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Crowds shrug off downpour to honor veterans



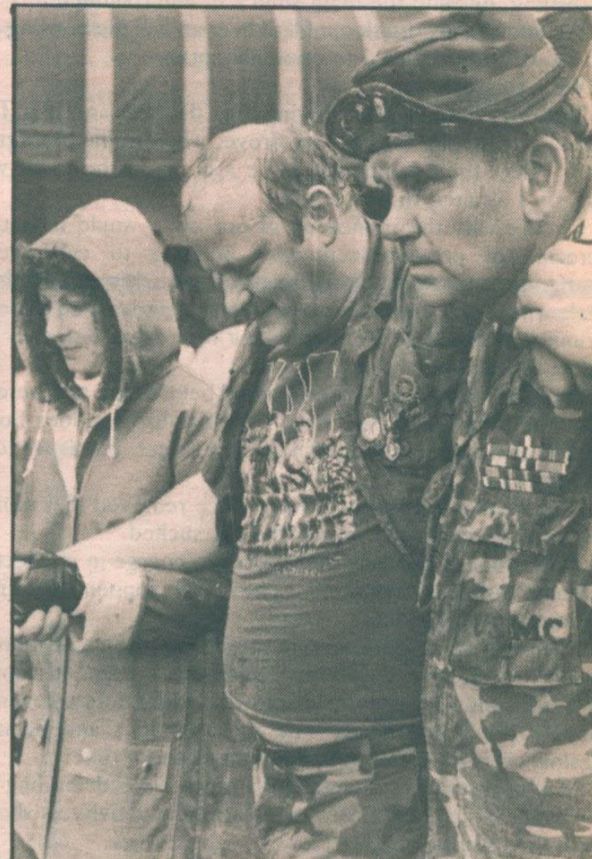
Wednesday's rains failed to dampen the turnout for what's billed as the nation's largest Veterans Day celebration in Albany, as hundreds of people lined the downtown parade route and participated in memorial services.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE



Grand Marshall Maj. Gen. Marion E. Carl, top, salutes from the reviewing stand. Student council members Bryan Miller and Kurt Thompson accept a second-place award for LBC's float.



Injured Vietnam War veteran Lee Stults of Albany gets some help from his wife and a friend at the end of the parade route. Stults was one of several Vietnam vets who marched Wednesday.

Friday marks drop deadline

By Marco Coleman
Of The Commuter Staff

Friday at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for students who want to drop classes or change their grade status to pass/no pass or audit.

The deadline comes sooner this year than in past years due to the policy change implemented by President's Council.

"It is really important for students to be aware that Friday is the deadline since the early drop date is a new policy this year," said Director of Admissions Blaine Nisson.

Linn-Benton's new drop deadline is closer to the average drop date for other Oregon community colleges. Up until this year, LBC students could drop classes on the last day of the term. Other community colleges require a drop between the sixth and eighth week.

In addition to bringing LBC closer to the deadline of other community colleges, the early deadline will also help eliminate "grade inflation," Nisson said.

"Grade inflation" occurs when students in a course who are doing below 'C' work drop the class at the last moment. When that happens it appears as though the teacher gives everyone A's, B's and C's.

Students who wish to drop a course may pick up a drop sheet at the registration desk in Takena Hall.

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Teachers return after 1-day strike

By Carolyn Halsey-Puntney
Of The Commuter Staff

Albany area teachers are back in their classrooms after a one-day strike Monday.

A tentative agreement was reached just before 1 p.m. Monday and was unanimously ratified by the teachers and the school board later that night.

The strike, the first in Albany's history, was called at 6 a.m. Monday after bargaining sessions over the weekend failed to produce a contract agreement. Monday's classes were canceled and teachers formed picket lines at the district's 20 schools that morning.

District superintendent Bob Williams said, "We are relieved a settlement has been reached. We have a three year contract now that will allow education to proceed. This contract will serve the entire community well. The best possible thing that could have happened has happened: our youngsters are back in school and our teachers are back doing the job they do so well."

Under the new contract, Teachers' salaries will increase 4.5 percent this year, 4.4 percent in 1988-89, and 6 percent in 1989-90.

The seven-hour strike was the second-shortest in the 14-year history of collective bargaining for public workers in Oregon. The shortest one to date was a two-hour strike by Corvallis teachers in 1978.

Commentary

'Cruising the Gut' leaves author with empty feeling

A show down is brewing Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Main Albany Public Library. It will not be a traditional Western shootout with local town folk against nomadic desperados. This showdown will pit local business representatives versus "cruisers" in the arena of public debate.

I have cruised the gut. It was only one occasion, but it left me with a lasting impression of what cruising is like.

A couple of years ago, two friends and I left a party early when "Big Time Wrestling" became the main source of entertainment.

We had already drunk our fill of beer and all the bowling alleys were closed so we were reduced to one final option:

We Cruised.

Nothing could be more boring than flat beer and "Big Time Wrestling," right? Try this for boring—we drove, when traffic permitted, in a straight line. When there happened to be a curve in the road, we turned. How eagerly I awaited those curves.

Occasionally the monotony of our drive would be interrupted by the screams of pre-pubescent girls wanting to conceive our children. Sometimes we were treated to extra special insults of drunken neanderthals whose sole reason for being on the gut seemed to be to lure those as drunk and stupid as themselves out of their cars so they could beat each other senseless.

Needless to say, we became bored before long and were making our last run when my friend, sick from excess booze and long hours on the road, barfed down the entire length of Clay Street. It was wonderful. He spoke for all of us.

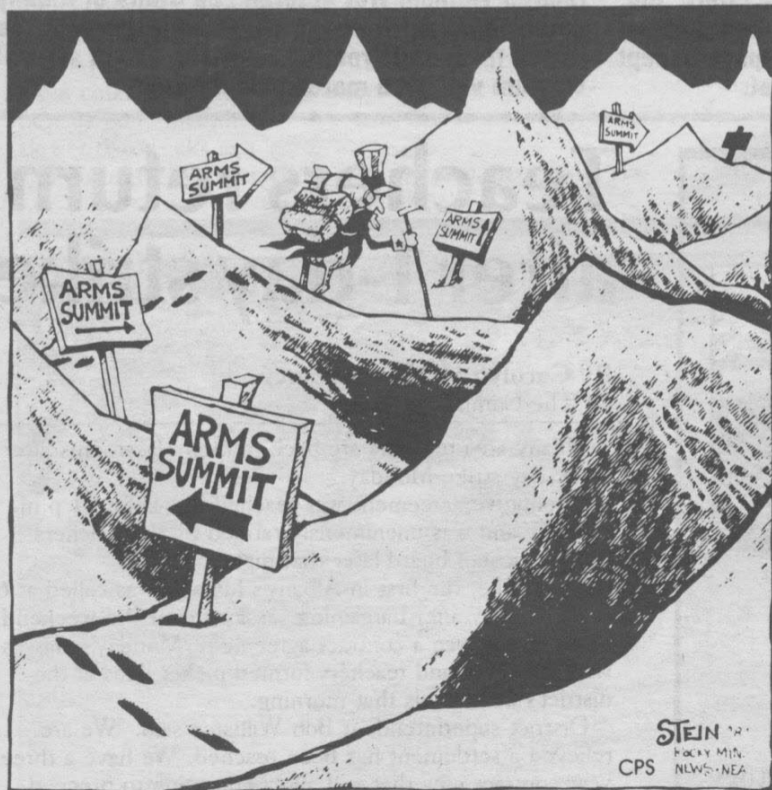
The treads of many tires have since removed that monument, but the impression remains. Cruising the gut sucked.

Now cruisers will rally their forces to engage in intellectual warfare with Albany business managers. They will support cruising the gut and whatever it stands for.

Maybe at some point during the debate the opposition will attack with the most effective argument: cruising is a bore. It's not just that some cruisers vandalize or litter or crowd parking lots or even that they occasionally drink and drive. The most obvious and persuasive argument against cruising is that it is a boring waste of time.

Maybe instead of spending so much time defending cruising, its advocates could simply tink of a replacement activity. It shouldn't be hard to beat the existing one.

—Marco Coleman



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Razz & Chaz

Humor, the final frontier. These are the ramblings of an incoherent pair of goons. Their four-hour mission: find a subject and randomly exaggerate its odd characteristics. Badger its reality and nullify any credibility it had before the absurdity began. Boldly venture beyond the boundaries of conventional journalism, into the next paragraph and way out of line . . .

Our story continues as we find the diagonal duo sipping goat's milk at the local political choke and puke. They're repaying a favor to a Capitol hill big-wig who had leaked a few secrets about Ollie North's tie size and forgot to tell the commander-in-chief to forget about it.

"Do you actually believe we'll find what we're looking for in this dive?" Chaz queried as he peered around the corner of the booth.

"Keep it down," chided Razz. "We're here undercover. Of course, we'll find what we're looking for, Uncle Ronnie said this is just the kind of place to look."

As the two continued to scope the room, a waiter approached the table eyeing them carefully.

"See anything you like, or would you like to see the menu?" said the order taker.

"Do you have anything in a conservative, without too much background, and no rap sheet?" Razz asked.

"And has never smoked pot, looked cross-eyed at gays, women, or ethnic minorities?" added Chaz.

"Been known to associate with communists, or been to a communist country—or Canada?" said Razz.

"Had a sex change, or pre-frontal lobotomy?" interrupted Chaz.

"Watched Donahue, or 'I Love Lucy' reruns?" finished Razz.

"Does he have to be human?" asked the waiter with a thin smile.

"What government do you think we work for?" said Chaz, insulted to the bone. "Of course he does!"

"Who'd you have in mind?" Razz queried anxiously. "We don't have much time."

"Alf the Alien," said the waiter emphatically.

Papers flew and telephones rang, as Razz and Chaz checked their new lead. But alas, as the waiter returned their faces dropped lower than a single share of Billy-Beer at a Coors convention.

"Alf is signed to a two-year deal with NBC," the waiter said.

Their dream shattered, the two resorted to Plan B. "Got anything in a half-baked liberal, with a serious cocaine addiction?"

"Sorry fellas," said the waiter, "try the Young Republican's Bar down the street."

Razz and Chaz noisily slurped the rest of their goat's milk.

"Uncle Ronnie can find his own golf partner," said Chaz.

Razz nodded and said, "Good thing we don't have to find him a new Supreme Court Judge candidate, a job like that could ruin a person's credibility."

Pass the Buck

Editor's note: In an effort to include more reader opinion and expand awareness of the Pass the Buck program, the Commuter will now include selected 'Bucks' and answers (if any). To pass a buck, fill out a form found at boxes located around campus. All 'Bucks' are posted on the Student Programs bulletin board.

Directed to Kitchen:

I feel that breakfast should be available until 11 a.m.—closing down at 9 a.m. is ridiculous. You could make more money if continued!!

Lynette Sylvester

We close the breakfast line at 9 a.m. so we can get the area cleaned for the lunch grill which opens at 10 a.m. We have more requests for lunch items at 10 a.m. than we do breakfast items. It is impossible to offer both menus at the same time with our current space and equipment.

Gene Neville

Regarding Changes in Takena

I'd like to see changes in the lack of privacy in the Women's bathroom in Takena Hall either now or when (if)

expanded. 1) Do not locate mirrors in front of stalls. 2) Put extra mirrors away from sinks. 3) Put shelves inside stalls for whatever is being carried. 4) Make stalls so that the person inside can be seen only by checking for feet, instead of having peek-a-boo slits, cover them.

Connie Scarbrough & Jeanette Banta, Admissions

I had one of my female employees actually go to the toilet room in Takena Hall and investigate each point you made in the suggestions note I received. To be sure, I will take each suggestion into consideration when we rebuild the area. For the time being though, I will attempt to relocate mirrors to avoid the problem. My employee assured me that there is more "vision" from within the stall than if you are on the outside walking by. I will attempt to contrive shelving adequate enough to hold books, etc., and yet be sure they do not create a hazard to the occupant of the stall. Thank-you for your attention to these details.

Ray Jean, Facilities Division

Dear person in charge of parking,

I would consider myself (pro) handicapped parking, but the quantity of spaces you have are far too much. The other night I had to drive all over for a spot, and every handicap spot was free. You have nearly 20 spaces, perhaps an exception can be made for evenings, when there aren't so many handicapped students. Even during the day I've never seen more than two spaces taken.

Kris Smith

The question of the number of handicap parking spaces available on campus not being used on a regular basis while students and staff seemingly hunt for close-in spaces can be answered as follows:

- Oregon law requires the allocation of 2% of our available parking area to be designated handicap parking only (LBCC has a fraction more than 2%).

- The law makes no provision for altering the use of spaces, i.e., evening or weekend use, etc.

Jerry Phillips, supervisor, Justice Services

Mandatory placement eliminates 'right to fail'

By Patricia MacDougall
Of The Commuter Staff

The implementation of mandatory placement in English and math courses this fall has received rave reviews from Beth Camp, humanities department chair. "It's eliminated some difficult teaching situations and made for more cohesive classes," Camp said.

Camp estimated that in past years roughly 10 to 15 percent of all Writing 121 students were "misplaced." Now that the classes are more homogenous, instructors spend less time on review, the entire class progresses at an even pace, and the less advanced students acquire the skills they need, said Camp.

Beginning this term, students are required to register for the mathematics and writing classes prescribed by their performance on the Comparative Guidance Placement (CPG) test, which full-time students must take when admitted. Previously, students were free to follow either the suggested curriculum, or one of their own choosing. Kathy Clark, writing instructor in the Developmental Center, viewed the old system as

"granting the student the right to fail."

As a result of the change, Clark saw the Developmental English classes fill up faster than usual this term. An additional section of Developmental English was added and a part-time aide was hired to handle the increase.

Lynn Trimpe, mathematics instructor, said that although she hasn't noticed much difference in her classes, she will wait until the end of the term before making any conclusions. Trimpe hopes to compare the number of students completing Math 100 and those obtaining A's with performance of classes before placement became mandatory.

Mandatory placement was one of 30 recommendations submitted in 1985 by the Committee on Assessment, Placement and Advising. The Instructional Standards Committee reviewed these recommendations, 13 of which were referred to college President Tom Gonzales, who approved mandatory placement late last year.

All full-time students must now take the CGP test. In the past, students were exempted from the test for a variety of reasons, including a score of 450 or above on

both the mathematics and language sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

Blaine Nisson, director of admissions, said that for placement purposes, the CGP is a better gauge of a student's current skill level, whereas the SAT measures a student's potential ability.

If, due to illness or emergency, a student does not perform to the best of their ability on the CGP, they have the option of taking the test again after 60 days or taking the Computerized Placement Test (CPT). The CPT tests only one area (math or writing) at a time, and is taken on a computer terminal on an individual basis. Although each student has an unlimited amount of time to complete the test, the average time is about 20 minutes, according to Nisson.

As a last resort, a student may sign a Declaration of Self-Advisement. In doing so, the student states that he or she chooses to ignore the advice of staff advisors and relinquishes the right to petition for class substitutions or waivers. Twenty-nine students have signed the declaration thus far.

Gifts needed for Alpine Food Bank

By Kerri Moos
Of The Commuter Staff

During holidays, Altha Seymour saves a little food back from her own table to help those who are in need. "When you have a hungry family, your food doesn't taste as good," said Seymour, who runs the Alpine Food Bank.

"Someone has to do it when the Lord asks," she said. Seymour lives in a trailer with three adopted handicapped children. "The reason I am dedicated to this cause is because my kids call it Jesus work," she said, adding that all her kids enjoy helping out.

Seymour heads the food bank by herself.

"I really enjoy it," she said. "I get the blues and ready to shut the doors, but something happens and all is fine." Earlier this fall Seymour's food bank shelves were close to bare, but a call for donations has helped she said. Seymour is still asking for any kind of donations of

food however. With winter around the corner, the need will be greater.

"Any donations from anybody would be greatly appreciated," she said.

She has received more response from the Corvallis area than from Alpine. "The weather is really dry, so the mills are cutting back workers, and it is hard to give away to others when your out of work," she said.

The Alpine food bank serves the southern part of Benton County. From Feb. 2 to Sept. 30, Seymour served 640 people.

Five years ago the former Alpine pastor ran the food bank from the church. Seymour has been in charge for four years.

"The space is bad, it is too small," she said. "I don't have enough room for clothing (donations) so I have to take them to Vina Moses in Corvallis."

"The Lord has decided that this is how I must work for him," Seymour said. "It has paid off."

Club forms to curb drinking and driving

By John Sullivan
Of The Commuter Staff

Alcohol awareness and safe driving during the holiday season are the motivating factors behind LBCC's "I'm driving club."

The program is designed with the idea of using a designated driver for those who plan on going out during the holiday season. All participating establishments will give the "designated driver" free pop and coffee throughout the evening.

The idea for the "I'm driving club" was developed by the LBCC student council and is being directed by chairperson, Teri Powell.

According to Powell, the idea was a reaction to last month's National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Program. The program is also getting some help from the Linn County Alcohol Awareness Program, which will be serving Albany along with Corvallis. The program is scheduled to start Dec. 11 and go through New Year's weekend.

"So far we've had 50 people take cards to sign up for the program, and we've sent more out to other establishments throughout Albany and Corvallis," claimed Powell.

The program will last throughout the holiday season, but according to Powell some of the establishments will run the program year around.

Speaker tells of suffering and strife in Guatemala

By Michael Calunod
Of The Commuter Staff

The people of Guatemala are suffering at the hands of their dictatorial government, Fransisco Cali, a Guatemalan Indian, told a small crowd in Corvallis last week.

Cali and five other Guatemalans are currently touring the country trying to raise support for their cause.

"They (government officers) burn our villages, rape our women, and kill thousands of people every year," said Cali through an interpreter. The government of Guatemala has developed "model villages" where the people are under 24-hour surveillance by the military.

"They force us to live in concentration camps," Cali told the 20 people gathered at the Westminster House. "They make us live the way they want us to live."

In 1954 the last Democratic government of Guatemala

was over thrown by a dictatorship. Since then, the people have been fighting for their rights. "The government responds with cruel injustices," said Cali.

Cali spoke about toxic waste dumped in a community of farmers, poisoning crops. When they looked for justice, "our villages were eradicated," said Cali.

"Thousands of people have decided it is better to resist and live in the mountains than live in concentration camps or prisons," he said.

One method of passive control the government uses, said Cali, was to force farmers to grow crops they cannot live on. Then the farmers are dependant on the government to live. "They make us dependant on them so they can control us," said Cali.

Cali characterized the Guatemalan government as a vicious machine, capable of cruel torture and brutal slaughter with no respect for age or sex.



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Fog Alert

A parking decal, provided by the Criminal Justice Services Department, may not be a bad idea for students and faculty as the winter fog slowly creeps upon us. The program costs nothing. All you have to do is go down to the Criminal Justice Service office, fill out a form, pick up a decal and stick it on your car. Those who refuse to put a sticker on their bumper can apply it to something portable and place it in the window. The decal needs to be clearly visible. For those who find a dead battery in their car at the end of the day, Justice Services Department offers the use of jumper cables. All you have to do is go to College Center 123, leave your driver's license to insure the cables are returned, and find a helping hand to provide the jump start.

Present Adair Villiage harbors fascinating history

WW II saw 'Swamp Adair' as Oregon's second largest city

By Shirley Price
Of The Commuter Staff

Did You Know?

German and Italian POWs were secretly held at Camp Adair in Benton County between 1944 and 1946?

A 3,600-bed Naval hospital at Camp Adair cared for American GIs wounded in the Pacific during World War II?

During the war Camp Adair was the second largest city in Oregon?

These facts are part of a fascinating but little-known chapter in Oregon History. Five years ago, Judy Juntunen, assistant director and librarian for the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath, became interested in collecting facts and personal reminiscences of those who lived the Camp Adair story.

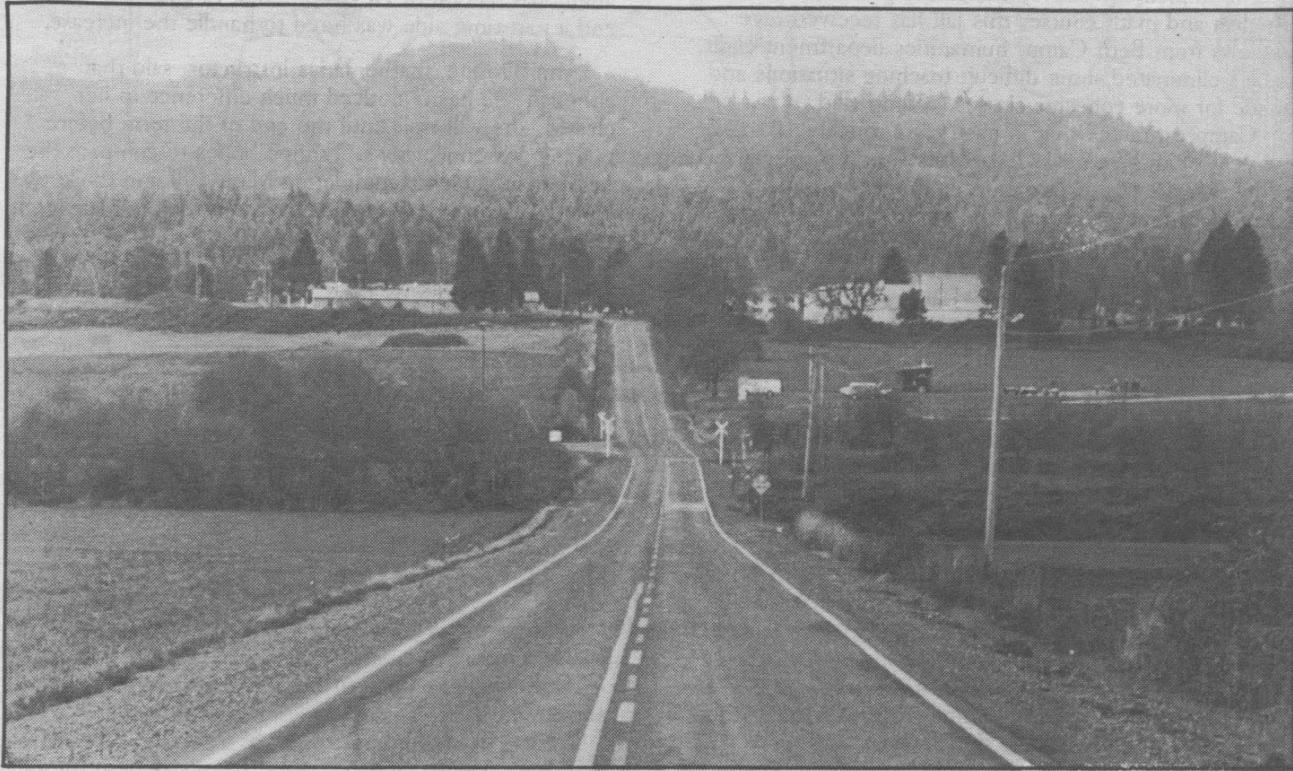
She is still looking for local residents familiar with the history of the camp—those who worked there, lived there or were displaced by the camp. The information of eye witnesses will add much to the current exhibit on Camp Adair at the Philomath museum, she said.

According to Juntunen, several local families were displaced in late 1941 and early 1942 when the U.S. War Department bought 50,000 acres about six miles north of Corvallis to build a training base for infantry troops. Some of those families had held their farms since the Donation Land Claim of 1850.

The area of the camp stretched from the present site of Adair Village north along both sides of Highway 99E to approximately two miles south of Monmouth. Three cemeteries and several private burial plots were moved by the government at the cost of nearly \$30,000. The small community of Wells, situated at the present site the E.E. Wilson Game Preserve, was erased completely, according to Juntunen's records.

The displaced families and other local residents were not all happy about the turn of events. But other Corvallis residents, including John Gallagher, owner of Corvallis Sand and Gravel Co., saw the coming of a military base as an economical boon.

In the summer of 1941, when the War Department was reviewing West Coast sites for a new base, Gallagher flew to Washington, D.C., with a petition that the area north of Corvallis be considered. The War Department was impressed with Gallagher's enterprise and promptly sent an inspection team to Corvallis. The Adair site was found to be better than the one at Eugene then under consideration, and it was quickly approved by the War Department.



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This road winds through the old Camp Adair area in Benton County, where U.S. Infantry were trained during World War II. When it was built many local residents were uprooted from their farms and the entire community of Wells was erased. Camp Adair eventually housed a Naval hospital facility, and German and Italian prisoners of war from 1944-46.

After several months spent buying up property, the Army opened Camp Adair in May of 1941 for infantry training. Juntunen said the trainees soon re-named the area "Swamp Adair" for its ample supply of rain and mud. One reason the site had been chosen was its similarity to the terrain of Germany, where many of the men would be sent. Between 15,000 and 20,000 men at a time were trained at the camp and shipped out to war fronts in Germany, North Africa and the Pacific.

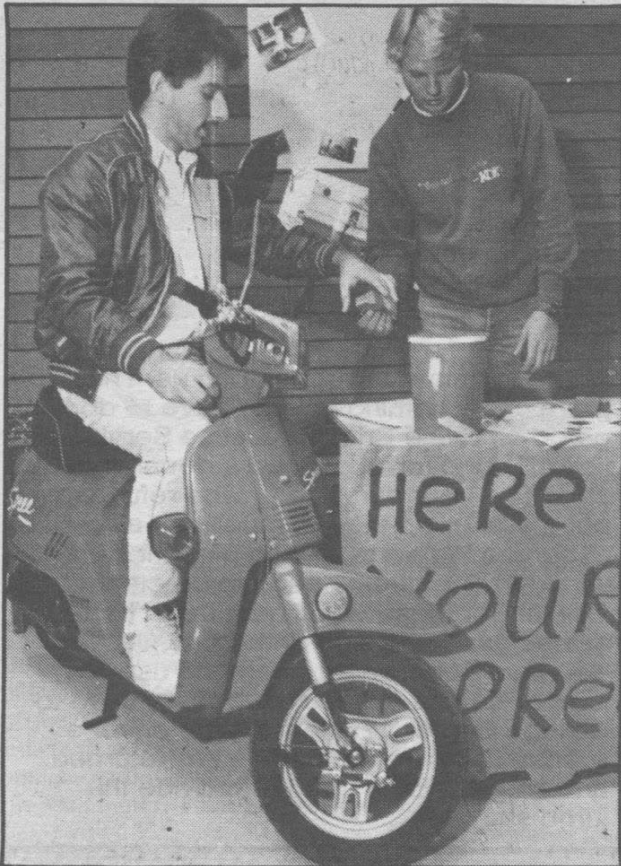
In 1944 the Army turned part of the base over to the Navy for use as hospital facilities to handle the rising number of casualties from the Pacific Theatre. The present Adair Village occupies the site of the former Hospital Complex.

During the war years Camp Adair had population three times larger than Corvallis. Before it officially closed in

May of 1946, it also became a secret prisoner-of-war site—a fact the Army kept under wraps because of strong anti-German sentiment in the area. Several prisoners captured on German and Italian fronts were housed at the camp from 1944 to 1946, one year after the war had ended, Juntunen said.

A brochure about Camp Adair is available from the museum, which is housed in the old Philomath College Building on Main Street. An exhibit on the camp features a variety of artifacts, photographs and paintings.

But Juntunen says the project is far from complete. In order to preserve the history of the camp, she wants to collect letters, photographs and other memorabilia. She invites anyone with memories or materials relating to the Camp Adair story to contact her at the museum, or call 929-6230.



DECA raffles Spree to compete at state

By Jim Finch
Of The Commuter Staff

LBCC Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) members are holding a fund-raising Spree give-away.

Tickets can be purchased through Nov. 25 in the upstairs lobby of the College Center. The cost of the tickets is \$1 each or 6 for \$5, according to Del Bryant, secretary of the club.

The winning ticket will be drawn at noon on Nov. 25, the winner need not be present to win, he said.

The contest is being held as a class project to earn money to attend various DECA conferences, according to Jay Brooks, business instructor and club advisor.

"All of the money earned goes into the DECA account, but it is credited to the individual seller. Each member can then use the money they earned as needed for conference attendance," Brooks said.

The club is held in conjunction with a two-credit class called Marketing Management Organization (DECA), which meets 12-1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

According to Brooks the program is preferably a year-long commitment.

"When you join DECA you pay a \$10 fee for state and national membership dues, and officers are elected," he said.

Officers for the LBCC chapter are Jeff Pelo, president; Matt Steinauer, vice president; Del Bryant, secretary; Rick Younger, treasurer and Scott Rosumny, class representative.

There are five levels of DECA according to Brooks: high school, college, teacher/educator college level, alumni and professional.

"Our (LBCC's) division is known as Delta Epsilon Chi, which is the college level. We have 16 members," Brooks said.

"DECA gives students a chance to meet others with similar vocational goals, compete in their chosen field and travel," according to Brooks.

DECA conferences are broken down into district, state, regional and national, Brooks said adding, "to go to national you must qualify at state."

The state conference will be held next term. LBCC will compete against three other colleges. Qualifiers will then move on to the national conference scheduled to be held in Salt Lake City in the spring.

The conference competitions consist of competitive events at a variety of levels including industrial marketing, advertising and sales representation.

Spotlight

Apple builds theatre tech program with experience



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takes concentration and just the right touch to make a set look the way it should, and LBCC technical theatre instructor David Apple makes it look like child play. Apple says he would rather work behind the stage than perform on it: "On my list of things that I am not, actor ranks very high." Apple was born in San Francisco and lived for a time in St. John, New Brunswick. He joined the LBCC faculty this fall.

Gallery features masks, basketry

By Kerri Moos
Of The Commuter Staff

The LBCC Humanities Gallery is presenting a collection of masks and basketry Nov. 9 through Nov. 27. Eleven artists are presenting a wide range of work in the exhibit. The majority are for sale, although at least our private collections are also represented.

One of the artists, Rick Bartow, will give a gallery talk and present a slide show about the making of masks on Monday, Nov. 16.

Bartow, a descendant from the Northern California Shoshone Tribe, lives with his wife and son in South Beach near Newport. Bartow's other artistic works include drawing, painting, printing, and carving.

"My art work has therapeutic value," Bartow said, explaining he spends many hours in his small studio releasing his emotions through art work.

Bartow's art work is displayed at Jamison-Thomas Gallery in Portland and New York.

Other artists in the show are Judy Zaffaroni, Lobster Valley; Don McGovern, Portland; Lilian Pitt, Portland; Linda Brewer, Corvallis; Ede Schenkel, Corvallis; Jim Garrah, Philomath; Bill Shumway and Shelly Willis, Pegasus Frame Studio in Corvallis; Darrell Pepper, Albany; and Maureen Culligan, Eugene.

The Humanities Gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New album howls for animal liberation

By Chuk Bacon
Of The Commuter Staff

A worldwide movement for the fair treatment of animals is targeting music consumers with a somewhat shocking album entitled "Animal Liberation."

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in cooperation with volunteer bands from around the globe are sending out a plea for compassion and abstinence from eating meat.

"Animals are not ours to eat, wear or experiment on." This phrase is repeated in French, Chinese, English, Spanish, Japanese, Hebrew, Arabic, German, Italian, Dutch and Russian as an international introduction, a prelude of horrors to come.

Throughout the record, artists such as Howard Jones, Lene Lovich and Nina Hagen mimic the tortured screams of animals being mistreated and slaughtered. The product is a sinister harmony which gives Animal Liberation a unique if eerie quality.

In 1985, PETA worker Dan Mathews began organizing the project that resulted in the album. He knew that some artists like Siouxsie and the Banshees had written anti-cruelty songs, and that something big could happen if the right people were involved. Mathews contacted Al Jourgensen (of Ministry) and Wax Trax Records in Chicago.

According to PETA, three animals die every second in U.S. laboratories as a result of tests that are "crude, cruel and unreliable." Lethal dose tests, now called "limit tests" by PR-conscious labs, have been used since the 1920s.

By Danielle Park
Of The Commuter Staff

Many people don't realize the work that goes into making sets for plays.

Sets can be as simple as the sloped stage built for LBCC's current production of "The Fantasticks," or as complex as the jungle gym being built for the reader's theatre production of "Treasury of Tails."

According to David Apple, LBCC's new technical theater instructor, "building each set is a challenge."

Apple teaches and supervises his students about the technical aspects of sets, which includes scenery and lighting.

Apple has had some performing experience. In George Lucas' first film, "THX-1138," he played a walk-on part as a robot. "I had to have my head shaved for two months," he said.

Apple got his bachelor's degree in education at OSU. He taught speech, theatre and English for six years in Grants Pass, and three years in Sandy, Ore. Apple then went to the U of O where he did graduate teaching while working toward his master's degree in technical theatre last March. This is his first job since receiving his master's.

According to Apple, his students learn to build stage sets so that they can obtain jobs in professional theatre, movies, and television. Apple said that once you learn the fundamentals of building a set, you can build any set.

He enjoys teaching technical theatre because his class is more than lecturing, said Apple. He gets to know the students better since everyone works together as a team to assemble the sets.

The most recent set that Apple and his students built was that of "The Fantasticks," which opened last weekend in the Mainstage Theatre at LBCC's Takena Hall. The set took approximately three weeks to build.

"The Fantasticks" will be staged at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Nov. 20-21, and at 2:15 p.m. Sunday and Nov. 22.

Apple said the set for "Treasury of Tails" is being built from wood and metal. He is advising and his students are designing the jungle gym set.

"Treasury of Tails" will be held in T205 Dec. 4-5 and 11-12 at 8:15 p.m. and Dec. 6 at 3:15 p.m.

PETA claims the most common method to determine acute toxicity is to force-feed a compound, liquid bleach for example, by mouth or through a tube inserted down the animal's throat. Other methods include injection and forced inhalation.

In "chronic tests," caged animals are dosed daily for up to two years. Often, results hold no valid comparison to the effect of a substance on a human being. The government does not require animal tests for cosmetics or household products, yet some companies continue the practice.

Animal Liberation is an album with a tough, direct message. According to Mathews, their strongest base of support lies among young people because "they can learn from the mistakes of their elders better than the elders can learn from their own mistakes."

The album and included literature asks the listener and reader to join the movement by taking a look at their lifestyles, stop eating meat, stop wearing furs and discontinuing the use of products who use animals for testing.

More information can be obtained by writing PETA at P.O. Box 42516 Washington, D.C. 20015 or by calling 1-(202) 726-0156.

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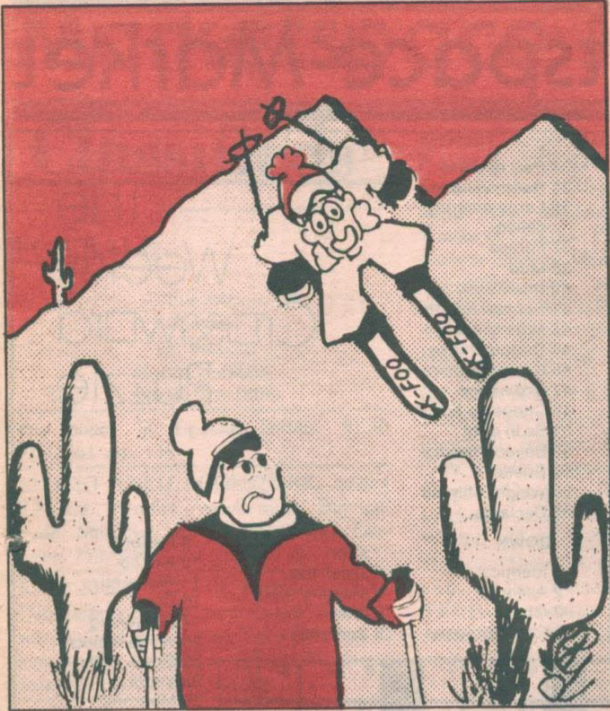
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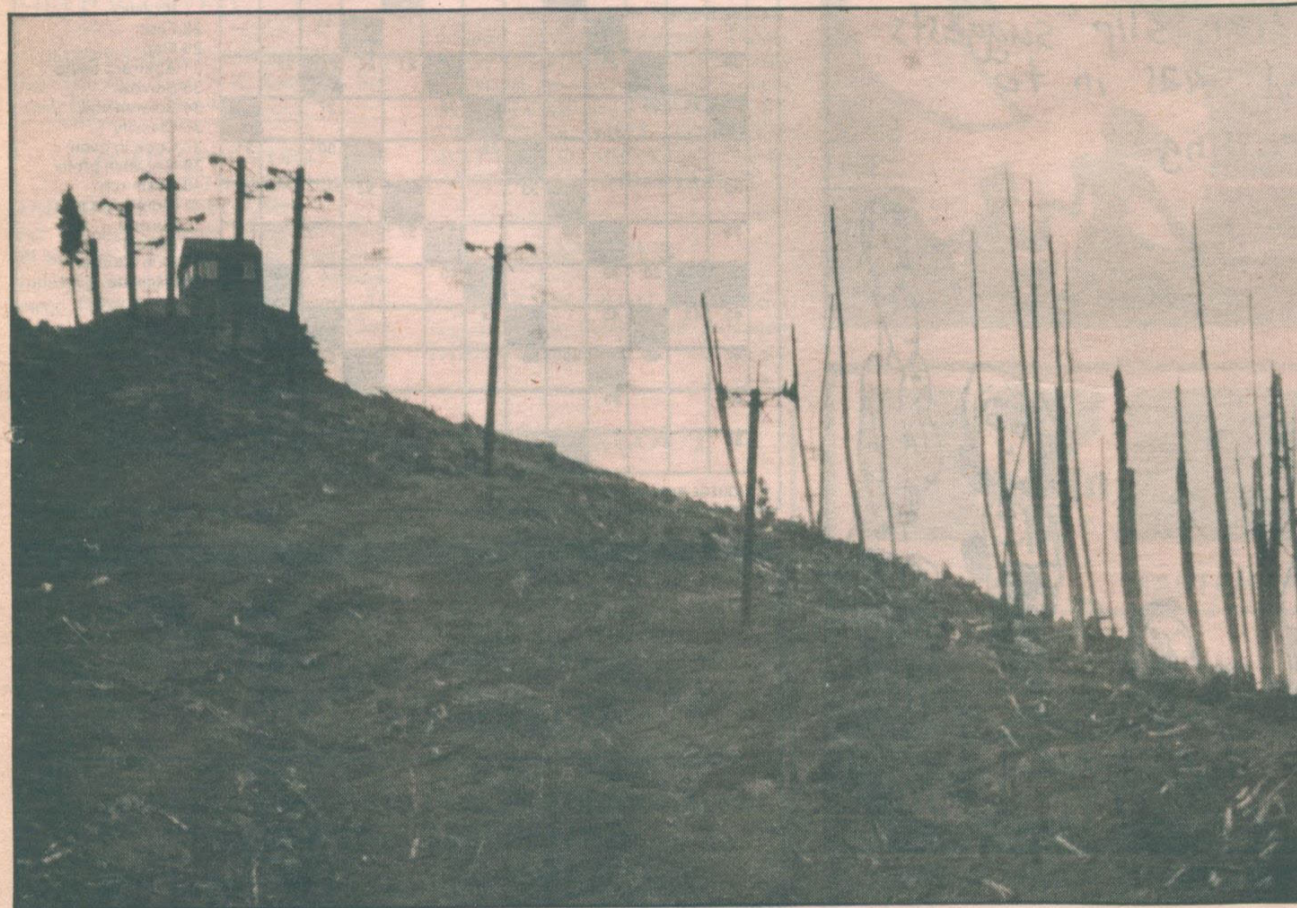
Recent rains have temporarily slaked the mid-valley's thirst for that good old "Oregon sunshine," but weather watchers warn that doesn't mean the drought is over.

The OSU weather service at Hyslop Farm says the unseasonably dry and warm weather is expected to persist through November, and possibly longer.

And that forecast has Oregon's ski resorts, farmers, and fishery officials keeping an anxious eye on the horizon.

State Climatologist Kelly Redmond said the forecast for the next three months indicates the current weather pattern will continue. "It still hasn't reverted to the typical November pattern," Redmond said. Normally in November it rains six out of 10 days, with an average rainfall of 3.39-inches. Up until this week, November had measured only .38 inches of rain at Hyslop Farm, said Redmond.

Besides less rain than average, the current weather system brings with it warmer than average temperatures, especially at higher temperatures.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIIGHTHOUSE

The top of Hoodoo's Green Lift resembles a graveyard for snow snakes. Slopes at Oregon ski resorts are dry as a bone as a result of the drought. Resort owners are optimistic that enough snow will fall to allow them to open by Thanksgiving.

Roadrunners running out of chances for playoff berth

By Kaline Miller
Of The Commuter Staff

As the Linn-Benton volleyball season winds down, so do the team's chances of a playoff berth.

Only mathematics can save LB after Tuesday night's 8-15, 9-15, 15-9, 9-15 loss to powerhouse Mt. Hood.

LB played tough, but couldn't match the Saints depth. "Andrea Powell played her best match all year," said coach Kevin Robbins, "she did everything a middle blocker is supposed to do."

LB faced Umpqua last Wednesday but were robbed of yet another much needed victory. Umpqua downed the Lady Roadrunners in five, 15-8, 6-15, 15-12, 5-15, 12-15.

"We played the best all around match this year. Our serve/receive was up most of the time but we'd lose our intensity which hurt us. We needed to get pumped as usual but it never happened because we let Umpqua start a game by giving them 6 point right off then the rest of

the game we played catch up. But overall we had good defense and our hits and blocks were right on," stated Robbins.

Umpqua is in the same boat with LB, they have won only three games this season. So playoffs for the Timbermen look very grim.

Standouts for the match included Marnie Branstitter and Andrea Powell.

"Marnie played her butt off. I think its the best she has played all year; she was all over the court in every single game. Andrea had great hitting and her blocks were in," said Robbins.

Branstitter had 20 kills for the match with 8 blocks and Powell had 7 kills with 3 blocks.

The team encountered the final tournament last weekend at the Green River cross over tourney in Auburn, Washington. They played a round robin process of elimination. Each team would play one game for 30 minutes or 15 points whichever came first. In the event of the time limit reached first the team ahead by two

points wins.

LB started the tourney with a win over Columbia Basin 15-8 but couldn't muster another win. They were downed the next 8 games by Mt. Hood 2-15, Pierce 3-15, Green River 3-15, Spokane 4-15, Yakima Valley 0-15, Clackamas 8-15, Highline 0-15, and Columbia Basin who got their revenge in the end 8-15.

"All I can say is that it was a big waste of time. We played terrible. I told them that we'd go up, play some good volleyball and have some fun but it just didn't happen. We lacked playing and working as a team so everything just fell apart," stated Robbins. Andrea worked real hard all weekend. She tried to get the team up but zero results. Ann Waldien played with intensity on Saturday. Her hit and blocks held their own," commented Robbins.

The team was without Branstitter, and Tami Bicket was suffering from a strained back.

"Tami tried to play at the in the first game but sat out the rest due to the injury," said Robbins.

Laural Mountain Observatory and weather station is 9 degrees warmer than average, Redmond said, while McNary Field in Salem averages 3 degrees warmer.

That's bad news for ski resort operators in Oregon who are planning on opening the ski season Thanksgiving weekend, according to officials at the resorts.

Jeff Lokting, marketing manager at Mount Bachelor, said reservations for Thanksgiving weekend are up in comparison with last year. Although Mount Bachelor has only a trace of snow on it, Lokting said, "we're optimistic about having 30-inches of snow for skiers by Thanksgiving weekend."

The drought of 1976-77 was the only time the resort was forced to open after Thanksgiving. "It's not unusual to not have snow on the mountain in early November," he said. "The 30-day forecast calls for colder than average temperatures, with drier than average precipitation. So what moisture we get should be snow."

A 12 percent drop in ski equipment sales has been the only financial loss the dry-spell has caused, Lokting said.

However, sales of ski equipment at retail shops in Albany and Corvallis show no affect from the dry-spell.

"Business has been good," said Greg Smith, spokesman for Peak Sports in Corvallis, "despite the fact we're running a little bit late on the weather. Our fall pre-season sales are just as good as last year."

Likewise, Anderson's Sporting Goods in Albany reported no noticeable drop in ski equipment sales, according to Darrel Miller, assistant manager.

The drought also has affected Oregon farmers and state fish hatcheries.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, irrigation storage at reservoirs is down and that could mean smaller fish in the spring, without a good snow pack, next fall could be worse.

Lack of water at several hatcheries is such a problem that, in many cases, recycling water from nearby streams is necessary, said Jim Gladson, public information officer for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

He added that pumping or recycling the water warms, increasing the treat of disease. If conditions get worse, fish at more than a dozen state hatcheries may have to be released early, he said.

Mid-valley farmers also must deal with a water shortage problem.

The dry-spell could hurt the purity of the next wheat crop and of grass seed varieties, said mid-valley farmer Mike Coon.

Under normal, moister conditions, weeds from leftover seeds already would have sprouted he said, allowing farmers to plow them under just before planting wheat.

Since little rainfall has occurred this summer, there have been no sprouting weeds. Coon said herbicides probably would be used to kill some of the weeds after they came up.

With grass seed, weed control is critical, he said. The purity of Oregon's grass seed is a prime market advantage, but the light weight of the seed makes it difficult to separate from weed seeds after harvest, he said.