

College mourns loss of student

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

"He was the type of guy that didn't say much in class, but when he did, people listened," said one of Chis Willingham's instructors. "He was such a sweetheart, the type of person that if you saw him outside of class he would always stop and say, 'hi.'"

This seemed to be the consensus among LBCC instructors who have taught Willingham, the 18-year-old who was killed in a car accident on the Highway 20/34 bypass south of downtown Corvallis last week. Willingham's vehicle collided with a chip truck the evening of March 5, and he died shortly after being taken to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

According to several of his friends, teachers and classmates, it was clear that Willingham had aspirations of becoming

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—Tom Walmsley

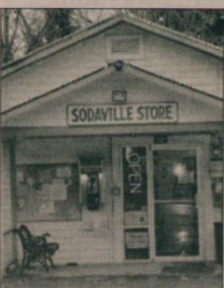
ing a writer, an actor and a poet. "He had the spirit of a poet," his poetry teacher remembered.

On Monday, Willingham's poetry class dedicated their class to him. They recited several pieces of poetry from memory in honor of their missed classmate. One of Willingham's closer classmates, E.J. Harris, wrote a poem that was dedicated to the memory of Willingham.

Tom Walmsley, Willingham's ethics instructor, got to know Willingham on a little more of a personal basis.

"He told me that he was rather shy and asked if I ever met with any of my students outside of class," said Walmsley. "After talking over lunch on Tuesday, I found out that we had a lot in common."

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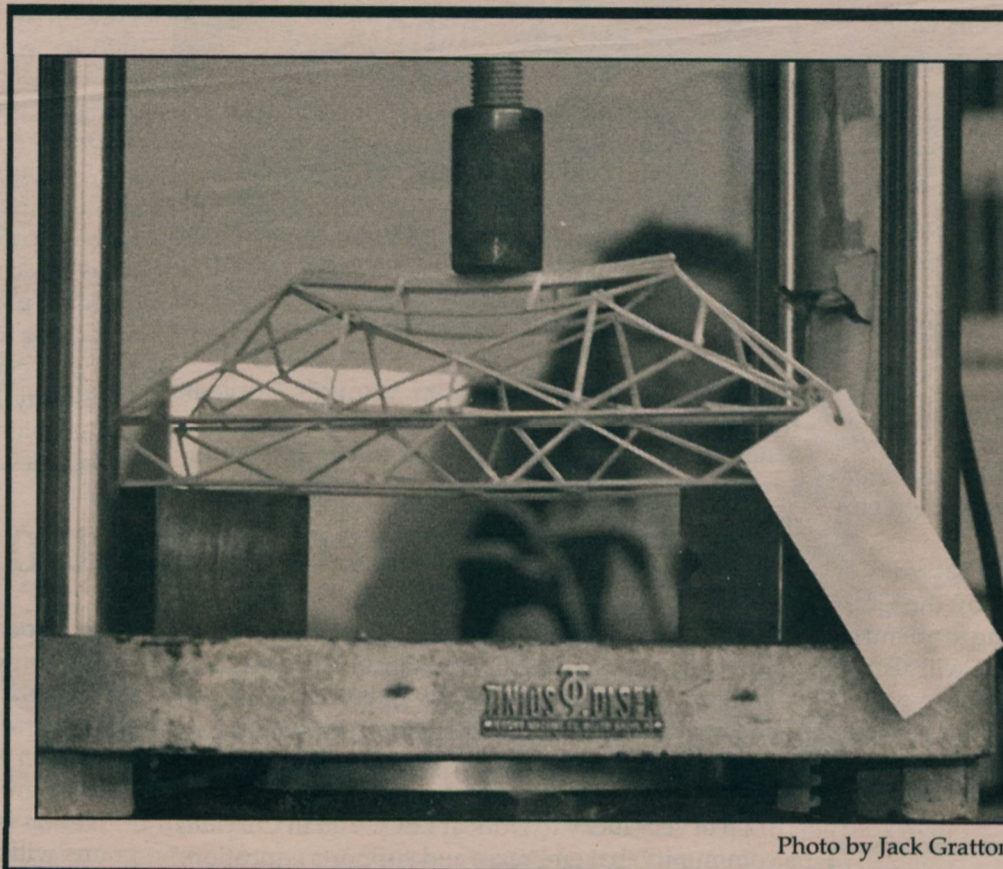
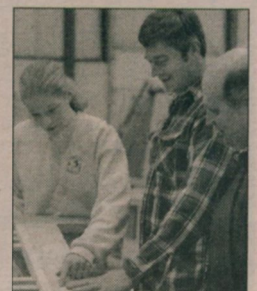


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Bridge Bashing

Levi Miller's model bridge (left) was among more than 20 tested for strength in last week's engineering contest in the metallurgy lab. Catherine Santora won the grand prize when her bridge withstood the most pressure.



Photo by James Otto

Cell phone role in crashes calls for more data

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Despite recent national studies linking cellular phone use to automobile accidents, local law enforcement agencies admit that it doesn't appear to have much of an effect on traffic in this area.

"We see a lot of people using cell phones on the freeway but no accidents to speak of," said Lt. Chuck Hayes, station commander at the Albany State Patrol Office.

Statewide, 20 accidents have occurred as a direct result of mobile cellular use between Feb. 1 and Oct. 31, 1996, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles Accident Data Unit. Eight of those accidents involved only property damage, while the remaining 12 included 16 injuries, none of which were fatal.

According to DMV Accident Decoder Sandra Coreson, it's difficult to place a specific number on how many accidents were caused by driver inattention due to cellular phone use because "the party has to admit to using the cellular phone or an officer must state that they were using it." So the number

of cell phone related accidents could be higher.

Cell phone operators "seem to be less observant to things around them," said Albany State Patrol Officer, Sgt. Ken Allison.

Despite the low number of accidents in Oregon, Democratic State Sen. Avel Gordly, of Portland, has introduced a bill to create an "offense of driving while using a mobile telephone," punishable by a maximum fine of \$75. Gordly could not be reached for comment.

In a study published recently in the New England Journal of Medicine, experts stated that people who owned mobile cellular phones are between three to six-and-a-half times more likely to be in a traffic accident within 10 minutes of a phone call than if they weren't using their cell phones. However, two public health officials published in the NEJM said that they were concerned that the NEJM study doesn't show a thorough assessment of the affect cell phones have on driving, so legislation is premature at best.

The recent speculation over the link between cell phones and accidents has caught the attention of insurance companies.

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Applications remain open for many student leadership positions

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Lack of candidates to fill positions on the student leadership team continues as another cycle of the application process for the Student Programming Board is now history.

Only one person turned in an application—for the position of Campus Events and Recreation Specialist—by the noon deadline Monday. An interview will be conducted at 2 p.m. today.

Three candidates were interviewed on Feb. 26—Dan Hildenbrand, who currently serves as Campus Events and Rec-

reation Specialist, was selected as the new Intramural/Recreation Sports Specialist; and Melinda Badeau as Current Events and Political Activities Specialist.

Open SPB offices include: Team Coordinator, Series Events Specialist, Health and Recreation Specialist, Family and Evening Events Specialist and Community Specialist.

Applications are also open for vice president and divisional representatives on the Associated Student Government. Deadline is April 4 at 4:30 p.m. Information can be picked up at the Student Life and Leadership Office in CC-213.

New drop policy may surprise no-shows

If you are thinking of extending your spring vacation, think again.

Students who do not attend the first day of class next term may be dropped from the class by their instructors.

This new policy goes into effect spring term to make room for students on the waiting list for the class.

Services to honor student's memory will be held Saturday

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Both Willingham and Walmsley loved the arts. When Willingham was in high school, at Crescent Valley in Corvallis, he and Walmsley were in some of the same plays together.

"'The Crucible' was our favorite play," said Walmsley. "We talked about a lot of things. He always had nice things to say about his parents. Just positive

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—Tom Walmsley

comments about everyone. He was very positive."

"It was very sad to learn that the next day he was killed. One small error in judgment cost him his life," said Walmsley. "I wish that I could have known him better."

A service of remembrance will be held Saturday at Crescent Valley High School organized by the Crescent Valley Drama Club. All those wishing to attend or participate in the service may do so. There will also be recitals of poems composed by Willingham.

Remembrances in Willingham's name may be made to the Crescent Valley Drama Club, in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Oklahoma Cries

in memory of Chis Willingham

I did not know him long
in terms of rock and earth,
but we knew each other endlessly
through the verse we'd shared.

And now,
another brother poet is riding
that great Chisholm Trail
into the dark unforboding
expanses of the unknown Oklahoma.

A sadness lays thick its sickness
upon this soul deep within
my ribcage jailhouse, too often
visited by the cancer of sorrows.

These saline secretions blur the vision
all too true
and I see you.

The poet yet to arrive
whose poetry now we'll never sing
from your lips and pen again.

I hear your voice reserved, with humble pride,
so loud it now brings my pen to cry.

And I wonder why
one so young must make
that U-turn from life to death?

Why is it that the no good for nothing people
seem to live a thousand years,
while those who honor life's true intentions
pass so quickly into the night?

All the while the living remain,
extinguishing their light
without tears.

—Edmund J. Harris

Responsible use of cellular is part of driver safety



Photo by Roger Lebar

A driver maneuvers his jeep through Corvallis traffic while chatting on his cell phone. A national study has linked cell phone use to car accidents.

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However, Farmers Insurance Agent David Oswald of Corvallis, said, "I'm not aware of penalties within insurance companies." Oswald added, "I can see how they can be distracting because I have one," pointing out that his is a hands-free model.

Cellular One offers several hands-free models, including the Piper handset, wireless setup and installation fee which comes to \$317 and the Excel handset with a headphone attachment that resembles something telephone operators use costing \$212.

Bobby Arteg of Cellular One has suggested several ways to use your cell phone more responsibly while driving, including avoiding unnecessary phone calls, keeping conversations brief and suspending conversations when driving conditions become hazardous.

Some positive aspects of owning cellular phones, according to Arteg, are the feeling of safety and security that comes with being able to be in touch with family anytime, anywhere. She added that the free 911 call enables drivers to report accidents, emergencies and crimes.

Director named Educator of the Year

From the LBCC News Service

Benton Center Director Dorie Nelson has been named Community College Community Educator of the Year. The Oregon Community Education Association gave the award to Nelson for her outstanding service to community education.

"I feel very lucky to work at LBCC and in Corvallis, a community that embraces and supports education," Nelson said. "'Quality,' 'variety' and 'response to community adult educational needs' are words I use to describe what we do. I really love the synergy of collaborating with community organizations to develop classes and programs. Plus the center and other extended learning managers and staffs make it all work. We all benefit."

As director of LBCC's Extended Learning program at the Benton Center, Nelson has developed many innovative classes and programs that benefit a wide

range of people.

The Benton Center serves about 3,300 students each term, offering a wide variety of classes and an extensive arts program, especially in ceramics and creative writing. Under Nelson's direction, the center has become a training ground for creative artists in many media.

Nelson has forged joint college-community programs with the Corvallis Arts Center, Senior Center, Benton County Museum, Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis-Benton County Library, departments at Oregon State University and the Extension Service.

A Corvallis resident, Nelson was appointed Benton Center director in 1994, having served previously as center's assistant director. Before coming to LBCC, she was executive director of the Salem Arts Association. An artist who works in vitreous enamel, she has a bachelor's degree from Stanford and a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Oregon.

Rodeo Team rides out for Walla Walla contest

On March 14-16 Tanner Lansdon, M.T. Anderson and Pat McKenzie will be on their way to Walla Walla, Wash., for the first rodeo of the 1997 college season.

Linn-Benton will be going up against the University of Idaho, Washington State University, Lewis and Clark, Treasure Valley, Eastern Oregon State College and Oregon State.

McKenzie will compete in the bull ride-ins, Ander-

son will ride bulls and saddle-broncs, and Lansdon will compete in the bareback and saddle-bronc competition. Lansdon and Anderson also competed for LBCC last year.

The team is still looking for new members. Anyone interested should contact animal science instructor Jim Lucas in the Science and Technology Building for more information.

AIDS activist warns 'don't take chances with your life'

by Jesse Cuccaro
of The Commuter

On Wednesday March 5, Margo Denison of the Valley AIDS Research Network, spoke out on the topic of AIDS awareness. The speech took place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room, cosponsored by the Student Programming Board and Phi Theta Kappa.

Denison and the Valley AIDS Research Network work together to inform and counsel people on the topic of AIDS by speaking to businesses and schools. They may be reached at 1-800-588-AIDS.

Denison began helping with the Valley AIDS Research Network because her daughter tested HIV-

positive 14 years ago, and she wanted to help prevent others from contracting the disease. Her daughter Becky is still healthy and has also helped by producing a successful newsletter and appearing in such magazines as Glamour and New Woman.

According to one study, there are an estimated 10,000 HIV cases in Oregon, with 48 cases in Benton County and 120 in Linn County. Even if you live in a small area, you are still at risk if you are sexually active. Denison says, "Today's young people need to be aware and take precautions. Don't take chances with your life." If you haven't been tested for HIV, maybe now would be a good time to do it.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Pilot program trains workers for wood products industry

Corvallis furniture company hires LB grad as it builds up operation after burning down last year.

Story and Photo by Jerry Boal
of The Commuter

Wood Castle Furniture has lived the myth of the phoenix.

The company's wood furniture production facility, east of Corvallis, burned to the ground April 19 last year. Out of the embers, new vitality and growth have risen like the fabled bird. Already, the destroyed building and its equipment are replaced; new production capacity is being built.

With business booming, Providence seems to smile again upon this small company.

Nonetheless, owner Ron Loe and his manufacturing operations manager, Frank School, worry.

It's one thing to replace buildings and equipment. It's another thing entirely to find the people to help the company grow.

Like other Oregon secondary wood products manufacturers, they are looking to LBCC and other Oregon community colleges for help.

And for good reason, claims Greg Hopkins, training specialist at LBCC.

"Global competitiveness and rapidly changing technologies are surpassing the ability of single companies to meet their training needs," he said. "The community college has built-in flexibility to identify needs, and then design curriculum."

Linn-Benton, Lane and Central Oregon community colleges are implementing the Secondary Wood Products Training System (SWPTS), a pilot program



Wood Castle manager Frank School (center) and LBCC's David Hall look over a project with one of their employees Brenda Rutherford. Hall is state director of the Secondary Wood Products Consortium.

developed by a consortium of education, industry and government.

SWPTS, funded with money and in-kind resources totalling over \$1.6 million, is designed to "partner" the "academic assets" of local community colleges with the fast-growing need for trained workers, according to LBCC's David G. Hall, state-wide director of the

Secondary Wood Products Consortium, which oversees the training.

"The secondary wood products industry is growing at about 3 percent a year," Hall said. Not bad for a motley group of around 800 Oregon companies employing over 22,000 men and women making such things as moldings, roof trusses, cabinets and furniture.

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—Greg Hopkins

"Ironically, it's a very high-tech industry utilizing a very low-tech resource—wood," Hall said. That's problem one of three.

Problem two is a lack of public profile. "It's hard for many of these companies to focus on their own image, he said. They're too busy to market themselves.

The third problem is educating the industry in the value of education—a tough sell with many of the small "mom and pop" firms who've always had to scrape and scrap to get by.

But education's not a tough sell with Wood Castle.

Ron Loe and Frank School both believe training and education are the ticket to their future success.

LBCC's SWPTS program fits their corporate philosophy well: to produce the best products with the best equipment and people. They hired one of the 10 student graduates of the program last fall.

SWPTS's budget sunsets later this year. Dennis Brock of Wood Products Competiveness Corporation, an industry trade group which helped implement SWPTS, said future funding will "depend a lot on the evaluation of the results of the program."

He hopes the Oregon Legislature will refund it.

If that happens, you can bet Loe and School will look to LBCC for more hires.

Car alarms could scare off potential thieves and vandals

by Jesse Cuccaro
of The Commuter

With all of the car break-ins at LBCC and the surrounding area, many students are concerned and if not, they should be.

Numerous incidents have plagued campus commuters, including stolen stereos and valuables and other acts of vandalism.

For example Linn-Benton student Marguarite Hoffman's tires were slashed in early January. The campus security has stepped up a notch, but these crimes will still occur.

What can you do to protect your vehicle and your valuables inside?

A good car alarm will go a long way to scaring away potential thieves or vandals from stealing your valuables, or worse, your whole car. A decent alarm will blast out an ear-piercing 180-decibel siren that lasts for several minutes when your car is disturbed.

The high-end model alarms actually have a perimeter defense that sounds a warning beep when people get really close, which will scare away potential thieves or vandals.

Most alarms feature shock sensors that trigger the alarm if your vehicle is disturbed by a touch or hit or if the doors or windows are opened.

Other convenient features include remote control door locks enabling you to open your doors at the touch of

a button.

At Ohms Audio in Corvallis and Albany, an Avitel Cyclone car alarm costs \$149, including installation. That is a reasonable price to pay to protect your car, especially if you have a high-priced stereo system.

According to the Ohms Audio sales person, the Cyclone is their top-selling model because of the low price. They also carry the high-end multiple feature models from such manufacturers as Alpine and Clifford, which are substantially more expensive.

For example the Clifford Concept 60 alarm costs \$559, with other mid-grade models being in the \$200-range.

If you're really looking for a bargain, Crutchfield magazine features a Crime guard 328i for \$99, but then it also needs to be installed.

An alarm could have saved LBCC student Jeremy Parker a lot of money by protecting his car which was broken into on Saturday, Jan. 11, in front of his house in Lebanon.

According to Parker, over \$1,000 worth of stuff was stolen from his car, including hockey gear, a radar detector, CD player, camera and all of his CDs. Jeremy was fortunate that someone he knew saw the fugitives with his stuff, and he got most of it back. Unfortunately, most people aren't that lucky, and if you own a car, give strong consideration to purchasing an alarm.

Plug pulled on electric car project

by Tyler Sharp
of The Commuter.

Students bag their plans due to lack of school support. "We wanted to do something that was interesting and challenging so everyone could get involved," remarked engineering student Donovan Moore in November. Since then, the plans have been left by the wayside.

Moore, who is a member of the ASCET club (American Society of Certified Engineers and Technicians), was planning to build an electric car for next summer's Da Vinci Days, an annual technology festival held in Corvallis. The electric car would have been just large enough for one person, the driver. The car would then have been entered into a race that is held every summer at the festival.

"We just could not get the support we were looking for," said Moore on Friday. He was looking for more student involvement—he needed a team for the

project, and there were just not enough interested people.

According to Moore, a national organization sets the rules for the competition including weight limit, body specifications, safety features and durability. Each group of participants in the competition is mailed a manual for the event, which must be followed in detail. Moore just recently received his manual for this summer's event; he was supposed to have received it months ago. The late start seemed to be a deciding factor in the project.

Still active in technological projects, Moore competed in a bridge-building competition on-campus March 6. The object was for each contestant to build the strongest bridge possible with a limited supply of materials.

Although his bridge did not win, "It was a really fun competition," commented Moore.



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LOCAL NEWS

Remembering the Old Days

Quiet streets conceal Sodaville's bustling past as turn-of-the-century tourist destination



The Sodaville Elementary School provides the glue that holds the community together these days—100 years after its heyday as a health spa on the old Santiam Wagon Road. The Sodaville Store is the most popular meeting place for area residents. At one time, this sedate community between Lebanon and Sweet Home hosted hundreds of visitors who came to seek cures for a variety of ailments in the mineral springs for which the town is named.



Hints of its storied history are hard to find these days in the tiny hamlet of Sodaville, located in the Cascade foothills east of Lebanon.

Today it's a quiet community of about 250 people, but 100 years ago Sodaville was a renowned resort and a bustling stage stop on the old Cascade Wagon Road.

Its now-defunct mineral spring was discovered in 1848 by a farmer searching for oxen, and the land around the spring became the state's first state park in 1890. Around the turn of the century, Sodaville drew enough cure-seekers to fill two hotels to capacity every summer. The soda water was even bottled and shipped to Albany, where it was sold in restaurants.

The 200-square-foot state park—one of the state's smallest—still exists, but the old spring house was torn down in the 1970s and the springs closed due to contamination. The hotels and most of the other wooden buildings have long since burned down in two devastating fires, and when the highway to the Santiam Pass bypassed the town, the community settled into the quiet anonymity that current residents seem to enjoy.

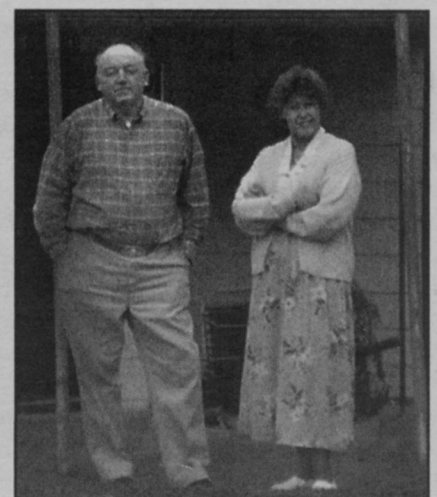


The Sodaville Evangelical Church is one of the oldest in the county and one of the few early buildings remaining. The town's mayor is Chuck Mulenix, who joins his wife Sharon outside their home.

Photos by
Gina Darby



The Spring Hill Ranch is over 100 years old and existed during the town's most popular era, when people would travel great distances to seek cures to skin ailments and dyspepsia.



CAMPUS NEWS

Metallurgy student overcomes the odds and inspires others

by Jerry Boal
of The Commuter

Worried about making it? Sometimes it's in spiring to hear someone else's story. Some one who's been in a deeper hole. Someone who's hung on, right to the last thread. Someone who turned it all around.

Stanley G. Strauss' is one of those stories.

And lots of it happened while he attended LBCC.

Strauss' life started going south on him back in December 1992. He was working as a cabinetmaker in Dallas, Ore., assembling furniture with a pneumatic stapler when "it fell out of my hand; I couldn't pick it up," he said.

Strauss stands well over 6 feet tall and weighs maybe 250 pounds, with arms and hands to match. Except for his gentle eyes, he could be a bouncer at a bar. But the stapler was too much for him to handle.

A lover of woodworking all his life and the son of a carpenter, Strauss was devastated after doctors told him that his right arm suffered serious nerve damage and that his career was probably over. After two years of tests, three surgeries, hours of physical therapy and a short return to his old job, the 42-year-old was on the street, out of work.

Worse, he had no other skills to trade for a living wage.

Strauss bounced between the offices of Social Security, St. Vincent De Paul, and other options, looking for work. Nothing clicked. People at Oregon's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation suggested the Life Skills Class at the Mid-Willamette Job Council in Dallas.

It was there that he learned about LBCC's Integrated Manufacturing Technologies Group, chaired by Seaton McLennan, who teaches metallurgy.

Metallurgy? Strauss had never heard of it, but he made an appointment with McLennan anyway. It was October 1994.

McLennan was late for the appointment. But Carl Love, retired past chair of the department, happened to be visiting when Strauss showed up. For the next two hours he toured the department with Love, then spent another hour with McLennan when he arrived.

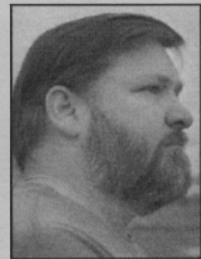
"Love got me hooked," Strauss said, and after McLennan talked with him, "I knew it was something I wanted to do."

For the first time in a couple of years, Strauss was excited. Too late for fall enrollment, he began winter

term classes at LBCC in January 1995.

It was a giant leap for him. After high school, he had attended Central Oregon Community College in Bend, majoring first in forestry, then in auto mechanics. But after too much partying and too little enthusiasm, Strauss returned to the valley.

He soon started studying fire prevention at Chemeketa Community College in Salem while work-



"My two years at LBCC were worth the late nights and hard work."

—Stanley Strauss

ing and bunking seven days a week at a downtown fire station.

As so often happens in the lives of young single men, however, love drove a wedge into this career. Strauss met Carol in 1970 and had to choose between marrying her or living at the fire department. No contest. He got married, returned to Dallas and to woodworking for several years. All seemed fine. Then the injury.

His wife was supportive when Strauss began at LBCC. She knew her husband's work ethic, and she encouraged him to keep at it the many times he wanted to quit. Her advice: "Go to school as if it's a job."

And, boy, did he.

Except for his last term, when he let his academic rpms drop to 15 credit-hours, Strauss never took less than 20 credits. Often he'd be at the metallurgy lab door when it was opened at 8 a.m.; he'd not leave until the door was locked behind him at 11 p.m.

He made the honor roll every term.

But it was not a cake walk. Not at the end.

In Strauss' words (from a short autobiography he wrote for McLennan):

"August through December 1996 was, in many ways, the worst time I've had in my personal life. . . . My mother-in-law was diagnosed with cancer and given two months to live. A week later my wife was diagnosed with cancer (and), a week after the diagnosis, started chemotherapy. While my wife was in surgery I had to take some of my midterm tests. It is hard to take a test when your mind is somewhere else. I

developed a lung infection similar to the flu that lasted two months. My mother developed heart problems. Both of our cars kept breaking down. And our finances were getting worse since my wife had to take time off work (for her treatments)."

Was this God testing Job? The pastor at his church in Dallas helped steady Strauss' faith, he said.

At LBCC, McLennan helped steady his determination and confidence. "He was always there when I needed help—academic as well as personal," Strauss said, adding, by far, "he was my favorite instructor."

In spite of McLennan's pep talks, however, Strauss doubted there'd be a good job waiting for him after graduation. His associate of applied science degree was virtually in the bag—but would it be sufficient? he worried.

He wanted to work at the Bureau of Mines in Albany, but federal cuts buried that option. He looked at Oremet and Ti-Line, then at Cascade Rolling Mills in McMinnville, but was not impressed with any of their offerings.

There was one Albany company, however, where Strauss would have gone to work in a heartbeat. "I'd heard of (Allegheny) Wah Chang, but I thought there was no way" I could work there, he said. The rare metals manufacturer, he believed, required a four-year degree or better to work in their testings labs, the area of keenest interest to him now.

The future seemed very bleak.

But by divine planning or by coincidence, his name and reputation for intense curiosity and steadfast work crossed a desk at Wah Chang. Phone calls led to a request for a resume, to an interview, and, finally, to a plant tour.

Strauss' knees might have buckled when asked during the tour, "When can you start?" Instead, the big man with the bum arm floated on a cloud of euphoria. He took the job and started the day after graduation in December 1996.

Stanley G. Strauss is one very happy man.

Carol's working again, recovering well from her illness. Though his mother-in-law passed away, his own mother seems to be doing as well as an 80-something-year-old woman can. He and his wife care for her in their home. And he drives to work now in a late-model Dodge Caravan that won't break down.

"I feel very fortunate for all that has happened to me—the good and the bad," he said. "My two years at LBCC were worth the late nights and hard work."

LBCC honor society seeks nominations for its 1997-98 officers this week

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Nominations for officers to serve during the 1997-98 school year are being accepted today and Thursday at the noon meetings of LBCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in

Room IC-105, near the greenhouse.

Elections will be held at the general meetings April 16 and 17 at 12 p.m.

Any honor society member may apply to fill one of the following offices: president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, membership coordina-

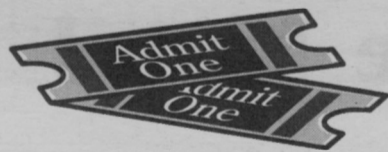
tor, public relations secretary or fund-raising and activities coordinator.

A one-credit-per-term leadership class will again be taught by advisor Rosemary Bennett. Those who cannot attend the meetings may contact Bennett in Takena Room 101 or at extension 4780.

Newsletters are available around campus and at the meetings.

Members who wish to receive news by e-mail may turn in their address at the meeting or to Bennett or e-mail the public relations secretary at hakem@lbcc.cc.or.us.

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Horse Management Program popular with breeders and students

by Sharon Gauthier
of The Commuter

The poster over the door shows cute sheep, and the bulletin board outside the office door has an awful lot to say about pigs, but the man inside that office is definitely into horses.

Jim Lucas is the head of the LBCC Horse Management Program, the only two-year degree course in horse management in the Northwest.

The program is so unusual and so well-regarded in the Northwest that it has been designated as a Regional Program by the LBCC Board of Directors. This allows out-of-state students to attend the program without the added costs of out-of-state tuition.

With 36 declared majors in the courses, a large proportion of the students are from out of state. When they finish at LBCC, about half will transfer to four-year colleges such as OSU, Colorado State and Texas Tech. Those students often go into research, animal nutrition and sometimes into veterinary medicine, Lucas said.

The remaining students are about equally divided into those who just want to learn more about horses and those who hope to make a living and career in the horse industry.

Making a living in the horse industry is not easy, Lucas said. "The first thing I do is sit the students down and interview them and make sure that they have no delusions about the industry. It is dangerous, and it's hard work. We people in the horse world have a saying, 'It's not IF you get hurt—it's when and how bad.'"



Photo by Amanda Miller
Equine club president LeVonne Miller (left) talks with instructor Jim Lucas.

For safety's sake, protective headgear is provided for the students. If they are under 18, they must wear the helmets. If they are over 18, they can make their own decisions, Lucas said. "Of course, they have to sign waivers, but at 18 they're considered adults and make their own choices."

However, Lucas stacks the deck in the students' favor. He is very picky, he said, about the horses that he will accept into the program. "I try to get quarter horses and paints," he said. "Their temperaments are usually so good. I try to avoid spoiled horses. These students have enough on their hands just learning to train. They don't need more problems."

The horses used by the students are usually young, unbroken horses donated to the program by private owners, who get their horses back very well-trained.

Lucas used to advertise to get the 12 to 14 horses he needed. Now, with the program's growing reputation, he has a waiting list of owners who want to get their horses into the LBCC barn.

"We try to balance our classroom work with hands-on training work. This is what these students came here for," Lucas noted. Student Alex Bennet of Washington State, said she had researched similar schools all over the United States and chose LBCC because of the hands-on approach.

"Many of those other schools only had one or two classes in actual horse training. LBCC has five," she commented.

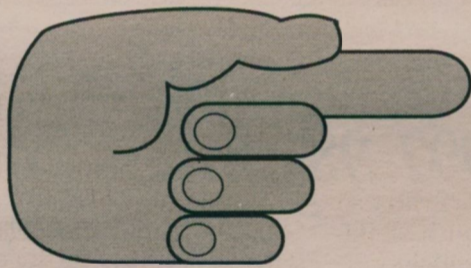
Joene Scharf, her team partner for the training classes, was enthusiastic about the courses. "I expect to go right into training. I might have an internship avail-

able to me when I get out. But I will be going straight into horse work, and Jim Lucas is the one who makes the program work."

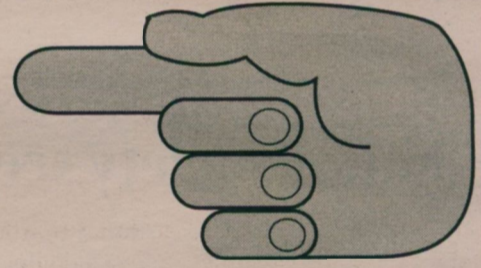
Lucas, with a master's degree from Fresno State, originally began teaching animal science classes at LBCC in 1978. "There were a few horse classes offered, and they were always completely filled, so we began to develop a horse management program that would confer a degree," Lucas said. Having been involved with horses since childhood, Lucas has his own boarding and training stables in Lebanon, and every summer takes on a few horses for training.

Lucas hopes that the future holds a breeding program for LBCC. Currently, the breeding classes use local farms as their labs. Gail Mann, Carmen Phillips and Trudy Langford, all local horse breeders, have welcomed students into their facilities. "I would expect that we could get some really nice quarter horse mares donated to us," Lucas said. With new rules from the American Quarter Horse Association concerning artificial insemination, there would be no need for a stallion.

To learn even more about the real horse world, some of the students have formed an equine club and will be putting on a horse show in May. The First Annual LBCC Equine Club Schooling Show will be at the Benton County Fairgrounds on May 3. The students are handling all aspects of setting up a horse show, from renting the facilities to arranging the cleanup. With luck, the show will leave money in the bank account of the club for some activities next year.



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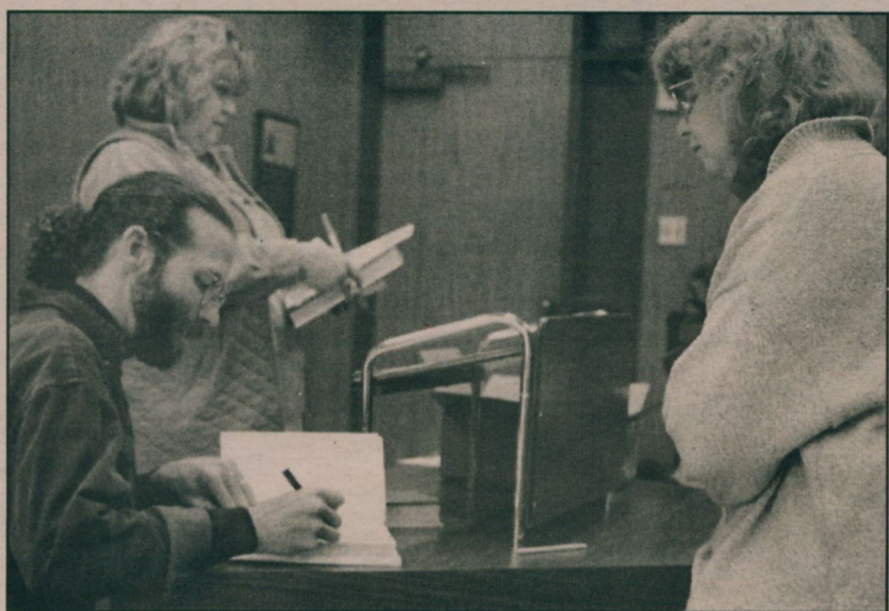


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Writer Reads

Author Gregg Kleiner signs copies of his book "Where River Turns to Sky" for students and visitors who came to hear him read passages from it last Thursday in the Board Rooms.

Portland Concert Line

compiled by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

- March 15, The Bloodhound Gang and NERF Herder-La Luna, Portland. \$6.
- March 17, Sky Cries Mary and Sweet 75, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$7.50.
- March 18, Sick Of It All, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$8.
- March 20, Fiona Apple, La Luna, Port-

land, tickets \$6.

- March 21, The Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$11.50.
- March 22, Screaming Trees, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$12.50.
- March 27, The Wallflowers, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$15.
- March 28, Art Alexakis, La Balcony, La Luna, Portland, tickets \$10.

Improv class looks for audience to make its final class realistic

From the Performing Arts Department

The winter term improvisation class invites anyone who wants to shed some of the stress of the term's end to join them in an hour of unpredictable mayhem on Friday in room F-109 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The class will present a selection of improvisational situations and invite au-

dience participation in the form of suggestions for various situations. According to the class's instructor, George Lauris, "Performance Improv is a little like interactive video, only with live actors."

"Improv is as old as the history of theater . . . maybe older!" said Lauris, adding that it is "the ultimate form of

storytelling."

Without the benefit of playwright or a script, the performers write their own plot and create their own characters as they go along.

The goal of this discipline is to create a beginning, middle and end of a story and resolve the action all in a very short time-line without the usual four to six

weeks of rehearsal.

Part of the audience appeal for improvisation is to try and present the performers with challenging suggestions and watch them try to invent their way through the plot. The nature of improvisation is spontaneity, and more than likely some of the situations may contain adult material.

St. Patrick's Day heralds return of shamrocks, snakes and Irish music

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

St. Patrick's Day, which falls on next Monday, is named for the Catholic saint Patrick, known for his legendary story of ridding Ireland of snakes.

Although St. Patrick was not born in Ireland, he served as a missionary and

founded a Catholic church there.

The first St. Patrick's Day celebrated in America was in 1737, held by the Irish Society of Boston. The second celebration was in Philadelphia.

It is not known if March 17 is celebrated because of St. Patrick's birth or death, but it is more of an Irish-Ameri-

can holiday filled with celebrations, parades, fun and Irish music. It is said that there are more Americans of Irish descent than native Irish in Ireland.

The shamrock, the symbol of St. Patrick's Day, was used by St. Patrick to represent the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. Ireland and America use the sham-

rock to celebrate Irish heritage.

St. Patrick's Blessing is as follows: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand."

Creative Connections

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Annual Dinner Theater performance tonight

The annual Dinner Theater Performance, sponsored by the Student Programming Board, is at 6:30 p.m. sharp in the LBCC Commons. The play is "I Now Pronounce You . . . Murdered," with a dinner menu that includes chicken in filo with herb cream cheese filling, seasonal vegetables, spinach salad with onion-poppysseed dressing, rice and wheat berry pilaf and wedding cake for dessert. All the food is prepared and served by the LBCC Culinary Arts Department. Tickets are \$15/students and seniors, \$20 general admission. For more information call 917-4457.

Digital Imaging Student Show now open

Works by students in the Digital Imaging and Prepress Technology program are on exhibit this week and next in the LBCC Art Gallery. The gallery, located in the AHSS Building, is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

OSU hosts films, music and discussions

• March 13 at 7 p.m.—"Turn-A-Lot-Around," Making Peace Program (program screening and discussion), in the Westminster House. For more information call 737-1401.

• March 14 at 7 and 9 p.m.—the International Film Series, Center for the Humanities will present "Looking for Richard" in the Gilfillan Auditorium, tickets are \$3.

• March 14 at 7:30 p.m.—the Heart of the Valley Children's Choir in the LaSells Stewart Center.

• March 16 at 2 p.m.—Portland Youth Philharmonic will play at the LaSells Stewart Center.

For further information call 737-2402.

Internet Intersection

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Carman to run marathon to help leukemia victim

by Rich Mehlhaf
of The Commuter

While some people couldn't or wouldn't find time in their busy schedule to run a marathon, let alone one in Alaska, Brad Carman can find the time and will run the marathon.

Carman, the LBCC head track coach, has been training to run in a 26.2-mile marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, to help raise money for Ryan Nolan of Salem, who is suffering from leukemia.



Brad Carman

Carman hopes that he can raise \$3,000 in donations

for Nolan. "I have raised over \$1,600, so I'm half way there," he said.

"The Leukemia Society of America is training over 90 people—each trains and then runs in the Anchorage, Alaska, Mayor's Midnight Run. Each participant is paired up with a patient, to run in their honor," Carman said.

While Carman will be using Nolan as his inspiration, two of his friends who died of leukemia won't be far from his mind.

"My wife's friend and a friend of mine on the OSU track team died of leukemia, so I will be running in their honor also," said Carman.

If you are interested in sponsoring Carman in the Mayor's Run or just want to make a donation to the Leukemia Society of America, you can contact Carman through e-mail, stop by his office in the LBCC Activities Center or call him at 917-4241.

The sponsorship deadline is June 21.

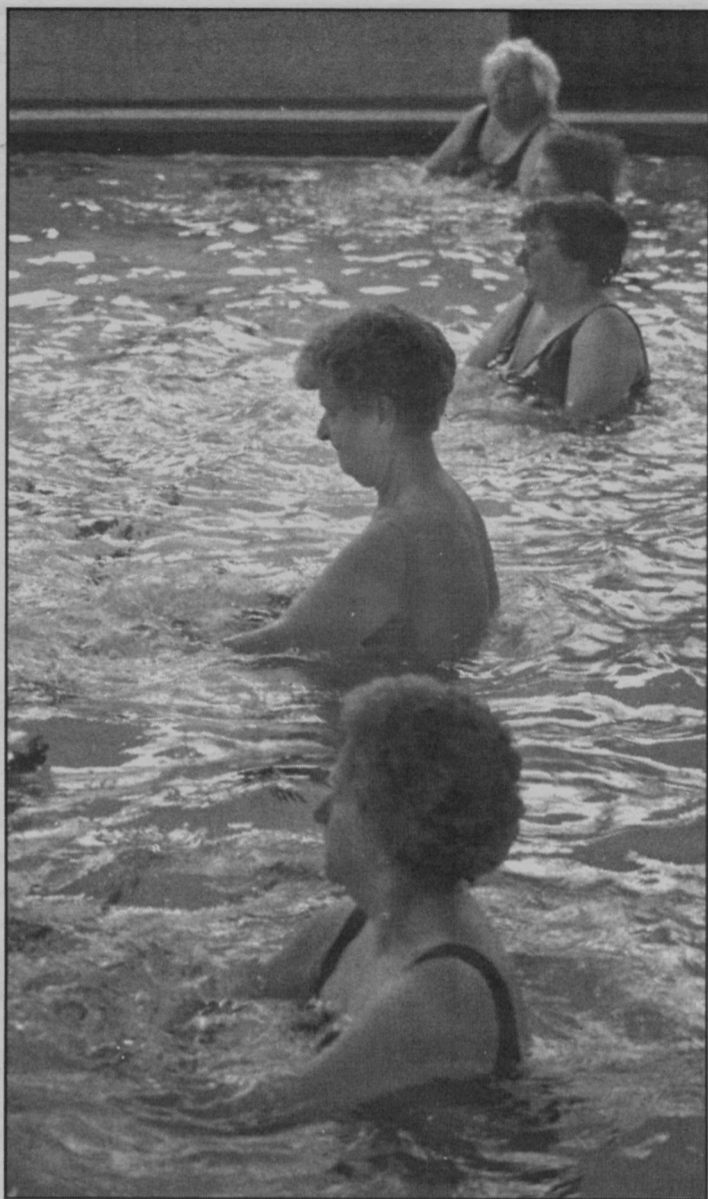


Photo by Cindi Fuller
Ellen Schwabb, Hazel Wood, Minnie Knudtson, Mary Ripley and Helen Willis (top to bottom) work out during LBCC's Aquatic Fitness class.

Aquatic aerobics class helps Sweet Home folks stay in shape

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

When you walk into the humid warm air at the Sweet Home High School swimming pool and see the people splashing and laughing, you can barely control the urge to jump in with them.

The 50-minute Aquatic Fitness class has been instructed by Karen Church for over seven years, offering students a total aerobic workout in the water. According to Church, the water workout gives the students more range of motion, fewer injuries, more freedom and no jarring.

Although the winter term class is filled with a faithful long-term core class of returning students, there have been many classes that were so full Church would teach from the side of the pool to give them more room.

Church says that too often people are under the wrong impression about water aerobics. They worry about how they look in a swimsuit, which prevents them from enrolling. But if people would come down and check out the class they would realize that how they look is not important, she said, adding that new students would feel very comfortable.

Church also teaches the Deep Water Exercise class, which offers a more intense workout. Using flotation equipment on the ankles and hands in water that is over the student's head allows for more motion. The only requirement for this class, says Church "is that you can not be afraid of the water."

According to Church, water aerobics offers many benefits to the more mature students. "They are able to see and hear the visible physical changes, such as a woman who proudly said she can now touch her toes or another student who said she is now able to button her shirts."

The class will be offered again spring term. For more information call the East Linn Center at 367-6901.

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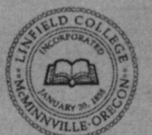
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April 5 @ Southwestern
Oregon-1 p.m.
April 8 @ Clackamas-1 p.m.

Track

March 22 @ Eugene Oregon Preview
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March 29 @ Oregon City, 1st League Meet
April 5 @ Willamette University

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SPORTS PAGE

Roadrunners prepare for chilly road trip

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

This spring break the LBCC baseball team will have to forget about sunny California and look forward to the likelihood of windy, cold weather instead.

Rather than traveling down into Northern California for a spring break road trip as they usually do, the team will end up in Eastern Oregon and Washington.

For the first time in Coach Greg Hawk's 14 years as baseball coach here, Southern California's spring break matches Linn-Benton's. So the teams that they normally play—Butte, Shasta, and College of the Siskiyous—will be going to Southern California to play.

"It usually works out because they are in school when we go down there," said Hawk. "But this year we have no one down there to play."

The school's funding allows only so much travel, so Hawk debated having the team do some fund-raisers

"We'll just have to take an extra jacket and hope for the best!"

—Greg Hawk

so that they could join the other teams farther south. But in the end, he decided to stick with the money that they will be receiving and just go somewhere else.

The trip will last only three days, March 22-24, and they will be playing one team per day. The Roadrunners will start in Washington, playing Walla Walla Community College on Saturday and Columbia Basin on Sunday. Then they will come back to Oregon to play Blue Mountain in Pendleton on Monday.

"We'll just have to take an extra jacket and hope for the best!" Hawk commented with a grin.

The squad will then return home to play Tacoma Community College March 25-26, and will open up league play that Saturday at home against Chemeketa.

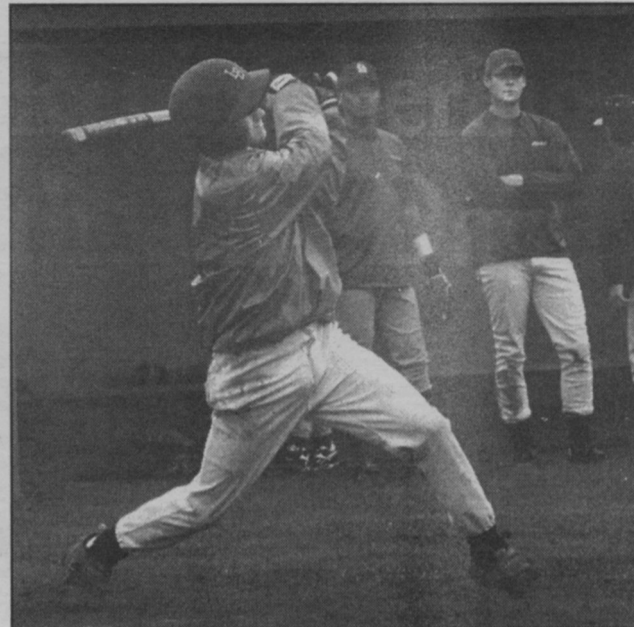


Photo by Shawna Phillips

The Roadrunners have been forced to play in the rain for the past couple of weeks as they prepare for their annual spring road trip.

Track team opens season with strong individual performances

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Competing against six four-year colleges and four community colleges, Linn-Benton's track team put up some pretty good numbers on Saturday.

The Roadrunners traveled to McMinnville to compete in the Linfield Icebreaker, which featured teams from Clackamas, Mt. Hood, Southwestern Oregon, Chemeketa, Western Oregon State, Eastern Oregon State, George Fox, Lewis and Clark, Northern Idaho and Linfield.

The events that went well for LB were the men's high jump and the women's shot put, javelin and 3,000-meter run.

Heather Decker placed fourth in the shot with a 37-2 mark, while Melissa Gail also placed fourth in her event, the javelin throw, with a heave of 123-3. Also for the women, Renee Growcock finished eighth in the 3,000-meter run, with a time of 11:37.14.

For the men both Rich Stauble and T.J. Pinkston cleared 6-4 in the high jump, which is a season best. The marks placed them sixth and seventh respectively.

Angie Case also had a good performance in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.87.

"She's a little ahead of where we thought she'd be, Coach Brad Carman said of Case. "She had a very good start and ran a very good curve. So it's just a matter of some strength endurance and she should be among the upper level 200-meter runners in our league."

Jeff Maskal and Stauble placed well in their heat in the men's 200, according to Carman. A head wind slowed their times down, but they ran well despite the conditions. And Carman was also pleased with Dan Grissom's 11.6 in the 100 meters.

"It was a pretty big meet and a pretty good representation of the talent in the state. And our kids did pretty well," complemented Carman.

There were some injuries and academic conflicts (Saturday classes) that kept a few people off of the track last weekend. But if they get some good weather and a chance to heal, Carman thinks that they will be very competitive in the Northwest League.

The rest of the track preseason will consist of the Oregon Preview in Eugene, Saturday March 22 and the LBCC Multi-Event here, Tuesday March 25 and Wednesday March 26.

The first league meet will be in Clackamas, Saturday March 29.

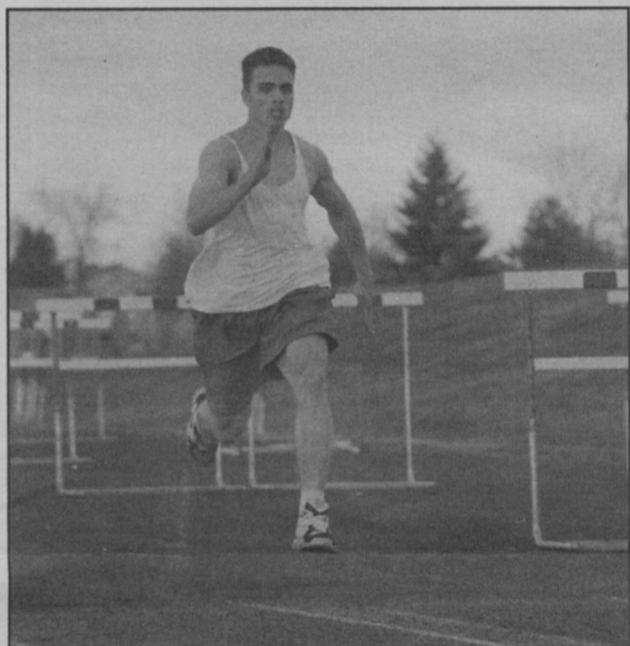


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LBCC sprinter Kyle Sharrod, who missed the Linfield meet, prepares himself for upcoming contests.

Fauth, Williams named all-stars

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Basketball standouts Brian Fauth and Martha Williams were named second-team all-league this week for their strong play this season. Each also made the all-freshmen teams.

Fauth was an outside threat for the men, leading the team in three categories: three-point field goal percentage, free-throw percentage and scoring. He was ninth in the league in three-point percentage, shooting 43 percent; 11th in free-throws, with 83 percent; and was in the top 35 in scoring, averaging 14.9 points.

"He worked hard this year and was deserving of every award that he received," commented Head Coach Randy Falk. "We're happy for him and excited that he'll be back with us next year."

As for Williams, she gave the Lady Runners an inside force, leading the team in rebounding with almost 11 per game, good for third in the NWAACC. She was also second on the team in scoring with 13.6 per game, which put her in the top 30 overall.

"She was our only post player. She played hurt, and she played sick. She had the flu one time and I played her like 36 minutes or something," women's coach Craig Jackson recalled. "She played pretty solid the whole year."

Williams was also recognized for her play during the season. In the first week of February she was named Player of the Week after two solid games against Lane and Chemeketa, when she had a total of 32 points, 24 rebounds, two assists and two steals.

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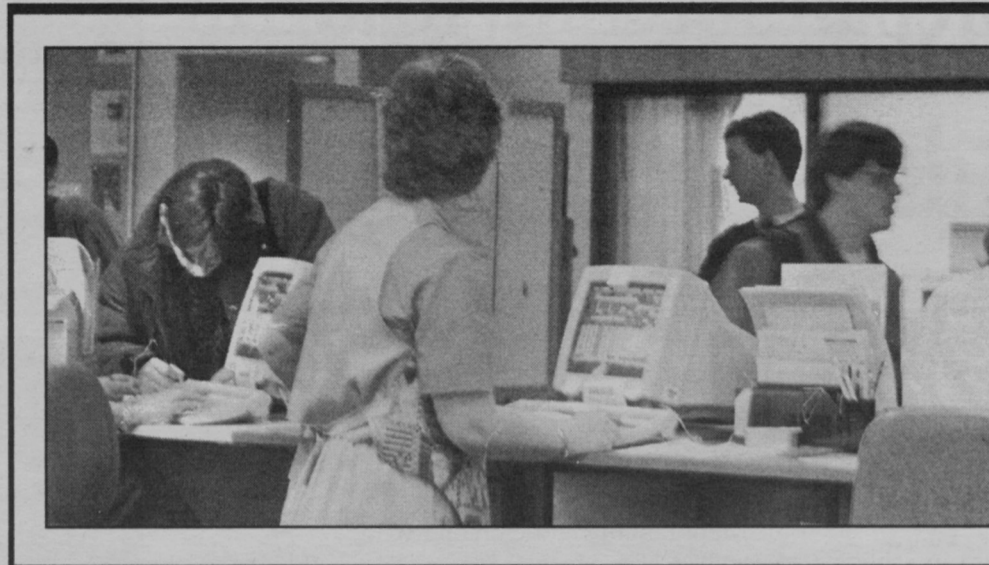
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Behind the Scenes

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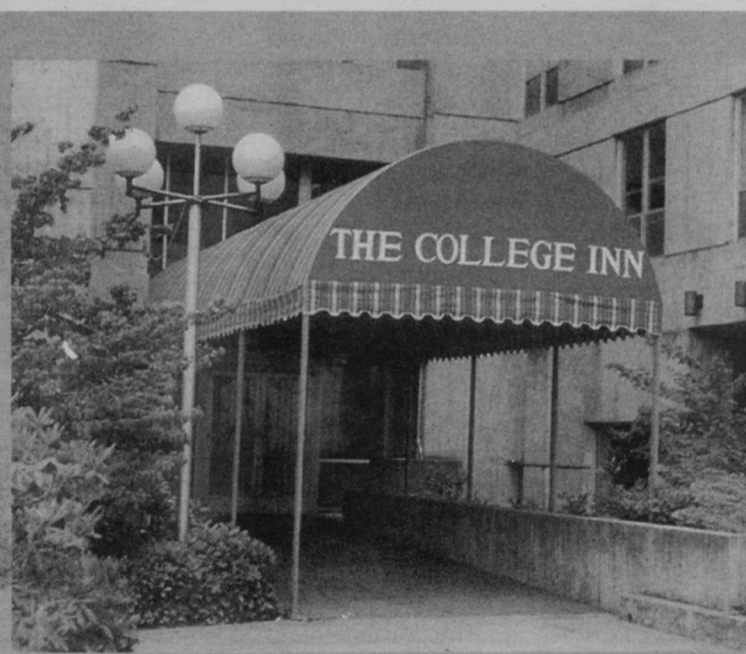
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OPINION PAGE

letter

Council seeks personal input

To the Editor:

As a member of ASG, I feel I must respond to the many grievances of Ms. Tina Empol on the subject of elections.

On Feb. 19, 1997, Ms. Empol attended a regular meeting of ASG to relate to the group her many concerns regarding the application process. We listened to her carefully, and discussed the issues and ideas she had presented, later in the meeting. We were all in agreement that she had valid points, that the matter would be discussed again, and that decisions regarding the process would be made before the end of the current ASG term of office. For the purpose of the (Feb. 26-27) election, the time to be able to alter any procedures had passed.

Now, without attending another ASG meeting or speaking to us personally, it appears she had decided to publicly condemn ASG and its procedures, without giving us a chance to respond in any manner other than in a public form.

Giving Ms. Empol the benefit of believing that this is not "sour grapes," we would like to invite her to complete the applications process as it currently stands and work with us to make ASG bigger, better and more efficient for all concerned.

—Marnie Klassen

commentary

Ecological damages to be paid for by insurance firms

by Jesse Cuccaro
of The Commuter

An article entitled "A Sweeping Change" appeared in the December 1996 issue of Oregon Business magazine. It discusses the recent Supreme Court decision that holds insurance companies liable for environmental damages from the companies that they insure. The increased funding will help to clean up spills.

In the past, companies were held completely responsible for any accidental spills or gradual contamination to the earth. Now their insurance companies will be held liable to foot most of the bill.

This is a big break for many Oregon businesses with pending or past cleanup cases, as well as for the environment. These cleanups are very expensive, with just a small corner gas station spill easily costing \$250,000, and more toxic spills in the millions.

In addition, the spills will get cleaned up faster because of the increased funding. Many businesses have been put out of business, such as McCormick and Baxter, because of such costs.

Many other businesses will also benefit, such as banks, car dealerships, oil companies, service stations, real estate developers and dry cleaners. The new decision can also affect old cases, with the possibility of still making the insurance company pay for old damages.

Many small businesses may now be able to recover from old damage cases. Clearly the Oregon Supreme Court ruling can be expected to bring some relief to the environment and to businesses.



commentary

There is no sense behind increasing gun control

by James Otto
of The Commuter

Excessive gun control laws are a detriment rather than a benefit to society.

Gun prohibition laws are unneeded and futile. To enforce them, you would have to almost outspend the Pentagon.

There is a fundamental misunderstanding about the purpose of a handgun. The purpose of a handgun is NOT to kill. It is personal security and protection.

Stanford University Criminology Professor Don B. Kates, Jr., in his 1990 report titled "Gun Control: A Realistic Assessment" cited that "In a National Institute of Justice survey among about 2,000 incarcerated felons, well over 80 percent of those who had often misused handguns said that if handguns were unavailable they would turn to long guns (rifles or shotguns) instead" and that while handgun wounds are more often fatal than knife wounds, "a rifle or shotgun wound kills five to 11.4 times more often than a handgun wound."

Rifles and shotguns are often referred to as "hunting weapons" and are not currently the target of the main onslaught of gun control efforts.

The gun control lobby cites flawed studies as scientific evidence; omits significant facts; insults the common, law-abiding citizen and disregards the stated intentions of the framers of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I would argue that they deliberately deceive the public.

Gun control advocates would like you to believe that crime control and gun control go hand-in-hand. They falsely claim that gun control laws reduce crime.

Yet despite their claims, common sense alone would dictate the tired old cliché that "if guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns."

Think about it. How many hardened criminals, bent on robbery, rape, murder and God-knows-what-else, are going to just skip on over like good little boys and girls and turn in their illegally-obtained weapons? How many are going to play fair and not use these weapons on those who obey the law and disarm themselves? More than that, how many respectful, gun-owning citizens are these laws going to criminalize because they refuse to give up their guns and become vulnerable to every street punk who wants to exploit the brave new world of civil disarmament?

What about Japan and England, the paragons of gun control? Have you seen their real crime rates or just what they publish? Japan, for example, boasts an extremely low homicide rate, yet it omits from this the apparently admirable act of family suicide-murders, where a man kills his family and himself. England's crime rate omits "political" homicide.

Claims of gun control reducing the crime rate have little or no real support. A 1995 report by the Heartland Institute, titled "Taking Aim at Gun Control," explains that while overall gun ownership increased 73 percent and handgun ownership increased by 110 percent between 1973 and 1992 (which, according to gun control advocates, should have made our streets "run red with blood"), "the homicide rate during that same period fell by nearly 10 percent."

I am not saying to hand out guns in the schools like condoms or advocating arming criminals, but our problem with crime is in the software, not the hardware. Get to the basics! Teach your children right from wrong.

If guns caused crime, as dictated in the "Zimring-Cook" effect—an assertion that many grave injuries and homicides are the byproduct of the presence of a gun rather than the end result of a determined assailant's intention to hurt or kill the victim—then the crime rate would have skyrocketed rather than fallen as it has.

Gun control is claimed to stop friends from killing friends.

In the Heartland study, it is noted that "most murderers and most victims of homicide have criminal records," and that it is wrong to portray these as representative of the 50 percent of American households which have firearms.

If we do give up our guns, are we protected by the police?

The courts don't appear to believe we have that right. In the case of Warren v. District of Columbia, three women were held

captive, robbed, beaten, raped and otherwise abused over a 14-hour period by men who broke into their residence, though two of the victims had made multiple calls to the police while they listened for a half-hour to the sounds of their roommate being beaten into submission.

In that lawsuit, the courts found that the police were not liable since it is "a fundamental principle of American law that a government and its agents are under no general duty to provide public services, such as police protection, to any individual citizen."

Gun control advocates tend to portray gun owners as violent, insensitive, bloodthirsty sociopaths who have no regard for life and property, are not able to defend themselves and will be more likely to shoot a bystander than stop an intruder.

How reliable is their evidence?

Professor Kates debunked one of their pet studies, conducted by Dr. Arthur Kellerman for the New England Journal of Medicine in 1986, which concluded that a handgun in a home is 43 times more likely to be used to kill a member of the household than to shoot an intruder. In the beginning of the study, Kellerman notes that his study does not take into account enough factors to make any conclusions about a comparison of probability between the lawful shooting of an intruder and the accidental or criminal shooting of an innocent party.

Kellerman also claims the study showed that guns are not successfully used for home defense. He omitted cases where guns were used for self-defense without a shot being fired and where intruders were wounded or halted by police. Kates notes that "more than 85 percent of the Kellerman-Reay gunshot victims were suicides and not victims of domestic quarrels." Kellerman also omitted the many thousands of homes where guns were owned and kept without incident. Clearly, this study is unreliable, and biased by design.

In countless similar studies cited by the gun control lobby, erroneous and often ludicrous statements are made as conclusions and facts I am not saying to hand out guns in the schools like condoms or advocating arming criminals, but our problem with crime is in the software, not the hardware. Get to the basics! Teach your children right from wrong. Teach them that life is precious so they will be less likely to break into a house and get shot.

Take a break, but don't get taken

Wayfaring students: Beware of travel scams

by Mindy Charski
College Press Service

Ruth Berkowitz and five of her friends spent the cold winter of their sophomore year at Washington University in St. Louis with warm thoughts of a spring break in South Padre Island.

Berkowitz spent the months after the trip arguing with a hotel manager who accused her group of breaking the room's sleeper sofa.

"We called them several times and argued with them," Berkowitz said. "They were saying that we completely destroyed the sofa, that we must have had a party and jumped up and down on the bed." Despite their efforts, the group never got their \$250 deposit back.

Every spring, as school lets out for a week, students pack their bags looking for a place to get away from it all. But too often scam artists are looking to get away with students' hard-earned money. Most commonly students fall victim to travel scams by companies selling dream vacations at amazingly low prices.

Tammy, an Indiana University student, says both a company offering a boat tour in Puerto Vallarta and the people she booked her package through misrepresented themselves.

"We paid for a boat cruise separate from the package, and then when we went to get the tickets

there was another charge they hadn't told us about," said Tammy, not wishing to be identified by her last name. "On this cruise boat there wasn't a place for us to sit. They had snorkeling, but you're snorkeling in a place where's there's nothing to look at."

The charter flight had its problems as well. On the way back the plane was so crowded "people's luggage was left behind," she said. "It was one of these 'Let's fit as many people as we can' things."

The cost of a spring break trip usually depends on the price of the hotel room, said Leslie Carroll, branch manager of STA Chicago. The cheaper the price of the trip, the less amenities one can expect in a hotel room, she says.

"It sometimes sounds like a \$299 round-trip with eight nights at a hotel seems like an amazing price that's too good to be true, but it actually does exist," she said. "You have to remember that's a quad rate for four people, and it's usually a downtown hotel and it will be a one-star hotel with no extras whatsoever. They have been known to be unsafe."

Staying downtown in popular spring break destinations such as Cancun, the Bahamas and Jamaica means you should expect the hidden costs of cab rides to the beach, Carroll adds.

Carroll and other travel agents say the best way students can protect themselves against travel scams is to book the trip through reputable travel agencies. Agents have the same access to spring break tour operators as the people who advertise packages in college newspapers and on flashy posters. The difference is that most established travel agencies



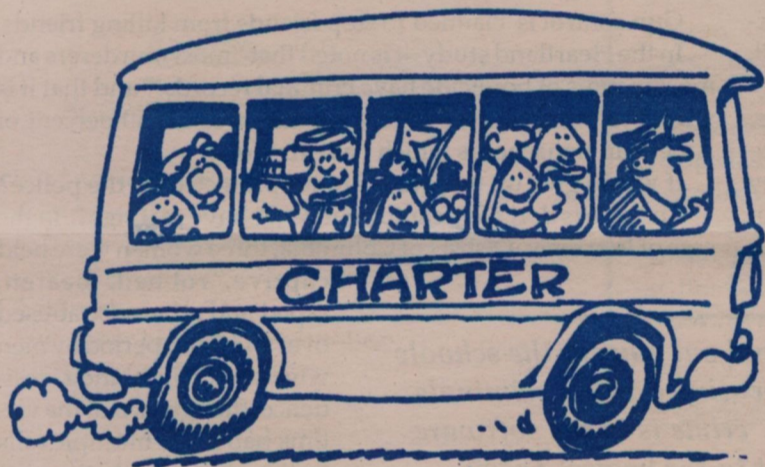
know which operators are legitimate and trustworthy; people targeting students do not always know or care.

"The best advice I can give to students is, if they are on-line, go to the travel newsgroups like the ones about Caribbean vacations, Las Vegas vacations," she said. "These are regular chat groups and you can ask questions like 'I got this price on this,' and experienced travelers will tell you about these kinds of things."

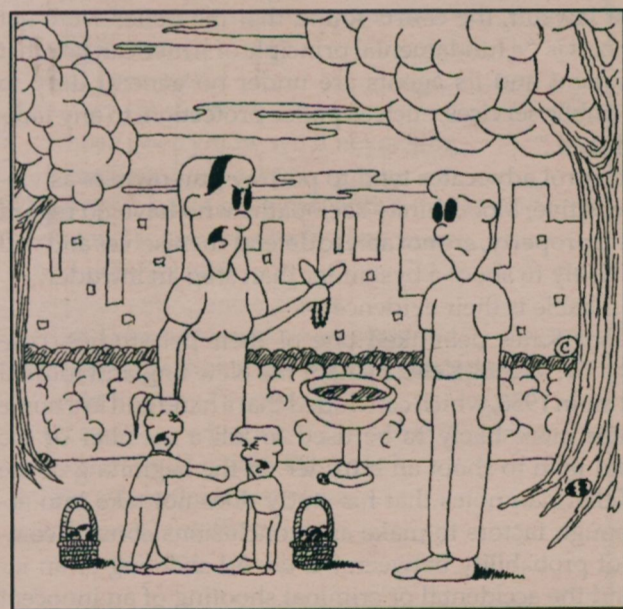
The main piece of advice of Student & Budget Travel's Webmaster Lara Friedman is: "Don't trust everything you see on the Internet. Do some double-checking and get confirmation in writing whenever possible."

Friedman's site (<http://www.lib.umich.edu/chdocs/travel/travel-guide.html>) helps locate travel-related resources on the Internet.

Always pay by credit card, advises Mark Kantowitz of the Air Traveler's Handbook. That way if you don't receive the service or the service wasn't what you expected, you can dispute the charge with the credit card company. He also warns that students should be wary of companies with no telephone number and no listing with Directory Assistance.

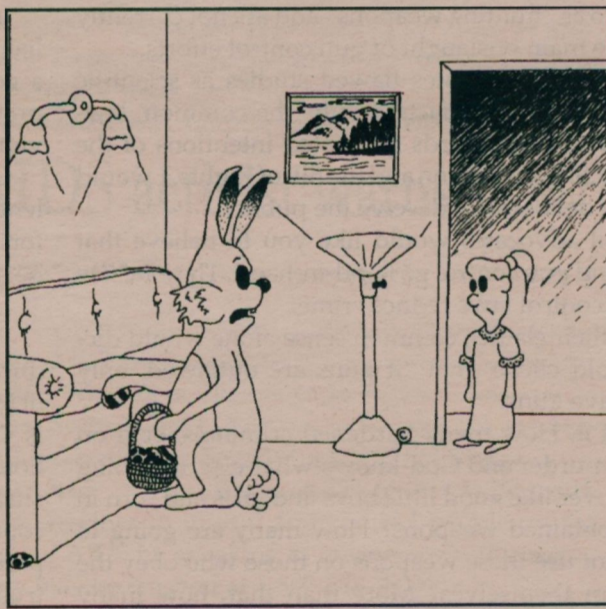


Reality Bites



Well you should've known that giving the kids a lucky rabbit's foot for Easter was a stupid idea.

by Lance Dunn



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Weekly Crossword

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- Playing card
 - Scatter
 - Man
 - The Bard's river
 - Selected
 - Put a keen edge on
 - Office note
 - Originated
 - British composer
 - Ornamental band
 - Place for canines
 - Recognized
 - Smelting residue
 - Ponders moodily
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 - Certain puzzle
 - Farm implements
 - Cassowary's cousin
 - Support
 - Molts
 - Pack down
 - Indeed!
 - Inter —
 - "— blind mice"
 - Most glossy
 - Places for watches
 - Covers
 - Caprice
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