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Ready Set Go!

Approximately 960 first through sixth graders from 10 area Christian schools competed in a track meet at LBCC last Friday. The meet was hosted by Santiam Christian and LBCC.

Mr. Smith goes to college—and gets an earful

Pete Petryszak
The Commuter

Republican Senate candidate Gordon Smith spoke in favor of a balanced federal budget, free trade and land swaps to save old-growth forests at OSU on Wednesday May 22.

Smith also answered students' questions ranging from his reaction to the Supreme Court's rejection of Colorado's anti-gay rights initiative, environmental issues, foreign aid and cuts in higher education spending.

The discussion in the Memorial Union at OSU was attended by approximately 150 students. The crowd appeared to be a mix of supporters of Smith and opponents of Republican policies who came to find out where Smith stood on certain issues.

Recalling his work in the Oregon Senate to generate bipartisan support for Oregon's health plan, Smith said

that Republicans and Democrats need to work together to examine public policy.

When asked about last week's Supreme Court decision striking down Colorado's Amendment 2, which would have prohibited the passage of anti-discrimination laws protecting homosexuals, Smith said, "the Supreme Court made the correct decision." This led to a larger discussion of Affirmative Action, in which Smith said he supported "equal protection under the law for all people" but opposed Affirmative Action "when it creates preferences" in hiring.

Some raised questions about reforming the tax code and possible alternatives to the income tax.

"I don't buy the flat tax," Smith said, because it would be hard on the middle class. When asked about a consumption tax, Smith said he would be "willing to look at it as an alternative, but not an addition."

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Committee selects co-editors to lead 96-97 Commuter

Craig Hatch
The Commuter

The Commuter promises to have a new look next year, due mostly to the appointment of not one, but two new editors.

Last Thursday the LBCC Publications Committee, which is made up of faculty, staff and student representatives, appointed Josh Burk and Melani Whisler of Lebanon as co-editors of the student newspaper.

The decision to offer a co-editorship came after the committee deadlocked with a vote on the two applicants. They agreed late Friday



Josh Burk

afternoon, after much consideration, to be co-editors.

"I was a little upset at first," said Burk. "I went in there expecting a decision, good or bad. When they said co-editors, I felt like we were cheated out of all of the work that we did."

But after he thought it over, Burk said he could see some of the good points of sharing the top position on the paper. "I realized the reason I was against it was that I was being greedy. When I realized that was the main factor, I wised-up and decided that what's best for the paper is best for me."

Whisler had a similar reaction.

"I think it will be a good experience having to work with someone else so closely for so long," Whisler said. "I think it will be rocky at first, but after we iron out the kinks, it'll work really well."

Murder suspect in Lebanon claims to be LB student

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

A man claiming to be an LBCC student was arrested May 9 in connection with the killing of Lebanon resident Carrie Hammock. Marcus Davis, 19, of Lebanon is currently being held without bail at the Linn County Jail on charges of murder and felon in possession of a firearm. Arraignment is set for June 3 at the Linn County Courthouse.

Although Davis claims to be a student at LBCC, the registration and admission departments have no record of Davis ever attending classes. However, some students report having seen Davis on campus regularly.

Davis is being held along with his brother, Key Davis, 24, Hammock's former boyfriend and father of her three children. For four or five years Hammock and Key's relationship has been off-and-on, even though Key is married. Key's wife and two children reside in Scio. Kanen, the oldest of Hammock and Key's children died April 1 of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

The killing of Hammock was reported to the Lebanon Police Department Wednesday night, May 8. The case is still under investigation. The court records department of the Linn County District Attorney's office estimated the trial date to be sometime in November.

ASLBCC tries again with write-in ballots

After low turn out at the ASLBCC elections earlier this month, the current student government is asking the student body to write in candidates for the positions available and send the ballots in.

The elections filled only one position for the following year, that of the student body president, filled by Sarah Hammelman.

The ballots, which can be found on Page 5 of this issue of The Commuter, are to be turned in no later than noon May 31.



Melani Whisler

The new co-editors take over next fall.

"I think I need to look at the whole year ahead," added Burk. "We need to be prepared for some challenges. Compromise is going to be a big thing. Once we begin working well together, the paper will really benefit with us working as a team."

The Commuter has had co-editors only once before, in 1982-83, when Linda Hahn and Kevin Shilts applied as co-editors.

"Two heads are better than one," said Whisler, who is from the town of Toledo. "I think Josh and I

both want to make the Commuter the best we can. I

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Photo by Pete Petryszak

U.S. Senate candidate Gordon Smith, right, chats with students at OSU.

Smith takes stand on minimum wage, military budget, obscenity

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The key, Smith said, is to expand opportunity by allowing people to "keep more of what they earn," which would generate savings and more investment. He said he supported the free trade agreements NAFTA and GATT, and that those agreements have created far more jobs than have been lost in the U.S.

Smith also said he would support an incremental increase in the minimum wage but is more interested in creating more opportunities. "As job opportunities expand people's ability to earn increases," he said.

On the question of environmental protection, we need to find ways of using resources that are "renewable, sustainable and balanced," Smith said, adding that he would have voted for the salvage logging rider in 1995, but that he supports land swaps to protect old growth by allowing companies to log other areas. He added that he would have opposed some of the cuts in the EPA's budget that some in the Republican Party have called for, but added "I'm not saying the EPA can't be more efficient."

On questions over the federal budget, Smith said that the "peace dividend"—savings on the military budget with the end of the Cold War—has not yet been fully realized. He cited a reduction of manpower in the military and ceasing the production of Trident missiles and the B-2 bomber as possible ways to save on the military budget. He also said that spending should be reined in by slowing the rate of growth of agencies and departments wherever possible.

Smith also called for a strengthening of obscenity and child pornography laws, saying that Oregon's laws are "so open-minded our brains are falling out." Asked

to define obscenity, Smith admitted that he couldn't, but instead cited the *Miller v. California* Supreme Court case, which defined obscenity as having no redeeming social, artistic or scientific value. He said communities should be able to decide for themselves what is obscene.

Smith concluded by answering a question about the growth of information technology, claiming that the prevalence of the computer in American society will be the U.S.'s competitive advantage in the next century.

While Smith was able to answer students' questions, he did not appear to change many minds. People who were planning to vote for Smith said they remained committed after the event, while those who intended to vote against him were not swayed: "I knew I was going to vote for him before I came here," OSU Republican Adam Stitzel said. Another student who declined to be identified said Smith sounded like "the same old (expletive deleted)" from the last campaign.

LBCC student and state legislative candidate Erik Bootsma, who also attended the event, speculated that some of Smith's statements were made to appeal to moderate voters who supported Wyden in the special election to replace Bob Packwood.

"He lost Benton and Multnomah counties last time, so he's trying to appeal to moderates here this time around," said Bootsma.

Smith won the Republican nomination over Lon Mabon in the May 21 primary and will be running against Democratic nominee Tom Bruggere in November to replace Sen. Mark Hatfield, who is retiring after serving five terms (30 years) in the Senate.

Impact of technology on local community to be discussed

On June 6 at 7 p.m., the public is invited to a community forum to discuss technology at the library and in the community. The forum will be held in the meeting room at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe.

In attendance will be representatives from the library, the city, the county, 509J School District, LBCC, OSU, The Corvallis Gazette Times and Cor-Net.

The event is designed to help citizens learn what is happening locally regarding electronic information and give feedback about how their electronic information needs are or are not being met.

Participants will be asked to share experiences, ask questions, and make suggestions to continue building a vision for the library, community and technology.

The Cor-Net homepage can be viewed at <http://www.orst.edu/cornet>. If you don't have access to a computer at home or work, you can explore Cor-Net homepage at a computer in the library.

Those unable to attend, can send input to Deborah Jacobs, library director, 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis 97330, by email at Deborah.Jacobs@ci.corvallis.or.us.

Dean candidates meet with students

Four finalists have been selected for the position of dean of Student Services, and each will be on campus in the next two weeks to meet with students and staff.

Among the finalists are two current LBCC administrators: Diane Watson, director of Admissions and Records; and Barbara Rice, director of Extended Learning and Evening Services.

The other candidates are Larry Chapman, dean of Student Services at John A. Logan Community College in Carterville, Ill.; and Tim Donovan, dean

of College Services at the Community College of Vermont in Waterbury.

Open meetings, in which students and staff are invited to ask questions and meet the candidates, are scheduled as follows:

- June 5, Diane Watson, 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Boardrooms
- June 6, Larry Chapman, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room
- June 10, Barbara Rice, 1-2 p.m. in the Board Rooms.
- June 11, Tim Donovan, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Board Rooms.

Annual Book Sale begins today at LBCC

The annual Library/Media Book Sale begins today and runs through Friday, May 31.

The sale will be located in the entryway to the library.

A broad selection of books, both hardcover and softbound as well as used black audio and video tapes will be on sale. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new materials for the library.

New co-editors expect next year to be challenging but productive

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think you'll see a lot of changes and a lot of improvements with the two of us working together. We'll be able to catch more mistakes."

Whisler, who is a freshman this year, got into journalism her sophomore year in high school on a suggestion from her mother.

She worked on the Boomerang, the Toledo High School paper, for three years, including one year as editor and one year as contributing editor.

"I liked it. I thought it was fun," Whisler said. "I liked having all of my hard work finished in my hand so

I could look it over and see what I could do better. I taught myself to improve and still do that."

Burk, also a freshman this year, hails from Newport, where he worked for the Harbor Light at Newport High School. He began as a sophomore and quickly became acquainted with computerized

page design as well as story writing. He served as an assistant editor and featured editor his junior and senior years, respectively. He also was a photographer and a reporter.

"Mr. Decker (journalism instructor) teamed me up with one of the editors my sophomore year," said Burk. "I worked closely with her the whole year. At the end of my first year in journalism, I

already knew more than some second-year students."

Neither of editors elected seemed concerned over the difficulties ahead.

"The biggest pitfall that I can see is when the phone rings and

they ask for the editor. If it's a complaint I'll just give it to Josh," joked Whisler. "I think that not only will we have an excellent paper, but we'll have built a real close friendship."

"I think that if we work well together," added Burk, "the 1996-97 year will be the best paper ever."

—Josh Burk

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CAMPUS NEWS

Homeschooled students flourish in college environment

Second in a series

LB students who have been homeschooled share their experiences and the role the college has played in their education

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Homeschoolers don't stick out on campus like space aliens, but their numbers are increasing.

According to the Linn, Benton and Lincoln Education Service District, 1,025 students are registered as homeschoolers in the tri-county area. But exactly how many homeschoolers are attending LBCC is unknown because the college doesn't collect information on the educational background of newly admitted students.

Unless you ask where they attended high school, you might never find out these students' homeschool background. They fit in on campus like any other student. For them, homeschooling was just was just a normal part of their prior education. And when they get to LBCC, they say they appreciate the educational environment of the community college, where classes are small and teachers take a personal interest in their students.

Alyssum Lafky of Monroe, who will earn her associate's degree in June at age 17, began as a part-time student at LBCC when only 14-years-old. She said the college couldn't allow her to become a full-time student until she received her GED.

When Lafky was in the middle of first grade and her mother Joby in third grade, her parents, who were on the local school board, pulled her out of their small school district because they disapproved of some school policies.

Besides the normal academics, their homeschool experience included reading lots of library books and taking care of animals at their country home, said Lafky.

By the time each of them reached the age of 13, she said, her parents had run out of things that they could do at home, and the community college was the logical next step. Her younger brother, Jonathan, will begin at LBCC next fall.

Her older brother Joby was able to enroll full-time at age 14 with no GED because that was before computerized record-keeping, Lafky said. No one noticed his age on the form, and he looked older. Following his two years at LBCC, he went to Western Oregon State College for one year, and then was recruited by Microsoft Corp., where he now works as a software design engineer.

Lafky, a political science major and co-coordinator of the Peace Studies Club, is one of the delegates selected for the Peace Studies trip to Germany this summer. She said she would like a career in politics and possibly law.

When she began at LBCC, Lafky said it was hard to make friends because she was so much younger than other students. She had anticipated this problem, however, and realized she had to prove herself. Now she has plenty of friends at LBCC, which she likes because classes are small and the teachers are helpful.

Her parents have been supportive throughout her homeschooling, Lafky said. They own their own business, Horizon Screen Print, and the children worked in it, which offered plenty of opportunities to relate to adults. She now works as a nanny. Following graduation, Lafky plans to take a year off from school and work in the state Legislature as an intern, plus serve with Project the Smart.

Mary Dixon of Lebanon studied at home for kindergarten through fifth grade, attended first Linn Christian through 10th grade, then homeschooled again for grades 11 and 12. She hadn't planned on going to college, she said, but after a mission trip didn't work out, she decided to come to LBCC. Teaching had always been in the back of her mind, Dixon said, and when she finally realized it's what she

wants to do, she enrolled full-time winter term to major in elementary education.

Becoming a full-time student represented a big change for Dixon, because she had never before attended a public school where students changed rooms for classes and where she didn't know everyone. However, she did know many students from her church who attend LBCC, and that helped her adjustment.

The Learning Center has been especially helpful, said Dixon. "The tutors are good, and the library staff is really friendly and helpful," she said. While homeschooling, she had used the OSU library, where she said it was easy to get lost.

She thinks it is easy to find things in the LBCC library, which frequently serves homeschool students. Its books and tapes are available to all Linn and Benton county residents, and research librarians say they are happy to assist all patrons with books, periodicals or the Internet, including homeschoolers.

Amber McArthur of Corvallis received assistance from LBCC while still homeschooling. She needed help with her French, she said, so she took a non-credit course when she was 14. She also supplemented her high school math with college classes.

After homeschooling from ages 11 to 16, McArthur received her GED and has been attending LBCC since the spring of 1994. She said the local high school was not supportive of home education and she didn't want high school. Moving on to the community college worked well for her.

Although uncertain about her future, McArthur is interested in ballet, which she teaches, and linguistics. After taking this term off she plans to return to LBCC next fall to continue working on her Associate of Arts degree.

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One teacher who took a special interest in her was math instructor Rob Lewis, she said, explaining that he took extra time to make sure she understood the concepts and could complete the assignments. She said he still remembers her face and name a year later. "I don't know anywhere else where they care about you like that."

Sarah Griffiths of Albany, who will graduate from the nursing program in June, said that her parents homeschooled her in seventh grade to get her out of the school system and to help her grow up. She said she was able to study more subjects that year and finished all her textbooks by May, while those in the classroom completed only three-fourths of their books. The accelerated program allowed her to do and learn more than she would have if she remained in school.

After her junior year at South Albany High School, Griffiths went with her family to serve as missionaries in Cameroon, West Africa. She finished high school by taking correspondence courses through Portland State University.

While homeschooling overseas, Griffiths also helped teach first grade at the embassy school. She said she had to discipline herself to study and to complete her work, which helped her prepare for college.

"On the whole, high school kids spend too much time in school for the little they learn," Griffiths said.

LBCC made her transition back to the United States and to college easier. Now in her third year here, Griffiths is also completing a term on student council and as chairman of the Student Activities Programs committee.

Her mother, Susan, graduated from LBCC's nursing program in 1990, so she knew it offered good instruction, Griffiths said. She plans on returning to the mission field as a nurse after taking Bible courses at Western Baptist College in Salem.

Amber, Griffiths' younger sister and a sophomore at LBCC majoring in elementary education, also homeschooled her senior year of high school while in Cameroon, receiving her diploma from Rainforest International School of Yaound, Cameroon.

Deborah Shelby of Albany said homeschooling was normal for her family. She and her older brother Steve received their entire elementary and secondary education at home. They also took courses from Linn-Benton and Chemeketa community colleges while still in high school. He went on to a Hillsdale College and has done well, she said, adding that she plans to attend there next year also.

She was not given the option of going away to college for her first year, she said, but this situation has turned out to be best for her. Shelby explained that her homeschool experience prepared her for college by giving her practice in taking responsibility for her education and being very flexible.

She admits college is an adjustment for everyone. Some of the challenging aspects are the added pressure, the amount of paperwork, deadlines and learning to take tests within a time limit, she said. "One of the greatest shocks was the lack of respect for professors."

Shelby enjoys the social aspect of school and has no regrets about choosing LBCC. She is glad she can still go home each day and talk to her parents. She has received a better education at LBCC than her friends have at OSU, she said, adding "this has been a nice transitional year."

Leah Garber of Philomath said homeschool was great. After completing her education at home, Garber said she looked into different programs and schools, and selected LBCC because it is inexpensive and nearby, adding that her grandparents had set up a trust fund for her college.

She took many of her classes at the Benton Center and enjoyed them all, she said. "They were practical and useful, and almost easier than homeschool in what you're expected to do."

Garber's mother, Olga, said they were really pleased with the professionalism and proficiency of LBCC instructors.

Garber took time off from Linn-Benton to take correspondence courses through Taylor University in Indiana, and then returned to the LBCC campus spring term. She plans to transfer to Western Illinois University this fall.

Other formerly homeschooled students have attended LBCC part- or full-time, many moving on to four-year colleges.

Jeremy Becker of Albany said he was homeschooled off and on, then got his GED so he could enter LBCC at age 17.

After seven terms at LBCC to get his lower division classes out of the way, he transferred to OSU with a double major in general science and biology. While at LBCC, he also took classes for his own benefit, he said, like livestock evaluation.

Becker's conclusion was echoed by other homeschooled students: "LBCC was a good experience."



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

review

'Grapes' cast, crew bring Depression struggle to life

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

After much waiting and anticipation, opening night arrived and the curtain was drawn up on LBCC's production of John Steinbeck's classic "The Grapes of Wrath," directed by theater veteran Pat Kight.

Before the play began, and continuing through out the drama, slides were projected onto each side of the stage and music from the early 1900s played in the background. The slides were of different pictures and images of the depression era. It was a nice touch, helping to set the scene and give the audience the feel of the hardships and challenges.

But the slides and music were about the only thing

that gave the impression of the early 1900s. The costumes were new looking, and they fit the actors too well. During one scene, three of the men strip down into their long-johns and go for a dip in the river. These men had been traveling across the dustbowl and their long-johns were spotless. There were no holes, no mud marks, and no tears. The overalls had some tears in them, obviously made by a pair of scissors, and the women's dresses were neatly pressed. The costumes were too nice for a dirt-poor family traveling across the dustbowl and desert to California.

The life-sized replica of an early model truck was used as the main prop for the entire play, which was effective. The truck looked very real, complete with

working headlights.

Aside from the costumes, opening night jitters were in full effect. Opening nights are always tough for actors, especially with a script to memorize that's difficult as this one.

Jane Donovan, in the role of Ma Joad, stood out from the rest of the cast. She delivered her lines in a strong and confident manner, holding the cast together just as her character held the Joad family together.

My overall rating of the play seems strange after the string of negatives I have just listed. Quite frankly, I liked the play and would watch it again. A lot of hard work, dedication and late night rehearsals went into this play, which shone through on stage.

review

Your mission is to watch this movie

by Ben Cole
of The Commuter

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to watch "Mission Impossible," a new movie based on the old TV series. It's the latest in a long line of movies based on TV shows and has a great plot, unlike some of the other TV-based movies out there.

It's also full of astonishing special effects. While not quite as powerful as the tornadoes in "Twister," there are some



breathhtaking effects. One scene in particular, the finale, is worth mentioning.

In this scene, the film's hero, Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise), chases his nemesis on top of a speeding train. The bad guy is trying to escape to a helicopter flying above the train.

The scene gets even more thrilling when the train goes through a tunnel and Ethan and the villain grab onto the helicopter. In a last ditch effort, Ethan pulls out his piece of exploding chewing gum and blows up the helicopter as he jumps back onto the train. Now that's an exciting action-movie scene!

Another impressive scene comes earlier in the film. Ethan is attempting to break into a computer, but he can't step foot into the room with the computer, he can't make any noise and the temperature in the room can't change. Sound difficult enough for you?

The way Ethan goes about doing this is to be lowered down from the ceiling (in a completely silent scene), and type from the keyboard while being balanced by a rope tied to his waist. This must have involved tremendous concentration and balance on the part of Tom Cruise.

But this movie isn't just special effects and impressive balancing acts. It also has a storyline with so many plot twists that the movie is always one step ahead of the audience. The movie begins with veteran I.M.F. member Jim Phelps (Jon Voight), and the rest of his team beginning a mission to retrieve a disk with important information on it (it was never clear to me exactly what was on the disk).

Phelps' team includes Ethan Hunt, Phelps' wife Claire (Emmanuelle Beart), Jack Harmey (Emilio Estevez), Sarah Davies (Kristin Scott Thomas) and Hannah Williams (Ingeborge Dapkunaite). The mission goes sour and everyone but Ethan dies.

Ethan finds out from Kittidge that this mission was what the I.M.F. calls a "Mole Hunt." This means they were trying to find a traitor in the I.M.F. ranks, and since Ethan was the only survivor, he must be the one. Ethan flees the scene and goes into hiding. Now Ethan must clear his name and find the "mole" who killed his comrades.

Everyone involved with this film should be proud because they have a hit on their hands. With an array of amazing special effects and a great, albeit complicated, plot they can't miss. I give "Mission Impossible" 9 out of 10 stars.



Photo by Ted Ha

Lucille Harnden reads from her work published in The Eloquent Umbrella at the Corvallis Art Center last week.

The Eloquent Umbrella celebrated newest issue with public readings by authors

by Dorothy Wilson
of The Commuter

LBCC's journal for the creative arts, The Eloquent Umbrella, celebrated publication of the 1996 edition with two public readings last week.

Enthusiastic crowds gathered at an Open Mike Wednesday at noon on campus and at the Corvallis Arts Center on Thursday evening.

A number of local writers, mostly those who published pieces in the Eloquent Umbrella, gave well-received readings of their work at both events.

Among the noon readers were previously published writers like Dorothy Mack, English and Humanities instruc-

tor at LBCC and unpublished writers who had never read in public before. Mack read a prose piece entitled "Mystery Mower" about random acts of kindness.

Other offerings included Mary Hak "Struggle at Dawn," a metaphorical poem about spiritual awakening, E. Heinle's "The Candyman Who Lost His Sugar," a short story about the reality of the material world, and C. Hill Ahrens' humorous excerpt from a chapter in her book "Seoul Survivor," about her experiences in Korea.

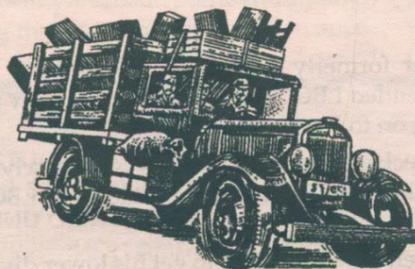
Copies of the Eloquent Umbrella are available for \$2 at the LBCC Bookstore and Grass Roots in Corvallis.

LBCC PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

JOHN STEINBECK'S

The Grapes of Wrath

ADAPTED BY FRANK GALATI



May 24, 25, 31 at 8 P.M.

June 1 at 8 P.M.

June 2 at 3 P.M.

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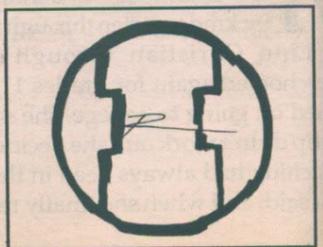
Congratulations!

The following individuals have been selected to the '96-'97 Student Programming Board

- Phuong-Dung Chiem
Team Coordinator
- Naikia Benjamin
Intramural/Recreational Sports Specialist
- Chau Vo
Community Events Specialist

Other positions still open:
Series Events Specialist
Campus Events/Recreation Specialist
Current Events & Political Activities Specialist
Family & Evening Event Specialist
Multicultural Activities Specialist
Applications still available in CC-213 and are due Oct. 11!

JEREMY BUNCH CONGRATULATIONS FOR SUBMITTING THE WINNING DESIGN FOR THE IN/REC LOGO CONTEST HELD WINTER TERM!



SPORTS PAGE

Driver's death leaves questions at Memorial weekend's big race

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

"For Scotty we love ya"
That was the sentiment throughout Indy Car racing on Sunday, but the cars that showed it were his Menard Racing teammates.

Scott Brayton, who had earned the Indianapolis 500 pole for the second straight year, was killed May 17 during a practice session while driving his back up car.

Unfortunately, most of the men Brayton raced against the year before were in Michigan for the inaugural U.S. 500. Brayton was racing in the new Indy Racing League (IRL) set up by Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner Tony George. George reserved 25 of the 33 spots in the Indy 500 for drivers of IRL, so with mixed emotions Al Unser, Jr., one of the most prominent names in Indy 500 history, packed up his Penske-Mercedes and went to Michigan. Most of the other veteran drivers followed him.

The Unser name has been a part of Indy since the 1950s when Little Al's uncle Jerry was the first Unser to qualify for the race. Disaster hit the Unser family when Jerry was killed in 1959 during a practice session.

Maybe that's why it was Little Al's comments everyone read in the newspaper the day after Brayton's death, or maybe it was because they knew they could find Little Al preparing for a race in Charlotte.

But the death of Jerry Unser didn't keep his brothers Bobby and Al away from the Memorial Day weekend race through the years. Bobby has three 500 victories, while Al has four. Little Al was the first of the second generation to win the 500—he has two under his belt.

While Little Al was in Michigan preparing for the U.S. 500, Jerry's son Johnny qualified 16th, but failed to see the green flag as he had a transmission problem during the pace lap.

With the death of Brayton, car owner John Menard and George had a couple of decisions to make—whether put someone in the car Brayton qualified or not to run the car. George had to decide if he was going

to leave the pole spot open to honor Brayton or move Tony Stewart, Brayton's teammate and the second fastest car on the spot, and the rest of the field up one spot.

Menard decided to put 54-year-old Danny Ongais in Brayton's car, and George moved everybody up one spot in the field. According to the rules, Ongais had to start from the 33rd position, the last spot in the field.

Ongais, who last raced an Indy Car in 1987 when an accident while preparing for the big race ousted him, steadily made his way through the field up to 19th before he caught the infield grass and spun falling back to 28th. He then made his way back through the field and finished seventh. Had Brayton driven his car and avoided any problems he would have won the race.

One point brought up by the Indy Car racers at Michigan was that the cars racing at Indy were going too fast and that somebody was going to be killed. Yes, Brayton was killed, but it had nothing to do with the speed of the cars. One of his tires was punctured from debris on the track, and there was nothing he could do about it.

According to the race statistics, there were 12 cautions for 78 laps during the U.S. 500, while the Indy 500 had 10 cautions for 59 laps. The only major accident in the Indy 500 came after the checkered flag was dropped when Roberto Guerrero lost control of his car and hit Alessandro Zampedri, who went over the top of Eliseo Salazar.

The U.S. 500, on the other hand, had 12 car wrecks during the pace lap, something that could have been expected during the Indy 500, which had 17 rookies in the field. All but Adrian Fernandez were able to get their back-up cars ready for the race to restart.

I think those who watched the Indy 500 got to see that it was not a race of people who couldn't race on the Indy Car circuit, but those that didn't have the money to. They are established drivers that have been through Indy Lights.

Hopefully, someday George will open up his eyes and make Indy what it once was—the best drivers in auto racing.

Performance during season lands Greene and Crane honors

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

Joel Greene and Randy Crane were named First Team Southern Region All-Star's following their performance during the 1996 season.



Joel Greene

Greene, a sophomore first baseman and pitcher, was named the team MVP after leading them in batting with a .382 average. He had a team high 39 hits, including six doubles. From the mound, Greene was 4-3, with 36 strikeouts in 45 1/3 innings of work.

Crane, also a sophomore pitcher, led the team in strikeouts, with 73, while giving up 45 hits and compiling a 4-3 record, with one save. He also had a 3.05 ERA.

Named to the second team were sophomores Jim Pex and Ricky Lowe and freshmen Derick Gammon and Brannon Cedergreen.

Pex hit six doubles and had seven stolen bases during the season. Lowe batted .297 with 36 hits, including five doubles.

Gammon led the team in at-bats with 119. He scored 32 times and hit three doubles and a team-high three triples. He also had nine stolen bases.

Cedergreen led the team with a 5-2 record and 2.65 ERA. He gave up 23 runs, only 15 of which were earned, and was named the team's MVP pitcher.

Shawn Thompson batted a .318, with six doubles, a team-high four homeruns and a team-leading 24 runs batted in, but wasn't honored by the Southern Region. Thompson did receive the Roadrunners Big Stick award.



Randy Crane

In other team awards: Most Improved—Omar Cepeda, Most Inspirational—Joe Mansky, and Best Defensive Player—Nefatali Aguiar.

Knox jumps to seventh, Bond eighth at NWAACC track and field championships

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton track team rounded out its season at the NWAACC championships at Mt. Hood in Gresham last Thursday and Friday.

Tony Knox finished seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 40-4 for the Roadrunners' top finish of the meet.

Brian Earls time of 1:58.54 in the 800 meters was a personal best for him. Unfortunately he missed qualifying for the finals.

Sam Bond finished eighth in the high jump after clearing 4-foot-8. She was 12th in the javelin with a mark of 90-10. She also competed in the triple jump, but scratched on all three attempts.

Despite a back problem Sara Ziemer completed the 100 meters in a time of 13.88 seconds, while she finishing the 200 in 28.49.

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BIG BOUT BOXING

Debate over gay rights divides and confuses voters

President Clinton is about to sign a bill that will outlaw same-sex marriages. I'm sure the Oregon Citizen's Alliance's Mabon-Minions are jumping for joy over that one. Presently the OCA is trying to gather enough signatures for another initiative which hopefully will prove, once again, that Oregon voters see homosexual rights as human rights.

Though I think it is highly uncool to try to vote a group of people into total powerlessness, which is what the OCA is trying to do to homosexuals, we are in for a helluva show. Not only will this be an Oregon issue, now the presidential candidates are tossing the gay rights issue back and forth like an unruly nephew at a family reunion. This means political fireworks. Yahoo.

With each passing year, the voters get smarter. Many people have figured out that homosexual men and women are not out to recruit school-aged children into their lifestyle. Homosexuals are not sexual predators praying on straight people. Very few even engage in outrageous, multiple partner sex. Most voters have figured out that the majority of gay couples are just trying to get through their day. The myth that all homosexuals are pedophiles has been debunked by the fact that only one-percent of all child molesters are homosexual. The flamboyant gays shown in the OCA's video about the "Gay Agenda" are the actions of the minority.

The gay community could produce a video in a sleazy strip club full of horny old men on a Friday night and call it the "Straight Agenda." Both representations of other's sexual habits would be inaccurate. We fear that which is different, but take time to give different people a break.

It amazes to me to hear pro-gun people talk about how we shouldn't judge all gun owners by the actions of a few Waco wackos. Yet many conservative shooters

think all homosexuals haunt men's rooms. No one wants their group judged by a few bad apples, but few afford this courtesy to other groups.

The OCA's lies are starting to crash down, one by one. But it has taken a lot of hard work which has just begun. You see, there is a real possibility that more than half of the voting public could say to Lon Mabon and his hate crusade, "Hey, you're right. Let's keep 'em down." You see, the OCA isn't appealing to the general public. They are targeting church and other conservative groups where they are preaching to the choir. This is not an environment where the audience is exposed to the whole argument. The OCA goes into sympathetic groups of people and plants their virus of hate, energizing the afflicted to go out and infect the rest of their community. Anyone at all familiar with history knows that hate germinates best in the dark.

Darkening the pages of many of the editorial sections of Oregon's newspapers has been the usual anti-gay rhetoric. People cannot seem to get into a discussion about homosexual behavior without involving the Bible, which seems to be the most common justifications for anti-homosexual sentiment. Unfortunately, people quoting the bible assume that they have the correct interpretation and context of what they are quoting. For every scripture someone can site against homosexuality, someone else can site another for tolerance — and vice versa. Also, people quoting the Bible seem to feel that the rest of us hold the Bible in the same esteem that they do. Many voters out there happen to be non-believers. Many people hold that it is their right to say, "Hey, it's your Bible, but I don't buy it. Sell it somewhere else. Find another argument if you want to convince me that homosexuality is morally wrong." This is America. We can perch our morality on whatever we want. Right here in the North West we have the Church of Elvis and now the Church of Curt Cobain. We are free to find our way to Nirvana or to the Devil (in a Blue Dress).

Regardless of our religious feelings, what do US

citizens think of homosexuality? According to a recent AP Wire story, 84 percent of us say we support equal rights for homosexuals. An interesting twist is that 45 percent of registered voters would give a thumbs down to a candidate who favors gay rights, including gay marriages (Clinton must've read this story, too).

More than half of us think that homosexuals have no business adopting children, and almost 60 percent think gay marriages are a bad idea.

What this shows more than anything is that the American people are a little confused about homosexuals. Maybe a big part of that is many people are confused about homosexuality.

I recently did an interview with a pastor who had lost his son to an AIDS related illness. He said there are many stops between gay and straight. It got me to thinking that not everyone can hop into the line that leads up to the windows marked "gay", "lesbian", or "heterosexual." There needs to be more lines in the thinking of all people. How about a line for "male but would rather not be?" Or a line for people who "tried homosexuality, tried being straight, but both bored me to tears." Or "too much fashion sense to dress male, but love women."

Even with all these variations, the majority of practitioners of most sexual divergences realize there must be limits.

Laws are in place prohibiting any sexual activity with children. Just because someone trades in their boxers for French silk doesn't mean they are now disregarding the health and safety of others. It is easy to assume this if your world consists of conventional, isolated thinking. These are the type of assumptions Lon Mabon and his ilk feed upon.

So, in the election rhetoric is starting to thunder and November will be here before you realize you just spent summer doing other than what you planned. It's gonna be fun, boys and girls (or whatever), and it's gonna get hot. You are about to become part of history. This is a privilege. It is also a responsibility.



classifieds

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The cost is \$5 for LBCC students, including transportation and \$15 for LBCC staff.

Contact Wendy Morris at 917-4458 or stop by CC-213 to reserve your ticket.



OPINION PAGE

commentary

Boomers have changed
as they've maturedby Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

People born between 1946 and 1964 are considered part of the generational group called baby boomers. They have experienced riots, demonstrations, civil rights, the moon landing and Vietnam. They came of age during one of the most turbulent times in America. Since the 60s, they have traded their psychedelic VW bugs in for family cars. They have given up their beads and peace symbols for security and material gains. They no longer look to drugs or free love as the answer to world problems. Many are married, have children and are concerned with their pensions. The world has changed and the baby boomers have changed with it.

These are the same people that 20 years ago lived in communes, bathed in rivers and looked for each and every picket line. They felt that the person inside should be cultivated, not the outward appearance. They are now the most likely to own homes, have dual incomes, and earn an average of \$50,000 per year.

Baby boomers were a vocal group of Americans that made changes to our country unlike any other generation. They burned bras and died for their beliefs. But times have changed. Many are again searching for their purpose in life by making changes in their careers and returning to school and church.

Baby boomers are the largest group of consumers in this country. In the old days they made their own soap and clothes, and grew their own food. Unlike their parents they wanted a non-material world. Isn't it funny how time changes people? Statistics show that the boomers are now more materialistic than any age has ever been. They have more and they want more. Most are fortunate enough to have the money to determine their lifestyles. Yet, I remember seeing signs in the 70s that said that money would be the destruction of us all. They must have changed their minds; I know I did.

Baby boomers are now part of the health-conscious society that jogs, participates in aerobics and is eating low-fat diets. These are some of the same people who dropped acid and smoked pot for the ultimate out-of-body (and mind) experiences.

Baby boomers and what they used to represent are but a fond memory of a time and era of complete disruption. It is most remembered as a time when individuals spoke out for justice and for their beliefs. If I miss anything about the lost days it would be the sense that people knew what they stood for in life. They were solid in what they thought was right and were willing to sacrifice for it. Unfortunately, I'm not sure that people today know what they value or stand for. I hope I'm wrong, and remember my beliefs could easily be changed, since I'm a baby boomer.

letter

Rude behavior unnecessary

To the Editor:

This is a letter in response to an incident that occurred a few days ago in Takena Hall. I was with my friend outside Linda Spain's office waiting to get a poetry quiz. Since time was passing, we practiced a few of our choral pieces. After a few minutes two guys walked by. After going around the corner one of them yelled, "Shut-up!" What harm are we doing? Class was not in session and we weren't singing loud or out of tune.

I'm finishing my second and final year at LBCC, and I guess it's nice to know that I didn't run into this stuff sooner. Lately I've observed this kind of behavior on campus.

This conduct falls under the same category as flipping others off for no apparent reason. The defacing of posters, such as the Anita Hill speech announcements in March shows intolerance.

I don't understand why people are so narrow. Maybe they don't understand that there are other means of expressing their frustration than being rude. All I'm asking for is to show respect for one another. For some people this may be a difficult task. But for those who care, I encourage you to consider tolerance.

Brian Watson



commentary

Animals make being human more bearable

by Renee' Lunsford
of The Commuter

Last Saturday, I did something that I hate to admit I don't do nearly often enough—I went to visit my grandma. A lot of people might think that this is no big deal, but it is to me because my once fiercely independent grandmother suffered a stroke two years ago and is mostly dependent upon others to take care of her. It bothers me to see her this way. I've often said that when you get to that state in life you're merely existing not really living.

But when I arrived at my aunt's (where my grandma is staying), the scene that met my eyes was a cheery one. Gram was seated in an easy chair, wearing a powder blue jogging suit, her white hair freshly washed and curled, enjoying watching hummingbirds drink from two feeders placed directly outside the windows.

Since her stroke, Gram's speech has been slower than usual, so I've noticed that she tends to sit back and listen to others converse more than actively participate herself. My mom, who has never been known for having a lack of words, launched immediately into an account of her latest animal adventures. She said she recently arrived home from church to discover her Australian shepherd having her first batch of puppies.

Since the dog was new at the whole business and didn't understand what was happening, she was dropping them anywhere and everywhere—the driveway, the garage floor, etc. Mom was trying to corral her when she dashed for the living room where they had recently installed new light-gray carpet. Dad chased her out and the dog thought she was in trouble so she dashed under the porch, which is built over some light powdery dirt.

Mom could see another puppy coming, so she told Dad she was going in after them. Since there was only about an 8-inch clearance, Dad didn't think this was a good idea. He told her he'd get them out his own way. He got a flat-nosed shovel and scooped the puppy out and mama dog followed. Mom said, "You should have seen that puppy, he was just covered in dirt, it was the biggest mess."

About this time, I glanced over at Gram. Her eyes were twinkling, and she was wearing a very big smile. I said, "Well, that's not her only baby story. She just brought me two new kittens and when we took them out to the barn for a little look-around, guess what they flushed out? Four little wild kittens."

My uncle couldn't pass up this opportunity. He asked, "Aren't your parents awfully ashamed of you?"

"For what?" I asked.

"Well, for running a cat house," he said.

Gram was clearly enjoying the train of the conversation, so Aunt Clydine added her latest critter story. She said, "Well, I've been having some troubles of my own. I've been trying to raise these baby pheasants, and they're the dumbest things. They can't stand on their own for the first day or two, and then when they can,

you have to show them how to peck for food. Just getting them to hatch is an ordeal—I think maybe there's something wrong with my incubator. I decided to put some banty eggs in with that last batch. Only one banty hatched and, when it did, part of the eggshell stuck so badly to the baby chick that I finally decided to pull it off. When I did that, a big patch of his fur came off with it. You should have seen him—he looked terrible."

I couldn't resist, "What'd you name him, Baldy?" We were all laughing by this time.

The conversation continued. My uncle Floyd said "Well, you know, my basset's about to have puppies again. I'll never forget that one litter she had. One of the puppies was born with a broken tail. When I took it to the vet, he said he couldn't fix it; he'd have to bob it. I told him, 'no way! Do you know what one of those puppies are worth?' I took that puppy home and found a piece of PVC pipe close to the size of his tail and threaded it in there. I duct-taped it to stay in place. About three weeks later I took it off, and that tail was as straight as could be."

After that, we started talking about how territorial animals can be. I said, "It's funny how discriminatory my little house-dog is. He protects the inside kitties, but thinks it's his duty to run off the outside cats."

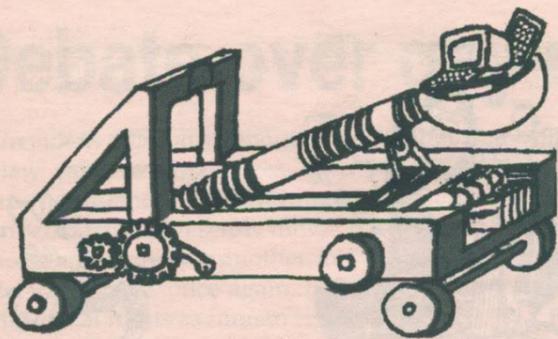
Clydine said it was her cat who was territorial. When a man brought his beagle over and let it out for a run, the cat got up on the deck-railing, waited for the beagle to pass and then pounced on it. The funny thing was, Clydine said, the beagle didn't care. It thought it was all good fun.

Uncle Earle said in his family, it was a rooster who protected its territory. It staked out the family grape arbor, and when anyone passed underneath, it jumped on them. He laughed, remembering, "You should have seen those people's expressions. This thing would just swoop down seemingly out of nowhere, and did it ever scare the puddin' out of them."

During this time, Clydine would occasionally point out the most recent antics of the hummingbirds, "Just look at that, now there are six of them at that feeder. You know they're very territorial too. The big birds don't dare come near their feeder. They're all over them so fast, you can't believe it." Grandma looked over at the hummingbirds proudly, and Clydine added, "You know, Grandma watches over them (the hummingbirds) pretty good. She lets me know if any of the feeders get empty."

I have read several articles that state that people who have pets are more healthy and live longer lives, and I have always wondered why. After observing Gram with her hummingbirds and listening to my relatives relate their experiences with their pets and farm animals, I believe there is something very profound in Proverbs 17:22, "A joyful heart is good medicine." And, I thought, animals seem to add quite a lot of joy in a good many lives.

NEWS LITE



Corvallis borrows huge catapult to hurl PCs

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — A giant catapult that hurled a 450-pound piano on the TV show "Northern Exposure" is in commission once again: It will fling away old personal computers at a summer festival.

Organizers of da Vinci Days, which celebrates the future in arts, science and technology, paid \$2,000 for the big prop, which can hurl items as far as 100 yards.

Why old computers? No one seems to want to get rid of them, said Steve Remington, festival director. The event is scheduled for July 19-21 in Corvallis, home to a Hewlett-Packard complex.

"You have such a connection to the memories — the first computer you learned on ... yet people won't get rid of it, they won't give it up," he said Saturday.

"It was kind of symbolic of our triumph over technology. We refuse to be shackled by them. We want to continue to evolve upward," Remington said.

CBS had the catapult built for "Northern Exposure," the quirky, offbeat show set in the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska. The show was canceled last year after a five-year run.

The catapult is 30 feet tall and has a 40-foot beam. The base is made of a dozen 1 foot-diameter fir logs that are bolted and strapped together with steel.

In one episode, it was used to hurl an upright piano. In another, a coffin was flung into the middle of a lake.

Since then, the builder of the prop, John Wayne Cyra, stored the catapult in a barn in Monroe, Wash.

Milk does a body good; but it won't cure cancer

ST. JAMES, Minn. (AP)—A mistrial has been declared in the case of an Odin dairy farmer accused of practicing medicine without a license by selling his cows' milk as a cure for cancer and disease.

It was the second time the case against Herb Saunders, 67, ended in a hung jury. Judge Terry Dempsey declared the mistrial Monday as six Watonwan County jurors were about to end their second day of deadlocked deliberations. The retrial lasted four days. Jurors voted 5-1 for conviction in Saunders' first trial. No vote tally was available for the latest trial.

Prosecuting attorney Dan Birkholz said a decision may be made today regarding what further action will be taken in the case. Another trial is a possibility, as is dismissal of the charge. Saunders' attorney, Calvin Johnson, has maintained that Saunders merely provided a product to unsolicited customers and made no illegal claims about it.

Saunders was arrested in 1993 after an undercover officer, posing as a cancer sufferer, made several visits to Saunders' farm ostensibly to seek treatment. In conversations secretly recorded, Saunders touted the therapeutic benefits of colostrum, a cow's first milk after giving birth.

According to court documents, customers at Saunders' farm would allow samples of their blood to be injected into cows. This allowed the animals to produce so-called antibodies in their colostrum. Bottles of the fluid were sold to customers for \$35 apiece. In January, he lost an appeal when the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that state law against practicing medicine without a license, though lacking some definition, is constitutional.

Robbers pick wrong style of pantyhose

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Two robbery suspects have learned the hard way that if you're going to hit the place where you last worked, don't wear sheer pantyhose. At least not over your head.

Now Lisa Monteer, 17, and her friend, Kevin Hyde, 19, face first-degree robbery charges for allegedly taking \$350 from the Godfather's Pizza shop where they had worked.

Victims immediately recognized the pair as former co-workers during the Monday morning robbery, because the hosiery they were wearing over their faces was too sheer, police said.

"I could see right through the stocking and knew it was her," said one manager who did not want to be identified. "I thought it was a joke until she put a gun to my head."

Monteer had worked at the business for about four months and was fired in September, the manager said. Hyde hadn't been back since he walked out the Friday night a week before the incident.

Police arrested the pair later Monday.

Housekeeper packs man in trunk of car

ROANOKE (AP)—A housekeeper who locked an 84-year-old widower in the trunk of his car for two days and drove around while he begged for his freedom has been sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Mitzi Jean Horton, 31, pleaded guilty to charges of abduction and robbery in the November incident. She had worked as Vernon Laughon's chauffeur and housekeeper.

They had gone out to buy a bottle of liquor Nov. 16, when Horton snatched a \$20 bill from his hand, stopped the car and put him in a choke hold that caused him to pass out.

She then stuffed him in the trunk of his car, only opening the trunk once to check if she had adequately forged his signature on a check. Despite Laughon's pleas and warnings, Horton refused to free him as she drove around town pawning his VCR, ring and watch and spending \$140 in cash stolen from his apartment.

Cramped, cold and soaked in his bodily wastes, Laughon was discovered after two days by police.

Horton's lawyer, Raymond F. Leven, tried to get a lighter sentence Tuesday, saying her actions were uncharacteristic and resulted from drunkenness and cocaine use.

Roanoke Circuit Judge Diane Strickland sentenced Horton to 25 years: 12 years in prison, another two years in a drug treatment facility and 11 years suspended, said Ann Gardner, Roanoke assistant commonwealth's attorney.

News Lite Illustrations by Jacob Schmid



"Waiter! There's a hair in my soup . . . and an earring. Hey, what kind of place is this?"



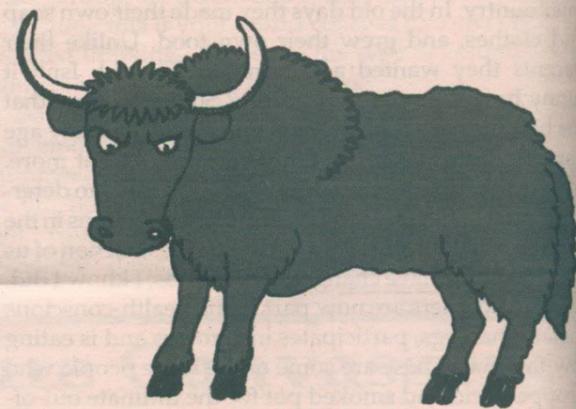
1,320-foot veil follows bride down the aisle

ASCOLI PICENO, Italy (AP) — Here comes the bride. And there goes her veil — down the aisle and out the door.

Claudia Armillei paraded through her town and into the church Sunday trailing a 1,320-foot creation of lace, ribbon and mesh fabric.

The mayor presided over the procession through the mountain town about 150 miles northeast of Rome. A team of assistants—and some passersby—helped tote the mammoth veil.

The 23-year-old bride said she believed it was the longest bridal veil ever made. No one wanted to ruin her wedding day with the news that the Guinness Book of Records has no such listing.



Yak with an attitude terrorizes town

WAUPACA, Wis. (AP)—It's big, tough, mean and was running loose Friday southwest of the city. The fugitive? A black yak vandals let escape from an exotic animal farm.

The 1,100-pound bull has the personality of a crocodile, co-owner Julie Everts said. "If you see him, don't get near him," she said.

"One TV station said, 'The yakety-yak yak won't come back.' There's a lot of humor in it. But people don't know the danger," Everts said.

Anyone spotting the yak—an animal that looks like a buffalo with a bad hair day—should immediately contact authorities, the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department said.

Vandals set the beast free Tuesday along some other animals, including a female yak, two mustangs and a Scottish highlander cow. All but the male yak were quickly rounded up, Everts said.

The farm, Wild Ones Unlimited, is located about 10 miles south of Waupaca.

Everts and co-owner Michael Stillman have given up the idea of trying to capture or tranquilize the wandering yak, which is worth up to \$25,000.

"He is going to be destroyed on sight. We really felt it was better this way," Everts said. "At this point, we will never be able to trust this animal again. He has been able to roam."

Stillman had twice gotten close enough to the 4-year-old yak to take at least six shots at it, but there was no indication that it had been fatally wounded, Everts said.

One neighboring farmer already had his fence damaged by the animal.

A crew of hunters was being organized to search woods and fields Saturday near the farm, Everts said. Once it's killed, the animal will be butchered for its meat.