

# THE COMMUTER

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## Calligraphy students, teacher win Smithsonian contest

From the LBCC News Service

Three LBCC students and their calligraphy instructor have been selected as winners in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Graceful Envelope Contest 2000.

Students Nancy Anderson of Albany, Emilie Weathers of Gervais and Susan Wickes of Corvallis, and instructor Penny White of Jefferson, designed winning envelopes that will be on display in the National Postal Museum's Art of Cards and Letters gallery through October 2000 and on the Smithsonian's Web site (<http://web1.si.edu/postal/graceful2000/exhibit.html>).

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A total of 75 winners were selected from more than 260 entries. This was the sixth-annual contest, and entries were to commemorate a significant event or story in the 20th century.

Anderson chose the first landing on the moon in 1969; Weathers, the 1972 Olympic games in Sapporo and Munich; Wickes chose famous American television shows, and White the guitar and its influence on popular music.

White taught Calligraphy III through Albany's Extended Learning Center at the Albany Senior Center.

## Graduation set for June 8

From the LBCC News Service

Commencement exercises for LBCC graduates will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 8, in the Activities Center.

The Willamette Valley Pipe Band will lead the procession into the Activities Center and LBCC Board of Education Chairperson Dr. Thomas Wogaman will

give the Board's comments. Student Association President Joyce Fred will give the student address and President Jon Carnahan will present special awards and recognize retirees.

A reception sponsored by the Associated Student Students of LB will be held in the Courtyard after the ceremony.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

### Drill Detour

Students and staff make their way around a torn up sidewalk while streaming out of Takena Hall Thursday for a fire drill. Repairs are underway on several campus walkways, including ones outside the Activities Center and Service Center.

## Language is more than just spoken words in ASL class

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

Talking to Miriam Richards is an unusually complex process.

Richards, who teaches American Sign Language II as an LBCC night class, was born deaf and can only speak through sign language. She must use an interpreter or a note to communicate with anyone who doesn't understand sign language. Reaching her by telephone requires the use of a complex message relay

system that makes a person wonder how mankind ever got along without modern technology.

But modern technology and sign language are not Richards' only means of communication.

As any speech instructor could probably tell you, nonverbal channels play as big a role in communication as do verbal ones. The way you walk, stand, tilt your head, look at people—these are important parts of communication that many people take for granted.

And this is the basis for Richards' ASL II class in

Corvallis.

In class, students act out skits, jokes and even poems. It's as much a drama class as a language class. The catch is that all dialogue must be conducted in sign language.

"Drama helps teach the facial expressions and body language necessary to signing," Richards said. "And figuring out how to say lines from a poem or play helps them learn faster than just repeating things I tell them."

Her students seem to agree. Although this term's  
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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

### Flower Power

Jessica Starke looks over some flowers in the Greenhouse during Friday's plant sale.

## Dental program offers cheap X-rays

by Lizanne Southgate  
of The Commuter

Thanks to LBCC's Dental Assisting program, 76 patients from the community will get a full-mouth series of X-rays for \$10 this term.

Patients receiving the same service from a regular dental office would pay up to \$85. LBCC's \$10 charge covers the cost of film and processing.

The program benefits the students and the community by providing on-the-job-training and skill enhancement for the students and access to quality services for the community at a greatly-reduced rate.

The program is offered every year through the Dental Assisting Program. Students and other members of the Linn-Benton community who have not had a full set of dental X-rays in the last two years can contact the Dental Assisting Department at 917-4496 or drop by Room 209 or 211 in the Health Occupations Building.

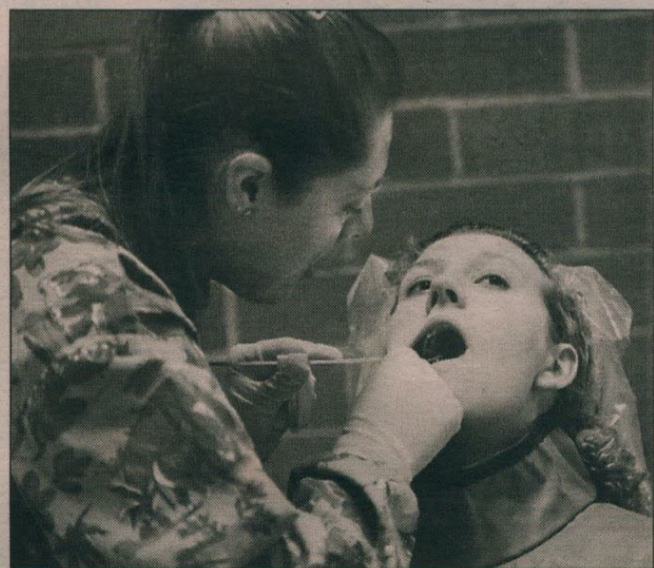


Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Dental assistant student Kendra Wells opens wide while fellow student Dawn Garza goes to work.

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Brighten your afternoon with a little art. OSU Professor Clint Brown presents a free slide show today at 2-3 p.m. in F-104.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### Son defrauds his mom

Denise Six gave her 20-year-old son \$10,000 when he told her that he desperately needed the money to pay off drug dealers who were threatening bodily harm. So she thought it odd that, five days after the payoff, she found a kidnap note demanding \$10,000 for his safe return. The cops went to the designated drop site in nearby Broken Arrow, Okla., where they found the son and some of his friends in a rented limousine drinking champagne. Nathaniel Six was arrested for obtaining money by false pretenses.

### Cross-dresser evicted

The manager says his security men threw Larry Goodwin out of the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City because he was acting in a provocative manner and disturbing other guests: He was dressed in women's clothes and kept bending over, exposing his pink panties. Larry, who was with his very understanding wife at the time of the incident, denies any improper behavior, and says he is "outraged, absolutely outraged" at the way he was treated. He claims discrimination. He says he has been publicly cross-dressing for 30 years, even at his job at a Douglas, Wyo., power plant, where he is known as "Sissy."

### New mom deals in nursery

Only nine hours after giving birth, a 20-year-old woman sold \$650 worth of crack cocaine in her room at an Iowa Hospital to a man who turned out to be an undercover cop, police said. Bonnie Herr was arrested after she escorted the cop to her room from the nursery of St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids where she had shown him her newborn daughter.

### Sound sleeper loses finger

A 40-year-old homeless man awoke from his slumber on a park bench near Toronto's city hall to discover that the little finger on his right hand had been chopped off. He told police he does not know how it happened, but a bloody ax was found nearby.

From the TMS News Service

## CORRECTION

In last week's Commuter, Melissa Hagel's name was misspelled in a photo caption. The Commuter regrets the error.

## Business and computer students honored

Twenty-five students were honored Friday at the Business & Computer Systems Division annual awards banquet.

The winners included:

- Joyce Fred, Wall Street Journal Award.
- Shane Buchholz and Nora Webb, Hamilton A. and Dorothy S. Conner Memorial Scholarship.
- Jacob Humphreys and Lenora Moss, Janie Conner Scholarship.
- Cheryl Costello and Michael Smith, Gerry Conner Scholarship.
- Jill Moles, Fastest Typist (93wpm), and Outstanding Legal Secretarial Student.
- Garry Falor, Outstanding LBCC/OSU Student.
- Karen Griswold, Sara Ingle and Steven Martin, Outstanding Alumni.
- Diane Sjolander, Outstanding First-Year Business Technology Student.
- Brenda Breshears, Outstanding Ac-

counting Technology Student.

- Sherri Wallman, Outstanding Administrative Assistant Student.
- Stephani Musch and Lisa Wilson, Outstanding Administrative Medical Assistant Student.
- Marie Lanbert, Outstanding Business & Supervisory Management Student.
- Benjamin Smith, Outstanding Business Administration Student.
- Tom Cordier, Outstanding Business Computer Systems Student.
- Supalerk Panapisal, Outstanding Computer Science Student.
- Linda Dompier, Outstanding Computer User Support Student.
- Nellie Michael, Outstanding Medical Assistant Student.
- Robin Murbach, Outstanding Principles of Accounting Student.
- Sam Williams, Outstanding Principles of Economics Student.

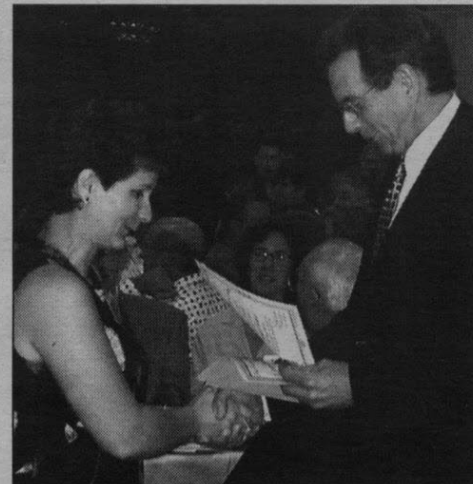


Photo by A.J. Wright

**Business instructor Maynard Chambers presents a certificate to Brenda Breshears for being the Outstanding Accounting Tech Student at the annual Business awards banquet Friday.**

## ASL: Students benefit from Richard's signing proficiency

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class is small, the students enrolled are enthusiastic and seem to be learning quickly. All of them have previous experience with Sign Language; many have taken ASL I (another LBCC Extended Learning class), and some have even taken this class before. Most sign nearly as easily as they speak. This is helpful on the nights when Richards comes to class with nothing but a stack of books that she expects the students to interpret for her.

When someone doesn't know the sign for a particular word or phrase, they can usually sign the letters to spell it out, but there are times when this is not an option.

Sometimes they have to get creative. "A few weeks ago, Miriam brought a book to class and assigned us a section without reading it," student Katie Tucker says with a laugh. "It described a woman's visit to her gynecologist."

Not knowing the sign language interpretation for the situation, Tucker and

*"Miriam is a fantastic teacher. And because sign language is her primary language, I think people can really benefit from her class."*

—Hilary White

another student had to pantomime a pelvic exam to make themselves understood. The results were, by all accounts, hilarious.

Richards doesn't seem to mind laughter, though. On the contrary, with her expressive eyes and infectious smile, Richards encourages the easy-going feel



Photo by Leon Tovey

**Miriam Richards leads her ASL II class through some exercises.**

of her class.

As indicated by her upbeat manner and light-hearted teaching methods, Richards has very little in common with most people's picture of a "disabled" person.

Born in Victoria, B.C., Richards attended a school for the deaf in Vancouver and later earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. She became a U.S. citizen four years ago, and is currently pursuing degrees in forestry, sociology and political science at OSU.

When she's not being a student or teacher in the classroom, Richards enjoys the outdoors—particularly mountain climbing. A recent trip to Mt. Killimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa was the first step in Richards' quest to conquer The Seven Summits (the tallest mountain on each continent). She hopes to climb Mt. Aconcagua in South America next January, and had been planning to climb Mt. Elbus in Russia this summer, but was forced to cancel due to lack of

funds.

"It's very expensive to get the permits and guides necessary to climb The Seven Summits," Richards said. "And it's difficult for me because I'm deaf, and many guide services don't want to take responsibility for me."

Despite the physical and financial difficulties involved, Richards says she has no intention of giving up on climbing—a sentiment that is echoed by her climbing partner and fellow ASL instructor Hilary White.

"Miriam is a fantastic teacher," White said. "And because sign language is her primary language, I think people can really benefit from her class."

In addition to teaching students how to communicate with their hands, LBCC's ASL courses also serve as stepping stones to higher level ASL classes offered at Western Oregon University and Linfield College. The class is held every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at Corvallis High School and on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. at LBCC. The class is held year-round.

## THE COMMUTER STAFF

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# IN FOCUS

# AQUATIC ADVENTURE

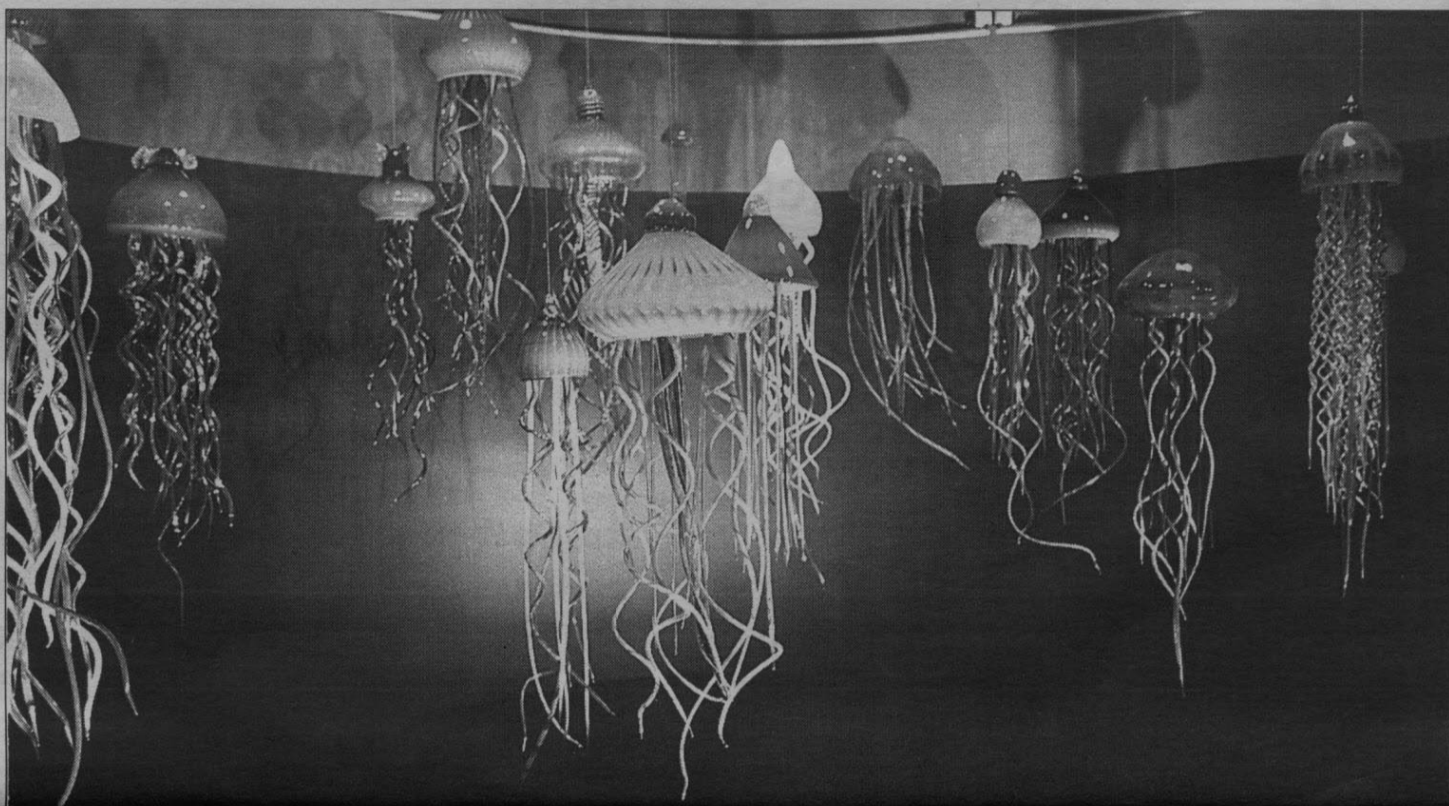
Escape the valley rain with a visit to where it's always wet

Want to get out of school for the weekend, but it's raining? Whether by yourself, with children or with a friend, the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport provides both cover from the rain and entertainment for the whole family.

A display of jellyfish is the main attraction currently, with several colorful and exotic species. One of the jellyfish tanks even has a transparent bubble that allows children to crawl into the middle of the jellyfish.

Otters, harbor seals, grassfish, puffins and interactive displays are also among the attractions. Children under 3 get in free, ages 4-13 are \$4.75 and adults are \$9.25. Call 1-541-867-3474 or go to [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org) for more information.

Take your own food and skip the overpriced gift shop. Maybe if you're lucky, there will be a sun break and you can visit the beach.

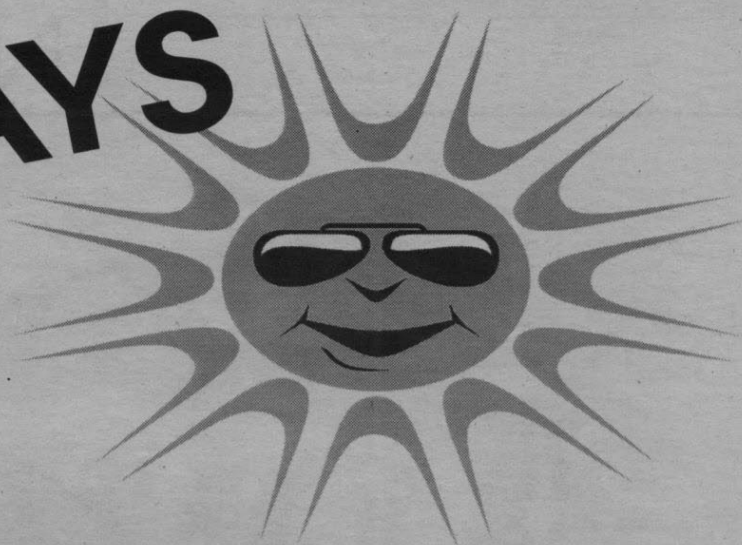


Not everything at the Oregon Coast Aquarium is slimy and squirmy. A display of colorful blown-glass jelly fish (above) greets visitors at the aquarium in Newport, while Amber and Jewel Lacy get a close-up look at the real thing through a bubble in the jellyfish tank (below, right). At bottom right, Amber, who is a LBCC student, helps her daughter get a look at the critters in the aquatic petting pool. Two puffins court each other at bottom left.





# SPRING DAYS 2000



The annual end-of-the-year campus party celebrating spring, warm weather and graduation! Here's just a sample of scheduled activities!

## Opal Creek Hike

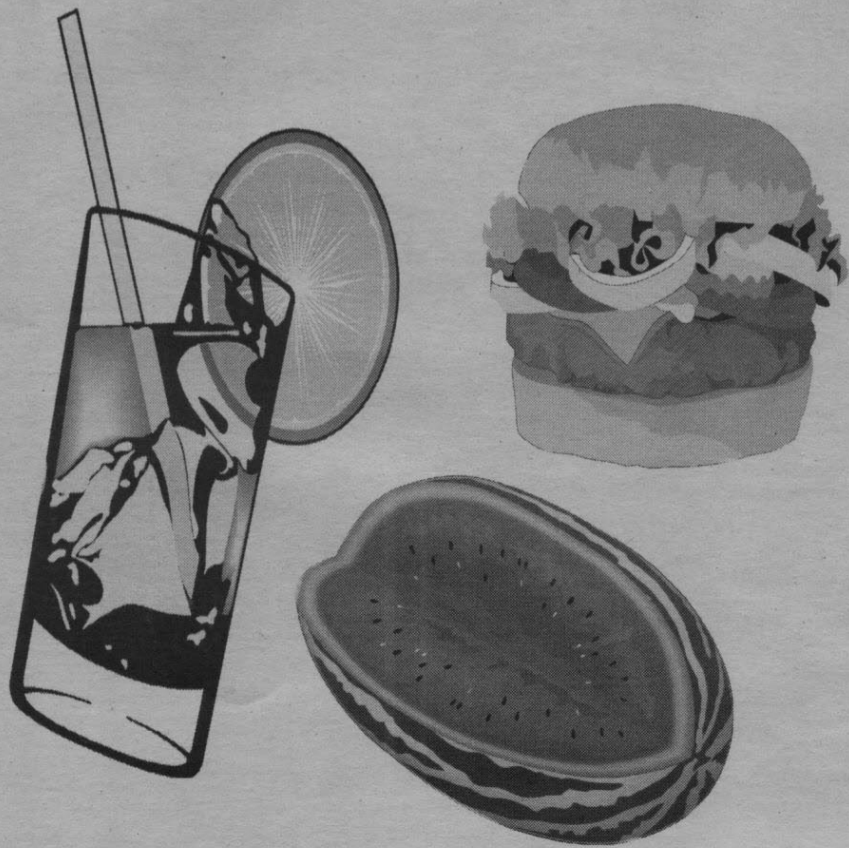
May 20 • 7:30am-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy the spring blossoms at Detroit Lake and Opal Creek as we hike through the Willamette Forest and enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch along the way. The hike is approximately 10 miles round trip, and participants will be joined by LBCC geography instructor Tom Broxon. The cost is \$3 per student and is limited to the first nine students with valid ID.

## Campus Awareness and Pride

May 22-26

Take pride in your campus by participating in the Spring Term Trash Bash. Teams of six will have one full week to pick up as much trash as possible on campus. The team with the most trash, measured by weight at the end of the week, will win. Every participant will receive a t-shirt, and the winning team will be given a pizza party.



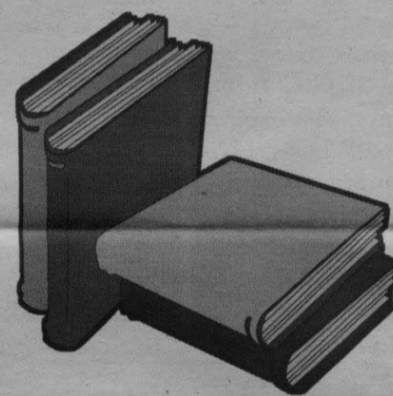
## In/Rec Sand Volleyball Tournament May 23 • 3-5pm • Sand Courts

Come out and enjoy the sunshine by participating in or watching the annual spring sand volleyball tournaments at the LBCC sand volleyball courts. This 2 on 2 tournament will be the final In/Rec event of the year. T-shirts and other prizes will be awarded.

## Book Fair • Save up to 70% Retail!

May 24 • 10am-2pm • Courtyard

Select from more than 150 titles in 12 different categories. Sponsored by Books are Fun, Ltd., the Book Fair offers you an opportunity to purchase books, CDs and other items at remarkable discounts.



## All-Campus Picnic and Carnival Day

May 24 • 11:30am-1pm • Courtyard

Come out and enjoy a complete lunch—hamburger/veggieburger, chips, veggie sticks, cookies and soda—for only \$2! Live entertainment, information booths, carnival games, and watermelon-eating contest.

## “Drugs, Drinking, Driving, Don’t” Campaign

May 25 • 10am-2pm • South lot

This statewide campaign educates communities about the ways impaired driving imperils individuals, families, employers and the state. It features local car crashes caused by impaired driving, FATAL VISION simulator goggles, the official FATAL VISION test car, and educational booths with videos, pictures of crashes and free gifts. Free hot dogs and soda. Try your hand at driving the FATAL VISION test car!



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Gladiator' draws rave reviews despite graphic violence

Crowe shines as 'a farmer forced to become a warrior'

by Robin Camp  
of The Commuter

•"Gladiator," starring Russell Crowe ★★☆☆  
•Rated: R for graphic combat and violence.

A hand brushes across wheat, feeling the crop, and then the dirt. Maximus is thinking of home, preparing for the final push against the barbarians, and possible death.

As far as one can see, smoke is rising from the burnt forests and lands that have stood in the way of the Roman war machine. Maximus, played by Russell Crowe, looks much like a barbarian himself, the only giveaway being the silver wolf on his breastplate: he is the general of the Roman army, an army that has conquered most of the known civilized world.

Crowe does an excellent job conveying the exhaustion and weariness of a soldier who has been on the march for far too long. Roman centurions line up in a seemingly endless row as Maximus reviews his troops waiting for an answer from the German army as to whether they will fight. The messenger returns tied to his horse and headless. The Germanic barbarians appear out of the woods holding the messenger's head. "On my signal, unleash hell," Maximus tells his men, as he gallops into the woods behind the Germans, where the Roman cavalry is hiding. The woods burn as the infantry fires burning debris and arrows into it, all the while marching forward, shields locked, a force no army managed to stop.

The battle is over and Maximus is told by Caesar that he, Caesar, is dying. Caesar does not trust his evil and incompetent son Commodus to rule Rome. He wishes to have Maximus act as the guardian of Rome, restoring it to the Republic from which it had started. Maximus is unhappy, he has fought for Rome, there is no army left to stand up to the Romans and Maximus wants to go home to his wife and child in Spain.

Caesar's son finds out that he is not to be emperor and kills his father, determined that Rome will remain an empire. Maximus is offered a position under him, and suspecting foul play, Maximus prepares to address the senate, sealing his fate. His execution is ordered and Maximus is marched into the woods, but he escapes and flees toward Spain on horseback, wounded and dying. Then he receives a vision of Roman centurions marching on his farm. He spurs his horse onwards, too late.

His farm is burned down, his field hands dead, his wife and son have been crucified. Weeping, he buries them and passes out. Human scavengers pick him up



Photo courtesy of Dreamworks

Russell Crowe stars in the newly-released spectacle "Gladiator."

and sell him to an old gladiator who now makes his living off of slaves used as gladiators for entertainment. Maximus is told that "when enough men have died, you may win your freedom."

And so the man who had led the Roman armies to victory becomes a slave, killing soldiers in the coliseum for the entertainment of the people. Before each fight, the viewer is reminded that Maximus is a farmer, forced to become a warrior as he feels the dirt and rubs it on his hands (to prevent his sword from becoming slippery with blood). After proving his skills, he is taken to Rome. There, Maximus mobilizes his fellow slaves into a fighting force, keeping them alive, as the new emperor watches. Maximus spurns the Emperor's attempts at friendship in front of the crowd, his helmet hiding his identity. The emperor orders him to take the helmet off. Unable to kill Maximus outright in front of the crowd, he tries through treachery.

This movie is excellent. The scenery and soundtrack are reason enough to see "Gladiator," even better is a level of acting rarely seen coming from Hollywood.

The movie is not for the squeamish, however, or for those who just want a movie to numb their minds. Viewers should be forewarned: this movie will make you think.

Scott overplays violent scenes but movie still shines

by Michelle Mayo  
of The Commuter

Critics have called Ridley Scott's "Gladiator," the current No. 1 movie, "a glorious spectacle of filmmaking on a grand scale." It is certainly a spectacle, if that means excessively graphic battle scenes and a grandly fictionalized account of history.

The film is set in 180 AD Rome, where the Gen. Maximus, played by Russell Crowe, wins a victory for the Roman Empire and impresses the Emperor Marcus Aurelius (Richard Harris) and his son Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix).

The Emperor, whose health is failing, has decided to give his throne to Maximus after he is dead—passing up his own son. However, when Commodus overhears his father's plan to give his throne to Maximus instead of him, he murders his father, orders a hit on Maximus and his family, then takes the throne for himself.

Maximus escapes the bloodbath Commodus has ordered only to be entered into slavery, where he is introduced to his owner and gladiator trainer Proximo (Oliver Reed). Proximo molds him into a fighting machine, which eventually lands him back in Commodus' Coliseum. It is said whoever controls the Coliseum controls all of Rome. Maximus survives through many battles with one thing on his mind—revenge.

"Gladiator" is an excellent film, although the fight scenes are a little over the top. The story could have been told with the same effect without the close-up graphic shots. The characters are interesting, rich with diversity and have a distinctive flare.

Hollywood yet again has gotten its money-grubbing hands on a story that for the most part is portrayed quite differently on the big screen than how it really happened. But, hey, the names are right.

"Gladiator" is a testosterone-filled movie definitely geared toward the male gender. But as the saying goes—"when in Rome do as the Romans do."

### Wanted A&E Editor

The Commuter is seeking an editor for its Arts & Entertainment Page for 2000-2001. Applications available at The Commuter Office, F-222.



FREE TICKETS

Gilbert & Sullivan's

"The Mikado"

AT THE PORTLAND CIVIC

AUDITORIUM ON SATURDAY MAY 20

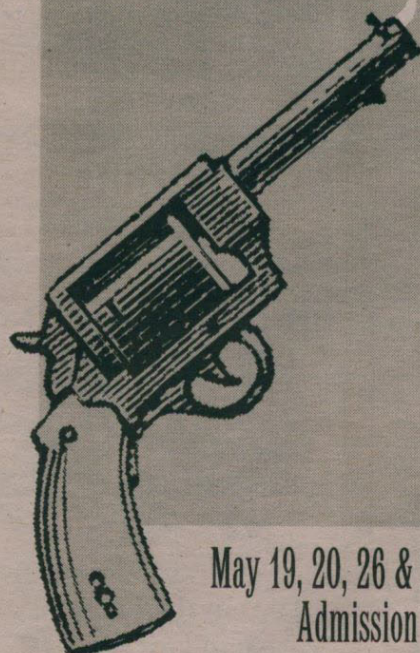
For more information, stop by the Student Union (Student Life & Leadership office) or call Ext. 4457.

DEADLINE TO ENTER 11:30AM FRIDAY MAY 19, 2000

DRAWING HELD

FRIDAY MAY 19 AT 12:30 SHARP

## Crimes of the Heart



A warm, funny story about three unconventional sisters from Mississippi, whose courage and charm prevail over failed dreams, attempted murder and the Lonely Hearts of the South.

By Beth Henley

Directed by Jane Donovan

May 19, 20, 26 & 27\* at 8 P.M. May 28 at 3 P.M.  
Admission is \$7. All seating is reserved.

For 24-hour phone reservations, call (641) 917-4531.

Tickets are available at the Takana Theater Box Office beginning May 1 (M-F, 12-3 P.M.)

Tickets are also available at Riee's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

\*Saturday, May 27 is sign interpreted and also is the benefit performance for the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships.

A LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

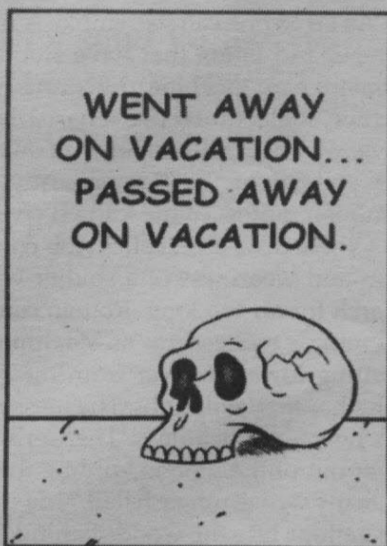
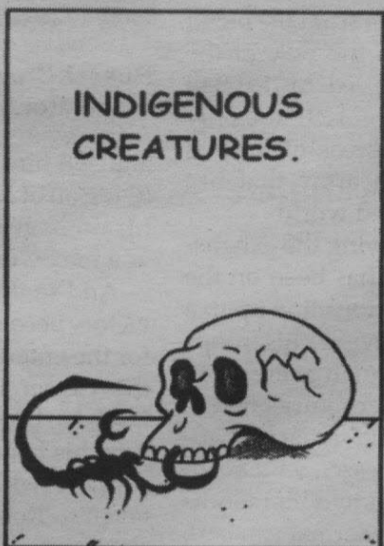
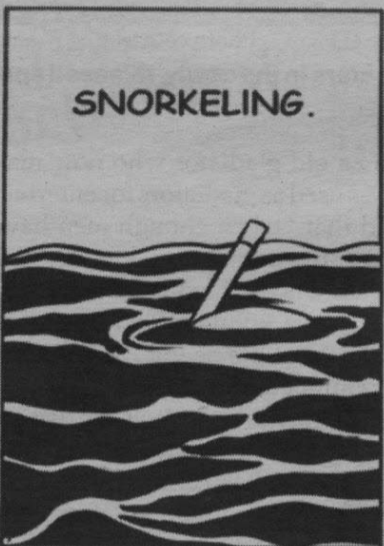
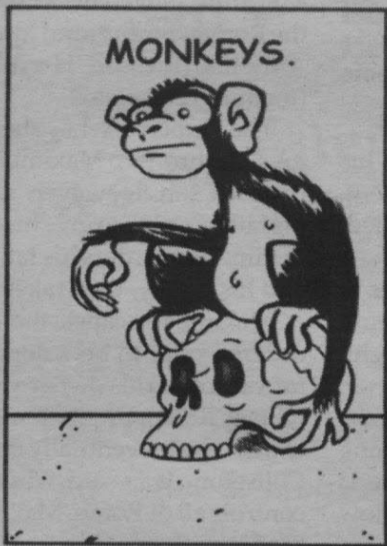
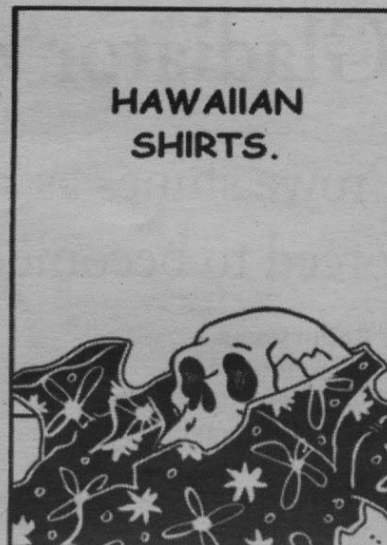
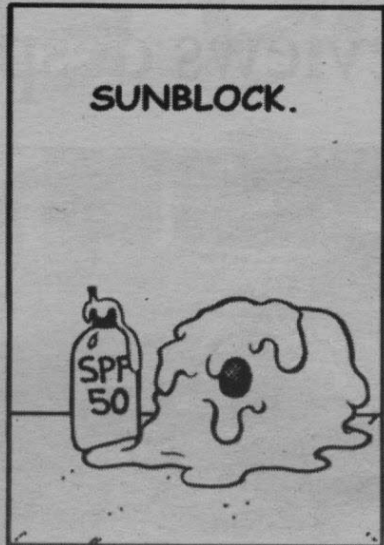
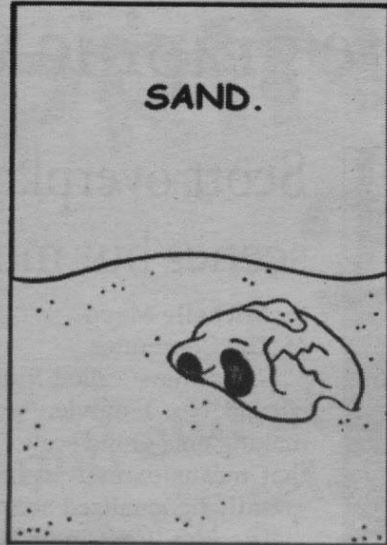
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# FUNNY PAGE

**THE ADVENTURES OF SKULY**  
BY WILLIAM MORTON  
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**SKULY'S TROPICAL VACATION**



## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

Shipping and Receiving Clerk positions -- Immediate openings for part-time job in Albany and a full-time one in Philomath. We also have a full-time position for an inventory and shipping clerk in Corvallis. See Carla in Student Employment (Takena 101) for your referrals.

General Secretary & Receptionist jobs (Lebanon) - the secretary job is full-time position and the receptionist job is part-time in the afternoon. See Student Employment (Takena 101) if you have skills in typing, math, phone and customer service.

Retail Store in Heritage Mall (Albany) - Several part-time openings include: Loss Prevention, Apparel Non-Commission Salesperson, Replenishment, Shipping & Receiving, Commission Sales in Home Electronics or Vacuums. Somewhat flexible hours during open store hours. See us in Student Employment for referrals on these opportunities!

Drafter Entry Level (Sherwood) - This full-time position is wanting someone with educational background and/or work experience with current versions of Auto-CAD and design drafting. If you're interested, sign up in Student Employment which is located in the Career Center (T101).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Hispanic Students: The HISPANIC DENTAL Association Foundation is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000. These awards are for entry level students only who are seeking to advance their scientific and applied clinical knowledge as they enter into the dental profession. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

Attention ALL STUDENTS IN A MEDICALLY-RELATED FIELD: The Geraldine Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment, administered by Legacy Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary, provides a yearly grant of up to \$3,000 to an individual or individuals in a medically-related field, have recently returned to college after a significant interruption of at least five years due to hardship, must show financial need, must be a U.S. citizen and Oregon resident. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2000. Information and applications available in the Learning Resource (LRC 212).

Attention AGRICULTURAL, FOOD SCIENCE AND POULTRY SCIENCE MAJORS: The NPFDA (National Poultry & Food Distributors Assn.) Scholarship Foundation is awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to students in the fields of poultry science, food science, agricultural economics/marketing, nutrition and all other areas of study related to the poultry industry. Applicants must be in their Junior or Senior year when they receive the scholarship. Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Resource Center (LRC 212).

Attention FORESTRY, WELDING, DIESEL MECHANICS Students: The Oregon Logging Conference is awarding eight scholarships to students who are in the following areas of study: forest and wood-related ar-

eas, welding, cat-skinning, diesel mechanics, choker-setting, etc. Applications and recommendations need to be submitted by June 5, 2000. Applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

Attention: PSU TRANSFER STUDENTS: Portland State University will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to students who meet the following criteria: 1) 3.25 GPA, 2) 30 transferable credits, 3) enrolled full-time at PSU Fall Term 2000. An advisor or counselor must nominate students. Nomination forms are available to advisors/counselors at the Financial Aid Office. Nomination forms must be in the PSU Scholars Coordinators office by July 1, 2000.

Altrusa Scholarship Available: Altrusa International of Albany is again offering the \$2,000 Altrusa Alliance Mentor/Scholarship to Linn-Benton Community College students. Eligible students must be entering their final year of a two-year program at LBCC after

satisfactorily completing the first year. Students must be willing to participate in Altrusa Club activities and fund raising, complete an application form and provide a letter of support from an instructor, advisor or personal reference. Consideration may be given to a student's financial need and displaced worker status. Application deadline is May 31, recipient will be notified by mail by June 16. For application forms and more information, call the LBCC Foundation, 917-4209.

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Wednesday May 17

Grilled Snapper with Pineapple Salsa

Ginger Steamed Dumplings

Beef in Black Bean Sauce

Mango Sticky Rice/Fried Plantains

Burmese Stir Fry/Spicy Long Beans

Thai Chicken Soup Vegetable with Cellophane Noodle Soup

Shrimp Salad

Thursday May 18

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs

Sushi

Pesto Penne & Roasted Veggies

Friday May 12

Chef's Choice



## SPORTS PAGE

## Bats come alive as Runners sweep Cougars in twinbill

by David Thayer  
of The Commuter

The Runners continued their up and down season last week, bouncing back from a three-game losing skid to take both ends of Saturday's doubleheader against the Clackamas Cougars by scores of 14-2 and 9-4.

The first game got off to a shaky start when the Cougars jumped on the board with a first inning run off starting pitcher Jake Stickley, but the Runners roared back in the top half of the second with seven runs to take the lead. And that was just the beginning. Linn-Benton poured it on with one run in the fifth, another in the seventh, two runs in the sixth and then three in the eighth.

The Runners finished the day with 14 hits, 10 by five players—Ryan Borde, Tory Haven and Dameon Barrows each went 2 for 3, Korey Kanaeholo went 2 for 4 and Jeremy Sampson went 2 for 5.

Borde hit a homerun in the seventh and picked up a double in the sixth. Barrows, Mark Morris, Sampson and



Photo by Robin Camp  
**Roadrunner Kris Lloyd was one of the hitting stars for the Roadrunners in their doubleheader sweep of Clackamas Saturday, collecting four RBIs and going 3 for 3 in Game 2.**

Brett Strode also hit doubles in the game.

Stickley pitched seven innings for LB, allowing two runs but no earned runs. He only gave up seven hits while striking out seven and walking two. Stick's record now stands at 5-3 for the season.

Andy Campbell got the start for LB in the second game and pitched four in-

nings, allowing four earned runs and walking six batters. Campbell did get help early, but it wasn't enough.

LB scored first with one run in the top of the second, but Clackamas scored two runs in the bottom half of the inning to grab a 2-1 lead.

The Runners came back with two runs

in the top of the third thanks to a Mark Morris homerun, and then ran away from Clackamas with four more runs in the fifth inning with two RBIs by Kris Lloyd (who finished with four RBIs on the game), and one apiece from Haven and Borde.

Clackamas scored two runs to get the score to 7-4, but two more LB runs in the sixth helped the Runners grab a 9-4 lead and the win.

The Runners had one hitter with three hits and four with two hits. Lloyd was 3 for 3 while Josiah Stroup and Morris went 2 for 4; Haven and Richardson went 2 for 3.

The team scored a total of 23 runs and picked up 26 hits in the two victories.

The results from yesterday afternoon's game against Mt. Hood were unavailable at press time. The Runners conclude their regular season tomorrow at home against the Chemeketa Storm. The game starts at 3 p.m.

Linn-Benton is 19-13 overall and 13-9 in league play.

## Track teams finish sixth at Willamette meet

Carpenter breaks meet record in hammer toss; Smith and Dobek tie for second in the vault; Kennedy fourth in multi-event

by David Thayer  
of The Commuter

Both the men and women track teams finished in sixth place at the Southern Region Preview last Friday and Saturday at Willamette University in Salem. The women scored 32 points and the men scored 29.

Heather Carpenter provided one of the few highlights of the day for the women, breaking a meet record in the hammer with a throw of 153 feet, 9 inches. Carpenter also finished in ninth place in the discus at 107 feet, 5.5 inches.

Teammates Janice Hallyburton and Kristyn Kohler also threw in the hammer event. Hallyburton scored a sixth place finish at 130 feet, 4 inches while Kohler finished in 13th place at 94 feet, 9 inches. Kohler also grabbed a sixth place finish in the javelin with a throw of 116 feet, 10 inches. Meanwhile, Hallyburton was 11th in the shot put at 33 feet, 1.25 inch.

Katie Dobek and Christine Smith also had their place to shine on the day, tying for second place in the pole vault at 9 feet, 6 inches, far off the height of the winner.

In the running events, Jenifer Schwab finished in seventh place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.18 seconds, and Lani Cooke finished in 14th place in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.84 seconds.

The men's 400-meter relay team finished in fifth place with a time of 44.96 seconds. In other running events for the men, Chris Livermore finished in seventh place in the 400-meter dash at 51.04 seconds, and Ryan Parmenter ran the 800-meter dash in 2 minutes and 2 seconds. Cassidy Beaver finished in fifth place in the 400-meter hurdles at 55.97 seconds.

Justin Kennedy was in fourth place in the Multi-Event Championships with 5,706 points, far off the total the first place winner from Clackamas put up.

Vaulters Tyler Eikenberry and Kennedy finished fourth and fifth respectively in the men's pole vault. Eikenberry vaulted to a height of 13 feet, 6 inches, and Kennedy vaulted 13 feet. In the men's 100-meter run, Joe Kirk and Byron Kyle finished 17th and 18th with times of 12.11 and 12.15 seconds.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

## Marble Races

Alex Mench and Tasha Dodge set up the course for their marble race during Math Awareness activities last Friday.

## Valley's three wildlife refuges open gates to visitors this month

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

Oregon's National Wildlife Refuges re-opened for public use at the first of this month, including the three in the Willamette Valley—William L. Finley, Ankeny and Baskett Slough.

William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge, located 10 miles south of Corvallis off Highway 99W, is open from sunrise to sunset each day from May 1 to Oct. 31. The refuge offers a variety of activities along an auto tour route as well as nine miles of hiking trails. Watch for signs of black-tailed deer, Roosevelt elk and a variety of shorebirds and songbirds as well as ducks, of course.

Although most of the Canadian geese have migrated north to Alaska, you may spot some smaller migratory birds that are just arriving here, such as kinglets, warblers and rufous hummingbirds. Northern harriers (formerly known as the marsh hawk) nest in the open grasslands and can be seen gliding low over the fields hunting for mice and voles.

Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge is located 10 miles north of Albany off Interstate 5 at the Ankeny Hill Road exit. The majority of Ankeny is open from sunrise to sunset each day from May 1 to Sept. 30.

The refuge offers viewing at kiosks located off Buena Vista and Wintel Roads. A two-mile trail passes through oak and maple woods and a wetland forested with Oregon ash. A new 1,500-foot boardwalk was completed this winter as part of the trail.

Expect to see a variety of shorebirds along Southpond, such as greater and lesser yellowlegs and still more ducks. Songbirds can be spotted as well—including flycatchers, warblers, grosbeaks, western tanagers and purple finches.

Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge is located north of Salem off Highway 22 and is open for viewing daily from sunrise to sunset from May 1 to Sept. 30.

Visitors can expect to find excellent wildlife viewing areas, including a kiosk located along Highway 22 with a viewing scope, resting benches, picnic tables

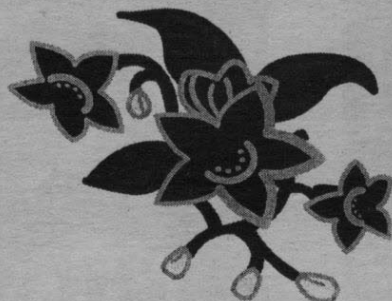
and restrooms. There are car turnouts along Coville Road, offering a view of the recently restored wetlands there.

Baskett Slough also has seven miles of hiking trails on its 2,492 acres. Keep an eye out for black-tailed deer and great blue herons as well as songbirds and more ducks. The main loop trail runs

through Oregon white oak and Douglas fir woodlands and offers a view of Mt. Jefferson and the Coast Range on a clear day.

For more information on the refuges, contact James Houk, Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge project leader, at 541-757-7236.

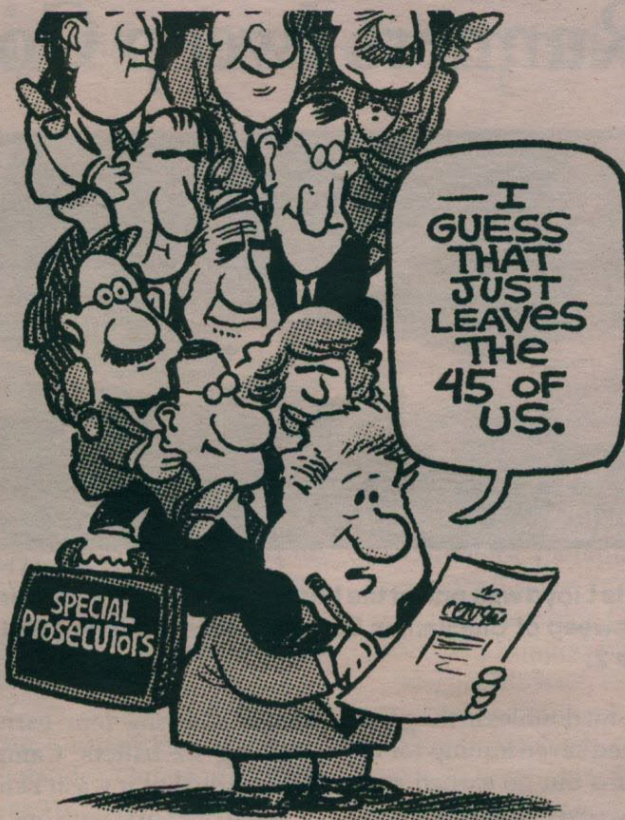
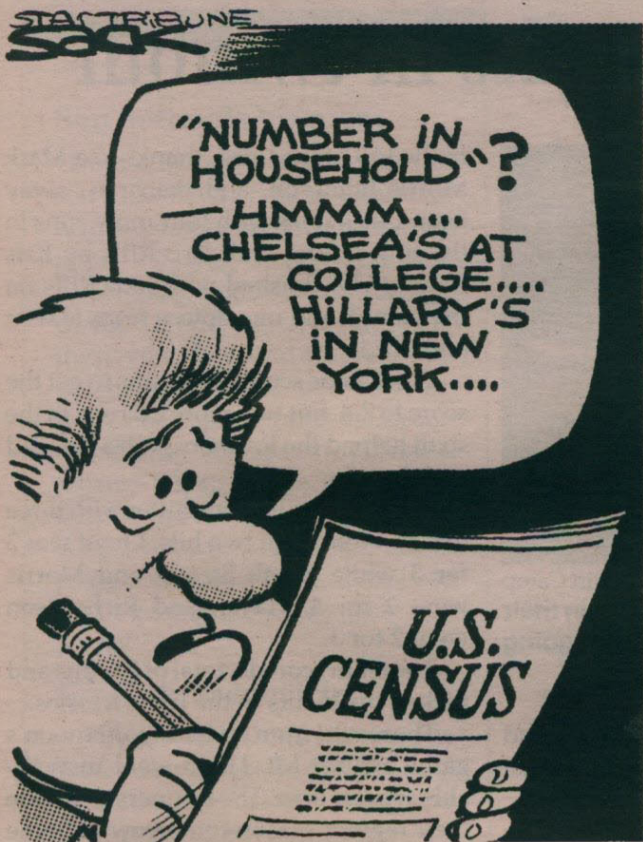
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# OPINION



## COMMENTARY

### It's time for an outbreak of courtesy

by Chris Zapatier  
of The University of Central Florida

It was one of those wonderful, lazy days that occur about as frequently as the full moon. I had crammed a full-body workout, studying for a full course load and working full-time hours all into one weekend. I awoke around noon to find myself with a wholly vacant schedule. I opened my blinds and gazed upon a picture perfect representation of a spring day.

Although it occurred to me to spend the entire day tanning poolside, I knew my conscience would never allow me to enjoy such opulent indolence, and I had to run at least one errand to consider it a productive day. I decided that grocery shopping would satisfy that criterion.

Upon arriving at the market, I circumvented old ladies in moo-moos and navigated the grocery cart obstacle course before docking my car. Crossing the parking lot I kept a careful lookout for the macho jerks on Japanese motorcycles and the sorority debutantes in late-model dad-bought cars who made it into a university but can't read speed limits or stop signs. When I reached the curb, the access ramp was cordoned off from end to end by an SUV as big as a beached blue whale.

The SUV's owners had docked their tugboat of a truck in the fire lane simply to avoid the 20-foot walk to the ATM machine. With the ramp blocked off, an old man with a cane had to avoid shrubbery and other pedestrians as he hobbled up the curb. As he passed the two girls at the ATM he tactfully chided them, "People need to use the ramp that your car is blocking, you shouldn't be so inconsiderate."

These two blockheads were obviously suffering from an advanced case of shamelessness, a quality which the playwright Euripides referred to as "a disease, the worst of all kinds." Rather than rectify the act of incon-

siderate idiocy they had committed or even acknowledge they were in the wrong, the girls responded with a sassy "whatever." Apparently, respect for their elders is a virtue as lost on my generation as reading books.

I walked by and simply shook my head in disgust. As I entered the market I overheard the conversation of three university carbon-copy "young adults" behind me who had also witnessed the scene. They were of the opinion that the elder gentleman was a grumpy old man who should mind his own business. I could hardly believe my ears! These kids were criticizing the senior instead of publicly applauding him for having the nerve to say what every other passerby with class was thinking.

In addition to being parked in what was clearly marked as a NO PARKING FIRE LANE, the vehicle was blocking any and all access to the entrance for handicapped customers. Parking in a handicapped spot is an offense punishable by a fine of \$150, and parking in a fire lane is downright dangerous, so where were the police? Probably busy arresting a student for stepping out of his apartments with a beer can.

Am I the only person on earth who was taught consideration for the six billion people who share the planet with me? Every time I leave the house I find myself surrounded by folks who believe they have replaced the sun as the center of the universe. For example, the guy at the university's computer lab who prints up 50 copies of a 50-page document when the lab is most crowded, and the lady who blocks the intersection in rush hour traffic because if she didn't make the light then no one should.

Call it a belated New Year's resolution, call it a random act of kindness, call it whatever you want, but let's try to reintegrate courtesy into our daily routine. I've heard that it is contagious.

## WHAT STUDENTS THINK

If you could go anywhere or do anything this summer, where would you go or what would you do?

"I would probably spend the whole summer in Greece, by myself, traveling."  
—Ronita Modderman, sociology



"If I could go anywhere this summer, I'd go to Alaska. The days there are 20 hours long in the summer, no need to say more."  
—Danny Olson, welding

"I'd probably go to Australia. I think it would be a cool place to have fun and party."  
—Mark Teschner, welding



"Tahiti—I've been wanting to go to Tahiti. I like the tropics."  
—Steve Sanders, welding

"This is coming from a mom with four kids who is getting into the nursing program full-time next year—absolutely nothing. Or maybe I'd find a sugar daddy to pay for everything and still do absolutely nothing."  
—Kelli Gunther, nursing



"I'd probably go on a road trip to nowhere in particular. Just head out, maybe take a couple of friends with me, and see what happens."  
—Jennifer Kopiasz, pre-education

Compiled by Lori Weedmark and Keirsten Morris

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