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Finally! Good news for Linn economy

Million dollar payroll projected as new plywood mill opens in job-hungry Sweet Home area

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

It's been a long time since the timber industry in this part of Oregon had any good news.

The opening of a new mill in the Sweet Home area announced by Springfield Forest Products on Saturday was just that—good news.

Linn Forest Products marked the opening of the new plant with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the site of the new mill two miles west of Sweet Home. Among those taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony was State Senator Mae Yih, who represents district 19.

The new plant which will eventually employ up to 180 workers from the Sweet Home and Lebanon area will begin production of sanded plywood immediately, with an initial operating crew of 15 workers.

The new plant, located on the old site of the Pleasant Valley Mill, will mark the third time that the Springfield group has revived an Oregon mill. It is also the third time the Pleasant Valley site has seen a change in ownership.

The recent modernization of the mill,



Photo by Jack Josewski

Millworkers at the new Linn Forest Products mill prepare the mill yard for production. As many as 55 employees may be on the payroll within a month and 180 within two years.

along with the ability to make custom sizes for its customers should put as many as 55 employees on the payroll within a month according to company president Richard Baldwin.

At a press conference held before the ribbon-cutting ceremony Baldwin

sited an example of timber regeneration he witnessed in Germany not long ago. He said he had visited a mill site in that country that had produced lumber from the same site since the year 1260. He went on to say that he (turn to 'Mill' on page 6)

White power flyers posted on campus removed by staff

By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

While a front of warm, dry air was raising local temperatures a couple weeks back, another front was moving onto the campus—The American Front, a Portland white supremacist group.

The group posted flyers on school bulletin boards throughout campus. The flyers, picturing a handgun with the message, "The future belongs to the few of us willing to get our hands dirty," were removed by LB staff and students, who turned them into the security division.

The literature also made its way to President Jon Carnahan, who downplayed the incident while expressing concern with the violent tones in the message. "It is important for us, as a college, to allow people an opportunity to express their views and to open up discussions, but this goes beyond the existing policies and guidelines, especially when it suggests or condones violence."

(turns to 'flyer' on pg. 7)

Tsongas emerges on top in New Hampshire primary

Despite Tsongas' win, Demos remain uncertain who leads the pack against Bush

By Robert S. Boyd
Knight-Ridder Newspaper

MANCHESTER, N.H.—Upsetting the conventional wisdom of a few weeks ago, former Sen. Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts, a soft-spoken, aggressively pro-business Democrat, appeared to be in position to win the New Hampshire presidential primary Tuesday, according to early surveys of voters leaving the polls.

Tsongas' apparent victory over last month's front-runner, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton—gravely wounded by allegations of marital infidelity and draft evasion—left the Democratic contest in turmoil.

Democrats now face a long, tortuous march to their national convention in July without any idea of who will carry their banner against a surprisingly vulnerable President Bush in the fall.

Trailing well behind Tsongas and Clinton were Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and former Cal. Gov. Jerry Brown.

Write-in campaigns for New York Gov. Mario M. Cuomo and consumer

activist Ralph Nader, intended to express dissatisfaction with the five major candidates, drew scant support in early exit polls.

The road ahead will be tough for the sober, professorial Tsongas, who summarizes his austere economic program in five words—"I am not Santa Claus."

Barely known outside his native New England, he lacks the name recognition, money, organization and—above all—the time to repeat his patient, plodding, come-from-nowhere performance in New Hampshire.

He hopes to do well in South Dakota next Tuesday and in Maryland on March 3 to prove that he is not just a "regional" candidate. But even people who voted for Tsongas were doubtful that he could beat Bush in November, according to early exit polls.

Ashe made his final rounds Tuesday, Tsongas maintained the unflappable calm that has marked his low-key campaign since he launched it in April, at the height of Bush's postwar popularity.

He pinned a picture of his wife, Nikki, to his lapel and deadpanned: "I try to attach myself to some charisma."

Tsongas can only hope to meet more voters like Keith Trexler, 37, a computer engineer in Nashua who was turned on by his eat-your-peas mes-

sage. "We've had his sugar diet for too long, and now we want some vegetables," Trexler said.

Corey Belobrow, 36, a Concord lawyer, said he voted for Tsongas because "he's a little more genuine. He has an economic plan. He's not motivated by what politicians are usually motivated by, a quest for power."

As for Clinton, his challenge now is to make a comeback in Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Texas in the three weeks ending on March 10, Super Tuesday.

Clinton had counted on his Southern base to offset a loss in New Hampshire, but the uproar over his maneuvers to avoid the Vietnam War 22 years ago have shaken his supporters there.

Jeremy Calley, 21, a store clerk in Concord, said he voted for Clinton on Tuesday "because the press gave him such a hard time. It wasn't right."

According to the exit polls, Clinton beat Tsongas only among voters over 60 with less than a college education. Tsongas was favored by conservative Democrats and those who considered ideas and family values of high importance.

Just 5 percent of early voters said they considered allegations about Clinton's character very important.

Overwhelmingly, Democrats ranked the economy and jobs as their No. 1 concern, followed by health care and education.

Some Democratic leaders, worried that neither Tsongas nor Clinton could beat Bush in November, continued to ponder other options. In early polling, about 29 percent of the voters said they would like to see someone else enter the race.

The principle alternatives were Cuomo, one of the party's best orators, and three congressional veterans of the 1988 presidential campaign: Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, the vice presidential nominee; House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri; and Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee.

Congressional Democrats, 80 percent of whom will be "super-delegates" at the national convention, were to meet in Washington on Wednesday to discuss their next steps.

There were 150,000 registered Democrats eligible to vote under warm, gray skies Tuesday, as well as those among the 150,000 registered independents who exercised their right to choose a Democratic ballot.

Officials expected about 125,000 to take part in the primary—a heavy turnout, but not the record of 41 percent.

A whale of a tale

"What's all this ruckus I'm hearing about from this ORCA group," came the puzzling voice on the other end of the phone.

It's Saturday, I'm hitting some serious REM's, the sun's yet to cast a shadow, Henry Weinhard is pounding on my every nerve ending and I've got some yahoo asking me about whales.

"Sorry I woke you, mister, but I forgot about the time difference."

editorial

Nobody calls me mister, except for my former cronies from the Marines. Right then I knew the whale-wonderer was my Texan buddy Rob, a fellow sympathizer from our days of fear and loathing on the enlisted trail.

"I've been getting your newspaper you've been sending me and this ORCA group sounds like you've got some crazed termites up there in your Oregon woodwork."

I told him we did a story a while back on whale watching but I don't see how it created any controversy.

"No, not whales!," he said. "Some guy, Pedro, is going off on this Oregon Citizens Anus."

We had reached common ground—Rob wasn't reading Moby Dick, switching majors or joining GreenPeace, he wanted to know about the OCA.

Do you want the five-part mini series or the condensed Readers Digest version, I asked him.

"This goes on my phone bill," he said. "Just cut to the chase."

Knowing how Rob despises the stereotypical Texan, and he being the Anti-Texan, I decided a Texas/OCA analogy would cut to the heart of the matter.

Rob, if you removed Billy Bob from the cab of his pickup truck, put him in a station wagon; traded in his eight-track and Hank Williams for a CD player and Billy Graham Live at Carnegie Hall; swapped the Wrangler jeans and flannel shirt for a Sears off-the-rack polyester suit; traded the 2.2 cases of Lone Star for 2.2 kids; ditch his Soldier of Fortune for the "Good Book"; replace his preoccupations with sex with preoccupations with sexual preference; forget about Billy Bob locking up the farms animals up at night and have him lock up those homos who ascribe to farm animals and, Rob, Billy Bob is primed to picket Fred Meyer and gather signatures to stamp out the sinners.

Judging from the extended silence on Rob's end, I was sure he was, now, more confused than ever and we should have stuck to discussing whales. But, he finally shot back with, "sounds like you've got some scary messengers up there with an even scarier message. So what are you guys doing about them?"

Now the extended silence was on my end.

I told him that up until a few weeks ago, the newspaper had remained relatively silent, opinion-wise, when it came to the OCA. Paco, not Pedro, stirred things up a bit. I had also tried on four different occasions to set up an interview with John King, the head of the OCA's local chapter, but he finally decided to decline my invitation for fear of being unfairly treated by the political slant of the paper. That invitation is always open, as is the Commuter's open canvas for op-ed letters and commentary.

It is not my intention to load up the editorial shotgun and take shots at the OCA. Yet, sometimes it is hard to resist squeezing the trigger and I apologize for grazing a few Texans in the crossfire.

Still, distorted stereotypes lie at the core of this issue. I used stereotypes to illustrate the issue to my friend, The OCA uses exaggerated stereotypes of the gay and lesbian community to point the finger at their perception of evil and point people in their direction—the wrong direction.

But it was Rob who made the final point in our conversation—"When I visit you up in Oregon, and I run into one of those ORCA's, I'll show them my Texas harpoon—call me Ishmael with spurs."



Teen gang members an ignored issue

If the presidential candidates of both parties want to enliven their debates, they might talk about what they'll do about Jawon.

Jawon, 14, lives on the West Side of Chicago. No permanent address. He and his fellow gang members pick out an abandoned building and call it home.

The cops assume that his source of income is crime. Theft, extortion, maybe drug errands for older gang members. He can barely read or write and doesn't attend school, but he has street smarts.

Lately, he has been showing up around the Herbert Elementary School, 2131 W. Monroe St. But not to learn. Just the opposite. He teaches young kids how to join the gang, what hand signals and gang colors to wear to avoid being shot.

Kids are valuable to gangs. Because of their age, they can shoot someone or run drugs or pull a stickup and get a lighter rap.

Jawon has already learned to handle a gun. He's currently awaiting a hearing for wounding another boy in the face during a gang dispute.

And he can drive a car. Not only drive it but bust in, hot wire the ignition, tear out the radio, and go joy riding.

The police got him for that, too, after he and his pals stole a car belonging to a teacher at the Herbert School. They wouldn't have been caught if they hadn't smashed into another car, injuring a couple of people.

All that, and he's still seven years short of being able to legally buy a beer. But there's more.

Recently, a boy's sports jacket was stolen at the school. Jackets are a serious matter. Kids are gunned down for not surrendering them.

When the parents complained to the principal, the suspects were gathered in the school office. One was Jawon's cousin, who brought Jawon along for moral support.

The principal describes the office meeting:

"I had nine boys in there and the mother of the kid whose jacket was stolen, and I was questioning them. Then I left the room to call in another boy.

"Before I came back, the mother told me that Jawon was intimidating the kids right in front of her.

"His cousin had taken the jacket. We later found out that he had stolen it for Jawon. So Jawon told them 'You better say that he didn't do it or I'm going to get a Uzi and blow you away.'"

If a 14-year-old in a prep school says he is going to blow you away with an automatic weapon, you might chuckle. But on the West Side and other city neighborhoods like it, there are probably 100 automatic weapons for every tennis racket.

"So I went back in and told Jawon he had to leave," the principal says. "He wouldn't. I told him I was ordering him out. He got out of his seat and starting swearing at the kids and threatening them.



mike royko

"I got up and he starts throwing punches at me. I finally got him off me and out of the office, but as he left, he was swearing and he said he'd be back to blow me away."

There was a time when the principal might have called Jawon's parents in to discuss the boy's behavior. But nobody knows where Jawon's parent are. Maybe Jawon doesn't.

So the principal called the police and filed aggravated battery charges.

That made three criminal charges against Jawon—the earlier shooting of the other kid, which was still pending; the theft of the teacher's car; and the assault on the principal.

When they went to court, the judge continued the case and ordered Jawon to stay away from the school and not to bother the principal or anyone else. The probation officer (Jawon's on probation for the car theft) was told to report any bad behavior.

Jawon nodded and went back to the street, where he will roam until sometime in March when another hearing will be held. Unless he kills someone before then.

That thought has crossed the principal's mind, who was more than a bit upset when Jawon was set free.

"I have to say to you I'm a little angry. No, a lot angry. There's nothing to prevent him from getting a gun and blowing me away. The judge told Jawon that he doesn't want him near the school. What are they going to do if he doesn't obey?"

"What's this telling the kid? That he can do anything he wants. It will continue until he murders someone. He's already shown that he has access to guns and that he's willing to use one.

"One of my jobs is protecting my students from gang activity. I can't even protect myself. How am I supposed to protect the kids?"

"If he comes around and I call the police, what am I going to charge him with—trespassing? Hell, he shot a kid in the face and he's on the streets. Are they going to put him away for trespassing?"

Questions, questions. And who has the answers? We have a kid of 14, no parents, living the gang life. No skills or prospects other than crime. And there are thousands like him.

Is there anything in the President's crime package about that? Not that I've noticed.

A principal fears death. And he's not the only one. What do the candidates propose to do about that sort of educational environment?

An adolescent says he'll get a Uzi. He just might. The gangs now consider a six-shooter an antique. What will the candidates do to keep military hardware out of the hands of the Jawons?

You can rap the judge. But we have a national surplus of young criminals and a shortage of cells. Shall we build more prisons? Sure, and what will you say when the tax bill comes?

Yes, you could devote a debate to Jawon. Or even a State of the Union speech. The silence would be deafening.

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forum

OCA earns negative labels because of its narrow-minded attitudes, actions

To The Editor:

I would like to respond to Pam McLagan who wrote in the Feb. 12 edition of the Commuter. You said you are advocating debate; well you are going to get your wish. Before I begin, I would like to make my stand on the OCA very clear.

The OCA, in my mind at least, is in league with the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis, and are going to end up being one of the darkest spots in Oregon history.

First of all, yes, Paco's article was biased, but it was also on page three—the forum page where people go to find a biased article. It wasn't a feature story in the middle of the paper.

Secondly, he didn't "use the cliché of the day and call them bigots"; he told the truth and called them by the name that they have earned. However, if you want a new word, I've got a few for you—you pick your favorite. Let's see...there's ignorant, closed-minded, screwed-up, arrogant, and old-fashioned. However, there are two more that you might like more. Use these carefully, though, as you can only use them in the best of conditions (they are pretty watered down and the person who referred to them by these words is being extremely nice) you can call them narrow-minded or conservative.

Thirdly, if Paco's disrespectful attitude does not represent the majority of LBCC students, than I feel sorry for "the majority" because they will miss out on many friendships if they go through life with this attitude.

Granted, the OCA probably deserves a chance to be heard in our paper. However, if both sides are to be heard, I am unable to give the side for the OCA, therefore I will give the side against. Any group who would hate someone just because they have separate interests, is disgustingly closed-minded and they deserve to get a few articles written against them in at least a small community college's newspaper. With all the progress that this country has made in the past 50 years to accept people for who they are, it's incredibly sad to see that we have regressed so far so fast.

Lastly, if you believe the way you do, why didn't you write to Paco, as he asked people to do in his article "If you...think of anything good about the OCA that will help me, please bring it to the Commuter office..." Now, unlike some people, I consider myself very open-minded, so if you could please respond, I would like to hear your opinion.

Jenni Kilduff
LBCC Transfer Student

Congressman advocates converting college loans to a grant program

To The Editor:

There is one fact that college students learn before they ever open a book or attend a class—a college education is very, very expensive.

For too many, the expense means that a college education is only a distant dream. The harsh reality of rising tuition rates is closing doors to our future workforce and even our current students. How will we ever compete in the international marketplace if our students can't even afford an education?

During the Cold War this country poured its scarce resources into a futile arms race, siphoning off billions of dollars that could have been used to build a stronger society. Now the Cold War is over. It's time to make a true investment in our human resources. That's why I'm calling for a 60% cut in military spending over the next five years, freeing up \$1.1 trillion for programs at home.

We must begin by making college affordable to all students. The purpose of HR 3553, the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, is to do just that.

This bill makes Pell Grants an entitlement—that means that all students who qualify will get the financial aid they need to go to college without mortgaging their future. The expansion in the Pell Grant program includes help for middle-income students who have been priced out of the education market over the last decade. Also, increased allowances for child care expenses and new aid to less-than-half-time students will help non-traditional,

independent, and working student get the education and training they need.

HR 3553 expands the educational opportunities for students from working and middle-income families by: excluding home, farm and small business equity from consideration in determining eligibility for financial assistance; increasing the maximum Pell Grant award by \$2,100 dollars, and: by eliminating the bewildering number of financial aid forms. Students and their parents will only need to fill out one form for all Federal student aid.

For those who dream of going to college, we need to make that dream of going to college, we need to make that dream affordable again. In Oregon, tuition at our public four-year institutions is up over 30% and rising. This country can't afford to have public and private colleges that close departments, cancel classes, and that have their educators bought off in a bidding war with private industry. We need to build the best minds in America, and we can't do it by decrying our colleges or ignoring our educators and our students.

That is why I am supporting the Higher Education Reauthorization Act of 1992. I hope you will contact the members of the House and the Senate who are not now backing this critical bill and let them know of your interest.

Les AuCoin
Congressman

Critic of 'Paco' column is out of touch with both OCA and student body

To The Editor:

In response to "Cooking with Paco" column in the January 29, 1992, Commuter, Pam McLagan wrote a letter to you, the Editor, that proves her to be out of touch with both the OCA and the majority of the LBCC student body.

She said "a real interview with real people might have forced him (Paco) to reexamine his own prejudice." I wonder how many people the OCA interviewed before they started calling homosexuals haters of God, homos and faggots. The OCA supports a bill that will associate homosexuals with those who would have sex with a child, animal, or corpse. Is this an example of what Pam is suggesting when she says Paco should have "a real interview with real people . . . to reexamine his own prejudice."

OCA and its members obviously have not interviewed real homosexuals about these issues or they would have undoubtedly reexamined their own prejudices and would not have assumed such ignorant conclusions. Pam is out of touch with the OCA if she believes them to be anything but "bigots" as Paco so perfectly described.

Furthermore, I believe that Pam is out of touch with the majority of LBCC students. I have talked to many students about OCA and have found no students who support what the organization stands for. In fact, one student has suggested that it be called the Oregon Nazi Alliance.

Paco often writes articles that are disrespectful and distasteful. However, his articles are often, as in this case, appropriate.

Tim Lehman
LBCC Student

Sports articles need more attention to detail to be informative

To The Editor:

I like to skim the paper, front to back, and when it comes to sports, I don't know a whole lot, but I like to read how things are going. I have noticed that several of the articles in this and last weeks papers don't seem to mention which sport is being covered.

I was wondering if a mention of "Hoops" or "Basketball" could be incorporated in the first paragraph (or even the title).

Magee's article this week had "Hoops" in the title, but the other two stories didn't have basketball or anything resembling basketball in the title or even the article.

Thank you for your time.

Also, are there any plans to cover cycling this year? There are several collegiate teams within the area.

Becky Hiller

Cancel my reservations at the Holiday Inn, Baghdad

By Matthew Rasmussen
For the Commuter

It has been little more than a year since the Nintendo War lit up our television screens. I call it the Nintendo War not for its technological sophistication—less than 5 percent of the ordinance dropped on Iraq was so-called "smart bombs"—but because all the death, carnage, and mayhem was packaged in such a sanitary manner that the entire episode was deemed by the Bush administration to be fit for family entertainment.

It has been a year of great change in the Soviet Union, great courage in the Russian people, and great failure for the ideals our nation espouses to the rest of the world.

blast from the past

For all the time the current administration is rumored to be spending on foreign policy, there is a remarkable absence of fair and even-handed policy emanating from Washington.

Case in point is the recent disclosure of a presidential finding that authorized the CIA to begin covert actions in Iraq intended to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

The finding, a formal statement of the national security justification for the covert activities, is required before the CIA can tap funds designated for such activities. Its existence was verified after the congressional intelligence oversight committee asked to see it, in private of course, then leaked it to the press.

It should be pointed out that even though there is a presidential finding that has been signed, sealed (somewhat), and delivered to the CIA, there will be no actual United States involvement in a plot to kill Saddam Hussein on purpose, or any other way. There is an executive order that forbids this kind of activity; it is strictly a no-no, along the lines of a major misdemeanor on the international scale.

Our current dilemma can be traced very clearly back to the early 1950s in Iran. Much to the chagrin of American oil companies, a man named Mohammed Mossadegh had been democratically elected president in 1951 and sought to nationalize Iran's oil fields. In 1953, he was overthrown by the CIA and replaced with the pro-U.S. Shah. The CIA is still very proud of this, their first successful overthrow!

In the following years, we continued to support the Shah with lawyers, guns and money. At one point, Iran had the fourth largest air-force in the world.

This did not sit too well with the Soviets, who in turn began their own little lend-lease program with Iraq. After the 1979 fundamentalist revolution that brought the Ayatollah Khomeini to power, the U.S./U.S.S.R. grudge match turned into an arms race between sun-struck sunni and shiite muslim maniacs.

Because Iran was our enemy at this time, we helped whoever was against them. Iraq received intelligence briefings, reconnaissance photos and radar equipment from our intelligence network during the Iran/Iraq war.

But don't forget that during this time we were also providing Iran with TOW and Stinger missiles, ala Ollie and the Contra-connection.

Then a little more than a year ago we did our little part to set the balance right. One would think we should have learned a valuable lesson about giving our toys away. Perhaps not. Since last May, the U.S. has transferred roughly \$6 billion in arms to the region according to the Arms Control Association.

And so the CIA is off to try its luck at toppling yet another government. With practice in foreign places such as Iran, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Chile, why should we believe them when they say they had nothing to do with the deed done down in Dallas?

forum

This week, responses were down, since classes were canceled Monday. So, straight from the cafeteria comes the pulse of the school, or at least 70 students.

commuter poll

Question No. 1:

White supremacist groups have been distributing flyers on LBCC's campus in the past two weeks. Should these groups have the same rights and freedoms of speech, in terms of the opportunity to display their literature, as other groups do on campus?

Yes: 63% No: 37%

Question No. 2:

Mike Tyson was found guilty on one count of rape and two counts of deviate sexual assault this past week. He faces the possibility of receiving 63 years in prison. In your opinion, from the evidence you've seen and the media coverage of the proceedings, what should Tyson's sentence be?

Quite a few of the responses (over 25%) didn't write down a sentence, but of those who did, 17 offered to sentence him to the full 63 years, and five voted for the standard sentence. Five more voted 1-5 years, three for 6-9, seven for 9-11, five for 20 years, and one for 20-63 years.

Two each voted for probation, pardon and public flogging, and one each voted for a fine, reparations to the victim, castration and public service.

Question No. 3:

The New Hampshire primary this Tuesday kicks off the 1992 presidential campaign with five democrats and two republicans on the ballot. If the May 17 Oregon primary took place today, who would you vote for? Respondents included 31 Democrats and 31 Republicans.

Clinton:	35%
Bush:	63%
Tsongas:	29%
Buchanan:	27%
Brown:	16%
Duke:	10%
Kerrey:	13%
Harkin:	6%

In addition, eleven voted for none of the above, and there was one vote cast for Frank Zappa, who has yet to declare a party affiliation.

Question No. 4:

The Oregon Citizens' Alliance is currently picketing Fred Meyer stores in Portland due to their (FM) support of gay/lesbian groups. Should the OCA be allowed to set up camps outside these Fred Meyer outlets?

Yes: 27% No: 70%

Checking with advisor can help avoid time consuming errors

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

For those of you who are not planning to transfer to a four-year institution after attending LBCC, I hear Cory Frye's "amuseings" column is on those Brady brats this week.

However, anyone who is planning to transfer—

commentary

PAY ATTENTION!

While speaking with a representative from the University of Oregon at the College Transfer Day a couple of weeks ago I found out that the Associate of Science Degree, with an emphasis in journalism, that I will receive in the spring will not be as helpful entering U of O as having an Associates of Arts General Degree.

Actually, my first choice of schools was Oregon State University, not U of O. Because of Measure 5, I won't be able to attend that fine institution because the journalism program will be eliminated starting next fall.

According to the U of O representative all of the general education requirement classes will transfer but of the core requirement (journalism) classes, only one will transfer straight to U of O. I will have to repeat a lot of journalism classes. I like taking jour-

nalism classes, but I'm not sure I like them that much.

Most of this mess is my own fault, and I take the majority of the blame. However, I ask for LBCC to take the majors that are not offered or will no longer be offered at OSU and change them from Associate of Science (A.S.) Degrees back to Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degrees.

I also ask for the state of Oregon to take control and make it so all four-year universities will have the same requirements. If journalism is a Bachelor of Arts at U of O, then make sure it's a Bachelor of Arts everywhere.

I urge anyone who is going to transfer to check with the college you plan to attend and find out what classes will actually transfer and what the entrance requirements of the institution are. I hope that nobody has to go through the anguish that I have experienced in the past few weeks. If you are even remotely vague about transfer requirements talk to a counselor or the individual department advisor. These people want to help you and that's what they get paid for.

My mistake will probably cause me to attend LB for at least one term next year to prepare me to go to Duck U or any other school. Don't make the same mistakes I did.

MIKE LUCKE VICH ATLANTA CONSTITUTE



LBCC offers good recipe for learning

Greetings Sports Fans!

I'm back. And what a trip it was. One minute I was basking in the glory of a mutated farm animal and the next, there it was, Everest. My faithful Shurpa guidedog Trog tugging at my leash, then the rope snapped and Trog began plunging towards an ice chasm to meet a certain icy death. Thinking quickly I began chanting a secret mantra taught to me by a Peruvian mystic, and Trog was levitated from his brush with a Yeti, or is it Yentl, to safety.

The world is still about the same as I left it, much to my disappointment. Like many students, I skipped the midterm blues and spent my time contemplating which English course to take next term. But, given my inane laziness, I put it off and watched reruns of Dragnet.

My weekly recipe had to do with Holidays. You know, have some speakers come to LBCC and talk about George Washington's hemp production in relationship to early American economics, or Thomas Jefferson's interpatations of the Gospels.

But no. This is a holiday for crying out loud. We don't want to sit in a room and listen to stirring speeches. Hell no, we want a day off to sit around and catch up on reruns of 70s sitcoms.

But alas, I digress. My real topic this week is about students and instructors. I have never really liked the current system of higher education in America. Personally, I learn more, and better, in a system where the student is given a reading list in the major field, expected to read the work, meet weekly with a tutor and discuss the progress being made. At the end of the term the student is called on to prove his understanding of the required reading. Some instructors at LBCC follow this agenda.

An interesting side effect of this system is the instructor becomes available and more involved with the student. Not just Professor Tweed, Intro

to Llama Studies 101. Ext. 976, office hours; never any free time etc. You get the picture.

Now as anyone will tell you I'm not an average student. I enjoy dropping by Art Bervin's office and talking about Bach or my latest understanding of child psychology. Sometimes I like kibitzing with Jim Bell and kicking around linguistics or dropping by Michael Weiss' office just to chat. And there is nothing better than having lunch with Tom Walmsley and discussing the origins of consciousness.

My roommate, a student at OSU, asked me how I could tolerate being here at LBCC. After all, I'm an older than average student and I might be the only Religious Studies major out here. And I have nothing in common with the majority of LB students. The thing is if I were at a larger school, where the instructors teach mega lectures to a faceless mass, would they have the time or the interest to have a cup of coffee with me? I doubt it.

There are a lot of problems with this school but none has to do with the quality of the instructors. Not for the most part anyway. One thing I have noticed is how often students talk about instructors. When an instructor isn't so hot the word gets around. It doesn't take long. Those instructors show themselves for what they are and soon the better students avoid their classes.

There are many incredible teaching minds out here, and these minds are more than willing to take the time to pass the time with you if you just approach them. There's a lot more to school than grades, sports fans. This is a great little universe we have at LB and if you don't take the time to get to know it, you are missing out on a big part of what education is really about. That being; minds coming together for the exchange of knowledge and the propagation of wisdom.

I think Socrates said it best—"I don't know, what do you think? Lets go have a beer and talk about it."

Food for thought sports fans. Happy cooking!

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national features

Students protest Bush Administration proposal to ban race-based scholarships

By Jim Haug

National Student News Service

WASHINGTON, DC—A Department of Education proposal that would eliminate federally funded, race-exclusive scholarships has ignited a storm of protest from students and minority advocacy groups alike, who charge the proposal is racist and politically motivated.

The new proposal by Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander states that federally funded race-exclusive scholarships violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says that "no person can be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

"Alexander's ruling on these scholarships, which were established in response to the systematic exclusion of people of color from higher education, is clearly a racist assault on affirmative action," says Robin Templeton, a junior studying political science at American University and director of Education for the People, a resource center for educational rights in Washington, D.C.

Cecely Blakey, the congressional liaison for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), claims the new policy has much more to do with politics than education.

While many students would agree that the motives behind the proposal are not completely altruistic, some students view race-specific scholarships as a form of reverse discrimination.

"Discrimination on the basis of skin color is not acceptable, and reverse discrimination is equally so," says Allison Turner, operations coordinator for Young Americans for Freedom, a national organization working with students on conservative issues. "We believe in a merit-based system only—that is the only just system."

The education department proposal affects only federally funded race-based scholarships while granting exceptions to privately funded race-based scholarships, race-exclusive scholarships created specifically by Congress, and scholarships needed to remedy proved discrimination.

The proposal also exempts students already receiving race-specific scholarships and provides a four-year waiting period for colleges to adjust their financial aid programs.

While the Department of Education insists that the policy is only a "proposal" and open for public debate until March 9th, many are taking a proactive approach during Black History

WHAT IF...



Month to defeat it on both national and local levels.

National student coalition protests proposal in D.C.

Two demonstrations, a weekend vigil, and a tent "educational city" in Washington, D.C. on March 6 are just some of the measures being taken by a nationwide coalition of student organizations that oppose the Department of Education's policy to ban race-specific scholarships.

The weekend protest, which is being organized by the D.C. Coalition on the Crisis in Education, is expected to draw students from dozens of universities as near as Howard University in Washington, D.C., and as far as the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

The coalition is composed of student rights groups, including the District of Columbia Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (DC-SCAR), Education for the People, and the United States Student Association (USSA). The organizers predict that more than 1,000 student will participate.

"If this proposal goes into effect, it will have a disastrous effect on students of color," says Ray Davis, the director of DC-SCAR and a graduate student in African Studies at Howard University.

The Department of Education disagrees with Davis. Quoting a survey done by the American Council on Education (ACE), the Department

notes that only 4 percent of the 1.3 million minority students in four-year colleges receive scholarships for which only persons of designated races may apply.

USSA organizes grassroots effort to defeat proposal

In addition to holding national demonstrations in Washington, D.C., students across the country are also working on local grassroots campaigns to defeat the Department of Education's proposal to eliminate race-specific scholarships.

Organized by USSA, an advocacy group for student governments and campus organizations, the local campaigns will involve students on more than 100 campuses located in the districts represented by senators and representatives who serve on education committees.

"We are not going to lie down and take this," said USSA's Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention Alicia Ybarra. "We're going to Congress to ask them to make race-based scholarships legal."

"I'm going to get as many student as I can get my hands on," says Charity Hicks, president of Eastern Michigan University's (EMU) Black Student Union, one of the organizations participating in USSA's grassroots campaign.

Hicks, a senior studying social science, is organizing a call-in to the Department of Education during the month of February. "If I can get 50,000 students to call in with me, my voice will be resounding."

According to the Department of Education, the proposal is necessary in order to clarify its ruling on race-specific scholarships, which has been applied inconsistently in the past few years.

Anti-white article triggers protest

By Jay Stevens

National Student News Service

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA—In a conflict pitting the First Amendment rights against antidiscriminatory policies at Pennsylvania State University, an opinion article printed on Jan. 28 in the independent newspaper the Collegian has resulted in an outcry of letters and protest from students and the administration.

"White people are irredeemable racists, who have never loved or cared about black people," wrote Collegian columnist Chino Wilson in an opinion article titled African-Americans Should Not Trust Devilish White People. Wilson, a senior majoring in journalism, also wrote that "the next time a white person physically threatens us, we should send that person to the cemetery."

According to campus leaders, student and administration opinion, which initially focused on the article and the author, has now turned against the paper, questioning the editors' judgement for running the article.

"The Collegian's actions were irresponsible and in violation of the spirit of anti-discrimination on campus," says Mark Stewart, a senior majoring in English and president of the Penn State student government. Calling the article an example of "yellow journalism," Stewart says the paper was trying to "stimulate controversy." According to Stewart, the student government will work to persuade the university, which purchases 18,000 copies of each issue, to discontinue its subscription.

"The consensus is that the Collegian should have shown more responsibility than to have printed an article that called for violence," says Bill Mahon, Director of Public Information at PSU. According to Mahon, outraged parents and alumni have been flooding the university with phone calls against the article. "This article was like someone yelling fire in a crowded theater; this doesn't help very much."

"Do they really think they are serving student interests by cutting off the entire paper?" asks Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center. "It's questionable, even frightening, when an official, especially a student government official, tries to close down the student paper, especially at a public school which is protected by First Amendment rights. It's not a solution; it creates more problems."

The Collegian, with a circulation of about 19,300, is a daily newspaper. Chino Wilson, a senior majoring in journalism, is a sports writer who occasionally contributes opinion columns.

Although Penn State's Black Caucus president Gail Williams does not agree with the violent extremism of the Wilson article, she defends the right of the Collegian to express its own opinions.

national briefs

Radio station, Dead try to save the rainforest

CAMBRIDGE, MA (NSNS)—The Harvard student-run radio station WHRB raised \$10,000 to help save the rainforest by playing 120 consecutive hours of Grateful Dead music Jan 26 through Jan. 31.

Proceeds from the 'Grateful Dead Orgy', which took two years to organize, will be used to preserve a portion of the rainforest in honor of the late rock promoter Bill Graham.

Students help homeless with comedy

SARATOGA, NY (NSNS)—More than 125 student comedians will donate some of the proceeds from the National College Comedy Festival, Feb. 7-9, to Comic Relief, a benefit organization for the homeless.

The festival, at Skidmore College, will feature skits

performed by student groups from schools including Stanford, Harvard, Notre Dame, Arizona and Michigan.

CUNY campuses getting 'out of control'

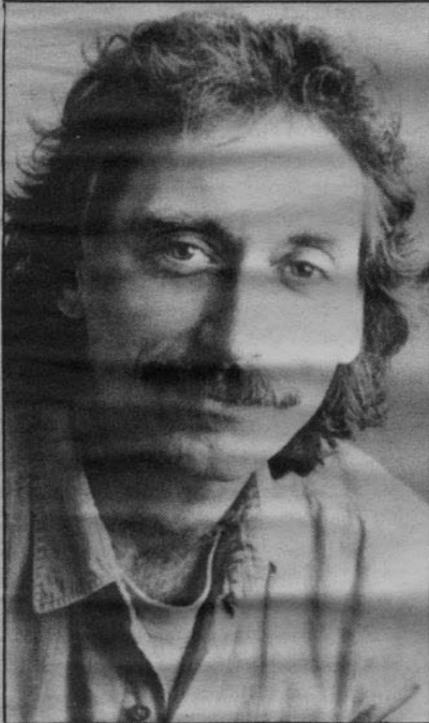
ALBANY, NY (NSNS)—State lawmakers condemned City University of New York administrators for failing to keep law and order on their campuses in a public hearing on Jan. 26.

According to members of the Senate Higher Education Committee, a stampede at a City University gym that resulted in the deaths of nine people on Dec. 28, allegations that the student senate has abused its student-funded budget with wild spending sprees, and student takeovers of campus building last spring are all dire signs that the university needs to make "major changes."

campus briefs

LBCC's Mark Weiss performs

Mark Weiss, LBCC counselor, performs Feb. 28 at 9 p.m. as part of a folk trio, *Secular Country*, at The Second Cup of Coffee House on 11th and Monroe in Corvallis. Mark has been performing a variety of folk styles for about 25 years. The current group has been together for about a year and provided entertainment for LBCC's Children's Christmas Party this year.



Steven Sher

1992 Valley Writers Series

Writer, educator and editor, Steven Sher kicks off the fourth annual Valley Writers Series at LBCC. The series was organized to promote readings by creative writers at the college and in the community. This year's series features five respected writers with an "open mike" on May 13, to encourage local writers to share their works.

Other guest speakers for the Valley Writers Series will be National Book Critics' Circle Award winner C.K. Williams, March 4; poet, fiction writer, reviewer and photographer Susan Landgraf, April 24; poet, playwright and ethnographer Elizabeth Beverly, May 6; and "Exploring the Sky" author Richard Moeschl, May 20.

The Valley Writers Series will be held noon-1 p.m. in Forum 104 of LBCC. This series is sponsored by LBCC's English Department, LBCC Albany Center and the ASLBCC. For more information about the series or to participate in the "open mike" on May 13, call Jane White at ext. 219.

Liberal Arts seeks ASLBCC rep

The ASLBCC is looking for a new member to represent students in the Liberal Arts and Humanities Division. Applications are available in the Student Programs Office, CC-213. Application deadlines are Feb. 25 and applicants will be interviewed on Feb. 26.

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OSEA Easter basket raffle

LBCC's OSEA Chapter will again be selling chances on two Easter baskets starting in March. They are in the planning stages and need donations of small items to fill the baskets. Toys, candy, books, color crayons, coloring books, small games, Easter bunnies, etc. are possible ideas. If you prefer to donate money, they'll also take that! All proceeds from the project go into the OSEA account to replace funds spent on the Thanksgiving Food Drive, OSEA Open House, OSEA Conference, etc. Call Kathy Withrow, ext. 259, for more information.

Buttons, stickers available

The 25th Anniversary buttons and stickers (or labels) have arrived! Campus groups may stop by Community Relations and pick up what is needed for their area. Also, they have 25th name tags for special events.

Fall high school enrollment

LBCC leads the Oregon Community Colleges in the percentages of enrolled in-district 1990-91 high school graduates. The average percentage of enrolled in-district high school graduates for all Oregon community colleges was 18.37%; LBCC recruited 26.84% of the area high school graduates.

Also of interest is the percentage of 1991 high school graduates recruited from various Linn and Benton county high schools. Our in-district range was 21.52% at Crescent Valley to 50% at Central Linn. The Albany high schools were well over 30% with South Albany at 37.98%

Dinner Theatre at LBCC

LBCC's Dinner Theatre presentation, "Barefoot in the Park" by Neil Simon is coming to the LBCC Commons Feb. 27.

The play, presented by LBCC Student Programs, features the Alpha-Omega Players: Sean Canuzo, Kelly Mizell, Jeremy Moon and Laura Marie Vien. Dinner will be prepared by the LBCC Culinary Arts Program. Hors d'oeuvres and Mocktails are served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. The play begins at 8 p.m.

General admission is \$15 and \$10 for LBCC students. Tickets are available at LBCC Student Programs, room 213 on the second floor of the College Center, LBCC main campus; Rice's Pharmacy, Corvallis; and Food Connection, Albany. Seating is limited. For ticket information contact LBCC Student Programs at 967-8831.

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Betty Baldwin, wife of owner Dick Baldwin, cuts the ribbon to open the new mill in Sweet Home at a ceremony Saturday.

Weekend ceremony opens retooled mill

could see no reason why the same type of longevity could not be accomplished in this part of the country.

"For me this is a great homecoming, this is where I have my roots," said Baldwin who was born in Lebanon and graduated from high school there. "This is an area with a rich timber history and a tradition of a strong labor force. We look forward to being part of a growing future in Linn County. This plant represents our commitment to the community."

One of the advantages the company received for locating the plant near Sweet Home was a tax break on improvements it makes at the mill site.

The company has asked for and received an extension of the Sweet Home enterprise zone to include the mill site.

Enterprise zones are established to encourage industrial and business growth in cities. Companies that qualify and fall within the enterprise zone are not taxed for capital improvements for three years, under the theory that the money will be used to help the company develop.

Having passed the Sweet Home City Council, the extension of the enterprise zone must next pass the Linn County Board of Commissioners and the state Economic Development Commission.

The Springfield group saves money

on their mill ventures by buying used machinery from abandoned mills and rebuilding for use in the revived mills.

Company spokeswoman Deborah Michaels reports that machinery rebuilding is one of the reasons for the company's current success in the depressed lumber industry.

"We are able to make the mills efficient. We have folks who are forward thinking in the engineering aspects of making plywood," said Michaels.

"Also, we do not rely on old growth timber. We make veneer and plywood from smaller, second growth logs that come mostly from private timberlands," she said. "We're not vying for forest service and BLM timber sales."

The Springfield group has tried an approach that others in the area have had some success with in the past. Each separate mill is a corporation that operates independently from the parent corporation. The other two mills they have revived are the Springfield Forest Products Inc. and Myrtle Point Forest Products Inc.

The opening of a single mill in this part of Oregon is not going to change the overall economic climate that has left hundreds of timber families scrambling to make changes in their lives. But the addition of an industry that will operate on the second growth timber of the area and provide an annual payroll of \$1 million, is good news.

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College to celebrate silver anniversary during 1992

Celebration gets underway with reunion meeting in Albany

By S. E. Strahan
Of The Commuter

With all the problems surrounding the budget cuts from Measure 5, it is difficult to find a silver lining in the grey stormclouds.

But with 1992 marking the Silver Anniversary of the college's founding, college administrators have found something to celebrate. This year Linn Benton Community College officially turns 25 years old.

The 25th Anniversary celebration will begin with the monthly meeting of

the board tonight. The meeting will be held on the site of the first meeting ever Dec. 20, 1966, after the college district was approved by voters on Dec. 6. The meeting will be held at the Hereford Steer (2780 Pacific Blvd. SE), which was known as the Ratskellar 25 years ago.

To commemorate the college's beginnings, area residents are invited to a reception at the Hereford Steer from 6 p.m. to 7:45. A plaque will be awarded to the Hereford at 7 p.m. to dedicate the event in LBCC's history.

Many of the original committee

members who helped start the college, as well as Site Committee members and board members from over the past 25 years will be at the reception. Those planning to attend the reception should RSVP by calling LBCC Community Relations Office, 967-6550.

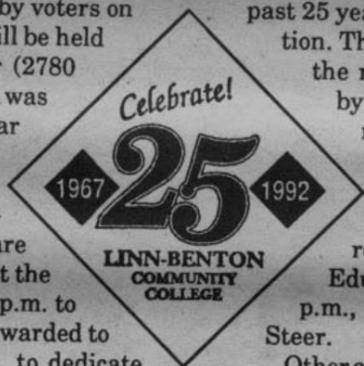
The reception will be followed by the regular LBCC Board of Education meeting at 7:45 p.m., also at the Hereford Steer.

Other activities celebrating the college's 25 years are being scheduled and all areas on campus, including

student organizations, are invited to aid in the planning process. All ideas can be handled by the Community Relations Office by contacting Roger Gaither, head of Community Relations, at ext. 268.

Other planned events include a LBCC college fair that will be held at the Heritage Mall in Albany on the weekend of May 2-3. College departments will have displays, demonstrations and information available throughout the mall.

The college is beginning to gather information on past students and staff, which will be published in the fall, and is also planning a community-wide celebration event for fall term 1992.



Design students developing new logos, mascots for college

Roadrunner may get facelift as alternatives more fitting of NW region are considered

By Rich Coleman
Of The Commuter

There is a possibility that the Roadrunner, LB's school nickname and mascot, could become an extinct species. Graphic design students have submitted ideas for the modification of the existing bird along with new ideas for a school mascot.

"The graphic design students are playing with the idea of coming up with other looks for the Roadrunner and coming up with other mascot ideas to submit to the student body," said marketing director Roger Gaither. "Maybe there will be some changes and maybe there will not be, I imagine that will depend on what the students and staff decide".

Submissions for a new mascot range from common to bizarre. The Bobcats, Swarm, Timberbeasts and Stormcats were just a few of the mascots turned in by John Aikman's graphic design class. "We are working on a mascot that people can relate to, that they can

get behind and feel they can be a part of," said graphic design instructor John Aikman. "A couple of other factors the students focused on is the region in which we live and the main characteristics of the college".

According to a Commuter opinion poll in mid-January only 30 percent of students polled could identify the school mascot, which leads to the assumption that even fewer know why the school mascot is a Roadrunner.

Back before the main campus was established, classes were taught all over Linn and Benton Counties in high schools, churches, and office buildings. In order to get to their next class in time, students had to race from one location to the next. As commuters in the younger years of the college the Roadrunner mascot was born.

"One thing that I have noticed about the Roadrunner mascot, it is not used and therefore you never see it," said Gaither. "Our mascot needs to be something that people can identify with and would be willing to have on their T-shirt and on the bumper of their car, but most of all feel proud of it."

The projects are now on display and can be viewed in the AHSS 116 student display gallery.



Looking for Love

Photo by Andrea Heywood

One of the many homeless dogs at the Heartland Humane Society peers out of its kennel. The Humane Society doubled its adoptions during the last two months of 1991.

Flyer calls on students to form white student union, fight minorities

Included in the text of the flyer was a call to white students to unite and form a group on campus.

An Albany address for the American Front

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chapter and a Portland phone number for the group's headquarters were included.

When The Commuter called the Portland number it reached an answering machine which contained an offensive message describing the group's policies.

For a flyer to appear on campus bulletin boards, it must first be stamped and dated by the Student Programs Office. The SPO never saw the front's flyer, according to Charlene Fella, director, who added that any material submitted for posting is reviewed so that it does not pose a threat to others or goes beyond the bounds of school policies.

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Brownsville: A town where people still wave

By Michael Sullivan
Of The Commuter

It was a hot August afternoon and the day had taken on that timeless feeling it does on hot summer days. Matao and I had been wandering around the back roads of Linn County and decided to stop for lunch.

We drove into Brownsville, located some where south of Lebanon, bought a couple bottles of Orange Crush, sat on a bench and watched the people in the town that time forgot.

Then my friend Punk said he'd heard about a two-headed calf in town.

Yes, a two-headed calf. We found it displayed in the window of a butcher shop on Main Street. And that's not all we found.

If you're interested in history go check out the Military Museum or ask for directions to the Old Mortuary, now the town archives. There you can talk with two long time Brownsville residents who have some interesting stories. Like the one about the woman who killed her husband with rat poison, re-married and started killing off her new husband's kids.

Another feature attraction is the Living Rock Museum. Your guide will be Faye. Whatever you do though don't try to wander around on your own or Faye will reprimand you like only a grandmother can.

Brownsville may not be a very exciting place, but the people are friendly and if you have a lazy summer afternoon and want to get lost in time, just start driving around the back roads of Linn County and sooner or later you'll end up in Brownsville, the town where people still wave at each other for no reason at all.



Brownsville is one of Linn county's oldest communities and a former county seat. Mixing old merchants with the new, historic Spaulding Avenue (above) runs through the downtown district. The town boasts several attractions. The locally famous two-headed calf (at right), which is displayed at a local butcher shop, proves to residents that two heads are better than one. Frank Hovanic owner and operator of the American Military Museum, maintains a collection of uniforms and other memorabilia in an old Baptist church built in 1909. The historic Moyer House (lower-right) is one of the town's grand old homes.



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Examination of the Brain-Dead Generation

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INTRODUCTION

The brain-dead generation started in the early 1970s and, so far, has seen no end. I damn our generation with that term because our entire lives were more or less centered around the television from day one. By the time we were born television was already a well-established medium. Like all established mediums it was easily accessible to families of all income levels. Everyone in America had a television, sometimes two or three.

We grew up trying to mirror our lives with the lives of television families, and our parents, those well-meaning baby boomers, tried to live up to it. As we got older we left our schoolwork to rot on the kitchen table because there was something more interesting on the boob tube.

With the popularity of cable in the early 1980's, thousands of new channels were shoved in our faces. From 13 channels we went to anywhere from 36-70.

Cable was our deity. Unlike regular television networks that chopped our favorite movies into G-rated fluff, cable dared to let Eddie Murphy shout obscenities, and show women without any clothes. Cable was the main instrument in the successful domination of the brain-dead's souls.

Music Television (MTV), since its introduction in 1981, has told us what's hot, who's hot and who we should emulate—well, until they're old hat. It told us how to act, think, dress and sometimes talk.

In short, we're brain-dead because we've been surrounded by audio visual images since we were babies.

I'm not saying television should be banned, we would all be lost without it. It's gotten to the point to where I can't sleep peacefully unless I'm bathed in its glow.

What I am saying is that we shouldn't let it control our lives. It's just a box with tubes and wires. If someone came up to someone else, dressed in a box with tubes and wires, we'd all kill him before he got to the children.

THE BRADY BUNCH

"There are two things that are infinite: death and the Brady Bunch."
Cory Frye, 1990

I was born in 1972, two years before this show went off the air. My fondest memories are of Bobby flooding the house with soap suds and getting locked in the closet when Peter was his slave for life.

The show folded in 1974 but its legacy lives on in syndication.

For those of you muttonheads who have not yet experienced this television icon simply sit back in your mother's womb and turn on the TV. Flip the channels until you hear, "Dun dun dun...Here's the story..." This is the Brady Bunch.

No matter what time it is this show is on somewhere, on one of those 798 channels, talking over their problems in 400 languages all over the world.

The Bradys represented the ideal family to us BDs (brain-deads—it's an abbreviation) Two upper-middle class parents who kept a clean house with six kids and never raised their voices, always knew the answers.

They never threatened divorce or killed the kids and the kids had no vices, although their real-life counterparts grew up in a world embroiled in sex, drugs and rock and roll.

We could only dream we were a Brady. From the time I was old enough to understand some of television I

dreamed that I had older brothers and sisters and a two-story house. At the time I was an only child in a one-story house. The only similarity was that both the Bradys and I had a dog.

I, like the Bradys, lived in a normal family setting until 1987. The next four years my family experienced an extra-marital affair, a disassociation with family, a slow dive into alcoholism, deceit, name-calling, more alcoholism, the swindling, more alcoholism, my brief bout with alcoholism, hatred, more alcoholism, my drying up and finally, the divorce. "The Brady Bunch" was my escape from the reality unfolding around me. They always had fun and nobody ever left. The show was kind of my healing process.

It also closed the gap between the brain-deads. It was something we could always go back to.

Here's an example. Last summer I went on a camping trip with my family. One night while I tried to slfrom across the path.

There were five teenagers ranging in age from 15-17 sitting around a campfire discussing essential teenage topics like rap music and "doing it" before you're 20. Then the conversation took a turn without a cause. One of the teens said, and I quote, "Did you ever see that one where Marsha dissed that dude because he tried to steal Greg's playbook?"

That was all they needed. The next hour and a half was spent talking about the Bradys as if they were kids they went to school with.

I got up and joined them, making new friends for the weekend, the brain-dead united by a television show.

Although we could never identify with them or what they did, we always had them around. Despite how many times we hear Cindy tell Marsha incredulously, "Greg was smoking!", we'll never get tired of watching it.

Hopefully we'll never dress like that. Or look like Jan at Lucy Deakin's birthday party.

MUSIC

FEB. 19

Every Wednesday night, test your vocal terptitude at the Buzzsaw with the soon-to-be-in-famous Karoake Machine from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The songs run the gamut from country to rock of the 50s-80s. Be a lounge lizard.

FEB. 29

Corvallis' Espresso Roma is the place for the Second Street Project, sponsored by Carrot Belch Productions. The Project is the idea of local musicians seeking an outlet for inexpensive rehearsal space in Corvallis. For more information, contact Kris McElwee at 753-0018.

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FILM/THEATER

FEB. 20

The MU Program Council presents the Disney classic "Mary Poppins" in the Milam Auditorium at 10 p.m. Admission is \$1.

FEB. 21

The Takena Mainstage Theatre at LBCC presents Brian Way's "The Wheel," directed by Jean Bonifas. The show is called an "Audience participation play for children." Showtime is at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$2 for students and \$4 for adults. They are available at the box office in the Arts and Humanities Building from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and the Emporium in Albany and Corvallis.

"Baby," an upbeat musical about couples and their relationships, opens at Albany Civic Theater at 8:15 p.m. for a four-week-end run. The play is directed by John Bauer. Admission is \$7 and tickets can be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

The International Film Series at OSU presents "Camp de Thiaroye" at 7 and 9:45 p.m. in the Wilkinson Auditorium. Admission is \$2.75.



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Road warriors 'find themselves' on the way to Santa Cruz

By Mattai Romeo & Mike Scheiman
Of The Commuter

At the beginning, in this walk through life, I woke to find myself lost on I-5. Let me redefine my meaning of lost. I knew exactly where I was

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geographically; seventy miles from Corvallis and two miles from the last McDonald's. At that moment, I define myself lost because like many people in my statistical age bracket I see myself fluttering between goals and aspirations with the relentlessly encroaching threat of adulthood nearing.

Mike's tapping on the steering wheel drew me out of the trance I had fallen in by staring at the stark white pages of my notepad. I lifted my gaze to examine the countryside. I was mesmerized by the monotony of the landscape. The uniform green of the hills and gray of the sky flowed together, slowing the flow of my thoughts to a quiet murmur.

At that moment I realized the power

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of travel, and for the first time, I understood my parent's motivations in dragging me across the African continent in search of release from the small Italian towns of their youth.

The lack of identifying with one location and it's habitat and habits, and the way that the perception of time is changed from that lack of identification can cause a very profound effect on the human psyche. The fact that I was no longer in my college dorm and the juxtapositioning of the landscape enhanced the feeling of separation from the world and the life I had created for myself after leaving my parent's house in New York.

The open road, in travel, soothed the cacophonous stirrings of my brain. My mind no longer worried about my long term goals, it no longer created varied dioramas of what my life would turn out to be and what paths my educational and intellectual growth

should take. My immediate worry was reaching Santa Cruz, Ca, at some point in the journey and nothing beyond that.

Seeing my friend Jimmy in Santa Cruz was only an excuse, at this point, all that mattered was the continuation of movement. I had become addicted to movement. As I reveled in the serenity I had achieved I saddened to the thought that at one point the traveling would cease and that my existential preoccupations could be stemmed for only so long before I had to once again burden myself with a location.

The fact that this new location was going to be an alien one did not alleviate my sadness. As I continued thinking I came to the realization that this was a state of mind that could continue. The travelling was merely a tool to help me achieve a state in which I was not tied to a specific location or time, and that I could live with a singularity of goal without constantly being

on the move. I could achieve all of these feats simply by focusing on each action and goal, be it finish War and Peace by Tuesday or do my laundry before tomorrow night.

If all of my actions are viewed as mere movements without thinking about all of their possibly repercussions, I could live my whole life with the serenity and freedom of the traveller, without creating dioramas of all the possible paths my life can take at every stop. At that moment, I thought that my parents had experienced the same realization and that is what made them finally settle in one location and remain at peace with themselves and the choices they had made. I settled into my seat and smiled because after all these years I had finally achieved an unfettered lightness of being.

Thanks to Mattia because all I did was steer.

Editors note: Mattai Romeo, Liberal Arts student at Evergreen State College, Olympia, Wash., provided the inspiration for this weeks column. Mike Scheiman piloted the vehicle.

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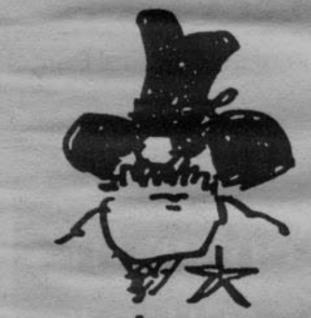
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Battle rages over Indian nicknames

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

Ever since the Atlanta Braves and the "tomahawk chop" made a run to the World Series back in October, protests from American Indians have entered the spotlight in the battle over using Native Americans as sports teams' mascots.

In a recent issue, the Portland Oregonian, in an unprecedented move, said that it will no longer print the names of mascots of teams that "tend to perpetuate stereotypes that damage the dignity and self-respect of many people in our society."

The four nicknames mentioned that will no longer be used were the Redskins, Braves, Redmen and Indians.

KGW news said that the Washington Redskins will now be referred to as the football team from Washington D. C.

The Oregonian did not even touch other "so-called" derogatory Indian nicknames from such teams as the Golden State Warriors, Kansas City Chiefs, and Florida State Seminoles.

The Oregonian said the others may be dropped "if it becomes evident that they too, are offensive."

I wonder why the Oregonian stopped there. If they really wanted to make such a bold stand, they should have cut all nicknames that could possibly be derogatory toward any person or ethnic group.

If they don't want to be damaging, then they should drop all names that are stereotypes which include: Rebels, Celtics, Spartans, Vikings and Pioneers.

I'm sure that high schools such as the Corvallis Spartans, the McNary Celtics and the South Albany Rebels would appreciate it if the Oregonian would continue to print their mascot names.

A nickname that could be considered very "racist" is that of the New York Yankees. A "Yankee" is actually slang term for a Northerner.

Another "offensive" nickname is the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels, which could be a slam on people from the deep South.

Why even stop there? The meat packers of Wisconsin should protest the Green Bay Packers. How about the New York Giants, the Houston Oilers, the Boston Celtics, the West Virginia Mountaineers and even the USC Trojans?

I think the reason that people don't protest these teams is that they probably just don't care. They just accept the nicknames.

So, to the American Indians, forgive me for not showing more sympathy for your situation, but I figure that you can find something better to spend your time worrying about.

To the Oregonian, I admire that you took a stand, but this was an unwise stand to take.

Track coach focuses on overcoming hurdles

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

If his athletes keep their grades up and if LBCC's track doesn't fall apart, coach Brad Carman expects a strong showing from his mens track team this year.

Although he didn't have a great recruiting year, Carman still hopes the men can finish in the top five in the Northwest.

"Overall, we've got depth and we've got some good people coming back from last year's team. But we didn't get a lot of the guys that I was forcefully trying to recruit."

Several high school standouts Carman had his eye on ended up going to Clackamas Community College, which he expects to be the best team in the league this year.

"Right now, we have 16 men," said Carman. "Ideally, we would have 24 or 25. That's what I keep trying to recruit, but I haven't been successful with that many yet."

Carman singled out many of the men who he thinks will be top athletes for Linn-Benton this season: Mark Akin, hammer; Craig Reilly, hammer; Craig Horton, shot put; Dan Cheeseman, shot put and decathlon; Andy Popp, 800; Brian Eli, 100-400, relays; Matt Frketch, pole vault; Brad Staten, 5,000-10,000; and Jeremy Wade.

At present, Carman sees two obstacles in the way of a successful season for the Roadrunners.

"We're concerned right now with some academic problems," he said. "If those individuals are eligible and they get their grades up, then we could be pretty competitive again. But if they

let us down academically, it could be a kind of long season. Right now my biggest concern is making sure people are here to get a good education and some of their priorities aren't there yet. They need to realize that sports is secondary and academics is primary when they're in college."

Also on Carman's mind is how well the track itself will stand up this season.

"My next biggest concern is the track and track facility," he said. "The track is 17 years old and has been due to be resurfaced for a number of years, but the budgetary problems have kept us from being able to do that. So, it's



Brad Carman times an athlete.

difficult to train people without risking injury on a surface that is hard and uneven."

Linn-Benton has had fairly strong mens teams in the past and Carman has been doing his part in upholding that image.

"When I first started, we were sixth

out of 16 teams in the Northwest overall," Carman said. "Last year we were fifth in the Northwest. We were very competitive in the Southern Region. We only lost one league meet."

Carman, 26, just finished his masters degree at the University of Oregon. He has substantial experience in track and field at the collegiate level. From 1984-87 he competed for Oregon State's now-defunct track team, serving the last year as team captain.

"I did the 110 high hurdles, the 400 intermediate hurdles, and the 4 x 400 relay," said Carman.

Carman began his coaching career in 1988 as an assistant at Linn-Benton. The next year, he took an assistant position at Springfield High School. In 1990, Carman came back to LB, where he's coached the mens team ever since.

This season, Clackamas appears to be LB's toughest opponent in the division.

"Clackamas again has a lot of numbers," explained Carman. "Our best people can compete with their best people and we're not intimidated in that way. But they just have so many people out that they'll pick up all the garbage points that we don't have the numbers to get. Clackamas also has some very good individuals in certain events."

"I would hope that we could finish in the top five at the Northwest," Carman said. "I have never liked to look at any year as a rebuilding year because I think you can salvage something from anything. But, again, it will depend on those individuals' grades coming up from where they are. It's hard to say until the season starts."

The men begin their 1992 campaign with the "Ice-Breaker" Meet March 7 at the Linfield Invitational.

Metzker's 38 points fuels men past SWOCC in 90-75 victory

Roadrunners sweep two games to raise record to 3-9 and climb out of league cellar as season winds to a close

By Steev Wilkinson
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's Zac Metzker lit up the scoreboard Wednesday night as the Roadrunner men's basketball team defeated Southwestern Oregon Community College of Coos Bay by the lopsided score of 90-75.

Metzker scored 38 points, including a solid 6 of 13 shots from the three-point line. Ramiro Ramirez added 19 while leading the team with seven rebounds.

Eric Price and Silvano Barba also scored in double figures for the Roadrunners, collecting 14 and 12 points respectively.

Linn-Benton stormed out to an early lead and held on for a 90-86 victory against Mt. Hood Community College, Saturday night.

Both teams had big runs in the first period. The Roadrunners jumped on the Saints early with an 18-4 run to start the game.

Mt. Hood came back, however, with a 20-4 spurt of their own and took their only lead of the game, 41-39, with four minutes left in the half.

Linn-Benton slowly built their two point halftime into an eleven point advantage midway through the second period.

Mt. Hood refused to give up though, as the Saints battled back to within two points with one minute remaining in the game.

Metzker hit two free throws with 18 seconds to go that insured the victory for the Roadrunners.

Metzker was the hot man for Linn-Benton as he scored 35 points and hit 7 of 15 three point attempts. Ramirez poured in 25 while grabbing eight rebounds.

The two victories raised Linn-Benton's record to 3-9 in league and 8-16 overall.

Linn-Benton plays Lane Community College at home tonight at 8 pm. Students can get into the games for free simply by showing their student body cards. On Saturday, the team will travel to Salem to take on the Chemeketa Community College Chiefs for their final regular season game.

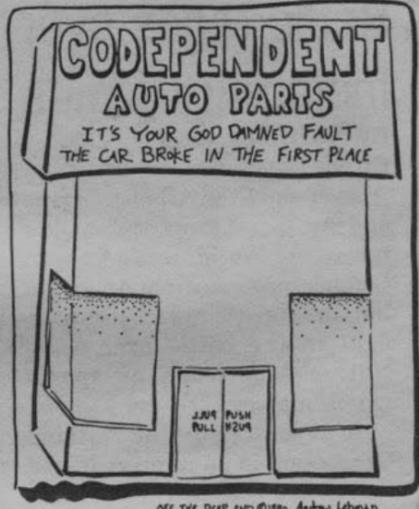


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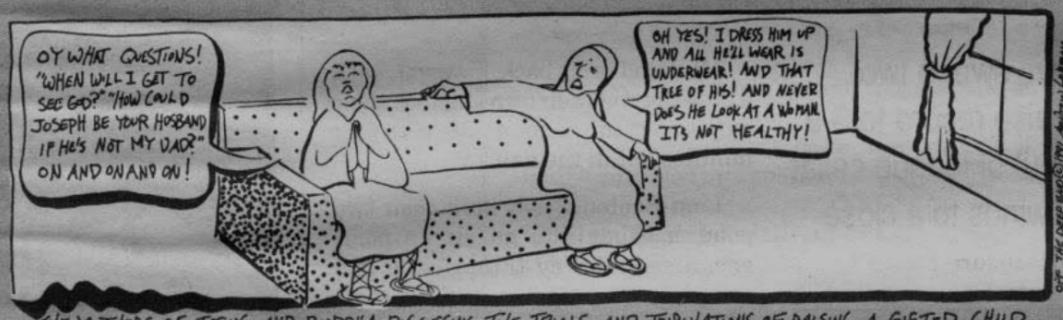
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LB forward Nancy Reidman passes the ball inbounds against Mt. Hood Saturday during LB's 72-65 victory. Led by standout Tina Johnson, Linn-Benton mounted a tremendous second-half rally to win. Johnson scored 21 points and an incredible 21 rebounds. Reidman had 15 points and Mariann McMenamin chalked up 13. Last Wednesday, the Lady Roadrunners were defeated 97-84 at Coos Bay by Southwestern Oregon. The win against Mt. Hood raised the Roadrunners to 5-7 in league.

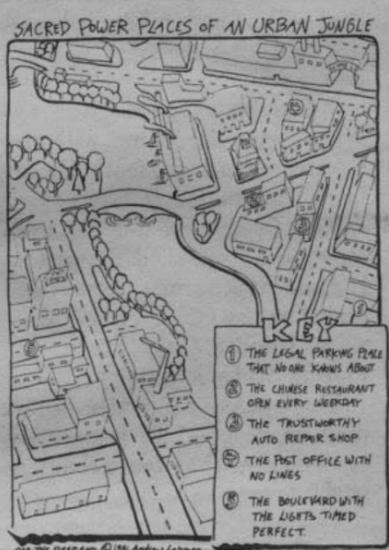
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