

● **Cartoon Candidates**

Despite drawing votes, Mickey and Donald won't be on student council.

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LBCC's creative arts journal comes off the presses next week.

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Kevin Akers sets a record in the vault and takes 3rd in the decathlon.

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Linn-Benton Community College, Albany, Oregon

Tax base campaign targets Tuesday

By Cynthia Soper
Of The Commuter

With the tax base election just a few days away, the LBCC Citizens Budget Committee is in high gear working for a "yes" vote.

The committee, a group of private citizens for Linn and Benton counties, started campaigning after LBCC's board of education unanimously agreed to a revised tax base on Feb. 21.

Roger Gaither, coordinator of LBCC's community relations office, said the committee raised approximately \$21,000 toward campaign efforts. The money is being spent on advertisements on local radio stations and in newspapers, on lawn signs and on a brochure being sent to local residents, said Gaither.

Currently, Linn and Benton county residents are taxed \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If approved, the new tax base will rise to \$2.55 per \$1,000 starting this fall. This means a tax increase of \$34

per year, according to the committee's brochure. This proportion is only 7 percent of the total property tax bill.

The total amount requested is \$10.24 million, representing an increase of \$2.2 million, said Gaither.

1986 was the last time LBCC received a tax increase. With that increase, the college agreed to a four-year waiting period before returning to the voters. If this ballot passes the college has again agreed to wait another four years, said Gaither.

With LBCC's 18 percent student enrollment increase in the last two years, and the expectations of yet higher enrollment, Gaither said the increase in the tax base is needed to meet the student enrollment demand. In addition, the campus has not had a sufficient budget to maintain the two to three-year-old repairs needed on campus. With technology and enrollment changing, new equipment and instructors are also necessary, he added.

Gaither, along with Jon Carnahan,

president of LBCC; Mary Spilde, coordinator of the committee; and George Kurtz, vice president of business affairs, have been speaking to local organizations on the need for the tax base.

Saturday, the committee plans a door-to-door canvass to urge voters to go to the polls next Tuesday, and volunteers will phone registered voters Monday night to encourage a large turnout.

The three recent mill closures in the two counties, Gaither said, "could affect the budget, but we hope people will see that college plays a vital role in obtaining and retraining workers displaced from jobs for various reasons."

Gaither also stated that if the election fails on May 15, the maintenance and program improvement plans will have to go on hold, and some programs now available to students will be trimmed.

Since the tax base is one of four on the ballot, Gaither said, "We hope people will look at the facts and make their decision on an individual basis."

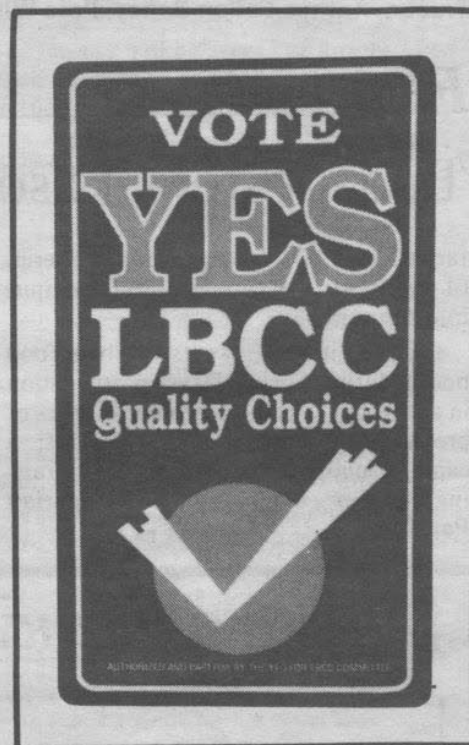
Student delegates chosen for Budapest peace conference

By Matt Rasmussen
Of The Commuter

Nine Linn-Benton students have been selected as delegates to attend an International Workshop on Peace Education this summer at Zanka Pioneer Camp on Lake Balaton, Hungary.

Six delegates from Skagit Valley Community College in Mt. Vernon, Wash., will accompany the LB delegation and join with teachers and students from The Netherlands, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland and Germany in a "Peacification" workshop to examine "Prejudice and Enemy Images in East-West Relations."

Participants were selected from student applicants in the LBCC Peace Studies classes by their instructor Doug Clark with the help of recommendations from an interview committee consisting of Jane White and Art Bervin. Clark said he had "a difficult night" making the final decision on which of the 20 applicants would be selected.



Lawn signs promoting the LBCC tax base election are available from the Service Center for those who want to post them on their property.



The Commuter/JESS REED

No Gutter Balls Here

LBCC staff member Cathy Edmonston playfully shoves Jackie Turle as Maxine Simmons and Torry Rolfe look on in a friendly game of bocce, or lawn bowling, outside the College Center last week. Twelve students and staff competed in the game, which involves rolling your ball as close as possible to a marker about 20 feet away.

"It isn't with regret, but with some emotion that I make these choices," said Clark before announcing the delegation. The students are: Natalie Cutsforth, Matt Olsen, Jeanine Filipelli, Steve Pereira, Carol Trueba, Tim VanSlyke, Patricia Wolff, Pete Wisniewski and Allen McMahon. Selected as alternates are: Anthea Fallen-Bailey, Julie Papke, Scott Stothoff, Laura Burt and Steve Fenno.

"I feel real excited and happy," said McMahon, "I'm looking forward to what lies ahead. It's been worth the effort so far." McMahon moved from the alternate list to delegate status only yesterday when the LB contingent gained a ninth opening.

"I hope to gain new perspectives on this trip," said Wisniewski, "and I hope to be able to contribute to its overall success." To reach their goal in Hungary, Clark says the group will need a total of \$9,000 to cover air fare, ground transport, room and board, and incidental costs. According to the instructor, the group has thus

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Delegates and alternates selected for the Budapest peace conference are, from left, Jeanine Filipelli, Scott Stothoff, Natalie Cutsforth, Julie Papke, Steve Fenno, Allen McMahon, Steve Pereira, Tim VanSlyke, Doug Clark, Carol Trueba, Anthea Fallen-Bailey, Pete Wisniewski, Matt Olsen and Patricia Wolff.

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'Budapesters' raise funds for trip

far raised \$1,000, but has planned a series of fundraising events that will continue into the summer.

Included in those events will be a food booth during Spring Days; participation in an Albany Clean-Up project; a series of presentations to community groups; a campus fundraising drive; and a fundraising dinner at Novak's Hungarian Paprika.

The LBCC Foundation has also suggested the possibility of funds for the delegation. In 1988 the foundation donated \$500 and helped secure a \$1000 loan for the LB contingent that attended the Peace Workshop in Berlin.

"Now we begin the preparations," said Clark with enthusiasm, "now we get down to work."

LBCC student body mandates unlikely write-in candidates

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

Neither Donald Duck nor Mickey Mouse will be representing the Business Division on the newly elected student council, despite drawing write-in votes.

The pair was disqualified because they weren't registered for carrying at least one credit in the division. Two human candidates who also polled write-in votes—Paul Goulet and Mike Eley—were disqualified because they were working as poll watchers during last week's two-day election.

"We got complaints from people who stated that some of the poll-watchers were campaigning for write-in votes," said Prudence Miles, director of Student Programs. "Since we don't allow candidates to be poll-watchers, it was decided to disqualify write-in ballots for poll-watchers."

Since there was no legitimate write-in candidate who received the required 40 percent of the votes cast, the new council will have appoint someone to the business division seat. When the council convenes May 16, it will decide whether it will appoint the representative this spring, or wait until next fall.

All other positions were filled with non-cartoon characters of reputable credentials.

Eric Bryant was elected Moderator with 191 votes. Roger Potts was elected Operations Coordinator with 192 votes.

In the most contested races for the Publicity Coordinator position, Shelley Davis beat Tammi Lockard by a three vote margin, 105--102, and Cindy Seeley clinched the Activities Coordinator seat over Mary Grace by 51 votes, 132--81. Christopher L. Wildrig was elected Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences representative with 193 votes.

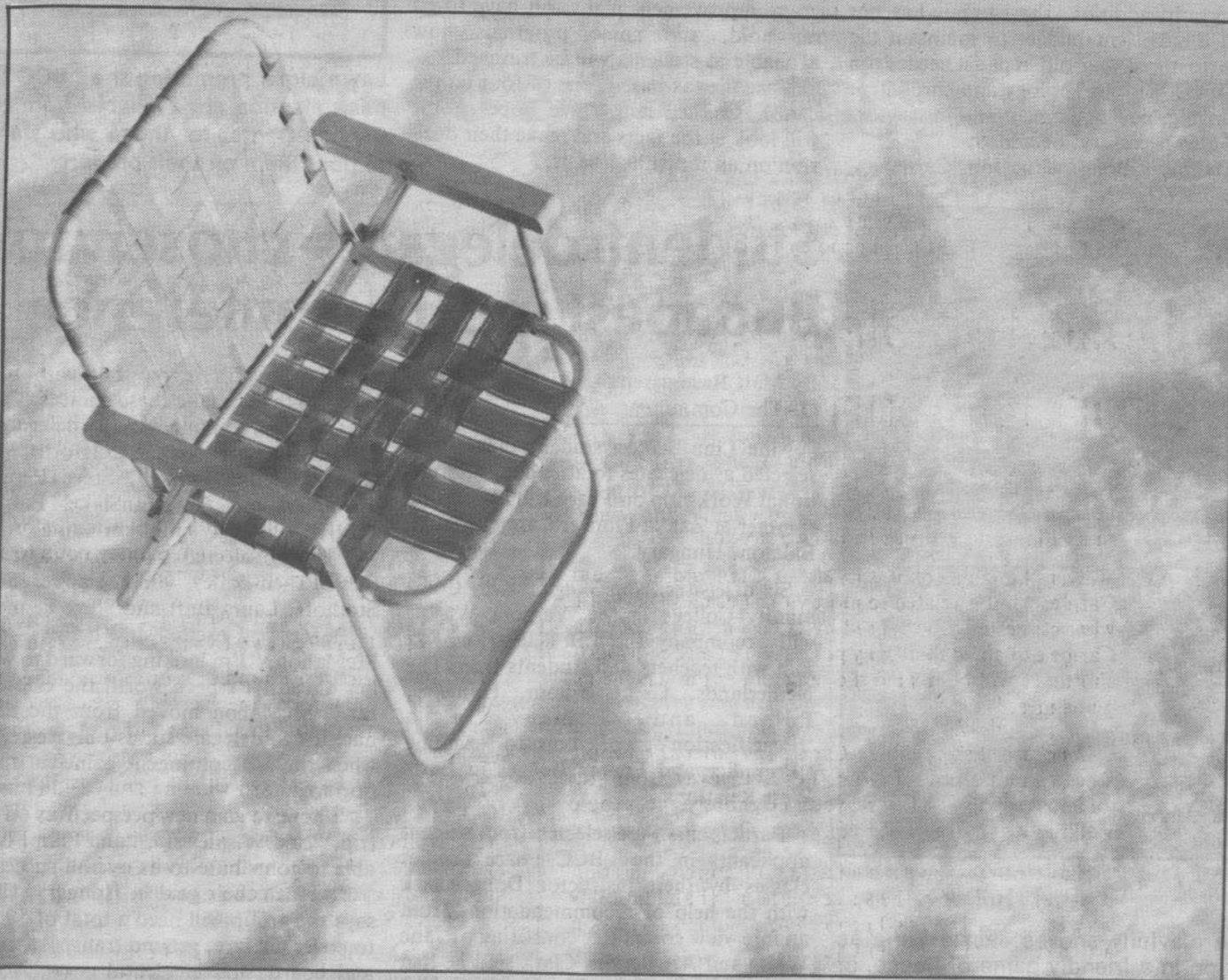
In another close race Scott A. Eley won the Community Education and Student Development seat over James Treadway, 156--137.

The representative for the Industrial/Apprenticeship division will be Travis Clement, who beat Bryan Schiedler for the seat, 135--75.

Jeff A. Mathias was elected Science and Technology representative by 194 votes.

For the position of representative at-large, Dania Samudio and Jeremy Bible were elected to the two seats with 161 and 143 votes respectively.

PHOTO GALLERY



Cooling Off

Photography student Sara Krainik made this whimsical picture after last January's snow storms in the mid-valley.

Homes sought for students from Central America

By Elissa Jones
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College is the only new school added by Georgetown University to its Cooperative Association of States for Scholarships network, better known as CASS.

CASS students are economically disadvantaged youths from Antigua/Barbuda, Costa Rica, Grenada, Haiti, and Honduras.

CASS students have been selected because of high academic performance, high motivation to learn new skills and take part in cultural exchange, and a strong commitment to return home and apply skills and experience to benefit their community and country.

Sixteen such students will be arriving at LBCC in August to study Small Business Management.

Host families will be needed for the CASS students. Charlene Fella, Coordinator of International and Intercultural Student Services at LBCC, says the number one quality a host should have is the interest in learning about a different culture. A host should also have time and energy to spend with the CASS student, helping them to adjust to a new environment and learn about and enjoy American culture.

People interested in hosting a student or simply learning more about the program, are welcome to attend the two open forums that will be held Tuesday, May 15, noon-1 p.m. in F104, and Wednesday, May 16, 3-4 p.m. in F113.



The Commuter/JEFF FOSTER

An LBCC student shades herself beneath the oak trees in front of the College Center. The grove and the surrounding rhododendrons provide a handsome relaxing area for students and staff. Unfortunately, the rhodies' constant need for water in the summer is rotting the roots of the oaks, so they will have to be moved elsewhere on campus.

Oak Grove Rhodies need new home

By Jeffrey Foster
Of The Commuter

The rhododendrons in the oak grove rhodie garden were planted 15 years ago as a memorial, need to be moved.

One reason that the rhododendrons have to be moved is that the soil isn't suitable for them, but the main reason is that all the watering that the rhododendrons require will harm the oak trees. A type of fungus called oak root rot lives in the ground. Normally, this fungus

wouldn't bother the oak trees, as long as they aren't watered over the summer. With the rhododendrons there, however the grove has to be watered, causing the fungus to grow and damage the oak trees, so the rhododendrons have to go.

Greg Paulson, horticulture instructor, and Dave Wienecke, director of facilities, are thinking of moving the rhododendrons to the southeast corner of the College Center building. They want to keep the integrity of the garden intact since they are memorial plants. Paulson said the move will take a couple of years to complete.

DA blames drug abuse for placing Oregon sixth in nation for crime

By Xenia Choy
Of The Commuter

Oregon is not as quiet as some may think, says Jason Carlile, Linn County District Attorney.

According to Carlile, statistics show that Oregon has the sixth highest crime rate in the nation and drugs have a lot to do with it. Carlile addressed a noon crowd in the Fireside Room last Wednesday as part of Health Awareness Week.

The No. 1 drug in Oregon is methamphetamine, he said. Why? "Because it's easy to make," and since methamphetamines can be manufactured in numerous inconspicuous locations, such as backs of trucks and trailers, the culprits are difficult to apprehend, he said.

Since 1980, of all murder cases in Linn County, only one was not drug related. Carlile doesn't see much hope of improvement for the future. In 1984, 65 drug-affected babies were born. In 1986 the numbers increased to 532. "I'm almost sure I'll see them in court in the future," Carlile said.

Compared to murder, crimes involving drugs are considered less serious. However, more people are doing and selling drugs: drugs including alcohol.

Even though alcohol is legal, "it is still a drug," said Carlile, "and is related to most violent crimes." Despite what crimes may be caused by either of the chemicals, Carlile explained that "any possession of any controlled substance will be treated the same under the sentencing guidelines."

Who are these people? Carlile says that the people who commit crimes are not those far away from you and locked up. "They're your neighbors, the people walking by you on the street."

Those caught have a choice to go into rehabilitation or to jail. However, the success rate of rehabilitation is very low. Nearly 35,000 people under some supervision are in the community in Oregon.

Felonies are "going the wrong way," said Carlile. A decrease in Oregon's crime rate is highly unlikely. Until drugs are under control, the number of crimes will keep growing.

WHAT'S UP?

'The play's The Thing' for Mother's Day weekend activities

This week the focus is on things to do in the Linn-Benton area. There are several plays and an art exhibit in the area this week that might be fun to share with mom for Mother's Day.

LBCC's production of "Mame" starts Friday, May 11 and continues on weekends through May 27. The musical adventure will be staged at 8 p.m. May 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, and at 3 p.m. May 20 and 27 in the Takena theatre. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at French's Jewelers, Albany, at The Emporium, Corvallis and at the LBCC Theatre Box Office in Takena Hall.

Albany Civic Theatre's production of "Sabrina Fair" continues through Saturday. The 1950s musical play will be staged at 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors and are available at Sid Steven's Jewelers, Albany and Rice's Pharmacy, Corvallis.

Friday and Saturday at 8:15 p.m. " 'Tis a Pity She's a Whore," a 1630s play by John Ford about the consequences of obsessive love, will be staged at OSU's Mitchell Playhouse. Tickets are available at the theatre box office and are \$5 for main floor seats and \$4 for balcony seats. Due to adult themes, this play is not suitable for most children under age 13. Call 737-2853 for more information.

The OSU International Film Series presents "The Little Thief" at 7 and 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday. \$2.50 admission charged at the door.

Thursday, Monroe Acting Troupe presents "Mixed Nuts," directed by LBCC student Jeff Foster, at Monroe Union High School at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. This play will be staged for one night only.

"Bye Bye, Birdie," a musical spoof about Elvis Presley, will be staged at Philomath High School at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$4 for adults. For more information call 929-3211.

The Corvallis Arts Center is featuring "Earth's Images," a show of student works from Corvallis School district 509J in the Theater Gallery through May 31. The exhibit features works from all media by students in grades K-12. The Guild Gallery is featuring works by local artists. Joyce Canan from Philomath is exhibiting ceramic music boxes and Carrie Walch of Corvallis will exhibit watercolors. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information call 754-1551.

On Sunday, May 13, the Army Band is giving a concert in the LaSells Stewart Center at 7:30 p.m.

For those who don't mind driving into Eugene to entertain mom, the following events are scheduled at the Hult Center For the Performing Arts this weekend.

The 1988-Grammy award winning Duke Ellington Big Band will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, May 11. Four members who played with the late Duke Ellington and 12 other musicians will be performing Ellington and little-known compositions. Admission is \$12.50 and \$15.

"At The Movies" is the theme of the Eugene Symphony Superpops concert set for Saturday, May 12, at 8 p.m. Admission ranges from \$8 to \$20.

—compiled by Lynne Griffith

POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

Economic change is newest reason to pass LBCC's tax base measure

We've said it before. LBCC has kept it's promise.

We support the tax increase measure to support the college for a simple reason: the college is needed now in Linn and Benton counties more than ever.

Enrollment caps and increasing tuition at state colleges and universities have made it difficult for local high school students who aren't the children of millionaires to attend college. Community college has become an increasingly accepted manner of dealing with the freshman and sophomore requirements, at a lower cost.

In addition, the community college atmosphere is arguably a better, and assuredly less stressful atmosphere for the new college student to work in.

It is also reasonable to expect that the spotted owl controversy will in some way affect job placement of local timber workers. LBCC will most likely play an important role in the transition of displaced timber workers, a role that the college has proven itself capable of filling.

Another need the college has risen to meet, that of battling adult illiteracy through basic adult education, GED and high-school continuation programs, continues to be an uphill battle that requires support from the community. Support that will most certainly be returned to the county economies by an educated and productive work force.

To make it more attractive, the college board of education has again promised not to return to voters for another four years, a pledge that helped win the budget in 1986.

When the arguments are considered, it only seems logical to pass the LBCC budget levy.

The Commuter's endorsements on state ballot measures

Measure 1: Yes. Measure 1 would amend the constitution to allow county voters to authorize the use of local motor vehicle tax revenues to support mass transit systems.

We support any moves made locally toward mass transit systems to minimize air pollution. The ability of local authorities in the future to build, for example, a light rail between Corvallis and Eugene, might be a positive move toward decreasing traffic problems and help improve air quality. It also puts the power to make public transportation decisions in the hands of voters.

Measure 2: Yes. Once again, environmental concerns predominate our agenda. Measure 2 would allow more flexibility in the use of general obligation bond proceeds for activities related to pollution control. Cleaning contaminated sites can cost millions of dollars.

Measure 3: No. Although annual meetings of the legislature is a good idea, the measure makes no allowances for changes in the budgetary cycle to match the proposed legislative cycle. Also the impact on state agencies that work in unison with the legislature have not been considered. Although we agree with the argument that annual legislative meetings would provide better legislative oversight of state agencies, this Measure, in its current form is incomplete. Let's try again next election.

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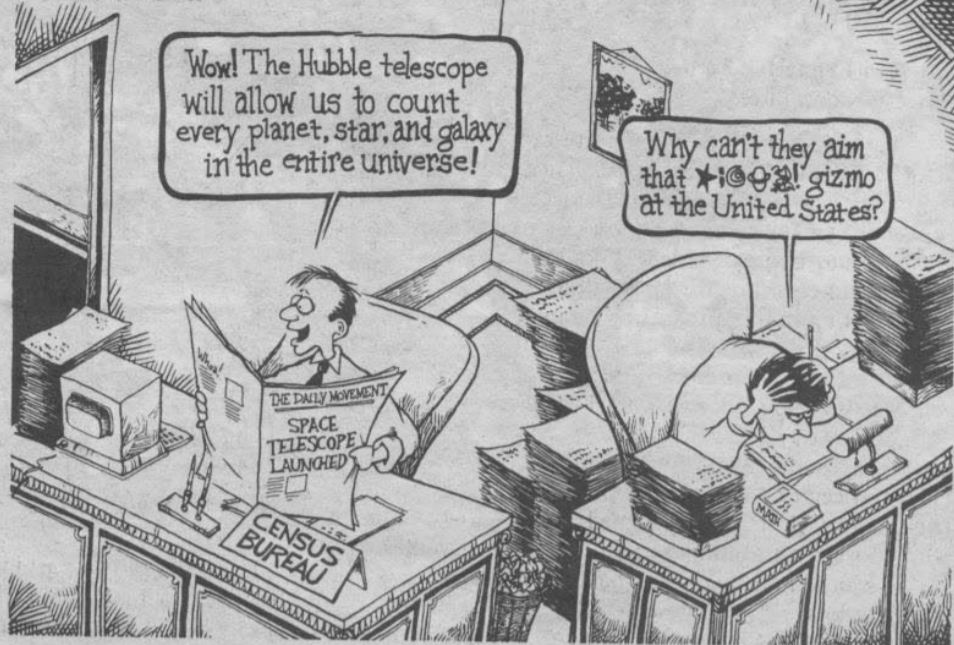
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LETTERS

Soup kitchen seeks new place to serve

To The Editor:

Albany's homeless people need more support from our community and our country. St. Mary's Catholic Church needs a new place for its soup kitchen after May. We serve over 200 people a month including many families with young children. These children can not go to school without a place to live. They need a safe place to live, food and clothing. If you can help, please call 926-1449. Thank you and God bless you all.

Steve Ross and Lorie Wischofske

Candidate thanks voters for support

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the students who voted for me in this past student government election. The privilege of running was the most important; not the win or loss.

The recent editorial really said it all; we need more student participation or the privilege of election will be lost to the students. There could come a day when the cost will be higher than the need; voter apathy is a very sad occurrence.

If there anything that I can do to help Cindy fulfill her duties next year as activities coordinator, I offer my time and energies.

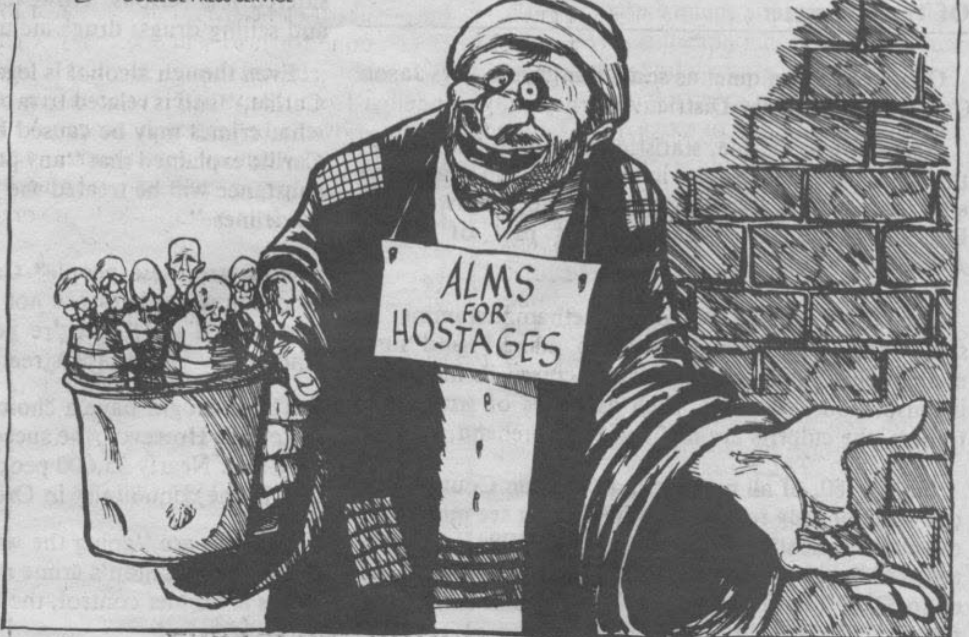
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POINT OF VIEW

Sloppy students trash campus to the tune of \$10,000 a year

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

I have had the pleasure this term of working with LBCC's groundskeeping crew. These are the people who put in the time and effort necessary to keep the grounds here at the main campus, as well as those at the Benton and Lebanon Centers, looking good.

Sometimes, I imagine, most all of us are guilty of not appreciating the beauty of our campus grounds. We get all caught up in the "paper chase" of hectic college life. We just don't notice that the lawns are mowed and edged; weeds are pulled; new bark has been spread; or new bright flowers are in the beds.

When we do take time to finally look around, all we may notice are the bottles, cups, or candy bar wrappers on the lawn or in the flower beds; the cigarette butts on the floors; the trash on the picnic tables; or the ashtrays, bottles or lunch bags that have been dumped in the parking lots.

Seeing trash scattered to and fro like that, our first response is often an indignant, "Why doesn't someone clean up that mess?"

According to Larry Lindsey, head of LBCC groundskeeping, someone does clean up that mess, as soon as possible. "The trash situation is about as bad as it has been for the last seven years," said Lindsey. "We are doing the best we can for the number of employees we have. Actually, there's only three of us on grounds, doing about 140 acres of lawns, shrubs, flower plants, plus cleaning hallways, windows, etc."

There are eight work study students assigned to groundskeeping, Lindsey said, providing about 80 hours of additional manpower a week.

As part of the student workforce, I've spent enough time on trash pick-up and cigarette clean-up to realize the magnitude of the problem with misplaced trash.



I've walked the parking lots and found trash that's been left behind. Everything from fast food bags to empty beer bottles finds its way out of cars and onto the lots, when mere yards, and even feet, away sits a trash can clearly marked. It all gets picked up and disposed of properly one day, only to be replaced by more trash the next.

I've swept the hallways clean of cigarette butts, only to find more have taken their place within hours, when ashtrays are abundant.

The job seems never ending, taking away time and money that could be better spent maintaining and improving the grounds.

According to Lindsey, an estimated \$250 a week goes into keeping up with the problem of misplaced trash on LBCC grounds. That's \$2,500 a term or \$10,000 a year—an inexcusable amount considering that college students are supposed to be responsible adults.

Such a problem with trash only weeks after the Earth Week activities makes it apparent that to some of us responsibility means attending class and turning in work, when it should mean much more. Pride in how our school looks should be as important to us as anything.

Sure, we're all busy. College life is demanding, and time can seem to be a deficient commodity. In all reality though, is it a shortage of time that prevents a 30 second walk to a trash can or ashtray, or is it just plain laziness?

I'm sure that none of us would throw down trash or empty ashtrays in our own driveway or yard, so why do we do it here?

Is it because we know that someone else will pick up after us that we don't bother picking up after ourselves?

That at best, is the attitude of children who know that mother will clean up after them. It's an attitude that cost this college \$10,000 a year.

Eventually even children learn that if they don't clean up their messes they face the consequences for their actions.

Unfortunately, college students aren't subject to the disciplines received by children for poor conduct. College students are adults. You can't ground adults, and you can't take away their privileges.

The most you can do is point out their behavior isn't acceptable and hope that will change it.

That will take cooperation from all of us. If you see somebody misplace trash, be assertive and ask them to be responsible. If you are guilty of misplacing trash, take the extra 30 seconds to walk to a trash can or ashtray. Stop wasting money and time that could better be spent elsewhere.

Take pride in your school and yourself.

Be responsible.

Be an adult.

Keep it clean!

COMMENTARY

Budapest Bound: How I hope to spend my summer vacation

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

How I'd like to spend my summer vacation: Or, my expectations for the Peace Education Workshop in Lake Balaton, Hungary, this summer.

When Doug Clark announced last fall that a delegation from LBCC would travel to Budapest, Hungary, my first reaction was an interest in the event, but not a clue that I would be going. I guess I didn't consider myself Budapest material. The more I became involved, though, the more the thought wormed its way into my head that I could go, and that I might have something to contribute.

It certainly didn't require much to convince me that it would be fun to travel in Eastern Europe this summer, not when

the events occurring there have kept historians up late every night for the last two years.

Remembering something Kurt Vonnegut said when he spoke at Willamette University last spring, I finally was convinced that this was an effort I really wanted a part in. Vonnegut urged young people to do something romantic on behalf of decency and justice, and I'm fairly sure that he would agree that a lot can be done for justice and decency when groups of students and teachers come together from many different countries to discuss how to better teach peace. And, spending two weeks of my summer vacation in Europe is certainly romantic, whether or not it is on the behalf of some moral principle.

It seems there is no justice in international relations when any nation makes decisions that will affect a foreign nation without knowing the people and culture of that nation. There is no decency when the majority of people in one nation can only relate to stereotypes about the people of another nation. This is how common people can be led off to kill other common people on the mistaken belief that the enemy is somehow alien and evil, when logic would lead anyone to conclude that they are basically the same.

The conference is important to all of us who are going, to LBCC and for the community in general. The theme of the conference, "From Confrontation to Cooperation," relates to everyone living in this increasingly global society where it

is more and more difficult to isolate one's self from changes that occur even as far away as Hungary. It's important that LBCC and the community support events such as the conference, so that our unique perspective can be represented internationally and so that an international perspective can be brought home and shared by the delegates.

As Doug Clark has said, "This is not a summer tour of Central Europe, nor a vacation for a self selected group of prosperous citizens...the organizers of this on-going Peace Education Workshop believe that the participation of American students and educators enriches the conference and encourages the desired examination of the evolving East-West dimension of international affairs."

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Liebaert discusses acceleration of species extinction

By Lamar Sylten
Of The Commuter

With advanced technology, humans are accelerating the rate of species extinction 10,000 times faster than the natural rate.

That was the message from one of LBCC's biology instructors, Rich Liebaert, who presented a talk on the preservation of biodiversity last week in ST 130. The speech was another in the series of "What On Earth Can We Do?" talks held on Mondays at noon.

"We have more species than ever on Earth but they are being killed faster than ever before," he said. "We threaten to overrun the ecological equilibrium of the planet."

There are more than 1 million named species with 5,000 new ones added each year, Liebaert stated. The numbers are not exact. Some believe there are as many as 30 million species on Earth.

That could change. Scientists feel that species are being exterminated as much as 1 per hour, he said. The

natural rate of extinction used to be 1 per year, Liebaert added.

"By the time our grandchildren are born there may be only half as many species as there are now," he said.

Habitat destruction by humans is the chief contributor to the rapid rate of species extinction, he said.

Tropical rainforests are being "rapidly leveled" due to logging, agriculture, mining and flooding from hydroelectric dam projects, he said. Although rain forests only cover 2 percent of the earth's surface, 50 percent of the species on the planet are found there, he explained.

Liebaert said that there is still about 55 percent of the original rainforests of the world left but every minute the area the size of a football field is lost. That's about an area the size of Massachusetts lost each year.

"By the mid 21st century it is predicted that only patches of rainforests will remain in Central Africa, SE Asia and South America if the current rate of destruction is not slowed," he added.

Humans depend on the biodiversity of the planet for existence, he said. "Forests contain a useful reservoir of plants. Half of the pharmaceuticals come from tropical plants," he stated.

Animals are also important. Bacteria in the mudflats along New Jersey's coast is now used to make antibiotics, and armadillos are used to study leprosy, Liebaert explained. There may be other plants and animals we could use that we don't know about and may never know about if they become extinct, he said.

"Forests also have an aesthetic values by being a peaceful place to be," he said. Other living things have a right to live, was another strong reason to save our forests, he said.

There are things we can do to slow the rate of extinction of species, he said. Human population control, recycling of products and energy conservation will help slow the loss of animal habitat. Liebaert added, "don't use products from endangered habitats or species." Make room for wildlife in your backyard, he said.

Six industrial tech students take first in state competition

Six students in LBCC Industrial Division were first place winners in the recent statewide Vocational-Industrial Club of America (VICA) competition held at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

First place winners are eligible to compete in the National VICA competition in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 25-30.

Students completed in eight categories, capturing first place in six divisions. Winners from LBCC were:

Auto Body Repair:

First place, David Morehead; Second place, Fred Smith; Third place, Terry Axford.

Automotive Technician:

Second place, Brian Bauder; Third place, Micheal Quinn; Fourth place, Travis Waldron.

Refrigeration/Heating/Air Conditioning:

First place, Ben Martinsen; Second place, Todd Eveland; Third place, Vince Murphy; Fourth place, Cory May; Fifth place, Dale Richardson.

Sheet Metal:

Second place, Patrick Reagan.

Precision Machining:

First place, Ted Weninger; Second place, Russell Bell.

General Welding:

First place, Matthew J. Murphy; Third place, Travis Clement.

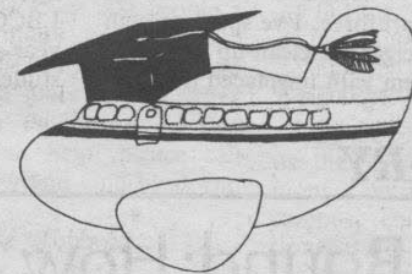
ARC Welding:

First place, Robert G. Andrews; Fifth place, Jason W. Gray.

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First place, Scott Houck; Second place, Scott Lehner.

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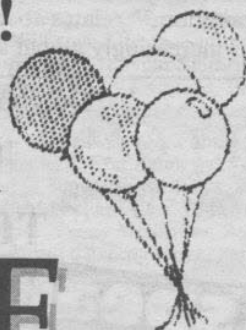


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'Eloquent Umbrella' arrives Monday ; new marketing techniques employed

By Moni Shuttlesworth
Of The Commuter

The Eloquent Umbrella, a student publication that began three years ago, will be available for sale to the public on May 14.

This once a year, exclusive LBCC literary magazine began as just a few pages and a one term, one person assignment. Today it has grown into a two term, over 40 page project.

The Umbrella features poetry, prose, photography and art work, submitted by LBCC students, local high school students and writers from the Linn-Benton communities.

Dee Buchanan, editor in chief, said, "We have organized a new approach for the Umbrella; autograph parties, a reading, three more distribution points and an awards ceremony."

"There hasn't been a large solicitation of work outside the campus in the past, and there hasn't been much publicity for the magazine. I hope this year the editing staff has helped to create a broader base for future staffs to work from."

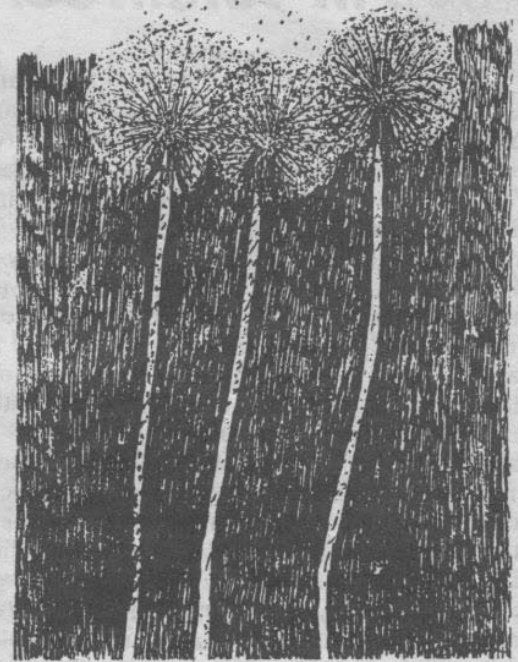
The three new distributors added were, Grassroots Bookstore and the Monroe Street Bookbin, both in Corvallis. In Albany, The Oasis Bookstore will carry it again this year and the Bookbin on First Street added it to their shelves.

Authors and artists will autograph your one dollar copy at the Two Rivers Market on Second Street in Albany on May 19 from noon to 3 p.m. in Corvallis you can get them to sign your copy during live entertainment, at the Old World Deli on May 23 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Awards in each category will be given by the editing staff and an as yet unnamed LBCC faculty member at the Valley Writers Series open mike on May 17 from noon to 1 p.m. A number of the selected authors will read their work during the open mike session.

Beth Camp, LBCC's English department head said she hoped that the awards, readings and autograph sessions not only promote the publication but would also be good publicity for the artists and incentive for future artists to submit their works.

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Writing Desk offers answers to communication problems

By Xenia Choy
Of The Commuter

If you have problems writing papers, LBCC has just the answer—it's called the Writing Desk.

The Writing Desk is for anyone at any skill level, according to May Garland, tutor coordinator at LB. "The Writing Desk is not offering remedial services. Actually it provides an opportunity for students to do what other writers, even professional writers, do to improve—they get someone else to read what they have written and to advise them on how it could be improved."

Garland thinks writing is a significant part of our lives. "Being able to communicate with writing is important to LBCC students not only in completing assignments but also in their future employment," said Garland.

Last fall, Garland announced that the Writing Desk had upgraded its staff to better assist students. Trained professionals are available to assist students in writing papers for various classes. Besides English composition, they offer help in economics, psychology, business and education. Assistance in English as a second language is also available.

During fall term 122 students used the Writing Desk, and 148 students used the service winter term. Garland sees the program as very successful and hopes more students will use the Writing Desk.

Most of the success can be attributed to teacher and student referrals. Pink fliers are also posted to inform students about the service.

The Writing Desk is located in the southeast corner of the library and is open Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Anyone with questions regarding the Writing Desk, can contact May Garland in LRC 204, or call Ext. 293.

Life skills program being developed

By Sheryl Baird
Of The Commuter

The new life skills program at LBCC is being readied for this fall, according to Jan Fraser-Hevlin, Life Skills specialist.

She explained the term "life skills" as "non-academic barriers to student success."

Fraser-Hevlin's primary goal for these classes "will be to increase student retention by providing instruction, support, and resource information related to life skills issues."

Topics will include: self-esteem, self-confidence, health issues, time, stress and financial management, problem-solving, decision making, and goal-setting. Fraser-Hevlin said she will be teaching one or more Life Skills classes to a selected group of students.

This target group is being chosen now through information gathered from the student needs assessment surveys. The results will be available in the Commuter later this month.

LBCC to get new lighting system

By Zachary del Nero
Of The Commuter

LBCC is changing lights.

The change will be in hallway and outdoor lighting around campus and will occur over the next few months.

Director of Facilities, Dave Wienecke, found that over the last 10 years, all of the campus lighting systems had been wired into the main circuits boards in Takena Hall. This means that all outdoor and hallway lights remain on 24 hours a day, whether they are needed or not.

Citing a national engineering study which found that 40 percent of the average power bill is for lighting alone,

Wienecke saw an opportunity for substantial savings in energy costs for the college.

Wienecke plans to install timing devices to monitor campus lighting, thereby replacing the inefficient wiring system which now exists.

Flourescent lights will be installed in the busiest areas, while other areas will be lighted using the orange-colored sodium lights. The sodium lights are more energy efficient than the flourescents, however, they are not as bright.

The project should be completed over the next few months. Wienecke speculated that about 10 percent of the lights have been changed already.

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Student lives life in 'fast lane' as live-in volunteer firefighter

By Chris Turpen
Of The Commuter

The dream of becoming a firefighter has been shared by small children for ages. Eric Ishikawa, a full-time student in LB's Emergency Medical Technician Program, turned that dream into a reality.

Ishikawa is a volunteer fireman in Philomath. He receives a room the size of most dorm rooms and all the training he can handle. Ishikawa described life there as "kicked back" when he is not performing duties around the stationhouse. When not actively working, residents have a T.V. room as well as a pool table, gym and some board and card games. Other than that, drills and training do a good job of filling time.

According to Capt. Jon Wolfe, of the Philomath Fire Department, "training on materials and construction of homes is constantly changing." Synthetic materials used in the production of homes creates gases that are hazardous to the firefighters. The firemen must be aware of these gases so their safety will not be compromised. They must also be aware of the structural styles of a large number of homes. Learning where the main supports of a home are located is an important factor when firemen are faced with a rescue situation on the inside of the structure. Equipment the firefighters must be

familiar with include two fire trucks, one ambulance, a 300,000 gallon tanker, a brush rig and an air truck used to fill oxygen tanks used in environments where breathing is impossible.

The "driving need to provide community service" Ishikawa said, is the whitewashed version of why people volunteer as firemen. The truth of the matter for him he says is that it is an intense job that provides excitement for individuals who like to live life in the fast lane.

Situations ranging from fall victims to auto accidents are encountered regularly and the firefighters must be ready to act immediately. The car wrecks, said Ishikawa "get real interesting."

Captain Wolfe explained that the residents of Philomath receive a newsletter and that the best way to prevent fires is through education. An educational program designed for children ranging from kindergarten to the 12th grade has been useful in teaching kids what to do in case of an emergency. This program will continue as long as "time, number of people and budget permit" said Wolfe.

One way their budget will allow further education is by holding an annual garage sale. This year, it will be held on Saturday, May 12th at the main Fire Station located on 10th and Main in Philomath.



The Commuter/DARIN RISCOL

After Work Play

LBCC staff members enjoy a leisurely softball game after work last Friday. The game was one of several activities planned for staff and faculty by the LBCC Wellness Committee this month. Coming up Thursday is archery at 4:30 p.m. and a five-mile run at 5 p.m. On Friday, a horseback ride is planned, followed by a white-water raft trip Saturday

Karate meet scheduled Saturday

LBCC karate instructor David Gray will host a tournament May 12 at 10 a.m. in the Activities Center.

"Some of the finest martial artists in the Northwest will be competing for beautiful trophies in forms, weapons and fighting events," Gray said.

There are 53 divisions for men, women

and children with 25 events entirely for kids. Gray extended an open invitation for all schools and styles to attend.

Entry fees are \$20 for the first event, \$5 for each additional event. Spectators are \$3, and kids under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and competition begins at 10 a.m.

Australia is more than kangaroos and koalas

By Kirsten Darnold
Of The Commuter

Last Wednesday, Philip Gately, a student from Sydney, Australia, explained that Australia is more than Crocodile Dundee, kangaroos and koalas.

Gately, involved in the international speech program, has lived in the U.S. for three years. He graduated from Corvallis High School and is a freshman at OSU in health/PE.

Gately showed a series of slides, a map and the Australian flag, explaining each in detail.

Gately then described how his family history dates

back as far as when Australia was first settled some 200 years ago. He explained how he is related to two people who first came to Australia.

Next, Gately described the land of Australia. Although Australia is equivalent to the U.S. in size, the population is only 17 million compared to 250 million in the U.S.. Four million live in Sydney, the largest city in Australia, which is also an important industrial trade center.

Their seasons are opposite of those in the U.S. For example, when it is spring in the U.S., it is fall in Australia.

Along the coast of Australia, there is lush vegetation and beautiful beaches, yet 200 mile inland, the land changes dramatically to rugged, barren plains. The Outback is harsh, dry country, where the soil is red due to little rain. Aborigines, the natives of Australia, can be found in the Outback.

Throughout Australia, most people live in suburbs in homes much like those in the U.S. Gately showed several slides of different homes in Australia, including his own. Terrace housing is also popular for downtown living and in the business districts.

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DAVE BARRY**Interior Department encourages hunters to mail in wings for Waterfowl Parts Collection**

We the taxpayers hear too many stories about the stupid things that the federal government does with our money, such as letting Congress get hold of it, or attempting to orbit billion-dollar high-tech satellites that are supposed to spy on the Union of Fewer and Fewer Soviet Socialist Republics, but that immediately become lost, or crash into Connecticut. As taxpayers, we think, "What a waste of money! Why not attempt to orbit, say, a 1968 Plymouth Valiant, which would be far cheaper, yet just as effective militarily?"

Well, I for one am sick of this carping. Which is why today I want to talk about one of the GOOD things our government is spending money on, namely the U.S. Interior Department program that encourages hunters to send water fowl parts through the mail. I am not making this program up. I got wind of it thanks to Dustin Basham, an alert reader and duck hunter from Tallahassee, Fla., who sent me a large brown envelope he received from the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service. It's a postage-paid envelope, addressed to COOPERATIVE WATERFOWL PARTS COLLECTION. On the back it says:

"WATERFOWL HUNTERS—We need a wing from each DUCK, BRANT, or COOT (including sea coots) and the tail feathers from each GOOSE you kill this season."

This is followed by instructions as to how the hunter is supposed to cut off the wing and mail it in ("make certain blood has drained and dried").

I imagine that, as a taxpayer, you have some questions at this point, such as: Was the Fish and Wildlife Service abused as a child? And what the heck is a "brant"?

According to the dictionary, a "brant" is a kind of goose. A "coot" is either a duck-like bird or a cranky older person, although I think we can safely assume that the Fish and Wildlife Service is not asking hunters to send severed senior-citizens parts through the U.S. mails. That would fall under another department.

Anyway, the reason the Fish and Wildlife Service wants hunters to mail in waterfowl apendages, according to the envelope, is that these can be used to determine "the ratio of old to young birds," which reveals "how good a crop was produced." I have no quarrel with this. Any legal scholar will tell you that one of the first federal responsibilities mentioned in the U.S.

Constitution is the monitoring of the coot crop.

But what I want to know is: Shouldn't the government also be monitoring the moose crop? I mention this in light of an Anchorage Daily News article alertly mailed in by Steve Bouch. The article, by Charles Wohlforth, is headlined MOOSE BATTERS COUPLE. I am still not making any of this up. It concerns Paula and John Dede of Wasilla, Alaska, who had seen this moose hanging around their house, but it went away, so they decided to go into their back yard with their two prized chow show dogs, one of which "wears a jacket because a thyroid condition has made her bald." So they went outside, and suddenly, the moose barged out of the woods and attacked them. "I never expected it from a moose," the article quotes Mrs. Dede as saying.

A tremendous battle ensued. At one point, the moose and the people and the dogs all got tangled up in the dogs' tether. At another point, according to Mrs. Dede, "John was lying on the ground and the moose was standing on his back." When it was all over, both Dede's had been taken to the hospital, the moose had been fatally shot by a state trooper, and both chows had become very upset.

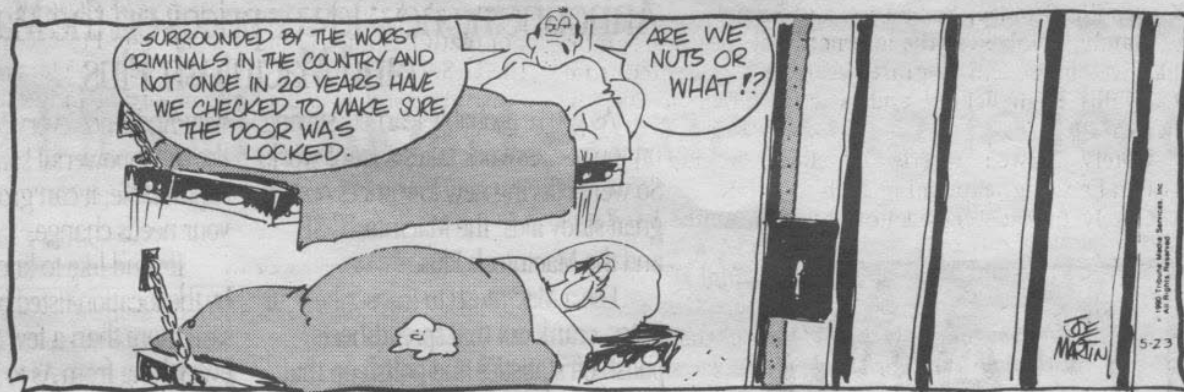
I don't know about you, I am shocked by this story. I mean, as Americans we are raised to believe that moose attacks involving show dogs with thyroid problems happen only in the Third World, and here we discover it's going on right in our own back yard, assuming we live in Wasilla, Alaska. As taxpayers, we need to ask ourselves some hard questions, such as: Is the moose crop perhaps getting too big for its britches? What is the government doing about it? Is there a special show category for bald dogs?

Clearly, the only practical solution here is a massive expansion of the Cooperative Waterfowl Parts Collection program. I am urging hunters, dog owners and all other concerned citizens to gather up your moose parts and mail them pronto to the Interior Department, or your congressperson, or (why not?) the Publishers Clearing House. I have checked with the postal authorities on this, and I am pleased to report that their line was busy.

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SPORTS PAGE

Akers clears 16 feet to set pole vault record

By Arik Hesseldahl
Of The Commuter

The clatter of light applause and various whistles and hollers slowly dissolved into the steadily clouding sky Wednesday, as Kevin Akers rose from the yellow port-a-pit, with a wide smile on his face.

"That's a long, long, long time in coming," he said for all to hear.

He had just won the pole vault event of the NWAACC Decathlon Championships, broken the 16-foot barrier, and in the process moved into first place by a miniscule 11 points.

But victory for Akers was not to be, as a strong javelin throw by Lane's Dave Christopher and a literal runaway victory in the 1500 meter run by Umpqua's Shane Harget left Akers in third place, only 101 points behind winner Christopher and 59 behind Harget. But that did not detract from Akers' pole vault triumph.

The 16-1 vault tied the meet record held by former LBCC vaulter Tim Canfield, and is the highest in the NWAACC this year. But more important for Akers personally, it was the end of a quest to break the 16-foot point that had eluded him in competition for more than a year.

Three close attempts at 16-5 proved unsuccessful. That was due, at least in part, to the pole Akers was using.

On his first attempt at 16-1, Akers switched from his usual 15-foot pole to a 15-9 pole. That first attempt failed. The second attempt, this time from the shorter pole, succeeded. The three following attempts at 16-5 were also from the shorter pole.

"When he uses that shorter pole he has to push like crazy to get his body over the bar, and it's too much of a stretch,"

coach Dave Bakley said Tuesday.

"I had good starts at 16-5, but when I picked up that longer pole, I had a bad mindset and began to doubt myself," Akers said. "The longer pole messed up my approach so I used the shorter one."

But first place was short-lived. With the javelin and 1,500 meters ahead, Akers needed two strong performances in both events to leave with the win. One he would get. The other did him in.

Christopher, humbled in the pole vault with second place and a 15-1 finishing height, launched the javelin 181-5. Akers threw only 130-3, and fell to second with 5,522 points to Christopher's 5,740. One event remained.

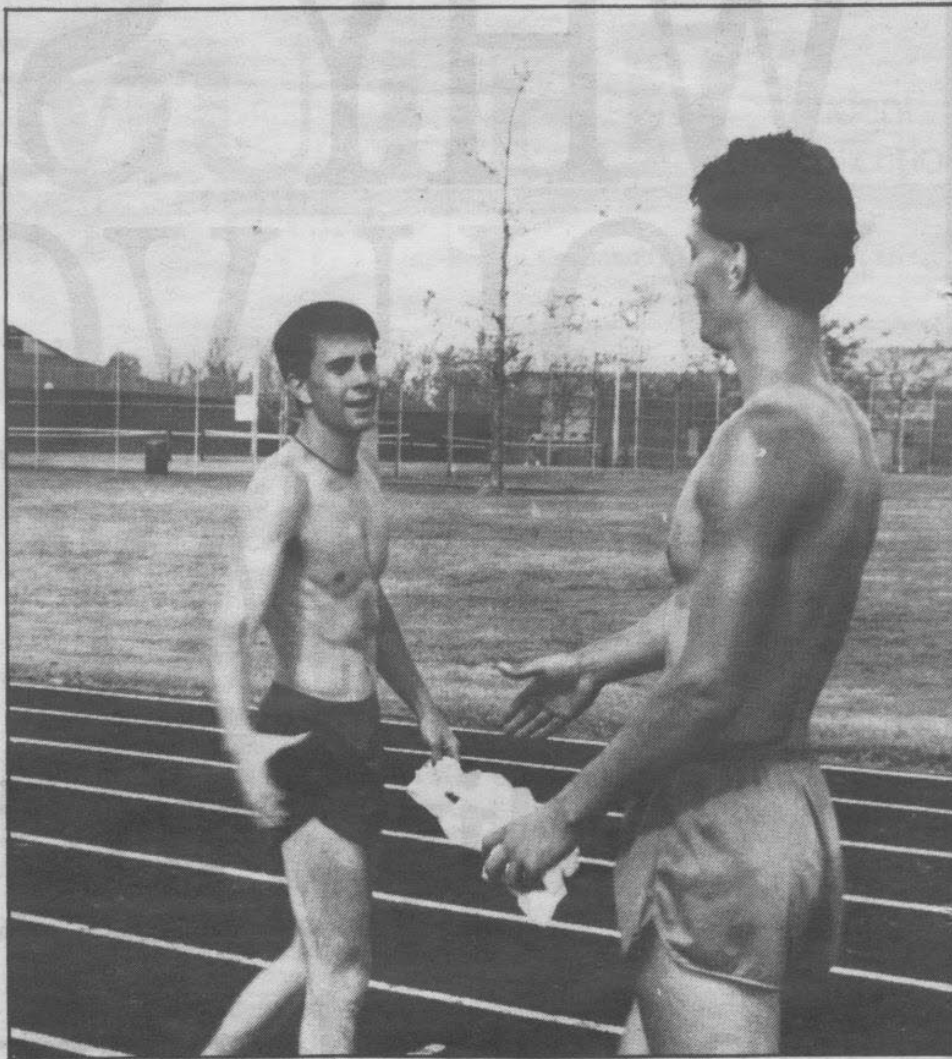
The 1,500 is traditionally dreaded by decathletes, who tend to be more accustomed to running shorter distances. That is not the case with Akers. At the close of the first day, he looked forward to the event for a simple reason.

"It's the last event. You gotta bust it," he said, predicting a 4:42 finish.

What he did not predict was the ability of Harget to run a 4:26 and score 765 points in the process.

Akers started the race toward the back of the pack, but worked up to fourth place by the 400-meter mark. In classic distance runner style, he gradually reeled in Bob Brown and Ray Aragon, both of Mt. Hood, and outkicked SWOCC's Bruce Davis for second. Harget easily won with a 100-meter lead on the pack. Christopher ran toward the back in 5:02, but finished in first overall with 6,288 points.

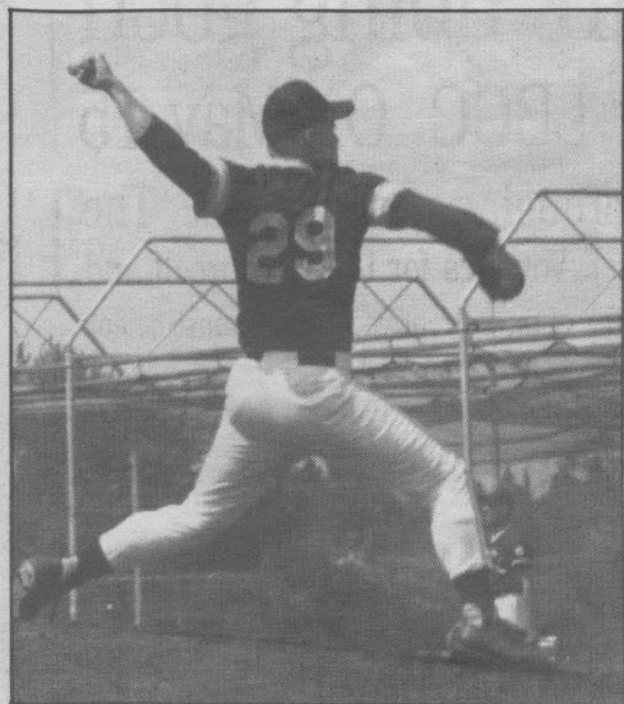
Harget took second with 6,246. Akers finished in third, a close 6,187, his best score in the deathlon yet. Tim France of LBCC finished in 5th and Roadrunner Ken Jackson took 12th.



The Commuter/MATT RASMUSSEN

Roadrunner Kevin Akers congratulates Shane Hargett of Umpqua Community College after Hargett won the 1500-meter race in last week's Hep-tathlon/Decathlon Championships at LCC's track. Akers finished third after the two-day meet, while Hargett came away with second and Dave Christian-son of Lane took first. Akers also set a meet record in the pole vault event.

Roadrunners sweep Hood, take 3 game league lead



The Commuter/TIM VANSLYKE

LBCC's Sean Hickman threw a 1-0 shutout in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Mt. Hood.

By Kevin Porter
Of The Commuter

The league leaders went head-to-head last Saturday and LBCC came up winners, sweeping a doubleheader from Mt. Hood 1-0 and 4-2.

In the opener three pitchers drafted by the pros were showcased before the large crowd at the LBCC field. Sean Hickman threw a five-hit shutout for his seventh win against no losses to beat Mt. Hood's Dan Carlson, who is now 6-1.

"Both pitchers were 6-0 coming into the game and Hickman gave a gutsy performance after being to Rebound, a physical therapy office, which gave him the OK to compete," Hawk said. He threw seven innings, giving up five hits and two walks while collecting seven strikeouts, before Shawn Henrich was called in with two runners on and no outs. Henrich was able to get out of the inning on a fly ball and a double play.

In the ninth, Henrich walked the first two batters and retired the next two, but it took a leaping snag by second baseman Dan Mathis to get him the save.

The only run of the game came in the bottom of the seventh after Max Stephenson walked and Ken Kaveny singled. Both runners advanced on a double steal, then Carlson tried a pickoff throw that got into the outfield to score Stephenson.

In the nightcap, the Roadrunners jumped out in front

of the Saints, giving starting pitcher Bill Proctor a 2-0 lead on a Matt VanCurler two-run double. Proctor lasted six innings, giving up seven hits on two walks and seven strikeouts.

Stephenson and Thad Holman each went 2 for 4, Craig Brockman went 2 for 3, and VanCurler hit 3 for 3 with a double. Brockman also had a double.

The sweep gave LBCC a three-game lead over Mt. Hood at the time. And that lead seemed secure after Tuesday night's action, in which LBCC took a doubleheader from Clackamas in Oregon City, 7-2 and 4-1.

Mark Dennis got the start in yesterday's opener, and lasted five innings, allowing four hits on two walks and three strikeouts. Pete Boyer came in the sixth and finished out the game to get the win. Kaveny and Lonnie Keenon went 3 for 4 at the plate, while Dan Mathis and Holman each had two hits.

In the nightcap, the Roadrunners jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never looked back. Nick Bonnenfant started on the mound and went six innings, giving up one run. Henrich went in for relief after a leadoff triple and a double gave the Cougars their first run, but Henrich got three batters to pop up to close the game, giving him his league-leading eighth save.

"We played really good defense, turning three double plays and throwing out three runners at the plate," Hawk said after the game.

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