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LB bond measure too close to call

by Leon Tovey

of The Commuter As of 10 o'clock last night, LBCC's \$1.9 million capital improvement bond was failing by only a few hundred votes with about 25 percent of Benton County

precincts still to count. And because Benton County voters were approving the levy by a nearly 2-1 margin in late night vote tallies, college administrators were cautiously optimistic that

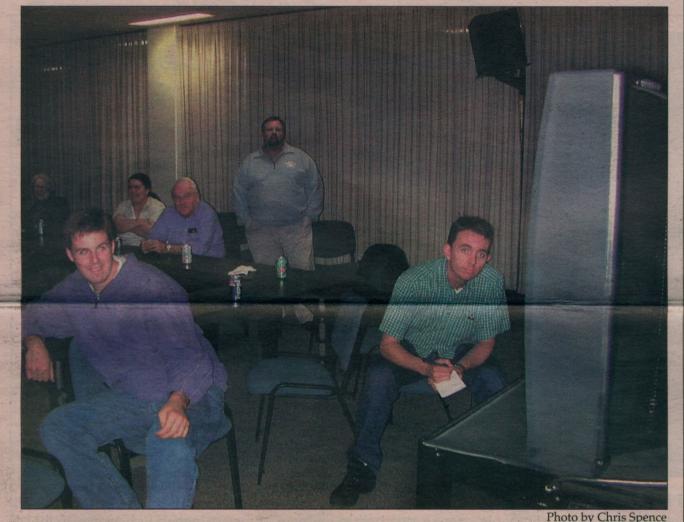
they'd wake up in the morning to good news. The tension in the air was palpable as students, administrators and instructors waited in the Fireside Room for numbers on the passage of the bond.

"I can't believe it's even close," exclaimed ASG president Todd Gifford. "I can't understand why people would be opposed to education like this."

The measure was losing 50 percent to 31 percent in Linn County with most of the votes counted, but Vice President of Administrative and Student Services Mike Holland still held out hope.

"In every election in the history of the college, the numbers in favor in Benton County have been better than the numbers in Linn County," he said. "We esti-

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ASG President Todd Gifford watches election returns come in at the Fireside Room along with several LBCC staff members on election night. Delays in obtaining return from Benton County on LBCC's bond measure frustrated the crowd, but the close race for president kept the attention late into the eventing.

Bush Ascends George W. takes helm in Voters turn back some

Measure Mix

The following are the election results as of midnight Tuesday. Bush 49% Gore 48% Nader 3% **LB Bond** Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Funds capital improvements on main campus and centers Yes 🗹 No 🗖 Measure 1 Legislature must fund school quality goals Measure 2 Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Allows voters to petition legislative review of administrative rules Yes No 🗆 **Measure 3** Requires conviction before forfeiture of property Yes 🗆 No 💆 Measure 4 Dedicates tobacco settlement to health care Yes INO D **Measure 5** Requires background check for sale of firearm Yes 🗆 No 🗳 Measure 6 Public funding to candidates who limit spending Yes 🖸 No 🗖 **Measure 7** Reimburses owners if rules lower property value Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Measure 8 Limits state spending to percent of pop. income Yes 🗆 No 🗹 **Measure 9** Schools can't promote, sanction homosexuality Yes 🗹 No 🗆 Measure 84 Requires funding of state mandated programs Measure 86 Yes 🗹 No 🗆 Constitutionally requires kicker **Measure 87** Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Allows regulation of sex businesses Yes 🗹 No 🗖 **Measure 88** Increases federal income tax deduction

ELECTION AT A GLANCE

Measure 89 Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Dedication of tobacco settlement

Measure 91 Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Makes federal income tax fully deductible

Measure 92 Yes 🗆 No 🗹 Restricts payroll deductions for political use

closest race in decades

by Lori Weedmark

of The Commuter

When most voters went to bed Tuesday, they still didn't know who their next president would be.

In the closest presidential race since the Kennedy-Nixon run of 1960, Texas Governor George W. Bush appeared to have won the presidency with 271 electoral votes, one more than needed to win.

As the race ran into the late hours, the states of Oregon, Florida and Wisconsin kept the nation in

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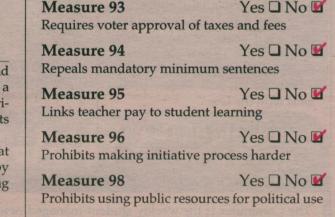
of The Commuter

Voters in the state of Oregon have had their say. And what they have said is that we don't want to pay. At a time of unprecedented prosperity for many Americans, the voters of Oregon have said yes to major cuts in state funding.

As the results came in last night it was clear that almost none of the measures were being decided by large margins. With many of the measures having

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Check This Out

How would you spend \$4,500? SL&L is taking suggestions today in the commons from 12 to 1 p.m. There will be free pizza.

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CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Who can it be now?

Dexter Mathis, convicted of receiving the ill-gotten proceeds of a bank robbery and sentenced to 20 months in a federal prison in Atlanta, managed to convince Pierre Carlton to go to jail in his place. Carlton did Mathis' time, but, with only 50 days left to go, he escaped. Authorities, unaware that Carlton was substituting for Mathis, went to Mathis' home to see if any family members had heard from him. Mathis answered the door. He must now do the 20 months plus whatever he gets for fleeing to avoid incarceration.

Should've voted yes on 3

A Sacramento sheriff's deputy was sent to seize a home - in the posh gated community of Rancho Murieta-of a couple going through a divorce. He changed all the locks, and posted a sign that the house was now "the property of the United States government." Alas, he seized the wrong house. The rightful owner discovered this sad fact when he went home and couldn't get in. It took him seven hours to find out what the story was, find a locksmith and get inside his own house. He was very angry. The authorities have apologized profusely.

No refunds without a receipt

A young nitwit and some of his friends had a night of fun in a secluded neighborhood in Sacramento, Calif., swilling down brewskies and blasting mailboxes with his brand-new pump shotgun, then fleeing into the night. When police arrived, they found empty beer cans, spent shotgun shells — and a receipt for the weapon bearing the nitwit's name and address. The cops went to his home where they found a street sign — stolen from the crime scene by the vandals — hanging on his wall. He was arrested.

That's amore'

A female juror in Sicily, hearing a case against the local Mafia, has been having a secret romance with another Mafiosi who is on the run from police. She failed to mention this to officials who found out about it after the trial was well under way. Her boyfriend fled police custody after being sentenced to life plus eight years for murder and extortion. The 34-year-old woman says he is her "soulmate," but she admits he has had "a few problems with the law."

Food drive to feed needy for Thanksgiving

by Allen Garner of The Commuter

Students and staff are encouraged to donate to LBCC's annual Thanksgiving dinner and food drive, which kicked off last Wednesday.

Last year, 72 families benefited from LBCC's annual Thanksgiving dinner and food drive which is sponsored by the America Association Women in Community Colleges and LBCC's Classified Employees.

Traditional Thanksgiving food donations are needed, such as canned vegetables and fruit, Jell-O products, olives, cranberry sauce and potatoes. All nonperishable items are welcomed.

"The best part is helping someone else have as good of a Thanksgiving as I am," said Welma Cremer a member of the four-person food drive committee which includes Julie Walker, Denise Martin and Paulette Myers.

The goal of the food drive is to give to others, Cremer said, but most importantly she wants people to know the blessings of giving. " The best part is helping someone else have as good of a Thanksgiving as I am."

-Welma Cremera

Students or staff who need or know of a family that can use a box contact Welma Cremer at 917-4488. All names will be kept confidential, the number of family members is needed.

Money Donations are accepted and checks can be made out to the AAWCC for turkey gift certificates. Contact Denise Martin at the Business Office. The food drive ends Nov.17.

Students wishing to drop their donations off at the dollowing locations:

- Business Office
- •Career Center Room 150
- •Health Occupations in Rooms 121 and 201
- Activity Center Room 102
- •Science and Technology 121
- •AHSS Room 101
- Takena Hall Room 115.



'But I Did Not Shoot the Deputy'

Photo by Lisa Jimenez

Horticulture major Jason Kent looks over an altar built in memory of reggae legend Bob Marley in the library. Eight altars honoring such icons as Mother Teresa, Elvis, Chris Farley and Caesar Chavez were designed and installed by the students of Margarita Casas' first-year Spanish classes in the LRC, Library, Multicultural Center and AHSS Gallery last week.

Bond: Late returns from Benton County could sway election

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Linn County, were still not enough to pass the bond.

-From the TMS News Service

mate our margin in Benton county to be about 60 percent to 40 percent in favor, so we've still got a shot at it."

Holland's positive attitude toward the results was severely tested by problems with the website being used to track the results when the server being used by Benton County unexpectedly crashed.

College administrator Pet Bober made a trip to the Benton County Courthouse in order to phone in the numbers for that county, which, while more encouraging than the numbers for With more than 25 percent of the precincts in Benton County left to report, however, LB administrators said there was stilla chance that the bond measure would pass.

The \$19.1 million bond, which would replace an expiring bond measure passed in 1994, was intended to fund improvements to LB facilities both on and off campus.

Some of the facilities funded by the bond include a new 40,000 square foot multi-purpose building on the main campus, a 20,000 square foot addition to the Benton Center in Corvallis and a new east Linn One Stop Center in Lebanon.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Students tour Mount Angel Abbey

Historic abbey is last stop for religious sites tour

by Mary Jova

of The Commuter

Last Saturday, a group of 10 people paid a visit to the Benedictine monks at Mount Angel Abbey near Woodburn as part of the LBCC Multicultural Center's fall term religious sites tour.

Mount Angel Abbey was founded in 1882 by Benedictine monks from Engelberg Abbey in Switzerland. For over 100 years the monks have prayed and worked on this mountain that was once called Tap-alam-ho, the "Mount of Communion."

A big sign welcomes visitors to the abbey as they ascend to the hilltop. Along the path that leads to the Abbey are a number of station booths where one can meditate and view paintings of the life of Christ. The grounds are beautifully cared for, and offer a spectacular view of the Willamette Valley.

The abbey church is the center and focal point of life on the hilltop. In this building, with its vaulted ceilings and marble columns, the monks gather six times a day for prayer and meditation. Between the pews and the altar are the monks' choir stalls. There are two statues—one of St. Benedict and one of his twin sister St. Scholastica—and two large pipe organs. The Choir Organ has 856 pipes and the Grand Organ has 2,478 pipes.

Mount Angel Abbey is clearly not just a place for certain men to "leave everything" and follow Christ but a place for all people who have a need to find communion with God. It has a retreat house with rooms that is open to the community to rent for a fee.

Life for the monks at the abbey is a gentle and regular rhythm of contemplation and work. The monks pass their days praying, meditating and reading in the quiet of the monastery. Talking and the use of television, radio, CD or tape players, telephone, the Internet and the like are limited to certain times and places.

However, the monks are not isolated individuals without friends who neither talk nor laugh nor play. Friendship, recreation and conversation are important parts of community life.

The abbey will offer a Monastic Discernment Retreat for men who are interested in pursuing or gathering information about monastic way of life Nov. 10-12. You can contact Director of Vocation Odo Recker for more information at (503) 845-3242 or at odo@mtangel.edu.



Photo by Mary Jova

Susan Prock (far left) and students tour the chapel at the Mount Angel Abbey last Saturday.

Report shows crimes down, but personal losses up at LB campuses

by Lori Weedmark

of The Commuter

Crime is down on LBCC's campuses, but the cost of personal loss due to crime has risen, according to Campus Security's annual crime report.

The report, released last week, included crime statistics on the main campus, Benton Center, Lebanon Center and Sweet Home Center.

Reported crimes on the main campus in 1999 totaled 108, down from 116 in 1998 and 124 in 1997. Crimes in 1999 included one aggravated assault, 19 criminal mischief, one menacing, 35 thefts and 53 miscellaneous, which includes anything from intrusion alarms and fire alarms to vehicle fire and inappropriate behavior, according to Vern Jackson, head of LBCC Security.

The cost of loss was estimated to be almost \$14,000 in 1999, with \$11,754.95 to personal loss and \$2,114.24 to college loss. The cost of personal loss was up in comparison to 1998's total of \$5,078.89 because of some big-ticket items including a vehicle fire resulting in \$8,000 worth of damage and vehicle vandalism adding up to \$900 in damage.

College losses were due to thefts of things such as laptop computers, printers, and hardware and software items, but total college losses in 1999 were down from 1998's total \$9,344.77. Most of 1998's cost of loss was due to stolen items, one of which was a large kitchen appliance that "disappeared" somewhere between the cafeteria and the loading dock.

In comparison, the Benton Center's reported crimes for 1999 totaled 14, with a total loss of \$782.79. The list there included four criminal mischief, one criminal trespass, five theft and four miscellaneous.

The Lebanon Center reported seven crimes with a total loss of \$390.00. Crimes reported were one criminal mischief, one theft and five miscellaneous.

It's not all bad news though. The Sweet Home Center has the best record, with a grand total of zero crimes reported with a total loss of zero dollars. Campus Security has four full-time security officers, one three-quarter time, two half-time and several on-call officers. They receive special training each year in first-aid, CPR, emergency evacuation, hazardous materials procedures and alarm response procedures.

Security patrols the main campus and parking lots 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week. Exterior doors are unlocked by security at 7 a.m. and locked by 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some buildings are opened for scheduled classes on weekends and holidays.

"We have increased patrols this year, and hopefully that will result in a reduction in car prowls and break-ins," said Jackson. "Three vehicles were broke into in one day, with two of those being unlocked and items out where they were

visible."

Campus Security is in charge of enforcing parking regulations, college policies and reporting crimes or criminal activity to local police. They also respond to building alarms, injuries or illness, traffic and parking accidents and safety hazards.

The Security Office provides a few lesser-known services as well, including evening escort services to students and staff to their vehicles and crime prevention presentations to various groups. They also conduct checks of the alarm systems and exterior lighting, doors and grounds periodically.

Campus Security is located in the College Center Building CC-123 and can be reached by phone at 917-4440 during the day, or for emergencies at 926-6855.



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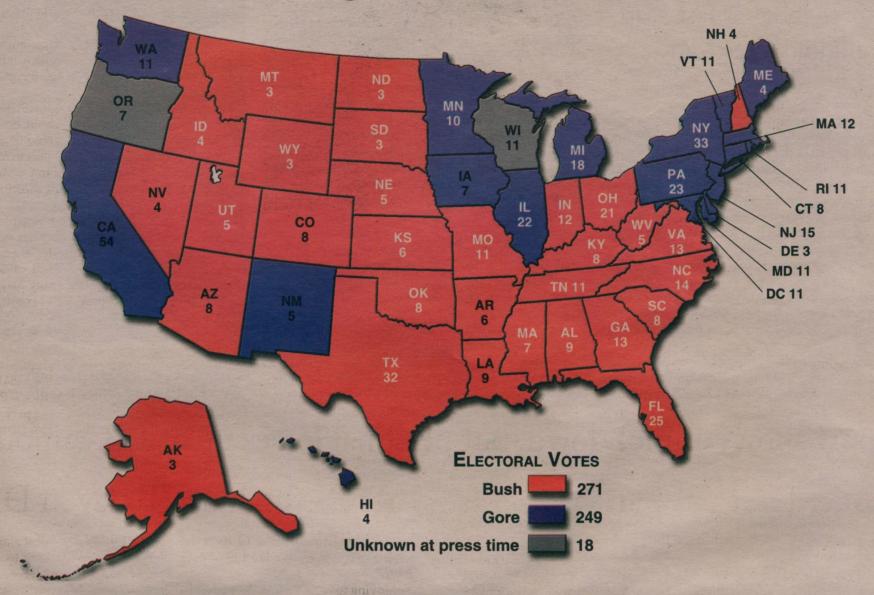
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ELECTION FOCUS

Electoral College Election Results 2000



President: Bush squeaks by Gore in closest race in decades

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suspense, with the vote too close for any of the networks or pundits to call. But shortly before midnight, Florida fell to Bush by a whisker thin margin, putting him over the top.

Earlier in the evening, Bush took most of the Southeast and Midwest, while Gore took the Northeast and the swing states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, California and Washington.

Bush actually won the most states, but the battle for the electoral votes went down to the wire. Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, failed to capture 5 percent of the vote, which was the party's goal to qualify for federal matching funds. Nadar had a 4 percent popular vote in Oregon, the highest of any state.

This year, Oregon and Washington actually held some significant influence over the results. The attention that is usually given to states with a large number of electoral votes turns to the smaller states when the election gets this close, according to Doug Clark, LBCC history instructor.

"A close election makes for smaller electoral states suddenly becoming im-

portant to the outcome of the race," said Clark. "States like Oregon and Washington become pivotal to the election."

And that's how it turned out this year as Gore took Washington's 11 electoral votes while Oregon's seven votes were among those that hung in the balance late in the race. With 60 percent of the vote counted by midnight, Bush lead Gore 49 percent to 46 percent in Oregon.

In Congressional races, Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Senate race in New York, helping the Democrats to close the margin of the Republicans majority in the U.S. Senate, and by late in the evening it looked as though the Republican majority in the House was being maintained—narrowly.

Here in Oregon, Democrats carried the majority of the wins for U.S. House of Representative. District 1 was captured by Democrat David Wu, Republican Greg Walden won District 2, Democrat Earl Blumenauer won District 3, Democrat Peter DeFazio won District 4, and Democrat Darlene Hooley won in District 5. Democrat Hardy Myers won the election for Attorney General in Oregon while Democrat Bill Bradbury won Secretary of State.

Measures: Sizemore, Mabon come up short in battle of the ballot

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serious implications for school funding in Oregon, the "War Room" at LBCC, equipped with a screen displaying results from web sites and a television tuned in to a Portland station, was bristling with tension as the assembled college officials, students, staff and representatives of local government anxiously awaited the results.

By midnight a few of the votes were judged to be too close to call, including Measure 9, the measure limiting discussion of homosexuality in public schools, which appeared to be losing out by a narrow margin.

Measure 91, perhaps the most closely watched decision of the night because of its massive financial implications for LBCC, seemed to be falling short by a slight margin, with 54 percent of voters opposing the measure. Measure 8 which would limit state appropriations to a percentage of income seemed to be slipping towards approval, with some major implications for the state budget, ostensibly reducing income by \$5.7 billion for the 2001-2003 biennium.

As the compromise measure to 91, Measure 88 increases the amount of federal taxes deductible on state income taxes and as of midnight it seemed headed for approval with 52 percent of voters affirming the measure. This measure is predicted to cost the state an additional \$200 million in the same 2001-2003 time frame.

Measure 7, which was headed for ratification and is among the group of measures most costly to the state budget, is estimated to cost the state another \$5 billion a year.

Other close decisions included Measure 98 with 52 percent of voters opposing the amendment that would prohibit using public resources for political purposes, including union administration among teachers, and similar measure 92 which would prohibit automatic payroll deductions for political purposes, which was losing with 54 percent of voters in opposition.

Negative preliminary results for Measure 95, which aimed to link teacher pay to performance rather than seniority, drew relieved chuckles from the crowd in the "War Room" as the measure appeared headed for a defeat.

Measure 1 which says that the Legislature must fund school quality goals adequately, seemed sure to pass at 64 percent approval.

Measure 84 ensures that the state government pay for programs it mandates local governments to enact was a rare landslide with 84 percent of voters affirming it. Measure 3, which would require conviction prior to government seizure of assets was headed for passage with a slightly larger 65 percent Yes vote.

Measure 5, which requires criminal background checks for sales at gun shows also looked to be approved by state vot-

ers.

Measure 87 looked to be defeated narrowly, which would have amended the state constitution to regulate sexually oriented businesses.

Measure 6, which would give public funds to candidates who limit private contributions appeared to be losing by a sizable margin.

Measure 93 which would require voter approval for most taxes and fees was losing with 58 percent of the voters saying no.

Measure 94 which would repeal mandatory sentences for certain felonies was being soundly defeated.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Women's lives, loves, libidos examined in 'Beautiful Bodies'

from The LBCC News Service

"Beautiful Bodies," a playful and quirky comedy about the 30-something generation opens Frida in Takena Theater at 8 p.m. The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 10, 11, 17 and 18; and 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, in Takena Theater, LBCC.

A special, half-price performance will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16.

The play, staged by LBCC's Performing Arts Center, is a look at the life choices and expectations of six women in their 30s, says guest director Kimberly Gifford Gruen of Corvallis, a 30-something herself. "It's about friendship, forgiveness and surrender, and about how we need each other despite everything."

The setting is a Greenwich Village loft in which six long-time friends have gathered for a baby shower. Jesse, the host, is a divorced writer of self-help books; her latest title is "How To Be Your Own Lover." The mother-to-be, Claire, is a romantic, free-spirited musician who reveals that her pregnancy is the outcome of a one-night stand; Nina, a man-hungry, perpetual dieter, is the owner of "Nails by Nina" Lisbeth is a professional model reduced to doing Prozac ads and has been waiting for a year for her boyfriend to come back to her. Sue Carol is an insecure, underemployed actress who waits tables to pay the bills; she vacillates between divorcing or putting up with her unfaithful husband. Martha, a striving realtor and control freak who endures a passionless relationship because it's better that eating alone in restaurants, nearly tears the



Photo by James Bauerle

The cast for "Beautiful Bodies" rehearses for their opening night Friday. From left are Debbie Michalski, Cherry Opsahl, Kristin Lorhenz, Penny Hayes, Jennifer Yslas and Karrissa McGahen.

group apart with her harsh judgments and advice.

"They are entering the years when realities begin to clash with expectations," says Gruen. "I'm not going to suggest this is a life-altering play and maybe the messages are not that surprising, but they are delivered in a delightful and moving way."

Audiences should be aware, she adds, that the characters use some "earthy" language in their frank and funny discussions of sex.

Though the play centers on women, any man who

has ever wanted to be a "fly on the wall" when his significant other is engaged in "girl talk" will enjoy the experience, Gruen says.

"Beautiful Bodies" was written by journalist, novelist and playwright Laura Cunningham. It premiered in 1987 at The Whole Theatre and was directed by Olympia Dukakis.

Gruen is an LBCC and Oregon State University theater graduate who last appeared on the Takena Theater stage in "Three Tall Women." She has appeared in many local productions and currently teaches at Ashbrook Independent School in Corvallis. Brandy Rugh of Lebanon is the assistant director and stage manager.

The cast includes Penny Hayes of Scio playing Jessie, and Corvallis residents Kristin Lohrenz as Lisbeth and Jennifer Yslas as Nina. Karissa McGahen of Lebanon plays Sue Carol, Debbie Michalski of Shedd plays Claire, and Cherry Opsahl of Albany plays Martha.

"Beautiful Bodies" is produced in partnership with Eugene radio station KLCC.

All seating is reserved. Tickets are \$8 (\$7 for students and seniors) and are available at the LBCC Takena Box Office, 12-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and through the 24-hour phone reservation line, (541) 917-4531. Tickets also will be available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, (541)752-7779. The Nov. 18 performance will be sign-interpreted and is a benefit for Performing Arts Department scholarships.

Former Corvallis musician hosts NPR's Performance Today in D.C.

by Chad Richins

of The Commuter

Journeyman radio broadcaster and professional musician Fred Child has made luck and talent a winning combination, taking him from local DJ to host of a nationally syndicated radio show.

This is the second week of Child's

new job as host of the classical music show Performance Today on National Public Radio. His career spans nearly two decades and includes a series of broadcasting jobs that began on college radio at KBVR in Corvallis.



Fred Child

Walking on the OSU campus one evening in the early '80s, Child saw a flier from KBVR advertising a meeting in 10 minutes, so he went, and ended up being an apprentice Jazz DJ. He moved up the ladder during his four years at KBVR, gaining experience and landing a part-time job with OPB as a board operator.

During this time, Child also made connections with the local music community. At a party in Corvallis in 1983, he was introduced to Neil Gladstone and Audrey Perkins, with whom he would become lifelong friends. Perkins,

who is coordinator of the LBCC Learning Center, remembers being impressed right away with Child's musical style and ability, as well as his amiable personality.

Child, who plays piano, guitar, drums and even bagpipes, joined Gladstone's group, and became friends with Gladstone and Perkins. "We were like a molecule," says Perkins.

Child played mostly piano and guitar with the unique, comedy based musical group that made a name for itself in Corvallis and all around the region. Later, Child played locally with a marimba band known as Balafon, and with Dave Plaehn who would later co-found the Plaehn-Hino Band and teaches mathematics part-time. In addition to his musical ability, Perkins' says that Child has always been lucky. "It doesn't surprise any of us that he has met Paul McCartney and interviewed Billy Joel," she says.

Perkins, who once roomed with Child and considers him a close friend, says that he is very unique in that he is a very talented musician, intellectually smart, extremely athletic, has earned his private pilot's license, and is also very personable.

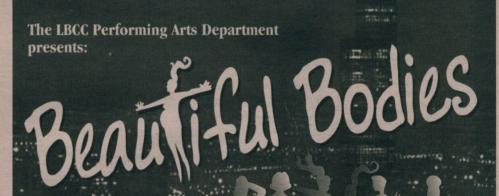
exactly ready for, because he likes the feeling of being on the edge and pulling it off."

Moving to New York in the early '90s was such a step for Child, who soon landed a job at WNYC Radio where he would spend seven years as an on-air personality.

Child moved on to a one year stint with Sony Radio doing a classical music show, when he eventually started talking to NPR about hosting Performance Today-a popular show devoted to classical music.

When asked what he brings to the show as far as taste and experience, Child said. "I studied classical piano for years, but I was also listening to a lot of pop music and I think I have very eclectic tastes. This is basically a classical show, but we don't want to be closed off from the world. I think the mistake a lot of people make is they treat classical music like a dusty museum piece, and not a living, breathing art form."

The once local broadcaster and musician is now looking for an apartment in Washington, D.C., where he has begun hosting his new show, which can be heard on most NPR stations (KOAC 550 AM, Corvallis-KOPB 91.5 FM, Portland) Monday through Friday at 9 a.m.



"Fred thrives on challenge," says Perkins. "He loves to fly, and I think he likes to take on things he might not be



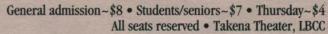
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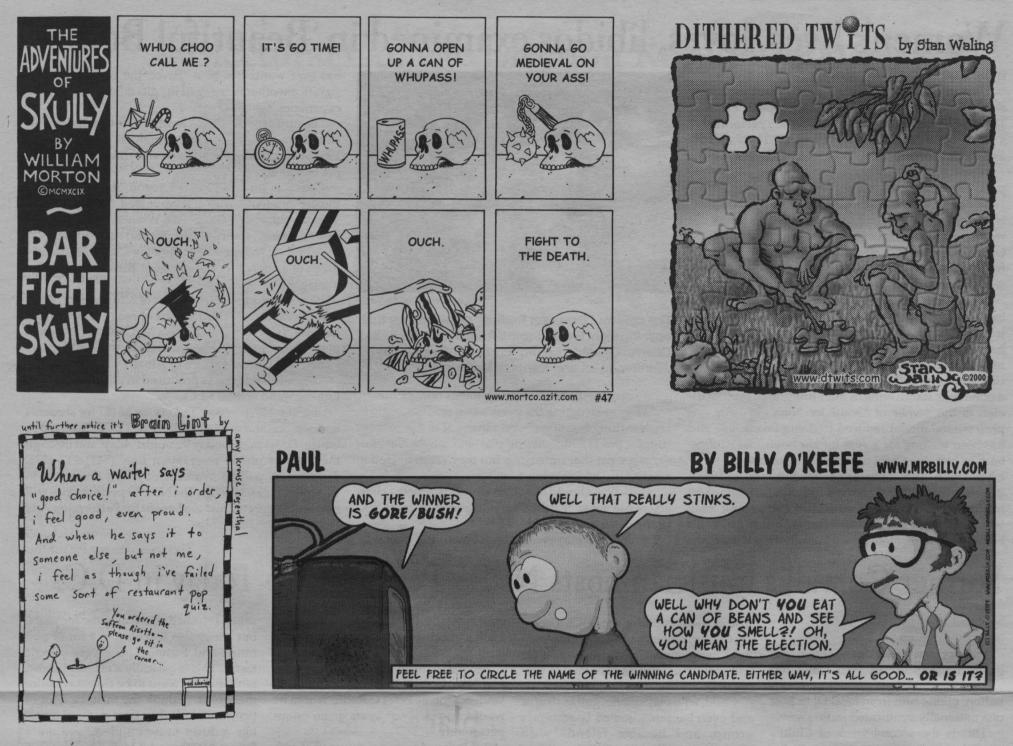




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SPORTS PAGE

Women's basketball team has high hopes for the season

by Jason Amberg of The Commuter

Last year, in her second year as head coach of the Roadrunner women's basketball team, A.J. Dionne's group of hoopsters finished the season with a lackluster record of 4-10 in league and 10-17 overall.

This year, the goal is to take a strong returning nucleus, give it a nice supporting cast of younger players, continue to improve throughout the season and make it to the playoffs.

The team will be led by the three sophomores-Kelley Dexter, Summer Wright and McKenzie Fauth-and will be joined by nine freshmen.

Dexter, a 5-10 wing from Corvallis High, led the Runners with 6.8 rebounds per game and free throw shooting at 66 percent. She also averaged 8.2 points per game, good for fourth on the team.

Wright, a 5-5 guard from West Albany High School, is the top returning scorer, passer, and three-point bomber from last year with averages of nine points per game, three assists per game, and 33 percent shooting from behind the arc.

Fauth, a 5-9 wing from South Albany High, is returning for her third season at LB after redshirting last year due to severely dislocating her right ankle shortly before the season started. She led the 1998 squad in three-point field goal percentage.

Dionne's prize recruits includes top signee Dusty Damon, a 5-11 forward from Eagle Point High School in Butte

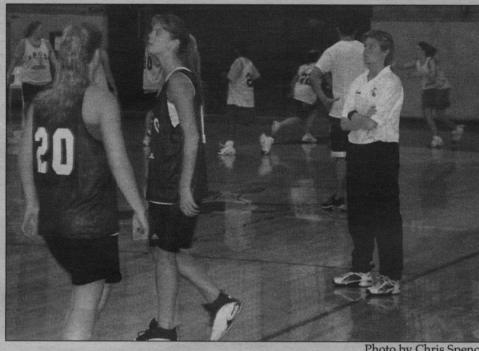


Photo by Chris Spence

Coach A.J. Dionne (far right) puts her players through drills at practice this week as the team prepares for the season opener Nov, 24-26 in Redding, Calif.

Falls, Rebecca Torresdal, a 5-11 forward from Ketchum, Idaho, and Christy Rickert, a 5-4 guard from Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukie. She is also looking for contributions from newcomers Katie Jarrett, a 5-8 wing from Mountain View High School in Bend, Linzi Strohm, a 5-8 forward from Enterprise, and Christin Pass, a 5-8 swing player from Astoria High School. Three more new players are joining the team after attending other colleges or taking time off after high school-Wendy Starker, a 5-6 guard from Corvallis High School, who attended the University of Hawaii last year, Robyn Ward, a 5-11 forward from North Salem High School who played soccer at Northern Arizona University last year, and Nicole Scott, a 5-3 guard from Crenshaw High School in Los Angeles.

Although the Roadrunners finished in fifth place last year, Dionne believes that this group will climb into the upper echelon of the division this year. The program at LB has not had a winning team for several years, but last year's improvement offers hope for the future, she said.

"The sophomores are outstanding players, surrounded by a good group of freshmen-very young with lots of potential." said Dionne. "This is the group to turn the program around."

The Lady Runners had their first scrimmage of the season on Oct. 30, against Western Baptist.

"We've played them every year I've been here," said Dionne. "Usually they stomped us. This time the whole group played well and showed a lot. I think it surprised them (Western Baptist)"

Although the teams weren't allowed to keep score, Dionne estimated that LB was ahead for most of the time.

"It's great to see the team playing this well so early," said Dionne.

NWAACC voted in the off season to create a new playoff format which will make things a bit easier on the Runners.

This year the four top teams from each region will make the playoffs to compete in a 16-team field. LB is in the southern region, which in the past qualified only the top two teams for the tournament.

The Roadrunner women's basketball team will open their season over Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 24-26 in Redding, Calif., at the Shasta Tournament. Their home opener will be the Crossover Tournament Dec. 14-16 in the Activities Center.

Runners tie with Storm for second place in league

by Christina Laramore

of The Commuter

The LBCC volleyball team moved up in league standings after beating Lane Community College last Wednesday, putting them in second place alongside Chemeketa Community College.

LB and Chemeketa have identical league records of 8-3, and depending on the last match of the season, there could be a playoff game between the two teams to see who will be sent to the Championship tournament as the second seed.

"I don't expect any change," said Coach Seth Elliott. "I don't rule anything out either."

LBCC and Lane went four games, and LB took the match with scores of 11-15, 15-10, 15-10 and 15-8.

The Roadrunners dropped the first match to the Titans on Wednesday 11-15, despite 16 kills from freshman Jessica Horsley. According to Coach Elliott, Horsley has not previously had a lot of playing time. "This shows that we are deep on the bench," Elliott says.

The Runners turned things around in Game 2, beating the

Titans 15-10-tying the match. Game 3 was a mirror image of the previous one, with the Roadrunners again exceeding the Titans and taking the match 15-10. Sophomore Setter Katie Stover helped the Roadrunners out, compiling 12 digs throughout the match.

In Game 4, LBCC overpowered Lane, winning 15-8. The victory left LBCC one match away from the NWAACC championship tournament.

Team leader Jamie Caster had 20 kills in the game, which was one of her high games, according to Elliott.

Freshman Dani Arlyn had 50 assists in the match against the Titans, giving her an overall record of 247 assists in 24 matches. She is currently second in the NWAACC standings, behind league leader Amy Bell of Mount Hood Community College, who has 266 assists in 25 games.

The final standings will come down to the face-off tonight between the Roadrummers and league leaders Mount Hood tonight in Gresham. The game will determine LB's seeding for the championship tournament, which will be held at Mount Hood Nov. 16-18.



Thursday

Lemon Chicken

LBCC goes undefeated in crossover tournament

by Christina Laramore

of The Commuter

The Roadrunners captured another first place win and went undefeated last weekend at the second NWAACC Crossover Tournament of the season, which was held at Bellevue Community College, in Bellevue, Wash.

Earlier this season, the Runners took first place in the NWAACC Crossover Tournament held at LBCC, also going undefeated.

In the first match on Friday, the Runners faced off against the BCC Helmswomen and swept the hosts of the tournament 15-9, 15-0 and 15-5.

LB then played Green River Community College in the second game of the tournament and got off to a good start in the match, winning the first game 15-10 and the second game 15-5. The Runners then dropped the third game 13-15, before beating LB beat Green River 15-10 in game four to win the match.

On Saturday, LBCC went into bracket play, facing the

Clackamas Cougars, who are currently seeded fourth in the region and on their way to the NWAACC Championship Tournament behind LB. The Runners swept all three games, 15-9, 15-6 and 15-12.

That win put the Roadrunners into the championship match against Spokane. LB defeated Spokane in the first game 15-13, but Spokane turned that score around in the second match, handing LB its second loss of the tournament. The last two games belonged to the Runners, as LB walked away with two more victories, 15-11 and 15-12, and first place in the tournament.

LBCC had four sophomore players nominated to the All-Tournament team-Shannon Gerding, Katie Stover, Sarah Towns, and Sophomore Jamie Caster.

Caster had been nominated to the All-Tournament team in the first Crossover Tournament as well, along with Sheryl Baga and Dani Arlyn.

"Everything is still looking good for us so far," said Seth Elliott.

Flemish Beef Stew **Huevos Rancheros** Soups: Scotch Broth & Beer Cheese Baja Shrimp Salad

Friday No School !

Monday Sticky Chicken Swedish Meatballs Portabellas Spinach & Rice Soups: Cream of Broccoli & Italian Sausage

Tuesday

Herb Breaded Chicken Breast **Beef Tamales** Sweet & Sour Tempura Vegetables Soup: Chili-Mac & Vegetarian Tomato Vietnamese Shrimp Soup

OPINION



COMMENTARY

It's official: Let the Bush-bashing begin!

by Leon Tovey of The Commuter

"Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having seven heads and 10

horns, and on his horns 10 crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous

name." (Revelations 13:1) President George W. Bush.

Upon hearing the results of the election, my first impulse was to flee—pack my bags and catch the first flight to Argentina; spend the next four years hiding in a cave somewhere in the Andes. But then I realized that this would be cow-



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ardice, and I decided to remain here in the states to fight the good fight.

Indeed, this is probably good advice for us all.

For while the man may be an evil lackey of corporate America, the son of a CIA drug lord and from Texas to boot, he might make a decent president—in at least one respect.

In one way, George Bush will be better for this country than Ralph Nader or even Al Gore. He will make a great enemy. And an enemy in the White House is what we all need these days.

Don't believe me? Well stay with me my friends, and I will teach you bibles full of truth.

My mother and father despised Ronald Reagan. I grew up listening to the two of them rage against "Old Ronnie Rattlesnake," and when I was old enough, I too learned to hate the man. Our shared loathing of the president brought my family closer together.

And we were not the first people ever to be affected

Look at the last two decades. The Reagan and Bush (Sr.) administrations inspired a legion of politically aware people—people who made it their sole purpose in life to tear down everything that those two men had wrought. These people were concerned with everything from protecting the environment to wiping out AIDS to ridding the world of nuclear weapons.

The only things the Clinton administration succeeded in inspiring are tasteless jokes and conservative talk-show hosts. For the past few years, there has been no us-against-them spirit in this country. Most people who loathe "Slick Willy" are more amused than outraged by him. Some changes have been made, but for the most part the status quo has been maintained.

Political awareness and activism has been suffering. Without a strong enemy to fight, people's political muscles have begun to atrophy.

But just when things seemed to be at their bleakest when another boring Democrat seemed to be on his way to the Oval Office and an intelligent third party candidate had stepped into the ring to make people think—the trusty electoral college saved us all, and gave us a new villain for the 21st century.

George W. Bush is going to be good for this country. He is a stooge for the oil companies and he will be a terrible president. He may try to pack the Supreme Court with Justices who will try to overturn Roe v. Wade. If he succeeds, we will have a terrific battle before us—a chance to sling rhetoric and philosophy back and forth at each other. If he fails, we'll all have a good laugh at his expense.

The next four years are going to be war, and I for one, am looking forward to it. So for that reason, it's okay to like George W. Bush—at least until he's sworn in.

COUNTER-POINT

Ignorant liberal opinion fails to see true threat to Israel

by Garrett Eilers

To the Commuter

It always amazes me how one liberal can form an opinion from ignorance. I would like to respond to Mr. Leon Tovey's lack of information, as well as his apparent lack of knowledge of warfare. I would believe that the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Shiite Muslims (Hezbollah), Islamic Fundamentalists (Hamas) were non-profit charitable organizations for peace, if I was a fool!

These organizations use terrorism tactics to get attention and support for their cause, and burning our flag during their protests against the United States. RPG/Anti-Tank LAW-Rockets, RPKs, AK-47s and suicide bombers are not rocks, Mr. Tovey. These groups get demonstrators involved to use them as the fuel, and they are the fire. When a person, child or adult, points a rocket at me, you bet I'm going to fire. In 1990 Palestinian protesters attacked Jews worshipping outside a temple, 17 were killed. Are we seeing a pattern here? Palestinians are such a problem that a solution cannot be reached. If a 16-year-old boy was to throw a potentially fatal weapon at an officer here in the United States he would be shot, too, and if I was his parent I would only have myself to blame, not the police officer, not the firearm. See, where we have failed in society is we cannot accept responsibility for our actions, yet we just shift the blame to someone, or something.

For your history lesson, in 1917 the British Government began the establishment of Jewish settlements in the Palestine Territory, under Balfour Declaration, since the territory was under British control after the withdrawl of the Turkish government after WWI. In 1947, the Untied Nations (not Allied forces, which implies North Atlantic Treaty Organization), under United Nations (51 members) orders declared the partition of the Palestine territory, which recognized Israel as a nation. Furthermore, NATO didn't begin "nation building" until some years later, under the liberal command of the United Nations. In the midst of division the Jordanian / Arab forces attacked in opposition to the recognition of U.N. orders. Between 1947 and 1949 Israel was unmatched in defeating the Jordanian/ Arab forces, leaving them one-third more territory than the United Nations allotted them. Israel fought for its right to be recognized, and in 1967 Egyptian, Jordanian as well as other Arab forces blocked the port of Eialat, sparking a retaliatory strike by Israel resulting in the Six Day War in which Israel prevailed without any outside intervention. The United States, and most NATO countries, directly gives and loans our tax dollars to other foreign nations to build military forces, to include, but not limited to Iraq. In 1990 we gave a number of Patriot missile batteries to Israel to avert their intervention in Operation Desert Storm when a mad man promised the "mother of all battles." In 1990 President George Bush refused to loan \$40 billion to Israel for Soviet-Jewish refugees, because Israel could not promise they would not settle in occupied territories, which would spark further conflict. The Clinton-Gore administration has since given 10 times that in foreign aid, sparking the more recent clashes. You're right, we should stay out of this, and let Israel fight for itself, but that poses a more sophisticated problem: other Arab countries are waiting to mount an offensive against Israel. An example would be when Saddam Hussein in 1990 launched SCUD missiles on Tel Aviv, Israel, to try and bring Israel into Operation Dessert Storm. His idea was that the NATO/Arab coalition would fail if Israel got involved. Thus we would have a serious regional conflict that would spread like fire. Israel is far from the little brother with almost a million combat-hardened veterans, which would do unthinkable things to prevail, and win. Next time you write in defense of these people, remember the 241 Marines murdered in Beirut, 19 airmen murdered in Saudi Arabia, the 17 sailors just murdered on the USS Cole, and the countless others by these groups.

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Many of the events that shook the 20th century and signaled a change in direction of our society (rock 'n' roll, the Civil Rights Movement, Roe v. Wade, the Stonewall Riots, and environmentalism) got started on the watches of powerful conservative presidents. The reason for this is simple. People need to be challenged in order to change the way that they think and unified in order to change the way society operates, and nothing challenges and unites people more than a common enemy.

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