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## Students lobby for improvements in Loop bus service

A survey shows Linn Benton Loop bus riders want a more convenient schedule, more bike racks and weekend service

By Tony Lystra  
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Sachi Kanzaki didn't like this year's schedule for the Linn Benton Loop bus.

So she did something about it.

She presented a list of suggestions from student bus riders and proposed a new schedule to the Linn Benton Loop Transit Commission.

The problem, said Kanzaki, is that with this year's schedule the bus does not arrive at LB at times which correspond with student's class schedules. She said students who ride the bus often must wait around campus 20 to 45 minutes before going to their first class.

With this year's schedule change the bus arrives at LB, in most cases, between 15 and 35 minutes past the top of the hour. The change was designed to facilitate Hewlett Packard employees' work schedule, Kanzaki said. The schedule was altered so that the bus would arrive at HP in time for the start of the workday.

Chairman of the LB Loop Commission David Wienecke suggested that one or two of the morning routes to HP be eliminated because HP riders constitute roughly 5 percent of the buses ridership while LB students make up 75-80 percent.

**The problem is that the bus does not arrive at LB at times which correspond with class schedules.**

Kanzaki found in her survey of roughly 40 student bus riders that 95 percent of those surveyed believe the bus schedule does not meet their needs.

The survey also showed that bus riders want an evening bus to leave LB between 5 and 6 p.m., more buses capable of transporting bicycles, weekend bus



Photo by Joan Murdock

Students board the last bus to Corvallis in front of Takena Hall at the end of the day. Most students who use the bus system would like the last bus to leave later than 4:40 p.m.

service, and a bus to Philomath.

A quarterly graph presented at an Oct. 20 meeting of the Loop Transit Commission shows a decline in ridership from roughly 3,500 riders of 2,800 riders between September 1991 and September 1992.

Theoretically, more students should be riding the bus due to the drastic increase in student enrollment at LB, Kanzaki said.

She said the inconvenient schedule coupled with a ten cent increase in fares from 75 to 85 cents might be contributing to the decline in ridership. "People aren't going to want to ride the bus this year if it's more expensive and less convenient," she said.

While Wienecke said the Loop Transit Commission will do its best to accommodate LB student

recommendations, City of Albany Transit Supervisor Mike Corso said students shouldn't expect any changes soon. "I don't see it (a schedule change) happening winter term. Maybe spring or summer term," he said.

Corso said he wants more feedback from Corvallis, Albany, HP and LB riders before any major decisions are made. "There are other people besides LB students that we need to consider," he said.

Wienecke said that whatever decision the commission arrives at, the needs of the bus riders must be a priority. "The bus is one of the most customer oriented businesses that I have ever worked with," he said. "The whole reason it was put in place was for the customer."

## Work study jobs remain open as 150 students wait for grants

Financial Aid Office begins to reallocate unused grants to students who want to work

By Casi Shaw  
Of The Commuter

The financial aid office at LBCC has been busy the past few weeks trying to accommodate the many students in search of work study positions.

In fact, for the first time ever, the office has been given clearance to close its doors to walk-in traffic from 1-5 p.m., Tuesday - Friday to meet the heavy demands of processing applications for aid.

Although the work load is unusually high, the method of assigning work study "is really no different from

the past," says Lance Popoff, director of student financial aid. "It is just taking a little longer."

Nearly 300 letters were sent out earlier this term to notify work study recipients who hadn't found jobs yet of the need for their participation. The recipients were warned that they had two weeks to notify the office of their intentions or their grant would be forfeited and given to one of the 150 people who are on a waiting list, Popoff explained.

LBCC awards three times the number of work study grants than they actually have funds to cover to ensure complete enrollment in the program. This is business as usual, according to Popoff.

The problem this year has been a communication gap between the

students and the school. Many students end up enrolling at other colleges, others find outside employment and others simply do not utilize the grants, he said.

There are also more jobs than grants, he said.

**More than 300 work study recipients warned to use their grant or lose it to students on waiting list. More than 120 jobs still open in food services, custodial, physical education and other departments.**

In the last five years, Popoff explained, there have been three increases in the minimum wage. LBCC has between \$325,000 and \$350,000 to pay for work study grants annually, to when the wage goes up the number of grants awarded goes down.

Overall there are 284 work study

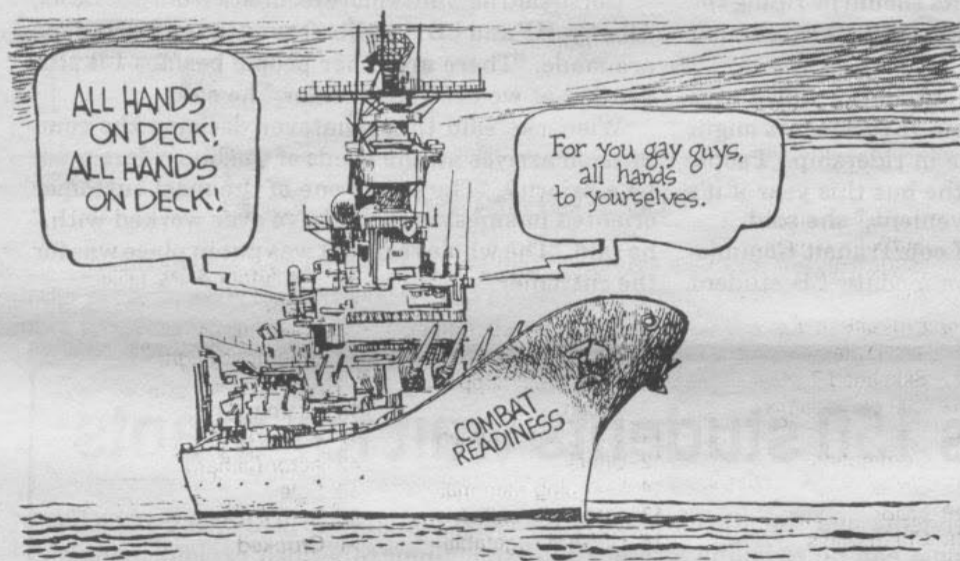
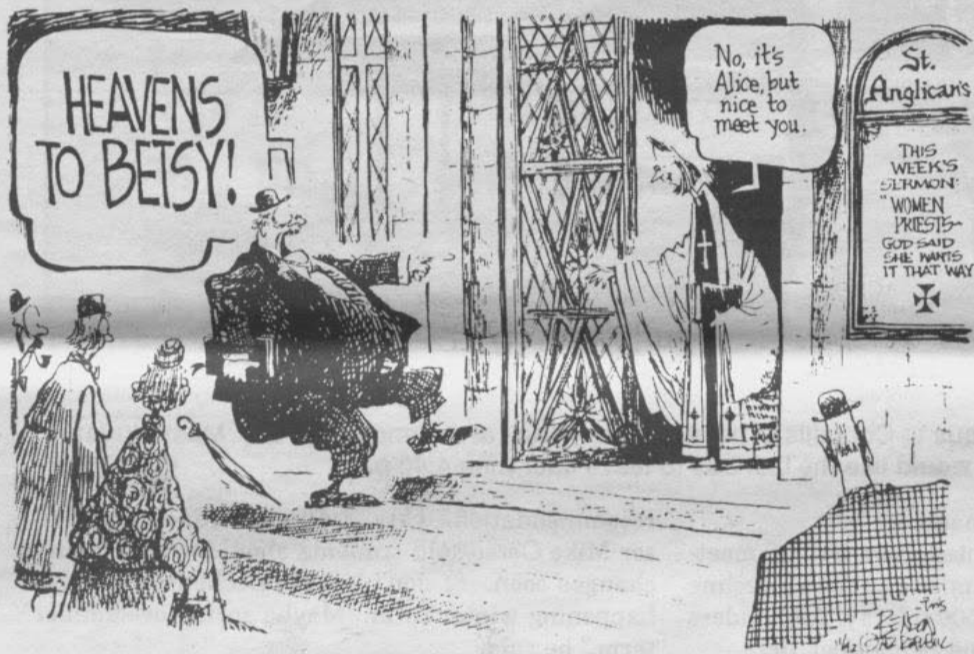
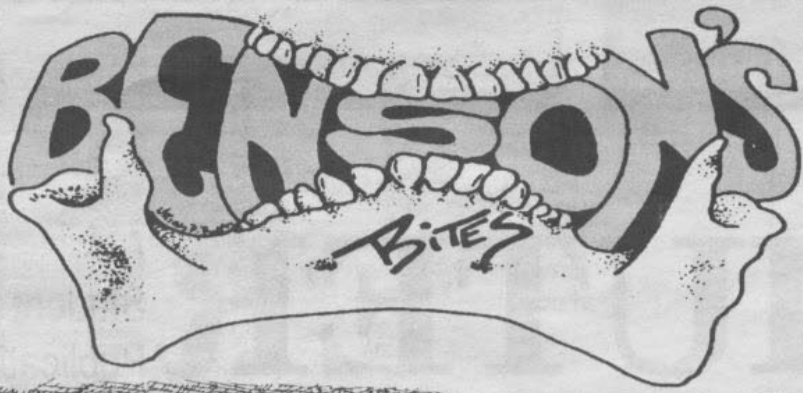
jobs available at LBCC, and 128 jobs remaining to be filled, explained Angie Aschoff, placement specialist for the Career Center.

The food service, custodial and the physical education departments are those most in need of work study

students, according to Aschoff, although jobs in other areas are also open.

She said one of the advantages of work study over off-campus jobs is that the students can usually obtain flexible work hours that fit into their class schedules.

opinion forum



U.S. prison crowding could be solved by franchising the Russian gulags

So now we have a stretch of interstate highway in Florida being patrolled by the National Guard because wackos try to kill passing motorists.

Only a few weeks ago, the head of public housing in Chicago suggested calling out the National Guard to battle heavily armed gangs that have turned Cabrini-Green into a war zone. Every 30 minutes, police stats say, somebody in Chicago is shot. The numbers are similar in New York, Detroit, Los Angeles and most other big cities.

And things aren't too calm in the smaller cities and suburbs, where the drug trade has spread and the shootings have followed.

It's remarkable how calm we are, considering that we have become the most violent country in the developed world. And maybe in the undeveloped world too. By the time the year is over, more people will be shot in this country than in Bosnia. And we're not at war.

A measure of how we have adjusted to this maniacal behavior is that crime wasn't even a major issue in the presidential campaign. It was seldom mentioned.

There was a reason. The candidates couldn't make a big deal out of it because they would have had to offer solutions. And they have none. Sure, we can say that a long-range solution is to improve education in the crime-plagued inner cities and other poor areas. Improve education and the young men will get jobs. If they get jobs, they won't be joining gangs, dealing drugs and shooting each other and unfortunate bystanders.

But that's long range. And after years of Reagan-Bush's to-hell-with-the-cities policy (the punishment for being urban Democrats), the range is even longer.

Which brings us to short-term remedies. Some academics and sociologists might disagree, but the only practical short-term solution is to put criminals behind bars. It won't make them nicer people, but while they are locked up, they won't shoot anyone.

But that doesn't work well because we don't have enough space in our prisons. The cops bring them in, the juries or judges find them guilty, then what? If the prisons open the door to let a menace in, they have to shove another menace out to make room. We trade a new thug for a more experienced thug.

We could use more prisons. But we could also use better schools, bridges that won't collapse, highways that aren't falling apart and billions of dollars in other projects. And because of the nature of the clientele, it costs more to build prisons than schools, motels and maybe even hospitals.

So the question is, how can we handle our world-renowned, record-setting, superstar criminal population on the cheap?

I have a proposal. As we know, Russia and the other former Soviet states are staggering their way toward something that is supposed to be a capitalistic, free-enterprise system. But they're having a hard time because they are novices and don't have much to sell. They are so inept that when they have something to sell, they lose it or break it or forget where they are supposed to ship it. That's not good for them or us. If they get too messed up, they'll wind up with one form of dictator or another and will be at each other's throats and will threaten the peace.

So it is to our advantage to see them succeed and prosper so we can sell things to them someday, rather than drop bombs. Now, think: What were the Rooskies, as we used to call them in the angry old days, really good at? You got it. If they were good at anything, it was locking people away. Joe Stalin may have been the most efficient prison warden in the history of the world. He had millions of people — innocent and guilty, it didn't make much difference — stashed in gulags all over the Soviet map. His successors weren't as outwardly nasty, but they kept the tradition going. And they did it economically.

Instead of building stately prisons with enormous walls and all sorts of high-tech electronic doodads, they just hauled the unfortunates to places so remote, there was no point in escaping. How do you plan a breakout when the final step is: "Then we walk 1,500 miles through hip-deep snow and wolves, and we're home free."

You probably see my proposal shaping up. Now that the Soviet Union is no more, they have all these vacant gulags. And they have vast expanses where they can easily create others. They also have an army of unemployed gulag guards, gulag wardens and other gulag experts.

So it is a straight business deal. We have this huge surplus criminal population. They have this huge surplus prison space and surplus guard population. We were made for each other. We ship them our surplus criminals and pay them so much a year in storage fees.

We can probably cut a good price, especially in volume, because they need the business. It will help their economy and ours. We won't have to build more prisons, we'll have less upkeep, and we won't have to spend as much money on law enforcement. We can then funnel the money into the long-range solutions.

I'm sure there are all sorts of legalistic obstructions to this plan. But if we can legally export war weapons, why can't we legally export criminals? I'm sure the creative minds of Congress could find a way.

You say the idea is preposterous and that I'm kidding, right? Think of it this way: Some retired geezers want to drive their camper to their Florida condo. But troops have to protect them from snipers. And I'm the one who is kidding?



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# Roadrunners' upset bid falls short in finale

By Joel Slaughter  
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton nearly pulled off the upset, but couldn't convert on three match points, losing a marathon volleyball match to Southwestern Oregon last Wednesday, 15-8, 7-15, 15-9, 9-15, 16-14.

Ahead 14-12 in the deciding game, the Roadrunners surrendered four straight points and the match to SWOCC, the league's number two team.

"I think we probably should've won it," Linn-Benton head coach Kevin Robbins said. "We made a couple crucial mistakes in the end, but it was a tough game. In my opinion that's one of the top four or five teams in the whole Northwest and we played them tough. If we had played like that the entire season, we'd be in the playoffs."

As it's been all season though, the Roadrunners' lack of confidence hurt them down the stretch.

"That was our biggest weakness this year," Robbins said. "We'd block a couple, get a couple nice hits, play some good defense, and then lose our confidence. We did that all the time, and it hurt us all year."

Serving also contributed to LB's loss. "That was a problem we had all year," Robbins said. "We'd get on a roll, and then we'd miss a serve. If you're missing your serves, you're giving the other team the advantage. It's so important, and sometimes I don't think my team really realized how important it was."

Setter Nancy Harrison and outside hitters Sherry

Short and Bridget Burke all had excellent matches according to Robbins.

Harrison had 64 assists in the match and a 41-percent efficiency rating.

"She's disappointed in herself because we lost, but I think she did a super job," Robbins said. "She has risen to the occasion for us this year."

Short, who was playing on an injured ankle, had 34 kills in 70 attempts.

"That was a pretty bad sprain, and she came back and played," Robbins said. "And she's been playing on that without giving it a chance to heal. That was her best game of the year."

Burke had 21 kills in the losing cause. Robbins said that she "did a good job in her sophomore season," noting she blocked Southwestern for game point in the fourth game.

Although Robbins was disappointed in the Roadrunners' season, he wasn't ready for it to end so soon. "After the season's over, I still feel that we should've been in the playoffs. But this was one of the most fun groups of kids that I've ever had. This is actually the first year in a few years that I'm going to regret not practicing anymore."

Recently, four LB players were named to the NWAACC all-league teams. Short was a first-team selection and Harrison made the second team. Burke and Kecia Stephens received honorable mention.

The Roadrunners finished their season at 3-9 in league and in sixth place in the Southern Division.

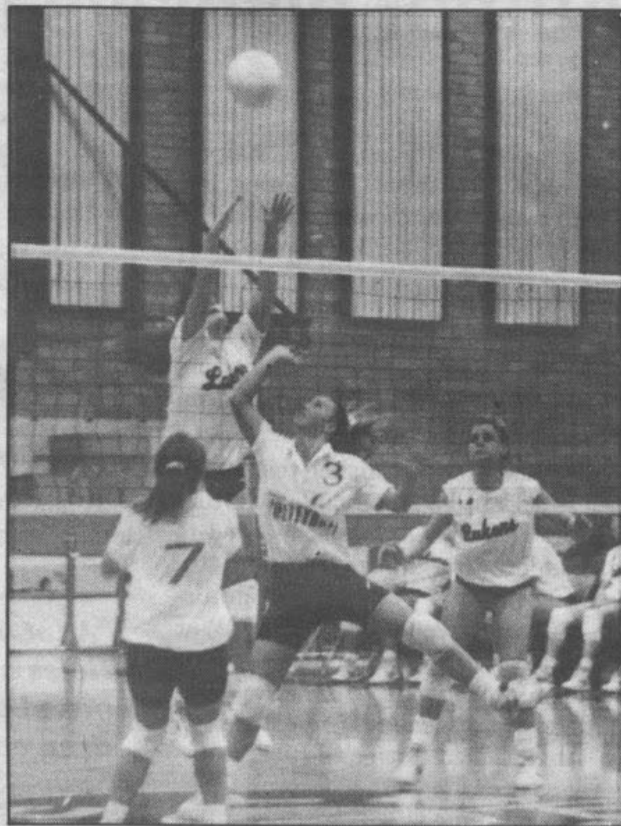


Photo by Linda Wallace

Linn-Benton's Nancy Harrison, a second-team all NWAACC selection, reacts to a block attempt during the Roadrunners' five set loss to Southwestern Oregon last Wednesday. The Roadrunners ended their season in sixth place.

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## Weekly Crossword

### "Thanksgiving Dinner"

By Gerry Frey

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- 24 Advantage
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- 29 Licorice flavored spice
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## campus news

# Author displays love of history in children's books

By Mary Mayberry  
Of The Commuter

Margaret Anderson began her career as a storyteller by bribing her younger sister, Ann, with stories.

This was in pre-World War II Lockerbie, Scotland.

Since then Ms. Anderson has authored ten books of juvenile fiction, three books of non-fiction for children and numerous articles.

She has recently finished teaching a course at Benton Center called Writing Children's Books and is scheduled to teach another beginning January 4th.

Daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Margaret lived through World War II in a part of Scotland that was never bombed, although the household included young evacuees from the city.

"Girls named Ruth and Rita," Margaret says, "who were older and wiser than Ann and I. Even so, they liked listening to my stories."

But they wanted different sorts of stories than those Margaret had told little sister Ann and "this really stretched my imagination."

The war did alter their lives. "We had soldiers living next door, a prisoner of war camp across the fields, and evacuees who came and went," Margaret remembers.

Out of this experience came the idea for her book, *Searching for Shona*, a story about two evacuees from Edinburgh, Marjorie and Shona.

Both orphans and casual acquaintances of similar appearance, they decide spontaneously to exchange places. Wealthy but lonely Marjorie takes Shona's place in the country while

Shona goes to Canada to live with Marjorie's little known relatives.

"*Searching for Shona*" was turned into a play by a group of 4th, 5th and 6th graders in Audubon, New Jersey.

"A full scale production," Margeret says. She approved and made suggestions on the script. The class raised money for airfare so that she could attend opening night.

She was impressed with the work done by these young students.

"It made me want to cry," Margeret said, to see her characters come to life.

**"A lot of my early articles and books were based on things children could do with bugs—besides squashing them,"**

After the war Margaret went to the University of Edinburgh and graduated with honors in genetics.

In 1955 she went to Canada.

Working in biology labs, she helped design experiments on insect damage to crops.

In British Columbia she met Norman Anderson, a Canadian entomologist, whom she married in 1956.

While in England, twins Richard and Judith were born.

They returned to Corvallis and Dr. Anderson to OSU. The Andersons have lived in Corvallis for the last 30 years.

As a mother of young children, Margaret found that "sharing our enthusi-

asm for small creatures and the outdoors with our own family and other children led me to write nature articles."

"A lot of my early articles and books were based on things children could do with bugs—besides squashing them," Margaret said in her lilting Scottish accent.

Her first published book was "Exploring the Insect World" which came out in 1974.

A sabbatical in Dorset, England in 1971-72, where the Andersons lived in a 200-year-old thatched cottage, helped produce Margaret's first fiction work, "To Nowhere and Back."

"There's a tremendous wealth of history in that area," she explains, "earthworks pre-dating Christ, excavated tile floors of Roman villas, abbeys, castles, churches and graveyards."

"This visual record of the past was something I had missed in Oregon. So when I ventured into writing fiction, it was this need for ties with our past that I wanted to convey."

This interest in the past is evident in her 1990 novel, "The Ghost Inside the Monitor," which takes place in a fictionalized Corvallis in the early part of this century.

It is the story of Sarah, an eleven-year-old girl newly arrived in Dixon Landing.

There was an early Corvallis settler named Dixon, hence that choice for an alias in the book. Sarah discovers the ghost of a young girl in one of the computers in her father's store.

Fascinated by the long dead girl, Sarah is pulled into her world, the Willamette Valley, at the turn of the

century.

Today Margaret conducts creative non-fiction workshops for 1st through 4th graders.

"I use a hands-on approach to non-fiction writing, bringing live materials such as caddisflies, stick insects, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches into the classroom.

"The students then write about what they have learned and observed, and also about the experience of handling the insects. The objective is to write something that is lively and fun to share."

"Ninety percent of the children write about the hissing cockroach," she says with a smile. She keeps a few of these insects in a box in her home.

A rather oval-shaped insect, the hissing cockroach is about 2 1/2 inches long and three-quarters of an inch wide.

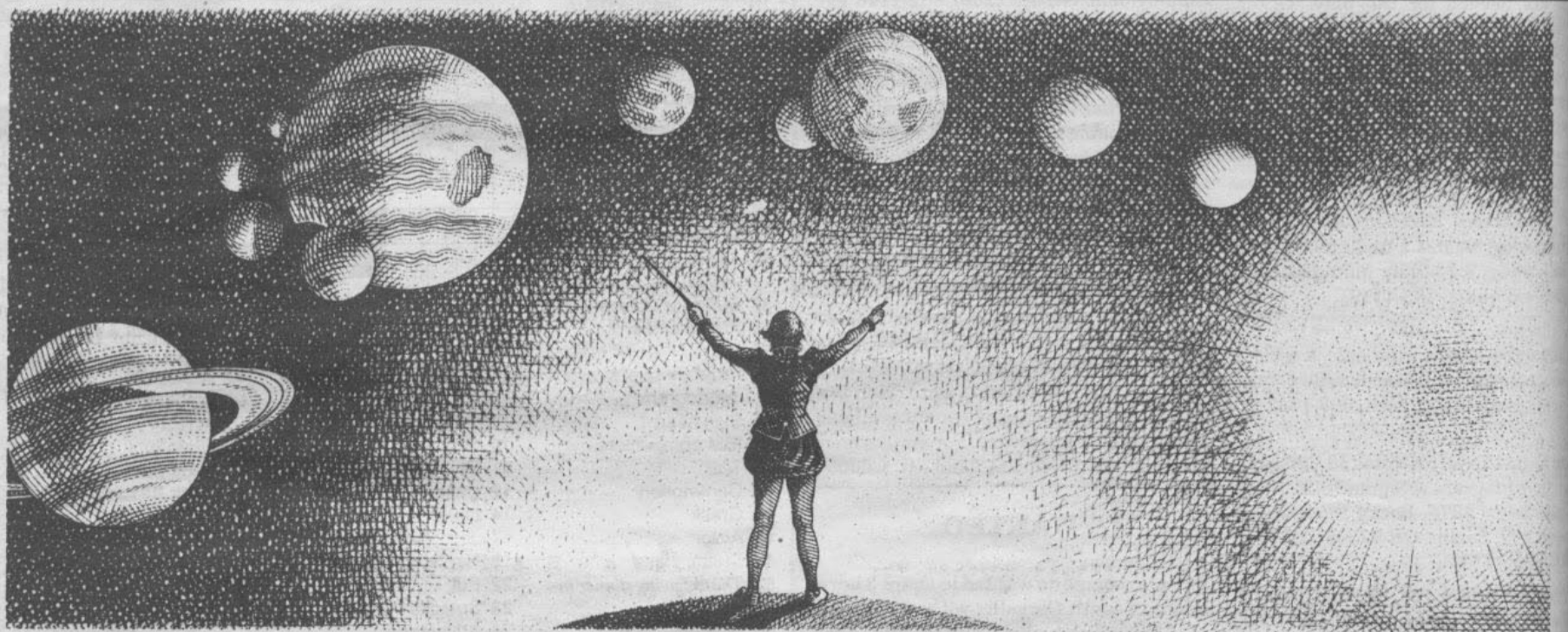
She placed one on her hand and just sat there but, as the name implies, it will hiss if startled or threatened.

Margaret's class, Writing Children's Books, held for six weeks this past fall was her first on-going class for adults.

She covered the basics of character setting, plot construction, excerpts from her own work and her unique insights into writing their own work in-progress.

A very hospitable woman, Margaret made sure that there were cookies for students during the class break. Another class will be offered during the winter term.

In collaboration with her youngest daughter, Karen, Margaret's next book will be an illustration-filled activity book for children titled *Discovering Ancient Forests*.



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## news briefs

## AIDS Inservice

The Valley AIDS Information Network will hold its monthly inservice for volunteers and the public on Tuesday Nov. 24 from 6-9 p.m. at the Methodist Church on 11th and Monroe Avenues in Corvallis. Dr. Tom Rafalski, M.D., will summarize information that was presented at international and local AIDS conferences. For more information, call 752-6322.

## Holiday Stress Reliever

A presentation on how to relieve the stress of the holiday season will be held from 11 a.m.-noon Monday Nov. 30 in the boardrooms of the College Center. Speaking will be Barbara Delaney, a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Corvallis and currently employed by the OSU Student Health Center. She will discuss ways to deal with the anxiety, fatigue and depression that often afflict people between Thanksgiving and New Years Day, when visions of family togetherness and celebration can give way to unrealized expectations. Delaney has many years of experience as an educator and counselor in both the community college and university settings. Her focus for the past 10 years has been on loss, grief and trauma issues.

## Faculty Art Show

An exhibit showcasing the work of community college art instructors from across the state is on view in the gallery in the AHSS Building through the end of the term. The show contains 41 pieces representing faculty at five schools, including LBCC, Umpqua, Central Oregon, Portland and Lane. This is the first time LBCC has hosted a state-wide invitational for community college faculty. Among the media on view are bronze and aluminum sculptures, photography, oil painting, watercolor, drawing, mixed-media and a large photo-installation. The show is curated by Shelley Curtis.

## Thanksgiving Pies

Pumpkin and pecan pies baked fresh in the LBCC bakery will be available for purchase if orders are placed by Nov. 20. Pumpkin pies are \$5.25 each and pecan pies are \$6.25. Orders can be placed by calling ext. 101 or contacting the cashier in the cafeteria. Orders will be ready for pickup on Nov. 25.

## Turkey Trot

All students and staff are invited to participate in today's annual Turkey Trot at the LBCC track at 12:15 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to win turkeys and pies for the best "poker hand" made from cards you receive. Groups or individuals may enter.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

The fourth annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is underway, with the goal of helping students and staff in need. Contributions of non-perishable food items can be brought to the Human Resources Office, CC-108, by Nov. 23. Food is also being collected in Facilities and in the Workforce Education Building. Cash contributions can be brought to Kathy Withrow in CC-108.

## Smoke-Out Thursday

The parents and staff of the LBCC Family Resource Center invite students and staff to join them for munchies and videos in the living room of the FRC for the Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Brown Bag Series

Local speakers will address business problems, possibilities and opportunities in a Brown Bag Series beginning today (Nov. 18). The first session will be on "Government Loan Programs" by Debbie Wright today at 11:30 a.m. The next session is Tuesday Nov. 24 from 12-1 p.m. on "Leasing Commercial Real Estate" by Gary Pond. Both sessions meet at the Business Enterprise Center, 800 NW Starker Ave. in Corvallis. Call ext. 112 for more information.

## Macs Available to Business

A new service is being offered by the LBCC Computer Lab in association with the college's Training and Business Development Center. Free use of Macintosh computers with PrintShop and other software is available to the business community or new business owners. Laser printer cards are available from the Business Office to cover the cost of printing for \$2 for 10 pages. The lab is located in Forum Room 204 and is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

## Academic All-Americans

LBCC will nominate two students for the Academic All-American Team Competition sponsored by USA Today, the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and Phi Theta Kappa. Twenty first team members will receive \$2,500 cash, with 40 nominees receiving commemorative awards. Students who have completed 18 quarter hours in pursuit of an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science at LBCC and have a grade point average of 3.25 or better may be eligible. Applications are available in the library and must be turned in to Takena 117 by 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19. Additional information is available from Jane White at ext. 219.



Illustration by Uriah P. Roth

## College Learning Center battles mathematics phobia

By Beverly Bodine  
Of the Commuter

If one car leaves Chicago traveling 65 mph how long will it take a 2nd car... Are your eyes glazing over, is your heart beating fast? Math anxiety strikes again — but the LBCC math lab can help.

"Most math anxiety is based on the student's background from elementary school," says Ann Mills, an instructor at the LBCC Benton Center math lab.

"I have a theory," she says, "that until about 15 years ago elementary school math teachers did not need to take college math courses and so they didn't always understand what they were trying to teach. The students wouldn't understand either and absorbed any negative messages given off by the teacher. The teacher must have a love for math and be able to instill this love in the student."

Betsey Harrington, also an instructor at the LBCC Benton Center math lab, agrees with Mills and adds that in the past, girls in our society were discouraged from taking too many math courses. "Even a girl's parents would discourage her from math because they felt that she wouldn't do well anyway," says Harrington.

Harrington graduated from college during the 1950's and had several female math professors which she says was unusual in those days. These role models helped tremendously with her love of math.

The LBCC math labs are devoted to helping students understand a wide range of math courses. Each course is self-study with variable credit but a schedule is provided in order to finish the course in one term. The obvious advantage is being able to come to class whenever you need help instead of attending regularly structured class hours.

If you visit the LBCC math lab, the popularity of this learning style is apparent. Students of all ages study quietly or receive individual help from an instructor. Extra help is available from taped lectures viewed on-site.

The instructors don't believe there is such thing as a dumb question and they're very sensitive towards the anxiety-ridden math student.

So if you're avoiding majoring in a field because of the required math, or simply tired of not being able to balance your checkbook, relax. It's not as hard as it looks. Help is available and you're not alone.

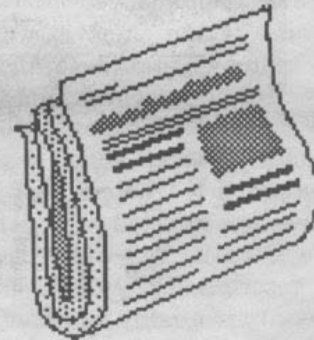
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If you have a work study grant and are interested in a challenging position that provides career-enhancing work experience, contact Rich Bergeman in Forum Room 108, or call ext. 218.

## local news

## Oregon women face increasing risk of contracting AIDS

By Teri Velazquez  
Of The Commuter

If you are one of the many Oregonians who think the HIV virus or AIDS only happens to gay men in San Francisco or heroin addicts in New York City, you need to face some facts.

AIDS is growing among Oregon women of child-bearing age at an alarming rate, not just in the Portland Metropolitan Area, but in the rural areas as well.

It can happen to your sisters, friends, and it can happen to you.

In the Oregon Health Division's HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Seroprevalence Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1992, the statistics prove that although Oregon's incidents of HIV/AIDS remain low in comparison to the more populated states, the rates among women are rapidly climbing.

And it's not among prostitutes that the virus is rising. It's young women, college students, young mothers, the girls next door.

"What a person looks like has nothing to do with whether or not they could be infected," said Margo Denison, volunteer at the Valley AIDS Information Network. "Someone could lead a very normal lifestyle now, but if they were sowing their wild oats 10 years ago, they could be infected and not know it."

Denison knows about the fear and shame that can assail a person who finds that a family member has been infected.

Her daughter, Rebecca, was diagnosed with HIV in 1983, when she was a college student.

"My daughter wasn't promiscuous, didn't use intravenous drugs or fit any of the 'at risk' groups," Denison said. "She asked her sexual partner if he had any sexually transmitted diseases, and he said 'no', which he probably thought was true at the time. She went on the pill because she wanted to be responsible."

In fact, Denison said it was a fluke that Rebecca was diagnosed at all.

"She had a girlfriend at the time who was worried about being tested for the disease. Rebecca said, 'I'll go with you and get tested too' as a show of support. Guess who ended up having HIV? When I found out, I was very secretive. You become terrified of what people will think or do if they know that one of your family is infected with the HIV virus," said Denison.

"Then I realized that if we didn't stop having the attitude that it only happened to gay men in San Francisco, or intravenous drug users in the ghettos of New York, we would never be able to stop the virus from killing us. There are now more people dead from AIDS, than all the people killed in American wars from the Revolutionary War to today."

**"What a person looks like has nothing to do with whether or not they could be infected."**

Denison believes AIDS is the "biggest threat to national security we have in America today." She wants the Center for Disease Control (CDC) would make the growing incidents of HIV among women a priority and make more of an effort to define female-specific symptoms.

The warning signs in women include cervical cancer and vaginal yeast infections that recur after treatment or do not respond to treatment.

Women often develop different AIDS-related diseases than men, which has prevented many from being properly treated. Last year only one third of the women infected with HIV qualified for their Social Security benefits because there is no definitive description of symptoms in women, which is necessary to qualify for benefits.

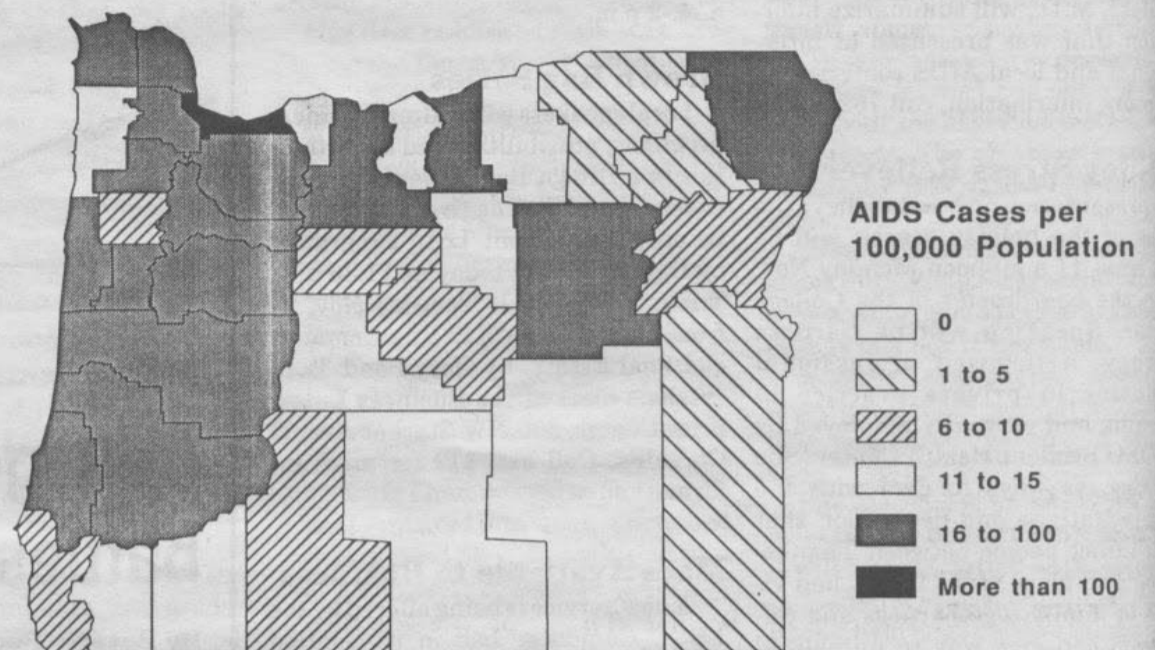
Denison hopes increased public awareness of the rising numbers in women infected will change the CDC's attitude.

Rebecca Denison, who now lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and is married, found no support groups specific to women with the virus. Although she and her husband received support from a couples group comprised of gay men, she saw a need to share experiences with other women, so she started the monthly WORLD Newsletter.

Designed for women with HIV/AIDS or women

## Cumulative AIDS Incidence by County of Residence at Diagnosis of AIDS

Oregon: 1981 - June 1992



interested in more information on the AIDS experience, the newsletter contains articles on such subjects as "Understanding the HIV test results" and personal accounts from patients and family members.

From April 1989 through June 1992, 53 Oregon women of childbearing age tested positive for HIV out of 145,123 women tested. The highest rate was in Multnomah County, but relatively high rates of infection were also found in Jackson, Douglas and Deschutes Counties. Over time, the proportion of infected childbearing women in Oregon has increased from 0.024 percent in 1989 to 0.038 percent in 1990 and 0.042 percent in 1991.

As the current rate for women passing the virus to their infants in utero is approximately 30 percent, the 53 positive tests result in an estimated 17 cases of perinatally acquired HIV infection.

Although Linn County statistics were unspecified, data in Lane and Marion counties for the period between April 1989 through June 1992 showed that four women in each county tested positive, resulting in a rate of 0.31 per 1,000.

Benton County statistics were lumped together with Lincoln County, and some data for Multnomah County (the state's most infected county) was mistakenly added to Benton/Lincoln counts.

Nancy VanAsh, HIV program director for the Linn County Health Department, said one reason Linn County statistics were unavailable was the fear that kept women infected with the virus from joining the county-funded wellness program.

"I know that in the past year there has been a rise in the female sector, but because the wellness program requires a person to give their name and address, we have not had any women join the program."

The Oregon Health Division, in collaboration with local county health departments, offers a six-week program to HIV-infected persons, who receive both medical and counseling services. All medical services are provided at no cost to participants. Even though services are confidential, most women are so afraid of the way people will react that they are unwilling to participate.

The Benton Hospice currently serves one AIDS patient, who is male, says director, Judy List. The hospice offers a 10-week training program for people interested in providing caring support for patients suffering from a variety of terminal illnesses. This winter the training session will run from February to April 1993.

Catherine Walker, who runs two support groups in Albany, Nancy VanAsh, and Margo Denison all agree that education about the HIV/AIDS epidemic is the only effective way to fight the disease.

## Local organizations offer information on HIV/AIDS

A variety of organizations exist in the area to help people who have questions or seek information about the AIDS virus.

If you have any questions, want to know more about the spread of the virus in Oregon or the country, or want to volunteer to help, contact any of these organizations

The Oregon AIDS Hotline  
1-800-777-AIDS

Valley AIDS Information Network  
752-6322

Albany HIV Support Group  
Catherine Walker  
928-2585

Linn Support Group for Families of HIV  
Catherine Walker  
928-2585

Corvallis HIV Support Group  
Tim at 758-4118

Benton Hospice  
757-9616

WORLD newsletter  
Rebecca Denison  
P O Box 11535  
Oakland, California 94611  
or call:  
(510) 658-6930

Information on AIDS in Oregon or a copy of the 1992 HIV/AIDS Surveillance and Seroprevalence Reports may be obtained by contacting:

Oregon Health Division  
HIV Program  
800 NE Oregon Street  
Portland, OR 97232  
(503)731-4029

local news

# Rock concert promoter brings new bands to Corvallis

Local alternative bands like **Voodoo Glowskulls** bring music with message of diversity

By **Shaunda Amundsen**  
Of The Commuter

Corvallis resident Ray Hessel says he's unemployed but he actually works a full-time job.

Hessel's job is to promote local alternative bands including **Neurosis**, **The Accused**, **Paxston Quigley**, **VOID** and **Voodoo Glowskulls**. The bands call Hessel when they want to play, then he makes arrangements for the time, place and invites other acts. Once it's set up, he helps with the sound and stage.

*"These shows give people a chance to interact and network--to break down the barriers of race, class and age."*

Many of the fliers on telephone poles in Corvallis are created by Hessel. He started making these fliers for parties when he lived in Los Angeles a couple of years ago. Hessel started promoting bands in Corvallis when he left L.A. in 1990. He helped his friend

with a "freedom of speech" rally at Avery Park and decided to keep putting on the shows.

The 26-year-old moved from the "big stinkin' city" to Corvallis originally to go to school but it didn't work out. He was also "tired of the chaos and the dog-eat-dog competition where people are used until they're no good and thrown away like trash."

The long-haired music lover promotes bands to "get a message out and let the truth be heard."

"These shows give people a chance to interact and network--to break down the barriers of race, class and age," Hessel said. "There's a collective consciousness because a lot of people are waking up and not going along with tradition."

Sometimes Hessel goes by the name "Genocide", not because he's for destruction, but to point out that what's happening in the world like drugs and guns in the inner cities is genocide.

One of the fliers he made for **The Detonators** had a picture of a family living in a New York City park and included the caption, "return to family values."

Although he doesn't play an instrument, Hessel became interested in music in Junior High. He appreciates all music but hard rock like **Metallica** and **Slayer** were his favorites when they came out in 1984. He also liked



Photo by Joan Murdock

Ray Hessel designs his own posters for the rock shows he promotes.

the "punk" sound but felt more comfortable with the "metal scene."

Hessel admits that promoting bands hasn't made him a lot of money but he says that "money isn't the main idea."

Self-described as "shy", Hessel plans on staying in Corvallis because

he enjoys the atmosphere of a smaller city. He also plans on promoting bands as long as he can. Someday he may promote "bigger" bands but for now he's content with the local bands.

"They're original. They aren't rock stars and no one has to bow down and worship them. It's at more of a human level," Hessel said.

## Aquarium impacts Newport, mid-valley

Oregon Coast Aquarium helps boost Lincoln County economy

By **Audra J. Stephens**  
Of The Commuter

In just a little over five months since opening, the Oregon Coast Aquarium has exceeded its projected goal of 550,000 visitors for the entire year, according to Public Relations Officer Diane Hammond.

Phil Hutchinson, Executive Director of the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce stated in the Aquarium's Aug. 3 news release, "There's no question that the Aquarium's impact on Newport has been phenomenal. Hotel bookings are way ahead, restaurant business is up considerably and businesses are having an outstanding season."

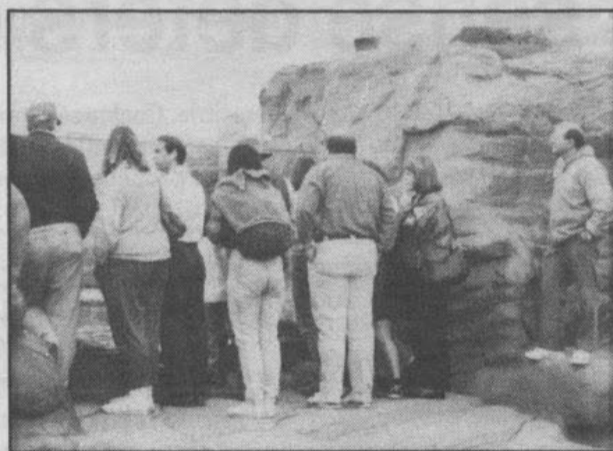
Jim Kinnear, Executive Director of the Corvallis Convention and Visitors Bureau partially attributes Corvallis' "strong year in terms of the visitor industry" to the Oregon Coast Aquarium. After talking to customers, motel managers found many had gone to visit the aquarium and then wandered into the Willamette Valley.

The new facility has 54 full-time, eight part-time and 11 seasonal employees. At this employment level, the greater Newport area receives a total annual payroll-plus-benefits return of \$1.9 million.

According to Hammond, the idea of Oregon Coast Aquarium was conceived in 1981, when Newport's economy slumped following a downturn in the timber and commercial fishing industries.

*"Our mission is to educate the people about our abundant but fragile coastal resources so people will conserve them now and in the future."*

To broaden the city's economic base the town leaders looked to the tourism industry. The concept of an aquarium that would showcase the Oregon Coast's natural resources in an educational setting



Visitors fill the Oregon Coast Aquarium

and benefit local residents was adopted.

Demographic analysis shows visitors have come from all 50 states and from 45 countries around the world. Exit surveys show that 60 percent of the visitors are Oregonians, 21.7 percent are from California and Washington and three percent from other countries including Canada. According to surveys, 88 percent of the visitors are planning to return.

The aquarium is a private, not-for-profit educational facility. Money received from visitors and membership dues are used for maintenance, salaries and research. Phyllis Bell, Oregon Coast Aquarium Executive Director said, "Our mission is to educate the people about our abundant but fragile coastal resources so people will conserve them now and in the future."

Two more phases are in the planning stage. The existing designs may be extensively revised so that they mesh more closely with visitors' interests and expectations.

In the aquarium's Oct. 12 news release Bell said, "So much of our planning was done in a vacuum when we had to come up with a hypothetical visitor group from a set of demographic assumptions." "Now it's much easier to plan since we can see our visitors and ask them what they like and want."

Hammond "feels very positive" about the future of the aquarium. "There's going to be a lot more to do."

## Whale watchers needed

By **Audra J. Stephens**  
Of The Commuter

"Whale watching is as varied as the joy of watching a sunset," says Bev Lund, coordinator of the whale-watch volunteer corps.

Lund is searching for volunteers to observe and report sightings of the California grey whale from December 26, 1992 through January 1, 1993 (Winter Whale Watch Week.)

Volunteers will be required to attend the winter training session at the Hatfield Marine Science Center Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-noon and Sunday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Volunteers will learn important facts about the gray whale and other marine mammals. They will listen to past members speak, receive information packets and participate in a Yaquina Head field experience. There is also an optional, two-hour charterboat ride in Yaquina Bay. The cost of the boat ride is \$10.

According to Lund, volunteers will be assigned to a whale watch site of their choice where they will keep daily logs, which will be turned in at the end of the watch. Volunteers will watch for whales from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for a minimum of two days (six hours.)

There are 24 traditional whale watch sites which range from North Head, Washington to Pebble Beach, California. In the spring of 1992, 342 volunteers inhabited these sites and reported 2,108 gray whale sightings. "The ideal number of volunteers at a site is three or four," says Lund. "We like to have an experienced volunteer at each site to help those coming on board," she adds.

The fifteen-year-old program also offers a spring training session. Volunteers are also needed from March 22 through March 28. Volunteer forms are available at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport at 2030 South Marine Drive.

"Whale watching is a positive, enjoyable experience which may even develop into a lifetime pleasure for volunteers," says Lund.

**campus news**

# Women's Center offers sanctuary, support for students

From camaraderie to counseling referral, center strives to provide women with a supportive, relaxing environment

By Lori Turner  
Of The Commuter

Hidden away in a little corner upstairs in Room 225 of the Industrial A building is a different world.

The space is small, but the assistance is unlimited, according to Noble, student coordinator of the Women's Center.

Any woman, any time is welcome at the center, added Bonnie VanLoo, a work study student there. Women can turn to the center for someone to talk to, or answers on where to turn for help on specific matters.

"It's like Sweden up here. It's neutral," VanLoo said, adding that the center has a relaxed atmosphere. Conversations are confidential, the employees at the center treat students with respect and a positive attitude. She said it is set up for women to come in, relax, talk about problems, study, or just eat their lunch.

**"It's like Sweden up here. It's neutral."  
--Bonnie VanLoo**

"It's like a home away from home," said Loi Huyuh, an LBCC student who said she enjoys the atmosphere. It is much like a home with a couch, microwave and refrigerator.

The Women's Center offers a variety of services to students. It acts as a referral service for new and returning students, and helps women find scholarships and grants, or counseling and support.

The Women's Center will sponsor a Creative Arts Exhibit in the library, Nov. 16 through Dec. 16.



Students Michelle Peterson and Brandy Brown (from left) talk with Kelly Noble, who serves as student coordinator of the Women's Center.

Photo by C.J. B...

Noon Time Chats are another activity. They are held Monday through Friday in the upstairs of the Women's Center. Women are welcome to bring lunch and discuss anything on their minds.

The center also conducts a year-round food drive which is aimed at helping needy families at LBCC. Donations are accepted in the reception area of the Women's Center.

The women at the center are currently making an embroidery quilt which will be raffled off with the proceeds going to a woman who is leaving LBCC for a four-year college.

Noble said she is looking for other ideas to help the center better serve the students.

"Bring your ideas to the center, come in and sit for a cup of coffee or tea," she said.

# Using common sense deters campus crimes

By Loren F. Kruesi  
Of The Commuter

College is a means for preparing for life's endeavors and, unfortunately, life's pitfalls.

This fact was made clear to me last fall when I found out the hard way how easy it is to become a victim. After suffering through a midterm in, ironically, Intro to Law Enforcement, my classmates and I shuffled out into the cold November evening, looking forward to drinking cold beer and watching the Blazers. As we got outside, we heard a concert of car alarms going off around campus and the neighbors to the north.

As I approached my low rider pickup, everything appeared fine. My truck has shaved door handles and opens off the lock mechanism, therefore it was only after I was seated that I noticed the open wing window with the damaged lock.

I'd been had!

There was that terrible feeling of having been violated. Items had been

stolen from my truck. It had been trashed. The wiring harness had been cut trying to get my stereo, and it took over an hour to fix it. The final tally of stolen items included a radar detector, a 24-cassette box loaded with my personal favorites, a bottle of Drakkar after shave, a couple of hand tools, some change and, get this, the keys to my locking gas cap that I had hung on the turn signal lever. The latter I didn't notice missing until I got to the freeway and needed fuel.

My car wasn't the only one broken into last year, when the campus suffered a rash of vehicle burglaries in the LBCC parking lot.

In contrast, this year the LBCC campus has been relatively free of crime. LBCC students and faculty are experiencing fewer criminal acts this year, according to LBCC security office, even though enrollment is up 588 students compared to last year.

Mick Cook, director of the Security and Safety Services office, is in charge of keeping the campus as crime free as

possible. Cook uses "proactive" patrols and security officer's presence to help curtail property related crime.

**By dialing 967-6552 during business hours or 926-6855 after hours, a student can request a security officer escort.**

A mountain bike has been added this year to speed up patrols and cut down on officer response time.

Security officers use most of their daytime hours doing ancillary chores while concentrating on campus patrols in the evening and night. Cook has found that evening classes provide opportunity for crime, and officers spend a lot of time after hours dealing with trespassers.

Security and Safety Services office is also responsible for the campus FAX room reservations, emergency planning, information and lost and found.

There are many ways to keep from being a victim of crime, according to security officers.

Common sense is a great ally. Reduce the criminal's opportunity to do a crime to a minimum. Lock valuables in your car trunk. During the evenings park close to buildings and if needed call for an escort. By dialing 967-6552 during business hours or 926-6855 after hours a student can request a security officer escort.

If you do get ripped off, report the crime. This is important, according to officers, because no report means no crime and if administration feels students and faculty are safe, crime issue will not get attention.

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arts & entertainment

Public ignorance vs. Malcolm X: Can Spike make a difference?

By Cory Frye  
Of The Commuter

"Throng of people, obviously Muslims from everywhere, bound on the pilgrimage, were hugging and embracing. They were of all complexions, the whole atmosphere was of warmth and friendliness. The feeling hit me that there really wasn't any color problem here. The effect was as though I had just stepped out of a prison." (Malcolm X, 1964)

**Frye on Flicks**

Tonight's the night. Last year at this time, Oliver Stone delivered the mind-numbing "JFK," the astonishing re-telling of events surrounding the assassination of our most prolific statesman in recent history.

*He was a numbers-runner, a gambler and a thief.*

Tonight we'll see the life of a man neglected by history and overshadowed by the more revered Martin Luther King, Jr. Yet his contributions to black society cannot be ignored, for he was as equal a figure as the Reverend. We know little about him, and we're ignorant about his legacy.

He was born Malcolm Little and he left this world as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. He is better remembered as Malcolm X, and tonight Spike Lee will make motion picture history with the story of the man and the myth.

Which Malcolm will show up on celluloid? Will

the young director glorify the angry black nationalist in this era of confused youth patrolling city streets with "gats" and "nines" to prove their manhood? Will Spike show the man who grew more tolerant of the white race as he became more of a public figure?

Mr. Lee's history and notoriety tells us that he wouldn't care about the softer side of the revolutionary. But he relied on Alex Haley's "Autobiography of Malcolm X" for his screenplay, so it's possible that all aspects of this martyr will be displayed. Alex Haley saw a completed print of the movie before he died and said, "Malcolm would have liked this."

Who was Malcolm X? It was always said that Martin Luther King, Jr. was placed on earth to educate the white race and that Malcolm X was born to lead the blacks out of the ghettos. He didn't advocate violence, yet he did not encourage his followers to turn the other cheek and walk away. His message was: stand up and never let anyone knock you back down. It's only by accident that he's lumped with the militant ideas of Huey B. Newton and H. Rap ("Violence is as American as apple pie") Brown.

He was a numbers-runner, a gambler and a thief. Despite his uneducated background, he was one of the most articulate and moving speakers of his time. He was an intelligent man and a brilliant leader who finally realized in the end that separation of the races into different communities would not work. His death was plotted by a black Muslim group and a former ally.

Maybe the release of "Malcolm X" will finally

reach Teenage America; I think Malcolm would be saddened to think that racial ignorance runs rampant in both the white and black races in today's society.

I studied Haley's book at the age of 10, ten years before the popularity of "X" t-shirts and rap music. It's ironic these days that young black and white teenagers are broadcasting the "X" because it's a popular "gangsta" look and not because they have any respect for the man—if they even know who the man was. Some kids even go so far as to broadcast his ideas of brotherhood by pistol-whipping a brother for a vial of crack.

Hopefully, the movie will do more than cause an upsurge in "X" merchandising. Maybe people will realize that Malcolm X was not Ice-T's ancestor, and he eventually eschewed his claim that the white man was the devil.

Maybe it'll show us the difference between "racism" and "raci\$m" and people will stop screaming it when something doesn't go their way.

Maybe they'll realize we're not as bad off as Ice Cube and NWA tells us. The known world does not mirror the violent streets of Compton, California.

I hope most kids go out to see "Malcolm X" and can sit through three hours and 15 minutes of film. It's an important film for all of us and cannot be dismissed by either side as a "black thing." Maybe we can learn something about our history and a man whose message has been buried under decades of hate.

Tonight's the night. And this revolution will be televised.

coming attractions

**'Other People's Money'**

"Other People's Money" will continue Nov. 20-22. Showtime is 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$6 and telephone reservations are available by calling 967-6504 (M-F 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Tickets are also available at outlets in Corvallis and Albany and at the door.

**Seibert Retrospective**

The Benton County Historical Museum presents the prints, paintings and drawings of long-time Corvallis resident, Norma Seibert.

The exhibit will open on Friday, Nov. 20 and continue until Jan. 9, 1993. A reception for the artist is

scheduled from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Seibert, who received her art degree in 1973 from OSU, has participated in many local and regional exhibitions and has donated her art to the Corvallis Public Library, Good Samaritan Hospital, the OSU Art Department, and the Corvallis Arts Center.

The Benton County Historical Museum is located at 1101 Main St. in Philomath, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

**Raffle Tickets For Sale**

Get your tickets by noon, Dec. 4 for your chance to win the latest coupon book, Entertainment '93.

The coupons are good for events, motel rooms, restaurants and more.

Tickets are \$.60 each or two for \$1.00, available from Annette Easdale, Physical Education; Kathy Withrow, HRO; Jo Alvin, CRO; Charles Mork, Facilities; Joyce Condit, Facilities; Welma Cremer, HO; Leroy Heaton, SCI/IND; Nona Knauss,

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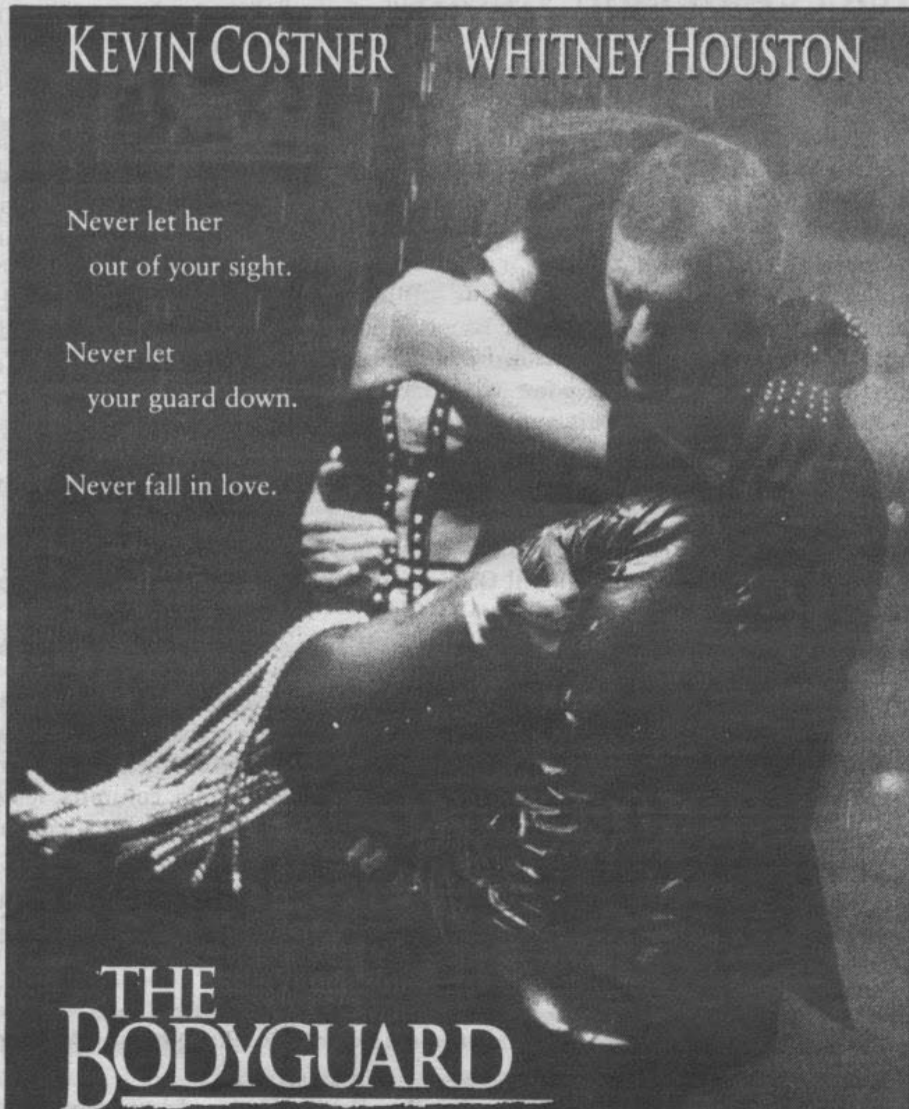
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## opinion forum

### Linn's 'Yes on 9' vote shows it's the county of truth, justice

**To The Editor:**

This letter is a rebuttal to the recent article by David Rickard.

As he says, the election returns of Measure 9 are an honest gauge in which one county sought truth and justice of individual rights. I contend, that county was Linn. Mr. Rickard says Linn County supported the lies of the OCA. I say Benton County supported the lies of "Queer Nation" and the No on 9 Committee.

The fact that 77 percent of Linn County's students voted yes on 9 and 54 percent of Benton's students voted no proves that Linn County students are more enlightened. Mr. Rickard says it is obvious that discussions were held in Benton County while mandates were placed in Linn. What proof does this man have of that? I could just as easily say it's the other way around.

I agree that education is the key to unlocking small town views and mentality but that doesn't mean throwing away values and morals. What is the key to unlocking the liberal, conformity-based, herd mentality views of towns like Corvallis, Eugene and Portland?

David Rickard's "imagination runs wild" when he envisions the "good old boy" from Sweet Home casting his yes vote. I don't want to imagine anything when I envision the N.A.M.B.L. member casting his no vote.

Corvallis is more refined than Albany but I don't think an OSU professor is one bit more worthy as a human being than a man or woman working at Wah Chang or Albany Paper Mill.

Rickard's article does not build good will. It is God Phobic and in my opinion is in poor taste.

Oregon's school children are the voters of the future. They will have their way with or without the OCA. They have tried to tell us something. I think we would do well to listen.

**David Patton  
LBCC Student**

### Criticism of Linn voters called elitist and misguided

**To The Editor:**

I'm reading the Opinion Forum from the Wed. Nov. 11 Commuter, and the only headline in this section reads, "Recent election shows contrast in Linn, Benton counties."

The writer enthusiastically boasts his affiliation to the "Supreme" county (Benton), because Linn County has been caught in the same whirlwind of ignorance and survived happily for . . . well forever.

What I'd like to know is (this question is directed toward David Rickard, and I'm just taking a stab at the name since it's half blanked out on my paper) what are you, half-blanked-out David Rickard, and the rest of your "polished, professional and progressive community," which I'll call OSU since it's

the backbone of your "supreme" community, doing with the abundance of knowledge you've been graced with in the real world? I know, I know — I've coined a rhetoric term.

Well, let me define it for you: the real world — a state of polished, progressive professionalism stained with a flatulent spray of preppies, hippies and the rest of the "professionals" equally being programed with the geriatrics and the rednecks to step off into the same mechanical society that you've tried so diligently to separate yourself from in the article.

In my opinion, both sides of Measure 9 were and are riddled with ignorance. Although I voted no on 9, I'm offended by your article.

In conclusion, I believe there's at least three sides in the article: David's side, Benton County; the geriatric redneck side, Linn County; and our side, those that believe they're both full of it.

**Norm Don Persons Jr.**

**letters**



Photo by Jeff Snitker

**Members of Northwest Veterans for Peace were allowed to march in last week's Veteran's Day Parade.**

### Veterans for Peace proves its patriotism in parade

**To The Editor:**

Thank you for the article on the Northwest Veterans for Peace (NWVP) entry in the Veterans Day parade.

To correct some errors in Ms. Russo's thinking:

1) What is more patriotic than to ask for the U.S. to "Be first in vet care, not warfare," as its banner read last year? Isn't this the change in priorities that the presidential campaign was all about?

2) Linn-Benton PeaceWorks sponsored Lawnchairs for Peace last year, which was denied entry. We also sponsored NWVP and proudly stated so on a banner carried at the rear of the group.

3) Green and white armbands saying Northwest Veterans for Peace "signify communist influence?"

4) NWVP is a national organization which learned different lessons from war than did George Bush. Isn't that what the Bill of Rights is all about?

Lest we forget, Veterans Day was originally Armistice Day, a celebration of peace at the end of WWI.

Linn-Benton PeaceWorks proudly sponsors NWVP again this year.

**June Hemmingson  
Chair, Linn-Benton PeaceWorks**

### Earth to voter: Wake up and think

Okay, I'm back again after another week off. And I'm mad as hell, and I don't care who knows it. Excessive stupidity really gets to me, and with the election I had more than my USRDA (Recommended Daily Allowance) of dumb stuff going on.

To start off slowly, one of the minor stupidities are the people (you know who you are) who fight bitterly against any form of taxation and then complain when the schools, police, roads or other forms of service aren't up to their standards.

For some reason, these people fail to make the connection between paying for something and getting it. Oddly, these are the folks who most often claim to "know the value of a dollar."

And then, of course, the elections this year brought out the finest extremists that Oregon has to offer. Actually, Measure 9 brought so many of them together in one place, I could've made a killing offering discount rabies vaccinations.

After listening to both sides of this issue froth and scream, I considered not voting on 9 at all, just to show them. As my Uncle Jack says, "All extremists should be shot."

Working my way up the frustration scale, I really hate people who make political arguments at me, trying to convince me how to vote, and assume I'm Christian. (By The Way: I'm not.) I used to be Christian, and Jesus and I are still good friends, but I grew away from the churches.

So people whose only argument for or against their position is "read Deuteronomy 6:5" found me remarkably unconverted. And the loud-speaker spoke up and said . . . "More and more registered voters are not Christians—we're Moslems, Buddhists, Wiccans, Taoists or just general Agnostics. Adjust your political tactics accordingly."

And then there's term limits. Now, I think term limits are a foolish idea to start with. But to watch the state's voters say "Yes, we think term limits are a good idea! Incumbents staying in office far too long as it is!" and then watch them vote the incumbents back into office, it makes me think many unpleasant thoughts.

This seems such an obvious contradiction to me, such incredible personal doublethink, I want to run around the room screaming until I pass out. And I did, too. Just one last question on the topic—Excuse me, who's driving??

And most frustrating of all, most stupid of all:

During the recent Corvallis uproar over Gerald Seals' resignation (Ex-City Manager of Corvallis. I did a column on him recently), the Daily Disappointment did an article on the "person in the street" and "hir" opinion on the situation. One woman, whom I hope is reading this, said "I don't know. I don't really follow local politics."

Excuse me, Earth to Doris—This is Mission Control! You are surrounded by local politics. That's like saying "I don't pay attention to traffic when I'm driving." Of course, maybe she doesn't. Local level politics has the most effect on you, and you in turn have the most effect on it. Nothing personal, Miss, I just can't believe you're that dim.

To every stupid person/thing I forgot, an honorary Boot to the Head. And if you think that some of the opinions above are wrong, at least you're thinking. That's more than I can say for some of the people I dealt with this last month.



**poet's corner  
chuck skinner**

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## sports

## Blazers on track to win division

By Joel Slaughter  
Of The Commuter

82-0?  
Although the Portland Trailblazers have won their opening five contests, it's about as likely as the Seattle Seahawks winning the Super Bowl.

Still, the Blazers, runners-up in last year's NBA finals to the Chicago Bulls, are back on top of the Pacific Division and will most likely remain there through the regular season.

Perhaps because the Bulls have been labeled as the team to beat, few people seem to realize that Portland is also in the middle of a dynasty. Despite not winning their elusive second NBA championship, the Trailblazers have clearly overtaken the once mighty Los Angeles Lakers as the best in the west.

Sticking with their same starting lineup in '92-'93 as the past three years with Clyde Drexler, Terry Porter, Buck Williams, Jerome Kersey, and Kevin Duckworth, Portland still has a team with potential to go all the way. New players Mario Elie and Rod Strickland should also meld well into the Blazers' chemistry.

The Pacific Division has indeed established itself as home to the top teams in the Western Conference. In fact, all but one team in the division last season (Sacramento Kings) made the playoffs. The Los Angeles Clippers have dug themselves out of the cellar and even the Kings won their first three games in 1992, including a victory at the Great Western Forum. Needless to say, Portland is going to have its work cut out for them in repeating as division champs.

In picking the Blazers' stiffest competition, the new look Phoenix Suns appear to be very strong. With franchise player Charles Barkley and 3-point threat Danny Ainge alongside Dan Majerle, Tom Chambers, and Kevin Johnson, the Suns have the firepower to challenge Portland for West Coast supremacy.

The Seattle SuperSonics and the Golden State Warriors also will probably give Portland some trouble in winning the division.

Seattle has a tremendous amount of talented youth, including Shawn Kemp, Gary Payton, and Derrick McKey. Add in veteran Ricky Pierce and center Benoit Benjamin and the SuperSonics can light it up.

Golden State, on the other hand, has already proven that it can compete with Portland by finishing second in the division last season. Olympic star Chris Mullin, scoring machine Tim Hardaway, and second-year forward Billy Owens will be the keys to the Warriors' success.

At any rate, Portland has the inside track to the division title, and assuming it can stay healthy and consistent, will again make a trip to the NBA finals. Maybe the third time is the charm.

## Herrold returns to coaching with promising team

By Rachel Lomax  
Of The Commuter

After a year of maternity leave, Linn-Benton women's basketball head coach Debbie Herrold has returned to the court with high expectations for the Roadrunners.

Herrold is aiming the Roadrunners toward overcoming a poor 1991 season and becoming one of the top two teams in the Southern Division of the NWACC. Last year the Roadrunners failed to make the playoffs and finish with a winning record for the first time in several years.

"With the group we have, we can bounce back and not let last season hurt us," Herrold said.

Herrold also predicted that Linn-Benton will be involved in some high scoring contests due to the team incorporating a run-and-gun type of offense. LB plans to use a passing game that will give all five position players a chance to score, unlike last season when sophomore standout Tina Johnson ac-

counted for almost all of the Roadrunners' offense, averaging 22 points per game.

***"This is the most depth I have ever worked with. The team is taller than ever and they have great athletic ability."***

Defensively, LB will put a lot of pressure on their opponents.

There are 14 players on the team this season. "This is the most depth I have ever worked with," Herrold said, noting that all the girls have the ability to back each other up. "The team is taller than ever and they have great athletic ability."

The Roadrunners' primary weakness will be their lack of quickness, due to the team's height.

Melinda Miller, a 5-10 second year post player, pointed out some of the

team's strong points are "team unity and a lot of returning sophomores." Joining Miller for their second season at Linn-Benton are Angel Bell, a 5-5 guard; Nikki Endicott, a 5-5 guard; Mariann McMenamin, a 5-9 forward; Kay Magee, a 5-9 guard/forward; and Nikki Edgar, a 5-2 guard. New to the team is 5-11 sophomore post Sherry Short, a transfer from Mount Hood.

Herrold said that the incoming freshmen will add depth and height to the Roadrunners. They include Shawna Bronson, a 5-8 forward from Central Linn High School; Heidi Benninghoven, a 5-8 forward from Monroe; Beka Rood, a 6-3 post from Lebanon; and Molly Mickey, a 6-0 post from Cascade.

Bridget Burke, a 5-10 forward from Eagle Point, and Tina Molina, a 5-8 forward from Toledo, are freshmen in eligibility, but have previously competed in volleyball at Linn-Benton.

LB opens their season on Friday, Nov. 27, by hosting Blue Mountain.

## Falk's first recruiting class promises to add more talent to men's basketball team this year

By Bill Brennan  
Of The Commuter

After posting an 8-18 season last year, Linn-Benton men's basketball head coach Randy Falk is "very enthusiastic about what's in front of us."

Formerly an assistant coach at Washington State and Lewis and Clark State in Idaho, Falk enters his second year at LB. Reflecting on last year's season Falk said, "all things considered, I was very happy with that 8-18 record."

Falk explained that he had a late recruiting season last year, and that the season was not a complete loss because many of his players excelled and the team posted LBCC's first victory over a four-year college in six years.

This year's team is Falk's first full recruiting class, and he is excited about the quality of the players, which include "all-league players, all-state players and a Street and Smith's magazine honorable mention player."

***"In terms of talent, our team is making major steps forward."***

"It was a high priority for us to go after the right kind of student as well as the right kind of athlete," Falk said.

Falk's offensive philosophy is no secret—he wants his players to "get the ball up the floor" and score 70-90 points a game. But he added, "We are not Loyola Marymount. We have a conscience when we shoot the ball. We select our shots. If they are not there, we will bring it out and run some offense."

The Roadrunners are in a very competitive league. "We'll be looking for teams like Lane, Umpqua and Chemeketa, who all had a really good recruiting year," Falk said. "After that our league is a 'dog fight'."

With the added talent, Falk finds more dimensions with this team. Complementing his "up court" offense will be a "pressing" defense. And with a much deeper bench, Falk said, "We'll have the capability to press much more than we did last year."

High with expectations on star returners Zac Metzker, Eric Price and Travis Heyerly, Falk said, "In terms of talent, our team is making major steps forward."

Metzker, an all-league guard at Lebanon, is entering his sophomore year. His year-end total of 339 points in 18 games was the team's second best point-per-game average. "Down the stretch Zac had some great games for us," Falk said. "After rebounding from injuries, Metzker posted over 20 points in four games."

Another star for Coach Falk is returning, sophomore starter Price. A 6-4 power forward, Price has impressed Coach Falk with his ability to "shoot the three-point shot and to also go inside." Price had some impressive numbers last year with a 47 percent field goal average, 77 percent



Photo by Linda Wallace

Basketball practices get more physical as the season approaches. Battling for a rebound are (from left) Travis Heyerly, Dean Smith and Jason Herman.

free throw average and over 160 rebounds.

Other rising stars in Falk's future include sophomores, Heyerly and Tim Brown.

"Heyerly has improved tremendously over the course of the summer, so he'll be seeing some playing time for us," Falk said. Brown's ball handling ability allows him to play both point guard and off guard, plus "he is an excellent three-point shooter."

"We are going to get in some games where it is going to require our team to step forward and we're more apt to do that this year because of the guys we've selected," Falk explained.

With 13 talented players on the roster Falk said, "We're solid. I can put any of the 13 in the game at any time, and I'm excited about that."

The Roadrunners' first home game is Tuesday Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. against Western Baptist.

## writer's block

### Spectator to a Drowning

Hot summer day, the sky was clear  
He finally slips under  
Screaming — pain, death is near  
then I begin to wonder

Helpless pleas fill the air  
Sickness lays upon my soul  
Water settles, he's not there  
The bell of death begins to toll

Sirens sound fill my ears  
People begin to hurry  
Darkness seems to hover near  
My mind is filled with fury

Displace myself from this scene  
Nothing here that I can do  
Watch as though a T.V. screen  
Cursing myself when it's all through

Dedicated to  
Marcus Bruce Harris  
Born Aug. 28, 1969 — Died June 18, 1985

By E.J. Harris

### Stranger in the Mirror

I reflect in the looking glass,  
staring back at my own eyes,  
of things that come and pass,  
of pains I disguise.

Staring back at my own eyes,  
I search for some signs,  
of pains I disguise,  
and am startled by my finds.

I search for some signs,  
gazing deep and wide,  
and am startled by my finds,  
memories I try and hide.

Gazing deep and wide,  
seeing pieces of my history,  
memories I try and hide,  
and find what others see.

Seeing pieces of my history,  
I reflect in the looking glass,  
and find what others see  
of things that come and pass.

David Sallee

### Time

Time is like an arrow  
Some would have us believe  
A clear, straight shot  
from beginning to end  
along a predestined path.

I find time to be  
like a river gone mad  
Full of stops and starts  
Periods of rushing  
madness  
followed by excruciating  
languor.

Never enough time  
then just as certainly  
More time than I want.  
Time stretches itself  
endlessly  
and then snaps  
like a rubber band  
Propelling me forward  
at incredible speed  
to a future  
I do not want.

Time is a human construction  
or so I thought.  
I have thrown away my clocks  
I never wear a watch  
Yet time still controls me.

There is no escape from Time.

Marguerite K.A. Petersen

### Sarah

Her beauty is unsurpassed  
Brilliant golden hair rests  
gently on her back and  
shoulders.

Eyes, those windows to the  
soul shining with  
unequaled knowledge, and  
wisdom

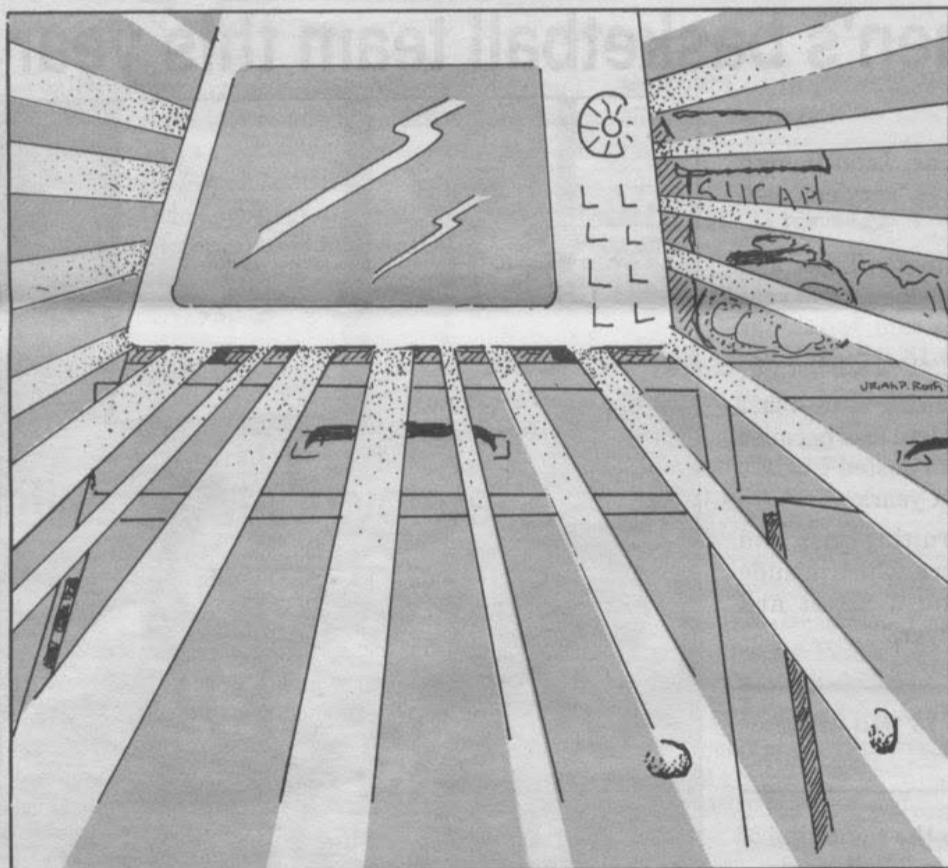
The mind, complex yet  
simple. Smart and perhaps  
her finest quality.

Understanding, wanting  
more, success unyielding  
for the future is hers.  
Her body is strong, and able  
to deal with lifes  
punishments.

Soul . . . of an Angel  
whose fire and thirst of  
life requires mane experiences  
Me . . . I will have her, to  
be with her, to hold her and  
feel the life. To feel the  
radiance of the dream absorb  
into my being.

Yes . . . I will have her  
one day . . . one day . . .  
One day the tide will come  
all the way in.

E.X. Sprexer



### That Girl

Time passes slowly  
when I think of you  
In my mind a picture  
not knowing what to do  
My heart is in confusion  
I only know your name  
Beauty, in the not knowing  
doesn't matter all the same  
Every time I see you  
my heart begins to shudder  
Looking from a distance  
Insecurity to blame  
Your eyes shine like a thousand stars  
Drop my gaze in shame

E.J. Harris

### Fervent Hope

He touched my hand  
affectionately.  
"How many days  
has it been?"  
"Almost twenty," I said.  
For a moment  
he looked away,  
bowing his head  
to the one who heals.  
He turned  
trying to contain  
his joy,  
"I'm so proud of you.  
I love you.  
I believe in you."

Recovering Addict

### Old Friends

I was the first kid out of the building when the bell rang. I set a new land speed record racing home in the cold Alaskan air, running as fast as my 8 year-old legs could carry me. I took the shortcut and barely even flinched when the biggest dog in the neighborhood lunged at me angrily for sprinting through the yard adjacent to his. Nothing was stopping me from getting home for lunch today. Today was the day we got our new JC Penny model microwave with 2 different cooking levels, defrost, set ahead cooking and turkey roaster attachment.

Everyone else had Atari's and their snowsuits were bright colors instead of the brown Sears specials I ended up with, but not one other person I knew had a microwave. I was stepping into the future, boldly going where no kid had gone before. My mom was going to be able to cook faster than any other mom in the whole world.

As I burst through the front door, my heart sank. There, on the counter where the microwave should have been was an empty space. My parents weren't home yet. There was no microwave, there probably never would be. I dropped my bookbag and sank to the floor. I knew it was too good to be true. I would never be able to face

the kids at school. They were expecting great stories and tales of 20 second meals. I was socially doomed at age 8.

My gurgling stomach then brought me back into reality. I pulled myself up off the floor and proceeded to make my usual lunch of cheese and mayo on white bread with a glass of fruit punch Hi-C. I sat at the table alone, feeling more let down than I ever had before in all of my eight years on earth. As I bit into my cold sandwich, my stomach tensed. Could it be in the driveway-it was my microwave! My parents were home! My reputation was saved. I was going to be the coolest kid in the third grade.

Under my careful, hyperactive supervision, my parents set the microwave up. I put my cheese and mayo sandwich in the microwave and shut the door. My mom was explaining how to use the various buttons, but she may as well have been talking to the microwave itself. My mind was in another world. I was on the same level as the Jetson's now. I was having a warm sandwich for lunch.

As soon as the microwave beeped, my sandwich was on the table. I contemplated the beauty of it for a moment. My first of countless microwave meals. Then in one fluid, slow motion movement, I took a bite. I thought my next expres-

sion would be that of sheer ecstasy, but it wasn't. No, my next movement was spitting that bite out as quickly as I could and mayonnaise became the first item on my list of things not to microwave. I went back to school with my warning and I was the hit of show and tell that week and for several weeks after that as I told my tales of microwave meals.

In the past twelve years, that microwave has been in seven different houses in four different states. It's made it through three teenagers and all the experimental foods we made when our parents weren't home. We cursed it for beeping so loud when we were making midnight snacks and tried to pass the job of cleaning it onto an unsuspecting sibling, but we really did love that microwave. Unfortunately, it had to die for us to realize it.

One of the slimeballs my younger brother lives with had a hard time remembering not to put silverware in it while it was running and it met its maker earlier this month. It may seem odd to become so attached to a home appliance, but with all the moving we did, the stuff we owned became more and more important. Unpacking it was like seeing an old friend. So, while it may seem kind of cheesy, I'll miss my old friend the microwave and I'll never forget the day we met.

by Jenne Blish