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Econ instructor turns salary into scholarship

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

It pays to take a class from economics instructor Gerry Conner.

But, ironically, it doesn't pay Conner. Conner, who is retired from PERS and collects Social Security, does not receive a salary from the school so that he can develop a new scholarship fund for business students over the age of 25.

The Conner Scholar Endowment Fund, which started fall term, takes all of the tuition paid by students to take his classes and places



Gerry Conner

it in a fund that will provide grants to qualifying business students.

"This is the way I can help the institution," said Conner, who is in his 21st year as an instructor. "You would like to give something back.

"I hope other teachers will think about this. It's a way for your name to live on."

The fund will invest the money contributed and use the profits from the investment—minus inflation—to help business students get through school.

The scholarship will be in an amount equal to the student's tuition up to 15 credit hours.

Scholarship applications will be available spring term, and the award (Turn to "Scholarship" on page 2)

LBCC will make 20 percent of its bonds available to local investors

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

LBCC will sell a little more than half of its bonds next month and up to 20 percent of them will be available locally.

Last November voters approved a 10-year bond measure of \$11,649,000 for the college. LBCC has targeted Feb. 1 to sell \$6,125,000 of those bonds, which will be sold by Seattle Northwest Securities, Inc., with Edward D. Jones & Co. handling local sales.

Standard & Poor will assign a bond rating for LBCC. A high security rating can make it easier to sell the bonds and lower the interest rate.

The bonds will be in \$5,000 denominations, with the maturities varying from one year to 10 years. Interest rates will also vary depending on the length of the bond.

The Feb. 1 date could change by a day or two if an anticipated interest rate adjustment by the Fed takes place on Jan. 30.

George Kurtz, retired vice president of administrative services said the delay would be "so that the market would have settled down again by the time our bonds go to sale. We try to go to market at the time that the market conditions are good for bond sales."

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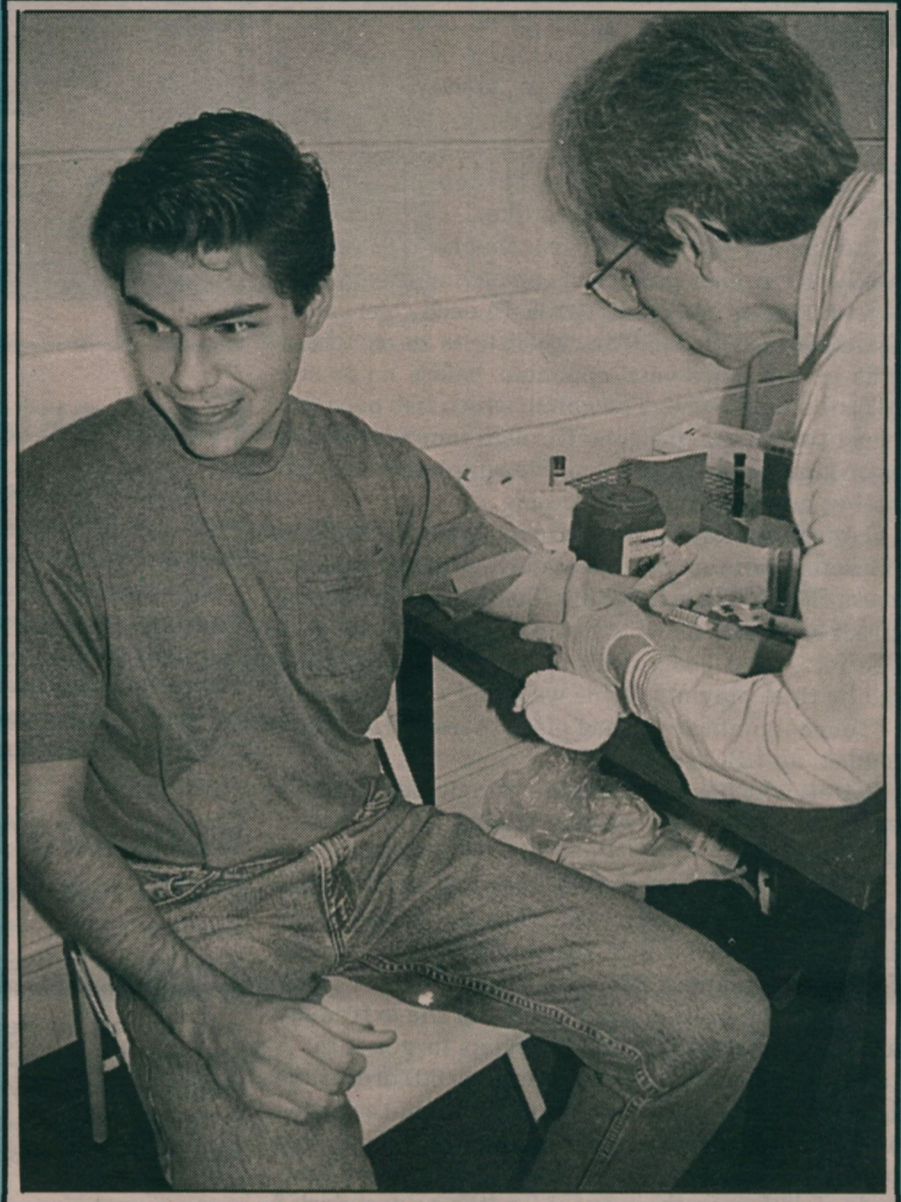


Photo by Chris Treloggen

Cholesterol Screaming

Cameron Swearingin grimaces as a staff member from the Lebanon Hospital takes a blood sample for a cholesterol check in the Activities Center. Swearingin, first-year engineering student, needed the check for a lab assignment in his Lifetime Wellness class, but many students not in the class took advantage of the opportunity to get checked last week. Some were surprised that they'd have to face a needle, however. "I wouldn't have come in if I'd known they were going to stick a needle in my arm," said one participant.

Students to have a hand at playing the 'World Games'

by S. E. Strahan
of The Commuter

As part of the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on campus, the LBCC Student Programs office will be hosting the 'World Games Workshop' Friday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Commons.

By utilizing props, media, and the most accurate map of the world, the game offers up to 150 individuals the chance to govern any piece of the world.

Created by the World Games Institute, it was designed to heighten cultural awareness as well as a tool to instruct people in the convoluted machinations of world policy and resource distribution.

The participants of the game will play on a 70-foot by 35-foot world map and represent 1 percent of the world population. They will then be divided into

regions and each will work together to manage food, energy, natural resources, technology, and military expenditures to solve their region's problems.

"I am hoping that people will have, due to this game, an increased level of understanding of the complexities that are involved in intercultural relations," said Tammi S. Paul Bryant, Student Programs coordinator.

The idea for the game originated from the late architect and philosopher, Buckminster Fuller. His concept was for a constructive and creative alternative to war games. To Fuller, a game that centered on enemies such as hunger, illiteracy, and disease better served humanity.

Although this is the first time this game has been held at LBCC, the workshop has been played by over

70,000 people. The workshops have been held for the last 23 years and played by such notables as members of the United Nations and the U.S. Congress as well as government leaders, scientists, and in over 300 universities.

"For the last 10 years people have wanted to have this program here on campus," said Bryant. But it had not been economically viable for the game to be held at LBCC until now due to the fact that the World Game Institute was based in Philadelphia. The added costs of air-fare and accommodations for the facilitators of the workshop on top of the initial price had been beyond the Student Programs resources.

There is still room for a few more participants. Contact the Student Programs office at 967-8831 for more information, or stop by their office, CC-212.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Local enthusiasts gather for 'Magic'

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

"Magic, The Gathering" is rapidly becoming an addicting pastime for many people. They spend time and money on "Magic" cards that double as playing and trading cards.

"Magic" tournaments are held all over the country—both 'friendly' and competitive. This weekend found "Magic" fans gathering at Albany's Heritage Hall.

"It's just fun to play," said LBCC student Ryan Potter. "I've never played in a tournament before. I just wanted to see what it was like."

The game is played with cards that have five color-based suits, each representing an elemental or natural force. There are many cards in each color, most with different effects. The objective is to use these cards to eliminate your opponent before he or she does the same to you. The game, which has been out almost two years, has gone through four versions of the original set of cards, and five supplements, with another one on the way.

Cards from the original two sets, known as Alphas and Betas, can command staggering prices, some in excess of \$100. Tournaments like the one in Albany attract collectors as well as players.

In fact, most people seemed to spend more time trading than playing at this weekend's tournament.

"Tournaments are a good place to trade," said Rob Houdek, an LBCC student.

Potter, who has been playing "Magic" for almost a year and a half, says he has traded away a lot of valuable cards.

"They got traded when they were just another rare card," he said. He estimates that he traded away almost \$150 in two cards. Currently he has a couple of cards worth about \$25.

Despite the high prices on some of the extremely rare cards, "Magic" is fairly cheap to get into. A starter deck, which contains a random 60 cards, runs about \$8. Although this is technically all that's needed to play, a quest for rare cards usually ensues, and spending over \$20 is easy. Many people spend hundreds of dollars in their quest for "the perfect deck."

"It's intense how this (price) has exploded," said Houdek. "I don't think it's good for playability." He did concede that it was good for collectors.

Both Potter and Houdek said that "Magic" takes up a lot of their time, but doesn't interfere with their homework.

"If I wasn't in school, I'd do this more often, but school is more important than games right now," said Potter. "I'm in college—I don't have the money for all this stuff. I just trade for what I want."

The game seems to have an appeal to all ages.

"I've personally played with a guy who was over 50," said Houdek. "It's not complicated, it's quick, it's easy to play, and it's cheap to get into."

The game continues to gain followers—from college students to parents buying it for their kids.

"It must be magic," Potter said.

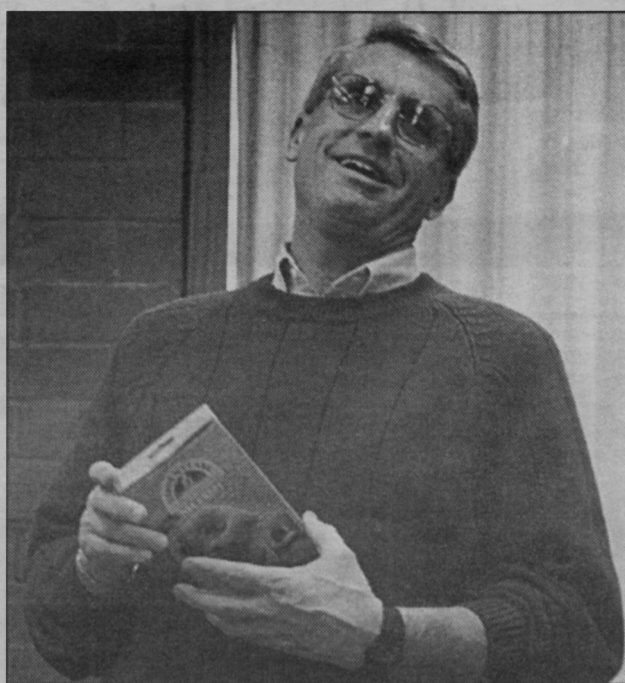


Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Retirement Bound

Retiring Athletic Director Dave Bakley laughs over a gift at his going away reception last Friday as he says good-bye to LBCC after 22 years as a coach and administrator. Replacing Bakley as interim athletic director will be Baseball Coach Greg Hawk. In his two decades at LBCC, Bakley gained recognition for building a strong track program at the college in the 70s and 80s. Among his most famous pupils were future Olympians Dave Johnson, Tim Bright and Kory Tarpene. Bakley was named to head the Wellness Program in 1987 and became athletic director in 1992. A former marathon runner, he could be regularly seen jogging around the campus in the early mornings. Bakley plans to take a job with a private health organization in Idaho.

Real estate instructor publishes third book

An LBCC real estate instructor has written a new book that will appear in bookstores this spring to help people intending to sell their own homes.

Ken Edwards of Corvallis wrote "The Homeseller's Survival Guide" as a companion to "The Homebuyer's Survival Guide," published last year by Dearborn Financial Publishing. Both books have been selected by the Fortune Book Club for its members.

Edwards' first book, "Your Successful Real Estate

Career," has sold 40,000 copies since its first publication by the American Management Association in 1987.

"The survival guides cover all the options, from using an agent to selling it on your own, and are designed to provide people with the kind of guidance they'll need to perform a very important task with the minimal amount of potential problems," said Edwards.

Scholarship to benefit business students over 25

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will be officially presented at the awards banquet in May, to be effective fall term.

To be eligible, a student must be a business major with at least 30 credits of classes appropriate to a business degree, a GPA of 3.25 or better, carrying 12 credits, and be 25 years of age or older.

"I was an older student," said Conner. "I have a fondness for older students."

Conner anticipates that only one scholarship will be given out per year, and that student will be chosen by a selection committee.

Next year will be the first year the scholarship will be available, and the amount is dependent upon how much interest is accumulated. Conner anticipates only part of the first year's tuition will be paid by the fund due to lack of time for it to become self-sufficient.

"We will fund as much as possible," Conner said.

First bond sale to pay for new roof, phones and elevator

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Kurtz said the bonds will probably all be sold in one day.

"We want to get the lowest possible interest rates for the taxpayer," said Kurtz. "The lower the interest rates on the sale of the bonds, the less we have to levy in order to redeem the bonds."

From the investors' stand point, however, a higher the interest rate on the bonds is better because the interest paid on this type of bond is not subject to either Federal or State taxation.

"A tax-free interest rate of 6 percent for an investor could be approximately an 8 or 8 1/2 percent tax-free investment depending upon what tax rate they are in," said Kurtz.

The first bond issue will cover three major projects for the college.

Bids are out for improving the phone system, a roofing consultant expert is now in the process of doing a roof analysis and audit, and the college is in the process now of selecting an architect and engineering firm to help plan the installation of an elevator in the Benton Center.

The college plans to sell the remaining bonds in approximately three years, giving investors a second opportunity to invest in the bonds.

"Our goal is for the proceeds from these bonds to provide for renovation of the campus and equipment needs for the entire period of the repayment schedule," said Kurtz.

Students can earn funds through service

by Alan Hawkins
of The Commuter

New financial aid opportunities are available to LBCC students through the National and Community Service Trust Act that was signed into law by President Clinton Sept. 21, 1993.

AmeriCorps is a new program that gives Americans the opportunity to exchange community-based service for an education award to be used to pay for post-secondary education, vocational school, or to pay back pre-existing school loans.

After completion of one term of service an individual can qualify for an education award. The award for full time service is \$4,725, for part-time \$2,362.50 and smaller awards of \$1,000 are granted for completing summer programs. AmeriCorps members can

earn a maximum of two awards.

AmeriCorps has been dubbed "The Domestic Peace Corps" by President Clinton. Participants will work at jobs such as testing for lead paint in urban neighborhoods, weatherizing homes of the elderly and the disadvantaged, tutoring grade school children in basic reading skills, mentoring teenage parents to help them graduate from high school, and many other community-based programs.

A full-time term of service is a minimum of 1700 hours over nine months, and a part-time term of service is a minimum of 900 hours over two to three years.

Applications for the AmeriCorps program will be available soon in the Career Center or through John Snyder in the Financial Aid Office.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Filly paints her way into equine program

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

There is a new filly in Jim Lucas' Horse Management Program. She is 11 months old and answers to the name of "Boo."

Lucas, head of the Agricultural Sciences Department, said Boo was donated to the Horse Management Program by Carmen Phillips, owner of Polo Ridge Farms in Monmouth.

Polo Ridge Farms "just donated her to the program because they don't have any need or use for solid colored horses—they want to have paint-marked horses," said Lucas.

Polo Ridge Farms breeds and raises registered paint horses, which are black, brown, chestnut or some other color with white markings on the sides, shoulders or elsewhere.

Although her parents are registered paints, Boo is a solid chestnut color and doesn't qualify as a colored paint. She is called a "breeding stock paint"—a registered paint horse that has no paint marking.

"This is a very, very good quality filly," Lucas said. "She's very good conformationally—very correct and straight-legged. Her mother was a national champion in English pleasure and her sire is "Barlink Macho Man," who is the leading sire of paint halter winners right now, so she's just got terrific blood lines."

Lucas plans to put her through his training classes and then show her in a few paint shows in the breeding stock horse class. He plans to show her in a series of shows called the Triple Crown Futurity, where horses are shown as weanlings, yearlings and then as two-year-olds and judged on what they will be like in the future. Boo was not shown as a weanling, but will be shown as a yearling.

Lucas' long term plans for Boo are "to breed her back to a paint stallion and hopefully get a paint-colored horse. She could be a foundation for a brood mare herd that we could have and maintain at LBCC."

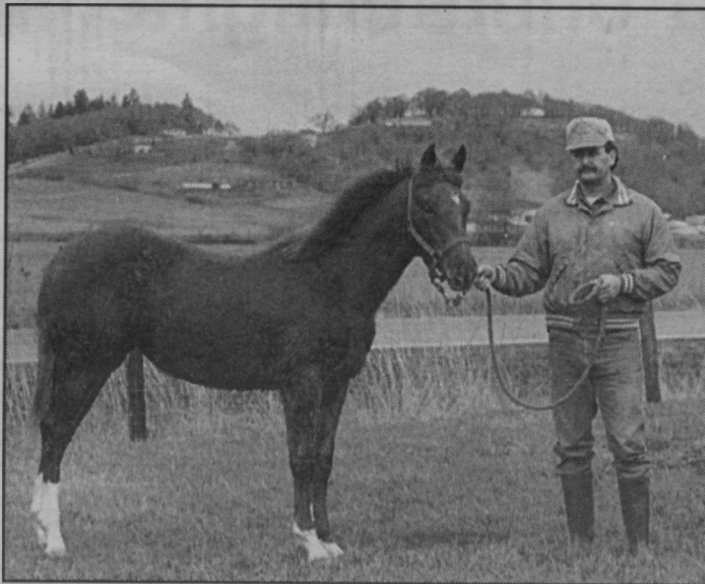


Photo by Amy Radie
Jim Lucas shows off Boo, the Horse Management Programs' new paint filly.

Eventually, Lucas would like to have a breeding program as an integrated part of the experience the students get through the Horse Management Program.

"That way we could experience the foaling and raising the foal from scratch, and it would be a real good learning experience for the students," said Lucas.

But for now, LBCC doesn't have its own barn, so Boo has a donated stall at Springhill Stables—the barn where the horse-training classes are held.

The Equine Club held a bake sale last December to raise money to help buy feed for Boo. Students have also been going around to the local feed stores trying to get donations of vaccinations and wormers.

"We are tickled to death with the filly and we hope that she will be the foundation of our breeding herd," Lucas said.

Prof explains technology's flaws

by Marie Oliver
for Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's honor society, invites students, faculty and staff to join them on Feb. 1 for the first in a series of Honors Study Lectures dealing with the topic "Science, Humanity and Technology: Shaping a New Creation."

Dr. David Bella will speak on the topic, "Assessment of Technology: What Goes Wrong and Why."

Bella is a professor at OSU specializing in environmental engineering and engineering mechanics and has been involved in numerous environmental and technology assessments over the years, including impacts on aquatic systems, nuclear waste disposal, space weaponry for "star wars," and the greenhouse effect. His current project involves assessing the salmon crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

Bella believes that there are fundamental flaws in the way these

types of assessments are conducted.

He believes scientific information gets distorted—not necessarily because of individual behavior, but because of the organizational systems involved.

"Modern technology depends upon vast organizational systems. These systems develop 'emergent behaviors'—behaviors that cannot be reduced to their parts," said Bella recently.

"I'll present a model that shows how information is distorted even though the individuals involved appear to be acting in a proper manner."

Bella said that because his approaches are novel and sometimes controversial, most of his work has been independent consulting or research.

The lecture will be held at 12 p.m. on Feb. 1 in Forum 104.

Participants are invited to bring a "brown bag" lunch.

Livestock team takes 7th in Denver

The LBCC Livestock Judging Team placed seventh out of 29 in the National Western Stock Show held in the Mile-High City on Jan. 13.

In overall placings, LBCC made its strongest showing in the sheep category, taking fifth. The team also finished ninth in the swine category, 10th in beef and 11th in reasons. Individually, Todd Koch was ninth overall and Brenda Tarr was 13th.

In the beef category, Green was sixth. In sheep, Koch was 3rd and Tarr was 10th. In swine, Tamar Thompson was 22nd and Junior Reyes was 33rd. In the oral reasons category, Green was 14th. There were 145 individuals competing in the contest.

Conner State, Okla., was first in the final team standings; Butler Community College, Kan., was second; Casper College, Wyo., came in third; Joliet Junior College, Wyo., was fourth; and NE Oklahoma was fifth. The LB team finished one place behind long-time rival Modesto Junior College, which took sixth place.

Free Tax Counseling For Low-Income Students

And anyone else who needs assistance figuring out their tax form. You can call the RSVP office at 967-8838 or LBCC ext. 838 to find out about current information, or schedule an appointment with one of the volunteers.

ATTENTION

All Students Planning To Go Into The Teaching Profession!

Representatives from several Oregon Colleges and Universities will be on campus on February 1 to share information with students interested in teaching both elementary and secondary education. If you are a first-year or a second-year pre-education student, please come to Boardrooms A and B in the College Center Building from 9-11 or 1-3 on February 1 to get first-hand information for transfer. This activity is sponsored by the Career Center. For more information, contact Marthajane Christensen, counselor, in Takena Hall Career Center.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

94-95 Mensa Scholarship essay contest is offering \$200-\$1000 grants. Applicants must apply by January 31st, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

95 Central Oregon Builders Association Women's Council is offering an \$800 scholarship available to residents of Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook Counties, that have enrolled at LBCC in construction related fields. Applications available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is Jan 31.

Scholarship for students entering Legal Support Staff Career. Linn-Benton Legal Sec. Assoc. will award on \$500 scholarship for 95-96. Deadline to apply is Feb. 20 1995. Application is in Career Center.

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Did you know?

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DOGGONE IT!

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'Little Buddha' offers enlightening video experience

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

To know a people, know their religion. To know their religion, know the stories they tell. Hindus and Moslems have intricate, wonderful religious stories. Jesus was known to tell a story or two and any Rabbi worth his yamaka answers most questions with, "Let me tell you a story . . ."

The life of Siddhartha Buddha is one of the most entertaining religious stories ever told. Bernardo Bertolucci tells this story with the same splendor and beauty he told the best picture Oscar winner "The Last Emperor." Unfortunately, he took just as long to tell Buddha's story.

Based on a true story, "Little Buddha" is the tale of a contemporary Buddhist monk's search for the reincarnation of his dead teacher, a great Lama. This search leads him to Seattle.

The traveling monks end up at the home of a young boy, Jesse (Alex Wiesedanger) and his two terribly western yuppie parents (Chris Isaak and Bridget Fonda) who are at first unnerved by the appearance of these gentle men. Soon they warm to these traveling monks and father and son are

flying to Tibet to meet two other children suspected of harboring this dead Lama's soul.

Woven into the boy's travels is the story of Siddhartha Buddha.

Those wishing to expose themselves or others to Buddhism for the first time might find "Little Buddha" a great icebreaker. Even with a knowledge of Buddha's life, "Little Buddha" plays out on the big screen with the vivid realism offered by modern cinematography.

Keanu Reeves plays Buddha so well no one suspects he can talk like Bill on "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," dude. He is painted and made-up to look like the eastern Indian Buddha and looks so good even hard-core hetero men might look twice.

The sets are as perfect and lavish as "The Last Emperor" and most of the film was shot in Thailand. No detail is considered too small and Bertolucci leaves little to the imagination in his depiction of life in India 2,500 years ago.

Bertolucci uses a cool blue cast over the American scenes and a warm yellow glow on the Indian sequences. On the big screen this is a subtlety—on a video it becomes almost distracting since TV cannot

reproduce the color scale as accurately as film on a screen.

Though a wonderful introduction to Buddhism, "Little Buddha" doesn't cater to the lowest common denominator of Americans' ignorance about eastern religion. Prepare for words like 'ascetics' and 'sanskrit.' "Little Buddha" assumes you know Buddha was born 500 years before Jesus.

The involvement of children in the story makes it a kid-appropriate (12 year-old plus) rental for parents wanting to do the quality-time-thing with the kids without a cartoon or "Jurassic Park." They might even learn something about another culture.

The last half-hour drags on for those not rapt with the rituals of Buddhist monks. Beautiful cinematography can carry a total lack of action only so far.

If they had sold this footage to The Discovery Channel it would have made the film more tolerable for those with short (American?) attention spans. "Little Buddha" is rated PG for some little-kid scary stuff when Siddhartha is tempted and some ascetic followers lacking in clothes and hygiene.

Instructor's daughter wins music award from youth philharmonic

by Jacob Schmid
of The Commuter

The daughter of an LBCC business instructor is rapidly establishing herself as a star in Portland's Youth Philharmonic Orchestra.

The PYP recently honored Robin Yu, daughter of Kitson and Mabel Yu of Corvallis with the Gershkovitch Award for outstanding progress. Kitson, the proud father, is LBCC's business computer teacher and his daughter's biggest fan.

Robin, a freshman at Corvallis' Crescent Valley High School, earned the yearly award after advancing 34 places in the combined violin sections of the orchestra, more than doubling the old

record of 14 chairs, and putting Robin in the eighth seat of the total 44 violins.

"I practice a lot," Yu explained. She has been playing eight-and-a-half of her 15 years, and plans to go on to become a music major in college. She thanks her parents and teacher, Carol Sindell, for nurturing her talent. The award, named after the founder and original conductor of the PYP, will grant Yu a \$50 per month scholarship to fund her violin lessons in the year to come.

Robin is considering performing at Willamette University sometime later this year, but hasn't scheduled a final date yet. She is currently practicing a solo from the "Introduction—Rondo and Capriccioso."

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January 27, 1995



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Volunteers needed for children's play

by C. Baughman
of The Commuter

LBCC students are needed to volunteer as ushers for "The Secret Garden," a play that's expected to attract more than 450 children to campus next month.

The Performing Arts Department will present the play over a four-week period to elementary school children for Linn and Benton counties. The ushers are needed to help the children to their seats before the show.

For each two shows that students volunteer, they will receive one adult admission for the public performances, which are held Friday and Saturday nights. Ushers are also needed for the public performances.

Volunteers can sign up by contacting Jayne Kief at the Tadena Hall Theatre Box Office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday or calling 928-2361 ext. 171, or 967-6504 ext. 504.

The show will be presented on the Tadena Hall mainstage 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 7 to Feb. 28.

Ushers are asked to arrive at 9:30 for the 10 a.m. show and at noon for the 12:30 p.m. show.

Schick 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

&

3-Point Shootout

Wednesday, Feb. 1 • 3:30-7:00 PM



Free Throw & Halfcourt Contest

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Wednesday, Jan. 25 • 6:00 & 8:00 PM • Gym

Wednesday, Feb. 8 • 6:00 & 8:00 PM • Gym

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SPORTS

Men lose to Titans, dominate Cougars

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Focus on hoopster
Darci Powellby Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

Hustle, intensity, aspiration, and great shooting gives you a brief description of this week's Focus Athlete, Darci Powell.

The sophomore hoopster out of Redmond has earned this week's recognition with outstanding play against Lane, Chemeketa, and Clackamas. Powell has averaged 15.7 points in the last four games and has assisted in rebounding with many double figure games.

Darci Powell shows amazing poise on and off the court. If you ever get a chance, Powell is a thrill to watch. Her support of the team and leadership she takes is a great sign of a key player.

Powell is just one of many on the Lady Roadrunner team who could take this recognition, but she caught my eye the most as this week's Focus Athlete.

Super Bowl XXIX

The crack of the helmets, the noise from the crowd, and the constant yelling from the coaches.

It's all coming to an end this weekend, when the San Francisco 49ers and the San Diego Chargers will battle it out in Super Bowl XXIX.

The Niners could be the first team to win five Super Bowls, while the underdog Chargers try to end the AFC's 10-game Super Bowl win streak.

The game is said to have the highest point spread in league history, with the Niners favored by 18.

The Super Bowl will be Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. in Miami Fl., KATU (2) and KEZI (9) will be covering the game.

Replacement players

Does anyone want to play baseball?

This is the question that major league owners are asking at this very moment.

This season baseball teams are taking applications for determined, major league-caliber players who want to earn \$115,000 per season. Applicants have to have professional experience and be willing to be ostracized by other players and fans.

Unless there is a settlement sometime soon the baseball season will be a little different than in the past.

Teams are picking up minor league players, trying out street ball players, and giving a shot to collegiate players.

But one way or another, the season will go on, just maybe not as exciting as the past time.

This week in hoops

LBCC women host Umpqua Wednesday 6 p.m.

LBCC men host Umpqua Wednesday 8 p.m.

LBCC women at Portland Saturday 6 p.m.

LBCC men at Portland Saturday 8 p.m.



Photo by Carol Rich

Kyle Wonderly battles against two Clackamas players in LB's 89-77 victory. Wonderly finished with 20 points.

margin. When Lane failed to score Taylor regained control of the ball and tried for a three-pointer with six seconds left, but missed.

Saturday was better for LB as they defeated Clackamas, leaving the Roadrunners with a 5-1 league record and 11-4 over-all record.

In the first half LB trailed in the statistics, completing only 45 percent of their field goals, 25 percent from the three-point range and 67 percent of their free throws. However, the Roadrunners came back strong in the

second half, shooting 60 percent from the floor and hitting all of their three-pointers and free throws. LBCC won the game 89-77.

Taylor led all scorers with 22 points, while Wonderly added 20. Swallow contributed 13 points, three assists and six rebounds; Roberts with 13 points, two assists and three rebounds and Greg Obrist with 11 points, four assists and eight rebounds. Eaton led with 10 rebounds and collected 10 points and two assists. The Roadrunners host Umpqua CC tonight at 8 p.m.

Women bounce back and win two close games

by Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

Last week the women Roadrunners collided with two competitive ball clubs—Lane Community College on Wednesday and Clackamas on Saturday—and came away with two hard-fought wins.

The Roadrunners are now 9-5 overall, 4-2 in the Southern Region, and tied for second place.

Wednesday LBCC defeated Lane in Eugene 55-51. LB's Darci Powell led the team with 15 points, while Jessica Sprenger and Sarah Wordon combined for 19.

On Saturday the Roadrunners hosted a solid Clackamas team, led by sophomore center Rachel Ferguson and high scorer Laura Stahl. Ferguson and Stahl had more than half of the Cougars points and rebounds.

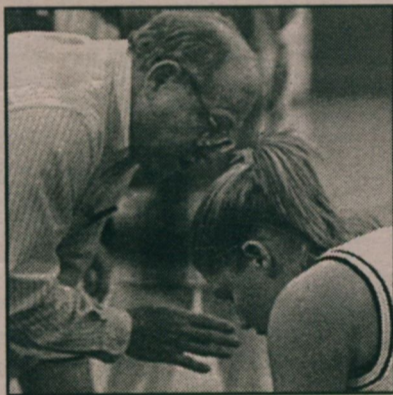


Photo by Carol Rich

Heather Jenkins listens to Coach Wold's instructions.

After the first 20 minutes, the Roadrunners went into the lockerroom with a 27-22 lead, and came out strong in the second half. With five minutes to play, however, LB fans found themselves in another nail-biter. With the score 44-44, Stephanie Kadell of the Cougars hit her second of two free throws to put Clackamas up by one. But Sprenger answered with two points of her own to regain the lead.

Going into the last :59 the Roadrunners had a slim 51-50 advantage when Powell sunk a key 17-foot jumper to take a three-point lead. After a few missed efforts by Clackamas, Lynette Murdock hit a free throw with 10 seconds left in the game and assured the Roadrunners the win, 54-50.

The Roadrunners host Umpqua Community College on Wednesday and travel to Portland to face the Panthers on Saturday. Both games are scheduled to start at 6 p.m..

Saturday's results

LBCC—Powell 16, Sprenger 12, Waite, Hein 6, Wordon, Quetschke, Jenkins 5, Murdock 10, Knudsen 3, Dewey 2.
Rebounds: CCC 38 (Ferguson 10), LBCC 33 (Sprenger 5, Knudsen 5)
Assists: CCC 5, LBCC 12.

Southern Region

Chemeketa 6-0
LBCC 4-2
Umpqua 4-2
Mt. Hood 4-2
SWOCC 3-3
Lane 2-4
Clackamas 1-5
Portland 0-6

Track season gets underway with indoor meet

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

Before track season begins there are a few preseason events taking place in order to help prepare the team for the months to come.

Last weekend six members of the LB track team went to Washington to compete in an indoor track meet. No scores were kept it was just a preseason event to compete against others.

Dan Barley, a sophomore returner, threw the hammer for a personal record of 46 feet and then threw the shot put 38-11. Also throwing the shot put for the LB men was Adam Bjornstedt with a throw of 37-5.

Tony Knox triple-jumped out to a distance of 40-7. Tony Sillonis ran the 55-meter dash in 7.22 seconds, while Gary McGee cleared the 6 foot mark in the high jump.

The lone female to travel to Washington was Samantha Bond, who threw 28-5 1/2. Bond will compete in the heptathlon during the regular season.

LB track coach Brad Carman said the upcoming season looks prosperous.

"We have more numbers than we did last year," Carman said. "I think we can be more competitive."

Returning from last year's team is Barley, Paula Leslie, and Shawna Rosa. Rosa placed third in the javelin last

year and Leslie finished fourth in the long jump.

Newcomers to the LB track team but not new to LB athletics are Michele Burnett and Alisha Irish, both members of the volleyball team.

Also competing for the women's team will be Tracy Hibner, Katy Danaher and Holly Cole. Brian Earls will join Barley, Knox, Bjornstedt, Sillonis and McGee on the men's team.

"There were a lot of people who came out for track this season," Knox said, "and it should pay off big dividends later on in the spring."

The Roadrunners next preseason action will be Feb. 4 at the Eugene Indoor.

marla s musings

A wrinkle in time
saves my faceby Marla J. Lawrence
for The Commuter

The TV commercial for a popular face cream speaks volumes: "If I hear one more 18-year-old beauty queen talk about wrinkles, I'm gonna scream!"

The spokeswoman, who's twice that age and who has undoubtedly seen too many OTHER commercials, is not drop-dead gorgeous, but pretty, and though the script goes downhill from there (the implication being that only women who use that particular product can expect to age gracefully) there's a grain of truth between the lines that I'm sure the advertisers never intended: growing older is not necessarily a bad thing.

What a concept. It's still bad form to sport fine lines and gray hair in one's thirties or forties, of course, but at least we don't have to crawl in a hole and act as though our lives are over merely because we're not kids anymore. And while I suspect this shift in attitudes has more to do with the fact that my generation is experiencing midlife crisis than with any real appreciation for older people, I'm glad it's happening—in part because I too have reached my middle years and don't wish to lie down and die because I've got a few wrinkles.

It's funny now, but I remember crying through my twenty-ninth birthday and spending my thirtieth in a drunken panic because I thought I was too old to accomplish anything worthwhile. I didn't know then that I was entering the most exciting phase of my life—or that the process of becoming a fully alive adult human being would be so much more satisfying than firm thighs and unlined skin. All I knew was that I was getting older and didn't have anything to show for it but crows' feet, which were merely the result of my beach bunny days as a teenager and the hard living I'd done in my twenties.

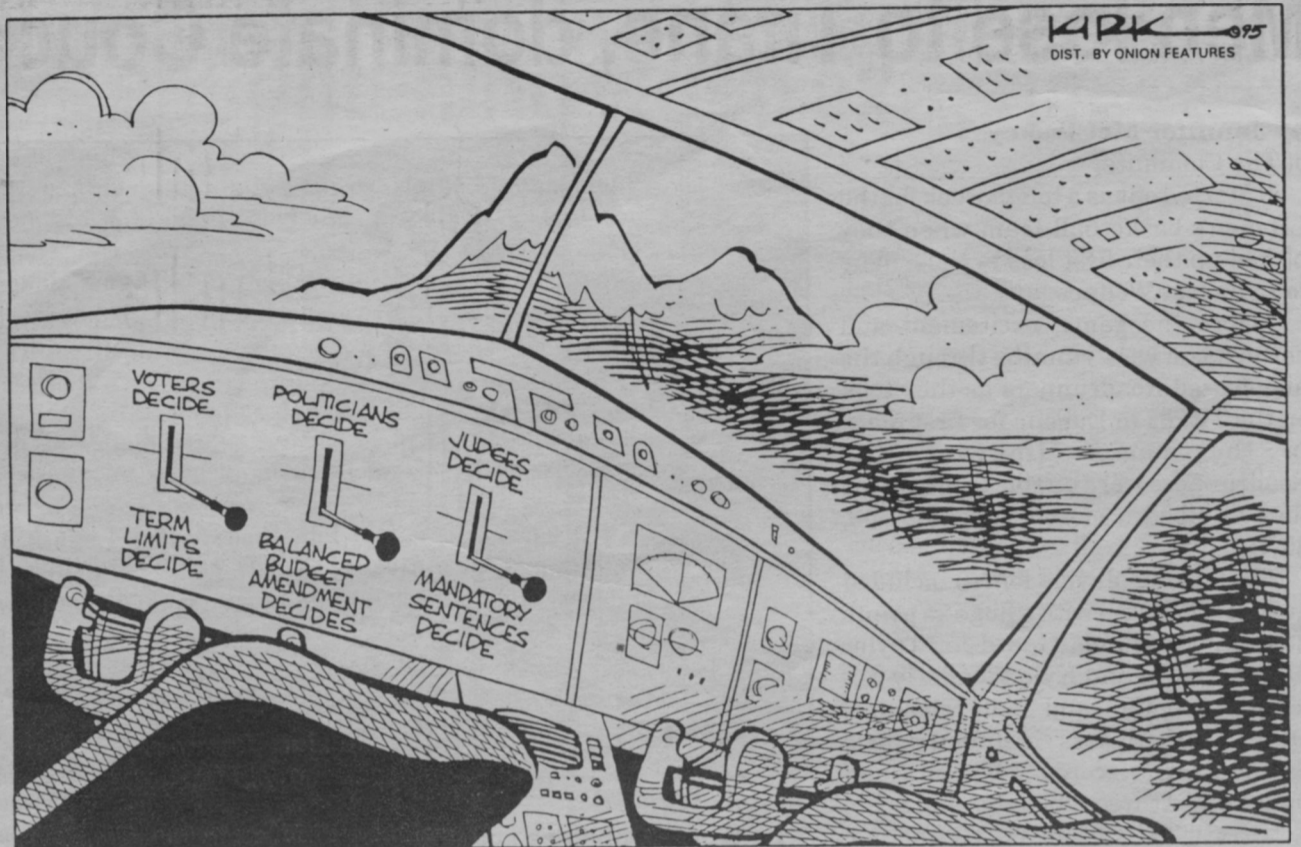
Although I must confess some distaste for the physical manifestations of maturity—the spirit is willing, but the flesh says "No you won't either!"—I wouldn't want to go back to my salad days for anything. There are several reasons for this—the main one being the stupidity to which all people are prone until they're old enough to know that the world doesn't revolve around them. But I also went through a lot of pain when I was young, and I was the kind who inflicted much of it on myself and then passed it on to other people through careless words and deeds.

Now, I wasn't this way because I was cruel or selfish by nature; I just didn't know any better. That's what's wrong with most young people—they don't have a clue about the way their actions affect the world around them.

Many of us "older folks" do know. Unlike the young, who often follow the crowd for reasons even they don't understand, we take others' feeling into consideration when we make decisions, but we don't let ourselves get overwhelmed by their demands. What makes us truly adult, however, is not our decision-making processes or even our life experience: it's the understanding that we don't know everything, and the willingness to risk appearing foolish in order to grow. Sometimes this means listening to a different point of view, and other times it means forcing ourselves to venture beyond our personal comfort zones to try something new; but regardless of how uncomfortable we feel, we press on, knowing that to stop learning is to die inside.

Having seen the issue from both sides, I can't help but think that the majority of people, if given the choice between youth and wisdom, would choose wisdom. It's just too bad that our society still believes we should hide it under a layer of cosmetics.

OPINION



AUTO PILOT

ellen goodman

The you-know-who ordeal drags on;
maybe the jurors are the lucky ones

WASHINGTON—Damn, I wish I were on that jury.

It's not that I want to be away from my family for six months. It's not that I want the notoriety. It's not that I want the macadamia nuts in the hotel minibar.

What I want is to be sequestered.

The way I figure it, the jury has to live with this gawdforsaken trial eight hours a day. The rest of us are going to bed with you-know-who and waking up with you-know-who.

Somewhere in the seven months between the murders and the trial I became aversive, allergic, anorexic to the story. Now I start hyperventilating if I see the initials.

Can't watch it, can't listen to it, can't read it, can't drink it, can't bear it. Can't get away from it.

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The case is like a force of nature. Close your eyes and your ears and it just seeps in through your pores. It's like sharing the neighborhood air around Chernobyl.

Here I am in our Nation's Capitol, riding up to the Hill to talk about welfare reform and a local radio talk show host is wondering what the L.A. prosecutor is going to wear to court. I'm in another cab on Pennsylvania Avenue reading about the balanced budget amendment and the driver is psychobabbling about why people kill for love.

I'm in bed later, channel-surfing and suddenly I'm drowning in you-know-which citrus. I go from Larry King to Geraldo to CNN to E.T. to Court TV and there he is, on 13 channels at the same time.

This morning, I sit at my computer, eager to do combat with the house biologist, Newt Gringrich, who's saying that women in the trenches get monthly "infections" and men are "little piglets." But I am being stalked by the man, the trial, the coverage.

There was an ABC poll a couple of weeks ago that said 84 percent of the American public had OD'ed on You-know-which-initials. There were people getting green at the sight of Kato Kaelin and people longing to spray paint the next white Bronco on the street. The media moguls say they're watching anyway. How, pray, can you get away from it?

But if I were only a juror, oh how different life would be. If I were a juror, I'd get my newspapers

pre-edited, trial-free, cut up like paper dolls. The headlines like "HE BEAT ME AS I CRAWLED" would be in the recycle bin.

If I were a juror they'd put a bag over my head when I walked by the newsstand so I wouldn't see the Newsweek, Spy, Examiner, Globe cover stories of you-know-which former football player and which "bombshell" that was set to explode in the courtroom.



If I were a juror, they'd put a block on my TV so I wouldn't here a word of you-know-which former Herzt adman. All I could watch would be Cary Grant on AMC and the seven dwarfs on Disney. Dopey, Sleepy and Bashful would be such a nice change of pace from Bailey, Cochran and Shapiro.

Of course I would have to pay attention to what was happening in the courtroom. But I would be sheltered from the titanic battle of the legal egos. (Where is Jimmy Carter when you need him for a little down-home mediation? Writing poems?) I'd also have to concentrate on the evidence. But I would be blissfully protected from the cottage industry of commentators, speculating on the redeeming social value of the coverage, especially their own roles. I wouldn't be solemnly, soberly and self-servingly told that this trial was really about celebrities or spouse abuse or money or pathological liars or race relations.

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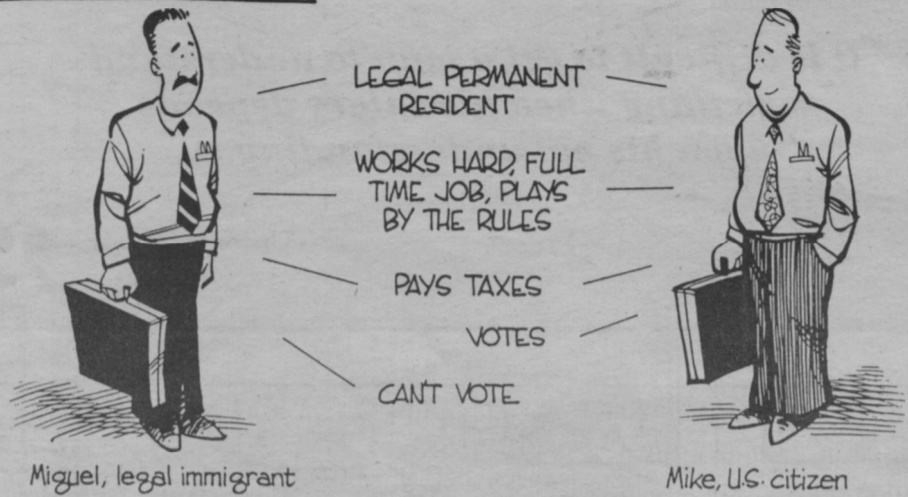
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Devoid of interviews with the neighbors of people who knew the family dog's veterinarian, I might come to the conclusion that this case was about murder. I might even—although this is a stretch—think that my job was to help decide whether or not this man committed two murders. Best of all, I would have hours every evening happily sequestered without hearing the name O.J. Simpson.

Uh oh, I said it. I think I'm getting hives.

OPINION

RATIONALE FOR DENYING WELFARE BENEFITS TO LEGAL IMMIGRANTS:

KIRK
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letters

America is making a trial in error

To the editor:

It's everywhere—the newspaper, TV, radio—everyone is referring to the Simpson case as the “Trial of the Century. Looking critically, I'm sure you will agree that these other trials pale in comparison with the global importance of an NFL star accused of murdering his wife:

1. Roe vs. Wade. A small matter, really, affirming a woman's right to choose abortion. Then why are people fighting and dying over it?

2. Miranda. This insignificant case established defendant's rights. If it's not important, then why do police across

the country begin an arrest with “You have the right to remain silent...?”

3. Scopes “Monkey” Trial. Long before the days of true life dramas, Hollywood thought so much of this little matter they immortalized it in film. But, then again, evolution only matters to scientists, and they don't count.

4. Rodney King Trial. I'm sure the rioting that follows O.J.'s trial will be far more extensive.

5. The Nuremburg Trials. The Nazi's only killed a few million people. O.J. killed his wife!

Merri Martin,
Newport

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commentary

Defend your views, don't hide behind a false label

by Michael Kotara

As a 19-year-old gay, white, liberal, male California native, I am just about one of the most feared, newly-admitted residents of Oregon. My first week in Oregon I had a male, about my age, wearing a “Protect Our Children—Vote Yes on 13” button, who was participating in an anti-abortion protest, jump the hood of my car and tell me to go back to California.

Needless to say, I did not feel I was being given a warm welcome to Oregon.

Throughout the time I've been “out,” I've faced many challenges because of my lifestyle choices. These things range from hate mail to having the brake lines on my car cut.

No, this isn't going to turn into an “everybody-feel-sorry-for-me” letter. I'm simply trying to illustrate how, because of how our society loves to label and put everyone and everything into nice little categories, that I have faced ridicule, attacks, bashing, etc.

But through all this I have not backed down, or tried to hide behind some false image. I have always known who I am and what I stand for. I know what it means to say I'm gay. I also know what it means to say I'm a liberal.

No, not all liberals are alike, the same as not all conservatives are alike. But, if you make the conscious decision to wear your political orientation like a badge, you open yourself up to ridicule, confrontation, and yes, even “bashing.”

I feel that the conservatives that have been writing to The Commuter have been in essence wearing their “conservative badge” prominently on their chests.

I do actually admire them for that. It's not easy to question the world around you in such a public forum. (Especially when writing to a clearly liberal paper.) However—and this is a big “however”—I feel they have been a bit naive concerning the response that was given to Corl Scott's letter by the liberal editor of The Commuter, Marie Oliver.

I mean what in God's name do they expect? In their letter to the editor in the Jan. 11 issue they sounded like wounded kittens who were absolutely shocked at the re-

sponse to Scott's letter.

Scott wrote in to an admittedly liberal news publication and to a liberal editor. Please don't get me wrong. Marie Oliver's comments were wholly radical themselves and quite rude in my opinion—and for this attack she swiftly apologized.

I do feel, however, that if they're going to write in, carrying the conservative banner like it's their personal identifier, then they must be ready to be put in a blanket category.

Like it or not (and believe me I don't) this is the way our society works.

To most of America, obviously if you call yourself conservative, you support not all, but a majority of conservative views. Be ready to defend them, yes.

But also be ready to live by them. If you don't support a majority of conservative views then call yourself a middle-of-the-roader, independent, or “none of your damn business.”

As a liberal, I do not agree with all liberal's views, but I do recognize that I am part of a team and a label. As long as I pronounce to others I am liberal, then I must live by that choice. I subject myself to the notion that the definition of liberal lies in the views of the majority of liberals.

The same must be true for conservatives. If the majority of liberals believes that we need increased welfare spending and I'm opposed to increased welfare spending, then I damn well better change my political orientation, and stop calling myself a liberal.

If the majority of gay men across America believed that to be gay meant to be sexually attracted to women then would I still call myself gay?

No! Do you see my point?

I have many friends who consider themselves conservative. I get along with them very well because they're kind people whom I can respect—because they stand up for what they believe in, even if what they believe in doesn't agree with my views.

Political views are but one aspect of a human being. I challenge all liberals and conservatives, and everyone in between, to try to remember that.

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THE LAST WORD

you said it

What is the best and the worst movie you've seen lately?

I liked "Tombstone." I thought it was witty and clever. It was a western about Wyatt Earp. "Last Action Hero" was the worst I've seen. Arnold Schwarzenegger can't act. He had too much of a speaking role in the movie.

Justin Upton, Albany
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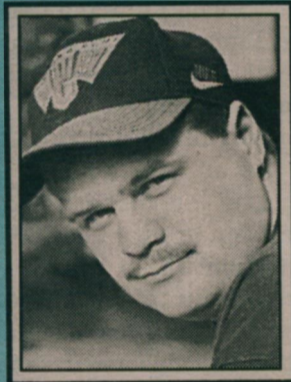
I liked "IT" because it messed with your head—it had a lot of psychology in it. It was like "Nightmare on Elm Street" but not so scary. "To Die For" was the worst. It had an okay plot about vampires, but it just looked like a cheap movie. It needed well known actors and better acting.

Lynn Corbett, Albany
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I haven't seen very many movies. I saw "Star Trek Generations." It had more technology in the way it was made—lots of special effects. It was the best Star Trek movie that's been made. I didn't care for "Mask"—it wasn't that realistic. Some thought it was funny; I didn't think it was.

Mike Barnes, Eddyville
First year, Health/PE



I've seen "House Guests"—it was funny but it had emotional parts as well. I like the actor Sinbad. The worst was "Threesome." It was gross. Too disgusting. It was two guys and a girl. It was really gross.

Patty Garcia, Corvallis
First year, Legal Secretary



The best was "Crow" with Brandon Lee. I liked the action and the music. The soundtrack featured music by Jesus and Mary Chain, The Cure, Nine Inch Nails and others. Basically, a guy gets killed and comes back from the dead to get revenge on people who killed him. It had a good dose of violence. I hated "The Flintstones." It was a bunch of idiots in weird clothes thinking they're cool, especially John Goodman.



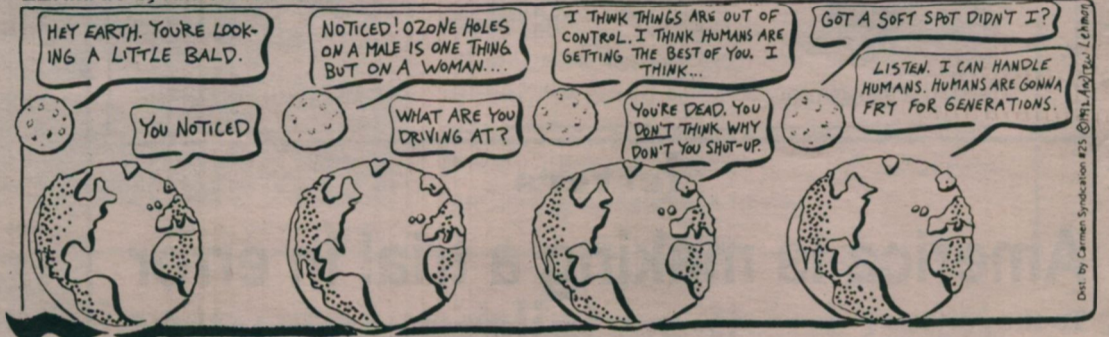
Randy Rice, Albany
First year, Business

they said it

“ It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.

—Upton Sinclair ”

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Crossword 101

"Doggone It!"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- Notoriety
 - Confronted
 - State highway orgs.
 - Mr. Greenspan
 - "Two can live as cheaply _____"
 - Genuine
 - Negative contraction
 - Retriever breed
 - Hide
 - Not invited
 - Temporary shelters
 - Worthless
 - Extremely fat
 - Mr. Namath
 - Succulent plant
 - For fear that
 - Race horse
 - "Thy will _____"
 - Scottish urge
 - Hunting dog breed
 - Baseball player Hodges
 - Mountain crests
 - Help
 - Edinburgh inhabitant
 - Nostril
 - Tach unit
 - Slants
 - Swine enclosures
 - Am not: Non-standard
 - Roof workers
 - Painting styles
 - Long haired dog breed
 - International House of Pancakes acronym
 - Swear
 - French pie
 - Hawaiian goose
 - Tracy's Ms. Trueheart
 - Fencing swords
 - Degree holder

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- Relegate
- Actualities
- Tennis star Arthur
- British runner Sebastian
- Render certain
- Singer Martin
- Bandaged a wound
- Follows widow's
- Burial vigil
- Winter vehicle
- Steve Young for one
- Hot time in Paris
- Steals the canine
- New York city
- Hall of Famer Yogi
- Alai
- Canine policeman
- Labor organization
- Thaws
- Negatives
- Cot
- Tease
- Comedian Conway
- Examiners
- Perceiving
- Crack the whip again
- Fib
- Incensed
- Composer Thomas & family
- Tiff
- Deep affection
- Iowa city
- Destiny
- Charlie Chaplin's wife
- Raced
- Anger

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