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Making No Waves

Water/waste water instructor David Kidd (above, center) discusses various kayaking techniques with other kayaking enthusiasts after spending Saturday afternoon on Waverly Lake in Albany. Jim Johnson and his 6-year-old daughter Ariel (right) cruise around the lake in one of several types of kayaks shown at the event, which was the first demonstration of this kind ever held in Albany. About 150 people from around the area turned out to look at equipment, talk to experts, and try out the different models of kayaks. The event was sponsored by White Water Warehouse of Corvallis and Perception Aquaterra Kayak Company.

Photos by Amy Radie



Federal cuts hit students hard

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

Students expecting financial aid money next year may be surprised to find that Congress no longer feels they deserve it.

LBCC students stand to lose large amounts of federal financial aid to cuts that have been proposed in Congress to help balance the national budget.

Even though the money has been approved for the next fiscal academic year, it has not yet been spent, so Congress can pass a rescission package and reduce the money already approved for student aid.

"We're kind of a convenient target," said Lance Popoff, LBCC financial aid director. He explained that the federal fiscal year goes from October to September, while the college fiscal year goes from July 1 to June 30. Most of the federal programs have spent their money by the fall, while college financial aid programs haven't.

"Students who think they have it now (their financial aid) could be cut," said Angela Rivera, Student Programs moderator. "It's hard enough to go to school now. Can you imagine how hard it will be with these cuts?"

Popoff estimates that 1,800-2,000 students per year receive financial aid. This represents about two-thirds of the full-time students registered at LBCC.

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—Angela Rivera

Linn County also has a slightly higher unemployment average than the rest of the state and receives a slightly lower than average salary. This translates into a greater need for financial aid in this area.

Under a "worst-case scenario," the proposed financial aid cuts could eliminate the following programs:

- Subsidized interest for Stafford Loans, which would increase each loan's interest by \$250 a year for 850 LBCC students, and wipe out \$1.195 million in interest subsidy to the college.

- The Work Study Program, which now employs 220 students who earn about \$320,000.

- The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, causing 600 students to lose a total of \$300,000.

- The Pell Grant, depriving 1,600 LBCC students of \$2.250 million.

Popoff explained that it is unlikely that Congress will implement all of these reductions, but he expects at least some financial aid cuts.

"If you start to take grant money away, people will have to depend more and more on loan money," said Popoff. "High-need people will be eliminated."

Popoff expects that the Pell Grant would likely remain intact, but that the Perkin's loan and the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant would probably be the first to be eliminated.

Federal loan subsidization could also be severely

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Strafing blackbirds spooking students

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

It has the makings of an old Hitchcock movie.

An unsuspecting student strolls innocently up the sidewalk to her morning class. Suddenly, a black bird swoops out of the sky at speeds rivaling an F-15 and dives screeching at the poor soul, who covers her head and shrieks in terror.

And just as suddenly, it's all over.

This scenario, reminiscent of Hitchcock's 1963 classic horror flick "The Birds," is being replayed on the LBCC campus this term. Several students and staff members have reported to the security office that blackbirds have been dive-bombing them as they walk to and from the parking lot.

"Once again, the bird-nesting is upon us," explained Mick Cook, head of LBCC safety and security. "These birds (Brewer's Blackbirds) are quite

territorial and are just protecting their nests."

The incidents have been reported only in the South East Parking Lot, but the birds nest in trees and hedges around all the campus lots. Cook, who said this has become an annual event, said the birds' territorial behavior will continue for the next few weeks.

For those who regularly brave the gauntlet from the parking lot to the College Center, Cook suggested the following safety precautions:

- 1) use an umbrella (Cook didn't say if this was to be used as an defensive weapon or as

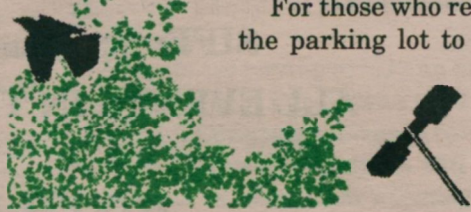
- protective cover from possible avian fire);

- 2) If birds approach, wave your arms;

- 3) When they fly around you, stare them down.

Cook said he's found this approach effective.

Cook said anyone with other suggestions could contact his office in College Center Room 123.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Center offers supportive haven for women students

by Deborah Borthwick
of The Commuter

Do you ever wander past the Women's Center and wonder what it's all about? On Wednesday, May 10 the Women's Center had an open house to give both men and women a chance to find out. They offered free snacks and people eager to answer questions.

"We are a place women come to relax and be involved with the community in the campus," explained Jeannie Salyer, Women's Center volunteer. "We just wanted people to see this is what it is and we are willing to support people with information and referral and to provide a model of a supportive environment."

So, why is there a Women's Center and not a Men's or People's Center?

"We have developed this center by women for women," she explained. However, the front desk is for both men and women and either gender will be offered assistance.

Women bond together easier than men in problem solving situations, she said. This has to do with culture. Yet, she added, "Maybe it's time more men bond together in solving problems."

What should men wanting their own center do?

"My suggestion to them would be to unite and not count on women to do their work for them," she said.

Even though the back room—a small room with a comfortable couch and two chairs—is exclusively for women, she made it clear that they believe in helping men as well. "We wouldn't deny men information and referral," said Jeannie.

Regular visitors to the Women's Center are very helpful to newcomers. During the open house, two women sat eating pizza and chatting. Eva was very helpful in pointing out the facilities. She pointed out books and video tapes with a diverse selection of materials that included women's poetry and information about self-esteem, sexual harassment, rape, sexuality, race, and other important issues.

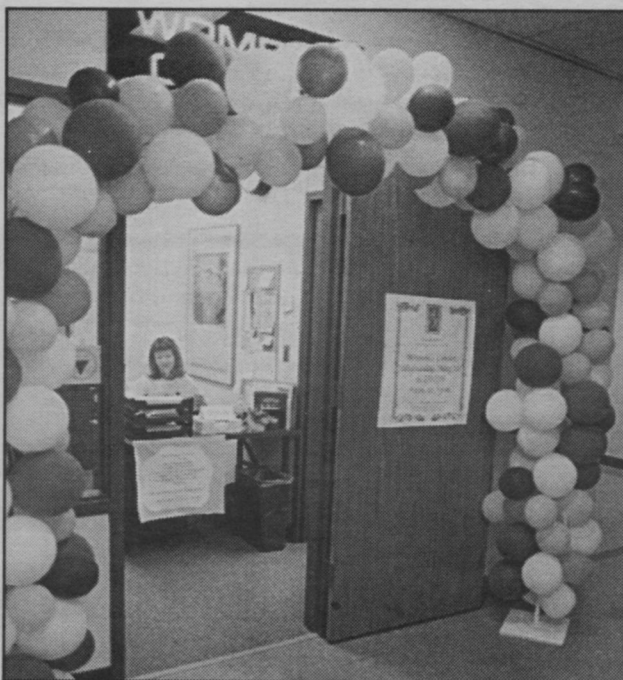


Photo by Carol Rich

Balloons festoon the entrance to the Women's Center, welcoming visitors to last week's open house. The center is on the second floor of the Industrial A Building.

There is a microwave, hot and cold water dispenser, refrigerator, coffee and a telephone to save on local calls. A food bank with canned and boxed foods is offered for those who need it.

"I felt kind of shy about taking the food at first," Eva said. "Then I realized there wasn't enough taken." She went on to explain that not many people take the food or other available items such as medical shaving cream, ivory soap, and razors and feminine hygiene supplies.

Another woman explained how she first came to the Women's Center.

"I was being stalked. I was kind of scared," she

explained. She came to the Women's Center for help. As a result, someone walked her to all her classes and to her car, saving her the embarrassment of having security walk her around and draw attention to the situation.

The Women's Center provided a safe haven for her. Part of what made it safe, she said, was that no men are allowed.

Many women come to the center in need of help from domestic violence or rape. As Jeannie pointed out, some just need a place where they feel comfortable breast feeding. Women sometimes just need a place to feel safe, where they will be supported by other women. Others just like talking with other women.

The volunteers are not trained counselors, but are trained listeners. Resources are available for victims of crime or those in need of financial assistance or transportation. Students can also get a number for the suicide hot line, information for veterans, and much more.

If someone is in need of counseling, the Women's Center can phone a counselor at the school who is eager to help. The counseling at the school is free, and nobody is turned down.

If someone needs help for a report, the Women's Center is more than happy to help out. "A man came by with a request. He was doing a report on sexual harassment," she said. She went on to explain that they put information in a folder for him so that he had plenty of information for his report.

Jeannie also talked about the resource library with women's issues and pro-feminist men's literature.

In the Women's Center vision statement reads:

"Being women dedicated to social justice, the Linn Benton Community College Women's Center provides a safe environment for women that promotes understanding and gender equality. We honor difference and maintain a commitment to serve and support all students and our community."

Spring Days '95

**Coming
events**

TUESDAY, MAY 23

Tree Planting at 10:00 a.m.

JT & the Tourists

50, 60, 70, 80, 90 Rock, Country,
Blues, & Reggae
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bungee & Joust

A safe and fun alternative to bungee jumping. The joust is a fun and safe way to knock your opponent off his or her pedestal
11:30 to 1:00

ASG/SPB BBQ 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sand Volleyball Tournament

at the LBCC sand volleyball courts, 2:30 to 6:00

Soccer Club: Recruitment

Women's Center: Info and T-shirts sales

Club Booths (All day)

**ALL EVENTS WILL BE NEAR
THE ACTIVITIES CENTER**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Footbag Competition 11:00 to 1:00

Women's Center BBQ 11:30 to 1:00

Cactus Cannonball 12:00 to 1:00

Miniature Golf 11:00 to 1:00

Club Booths (All day)

Society of Manufacturing Engineers:

Display table in IB manufacturing lab

SIFE: Information and recruiting

ALL EVENTS IN THE COURTYARD

BOTH DAYS:

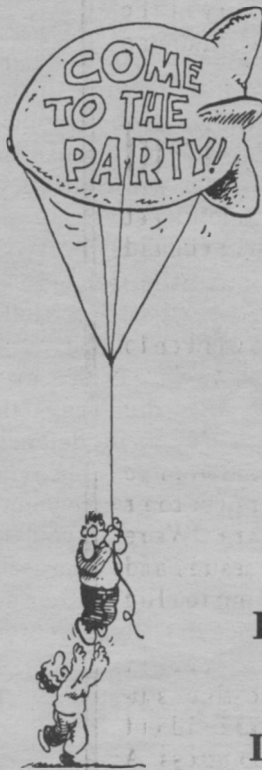
ITS RHAC: Open house in RHAC Industrial

Selling ice cream and slushes

ITS WELDING: Open house in the welding dept.

PTK: Selling cotton candy and snow cones

ITS METALLURGY: Car smashing on Tuesday,
and gold panning on Wednesday



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR SAND VOLLEYBALL OR FOOTBAG,
CONTACT STUDENT PROGRAMS IN CC-213 OR EXT 4458

CAMPUS NEWS

Library display exposes vandalism of books, magazines

by Jacob Schmid
of The Commuter

Due to problems with vandalism, LBCC librarians are urging students and staff to be on the lookout for book bashers.

A display in front of the circulation desk has been set up to make people aware of the vandalism and give them a chance to express their opinions about it by writing a comment on a large sign that reads "What do you think of library vandalism?"

Hundreds of books and magazines with cut out pictures and missing pages are set up in the glass case, and more are discovered every day, according to James Creighton, organizer of the display. Many of the books are out of print, so they can't be replaced,

and of the ones that are still available, many are too expensive.

Most of them end up being patched up with a piece of plain white paper and a sticker that says "Due to vandalism, this picture is no longer available. If you see someone removing pages or pictures from a library book or magazine, please notify the library staff immediately. Thank you."

Some of the comments on the opinion board aren't so polite. One message reads "I need to check out one of the books in the showcase, damn it!"

Creighton, the library's book processor, estimates that thousands of dollars of damage are done each year, simply because some people are too cheap or lazy to pay five cents to get a copy of a page they

want, so they tear out the original.

"Swimsuit magazines and nude pictures in the art books are an especially bad problem," Creighton noted. "Hot Rod magazine and the Sports Illustrated swimsuit centerfolds are popular targets."

Penalties for book vandalism range from paying for replacement of the damaged book to expulsion from school. Creighton hopes the display will help convince vandals to think twice before ruining a book for everyone else.

The library's alarm system is expected to be upgraded soon, as well, although vandalism is a bigger problem than theft.

"It's hard to catch the culprits, so we all need to be responsible," Creighton said.

Spring Days to fill courtyard with fun

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

Spring days '95 is just around the corner. LBCC's annual spring celebration is scheduled for May 23-24.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan will speak at a tree planting on Tuesday at 10 a.m. The tree planting is in memory of all innocent victims of violence and will be followed by two minutes of silence. The trees were donated by Evanite Fiber Corporation.

Following the tree planting, there will be a bungee run and a joust put on by Portland Party Works.

A BBQ sponsored by ASLBCC will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. There will be miniature golf from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

Phi Theta Kappa will be selling cotton candy, sno cones, design your own T-shirts and tickets for miscellaneous drawings. Some of the drawing prizes are: a \$10 gift certificate from Fred Meyer, a \$25 certificate from Capriccio Ristorante, a \$50 gift certificate from the LBCC Bookstore and a signed limited lithograph of Portland Trailblazer Jerome Kersey. On Wednesday, they will sponsor a jewelry sale.

The Industrial Technical Society will

be selling ice cream and slushies on Wednesday. They will also have informational displays.

The Sports club will have a soccer sign-up booth.

The Women's Center will sell T-shirts on Tuesday and sponsor a BBQ on Wednesday.

Students for Free Enterprise will have an informational and recruiting booth both days.

A sand volleyball tournament will be held on Tuesday from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and a footbag competition will be on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LBCC Bookstore will conduct its spring sale all day Wednesday.

JT and the Tourists will perform a variety of music from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Activities Center.

On Wednesday, Cactus Cannonball, a band made up of teachers from LBCC, will perform in the courtyard from 12 to 1.

Each club keeps all the money they earn during Spring Days which is used for membership fees, scholarship funds, special speakers or seminars.

For more information on how to participate in any of the events contact Student Programs in CC-213.

Tree-planting ceremony honors victims of violence

The ASLBCC has plans to create a Peace Garden in honor of victims of violence.

Four trees donated by Evanite Fiber Corporation will be planted next to a small stream and each year more will be added. The tree planting ceremony will be held at the north entrance to LBCC, May 23 at 10 a.m. Speakers include Angela Rivera, moderator

ASLBCC; Tom Grigsby, Evanite Fiber Corporation; George Kurtz, LBCC Foundation Executive Director; and Doug Clark, LBCC Peace Studies Program.

Students who can't attend are asked to join in two minutes of silence from 10:15 to 10:17 a.m. in memory of the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma disaster.

Cuts in federal budget bite into financial aid

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affected. Congress estimates that it could save \$13 billion over the next five years if it no longer paid the interest on student loans.

"It will make a tremendous difference (to the student)," said Popoff. "The longer you're in school the more money you will owe. You're just setting up people for default."

He explained that unsubsidized loans simply add accumulated interest onto the principle so that students begin to pay interest on the interest. This can lead to almost a 50 percent increase in the amount of money that the student will owe if he or she goes on to a four-year college.

"It's going to help a lot fewer people," Popoff said. "We really strongly believe in need-based loans."

Several years ago, most of the student aid came from "gift-money," mostly

made up of grants. Now, students get almost 65 percent of their financial aid from loans.

"People are having to take on higher loan loads," said Popoff, who went on to say that if Congress continues to eliminate grant money, students will have only loans to cover their expenses.

"We're trying to wage a campaign to get students to write letters (to their representatives)," said Rivera. "We're becoming educated on the issues and we're trying to get the word out to all of the students."

She intends to set up a table at Spring Days next week so that students can get information and fill out postcards and letters to Congress. A list of the representatives and their phone numbers will be handed out so that students may respond directly.

She said letters and postcards can also be submitted to the Student Programs office, which will mail them.

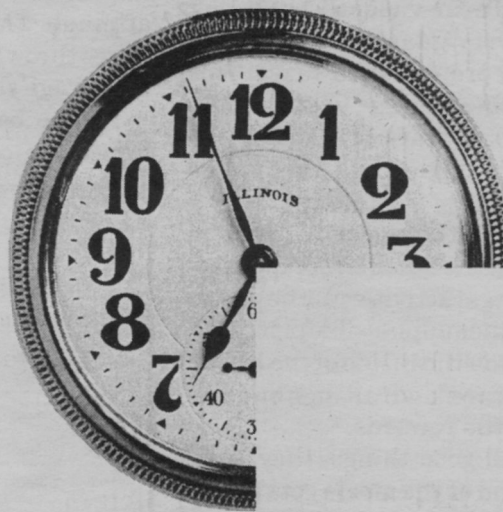


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Lost in the Balloons

Counselor Ann Marie Etheridge was surprised to discover 44 balloons filling her office last week in honor of her birthday. The friendly prank was pulled by her colleagues.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

review

King's 'Shawshank' has the Midas touch

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

When Stephen King has anything to do with the writing of a movie, you know what to expect. "The Shawshank Redemption" is based on a short story by King—and though predictable, is not littered with the usual King-sized flaws. In "Shawshank" the dialogue doesn't sound like it's from a comic book (a common King-ism) and the plot twists are not too predictable.

The plot is simple enough: Rich guy (Andy) gets nailed on a murder rap, does not pass go, goes directly to jail, doesn't quite fit in, and so on. Soon he is befriended by Red, the resident "acquisition specialist."

Tim Robbins makes Andy a character that transcends the sometimes predictable plot. Robbins' tall and lanky form spires above the rest of the cons in the yard of the Shawshank Prison. His goofy, childish charm that has carried him through many a film is left behind for a serious role. In "Shawshank" he is the privileged banker whom life has dealt a rotten hand: his wife is shot while being naughty with her lover. Guess who gets blamed. Even in the depths of the prison Andy stands up to vicious guards, homosexual overtures punctuated by beatings, and an environment that attempts to siphon away any trace of humanity.

Red is played by Morgan Freeman with his quiet, self-assured manner working perfectly into the character. He watches the violence and horror of the institution through pained eyes. His revenge is helping Andy do what he can to humanize the place.

Andy and Red are slopping tar on roof detail when Andy overhears a guard complaining about a tax situation. He risks life and limb to approach the guard and offer his services as a financial expert. The guard reacts suspiciously and near-violently but it isn't long until every guard in the place is having Andy prepare their taxes. This gives Andy the leverage to start making the prison library into something more than a single book cart rolled down the aisles of the cells.

Before long the warden has him organizing all the numbers for his kickbacks and illegal activities at the prison through a rather unplausible plot twist. Andy is now on the inside of the prison power structure and all his buddies are sharing the rewards.

As with all good things, they must come to an end or the movie gets pretty damned boring. And they do, which leads to the predictable, yet satisfying conclusion.

"Shawshank" is written for those who need their hand held through a plot. This isn't always bad. But, the movie had a good enough story and actors to carry it anyway. Robbins has found a character that he grows into. It is not too often a part fits an actor so well and he is having a ball. Freeman doesn't have to work too hard for his character. But that is the beauty of Freeman. He never looks like he's breaking a sweat.

"The Shawshank Redemption" is rated R for graphic depiction of prison sexuality and beatings so bad they make you want to hide under your seat.



Photo by Carol Rich

Lovers' Quarrel

A pair of lovers argue in LBCC's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the classic Shakespearean comedy directed by Jane Donovan. From the left are Lacey Miller, Dan Rollins, Delaney Deaver and Mike Baze, four members of the play's huge cast. Tickets are still available for the remaining performances this Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

arts briefs

Community Choral concert

The Linn-Benton Community Choral presents its final concert of the season on Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m., in Takena Theatre. The concert features an eclectic collection of choral music that explores the choral repertoire from the "sublime to the ridiculous." Tickets are \$4 and are available at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany; Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis; and at Takena Theatre Box office, 917-4531, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., after May 19.

Choirs to perform at LBCC

The Linn-Benton Community Concert Choir and Chamber Choir presents a "Spring Fling" performance on Thursday, June 1, 8 p.m., in the Takena Theatre. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

Graduate graphic arts show

The Portfolio Show of Linn-Benton Community College's graduating graphic arts students will be held May 15 to June 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in The Gallery, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Bldg., room 100, LBCC. The exhibit is free and open to the public. There also will be a free opening reception on Monday, May 15, 7-9 p.m.

review

Romance is alive in two newly released films

by Dannie Bjornson
of The Commuter

It's amazing what can happen when you take both sides of your brain to the movies.

Suddenly, reason is lost to romanticism. Logic is left by the wayside. The viewer acknowledges indiscrepancies, but frolics in the fun of the film. Like confetti at a wedding, all the negative reviews are blown to the wind. Whimsical ideology? Perhaps, but what is film if it isn't to entertain and, to quote Calgon, "take me away?"

For weeks the posters and promotion surrounding "While You Were Sleeping" and "French Kiss" have whet the appetite of many for a sweet love story without too many complications.

Collecting subway tokens isn't the future Sandra Bullock's young character dreamt about in "While You Were Sleeping." Visions of Italy and the memory of her late parents great love affair set her up for infatuation with a handsome regular customer played by Peter Gallagher. An attempted mugging injects her into his life when street thugs throw him in front of a subway train, and with a burst of courage she pulls him to safety.

At the hospital Bullock is mistaken for his fiancé, a fiancé the comatose Gallagher's parents are more than

happy to welcome into the family. Amidst the chaotic emotions and holiday tidings, she reluctantly keeps quiet about her real identity.

True to the genre, in walks bright, charismatic and funny brother Bill Pullman, who suspects Bullock is not what she appears to be.

Add a handful of well-intentioned but annoying relatives, and she is destined to be handed the world.

Traveling half way across the world is the last thing Meg Ryan's character wants to do in "French Kiss." Her intense fear of flying, and her intense way of doing every tiny little bitsy thing, is the springboard for the movie's entire plot.

After her fiancé leaves for a conference in Paris, falls in love with a French "goddess" and calls to confess, Ryan catches the first plane to the land of love. Or is hate more appropriate? The classic American-French love/hate relationship boards the plane in the form of Kevin Kline as a snobbish, yet admittedly slovenly Frenchman. As Kline takes the seat next to Ryan's, personalities clash and a special relationship is formed that will bond them together like grapes to a vine.

Although these movies tread on logic, they open the door to dreams, hope and romance. They explore the spring of inner desires that flow deep within all of our hearts.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

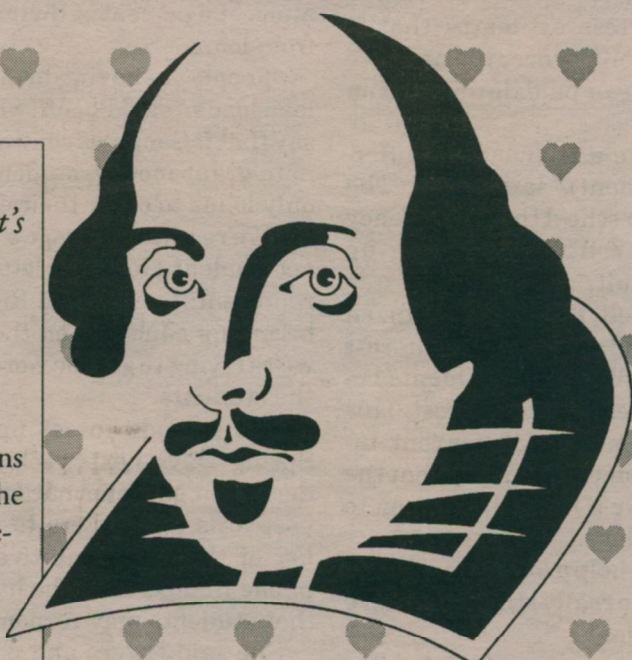
Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, May 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 8:00 p.m. & May 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Performances are in Takena Theatre at Linn-Benton Community College.

\$6. Tickets available beginning April 28 at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, the LBCC Box Office (M-F, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and one-half hour prior to curtain. All seating is reserved.

Contact the LBCC Box Office, 967-6504, for additional information.

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If you require accommodation for disability in order to attend, please contact the Box Office (967-6504) at least 48 hours prior to the performance.

SPORTS

Thompson starts hardballers on their winning ways

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners collected two more league wins with late-inning comebacks last week in their battle to make the league playoffs.

The team is staging a desperate drive to claim second place in the league and qualify for the NWAACC Tournament in Walla Walla, May 25-29. Whether they'll be packing their bags for Washington will be decided after the season-ending double-header with Mt. Hood Thursday.

Last Tuesday, Brian Thompson's dramatic three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted Linn-Benton over SWOCC 8-5.

The Roadrunners jumped out to a four-run lead after four innings, but the Lakers came back to score four in the fifth off starting pitcher Randy Crane, and scored another run later to take a 5-4 lead. But LBCC tied the game in the bottom of the seventh when Ricky Lowe scored on Skip Marler's sacrifice, setting up Thompson's ninth-inning heroics.

The following day, Linn-Benton defeated the



Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Matt Rice knocks down Lane catcher Ray Dube in an attempt to score during game one.

Linfield JV team 5-1 in non-league baseball. Sam Othus went six innings to get the win and even his record at 1-1. Chad Stateler earned the save.

"I thought the guys played real relaxed," Roadrunner assistant coach Harvey Miller said.

Miguel Garcia finished the game 3-for-4, while Ben Ward was 2-for-3 with a double.

On Saturday the Roadrunners split a double-header with Lane, coming back to win the first game 9-8, but dropping the second in a pitchers' duel, 2-1.

Skip Marler's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth scored Rice as the Roadrunners won game one 9-8.

Joel Greene finished the game a single away from hitting for the cycle.

The second game turned sour on the Roadrunners, however, as Lane's Steve Bridge pitched a one-hitter. Rice spoiled his bid for a no-hitter with a double for the Roadrunner's only hit, which turned into Linn-Benton's lone run when Hardin hit a sacrifice fly to score Rice.

"We haven't been good enough to create our breaks," coach Hawk said. "It's been a tough ol' long year."

Athletes excel at Southern finals

Last weekend, LBCC's track team went to the Southern Region Championships where they picked up two seconds and three third-places finishes.

The Roadrunner women took two of the top three spots in the long jump—Paula Leslie took second, stretching for an 18-1/2 effort; and Sami Bond took third with a leap of 15-10.

Leslie and Bond also finished high in two other events—Leslie captured third place in the 200 meters with a time of 26.57, and Bond took fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 31-6.5.

Also finishing for the women were Holly Cole, who took sixth in the discus with a throw of 112-9, and Katy Danaher, who placed seventh in the 100 hurdles with a time of 16.98.

The relay team, of Leslie, Bond, Danaher and Tracy Hibner, placed fifth with a 52.83 time.

Several of the men also had a good meet, led by Danny Barley's second-place finish in the hammer, with a throw of 179-3; and Gary Magee's third-place in the long jump at 22-2.

Other men placing were:

- Tony Sillonis, fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 23.76; and seventh in the 100 meters with a time of 11.66.

- Adam Bjornstedt, fifth in the shot put, throwing for 43-5.

- Tony Knox, seventh in the triple jump, soaring 43-4.

Proving others wrong has Leslie jumping for chance at the Olympics

by Jennifer McCloskey
of The Commuter

LBCC's Paula Leslie has many titles—student, athlete, employee and single mother.

The second-year physical education student is a joy to meet because of her up-beat and energetic attitude about life in general. Paula has dreams and goals, not only for herself, but also for her three children.

Paula began running track 14 years ago when she was in the fourth grade. She graduated from Thurston High School in 1987 and then decided to take a few years off to have her children.

Paula has two 6-year-olds who are 10 months apart and a 4-year-old. For a while she needed welfare assistance to get by, but eventually decided to send her life in a different direction.

Encouraged by friends, she returned to school, and is now halfway through college and on her way to her goals.

"Everyone told me that track would be finished once I had my children," said Paula, "but I decided to prove them wrong."

Paula is one of the leaders of the track team, competing in the 100 and 200 meters; 400-meter relay and long jump. She is 1.25 inches away from breaking the 18-2 school record for long jump. Paula prefers the long jump even though she is considered a sprinter. However, she is doing extremely well in the 200 meters, continually breaking her personal records.

"I hold a record in every school I have ever gone to," said Paula. "Now I am concentrating on this one."

Paula chose LB because it was close to home. From here she plans to go to WOSC to earn her Masters of Art in teaching. She would like to become a track coach and a P.E. teacher.

But her dream of dreams is to one day go to the Olympics. "Ever since I was a little girl, I have wanted to go to the Olympics . . . in gymnastics," Paula said.

That was before she became a self-proclaimed "track fanatic."

Now she dreams of competing against Jackie Joyner-Kersey, even if it means being beaten by her.

"If I don't get to the Olympics, I would really like to make it to nationals or be a part of a world-class relay team, at least."

Aside from that, when Paula becomes a P.E. teacher, she plans to be beside her children the whole way.

"When my kids are in junior high, I want to be there with them as their P.E. teacher," she said. "When they are in high school, I also want to be there and I want to be there for my children all through their college years."

Paula wants to be a parent who can protect her children, so she plans to be an active anti-drug/anti-violence role-model through her jobs in schools.

Paula says she manages her busy lifestyle by setting her mind to something and doing it little by little.

"I started out as a part-time student and I was working," she said. "But more and more I took on additional responsibilities as a student and, eventually, an athlete."

Paula also works as a sales associate at Emporium and in the P.E. De-



Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Paula Leslie leaps to a personal record and eyes the school mark.

partment. Her schedule doesn't make easy for her to have time alone.

"When I wake up in the morning I have an hour with the kids to get them to the breakfast table and off to the babysitter's and school," she said. "Then I have to go to school; after school I have practice and then finally I am off to work from 5 to 9. When I get home, around 9:30, we have a half hour of family-time, no matter how late it is."

If she could find one hour alone, she said she would spend it on the couch thinking of how she can jump better. "I guess you could say I am addicted," she said. "I eat, drink and sleep long jump."

Paula said that she has learned one thing throughout these past few years—an education is the only thing that will get a person anywhere in life.

One final message she wants to "relay" is to tell any single moms that they can pursue their dreams.

"All it takes is time and determination. Once you get past the hard stuff it is all well worth it. After all, the hard times go by fast."

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Unfair treatment prompts strike

by Merri Martin
for The Commuter

A friend of mine reacted with shock and annoyance when he learned that state workers were going on strike. He wondered how "public servants" or employees of the taxpayers of Oregon could be so selfish. Didn't they realize, he went on, that Measure 8 was just like a corporate downsizing?

I won't pretend I'm not biased. My husband is an academic employee of OSU—one of those who are forbidden to strike. I was once a state employee myself. Many of our friends (albeit fewer since January) are State employees. Now that you know my bias, I hope you'll listen.

Like many labor units, state employees negotiate labor contracts. About 14 years ago, employees went on strike because their salaries were neither on par with private industry (where such existed), nor were they increasing with the cost of living. The state couldn't offer them enough to compensate, so a compromise was reached. The state started contributing to their pension funds instead of a raise. The 6 percent pension contribution wasn't a perc, it was compensation.

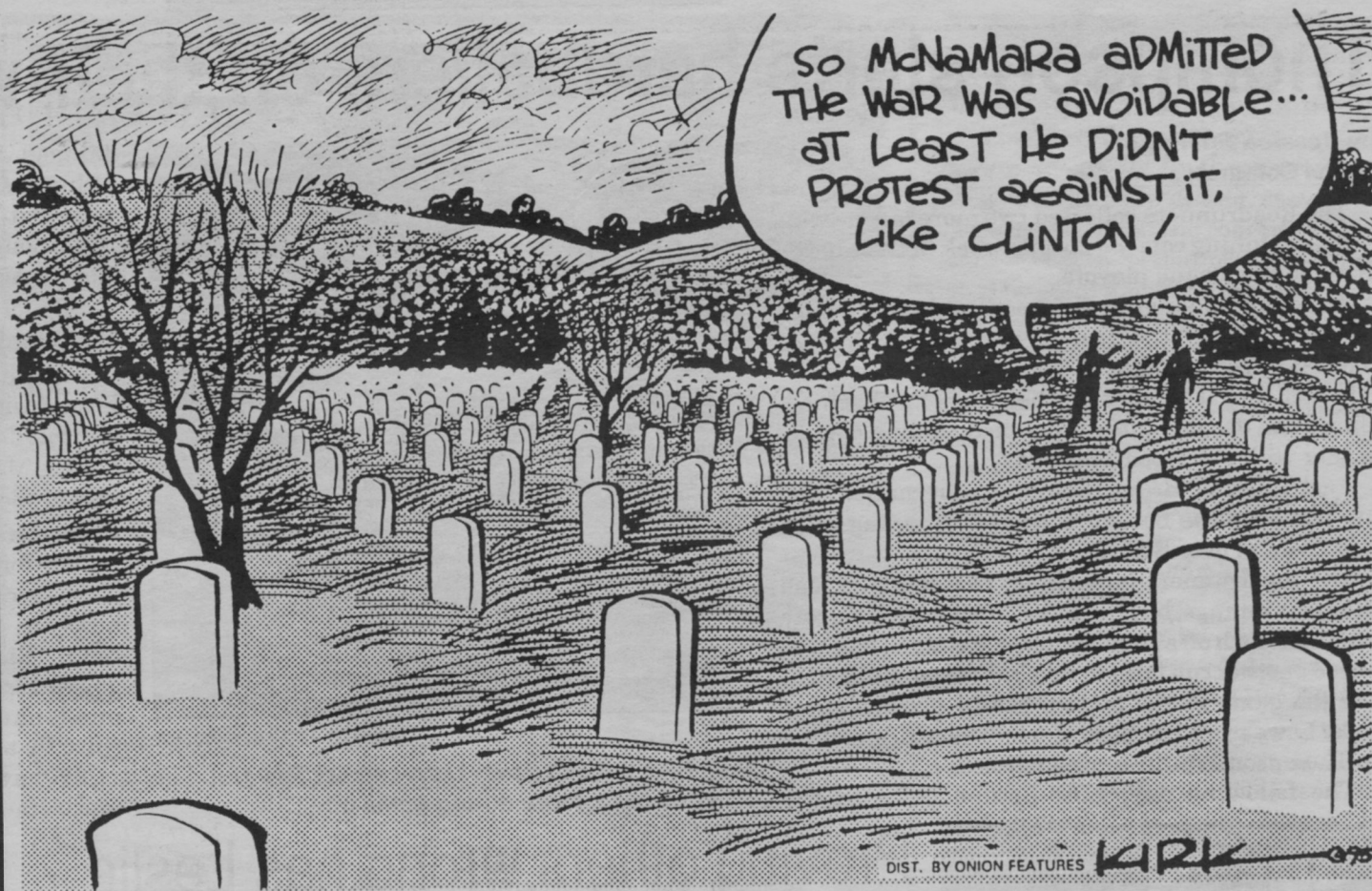
About three years ago, due to Measure 5, the state imposed a raise freeze for state employees. The union agreed to this—people wanted to do their part to help the state avoid wholesale layoffs. Meanwhile, positions were being consolidated, workloads and caseloads increased, outdated equipment was not updated, and vacant positions went unfilled. State workers accepted this because the same was happening in private industry.

Enter Measure 8. It seemed reasonable—just stop the 6 percent pension contribution. But what it means to workers is a direct 6 percent PAY CUT! Workers have no choice as to whether that 6 percent goes into the pension. So, after three years with no merit raises, no cost of living increases alongside workload and caseload increases, a 6 percent pay cut is a slap in the face. Yet the public expects workers to smile and keep on going. The majority of workers who made sacrifices because of Measure 5 have seen NO compensation in their tax burden for it. Why should they expect so see any compensation for their 6 percent pay cut in their tax burden?

I hear people say, "Well, we all know they'll just get a raise to offset Measure 8." You forget—there's a raise freeze on.

Before you pass judgment, go home and look at your own budget. How would a 6 percent pay cut affect you? Suppose you didn't get that last raise? Figure that in as well.

Think you'd go on strike?



ellen goodman

Is there any such thing as a truly fresh start?

Boston—What it comes down to is the nature of forgiveness, redemption, or maybe rehabilitation is a better word when we talk about crime and punishment. Do we really believe in clean slates? Are there some dues that are never fully paid?

For over a week now, the talk of this town has been a Cambridge High School senior named Gina Grant. On April 2, this 19-year-old appeared in *The Boston Globe* as a model of how resilient kids can be. She was an all-A student, the captain of the tennis team, a devoted tutor for disadvantaged kids.

Gina Grant had succeeded, despite the fact that she was an orphan. At 11, she'd lost her dad to cancer. At 14, she'd lost her mom to circumstances that, she said, were too painful to describe. To top it off, she'd won acceptance to Harvard. Within days however, we learned about the death that was too painful to describe. In 1990, Gina Grant had murdered her mother. The model student was a matricide. She'd done time—six months in a South Carolina juvenile facility—before being allowed to come here, to start again.

Maybe Harvard had been impressed by what one source called "the orphan angle" on this applicant. But now they had second thoughts. The statement reversing their offer said, vaguely, that admission can be rescinded if students lie on their application or if they behave in ways that "bring into question honesty, maturity or moral character." Since then, the debate from Harvard Yard to "Nightline" has been about the rights of a juvenile offender and the behavior of the university—about unsealed records and second chances.

Those who take Gina Grant's side talk about the "exemplary life" she has led since the "mistake" which resulted in "the tragic death" of her mother. Those who do not, talk about the mother's crushed skull, about the repeated blows from a candlestick, about the blood.

Defenders characterize the 14-year-old as an emotionally battered girl who finally struck out against her alcoholic mother. Detractors dismiss this Menedez-sister-defense and portray her as a rebellious teen who with her boyfriend tried to concoct a suicide story by sticking a knife in the dead mother's throat.

There are people at her new school in Cambridge, Mass., who talk of her as strong, a survivor. There are people in her old town in Lexington, S.C., who talk of her as hard, remorseless.

In the same dialect, some see Harvard as "arrogant," intent on imposing its own, second, punishment on a 19-year-old. Others see the university as stung by the orphan, wary of explaining Grant's past to her roommate's mother.



But underlying this noisy argument is a quieter, more complex question: Is there any such thing as a truly fresh start? Most of us believe in rehabilitation, the idea that people, like houses, can be stripped down to the walls and rebuilt. But we also believe that the old structure may remain intact under the new wallpaper.

When Mike Tyson was freed from jail, we say he paid his dues. But many recoil from his renewed celebrity. When a sex offender is released, he's done his time. But more than one family would want to know if he moved onto the block. What student wouldn't want to know if a convicted rapist was on her dormitory floor?

The juvenile justice system is built on the premise that a child deserves a second chance. It promises to seal the records, wipe out the past. But it can't wipe out a community's memory. In this celebrated case, Grant was never more than a Nexis search away from revelation. The people protesting Harvard's arrogance today might have had a lot to say about its ignorance tomorrow.

Gina Grant was not, after all, convicted of shoplifting. She is guilty of murder. I have no idea what is in her mind or in her nightmares. Not even those who wish her a clean slate would, I imagine, wish her a clean conscience.

No matter what the protesting students believe, being denied admission to Harvard is not one of life's cruelest blows. It's not reneging on the world's promise that a juvenile offender can lead a full life. Ask the other high school seniors who applied to Harvard—nine out of 10 of whom got rejection notices this week. In the case of Gina Grant, Harvard was well within the boundaries of fairness when it acted on its doubt.

This enormously bright and yes, resilient, young woman, has the respect of her teachers and all those who have watched her survive and help others these last years. She will make her way. But I suspect she already knows that there are acts in life that are simply irrevocable, utterly irreversible. Murder is one of them. Afterwards, the slate is never again quite clean.

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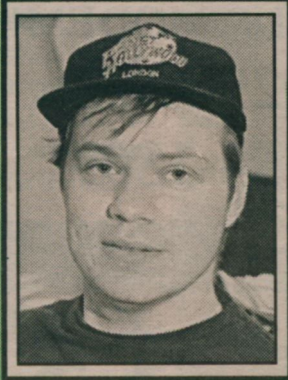
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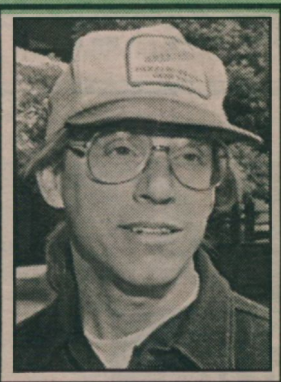
you said it

Has the state workers strike affected you?

"I think the person responsible for the passage of Measure 8 should get his rear kicked out of Congress because he doesn't realize the full impact of the measure which hurts workers and their families. Measure 8 should be repealed at once."



Jeff Smith, Lebanon
2nd year, Foreign Language



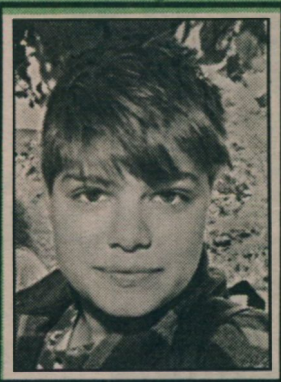
"Not really, not personally. I support them in that I think that they don't deserve to have their pay cut by six-and-a-half percent. At the same time, I don't think they should be paid more than the private sector for a similar job."

Dennis Rothrock,
1st year, Horticulture

"It hasn't impacted me directly because I haven't needed any of the services that have been affected. On a more personal level, I have friends and acquaintances who are state employees and I am rooting for them 100 percent."



Ann Marie Etheridge,
Counselor



"It hasn't really affected me personally. I think it would be good if they could get wages equivalent to non-state jobs of the same type, but I don't really know if the strike will accomplish that. I wish them luck."

Angela Harding,
1st year, Undecided

"Actually, I'm only going to be in school through spring and will need summer employment, so I'm not able to go into the employment office at this time to get assistance in finding employment."

Allan Hull,
2nd year, Horticulture



they said it

"It is not true that life is one damn thing after another—it's one damn thing over and over."

Edna St. Vincent Millay



AT THE TELEPATHS' DANCE ALL THE BOYS WANTED TO DANCE WITH THE GIRL WHOSE MIND THEY COULDN'T READ.

LEHMAN by Andrew Lehman



BENEDICT DISCOVERS THAT MADE UP REJECTION FEELS BETTER THAN THE REAL THING.

Crossword 101

"Novel Thoughts"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pack down
 - 5 California county
 - 10 Saudi resident
 - 14 Middle East prince
 - 15 Teheran resident
 - 16 Trig function
 - 17 Phoenix suburb
 - 18 Author Robert & family
 - 20 Clergyman
 - 22 Listens in Paris
 - 23 Barbecue subjects
 - 24 An ambition
 - 25 Author Stephen
 - 27 Strike
 - 28 Aromatic wood
 - 32 Academic gown
 - 33 Facial spasm
 - 34 Unloosed
 - 35 Every
 - 36 Author Caldwell
 - 38 Compass dir.
 - 39 Tangled thread
 - 41 And so forth:Abvr
 - 42 French saints:Abvr
 - 43 Author Hermann
 - 44 ___-Cone
 - 45 Pilfered
 - 46 Annoying persons:slang
 - 48 Woodwind
 - 49 Ms. Funicello
 - 52 Deprived of food
 - 55 Sinclair Lewis novel
 - 57 Ratio words
 - 58 Coin factory
 - 59 January in Madrid
 - 60 ___ out a living
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- 29 Author Feodor Adams
- 31 Pee Wee _____
- 33 Three in Rome
- 34 Nephews rel.
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- 37 California Judge Lance
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- 42 A three _____ house
- 44 Canned heat
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- 47 Furry mammal
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- 50 Brad
- 51 Baseball team
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- 56 Snakelike fish

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