



Photo by Roger Lebar

Campus security officers are concerned about the danger posed to pedestrians and vehicles by speeding motorists in the LBCC parking lot.

## Second gear too fast for school parking lot

by Shannon Weber  
of The Commuter

Have you ever noticed the number of cars that pour into the LBCC parking lot every day? What you may not have noticed is the number of cars racing up and down this newly paved, trackless space.

Last summer the south parking lot and West Way were repaved, and in the process, speed bumps were removed. The result has been an increase in speeding throughout the lot and along the road which encircles the main campus buildings.

Vern Jackson, who is going on his eighth year as Linn-Benton's Security Officer, has never encountered a speeding problem as severe as this year. The lack of speed bumps in the freshly paved parking lots have tempted students to test out their lead feet, according to Jackson. Although no accidents have been reported, Jackson said, "It's only a matter of

time."

There have been a number of formal complaints made from college employees as well as other comments about the increasing speeding problem. "Speeding is hard to enforce," said Jackson. "There's a safety factor I'm more concerned with."

Will the speed bumps be replaced? Currently there is a proposal in the works to install the speed bumps and resolve this dilemma before a serious injury or collision takes place. Jackson said he doesn't know how soon they can be installed or how much it will cost.

Jackson wants to remind students that there is a speed limit of 15 mph as soon as they enter campus property. As he stated in the LBCC staff newsletter last week, "A good rule of thumb is: if you're shifting into second gear, you're probably driving too fast."

## Deadline extended for council candidates

by Kris Brenneman  
of The Commuter

Here we are almost halfway through fall term, and the Associated Student Government has filled only a handful of its available positions.

According to Sarah Hammelman, ASLBCC President, applications for ASG were due on Friday, Oct. 11, but because few applications came in, the deadline was pushed to Nov. 1.

Matthew Alexander will be the new vice president slot, while Andrew Perkins is a representative of the

Science and Industry Division, and Denise O'Farrell is the new representative of the Liberal Arts and Human Performance Division.

Still unfilled are 10 seats on the council, including Treasurer, Secretary, at-large representatives (2), representatives of Student Services (2), Liberal Arts (1), Business and Health (2), Science and Industry (1).

In addition, positions remaining on the Student Programming Board include Health and Recreation Specialist, Series Events Specialist, Family and Evening

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## Rohypnol: Potent tranquilizer becomes newest tool for rapists

by Mande Blevins  
of the Commuter

Imagine all the fears of a parent whose daughter just hit dating age wrapped into one white pill the size of an M&M.

It just might be the most dangerous drug ever concocted. It's odorless, tasteless and 10 times as potent as Valium, and in some places you can pick it up in the campus parking lot for about \$2.

The drug is called Rohypnol, pronounced ro-hip-nol, better known as

"roofies" or "the forget pill." It dissolves quickly in any beverage, and in about 10 minutes enhances the effects of alcohol, causing users to feel uninhibited, extremely drowsy, dizzy, confused, and perhaps worst of all, it leaves its victims with amnesia.

Marketed by Hoffmann-La Roche, Rohypnol is legally available in 80 countries around the world for insomnia, but not in the United States. U.S.-bound travelers may bring a three-month supply

for personal use. However, the drug is being smuggled in from Mexico and Columbia, packaged in vitamin bottles and labeled in Spanish, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. DEA reports abuse to be the highest in Texas, Southern California, Louisiana and Florida.

Although warnings about the drug have been posted at OSU and the emergency room in Good Samaritan Hospital, the closest this drug has come to the

midvalley is Pebble Beach, Calif. A Spokesperson for the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence said there haven't been any reports of it being available or used locally.

The drug makes for the perfect crime. The scene: a club or maybe a frat party where a guy brings a woman a drink. One hour later they leave for a motel or his place, where he rapes her. Twenty-four hours later there is no trace of the

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## Defaulters cause more loan red tape

by Tricia Schwennesen  
of The Commuter

Due to the rise in Perkins Loan default rates, financial aid administrators are considering mandatory credit checks for all of next year's loan applicants.

According to Lance Popoff, director of financial aid at LBCC, credit checks really are not appropriate for these types of educational loans. He said the loan program would no longer be a need-based program, but rather a program based on credit approval, and that's not what Congress intended.

"For many of our students this is a second chance institution," Popoff said. "We may be denying access to second-chance financing for our students."

If the college moves to require a credit check, there must also be a process for students to appeal through so that students have due process, he said.

Any action taken to reduce the Perkins Loan default rate will be applied to Stafford Loan applicants as well, he said.

"From a federal standpoint, if we took measures to insure the Perkins Loan, why would we defer students to the Stafford Loan?" Popoff said.

Other options to force the default rate down are removing Perkins Loans from financial aid award letters, placing a cap on the number of dollars students can borrow or getting rid of the Perkins Loan altogether, Popoff said.

"All the things we are considering doing will be inconveniencing, irritating and making a hardship for those students who borrow responsibly and pay their money back," he said.

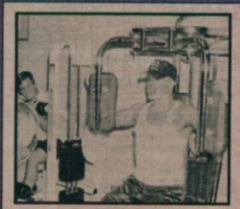
Students receiving financial aid this year struggle with late disbursements of checks, multiple disbursements and having professors sign verification forms to prove that they are attending classes. The inconveniences of the student loan program are the direct result of a 24-percent default rate in last year's Perkins Loan program, Popoff said. If the rate rises to 25 percent and remains at 25 percent for three years the college will be eliminated from the federal loan programs.

"We take a lot of time. We actually slow down the process purposely by forcing students to go through an hour-long interview process," Popoff said. He added, Students need to know exactly what they are getting into.

"We cut down the loan volume by 50 percent just by taking the Stafford Loan off the award letter," Popoff said. "When the default rate went down we continued those measures because we don't want it to go back up."

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Photo by Jennifer Hale

Students disembark from the Loop Bus on its first campus stop Tuesday

## Bus helps beat parking hassle

by Amber Peavyhouse  
of The Commuter

The parking at LBCC can be a very competitive place, and the endless searching for that one spot somewhere closer, the countless circling of the parking lots hoping that someone has just left gets tiresome.

One solution to this madness is the Linn-Benton Loop Bus System. The Loop System, which links Corvallis, Albany and LBCC, offers students a convenient and affordable alternative to driving.

The Loop System operates Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The buses are scheduled around classes to accommodate students, who make up the majority of passengers.

The first drop off at LBCC is in front of Takena Hall at 7:45 a.m., and the last pickup is 5:15 p.m. The main stops in Corvallis are 5th and Jefferson and 15th and Jefferson, and in Albany at the City Hall.

Special student passes are available at \$48, as opposed to the \$93.50-a-term one would pay for the regular two-way fare.

There has been a slight drop in student passengers this year despite the increased enrollment said Edna Campau, the transit coordinator for the city of Albany. "With the parking hassle at LBCC, I would think students would be better served getting dropped off right at the door."

Also serving the campus is the Albany Transit Route 1 bus, which stops in front of Takena Hall about 15 minutes before the hour throughout the day beginning at 7:45 a.m. The bus makes stops throughout Albany, including downtown, Fred Meyer, Queen Avenue, Waverly Avenue, the hospital and other locations. Fare is 50 cents one-way or \$12 for a monthly pass (unlimited rides). You can also buy discount coupon books for \$7 good for 20 rides.

## Livestock judging team places third and fourth

From the LBCC News Service

The Linn-Benton Community College livestock judging team took third place in final team standings at the University of California-Davis livestock judging show on Oct. 11 and fourth at the Chico State University show Oct. 12.

At the Davis show, LBCC took third in the Overall category, first in Beef, fifth in Sheep, fifth in Swine and fourth in Reasons.

In the individual placings, Traci Dulany of Eagle Point, took first in Overall with M.T. Anderson of Madras taking third. Dulany also took first in Beef with Ty Kliewer of Klamath Falls taking fifth. In Sheep, Anderson took fourth. In Swine, Dulany took third and Anderson, fifth.

Dulany took first in Reasons.

At the Chico show, the LBCC livestock judging team took fourth place in the Overall category by finishing fourth in Beef, third in Sheep, eighth in Swine and third in Reasons.

In the individual placings at Chico, Jason Blodgett of Klamath Falls took seventh in Overall, with Kliewer taking 12th and Dulany, 13th. Dulany took first and Sara Watt of Walnut Creek, Calif., sixth in Beef.

In Sheep, Kliewer took first; Blodgett, third; and Mac Stewart of Clatskanie, Ore., seventh. No LBCC students placed in the Swine category. In Reasons, Blodgett took sixth; Watt, tenth; Dulany, 16th.

## Loan default deadline nears

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The college already gives second year students preference for Perkins Loan funds, because it is assumed that those students will more likely pay their loan back, he said.

The Perkins Loan awards LBCC students about \$45,000 a year with a fixed interest rate of 5 percent. The Stafford Loan is a bank loan with a variable interest rate between 8 and 9 percent.

"We've never been in a situation where the banks say we're not going to loan anymore," Popoff said.

But the money amount does not matter when students borrow more than they have the ability to pay back.

"The more money the student borrows the more likely they are to default because they've borrowed too much," he said.

The decision on what measures will be taken to reduce the default rate will be made in the next two to three months.

The decision must be made before LBCC's financial aid office begins processing applications for the 97-98 school year.

## Date rape drug yet to surface locally

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drug in her body, and she can't remember a thing. Case closed.

The feeling of powerlessness is overwhelming, according to victims, because all the woman knows is what her body is telling her. However, her mind is not supplying any rationale. Her body may have bruises. Her body may have a feeling of fright or terror, but her ability to recall why is not there.

It's a feeling of absolute and complete helplessness.

Some law enforcement officials have said the drug could make rapists out of men who, without the drug, might not commit the crime. Typically these aren't the kind of guys who would force themselves on someone for sex.

While date rape is the most sensational consequence of roofies, there is also a big concern with its potential for

1993 Cohort Loan  
Default Rates (%)  
for Oregon community colleges

<b>Blue Mountain</b>	19.1 %
Pendleton	
<b>Central Oregon</b>	12.1 %
Bend	
<b>Chemeketa</b>	12.9 %
Salem	
<b>Clackamas</b>	17.5 %
Oregon City	
<b>Clatsop</b>	15.4 %
Astoria	
<b>Lane</b>	16.1 %
Eugene	
<b>Linn-Benton</b>	16.4 %
Albany	
<b>Mt. Hood</b>	9.7 %
Gresham	
<b>Portland</b>	16.2 %
Portland	
<b>Rogue</b>	16.8 %
Grants Pass	
<b>Southwestern Oregon</b>	19.7 %
Coos Bay	
<b>Treasure Valley</b>	19.6 %
Ontario	

Provided by the U.S. Dept. of Education.

addiction and lethal overdosing. It was a combination of Rohypnol and champagne that sent Kurt Cobain, former lead singer in the band Nirvana, into a coma a month before his suicide two years ago.

Panic is stirring all across the country as Rohypnol use becomes more and more common. "Watch your drink" is a campaign message being introduced by the manufacturer in November. The company is also in the process of reformulating the drug to give it a strong taste or odor.

President Clinton signed a bill last Sunday adding 20 years in prison to the current eight years for use of the narcotic to incapacitate rapists' victims in what he called "a sick attempt to facilitate their crimes."

This is the first time using a drug as a weapon is illegal.

## Candidates sought for student council

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Events Specialist, Current Events and Political Activities Specialist, and Multi-Cultural Activities Specialist.

This year the student council hopes to accomplish quite a few different tasks, Hammelman said. For starters, they want to revise the by-laws of the Student Constitution and the election code. Hammelman would also like to see more involvement from clubs. She hopes to see the ASG work with different clubs to help them raise money, schedule meetings and events, and help them develop

policies.

"I can't say it was fun doing it all by myself, and boy am I looking forward to having a team tackle this with me," said Hammelman.

Students who are interested in joining the ASG must have a minimum 2.0 GPA, and student council representatives must have a declared major in their division. Applications are still available until 4 p.m. Nov. 1. in the Student Life and Leadership Office located just outside the Fireside Room on the second floor of the College Center in Room 213.

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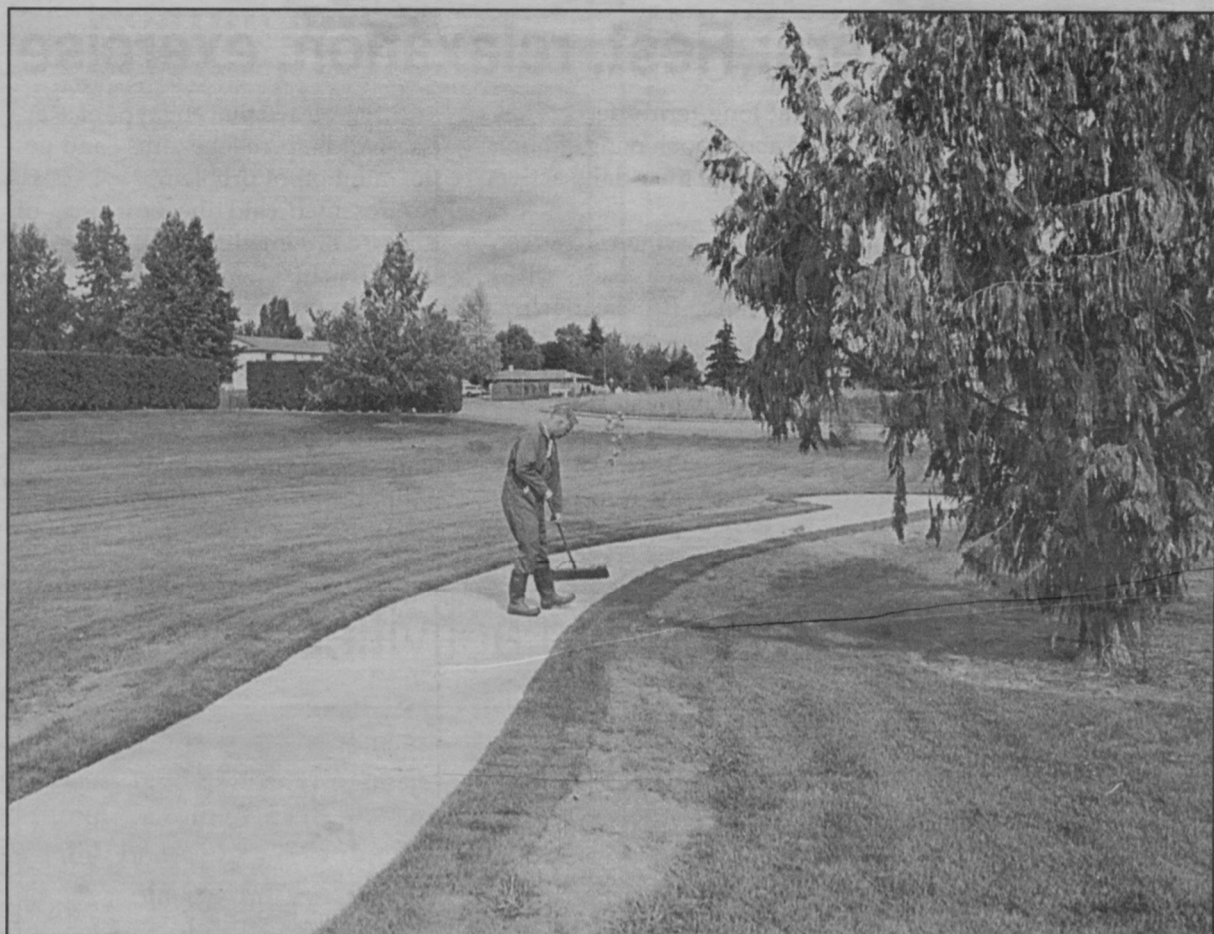
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DEDICATED MAY 1995  
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## Peaceful Garden

An LBCC groundskeeper sweeps the sidewalk that leads to a small memorial at the end of a keyhole-shaped walk located near the Eastway Loop. The plaque was dedicated in May 1995 by the LBCC Student Leadership team. The 1995 Oklahoma City bombing inspired the students to come up with a way to memorialize all innocent victims of violence. They decided on installing the plaque in an area dedicated as the Peace Garden. Along with the sidewalk and plaque, several trees have been planted. This memorial is hoped to be a place where students can go to relax and think about life.

## Survivor talks of atrocities suffered while imprisoned in Indonesia

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

Carmel Budiardjo spent three years in an Indonesian prison and has dedicated her life to bringing attention to human rights abuses there. She discussed her experiences there, the current unrest in Indonesia and its invasion of East Timor at OSU's Memorial Union Saturday night. The talk was sponsored by OSU Students for Peace and Oregon Peaceworks.

Budiardjo was born in London in 1925. After World War II, she moved to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where she worked for the International Union of Students. It was there that she met her husband, an Indonesian student. The two moved to Indonesia with their infant daughter in 1952.

Budiardjo worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the democratic government of Indonesia led by President Sukarno and was also active in left-wing politics at the time. Prior to 1965, left-wing organizations had about 10 million members in Indonesia.

Her life was changed forever by the military takeover of Indonesia's government in October of 1965. General Suharto seized power and over the next six months carried out a massacre of over one million people under the guise of rooting out communist influence. Left-wing political organizations were banned and thousands of people thought to have been members of leftist groups were detained in Indonesian prisons without trial.

Budiardjo's husband was one of the first people arrested. She supported herself by teaching English in an Indonesian school while waiting in vain for him to be released. She was arrested in 1968 simply because she had been associated with leftist politicians before the 1965 coup.

After being released and expelled from the country in 1971, Budiardjo returned to her native England. She was shocked at how little attention the violence in Indonesia had received in the western press. Not only

was there scant reporting of the events there, but the press reported as a civil war what Budiardjo remembers as a massacre of innocent people.

*"The problem with an economy like Indonesia's is it has an enormous number of unemployed people, so labor is cheap."*

—Carmel Budiardjo

In addition to promoting her book, "Surviving Indonesia's Gulag," Budiardjo discussed the exploitation of Indonesian workers by western corporations and the complicity of five American administrations in facilitating Indonesia's invasion and annexation of East Timor in 1975, which resulted in the deaths of over 200,000 Timorese.

Every American administration since Johnson's has sold arms to Indonesia's dictator. Suharto's anti-communist stance made him valuable to the United States as an ally during the Cold War, so U.S. leaders turned a blind eye to his violations of human rights. They were also willing to ignore his human rights record because of his friendliness toward American companies in Indonesia.

Indonesia has a tremendous amount of natural resources, including the largest gold reserves in the world. In the past, the military government has expelled indigenous people from their traditional homelands in order to give away vast tracts of land to American corporations, such as Freeport, a Louisiana mining company, and oil companies like Phillips Petroleum and Chevron.

Recently Nike has drawn criticism from human rights groups for its use of subcontractors in Indonesia to produce its goods.

"The problem with an economy like Indonesia's is it has an enormous number of unemployed people, so labor is cheap," Budiardjo said. "There is no freedom of association, so it is not legally possible for workers to set up their own trade unions." The minimum wage in Indonesia is \$2 per day, and American companies can be given exemptions so they can pay their workers even less.

Although labor unions and strikes are illegal in Indonesia, there have been a number of wildcat strikes by workers in recent years. In 1993 and 1994, there were an average of three strikes each day. Workers demanded that their employers pay them Indonesia's legal minimum wage and allow them to organize. Leaders of these strikes are often dismissed from their jobs and blacklisted so they can't find other employment, and the government often sends in the military to break the strikes, Budiardjo said.

Indonesia invaded East Timor on Dec. 7, 1975, two days after Suharto met with then-President Gerald Ford and Henry Kissinger. In the fighting that followed, almost two-thirds of East Timor's population of 600,000 died from violence or starvation. The United Nations condemned the invasion and refused to recognize Indonesia's "integration" of East Timor, but no action has ever been taken to stop it. Resistance in East Timor continued until 1978, when Indonesia mounted an "encirclement and annihilation" campaign using aircraft supplied by the Carter administration to bomb the rebels into submission.

Budiardjo was hopeful that the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to two East Timor activists, Bishop Carlos Belo and Jose Ramos-Horta will help draw attention to the plight of the people in East Timor. "The fact of the Peace Prize being given gives a great boost to the East Timor struggle and should be an inspiration for us to put pressure on the U.S. government to get out of Indonesia . . . to stop selling them F-16s, as Clinton plans to do," she said.

### The Student Programming Board has five positions open at this time. Positions are:

- ☛ Health and Recreation Specialist
- ☛ Series Events Specialist
- ☛ Family and Evening Events Specialist
- ☛ Current Events and Political Activities Specialist
- ☛ Multicultural Activities Specialist



Students can pick up applications on Oct. 17 in the Students Life Leadership office, and the applications are due on Oct. 28 at 12 noon at the same office.

All of these positions come with one talent grant for spring term. If you have any questions please contact Student Life and Leadership in CC213 or 917-4458.

## OPEN HOUSE

Student Life & Leadership Office  
October 31st  
9:00am - 4:00pm

CC213, across from the Commons.  
Come over and say HI!  
Hot cider, cookies and snacks  
will be offered.

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## Writers' workshop set for Benton Center

From the LBCC News Service

The Benton Center is offering four writers' workshops in November. Lovers of the written word will meet regionally and nationally recognized writers, publishers and artists, and work and learn with others who share a passion for writing.

Early registration is necessary. Workshops are limited in size. Fees vary, seniors pay half-price. Registration is at the Benton Center, 630 N.W. Seventh St., Corvallis or call 757-8944.

The four workshops are:

- **Intermediate Screenwriting**, by internationally known screenwriter and author Barbara Slade, is a five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7-9:50 p.m. in Corvallis High School Room 125, 836 N.W. 11th. Slade takes an in-depth look at the basics of commercial screenwriting: business aspects, finding stories that sell, the three-act structure, creating characters and how to make it through the final draft. Cost: \$28.40.

- **Blockbreakers for Stymied Writers**, by writer Anne Smith, is a one-day workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m., in Benton Center Room 109. This workshop restores confidence, gets ideas flowing, opens new horizons and puts the fun back into writing prose. Smith has overcome "writer's block" many times to publish novels, short stories and personal essays. Cost: \$11.80.

- **The Artist's Journey/Journal** is a two-day workshop on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m., in Benton Center Room 105. This collaborative art and writing workshop is taught by Sandy Tilcock, an internationally recognized bookbinder, and Marilyn Reaves, a University of Oregon adjunct faculty member and nationally recognized lettering artist. The workshop combines art and writing into a book format for a journey of words, pictures and patterns. Using journaling exercises, quick sketch methods, calligraphy and collage, each writer/artist will create four books, including a personal journal. Tilcock produced the Governor's Arts Award in 1996, and is the proprietor of Lone Goose Press. Cost: \$66 lab fee.

- **Get Inside Your Characters** by Anne Smith, is the series' final workshop on Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m. in Benton Center Room 109. Writers will learn techniques to "get up close and personal" with their characters and give readers a feeling of reality. This workshop addresses "point of view" techniques to achieve marketable fiction. Smith, a published writer and writing consultant who conducts writing workshops throughout the Northwest, will give each student a written evaluation of their story or chapter. Cost: \$11.80.

For more information, call the Benton Center, (541)757-8944.

## School stress-busters: Rest, relaxation, exercise

by Cari Roberts  
of The Commuter

Stress is part of every college student's life, but most students don't realize the health dangers of built-up stress and fail to take advantage of the ways to relieve it.

"Stress robs students of energy," says Arlene Crossman, chair of the Physical Education Department.

She explained that some of the long term effects of stress are hypertension (high blood pressure), stroke, coronary heart disease and cancer. In her opinion, most students are not wor-

ried about the long-term effects. They are worried about not having enough energy to complete their daily activities.

According to Crossman stress can also cause short-term illnesses such as the common cold, flu, headaches, backaches and muscle tension, all of which interrupt students' daily activities and affect their ability to carry on a normal life.

There are basically two ways to relieve stress: Exercise and relaxation.

"Exercise is the easiest and most fun way to relieve stress," Crossman

said. She added that any type of exercise will help relieve stress and get the mind off of problems.

Crossman said the best type of exercise is something that is fun for that particular person.

She pointed out that exercise must be planned to fit into a person's daily schedule, or a lot of times it just doesn't get done.

Taking time alone in a quiet secluded spot can also help a student temporarily forget daily pressures. This, according to Crossman, can help clear the mind and release the stress.

## Opportunities for stress-relieving activities abound

by Allison Ross  
of The Commuter

Two tests, one paper, a speech, and now it's time to go to work? The term is definitely underway, and some students have already called it quits!

However, there are many other options. Students must realize that while school is very important, their health is what will keep them in the game.

Exercise has long been known to reduce stress. There is no reason why students shouldn't take note. Whether you have 20 minutes of free time or two hours, letting go of school and other pressures will breathe new life into your day.

If you aren't signed up for one of the many physical education classes, such as step-aerobics, weight training, basketball or relaxation, then you will have to utilize LBCC's other facilities. Just off the track, there is a long trail suited for walking or jogging. Imagine a crisp run after two quizzes! If running isn't your forte, then maybe you could head to the gym for a little stairmaster or weightlifting. The weight room is open to all students between 4 and 5 p.m. All that equipment is available for students without paying to join a gym!

Some may find they just want to get away from campus. There are dozens of mountains waiting to be climbed, and the reward is not only the view, but a feeling of clearness and refreshment.

Try Mary's Peak, near Corvallis, for a variety of levels for hiking and biking. If you don't mind a nice drive, then Alsea Falls is a must, not to mention McDowell Creek Falls east of Lebanon. You don't have to drive somewhere, however. Just step out your front door for a walk, jog or rollerblading.

If you happen to have a friend that attends OSU, grab them and head to Dixon Recreation Center. Non-OSU students can utilize racquetball, basketball, weights, pingpong and much more for \$3.95. Dixon is located off Jefferson St. on the OSU campus.

No matter what your schedule, you must keep your-

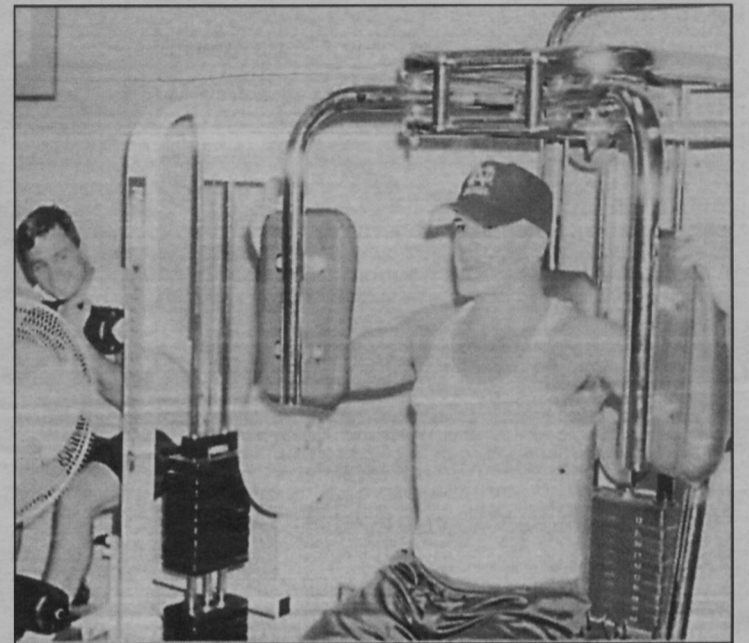


Photo by Amanda Miller

**Derrick Diggel and Nick Smith work out in the weight room in the LBCC Activities Center. The room is open to walk-in use daily from 4-5 p.m.**

self balanced. Everyone has a different way of exercising, but remember that some is better than none at all.

Naikia Benjamin, who is in charge of LBCC's intramural recreation program, is currently in the process of working with OSU to try and join forces by spring term. He is looking into soccer, basketball and possibly softball, and is definitely looking for suggestions. To call from campus, dial 4463, or outside of campus, 917-4463. Otherwise drop a note for him in the Student Life and Leadership office (CC-213).

For those just looking to relax, the Recreation Center on campus offers pool and pingpong. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located upstairs in CC-212. Don't forget your student ID card!

## WOSC to host annual open house

Western Oregon State College will serve as host of its annual fall open house, titled "Academia!," on Saturday, Oct. 26. The program offers transfer students and their families an opportunity to learn first-hand about the college directly from Western's members.

In the morning, Western Oregon's faculty will present various academic pro-

grams during two 30-minute sessions. Afternoon sessions will include information on admissions, housing, financial aid, and support programs.

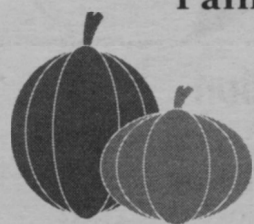
A \$7 fee covers lunch and program materials and may be paid at the door. Check in will begin at 9:15 a.m. in Rice Auditorium. To register call WOSC Admissions at 503/838-8211 V/TDD.

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## Visual Arts Club Pumpkin Sale

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Sales on Oct. 24th & 25th and Oct. 28th - 31st  
Hours: 10 am - 3 pm  
Location: Art Gallery  
Arts, Humanities and Social Services Bldg.

## Regis Hair Stylists

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SPORTS PAGE

commentary

# Dream come true as new women's league begins

by Jessica Sprenger  
of The Commuter

"Grandma it's starting."

These were words I heard behind me as I stood in line to get my program for the basketball game Saturday night.

I turned around to find a little girl standing right behind me wanting her program but not wanting to miss seeing the opening tip off. I then pointed to the monitor mounted on the wall, and we watched the tip off from the concourse.

Another big moment we both missed was Portland center Stacey Ford's bucket that put the first two points on the scoreboard in the inaugural game for the Portland Power in the fledgling American Basketball League.

The night was an exciting one for players, coaches and fans alike. The players are getting to do something they've never done in their country, play professional basketball, and the fans are getting to see the best women's basketball players in the country.

Behind the ABL are seven members of the gold medal team from the Atlanta Olympics. Also playing in the league is three-time track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and silver medalist Marta deSouza Sobral from the Brazilian National Team.

Some of the big names behind the ABL are four-time Olympian Teresa Edwards, Jennifer Azzi, Dawn Staley and Katy Steding.

Steding is playing in Portland, joining her in the blue and green uniforms of the Power are 1996 NCAA tournament MVP Michelle Marciniak of Tennessee; Tanja Kostic, two-time Pac-10 player of the year for Oregon State and Natalie Williams, an All-American in volleyball and basketball at UCLA, just to name a few.

What a night it was to be able to watch these players—most I had only seen play on TV, while others I had seen play in college from my front row seat in Gill Coliseum.

It was so exciting to see all 8,679 fans, including Governor and Mrs. Kitzhaber, get behind a professional women's basketball team and the league.

The largest crowd in the league for the weekend, 8,767 at the New England Blizzard-Richmond Rage game Friday night, also got treated to the first game to break the century mark with New England getting a 100-73 victory.

Of the 80 players in the league, 23 are from the Southeastern Conference and 18 from the Pac-10. Nine players are from Stanford alone and eight from Tennessee.

After managing to find Memorial Coliseum, I sat in my assigned seat and waited for history to take place. Moments after sitting down, the buzzer sounded and the Atlanta Glory took their place at the free-throw line for team introductions. Edwards received a standing ovation from the crowd, but the best was still to come. The lights went down, and the training and coaching staff for the Power were introduced and followed by spotlight to center court. Getting the biggest cheers from the crowd were Kostic and Steding.

Although Portland scored the first basket of the game, it wasn't clear who was going to win until late in the fourth quarter when the Oregon connections finished off a nice fast break. Williams got the rebound after a missed Glory shot, fed it to Marciniak who passed it up to Kostic. The play was finished by Steding on a reverse layup as Portland went on to a 82-73 victory.

It was nice to find that Portland drew as many as they did while going head-to-head with the Winter Hawks, who drew 11,770 hosting league-rival Seattle in minor league hockey action.

It was nice to see all the children there with their parents. This was possible because the league is meant to be affordable for families, with tickets ranging from \$11-14 a seat.

The best part was seeing the fans rise to their feet after every quarter, acknowledging what was happening in their city and in the country.

It's a whole new ballgame!

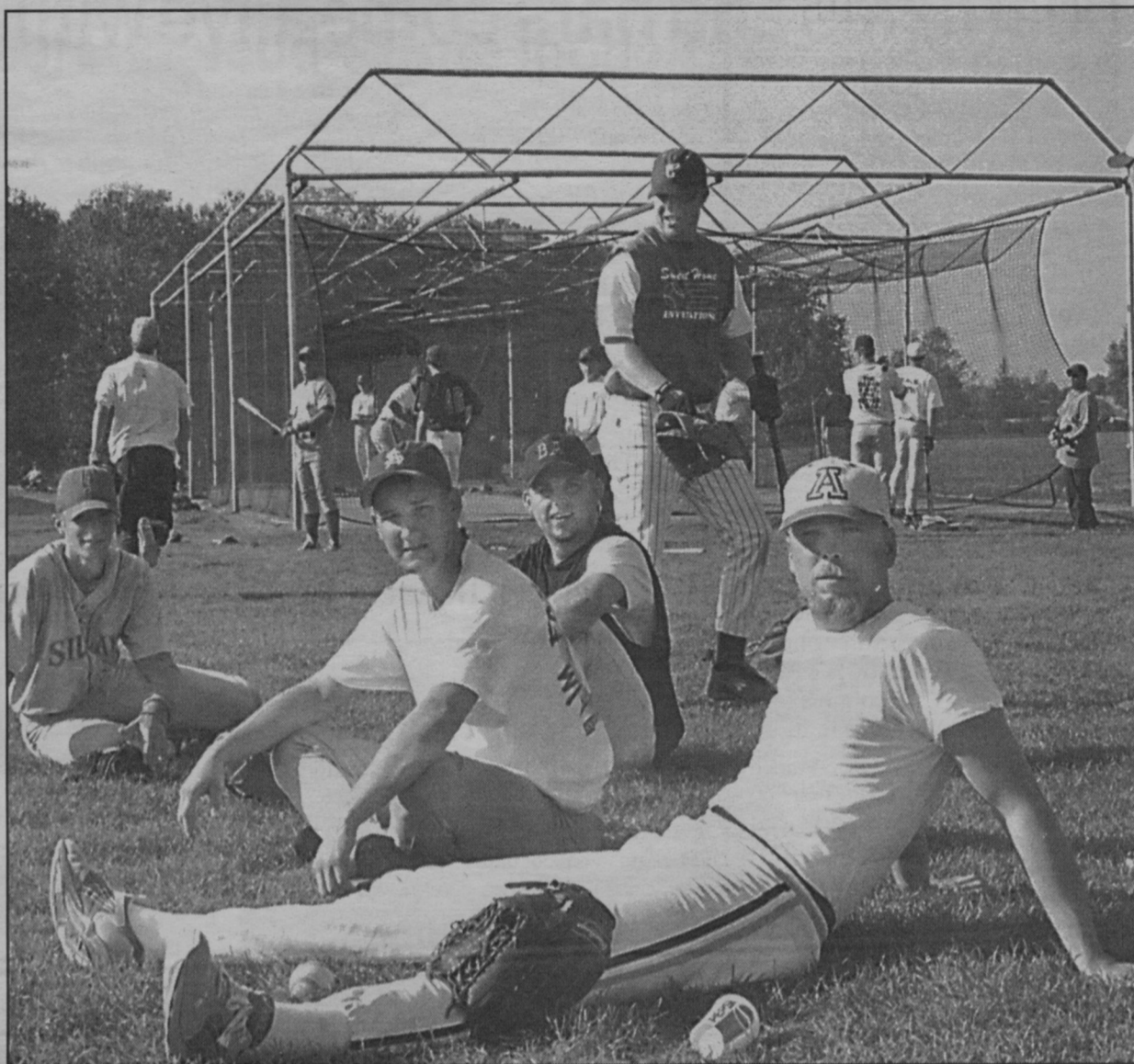


Photo by Bryan Reynolds

## The Last of the Sun

Baseball players Derek Wells, Ryan Scroggins, Zac Metzker, Steve Hutchinson, and Wade Williams relax before a scrimmage at the LB field recently, enjoying one of the last days of sunshine before the onset of rains. Lately, the team has been forced to practice in the parking lot or the gym. Scrimmages scheduled for last week were cancelled and play this week was doubtful.

# Gale, Surmon lead Roadrunners to victory

Shawna Phillips  
of The Commuter

Last week the Linn-Benton volleyball team pulled out a split on the road as they reached the halfway point in the season.

On Wednesday, the Roadrunners picked up their second straight league win behind the strong play of two players who earlier in the week were named to the Lower Columbia Crossover All-Tournament team—Melissa Gale and Carrie Surmon. The victory came over Chemeketa in five games: 15-4, 13-15, 15-5, 7-15, 15-10.

Gale led the team over the Chiefs with 15 kills and 14 digs; while Surmon, who was also named Southern Region Offensive Player of the Week last week, had 10 kills and 13 digs.

Also playing strong for the Roadrunners were Dondi Schock, who had 14 kills; Carisa Norton, who had 12 digs and 27 assists; and Opal DePue, who led the team in blocks with five.

"We've played strong at times, but we're still pretty inconsistent," Frazier said after the win. Her comments turned out to prophetic, as the inconsistency returned to plague the Roadrunners on Friday when they lost to Lane in four games.

LBCC lost the first two games 11-15, 10-15, but played a strong third game, coming back to win 15-12. The team was unable to keep up the momentum, however, and they lost the last game 12-15.

Gale and Surmon each had 19 digs in a strong defensive effort, and Surmon added 12 kills.

"Their quick attack hurt us," Frazier said of the Titans. "We only had five blocks total and that left a lot for the defense to pick up."

Despite the team's 2-5 league record, Frazier still has some hopes that the team will make it into the post-season playoffs. Everyone will have to be "on" for it to happen, she said, and the players will have to play strong as a team. Although it will be a tough fight and will probably come down to the wire, she believes that they have the potential to do it.

Of course, the Roadrunners' chances will also depend a lot upon who beats who in the league. "The

ball's not necessarily in our court," Frazier said.

The Roadrunners have this week off, which will be used to rest some injuries, and begin play again next week at home against undefeated and defending league champion Clackamas on Wednesday. Linn-Benton then travels to Seattle on the weekend to play in the Shoreline Crossover tournament.

## scoreboard

### Results

#### League

Linn-Benton	15	13	15	7	15
Chemeketa	4	15	5	15	10
Linn-Benton	11	10	15	10	
Lane	15	15	12	15	

### Standings

Clackamas	8	0	1.000	—
Mt. Hood	6	2	.750	2
Lane	4	2	.667	3
Chemeketa	3	4	.429	4 1/2
Linn-Benton	2	5	.286	5 1/2
SW Oregon	2	6	.250	6
Umpqua	1	7	.125	7

### Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Clackamas, 7 p.m.

## Correction

The Commuter published incorrect information last week regarding players on the baseball team. Brian Everett, MVP of the Cascade Conference last year, and Wade Williams, who played in the 3A All-Star Game in Roseburg. The Commuter regrets the error.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## Local cafes and bars come alive with music this weekend

by Danika Hopper  
of The Commuter

You won't have to go too far or pay too much to get a little musical entertainment this weekend.

For the price of a cup of coffee, you can find a variety of music at local coffee houses. If coffee isn't your cup of tea, there's always blues and rock 'n' roll at the Peacock Tavern in Corvallis and alternative music at the Venetian Theatre in Albany

Looking to hear some jazz? Maybe a little country? Hey, we've even got some rock 'n' roll. No matter what you're looking for, there's a good chance you'll be able to find it.

Here's what you'll find at local coffeehouses. This week there are no cover charges.

**Sun River Coffee Co.**  
116 N.W. Third St., Corvallis  
Thursday: Solar Blues, 7-10 p.m.

**Coffee Tea and Co.**  
1167 Santiam, Albany.  
Friday: Pete Kelly, 8-10 p.m.

**The Beanery**  
500 S.W. Second St., Corvallis  
Friday: Chester Hall, 8-10 p.m.  
Saturday: Orange Astronauts, 8-10 p.m.

**The Beanery**  
2541 N.W. Monroe, Corvallis  
Friday: Bob Parker, 8-10 p.m.  
Saturday: Chester Hall, 8-10 p.m.

**Java Rama Cafe**  
2047 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis  
Saturday: Open Mike

**New Morning Bakery**  
219 S.W. Second St., Corvallis  
Friday: Tim Avilla, 8-10 p.m.

**Boccherini's Coffee and Tea**  
208 First Ave. S.W., Albany  
Friday: Dave Feinberg, jazz piano, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

**Big River Restaurant**  
101 NW Jackson Ave., Corvallis  
Friday: Mark Lichtenthaler Trio

If you aren't the coffeehouse type and you're over 21, you may want to venture down to the Peacock Tavern in Corvallis for rowdier entertainment. This weekend they feature the local funk band, Huzzah. The Venetian Theatre in Albany is another alternative if you're looking for a concert/dance atmosphere.

**Peacock Tavern**  
125 S.W. Second St., Corvallis  
Friday and Saturday: Huzzah, Funk. Cover charge.  
**The Venetian Theatre**  
241 First Ave., Albany  
Friday: Don Nikler 8 p.m. Cover charge.

## classifieds

## HELP WANTED

**Looking For Work?** Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part-time, temporary and permanent positions are available. Accounting intern, Secretarial/Administrative Assistant, Photographer's Rep./Receptionist, Retail Sales, Yard Work. Child Care Provider, Computer Lab Assistant, Food Service, CNA, Print Shop Assistant, and Auto Mechanic are just a few of the jobs listed. If you are eligible for the Federal Work Study through Financial Aid, a few jobs are still available on campus as well as the Extended Learning Centers in Corvallis and Lebanon. Business Technology Lab Aide (Benton Center), Van Maintenance Aid, Instructional Lab Aide (Lebanon Center) and LAHP Production Assistant position are open. For a complete list of jobs, come to the Career Center, T-101. Visit us today!

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52 cm Trek OCLV Road bike frame, road bike parts, carbs for my 74 VW bus, buddies to surf with. Want to meet people with Boxer dogs and am looking for a Boxer dog to adopt. Eric Tipsword 758-5466.

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Are you a woman over 30 yrs old who would like to participate in a support group dealing with life issues? For more information please contact Marlene Propst, Career Center, ext 4784.

**STUDENT RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES DOCUMENT REVISION HEARING #2**  
Monday, Nov. 6, 12-1 p.m. in Board Rooms A and B. Only issues brought up in the first hearing are being addressed. Pick up a revised copy in student programs, CC-213.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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## JOBS GALORE!!!!

Are you needing some extra cash?...the LBCC Student Employment Center can help you with your employment needs. We have over 200 different jobs currently listed. Open positions include: Office Administrator/Receptionist, general office/clerical, chemistry lab assistant, bookkeeper, accounts payable clerk, lobby clerk, retail sales, warehouse worker, telemarketing, child care, food service, house keeping, and many, many more...an added bonus — if any of these jobs are related to your major, you could earn elective Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) credits. Also, a few on-campus Federal Work Study positions are still available for STUDENTS awarded financial aid. Let us help you! Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located in the Career Center, first floor, Takena Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 917-4780.

## HELP WANTED

Interscholastic basketball officials needed! Starting game fee—\$18.00. Training provided at no charge. Info meeting: Sunday, 10/27, 4-5 pm at Wilson Elementary School gym (Corvallis). Questions: Marcus Eng: (541)794-9734.

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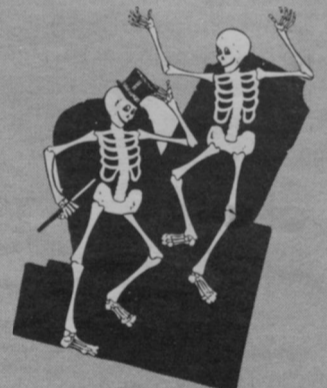
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## OPINION PAGE

## Apathy is not opposition

by Cindi Fuller  
of The Commuter

Should non-voters be counted as a 'no' vote? When people choose not to participate in the voting process, they should not be rewarded with a counted vote, regardless if it is negative or positive.

On Nov. 5, Measure 46 gives non-voters a voice that they may not desire and do not deserve. The measure would amend the current Oregon state constitution to count all non-voters as 'no' votes on tax measures. This would change the entire voting system as we know it. If people within our state or communities do not want to vote, that is their right. But, with that right they have lost the privilege of being counted.

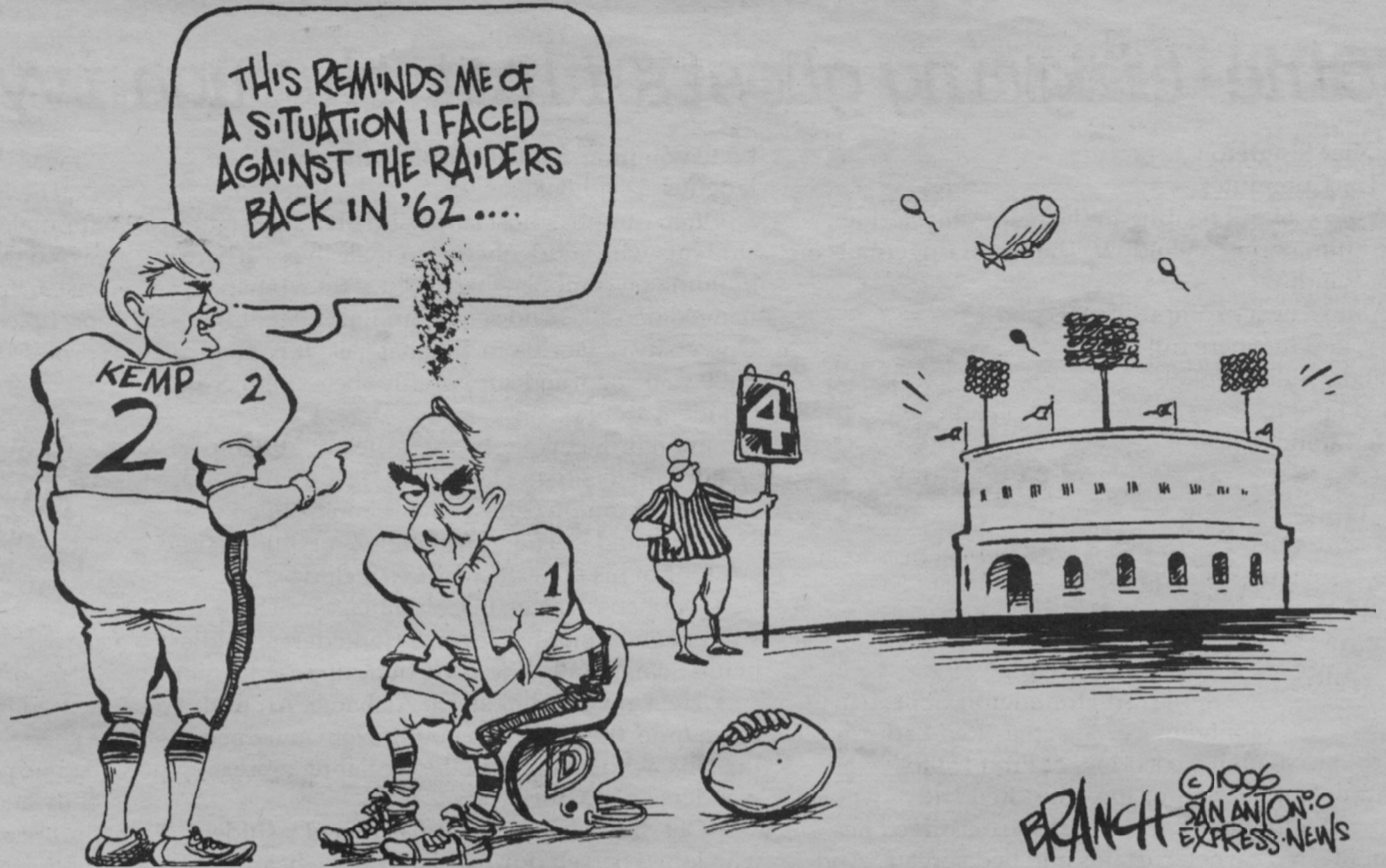
There are many instances in which people do not feel qualified to make a decision on specific measures. When these elections on unfamiliar topics occur, people have the tendency to let those who know the true impact of a measure make the decision. They trust that the people voting are better informed on the issues and will vote accordingly. They do not want to be a 'no' vote nor do they want to be a 'yes' vote.

Measure 46 was proposed because in the past small voter turnouts have approved tax bases that have had significant financial impact on all. The belief is that only those positively effected were motivated to turn out at the polls, while the times and dates set made it difficult for maximum voter turnouts, such as the Friday before the Fourth of July weekend. Although it does seem to be an inconvenience or manipulation to have an election right before a holiday, it is still each voter's responsibility to vote. Otherwise they must be content with the results regardless of their reasons for not participating.

Is it fair that someone who does not care to vote has as much power and effect in the voting booth as someone who has taken their responsibility seriously and voted for what they believe in?

Let's look at a hypothetical situation: There is a new measure to be voted on which will allow all Oregonians the right to a 50 percent refund on property taxes if they commute to work or school. Tallies after the election show that 22 percent of registered voters participated in the election and were in favor of the measure. With our current constitution the measure would have passed, but with the proposed measure, the 78 percent of eligible registered voters who did not vote would be counted as 'no' votes, and the measure would be voted down.

Think long and hard about this measure. Should no-shows win an election? This measure is unfair, and as Governor Kitzhaber says, "That's just not the way a democracy works."



pete petryszak

## In a democracy, even bad ideas should be heard

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

The number of ballot measures presented to us in this election provides plenty of examples of what is good and bad about Oregon's initiative process.

The initiative allows Oregon voters to enact laws directly, without having to wait for their representatives in the statehouse to act on issues of importance to them. The idea behind it is that sometimes the legislators may be too willing to ignore important issues because of the influence lobbyists for certain interests have over them. That's a good point, and the initiative has been used to enact some good laws over the years.

Unfortunately, the people can also bypass the legislature and enact some really lousy laws. Just because something is done democratically, it's not necessarily a smart move. The initiative process presents us with the good, the bad, and the ugly, and it's our job as voters to be as informed as possible and to think about what the long-term consequences of what we're voting on might be.

I'd like to take some time this week to look at some measures on the ballot this year. I encourage readers who disagree with me to write in so we can have some debate about these measures. After all, that's what the initiative process is all about.

The first measure I'd like to address, Measure 33, deals with the initiative process itself. It bars the legislature from changing laws passed by initiative or referendum for five years, and requires a three-fifths vote to change the laws after that five-year period has expired. I have some problems with this one.

The initiative allows the citizens to act directly as a legislative body, but it doesn't give them any special powers, and I don't think it should. This measure would give legislation passed by the electorate as a whole more weight than laws passed through the legislature. Even the most harebrained initiative would receive this protection. We'd all be up in arms if the legislature passed a law prohibiting a review of its actions for a number of years or required a super-majority to undo its bad laws. I don't think the special interests who promote some initiatives should receive special treatment.

The next initiative that caught my eye was Measure 31. Under this measure, the section of Oregon's constitution which allows citizens to "speak, write or print freely on any subject" would be changed to exclude obscenity from this protection. The problem with this measure is who decides what is obscene and what standards they use. I like to be able to decide for

myself what is obscene and to exercise my right not to buy material that I find offensive. We already have plenty of laws dealing with child pornography, so I can't see how this measure is needed to protect children. Regardless of how disgusting I might find one author's or artist's work to be, I'd much rather refuse to buy it in a free society than have some well-meaning censor prevent me from being aware of its existence in the first place.

Also on the ballot is Measure 40, the so-called "Victims Rights" amendment. "Victims Rights" sounds great, like we're protecting innocent people from vicious criminals, but why is it that the only way we can protect people from crime

is to strip away the procedures that guarantee the rights of defendants? Measure 40 allows defendants to be held without bail, changes the law to allow a jury to convict on a murder charge with an eleven-to-one vote and allows hearsay and illegally seized evidence to be admitted in court. It would also prohibit people with felony convictions from serving on juries. I think that someone who does their time and is released should be allowed to re-enter society with the full rights and privileges of any other citizen. This measure is less about victims' rights than it is about trying to place a presumption of guilt on all defendants.



Finally, I'd like to know why so many of the measures this year propose constitutional amendments. We've got 23 measures on the ballot, 15 of which would amend the constitution. Most of the measures don't deal with the basic structure of our government but with changes in policy. I think changes in the state's health care policy, like Measure 39, or education policy, dealt with in Measure 42, should be done through changes in the laws not amendments to the state's constitution. That way we keep our constitution as a basic document articulating our core beliefs not a policy manual.

Of the 23 measures on the ballot, there are only five which I will be voting "yes" on (Measures 28, 32, 36, 37 and 38, if you want to know). I like the fact that the state I live in has an initiative process, even if the majority of the proposals are, in my opinion, worthless. I don't think Oregon's initiative should be judged by how many crazy, misguided proposals come up every year, but for the potential it has to energize the electorate and get them directly involved in their government.

## letters

## Holding office should be a public service, not a career

To the Editor:

Rotation of office was a cornerstone of our Framers' intention for government. At the time, it was not necessary to include a provision in the Constitution for term limits because each party refused to renominate incumbents because of their belief in rotation.

They thought—and rightfully so—that the longer one spent in office, the less responsive one would be to the people. This understanding led Jefferson to write "The second feature I dislike, (in regards to the Constitution) and greatly dislike, is the abandonment in every instance of the necessity of rotation in office, and most particularly in the case of the President."

Our Founding Fathers simply could not imagine a government full of career politicians. Unfortunately, their worst fears came true. Congress is full of professional politicians intent on lining their pockets at taxpayer expense. Government money is viewed as free money for them to distribute at whim. We need politicians who will return to live under the regulations and taxes which they enact. The only way to do this is through term limits. Voting yes on Measure 48 for term limits for Congress is a step towards an ethical and responsive Congress. Vote yes on Measure 48 and return the government to the people.

Charlie Donoti, Cottage Grove

# LOONEY LANE

## Spine-tingling ghosts float through ivy-covered halls

by Janet Singleton  
for The Commuter

A glow of red floating in the hall. A mysterious face illuminating a window. The tap of fingernails on a car window.

Almost every campus has its ghost story, and most are full of enough chilling details to send tingles up the spine.

*The University of California at Berkeley. A ghostly woman with long diamond-painted fingernails taps on the roofs of parked cars at nearby Tilden Park. Her daughter was raped there, and she is trying to warn other young women.*

Here is a sample.

At Huntington College in Montgomery, Ala., the "Red Lady" is said to roam the corridors of Pratt Hall.

According to campus lore, the "Red Lady" was so obsessed with the color red that she decorated her room in a red carpet, curtains and bed spread. And she also wore red clothes.

"They say she couldn't keep a roommate because she was so weird," explained a dormitory employee, who asked not to be named.

Finally, the frazzled freshman felt so rejected that she slashed her wrists in her red room. Her blood poured red onto the crimson carpet and ran beneath the door into the hall.

Years later, students occasionally say they see her or flashes of red shimmering in the hall. Or so the story goes.

At Indiana State University, a resident ghost is heard, but not seen, said English professor

*Oberlin College. The apparition of a student who killed herself during finals can be heard sobbing and has been spotted peering through a dorm window, pleading for help.*

Ronald Baker. "We have a barfing ghost," he said.

In Burford Hall, a girls' dormitory, residents claim to hear someone throwing up when there's no one there. "First, they hear some-

body vomiting, a toilet flushing, then hideous laughter," said Baker.

Often campus ghost stories involve stressed-out students who suddenly ended their lives. "There's a building on campus where they say a woman hanged herself," said senior Adam Miller at the University of Florida in Tallahassee. "It happened 20 or 30 years ago, and supposedly she's still there and wanders around.

Simon Bronner, a folklore professor at Penn State University in Harrisburg, lists a number of resident campus ghosts in his book, "Piled Higher and Deeper: The Folklore of Student Life." A tour of his crew of creatures includes:

- Stephens College in Columbia, Mo. There a student ghost and her lover, a Confederate soldier, haunt Senior Hall, where the two supposedly met.
- The University of North Alabama. Around exam time, the ghost of a young woman named Priscilla, who killed herself over failing grades, wanders an old dorm.
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• Michigan State University. The ghost of 17-year-old James Egbert, a computer genius who committed suicide, is said to haunt Holmes Hall.

On most campuses, ghost stories are easier to uncover than actual witnesses to the apparitions. But banquet manager Luis Cutolo insists he has had run-ins with UC-Berkeley's Faculty Club ghost. "I can honestly tell you that sometimes you hear noises," he said.

Once Cutolo left a darkened room and locked it, but when he returned the light had been turned on.

"I was the only person with the key," he said.

The Faculty Club has a long history. Built in 1903 for male faculty members who wanted to avoid the commute to San Francisco, the 24 rooms once were occupied by different professors, now

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each deceased, explained Cutolo.

Since the club has been converted into a hotel, maids and guests have claimed it is haunted. A professor visiting from Japan reportedly woke in the middle of the night and sensed he was being watched, said Cutolo. "He saw a shadow sitting next to the fireplace watching him. At one point, the shadow's head separated from its body and came flying toward the man. The visiting professor screamed and came running out of the room," he said.

But it's hard to convince Bella Scheiber that any of the campus ghost stories are based on actual sightings or events. He's the founder of the Boulder, Colo.-based organization, the Rocky Mountain Skeptics. The organization says there is no such thing as ghosts and goblins, ESP or (sorry, X-Files fans) outerspace aliens.

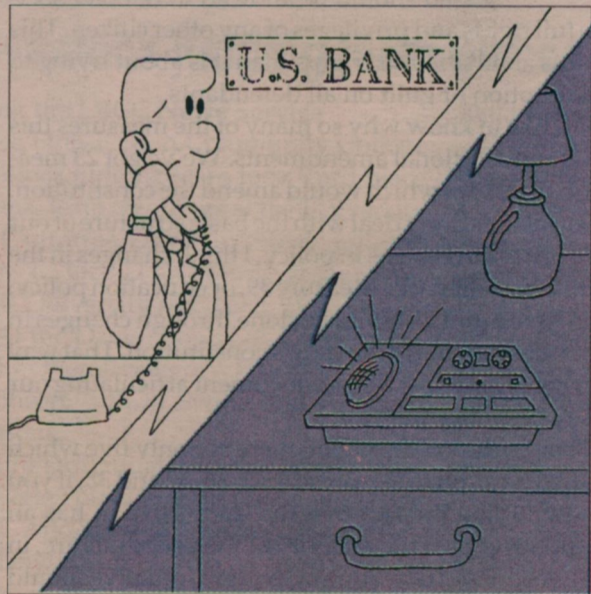
He offers alternative explanations to campus ghosts. Students who think they see and hear bizarre things probably are either studying too hard or partying too hard, he suggests. "I know what it's like to go 24 hours without sleep from my days at CU-Boulder. You start seeing things."

Or maybe students just want to

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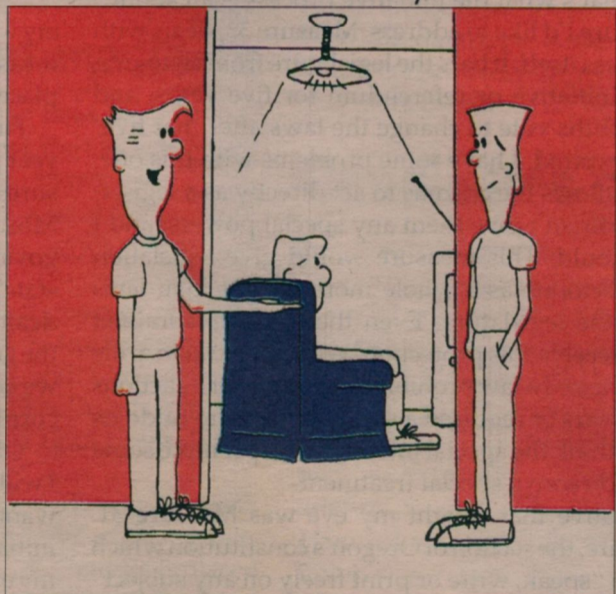
believe in make-believe, said Scheiber. "Ghosts are wonderful because they're forever," he said. "They satisfy our need for mystery and immortality. People just like to think there's something more to life than making a living or taking tests."

### Reality Bites



Hi, we are not here right now, but if you would like to leave a message for AI, press 1. If you would like to leave a message for Doris, press 2. If you would like to...

by Lance Dunn



Welcome to my home. The guy in the chair is my dad—he's the one I would look and sound just like if he was healthy.

### Weekly Crossword

- ACROSS
- Palo Alto, CA
  - Great deal
  - Author Anita
  - Table section
  - "Is Born"
  - Thomas Edison
  - Like
  - Actor's platform
  - Adjacent
  - Ward of "Sisters"
  - Blow (vacillate)
  - do-well
  - Before
  - Looted
  - Boxer Robinson
  - Swashbuckler Flynn
  - Baseball's Rod
  - First lady
  - Boxer Spinks
  - Roger of baseball, once
  - Angers
  - Traveler's stopover
  - Dangles
  - Springe
  - Video tape
  - Wild geese
  - Onassis
  - Kind of horse
  - Everywhere
  - Nightfall
  - On the briny
  - Wipe the board
  - Potpourri
  - Ham or lob end
  - Nibbler
  - Biblical preposition
  - Native dance
  - Truman's wife
  - Chore
- DOWN
- Sad cry
  - majesty
  - Follow
  - Intermittently
  - Crushed
  - Actress Mary, of old
  - RBI, e.g.
  - Long story
  - Certain cavalryman
  - Tub contents
  - Not quite round
  - Semiprecious stone
  - Backs out, in a way
  - Tie
  - Japanese delicacy
  - Keepsake
  - Boxing locale
  - Golf clubs
  - Army NCO
  - Author Leon
  - Showed on TV again
  - Turn away
  - Affirmatives
  - Dialect
  - Afternoon performance
  - Thoroughly
  - Zeus' sister
  - Spanish lady; abbr.
  - African desert
  - Shady recesses
  - Showy flowers
  - Hodgepodge
  - Ratio words
  - Actor Will of TV
  - Dismal
  - Behind schedule
  - Forearm bone
  - Takes a chair
  - Crackpot

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