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Growing Art

Michelle Reed draws plants in the LB Greenhouse last Thursday while instructor Analee Fuentes arranges plants in the background. Fuentes has been taking her Drawing II class to various locations on campus to sharpen their skills.

Students called to active duty can file for refunds

by Wendy Geist of The Commuter

A handful of LBCC students informed the college last week that they had been called into active duty and college officials expect more to come.

The sudden order to report leaves students with very little time to get their affairs in order. Students who received calls last week were to report to duty on Friday.

"What students don't want to do," advises Kathy Martinak, veteran's clerk at LB, "is to be called up and not take care of business. Because it can mean a huge financial impact."

Martinak works with reservists or National Guard, and veteran students at the college. She is in charge of making sure students are in compliance with the VA's rules for educational benefits. Reservists receive 36 months of educational benefits and have to use them within 10 years after they've become eligible. Martinak sends electronic transmissions to the VA regarding their educational benefits.

"I have to check to make sure every class they take that I certify them for counts toward their degree, and I have to make sure the VA knows when students drop classes so that they aren't

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Few candidates file as ASG election deadline looms

by Heather James of The Commuter

With the filing deadline just days away, Joanna Chan, who is running for vice-president in this month's student body elections, is the only candidate so far to turn in an application.

Candidates for the 2003-2004 student government election have until this Fri-

day to file their applications. Any student with a minimum 2.0 GPA is eligible to run for office. Forms are available in the Student Life & Leadership Office.

A student government position presents many opportunities, such as free tuition, leadership training and experience in politics. The positions of president, vice president and public relations/secretary will receive a grant for 12 cred-

its for three terms and must commit to five office hours a week.

Five representative positions are available—the business/health occupations, liberal arts/human performance, science/industry, student services/extended learning and at-large. These carry a grant for 12 credits for two terms and require three office hours a week.

Supplies and materials for campaign-

ing are provided to all candidates.

Students can gain information on the candidates running for office by attending the 2003 Student Government Candidate Forum in the Commons Feb. 19 at noon. The candidates will answer randomly drawn questions and free pizza will be served.

The election will be on-line from Feb. 25-26 at: www.linnbenton.edu/election.

More change in store for Ann Smart

by Thomas Lin of The Commuter

Ann Smart sums up her extraordinary 27-year career at Linn-Benton, her work in numerous volunteer organizations, and all her other achievements with one word—change.

Winner of the 2002 Corvallis First Citizen award, LBCC's Distinguished Staff award and countless other honors, Smart said she defines her biggest accomplishments by the positive changes made to people's lives.

"I like change and helping change happen," Smart said. "Education is the key for people to be able to make changes in life. Community college is pivotal to that because it's here whenever people are ready for it."

Smart has announced that she is retiring from LBCC.

Her current title, dean of institutional advancement and executive assistant to the president, is long. But not as long as the list of contributions she's made to the college and surrounding communities.

In 1975, Smart began laying the groundwork for the Linn-Benton Parent Education Program. Since then, she's been dean of a number of instructional divisions, director of the Benton and Albany Extended Learning Centers, vice president, financial administrator, and coordinator of community outreach programs. She's particularly proud that she started a program to put art and music therapy in nursing homes and instructional classes at senior centers.

During the 1987-88 school year, Smart made another big change. She took a leave of absence to serve as

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Photo by Thomas Lin

Retiring LB administrator Ann Smart.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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SATURDAY

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Resources aren't going to the real prolem: America

A trillion; that is a hard number to get a grasp on. If you counted one thousand dollar bills every second, it would take about 17 hours to count \$1 million, approximately 2 years to count \$1 billion and about 30 years to count \$1 trillion at \$1000 per second!

President Bush's \$2.23 trillion budget will set a record for deficit spending. He is proposing billions in income tax cuts and huge increases for the Pentagon. Over the next five years the total projected deficit will be more than \$1 trillion, not including the cost of a war with Iraq. In his state of the

union address Bush vowed to eliminate the national debt. This is going to be hard to do with a deficit like that.

President Bush said that his most urgent priorities were: "winning the war against terrorism, securing the homeland, and generating long term economic growth."

I don't believe that these goals are mutually compatible. We simply don't have the resources to invade and occupy every country that poses a hypothetical threat to the United States or is deserving of a regime change.

In his annual budget plan, President Bush proposes spending a record \$399 billion on the Pentagon while cutting programs for kids. Tens of billions of dollars will still go for Cold War junk we don't need, like nuclear missiles, new nuclear submarines, and a bunch of the most expensive jet fighters ever dreamed up—none of which will help us fight terrorists. Meanwhile this proposed budget shortchanges the very things that will make us safe and secure.

"We're paying for this war by enlarging the deficit, cutting back on health care, cutting back on education, jeopardizing Social Security and Medicare trust funds," said Representative Charles B. Rangel of New York.

The economic sacrifice," Mr Rangel said, "is disproportionately borne by seniors, working Americans and future generations who will have to deal with our debts."

Do we really have the money to "free" another nation when our own children, elderly and mentally ill are being denied schooling and are being turned out onto the streets to fend for themselves?

I agree that Saddam Hussein is a monster, and the Iraqi people are oppressed. If we were really out to help the Iraqi people enter an age of peace and happiness I would be right

there agreeing with a war. But, from the example I have seen in Afghanistan, Vietnam and South America, I just don't think America is ready to be the harbinger of peace and contentment for other nations. I do think that oil plays a large part in the desire to invade Iraq.

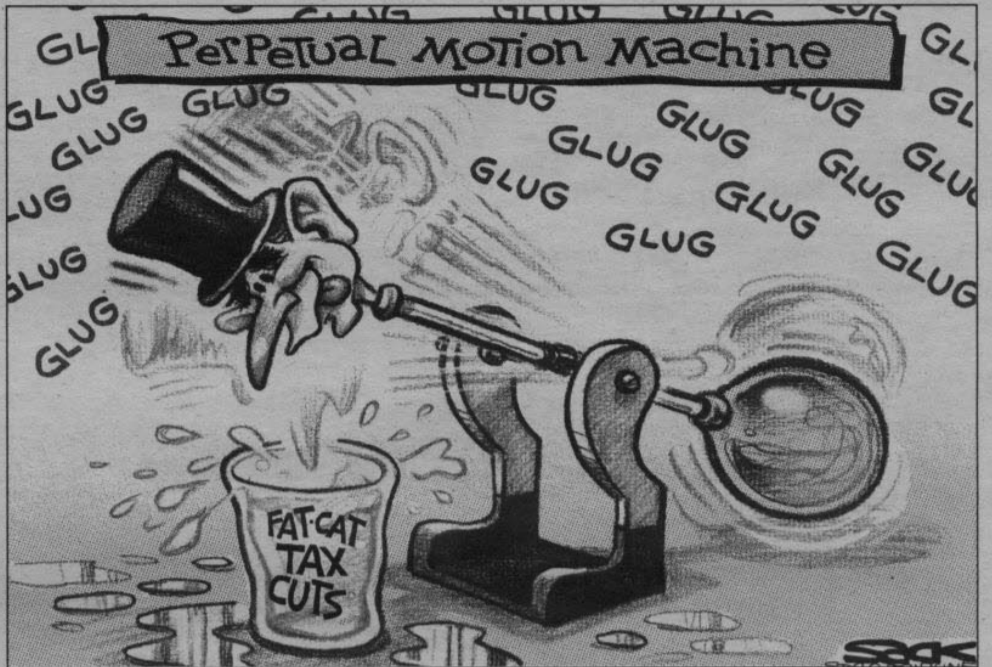
Nation-building is a noble purpose, but we cannot help others if our own country has no secure footing of domestic strength. The problems in Afghanistan are an example. To rebuild Afghanistan as we promised is an enormous task. Roads, schools, sewers, water systems and all of the infrastructure that we take for granted will have to be provided. This would be a problem repeated upon the conquest of Iraq. There is no doubt we can go over and "whoop their butts," The problem is what do we do with a country we have demolished after Saddam is gone?

Our schools are failing, our roads and bridges need repair. We have to beg the public to raise state taxes when we really have no say in the way the Feds spend our money. The federal budget money comes from you and me, not some magical source. Large corporations are getting billions in tax refunds every year. They are not contributing their fair share. It is you and I, who provide the bulk of

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federal money.

Some of the cuts proposed in the new budget are: government financed health care, children's health insurance, public housing programs, juvenile delinquency prevention programs and aid to rural schools.

Imagine an America without the things that give us true national security and pride in our country.

We are proud of our roads and parks; yet funding for bridge repair, national parks, and other scenic attractions that make our country beautiful, is evaporating.

It is wrong to become pregnant when young and single, but it happens and as a society we must care for our children. Yet we are losing funding for housing, preventative juvenile counseling, child care and medical benefits for these children. If a nation is judged by the way the most helpless of its citizens are treated, then we are showing ourselves to be of low moral standard.

The other helpless in our land, the mentally ill and the elderly, how are they being treated? We see the effects right here in Oregon. In one instance among many, over 100 severely mentally ill, elderly people stand to lose the homes they

have known for years for lack of a paltry \$400,000. That amount of money won't even buy toilet paper for the Pentagon for a month! Where is President Bush's "compassionate conservatism," when we need it?

Our leader's priorities are skewed. We will not long stand on a platform of strength when the American people; the source of America's strength, have to struggle to pay their bills without going into debt. When the great infrastructure generations before us sacrificed to build crumbles. Homeland Security is just that; security at home for the American people. If we speak to our leaders in a loud voice and cease to allow the multi-national corporations to involve us in wars for their own benefit, we will achieve true national security.

What can you do? Write your representatives, fax them, call them. You can join www.truemajority.org. This organization sends faxes and mail to your representatives for you, all you have to do is click on the button. And go out and help at least one person being hurt by these spending cuts. Just because it is the fault of our leaders does not mean we should allow people to suffer. Remember: YOU ARE the government. We ARE the people.

COMMENTARY

Syndicated radio show a hit on political issues

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

"Warning: the Savage Nation contains adult language, adult content, sociological nudity. Listener discretion advised."

"Savage Nation," a national syndicated live radio talk show, opens its daily programs.

Michael Savage, a Ph.D and author, has hit mainstream America with his brand of political wisdom and insight. Savage is challenging to politically correct liberals and has identified them as the true enemies of America. Savage is a man who's not afraid to speak out against the people he believes are corrupting and destroying our future and our children's future.

With comments like, "liberals are the true enemy of America" and "God is a conservative," it's hard to ignore a man who's loud, obnoxious, but informative and right in some people's ears. Savage was even band from radio on an Eugene sports station because of his view towards Liberals and Democrats.

If you listen to the show on 1340 KLOO AM, during the week from 4-7 p.m., you begin to catch that this man is unabashedly blunt. In his new book, "The Savage Nation," his chapter titles include "Diversity is Perversity," "Crimes of the Democrats" and "Immigrants of Epidemics."

Jeffrey Williams, majoring in computer business at LB, is a big fan of Savage. "He's entertaining and he's right most of the time," said Williams. "He's passionate" on topics that he feels are necessary to help and strengthen the nation.

"You never know what you're going to get," said Williams. He likes how riled up Savage gets on random issues. Williams has been listening to the "Savage Nation" for three-to-four months after learning of the program from Jim Ball, a fellow co-worker.

He says that Savage has influenced him, that they laugh and get mad together. "Leftists are stupid and they don't know how to run the government and nation," says Williams.

Williams agrees with Savage on issues such as attacking Iraq, terrorism, foreign issues, Israel, environmental issues and homeland security, etc. He also said that there are some issues he does not agree with such as drinking, parting and sex. Williams gives a "hell yea" recommendation.

Savage said in his new book and radio show that he supports the idea of war in Iraq, he says, if we had stopped Hitler in Munich (Germany), we would have prevented WWII. So we need to stop Saddam in Baghdad to prevent WWII.

Steve Beandreau, Pinkerton Security Officer at Hewlett Packard Corvallis says that Savage is "loud

and obnoxious." Beandreau found the show by scanning the radio, some issues sparked his interests, but Beandreau is liberal so most of the issues presented on the show he does not agree with. He says that he's interested in arguments that are presented and that he swings left, "all the way."

Others describe Savage as being entertaining and "the Howard Stern of politics," said Erin Corbett, student at LB and OSU. Corbett started listening to the show last year, she says that she does not go out of her way to listen to it and says that Savage should not be taken seriously, "just entertainment."

Corbett likes the show because it's different then what you normally hear. Corbett is liberal on some issues and conservative on others.

She says that she would recommend the show to others and that it's good to "open your mind" to things you don't agree with.

If you're thrilled with a man that has the courage to say what millions of conservatives in America have been thinking and unwilling to say out loud, then don't wait a minute to listen to the program.

Savage has reached six million people with his mission, which is to stop the destruction of American culture, borders and language in the name of political correctness. Some things about Savage will make you angry, but all will make you think.

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OPINION

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Radio show desensitizes pain of discrimination

For the past couple of years, I've listened to one particular Oregon radio station on my commute to and from work because it played music I love.

But over time, the commute hours began to change to the mainly talk format featured today.

I noticed an increasing discomfort arising from the radio conversations that appeared to have the goal of cheering people up by making them laugh.

It wasn't long before I noticed that the subjects of ridicule were always characters from marginalized groups.

Some examples would be a gay pirate, a fat man, a man with little or no education, transgendered people and people with mental disabilities. But even as I increasingly thought these little "talks" were over the line, I continued to

listen because I liked the music and, I reasoned, they really weren't trying to be hurtful.

But today, on the way home, it hit me how insidiously this station turns their listeners against anybody who isn't white, heterosexual, able-bodied, college-educated and makes plenty of money for leisure activities.

The feature attraction was a blind date contest for the man and woman who fit the "poor white trash" category. Some of their criteria were missing teeth, Velcro shoes with holes in the toes, clothes that were ill-fitting, eating at the buffet res-

taurant and getting a kick out of monster truck racing. Oh yes, and listening to Jerry Springer. Ouch.

In the name of fun, many in our communities were portrayed as stupid, uncaring about their appearance and unsophisticated in their food, clothing and leisure pursuits just because they happen to be too poor to take care of basic needs such as dental work and new clothing, let alone indulge in costly leisure activities.

In addition, the radio implied that these are the very people who cause all the problems in our state: after all, these

people listen to Jerry Springer.

As I turned this station off for good, my thoughts turned to the boiling frog. It seems that if you toss a frog into boiling water, it will jump out.

Just as most of us, if we hear a racist, sexist or hateful comment will say something or at least not want to hear it. But if you put the frog in cold water and heat it up, the frog will adjust to the temperature until it is boiled to death.

The radio talk hosts on this station have this theory down to a science. They sugar-coat their message with good-natured banter that shows that they are just plain folks like you. And before you realize it, people who are different are less human. And your compassion, like the frog, is dead.

Please don't boil any frogs.

Susan Prock



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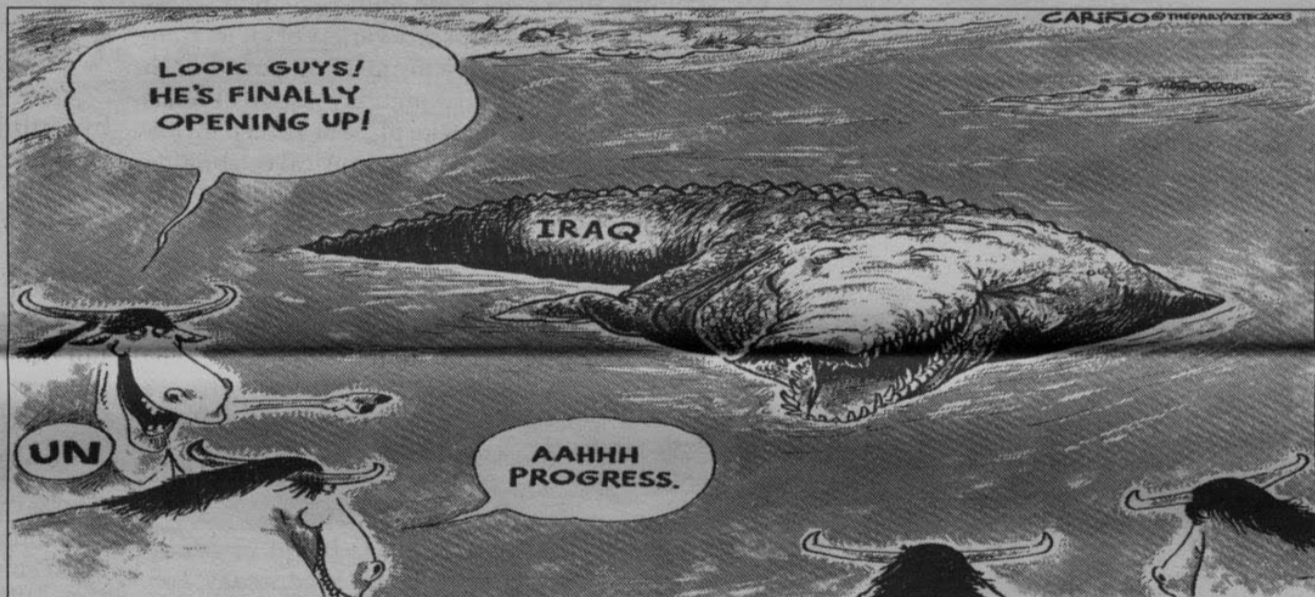
Apologists for peace don't measure the cost

Jeff Dodson
 for The Commuter

How many of you read the opinion page in last Wednesday's Commuter? That's what I thought, not many. It's easy to skip over all that "blah, blah, blah" for articles that some bearing on reality. Why should you read something that doesn't make any difference anyway? Well if you oppose the legalization of cannabis, last week's ramblings would have provided a potent argument showing the danger of mixing drugs and writing. But enough of throwing good ink after bad.

Let me see if I can address a few of your arguments. "Do I think that Iraq will attack the U.S.?" No, not when the mercenary of terror is still loose in the world. It isn't necessary for Iraq to attack us when some one is willing to do their dirty work for money. And just because Bin Laden tried to overthrow Saddam's regime doesn't mean that Hussein didn't support him. What better terror weapon to use against the civilized world than a crazed murderer of women and children, talk about plausible deniability. Now lets talk about the embargo against Iraq, and starving children. The embargo allows both food and medical supplies to be imported, so if Iraq's children are dying of starvation and disease it is the will of Hussein, a man whose crimes against humanity speaks for his humanity.

"What will we do if we invade Iraq?" Maybe the best way to answer this question is to ask it the opposite. What will we do if we don't invade? Not invading is comparable to us leaving Hitler in power after WWII after he had armed himself with the equivalent of ICBMs. We would not be hear today if our fathers had done such a thing. We should have dealt with that mad man right the first time, but we didn't have the will. Now we are faced with an even harder task, but have we learned from our mistakes or will we force our children to pay for our lack of gumption? Who among us really believes that this problem will just go away if we ignore it? Only those who are ignorant of history or living in a

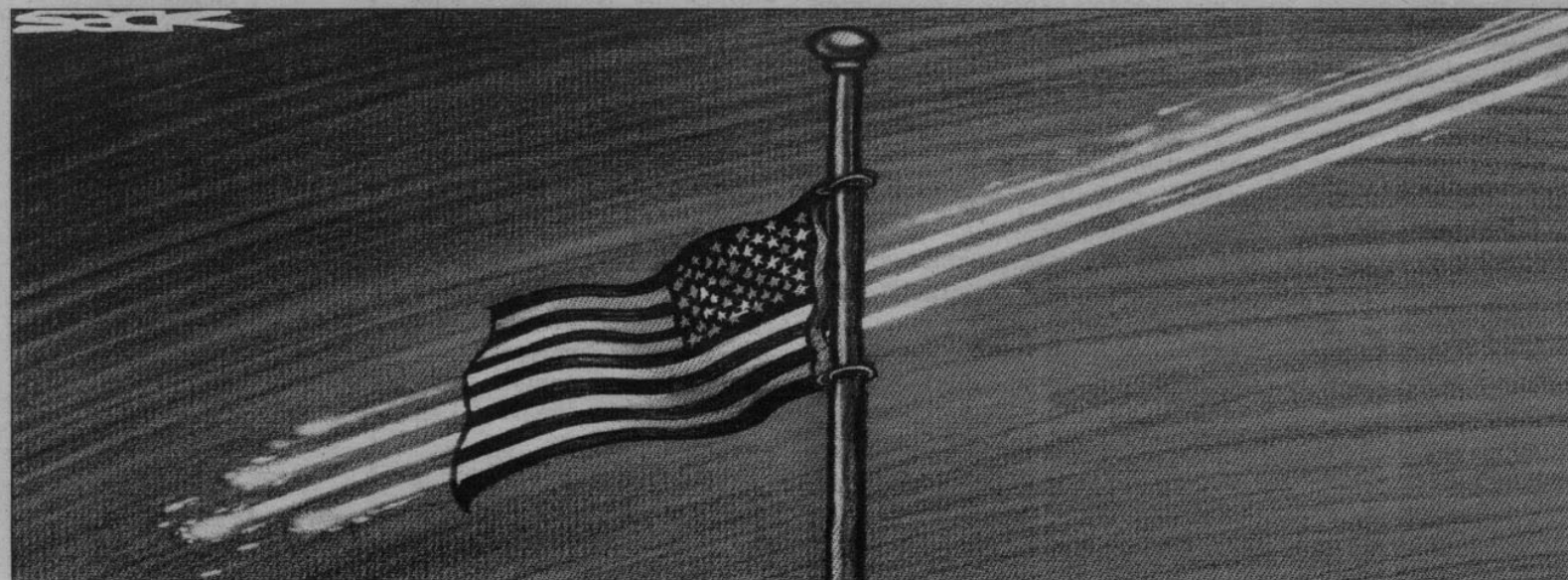


fantasy world. Maybe you don't condone the Iraqi regime but by not attacking now we throw our support solidly behind this icon of evil. At the beginning of WWII some people opposed our involvement in the "European war" and so strengthened Hitler's bid for world domination. If those misguided souls could only have been show what their "peace at any cost" stance would mean for mankind.

As the world powers continue to race each other for the nuclear high ground, we continue to seek a viable defense to this madness. We know from experience that the nuclear arms race is a deadly quagmire, but who will listen to us? If we are to find a solution to this ultrawar we must make it harder to fight. The nuclear Armageddon scenario of years gone by is changed. Now instead of two super powers locked in M.A.D., there is more than half a dozen nuclear powers with their fingers on the button. This is not to mention the specter of chemical and biological tipped SCUD missiles that any two-bit tyrant can build. Only with a

working ballistic missile defense system in place can we begin to wake-up from the nuclear nightmare. So I say it is better to bleed a little now than to glow in the dark for the next 10,000,000 years.

Finally your urging us to provide Africa with clean water, sewage, and infrastructure in order to fight AIDs while arguing that helping Iraq rebuild itself would bankrupt our economy is ludicrous. How can helping an oil rich country to rebuild be more expensive than providing clean water, sewage, and infrastructure to an entire continent, with an area (11,698,111 sq. miles) and population (682 million) larger than the continental U.S.? Maybe you have been studying that creative math they use in D.C. for too long, or maybe like so many of us you are too involved to see this clearly. It is one thing to see the need of stopping the crazy, genocidal bastard, it is quite another to send your sons and daughters into harm's way. I know it doesn't make this decision any easier to make, but try and remember that the opposite of war isn't peace, it's slavery!



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 and should be limited to 250 words. Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us: commuter@linnbenton.edu

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Off Beat

From KRT News

Check Under Hood

Two men staged a phony traffic accident in Pruzhany, Belarus, towing an old junk car to a remote intersection, and making it look like it had crashed to defraud the insurance company.

The jig was up when the investigating policeman looked under the hood of the car and discovered it had no engine.

Sweet Dreams

In order to get out of the house to be with her friends at night, a 15-year-old Kenosha, Wis., girl put her stepfather's anti-depressant pills in her parents' coffee so they would go to sleep.

She got away with it for about two months.

The Cat Kills Curiosity

A British woman climbed up a 10-foot-high barrier at an animal sanctuary in Madrid, Spain, to get closer to the lions.

She stuck her hand between the bars of the cage, and a lioness named Martha responded by playfully ripping her arm off.

Broken Merchandise

A Pennsylvania woman went to a psychic who advised her that she need to erase the "negative thoughts" that were holding her back.

To accomplish this, the psychic sold her three magic wands for \$5,400. Alas, the wands had no effect whatever. Police have become involved.

'Til Death Do Us Part

Even though she was videotaped offering a Florida undercover policemen money to kill her husband and was charged with solicitation to commit murder, her hubby stood by her, saying he loved her anyway. But the judge, concerned about the man's safety, forbade them have any contact at all.

Ultimately, the case fell apart and she was allowed to plead to a lesser charge. They are back living together.

Ice Show

Radio station BRMB in Birmingham, England, staged a "Coolest Seats In Town" challenge which required contestants to sit on blocks of dry ice — frozen carbon dioxide with a temperature of 108 degrees below zero — to win tickets to a music festival.

Four of them suffered extreme frostbite to the buttocks.

CAMPUS SHORTS

Graphics Open House

The Drafting and Engineering Graphics Department are holding an open house for all LBCC faculty, staff and management on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the ST Room 219. The open house is to show the new three-dimensional printer received last November. The printer takes a drawing from a computer and turns it into a tangible object by placing .33mm layers of ABS plastic on top of one another until the final result is achieved.

Wyden, Smith Forum

Oregon Sens. Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden will hold a joint town hall meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Albany City Hall located at 333 Broadalbin St. S.W. They are requesting citizen's comments for creating their 2003 Oregon agenda. For more information call Wyden's office at (503) 326-7525 or Smith's office at (503) 326-3386.

President Holds Meeting

LBCC President Jon Carnahan will hold an all campus meeting on Feb. 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Room F-104 to discuss budget, legislative, and PERS issues and concerns. There will be a question-and-answer period. Both students and staff are welcome to attend.

Juggling Careers & Family

The Gender Equity Film Series will be showing the film "Women: a True Story, The Double Shift", narrated by Su-

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in an overpayment situation," she said.

The school is working to make the process of withdrawing from school as easy as possible, Martinak explains.

Normally, when a student withdraws with veteran's benefits, they have to pay back the money they've already been given for the term, but the VA is no longer requiring that, she said. Students who have been called into active duty won't have to pay back anything, and the month they already spent in the current winter term will not be counted against them in their overall status of eligibility for the veteran's benefits.

For those students who receive financial aid, the college is required by federal regulations to look for the last date of attendance, according to Lance Popoff, director of financial aid. This helps the college determine how much it owes back to the federal account.

When students are ready to return to school, they will have to petition to reinstate their aid, he said. Petitioning to return includes stating when they were

san Sarandon, in Room ST 109 today at noon. See how a woman who is a surgeon handles her life, the problems new immigrants face, the problems of women during WWII and what it's like to be a house husband.

Hudson Service Saturday

Lani Diehm Hudson passed away on Feb. 5. She was a counselor at LBCC and spent most of her time in East Linn where her enthusiasm and caring demeanor touched the hearts of staff and community. A service will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church in Corvallis.

Celebrating Families

The 20th annual Family Resource Fair will be held at LBCC Saturday, March 8. The day will be filled with parenting workshops on a variety of topics from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch and community resource booths will take place at 12:30 p.m. followed by a musical celebration with special guest Scott Perry. Registration for child care and lunch are required by March 6. Space is limited. Admission for adults is \$1 per person. Lunch is \$2 per person and child care is \$2 per child (ages 6 months - 10 years). For more information call 917-4897.

Board Meeting

The LBCC board of education will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Center in Corvallis. The meeting is open to the public.

activated into duty.

To get the tuition refund, students need to turn in a copy of their order to registration.

"As long as we have a copy of the student's orders," said Bruce Clemetsen, director of enrollment management, "it is deemed a compelling reason" for them to withdraw from the college.

According to Clemetsen, the Bookstore also agrees to accept books for refund from those who are being called away—as long as they have a receipt.

Martinak adds that she wants students to have as much information as possible when going through the process of withdrawing from their courses, and that she will do whatever she can to assist students.

"All the student needs to do is to tell me they've been called up and to say, 'would you terminate my benefits,'" says Martinak.

"I can also direct students to the people they need to talk to in registration and so forth," she said. "These students are learning that their whole life is changing and we will try to help them out."

Her number is 917-4861.



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Show Me A Sign

Pat Walsh (front) and Charlie Womak construct new monument signs at the entrances to campus from Pacific Boulevard. The brick-and-concrete structures will feature brushed stainless steel letters and external lighting.

LBCC livestock judging team keeps busy

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

The LBCC livestock judging team just returned from a Denver competition where it placed sixth out of 20 teams and second in horse judging.

It was one of the more prestigious competitions for the team this year—other major meets they've competed in were at Kansas City, Mo., and Louisville, Ky., and they have trips coming up to Fort Worth and Houston, Texas.

Livestock judging is an activity that promotes students in the job field and increases their value to employers. Students judge and evaluate 12 classes of animals. They make decisions and rank them on a scale from one to four; one being the highest. They judge hogs, sheep, cattle and sometimes horses, grading on which class the judged animal fits in.

Eight of the classes are reason classes, which means that students defend their ranking eight different times. Students make a one to two minute speech describing the terminology, characteristics and why they chose the animal.

Clayton Weber, animal science faculty, is the advisor for the livestock judging team. He says that the speeches "teach kids effective oral reasoning," they use good wording and they learn to defend and argue effectively.

Weber also mentions that this helps students make decisions and to be better communicators. He also adds that this is a "long and draining experience."

There are 16 students in the program; 10 freshman and six sophomores.

Weber has been involved in the livestock competition since he was nine but he really got into it when he was in high

school and college. He has been involved for 20 years.

Livestock judging is a co-curricular activity that's a part of the animal science department. Students who wish to enroll must take the livestock selection techniques courses during fall term. The program is time consuming. Classes are scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Travel and practice are also involved.

COMMONS Menu

Feb. 12-18

Wednesday

Baked Stuffed Snapper
 w/ two sides
 Turkey Mole Pablano
 w/ spanish rice
 Rommali w/ curried
 vegetables & one side
 Soups: Grilled Vegetable
 Beef Roasted Garlic Pesto

Thursday

Lemon Chicken
 w/ steamed rice
 Braised Lamb Shoulder
 w/ one side
 Huevos Rancheros
 Soups: Gazpacho Beer
 Cheddar

Friday

Chef's Choice

Monday

Presidents Day Holiday

Tuesday

Hungarian Chicken
 w/ two sides
 Swedish Meatballs
 w/ buttered noodles
 Portabella Mushroom
 w/ spanish rice
 Soups: Cream of Broccoli
 Italian Sausage

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Vegetable oil answer to fuel problem

by Dee Denver
 of The Commuter

When LBCC student Jacq Chiron was a boy he saw a car that was covered in a moss seed texture, and knew he wanted a car like it.

So last June when he found some recycled astro-turf, he combined it with a gallon of contact cement and created the "grass-car" that has drawn stares in the campus parking lot this year.

Chiron wanted to have the grass car ready for the Renewable Energy Fair, in John Day, Ore., that is sponsored by Solwest. The fair promotes solar and renewable energy. Chiron also found by covering his car in astro-turf he could easily promote bio-diesel, which his car runs on.

Bio-diesel is made from vegetable oil. It can be used in any diesel engine, and is better for the environment. The first bio-diesel station opened in Nevada a year ago, and bio-diesel is the fastest growing renewable fuel. With a little time and effort it

can be made at home for around 50 cents a gallon. Bio-diesel is made with waste products that restaurants pay companies to take away.

"This is something that we can do now for the environment," stated Chiron. The fuel is comparable to diesel in every way. The only difference is instead of the exhaust putting emissions in the air; it just smells like French fries.

Chiron learned about bio-diesel two years ago on National Public Radio, then looked it up on the Internet, and decided to make the change.

"Bio-diesel is a transition fuel. It's a cleaner way, and it'll take us to the next step of transportation." Chiron said.

When asked about other modes of transportation Chiron mentioned the electric cars and hydrogen cars. He said electric cars are great for people that just drive to and from work, but are not feasible for long trips. On the other hand, hydrogen cars are great, but fueling is difficult at this time, because of the lack of fueling stations.



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Jacq Chiron uses his "grass car" to promote the use of bio-diesel.

Currently, there are other bio-diesel fueled cars at LBCC, and a group in Corvallis has formed a bio-diesel club, but Chiron is getting the most attention with his grass-car. According to Chiron, it's a great way to advertise. Not enough people know about bio-diesel, so not many use it. Chiron said that although it's tough to have privacy in a car covered in astro-turf, it arouses people's interest

in renewable fuel.

"This is something we can do now to change the situation. Gas cars are inefficient, and I want SUV's off the road! We just have to show people there is a better way," encouraged Chiron.

For more information on the grass car or bio-diesel you can access Chiron's web page at www.grass-car.com, or the bio-diesel web page at www.bio-diesel.org.

Free trip to McCall debate

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Student Life & Leadership is offering students a free trip to the 2nd Annual Tom McCall Forum in Portland tomorrow. The forum, entitled "The Bush Presidency: 9/11, Enron and Beyond," features Bill Bradley and David Gergen debating everything from the war on terrorism and Iraq, to economic troubles at home. Bradley is a former senator and presidential candidate and Gergen is a noted conservative who served with Presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan.

Darrell McGie, LBCC current events and political activities specialist, believes the debate will be a lively discussion. "We are defense-spending ourselves right out of our own future," says McGie. "Anti-war activism is really starting to take foot across the nation."

All of these things tie into the Bush presidency. With everything going on in the nation, McGie believes this will be a lively discussion, especially for the politically inclined.

SL&L is sponsoring the free trip for 11 students, with a student ID. Tickets for the van ride and debate are on a first come first serve basis. The van will leave Takena Hall at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Interested students should contact the SL&L office, located on the first floor of the Student Union.

Candlelight vigil in Corvallis to protest war plans

for The Commuter

A candlelight vigil for peace is planned for Saturday in Corvallis beginning at 4 p.m. at the OSU MU Quad, where the crowd will then march to the Benton County Courthouse. Barring unforeseen circumstances, Congressman Peter DeFazio plans to join the vigil sometime after 5 p.m.

People in cities throughout Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and North America are organizing protests on that same day. The event is sponsored by Wrench, an OSU campus group; Alternatives to War, a Corvallis community group; and OSU Faculty for Peace and Justice.

"The Bush Administration is doing its best to ignore the overwhelming opposition to war, both at home and abroad," said event organizer Karin Rohland. "In the history of our country, there has never been such a large and wide diversity of people opposed to

planned war."

Recent protests in major U.S. cities have drawn a wide range of citizens, from grandmothers to multi-pierced youth, union activists, clergy, families, people of all cultures and walks of life.

"Photos of recent marches and vigils across America are snapshots of genuine democracy and the Bill of Rights at its finest," said Makiko Matsumoto of OSU Faculty for Peace and Justice.

"This will be an opportunity for us to express our appreciation for Mr. DeFazio's steadfast efforts to rein in the excesses of this Administration," said Carol Alexander of Alternatives to War.

Congressman DeFazio introduced legislation on Feb. 5 to repeal the Iraq Use of Force Resolution passed by Congress and signed into law by the President last fall.

The event will also honor the recently passed Corvallis City Council Resolution for Peaceful Solutions.

For more information visit the web site www.unitedforpeace.org.

Ann Smart: A legacy of college and community service

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founding president of Oregon Coast Community College, becoming the first woman to head an Oregon community college. She said she envied the founders of Linn-Benton and wanted to start something herself.

Currently, Smart also acts as the executive director of the LBCC Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises scholarship money through donations and serves as a conduit for the endowment of property to the college. She said the foundation receives all sorts of items from cars and horses to computers and buildings.

"She's provided the college with the flexibility to utilize her skills at almost every area of management that the college has," said President Jon Carnahan. He credits this to her management style and ability to understand the fundamental organization, operation and mission of the college.

Smart, 56, has also worked for positive social change in the community. According to the Gazette-Times, the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce named her First Citizen on Jan. 29 "for her work with a wide variety of service clubs and civic organizations, including Zonta, American Women in Community Colleges, the Corvallis Sister City Association and First Christian Church."

"An issue that's always been important to me is improving the status of women," Smart said. "There are still a lot of single moms trying to raise children and trying to maintain a decent income. Women play such a big role with children and the future of children."

How does she manage to do it all? "I rarely watch TV," she said. "It's just where you put your priorities in life, how you decide to spend your time."

Her colleagues say she has been everything to Linn-Benton.

Dean of Student Services Diane Watson described her as "one of the pillars of the college. Ann is an individual with great integrity who can be counted on to teach, mentor and help others grow. To me Ann is a role model, colleague and friend, and I have cherished that friendship over the years. I am also better at what I do because I have worked with Ann. I think there are a lot of folks who would say the same."

Machine tool instructor Dick Carter, who worked with Smart when she was dean of the Engineering and Industrial Technology Division, said, "I don't know if I've worked with anyone who I enjoyed working with or respected more than Ann. She probably means as much to the Linn-Benton family or reputation as anyone who's ever worked here. She is Linn-Benton."

Becky McKenzie, an instructional assistant at the Benton Center math lab, fondly remembers how Smart would always bring Valentines to the employees at the Benton Center. "I think she's wonderful. She's somebody everybody respected and liked. You might not always agree with her, but you respected her decisions. She was fair."

Gwenn Marchese, director of Albany Extended Learning, has known Smart for 13 years. "She's been a part of

every day that I've been here. She takes chances. She takes risks. Hiring me was a risk she took. It's been a total pleasure working with her," she said.

For all of the positive changes Smart has brought to LB, there is one negative change that most of her colleagues agree will hurt the school—she's retiring. Officially, her retirement began Jan. 31, but she is staying on to help through the end of August.

Carter said he received an email Monday of last week asking the faculty to recommend a replacement for retiring President Carnahan. "I just immediately answered back, 'I think Ann Smart is the best candidate.' A day later she tells me she's retiring (too). I was very disappointed."

Marchese added, "It's a blow (that she's leaving). Those of us that depend on her good sense are really going to miss her."

What's next for Smart? She said she will have more time for her hobbies: photography, genealogy, traveling, reading and cross-country skiing. "At some point, I want to get more involved in volunteer activities," she added.

As for Linn-Benton's future, Smart thinks "it will continue to be a great place for students and the community. I hope when we make it through these budget problems, we'll still be a comprehensive college, serving adults and senior citizens as well as younger students. I hope we can hang on to that comprehensive mission."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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New Albany cafe offers eclectic scene

by Monica Gizowski
 of The Commuter

A very unusual cafe opened in downtown Albany in early December. Chris Arellano and Lisa Landucci-Arellano are the proprietors of MusiCafe, which offers a lot more than just the average Starbucks; they not only sell a variety of beverages and pastries, but also vintage clothing, which is one of Lisa's passions. Chris' area of expertise is music, which they have integrated by offering guitar lessons.

The couple have music jams, and open mic nights every Friday and Saturday starting at 7 p.m., with a featured performing artist. Artists who chose to perform on open mic night have the opportunity to bring into play their music ability, stand up comedy, and poetry readings.

Lisa and Chris usually get the open mic performances started. Lisa is a 1985 West Albany High School graduate who has been singing since she was a young girl. Chris, on the other hand is from Nashville, Tenn. Lisa met him there in 1996 through the local music scene. His music inspired her and they married in 2000.

That year they decided to open a drive-through



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Co-owner Chris Arellano joins Lydia Nelson and Walter Davis on stage at the new MusiCafe in downtown Albany.

coffee stop in Nashville, where they practiced making the perfect coffee specialty drinks.

Eventually, they decided to move back to Lisa's hometown in Albany and open their own business with a little coffee and a little music to spice things up a notch.

The atmosphere can be described as funky, decorated with classic pictures, old cozy chairs and fringed lamps that sit in all corners of the room. The decor includes a high, green, cathedral-like ceiling held by long, black pillars.

All ages are welcome in Landucci-Arellano's lounge. The cafe is located in the Historic Flinn Hall, on 1st Street. It is open from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6:30 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday. For more information and up-coming events, call the MusiCafe at 541-967-7664.

Club holds Winter Queer Film Festival

by Kimberly Nelson
 of The Commuter

LBCC's Gay-Straight Alliance will present a Winter Queer Film Festival Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Fireside Room from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.. The club will be screening five movies and providing popcorn to all students and staff.

The first movie, "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss," follows a Polaroid photographer as he becomes attracted to one of his sexually assertive models. The photographer comes to question his own sexuality. "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss" is a light-hearted movie with some obser-

vations about sexuality.

"Chutney Popcorn" is an English film about a lesbian who helps her heterosexual sister conceive a child even though her mother and partner are opposed. "Chutney Popcorn" will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Showing at 11 a.m. is "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" which is a rock opera that follows a young girl through her life in Berlin as she becomes a performer and tries to find her other half.

"Taboo" is a drama film that will start at 1 p.m. about a feminine and rogyinous samurai warrior that has romantic involve-

ment with other samurai and creates jealousy among them all.

The last movie that will be shown at 3 p.m. titled "Big Eden" is a film that shows how open and tolerant a community can be about sexual issues.

The GSA meets every week on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays with different topics of discussion each week.

"We try to create a safe environment for people to openly discuss issues related to the queer community, without fear or apprehension," said Ajai Tripathi of the GSA. For more information contact Heather Hybarger at 917-4411.



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Instructor photo exhibit

Black-and-white photographs by Rich Bergeman, LBCC photography and journalism instructor, will be on display at Oregon State University's Center for the Humanities through March. The platinum/palladium prints include a series taken in the Coast Range, "Tidewaters: Rivers in the Wake of Man," as well as images from Bergeman's Irish Abbey Ruins series. The exhibit is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at 811 S.W. Jefferson Ave. For more information, call 737-2450.

Entertainment at Bakery

On Saturday, Feb. 15 Mark Lavine and Sally Palmer will be performing acoustic folk at the New Morning Bakery, located at 219 SW 2nd in Corvallis. There is no cover for this performance.

Much Ado Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for LBCC's performance of "Much Ado About Nothing for Kids." There will be two public performances, Feb. 23 and March 2 at 3 p.m. at Takena

Theater. Written by Lois Burdett, and directed and adapted by Jean Bonifas, this adaptation includes actors playing several parts and opportunities for members of the audience to assist them in playing out the story. Seating is reserved and adults cost \$7, children under 18 are \$4. Tickets are available at the Takena Theater Box Office, Sid Stevens Jewelers, and Rice's Pharmacy. Or call 917-4531 for further information.

Magic, Magic, Magic

The Oregon State University Memorial Union Program Council presents Magician. David Seebach will weave a spell of magic with tricks and illusions on Saturday, Feb. 22 at LaSells Stewart Center at OSU. Seebach, a featured performer at the annual convention of the Society of American Magicians, combines drama, humor surprise and mystery to dazzle his audience. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at Memorial Union 103 (541-737-6872) or at the door. Public \$10; Students \$7.

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Play draws thousands of children to campus

by Lisa Terra
 of The Commuter

"Much Ado About Nothing," originally written by Shakespeare 400 years ago and recently adapted for children by Lois Burdett, and is now performing at LBCC Tadena Theater.

The play, which opened yesterday, will have 18 performances. Children from Linn and Benton county schools will attend the 16 children's shows, and two Sunday shows will be open to the general public. Students are advised to attend the public shows since the children's shows will be sold out.

Tickets for the play have been on sale since Feb. 3 at many locations throughout Albany and Corvallis. Tickets are also available at LB's Box Office, T104A, or two hours prior to curtain.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 18. The shows open to the public will be performed on Feb. 23 and March 2. Children's shows will be performed Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The play is set in Messina, a town in Italy. Some changes have been made to the play, such as the role of governor, which was originally a male role but will be played by Stefanie Hessenkemper. There was also a last minute actor substitution,

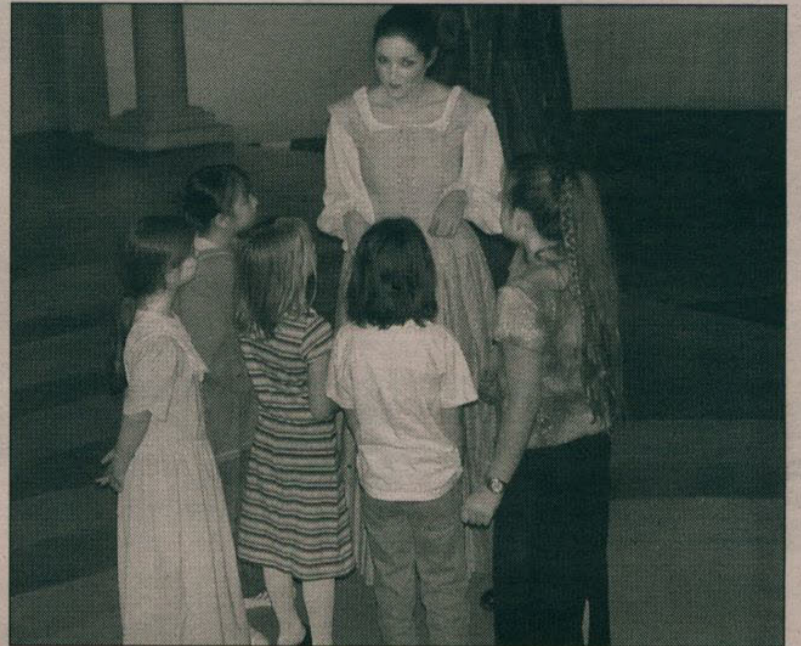
who had his first run-through Sunday.

The audience plays a large role in this play, making every performance different. The play is placed in a contemporary setting to make it easier for the children to follow. Bringing the audience into the performance makes the cast work like a sports team, stated Director Jean Bonifas.

"Involving the audience is a way to hold [their] interest, but I think its fun," stated director Jean Bonifas.

Eight-year-old Caitlin Bartelds thought the play was really funny, "I thought being on stage was fun, real fun!"

Bartelds thinks being on stage as a performer later on in life is something she may be interested in. For now it's just fun.



Photos by Jeremy Hennig

Tai Sweek, above, joins Erica Jones and Jordan Neufeld, left, in coaching several school children on stage prior to the opening performance of "Much Ado About Nothing" at Tadena Theater Tuesday morning. In each performance, different children are selected from the audience to take roles in the play.

All the world's a stage for Shakespeare in today's society

by Joseph C. Battrick
 of The Commuter

A recent headline screamed "Courtney Love to play Lady Macbeth!" Hollywood was promoting yet another adaptation of one of William Shakespeare's famous plays.

There have been at least 18 major motion pictures based on Shakespeare and his works since 1990, and several local theaters are currently mounting productions of his plays. The University Theater at OSU is dedicating an entire season to The Bard, Albany Civic Theater will open its production of "King Lear" later this month, and the LBCC Theater Department just this week opened a children's adaptation of "Much Ado About Nothing".

Where does this fascination with Shakespeare come from? These plays were written some 400 years ago. What could they possibly have to say that means anything to today's society? The language is difficult to understand. Is there any worth in wading through the archaic Elizabethan English to try and find anything of relevance? And by the way, what's so important about Shakespeare anyway?

In my search for answers to these questions, I approached several local experts on the subject. Natalie Daley, who is currently teaching Introduction to dramatic Literature, said: "We would like to believe we've changed significantly in the last 400 years, but the same emotions, needs, passions, and crimes that existed in Shakespeare's plays are still equal factors in today's human equation. As long as his plays continue to speak to us, we can continue to listen and learn."

Jane White, a retired English instructor who spent many years

teaching Shakespeare classes at LBCC, agreed. The themes Shakespeare deals with are "timeless issues," she said. "Love, friendship, jealousy, evil, power, greed, art and artifice, treachery, murder, death, and the question, 'What gives life meaning?' Each one is still relevant today."

"Human nature hasn't changed in [400] years," added LBCC theater instructor George Lauris. "His understanding of human nature is probably absolutely perfect. [That's] the thing that's made him last through the ages."

Human nature may not change much over time, but language does.

"You're dealing with a language which is sometimes archaic, with thoughts and customs that have long since passed," Lauris stated. "The difficulty is trying to make those things important and clear to modern audiences."

Daley echoed his sentiments. "Reading or watching

Shakespeare's plays is often a considerable stretch," she said. "The difficult and poetic language, complex characters, and bizarre plot twists require careful attention."

Someone once said that maybe it's time Shakespeare had a translation from the Middle English of 500 years ago to some sort of modern counterpart. Lauris cautions "that would probably destroy it." Daley counsels, "Working with such difficult material is how we grow and learn."

White has similar feelings about the importance of accepting the challenge to study Shakespeare.

"So much of Western literature and culture rests on his work," she says. "By examining him, we deepen our understanding of all that we study and experience. He 'holds a mirror up to nature,' urging us to examine our own lives as we read about and even portray the characters he's animated so realistically on the page." White quoted

scholar and critic Harold Bloom, who credited Shakespeare with "the invention of the human," showing through his plays what it means to be human.

This is perhaps the most important impact that the works of William Shakespeare have on us, and why there is still so much focus on his after so many years. LBCC provides many opportunities for students to study Shakespeare. The English Department features a year-long series specifically dedicated to his works.

White, who taught the Shakespeare Literature courses before she retired from LBCC, summarized the importance of Shakespeare in our lives at the conclusion of her comments. She said, "He shows us that 'all the world's a stage' and that we too are actors with important parts." I couldn't agree more.

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Men urged to remember Hallmark Holiday

by Ahna Neal
for The Commuter

Many currently attached men might have some trouble this Friday, Feb. 14. Some may arch their brow in speculation and ask "Why?" (I'm afraid those people might need to seek some professional care).

Because, boys and girls, this 14th is the day of romance known as Valentine's Day, Sweethearts day, the day of lovers, or simply "V-day." You see, a person's significant other tends to get upset when their lover misses a few key dates: birthdays, anniversaries, and Valentine's day.

Valentine's Day has become the day where lovers express their love to each other, with such things as flowers, cards, balloons, cutesy gifts, and chocolate, which I think is just an excuse by candy companies to increase business. This wasn't always the case though.

It started in the fourth century B.C. The Romans engaged in a male rite of passage to the God Lupercus. The rite was a teenage boy's dream; a female lottery. Each young woman's name was placed in a box at random by the teenage boys. When the day arrived each male was assigned a female companion for the duration of the year. (Now I know why some men think of us just as prizes to be won).

In 270 A.D., about the time the Roman Empire was coming to a close, during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, there was a priest near Rome by the name of Valentine. Claudius issued an edict forbidding marriage. He believed at the current time of civil unrest that he needed an army, and that married men were too attached to their families to make decent soldiers. Valentine, a bishop during this edict, learned of the emperor's plan and would meet lovers in secret, uniting them in holy matrimony. (Insert the crowd's "awww" here.) Emperor Claudius learned of this 'friend of lovers' and had Valentine arrested. To save Valentine from certain execution, Claudius attempted to convert the bishop to the Roman Gods. Valentine refused the conversion and even tried to convert the emperor, knowing the consequences. Valentine was put to death on Feb. 24, 207 A.D.

Now here is the real tearjerker folks. While Valentine was in prison he came into contact with his jailer, Asterius, who had a blind daughter. Asterius requested that Valentine heal his daughter of her blindness. Through faith and mutual love, the daughter's sight was restored. Just before Valentine's execution, he asked for a pen and paper, to which wrote a farewell message to his love, the

jailor's daughter, and signed it "From Your Valentine," a phrase that has lived on through the years. Valentine later became a patron saint of lovers. Thus, that is how the holiday became known as St. Valentine's Day.

How did we go from this star-crossed tale to, as many call it, a two-bit industrialized Hallmark holiday? I think that's the same as asking the question, "How did we go from the birth of Christ, to a Toys-R-Us catalog?"

Nonetheless, many, including my-hopelessly-romantic-self, will look down upon you if you screw things up. It's not about the flowers, jewelry, balloons, candy, cute cuddly stuffed

animals, or even the dinner at the Space Needle that my boyfriend forgot to make reservations for, (a-hem). It is all about

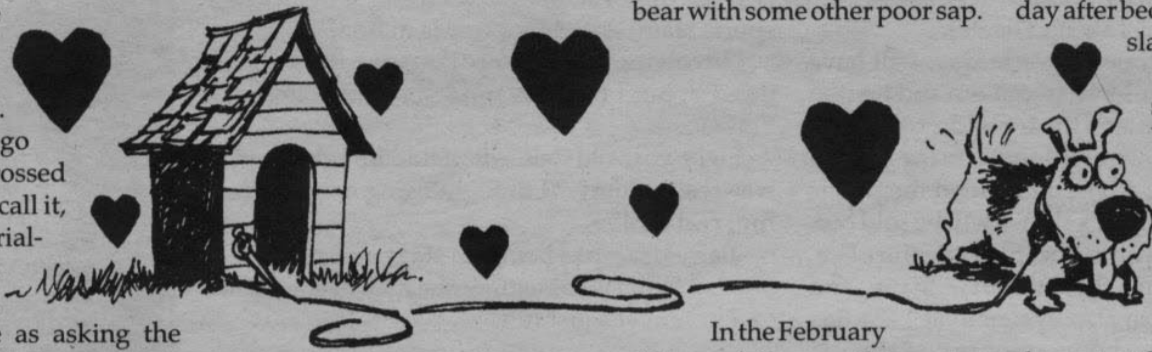
when this has happened. Generally this is when we receive a cordless drill, or the stuffed bear missing a black eye because your boyfriend fought over the poor bear with some other poor sap.

shaped card from notebook paper with "IOU ONE GIFT" written on it and last but not least a big no-no; buying you chocolate (actually insert any gift here) the day after because the prices were slashed.

I can hear you guys scoff now, "Well Valentine's day is a mushy holiday geared towards women."

Yes, I know this, as well as knowing that deep down inside you guys like receiving even the mushy gifts as well.

Seriously though, if you don't like sleeping on the couch, (you know, the one with the annoying spring that pokes you the wrong way), I suggest you take heed to my words.



In the February

edition of Cosmo Magazine there is an article entitled: "The Biggest V-day Sins Guys Commit." These include: saying he doesn't believe in hokey commercial holidays two seconds after you give him a cute card, giving you supermarket flowers, making you a lame, heart-

the remembrance of the holiday that counts.

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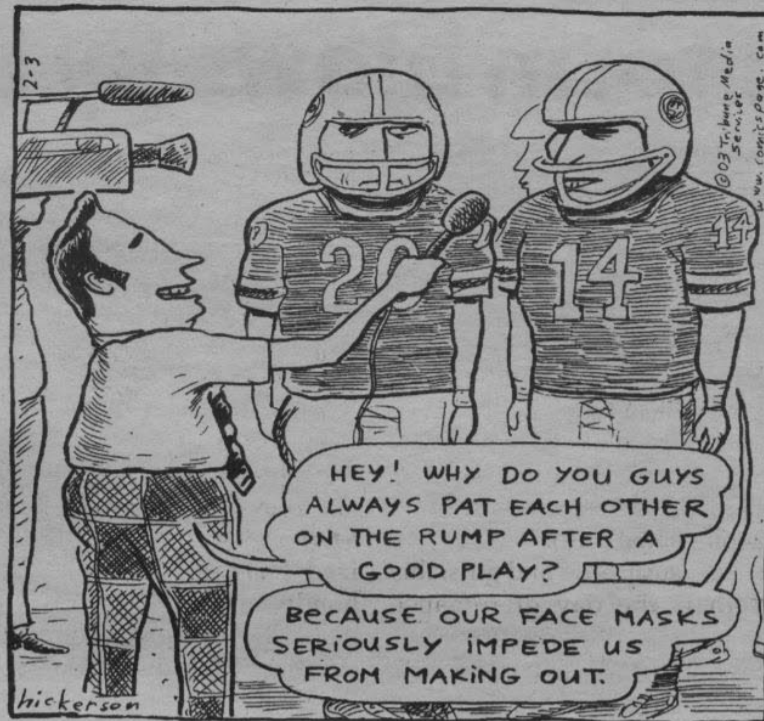
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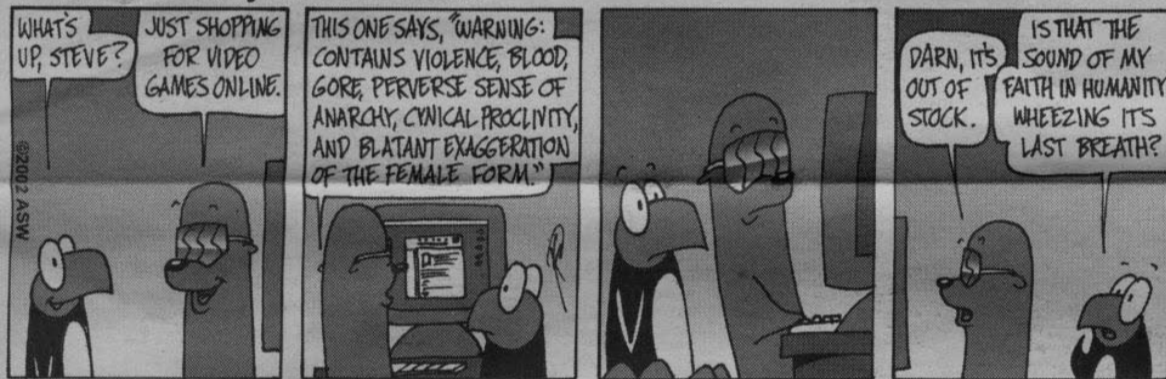
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Storm blows by Runners

by Robert Ward
 of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton girl's team suffered a tough 78-57 loss at home on Saturday Feb. 8 against the much bigger and stronger Chemeketa Storm.

The Storm came into the game tied for first place with Lane Community College, while the Roadrunners entered the contest tied for fifth place with Southwest Oregon Community College. Linn-Benton, who struggled without a dominant post player, just couldn't get their outside shooting to fall in the first half. Linn-Benton's sophomore post Priscilla Hendrix sat out the game with a bad knee, which enabled Chemeketa's 6'2" post Annie Hartle to control the paint throughout much of the game.



Photo by Thomas McGeary

Katie Jarrett steps up to try and fill the void left by injured post player Priscilla Hendrix against Chemeketa.

The Roadrunners knew that with Hendrix on the bench, they would have to bring a strong outside game with them.

The Storm started the game on an 11-0 run that the Roadrunners just couldn't seem to stop. After sophomore Katie Jarrett hit a jump shot to end the run,

Linn-Benton climbed their way back into the game.

Freshman guard Marisa Higgins hit a momentum changing three-pointer and with nine minutes to go in the first half, freshman Kelli Wolfram

hit a driving lay-up to pull the Roadrunners within five points. Then the Storm battered down the hatches and applied a suffocating full-court press that left the Roadrunners flustered all night.

"We knew what to expect with their tough pressure," said sophomore guard Janine Dionne but Linn-Benton just couldn't avoid the smothering defense put down by the Storm. Chemeketa forced multiple turnovers that kept the Roadrunners on their heels throughout most of the night. By the time halftime rolled around, Linn-Benton found themselves in a 42-20 hole.

The outside game Linn-Benton strongly needed eluded them through much of the first half. "We had plenty of shots, but they just didn't fall," said Dionne, who finished with 18 points. The Roadrunners wouldn't be denied after the beginning of the second half.

Dionne and Higgins hit back-to-back three-pointers to cut into the Storm lead in hopes of putting Linn-Benton back into the game. The second half would show that the Roadrunners could shoot the long-range jumpers.

At one point in the second half Higgins hit three straight three-pointers en route to a game-high 22 points. Linn-Benton's three-point accuracy caused the Storm to go back to the press. After forcing a couple more turnovers, the Storm just couldn't get their shots to fall. Linn-Benton's freshman guard Jennifer Dionne grabbed a series of defensive rebounds to keep the Roadrunners in the game.

The entire Linn-Benton team seemed to catch their second wind during the second half. They didn't stop hustling to loose balls, or chasing after rebounds, despite being down by a considerable amount. However, the Roadrunners caught fire just a bit too late and the Storm were able to punch it inside to Hartle, who finished with 17 points and eight rebounds.

The Roadrunners will host their final home game of the season against Umpqua Community College on tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Activities Center.



Photo courtesy of Mount Ashland Association

Snowboarders strap in their boots in front of the Mount Ashland lodge, where skiers and snowboarders are enjoying some of the best snow in the state this year.

Ashland: This year's winter wonderland

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

Four-hour drive to southern Oregon, 7,000 feet, 100 inches of snow, great runs, 15 miles away from main highway, beautiful views of Oregon and California and only minutes away from a large urban area.

Nestled in the Siskiyou Mountains, Mount Ashland stands at 7,533 ft. It offers, on average 300 inches of snowfall. Currently it has the most snow of all the ski resorts in Oregon.

The mountain contains 23 trails for snowboarding and skiing, with beginner to advanced routes along with a half-pipe for snowboarders.

Mount Ashland, half-way between Portland and San Francisco, is considered by some to be the alpine gateway to the Pacific Northwest.

Mount Ashland has the smallest resort with the steepest terrain in Oregon, but it's attractive right now because the resort has 113 inches of snow compared to 60-70 inches on Mount Hood and Mount Bachelor.

It might have the most snow in the state, but it's not the best place to go to learn how to snowboard or ski, said C.J. Sveta,

Medford High School snowboard coach and Ski Patrol faculty member at Mount Ashland. Sveta has been working there for three years. If you're looking for a challenge, come to Mount Ashland," said Sveta. "It's a small-town mountain," and "the ski patrol is the best in the nation," said Sveta. The mountain also offers "a lot of customer care and we hope to extend that with an expansion project," Sveta mentioned.

The Mount Ashland Ski resort was built in 1964 when the population of the Rogue Valley was just 60,000. Today it's 180,000, yet the Mt. Ashland ski resort is the same size.

The Mount Ashland Association is completing work on an enhancement plan to modernize the aging resort and to meet the growing demand for outdoor recreation.

In 1991 the US Forest Service approved the improvement projects pending site specific analyses which are now being brought to a conclusion.

SPORTS



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The basketball circus pulls up, leaves Atlanta for second-half of season

February: The month between the big events. February has always been a month with not much going on. The football seasons are over and we are now all waiting for March Madness to begin. However there is some great college hoops going on, and of course, the All-Star circuses of the NBA and NHL, which both were great this year.

The 155-145 overtime scoring-fest saw all the stars putting up big numbers; Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan, Shaq O'Neil, Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady, and some guy named Jordan all had great games. The NBA All-star weekend is the most exciting of all the sports All-Star spectacles, and it proved why last week-end.

I am not surprised that the Eastern Conference All-Stars almost always play competitively with the Western Conference All-Stars, because the East has great players, however the best teams are all in the West.

I know the Nets and Pacers are hot right now, but I place at

least five Western teams above them right now.

But what is really sad about basketball is that all of this is not even the biggest story, instead it is a high school player.

Does anyone else see a problem with this?

Yeah LeBron James is a great player, but should we really be giving him so much attention? I mean he still is in high school. Is this the future of basketball, with high school kids being the top prospects in the country and having the NCAA becoming a second-rate training ground like NFL Europe?

If it is, I really do not care, because right now, college basketball is a lot more fun to watch than the NBA.

It is actually real basketball, not a contest of who can have the best slam dunk. Personally I can not wait until the tournament next month, so I can watch some exciting basketball.

Getting off the subject of basketball, I just want to mention something to Oregon.

Next time you have a good Christian recruit, try not to offer him alcohol, marijuana, and sex; parents seem to frown on that sort of thing.

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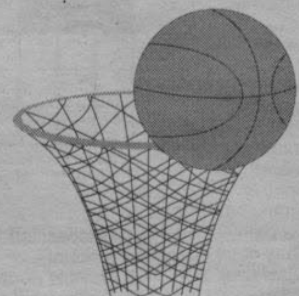
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Lane	6-3	16-5	Umpqua	7-2	16-6
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SW Oregon	4-5	12-9	SW Oregon	3-6	8-13
Linn-Benton	4-5	9-12	Linn-Benton	3-6	7-13
Chemeketa	3-6	9-12	Mt. Hood	1-8	2-18
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MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME: WOMEN & MEN
Wed Feb 12	Umpqua	LBCC	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 15	Clackamas	Ore. City	4 & 6
Wed Feb 19	SW Oregon	Coos Bay	5:30 & 7:30
Sat Feb 22	Portland C.C.	Portland	4 & 6
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Men overcome Storm in final seconds

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

The men's basketball team beat the Chemeketa Storm in a thriller at home last Wednesday by a score of 71-70 to keep their post-season hopes alive.

Going into the game the Runners knew it was going to be important, since they were tied with the Storm for sixth place in the Southern Division and had already edged the storm by four points on Jan. 11.

It was another close game on Saturday in LB's gym. Down by two points in the closing seconds, LB's Ryan Schmidt hit a three-pointer to give LB the victory.

The game started with a steal by Peter Nunn and Justin Duke that led to a basket by Byron Orth to put LB on the board first. The Storm answered with a three-pointer and the well-represented Storm crowd went crazy.

Duke again connected with Orth to put LB ahead 4-3. Orth followed with an offensive rebound over the seven-footer and LB was up by three. LB then started to pull away after Duke hit a jumper at the top of the key and Nunn and Schmidt hooked up with 16:42 left to put the score at 11-7.

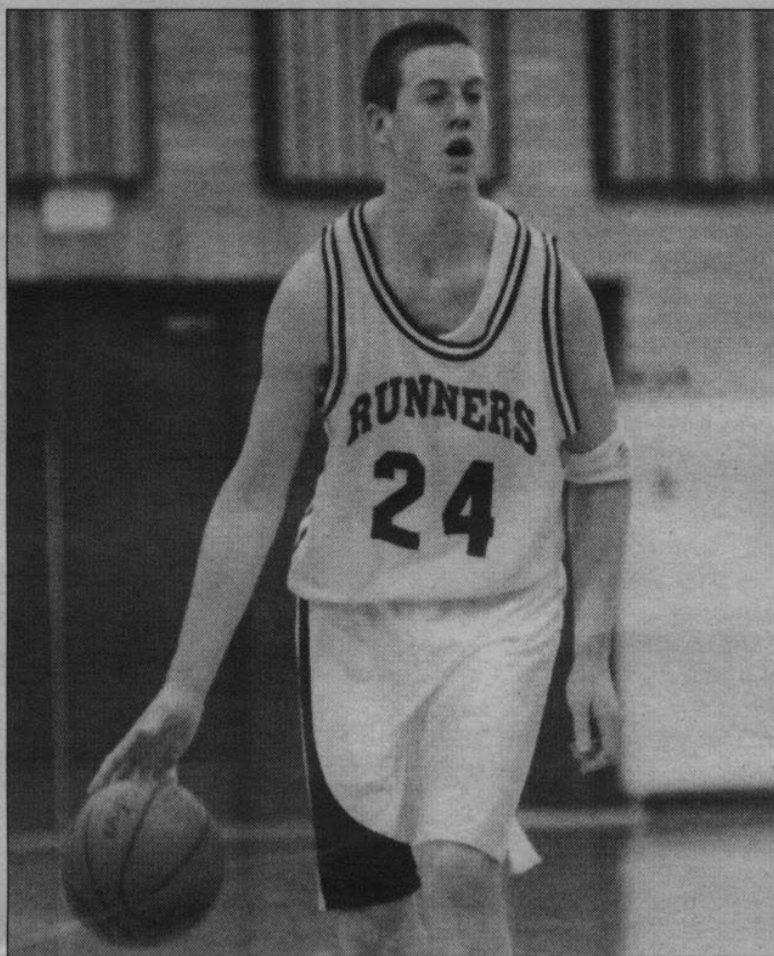
After turnovers that neither team could capitalize on, the Storm hit a three-pointer, but LB dug in and Ryan Motsinger hit James Muncrief for two. Muncrief then took charge underneath the basket and created looks for Schmidt and Tyler Steinke, and with the score at 21-18, battled for an offensive rebound and was fouled with nine minutes left in the half and hit one of two free throws. LB turned the ball over but Nunn came through with one of his six defensive rebounds and Motsinger also had a basket.

The Storm tightened up on defense and the Runners passing patience opened up Schmidt for two and LB was up by four. The Runners followed with an offensive foul and a steal by the Storm, which put the score at 26-24.

The intensity on the court was high as Schmidt grabbed a loose ball on the floor and was then found all alone in the corner for four quick points.

Orth's passing created another basket for the Runners and the half ended with Nunn and Orth battling for a loose ball and the score 37-32.

The second half started with back-to-back turnovers until Schmidt again hit a jumper from the outside to put LB up by seven. The Storm started their second-half surge with four quick points, but Nunn connected with a beautiful pass to Orth to keep LB in front. Orth followed with a great look under the basket and a foul and capitalized for a three-point



Photos by Jeremy Henning

Blayne Watkins, right, waits for the buzzer as coach Falk looks on. Above, Ryan Schmidt brings the ball up the court in Saturday's game. It was a last-minute three-pointer by Schmidt that gave the Runners a 71-70 victory and helped the Runners retain their hold on sixth place.



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Schmidt connected again with Orth under the hoop, and their lead was extended to eight when the Storm took a time out with 16 minutes left in the half. Orth again came through with a clutch shot, which beat the shot clock by seconds and causing a foul, making another three-point play and putting LB up by nine.

The battling under the basket was intense since Storm's seven-foot Botez was a strong force, but Orth out-rebounded Botez, 11 to seven for the game.

Suddenly the Storm came alive with a 9-2 run, with Botez scoring four points. LB, unable to answer the Storm's pressure defense, turned the ball over twice and the Storm pulled within two at 51-49.

Steinke then brought the crowd to their feet with a three-point shot and followed with a great offensive rebound to keep LB ahead. The Storm followed with an inside three-point play and tied the game at 56 with nine minutes left in the game.

After a time-out the Storm hit a three-pointer to take the lead.

To the utter dismay of coach Randy Falk, evidenced the height of his vertical leap,

"Words can't describe how important this win is. With one more home game coming up on Wednesday and the final four games away from home, we needed to create a strong momentum, which this greatly helps."

▶ Randy Falk

Watkins was called for an offensive charge on a one-on-one breakaway, and the Runners missed another chance when Schmidt missed on a finger roll after a nice crossover move.

With 1:15 left in the game the Storm had built a seven-point lead. With their hearts in their throats, the crowd sat on the edge of their seats as LB took a time out. Orth then came through with another basket and a foul bringing the score to 66-70, and Nunn, on his third important steal, created a look for Orth to get the foul. Orth made both shots to put the score at 68-70 with 24 seconds left in the game.

As the Storm came down the court and the crowd on its feet, the defense of the Runners was tight and unrelenting, causing the Storm to step out of bounds,

turning the ball over.

LB quickly took a time out and ran to the bench looking for the clutch play from the coach that would either tie or win the game.

After in-bounding the ball, Schmidt cut outside to his favorite corner and the pass was waiting for him. His perfect release of the ball assured the crowd that it would be nothing but net, and LB was up 71-70 with 18 seconds left in the game.


However, there was still ample time for the Storm to put up the winning shot. As the Storm looked for that shot, the LB defense made the Storm take

their last time out with six seconds left. When the Storm in-bounded the ball they created the give-and-go but the high jumper went long and the ball bounced off the glass into the hands of Nunn and Orth as the final buzzer sounded.

Asking coach Falk after the game to gauge the impact of this win, he said, "Words can't describe how important this win is. With one more home game tonight and the final four games away from home, we needed to create a strong momentum, which this greatly helps. But on Monday at 2:30 p.m., the celebration stops and we ready ourselves for our next opponent, Umpqua, who now is one game ahead of us in standings."

The game ended with LB 71 and Chemeketa 70. Orth had 25 points, 11 rebounds and three steals; Schmidt 17 points and four rebounds, followed by Steinke with nine points and Nunn with five points, six rebounds and three steals.

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Countries at odds over United States' Iraq policy

by Daniel Rubin
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

After an extraordinary NATO session where France, Germany and Belgium rejected Turkey's plea for help to prepare for a possible war in Iraq, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld pledged that the European allies' tactic would not delay any military action.

Turkey called Monday's meeting of the 19 allies, invoking the NATO treaty's Article 4 to call for security consultations for the first time in NATO's 53-year history.

Turkey claimed its security was threatened by the trio's three-week opposition to begin planning to supply it with AWAC surveillance planes, Patriot missiles and chemical and biological weapons detectors.

The alliance faces "a crisis of credibility," said U.S. Ambassador to NATO Nicholas Burns. NATO Secretary General George Robertson acknowledged "a very heated argument" within the alliance, but expressed optimism for an agreement. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning.

The dispute was the latest clash with European allies over U.S. Iraq policy, although it seemed unlikely by itself to seriously wound NATO or slow U.S. war preparations.

In Washington, Rumsfeld said that NATO countries would individually boost the defense

of Turkey, the only alliance member to border Iraq, should the trio continue to hold out.

President Bush said he was "disappointed" by the decision not to aid Turkey. "I don't understand that decision. It affects the alliance in a negative way. Hopefully, they'll reconsider."

France, Germany and Belgium contend that bolstering Turkish defenses is tantamount to acknowledging the inevitability of military action against Iraq before diplomatic initiatives have been exhausted. Officials from the three countries have said they support Turkey, but they don't want to be pressured into helping it prematurely.

In a separate action, the three countries took a united stand for more and tougher weapons inspections in Paris Monday when French President Jacques Chirac read a joint declaration stating that war is the last option for neutralizing Iraq's weaponry. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was making a state visit, called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis. "We are against the war," he said. "At the moment, that's the view I have."

Putin said he believes inspectors are making progress with Iraq. "Iraq is offering more information and shown a greater wish and willingness to cooperate," he said. Putin said Russia would contribute "equipment and aviation" to any efforts to heighten inspections.

President Bush, visiting

Nashville, Tenn., expanded his indictment against the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, who he said was preparing for a possible U.S.-led war by positioning troops in civilian areas.

Also Monday, Iraq's United Nations envoy told international weapons inspectors that his country was dropping its opposition to U-2 surveillance flights over Iraq aimed at helping the inspections. Bush dismissed the move as an empty gesture. "The reason why we even need to fly U-2 flights is because they're not disarming," he said. "This is a man who is trying to stall for time. He's trying to play a diplomatic game."

In the NATO crisis, France and Belgium officially notified the alliance Monday morning that they would oppose the decision to begin planning for Turkey's defense. Germany issued a letter backing the other two, but not officially blocking the plans, which the United States proposed three weeks ago.

U.S. officials spent the week-end pressuring the European opponents at a Munich security conference and in media interviews. In reply, French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie criticized the United States of using NATO to advance its own agenda. "To be an ally means to consult, to find consensus; it is not saying my idea is necessarily the right one and all those who don't agree should be pushed aside or excluded," she said in Munich.



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Sgt. James Martin sits and waits to board a bus for deployment with the Communications Company, Headquarters Battalion 4th Marine Division in Cincinnati, OH. The marines are deploying to Camp Le Jeune in North Carolina for Operation Enduring Freedom. Thousands of reservists and National Guard members in Oregon have also been called into active duty in recent months.

Questions in legality, Princeton pulls program

by Brian Kladko
 The Record

Princeton University will shut down a minorities-only enrichment program, fearing that its exclusionary policies are illegal.

The summer program brings 30 black and Hispanic university students to the Princeton campus for seven weeks of non-credit courses at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, a graduate school. Its goal is to encourage more minorities to apply to that school or others like it.

But Princeton has decided the 17-year-old program would be considered discriminatory under recent court decisions. "We became concerned that in the current legal climate. It was very likely that a program that was race-exclusive and restrictive by race would be challenged in the courts, and almost certainly we would not be able to defend it," said Robert Durkee, Princeton's vice president for public affairs.

Although acceptance into the program isn't nearly as high-stakes as entry into a selective college or graduate

school, Princeton's decision sends another signal that racial preferences in higher education are in retreat.

Princeton's move comes weeks before the U.S. Supreme Court considers racial preferences in admissions for the first time since 1978. The plaintiffs — white students who were rejected from the undergraduate program or law school of the University of Michigan — are asking the court to declare all racial preferences unconstitutional.

Already, lower court rulings and voter referendums have forced schools in some states to abandon all consideration of race in admissions.

One supporter of affirmative action said Princeton acted prematurely. "If it's not being challenged, I wouldn't change it," said Angelo Ancheta, the legal director of the Harvard Civil Rights Project. He said Princeton should at least have waited until the Supreme Court hands down its ruling.

Ancheta noted, however, that there are few programs that are so exclusively limited to minorities. Most affirmative-action programs favor minorities, but are open to disadvantaged white students.

This summer's crop of students has already been selected, so the university decided to hold one more session. After that, Durkee said, the university will either change the program's admission criteria or take a completely different approach to encouraging minority applicants, such as traveling seminars by the graduate school's professors and students.

Private groups, including the Ford Foundation, originally funded the program. Five years ago, however, the foundation decided the program was on shaky legal ground and withdrew its financial support, Durkee said. The university then paid for the program.

Princeton administrators had lately come to share the same doubts, especially after learning that another university, which hosts a program with similar restrictions, has been successfully challenged in court. Durkee would not identify the school.

Also, a group opposed to affirmative action recently contacted Princeton about the Woodrow Wilson program.

"We knew it was only a matter of time before there was a formal challenge," Durkee said.

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