

Tax-cutting ballot measures threaten LB budget

College vice-president says tuition will rise if some ballot measures pass Nov. 7; Measure 91 called most serious threat

by The Commuter Staff

Students could face a doubling of tuition and even the cancellation of spring term if the most drastic tax-cutting measures on the Nov. 7 ballot are approved by voters, according to a college vice president.

Mike Holland, the college's vice president of Administrative and Student Services, told a group of journalism students in a press conference last week that several measures in next month's election pose a threat to LBCC. He singled out Bill Sizemore's Measure 91 as having the most drastic economic impact, but added that measures 88 and 8, which also limit state resources, would have significant but less far-reaching effects.

If voters approve Measure 91, which makes all federal taxes deductible from the state income tax, Holland said college officials will be scrambling "to figure out how we keep this college open."

He also cited three other measures that would affect the way the school does business: Measures 92 and 98, which limit use of payroll deductions and public facilities for public purposes; and Measure 9, which prohibits schools from promoting or sanctioning homosexuality in any way.

Measure 91

This is a tax cutting measure allowing a deduction on the state income tax equal to the amount of federal (Turn to "Ballot Measures" on Pg. 4)

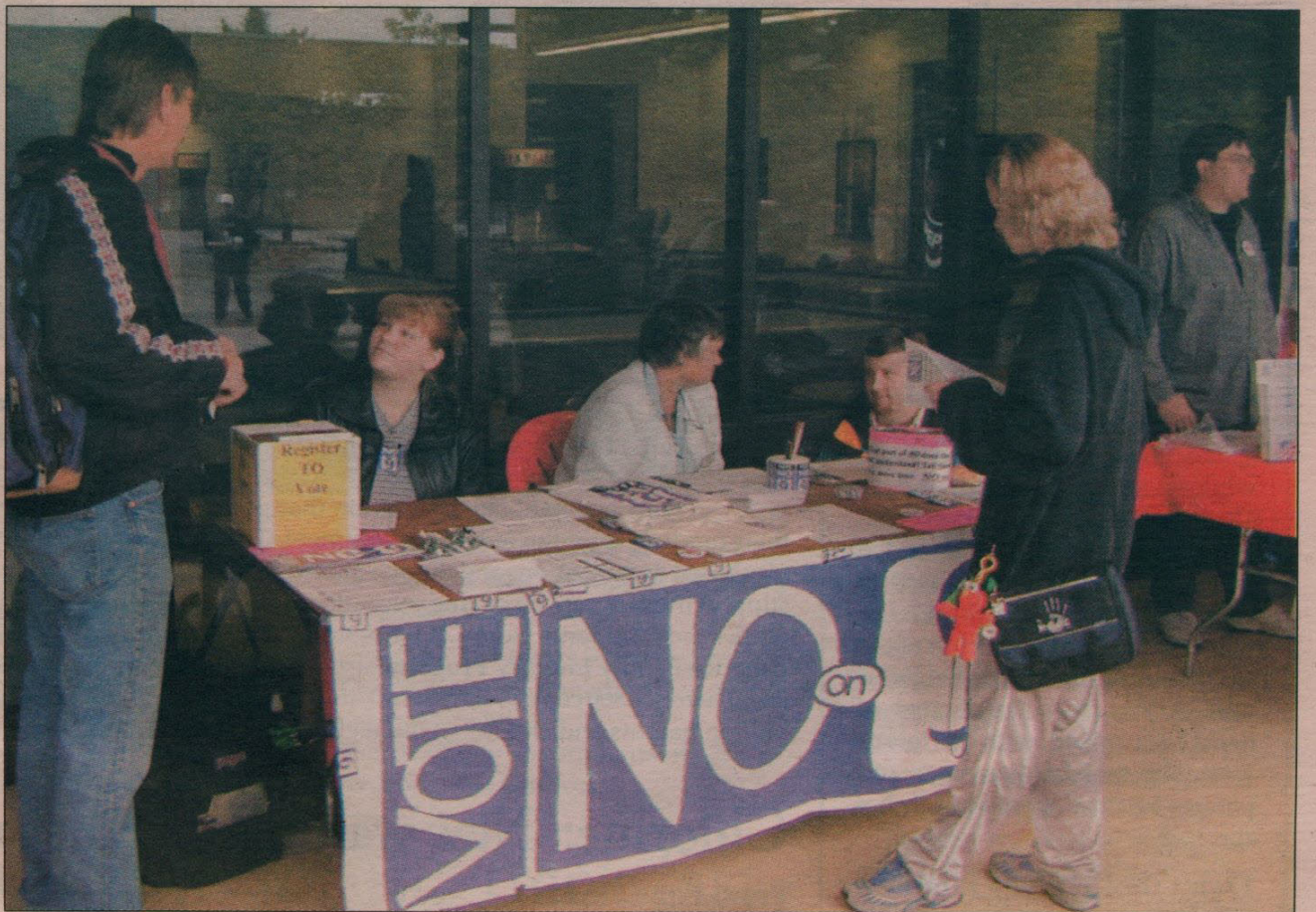


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Psychology major Tedi Ambrosek (right) gets information from Tove Gilbert-Morgan and Jesse Ford at the "No on 9" booth during this week's Student Life and Leadership Voter Registration Drive. Various groups distributed materials on ballot measures that would impact LBCC, ranging from tax-cutting measures that could force a tuition hike to Measure 9, which would limit discussion of homosexuality in schools and possible ban gay student groups from public college campuses.

Glitch shuts down web registration again as officials work on SS number problem

by Leon Tovey of The Commuter

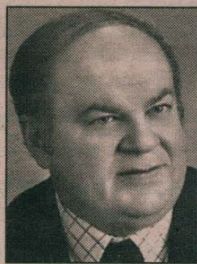
After only a few months on-line, LBCC's registration website has been closed down—at least until the end of this week.

The site, which allows students to register at the new registration kiosks on campus or from their computers at home, was first brought on-line last summer and seemed to be very successful this fall. However, problems arose when a kiosk in Tadena Hall malfunctioned, exposing students' Social Security numbers.

Initially thought of as a minor glitch in a single kiosk, registration and computer support workers soon discovered a problem with the site's browser that required them to take the system off-line to make repairs.

"We originally thought that the problem could be fixed fairly easily," Mike Holland, vice president of Administrative and Student Services, said last week. "But further investigation revealed a deeper problem, and rather than risk compromising people's privacy, we decided to disable the system until we can fix it."

The issue of privacy is a touchy one right now—and not just at LBCC. A recent ruling by the New York Supreme Court banning the use of Social Security



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—Mike Holland

numbers as student ID numbers at colleges in that state has set a precedent that may have far-reaching implications for colleges across the country.

Most colleges in Oregon use students' Social Security numbers for identification purposes—a practice forbidden by law, but rarely penalized by either the state or federal government. Nor do most students choose to take issue with the policy, Holland was quick to point out.

"We try to make it clear to students that if they object to having their Social Security numbers used as their student ID numbers, we can assign them other numbers," he said. "If everyone scrupulously followed the law on this issue, the country would come to a screech-

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Chlorine leak creates confusion but no injuries

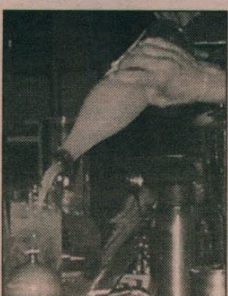
by Leon Tovey of The Commuter

A chlorine leak at Oremet last Wednesday failed to cause any serious health problems at LBCC—although it did cause a good deal of confusion.

The leak, which was caused by a fire at Oremet's magnesium recycling facility on 34th street in Albany, released a large cloud of chlorine over the city and resulted in several nearby neighborhoods being evacuated. A section of Highway 34 was also closed down for over an hour.

Chlorine is a respiratory irritant that, in sufficient quantities, can cause vomiting, headaches and respiratory distress. After the leak was reported to Linn County Emergency Services, administrators were notified and students at LBCC were warned to remain in their classrooms.

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We're just kidding officer

As an on-air gag, two discjockeys from radio station KYLD-FM dressed up as escaped convicts, and went door-to-door in Millbrae, Calif., asking people to saw off their handcuffs. Instead, shocked residents immediately called the cops who arrested Joseph Lopez and Graham Herbert. To their surprise, the two were charged with violating a rather obscure statute: falsely causing an emergency to be reported.

Oh, that breeze feels so good

After they found her slumped over the wheel of her car and attempted to question her, police say Selma Troyanoski, a 53-year-old member of the Waukesha, Wis., county board led them on a high-speed chase through the town while wearing no pants or undies. Three police departments eventually joined the pursuit which ended when she stopped but refused to come out, so the cops broke her windows and pulled her out of the car. She said her erratic behavior was caused by several cups of herbal tea mixed with St. John's wort. She took off her pants and panties because it was hot in her car.

Don't fool with ze monkey

Young French gang members from the gritty little town of Aubervilliers no longer use vicious dogs to intimidate their enemies. They have switched to attack monkeys. The young thugs have smuggled about 500 Barbary apes into the country, and walk them around on leashes. And woe be unto anyone who gets in their way. The beasts, famous for strong arms, sharp teeth and short tempers, usually attack by hurling themselves at people's heads.

Rise and shine

Geoff Marsland of Wellington, New Zealand, has come up with a revolutionary way for apartment dwellers to exact revenge upon their noisy late-night partying neighbors: a compact disc featuring 64 minutes of lawnmower noise. If your sleep has been interrupted by a raucous soiree that extends into the wee hours, he advises you to "get up at 7 a.m., put (on the CD) and go out to a cafe." So far, he has sold 4,000.

—From the TMS News Service

Local center builds literacy, parenting skills

By Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

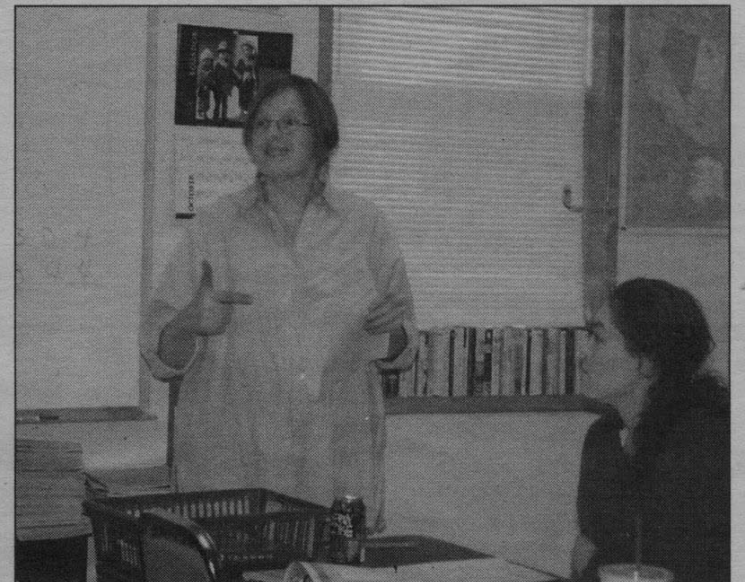
Hidden in the heart of Albany is a unique center where low-income families are able to get a second chance at an education.

Albany Even Start Learning Program is for adults and their young children. The program's focus is to break the cycle of poverty by building literacy skills in both the parent and child by integrating early childhood education with adult literacy and parenting skills into a unified literacy program.

"Most of the adults in the program have ninth to tenth grade education levels and are here working on basic writing and reading skills or obtaining their GED," said Joyce Brown, Even Start program coordinator since Feb. 1998. "I see lots of success here—some small and some big—but we celebrate all the accomplishments."

Parents spend 10 hours a week working on goals in the classroom with their instructors while the children are on the other side of the center in an education-based setting. Families spend two hours a week together building literacy skills by reading and playing together. Monthly home visits are also made to help encourage the transfer of school activities into the home.

Even Start is a national association that gets the bulk of their funding from the federal government, Title 1, community based organizations and the private sector. LBCC helps to support the program by paying some of the staff wages. Three work-study students from LB who are in the Read Across America Family Literacy Program also work with the families. There are 800 centers across the United States serving one million parents and children, with eight centers in Oregon.



Photos by Michelle Mayo

Even Start instructor Mary Mayfield lectures a class while student Melissa Haley listens.

Even Start was previously located at Waverly School until the Albany Partnership of Housing and Community Development renovated a storage garage used by the city into a permanent center in March of this year. The center is now located at 278 6th SE Albany.

Registration is limited to 12 families with children ranging in age from birth to four years. Families with older children participate in the Headstart Program.

Chlorine: New warning system causes campus confusion

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According to LBCC Safety Coordinator Marilyn Hill, most students complied and few reported any medical problems related to the cloud.

"There were a few cases of minor throat and eye irritation reported," Hill said last Friday. "But no one required medical attention."

Hill said that the people most troubled by the cloud were probably the members of LB's Security staff who remained outside to direct traffic during the incident.

Vern Jackson, head of Security, reported that he and another officer did experience some respiratory irritation, but the real irritation came from the traf-

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—Marilyn Hill

fic they were trying to direct.

"I think that to a lot of people I was just an obstacle between them and where they were going," Jackson said. "A lot of people who weren't on campus when the announcement was made didn't know what was going on, so that made things a little confusing for everyone."

The incident also caused some confusion on campus when LB's new emer-

gency warning system "hit a little snag," in the words of Kevin Nicholson, LB's head of Campus Facilities.

After the initial announcement to remain indoors was made by President Jon Carnahan, an alarm sounded that some took for the evacuation alarm sounded, prompting further verbal announcements to remain indoors.

According to Nicholson, the alarm was not an evacuation signal, but a "notification" alarm that was supposed to indicate an emergency situation.

"It was the first time we used that particular feature of the brand-new PA system," He said. "It went through its cycle and then it shut itself off. It did what it was supposed to do."

Website: Registration site aims to be back on-line Oct. 15

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ing halt. Credit card companies and banks use Social Security numbers for identification. My sense of the situation is that as long as students don't feel compelled to do it that way, it shouldn't be a problem."

Whether students object to the use of their Social Security numbers as student ID numbers, the situation with the web site has people in admissions and registration worried—if for no other reason than the fact that the website helps ease the burden on the registration desk.

With registration up by 5 percent at the start of fall term, the addition of the website to the phone registration system helped relieve the traditionally long lines in front of the Takena Hall registration office.

According to Registrar Laurie Trombley, students can still access the site's homepage and get copies of their schedules from the kiosks located on campus, but access to transcripts and registration information is restricted to the registration desk and the tried and true touch-tone phone line system.

"We hope to have the system back on-line soon," Trombley says. "We're trying to include some improvements to the system with the repairs—like a way for students to pay tuition on-line using their credit cards—but our primary goal is to work out the problems with the site and get it going again."

According to Ann Adams, director of Information Services, the website should be back up by Oct. 15 with a new browser interface that will erase sensitive information immediately after a student logs off.

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Dual enrollment lets students study abroad

by Lori Weedmark
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Students at LBCC can earn college credits while studying abroad for the first time, thanks to the school's new dual enrollment program OSU.

OSU's Office of International Education offers students an opportunity to study abroad, earn an additional bachelor's degree, or participate in an International Internship.

Programs are open to most majors, with some requiring foreign language studies. Some of the shorter term programs require one year of language study, while others require two, and a few of the programs require no language to go, but allow you to study the language while there. Most programs are set up to start in the second year of study, giving students time to prepare for the program.

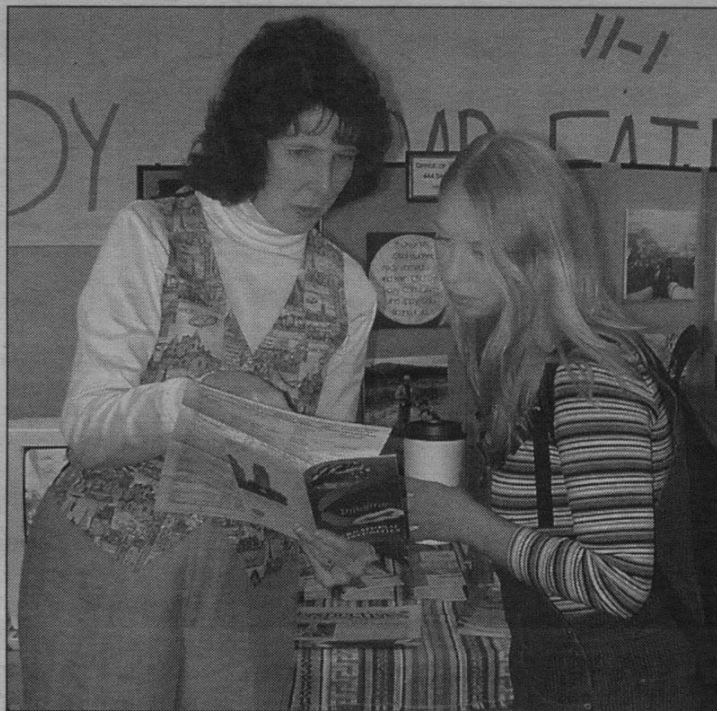
"If the student had first year language, they can take their second year the summer before they go for study abroad," said Andrea Herling, Assistant Director of OSU's International Degree program.

The study abroad program offers students the opportunity to study their major, usually for one term, in 24 countries including Australia, Mexico, Japan, Thailand and Greece.

The International Degree program offers students the option to earn two bachelor's degrees: one in any major on campus, and a second in International Studies.

The International Internship program lets students earn college credits and gain professional experience and practical skills. Internships are available for most majors. This program requires at least 32 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and two years of college-level language study.

Students must go through an application and screening process to participate in the programs, working closely with



Photos by Lisa Jimenez

Andrea Herling, assistant director of OSU's International Degree program, discusses the finer points of studying abroad with LB student Sara Dotson.

their academic advisor, the Office of International Education and the Financial Aid office to make the transition from LBCC to the international experience smooth.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students at LBCC," said Diane Watson, Dean of Student Services.

Pharmacy tech program aims for the track fast

Twenty students enroll in new training program designed to prep them for jobs in 15 weeks

by Jason Amberg
of the Commuter

Students at LBCC are rapidly joining the pharmaceutical industry thanks to a relatively new program on campus.

Now in its second year, Linn-Benton's pharmacy technician program is in full swing and will likely have 20 students employed in a new career just after the New Year.

Twenty students are currently enrolled in this year's course. The 15 week program, which runs from Aug. 21 to Nov. 30, is designed to prepare the students for jobs in retail and hospital pharmacies and to pass the National Pharmacy Technician Certification test. Last fall's inaugural course successfully placed all 19 students in jobs within three months of completion of their training. Over half were employed inside of a week. Entry-level salaries range from \$8

to \$12 per hour.

The program was created last fall with the help of 19 local pharmacies to help fill the demand for pharmacy technicians in Linn and Benton counties. Currently the area between Salem and Eugene has 470 pharmacy technician positions, with about 96 new openings each year, according to Will Summers, a labor market specialist with the Oregon Employment Department office in Albany.

The demand for pharmacy technicians stems partially from a desire among pharmacies to save a buck by hiring more technicians and fewer pharmacists. And, as Jerry Fairbanks, a pharmacist at Safeway in Albany points out, some estimates show a 20 to 30 percent increase in pharmaceutical demand as the baby boomers begin to advance into their senior years.

According to Ann Malosh, pharmacy technician training coordinator with LBCC's Training and Business Development Center, the program includes 35 hours of classroom study per week, eight of which are to be spent working and

observing in local pharmacies. Local pharmacists will be teaching classes that include such things as pharmacy laws and ethics, insurance and billing. The curriculum will meet the standards of the American Society of Health Pharmacists, and the Pharmacy Technician Educators Council. The course costs \$2,100, including books, certifications, registration and instruction.

There are no special requirements for admission to the program. A few of the classes do have basic math and writing prerequisites, but students who pass the college's placement tests may waive them. Malosh says that the college plans to offer the course once each year, and that enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pharmacies involved in the program include OSU, Albany General Hospital, Bi-Mart, Brownsville Pharmacy, Fred Meyer, Good Samaritan Hospital, Big K Pharmacies, Lebanon Community Hospital, Lebanon Pill Box, Lemar's Santiam Drug, Ralph's Drug, Philomath Pharmacy, Safeway and Wal-Mart.

Corvallis mayor visits Multicultural Center

Berg says we should celebrate not just achievements, but also 'things we barely get through'

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Corvallis Mayor Helen Berg recently attended an informal lunch group at the LBCC Multicultural Center where the discussion focused on the many definitions of success.

The group included students, counselors, Mayor Berg, the center's coordinator Susan Prock, and Dean of Student Services Diane Watson.

After food was served, and Prock delivered a short introduction, the Mayor apologized for being late due to the traf-

fic snarls caused by the Oromet chlorine cloud incident, and spoke at length about what success means to her.

"It is easy to feel success when we achieve a goal," said the Mayor, "but it is also important to celebrate things we barely get through."

The group then took turns giving their personal definitions of success. Some cited academic achievements, the birth of children, and milestones such as graduations, while others said that success to them was the achievement of balance in their lives between their job, marriage, and kids, and finding time for exercise, spiritual activities, and relationships.

The event was part of a continuing series.



Photos by Lisa Jimenez

Corvallis Mayor Helen Berg spoke at a multicultural center luncheon last Wednesday.

Students tour Zen Center, learn about Buddhism

by Angel Freeman
of The Commuter

A group of LBCC students were treated to a tour of the Dharma Rain Zen Center in Portland Saturday, Sept. 30, on the first in a series of religious tours sponsored by the Multicultural Center.

Once at the temple, a guide named Loll, whose Dharma name is Hoiu, greeted them. Loll said he has been calling himself a Buddhist for 30 years, but officially he has been a Buddhist for only nine years.

Loll took the students into the gathering room and had everyone sit down. He then told them how Buddhism started in India with Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha).

According to Loll, Siddhartha Gautama was born into nobility. At the age of 29 he left his wife and new son to set off on a six-year quest.

With the help of many different masters, Buddha became an accomplished meditation master himself, which is where the word Zen comes from—Zen means Meditation.

Buddha was trying to find out what suffering was about when he first sat under the bo tree at the age of 35, where he had his "awakening" or "bodhi" (Buddha means awakened one), it is unclear how long he sat there.

Loll also explained that there are three types of Buddhism—Theravada, the more conservative group of Buddhists; Mahayana, consisting of the Zen and other Buddhists, a much more liberal group; and the Tibetan Buddhists.

Tibetan Buddhists' spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, has brought attention to Tibetans' struggle against oppression by the Chinese government.

The Dalai Lama is not the religious leader of all Buddhists, although he is much respected by them, Loll said.

After the students learned about the Buddhist religion they made their way upstairs for a crash course in meditation. There they were taught how to sit and breathe and had a chance to try meditating for 10 minutes. Afterward, they were shown the altar and some of the statuettes and other artwork.

When the tour was over the students were treated to a Thai lunch by Student Life and Leadership and the Multicultural Center.

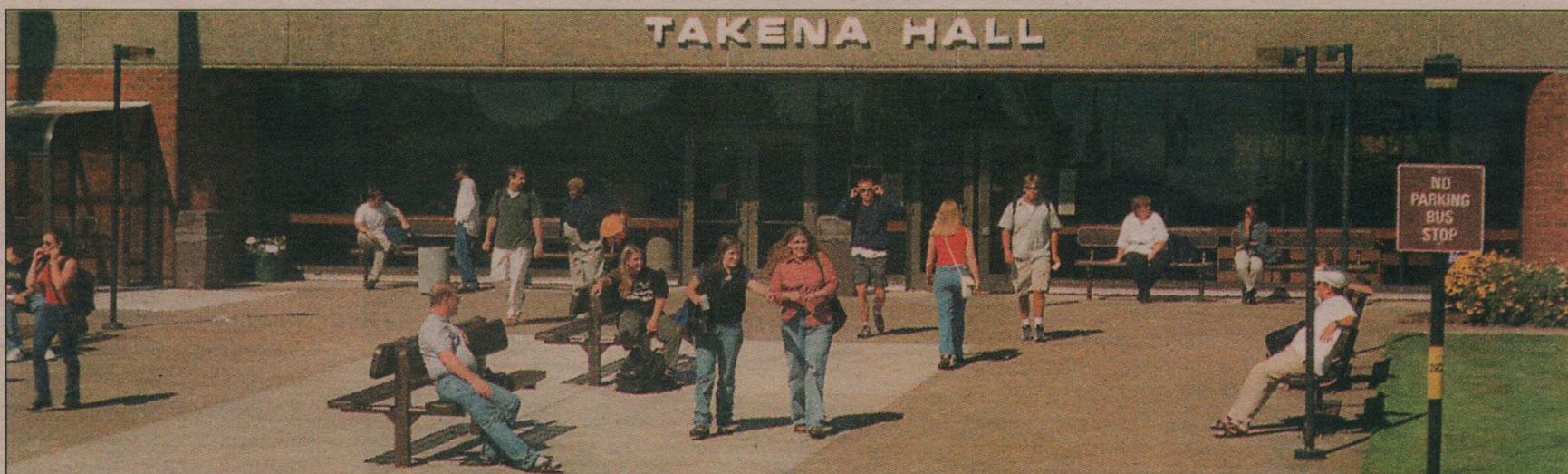
One student said after it was all over: "I thought that it was a neat learning experience. The funnest thing about it was learning how to meditate, I thought that was pretty cool."

The next event in the Religious Sites Tour is a trip to the Corvallis Mosque on Friday Oct. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Mosque is the center of religious worship for Muslim community in Corvallis.

Interested students are asked to sign up in the Student Life & Leadership Office.

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Photos by Matthew Mentzer

Students at LBCC could be faced with dramatic tuition increases if some of the measures on this year's ballot are passed.

Ballot Measures: College faces less money, more restrictions

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income tax paid, with no limit to the amount of deduction. Currently, Oregonians can only deduct up to \$3,000 of federal taxes from their state income tax.

Holland said that the money lost to the state would mainly come out of school budgets—approximately \$1 billion of the \$9 billion annual funding.

According to the Oregonian, if this measure passes, low-income families would receive no tax benefits at all, middle-income families would see a modest savings, and high-income families earning over \$100,000 would receive a tax break in the thousands. Corporations stand to benefit the most from this measure, saving perhaps one-third off their annual taxes.

The effects on education would be staggering.

LBCC alone stands to lose \$3 million between Nov. 7 and June 30. According to Holland, LBCC's current annual budget is \$29 million, and an estimated \$14 million will have been spent by Nov. 7. If the measure passes, the college will have only about \$12 million left for the remainder of the year instead of \$15 million, a reduction of 20 percent.

If that ends up being the case, he said LBCC's options will include doubling tuition for winter and spring terms, or cutting the spring term all together.

Measure 88

This is a compromise measure put on the ballot by the state Legislature in reaction to Sizemore's Measure 91. It would increase the maximum amount taxpayers can deduct from Oregon state personal income tax from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and would not affect tax years until 2002.

The financial impact would be to reduce state income for fiscal year 2001-2002 by \$47 million, \$120 million for 2002-2003, and \$130 million each year thereafter.

Measure 8

Called the "Appropriate Appropriations" measure, this proposal would limit the percentage of tax revenue the state can spend on all programs.

Its author, Don McIntire, stated in an interview Thursday that Measure 8 "will require the budget to be made on the basis of the people's ability to pay, rather than the government's ability to spend."

Measure 8 amends the State Constitution by limiting state spending to 15 percent of the state population's personal income in the prior two years, which experts say will cut \$5 billion from the total \$32.5 billion state budget for the 2001-2003 biennium.

Holland said it is unsure how the funds for community colleges will be affected, except that they will most likely

be reduced as the state tries to balance its budget with less funds.

"We don't know until the Legislature tries to put together a budget," Holland said.

According to Holland, the real aim of McIntire's measure is to control government growth by controlling spending.

Those who support cutting taxes and limiting state spending say they are concerned that government is not spending our money in the right places. Without limiting the spending percentage, government can spend well above the national average on state services or other expenditures.

According to rankings compiled by Morgan-Quinto Press, in 1996 Oregonians paid the fourth highest state revenue per person in the United States.

McIntire hopes this measure will bring state spending closer to the national average and make the government think twice about where it spends its revenues.

Opponents, like the Committee for Our Oregon, believe that 17 percent of the programs Oregonians count on and care about will be lost if the measure passes. They point out that federal matching funds could also be lost, further reducing state programs.

The committee also believes the \$5 billion dollars cut will not go back to Oregon taxpayers, but to the federal government.

According to an article by David Reinhard of the Oregonian: "Tax cutters and spending-limiters don't have to put whole programs, prisons, schools or other hollowed state enterprises on the chopping block to make their case. 'The answer lies in this question. 'Why can't Oregon get along with the level of revenues or expenditures most other states—equally livable states—manage on?'"

Measure 93

Measure 93 states that, if passed, voters must approve an increase in most taxes, charges, and fees imposed by state or local governments, including school districts like LBCC.

These could include anything from hairdresser license fees to sewer and water charges. Also, the measure requires that each tax increase must pass with at

least the same percentage vote that this measure does.

However, because college tuition is one of the items exempt from the voting requirement, Holland said this measure would not affect LBCC as much as other governmental bodies, who would have to send to the voters all proposed fee increases except gas taxes, fines and funding for police, fire and 911 services. Each item must be voted on during a general election, held in November every two years.

Where it may impact LBCC the most, Holland stated, is if the college needed additional funding for a project such as the proposed plan to construct a building for off-campus learning in Lebanon. LBCC would need to wait for the next election to put the increase to the voters before they could approve it.

One other stipulation of the measure calls for governments to seek voter approval retroactively for any fee or tax increase imposed since Dec. 7, 1998, that was an increase

of 3 percent or more. If the voters don't approve them, the governments would have to refund the money collected to individual taxpayers. If any refunds are due, it is unknown at this time where that money will come from, Holland said.

One of the unusual wrinkles of Measure 93, according to The Committee for Our Oregon, is that Oregonians will have to vote on issues that do not necessarily pertain to them, such as a Portlander voting on grazing fees or a rancher in Ontario having to vote on urban services.

Measure 9

If passed, Measure 9 will prohibit public schools from instructing on behaviors relating to homosexuality and bisexuality in a manner that encourages, promotes, or sanctions such behaviors.

Holland said he didn't know how this measure would affect the college, although he admitted he doesn't know where the issue of homosexuality comes up in the curriculum.

If the measure passes, the state commissioner of Community College Services would be given authority to determine whether the law has been violated. Also, the State Board of Education would have to establish sanctions, which could

include withholding of some or all of state funding.

Holland said the measure does raise some questions: Can the college teach about AIDS and if so, how much is enough? Would gay and lesbian clubs be banned from the campus? He said if the measure passes that college administrators would adopt a wait-and-see approach until the state Board of Education sets the rules.

Another question being raised is exactly who the measure will affect. The ballot measure specifically mentions only K-12 schools and community colleges, but the measure's explanatory statement includes universities. The Oregon University System is already challenging that interpretation.

Measures 92 and 98

These two measures restrict state and local governments, including LBCC, from collecting payroll deductions for groups that might use them for political purposes, like unions, and also prohibits any use of public funds or facilities for political purposes.

Measure 92 specifically prohibits payroll deductions for political purposes without specific written authorization. The measure will require the state government to spend \$396,000 to update the payroll system, and will require local governments to spend an estimated \$1.1 million to update their payroll systems.

"Measure 92 will cost taxpayers over \$1.5 billion to fix something that isn't broken," said Jim Hill Oregon state treasurer. Hill's boss, Gov. John Kitzhaber, also opposes the measure.

"Amendment 92 is being billed as a way to protect workers' rights - but it does just the opposite," Kitzhaber says on his web site. "I care deeply about workers' rights, and this Amendment is unnecessary and unfair. When I look at 92, I see an Amendment that is intrusive to workers' privacy."

According to Holland, the measure would force college employees who now have their union dues deducted automatically to either pay them directly or come in to the Human Resources Office to sign a card specifically allowing the deduction. He said revenues collected by the unions would drop significantly because not all people will sign the cards.

Holland said that Measure 98, which prohibits using public resources for political purposes, could shut students out of the political process by restricting the use of student fees and possibly the campus for political events.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

It's curtains for the State Theater after 70 years of flicks

Movie house known for its cheap tickets shuts down after Citizens Bank buys building

by Ben Hughes
of The Commuter

Last Thursday was the last day of business for the State Theater on 219 SW 3rd in Corvallis.

Long known as the hot spot for cheap flicks, the State Theater was a main attraction for students and others that refused to pay \$7 to see movies on the big screen.

According to Citizens News (a Citizens Bank Employee News Publication), the small, one stage theater has been purchased by Citizens Bank, which has no immediate plans for the building.

Dick Westerling, the media representative for former owner Regal Cinemas, was unavailable for comment on the sale. Regal also owns the Ninth Street Cinema World, the Whiteside and the Albany Cinema.

With quite a long history behind the building, most would be surprised to learn that this will be only the third business and third owner to occupy this building. The structure was erected in



Photo by Chris Spence

Vacant windows stare out from the closed State theater in Corvallis. After showing movies for 70 years, the State was sold to a bank and closed last week.

1923 as an auto garage owned by Charles and Clarence Whiteside. Nine years later the Whitesides embarked on a \$50,000 investment, turning the auto shop into a theater.

The theater had a seating capacity of

600, only one floor, no balcony, and was equipped with the "best and latest sound equipment." The theater also received an elaborate system of lights with a neon sign.

By the mid-1930s, the Whitesides were

known as the owners of two popular theaters: the State and the Whiteside.

69 years later, living in the shadow of the Whiteside Theater, The State Theater has fallen victim to city development. But inside the theater there were no frowns or disgruntled employees.

According to Theater Manager Jason Laba, the employees are happy because they don't have to worry about losing their jobs—instead they get to think about how much fun moving to the Whiteside theater will be.

That's right, the employees move to the Whiteside and the equipment goes to a sister theater in Salem.

Almost a happy ending—but what about the low rates?

Laba answers, "many people rely on economy theaters, so we plan on possibly entering a student rate at the Whiteside."

With or without new student rates at the Whiteside, the State Theater will be tenderly sketched into Corvallis history through the minds of yesterday and today—whether remembering the first kiss in 1940, or being 9-years-old and seeing "The Little Mermaid" for the first time. These great memories come and go just like the theaters we watch them in.



Photo by Chad Richins

Owner Regina Iovino and manager Matt Winalski take care of patrons at Iovino's restaurant in Corvallis.

Iovino's offers 'uptown scene in casual atmosphere'

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Iovino's restaurant is ahead of its time.

The cosmopolitan decor at the spacious First Street spot hints at a prosperous era in the near future for the Corvallis downtown and riverfront area, when the dust from the big project has settled and the street becomes a vibrant, pedestrian crossroads worthy of any culturally growing city.

Iovino's is all about flavor. Serving almost exclusively Italian wines, and making a point to use the freshest local produce, there are always new tastes to sample.

According to Regina Iovino, the head chef and proprietor whose vision is responsible for the continuing success of the almost year-old venture, pasta is made fresh on-site and the fare is based on traditional foods from northern, southern, and coastal regions of Italy.

The menu is in a constant state of flux, as are the specials which change each day according to availability of ingredients and the inclination of the chef.

The service is also reminiscent of Old World traditions,

with warm, friendly service. The thoughtful presentation of the meal and the well trained staff make you feel like your satisfaction is paramount.

Matt Winalski, Iovino's bar manager, says that the aim of the restaurant is to provide an "uptown scene in a casual atmosphere." It seems that has been accomplished, judging by the everyday, laid-back pace of the restaurant as well as the diverse crowd that shows up for musical events. On the first Wednesday of every month, the place is made over into a dance club from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. and the local crowd is treated to a variety of house, dance, and drum mixes—with an occasional hip-hop accent.

It is a place where you know the management has taken great pains to make you feel like this place is different; somewhere that is tastefully put together, but also a place where you can come and feel comfortable no matter how you are dressed or what is in your wallet (entrées range from \$9 to \$17). If you want to taste some great food that you don't get every day, or to treat a special someone to a nice sit-down meal they won't forget, Iovino's is a great choice.

Gracewinds Music throws party for 15th anniversary

Guitarist performs at Corvallis coffee house; workshops, contests planned this week

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Gracewinds Music, a Corvallis music supply store, is celebrating its 15th anniversary beginning this week by sponsoring a variety of workshops, clinics, live performances and a songwriting contests for local artists.

This week's event takes place at Sunnyside Up Coffee House, 116 NW Third St., Corvallis. Fingerstyle guitarist Peppino D'Agostino will play a solo show.

The performance is free with donation of canned food to go to Community Outreach.

Gracewinds' owners Ken Oefelein and family have expanded from a home operation into larger and larger spaces as their business has grown.

Gracewinds, located at 212 SW 3rd in Corvallis, has become one of the largest and most complete music stores in the mid-valley, with their main emphasis on school band and orchestra supply and repair.

Active in the community, the Oefeleins belong to many civic organizations and sponsor many local music events including the Oregon Folklife Festival and the Willamette Valley Fiddle Contest.

The performance at Sunnyside Up is the first event in the series.

Other events, mostly during the month of November, include workshops on instrument repair and clinics on how to play instruments including the flute, guitar, saxophone and trumpet.

For more information, contact Gracewinds Music at (541)754-6098.

FUNNY PAGE

THE GONGFARMER

BY RANDY REGIER



DITHERED TWITS

by Stan Waling



"Then on the third day, He arose from the dead and died again, then arose and died, arose and died, arose and died, arose and died, arose and died, arose and died, arose and died, and arose yet again."



CAPTAIN RIBMAN

by John Sprengelmeyer & Rich Davis

HOW TO DRAW CAPTAIN RIBMAN PART TWO

STEP 1

BEGIN WITH A CIRCLE FOR THE HEAD THEN DIVIDE IT IN HALF. THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL PLACE THE EYES.

STEP 2

SKETCH IN THE REST OF HIS FORM.

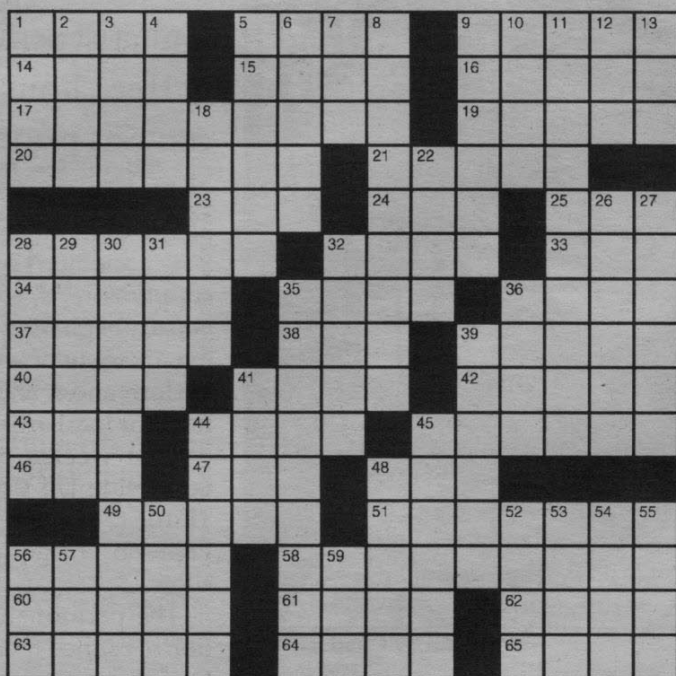
STEP 3

FINALLY, TOUCH-UP YOUR LINEWORK, SCAN, COLOR AND COMPRESS IT! THEN, YOU'RE DONE!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 H.H. Munro
 - 5 Perforation
 - 9 Frightens away
 - 14 Lena or Ken
 - 15 Trebek of "Jeopardy"
 - 16 Hooded snake
 - 17 Songs of the people
 - 19 Plus feature
 - 20 Pliable
 - 21 Ait
 - 23 Church sister
 - 24 Bribe
 - 25 Golfer Ernie
 - 28 Misbehaves
 - 32 Pix about folk
 - 33 Hyson or pekoe
 - 34 Piglet
 - 35 Press
 - 36 Ex-QB Tarkenton
 - 37 The Velvet Fog
 - 38 Bear's lair
 - 39 Move stealthily
 - 40 Outer edges
 - 41 Kingsley and Cross
 - 42 Water-storing plants
 - 43 Top shot
 - 44 Exploit
 - 45 Identifies oneself to a computer
 - 46 Yearning
 - 47 Lamprey
 - 48 Excess weight
 - 49 Singer Lopez
 - 51 Of the Far East
 - 56 Double-reed woodwinds
 - 58 Penultimate book of Old Testament
 - 60 Superlatively stink-o
 - 61 Edgeless sword
 - 62 British princess
 - 63 Down-and-dirty
 - 64 Unwanted lip
 - 65 Finest



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- DOWN
- 1 Lenient
 - 2 vera
 - 3 Potter's oven
 - 4 Uses a brayer
 - 5 Use a pulley

- Solutions
- 6 Merlin of "Father Murphy"
 - 7 Floral ring
 - 8 Tumors, once removed
 - 9 Skins on skulls
 - 10 Stockings
 - 11 Birthing branch of medicine
 - 12 Mineral vein
 - 13 Took a chair
 - 18 Tiny
 - 22 Before long
 - 26 Crude shelter
 - 27 Reached the brain?
 - 28 Off course
 - 29 Pick
 - 30 Harassers
 - 31 Huff and Houston
 - 32 Sportscaster Musburger
 - 35 Puts on a pedestal
 - 36 Ensign
 - 39 Nova
 - 41 there, done that

- 44 Spunky
- 45 Whip strokes
- 48 Confronts
- 50 Take a breather
- 52 United Emirates
- 53 Prong
- 54 Woosnam and Fleming
- 55 Newsman Huntley
- 56 Possess
- 57 constrictor
- 59 Nature watchdog grp.

CLASSIFIEDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention **LBCC STUDENTS**: The Financial Aid Office will be accepting scholarship applications for the following scholars: Tri Axis Engineering, Peter DeFazio, Libby Memorial Corvallis Clinic (Health Occupations). You may use one application to apply financial Aid Office, the Learning Center and on the web at www.lbcc.cc.or.us. Applications will be accepted from **September 25, 2000 through October 13, 2000**. Contact the Financial Aid office if you have questions at 917-4850.

Attention **HISPANIC TRANSFER STUDENTS**: Scholarship Management Services is now accepting applications for EMI/Selena Scholarships Program from students who meet the following qualifications: 1) Be a U.S. Citizen, 2) Be Hispanic, 3) Be a full-time sophomore at an accredited two-year college or technical school who plans to transfer to a four-year college or university and enroll full-time fall 201 in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree 4) Have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center. Applications must be post-marked by **December 1, 2000**.

Attention **ALL STUDENTS**: The ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha) Foundation International has scholarships available to ALL students. International, graduate, undergraduate, technical or trade school of any age are eligible. A student who meets the criteria may apply for any ONE of these scholarships. Additional information and applications are available in the Learning Center and on the internet at www.esaint.com/esaf - click on the scholarship application link. Applications and official transcripts must be received by **February 1, 2001**

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nical degree field as business/inventory mgmt., mechanical or electronic engineering, auto mechanics, welding, drafting, apprenticeship or engineering. This job is either 6-hour swing or graveyard shift on the weekends and occasional relief during the week. If hired you must sign up for CWE credit. If interested please bring your resume to Carla in Student Employment in Takena 101 to immediately faxed to the company!

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Legal Secretary (in Kaiser by Salem) This part-time 15-20 hours a week job would make a great CWE job for a 2nd year legal secretary student. If you have the right equipment, you can even do some of the work at home. Pays \$8-10/hour DOE. See us in Student Employment for your referral.

Tis the Season to get those retail positions!! (Albany) These part-time jobs are opening up now at Sears, Ross Dress for Less, Fred Meyer's, Blockbuster, etc.. If you're interested, get out there and apply! One web site for Heritage Mall is: www.heritagemall.com For other websites, ask Carla at Student Employment in the Career Center (T101).

MISCELLANEOUS

Phi Theta Kappa - Two students are currently being sought to represent Linn-Benton Community College on the All-USA Team and Oregon Student Scholar Program. Applications and info on eligibility is currently available in the counseling center. **Deadline in November 10.**

PHI THETA KAPPA

Fall Kickoff Event Pizza Feed October 20, 11:30 - 1:30 in the board rooms. Bring PTA card or PIN. Cost is \$1.00 RSVP @ the Career Center.

SPORTS PAGE

Runners mount spirited comeback to upend Chemeketa

by Christina Laramore
of the Commuter

The Roadrunners were on the brink of defeat against volleyball powerhouse Chemeketa Community College Friday night but turned it on in the final three games of the match to pull out a victory.

The Lady Roadrunners had already faced Chemeketa twice this preseason tournaments, and broke even with them, winning one and losing one.

The Roadrunners walked into the Activities Center on Friday night with a league record of three wins and two losses, while Chemeketa, a perennial league leader, went in with a record of four wins and one loss.

But when it was all over, both teams left the Activities Center with identical 4-2 records.

The Roadrunners got off to a slow start, losing the first two games 14-16, 14-16, and the fans started wondering if they'd be heading for home after the third game. But the Lady Runners pulled together to edge the Storm 17-15 in the third game, and that raised the level of play for the remainder of the match.

With the best out of five match now at 2-1 in favor of Chemeketa, the Roadrunners were not about to give up without a fight. And fight they did. They pulled out a 15-10 win in Game 4 and went on to take the final game 15-12.

Sophomore Sheryl Baga had 15 kills while playing the right-hitter position, and added 12 digs and five solo blocks. Her all-around play helped the Roadrunners get their victory.

Also leading the team was sophomore Shannon Gerding, who tied

Baga with 15 kills from the outside-hitter position, and added 13 digs, coming up with one more than Baga.

Friday night's match was full of heated games and long rallies, most of which were won by the Roadrunners. The play was intense from start to finish, especially toward the end of each game.

The Roadrunners started out the first of five games down 0-5. After a number of rallies, side outs, and close calls the Roadrunners led the Cougars 10-7. The game heated up and the Roadrunners couldn't take the burning, losing the lead and the game.

In Game 2, the Roadrunners never had the lead but had the game tied at two different times. It wasn't enough though, and they fell once again.

The Roadrunners knew that unless they pulled out Game 3, they would all be going home early. The victory came, but not without a lot of hard work on the parts of the players and coaches. The Roadrunners had the lead only once during that game. The teams were tied at 14-14 and then again at 15-15 before the Lady Runners picked up their level of concentration and finally led the match for the first time, pulling out a huge 17-15 victory.

With two games left, the Cougars now know the Roadrunners would not be handing the game over to them. But the Storm's efforts were not enough to offset the intense playing of LBCC.



Sophomores Shannon Gerding (far right) and Sheryl Baga (right) help lead the Lady Runners past Chemeketa in last Friday's match between two of the top teams in the league. Each had 15 kills in the five game match. Gerding added 13 digs, while Baga had 12, along with five solo blocks.



Photos by James Baurle

What's next? The Nameistoolong.com Bowl?

NCAA halts adding new bowl games now that 25 clutter the landscape

by Michael Rosenberg
Knight-Ridder Tribune

DETROIT — Twenty-five bowl games are scheduled this season. That makes 50 bowl teams. And the NCAA thinks that's enough.

The NCAA championships/competition committee announced last week that it will recommend a two-year moratorium on adding bowl games. The recommendation is being forwarded as "emergency noncontroversial legislation," a phrase only the NCAA could think up. Only the NCAA could declare something noncontroversial and study it for two years.

The NCAA's intentions might be noble here—imagine that—but this is alto-

gether silly.

I don't really care if the fourth-place Mountain West team plays the seventh-place Southeastern Conference team, which is exactly the point. Nobody cares. So let 'em play.

You don't see many people confusing the crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl with the Orange Bowl, do you? With all due respect to the humanitarians at crucial.com, of course.

When was the last time you saw some alum scream at some other alum, "I don't care about your little Sugar Bowl trip! WE'RE going to the galleryfurniture.com Bowl!"

The NCAA says it is doing this for

"student-athletes." Right. The NCAA always wants to keep the student-athletes happy. Broke, but happy.

If the NCAA really wants to clear things up, it can break up the bowls into two categories: Big Bowls and Silly ESPN2 Programming, the latter of which might be redundant.

This is how you tell the difference. If you can't chant the name of a bowl when your team clinches a spot in it, it's not a Big Bowl.

For example: "Rose Bowl! Rose Bowl!" rolls off the tongue.

But nobody will ever chant "Homepoint.com Music City Bowl! Homepoint.com Music City Bowl!"

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Thursday

Turkey Club with Pasta Salad
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Egg Plant Parmesan
Soup: Turkey Vegetable & Split Pea
Baja Shrimp Salad

Friday

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Shrimp Omelet
Soup: Cuban Black Bean & Spinach
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OPINION

Why the '90s sucked (only we didn't know)

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Hello again.

This week, as promised, I'm going to talk about that long-gone decade known as the '90s.

Now some of you may take exception to my saying that the '90s sucked, but if you really think about it, the one word that truly represents the last decade is "suck."

Thanks to Beavis and Butt-head, Generation X and Rolling Stone, the word "suck" has become an important part of the American vocabulary.

"This sucks."

"That sucks."

"That would suck."

"That didn't suck."

"You suck."

When you consider the origins of the word as a negative expletive and apply it to the political scandals of the Clinton era, you add another dimension of irony to it. (You know, like "the whole Monica Lewinsky thing really sucked—haha.")



Leon Tovey

But low-brow cartoons and horny politicians aren't what made the '90s such a drag. No, the real bummer was realizing the '90s were no different from the '80s.

At the dawn of the 1990s people called the '80s The Decade of Greed, and talked a lot about making a difference and saving the environment and a lot of other nonsense. The Berlin Wall fell and the Cold-War ended. There was a hotly contested three-way presidential race that resulted in a Democrat in the White House for the first time in 12 years and a new "youth revolution" happening. People were filled with "angst" and ready to make a difference.

So what happened?

Well, the recession ended. Everyone got jobs at advertising firms and software companies and made tons of money and they all lived happily ever after. In short, they sold-out.

Most people only have a sense of idealism until they get their first six-figure job and join forces with the people they used to hate. Then they spend the rest of their lives talking about how it was back in their day,

and how the kids today have it so easy, and how the whole system is corrupt, so you might as well make a buck off of it.

And this is what we have to look forward to in this year's presidential election. On the one hand, you have a major party candidate who is only concerned with maintaining the status-quo and keeping the Machine that is the U.S. economy well-oiled and running smoothly. On the other hand, you have George W. Bush. Uh-oh, I think someone in the casting department goofed.

Aren't the Democratic and Republican candidates supposed to be different people? All I see is two spoiled kids dressed up for a costume party; one dressed as a snake, one dressed as a robot.

In 1992, Al Gore was considered something of a radical. He had just written a book about the environment that most people considered political suicide, and many believed that if he made it to the White House, the Tree-Huggers would rise up and kill all the loggers and farmers and decent Christian folk, and turn the country into some kind of drugged-out, sex-orgy hippy commune.

Unfortunately, this turned out not to be the case, as Gore drifted through the '90s, saying and doing very little to affect real change in any government policy (although he did invent the Internet), and earning a reputation for being as boring as a Grateful Dead concert without LSD.

In retrospect though, that image might not have been so bad, considering that the little personality he has shown in his bid for the presidency has revealed him to be just another politician: long on soundbites, short on integrity.

And that's the real moral of the '90s. Everyone sells-out and no one believes cynicism is bad. And when you go to place your vote (if you DO, in fact, choose to vote) you will probably vote for the candidate that represents the lesser of two evils. Whatever that means.

Or you could choose to "waste" your vote by supporting one of the so-called third party candidates. Personally, I think we ought to dig up Richard Nixon and let him run again. I'd vote for him. I mean hey, even six years dead, the guy's still gotta be smarter than



B u s h ,
and you
know he
would be a
lot more
fun than Al
Gore.

Yes, my friends, it's the beauty of a three way race—and instead of having a difficult third party candidate who wants to actually make some changes in the way the country is run (thereby depriving us of things to complain about), we'd have another slimy politician that we can all love to hate.

Man, that would suck.

Hello there, my name is 533-05-1264. What's yours?

By Angus McBrian
of The Commuter

Hello, my name is 533-05-1264. My real name is Angus, but I've found it more convenient of late to use my Social Security number instead. My dad used to tell me about the days when people knew each other by first names, if you can believe it. If there was ever any confusion, two people with identical names could be easily distinguished by their address or their mother's maiden name.

But that was then and this is now. Now, when I go to any desk here at LB, they ask for my number first. Now is the year 2000. Now we are living the information age.

But what is this information age?

Information is the lifeblood of the twenty-first century free market. It's that glow emanating from your computer monitor. It's the millions of bits that race across global networks every day.

And what do computer networks mean if not efficiency? The networked economy is all about customer service and just on time delivery in the pursuit of profits. It's about instant access to news and entertainment. Better your life, buy on-line—or something like that.

Buying patterns and consumer demands. Web pages and databases. Stock prices and product inventories. Corporate ledgers and health records. Credit reports. In a word: statistics.

It's the statistics that determine which catalogs you get in the mail, how much gas costs and whether the Dow Jones is going to close up or down. It's the statistics that control whether you get that car loan, what your insurance rates will be and whether your HMO will cover that surgery you need.



Angus McBrian

If the central logic is efficiency, then we can see LBCC as a microcosm of the larger system. As students we must move through the bureaucracy of the school. We deal with registration, and the business office. We buy books, we borrow money.

Behind every one of those desks is a computer, connected to a network, through which our information is retrieved. But only after we recite those 9 magical digits.

In this way LBCC is like most government agencies and large corporations.

It has a problem: how to manage vast amounts of information effectively.

And it has a solution: Social Security numbers. But LBCC's solution is our problem.

In the name of efficiency LBCC uses student Social Security numbers for identification. It makes sense. Its a long number, and its one that most people have memorized anyway. But that's the key. People have it memorized because it's used by an increasing number of institutions to keep track of individual's records. Herein lies the danger.

As the use of Social Security numbers becomes more and more standardized, individual privacy becomes increasingly tenuous. Think of your Social Security number as a key. Every time another agency or corporate database links information about you to your number, another door is created that can be opened by that key. As that key becomes more powerful, glitches like the one discovered recently in LB's web registration system become more threatening.

This isn't just about the threat posed by the ethically challenged or vengeful individuals who might use such information for dastardly ends, though that is a concern. It's also about basic privacy.

Corporations buy and sell databases of information about customers and potential customers. Insurance

agencies want to know how much of a risk you are. The government is interested in your politics.

This situation is the rational result of normal human beings seeking solutions to the problems posed by the handling of large volumes of data. It needs to be accessible. It has to be searched easily. It has to be secure.

Wait—secure?

Yes, security goes hand in hand with privacy. In all those credit records and school transcripts are the data central to our existence in this system.

I'm not a conspiracy theorist worried about the government tracking my every move. But I am worried about the increasing fragility of our privacy. Leaving the master key lying around isn't the height of security. But if we can't escape this fact, how are we going to deal with it?

In the big picture, the answer is that much maligned word: regulation.

Legislation is needed to more tightly protect our personal information.

Corporations should be strictly limited in who can access this information and how it can be used. Diversity provides security, not standardization.

Of course, you can opt to have a different number assigned to you here at LB. But that isn't possible in every situation.

More importantly, it's a question of responsibility. If corporations are going to profit from information technology, they need to pay for its real costs. That includes the cost of protecting the public's right to privacy. If my human identity is going to be replaced by an impersonal numerical sequence, I'd at the very least like to feel safe about it.

In the mean time the answer is vigilance. You have to be aware of who has your number. Don't give out your number when you aren't legally obliged to.

Don't be a statistic.