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Monkeying Around

Student Mike Quihuis practices safe climbing for residential tree care in the arboriculture practicum class. The class, which is offered through the horticulture department, teaches students to use an integrated climbing system.

Smokers concerned that complaints could lead to ban

by Kimberly Nelson
of The Commuter

Despite rumors among smokers on campus that complaints about them are rising, college officials say very few objections have been lodged this year.

Vice President Ed Watson said that since the designated smoking areas were created two years ago, complaints have gone down considerably, and that there have only been about two complaints this year, mostly about smoke coming through vents into the buildings.

Smokers say they are concerned that smoking could be banned from campus entirely, forcing smokers out to

the parking lot.

Central Oregon Community College is currently experiencing a similar situation. The new policy at COCC restricts cigarette smokers to parking lots, or locations more than 25 feet from any building entrance.

The problem continues because smokers on COCC campus still smoke wherever they want. According to Gene Zinkgraf, director of campus services, it is because there is no punishment for violators and old ashtrays remain in place next to doorways.

One student, Susie Glaspey, 45, who said that she intentionally violated the ban because she didn't have

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Campus plans Cinco de Mayo fun

by Heather M. Scott
of The Commuter

The Multicultural Center, the Community Alliance for Diversity and the Student Programming Committee will be holding an LBCC-style Fiesta on May 5 in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. The Fiesta will be held in the Commons cafeteria (CC-209) from 5:30 to 8:30p.m. and will include music, food and other activities for attendees. Children will also be entertained with a pinata breaking.

Baila Con Mexico, folkloric dancers from OSU, will be featured during the "folkloric Mexican dance performances" scheduled to take place from 6 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. From 7 to 8 p.m. Richard Santana will speak about his life as a gang member and how he overcame his troubled past to graduate from Harvard.

Susan Prock of the Multicultural Center says the event is planned for approximately 250 people but she is unsure how many will show up. Three tostada bars will be prepared for hungry party goers in anticipation

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FRC changes gears, opens doors to the public

This is the first in a series of articles on changes in the Family Resource Center as a result of budget reductions next year.

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

For the first time ever, LBCC's Family Resource Center is going to open its doors to the public.

After a long period of pleading before the Board of Education, the center has learned that it will lose the bulk of its yearly funding from the college. Not only is the cost of childcare increasing at the center, but the purpose of the center is also being changed.

LBCC's Family Resource Center has always operated as a co-op, with parents agreeing to take part in parent education classes along with their child for a reduced rate.

Until now, student parents who have taken part in the co-op have been paying around 25

percent of the market rate for child care at the center, explains Beth Hogeland, director of Family Resources and education. Students in the co-op paid \$375 to \$425 a term this year and will have to pay more than triple that amount next academic year at a market rate of \$420 a month.

Jen Beudert, coordinator of the FRC, adds, "We will still provide the opportunity to work in the classroom for people who want to take parent education classes, but there will no longer be a price break for that."

According to Hogeland, the original purpose of the center's program, which opened in its current location on the northeast corner of the LBCC campus in 1988, was to help low income students attend school. By participating in a co-op, they didn't

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Photo by Thomas Lin

Brady Peeks and two-year-old daughter Madelaine play with bottles of birdseed at the FRC open house Saturday. Madelaine's mother will start taking classes at LBCC in the fall. The family is exploring day-care options for their daughter. Peeks thinks the new costs of childcare at the center is "actually pretty cheap. Private day care can cost up to \$50 a day," he said.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

SOURCE: WWW.WEATHER.COM

High: 58° Low: 40°
WEDNESDAY

High: 65° Low: 45°
THURSDAY

High: 64° Low: 44°
FRIDAY

High: 58° Low: 42°
SATURDAY

High: 59° Low: 41°
SUNDAY

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OPINION

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American culture built on dissent

Dissent is not intolerance. It is not hatred for those different from one's self. It is the essence of America.

America was founded by people who fought for their independence, they dissented, subverted the British government, committed treason, espionage, rebellion and sedition to gain their freedom. America was founded by people who were alert to the fact that the majority has a nasty habit of imposing its views and laws on the weaker members of society.

The original Constitution did not give the vote to non-land holders, non-caucasian people or women. But the Founders that wrote the Bill of Rights had a vision of what America's future could be and set it in words. They were the product of their time and environment and by no means perfect and unprejudiced. But their words and beliefs were bigger than themselves.

It took a long time, a lot of bloodshed and the committed effort of laborers, lawyers, judges, advocates, union leaders, writers, clergy, activists and untold others to bring the great words and hopes of our Founders, as written in the Bill of Rights to life.

The American masses did not spring from the soil; they immigrated. Each wave of immigrants faced hostility, unjust laws, exploitation and prejudice. Almost all of us are descended from these immigrants, some of us more recently than others. The English language as spoken in America is an amalgam of words from many languages; German, French, Arabic, Spanish and so on.

Dissent is protected in the Bill of Rights. Too many times in the history of America dissent has been suppressed. People protesting the World Wars were imprisoned and persecuted. Laborers who demonstrated for working wages, and humane treatment were beaten, jailed and even killed in the streets.

Often, the motives for repression were economic. So were a preponderance of motives to engage in war. The robber barons at the turn of the century could not allow workers' rights to interfere with their pursuit of wealth; the arms manufacturers during WWI wanted no interference with their arms sales to all countries engaged in war. Latin American countries and islands such as Haiti, Cuba and Puerto Rico were ruthlessly purged of dissenters to preserve American economic interests there. The U.S. Marines were considered the arm of the corporations when it came to U.S. interference in Latin American

affairs.

The U.S. did not engage in WWII to save the Jews in Germany (they were persecuted and sent to camps for over eight years before the U.S. intervened), or help the British, it mainly boiled down to the necessity to keep the world open for trade and to protect the interests of the large multinational corporations.

Out of this turmoil an American culture began to emerge. In spite of repression, liberty was still the battle cry of these people who were learning to live together. Still, one of the main causes of repression continued to be economic. White landowners in the South did not want to lose their sharecroppers and cheap household labor; they kept African Americans in the South from voting or getting decent jobs. Americans both black and white protested and dissented for many years to gain freedom for the former slaves of America.

Workers lived in horrible conditions, worked themselves literally to death and spent their old age freezing and starving. Everyone in a family had to work so they could survive, no school for the children, no rest for the old. Workers dissented, joined socialist parties, demonstrated in the streets, were imprisoned and formed unions. Many of them gave their freedom and lives to make conditions better for the rest.

The Cold War was precipitated by the refusal of the Soviets to cooperate economically with the U.S., and snowballed into the shameful McCarthy Era that ruined the lives of thousands of law-abiding Americans.

The point to all this is that all Americans are in this country together. Strength lies in cooperation, not suspicion and hatred. The gains we made as workers and human beings in this country came from questioning the motives and views of those that profit from our labor. Strength is in unity and lost when we don't accept the fact that we are all entitled to our own views. Divide and conquer is an ancient strategy. The average person works for a living, pays taxes, and does not pay much attention to what is happening in international relations or even in our own political system. Our strength as Americans lies in our tolerance and readiness to dissent, not in blind obedience and belief in the media and even our politicians. We must look at the motives of the people who tell us what is right and wrong and learn to think for ourselves.

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IN MY
OPINION



Susan
Prock



MULTICULTURAL
CENTER

Free speech comes with responsibility

I would like to thank The Commuter and LBCC's Student Government for providing a venue for free speech to our community.

The Commuter, of course, gives us all an opportunity to write our opinions for the editorial page. Student Government provided us with a wall to express our feelings about the war on Iraq. Today, more than ever, free speech is an important part of our heritage as United States citizens.

And so is freedom of thought and religion. I believe in freedom of speech up to the point of hate speech. Nat Hentoff's book, "Free Speech for Me-But Not for Thee" has a prominent place on my office bookshelf and is one of the books I recommend to students most frequently.

I would like to recommend it to the community at large at this point in the dialogue about our current leaders and their decisions and policies.

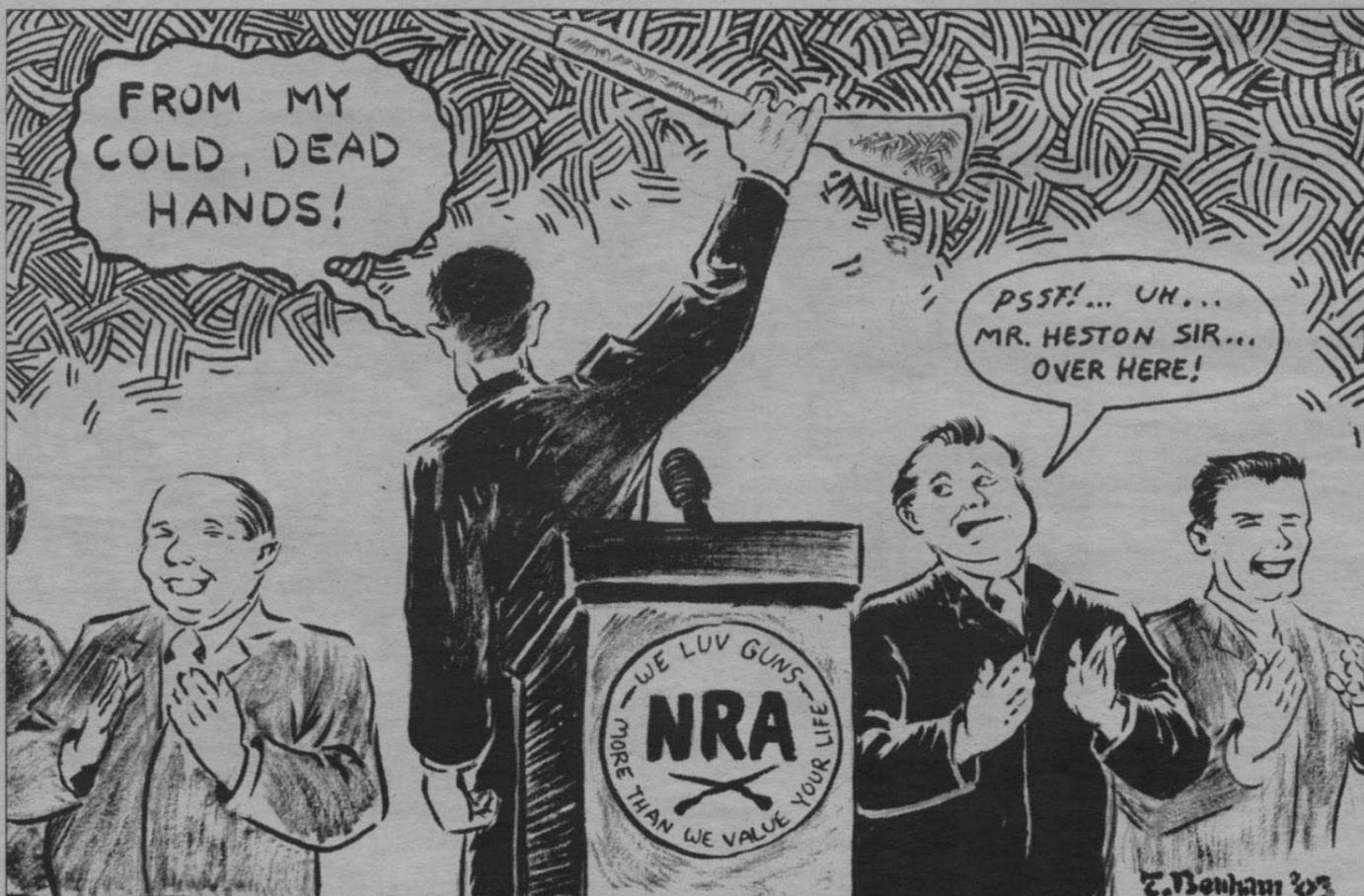
Because the fact is, if we do not allow the expression of a diversity of opinions from all parts of the political spectrum, we are failing to respect and uphold our constitution. As Spiro Agnew said, "There is room for all of us—and for our divergent views—under the First Amendment."

On the other hand, with the right to free speech comes a responsibility to have some knowledge and understanding of what we are talking about if we actually want our words to be considered seriously.

The use of profanity, sweeping generalizations, and unsubstantiated accusations, whether by a "liberal" or a "conservative" may serve the individual spewing the rhetoric, but it serves no one else, and it certainly does not contribute to the intellectual dialogue of an institution of higher learning. It also does not contribute to democracy.

So, as we move from dialogue about the conflict in Iraq to other pressing issues, such as our state and national budgets and whom they will serve and not serve, I have one hope. That hope is that we will all be informed and thoughtful as we exercise our free speech rights.

After all, as Stephen Chapman of the Chicago Tribune said, "Liberty wasn't guaranteed by the Constitution. It was only given a chance." It's up to you to do the rest.



LETTER TO ALLEN THROOP

Throop well loved

To the Editor:

Allen Throop is a great teacher and has been a great addition to LBCC Benton Center.

We're all saddened by his fight with

ALS. But we expect to see Allen around town at da Vinci Days, Fall Festival and the Riverfront as we always have. He won't be our geology teacher anymore, but he will continue to be our friend and neighbor. We love you Allen.

Penny York & Benton Center Staff

APOLOGY

The claim that liberals suffer from mental illness that was made by a guest columnist in the April 23 issue was not intended to trivialize the issue of mental illness. The Commuter apologizes if publishing the column offended those with a mental illness.

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COMMENTARY

We need to remember what it is that we are fighting for

by Lisa Terra
 of The Commuter

A thousand troops have been deployed from the Kuwaiti-Iraq border and the war is still in progress.

I thought I'd break the repetitiveness and show support for our American troops. I do have close family members and friends involved in this war, one

of which has been hit with shrapnel. I do know what it feels like to wonder what is happening to them and if they are ok, but I still support what they are doing. How could I not with them being there? I am one of the 77 percent that support the decisions Bush is making.

We owe our military a huge debt for what they are doing for us. We must support them and

our leaders at times like these. We have no choice. We either strike back, VERY HARD, or we will keep getting hit in the nose. People should be focusing on why we are there, not the shooting and killing. This war is about our freedom and the killing of thousands of innocent people. No one can strike the United States of America and get away with it. The soldiers we have

protecting us signed on the dotted lines at free will. They choose to protect and serve America no matter if we are in war or not. College money is only a bonus.

To quote Darryl Worley, "Have you forgotten how it felt that day? To see your homeland under fire, and her people blown away, have you forgotten when those towers fell? We had neighbors still inside going through a

living hell, and you say we shouldn't worry 'bout bin Laden, have you forgotten? They took all the footage off my TV. Said it's too disturbing for you and me, it'll just breed anger that's what the experts say, if it was up to me I'd show it everyday. Some say this country's just out looking for a fight, after 9/11 man I'd have to say that's right."

COMMENTARY

Don't bask in front of those with unanswered prayers

by E.R. Shipp
 New York Daily News

Believers see God's hand in everything from the conduct of war to the outcome of the NCAA basketball championship, especially when they are the victors. But I wonder about the flip side.

What if you're from the families of the nine soldiers who died after their unit was ambushed in Iraq, the same unit to which Pfc. Jessica Lynch and five of the recently rescued POWs belonged? Or the young Iraqi boy who lost his arms and many members of his family during a bombing raid?

Sometimes in basking in our own joy, we are graceless. We forget there is a flip side, while assuming that we had angels on our shoulders and God on our side.

I do not begrudge anyone happiness. But we should temper the celebrations.

"I've been praying every minute, I tell you," Anecita Hudson said in rejoicing that her POW son, Spec. Joseph Hudson, had been rescued a week ago. The night before, she later said, she prayed: "Lord, let them find my Joseph soon." At a school across the street from her home was a sign that students made: "We're praying for Joseph." His sister-in-law termed his release a miracle and added: "With my faith in God, I thought he would be OK, but I didn't want to get my hopes up."

In Georgia, where several of the dead military men and women lived, the family of freed POW Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Young was equally convinced God had answered their prayers. "There were so many people praying for him, I

don't see how it could possibly go any other way," his father told reporters. And in Texas, the father of another of the freed POWs, Shoshana Johnson, said, "We thank God for looking after them and for the worldwide prayers for her safety."

I find myself wondering about all the unanswered prayers. The vagaries of life are too complex for me to presume I know the answers. I'm not nearly as certain as, say, the Rev. Franklin Graham, one of President Bush's favorites and the heir to the evangelical empire of his father, the Rev. Billy Graham.

Graham the Younger is convinced that Christianity—and perhaps his version at that—is the only true religion. He had the audacity shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to denounce Islam as "a very evil and wicked religion." Now Graham and those

of his ilk plan to take humanitarian aid to Iraq while trying to convert the 97 percent of the populace that is Muslim. No matter the diplomatic pickle his actions could put the United States in, he has said he answers only to "the King of Kings and Lord of Lords." In my book, that kind of hubris counts as a deadly sin. It's OK to be fervent and faithful, but don't lord it over the rest of us.

What would Jesus do? I think he'd be more sensitive to the feelings of those who, despite their prayers, won't be welcoming home the men and women who died during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Or celebrating a victory in the NCAA basketball tournament, as the folks from Syracuse did this year.

A little more humility can go a long way.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer. Contributors who wish to submit columns are asked to first contact the editor to arrange for space in the next issue.

Opinions expressed by columnists and letter writers do not necessarily represent the views of The Commuter Staff or Linn-Benton Community College.

Bring letters to The Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us at: commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.



COMMENTARY

Internet users no longer have the stomach for the spam that's spoiling e-mail

by Lenore Skenazy
 New York Daily News

If you live a wired life at work or home, chances are you have experienced spam. What was once a gimmick for geeks quickly became an incredible convenience and then, just as quickly, a new source of irritation.

The reason? Too many ads. If this keeps up, e-mail may soon go the way of the ringing phone at dinnertime: snarled at and unanswered.

The problem is that unscrupulous marketers are flooding the world's inboxes with offers of everything stupid, suspicious or sick.

Because sending a million spams is even cheaper than taking out one measly classified ad, the practice is exploding exponentially.

Already, spam accounts for about 50 percent of all e-mail up from just 8 percent in 2001. In December, America Online boasted it had blocked half a billion spams from its members in one day.

Now, it routinely blocks a billion. And still, an annoying number get through. On Tuesday, AOL announced yet another lawsuit against spammers, its 100th.

Meanwhile, techies are hard at work devising ever newer filters to scan e-mail before it gets to the inbox. But so far, these don't work perfectly. Some legitimate e-mails get spiked while some sleazy ones get through.

That leaves it to us to change, and we just might. Some folks already have started using two e-mail addresses: One

for their inner circle, the other for all their online searches and purchases.

Or it also could be that more and more of us will start accepting e-mails only from friends we have preapproved, the same way some people program their phones to accept calls only from a select list of buddies.

But maybe just maybe we will opt out of e-mail entirely. Spam will spoil the medium the way sewage can spoil a lake.

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

From KRT News

Off Beat

Like Father Like Son

A young man was arrested for drunk driving in Hildesheim, Germany, and called his father to come and bail him out.

On his way to the police station, the father was arrested for drunken driving.

You Shot Me!

A man robbed a convenience store in Muncie, Ind., but as he fled with the cash, the clerk pulled a gun and opened fire, wounding him twice. The robber was arrested a few minutes later.

But here's the good part: The robber is now suing the clerk for shooting him, because it "prevented him from transacting his business" and caused him to suffer nightmares.

Home Brew

Angry at being passed over for promotion at a Whitestown, N.Y., company, a woman repeatedly urinated into the office coffee pot. Some people drank the tainted brew. Then, after people noticed a persistent odor coming from the coffee machine, the company installed a hidden camera, which filmed her peeing into the coffee pot and then pouring it into the coffee machine. Lawsuits have been filed.

Where Credit Is Due

After pleading guilty to robbing four banks in New Jersey, a defendant spontaneously admitted that he also robbed 23 other banks in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Demolition Crew

In an effort to remove squatters from protected forestland in Guwahati, India, authorities are bringing in elephants to demolish their bamboo houses.

Housewife Services

Housewives in the middle class suburbs of Cape Town, South Africa, are selling their sexual services at their homes during the day when their husbands are at work and the kids are at school. Among those ladies doing business are "young long-legged Audrey" and "Blonde Christell, 44DD."

CAMPUS SHORTS

You Can Go Back To School

A conference targeting women considering going back to school will be held Saturday, May 3 at LBCC. (The conference is open to any interested individual). The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the College Center. The free conference includes lunch and door prizes.

Focusing on overcoming roadblocks to success in school, the day long conference begins with a "Secrets of Success" panel made up of local women who credit their experience at LBCC with their current career and/or life success.

For more information or to register, call 917-4872 or register online at swansoc@linnbenton.edu.

Turkish Lunch

The Gender Equity Club is sponsoring a Courtyard Turkish lunch Wednesday, May 7th at noon.

Prepping for Kindergarten

If a member of your family is taking that BIG step into Kindergarten this Fall then join Louise Hamilton, the schoolage specialist with Family Con-

nections, for a discussion about what to expect from Kindergarten, how to help prepare your youngster and other information parent's need about this most important year in a child's life. Two sessions will be offered Wednesday, April 30, and Monday, May 5, both from 2 - 3 p.m. in the Family Resource Center, Room 105.

Business/Computer Reception

The 30th annual Business and Computer Systems Student Recognition Reception will be held Friday, May 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the LBCC Commons Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and the ticket price includes a light buffet. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Tiffany Smith at 917-4258.

The Health Effects of War

Friday, May 2, Richard Raymond, from Physicians for Social Justice, will show in words and photos the health consequences of war. The talk is part of the Do Tell! People Talk Series and is from noon - 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

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of a large crowd for the night.

Free transportation is offered from points in Albany and Corvallis during the event. For disability accommodations and transportation information contact the Multicultural Center at 917-4461.

"As always, our hope is to achieve a more multicultural community, a welcoming community," said Prock. "To show those cultures that we welcome them and care about them and their culture."

Math Awareness Week brings food, prizes to LB

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

The 12th annual math awareness week is back with carnival style math games, prizes, puzzles, food and drinks all in a fun environment.

The week's events will take place Monday through Friday, May 5-9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Courtyard under the ST building. Faculty will sell hot dogs, root beer floats and ice cream cones on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

This year's theme is "endless possibilities," said Cathy Lovingier, math department in-

structor who's organizing the awareness week for the fourth time.

Lovingier said that each year there are different themes and that they rotate different faculty members to organize the week. This year she was picked for the fourth time. They offer "grab bag style prizes," said Lovingier. "We don't make money, we usually lose money," she said, "we have math awareness and have the math faculty come down from their role as teachers to a social atmosphere and communicate to students in a fun setting rather than always in front of the class room."

Smoking: Complaints make or break campus smoking

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time between classes to go to a parking lot for a cigarette, was quoted as saying, "I am very cautious of non-smokers, but smokers have rights too. I pay the same tuition".

Smoking bans have been enacted across Oregon, including in Eugene and Corvallis, where businesses complain of lost revenue as a result. In January, two Eugene businesses closed, blaming the smoking ban.

Though business owners are complaining, a study done in November 1999 after Corvallis banned smoking in public places, showed no overall economic impact on local bars.

The study, conducted by Pacific Research Institute under contract with Oregon Health Services, produced these statistics:

- 65 percent of bar customers said they liked the bar experience better now than when smoking was allowed;

- 54 percent of bar employees and 66 percent of bar customers were non-smokers;

- 9 in 10 customers reported spending as much or more money on food and alcohol in bars as they did before the ordinance.

Watson, who serves on LBCC's Smoking Committee,

said that a complete ban on smoking would only be considered if smokers did not comply with the policy.

When the designated areas were being selected, the committee conducted surveys to determine the desires of the majority of students and staff. Though many people lobbied to ban smoking entirely, Watson said that it just wasn't what the committee thought was appropriate for the social dynamic on campus.

Besides, he said, the committee didn't think that a ban would work. If smoking were to be banned from campus, personnel would have to be appointed to enforce the policy and mete out punishment for violations.

Though Watson does not think a ban is a good idea, many still do. If complaints increase, a ban could be considered as a solution.

As it is now, however, very few complaints are being made, and most students and staff seem satisfied with the way the designated areas are set up.

Watson also made the point that a ban could take place if litter becomes a problem, and urges smokers to use the receptacles provided in each of the designated areas.



Suiting Up
 Youngsters get fitted with hoods as they find out what welders do during last Thursday's Take Your Kid to Work Day.

Photo by
 Bonnie Quinones

CAMPUS CALANDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 TO MAY 6

Noon
 Student Juried Art Awards Reception, AHSS Gallery

2-3 p.m.
 The Next Big Step: Kindergarten, FRC-105

WEDNESDAY

12-1:30 p.m.
 Health/War, Multicultural Center

FRIDAY

8:30-3 p.m.
 "Yes I Can" Conference, Fireside Room

SATURDAY

2-3 p.m.
 The Next Big Step: Kindergarten, FRC-105

MONDAY

2-4 p.m.
 Movie Days, Stud. Clubs Rm. 5:30-8:30 p.m.
 Cinco de Mayo, Commons

CORRECTION

A name was incorrectly reported in an article on the Arts and Entertainment page in the April 23 issue. The owner of the Platinum club in Corvallis is Brad Thompson.

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County emergency funding may be threatened

by Skyler Reed Corbett
 of The Commuter

State Congressman Peter De Fazio (D-Springfield) and close to 30 members of local county, medical, fire and law enforcement administrations gathered in a closed session meeting at LBCC on April 23 to discuss the new role of Oregon's first responders in the event of a terrorist attack.

De Fazio was anxious to hear perspectives on what local administrators thought were their highest priorities and concerns. The round table discussion on terrorism prevention generated a mixed response as preexisting issues within Oregon's own emergency response infrastructure are competing with the new focus on bioterrorism in the region.

Several officials including John Bradner, assistant fire chief for Albany Fire Department, have cited "break-downs in communication" as a primary concern. An example presented at the meeting included the recent biscuit fire, which burned through 471,130 acres of the Siskiyou National Forest in Southern Oregon, where response crews using different radio frequencies were prevented from coordinating information to contain the fire.

Providing funds to train and support a counter-terrorist program within the current infrastructure is another hot point with county administrators. Emergencies that require a large amount of resources from the Oregon first response crews, such as the biscuit fire, do not fall under the jurisdiction of Homeland Security. This presents a problem when federal funding is dependent on the relevance of the programs in place. De Fazio, a member of the newly formed House select committee of Homeland Security, illustrated the point that "70 percent of the missions for the Oregon Coast Guard do not have anything to do with Homeland Security."



Photo by Phillip Ruzek

Congressman Peter De Fazio holds a meeting with first-responders from surrounding areas last Wednesday.

The body of grants given out for emergency response training are provided by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). Typically, Oregon is a lower priority and receives less federal funding than most other states. "There is a small amount flowing from federal funds for emergency preparedness," De Fazio said.

Funding in smaller jurisdictions such as Scio, Sweet Home and Brownsville may be severely limited by the requirements presented by the Department of Homeland Security, and could be under threat by the Bush Administration's push for tax cuts. One official from Scio shared his concern that money for Homeland Security will never reach rural areas.

"I don't think tax cuts will help anything at the federal level, especially by trying to merge all of these programs," De Fazio stated. "Ultimately it's a zero sum game."

"Over 45 percent of funding for Benton County comes from state and federal sources," says Benton County Budget Manager Pat Cochran. "We have received grants for bioterrorism [from the Department of Homeland Security], but not for anything else yet."

A specific problem many of the rural county administrations have is dealing with their need for volunteers in recent years have stepped in to fill positions which would otherwise remain vacant from the last round of state budget cuts. For those jurisdictions fulfilling federal requirements is unlikely. Currently the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response system (established by the Office of State Fire Marshal) deal with any rural emergencies related to biological or toxic waste.

Command Spanish teaches language survival for workers

by Michelle Bertalot
 of The Commuter

Relatively new to LBCC is a program called Command Spanish. While taking part in the program, students learn key phrases, questions and commands specific to their job or career.

"They are not learning Spanish," Command Spanish Coordinator Dagmar Johnson said. "The students are learning basic questions and communications strategies so they can communicate just what they need to say."

Students learn Spanish quickly through "drill and practice." The participants say it out loud, hearing their own voice, and use American sign language to help remember words.

Currently a Command Spanish for law enforcement is being offered, with 11 students enrolled.

Last fall LBCC coordinated Command Spanish for about 21 to 22 nurses.

"The class is an important valuable resource, especially for those in the emergency professions," stated Johnson.

The classes are short, lasting eight to 10 weeks. The credits are non-transferable, but are worth two credits and those eligible for financial aid may use funds to take the Command Spanish class.

Command Spanish focuses on 35 different professions.

"It's always helpful to have someone who doesn't speak English be able to communicate with others," commented Susan Prock, Multicultural Center Coordinator. "People feel more welcome and see that their bank or business wants their business."

The program is offered to businesses in the community as well as students on campus. "Businesses still need bilingual and bicultural people on staff," stressed Prock.

Students must buy a book and an interactive CD-ROM, which Johnson believes is helpful even after the class because it provides a way to review.

The program's official Web site www.commandspanish.com, states that "survival Spanish" teaches "police officers how to arrest criminals in Spanish not to order tacos in a restaurant."

"We just started this program last year but it's been going on for several years nationwide," Johnson said.

For more information, contact Johnson at 917-4930.

Campus Security reports drastic increase in thefts, car break-ins

by Thomas Lin
 of The Commuter

Spring-cleaning is taking on a whole new meaning this year.

Since March 1, 38 incidents have been reported to Linn-Benton's campus security office, a 200 percent increase over the same period in 2002.

While a few turned out to be relatively innocuous—Campus Security Manager Vern Jackson counted three false intrusion alarms and a homeless person camped out in the cardboard bin at night—21 of the reported cases involved theft of personal property.

"We've had a lot of vehicle break-ins," Jackson said. Of the 21 reported thefts, 11 involved items taken from cars, with Hondas continuing to be a prime target. Within the last 12 months, Jackson noted, one car was even stolen from the parking lot.

The Activity Center has been another problem area. Of the 10 other thefts reported, seven took place in the gym. "People will leave personal property by the wall," Jackson explained. "We've had thefts in that area and we've had thefts in the locker rooms."

The best deterrents are vigilance and caution, he said, as thieves often take advantage of unlocked valuables and opportunistic moments. On April 15, during the power outage, four lockers were reportedly broken into. An unlocked bike was also stolen recently, he added.

To help prevent crime on campus, Jackson said, at least one security officer patrols the grounds 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During normal business hours, up to three officers patrol by foot, bicycle or pickup truck. But security officers can't be everywhere at once.

Jackson says students can minimize their susceptibility to theft by following a few simple tips. "Don't leave valuables un-

attended," he advised. "Roll up your windows, lock the car and make sure there is nothing worth taking."

"You want to remove all valuables from vehicles, including removing the stereo faceplate, compact discs, clothing, textbooks. Anything that can be seen from outside the car that's worth stealing, somebody might break into your car to steal it."

One way to prevent becoming a victim, Jackson suggested, is to think like a criminal.

"If there are two cars and one has CDs and the other has nothing, which one would you break into?"

In the gym, he added, spin the dial on the padlock to make sure it's really locked.

As for personal safety, Jackson said, "Be observant. If someone is following you or hanging around, trust your gut feelings."

Jackson encourages students to report suspicious activities to campus security by dialing 411

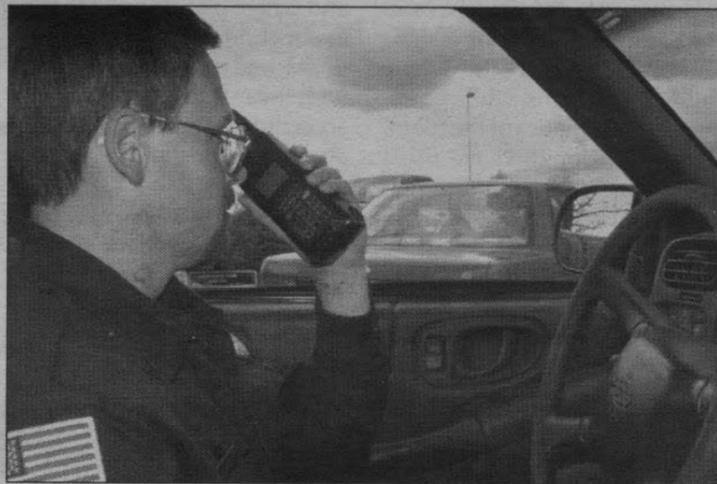


Photo by Thomas Lin

Security officer Doug Shaeffer patrols the campus parking lot scanning for suspicious behavior.

from a campus phone or 917-4440 from off-campus. The on-duty security officer can be reached at 926-6855.

In case of emergency, Jackson says to call 911 first and campus security second.

Jackson, who has worked in the campus security department for 19 years, including the last three years as manager, says that his greatest challenge is "providing a safe and secure environment without impeding ac-

cessibility. We want people to feel welcome to come and get an education. Sometimes you compromise security for convenience."

There is one bright spot that can be gleaned from recent crime figures: Jackson said Linn-Benton remains a relatively safe campus, as there continue to be few personal safety issues.

But, given the number of recent thefts, he cautioned, "We're not immune to crime."

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

FRC: Center adds more services

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have to pay anywhere close to the market rate.

It currently costs \$297,000 to run the center. The cost to the college is \$197,000, with the remaining \$100,000 coming in from student-parent fees and a USDA food program. A federal grant also helps pay for two of the center's eight teachers, along with their summer program.

The federal government has "pretty much decided to cut campus child care from the Pell Grant," said Hogeland.

With not as many low-income families using the center's childcare, they will also no longer receive the USDA food money.

All of this, plus being cut from the college's general fund, is forcing the center to extend its hours, thus increasing its operating costs, and to generate its own revenue to pay for eight teachers, one secretarial position, food, material and supplies.

"It's not likely that many students will be able to afford the cost of child care, so we're opening to the public," said Hogeland.

In order to meet the needs of working people, the center had to take a look at the community's current market for childcare.

"One of the things we thought Albany was in need of was a full-day kindergarten," said Beudert. The center will turn one of its four classrooms into an all-day kindergarten. It's difficult for working parents to transport their children from public school kindergarten, which is only a couple hours a day, to after-school care, she explains.

Another addition to meet the needs of working parents is infant and toddler care. Hogeland said the center can't afford the infants but has added on a toddler class. The youngest the center used to accept was 2 1/2 years old. The new class is for toddlers 18 to 30 months.

Two other new services the center will be providing are care for school-aged children, 5 to 8 years old, on public school in-service days and in the summer.

Next week *The Commuter* will examine how the changes at the Family Resource Center will affect teachers as it adjusts to being a public child care provider.



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Children wait for balloon animals at the Family Fun Raiser Saturday. The event is the main fund raiser for the Parent Education Scholarship fund, which pays partial tuition for some of the parents who take LB Parent Education classes.

Parents explore child care services at open house

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

The short small tables, each holding a curious activity intended to hold the attention of young minds, were prepped for last Saturday's Family Resource Center open house. After entering the busy colorful rooms, the children seemed to become engaged in another world. A world they might become more familiar with if their parents choose to use the center's childcare services.

Kathy Rutledge, an early childhood education teacher who currently teaches the older preschoolers in the Forest room, eagerly waits for new faces to walk into her room for a short tour. We focus on the whole child, she explains, while pointing to the aesthetics of the room.

Rubber containers are filled to the brim, each with different things like toy cowboys, wild animals, rubber circles, snakes, shells and rubber frogs. Relaxing background music soothes the atmosphere of the wild forest as guests view the sand and Kool Aid paintings proudly displayed above the sink. Little pink and purple butterflies stick

to the windows with water from a spray bottle. Dress-up costumes, a toy oven, blocks, and a fish tank are all within reach.

"We ask for two to three changes of clothing," Rutledge says to a parent, explaining that the children often play outside and it gets a little muddy. "We call it science exploration," she says playfully.

Margaret Hansen, who has a four-year old daughter, is one of those new faces who visited the FRC open house.

"I looked around, but was reluctant to put her in a church-based preschool," Hansen said. "I wanted a place that was passionate about child development and where people want to learn about child development."

She said she is also very happy with the fact that the FRC is "so accessible to parents. They can observe or join the class anytime they want to."

Hansen says she has come full circle. Five years ago, she attended a class at the FRC called "Avenues to Adoption."

Now she wants to enter her daughter, who was adopted from China, into the FRC's preschool program.

Cathy Osborne, who also visited the Forest room on the day of the open house, will be starting school at LB in the fall and is enrolling her four-year-old son into the FRC.

"Every penny I'm going to be paying is worth it," Osborne said. They are "all wonderful people here." Income this year from her husband's job and her own day-care business have brought in too much money to help her qualify for any scholarships, but she hopes to qualify next year since she will be dropping the day care business. "We'll do loans. It's the American way," she said.

Meanwhile Mandy Raab, an early childhood education teacher, waits patiently in the Meadow room for visitors. Currently set up to show what happens during a toddler's day at the center, this room is equipped for children who are still learn-

ing how to walk. Diapering is also a big part of the toddler years. Although the center doesn't require potty training, Raab gives parents diapering charts to help them along. These help the parents to realize the important signals, Raab explained.

Leta Brown, a current FRC parent who works in the LBCC Printing Services, watches over visitor Brady Peeks' two-year-old daughter, who is fascinated with a toy in the Ocean room.

Brown said she came to the open house to "give parents perspective on what it's like to leave your child (at the FRC). It's overwhelming to find someplace to take care of your child." She said that when searching in Albany for childcare, she was frightened at what she found places where the parents couldn't come in when they wanted to.

"I walked in the door and felt this is the place," Brown said of the FRC, and it has "improved mine and my son's life."

Scholarships available for student parents

Up to \$50,000 in childcare grants are available through the LBCC Foundation to help 24 student families pay for about half of their child care fees at the Family Resource Center next year.

The deadline to file for the aid is this Friday, May 2, and the recipients will be notified June 1. The grant can only be used at the center.

To apply, student parents can contact the FRC or the Financial Aid Office.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies, books, artwork and other entertaining or artistic endeavors

Spring play explores life on the frontier

by Peggy Isaacs
 of The Commuter

Upon entering the theater, there were a few people milling around the stage waiting for the actors to arrive for practice to start. Jane Donovan, director of the newest play, *Quilters*, is holding rehearsals for this spring's performance. Mary Jeanne Reynales, who plays Sarah in the upcoming production, is the director at the Corvallis Community Theater and is very excited about working with the professionals at LBCC. She said the play is about the life and times of pioneer women.

"This is about Sarah, her six daughters, and how survival on the frontier is told through stories of quilts and quilt making. The tales are of the sorrows, toils, and joy from the women's points of view," she explained. Some of the stories were taken from the dairies of "Pioneer Women", -Voices from the Kansas Frontier, Joanna L. Stratton. Sarah's attitude towards life is passed along to her daughters in one phrase: "Okay girls, let's get to it."

Through song, dancing, and tales, the actresses play characters who are both young and old, male and female. The six daughters are played by: Audrey Perkins, LBCC English teacher, Linda Spain, LBCC English teacher, Danni Simon and



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Sarah Edminster, Linda Spain and Kate Hill practice for this year's LBCC spring production of *Quilters*. Through song, dancing, and tales the actresses will tell the stories of survival on the frontier.

Amanda Lundy, both from the Crescent Valley choir, Sarah Edminster, and Kate Hill, the only LBCC student in the cast.

Donovan, who for the last four weeks has been going over notes, led the actresses in various exercises to warm up and to center themselves into the characters they portray. Along with the accompaniment of Caren Luckenbill, the pianist for the play, they sang in unison and

practiced octaves to warm up their voices. After a few short sessions, and with the stage manager, Mandee Schell, set poised to prompt any forgotten lines, they got ready for the rehearsal dressed in long skirts of various patterns.

The play starts out with the woman coming down from the audience onto the stage. Once on the stage, Sarah, the mother, tells of her childhood memories

on the prairie. They then proceed to sing about frontier life and what it meant.

One of the first stories is about the trip across the "rocky road" and the turmoil in the snow. The ordeal is played out with such timing and sound effects, the audience can experience what it was like on the wagon ride. Another is about a cowboy who woos a pretty young maiden and wins her hand. Yet, another is about how the children were called inside from play to thread the needles for the quilters. All the stories are related to blocks on the quilt. The blocks of quilt squares are depicted with the stories that are intertwined with music. It's when "swatches and notions" become "stitches and secrets" that "pieces of lives" get put into unspoken "patches and tatters" of emotional devotion that becomes part of the lives these courageous women endured on the frontier.

The production will take place on May 23, 24, 30 and 31, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$8. There is a low cost night on May 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. A matinee will show on June 1, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$8 for this performance. All tickets go on sale starting May 5. The box office is open 8 a.m.-noon, 2-3 p.m., and two hours prior to the performance. LBCC's 24 hour reservation/message line can be reached at (541) 917-4531.

ART HAPPENINGS

Spring Garden Festival features plant sales and other activities in Corvallis

The non-profit Madison Avenue Task Force is holding their annual Spring Garden Festival at the Arts Center Plaza at 7th and Madison at Central Park in Corvallis on Sunday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival includes a garden sale featuring annuals, perennials, orchids, miniature roses, herbs and flower baskets.

Also for sale will be ceramic ware, garden art and a variety of gardening items. Master gardener demonstrations and a clinic table will show how to do rock gardening in small places, pruning with conviction, planting in rows, and how to prepare raised beds in the garden. Information will also be provided on deer proofing and drip irrigation.

There will also be bird house building for children, and food and entertainment that includes a tuba band, old time fiddlers, and marimba band.

Salon exhibits 'rejected' art works

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

On display from now until May 13 in the Commons Cafeteria is a show called the Salon des Refuses, or otherwise known as the Gallery of Rejects.

The Salon is for the students whose artwork wasn't chosen to be displayed in the Student Juried Art Show. There were over 200 submissions to the juried show and only 69 pieces were chosen for display.

Students Tom Benham, Shannon Carey, Ben Estens and Aimee Claiborne volunteered to hang the refused works.

Salon des Refuses is an old tradition that started in 1863 in Paris. At the time, the French Academe des Beaux-Arts maintained a stranglehold on the style and taste of art work being publicly displayed. Few members of the public would invest in unsanctioned artists. Around 2,800 canvases were rejected from the annual show. Outraged, the artists took their complaint to Napoleon III, who asked the academy to reconsider.

The academy refused and Napoleon officially sanctioned the Salon des Refuses to allow public viewing of the rejected material.

The Salon is actually responsible for the impressionist movement taking hold, because it dis-

played the works of Manet, Cezanne, and other impressionists.

"Art would have looked different if it weren't for the Salon," said Benham who says the whole idea of a Salon des Refuses at LBCC was just kind of stumbled on to by himself and the other students who were

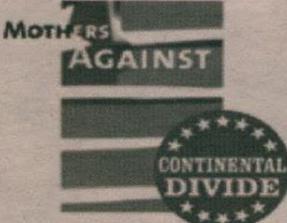
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▶ Tom Benham

picking up their rejected pieces from the Juried Art Show.



Oregon Shakespearean Festival Trip
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This weekend trip is open to all students and includes transportation to Ashland, Oregon, tickets to "Present Laughter", "Daughters of the Revolution" and "Mothers Against", and overnight accommodations. A modest fee of \$40.00 per student will be charged to help cover costs of the trip. This event is open for 11 students, sign up at the Student Life & Leadership office.



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LOCAL NEWS

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Coasting

Newport Bay front offers something for everybody

by Jered Reid
 of The Commuter

There are very few places someone can enjoy a lunch staring out onto the bay, with a group of sea lions basking in the sun beneath you. This is what you can enjoy when you go to the Port Dock 1 Restaurant on Newport's Historic Bayfront.

The Historic Bayfront is home to Oregon's largest fishing fleet, as well as shops, restaurants, beautiful murals and tourist attractions. The Bayfront is one of the few places where tourist shops and working fish plants coexist on the same street, and was voted best waterfront by Sunset Magazine.

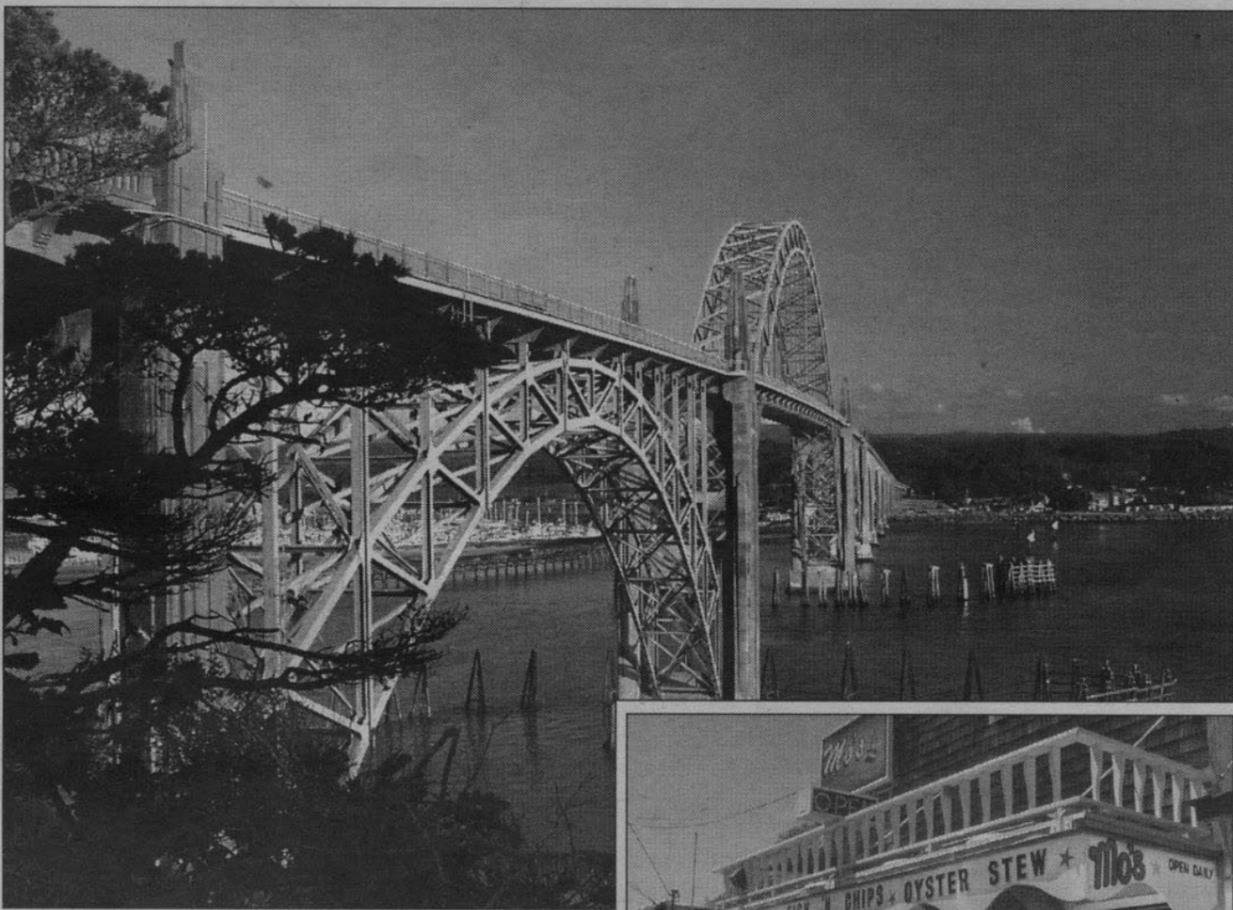
After parking your car at the Bayfront, a visitor can have a full day of activities just along the one street, which boasts some fabulous dining establishments that serve only the freshest seafood. Among the most renowned is Mo's Original Restaurant, which is famous for its clam chowder. Another place to eat is the Rogue Ales Public House, which is not only a restaurant, but also a bar and bed and breakfast (called a "Bed and Beer"). It is the retail outfit for the Rogue Brewery, located across the bay, where patrons can tour and see how the ale is made. The Rogue Bed and Beer offers nice rooms with two complementary Rogue Ales.

"We get a lot of students from the Corvallis/Albany area that like to come here," a waitress from the Rogue informed me.

People visiting Newport do not have to rely just on restaurants for food — they can catch their own by crabbing off the piers along the Bayfront. Crabbing is allowed year round, and crabbing traps can be rented along the Bayfront.

As you walk down the street admiring the beautiful murals depicting sea life along the building walls, you will come across an odd-shaped green building. Inside is the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum and the Wax Works Museum.

The price of each of these was just over \$7. However, by buying admissions for both attractions and a guidebook (\$2 extra), you can also get in the Undersea Gardens across the street. Robert Ripley started Ripley's in the 1920s, and since then has spawned different museums across the world and a TBS television show. Among the exhibits are the original Fiji Mermaid, simulated earthquakes, terrific illusions, and my favorite, a harp that anyone could play without any strings. For people with children, Ripley's is a must see. The Wax Works has a whole cast of famous celebrities and icons. Among its most prized collections is the Star Wars exhibit. The Undersea Gardens is a spectacular exhibit that got a lot of "ohs and ahs" while we were under the water. The show is America's only live underwater theatre. Beneath Newport's Yaquina Bay live all types of fish,



Photos by Thomas Lin

The Yaquina Bay Bridge is a familiar landmark in Newport, which boasts a wide array of tourist-friendly sites and activities, including MO's Restaurant, famous for its clam chowder.

including Armstrong, the Giant Pacific octopus.

If the Gardens made you feel like learning more about underwater sea life, the Oregon Coast Aquarium is just south of the Bayfront. The aquarium is rated among the top 10 aquariums in the nation, with state-of-the-art exhibits and thousands of creatures. Walk undersea through the 200-foot submerged acrylic tunnel and witness sharks, rays and thousands of fish swim above and below you. After a full day of sight-seeing, crabbing and eating, visitors can choose from many different hotels.

Most of the better hotels with views are located along

Elizabeth St., which is on the southwest part of town along the Pacific Ocean. One of the more affordable hotels with an ocean view is The Whaler, which is located right by the Historic Nye Beach and is only a few blocks away from Newport's Visual Art Center. The Whaler is also near the Chowder Bowl, which was featured in Coastal Living Magazine "As the best place to have Clam Chowder."

Newport is a great place to go and enjoy for the day or weekend. It is only 56 miles from Corvallis. Just take Highway 20 west all the way until you see the sign saying "Welcome to Newport - The Friendliest Town."

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE AQUARIUM

The aquarium has some special events coming this spring including "Morning Comes Early," and "Deep Sea Explorer."

"Morning" starts May 24, and will allow visitors to witness the rich history of the Oregon Coast, from the Native Americans to the present. The exhibit will feature photo galleries, artifacts and primary stories.

"People don't come to the aquarium normally for something like this, but I think that it adds deeply to the experience of the aquarium," Hugh Dolley, personal relations manager of the aquarium, told me.

The exhibit that Dolley was most enthused about

was "Deep Sea Explorer." The event will last most of the summer and will feature a virtual reality submarine simulator ride, sonar remote operated vehicles, workable submersibles, and a dive locker where people can try on some of the state of the art dive equipment provided by Mares.

The exhibit also tries to educate people about the history of deep sea diving, and with videos provided from the National Geographic Channel, this show should prove both entertaining and educational. The exhibit is also sponsored by Charter Communications.

Sweet Home parents fear the worst as war goes on

by Rhonda Hanks
 for The Commuter

Fearful Sweet Home parents withdrew their children from all school levels on March 19, the day the war broke out in Iraq, afraid that war or terrorism could break out in the United States.

Parents' reasons for pulling children from classrooms included fear of possible school lockdowns in the event of the use of biological weapons and terrorist activities and fear of separation from their children in the event of war on American soil.

The parents of these children watched the events unfold in Iraq because they knew what a major war could do to the economy and to the people who live in Iraq and America.

Yet, the war did not become a reality to teenagers until some parents withdrew them from school and told them they weren't going back until the war was over.

Jesse Marsh, of Sweet Home, was one such parent. He withdrew his three children the day the war started. He also had a back-up plan of a mountain hide-away with food and water stored away. His children had been

"I don't want to be out of school, I won't be able to play sports and my grades will suffer."

▶ Tim Faulconer

briefed on what to do and where to go if war broke out in the States. He said, "My first priority is my children and I will do whatever is necessary including going against society, in order to keep them safe."

Tim Faulconer, a student at Sweet Home High School, was pulled from his classes by his father the day the war broke out. He said: "I don't want to be out

of school, I won't be able to play sports and my grades will suffer." This was the typical reaction of the students who were asked how they felt. But as the war progressed Faulconer learned why he was pulled.

As the war progressed in front of the eyes of America the fear of war on American soil has subsided. All of the students who were pulled from classes have

now returned to school and are getting on with their lives. Faulconer is back in baseball and is back on the honor roll.

The average American teenager still goes to school and is participating in club and sports activities, but many now sit each night watching the news to see what is happening in Iraq.

These children fear the war will go on for long time which could mean bringing the draft back. Faulconer says "I want to go to college not join the military. If they bring the draft back I may never get to college."

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SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

LB back in playoff picture

Jered Reid
 of The Commuter

The Runners went 3-1 last week and in doing so climbed out of the cellar and into fourth in the Southern Division standings. The Runners started the week last Tuesday by sweeping the SW Oregon Lakers.

In the first contest, sophomore right hander John Best pitched a brilliant game, going nine innings, allowing only four hits, striking out seven, and having no earned runs. The only Laker run came off an error in the ninth inning.

"He pitched a splendid game," said Coach Gregg Hawk. The Runners had six hits in the game, all singles, but were still able to bring three runners across the plate and secure the 3-1 victory. Third baseman Sky Manon had the big hit in the ball game, with a two-run single in the eighth inning.

In the second game the Runners came right out on the attack, scoring seven runs in the first inning and never looked back, going on to thump the Lakers 12-1. LB blasted out 16 hits in the game.

"We really pounded the ball that game," explained Hawk.

Rafael Colon lead the charge going 3-for-5 and scoring twice. Travis Breidenbach, Jason

Cardwell and Sean Olrich all had multiple hits for the Runners. Breidenbach scored twice and contributed two RBIs, while Cardwell came around the bases twice and had one RBI.

On the mound, left-hander Ryan Hayden pitched five scoreless innings, before he was relieved by Jason Kosydar in the sixth, and then Andrew Holloway finished the game in the seventh.

After being rained out on Thursday, the Runners battled the Chemeketa Cougars on the Linn-Benton field.

In the first game, the Runners out hit Chemeketa 10-8, but lost the game 11-7. The main difference in the game were the 10 errors committed by the Runners. Only four of the 11 Cougar runs were actually earned. "Your not gonna be successful, if you give them more then three outs in an inning, and that's what happened," said Hawk.

At the plate, the Runners got multiple hits from both Manon and Shamen Johnson. Both of Manon's hits were doubles, and he ended with 4 RBIS. Johnson also had a double, scoring twice.

The second game had a much different story. The Runners scored one run in the first, and then blasted out six runs in the second inning, eventually winning 7-2. The Runners out hit

their opponents 9 to 5, with Cody Smith and Johnson each having two hits in the game. Johnson hit his second double of the day, and Smith ended with an RBI, scored twice and stoled a base.

"We really played fundamental baseball," said Hawk of his team's performance.

Kyle Koontz pitched all seven innings, getting the victory by allowing only two runs off five hits, and striking out three. "He pitched an excellent game," said Hawk.

The Runners will be playing six games this week and finishing another one.

Thursday they will host Lane, and Saturday Mt. Hood will be coming to town. On Tuesday the team will travel to Oregon City to play Chemeketa.

Tonight the Runners are finishing a game in Chemeketa that is 5-5 in the top of the ninth inning.

The Runners are only one game behind Chemeketa for the third position, which is where the team needs to be for a post-season.

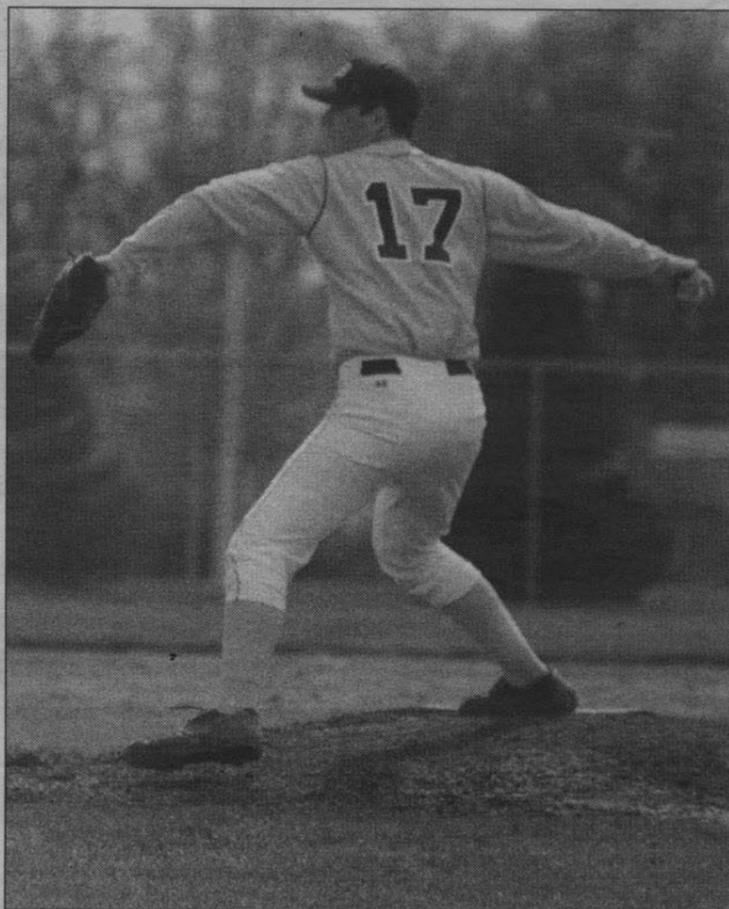


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Roadrunner Sophomore right-hander John Best lived up to his name last Tuesday when he threw a fore-hitter against the Lakers in the first game of a double-header, which the Runners swept 3-1 and 12-1.

LBCC BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date/Time	Opponent	Location
April 30/7pm	Chemeketa*	Oregon City
May 1/1pm	Lane	LBCC
May 3/1pm	Mt. Hood	LBCC
May 6/1pm	Chemeketa	Oregon City

*Completion of tie game in ninth inning

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 Soups: Ox Tail
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 Salad: Chicken Taco

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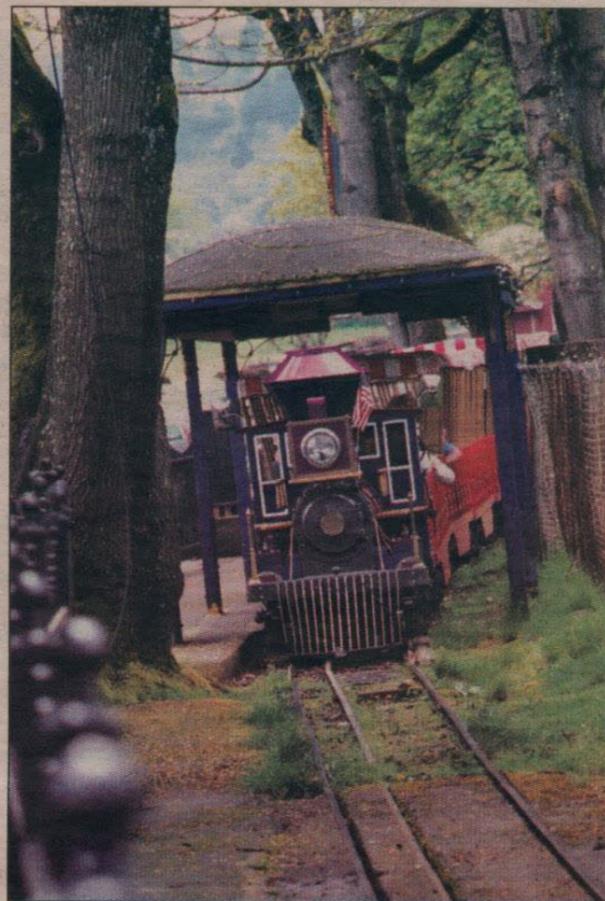
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The entrance to Oaks Park marks the passage into an early 1900s experience including a 1912 carousel, a skating rink and a historic dance pavillion. The Oaks Park train (right) revisits the popular transportation of the past.



Portland's Oaks Park: A treat for time travelers

The small train's whistle shrieked a stern warning as it approached the crossing, causing a gaggle of pre-teen girls in brown and green Girl Scout uniforms to erupt in a unilateral move toward the carousel. Their squeals of excitement drowned out the sound of the train as it lumbered around the ancient oak grove on its familiar loop along the river bank.

It is Girl Scout Day at The Oaks Park in Portland, and the stormy April day finds the strip of land that hugs the Willamette River at the east end of the Sellwood bridge filled with red and yellow tulip blossoms and young girls with their families in tow.

The year is 2003, but it doesn't take much of a squint of the mind's eye to ignore the cell phones and hi-tech footwear and take a step back into an America whose time is all but over.

The Oaks amusement park opened in May of 1905 and has operated continuously ever since, making it one of the 10 oldest amusement parks in the U.S. Built by the Oregon Water, Power and Navigation company, the park was accessed originally by trolleys that ran from downtown Portland to Oregon City. These 'trolley parks' were common across early 20th century America before the automobile became the transportation of choice. The park was purchased by the Bollinger family in 1943 and remained in the family until 1985 when Robert E. Bollinger donated the park to a non-profit organization dedicated to perpetuating the Oaks.

As you pass through the entrance gate and smell the aroma of fresh cotton candy, you realize that no one has asked you for any money yet. Parking is free. Entrance to the park is free. Surely you are time traveling. A few more steps and your journey begins.

Straight ahead nestled under the towering oaks is the ticket booth. \$12.50 will get you on all the rides, as many times as you want, for 5 hours, assuming that you are over 48 inches tall. A less expensive deal that doesn't include some thrill rides is available, as are individual

Story and Photos by Emil Rogers

ride tickets. The go-carts require a separate admission of \$4. A round of miniature golf will cost you \$1.50.

The midway stretches out to the north and south. Turning south you find the entrance to the miniature railroad and several arcade games and attractions. Just past the arcade is a mix of traditional and contemporary thrill rides, including a steel-railed looping roller coaster. Short lines and the close proximity of the rides can make this a breathtaking area.

Heading back north you cut through the oak-canopied picnic area and walk along the river bank. The sensory excitement of the midway becomes muffled and you are drawn to the sights and sounds of the Willamette River. Passing behind the historic dance pavillion, you get a picture-postcard glimpse of the river bending around downtown Portland before the path turns back to rejoin the north end of the midway.

The north end of the park is anchored by the Oaks Park skating rink, which houses a 100 foot by 200 foot wooden skating area where you can spin your wheels to live music played on a vintage Wurlitzer pipe organ. The Oaks Rink is open year round and requires a separate admission.

Traveling south, you encounter a handful of kiddy rides and a mellower roller coaster. The midway opens before you with more rides and games of chance. Passing by the screams coming from a ride appropriately called the "Screaming Eagle", you are once again transported back to a bygone day by the warning bell of a carousel starting up.

Tucked away in a nondescript pavillion with a small, buzzing, misspelled neon sign proclaiming "carrousel" is a 1912 Herschell-Spillman "Noah's Ark" carousel. This particular unit is unique in that instead of the usual horses it has hand-carved pairs of animals.

A short walk past the shooting gallery and snack bar brings you back to the main intersection with its 40 foot Native American totem overlooking your next choice.

The snack bar has hot dogs, burgers, chicken strips, curly fries, onion rings, etc. at moderate prices. An interesting alternative would be to pack a meal. The park has lots of picnicking space, some with dramatic views of the Willamette.

A staccato, monophonic rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" beeps from a nearby cell phone and snaps you back to the Third Millennium. As you move towards the exit, the happy chattering of several Girl Scouts carrying colorful souvenirs echo your own thoughts, "I wanna come back!"

FAST FACTS

How to Get There

Take I-5 north to exit 297 (Terwilliger Ave); turn right onto SW Terwilliger and go about 2 miles; turn left onto SW Macadam and immediately move to left lane; turn left onto Sellwood Bridge; turn left onto SE 6th; turn left onto SE Spokane; turn right into park entrance. This is approximately 75 miles from Albany and takes 1.5 hours, traveling the speed limit.

Hours

The park is open weekends from 12 noon until 5 p.m. in the winter. On May 24 hours will extend to 7 p.m. After June 8, summer hours will begin.

Other Attractions

The Sellwood District offers some trendy shopping as well as the Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, a wetlands project that is home to many species of wild birds and a favorite of bird-watchers.

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