth match that saw the Linn Benton Roadrunners squeeze out a close win.

In Game 1, the Roadrunners came out strong and by mid-match they had the advantage by nine points at 27-18. The Lakers changed strategy and started tipping the ball just over the net instead of spiking it, confusing LB blockers and managing to narrow the spread to five points before falling to SWOCC 24-30.

The one-sided first game was not indicative of the competitive play to come however.

Game 2 started off with a hard spike from LB's Chelsea Nay into the corner. There were some great blocks from Lakers' Katelyn Baker and Jessie Macknicki, but it wasn't enough to stop the onslaught from LB that shut them out with a 7-3 lead. It didn't last for long though as the Lakers bounced back, enthused with the momentum from the spikes of Kari Adkins.

The Lakers kept up their tipping strategy, but by now the Roadrunners had started to adapt their play and Erika Nay did some tipping of her own, bringing the score to 13-10. Both teams realized the importance of this second game, and the rallies got longer as both teams tightened up, knowing that every dig, spike, and set was crucial. Soon the score was tied up at 15-15. LB stepped up their play and shot forward again to 20-16.

The Lakers called a time-out trying to figure out how to slow the flood of spikes coming across the net. With a couple minutes rest and inspiration from their coach, they managed to bridge the point-gap and come back to tie the game at 25-25.

From there, the battleback and forth incited cheers and encouraging yells from the crowd while the women elevated their play to the best of the match. Despite the Laker's best efforts, athletic saves from Janelle Brandt helped close Game 2 at 30-27 for LB.

With the crowd still talking about the late game rallies, Game 3 started off with solid play from the Lakers that propelled them out to a 5-1 lead. With a spike from Marcy Drake, the Roadrunners let the Lakers know that it wouldn't be that easy. Quickly the score was tied at 5-5. Great blocks and a spike from Kelly Meredith left the score at 9-7, and soon after the Roadrunners were leading 12-8.

An impressive comeback from the Lakers put them ahead by one at 14-13 when Coach Frazier called a timeout to refocus the team. From that point onward, the game was too close to call and neither team could get ahead for long without the other team answering back. The sister duo of Erika and Chelsea Nay blocked and spiked their team upward to 26-23.

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Janelle Brandt

A spike from Laker Kari Adkins leveled the score at 28-28, and from then on the game teetered back and forth. With the skill of a seasoned player and to the cheers of a roaring crowd, Kelly Meredith dribbled a ball over the net to give the Roadrunners the win at 33-31.

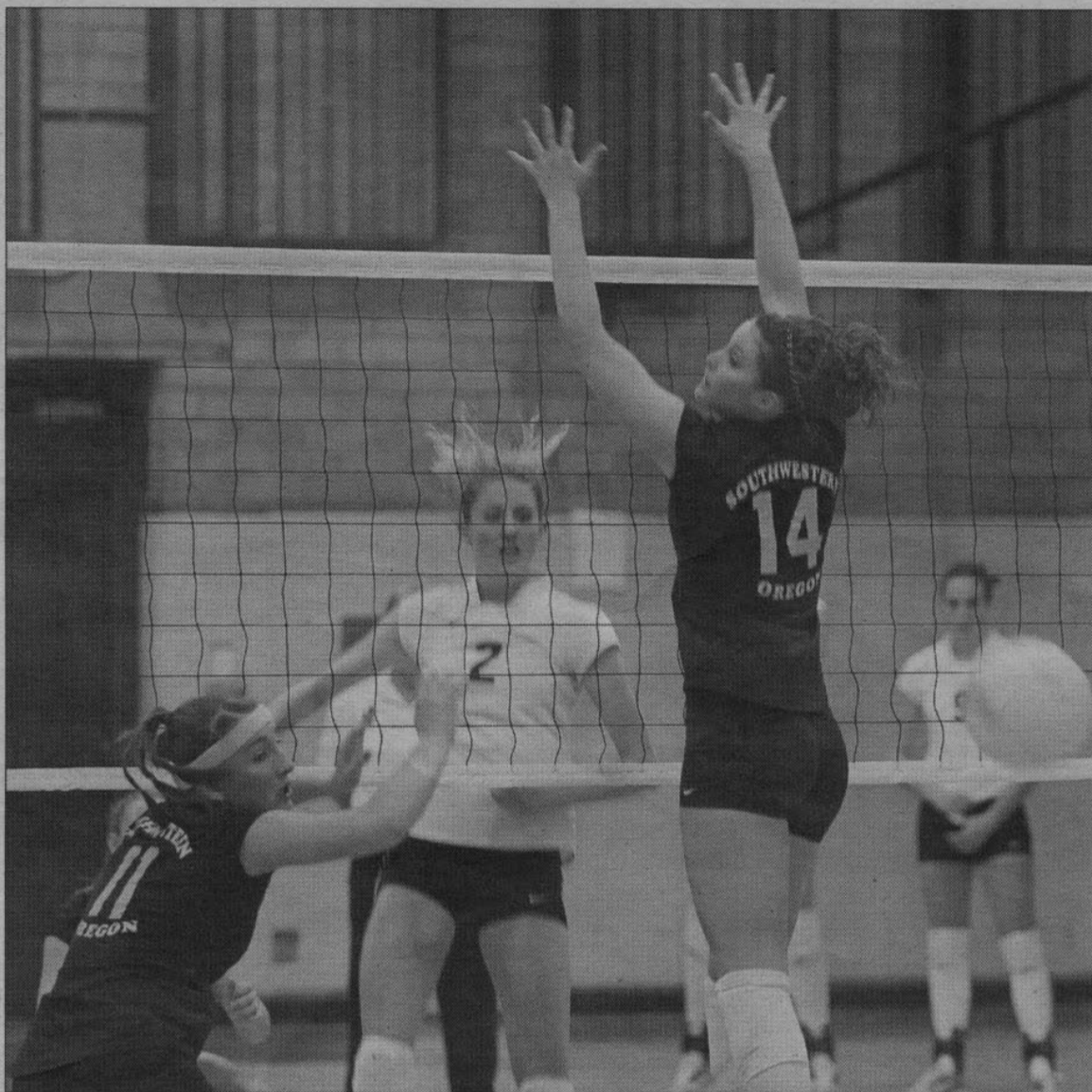
With this win and berth in the playoffs, the team and coach were ecstatic.

"It's been a team goal to make it into the NWAACC playoffs since the beginning of the year, so it's a great feeling," gushed Janelle Brandt.

The team's smiles and celebration showed their confidence going into the tail end of the season. Coach Frazier is confident that her young team is ready for the playoffs.

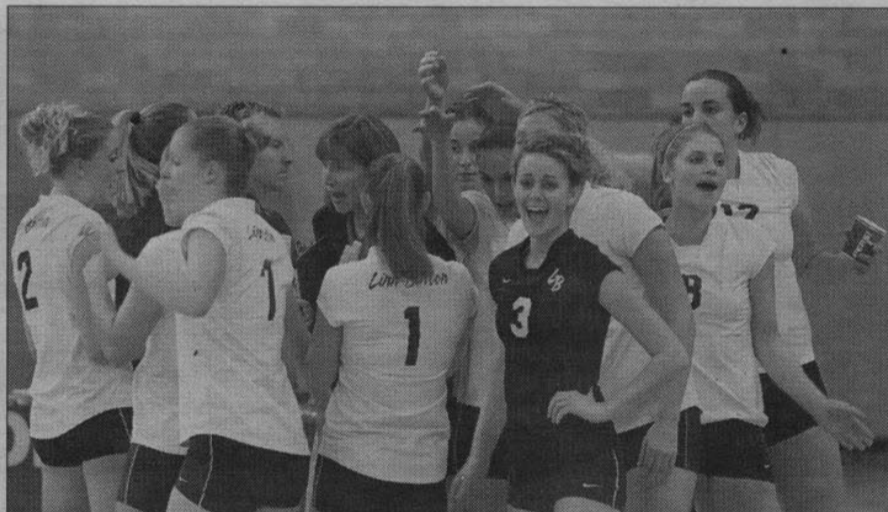
"With every win, there is more and more momentum," explained Frazier.

This win has the team excited for their next match against Chemeketa on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., and with several women on the Roadrunners predicting a win, it is sure to be a spectacular match.



photos by Erik Swanson

Chelsea Nay (above), spikes the ball past a SWOCC blocker en route to the Runners' victory over the Lakers Wednesday night. The Lady Runners rally around Coach Jaymie Frazier (right) during Wednesday's game. With the win, the Lady Runners clinched a berth in the NWAACC playoffs.



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•WEDNESDAY:
 ENTREES: Pot roast, chicken burrito, tofu satay w/ dipping sauce
 SIDES: Potato pancakes, Mexican rice, stuffed tomatoes
 SOUPS: Tomato rice, corn chowder

•THURSDAY:
 ENTREES: Liver w/ bacon & onions, Monte Cristo sandwich, grilled vegetable pizza
 SIDES: Potatoes O'Brien, creamy polenta, broccoli and cauliflower
 SOUPS: Tom kha gai, cream of tomato

•FRIDAY:
 Chef's choice

•MONDAY:
 ENTREES: Glazed ham, beef goulash, vegetarian chili
 SIDES: Lyonnaise potatoes, broccoli Hollandaise
 SOUPS: Wild rice, avgolemono

•TUESDAY:
 ENTREES: Chicken and dumplings, seafood stew, vegetable strudel
 SIDES: Couscous, green beans Amadine
 SOUPS: Cheddar cheese, Manhattan clam chowder

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Information about plays, movies,
 books, artwork, and other
 entertaining or artistic endeavors

CALENDAR

THE VIBE

AJ's 137 SW 2nd St. Corvallis 758-4582	Nov 6 Partly Dave Eclectic rock 9:30 p.m. \$4
Book Bin 228 SW 3rd St Corvallis 752-0040	Nov 6 Bryan Guerena Classical guitar 1-2 p.m. Free
Fox & Firkin 202 SW 1st St. Corvallis 753-8533	Nov 6 John Shipe Band Rock 9:30 p.m. \$5
Linn-Benton College Activities Center 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW Albany 917-4561	Nov 6 First Biannual Pow- wow 'Honoring Our Com- munities' 5-11 p.m. Free
Majestic Theatre 1150 SW 2nd. St. Corvallis 758-7469	Nov 5-6, 11-13, 7&14 Matinee Cat On A Hot Tin Roof Corvallis Community Theatre Presentation 8 p.m. M-2:30 p.m. \$10 adults \$8 Seniors & Students \$8 Thursday Special
Platinum 126 SW 4thSt. Corvallis 738-6996	Nov 5 Helles Belles All girl rock band 8 p.m. \$10 adv or w/dad \$12 door
	Nov 8 Patches Karoke 9 p.m. \$3
Squirrel's Tavern 100 SW 2nd St. Corvallis 738-6996	Nov 6 Eleven Eyes Jazz rock 10 p.m. \$3
W.O.W. Hall 291 W. 8th St. Eugene 541-687-2746	Nov 5 Forbidden Beauty Women's Dances of Afghanistan 8 p.m. \$15
	Nov 6 Club Groove Monthly alcohol-free hip-hop dance night 9 p.m. \$7



Party for the Vote

Samba Ja' of Eugene fills the Commons with Brazilian sounds at Monday's Campus after Dark party, which was sponsored by the ASG to promote the student vote.

photo by Erik Swanson

Pow-wow honors communities

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

The public is welcome to come and experience Native American culture at a pow-wow this Saturday, Nov. 6, in the LBCC Activities Center.

"Honoring Our Communities" is the theme of LBCC's first ever biannual pow-wow. The Multicultural Center and the Health and Human Services division are cosponsoring the event.

The master of ceremonies will be Nick Sixkiller, who is the education coordinator for the Siletz Tribe in Eugene. There will be dance exhibitions, drums and food. According to Multicultural Center Coordinator Jason Miller, the public will have opportunities to join in and be a part of the festivities.

Children can compete for prizes by dancing in the "Tiny Tots Competition". Spectators will have the chance to learn dances and drumming. There will also be an artwork giveaway. ITS welding students have made the artwork in the theme of "Honoring Our Communities".

The powwow is from 6 to 11 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 and the grand entrance will be at 7:00. Admission is free.

According to sources on the web site Pow-wow Power.com, pow-wows evolved from ancient rituals. Native Americans celebrated the circle of life

for centuries, having seasonal ceremonies with feasting, dancing, singing and drumming.

Tribes would gather for pow-wows before warriors left for hunting, raiding or battle, or when they returned, to celebrate success. Pow-wows were also traditionally used for religious ceremonies or for honoring or initiating members of different tribal groups.

The dance arena, or arbor, is a circle symbolizing the circle of life. Traditionally, the arbor is blessed before the commencement of the pow-wow. It is considered sacred, given the same respect as a church. It was only in the early 1950s that women were first allowed on the dance floor. Before that they had not been permitted to dance. They would usually stand in the background and sing.

Gathering, generosity and giving have become important elements of powwows. Gifts have been exchanged through the years to reestablish friendships and old ties. Many dancers and spectators say they like the experience of meeting people and making friends.

During the last century individuals from different tribes have put their differences aside to come together for celebration and to reaffirm their traditions and heritage. Pow-wows help maintain tradition, despite American society continually changing.

New novel brings death and mayhem

Peggy Isaacs
 The Commuter

Imagine relaxing on the beach in the Greek Isles reading an old local newspaper that you brought on the trip, on the national news page was an article about a young boy who disappeared in 1965 and was recently found, dead.

The article continues to tell the story of how the 14 year old boy fell into misfortune and soon reveals the name of your childhood friend, Graham Marshall who went missing in your neighborhood. At once Banks is back into the past he'd left behind.

What would the next move be, finish the vacation or head back to the States to fill the void in a homesick heart. This would be hard as Banks feels he may have caused the disappearance many years ago, and now his friend

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was back to haunt him.

International bestselling author, Peter Robinson brought this scenario to Detective Chief Inspector Alan Banks, in his latest suspense novel, Closer To Home.

Robinson has Inspector Banks in various twisted, intricate tales of crime and mayhem, and Closer To Home is thirteenth in the award-winning series. The past is intertwined with the future that keeps the suspense as each page is turned.

The tale has Banks involving himself in the crime with an ex-lover who is investigating the case. He is reunited with family, old friends, and past loves that helps him gain an insight to finally put the past where it belongs, in the

past.

Robinson grew up in Yorkshire, England where he read British mysteries featuring a detective and sidekick working in various parts of the U.K. He thought it would be a good idea to copy the idea about Yorkshire detectives.

Gallows View, published in 1987, Robinson's first novel, won the John Creasey Award in the United Kingdom. In a Dry Season, a previous Inspector Banks novel, was nominated for the Edgar, won the Anthony Award and was named a New York Times Notable Book. Aftermath, the most recent novel was an international bestseller.

In a 2003 interview, Robinson was asked about future volumes and he said "Perhaps. Right now, I'll be happy just to get the number 14 on deadline! Anyway, there's no end in sight yet, and people don't need to worry that I'm going to kill off Banks in the near future."