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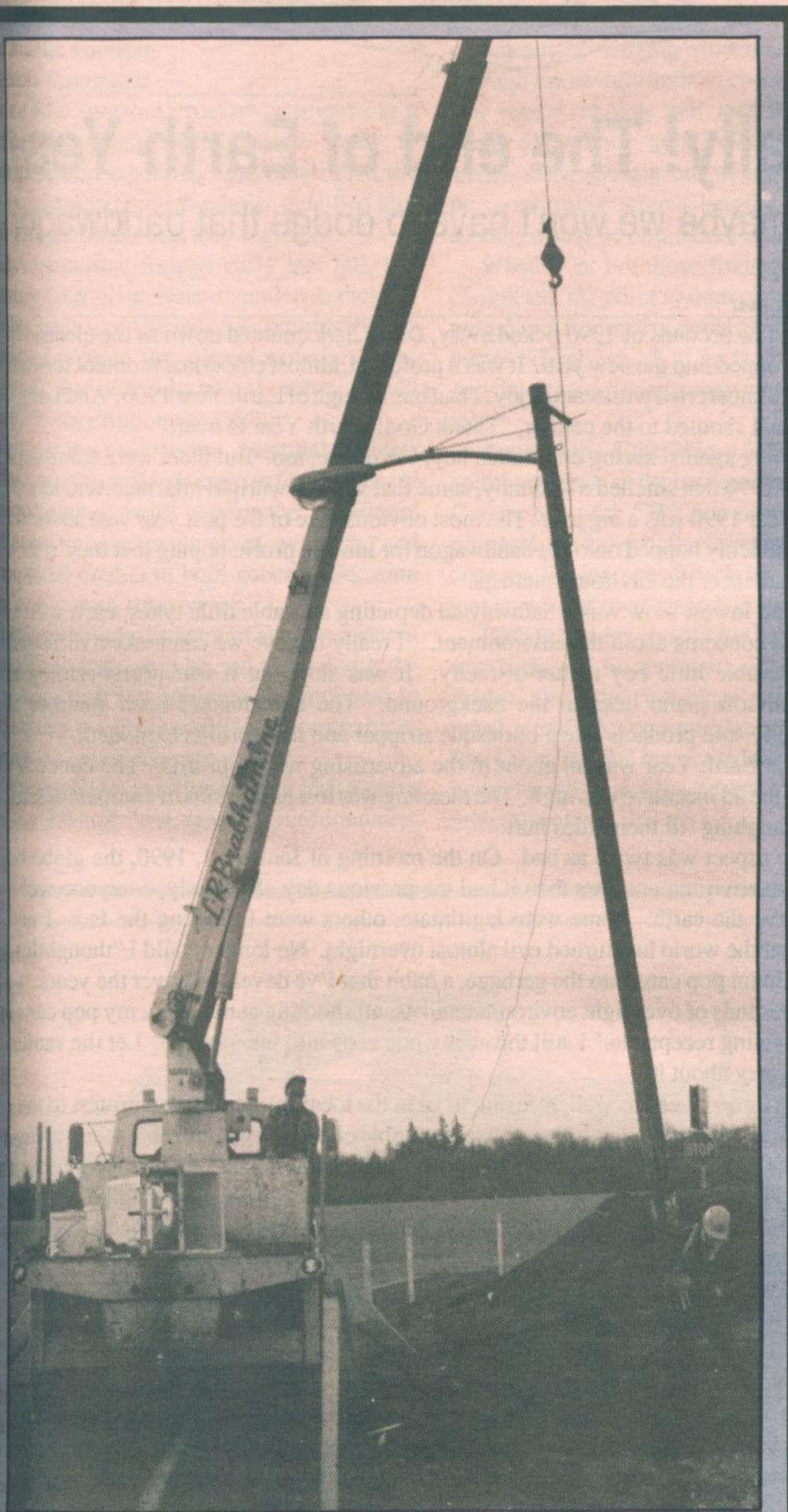
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## Lighting Looney Lane

Brothers Robin and Roger Ferren of L. R. Brabham Inc., a commercial and residential company from Springfield, use a boom crane to hoist lights at the corner of Looney Lane and Highway 34. The work is being done after state legislators and LBCC officials lobbied Pacific Power and Light Co. to illuminate the dangerous intersection, which is used heavily by students commuting from Corvallis. LB donated \$1,000 for the project.

## Meeting airs Mid-East crisis

Community invited to town hall meeting on U.S. policy tonight

By **Tim VanSlyke**  
Of The Commuter

A town hall forum similar to those once common in New England will be held Jan. 9 in Albany for a community discussion on the Middle East crisis.

The meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Albany Veterans Memorial Hall, will take the form of a panel discussion featuring a variety of opinions on the current situation in the Persian Gulf.

Don Rea, a local businessman and volunteer in LBCC's testing center, will introduce the panel, and LBCC political science instructor Doug Clark will moderate the discussion.

U.S. representatives Mike Kopetski (5th district) and Peter Defasio (4th district) were invited to serve on the panel, but because Congress has been called into session, aides from their local offices will come in their places. Also on the panel will be Rich Cohen, a Vietnam veteran and organizer of Citizens for a Negotiated Settlement in the Middle East, a local activist group; Ernie Argo, Commander of the Albany Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Loren Damon, speaking as a private citizen. Citizens for a Negotiated Settlement in the Middle East organized the

forum to provide a means for area residents to voice their feelings about the Gulf crisis. The group describes its mission as an "effort to encourage public debate, to promote public education on the issue, and to provide avenues of public expression for those who oppose the devastation and bloodshed of war."

With the United Nation's Jan. 15 deadline approaching, organizers of this event see it as all the more important. "The people who can stop it (a war with Iraq) are not at the rallies, they are in Congress," said Don Rea, the group's treasurer. "We need to let them know how we feel."

The group opposes the possibility of war, but wants to continue supporting the men and women in the armed forces in Saudi Arabia. "We're trying to convey a different feeling to the troops than what occurred in Vietnam," said Rich Cohen. "Our beef is with the policy, not the people."

The group has already participated in "Walks for Peace" in Albany and Brownsville. They also hold a "Prayer for Peace Vigil" every Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Two Rivers Mall in Albany, and a "No War Vigil" every Friday at 4:30 p.m. on the east side of the Linn County Courthouse.

## LB students, staff called to active duty as military prepares for Jan. 15 deadline

By **Sheryl Baird**  
Of The Commuter

LBCC's Community Relations Office has started a list of all LB staff, students and their close relatives who have been called to active duty for Operation Desert Shield.

Staff member Laurie Trombley has two brothers who are involved. Bernie left in December for the Gulf and Paul has been notified, but is uncertain where he is headed.

LB student James Williams (Marines) is now at Camp Pendleton; Mark S. Koehrsen has left for Germany; Roger Potts, an ASLBCC representative, left Nov. 30, destination unknown; Craig Cristensen, destination unknown; Navy E-5 Douglas Wayne Freitag is stationed on the USS Independence; Sgt. Marlene McCullom (Oregon National Guard) has been called to active duty; 1 Lt. Mark A. Cook (101st Airborne Attack Force) has been in Saudi Arabia since Aug. 21.

Sue Trautwein reports that her brother CPL Steve Trautwein (Marines) has been in the Gulf since Sept. 2. Jackie Paulson, Health Occupations coordinator,

was in San Antonio and is now in Germany.

The Dec. 18 issue of Family Circle magazine listed helpful information for anyone wishing to contact Americans serving in the Gulf. According to the magazine, AT&T will fax one-page letters or drawings from close friends and family to their loved ones in the Middle East free of charge. For information, call 1-800-555-8111, ext. 36.

Letters and packages, (up to 70 pounds maximum), must have first-class postage. If you are writing or sending something to a specific person, include the name, rank, Social Security number, military unit and APO or FPO ZIP code. If you don't have a specific service person in mind, you can still send something addressed to: Any Soldier, Airman or Marine, Operation Desert Shield, APO New York 09848-0006; or, Any Sailor, Operation Desert Shield, FPO New York, 09866-0006. Saudi Arabian customs prohibit non-Muslim religious or suggestive material as well as pork, pork byproducts and alcoholic beverages.

If you know of anyone who is involved in desert shield, call Community Relations, ext. 252 or 254.

# POINT OF VIEW

## COMMUTER EDITORIAL

### America's role as 'the world's gladiator' examined as U.N. deadline approaches

The line in the sand has been drawn, scheduled dates for the event have been announced, heroes and villains have been introduced and throngs of curious onlookers worldwide mill about awaiting the opening act in the Persian Gulf coliseum.

Enter the American gladiators. In Roman times, most were slaves, trained for the sole purpose of providing public amusement. Our gladiators have become slaves to the belief that they are the only ones trained to deliver the world from all its turmoil. And we ourselves have become slaves to the vision that we, as a country, despite any number lost, are invincible, that somehow our lifestyle is guaranteed and irreversible.

How did we grow from a small self-determining nation to the kept gladiators for the world?

Within a week hundreds of thousands of our country's youth may go into the arena, thousands may not return. The whole world will be sitting in the stands waiting to judge our performance, to award us a thumbs up or a thumbs down. A world which has every bit as much to lose as we do, except the lives of as many soldiers, of course.

The United Nations was indeed the proper forum to decide whether or not to condemn Iraq's takeover of Kuwait, but the financial contribution made by UN members is paltry and the burden carried by number of troops readied, deplorable.

The world no longer sees us in the role of David to the world's Goliath. We have become the Goliath, no longer seen as the righteous, noble defender, but as the hired warrior, called upon when the situation gets really messy. How many more wars will our gladiators be called upon to perform in almost single-handedly before the world recognizes its rightful duty?

Meanwhile, the patricians of the world have penciled in the starting lineup. Emissaries scuttle to and from known and unknown places, publically hoping and privately doubting that one of their attempts to avert the ensuing cataclysm will succeed. The Senate meets to orate, as in days long ago, in futility, and as usual, with too little too late.

## LETTERS

### Campus support group sought for diabetic students

To the Editor:

Do you or a member of your family have diabetes? A number of students on campus do. It has been suggested that we form a diabetes support group to meet on campus during the noon hour, especially since a number of diabetics do not have cars and cannot make the night meetings at Albany General Hospital. We will need at least eight students and a faculty advisor. If interested call Sherman Lee Pompey at 926-1669 and leave you name, address and a message on my machine.

Sherman Lee Pompey  
LBCC Student

### Student wants access to instructor evaluations

To the Editor:

There are several factors in choosing a course. The time, your need for the course, and the instructor are important ones.

Information about instructors can be gathered by either sitting through a term or by finding someone who has had the instructor before. The first is time-consuming and the second is, at best, incomplete information.

There is a third place to get information, but this school will not let us see it. Each term

students evaluate their instructors, and on time that we have paid for, for instruction. However, the results are "confidential." Why? It cannot be to protect the students. Scantron forms and extra comments need not be signed. What is this "confidentiality" protecting? Is the college keeping instructors that are not meeting the needs of the students?

I will not spend any more time filling out evaluations until there is access to the results.

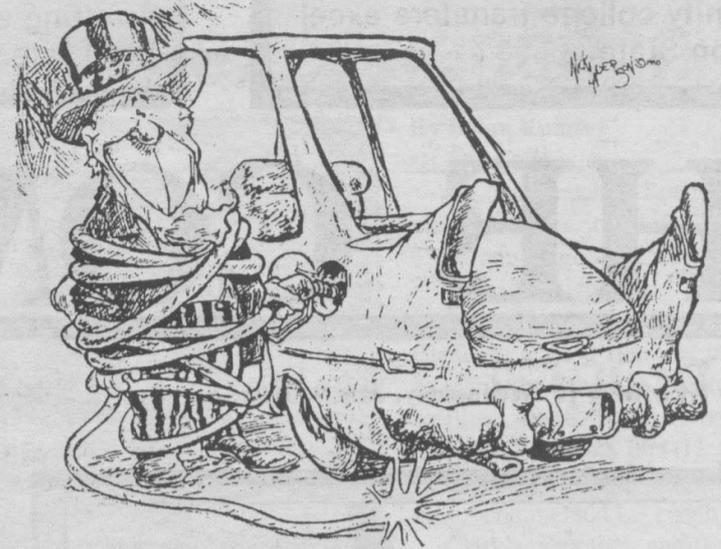
Daniel McNamar  
Business Major, LBCC

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## Finally! The end of Earth Year

Now maybe we won't have to dodge that bandwagon

By Cory Frye  
Of The Commuter

As the last few seconds of 1990 ticked away, Dick Clark counted down as the electric New York apple dropped into the new year. It was a profound, almost emotional moment for me. I tell the truth, I almost cried with tears of joy. I had had enough of Earth Year 1990. And I dropped to my knees and shouted to the ceiling, "Thank God! Earth Year is over!"

I have nothing against saving our planet, hey, I live here, too. But there were some aspects of Earth Year 1990 that smelled a bit funny, some that were downright hilarious, and to tell the truth, Earth Year 1990 was a big joke. The most obvious joke of the past year was advertising. Companies suddenly hopped onto the bandwagon for fun and profit, hoping that they'd gain an even wider audience: the environmentalists.

The best and lowest blow was a Safeway ad depicting adorable little tykes, each with their own cute little concerns about the environment. "I really believe we can make a difference," stated one adorable little boy matter-of-factly. It was slop, but it was heartwarming slop complete with soft piano licks in the background. The supermarket itself flaunted environmentally safe products like a burlesque stripper and their profits exploded.

That's what Earth Year was all about in the advertising world, profits. The concern was minimal, and the ad incentive was high. The meaning was lost as millions of companies strolled to the bank, laughing 'til their sides hurt.

The public aspect was twice as bad. On the morning of January 1, 1990, the globe began with hundreds more environmentalists than it had the previous day. Suddenly, everyone woke up wanting to save the earth. Some were legitimate, others were following the fad. I myself discovered that the world had turned evil almost overnight. No longer could I "thoughtlessly" toss my aluminum pop cans into the garbage, a habit that I've developed over the years. I was subject to thousands of overnight environmentalists, all shouting at me to put my pop cans into a "proper recycling receptacle." I still throw my pop cans into the garbage. Let the sanitation department worry about it.

My friends turned mean as well, refusing to sit in the local Burger King in protest to the rain forests. As I unashamedly ate my greasy bacon-double cheeseburger, they preached away like oral pamphlets. When it became apparent that their messages meant little to me, they stopped preaching and I put my hamburger into a styrofoam container to spite them. I will never give up greasy fast food. As long as Russ' Day and Night serves greasy fried burritos and heartburn-inducing corn dogs, they'll always have me as a customer. Who cares if I die before my time. When I die, I want to expire on a full stomach.

I can honestly say that I never experienced the '60s—probably because I was born in 1972—but I can say that I came pretty close in Earth Year. I almost expected Nixon to come on television and announce his plans for re-election. People were jumping on cars and tying themselves to trees, standing in circles to protect them. Let me tell you, I'd rather be in the middle of a tear gas bomb toss than in front of a tree with a big, half-crazed lumberjack revving chainsaw in front of me. The spotted owl controversy got a little out of hand, becoming nothing more than a shouting match between the lumber industry and the environmentalists. I became tired of seeing the bumper sticker "I like spotted owls fried" on the back of every dirty Ford pickup.

With the end of Earth Year comes a feeling of salvation. No longer will advertisers take the road to ecological awareness and the overnight environmentalists have returned to their old ways. Maybe Earth Year was a wonderful idea way back in ancient times (1970), when everyone was aware of the problem and was fighting to destroy it. But, in the greedy year of 1990, a year still plagued with the symptoms of the Gimme Decade, Earth Year wasn't such a hot idea. It had the appeal of a bad Benny Hill rerun. Let's hope that in the year 2010, the organizers of Earth Year will refrain from subjecting our planet to such horrible torture and leave Earth Year in the trash—not a "proper recycling receptacle." Who wants to live through that again?

## Family Resource Center gets \$31k grant

inn-Benton Community College's Family Resources Department has been awarded a year \$31,565 grant by the Oregon Child Initiative, according to Jayne Dahl, program coordinator.

The grant will enable the department to implement several programs for the area's family child care providers, she said. These include child care training classes, workshops on specialized topics, conferences,

resources, mentoring and substitute provider programs, and scholarships.

The grant was obtained through the efforts of LBCC's Family Resources Department and 13 community partners. The group first assessed if the community needed such programs. Once the need was established, the group worked cooperatively to present ideas for a grant proposal, which was written through the department.

## ADN program reviews criteria

### Point system considered as new admissions policy

Kathe Nielsen  
The Commuter

LBCC nursing program is reviewing a proposal to change its admissions policy to be based on a point system rather than the current method, which admits qualified students in the order that they register.

A committee formed early last fall, has developed a point system similar to those in use at Lane and Chemeketa community colleges to replace the current criteria. If approved, the new admissions policy would apply to registration for 1992.

Under the new system, potential students could be assigned from zero to four points for the following: work experience, preadmission test scores, grade point averages, and completed credits in both general education and curriculum coursework.

Blaine Nisson, director of student services and admissions, said he and the nursing department staff are studying the proposal to ensure that it will not exclude any one particular age or experience group.

Today, Nisson and the nursing staff meet to review several "test cases." Questionnaires

completed by nursing students will be run through the new formula to check for balance and equity. Nisson said that they want to verify that no one "type" of student, for example those straight out of high school, or those returning after a lengthy break from school, would be eliminated as a group.

Whether or not those findings have been completed, the point system plan will be presented to LB's Instructional Standards Committee Friday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. in Forum 109. Any interested students may attend the meeting.

Anne Marie Etheridge, LBCC counselor and chairperson of the Instructional Standards Committee, said, "The last time we saw the proposal, we essentially voted to support the concept. We just sent it back for some refinements; we just need to see it in its final form."

Both Etheridge and Nisson believe that the standards will be approved, although not on Friday. Once the committee passes the proposal, it drafts a recommendation to President Jon Carnahan for his consideration. At that point, he will make the decision to accept or reject the plan.

## OSU study says CC transfer students are more academically successful

By Susan Osburn  
Of The Commuter

A new study shows that community-college transfer students at OSU are more academically successful than other students there.

"They seem well-prepared and their grades at OSU are similar to their community college grades," said Carol A. Kominski, associate director for planning and institutional research at OSU, who conducted the study.

Grade-point averages of the transfer students were higher than those of the typical OSU student, the study showed. All OSU juniors, according to Kominski, averaged a 2.83 GPA in 1988 and 2.85 in 1989. First-year community college students in their junior year averaged 3.07 in 1988 and 2.99 in 1989.

The study also showed that community college transfers complete their junior and senior years at the normal rate of full-time students. LBCC was the largest source of community college transfers to OSU last year.

"This study certainly is encouraging to the student planning to attend a four-year institution," said Blair Osterlund, LBCC counselor. "But the new transfer student should expect about a half a point GPA drop during their first term," he said. The drop, according to Osterlund, is due to what he refers to as "culture shock"—a natural adjustment period experienced by students during their first term as they deal with changes in the school academic structure and registration procedures.

Another change a student can expect, said Osterlund, is that at OSU most of the professors give their research projects more priority over teaching. "Here at LBCC, the student gets more personalized attention from the instructor. At OSU the teacher's assistants have more contact with the students."

In order to prepare transfer students for the transition, Osterlund and Les Dunnington of the OSU Counseling Center began coordinating a seminar for transferring students. "We send counselors to OSU, PSU and WOSC to interview already transferred students to get feedback on what students can expect for their first term," said Osterlund, "and we prepare these seminars based on the student's personal experience." This year's seminar is scheduled for Jan. 28.

The best skill for a transfer student to learn, Osterlund said, is assertiveness. "The students must seek out help if they need it, because no one will go out of their way to assist them."

## Gift drive successfully meets needs

Sheryl Baird  
Of The Commuter

The Christmas for Kids gift drive, sponsored by student programs, was declared a success last month as gift certificates, games, dolls, stuffed animals, hats and clothes were donated by counsel members, staff and students.

The drive helped 13 families with gifts. "No family had to be turned away," said Mary Grace, ASLBCC activities coordinator. "We were able to help everyone who asked for assistance." Each child received more than one gift. The younger kids received toys and the teenagers received clothing.

Assistant coordinator of Student Programs, Tammi Paul, said that each Christmas the activities committee does some type of "help" program. Some years a sharing tree has been raised. Other years help was given by adopting a family from a city agency list and running food drives. Grace said that she will recommend to the activities committee that they adopt a family next year.

Christmas for Kids was started by Roger Potts, former ASLBCC operations coordinator. One month after he started the drive, his Army reserve unit was activated as part of Operation Desert Shield, but the rest of the activities committee kept the drive going.

## Application deadline draws near for winter graduation, credit evaluations

By Sheryl Baird  
Of The Commuter

The deadline to apply for graduation and/or a credit evaluation for winter term is January 11. Evaluations will be available to students on February 1.

Applications received after the deadline will be processed for the following term and be available to students by the fifth week of

that term.

Applications for evaluation may be picked up at the Admissions Office in Tadena Hall. According to Donna James, admissions assistant, the hot-pink winter schedule folders now available have an incorrect deadline of February 12.

For more information call extension 106 or stop by the Admissions Office.



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

### Next Silicon Valley?

Construction is underway for a \$1.6 million building on Allen Lane south of LBCC, which will house Supra Corporation, a manufacturer of modems and other computer peripherals. The proximity to the college could lead to future work-study positions for LBCC students. Supra is the first development in an area along Allen Lane zoned for an industrial park.

## ONE OF US

### Animal science, pool fill transfer student's time

He looks like a determined student, as he pours through the schedule, books spread out around the table and paper out for taking notes.

"Hi, I'm Sheryl Baird of The Commuter. Do you have a few minutes to talk?"

"Sure," answers Mike Crenshaw, transfer student from Corvallis.



Why are you at LB, Mike? **Mike Crenshaw**

"Well, I was in pre-veterinary at OSU. I'm at LB because of the tuition increase at OSU. I want to return to OSU after this year but I won't know if I can afford it until the new tuition increases are announced.

"My long-term goal is to be a veterinarian. This is a very long range plan. I now work at Ludlow Dog Kennels in Albany. I have a chance to run it. I'm an assistant now, but Ms. Ludlow is 82 years old and has been running the place, virtually by herself, for 25 years. Everything I'm learning at the kennels has me leaning toward animal science which is training, breeding and care of animals."

What's the most important thing in your life right now?

"Getting through school. I'm starting to feel, real old."

How long until you're through with school?

"I still have a few core classes to get through. Probably the rest of this year and all of next year will get me my BS in animal science.

"Basically my life is school and pool. I was in a tournament right before Thanksgiving between U of O, PSU, OSU and LBCC. LB WON!

"We were in teams of four. The other LB team members were June Shimozu, Sean Gibson and Bobby Pham.

"We're practicing now for the Association of College Unions International qualifying tournament. LB's qualifying tourney will be January 31-February 1.

"Tryouts will be held in bowling, billiards, chess and ping pong. We'll be able to send a lot more people this year because it's being held at OSU on February 28-March 2. Last year we could only afford to send a few because it was in Idaho."

## ARTS



### Six veteran mid-valley actresses star in ACT's 'Steel Magnolias'

Robert Harling's heart-warming, funny play about the lives of six resilient women, "Steel Magnolias," opens Friday, Jan. 11 at Albany Civic Theater for a four-week run.

Performances, at A.C.T.'s Regina Frager Theater, 111 W. First Ave., are scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Jan. 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Feb. 1 and 2. Matinees will be Jan. 20 and 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and students under 18, and are available from Sid Stevens' Jewelers in Albany, 967-8140, and Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, 752-7779. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the theater box office 45 minutes before performance time.

Directed by Don Taco, "Steel Magnolias" is set in Truvy's Salon in Chinquapin, La., where the shop motto is, "There's no such thing as natural beauty." With hilarious humor and touching warmth, the play introduces six women who frequent the shop, and reveals the love and inner strength that helps them cope with life's tragedies, large and small.

Appearing in "Steel Magnolias" are six mid-Valley actresses who have more than 30

years' experience on the local stage.

Victoria Baur (Truvy) of Albany, was named last season's "Best actress in a minor role" for her part in "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Nancy Montgomery (Anelle) of Corvallis, made her A.C.T. debut this fall in "Play It Again, Sam."

Claudine Smith (Clairee) of Lebanon, is an A.C.T. veteran who last appeared in "Gaslight."

Jodi Hews (Shelby) of Albany, a multiple A.C.T. award-winner, captured "Best supporting actress" honors last season for "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

Director Don Taco, who recently earned a master's degree through the Oregon State University theater program, is making his A.C.T. directing debut. He has designed lights and worked back stage for several A.C.T. productions, and is resident set designer for Corvallis High School. He lives in Albany.

The "Steel Magnolias" set was designed by Pat Kight; costumes are by Barbara Hubbard and lights by Mary Brock, latest graduate of A.C.T.'s lighting apprenticeship program.

### Starving artists advised at art conference

The second annual Linn-Benton Arts Conference, "Using Your Creativity to Make Money," will be held 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, in the Alsea/Calapooia Room.

The conference is sponsored by the Corvallis Arts Center and Linn-Benton Council for the Arts with assistance of LBCC's Training and

Economic Development Center.

This year's conference focuses on the skills, in addition to artistic talent, that visual artists, performers and arts organizations need to survive financially. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. Participants should register by Jan. 9. For a detailed agenda, stop by CC 121.

### Willamette Literary Guild seeks readers for Spring Cabaret

The Willamette Literary Guild is seeking readers for its Spring Literary Cabaret. Interested authors should send three copies of their best prose, fiction, or nonfiction to: Literary Cabaret, P.O. Box 986, Corvallis, OR 97339.

To be eligible, entrants must reside in the Willamette

Valley, have 10 to 15 minutes of materials to read, and submit writing of high quality. They must not have read in any of the last four cabarets, unless work of theirs has been recently published. The Cabaret will feature

both established and emerging writers; students and new writers are encouraged to submit entries.

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 15, 1991. Entrants should send three copies of their work, with name and address on each one, along with a separate brief biographical statement. Readers will be selected by a panel of judges, and will be informed by letter as to whether or not their work was chosen. For more information, contact Anita Sullivan at 752-0112.

## OUTDOOR OREGON

### Make your drift boat fit the way you fish the river

By Bill Kremers  
For The Commuter

Buying your first driftboat is a lot like buying your first car. Everyone you talk to has a different opinion on what is best, you are not sure what options you will need and what is fluff, and you do not trust the salespeople.

When you open a fishing magazine or go to sport shows you cannot believe the member of driftboats on the market today. How do you sort all this out and get what is best for you?

The first thing you need to do is match the style of driftboat to the type of fishing you do. Do not work in reverse by selecting a driftboat and trying to make it fit your fishing needs. Today's driftboats are specialized and designed for particular fishing conditions. You have to decide what you want your driftboat for.

If it is for fly fishing on the rivers in Idaho or Montana, you will want a boat with a wide bottom, low sides to cut down the wind resistance, and an adjustable rowing seat, so the boat can be balanced for front and back passengers.

If you plan to fish for steelhead in the coastal rivers of Oregon and Washington, you will need a boat with high sides to reflect the bigger waves. The boat should have a 14- to 15-foot center line length, which gives you the carrying capacity of two passengers and some gear. The bottom will vary from 48 to 52 inches depending on the amount of weight you plan on carrying.

If your plans call for taking long trips on large rivers, where you need to carry a lot of gear and three people, you should look for a boat with a 16-foot center line length or longer and lots of space for storage.

Many anglers want to fish small less-crowded rivers by themselves or with a friend. For them a 10-foot mini drifter that is easy to take in and out of hard places is the answer.

Once you make this choice you are on your way in making the correct decision on the boat that is best for you.

Next you will have to make a series of decisions about the way you want your boat constructed. One important fact to remember is that there is no maintenance-free boats.

Driftboats are constructed out of three type of materials: aluminum, fiberglass and wood. All three of these materials have advantages and disadvantages. More on this next.

(To be continued)

## WRITERS' CORNER

## Rogue River rafting yields excitement, sense of power

'Instantly I realize that sometimes rafting can be dangerous, maybe even fatal. But, so is crossing the street.'

Jenny Chorlton  
for The Commuter

Excitement bubbles up inside each of us as we straddle the air chamber on our bright yellow raft, headed downstream for a full day of rafting fun. Crystal, my nine-year-old daughter, is perched as far in front as she can get. I am sitting across from her. Vern, my husband, and my uncle, ride on the right and I sit in the back of the raft.

We can see and hear the rapids ahead. There is always some risk in white water rafting; therefore, we all wear life jackets and never take them off, even in calm log water.

Now the Rogue has us caught in its clutches. We picked this portion of the Rogue river because it is safer than the Wilderness Area, which has some of the wildest white water in the Northwest. These rapids tease and tickle us, pulling us in. Some roll up and down like a roller coaster. Others throw us back and forth between the ever-present, silently waiting rocks, but we don't worry because our raft has two separate air chambers for safety purposes.

Imagine us riding a bucking bronco, but this one is trying to throw all four of us into the seething rapids. My daughter and I totally let ourselves go, screaming our delight to the winds. This is life! Our raft bends in the middle, the front leaping up, trying to throw us. It's like a fish leaping out of the water as we try to cling to its slimy back. We wonder if the raft is going to roll completely over backwards.

We are now caught in the largest, most turbulent rapids that we have ever encountered in our six years of rafting. We



are pushed down a drop in the river. Immediately the nose of our raft is slammed into a cross current, whipping us around and around in circles, pushing us sideways and threatening to capsize us. We've lost all control! Suddenly the front end of the raft jumps up, and I simply slide into the water. I can't tell if there is a big splash or not because there is too much boiling white water around me. I am in trouble because we have just begun this long set of rapids.

Vern, who is still in the raft, reaches out frantically trying to grab me and snatch me from the merciless river. The more buoyant raft is moving much, much faster than I. It is only six feet away, but with the current it might as well be six miles.

What do I do? What if I hit one of those bone-crushing rocks? "Remember your safety lecture. Float on your back with your feet out in front. Let your tennis shoes soften the crushing impact of any rocks you hit."

My life vest's collar is riding even with my cheek bone, just barely keeping my

nose and mouth above the raging water. I grab the front of the vest and pull down hard, raising my chin above the water. Fear and the freezing cold water push on my ribs so hard that I can hardly suck any air into my lungs. I desperately need air. I just can't get enough air! I feel like a little fishing bobber floating loose in the middle of the ocean. My body wants to panic. My brain reminds me, "Panic kills people." Instantly I realize that sometimes rafting can be dangerous, maybe even fatal. But so is crossing the street. "Stay calm. Take slow controlled deep breaths. You are almost out of the rapids."

Finally the rapids are gone and only a strong current remains. With my hands still holding my life vest down, I struggle and kick, making slow progress towards the safety of the shore. When I finally reach the shore, I sit there with the biggest smile on my face, trying to catch my breath.

A quick safety check is made of our equipment before everyone except me car-

ries the raft back upstream, a three-minute walk, to catch this tantalizing rapid again! After they make two more runs and my body has quit shaking from the adrenaline flow, I join them in a fourth run. We don't catch the rapid right, so it is a relatively unchallenging, humdrum ride. We are disappointed, but with a long day ahead of us, we head downstream in search of more rapids. Maybe some will be more exciting than this one.

It is fun and exciting to feel the power of the Rogue River tossing our raft around, and yet be able to use that power for our own pleasure. It wouldn't be fun if it weren't relatively safe. It is a challenge to see if we can maneuver quickly enough to maintain our balance despite all the cunning tricks of the river.

The day grows old, and we reach the end of our trip. As we pull our raft from the water, we look downstream and view the beginning of the Wilderness Area, the wildest part of the Rogue, and a section of the river we have never tried because the rapids are too dangerous for us.

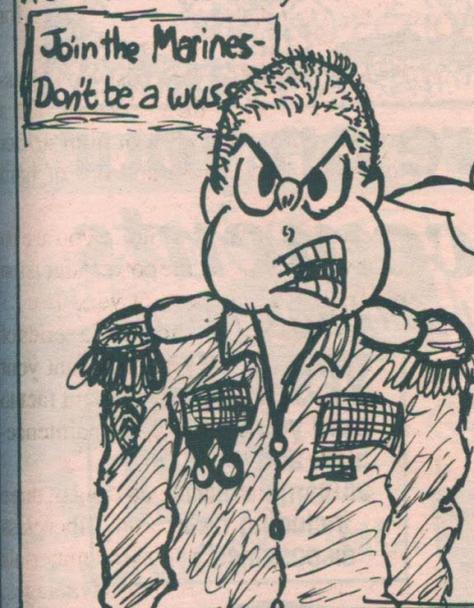
I can feel the river calling me. "Come. Come try the Wilderness Area. Accept a real challenge, none of this little, tame 'kid's' stuff like you did today. Come on, let me show you what excitement is all about!"

I must admit, the invitation is tempting. My heart yearns to try the Wilderness Area, but I am afraid I might die while having the thrill of my life. I'll stay with the small "kid's" stuff for now. Maybe someday though, with more practice, better equipment, and an experienced guide—just maybe someday....

## COMMUTER COMICS

## Life in HOPELESS

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BY CORY FRYE '01



# MARKETSPACE

## NEWS NOTES

### Evening college at OSU

Next fall, OSU plans to offer an opportunity for non-transitional students to complete a degree in Liberal Studies during evening and weekend hours. As a prelude to that, a few courses are scheduled in the evenings this winter term. Students may register at the first class meeting. Tuition is \$70 per credit. Classes include HST 420: Historiography, PS 313: Political Parties and Elections, SOC 324: Groups and Organizations, COMM 380: Image and Myth in Film, and R 411A: Topics in Religious Studies: Jesus. For more information call Office of Continuing Higher Education, 737-2676.

### Good-bye to Anna

Join us for a no-host farewell to Anna Kircher, Director of Instructional Computing Services at the Wine Depot (300 2nd Ave. S.W. Albany) from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. Anna has accepted the position of Instructional Computing Coordinator for the College of Business at Oregon State University.

### Share Student Successes

Community Relations needs 'student success' stories/ideas/testimonials or positive news from present or former students at LBCC for use in LBCC brochures and schedule of classes. Because we are using them for our publications, the ideas do not necessarily have to have a news/human interest orientation. Call Kay Chapman, ext. 252 for more information.

### Cholesterol screening offered

The once-a-term cholesterol screening is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17, 6:45 - 9:15 a.m. The screening is open to staff, students and members of the community. Cost is \$7.50. Call ext. 109 to reserve your slot.

### Loft theatre auditions

Auditions for two one-act plays directed by Jane Donovan will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft Theatre, Takena 205. Both plays are written by James McClure: "Lone Star" has roles for three men, and "Laundry and Bourbon" has roles for three women.

Performances are March 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9. Scripts are available from Glenda in AHSS 108.

### Musical manuscripts wanted

The Corvallis Arts Center is seeking manuscripts of original plays for a children's theatre performance planned for this summer in lieu of the popular Missoula Children's theatre, which could not be booked this year due to scheduling conflicts.

If interested in submitting a script for this event, or in participating as a director or technical support person, please contact Susan Johnson at the Corvallis Arts Center, 754-1552. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 1.

### Corvallis artists featured

LBCC's Humanities Gallery is exhibiting the work of Corvallis artists Nola Moiser and Sean McGinty through Jan. 18. A gallery talk featuring the artists is scheduled for Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the gallery.

### Picnic shelter reservations available

Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department is now taking picnic and facility reservations for the 1991 picnic season (April 1, 1991 - October 31, 1991).

Available picnic shelters include: Maple Grove, and Lion's Kitchen in Avery Park; Walnut Barn; and Willamette Park Shelter. Reservations for the Thompson Kitchen Shelter, destroyed in last year's winter windstorm and now under construction, will not be taken until an exact completion date is determined.

Picnic permits cost \$20 and reservations may be made using VISA or MasterCard by walking into the main office at 760 S.W. Madison Ave. or phoning in to reserve a date at 757-6918. Walking or phoning in and using a VISA or MasterCard to make the reservation.

### Poets needed

The Oregon State Poetry Association is looking for poets to submit their work to the 1990 Fall Poetry Day competition.

Cash prizes totalling \$350 will be awarded to winners in the four categories of Poet's Choice, New Beginnings, New Technology and Winner's Debut (restricted to poets who have never won a cash prize for poetry).

For contest information, poets should contact Leona Ward at 503-235-4730, evenings or weekends, or send SASE after Feb. 1, to OSPA Contest, 1645 S.E. Spokane Street, Portland, Oregon 97202.

### Why pay taxes?

Free tax workshops will be held in Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon for Linn and Benton County child care providers.

The Albany workshop meets Saturday, Jan. 12, in LBCC's Family Resource Center. The Corvallis workshop meets Saturday, Jan. 19, at LBCC's Benton Center. Each workshop meets 9 a.m. - noon.

Childcare will be provided for \$2 per child and advanced notification is needed.

For more information or to request a registration form for the "Why Pay Taxes?" workshop, call Jayne Dahl, LBCC Family Resources Department, 928-2361, ext. 532, during regular business hours Monday - Friday.

### Business software classes

LBCC's Business Development Center is offering two half-day classes to help area businesses improve productivity and efficiency through computers and business software.

Basis of Spreadsheets meets 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Jan. 19, and introduces the beginner to typical uses of the Lotus 1-2-3 software. Exploring WordPerfect for the Business Environment meets 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday, Feb. 9. This workshop covers the variety of uses possible with the WordPerfect program.

Each workshop costs \$25 and meets in Business 105. For more information, call the Business Development Center at 967-6112.

### The management workshop

A "Time Management" workshop will be held 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, second floor of College Center Building.

Sponsored by the TED Center, the workshop covers total recall of information, focusing on priorities and reliable follow-up methods.

Cost is \$129, which includes lunch and time organizer with two months of material. The preregistration deadline is 5 p.m. Jan. 11. For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

### Alcohol server workshop

Alcohol Server Education Workshop will meet 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, Boardrooms A & B, first floor College Center Building. Meets requirements of Senate Bill 726 requiring people that hold liquor license and service permits to take an Oregon Liquor Control Commission-approved alcohol server class. The OLCC exam is completed during workshop and mailed to the OLCC for scoring. The cost is \$20, which includes workshop materials and lunch. To register or for more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

### Start a successful business

Starting Your Successful Business, a four-week course discussing the steps required to start a successful business, including idea evaluation, step-by-step checklist, legal structure, marketing, financing and feasibility meets Thursdays 6-9 p.m. in the Boardroom, first floor of College Center Building, beginning Jan. 10. Cost is \$29. To register or for more information, call LBCC's Business Development Center, 967-6112.

### Honey Queen applicants sought

The deadline for entry into the Oregon Honey Queen competition has been extended until Jan. 15.

For applications or more information contact Joan Heater, State Chairperson, 499 Drift Creek Road S.E., Sublimity, OR 97381.

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### NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Eloquent Umbrella is accepting submissions of poetry, fiction, essays, line drawings, and photography until Jan. 11. Submission forms are available in AHSS 108 or Takena 216.

Items for News and Notes must be submitted to The Commuter Office by noon on Friday in order to be considered for the following week's issue.

### Classified Ad Policy

**Deadline:** Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission; if you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

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# SPORTS PAGE

## Are pro athletes worth the money?

By David Rickard  
Of The Commuter

While logging a few hours on the old bar stool over the holidays to keep my mind and body tuned up for school, I overheard and participated in many arguments concerning the wide world of sports.

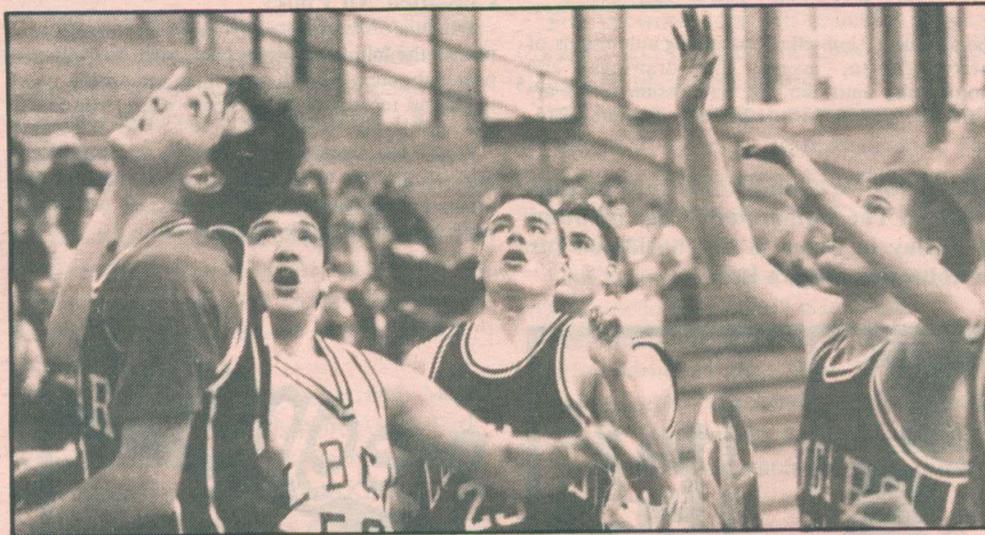
The hot subject of debate seemed to be the spiraling salaries of professional athletes and if they are worth the money they are paid. I was of the minority who think athletes are definitely worth the multi-million dollar contracts owners pay them. The lack of job security, minimal career length, risk of injury and constant media pressure make the job of a professional athlete one of the toughest around. In fact, most pro athletes past and present try to discourage their children from choosing careers in sports knowing the hardships and obstacles they encountered on their way to "the top."

"The Top" or "The Show" can be the most misleading truth [or myth] when it comes to sports. The Michael Jordans, Bo Jacksons and Mike Tyson's of pro sports who make in excess of a million dollars, comprise a small percentage of all the people who make a living in the field of sports. We hear little about the Mel Millers and Earl Browns who spent their careers in minor leagues never earning over \$30,000 a year, without a chance for a pension or a job relating to their sport once their "career" is over, makes life for the majority who never reach "the show" - a distant dream.

Does it all average out when you combine the Jordans and Tyson's with the no-names in sports to come up with a meaningless statistic telling us the average pro athlete earns \$300,000 a year? No, there is nothing average when it comes to pro sports. There is just too much of a separation between the superstars at the top of the pay scale and the grunts bringing up the bottom.

How do we even out this chasm between the two? The owners have tried salary caps and collective bargaining to curtail the escalating pay with little success. Executives opened the free agency door and haven't been able to stop the rising tide of salaries. We are two years away from the first \$10 million man in baseball or basketball.

The salary argument continues to wage on in every tavern and office from Buffalo to Amarillo, the irony being that men will go to any means to prove their loyalty be it verbal or physical, yet never get up the nerve to ask for a raise on their paltry \$6.50 hour job. That's the beauty of sports.



The Commuter/RON RUTHERFORD

Ramiro Ramirez battles for one of his eight rebounds in Saturday's 70-61 victory over defending champion Clackamas.

## Defending champs fall to LB

By Kevin L. Porter  
Sports Editor

Linn-Benton's men's basketball team, shooting a torrid 55 percent, knocked off defending Southern Region Champion Clackamas Community College 70-61 to capture their first league victory Saturday on the Roadrunners' home court.

The Roadrunners went 24 of 44 from the field with a balanced scoring attack, getting four players into double figures. All-star Chris Whiting led the way with 16 points followed by Todd Karo's 13.

Ramiro Ramirez put in 13 and newcomer Chad Westphal added 10 points and dished out four assists. Karo and Ramirez both pulled down 8 rebounds apiece.

The Roadrunners committed 18 turnovers

but the miscues weren't enough for the Cougars, as LBCC avenged its 12-point preseason loss to Clackamas.

A strong defensive effort that held the high-scoring Clackamas team to just 61 points was the key to the game, according to LB coach Steve Seidler.

"We played great defense and we are starting to play well as a team," Seidler said.

About 150 people turned out for the Clackamas game Saturday night, and Seidler said he hopes to see more people attending as his team improves through the year.

The Roadrunners continue league play tomorrow when they travel to Southwest Oregon Community College in Coos Bay for an 8 p.m. game. LB improved its record to 8-7 overall and 1-1 in league play.

## Women start league with two wins

By Mark Peterson  
Of The Commuter

The LBCC women's basketball team improved its record to 2-0 in league play and 6-7 overall by beating Clackamas Community College on Saturday, Jan. 5. The Roadrunners overcame a 35-33 halftime deficit and held off a late Clackamas rally to win 80-68.

The Roadrunners were led by Tina Johnson, who scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Malinda Miller had nine points and 10 rebounds, and Monica Straws added 13 points. In all, four Roadrunners scored in double figures.

The Roadrunners opened up a 7-0 lead to start the game, only to fall behind 15-14 with 10:17 left in the half. Fouls hurt the Roadrunners in the first half. With 11 minutes to go in the half, Tina Johnson and Patricia Torrez were both on the bench with three fouls apiece.

During the first seven minutes of the second half, the Roadrunners went on a 19-12 run to take the lead 52-47. The Roadrunners were up 15 points with five minutes left, only to have their lead cut to 7 a minute later.

On Thursday the Roadrunners, led again by Tina Johnson, upset Umpqua Community

College. Johnson was credited with 24 points and 16 rebounds. LB plays at Southwestern Community College tonight.



The Commuter/RON RUTHERFORD

Melinda Miller scores one of her nine points during Saturday's Roadrunner victory over the Cougars.

## Hoop teams break even over holiday

By Kevin L. Porter  
Sports Editor

While most students were home filling their faces with turkey, mashed potatoes and apple pie over the holiday break, LBCC's basketball players were busy filling hoops with basketballs. Each team (men's and women's) played six games after finals week.

The men's team started off the break as if Santa had filled their stocking early, winning the first three, but were quickly cooled off and lost the next three. The men beat Pierce Community College Dec. 15 and then hosted Blue Mountain Community College Dec. 18. In that game, Todd Karo led the charge for the Roadrunners, scoring 26 points and hauling down 12 boards. Ramiro Ramirez contributed 20 points and Ryan Lyons chipped in 19.

In LB's next action the Roadrunners gunned down Green River 72-66, with Whiting scoring 23 points and collecting 13 rebounds. Ramirez put in 13 for the Roadrunners' third consecutive win. LB then suffered the first loss of the break when the men visited Shoreline Community College in Seattle, where they lost a high-scoring contest 117-100.

That loss put the Roadrunners on a losing skid. On Dec. 28 LB fell to Northwest Christian College at a tournament in Eugene 75-60, where Ramirez again led the way with 17 points. Powerful Columbia Basin Community College was the next school to knock off the Roadrunners 79-68. Although LB finished with four players in double figures, they came up short against the defending Northwest champions. Lyons led the way with 25 points, including four 3-pointers.

"It takes the kids a while to get used to me, the system, and playing together," said Coach Steve Seidler. "We are now coming together as a team."

The women's team did just as well over the holiday, finishing with a 3-2 record, with one game canceled due to weather. Although the Lady Roadrunners lost to Pierce 58-57, they got a great game from Tina Johnson, who scored 26 points on 10 of 13 shooting and six of nine from the charity stripe. Monica Straws chipped in 14.

The Roadrunners then embarrassed the visiting Timberwolves from Blue Mountain 79-50. The women used a five of nine 3-point shooting barrage to open up a 40-30 half time lead, and never looked back. Johnson again lead LB with 27 points and 11 rebounds on 11 of 13 shooting. Patricia Torrez had 13 points and Jenni Stoullil finished with 19.

The women then travelled from the mountains to the shoreline to defeat the Samarai of Shoreline Community College in Washington, but their next game against Bellevue was cancelled due to bad weather conditions. After that it was down to the College of the Siskiyous Tournament in Northern California, where the women defeated Delta before losing to the host team.

Women's Coach Debbie Prince was unconcerned with the losses, pointing out that league games didn't start until last Wednesday. "The pre-season doesn't count when league play comes around," Prince said. "The league season is a start of a new season."