

Students asked to cook up new name for Camas Room

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

Next year the Camas Room will not only have a brand new look, but also a brand new name.

Some major remodeling will be taking place over the summer at LBCC, including building an extension onto the Camas Room out into the Courtyard, which will allow for more seating and a larger kitchen.

"If we're going to change the name, this is the time to do it," said Gene Neville, member of the Camas Room Name Committee, which decided last Friday to turn the task of renaming the improved eatery into a campus-wide contest.

Deadline for entries is Friday May 15. The entry box is located inside the Camas Room. The committee will meet to determine the best name this Friday afternoon. The person who submits the winning entry will receive a \$25 coupon book that can be used in either the Camas Room or the cafeteria.

"We want a new name that will identify what it is," said Neville. "The Camas Room doesn't identify with what it is."

For Native Americans, Camas roots were the main source of non-game food in the Willamette Valley, and although the name fits the Native American theme used elsewhere on campus, Neville said new students and visitors sometimes can't identify by the name that the Camas Room is a place to eat.

The committee is looking for a name that is food-oriented, and urges applicants to be funny, serious, creative and original. It also notes that campus policy doesn't allow any facility or room to be named after a person.

LBCC and OSU presidents sign unprecedented partnership

from the LBCC News Service

The presidents of LBCC and OSU will sign a first-in-the-state partnership agreement between the two institutions today from 9 to 10 a.m. in OSU's CH2M Hill Alumni Center in Corvallis.

Presidents Jon Carnahan and Paul Risser will inaugurate an arrangement in which students may enroll for admission and take advantage of classes and services at both LBCC and OSU. The LBCC/OSU Dual Admission and En-

rollment program starts this fall for students in undergraduate agricultural sciences, business and engineering, with future plans to expand it to other majors.

"I'm very excited and pleased with the new dual admission program," said Carnahan. "This is a perfect example of how LBCC and OSU have historically partnered to meet the needs of our students and communities."

Adds Risser, "We are pleased to be part of this trailblazing effort which pre-

sents higher education opportunities to our area citizens in a unified manner. The benefits to our institutions and community are substantial and sustainable."

The institutions believe the new agreement will improve student success and retention, increase enrollment, make more efficient use of resources and expand student options and choices of college services and curricula. Increased faculty exchanges and development opportunities will also be explored.

Carnahan said, "We need to recognize the work of the staff who reduced the bureaucracy so that students may enter a 'seamless' system of higher education in the Mid-Willamette Valley with all the benefits of a community college and university." Last fall, more than 300 students were concurrently enrolled at LBCC and OSU.

Under the new agreement, students will pay regular class tuition and fees at
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Photo by Jeremy Parker

LBCC's greenhouse will be replaced this summer.

Greenhouse soon to be dismantled, rebuilt

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

The LBCC Greenhouse, which sits between the Science and Technology and Industrial A buildings, will be dismantled this summer to make room for a new storage building.

The storage building is needed because "as the college has grown, the people in the different departments have acquired a lot of stuff," said Associate Dean Robert Miller, who is overseeing the construction of the two buildings.

He said the college will tear down the old greenhouse and build a new one left of the old one, closer to the ST building. Miller said he will get three estimates and go with the company that gives the lowest quote and has the best reputation. He said that hopes to keep the cost of the new greenhouse under \$25,000.

If for some reason they can't stay under the \$25,000 goal they will go with a smaller greenhouse of 21-by-50 feet.

Horticulture instructor Greg Paulson advises the
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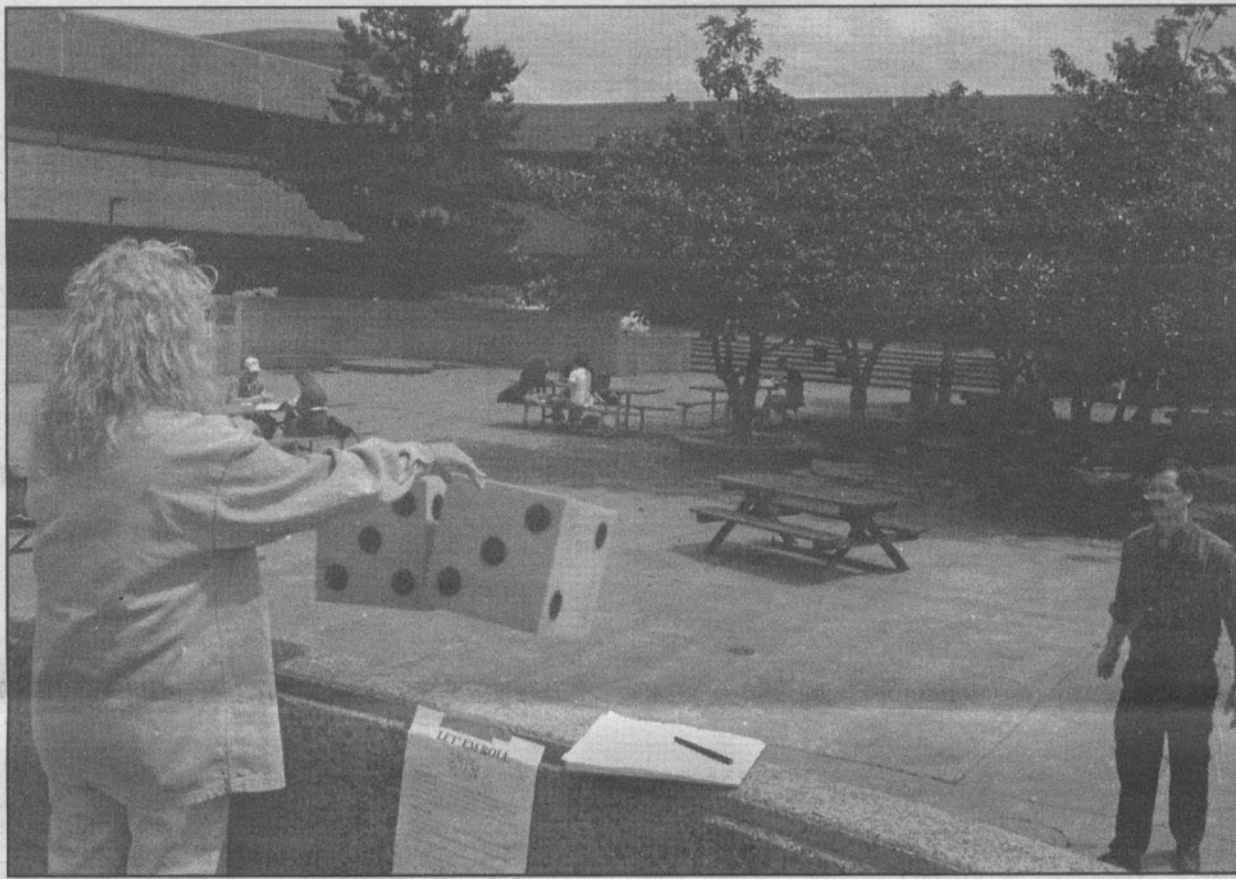
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Numbers Games

Math Awareness Week, May 4 to 8, was sponsored by LBCC's Math Department. Left, science instructors John Griffith, Greg Mulder, Katherine Meyer and Helix Fairweather participate in Friday's team competition. Teams used shaving cream, toothpicks and straws to create barriers for pingpong balls. Team Claw, made up of Kathy Clark, Jan Legris, Stephanie Ames and Genie Wright, won. Below, Sarah Almerg tosses the dice to math instructor Roger Mauren, who oversaw the daily dice competition, which was won by Dave Krebs.

Photos by Jeremy Parker and E.J. Harris



LB adult education instructor takes part in televised conference

From the LBCC News Service

Susan Cowles, an adult basic education instructor at LBCC, participated in a televised conference on using technology in adult basic education (ABE) broadcast by a Philadelphia public broadcasting station last month.

Cowles, who teaches basic skills to adults in a welfare reform program at LBCC, joined a five-member panel discussion and showed film clips of the adult literacy program at LBCC. The two-hour conference, broadcast live to 715 sites and several PBS stations, was swamped by calls from viewers invited to call in questions and comments, said Cowles.

With more than four million people in the United States enrolled in adult literacy classes, Cowles said that literacy is no longer just knowing how to read. She cited the National Literacy Act's definition of literacy as the "ability to read, write and speak in English, compute and solve problems at levels of proficiency necessary to function on the job and in society, to achieve one's goals; and develop one's knowledge and potential."

Cowles points to some significant facts on the National Institute For Literacy's web site (www.nifl.gov), including the agency's estimate that more than 20 percent of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level. Spending by the federal government and states for adult education and family literacy programs in 1996 exceeded \$1 billion, plus millions more from private sources.

Cowles is president-elect of the Adult Numeracy Network, an international organization of instructors interested in issues of adult math instruction. As a Literacy Leader Fellow with the National Institute for Literacy, Cowles has been working on a project to integrate Internet-based resources with adult literacy programs. She is especially interested in mathematics education and helped develop the Math as Problem Solving workshop for the Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center. She also was once involved in a project at LBCC funded by the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Enlarging greenhouse depends on costs

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LBCC Horticulture Club, which uses the greenhouse for projects and to raise plants they sell at fund-raisers. He said he is not distressed at the dismantling of the current structure because he hopes to get a better facility in the process.

"The existing greenhouse is an aged facility and the new one would be state of the art," Paulson said. The old greenhouse is over 25 years old and outdated.

Paulson wants a 96-by-30 foot greenhouse, considerably larger than the current one which is 21-by-42 feet. The student work area would also be increased, from 10-by-20 feet to 30-by-30.

Correction: The correct number for the Willamette Queen Sternwheeler Excursions is 758-8083.

Central Linn High School senior awarded \$2,000 Jeld-Wen scholarship

from the LBCC News Service

Noel D. Craven, a senior at Central Linn High School in Halsey, was recently awarded a \$2,000 Jeld-Wen Foundation Scholarship.

The Brownsville resident may use the Foundation check to cover tuition, books and fees for the 1998-1999 academic year. After graduation from Central Linn High School in June, Craven, 18, plans to enroll fall term at Linn-Benton Community College to pursue an associate degree in business administration. Her goal is to become a controller for a large corporation.

Craven won a national honor society academic excellence award and participates in Central Linn High School's varsity track and basketball

and Spanish Club.

The Jeld-Wen Foundation is privately run by the Jeld-Wen Corporation and annually awards scholarships to about 10 freshmen students in Oregon and 27 more students nationwide. The scholarship is based on financial need, academic potential or accomplishment, and residence in an area near one of the company's manufacturing plants.

Oregon Strand Board, a construction materials manufacturer in Brownsville, is a Jeld-Wen Corporation subsidiary.

For more information, call Financial Aid Director Lance Popoff at 917-4857 or the Jeld-Wen Foundation, Klammath Falls, Ore., (541) 882-3451.

New plan lowers costs

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LBCC and OSU, but will save money by paying only one application fee of \$50.

Applications are available now at both institutions and from Mid-Valley high school counselors. Students may take advantage of financial aid, work study, internships, libraries, computer labs, and coordinated academic advising at either institution. LBCC students in this program may pay OSU fees to access university health services, the Dixon Recreation Center, housing and student activity discounts.

To enroll, first-year students must be high school graduates or have a GED and be Oregon residents with a 2.5 GPA. They also must meet all college preparatory requirements, submit SAT or ACT text results, and take the math placement exam at LBCC or OSU. Transfer students may also qualify.

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LB student lives out her dream at Disney World

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Walt Disney World, Fla., is a fairy-tale land of pixie dust, cartoon characters and—for LBCC creative writing major Jeanne Given—a place where dreams really do come true.

Given, who has wanted to work at the theme park for as long as she can remember, was thrilled when she was one of only two students from LBCC chosen by a panel of interviewers to participate as an intern in the Walt Disney World College Program, in April of last year. She joined 3,500 other students from more than 200 colleges across the country.

Some of the requirements of the program are that students must be attending college full-time, be in good academic standing, be clean-cut, relate well to others, be enthusiastic and smile, smile, smile.

Once accepted into the internship program, students must pay their own traveling and living expenses, but it's a small price to pay to work in the entertainment capital of the world, Given said, where you are not just an employee, you're a cast member.

According to Given, "either you love it or you hate it when you leave." She loved it.

Since she's decided to make her career at Disney in the creative advertising department, she plans to continue working at Disney World for a while every year, she said, "because it's easier to get hired from within than without."

She worked at the Calypso Trading Post as a sales clerk, dressed in a multi-colored, striped calypso skirt and white ruffled blouse—in character just like all the other cast members at Disney World.

Not all of her time at Disney World was spent smiling, answering questions for and interacting with the guests.

"When I wasn't working, I was playing," she said. Balls and dances were held for cast members, and several trips were organized, including one to NASA,

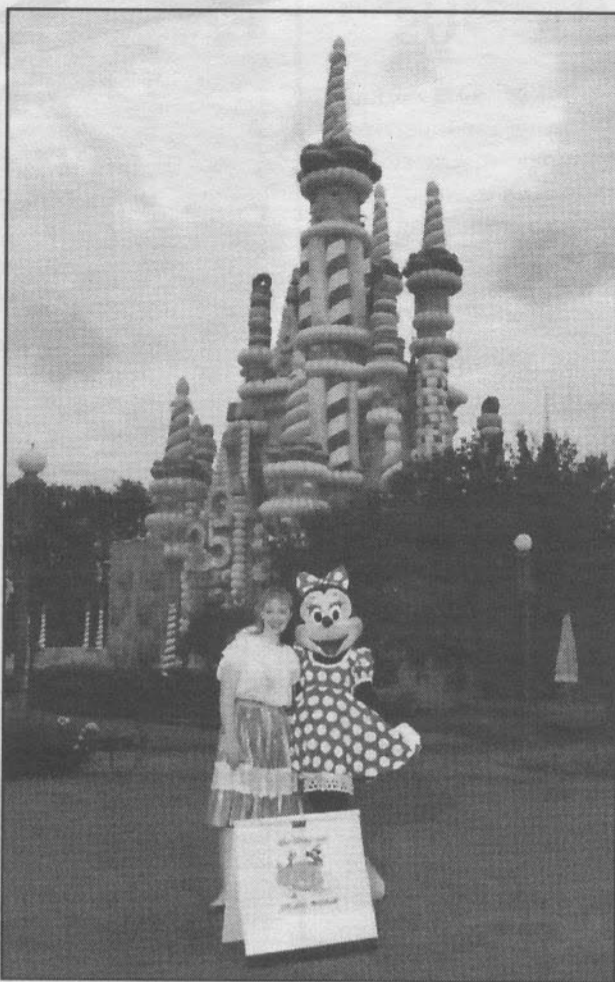


Photo courtesy of Jeanne Given
LBCC student Jeanne Given poses with Minnie Mouse at Disney World, where she worked last summer.

where she got to see a space shuttle launch. In addition, every Thursday cast members got into the many clubs at Disney World for free or wandered around the park having fun.

She worked there for four months and still didn't see

the entire park. She even won first prize for most original costume at the Halloween ball given for cast members. She went as a "movie star on her way to the Oscars."

In addition to the recreational activities she participated in at the park, Given spent a lot of her time at the marketplace. One of her favorite restaurants there is the Rain Forest Cafe. Like everything at the park, the Disney stamp is as obvious there, with fish tank beams holding up the walls, animatronic animals and live birds.

The Walt Disney World college program has three parts to its learning opportunities for interns. First is the learning experience, which includes seminars and several other optional learning opportunities to improve their chances to get a job with Disney in the future.

Second is the living experience, which requires students to reside with others from around the country and the world.

The last learning opportunity for student interns is work experience, which they get on the job at Disneyworld.

Interns attend seminars, and according to Given, shadow an employee for a day to better learn what Disney will expect from him or her in the future if he or she decides to pursue a career with Disney.

Given said she gained a lot from her time at Disney World. She got to meet her two favorite Disney characters, Tigger and Cinderella, gained a 5-year-old pen pal, and was given many other benefits and gifts from Disney including a watch and employee discounts.

She also gained a desire to get a BA in marketing at the University of Washington. For now she is working at LBCC to inform students of this "awesome program" so others can enjoy the experience as much as she did.

Interested persons can call Jeanne Pitts at 917-4787.

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SPRING DAYS

Wednesday, May 20th

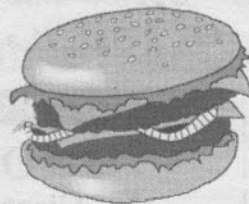
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Writers' conference to focus on writing, marketing in the 90s

Do you want to learn about free-lance writing and market opportunities? A writers' conference will be held Saturday May 16 at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 1250 W. 18th, Eugene, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., sponsored by Oregon Christian Writers.

Anyone may attend the conference for \$15, and full-time students pay only \$5. Registration and a free continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a book table, and authors are welcome to bring books to sell.

The morning session features author Eva Gibson sharing "Changing with the Changing Market," and main speaker Terry Glaspey, author and National Accounts Manager for Harvest House Publishers. His topic will be "Our Christian Heritage."

Following a break, a panel will discuss "Writing Opportunities in the General Market."

The afternoon includes two 55-minute workshops, which offer something for every level of writer.

Session 1 has Glaspey speaking to advanced writers on "Writing That En-

dures," Vi Whitaker leading a critique for intermediates (bring a manuscript), Mary Hake teaching about "Query Letters and Submission Questions," and poet Anne Applegarth presenting "Poetry—Writing for Children."

In Session 2, Eva Gibson will conduct an advanced writers' seminar, Betty Hockett will tell intermediates how to "Add Sparkle to Your Writing," and Marcia Mitchell will explain to beginners about "Selling Reprints and Fillers." If needed, Whitaker will host another critique session.

For information contact Treasurer Duane Young at (503) 252-4433 or e-mail DJBEYoung@Integrityonline.com.

Oregon Christian Writers now have a website at <http://cs.georgefox.edu/~rzempel/ocw/> with helpful information and resources for writers.

OCW will also host a hands-on writers' conference in Salem July 20-23, with editors and publishers teaching and looking for material to publish. Contact Director Sandy Cathcart at (541) 560-2367 or e-mail 75222.3643@compuserve.com for more information.

'Deep Impact' star Tea Leoni looks forward to time off

by Ian Spelling
College Press Service

It's the end of the world as we know it, and Tea Leoni feels just fine.

OK, so the world's not ending for real, but it is in Leoni's new film, "Deep Impact," sort of a disaster epic with a heart, which kicks off Hollywood's swarm of would-be spring and summer blockbusters. Leoni stars as Jenny Lerner, an ambitious MSNBC news producer who stumbles upon the biggest story ever: a comet will collide with the Earth in one year, killing most everyone.

Unlike most disaster flicks, "Impact" slows down long enough to focus on people. Moviegoers meet Lerner's dysfunctional family (dad Maximilian Schell, mom Vanessa Redgrave), the shuttle astronauts (Robert Duvall, Mary McCormack, Blair Underwood, Ron Eldard) attempting to throw the comet off course, the president of the United States (Morgan Freeman), two teen lovers (Elijah Wood and Leelee Sobieski), and others who will be affected by the impending international tragedy.

In America, educators, artists, doctors and some 800,000 regular folks picked by a computer are chosen to enter the safety of an underground "ark," while others are left exposed to the ensuing tidal waves (one of which sweeps through Manhattan in a stunning special effect sequence).

"The idea that the movie would challenge you, that it asked, 'Are you doing right now what you would do if you had a year left,' really interested me," said the feisty Leoni, whose other film credits include "Bad Boys," "A League of Their Own" and "Flirting with Disaster."

"It wasn't about what spectacular things you would do in one last weekend, like play golf naked, yadda-yadda-yadda. It's not about what you'd do differently, but what you're doing now. I thought that would be powerful. I'd like to think I'm doing just that."

Leoni, who once studied anthropology and psychology at Sarah Lawrence, grins and squints her eyes.

"Honestly, though, I'm one of those people who would think, 'I'm doing what I'd do, but the world's not really ending.' Then, 20 minutes before the wave hit I'd be banging on the ark, 'Let me in!!!"

Leoni has actually been in the news quite a bit recently. She married "X-Files" star David Duchovny several months back. "The Naked Truth," her frequently tinkered-with TV sitcom, finally got the ax from NBC. "David and I met on this barbaric co-interview six years ago on 'The Tonight Show,'" she recalls.

"To make a long story that I don't like shorter, David at the moment the lunch was over, thought 'If I never see her again it will be too soon.' I was such a Chatty Cathy and was so nervous, and he didn't get a word in edge wise. Six years later our mutual agents set us up, and the rest, as they say, is history. He has such a dry wit and is one of the most quick-witted people I've ever met."

With "Deep Impact" now in orbit, "Naked Truth" done and nothing else on the horizon, Leoni plans only to relax and enjoy life as a newlywed. In fact, she and Duchovny haven't even gone on a honeymoon yet, a dilemma soon to be resolved. As for kids? That'll happen someday soon, and sooner than later if all the tabloid reports of the rail-thin Leoni's pregnancy are true.



Photo by Jeremy Parker

Picking Over the Posies

Staff and students flock to the annual Mother's Day Plant Sale held by the Horticulture Club last Friday, where \$15 hanging baskets of fuscias, geraniums, impatiens and begonias sold out quickly.

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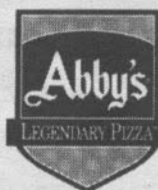
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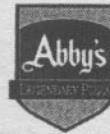
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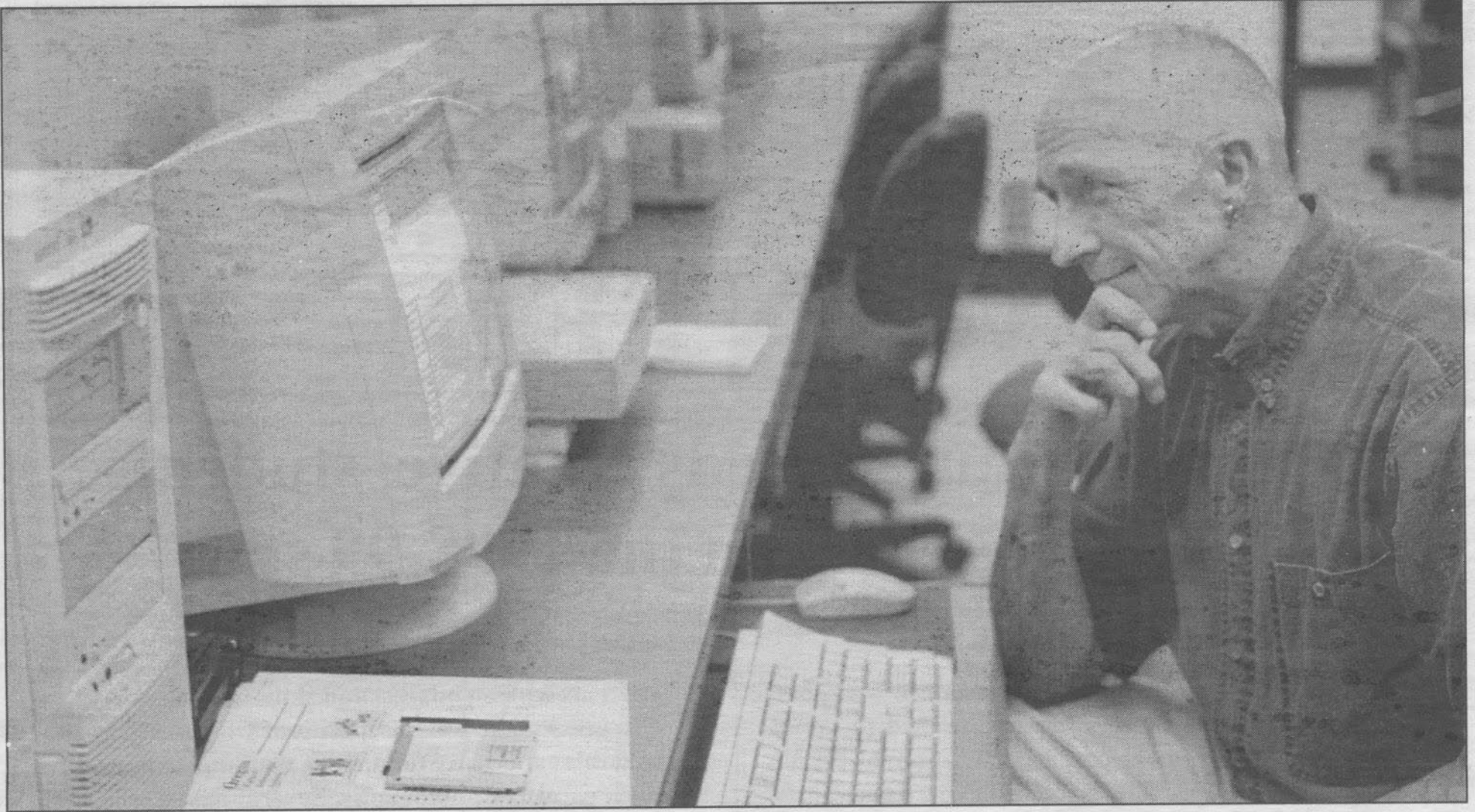
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Media Services Volunteer Bill Seibler, who has worked on many of the web pages for the Distance Education classes at LBCC, has volunteered with other organizations, like the Corvallis Arts Center, taught Internet calculus, co-authored a math textbook and is currently busy working on the second edition.

LBCC's Volunteers

They just keep giving and giving and giving . . .

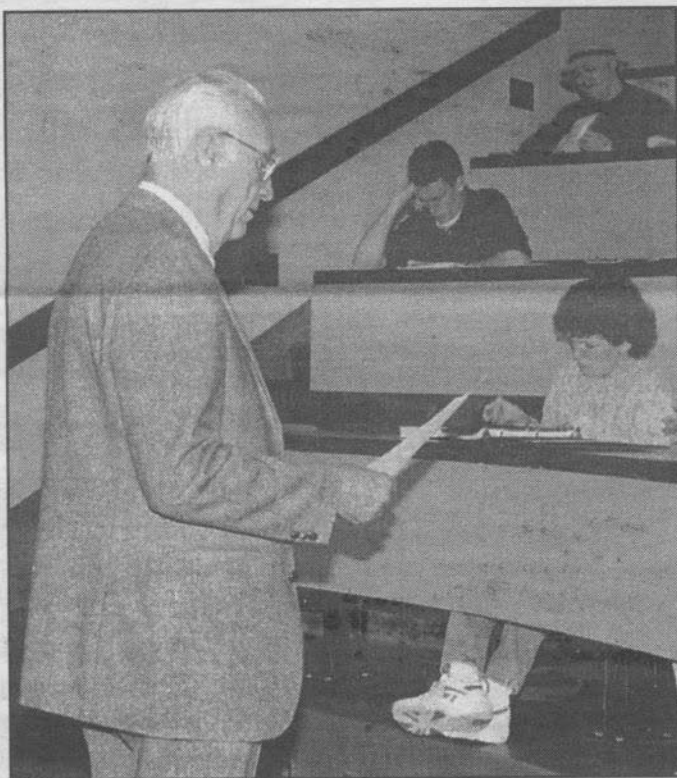
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You probably have contact with them every day. Hundreds of them donate thousands of hours of their spare time, experience and generosity everyday.

They are LBCC volunteers, and they can be found anywhere on campus, from the Media Department to the classroom. Like Gerry Conner, who still works as a teacher full time, even though he's retired, because he considers teaching so satisfying. Or LBCC Media Services Volunteer, Bill Seibler, who began volunteering at LB when he retired from teaching with a textbook, because he likes the flexibility volunteering provides.

ESOL Volunteer Tutor Trudy Gillespie said she originally volunteered to find something to do in her spare time but continued to volunteer when she realised that she enjoys working with people of other cultures.

Gerry Conner, 73, retired as economics instructor four years ago, but still leads lively debates in the classes he teaches five days a week all year long. The money he was once paid is now placed in an account that is used to fund the Conner Endowment Fund, a scholarship for full-time majors in the field of economics at LBCC.



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DEADLINE IS MAY 15

Photo Editor

Students with an interest and skills in photography are sought for this position, which offers valuable experience for anyone planning to pursue a career in photography. Several past Commuter photo editors have gone on to work at professional newspapers in Oregon and elsewhere. Applicants must have knowledge of conventional lab work. Familiarity with digital imaging is a plus, but we will provide training in Photoshop. The appointment carries a 75% annual tuition grant.

Sports Editor

A writer with an interest in athletics and outdoors is sought for this position. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but anyone with a flair for writing and a passion for sports is encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant and provides valuable on-the-job training and experience covering a wide variety of intercollegiate athletics.

Graphics Editor

The Commuter is seeking an individual with experience in graphics and/or journalism to take charge of the graphic design and production aspects of the weekly newspaper. This position involves helping develop the overall design of The Commuter and coordinating the graphic production operations. Macintosh experience preferred. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant.

Assistant Editors

Applicants sought for several assistant editor positions, including Managing Editor. Some journalism or writing experience preferred, but all interested applicants are encouraged to apply. Appointment to Managing Editor carries a 75% tuition grant, while other positions, such as A&E editor, copy editor and opinion editor, carry 35% tuition grants.

Digital Page Designer

This part-time position pays \$7.25/hour for up to 12 hrs/wk Mon.-Tues. Work with the Mac to typeset copy, design ads and format tabloid pages. Macintosh experience and good English skills required; familiarity with Pagemaker helpful. Provides valuable experience for majors in journalism, graphics and pre-press technology.

Ad Manager

Individuals with career goals in business, graphics or journalism are ideal candidates for this position, which involves coordinating the sale, design and billing of display advertising. Macintosh experience preferred. The position carries a full annual tuition grant. Applicant must be enrolled for the 98-99 academic year.

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- Editorial Assistant**
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- Advertising Assistant**
- Photography Assistant**

These positions open to work-study eligible students only. Information on work study eligibility is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for Editor is May 15. Deadline for all other positions is flexible.

Applications are available in The Commuter Office (CC210)
or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-108)
For additional information call ext. 4563 or 4451

SPORTS PAGE

'Runners' playoff hopes dimming

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners will have to put everything they have into their last three games if they plan on making it to the postseason after slipping from second to third place with two losses to second-place Lane on Saturday.

The power that Linn-Benton has had at the plate all season was not there on Saturday as the Titans held the 'Runners to two runs in the first game of the doubleheader, winning 7-0, and then overpowering LB in the second game 11-2.

In Game 1, starting pitcher Robbie Greenawald struck out seven and walked only one, but he also gave up seven hits, including a home run, four doubles, a triple and seven runs.

Linn-Benton's trademark this year has been to pick up their intensity when the pressure is on, but that was not the case this time. They left nine runners on base, seven in scoring position. There were two innings that LB started out with a double, and then failed to advance the runner.

John Winters was the only multiple hitter for the Roadrunners, as he went 2 for 3. Brandon Arakawa, Rory Collins and Roger Sebastian all hit doubles for LB.

In the second game, Ryan Scroggins had a rough outing on the mound. Catcher Ezra Wedel was able to get the 'Runners out of a big first inning by throwing out two Titans as they attempted to steal second.

However, they weren't able to get out of the second unscathed, as Scroggins struck out the first batter, but gave up a single and two doubles that led to two runs.

Wedel came back to start off the third inning with a solo home run in attempt to keep LB close, but a rough fourth inning led to eight runs for the Titans.

Linn-Benton scored one more run in the fifth as Hollister started things off with a two-out single. Tyler Lute, who hit 2 for 3, then doubled Hollister home.

Winters had another strong outing as he was a perfect 3 for 3, with a double. Hollister also hit 2 for 3.

With the losses, the Roadrunners dropped to 13-9, two full games behind Lane in league and 24-12 overall. Their last two games will be on Thursday at home against first place Mt. Hood at 1 p.m.



Pole vaulter Matt Phillips has broken two records in the last two weeks, including a 16-8 1/4 leap that beat the 17-year-old school record held by former Roadrunner and Olympian Kory Tarpennin. Photo by E.J. Harris

Record-setting vaulter Phillips aims higher with plans to compete in PAC-10 with UW

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Sophomore pole vaulter Matt Phillips has been getting attention from big universities all year and is finally prepared to sign a letter of intent to attend the University of Washington next year.

Although Phillips has decided to take the scholarship offer from the Huskies, it wasn't his first choice. Originally he had hoped to attend the University of Montana because they have a good forestry program, which is what Phillips plans to study.

But Washington kept pursuing Phillips, and after touring the Seattle campus and hearing what they had to offer, Phillips made his decision.

"I called up Montana to see what they were thinking about, and they weren't going to know for another month," said Phillips. "They told me that their offer probably wouldn't be quite as good. The coach also said that it was a Pac-10 school, and it was a pretty good offer and I had better take it."

Phillips caught Washington's eye earlier in the school year during an indoor meet when he broke the pole and got right back on a bigger pole to jump again. The Huskies were desperate to try to get Phillips because both of their good vaulters will be graduating this year.

Track has always been a huge part of Phillips' life since his father, Dennis, took his track career professional after vaulting for OSU.

"Growing up my dad taught me how to hold the pole and stuff, but he was always telling me not to be a pole vaulter because I would get injured way too often,

and it's a pain having to deal with the poles when you travel," Phillips commented.

Bangs and bruises have always been a part of vaulting for Phillips, but nothing serious has ever happened to him. The most serious injury he has gotten in his vaulting career was a concussion after going off the back of the pit.

Phillips had always played baseball in the spring until his freshman year, when he saw his best friend out on the track with a pole and decided to fool around with one of the small poles. After trying his first vault, he decided to try out for the high school track team.

After college Phillips has hopes of following in his father's footsteps by turning professional someday or even possibly trying to qualify for the Olympics.

"I just keep watching myself improve. I don't feel like I'm getting any stronger or faster, but I notice that I am a little bit better every year," stated Phillips. "My dad and other coaches tell me that they think that I could have the ability to go as far as I want."

Phillips has already left his mark at Linn-Benton. He broke the school record last Saturday at the University of Oregon Invitational with a jump of 16-8 1/4, which broke the record of 16-6 set by Olympian Kory Tarpennin in 1981.

He already has his sights on breaking the 17-foot mark by the end of the year, and he gives a lot of the credit of his success to LB Track Coach Brad Carman.

"I wouldn't be here without Brad," Phillips said. "He got me into the habit of wanting to work hard and coming out everyday and doing every little thing hard."

LB takes 1st in vault, 2nd in high jump at Southern meet

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Matt Phillips once again made his presence known at a major track meet, shattering yet another record at the Southern Region Championship on Friday and Saturday.

He reached a mark of 16-6 in the pole vault on Friday, breaking the meet record and picking up the only first place finish for the Roadrunners.

Even though Troy Robey didn't place first in either the 10,000 or the 5,000 meters, he did run a personal best in both events and placed fourth in the 10,000 with a time of 33:22.01—a full minute-and-a-half faster than his previous best. Robey missed placing in the 5,000 by just under 10 seconds, but still improved his personal best to 16:06.11 in that event.

"He (Robey) was probably our most impressive athlete of the meet," said Head Coach Brad Carman. "He didn't score a lot of points, but he improved the most and probably had the toughest double of anybody."

Rich Stauble placed second for Linn-

Benton in the high jump, reaching 6-2 in the slippery conditions, while Ryan Grant placed seventh and eighth in the long jump and triple jump, respectively. Grant reached 20-10 3/4 in the long jump, and leaped 39-11 in the triple jump.

The men's 4x100 relay was the most disappointing development at the championships. Because one of the runners left too early, the team wasn't able to make the exchange in the zone, resulting in a disqualification for the LBCC team.

For the women, the 4x400 team of Jolene Vandehey, Tiffany Sytsma, Jamie Borden and Darcy Zettler placed third with a time of 4:17.86. The 4x100 relay team of Leslie Boer, Vandehey, Jolene Neufeld and Zettler came in fourth with a time of 53.40.

Also placing fourth were Jenifer Schwab in the high jump and Sytsma in the 800 meters. Schwab jumped 4-10, while Sytsma ran the 800 in 2:24.06.

"Tiffany Sytsma ran a good PR in the 800," Carman stated. "We were very

pleased with her effort, and then she came back with a good 400, so it looked like her quad is healing up pretty well. It's tough to come back from an injury and have that much of an improvement."

Vandehey, Renee Growcock and Zettler also scored points for LBCC in

the running events. Vandehey ran the 400 in 1:01.56, Growcock ended the 3,000 with a time of 11:20.56, and Zettler finished the 800 in 2:35.10.

Linn-Benton will end its season next Thursday and Friday at the NWAACC Championships in Spokane.

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The Scottish Rite Foundation in Oregon, Inc., is awarding 10 to 15 \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students in their sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at Oregon colleges and universities. Requirements and applications are available in the Career Center. Deadline: July 1, 1998.

The Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary is offering the Geraldine Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment, a yearly grant up to \$3,000 to an individual or individuals in a medically related field. Requirements and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is May 15.

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Cinco de Mayo

Children from the ED 101 Observation and Guidance class participate in crafts at last week's Cinco de Mayo celebration on campus. Part of the day's entertainment included performers from the Folkloric Dance Group of St. Edward's Catholic Church in Lebanon.



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ON THE ROAD

Paradise Price

Kauai offers a taste of Hawaii a bit off the beaten path

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

The lone couple on the brochure look delightful in their swimsuits, strolling down a long sandy white beach, hand-in-hand, totally carefree.

Could this really be Hawaii, that tourist-infested island famous for its pineapples, luaus and surfers?

It can be if it's the right island in the chain of six that make up our 50th state.

Kauai, nicknamed "the garden island," is very laid back and far less commercialized than Hawaii or Honolulu, meaning it doesn't look like Portland with palm trees. It's what first-time Hawaiian-bound travelers seek, a more uninhabited, jungle-type area, where you can actually be alone on a beach—just like those pictures in the brochure boast.

There are several different ways to spend time in Kauai, Hawaii's most tropical and least-inhabited tourist island. And you will SPEND time. A nice dinner for two can cost from \$45 to \$80. Tours on land, air and sea range anywhere from \$150 to \$250 per person. Add airfare from the mainland, lodging and car rental, and you're talking some serious bucks.

Planning your trip carefully and wisely, comparing prices at several different travel agencies, is in a budget-conscious traveler's best interest. It is possible to find a low rate of around \$300 round trip to the island. A travel agency may be able to compile a package deal that would include a week's lodging, rental car and loads of coupons for free dinners, discounts on luaus and much, much more.

Packing is relatively easy. Sunscreen is not an option and will become your best friend. Keep an ample supply on hand.

The flight from Portland to Honolulu is about five hours. Bring a few magazines, a CD player, and you're set. Chances are the airline will show a movie to pass the time. Hint: use your CD player's headphones for the movie. If you don't, they'll charge \$6 for their poor quality ones.

Expect an hour layover in Honolulu, where you presumably will change planes. No matter what time your plane is scheduled to reach Lihue, you're likely to be moved to another time slot, so check in early.

What seems like a hop across to Kauai, takes approximately 30 minutes, just enough time to eat some peanuts and swallow a Dixie cup of some guava juice.

Arriving in Lihue presents an unusual sight, partly because the highest structure in the island is the tower in the airport. Kauai's building code allows nothing taller than a palm tree.

A nice, air-conditioned rental car at Alamo averages \$30 to \$40. If you really want to travel around the island in style, Porsches, Harley-Davidson motorcycles and Dodge Vipers are available. The only public transport you'll find on the island is at the airport, so renting a car is inevitable.

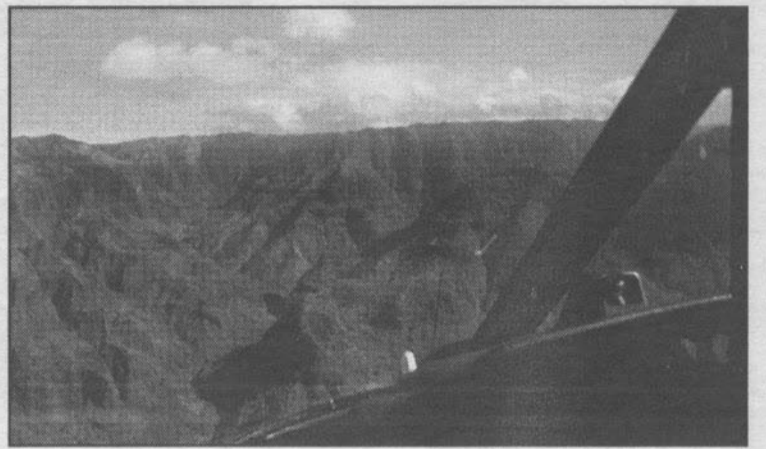
A great place to stay is at a quaint little village resort known as Poipu-Kai on the southeast side of island in Koloa. It has very spacious condos that go for around \$100. A sweet deal. They consist of a dining room, a kitchenette, two bedrooms and bathrooms, and sleeping capacity for six. Plus, it's only about three minutes from Poipu beach, a great place to snorkel.

Tourists can find dozens of things to do that range in price from free to several hundred dollars.

If you're an avid sportsman or sportswoman, you can deep-sea fish on all sides of the island. Some popular destinations are off the coast of Poipu, Waimea and Anni Bay. It will cost anywhere from \$95 to \$165, depending on the chosen package.



Picturesque white sand beaches—minus the usual flock of tourists—can still be found on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, the western-most island in the chain. Its climate is wetter and the flora and fauna more jungle-like than the other islands, and therefore it looks more like the tropical paradise most people envision when they think of a vacation to Hawaii. One of the most popular tours of the small island is by helicopter, which flies visitors into the Waimea Canyon, past many waterfalls, and over the many sites made famous by such movies as "South Pacific," "Jurassic Park" and "From Here to Eternity."



Photos by Rich Bergeman

Kayaking is probably the least expensive thing to do. Kayaks range from \$10 for single-man to \$20 for double-man. Guides are \$50 and are a waste of money unless you have a terrible sense of direction. You can get full detailed maps for the Wailua, Kipu Kai and Kalihiwai rivers.

The Wailua River offers a great scenic voyage. Although kayakers have to compete with small ferries hauling people back and forth to the Fern Grotto, it's a nice treat.

A quaint riverside park, the Fern Grotto is renowned for weddings and spiritual ceremonies. It also has great photo opportunities. Paddling up the river and taking a right at the fork will lead you to a trail. The hike ends up at a secluded, picture-perfect waterfall and fern-laced natural swimming pool.

On the other side of the mountain, hikers have a chance to see beautiful backcountry and a panoramic coastal view from the top of the Sleeping Giant. The trail starts at Pole 38, in Waipouli Town Center and is four-and-one-half miles round trip from the trail head. Directions are self-explanatory once in the town center.

A self-guided walking tour of Waimea Town is a great way to see the historical side of Kauai. Giant statues and memorials are scattered around the town. Immigrants from China, Japan and Norway have set up restaurants and shops along the way. It's like a crayon box of culture and history.

A real groovy place to learn how to surf is at the seven-time World Champion Margo Oberg's surf school, located on Poipu Beach. The cost is \$20 for a two-hour lesson. The thing is that you're guaranteed to learn to surf or break your neck trying to.

Snorkeling is an ever-popular inexpensive treat. Snorkel Bob's and the Rental Warehouse, both located in Poipu, are the best places to rent gear. Sets range from cheapy \$1.99 to pro for \$25. They include a mask, fins, tube, sites and fish ID cards.

Taking a tour is unavoidable. You can try the Na Pali Coast cruises that cost \$100 to \$150 per person, which is a good investment for travelers on the island between January and May because they can witness the whales migrating southeast to mate.

Helicopter tours grow in popularity each year. They usually run from \$125-180 per person. The chopper tours are a great way of seeing Kauai at a bird's eye view.

Most tours zip in-and-out of the majestic Waimea Canyon, nicknamed "the little Grand Canyon of the Pacific." It also flies over past movies sights like "Juras-

sic Park," "Indiana Jones," "Outbreak," and those waterfalls in "Fantasy Island."

Seeing the island in your rental car can be just as fulfilling as spending money on fancy tours. Waimea Canyon is a spectacular sight on the ground as well as in the air and is accessible to the very top.

People seeking night-time entertainment and fine cuisine are destined for a luau. A highly recommended place is located at the Coconut Beach Resort in Kapa'a, which has gained popularity for its authentic all-Hawaiian show that focuses on legends and lore of Kauai. The dinner is amazing. The main course is a kalua pig, roasted in an underground pit with all the trimmings and a vast array of fresh fruit and luscious deserts. The after-dinner dancing is incredible. A woman dressed as a goddess rises out of a realistic volcano, spewing flames and a lava-like substance. She shoots a fireball from her hand to create a light that cues the Polynesian dancers. Tickets have to be bought in advance or reserved. They average \$40 to \$50.

At the south shore of Poipu is a fantastic restaurant called Brenneck's, adjacent to Brenneck's beach. It specializes in seafood, but also has great steak and ribs.

When it comes to eating out in Kauai, plan on spending around \$50 a day for food, unless of course you can handle three meals a day at Taco Bell or McDonald's. Not recommended.

You can save a little cash by cooking meals at the condo in the well-prepared kitchenette. But since most food has to be imported, groceries are expensive. A half gallon of ice cream is \$8, for example, and a gallon of milk is \$6. Shop wisely.

Apart from requiring that you spend a lot of your hard-earned money, Kauai offers tourists more than just entertainment and good food. It offers peace of mind and a serene atmosphere. Taking time from the maze of tourist traps is essential to enjoying yourself in Kauai's breath-taking beauty.

Barking sands, located on the southwest side of the island, is by far the best all-around beach in Kauai. And at night it takes on a special quality. It's the time when the only beach traffic are the small fiddler crabs, darting across the sparkling sand into their holes. A place where the high surf tickles your feet as the rhythmic sound of waves soothes every thought. It's a spot where couples are guaranteed to have a night alone as they walk down the beach hand in hand, gazing at the brilliant, star-lit sky.

It will remind you why you decided to spend a week—and all that money—in paradise.

commentary

Conformist clones need to think for themselves

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

You know what I hate? I hate people who have never had an original thought in their entire lives. I hate people who just go along with whatever is "cool" or whatever all of their friends are doing.

Case in point: Recently I was involved in a discussion of music with a group of people, including three who fall into this category. All of them were dressed similarly, had the same haircut, and were even drinking the same flavor Slurpee.

Each of the people in the discussion were discussing the type of music that they liked and why. When it came time for these three fellows to divulge their musical tastes, each of them gave the same answer, rap.

Now, I don't really have anything against rap, but this set me to thinking.

I asked them why they liked that particular kind of music. I was not surprised by the answer, "because it's cool." Everyone else was giving profound reasoning behind their likes and dislikes in terms of the music's message or the fact that they could identify with it, and these three clones answered simply, "because it's cool."

This made me curious, so I questioned them further. I asked if they felt a connection to the urban black artists, if they sympathized with their plight.

"No," they said.

I asked if the music made them feel a certain way. Again they answered in the negative.

I asked if the music evoked any emotional response. "No."

My next question, which I didn't ask, was do you even like rap or do you just listen to it because all of your friends do? I didn't ask because I knew the answer. Of course, they would deny it. Then they would kick in their high school I'm-better-than-you-because-I'm-cool-because-I'm-just-like-everyone-else-and-you-can-think-for-yourself attitude, and anything I said thereafter would be ignored.

That's another reason why I dislike people like this—you can't tell them anything because they think they already know it all. If you try and make a point to them about something like their lack of reasoning in their musical tastes, they just tune out for fear their perfect opinions will be scarred. There's no reasoning with them. That's why there will always be people like this—they are either too stupid or too belligerent to realize that they could be wrong, and therefore change their attitude.

Tobacco and alcohol companies prey on people like this, those who will do whatever seems to be cool. That's why the beer ads almost always show "cool" people hanging out, having fun and drinking beer. This sinks into the clone's mind, and he says, "Hey, if cool people are drinking, then I have to too." That's why all the preppies and otherwise "popular" people in high school spend all their time drinking. Many of them don't even like to drink; they just do it to fit in and be cool with all their friends.

I used to think that by college this attitude would wear off, and people would start to see that doing something because all your friends are doing it doesn't make you cool. But now that I am here, I see that I was wrong. In fact, now that I think about it, a lot of the parents of these clones I have met are the same way. Even after 20 years, they are still trying to be "cool." The sickness gets passed down from generation to generation until someone wises up and figures it out, which is a rare occurrence.

So, for all of those who fit into this category, here's an original thought for you:

Think for yourselves.



commentary

Reliance on religion in lieu of reasoning arrests the development of our youth

by Jacob TenPas
of the Commuter

As I grow closer to my 22nd birthday, I watch the evolution of my generation into adults. For many this process includes the atrophy of the backbone and funny bone, which is accompanied by the development of an ugly mass of tissue called the "religious muscle."

Now, before I go on let me first take a few minutes to explain the function of this muscle. Basically the religious muscle grows at the base of the neck, where it is strategically located to shut off the flow of blood to the brain at the slightest sign of infection from reason or individual thought.

Granted, these are dangerous viruses which have been known to cause such loathed maladies as self-determination and love of life. However, if you really want to be a zombie, you can choose that road yourself, without the aid of any institution. Actually, you can only make that choice if you're mature enough to make it for yourself, which I, at age 21, am not.

As many people my age grow older they find themselves experiencing the desire to reproduce. Not that this act is inherently problematic, although it can be, but if you take the information I've given you about the religious muscle and imagine this organ developing in the body of a mere child, you're likely to feel shivers sprinting up your back like a Catholic schoolboy being chased by an abusive priest.

Case in point: parochial schools. Someday, if you're feeling just a tad ill but you can't quite rid yourself of the Bob's chicken strip basket you ate for lunch, try sitting yourself down in front of the Zion Lutheran School in Corvallis around the time school gets out. If the sight of hundreds of recently indoctrinated 5-to-11-year-olds running and screaming a gospel they don't even fully understand isn't enough to make you do an impersonation of the whale swallowing Jonah in reverse, then chances are you're there to pick up your kid.

Maybe it's me, but I find it highly ironic that people in our society find it offensive when parents verbally abuse their children by telling them they're worthless,

but when a parent tells their child that they're subservient to some fraudulent, blond-haired, blue-eyed, pie in the sky, those same people call it a good Christian upbringing. The sad thing is that these parents don't even have the nerve to brainwash their own children, but rather depend on disciples of the faith disguised as teachers to do it for them.

All exaggerations aside, religion of any kind can seriously hamper not only the maturing process, but also the inner quest for a life philosophy to keep us from insanity that most of us are going through at this point in our lives. Each one of us wakes up in the morning wondering how we'll come up with enough cash to do all the things we want and need to do. Wouldn't it be handy if we didn't actually need money because the kingdom of Heaven awaits? Each of us is repeatedly disgusted by the ignorance and filth we see around us. Wouldn't it be convenient if all the people we hated were destined for hell?

My hate is that religion serves as a simplistic answer to a life with far more complex questions. If at age 20 you choose God as your crutch, chances are you'll never put it down. This means never evolving mentally with your own voice, and most importantly, living the same life that billions before you have accepted for its convenience.

Of course you chose that path after experimenting with life for 20 years and, evidently, failing. What a shame it would be if you didn't give your child that same chance to grow, mature, fail and succeed in their own way.

Nobody, least of all me, is saying that life is easy, or that religion is 100 percent garbage. Some days I'm so depressed I feel like an Arkansas elementary student perched on a grassy hill with my Grandpa's hunting rifle awaiting a fire alarm. Fortunately, at these times, my mind is still clear enough to remember two of the truest platitudes ever spewed forth: "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," and, somewhat to the contrary of how it was originally intended by the Mormons: "Life, what a beautiful choice."

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The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

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OPINION PAGE

letters

Businessman says Sen. Yih deserves votes because she cares about her constituents

To the Editor:

I would like to comment with my companies' appreciation for Sen. Mae Yih with respect for her actions on protection for a flawed recycling issue.

From 1991 to 1995 Oregon Food Processors were threatened with a law which would create an unsafe food supply with the use of recycled plastic. Senator Yih was made aware of the impact on food processing companies in her district and the impact on those jobs associated with the manufacturing of these products. As a result, Senator Yih was a pivotal voice to allow for time to evaluate recycling progress on plastic and delay enforcement. As a result of her actions at that time, our company has continued to increase our production and jobs. This is just one example of many we have to offer where she has listened to her district constituents and led the lawmakers to correcting whatever the issue needed. We have all been winners because of her ability. Voters in Sen. Yih's district should be very proud to have a leader who is willing to stand up for what is best. We should all be thankful she has represented us so well over the years.

I encourage voters of all affiliations to vote for Sen. Yih. She represents her district with the very highest esteem of an Oregon Senator.

William R. Kiewel
National Frozen Foods

China must face food realities and U.S. should be ready to help

To the Editor:

President Clinton is trying to get Chinese President Jiang Zemin to address human rights and not sell missiles to controversial nations. I wonder how that latter issue would fly with other countries or our arms dealers. The main issue was to solicit communications with regard to China's Industrial Revolution, and our focus on food requirement into the 21st century.

China needs our help to solve her problems of water, power, and food shortages occurring today, but more importantly in the future. If we sold nuclear plants to China this would facilitate localized requirement for many industrial plants she wants to build now. She is already relocating 100 million farm laborers to develop this industrial complexes.

Communicating with China is very difficult because she is a proud nation steeped with culture and tradition and isolationism. Her leaders don't want to admit to wrong decisions and thoughts not devised by them. The Tiananmen Square sanctions mean nothing to personal rights of the controlling body, and their opinion.

The times are changing, and food is a powerful military weapon to use for desired outcomes. There will come a day when secretly some of our desires will get addressed in China's time frame. China is entering as a new developing country and expects to pay double grain prices to get the expected 200 million tons of grain per year requirement. Up until now famine experience and population control have kept her at minimum control levels in a balancing act where her people are doing with less than adequate needs. The new factories, housing, and support facilities are going to take prime agricultural land located in river valleys and along the coast. Ooops! Everything point to worldly food problems.

The dragon needs to awake now. I hope she listens to President Clinton's efforts to communicate future problems. Maybe the two need to go fishing. We already support two-thirds of the world's hunger problem and China would more than double the need for food given to developing countries today. So severe is China's forecasted impact on the future that her statistics are omitted from world data centers, Food Aid Organization and others. The USDA noted this in a recent report to President Clinton.

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First lady is first target of pro-Israeli Bloc

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

It's funny how a 30-second snippet of a conversation with some high school students can generate a week's worth of controversy for the first lady. Perhaps Mrs. Clinton's ability to draw the fire from her political enemies comes more from the intense, perhaps even pathological, hostility some of her foes feel for her. Perhaps it comes more from her own practice of publicly taking a position exactly opposite that of someone scheduled to meet with the president within a week that lets her be such a lightning rod for criticism.

What started the latest whirlwind was, oddly enough, another murky and controversial real estate transaction. The first lady, while doing a question-and-answer session with some Swiss high schoolers, said she thought it was in Israel's long-term security interests for Palestinians to have their own state. Such a statement would have always raised the ire of many in Congress and elsewhere in the government, but coming at a time when the president was trying to work out a last-minute summit between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington, her statements drew even more attention.

It's funny how Mrs. Clinton's opinion could be so controversial in Washington, D.C., but shared by many Americans. A Time/CNN poll taken last week showed that half the people surveyed believed the U.S. should put more pressure on Israel to come to a settlement with the Palestinians over territory taken by Israel in a series of wars in the 1960s and 1970s. It's natural to expect that people would not want to be part of the same government that conquered their land a few decades previously. We fought a war with Iraq seven years ago to force them to return territory they had seized, but for the past 30 years we have been helping Israel maintain its hold on conquered land. Many Americans question this policy, but not so the politicians.

Eighty congressmen signed a letter to President Clinton last week demanding that he stop pressuring Israel to agree to Palestinian demands that it pull its troops out of the West Bank, an area west of Jerusalem that Israel conquered in 1967. That should give you

some idea about how many people in Congress are dependent upon strongly pro-Israeli interest groups. Others in Congress still remember Israel as a solid ally from the Cold War, a time when many U.S. allies, Israel included, were shielded from criticism of their internal governing practices as long as they supported the United States against the red menace. It all adds up to Israel being a sacred cow in Congress, and it invites shrieks of condemnation to even hint at speaking ill of her.

What the Republicans should do now is wait for the president's position to change before they criticize the first lady's words. This could be their chance to prove what they have been accusing Mrs. Clinton of doing all along: influencing White House policy when she herself had neither been elected by the people or hired by the government. Chances are, though, that they never really believed that story and don't expect her to force a change in policy toward Israel here, so they're criticizing the administration now to capitalize on the ire the first lady's statements raised in certain quarters.

Many Democrats were also troubled by what the first lady said. I'm sure Al Gore, who's been a strong supporter of Israel and Netanyahu, wishes the first lady was wearing the bag she talked about shortly after the 1996 election, a bag she could wear over her head with "not involved with this issue" printed across the front. Israel's supporters in the U.S. have advanced their cause with both major parties and have done extremely well with each.

Certainly, any time a first lady disagrees with the president on a major issue it is bound to raise some eyebrows. It's different with Hillary Clinton, however. Immediately upon Clinton's election, she started doing things that conservatives don't want the first lady to do: she involved herself directly with a major government action, the Clintons' ill-fated attempt at health care reform. In the course of that campaign and afterwards, Mrs. Clinton has been upfront and unapologetic about her opinions and has dared to say openly things that many in Washington are afraid to whisper. In a man, these traits would be praised by Mrs. Clinton's critics as indicative of strong character, but in Mrs. Clinton, they show her to be the type of first lady her detractors fear most: a woman with cajones.

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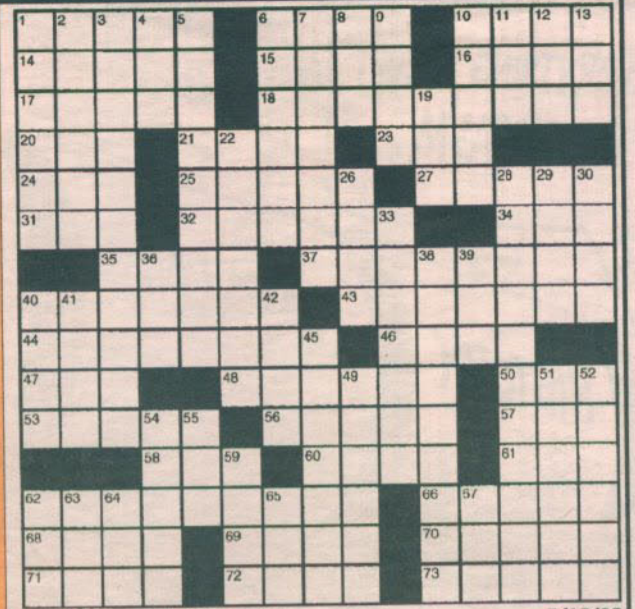
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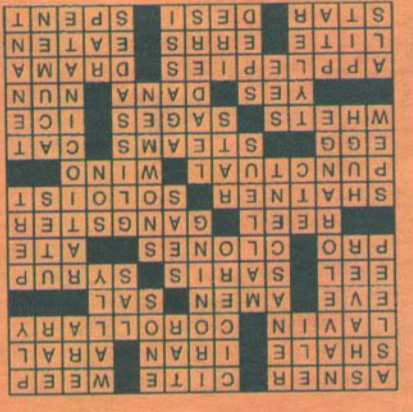
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 - American desserts
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 - Less caloric
 - Makes a mistake
 - Consumed
 - Play lead
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 - Exhausted
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THE CHRONICLES
BY KEITH KNIGHT

LAQUISHA CALLED & ASKED IF I WOULD VOLUNTEER MY SERVICES TO HER CLASS THIS PAST WEDNESDAY EVENING...

You mean the class your taking with all the hot women in it? **YUP!**

I'M IN!!

I'M NO IDIOT. EVEN THOUGH I DON'T GET PAID WHEN I SPEAK IN CLASSES, I ALWAYS MANAGE TO SELL A COUPLE OF BOOKS...

So...whaddya want me to do? **Just be yourself!**

...& BESIDES, FOR SOME REASON, LAQUISHA'S CLASS WAS FULL OF BABES!! (swoon)

Hi... My name is Keith. Wanna see my portfolio?

TURNED OUT TO BE A SELF-DEFENSE CLASS.

HYAHH!!

IN THE U.S., A WOMAN IS RAPED EVERY 1.3 MINUTES...

FLING!

MANY MORE ARE BEATEN, ROBBED AND KILLED...

MOSTLY BY MEN!

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT EVERY WOMAN OUT THERE LEARN HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES...

So...everyone thought you were great tonight...

They said they'd never met a more convincing conniving slimebag...

They want to know if you'll be able to do it again next week...

Speak up only if you can't... (Pause) **Okay!! Great!!**

AND WHEN I EVENTUALLY EMERGED FROM MY COMP, I FELT PROUD TO BE OF SERVICE. **STOP**

Muffin

By Nora McVittie

Aren't ANTIBIOTICS annoying?

Quite!

First of all, they have the power to make a 21 year-old feel 70.

Let's go out, Muff!

Hold on... I need to take my pills!

And the whole "no alcohol while on medication" thing can really be DRAINING.

I'll have a gin and tonic.

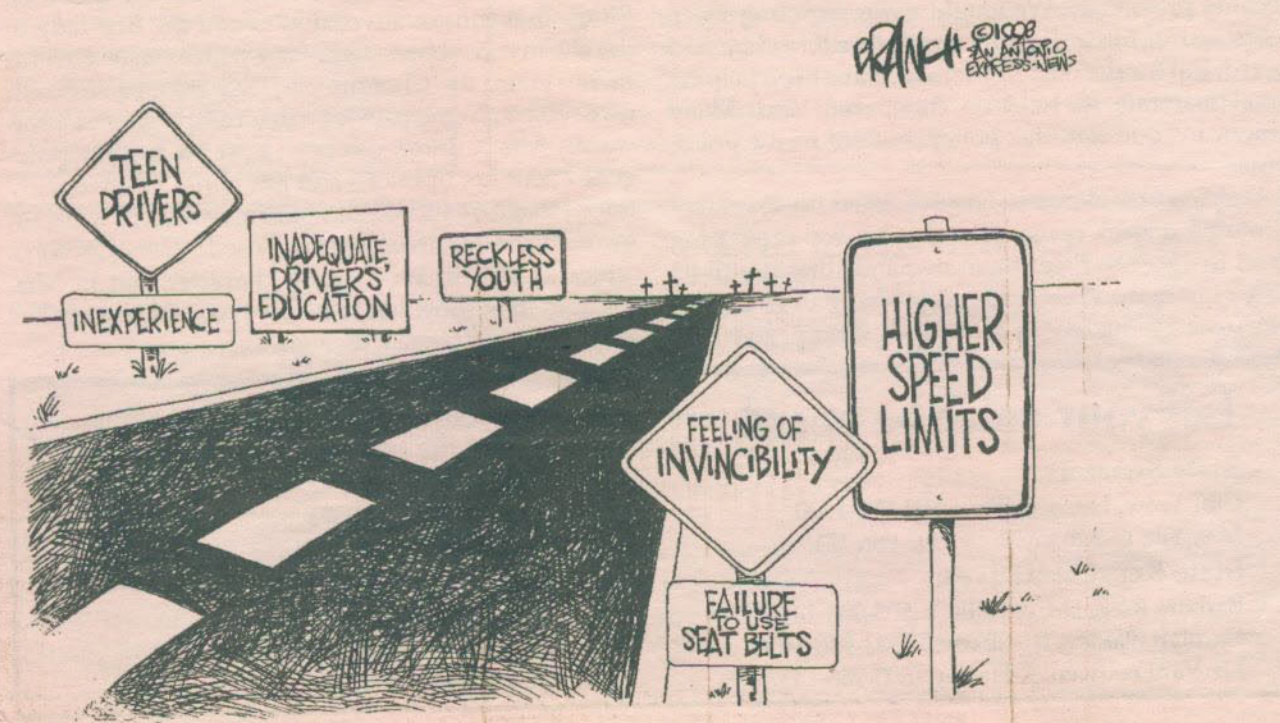
I'll have... a Diet Coke... :sigh:

WORST of all, men don't seem too attracted to a medicated girl.

Hey, Babe - are you the designated driver?

No... I'm on antibiotics!

Let's go home, Joe - this one's rancid!



SOMETIMES HAVING A CLASS THAT'S BORING AND PAINFUL CAN HELP YOU LATER IN LIFE...

WELL, I'M AFRAID WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SCHEDULE YOU FOR A SIX-HOUR ROOT CANAL...

NO PROBLEM, THAT CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN MS. BURNETT'S 6TH GRADE ENGLISH CLASS WAS...

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