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High: 55° Low: 30°
Wednesday




High: 53° Low: 34°
Thursday



High: 53° Low: 36°
Friday



High: 57° Low: 36°
Saturday



High: 58° Low: 38°
Sunday

I don't consider myself a pessimist. I think of a pessimist as someone who is waiting for it to rain. And I feel soaked to the skin.

—Leonard Cohen

Source: Weather.com

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OFF BEAT

Oh, I forgot

An inmate, imprisoned for a 1999 rape in Illinois, agreed to a DNA test to win his freedom and clear his good name. However, not only did the test link him to the crime of which he was convicted, but it also implicated him in a previously unsolved rape.

Chilly, darling?

Tencouples got married Valentine's Day in an outdoor ceremony at Runaway Bay on Jamaica's north coast. They were all nude.

Not so funny, eh?

A man in the working-class town of Wedding, Germany, was evicted from his apartment because he laughed too much and too loudly.

At least you're honest

A Pennsylvania prison inmate, who is doing time for robbing a gas station, married the mother of his two children in the basement of the courthouse. Responding to a question on the marriage license application, he listed his occupation as "criminal."

Is this wrong?

A 24-year-old investment adviser stole \$50 million from his clients and then went on one of the most lavish and audacious spending sprees ever known, buying oil wells, a helicopter and a \$1.2 million home. For his Playboy-centerfold girlfriend, he sprung for six cars, three Rolex watches, a \$500,000 ring and a mansion in Las Vegas. His attorney said the young man's "moral compass broke when he was a teen." He got five years in jail.

Foolproof defense

A lawyer defending a Miami city commissioner on a voter fraud charge was having sex with his client's wife at the same time he was representing him. The woman had come to the lawyer's apartment on behalf of her husband to discuss jury selection, and one thing led to another. She is now pregnant with the lawyer's child, and her hubby is in jail. A federal magistrate recommended that the husband's conviction be nullified because of the hanky-panky issue.

—From KRT News

Faculty art on auction block

An exhibition of works by LBCC's art faculty will be on display in the AHSS gallery on the main campus from March 4 through April 5.

The exhibit features painting, photography and sculpture, and is accompanied by a faculty art raffle and artists' talks. A reception will be held the evening of March 7 from 5-7:30 p.m. The exhibit is part of the Humanities Festival, an annual event presented by the Arts and Communications Division (see story on Page 3).

Writing scholarship offered

LBCC tuition will be paid for up to 12 credit hours for spring 2002 for one student who has completed or is currently enrolled in Writing 227, is working toward a Technical Communications Degree and/or is registering for Writing 246.

For more information, contact: Natalie Daley at 917-4573 or e-mail at daleyns@yahoo.com.

Deadline for applications is March 8, 2002. Notification date is March 18.

The Technical Communications Scholarship will be offered again for fall 2002. Current and new applicants, as well as this term's winner, are welcome to reapply.

Winter Banquet set for Friday

The Culinary Arts Department will host a Winter Banquet on Friday, March 1. The theme this year is "A Prelude to Spring" and will feature prime rib. It will be held in the Commons and starts at 6 p.m. The cost is \$19.50/per person. The menu is as follows:

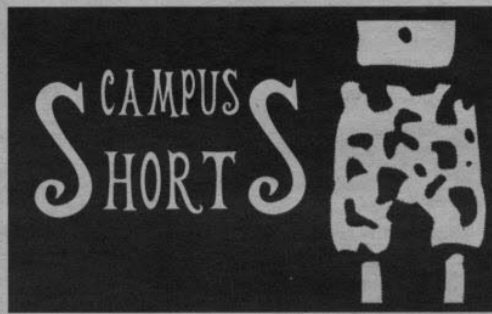
Appetizer: Three cheese platter w/ fresh fruit, served with a glass of 2000 Bellfountain Cellars Dry Reisling. Salad: Couscous served with baby greens and a Champagne vinaigrette. Entree: Herb-rubbed prime Rib au jus lie w/ twice baked potato and vegetable bundle, served with a glass of 2000 Robert Mondavi Central Coast Private Selection Merlot. Dessert: Chocolate espresso cheesecake with a raspberry sauce.

There are a number of tickets left and can be purchased in the office of Conference Services, room CC214. Payment is due upon reservation. Or call Laurie Chang at 917-4391 with credit card reservations.

ASG elections continue today

Today is the second and last day to vote for your 2002-2003 Associated Student Government leaders.

There are two ways that LBCC students can participate in the election process; Vote on-line at <http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/election/>. The Web site displays statements made by the candidates and this form of on-line voting is open until 11:30 p.m. Or take your vote to the main campus library where there will be a voting station and



current members of ASG will be there to assist until 2 p.m.

Students candidates are: President: Roxanne Allen and Darell McGie. Vice President: Charlotte Aaron. Public Relations Secretary: Victoria Oke. Business and Health Occupations Division Representative: Katrina Jackson. At-Large Representative: Michael Vandehey and Ann Marie Ammon. Science and Industry Representative: Marilyn McGettigan and Crystal Bishop. Student Services/Extended Learning Representative: Jonathan Champney. Liberal Arts and Human Performances Representative: open for write-in.

For questions on officials and the voting process call the Student Life and Leadership office at 917-4457. For questions concerning technical problems with the voting process call Jonathan Pedersen of LBCC Internet Support at 917-4647.

Calling all writers

There will be a round robin reading of written works open to all LBCC authors today from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Service Center (SC) 111. There will be a chance to read stories, technical (essay) prose, or poetry. The event is sponsored by Valley Writers Series.

Pioneers of photography

"Discovering the West," a video and discussion of the three men who were the first to photograph the Western frontier, will be held Wednesday, March 6, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

The photographers—William Henry Jackson, Timothy O'Sullivan and Jack Hillers—accompanied the various geologic and mapping survey teams that Congress sent into the uncharted U.S. interior after the Civil War, returning with the first photographs ever made of the Yellowstone Basin, the Grand Tetons, the wild Colorado River, the Great Basin Territory and other now famous features of the western landscape.

LBCC photography instructor Rich Bergeman will lead a discussion following the video. The event is free and open to the public and is offered as part of the Humanities Festival at LBCC.



Photo by James Bauerle

Picking Up the Beat

Andrew Hopkins fills the Courtyard with a rhythmic drumbeat on Friday. He brought the drum to campus for his African literature class.

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CAMPUS NEWS

The Race is On



Photo by Jenn Geiger

Who's In the Running?

Candidates for Associated Student Government pitch their positions to students at the Candidates Forum last Wednesday in the Commons. The ASG elections are being conducted on-line for the third year in a row. Students can go to the election Web site at www.lbcc.cc.or.us/elections, or they can vote at an election station in the LBCC Library. On-line voting continues until 11:30 p.m. today. Running for student body president is Roxanne Allen, who is the current vice-president, and Darell McGie, a former business owner and a Technical Communications major. Seven other ASG positions are also on the ballot.

Health Fair slated for March 6 to feature info on community fitness resources

by Suzie Downing
of The Commuter

If you get excited about free food, free gift bags, free body fat testing and free chances for raffle items, come to the 2002 LBCC Health Fair Wednesday, March 6, in the, Activities Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The LBCC Intramural/Recreation team, housed on the first floor of the Student Union, is sponsoring the event, which will feature a variety of activities and booths to cause even the most dedicated couch potato to consider the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet. Intramural/Recreation Coordinator Amy Willis is hopeful the fair will give helpful information to students and become a yearly event on campus.

"We want to let students know that there are many resources available to them on campus and in the surrounding communities," she said.

In addition to working with team members Josh Johnson and Twila Skelley, Willis is being

assisted by LBCC Wellness Coordinator Richard Gibbs. Together they have rounded up more than 14 vendors and service providers to showcase a wide range of student opportunities; everything from health club memberships, kickboxing, massage therapy and acupuncture to drug and alcohol abuse resources, various health assessments and information on Student Health Services. Willis is confident that students will enjoy the fair and that it can grow yearly if she can just get them to attend the first time.

"We need to stress the free food and free gift bags to the first 100 people," she said, "and we will be giving away eight \$40 Emergency Survival Kits, as well as a variety of raffle items donated by some of the vendors."

Blue sandwich boards with balloons attached will be located around campus the day of the fair to lead hungry students to the gym. For more information on the Health Fair, contact the Student Life & Leadership office at 917-4463.

Humanities seminars on campus this March

by Wendy Chasteen
of The Commuter

ethnocentrism (eth'no sen'triz em), n. 1. Social. the belief in the superiority of one's own group and culture accompanied by a feeling of contempt for other groups and cultures. 2. a tendency to view alien groups or cultures in terms of one's own.

"Many Roads to the Square: From Ethnocentrism to Multi-Culturalism" is just one of the many seminar topics that deal with other cultures at the second annual LBCC Humanities Festival, which will be held in both Corvallis and Albany from March 3-17.

"Many Roads to the Square," led by Kent Buys, an English instructor and cultural anthropologist, is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Corvallis Public Library. Other

events that focus on multi-culturalism include the exhibit "Objects from Africa" on view at the LBCC Library during March, and seminars on Islam and the West, European cathedrals and Mexican icons.

Also, a concert and discussion titled "Spirit of the Old West: American Folk and Cowboy Songs" will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Public Library.

"The primary focus will be on seeing ourselves as a part of a broader world community, how our culture functions in relation to other cultures, and the passion for creativity which drives all of the arts," says Arts and Communications Division Director Gary Ruppert.

Ruppert and the division faculty are volunteering
(Turn to "Humanities" on Pg. 4)

Benton Center gym set for demolition; locals in opposition

by D.D. Malloy
of The Commuter

LBCC's plan to demolish the old Benton Center gym, to expand the facility, has drawn strong opposition from some community members over the past two weeks.

Last week about 35 citizens attended two meetings where testimony was presented opposing the proposed demolition of the gym. The first meeting was a community forum at the gym on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The second was at the LBCC Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20.

"I voted for a bond issue favorably because I had no idea they were considering demolishing this building, and if I had known that I certainly would not have voted for it and, in fact, would have made a real ruckus," said Chris Roach, a ballroom dance teacher, in the Benton Center Gym last Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the Board listened to testimony opposing the expansion plan as currently designed. No action has been taken to approve the plans at the meeting.

"I also think it is a shame that so many people in the community are affected by this situation. They did not have a voice in the process early on. People are frustrated and they are feeling a little bit alienated from the process. I don't think they are really going to be listened to because the process is so far along," said Roach.

Marfa Lavine of the Corvallis Folklore Society, which rents the gym for contra dances, also opposes the demolition.

"I have concerns about the

good stewardship of a usable, good, well used, centrally located building that's affordable for our dancers and other community groups such as basketball players," she said. "Renovation yes. Remodeling yes. Construction yes. But not demolition!"

According to Lavine, the purpose of the testimony is to help the board members get a more accurate picture of how well used and how valuable this asset is to the community.

"I'm also concerned about how information gets disseminated, so maybe there will be

some attention given to that," Lavine added.

The Benton Center director, Penny York, made presentations at both meetings. She was assisted by Dr. Ed Watson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Joel White, manager of Community Education. As she described the architect's drawings, York pointed out the goals and objectives of the renovation project and how the draft design of the proposed buildings met those objectives. The need to improve the Benton Center campus at the current site would require that the space now occupied by the gym be used for a student lounge, learning center and classrooms. Joel White noted that the activities building would have a 2,400 square-foot hardwood floor for physical exercise activities.

In an attempt to inform the public of possible relocation sites, guests at the Tuesday meeting were invited to present specific aspects of their community-use facilities.

(Turn to "Center" on Pg. 4)

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—Chris Roach



Photo by James Bauerle

A Humanities Festival exhibit of African artifacts is on display in the LB Library this month.

CAMPUS NEWS

Center: Gym demolition opponents given alternatives

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Representatives from Corvallis Parks and Recreation, Benton County Fairgrounds, the Boys and Girl's Club, the First Congregational Church, and Corvallis Public Schools pitched their facilities.

Kim Patton of the school district provided a list of schools with facilities, including contact persons, phone numbers, and current and proposed policies on community use. It was pointed out that some of the locations in the area were currently being under utilized.

Later Lavine said that while she appreciates the help in finding alternative sites, she is "offended that they have waited until this late in the process. We're on the 12th plan and yet the community members

haven't been included or invited directly until now. I'm glad they're bringing people in now, but I feel it's way late."

Dr. Watson commended those who have raised the issue for understanding that the center serves a wide range of users. "We hope that this is going to be a beautiful facility that this community will be proud of," Watson said. "It will not only serve the needs of exercisers and those who use this gym, but a facility that will meet most of our needs, both academic and community needs."

Some people at Tuesday's meeting thought that they were not accurately informed about the gym demolition before they voted for the measure three years ago. Dr. Watson responded that the college wrote the bond mea-

sure honestly.

"Certainly it would not have been our intent to dupe the community," he said. "You don't want to write a bond that is so tightly written that you don't have any flexibility in the outcome of the product."

Dr. Watson also pointed out that community members who were not present at the meeting feel the construction plan will meet their needs in ways the present facility does not.

"Had we made a decision to do one thing or the other, there would have been some users that would have felt the same way as the individuals here this evening," said Watson.

The College Board of Directors will be reviewing the project and is expected to take up the matter at a future meeting. In the meantime, Dr. Watson said, "I appreciate the sentiments of the group here and we will continue to listen."

Humanities: Opens March 3

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their time and Ruppert has secured grants from the Oregon Council for the Humanities and other sources so that most can be offered free. There is a nominal fee for some events, such as plays and concerts.

There will be 17 events held on the LBCC campus in Albany between March 3-17:

- "Shakespeare Can be Fun," March 3 at 3 p.m. in Tadena Theater;
- "Birds: The Power of Their Song and Flight," March 4 at noon in Tadena Theater;
- "Catastrophic Public Events and Post Traumatic Stress," March 6 at 11 a.m. in the Siletz Room;
- "Shared Symbols and Public Meaning: Social Control in Times of Crisis," March 6 at noon in the Siletz Room;
- "Discovering the West," March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room;
- "Passing On Our Cultural Heritage Through Traditional Children's Literature," March 7 at 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room;
- "Cultural Commentary: A Visit with Walt Whitman," March 8 at 10 a.m. in the Siletz Room;
- "Islam and the West: A Case of Irreconcilable Differences?" March 8 at

- noon in the Siletz Room;
 - "Reader's Theater: Images of Women in Community," March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room.
 - "Altering Reality," March 9 at noon in Forum 109;
 - "The Rhythm Givers," March 9 at 7 p.m. in Tadena Theater;
 - "The Nude in Art: Images of Ourselves," March 11 at noon in the Fireside Room;
 - "Europe Reawakens: French Romanesque and Gothic Cathedrals of the 11th and 12th Centuries," March 13 at noon in the Siletz Room;
 - "Music of Note: LBCC Concert Choir," March 14 at 8 p.m. in Tadena Theater;
 - "Understanding Some Icons from Mexican Culture: Two Perspectives," March 15 at noon in the Fireside Room;
 - "The Musical Gateway to Emotional Passion," March 15 at 8 p.m. in Tadena Theater.
 - "Many Roads to the Square," March 16 at 3 p.m. in the Corvallis Public Library;
 - "For All the Saints: LBCC Community Chorale," March 17 at 3 p.m. in the Tadena Theater;
 - "Spirit of the Old West: American Folk and Cowboy Songs," March 17 at 7 p.m. in the Corvallis Public Library.
- Fliers with complete details can be found throughout the campus, or by contacting the AHSS Division.

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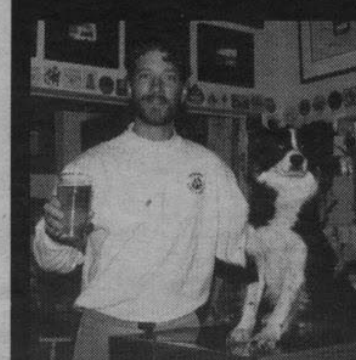
- Corned Beef Hash & Eggs
- Pork Saltimbocca
- Lentil Burgers
- Soup: Beef Consomme
- Corn Chowder
- Salad: Taco Salad

Thursday

- Beef Burgundy
- Sake Chicken w/steamed rice
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- Salad: Grilled chicken spinach salad

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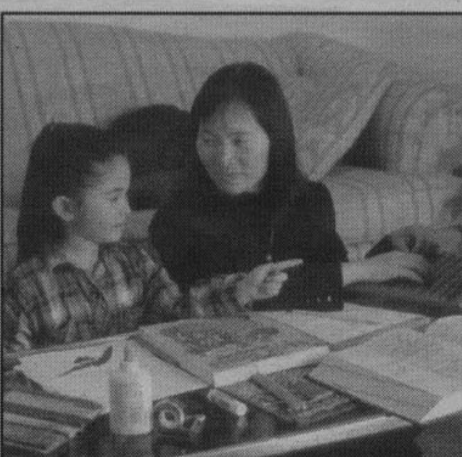
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Politics

Political heavyweights slug it out in Portland arena

Nearly 40 from LB join sellout crowd to watch Nader-Gingrich debate at Arlene Schnitzer Hall

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

The atmosphere inside Arlene Schnitzer concert hall last Thursday was charged with expectation as the crowd filed into their seats for what promised to be a heavy-weight political bout.

Newt Gingrich, chief architect of the 1994 Republican Revolution and ex-speaker of the House of Representatives, was about to go toe-to-toe with the most feared liberal in Christendom, consumer advocate and former Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader.

The fact that this was not a presidential debate, and that nothing was at stake except the hearts and minds of the assembled audience, gave the event the feeling more of an exhibition boxing match than an important debate—more Tyson-Lewis than Lincoln-Douglas.

Still, before the night was over, Gingrich would evoke Lincoln, a Republican, by saying that he grew up with modest means in rural Georgia and that his father never went to college and his mother never finished high school until she got a GED in her 40s. The Plain Folks appeal was obvious, yet somewhat effective, judging by crowd sentiment.

The Lincoln-Douglas analogy holds more weight when you consider that those two candidates were debating the question of whether Negroes, as the term was used then, were entitled to be considered citizens of the country and share in the democratic power structure.

The Nader-Gingrich debate was the 20th Anniversary Tom McCall Forum sponsored by Wells Fargo and Pacific University, and centered on the question, "Who Rules America?" Instead of discussing African-American rights like the Lincoln-Douglas debates, this bout considered whether corporations should be considered to have the same rights and powers as individuals, and whether there is too much corporate power in American politics, subverting the original wishes of the founding fathers.

Considering the fact that back in the mid-1800s Democrats and Republicans were pretty much opposite of what they are today, if this was the Lincoln-Douglas debates, Nader would be Lincoln and Gingrich would be Douglas. Douglas was a wealthy land speculator who was against Negro rights, and Lincoln was an abolitionist shopkeeper and rail-splitter from Illinois who

had married well and become a successful lawyer.

Round One

Nader, who spoke first, came out jabbing, running down a litany of labor abuses and struggles, scoring hits with almost every staccato sentence. Gingrich sat passively with his legs crossed leaning his head on his fist in an almost bored manner, showing that he was not too intimidated.

Then Nader quoted Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, saying "We can either have a democracy or great concentration of wealth. We cannot have both"—a stunning right-cross to the conservative ideology.

Judging by the overwhelmingly positive crowd reaction to Nader's opening, it seemed that Gingrich had his work cut out for him. When he stepped to the podium, he immediately went on the attack, comparing Nader's speech to a sermon, using an anecdote about long-winded preaching.

Then he started a stick-and-move tactic that he would keep up most of the night. He took some jabs at the media, then circled around to inexplicably opine on the superiority of the United States over developing nations saying, "At least here when you buy a hamburger, you know it's hamburger."

He then agreed with part of Nader's speech, saying Enron executives who bilked their employees should go to jail. This could have been a technique to off-balance his opponent with compliments, but Nader looked unfazed, keeping his head down and absorbing blow after blow.

At this point Gingrich began to work the judges, telling the audience about his family of steelworkers and how he tried three times before he was elected to Congress. He ended by saying that although this country is not perfect, "the long march is still moving forward."

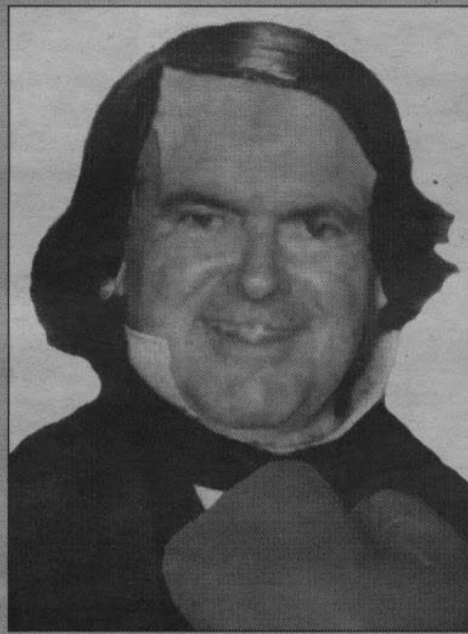
At the end of his speech, Gingrich was applauded roundly although not as loudly as Nader. Perhaps the most interesting part of his whole message was the idea that the founding fathers put together our American system of government to be so inefficient that no dictator could ever force it to work.

Round Two

The second round saw the two debaters fielding questions from the panel, including a ridiculously long-winded and meandering litany by one panel member that left the crowd in disbelief. "Was that a question?" someone said.

Gingrich tried his best to answer the substance of the question concerning the issue of whether the United States is a plutocracy, governed by the wealthy, but he seemed to be

Tale of the Tape



Republican Party
55 years old
6 feet
230 pounds



Green Party
62 years old
6 feet 4 inches
175 pounds

Newton Leroy "Newt" Gingrich

Stephen Douglas-style plutocrat

Greatest hits:

1995 Time magazine Man of the Year, Speaker of the House

Reach:

corporate management, wise-use land owners, gun lobby, fiscal conservatives

Ralph "The Green Crusader" Nader

Abraham Lincoln-esque populist

Greatest hits:

fought for automobile safety, published "Unsafe at any Speed," 1965; Green Party presidential candidate 2000

Reach:

organized labor, environmentalists, governmental reformers, alternative fuel promoters

Photo illustration by Chad "The Mouth" Richins

backpeddling to save himself for later rounds.

Nader's question in this round was shorter, asked by the youngest member of the panel who wanted to know if people didn't vote for Nader because they were afraid of other parties winning. Nader immediately began to take fierce jabs at the debate commission that excluded him from the Bush-Gore debates, saying that as long as the commission is unwilling to allow third-party candidates to be included, it will be difficult to have alternative voices in the political process.

Round Three

The rest of the debate was classic head-to-head, conservative vs. liberal ideology. Nader would ask how can we have 20 percent child poverty in a booming economy? Gingrich would parry and dodge and come back

with "How can you say the big money rules the country when GM failed in its attempt to drive you from public life?" referring to Nader's much-publicized battle over automobile safety. Nader called this the "Liberal's Dilemma," the fact that conservatives so often try use the successes of liberals against them.

One of the more exciting moments in the debate was when Nader flubbed when describing his idea of taxing stock transactions, saying that anyone here in Oregon has to pay sales tax when they buy a book at a store. The crowd immediately let Nader know of his error and Nader played it off graciously although the point was probably conceded.

In the end, the bout went to the judges' cards and as the crowd tallied up their punches thrown to punches landed ratios, it seemed that most people

would probably think that whoever they came to support edged out the other by a slim margin. The real winners of the debate were the American public, who benefit anytime the political discussion is held publicly and ideas are shared and judged by all.

Gingrich seemed to be a gracious speaker, giving respect to Nader while not always answering fully his questions, and Nader seemed to be a little righteous and angry, like a veteran recalling the civil war to his opponent who fought on the other side.

With both sides at odds ideologically, they were still able to remain civil and even signed books at a table side by side after the show.

The 2002 Ralph Nader-Newt Gingrich debate was, therefore, an exciting show and a testament to good sportsmanship.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Attention all 'loafers': Albany has a new dance club

by Twila Skelley
of The Commuter

It's a Friday or Saturday night, you're at least 21 and feeling the need to go out and live a little. Instead of sitting on your rear at home, head to Loafers Club Two Twenty Two in downtown Albany.

This new club has a great atmosphere for just kicking back and taking in the evening. The club's room is dark and lit by an overhead strobe and black lights. There are several tables accented with small candle lamps. In the back of the room is a white vinyl couch and matching chair.

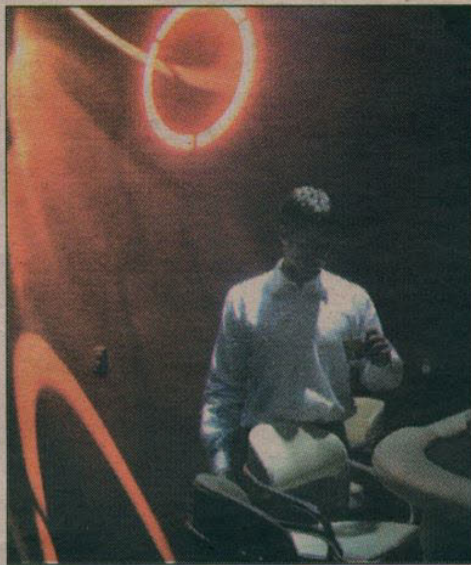
"A recent addition to the club is the white pimped-out retro-bar," commented waitress Amy Willis. The bar was purchased from the Hereford Steer Restaurant, which recently went out of business.

The bar will soon be in service inside the club, but for the time being drinks are served from the restaurant side of Loafers, and must be either served or carried into the club.

Music starts at 9 p.m. The range of tunes is everything from Top 40 to 60s rock favorites.

Requests for music are not generally taken, but a mix of music is played to meet every individual's tastes. The DJ is Zach Elliott of Epic Enterprises.

"This club is meant to be a great place to come and drink, dance, kick back and



Photos by James Bauerle

A new club, Loafers Two Twenty Two, has a great atmosphere for chilling with friends on weekend nights. A full bar is available and a variety of music for all tastes is presented.

chill for the evening. Last call is at 1:30," stated Elliott.

Club Two Twenty Two does have some rules in place to keep the night clean and fun. There is a cover charge of \$3. Everybody in attendance must be 21 or older.

There is also an informal dress code. Customers have to actually look like they are going out for the evening. No getting off work at the mill, brushing the chips off your shoulder and heading on over to



the club. The dress code asks individuals to simply look nice—no sloppiness.

Loafers also offers live music. Every other Saturday night, the eye-catching Jesse Elliott Band performs. The band is surprisingly good for having only had three public performances. They have many catchy tunes and their sound compares favorably to the group "Train."

The audience really gets into their music, clapping their hands and snapping its fingers along with the tunes. The band

plays many of their own songs as well as old favorites such as "Sweet Home Alabama," and "Low Rider."

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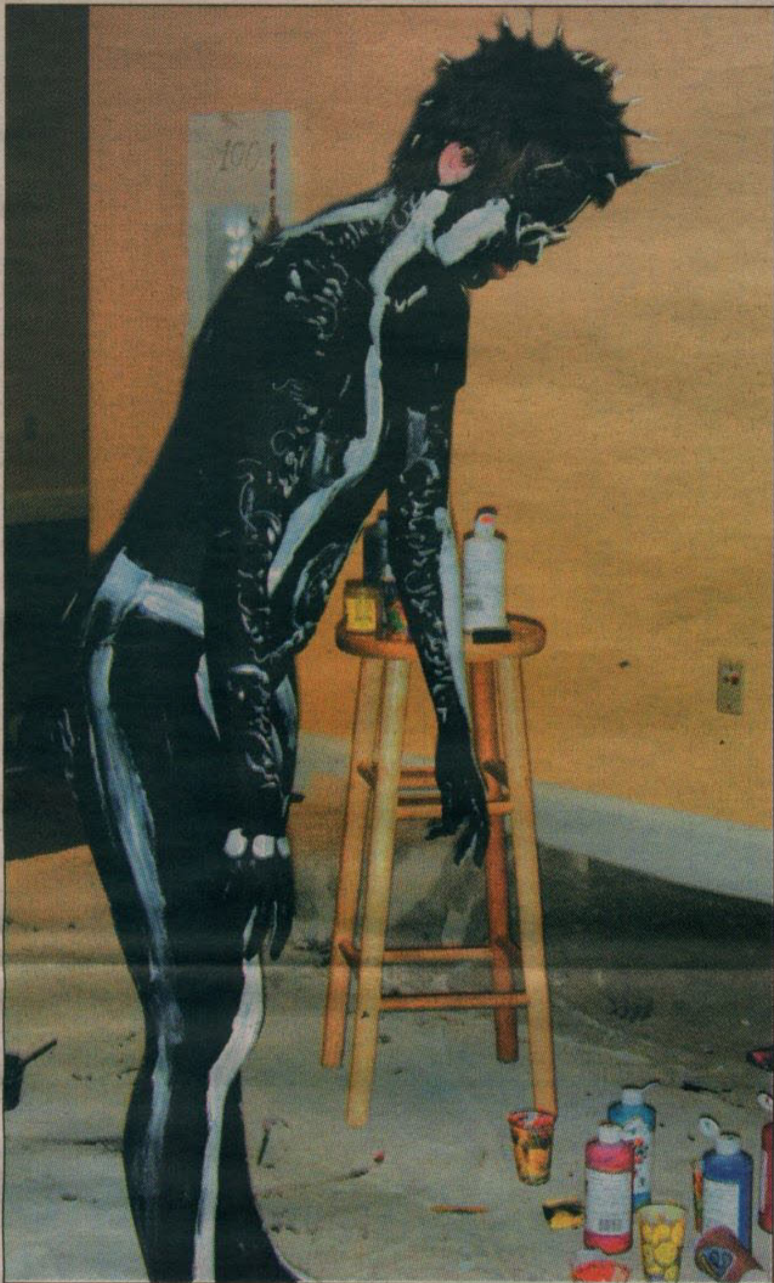
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Chocolate Fantasy



Photos by Stefanie Hessenkemper

LBCC Culinary Arts representatives Katie Newton (center) and Jenny Bunch (right) dispense samples of their Silken Chocolate Decadence at last Saturday's Chocolate Fantasy in Corvallis. The event also included body-painting (left) and an art auction.

Chocolate lovers have their day

by Mariana Schatte
of the Commuter

Chocolates, desserts, body-painting and art filled OSU's CHM Hill Alumni Center last Saturday for the annual Chocolate Fantasy.

Sponsored by the Corvallis Art Center as a fund-raiser for art in the community, the event involved local establishments in the culinary business like Allann Bros. Coffee, Big River Restaurant, Burst's Candy, Cornerstone Bakery, Orchard Heights and

New Morning Bakery. Joining them for the second year in a row was the LBCC student Culinary Arts Club, who whipped up what they called Silken Chocolate Decadence for the competition.

Although the club's entry did not place, two LB grads who now work for Big River, Scott Hurley and Suzane Hollings, won second place and the coveted People's Choice awards.

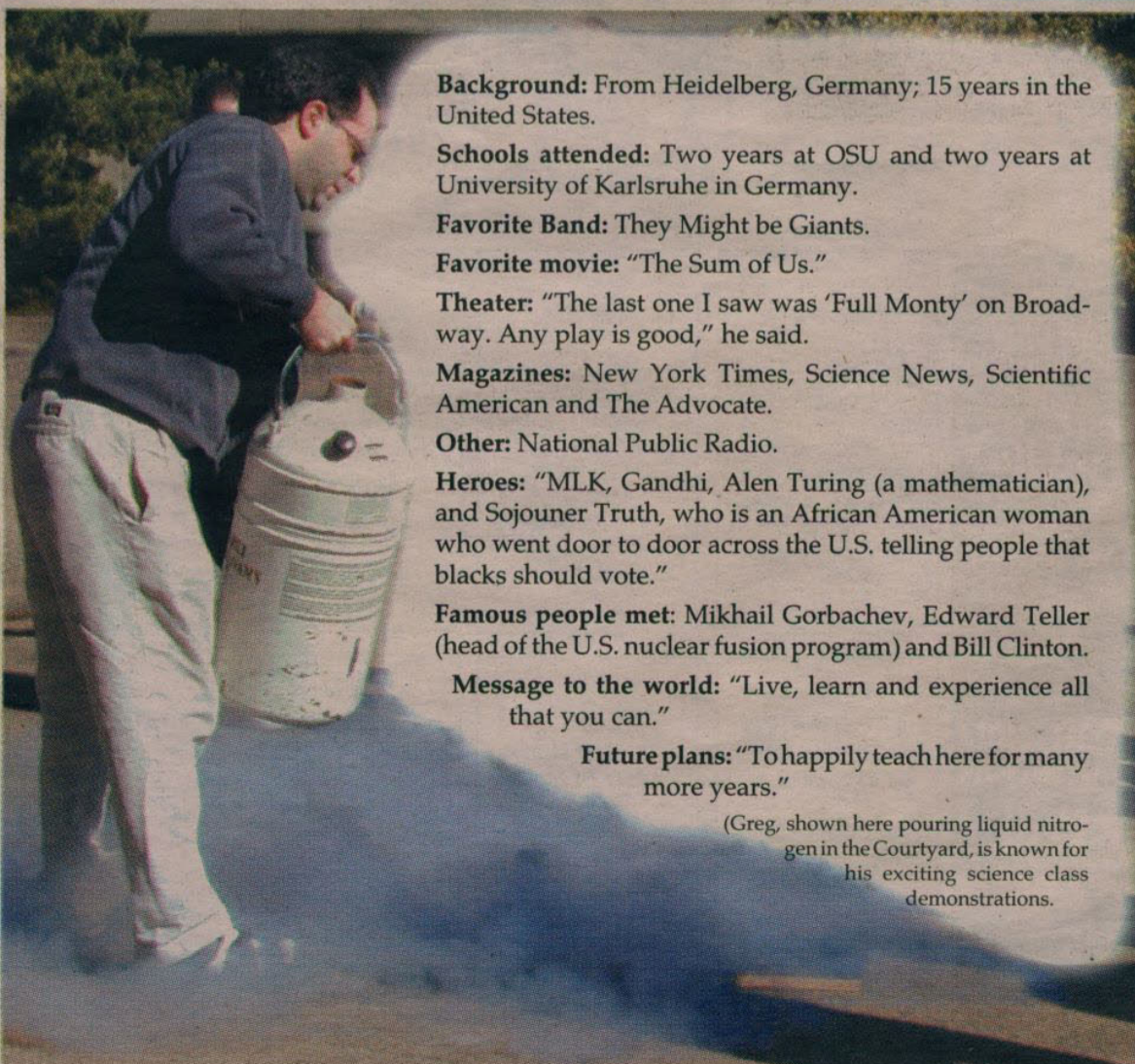
The event was crowded with people from all ages who were

happily testing all the chocolate desserts. There was also free wine and cheese for everybody who wanted them.

Chocolate cheese cake, chocolate cake, strawberries with chocolate, white chocolate, dark chocolate, chocolate with nuts, brownies, to name a few were the kind of sweets that were offered during the ceremony.

The painting auction and body art editions also gave the event a distinguished art atmosphere.

A & E PROFILE: GREG MULDER



Background: From Heidelberg, Germany; 15 years in the United States.

Schools attended: Two years at OSU and two years at University of Karlsruhe in Germany.

Favorite Band: They Might be Giants.

Favorite movie: "The Sum of Us."

Theater: "The last one I saw was 'Full Monty' on Broadway. Any play is good," he said.

Magazines: New York Times, Science News, Scientific American and The Advocate.

Other: National Public Radio.

Heroes: "MLK, Gandhi, Alen Turing (a mathematician), and Sojourner Truth, who is an African American woman who went door to door across the U.S. telling people that blacks should vote."

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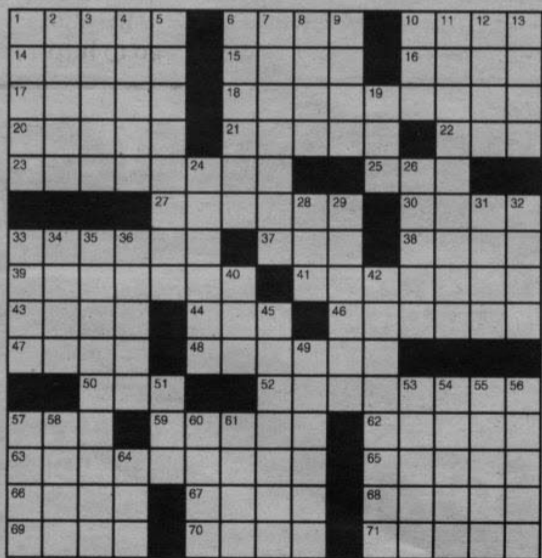
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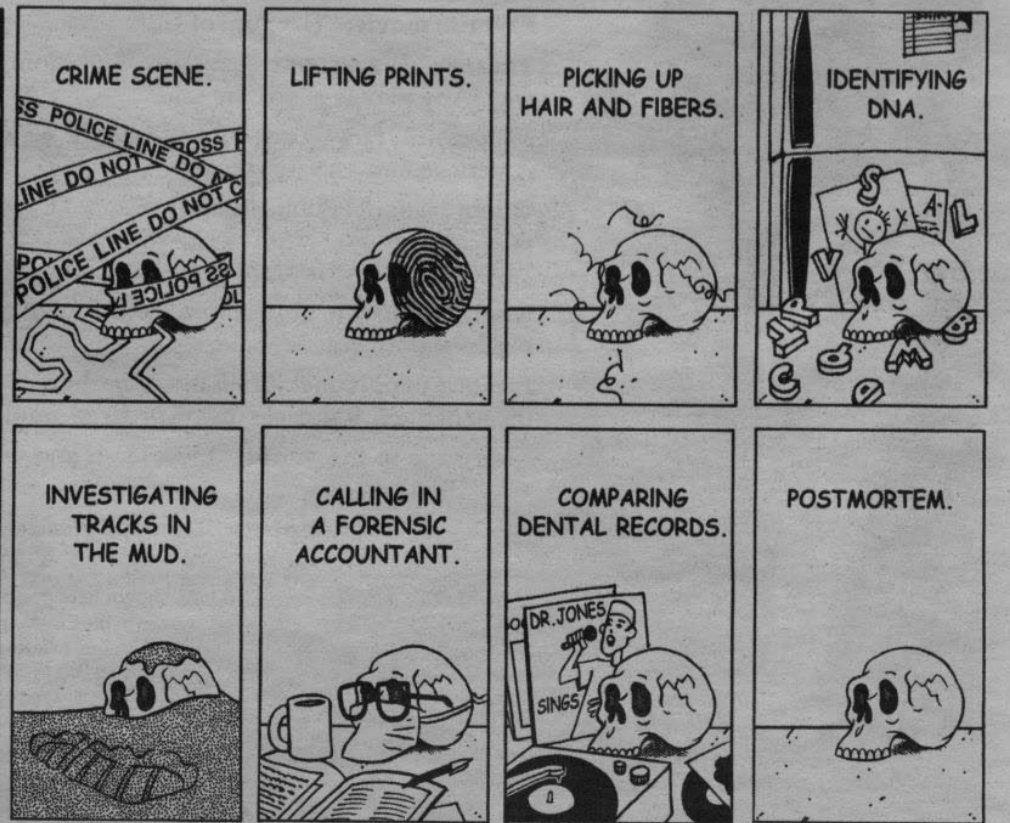
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CAMPUS NEWS

Staff member views life in whole new way after Peace Corps

by Alexis Urhasuen
of The Commuter

You wake up, eat a bowl of frosted flakes, jump in the shower and dig through your closet to get dressed—a typical morning in America. But for Anais Alexander, her mornings went like this: wake up, eat bread and tea, walk to fetch ten gallons of water and carry it back on her head, take a bath in two gallons of that water and choose what she wants to wear from her few outfits.

About three years ago, Alexander decided she'd like to live in Africa and work as a Peace Corps volunteer. After an eight-month process, she was assigned to live and work in Lesotho (lesooto), a mountainous country surrounded by South Africa.

Today, as a consultant in the LB Family Connections Department, Alexander continues to be affected by her experiences in that country.

Alexander didn't live in your typical one-bedroom, one-bath apartment. It was a one-room circular home, called a rondaval, with an outhouse. The rondaval's walls were stone, cemented together with dung and mud. The inside walls and floor were smeared with the dung and mud mixture as well, topped off with a straw-thatched roof.

Her only light source at night being a candle, or a kerosene lamp. She was given the name Leseli (lay-say-di), meaning radiance, by the local people, and lived with a village elder whose daughters had moved to their husbands' villages.

"They give strangers the hospitality we reserve for our favored relatives," said Alexander.

There was no electricity or indoor plumbing in this rural village. Women of the village hiked to one of the three community water taps to fetch water and carry it back on their heads. Alexander either rode a horse or walked everywhere, sometimes walking hours to get to



Photo courtesy of Anais Alexander

Anais Alexander poses with some of her friends at a village in Africa where she was in the Peace Corps.

one destination. Although this sounds rugged and primitive, for Alexander it was an amazing, life-changing experience. She said the people there live a very simple life. They make almost everything with their own hands and know exactly where everything they touch comes from. They grow their own food and meet most of their needs with renewable resources. Even their homes go back into the earth when they crumble.

Alexander was an early childhood development advisor in Lesotho and worked with first grade teachers and preschool teachers to bridge the gap between day-care and elementary school. She also held workshops teaching about AIDS, and making toys and games with the village refuse.

Her work included community development, working with two village preschool teachers to build a library and a community center. Alexander also lectured at the National Teachers Training College on

integrating arts and crafts into primary curriculum.

Alexander was impressed by the closeness of the people. The whole community works together, supporting one another. One person's pain and joy is every one's pain and joy. They work hard side-by-side, everyday, yet balance their lives with laughter song and dance. "There is a movement, a rhythm that fills the entire village," Alexander said.

Children thrive under the support of the extended family, she added. "With the extended support of an entire village, with the realistic role models of relatives and without the destructive influence of television and magazines, children grow into adolescence with true self-assurance and high self-esteem."

One thing that Alexander had to deal with in Lesotho was being the minority. Living in America as a white female, she had never had the feeling of being judged because of her skin. In Lesotho she had the opportunity to know what it feels like to be a minority, to be judged, liked or disliked, solely by skin color.

When she returned to the U.S. last year Alexander discovered that it had been a lot easier to adapt to Lesotho because she was enthusiastic and excited with the newness of everything, than it was to readjust to her return to the United States. Just going into the supermarket was a shocking experience for her.

It was also hard to accept how Americans take so much for granted. Education is free here, for example, but in Lesotho it is a rare privilege. Many girls don't go to school beyond sixth grade and the boys work in the fields. People take for granted so many opportunities in America, she said.

When Alexander returned home it took her some time to readjust. She took a year off to travel, write and create. Her experience in Lesotho is something that will always stay with her. "They give us more than we'll ever give them," she said, "We come back with a whole new life perspective."

Benton Center instructor beams up second transmission from Antarctica

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

Nearly 15 people showed up to hear from Susan Cowles at the second Real Audio transmission from Antarctica last Thursday. She presented photos from the Palmer Research Station and was joined with the station manager and a scientist to answer questions.

Cowles explained the Palmer Long-Term Ecological Research project, which began in 1991 as a way for scientists to use the area to study consequences of climate change on the ecosystem at Palmer Station in Antarctica.

"This part of Antarctica has great annual changes in the amount of sea ice," said Cowles. She showed a map of the islands that surround the station and photos taken in the winter showing how the sea ice connects the islands.

Antarctica is important in the study of climate change after scientists found a hole in the earth's ozone layer there. Cowles pointed out that "there are 50 years of temperature data to show that the mean annual winter temperature in this area has warmed 4 to 5 degrees Celsius."

Monitoring changes in the ecosystem involves studying the food web. Cowles, through her daily Internet journal, is informing her classroom and the community about experiments and how the scientists go about collecting data. She showed photos of phytoplankton experiments. A transponder is used under water to measure amounts of

krill. Scientists also monitor penguins and sea birds for changes in population and breeding.

Cowles was using small-sized photographs in her transmission. Jim Crotts, who is in charge of LB's Internet support, explained that "the photos are actually coming in on video." If they were larger, they would take a lot more bandwidth and "might bog things down," Crotts said. He created a web site after the first broadcast that includes much larger and sharper looking photos. The web site is <http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/cowles/>.

Crotts had provided Cowles with Internet support in previous years and talked with her before her trip. "We were excited when we found out we

were going to be doing these transmissions and that they would be live all the way from Antarctica," said Crotts, "we were pretty tickled."

A lot of people are involved in making the transmissions happen. Crotts made contact with Rice University, which is the organizers of the Teachers Experiencing the Arctic and Antarctica program. Lincoln High School in Wisconsin also hosts and maintains the Real Audio system and events for TEALive.

According to Crotts, 85 users were signed on around the country to the first transmission. He explained that what happens during a transmission is that Cowles makes a telephone call

from Antarctica, which is then uplinked by satellite to Rice University.

The call then comes to the Benton Center via phone line between here and Rice. This explains the nearly 30-second time lapse in the transmission.

"It's kind of a call forward

thing," said Crotts. "We are receiving a call from Rice, which came from Antarctica, so we have to wait our turn."

Cowles will be heading back toward Chile from Antarctica on March 3. She updates her daily journal. To follow along, go to <http://tea.rice.edu>.

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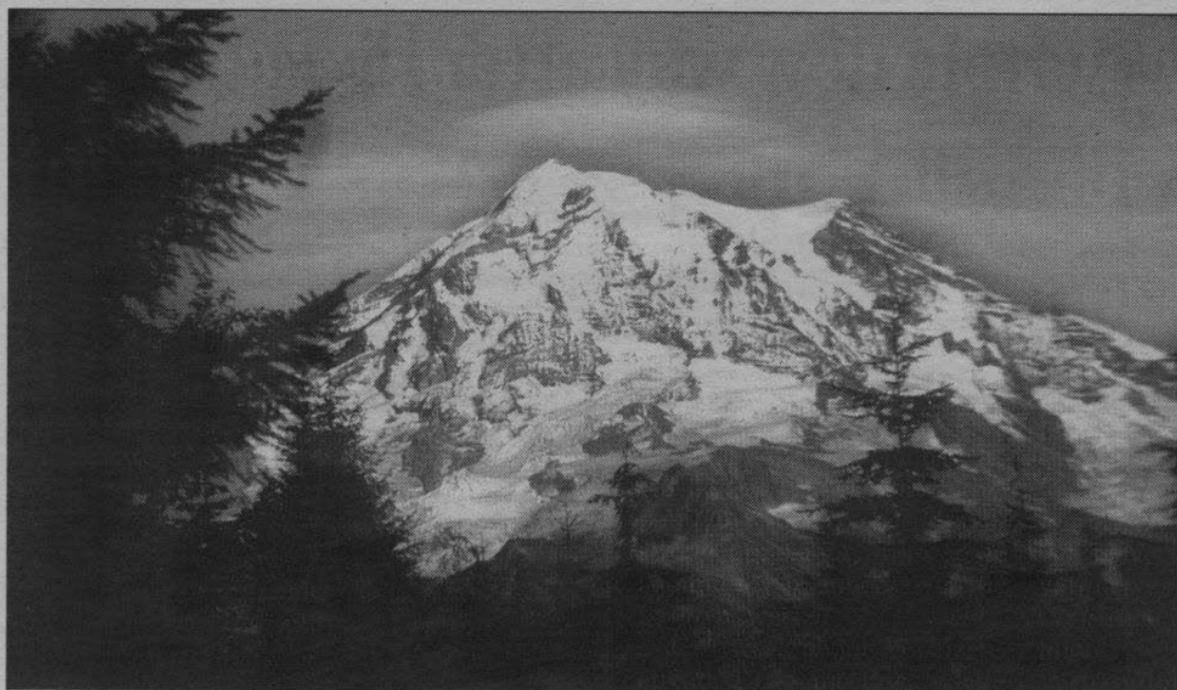


Photo by Phillip Ruzek

LBCC physics teacher will lead two expeditions up Mount St. Helens this summer, one to the summit on June 21 and another into the crater on July 19.

Mulder leads hikes up Mount St. Helens and into the volcano's crater

by Phillip Ruzek
of The Commuter

This summer beginning and advanced climbers have an opportunity to stand on something that was considered very dangerous 20 years ago.

Greg Mulder, Physical Sciences Department chair, is taking part in the leading of two expeditions to Mount St. Helens in June and July. One is a summit hike to 8,365 feet and the other is a hike into the crater itself.

Mulder has 10 years of climbing experience, having climbed mountains in the Rookies, Cascades and Mount San Jacinto in Southern California. Not all of his climbs were wonderful experiences—on Mount Hood he lost a friend who was a physics colleague at the University of Portland. But that hasn't stopped him from continuing to climb.

The summit hike, which begins at June Lake a mile away from Climber's Bivouac, is scheduled for June 21, and the crater hike is July 19.

All dates are subject to change depending on the weather, Mulder said. So far the area has been blessed with good weather, but if any of the trips get cancelled Mulder said he will reschedule them the following week.

Mulder said that there is a "semi-high probability the crater hike will be cancelled" due to weather conditions. "We need perfect weather for the crater expedition," he explained.

Both are geological hikes, but Mulder is trying to bring a biologist along as well because there is "wonderful biology on the mountain."

There is a \$15 fee for climbing permits from

April through Oct 31. Climbers may purchase an annual pass for \$30 per person. Permits and annual passes are purchased at Jack's Restaurant and store on the Washington State Route 503, 23 miles east of Woodland, Wash. The permit is necessary for climbers to ascend past 4,800 feet, which is necessary to reach the crater. Climbers will need to bring their own food and water.

Although the crater hike is limited to 22 and is already filled, Mulder said that climbers do drop out so a waiting list will be maintained. Space is available for the summit hike, which can accommodate more than 22.

"Anyone can go, although you should be in good shape."

—Greg Mulder

"Anyone can go," said Mulder, "although you should be in good shape."

Climbers break into groups to head for the summit. That way if a climber can't make it, only one group will be affected

instead of the entire group. The crater hike will be lead by two U.S. Geological Survey workers. Expeditions into the crater must be prepared for dangerous rock falls, sinkholes and steam explosions. The USGS has a science waiver for climbers to hike into the crater.

The summit expedition will last 12 hours, and Mulder predicted that many groups will turn back. The crater expedition will be a 14-hour round trip, but this hike is "not as strenuous of a climb," said Mulder, because the path that the climbers are going on is horizontal.

Both hikes are non-technical. Good tennis shoes and or hiking shoes are required. Mulder also advises climbers to bring a first aid kit, clothes for both cold and warm weather, a radio and a Frisbee to slide down on once they reach the summit.

'Sport of the South' now nationally appreciated

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

More than a half century ago a sports league was created and it is now the most watched sport in all the land. It's not the NFL or the NBA and, no, it is not America's national pastime, baseball—it's NASCAR.

A lot has changed in the last 53 years for NASCAR, it has propelled itself from regional popularity in the South to widespread interest in the rest of the U.S. No more was that apparent than last year when FOX, NBC and TNT signed NASCAR to its first long-term television contract. When you turn on a T.V. there is almost a guarantee that you will see either Jeff Gordon or Dale Earnhardt Jr. in a commercial.

So how did this sport become so popular? Who knows? Maybe we like watching people drive a car at 200 mph just six inches from a wall, maybe it's because we like to see car accidents, or maybe NASCAR just did a great job marketing itself.

It was in the 90s, when NASCAR became so popular. This time period of the sport was dominated by two men—the late great Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon. Earnhardt was the heart and soul of the sport and symbolized what the sport was, but it was Gordon who appealed to the rest of the country.

Gordon was young, talented, and could talk in front of the cameras well. Another thing that was appealing about him, was the fact that he was not from the South. Gordon was born in California and raised in Indiana. The relevance of this is that before Gordon, many people believed that Stock Car racing was not something the whole country could do, but Gordon changed all that.

Because Gordon was not from the South and looked more like a mama's boy than a racer, many old-time NASCAR fans hated him, and loved to root against him. But nobody could deny, that the kid could race.

Gordon has already won four Winston Cups, which is amazing considering that he only turned 30 last year. Both

Earnhardt and "The King" Richard Petty hold the record at seven Winston's Cups, a record that Gordon might very well shatter.

At 30 years old, Gordon is still considered young—that is right, young. In NASCAR it is not unusual for drivers to be driving in their late 40s. Earnhardt was still driving at the age of 49, but died in a racing accident. So it does look like Gordon could very well, rewrite the record books.

Although Gordon has still been winning, he has lost his role as NASCAR's spokesperson. That title now belongs to Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Jr., like Gordon, is young, talented, and has a great knack for the camera, but there are two huge variables that make Jr., a better NASCAR spokesperson than Gordon. First of all, he is from the South, which is important, given the fact that a majority of the races of the Winston Cup are in the Southeastern region of this country and the sport is still a Southern sport at heart. Secondly, and more importantly, he is the son of the most-loved racer in recent history. The question that remains is if Jr. can live up to the giant expectations set forth.

Even though many things will change this year, including new safety rules, there is still one thing you can count on, as this year's Daytona 500 proved—a lot of great wrecks.

NASCAR PICKS

1. **Jeff Gordon**—A lot will change, but him on top will not.
2. **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**—Heir to the throne.
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4. **Sterling Martin**—Should have won Daytona.
5. **Bobby Labonte**—Pressure's off.

Athletic department honors LB staff

by Eric Berggren
of The Commuter

LBCC's Athletic Department will hold an employee appreciation night today during the men's and women's basketball games in the Activities Center.

Each year for the past seven years Greg Hawk, LB's athletic director, has put on this event to honor members of the Linn-Benton staff.

Each year about 100 employees are recognized. Each teacher, janitor, cafeteria worker or li-

brarian has in some way contributed to one or many of the schools athletic programs, said Hawk. Some of the way's people contribute are by organizing fund-raisers and donating equipment.

The contributing staff will be awarded recognition during halftimes at the men's and women's basketball games.

The women's game will start at 5:30 and the men's will start at 7:30. There will also be a drawing with prizes ranging from

shirts to food and merchandise gift certificates.

This year about 110 people are expected to be recognized.

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Men out of race for playoffs

by Greg Cero
of The Commuter

The men's basketball team received the knock-out blow to their playoff hopes this past week as they dropped a pair of league games to Umpqua and Clackamas.

The losses eliminated Linn-Benton (5-8, 10-16) from playoff contention and put a damper on a season that began with high expectations. With the two defeats the Roadrunner's losing streak extends to five games with just one remaining.

Last Wednesday's affair against Umpqua left a sour taste as they lost on their own home court to a team who was 0-11 and who trailed by 14 at the half. It proved to be a poor time to give Umpqua its first victory because Linn-Benton was only one game out of the last playoff spot at the time.

Sophomore David Michaelis nearly pulled off a triple double with 29 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, while sophomore post Kraig Schuler picked up a double double with 10 points and 12 boards.

Despite the disappointing 91-87 loss, Linn-Benton was still mathematically in contention for the final playoff spot until Saturday's game, but time ran out quickly as a 102-92 home loss to Clackamas on Saturday showed the Runners the door, officially dismantling their playoff drive.

Clackamas built a 17-point halftime lead, and

even though the Runners outplayed them in the second half, they were never able to make it a game. Clackamas, the second-place team in the league, had too much firepower on both ends of the court.

On a positive note, Linn-Benton had five players in double figures and one with nine points. Michaelis once again led all scorers as he poured in 33 and Schuler brought in 12. Sophomores Garrett Hollen and Nate Marks both scored 10, as did freshman Bryon Orth.

The strong offensive showing was spoiled by turnovers, however—18 Roadrunner turnovers led to 29 points for Clackamas.

Failure to take care of the ball has been a reoccurring pattern for the team in its last few ballgames.

"We did not play well at all these past four or five games," said Schuler. "We came in overconfident in a few games and teams just outplayed and outsmarted us."

Only one game remains for the Runners as they are ready to end a rough couple of weeks. The game will be a tough one, however. They play No. 1 seeded South Western Oregon, which carries an 11-2 record.

"It'd be nice to end our season by beating the No. 1 team in league," said Michaelis.

That game is scheduled for tonight in the Activities Center at 5:30.

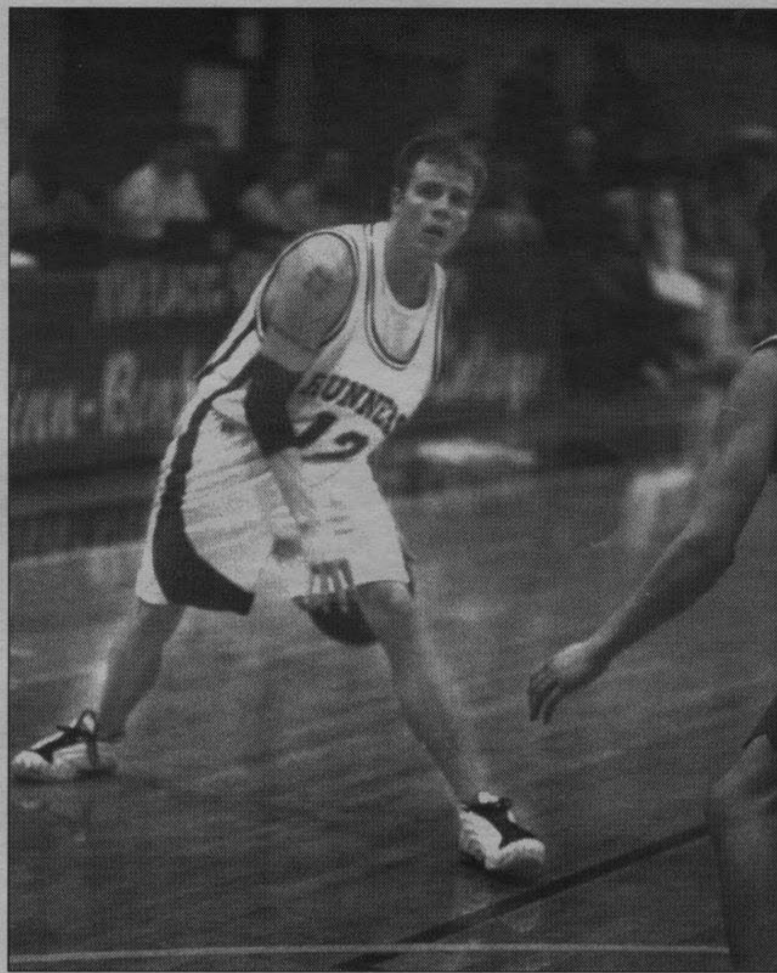


Photo by James Bauerle

Garrett Hollen does some fancy dribbling during Saturday's game against Clackamas, in which he scored 10 points.

Women lose playoff chance after double losses to division leaders

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton lady's basketball team needed two things to happen for them to make playoffs this year.

First, they would have to win their next three games, and second, Chemeketa would have to lose its remaining three.

However, last week saw neither of these variables come true for the Lady Runners, as Chemeketa got a victory and LB was handed back-to-back losses from Southern Division powerhouses, Umpqua and Clackamas.

Last Wednesday, the Lady Runners hosted the top-ranked team in the conference, the Umpqua Timberwomen.

Coach A.J. Dionne's team jumped on them early, with Janine Dionne hitting a three-point field goal to start the game. LB got up to a 6-3 lead before Umpqua went on a 12 point run to take the lead 15-6.

Linn-Benton was never able to wrestle away the lead from the Timberwomen, as they went on to a 108-66 victory. Umpqua benefited from Runners turnovers, scoring 34 points, while not allowing one point off their own turnovers.

Despite the loss, sophomore Rebecca Torresdal had



Photo by Jenn Geiger

Janine Dionne makes a pass during last Saturday's basketball game against Clackamas.

another solid night, leading the Runners in both points and rebounds, scoring 16 and grabbing nine, as well as blocking three shots. 5-foot-8 freshman, Katie Jarrett, contributed 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds, while Christy Rickert pitched in 11 points, nine from the foul line.

After the defeat, the Lady Runners had to prepare for the other Southern Division power, Clackamas, ranked third in the NWAACC. The Cougars came into this game with only two league losses, one of those defeats coming from the Lady Runners.

However, Clackamas made sure history would not repeat itself, as they capitalized on Runners' turnovers to jump out to a 23-0 point run to start the game. Robyn Ward ended the early Cougar run with a lay-in basket just over six minutes into the game.

The Runners suffered from bad shooting in the first half, shooting 27 percent from the field, but got their chance in the latter parts of the first half, going on a 7-0 run. However, at the end of the half, Clackamas had a 58-19 lead.

The second half showed a difference in action, as both teams played back-and-forth, making them even through most of the half. The first half deficit was too large however, and LB lost the game 58-99.

Torresdal led the team in scoring with 14 points, as she went six for eight at the foul line. Ward led the team in rebounds with eight, while scoring nine points.

Linn-Benton is now mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, but will try to end the season on a high note against SW Oregon, tonight at the Activities Center.

Harlem Globetrotters entertained sports and non-sports fans in Corvallis

by Sherry Majeski
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A sports fan I am not, but when I heard that the Harlem Globetrotters were coming to Gill Coliseum, I just had to go. I can remember back in the early 70s when I was forced to go to a Lakers vs. Harlem Globetrotters game. I did not want to go, but once the game started, I was glad I did.

This is an experience I wanted my daughter, Shoni, to have. Just like me, when I was her age, she balked about going and tried desperately to find someone else to take her ticket. But I did not waiver and dragged her to the game anyway.

We arrived about an hour early and were allowed to go

inside to talk to some of the staff. We were ushered inside and introduced to Bernard Bickerstaff Jr., executive assistant from Denver, Colo., and Joe Martinez, announcer from Orange County, Calif.

We chatted about past players like Meadow Lark Lemon, who is now an evangelist in Phoenix, Ariz., and Curly, a short bald player who is now retired and living in Florida.

I asked if I could talk to a player and within minutes Martinez returned with Roy (Zazu) Byrd. Shoni was impressed as Byrd sat with us, posed for photos and chatted with us about the life of a Harlem Globetrotter.

He was a very warm, friendly

and happy man.

Byrd told us he was from Oakland, Calif., and has been with the Trotters for four years now. He explained how there were 165 guys trying out for only two openings on the team.

Making the Harlem Globetrotters was beyond his wildest dream. What Byrd reflects on is if you want it go for it and do what is best for you and don't let other people hold you back from chasing your dreams.

According to Byrd, the biggest challenge of being a Trotter is being on the road so much. They work seven days a week with one day off per month. They practice two hours a day just before games during the basketball season, and spending time

with his family is a thing of the past.

He emphasized how much care they receive from the staff and how tight of a family the team is.

They all get along well and if a problem ever pops up, they work it out between themselves, never allowing it to become big. Byrd said the worst they argue about is, "Who drank all the Gatorade?"

One thing that really impressed Shoni and I was what hams the players were. When they saw a camera pointed at them, they would stick their face in your camera or stop and pose for a bit. If you wanted a picture, they gave it to you.

When the game started, we

were not really sure what was going on with the game because they did a lot of fooling around. One player went into the audience and snatched a purse from a lady and got into an argument with the announcer about returning it.

They pulled children onto the floor and got them involved, gave them an opportunity to shoot baskets and simply played with them.

There was an endless array of tricks. They made baskets by throwing the ball with their back to the net, passed the ball with their knees, bounced the ball off their heads and threw the ball from their shoulder blades; all performed with accuracy and the love of playing ball.

OPINION



COMMENTARY

Peace Forum ponders Iraq attack

by Thomas McGeary
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Last Friday's fourth weekly Peace Forum focused on the possibility of taking the war on terrorism to Iraq.

The discussion centered on articles from Foreign Policy Magazine, which deals with global politics, economics and ideas. One article focused on all aspects of the decisions facing the Bush Administration's dealings with Iraq and the Arab world.

The first question discussed was the timing of a possible attack on Iraq. Polls show that 75 percent of Americans would support military action against Iraq. World opinion is the problem—only 29 percent of Western Europe and Muslim countries support military action. Any unilateral military action against Iraq would be seen as a push to topple Arab countries. Nation-building is a cycle the Bush Administration needs to avoid.

Is Saddam Hussein undeterable and a threat to world security? The dangers of chemical and nuclear weapons in Iraq need to be dealt with. In 1998 Saddam was able to expel the UN weapon inspectors, and has been sealed off since. This is not acceptable, and the main aim



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should be getting weapons inspectors back into Iraq. All avenues of diplomacy must be explored and the United Nations and the United States need to find a way to actually deal with the regime in Baghdad. The people of Iraq have endured years of sanctions, and any chance of internal revolt will need help.

It's obvious that the United States could act alone on Iraq because it has the greatest military power in the world. However, logistically the U.S. coalition needs Saudi Arabia and Turkey for military bases and port facilities. Both countries have misgivings over a likely Muslim extremist backlash should they support of U.S. military action against Iraq.

All at the forum agreed that healthier sanctions against Iraq are needed, but they supported "smart sanctions" that would strengthen efforts to limit weapon production and build up. Sanctions on civilian goods need to be addressed. Iraq awards the bulk of its oil contracts to countries that are pressing for lifting of the sanctions. Iraq earns \$3 billion a year this way by offering oil on the black market at discounts of up to 40 percent.

Saddam has proven to be "all talk" and probably will back down to any military build up. The resolution to the problems with Iraq and the Middle East will come if the world acts with structure and humanity.

Canadian hockey wins after a 50 year loss

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

Maybe it was the Canadian \$1 coin hidden inside the ice. Maybe it was the sheer perseverance of the Canadian hockey team. Maybe it was the impromptu "Oh Canada," sung by an eager audience, but Canada finally got its win.

Fifty years without a gold medal in a sport they created. Fifty years of defeat at the hands of countries who don't really care about hockey. This win could not have meant more to any other country than to Canada. Fifty years of broken hopes and dreams. Canada, where I grew up, finally has its gold.

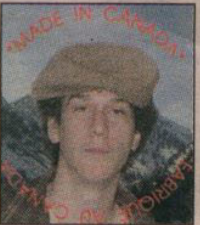
After some near scrapes with Sweden and an uncharacteristic tirade from Wayne Gretzky, the team owner, Canada was able to beat out the Americans 5-2 for the gold. You've probably heard all about this on the radio or from wherever, but do you know how the Canadians feel? As Americans, this win probably doesn't mean squat. For instance, let's say that you lose in baseball (a sport you invented) for 50 years straight to the Canadians. Bitter defeat after bitter defeat. And finally, you win a championship. Would that mean something to you?

All this week, Canadians everywhere will be getting loaded, having parties and slapping this in the face of Americans. Even non-sports fans, children and people

who migrated to Canada, like me, are rejoicing. French-Canadians, Scotch-Canadians and regular old Canadians alike are giving each other high-fives. This crucial win has re-established an important part of Canadian culture, because for the most part, America has usurped it. A lot of people think Canada is different and we're all a bunch of moose-eating, fur-trapping chumps who say "eh" a lot. They don't realize that we have the same brands of clothing, watch the same TV, listen to the same music and play the same sports as Americans. On the other side America has a bit of Canadian culture in it. Maple syrup, hockey, Nickelback and even Mike Myers are all from Canada.

Canada is no longer in the shadow of its southern neighbors. Canadians have cried and died next to you, we have shared in your joys and your shining moments. We helped storm the beaches of Normandy and had all of our factories going full-tilt to make ships and tanks for your war effort in WWII. We were there in times of crisis, as was America for us. This win means so much to the Canadian public, I could not explain it with all the ink and paper in the world.

So when you see a Canadian gloating, don't take his happiness away, don't hate him for winning, because it's our turn win. And it's about time, too. Just like when your brother gets a new bike and you don't, sure you are jealous, but you don't hate him. So next time you feel that urge to lash out at Canada, remember that we won it fair and square. We'll see you in four years on the ice. Just remember a little friendly competition never hurt anyone, eh?



Greg Dewar

GUEST COLUMN

Learn about culture before you date other nationalities

by Susan Prock
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Since my last column, I've received several questions regarding different cultures that I will attempt to address today. One student asks "how do you date someone from another culture?" If you are seriously interested in someone from another culture, particularly a culture outside of the United States, take the time to learn something about that culture, particularly what the cultural norms are regarding dating and marriage.

For instance, in India, as two of our Indian students tell me, dating is not a norm. Males and females may be friends and hang out as a group, but marriages are arranged through a process of fact-finding by both sets of parents.



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Although this is not always the case today, many Indians still follow this cultural norm both in India and the countries they immigrate to.

Let's say that you have asked someone out and they say yes. If you don't know what their cultural norms are, ask them what's appropriate for a date in their culture, or again, you may find yourself offending the person you are wanting to get to know better.

For instance, many Asian cultures frown on physical displays of affection between men and women. Some of the African students tell me that in their countries, it is not okay for women to tell their parents they are dating and it is certainly not okay to be picked up at their house for a date or to be called on the phone by a man. So, remember that the best thing to do is to ask.

Finally, I would remind you that it is important to remember your own cultural norms. For instance, if a woman says "no" as in "I don't want to go out with you, or kiss you or have sex with you," that means no.

Also, it may be acceptable in some cultures to be violent or perhaps even forcing or coercing the person to have sex. That is not the case in the United States. It is against the law to force or coerce (including getting them drunk) someone to have sex and it is also against the law to commit acts of violence against another person.

Another student asks, "why do people from India wear turbans?" Well, there are two reasons. First, India is made up of many different states with their own language and clothing styles. Some Indian men wear turbans because in their state, that is the cultural dress. Second, it is part of the religious customs of two of India's four major religions, Islam and Sikhism. You can learn more about these religions in India in the book, Sacred India, which is available at the Multicultural Center.

Last but not least, a question for you. An international student would like to know about U.S. culture and asks, "what do Americans think about the other places they have been to?" Send your responses or questions to procks@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us

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