

Too close to call!

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Final results of the U.S. Senate race between Gordon Smith and Tom Bruggere and Measure 47, the property tax cut-and-cap initiative, may not be known for several days because over a third of Oregon voters chose to cast their votes through absentee ballots.

Elections at a glance

Results as of midnight

✓ U.S. Senate

Bruggere 48% Smith 47%

✓ U.S. House District 5

Hooley 52% Bunn 46%

✓ Measure 31

Repeals obscenity protection
Yes 43% No 57%

✓ Measure 36

Increases minimum wage
Yes 56% No 44%

✓ Measure 37

Expands bottle bill
Yes 41% No 59%

✓ Measure 38

Prohibits livestock in streams
Yes 36% No 64%

✓ Measure 44

Increases cigarette tax
Yes 57% No 43%

✓ Measure 46

Counts non-voters as no votes
Yes 11% No 89%

✓ Measure 47

Cuts and caps property taxes
Yes 49% No 51%

The Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office reported that 747,000 absentee ballots were sent out to voters, and 463,000 had been returned by Monday.

As of midnight Tuesday, Bruggere was ahead of Smith by about 3,500 votes, 48 to 47 percent. Bruggere was drawing most of his support from the Portland metropolitan area, while Smith was ahead in the eastern part of the state. However, the east-west split was not as sharp as it was in the last senatorial election, when Smith lost to Democrat Ron Wyden.

Another vote that could go either way as of midnight was Measure 47, which was divided by about 6,000 votes with 51 percent no and 49 percent yes. The measure would reduce property taxes and prohibit local governments from increasing them more than 3 percent every year.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan said he was encouraged by early results showing that opponents of Measure 47 were ahead. Passage of the measure "would really be devastating, not only to the college but to communities as well," he said.

Measure 47 would take over \$1 million out of LBCC's budget next year. It would also prevent colleges from passing bond measures to raise money for maintenance or new computers or other equipment.

Measures going down to defeat included Measure 46, an initiative that would have counted non-voters as "no" votes on tax measures; Measure 37, which would have expanded the state's bottle bill; Measure 38, which would have banned livestock from streams found to be polluted; Measure 31, which would have removed the clause in Oregon's constitution which protected obscenity as free speech.

Among the measures passing were Measure 44, an increase of the cigarette tax; and Measure 36, which raises minimum wage to \$6.50 per hour over three years.



Mess O' Espressos

Photo by Roger Lebar

Boccherini's Coffee and Tea House, Albany's most popular downtown hangout, is just one of many espresso shops that have sprouted locally in recent years. The Commuter serves up a review of nine of the top caffeine cafes on Page 4.

Clinton sweeps to victory

by Jodi Enda and Steven Thomma
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News

WASHINGTON—Bill Clinton capitalized on a robust economy and his formidable political skills to win re-election Tuesday, making him the first Democrat to recapture the White House in more than a half-century.

His re-election capped a stunning comeback from the political humiliation dealt him midway through his first term, when voters rebuffed his leadership. Four years ago, it was a weak economy that enabled Clinton to beat George Bush. This year, it was a strong economy, leading to voter contentment, that gave Clinton the strength to overcome other, personal vulnerabilities.

At 50, Clinton is the youngest president ever to win a second term. Ironically, his re-election prevented Dole, at 73, from becoming the oldest man ever to win a first term.

Clinton swept past Dole in the Elec-

toral College vote. By early evening, Clinton was declared the winner in such states as Florida, Ohio, New Hampshire, Vermont, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Missouri, Tennessee, Maryland, Connecticut, Maine, Delaware and Washington, D.C. He was also leading in Oregon and Washington.

Dole won most mid-western and southern states.

It was unclear, however, whether Clinton would win 50 percent of the popular vote, a goal he had set to convince Congress of his popularity.

Women were particularly instrumental in Clinton's triumph. While men split the bulk of their votes fairly evenly between Clinton and Dole, women the majority of voters threw their support overwhelmingly to Clinton, exit polls showed. African Americans and Hispanics also voted for the president in high numbers.

Top scholars who demonstrate ability sought for Academic Team

by Tricia Schwennesen
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LBCC students are encouraged to apply for the All USA Academic Team 1997 scholarship program sponsored by USA Today and the American Association of Community Colleges. The deadline to apply is Nov. 27.

The program recognizes excellence in the scholarly achievements of students enrolled in community colleges, counselor Rosemary Bennett said.

"We want to honor people who have made outstanding progress and outstanding scholars, who, because of life's circumstances, are outstanding," she said.

To be eligible for nomination, students must be

currently enrolled in a regionally accredited community college and expect to graduate before Aug. 31, 1997. Nominees must have completed 12 credit hours, or the equivalent, in pursuit of an Associate Degree in arts, science or applied science.

Bennett said, "They need to be students who take school seriously." Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above.

Nominees must submit official transcripts, an essay, and a personal recommendation in each of the following areas: Academic abilities, leadership abilities and potential contribution to society. Two winners will be picked from each college who will then compete on a national level.

Local winners will have the opportunity to dine with the governor and the college president in the spring. National winners are awarded \$2,500 in scholarship funds and a trip to Washington, D.C., to meet the president.

National participants will also have the opportunity to intern in Washington, D.C., at one of several federal or educational agencies for the summer, Bennett said. The internship is an opportunity through the scholarship but not a requirement.

Last year's LBCC winners were Pei Wu, a native of China who is now attending OSU, and Jennifer Hogansen, who is also at OSU.

Applications are in the Counseling Center.

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Class seeks weighty students

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Health and Weight Management class has an image problem.

According to Louise Muscato, who teaches the class, it doesn't seem to be attracting enough of the kind of people who would really benefit from the program: People with eating disorders or people who have visible weight problems are not enrolling.

"It's because they're afraid," Muscato said. "When they go to a class like that they're admitting that they have a problem, and they're really out in front of everyone."

Health and Weight Management is actually an important class for people with those problems because most people don't understand the scientific principles of weight management or how to properly lose and maintain their proper weight without resorting to fad diets.

To teach those principles effectively, Muscato splits the class into two parts. One-half is lecture and the other half is exercise. In the lectures she teaches people how to manage their weight, the benefits of exercise, reasons why people

are overweight, and factors that contribute to being overweight. For the exercise part of the class, the students do a variety of things. They walk, do step aerobics or use the treadmill and the bicycle in the weight room.

Muscato doesn't teach the class with the goal of "this term you're gonna lose weight." She teaches it in a way that the students will be changing their lifestyle for the rest of their lives, including their views on eating, exercise and society's attitude toward slimness.

"We talk a lot about that (slimness). How society has one body type that fits about 4 percent of the population and how that is put on everyone," stated Muscato.

So far word of mouth and an article that was previously written about the class a few years ago have been the only advertisement for the class, but Muscato plans on sending information to doctors and clinics in the community to help get the word out about next term's class.

More information on Health and Weight Management (HE204) is available from Muscato in her office in the Activities Center or call extension 4240.

Looking at myself as a fat person

by a Health and Weight Management Student

I'm writing this with real experience at the diet game! I've dieted all my life. Another thing I've faced all my life is prejudice. I am a second-class citizen because I am obese. Or fat! Or overweight. Or under-tall. Or whatever society perceives.

However, I am here to say No! I am not second-class or less than anyone else. I am not a freak, or a lazy butt, or a slob or a whale.

I am a normal human being, who comes in an ample package. It's taken me years to really see that—a lot of years of pain and apology and guilt and shame. Plus, a lot of years with wonderful input from people who saw not an obese woman, but a woman . . . all woman . . . who loves and feels and makes mistakes, and is just as normal as anyone else.

I had to get off the diet wheel, out of the calorie circle and away from the opinion of society that keeps the perpetuating the fallacy of the only way—thin. I even had to get to the point where I frankly didn't give a darn—not about how I looked, but how large I looked.

I had to accept people's glances, and feel sorry for them. What a loss for them, that they rob themselves of the wonderful part of me, my inside, by being stopped by the outside. I have much more to offer than the flesh I carry.

Most people on campus accept me as I am, but partly because I accept me as I am. That doesn't mean I have an excuse for not being fit. That is what I need most now, to exercise and move and sweat,

not to be thin, but to be fit for life.

I've reached an age where I can say these words. In the last few years I could not hear the words, fat or obese, without cringing. I'm so glad that science has finally found that diets don't really work. I wish I had every dime I spent on diet programs, where sometimes I lost weight but never kept it off. Then I felt even more guilty and shamed and discouraged. I now know that my body was fighting me every step of the way.

I hope every person who's still on the diet treadmill will reach the point where they torment themselves no longer. I hope they learn quicker than I did that always reaching for something that's mostly unreachable is such a waste of time and money.

Those who work with overweight people, if they're not overweight themselves, should know how hard it is to come to an exercise class, or a class where we're dealing with the body. It's embarrassing, and very hard to force yourself before others. Your compassion can make all the difference.

The Health and Weight Management class here at LBCC is user-friendly. For a person who is overweight and needs acceptance, assurance and support, this class provides a non-threatening environment in which fitness, exercise and good healthy eating are taught. I was embarrassed when I started, but soon I was comfortable in the class. Louise Muscato, the instructor, is a very caring person.



High Lights

Photo by Roger Lebar

Facilities Dept. electrician Richard Balleaux installs new metal halide light fixtures in the corridor near the Health Occupations Building. Balleaux replaced 371 fixtures this term, a job which took 487 hours. The new fixtures use 35 percent less energy than the old ones and will pay for themselves in three years.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Learning Center offers students help in math, writing

by Shannon Weber
of The Commuter

At one time or another every student needs assistance with their studies. And whether it's math, writing, spelling or just help getting simple questions answered, LBCC's Learning Center is there to help.

The Learning Center is located on the second floor above the library, with the entrance through the west door off the courtyard. The center is made up of a number of tables and chairs arranged to create a laid-back study environment.

The Learning Center gives students the options of receiving assistance in their studies or just enjoying a comfortable, moderately quiet area to study in.

There are always two instructional assistants on

hand to help students with math.

Nancy Clough has been a math instructor at the Learning Center for 12 years and, according to Steve Finnegan, who uses the center primarily for math, "If Nancy's helping, I walk away feeling I received the help I came to get."

For those writing students with the occasional writers block, there is assistance for them as well.

The Writing Desk is available to all students who need help on papers, spelling, punctuation and sentence structure. And The Write Course area has assistants available to help students with basic writing skills in conjunction with The Write Course class. The Writing Desk and The Write Course area are available to students from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aside from the writing and math assistance, the center also has a personal tutoring station for help in specific areas of study.

To obtain tutoring assistance, fill out a form, check schedules of individual tutors and make an appointment.

Karla Clark and Jennifer Hansen are just two of the many LBCC students who utilize the center for its resources. They are both first-year students and find the center to be a flexible way to receive help during their busy school schedule.

The Learning Center is open to students Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Check it out!

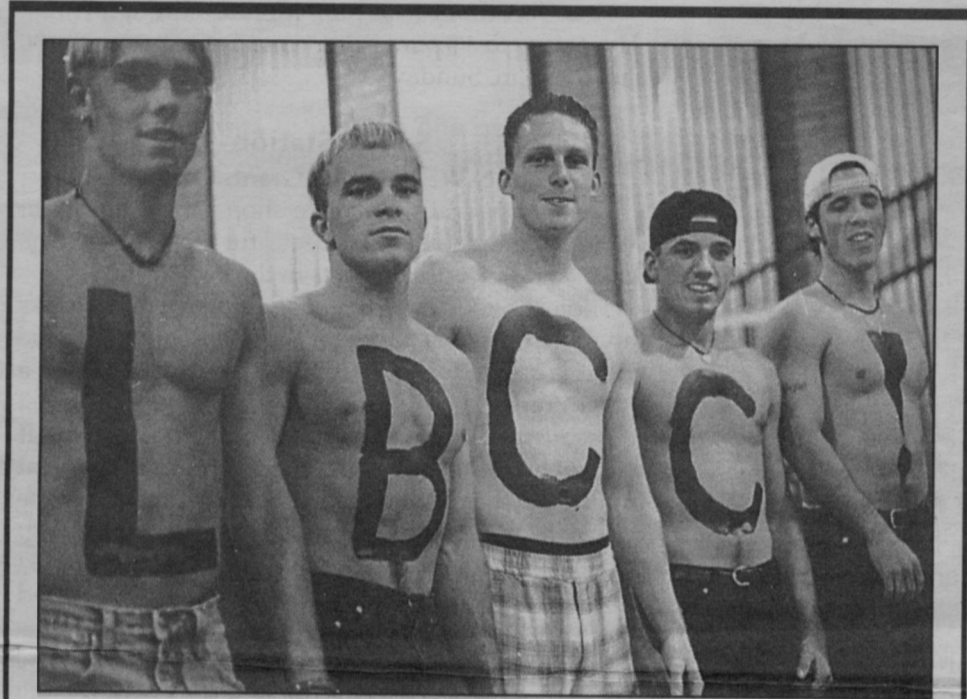


Photo by Amanda Miller

LB Dancers?

Ryan Grant, Tim Fitzpatrick, James O'Kane, Jeff Maskal and Jose Pepiot show their school spirit at the Roadrunner volleyball game last Wednesday. Linn-Benton lost the match but went on to win the Shoreline Crossover Tournament in Washington last weekend (see stories of Page 5). The Roadrunners host Lane Friday at 7 p.m. and SW Oregon on Saturday at 1 p.m.

More donors sought for blood drive

by Mande Blevins
of The Commuter

It's been a tradition for several years, but more importantly, it's been a lifesaver.

The first of the quarterly campus Blood Drives is fast approaching. The Red Cross will be here Wed., Nov. 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to collect blood from donors in CC-127.

It will only take 15 minutes, and you get a cookie.

The Red Cross quarterly (July-Sep-

tember) goal for the Oregon-Washington region was 49,927 units. They received 49,523, down 8 percent. That may sound bad, but Brian Ard, the Albany Red Cross manager says "that's great news."

The goal for LBCC is 65 units and so far about 56 people have signed up. But it's not too late. The deadline isn't until Tuesday, Nov. 12.

"Type O- blood is in the highest demand because in emergencies it can be given to anyone," Ard said.

Nature photographers invited to show slides

From the LBCC News Service

The 17th annual Bob Ross Open Invitational Nature Photography Slide Show will be held at Linn-Benton Community College, Friday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., in the Science and Technology Bldg., Room 119. The show is free and the public is invited to bring up to 20 nature-related slides taken in the last 12 months to share with the audience.

A Kodak slide projector and screen is provided. This is not a contest; there is no judging or critiquing or prizes, just good old-fashioned sharing.

Nature photographers from throughout the Willamette Valley gather together

each year on this occasion to share their experiences, techniques, favorite places and things to see.

Photographers are challenged to grow by seeing each other's slides, enthusiasm is maintained, and they are reminded once again that winter is just as good a time for practicing the art as any other time of year.

Beginners sometimes feel hesitant to share their slides, but nature photographers are friendly people, so this is a good forum for making a debut. Besides, new photographers have new insights, and even experienced photographers have something to learn.

RSVP sponsor Santa's workshop at LBCC

This year's two-day Santa's Workshop will be Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the LBCC Activities Center.

Over 100 booths will sell crafts, and there will be live remote by KXPC Pure Country FM 103.7. Santa will visit on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m.

There are still spaces available, but they are going fast.

To receive information on space rental call the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program at 917-4478. Sponsored by the Linn & Benton County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, November 13th

8:30am - 3:00pm

College Center Lounge

Room CC-127

Anyone interested in donating can sign up from 11am - 1pm in the Commons Lobby by the Student Life & Leadership office or call Dung Chiem at ext. 4963 for more information.

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Local coffee heads have dizzying array of choices

by Allison Ross, Julie Robinson and Danika Hopper of The Commuter

The aroma can fill the block before the sun even rises. Students and other early risers rush in to one of the many local espresso shops for their daily fix and head out with a smile.

If you are not one of the many addicted, consider yourself lucky. The lines can be long, the prices a little steep, and the time it takes to stop for coffee can almost always make you late.

However, people do it day in and day out.

The local coffee shops offer more than double mochas and single-tall lattes. They have become a rapidly growing business, each trying to carve out its own niche in the specialty coffee market. To do so, many offer fancy artwork on the walls, peaceful settings and musical attractions.

One Corvallis cafe even serves beer and wine, while another offers Internet access.

We visited nine local coffee shops to give you the lowdown on who's offering what.

The Beanery

500 S.W. 2nd St., Corvallis

The oldest coffeehouse in Corvallis, the Beanery is in a class all its own. It has an old-fashioned, grass roots feel from the minute you walk in the door.

Wooden floors and tables, dim lights and plenty of windows persuade you to order for here rather than to go.

The variety of goods and services offer something for everyone. Some go for the usual espresso drinks, while others drop by to pick up a \$5.50 bag lunch to enjoy later. Bagels, yogurt, pies, soup, yogurt, candy and other goodies are also available.

If you are interested in making your own coffee, the Beanery sells espresso machines and grinders just right for your kitchen at home. It also carries a variety of coffee mugs.

The Beanery has a somber, peaceful feeling about it. It is a great place to read, write or just have a mellow conversation. There's even a computer which customers can use to dial up the Internet. While visiting recently, I noticed a young man in one corner quietly making hemp necklaces, while in another corner, a young couple and their daughter enjoyed hot chocolate.

The last Thursday of each month features poetry readings, and live music livens up the place every Friday and Saturday evening. The Beanery is open everyday 6 a.m. to midnight. Weather permitting, you can sit outside if you'd like.

The Beanery on Monroe

2541 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis

A campus version of its downtown counterpart, The Beanery on Monroe offers students a quiet place to study or relax.

This small quaint coffee shop also attracts many older people and families. The place looks and feels like a living room, with plants hanging from every corner and black and white photographs decorating the walls. And each night they play a different genre of music in the background.

It is open from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Located conveniently in the center of OSU campus, students flock to the Beanery to drink moderately priced coffee, munch on dessert or listen to the live bands. The bands play on the second and fourth weekend of every month.

Many small gifts and cards are for sale, as well as Allann Bros. coffee beans. When the weather permits, customers can be seen sitting outside at the umbrella covered tables.

Customers can hang out for hours in the relaxing atmosphere without even acknowledging the time.

Sunriver Coffee Co.

116 N.W. 3rd St., Corvallis

Sunriver is one of the newest coffeehouses to spring up in Corvallis. It is small, with only eight tables, but offers a variety of services. In addition to coffee and espresso, it serves soup with bread, bagels, scones, hot chocolate, cookies and Italian sodas.

If you have children, there is a small play area with books and toys that is visible from all tables, so you can chat away and still watch the little ones.

A few tables on the outside offer outdoor seating.



Photo by Amanda Milter

Starbucks has been a popular downtown espresso stop since opening in Corvallis three years ago.

The walls are splashed with artwork for sale done by members of the Corvallis Art Guild.

Sunriver has a modern, upbeat feeling. It is new, and it looks new. Like the Beanery, a mix of people enjoy Sunriver due to its downtown location. Thursday nights feature a live blues jam, and you can check for scheduled musical appearances, which occasionally happen on Friday or Saturday.

Stop by Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

M's Tea and Coffeehouse

916 N.W. Beca Avenue, Corvallis

M's has a very diverse atmosphere thanks to its multiple rooms.

The front room has many windows, large colorful paintings and plenty of seating. As you move on, there is a separate tea room with a dimly lit Oriental setting with comfortable couch seating and a mellow mood. The walls in the tea room are lined with black-and-white photographs and beautiful color scenery shots. M's also has a private room with a large banquet table available by reservation.

The menu features tofu and lentil salads and soups to accompany them. In the front, there are ceramic goddesses, exotic teas and cards for sale. M's holds open mike every Saturday, allowing anyone with talent to shine.

If you need to study, M's has a great environment for you. Check out the tea room—it's perfect for an intimate conversation or a good book.

M's is open Monday through Saturday 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m..

Java Rama

2047 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis

Java Rama's laid-back atmosphere attracts many college students.

Different bands play on Fridays and Saturdays starting at 8 p.m. Weekday hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., and weekend hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

In the covered room outside, students fill the tables playing board games, smoking or studying (cigarettes are sold at the counter inside).

Customers have a choice between moderately priced espresso drinks, sodas and even beer or wine. Soups and salads are sold during lunch time, and bagels and numerous desserts are sold all day. They use Sivets brand coffee beans.

Black-and-white checkered linoleum covers the floor, and abstract paintings and sketches line the walls. Customers can lounge in wicker chairs or sit at tables on the upper level while listening to jazz.

Starbucks

425 S.W. Madison Ave., Corvallis

For a classy, modern coffee shop, Starbucks on Fourth and Madison is the place to go.

The prices are a little more expensive than the others, but the coffee is excellent, and their famous drink, the Frappachino, gets rave reviews. The piped-in music ranges from classical to jazz to reggae. Colorful pictures and Starbucks signs fill the shop.

Many businessmen and women, students and the elderly can be seen drinking coffee or reading the newspaper at all hours of the day in this busy cafe.

Starbucks is located near the Whiteside movie theater in downtown Corvallis, making it a great place to stop in and get a cup of coffee before a movie or a great place to take a break while on a shopping trip.

Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Sam's Station

1210 N.W. 29th and Grant, Corvallis

This is a brightly lit coffee shop—it's even bright enough to study at night. Beautiful art work fills the walls, and quiet music plays in the background.

There is a good assortment of different coffee drinks ranging from house coffee for 95 cents a cup to espresso with ice cream for \$3.95 if your craving something a little different.

Frequented by neighborhood locals and students, it has free parking and a bicycle rack. Sam's has great muffins and bagels and other little treats, and the coffee comes in large cups, which is nice on a cold morning.

This is a perfect place for you early risers—on weekdays it opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Weekend hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boccherini's Coffee & Tea House

208 First Ave. S.W., Albany

This cozy coffeehouse nestled in downtown Albany has been in business for four years. If you plan on driving, you have the choice of parking in a pay lot or searching for a three-hour parking spot on the street.

This quiet environment is well-lit and good for studying or reading. There are small tables for two, tall round tables for five and one long table that can fit six people. If you're in the area and want a quick lunch and a good cup of coffee, you can find soups, salads and lasagna, all under \$5.

Besides espresso and house coffee, Boccherini's is serving eggnog lattes during the holiday season for \$2.05. It also has wonderful deserts and ice cream.

This coffee house has a diverse clientele, ranging from people who work near by who stop in for lunch to students who drop in for a quick caffeine fix.

On Fridays and Saturdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., music lovers come in to listen to whoever is the musician of the night. And monthly rotating art exhibits feature paintings and photographs by local artists.

The prices are moderate, and they also offer Happy Hour Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. when their lattes drop to a mere \$1 and mochas are only \$1.22. With everything they have to offer, finding something you like should be easy.

Boccherini's is open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Coffee Tea & Co.

1167 Santiam Rd., S.E. Albany

The newest coffeehouse in the Albany area, Coffee Tea & Co. is located in the Carriage House Plaza.

Good lighting makes it a great place to sit down with a cup of coffee and a newspaper or whatever fits your fancy.

This is your basic coffee house serving lattes, espresso and house coffee. It also has juices and hot chocolate for those avoiding the caffeine rush. The homemade soups, salads and pastries are a great way to fill an empty stomach.

It is a nice, cozy place to stop in and enjoy yourself, and it also has music on Friday evenings. There is plenty of free parking.

Hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

If you want to check these places out for yourself, you might try a caffienated version of a pub crawl. Of course, with all that caffeine you'll likely be bouncing from cafe to cafe before you're through.

SPORTS PAGE



Photo by Amanda Miller

Kim Calder attempts to pick up one of Clackamas' Misti-Kae Filley's hits as Linn-Benton lost to the undefeated and defending league champion Cougars last Wednesday.

Roadrunners fall to league leading Clackamas

by Amber Peavyhouse
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton women's volleyball team lost a tough match to Clackamas Community College Wednesday night in three games 15-7, 15-3, 16-14.

Although the Roadrunners had a good blocking game throughout the night, and especially in the third game when they staged a spirited comeback, they were too inconsistent to keep up with undefeated Clackamas.

The Cougar defense was as solid as expected and held back LBCC from having an explosive offensive game. Leading the Roadrunners was Carrie Surmon with 13 kills and five digs and Dondi Schock with 10 kills. Opal DePue added six blocks.

"This was our best blocking match yet," said head coach Jayme Frazier.

Since the Roadrunners had a weak preseason of only four games, their game experience as the league season has progressed has helped them find their groove, Frazier said. Earlier wins against NWAACC's Umpqua and Chemeketa have given the Roadrunners confidence in their playing as they strive for the team's goal of going to the NWACC playoffs. To make it to the playoffs, LBCC has to win its remaining four games to tie for fourth place.

"This season has been a little disappointing since we were set on going to the championships, but either way they're giving it everything they've got," said Frazier.

Championship nets two all-stars

by Amber Peavyhouse
of The Commuter

After a hard mid-week league loss, the Roadrunners went to the Shoreline Crossover Tournament with a vengeance, coming out on top of the eight-team field.

"Our goal was to be in the championship game," said head coach Jayme Frazier.

The Roadrunners lost Friday's first match to Walla Walla 6-15, 16-14, 5-15, which fueled the fire to win even more. The second and third matches reflected the team's determination with victories over Centralia 15-5, 11-15, 15-7 and Shoreline 7-15, 15-5, 15-2. Melissa Gale racked up 26 kills for the day followed by Carrie Surmon's 21 kills and Opal DePue added six solo blocks.

LBCC's winning streak continued Saturday with two more wins against Big Bend 15-9, 15-9, and league competitor Umpqua 15-9, 15-9 which placed the Roadrunner's first in their pool.

With those four straight wins, LB advanced to the championship match with confidence and with a mission, overpowering Centralia to win in three games of 12-15, 15-10, 15-4 to take home the trophy.

"We were really happy with our performance this weekend and it helped get us back on our feet," said Frazier.

With LBCC's championship came two All-Tournament All-Stars, Carrie Surmon, who had 50 kills, and Melissa Gale, who added 48 kills.

"We really needed this win to prepare us for the rest of the season and we gained a lot of on court experience as well," said Frazier.

The Roadrunners return to league play tonight at Umpqua. Linn-Benton closes out its home season Friday against Lane at 7 p.m. and Saturday against SW Oregon beginning at 1 p.m.

Women's basketball team looks to rebuild with only two returners

by Brandi Babbitt and Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

In his third year at the helm of the women's basketball program, some things have changed and some things haven't for Head Coach Bill Wold.

When Wold took over the program in 1994 he had only two returning players, and he faces the same situation this year.

Of the 10 players expected on the roster for the upcoming season, eight are new to the program.

Wold has tried to get more players by hanging fliers throughout the campus, but the ads haven't attracted any new faces.

Only seven players have been participating in practices so far, but three volleyball players—Opal DePue, Dondi Schock and Tammy Ames—are expected to join the team when their season ends, according to Assistant Coach Craig Jackson, giving the team 10 players, two short of a full roster.

The only two returning

players on this year's team are post Melissa Olson and wing Melinda Maclean, who helped lead Linn-Benton to a 5-9 league record and 16-9 overall last year.

That team had five sophomores and went undefeated in the preseason, including championships at the Big Bend Crossover and the Chemeketa Holiday Classic.

The Roadrunners were in the playoff picture until the last game of the season, when they fell to league champion Clackamas.

As a freshman Olson led the team in scoring, was second in the Southern Division and fifth in the NWAACC with an average of 18.8 points per game. She also led the team in rebounds grabbing 9.4 per game and was a second team Southern Region selection. She was also named to the All-Freshman team.

New to this year's team are Shellie Leonard of South Albany; Kerry Perkins from Hood River; Vicki Sedlacek from Corvallis; Carmen Vizcarra, who played at Corvallis before moving to Hawaii her senior year; and Martha Williams, who's a transfer from Oregon State University.

Wold must find a replacement for all-league honorable mention Kodi Waite, who spent the last two years at point guard for Linn-Benton.

Waite led the team in assists and free-throw percentage last year, dishing out an average of seven assists a game and hitting 80 percent of her free throws, both good for third best in the NWAACC.

Leading the race for the point guard spot in preseason practices has been Leonard, who played last

season at a junior college in Arizona.

According to Jackson, who's in his first year as assistant coach, this year's team is going to be a "solid team with a small number. Depth is going to be a problem, and we don't have much height."

Williams will be Linn-Benton's tallest player at 6-0, while Olson and DePue are 5-10.

The Roadrunners have scheduled eight preseason games beginning Nov. 24

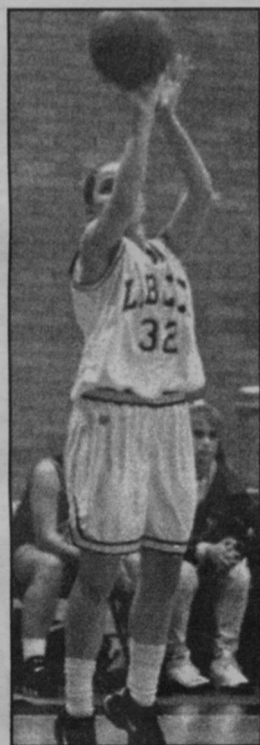
when they travel to Monmouth to face the Western Oregon State College Junior Varsity.

Linn-Benton begins league play Jan. 8 hosting Mt. Hood.

Jackson said the league is expected to be the toughest it's been in 10 years.



Melissa Olson



Melinda Maclean

Not all slopes are for everyone as the ski and snowboard season opens

by Kris Breneman
of The Commuter

On Oct. 14 Mt. Hood had its earliest opening day in ski season history.

Many skiers and snowboarders enjoyed the snow at the Mt. Hood Meadows ski area. They boasted a 20-to-25-inch base and had four inches of new snow on opening day. Lift tickets cost \$15.

Ski resorts that have opened or soon will be opening are Timberline Lodge, Ski Bowl Multorpor, Mt. Bachelor and Hoodoo Ski Bowl.

Timberline Lodge has a 25-inch base and will be

opening their new Palmer Chair Lift on Thanksgiving Day. Palmer will replace the old two-person lift and now will be a high speed quad.

Ski Bowl Multorpor is waiting until it has a sufficient snowpack. Lift tickets at the Ski Bowl cost \$19 for all day and \$14 for night skiing.

Mt. Bachelor opened on Oct. 21 with a 25-inch base and currently has three lifts in operation. On Dec. 7, Mt. Bachelor will unveil their new N.W. Express chairlift that will provide access to Mt. Bachelor's west side.

This area poses some very challenging terrain and is definitely not for beginners. Lift tickets are currently

\$27.

Hoodoo Ski Bowl has a 12-inch base and doesn't plan to open before Nov. 16. Hoodoo is the closest ski area for Albany and Corvallis residents. Season passes are on sale for the student rate of \$250 through Dec. 15, and daily lift tickets can be purchased for \$22. Hoodoo also offers night skiing from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information you can call the following snow phones: Mt. Hood Meadows (503) 227-SNOW, Timberline (503) 272-3311, Ski Bowl Multorpor (503) 272-3206, Mt. Bachelor (541) 382-2442 and Hoodoo Ski Bowl (541) 822-3799.

Four more years of lies, deception and cover-ups

by James Otto
of The Commuter

After this year's elections, it is important to remember who was straightforward and who just chucked a big pile of spin at the uninformed.

Recent comments by the Clinton campaign claimed credit for a "growing economy" rising from the ashes of the nasty slash-and-burn Republicans' pork-cutting campaign.

Mr. Clinton says this even though the economy has been known to run in cycles of rising and falling (far less dependent upon the president than he would like you to believe right now).

When the economy was down, he blamed it on Republicans in Congress. Clinton even played chicken with our nation's future just to ramrod his particular brand of reform down the throats of this century's most vigorous Congress. Then he blamed the deadlock entirely upon the Republicans in Congress.

The good which has happened has been a result of small and large businesses, of you, the people, not of Mr. Clinton's caustic and costly government policies. The private sector is not anywhere near THAT dependent upon the government yet. Give Clinton some time, though, and he will work on that.

Bill Clinton seems to feel that character is not an issue (perhaps because this issue represents his worst, most visible shortfall), and his word has been observed as lasting "about as long as a Big Mac on Air Force One." Clinton's response to this was "I'm trying to eat healthier."

During his 1992 campaign, Clinton cited the health of our nation's public schools as evidence of the wisdom of liberal Democratic policies. Once in office, however, he sang a different tune and shipped Chelsea off to a private school. Notably, Arkansas is among the lowest states in the country for literacy and education in general.

When Republicans cut the exorbitant rate at which school lunch programs were growing, Clinton called it a cut in the program. When Clinton proposed similar cuts, he called it an increase.

When Clinton proposed cutting the rate of growth in Medicare funding to only a few times the rate of inflation, he touted it as a huge increase in funding. When Republicans proposed virtually the same cuts (a kinder version of them, actually), Clinton raved about how the Republicans were cutting the program. A sizable reward was offered to any person who could prove these allegations. To my knowledge, this reward was never collected.

Clinton admits to having used illicit drugs in his

college years. Had he not said "I didn't inhale," I might have at least perceived him as attempting an honest answer. If he had just been experimenting, rather than knuckling under to peer pressure, I might have said "Well, we all make mistakes."

What he is saying, however, is that he has ALWAYS been the same spineless jellyfish we now see in the White House, putting his double-edged sting to our pocketbooks.

Not surprisingly, the largest recorded rise in drug abuse has occurred under his administration.

My favorite dartboard, a picture of Bill Clinton with a great big, smoldering stogey in hand, is supposed to portray the tobacco industry's nemesis. What's wrong with that picture?

The Clinton campaign ran ads showing children smoking—something not favored by Dole in any way, shape or form. One prominent celebrity pointed out that it was Clinton or his supporters who had paid those children to hold cigarettes in their hand—and provided the cigarettes. Is that legal?

On top of that, he has humiliated us over and over again in foreign affairs and continues to do so even now.

When he sent delegates to speak to the Chinese government, he also got caught sending spies (rather incompetent ones, seeing that they were caught) to meet with Chinese dissidents. When travelling to the funeral of Yitzak Shamir, he forced his political rivals to exit from the rear of the plane.

At his recent attendance of a funeral, he was jovial up to the point where he saw the camera focused on him. Then, he prompted a companion to join the long-face playacting. One conservative talk show host replayed that film clip ad nauseam.

Our inexperienced Commander-In-Chief, reviled among veterans as "Slick Willie, the draft dodger," sent our young men and women off to invade Haiti for no effective purpose other than to bolster his own public image. I don't recall them being allowed to expel the offending persons from the island as promised.

Let us not forget that Bill and Hillary Clinton have been under investigation in the Whitewater affair. The Whitewater case is believed to involve embezzlement, racketeering, fraud, extortion and several extremely questionable deaths, including the president's own chief attorney.

As long as Clinton is in office, the truth will most likely remain unknown. It is not unfair to say that Clinton has hampered the investigation with his power as president. It IS unfair to say that Whitewater is nothing but a construction of a rival campaign.

Clinton travelled to Moscow while in college and then to Britain, one of our allies, to protest our government's military actions. Clearly, his actions and loyalties are in question.

Clinton's top aides were caught with numerous, improperly-acquired FBI files pertaining to a number of high level government officials, mostly his Republican rivals, yet Clinton denies knowledge of them. Is that not what almost got Nixon impeached?

Clinton raised the question of nepotism by placing his wife in charge of a high-level task force of attorneys charged with instituting his sinister "health care" program. Oddly enough, he seemed to feel there was nothing wrong with this.

This program would have outlawed travelling to other countries for medical care not authorized by the U.S. Government and would also have outlawed any physician performing medical care not sanctioned and paid for by Clinton's behemoth health care agency.

Remember, doctors were not allowed into that meeting, and neither was the press. Surely, anything that involves taking away that much of our money and personal freedom has got to be kept a tight secret, and any criticism of it can not be anything but a bunch of spin from Clinton's political rivals.

Did I forget to mention the travel office scandal, where Hillary fired the staff and replaced it with a group composed of her own associates?

Even when Hillary came to the OSU campus, all she gave was a feature-length ad hominem and appeal to emotions. She planned her speech for a time when a majority of conservatives would most likely be in church. Was that just a coincidence, or was it for the same reason as her poster declaring that no unauthorized signs would be admitted at her speech?

As for public accountability, one of the first actions of President William Jefferson Clinton was to fire the majority of the White House public-relations phone staff and replace them with lawyers. Priorities become immediately apparent here, as do long-range intentions.

Every time I turn around, I hear of some new and appalling action taken by Clinton, our most disastrous president in history. Each time, I hear him either praising his own detestable actions or blaming Republicans for something he bungled.

From a man such as Clinton, do you honestly expect the truth? Perhaps he takes you all for fools, but he has only to read this to know that he is not fooling me.

I guess my biggest point of confusion is this: How does a man who shows that little integrity get elected in the first place?!?!?

classifieds

HELP WANTED

Looking For Work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part-time, temporary and permanent positions are available. Accounting intern, Secretarial/Administrative Assistant, Photographer's Rep./Receptionist, Retail Sales, Yard Work. Child Care Provider, Computer Lab Assistant, Food Service, CNA, Print Shop Assistant, and Auto Mechanic are just a few of the jobs listed. If you are eligible for the Federal Work Study through Financial Aid, a few jobs are still available on campus as well as the Extended Learning Centers in Corvallis and Lebanon. Business Technology Lab Aide (Benton Center), Van Maintenance Aid, Instructional Lab Aide (Lebanon Center) and LAHP Production Assistant position are open. For a complete list of jobs, come to the Career Center, T-101. Visit us today!

MISCELLANEOUS

Want to learn the secrets to getting better grades in college? Send a long SASE with \$3 for S&H to: TMS, PO Box 1144, Albany, OR 97321

Are you a woman over 30 yrs old who would like to participate in a support group dealing with life issues? For more information please contact Marlene Propst, Career Center, ext 4784.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Financial Aid Office is now accepting

applications for the following scholarships: Jeld-Wen, Peter DeFazio, Libby Vocational, Corvallis Clinic, Marilyn Lieberman and Oregon Sheriff's Association. Please contact the Financial Aid Office in Takena Hall (T-119) for application materials and requirements for the individual scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by Nov. 15th.

JOB GALORE!!!!

Are you needing some extra cash?...the LBCC Student Employment Center can help you with your employment needs. We have over 200 different jobs currently listed. Open positions include: Office Administrator/Receptionist, general office/clerical, chemistry lab assistant, bookkeeper, accounts payable clerk, lobby clerk, retail sales, warehouse worker, telemarketing, child care, food service, house keeping, and many, many more...an added bonus—if any of these jobs are related to your major, you could earn elective Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) credits. Also, a few on-campus Federal Work Study positions are still available for STUDENTS awarded financial aid. Let us help you! Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located in the Career Center, first floor, Takena Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 917-4780.

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Tina's Daycare now has fall openings for preschool/daycare. Small groups for lots of individual attention. Space limited. Call to-

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Aiwa-AM/FM stereo with dble cassette and equalizer. Brand new; \$75.00 or best offer. Call 752-3902.

Bargain!

Clarion car CD player. Less than 1 year old. Payer \$400, selling for \$250/OBO. If interested please call Josh at 766-8744.

Full-size van with 4 ft. extension. Captain's chairs in front and back with small, removable table. Fully carpeted. Great for hauling! Call Ty at 967-8236, Sun.-Wed., to discuss price.

PERSONAL

To the Good Samaritan who found a brown day-planner in the ladies room: Thank you so very much for turning it in so promptly and completely intact. You have restored my faith in people. Thanks again, Marnie

Klassen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Spanish Club meeting: Nov. 7th at noon to select officers. Meet in cafeteria at the Scrabble game. Everyone welcome.

Attention students and families: Federal employment information, please call 1-900-378-6181, ext. 9600 for your referral. \$3.99/min. 18 years+. Touch tone phone required. Pro-call Co. (602)954-7420. REAL JOBS, REAL SOLUTIONS.

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Room and board \$450 + \$60 deposit in Harrisburg (40 min. commute). Must be female, non-smoker, with decent morals. Contact Marilyn at 995-8340. Best time to reach me: 6:45-8:30 a.m. or 9:00-10:00 p.m. Otherwise, good luck!

Lutheran Students of LBCC

invite you to join them
Thursdays from noon to 1
for conversation,
Bible Study and cookies
in The Commons

LBCC Women Center's Open House

Wed., Nov. 13th, 1996
10 am - 2 pm in Rm. IA-225
Come join us for our Open House.
Enjoy refreshments.
Door prizes every hour!
Everyone is welcome.

OPINION PAGE

commentary

Electoral College
outways popular voteby Cindi Fuller
of the Commuter

The Election Day tally shows that there are 181.7 million eligible voters in the United States, and that approximately 100 million actually voted. Although President Clinton was pronounced the winner on Tuesday night, in reality the president has yet to be elected.

Of all the Americans who voted, there are only 538 who actually have the decisive role in determining who becomes our next president. Those 538 voters are the Electoral College. Although the public may think that these votes are an unnecessary formality, the electoral votes can change who becomes our next president if they should vote differently than the public has.

When we cast our ballots we were giving our selected party's representatives in the Electoral College the right to choose our desired candidate. To win an election, a candidate must receive at least 270 of the electoral votes. Their votes determine the final outcome of the election, but will not be counted or confirmed until Jan. 6, 1997. At that time, the next president will be formally elected.

According to "GEORGE" magazine, there have only been eight instances in our history when an elector has not voted for the candidate as pledged. An example of the impact electoral votes can have is the election of 1876 between Rutherford B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden. Although Tilden received 250,000 more votes than Hayes, he lost the presidency by one electoral vote.

The usefulness of the Electoral College votes has been the subject of debate, but there is no indication that it will be abolished any time soon. Voters need to keep the electoral votes in mind when selecting candidates for the House of Representatives. If one candidate does not receive a majority of the electoral votes, the choice of a president goes to the House. This is where Republican or Democratic control of the House could have an impact on the selection of the next president, whether we voted for that candidate or not.

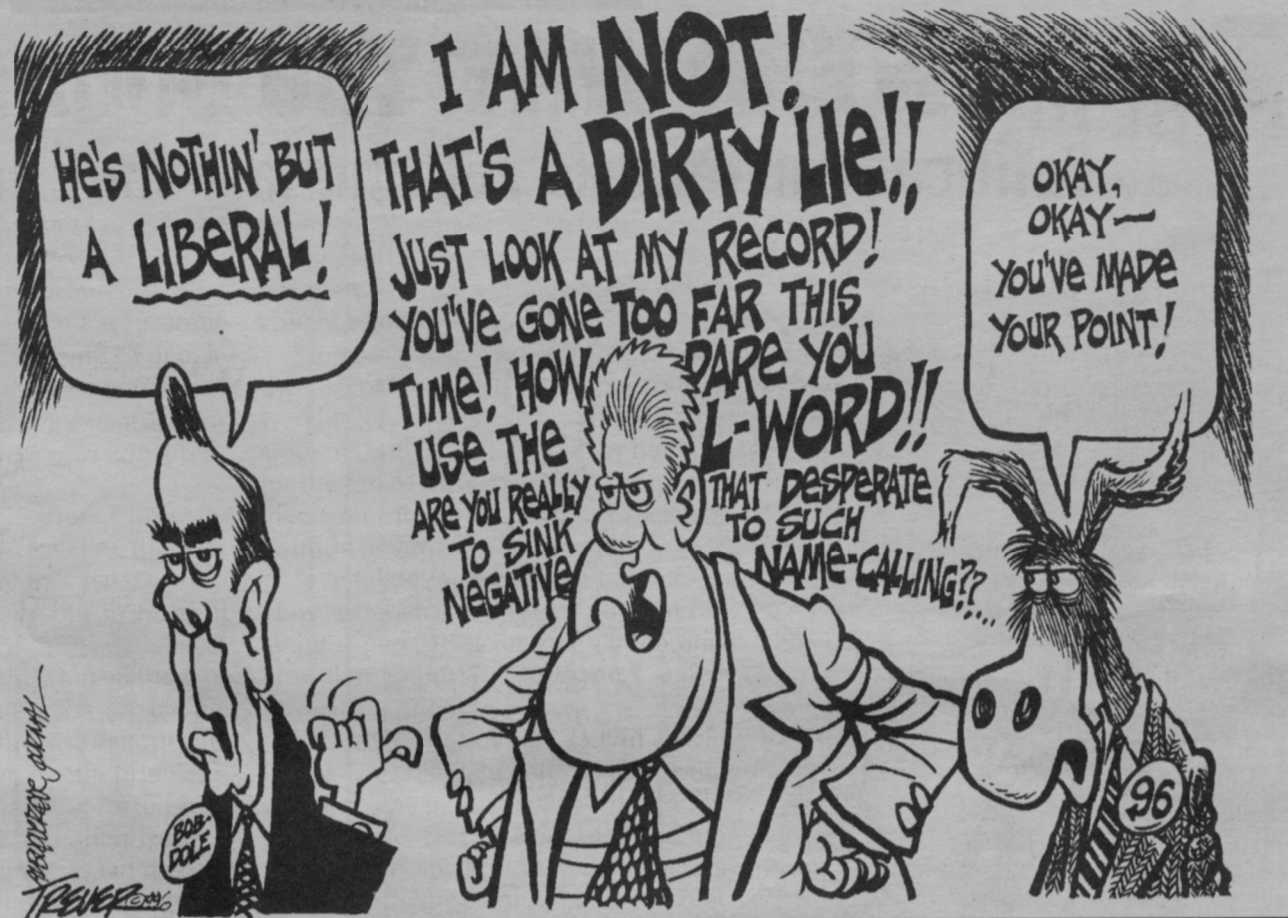
It is highly unlikely that we will see any deviation in electoral votes from our votes in yesterday's election, but it is always a possibility. If other states were to follow Nebraska, Oklahoma and Maine, who changed from the winner-takes-all system to individual electoral votes by districts, we could have very tight and complicated elections in the future, which could go to the House of Representatives for a final decision. If that were to happen, then it would be imperative that the people we place in Congress vote for the candidate we choose, or our voices will be lost in government.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

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

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

Letters should be limited to 250 words or less, and will be edited for length, grammar and spelling. In order to confirm the authenticity of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address included. As general policy, The Commuter will not publish anonymous letters to the editor, although the editor reserves the right to make exceptions when conditions warrant.



pete petryszak

The campaigning is over, thank God

I never thought I'd be saying this, but thank GOD the election is over. This has got to have been the most heavily covered campaign in history, with two of the least inspiring candidates we've ever had.

Honestly, did anyone out there ever think Dole had a prayer? He should have learned his lesson from Mondale in 1984. Nobody can get elected by promising to raise taxes or cut services. Dole's promise of a 15-percent tax cut was overshadowed throughout the campaign by his ominous references to "making the tough decisions" and "sacrifices." Because he wasn't clear on whose favorite programs would be placed on the sacrificial alter and gutted to appease the gods of fiscal restraint, the underlying message of the Dole campaign that most voters heard was "If I'm elected, there will be pain. This will hurt a lot, and as your president I'll demand that you shut up and take it!" Dole was a guaranteed loser back in February.



Even before Dole got busy prophesizing doom and gloom this fall, Clinton's chances for re-election received a great deal of help from Newt Gingrich and the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives. They found the fear they inspired among people dependent on government programs amusing and took a sadistic delight in it. There was also House Majority Whip Tom DeLay's boast during the early days of the 104th Congress that all the House Republicans were in lock-step with the Speaker's agenda, and that the new majority would stifle debate whenever possible, which surely revolted many of the voters who created the "Republican revolution" in the first place.

This new majority called itself the "Dittohead Caucus," which meant that they would repeat what their leaders told them to say without developing opinions of their own. Add to this House majority, which proudly advertised the fact that they were allowing their brains to atrophy, a speaker who enjoyed comparing himself to Napoleon and Churchill when speaking to the press, and Clinton, who in November of 1994 was generally thought to be dead in the water, started looking downright presidential.

After two years of stalemate and a government

shutdown, the Republicans had no real record or agenda to run on in 1996 other than promises of painful cuts and demands for sacrifices from all but the wealthiest citizens. So it was no surprise that they would resort to the failed tactics of Bush's 1992 campaign, attacking Clinton's character, which didn't hold water with any more voters this year than it did before.

Of all the mudslinging that went on in this campaign, the thing I found most offensive was the continual reference to the Democrats as "liberals." Nothing is more infuriating to a true liberal than to be compared to Clinton, Dick Gephardt or Tom Daschle. These people, when called "liberal" by their opponents, take what should be considered a great compliment and act like they've just been referred to with a racial epithet.

"Liberal" has become the Republicans' new buzzword, now that they don't have "pinkos" to kick around anymore. This trend, if it continues, will reduce our democratic process to nothing but name-calling and smear campaigns. Not only does this tactic eliminate thoughtful debate over issues and replace them with childish attempts to place a derogatory label on anything one's opponent proposes, but it also twists the meaning of a word that has been used to describe our American system in highly complimentary terms.

There is nothing wrong with being called a liberal. Our country was founded upon liberal principles and every great American has also been a great liberal. A liberal society is one founded upon the principles of political participation for citizens, free markets, private property and limitations on the power of the government. To me, this sounds like a good, democratic philosophy. I wonder why the political leaders of our country, both Democrats and Republicans, find these liberal principles so repulsive that the term is now a smear, and why people accused of being liberal find the term insulting.

Now that Clinton has been re-elected, I would like to see him come forward and admit that, yes, he is a liberal, and furthermore, that he's proud to be a liberal and will do all he can do to preserve liberalism in America. Anyone who would be made uncomfortable by that statement either doesn't know what "liberalism" really is or doesn't value the principles our country was founded on and doesn't deserve its blessings.

letters

Program teaches students
to choose their own path

To the Editor:

I recently went through the "Turning Point Transition Program" that LBCC offers.

What a wonderful gift a college can offer an individual.

The benefits I choose to carry me onto the path are wonderful.

The teacher, Mary Lou Bennet, has given us the choice to better our lives and to choose our own paths. I choose to go forward with the help from this program. The benefits are endless.

I am a student at LBCC, with the help of this program, life just keeps getting better and better!

Carla J. McIntyre

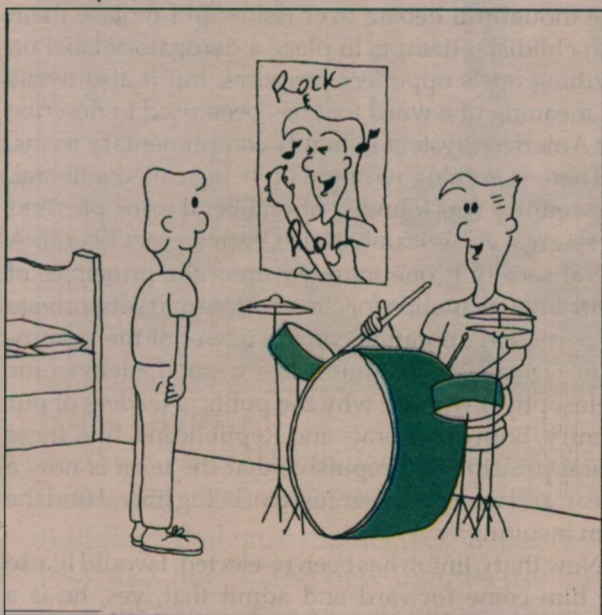
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THESE WERE WAY TOO GOOD TO LEAVE OUT

Political cartoonists get one last shot at the candidates

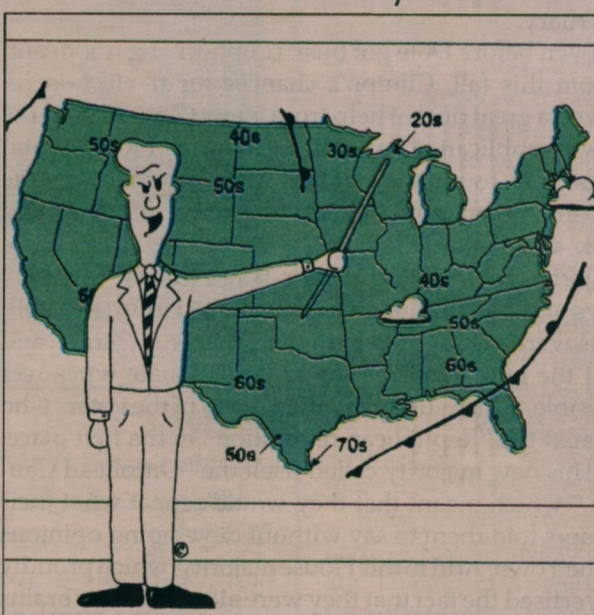


Reality Bites



My dad bought this for me when he and mom split up; he thought mom would love to hear me play it for her.

by Lance Dunn



Hello, this is Sarcastic Dan's weather report. Today's weather will suck, followed by some more crappy weather, with chances of everyone freezing their butts off. Thank you.

Weekly Crossword

- ACROSS
- Run before the wind
 - Devilish
 - Beach material
 - Easy gait
 - Butter substitutes
 - Baseball family name
 - Celebrity
 - Currents
 - Type of dancing
 - Forceful
 - Senate floor occurrences
 - Hand signal
 - Crimson
 - Imperturbable
 - Regarded with scorn
 - Wide awake
 - Temptress
 - "— Camera"
 - Muck
 - Give — up (help)
 - Move
 - Prohibition
 - Revival responses
 - Far from fresh
 - Bring together
 - Pursued
 - Vive le —!
 - go brag
 - Simpered
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 - Once — a time
 - Dover's state
 - Cause for action
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 - the line (obeyed)
 - Declared
 - Dinner courses
 - Descended
 - Not any
 - Club
 - assessment
 - Actor Dillon
 - Auxiliary verb
 - Dance from Brazil
 - Inventor Howe
 - Actors Bruce and Laura
 - Sawyer of TV news
 - White-tailed birds
 - Good-byes
 - Zola
 - Was brave
 - Author Silverstein
 - Special atmosphere
 - Criterion
 - One way to run?

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- Part of a leg
- Wandering, like some knights
- Rubbemecked
- Ham it up
- Attempt
- Only
- Rug exporter
- College quarters, for short
- Nautical term
- Turner or Louise
- Blissful place
- Bill

STAMPEDE

