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International students bring different expectations to U.S.

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Men's and women's teams finish disappointing season with losses

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A Governor's Greeting

Gov. Barbara Roberts is welcomed by LBCC's newest board member, Thomas Wogaman, at the LBCC Commons Friday, just before she addressed a crowd of around 170 people. Roberts was on campus to explain her program to redefine state government, and detail her efforts to deal with the tax structure in light of Measure 5. President Jon Carnahan (at right) introduced the governor, telling the crowd that no one cared more about Oregon and its people. Roberts' 40-minute speech dealt with making state government more efficient by combining agencies and cutting up to 4,000 state jobs. The campus speech was just one stop on Roberts' trek through Albany, where she also visited students at South Albany High School and gave a local radio interview. Roberts spoke at great length about the continuing battle of increasing costs of higher education and the lack of tax revenue from Measure 5. "This is not a minor issue," said Roberts. "It's not something you can ignore."

Disabled voice safety issues

By Melody Neuschwander
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"In Case of Fire Do Not Use Elevators"—Such notices are posted outside of nearly all elevators in public places. The signs have become commonplace and such a part of the landscape they often go unnoticed.

For most people, taking the stairs is the obvious solution in cases of emergency like the recent fire alarm on campus. The solution is not so obvious, however, for the students in wheelchairs and motorized scooters. Those students, currently, have no other option than to wait in line to use elevators that could break down during an emergency. Fire or electrical outages could make the elevators inoperable.

Rusty Burton, a 38-year-old student majoring in Business Administration, would like to ensure the safety of all students in emergency situations. Burton uses a motorized scooter to make his way around campus.

Barton and other disabled students have formed a Task Force of the Disabled. They are currently working on obtaining a viable way to quickly get disabled students to the ground floor in the event of an emergency.

Burton would like to have at least one EVAC-U-TRAC installed on campus. The device would allow students in wheelchairs to descend staircases in emergencies.

Burton said the devices come in two types. The first is a manual type which

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Boston mayor proposes National Urban Primary

BOSTON--As voters in South Dakota trooped to the polls for the presidential primary there Tuesday, Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn proposed a national urban primary in 1996 to give city residents an early and unified voice in the presidential selection process.

In a speech at Brown University Tuesday night, Flynn said presidential candidates often give urban issues short shrift because not one of the country's 50 largest cities is located in any of the first four primary and caucus states. "The present primary system is a deck stacked against America's great cities, and we've already been dealt out,"

Flynn gave only scant details on how an urban primary might be organized but said it could be an effective way to attract the national spotlight to urban problems. "If we can break through ... conventional thinking of how state primaries are conducted, we may actually see a system that puts our cities back on the national map by 1996," Flynn said.

Primary Season

Feb. 25		
Delegates at stake		
State	Dem.	Rep.
South Dakota	20	19

March 3		
Delegates at stake		
State	Dem.	Rep.
Colorado	54	37
Georgia	88	52
Idaho	24	22
Maryland	79	42
Minnesota	87	32
Utah	28	27
Washington	80	35
March 3 totals:	440	247

March 5-19		
Delegates at stake		
State	Dem.	Rep.
North Dakota	20	17

March 7		
Delegates at stake		
State	Dem.	Rep.
Arizona	47	37
South Carolina	49	36
Wyoming	19	20
March 7 totals:	115	93

David Duke's battle to get on the ballot

Oregon decided Jan. 28 to allow Louisiana state Rep. David Duke's name to appear on its Republican presidential primary ballot, bringing to nine the number of states that have accepted his candidacy.

■ On ballot ■ Kept off ballot ▨ Kept off ballot, but contesting



SOURCE: American Civil Liberties Union, state election commissions, David Duke headquarters; Research by WENDY GOVIER

A canvas with many flaws

Just when you thought it was safe to open up the sports page and be greeted by the familiar surroundings of commentary, scores and game summaries, you're met with violence, drugs, censorship and AIDS.

What happened to that bastion of boxscores, stats and trivial sports info that had me and my brothers fighting to scour every morning as kids. Back then, I could recite Pete Rose's batting average or Bill Walton's rebounds at the drop of a hat.

Nowadays, I couldn't tell you who's in first, what catcher starts for the Reds or why a third of Clyde Drexler's points come off dunks.

But, I can tell you who Mike Tyson raped, what Pete Rose gambled on and why Magic Johnson became HIV+.

The sports page and the sports figure have both entered a new world—not a brave new world where athletes rest with dignitaries, heroes and role models—but a brash, bashing new world where their every move off the court is scrutinized, dissected and plastered on the pages of the sports page, correction—the front page, the sports world is moving up.

In we took an inventory of the last three months of headlines and newsmakers, sports stories—Tyson's trial, Johnson's disease, Native American nicknames and Earnest Killum's death—would be at the forefront of all newsmaking events.

Has sports eclipsed its usefulness, as an art form, of merely entertaining us in the arenas, stadiums and courts we patron, and moved on to much larger arenas of social, judicial and cultural patronage.

The dead and buried legend of the Hollywood screen idol whose scandalous liaisons and nocturnal activities made for great print back in the '30s and '40s, has re-surfaced, only now they're wearing Air Jordans and spitting sunflowers instead of wearing makeup and spitting out their lines.

Just how far is the sports world willing, and just how low are they going to go to shove their "art" down the throats of the public. Jose Canseco's 1-800 number charges us \$5 a minute so we can find out how if puts relish or mustard on his hot dog. Pete Rose charges \$50 per autograph. Mike Tyson violently violates a woman and claims he's a victim of media scrutiny and a scapegoat of the sporting world.

I don't buy into any of this trash these superstars espouse and I certainly won't buy merchandise that promotes and glorifies sports as something it is not—an art form.

But I'll pay 35 cents for a newspaper.

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Buchanan may be selling us short

There was a jaunty bounce in the step of my friend Grump the conservative.

"We have sent the message," he said, "and it has been received."

What message is that?

"What? Have you been sleeping all week? Not that there would be any difference. The message from Patrick the Bold."

Ah, you mean Pat Buchanan's showing in New Hampshire.

"Don't play games with numbers. You know very well what I mean. He scored a stunning victory, and it has been hailed as such on the front page of every newspaper in the nation, even those dominated by the liberal pinkos, which most of them are."

Yes, in the strange math of primaries, less can be more, more can be less, winners can be losers, losers can be winners, and may the best spin masters win. So your man claimed a victory of sorts.

"Of sorts? Boob. He has shaken the White House to its foundations. He has rocked Bush on his heels for his traitorous behavior to our cause. The bold message has gone forth."

So you have said. But what message is that?

"Have you no ears? We are going to take our nation back."

Ah, yes, I did hear Patrick the Bold say that. But I'm not sure what that means. Who took it? And as long as they were taking it, why didn't they take the part on my block that has the big potholes?

"You know very well who has taken it."

No, tell me. The very least I can do is send them a bill demanding payment of my part. Maybe I can turn a profit on the deal. Who are they?

"The short people."

The who?

"You heard me. This country has been invaded by the short people. And Patrick has recognized the short menace and is the only candidate who will do something about it."

I haven't heard him say anything about a threat from the short.

"No, but we know what he means."

Then tell me because I don't.

"Think. Who has been swarming across our border in vast numbers, making a mockery of our immigration laws?"

Ah, you mean Mexicans.

"That's right. And have you ever seen a tall Mexican?"

I don't go around with a ruler measuring the height of every Mexican I meet.

"Well, if you did, you would find that the majority of Mexicans are short. And what has been the largest group of foreign refugees we have let pour into our

country in recent years?"

I give up.

"Asians of all sorts, that's who. More short people. And who has been buying up American businesses, real estate and trying to destroy our automobile industry?"

You mean the Japanese?

"Yes, another notoriously short bunch. That's why they were so difficult to subdue in the war—two handfuls of dirt and they had a foxhole. Even a footprint would do."

I still don't understand what height has to do with this.

"Because we are a tall nation. Tall in the saddle. Walking tall. Standing tall. Able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Pour me a tall one. Tallness is our tradition. Our nation was built by great men who were tall. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln, Ronald Reagan, John Wayne. Not a shortie in the bunch."

Teddy Roosevelt was short.

"But he carried a tall stick. And now our tallness is being threatened, and Patrick is the only candidate who has recognized it, which is why he is going to take our nation back from the short before it is too late."

Before it is too late for what?

"Before we are overrun by the short people. Our highways filled with cars that look empty because they can barely peep over the dashboard; tiny people giving orders to the tall, who they resent; tall people unable to buy a suit of clothes that fit. Do you want your children growing up short?"

They've already grown up tall.

"Your grandchildren then."

We'd have fewer Peeping Toms.

"You can scoff, but Patrick has seen the menace, swarming about his feet, skittering between his legs, talking strange gibberish that only they understand. Do you want your descendants talking strange gibberish?"

It was good enough for me. Besides, George Bush is kind of tall. I believe he is even taller than Patrick.

"Yes, but he stands short and he walks short and he has betrayed us to the short. I suspect that he wears elevator shoes."

But what is Patrick going to do about this short problem?

"I would think he will begin by digging a deep ditch along our borders. Let the little buggers try to hop out of that."

Well, I'm glad you clarified the issue.

"Wait, there are many other issues."

Then tell me.

"Later. I don't want to be overheard by that fellow sitting over there."

Which one is that?

"The one who looks like an Israeli."

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Commuter shows bias, lack of respect for Ordinance 91 opinions

To The Editor:

I find it interesting that both Ms. Kilduff and Mr. Lehman missed the whole point of my February 12 article. I did not say I supported OCA; I said that Paco and the COMMUTER staff were not giving us responsible journalism. The COMMUTER has refused to give the staff and students of LBCC any kind of balance on the OCA/anti bias/hate crimes issue. Dave Rickard gave us a lengthy interview article with Prudence Miles, a Corvallis City Council member who supported Ordinance 91, and explained just why we needed anti-bias legislation. In that article, both the interviewer and Miles slammed OCA. But we have yet to see an interview with any spokesperson for OCA. All we have heard of the organization in this paper has been hearsay. We cannot have any sort of intellectual discussion of the matter until we know WHY the members of Oregon Citizens Alliance feel so strongly about this issue. And we must hear it from them; we cannot assume.

It is also interesting that both respondents defended Paco's disrespect and said that most students they knew opposed OCA. Again, that was not the

point. I did not say that the majority of LBCC students agreed with OCA. I thought I said that they did not show such blatant disrespect for those with whom they disagreed. Those are two separate concepts.

Interesting, too, that I have been laboring under a misconception about the purpose of the anti-bias/hate crimes ordinances. I thought they were meant to ensure that all people—even those we disagree with—be treated with respect. I guess I was wrong. Respectful treatment does not extend to Oregon Citizens Alliance. In other words, "What is the difference between the alleged hate of OCA and the hate words you have used and published?" I see none.

If the COMMUTER is advocating "anti-bias" in others, perhaps they need to practice anti-bias by giving the staff and students of LBCC something solid by which we can make an informed choice instead of giving us cliches and hearsay. Unfortunately, even my respondents added nothing new. They even used the same old string of offensive words. They did not debate, they "emoto-blithered."

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letters

forum



State owned SAIF Corp. needs to look at changing tactics

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

Earlier this month state regulators ordered the state-owned SAIF Corporation to change the way it handles compensation claims from Oregon's workers or face fines.

But SAIF (State Accident and Injury Fund) thumbed its nose at its boss when it denounced Gary Weeks, the director of the Department of Insurance and Finance, and said that it would refuse to comply with his orders.

commentary

I think the people at SAIF need to be reminded what the purpose of the agency is.

"There isn't any reason for us to change our claims management system, and we're not going to," asserted Kathy Keene, SAIF's executive vice-president for internal affairs. "The rest of the industry is going to change what they do."

The report, containing the results of a three-month investigation, concluded that even though SAIF broke no laws it was practicing inappropriate claims management and hurting injured workers by denying disabling claims at twice the rate of private insurers.

Stan Long, SAIF's president, complained that the investigation was the result of pressure by competitors and special interest groups.

Regardless of why the investigation took place, it brings to light an issue that all Oregonians have a stake in. The denial of legitimate claims for an on-the-job injury is unfair. The denial of workman's compensation wages in legitimate cases creates the kind of nightmare that could leave honest workers eating in soup lines and sleeping under bridges.

Weeks reported that regulators would re-examine SAIF in the fall to see if it had indeed started to comply with its order.

The report stated that 20 percent of the cases reviewed had been denied before an investigation had been completed or in some cases before it had even begun.

Earlier this month, some of the state's labor unions complained that even though the SAIF Corporation may indeed be following the letter of the law, it is not following the intent of the law—to give Oregon's workers honest protection from the cost of medical bills arising from on-the-job injuries.

Diane Rosenbaum, spokeswoman for the Oregon State Industrial Union Council, said:

"We think that the SAIF Corporation has forgotten the fundamental social policy behind worker's compensation and why they exist. They exist not to make money or to meet a bottom line, but to provide fair and just benefits to injured workers and help them get back to work as quickly as possible."

I agree.

It's time the people of Oregon start to take a long hard look at the SAIF Corporation and how it treats the people it was created to serve. Maybe we need a change of personnel at the SAIF Corporation to get the agency back on the track and in line with its purpose.

commuter poll

This week's Opinion Poll surveyed student response to Oreo cookies, the Oscars and sports nicknames. One-hundred and forty students answered in this week's poll.

Question No. 1

Last week, the Oregonian decided to not print nicknames of professional and college teams that are offensive or objectionable to Native Americans, such as; Redskins, Braves and Redman. Students were asked if they agreed or disagreed with the Oregonian's decision.

Agreed with not printing nicknames.....37 percent.
Disagreed with not running nicknames....63 percent

Question No. 2

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced their nominations for this year's best picture. Of the five films nominated, students were to select the one film they felt was the year's best.

Here's the results:

The Silence of the Lambs	40 percent
Beauty and the Beast	20 percent
JFK	15 percent
Prince of Tides	8 percent
Bugsy	3 percent
Waynes World	.5 percent

Question No. 3

The Oreo cookie has long been a mainstay in the American cultural vernacular. There are many ways to eat an Oreo cookie. We asked students just how they ate their Oreo cookies. A variety of answers was expected, but a few eating patterns and cookie idiosyncracies did emerge.

Eat the middle first	22 percent
Don't eat Oreo cookies	20 percent
Dunk them in milk	16 percent
Eat them whole	15 percent
One bite	4 percent
Dipped in coffee	1 percent
In bed after sex, don't smoke	1 percent
Osmosis	1 percent
At the Willamette Ski Lodge	1 percent

Question No. 4

To gauge student participation in LBCC's extra-curricular activities—men's basketball, theater productions and speakers—we asked students if they had actually attended one of these events since they've been taking classes here.

No, never attended an event.....	40 percent
Yes, I was there.....	60 percent

Sen. Yih calls for belt tightening, nixes tax increases

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

In her 18 years of representing Oregon's 19th district, Mae Yih has conversed with everyone from unemployed timber workers and college professors to city council members to presidents.

Yih, an Albany state senator since 1983, was on LB's campus last Friday (along with Gov. Barbara Roberts) and dropped by the Commuter office for informal conversation on a few of the topics that voters seem to be asking.

JLJ: I guess the first thing I'd like to ask you is who do you support in the presidential election, would you like to make a stand on that?

Sen. Yih: I can make a stand on it, but it's not going to be a firm stand. You're talking to a politician (laughs). I don't have a firm stand. Whoever gives the best economic development policy is the one I would support and I think they're not that clear to me yet. They all look about the same right now.

JLJ: What is your stand on nuclear power?

Sen. Yih: I support it because, #1: it is much cleaner than coal power generation, and #2: it's safe. We have both federal and state safe-guards. We have redundant safe-guards to insure safety.

JLJ: I guess the next thing I'd like to ask you is what can LBCC do to help cope with the budget cuts from Measure 5?

Sen. Yih: We need to tighten our belts and hold the line. I don't think we need to cut 20 percent like she's asking (Gov. Roberts). I think 5 percent across the board at the present level, instead of an increase in the next budget and then a cut. We don't even need to cut the 5 percent if everybody carries out the position cuts she's asking for.

JLJ: LBCC President Jon Carnahan has said that the Oregon Community College Association recommends that the governor call a special session to deal with budget shortfalls. Would you be in favor of that special session?

Sen. Yih: I really don't think we need a special session to deal with tax re-structuring. I look at the budget, I ask for an analysis, and we hold the line where we are. We can hold it the way it is without any cuts, except the position cuts will be needed and we can get by next biennium. We can get by if everybody holds the line, including elementary and secondary schools, and I can give you the reasons. You want the reasons now?

JLJ: Yes I'd like to hear them now.

Sen. Yih: The tax burden is already very high at the national ranking, Oregon is ranked either first or second highest in the nation. If we increase our taxes any more we're going to lessen the chance of attracting business or helping the present business to survive. I think the key to balancing the budget is to have income so we can balance the budget. If we keep increasing our taxes we're going to decrease our chance of creating jobs and having people make income, help themselves and help the state too. I think if we can hold the line on the budget, not increase taxes, we can encourage economic growth and solve the state's problems that way. Rather than

"I think that in 1976, when I first ran, the Gazette Times commented that Mae Yih has a Chinaman's chance of winning."

--Mae Yih

increase taxes, increase programs in the long run cut off our chance for economic growth. It's much better for people to help themselves than for the state to help them. During a depressed economy and high unemployment, the state pays that much more in human resources. As the economy prospers we can do more with increasing income, but right now I think we all have to live within what the state has and not try to increase the tax burden.

JLJ: That brings me to another question. How do you feel about California investors that are flooding into the area? Are you in favor of that?

Sen. Yih: I don't have anything against it. From the way it looks, there's nothing wrong with Californians bringing their money in and wanting to invest

in our state. I don't see any disadvantage in it. I'd like to see them bring more money here and invest in high tech, in businesses, create more jobs here. I think we have a lot of advantages in Oregon, we have good labor skill, we have relatively cheap land, cheaper power rates, and we have a good water supply. They can't even take a shower every day sometimes during shortages. I like to encourage them to come and invest in businesses here.

JLJ: LBCC has more and more students coming in all the time, refugees from the timber industries, that are trying to start a new way of life. Trying to do something different with the rest of their lives. Do you see increased help for them in the future, more than we give them now?

Sen. Yih: I think we should try to meet their demands in training, to help them get another job. To get new jobs.

JLJ: One of the things that made it possible for the new Linn Forest Products to open in Sweet Home was the extension of the city's Enterprise Zone. It gave them a tax break on new improvements in the mill. How do you feel about that?

Sen. Yih: Guess who was one of the chief sponsors of that. She's sitting right in front of you.

JLJ: Do you see more of that happening in Linn County in the future?

Sen. Yih: I think we should give out as much incentive as possible. I think it was five years ago when we passed the legislation to give the economic incentive property tax exemption for five years, it was phased in gradually. This kind of incentive is important. We attracted a Japanese company to come in to Millersburg because of the Enterprise Zone incentive program. I think when all those corporations sit in their boardrooms, whether they are in Philadelphia or Tokyo Japan, they are going to be very scientific about the advantages and disadvantages of locating in a site. These property tax exemptions, or lower income tax rates, will all come into the picture. When this legislation was passed, I went around my district and encouraged cities to apply. That year 10 cities were designated Enterprise Zones and three of them are from Linn County; 30 percent are in Linn County.

JLJ: Do you think the local economy will continue to turn away from the timber industries?

Sen. Yih: Yes, I think the hand writing is on the wall. I think the environmentalists are winning even though it's not right. Trees are a renewable resource and as long as we manage them carefully, for multi-purposes, for production of timber, for recreation, for scenery, for wildlife. As long as we manage them carefully we can have all these benefits. It shouldn't be managed for one purpose, only for wildlife, or only for production. With all our scientific knowledge we can manage them wisely, without setting them aside for one purpose only. Rather than seeing communities going into extinction we need to think about preserving jobs for our citizens. I will continue to fight for the timber industries because there is no reason for one purpose management. In the near future I am going to Washington D.C. to try to get increased consideration of economic and human impact when the endangered species act is re-authorized. I hope to meet with Tom Foley (speaker of the house) and will meet Oregon's Congressional Delegation to continue the fight for timber interests. I also want to try to get the money to salvage timber in Eastern Oregon.

JLJ: You speak a lot about attracting new businesses to the Willamette Valley. Specifically what kind of businesses would you like to see move into the area?

Sen. Yih: I'd like to see businesses that would be consistent with our keeping a good quality of life in Oregon, whether it's agricultural, forestry or high-tech. Our regional economic strategy focuses on attracting high-tech industries to Linn County. It is a high growth industry. It has great potential in this country as well as in international markets. It is also a relatively clean industry.



Sen. Mae Yih

JLJ: The OCA is close to getting their initiative on the November ballot in Oregon. Do you feel that is indicative of Oregonians's feelings about homosexuality?

Sen. Yih: Your question is like asking if Oregon is either for or against. I can't answer that question until I see the results of the election. But for your information, I voted against non-discrimination for gay rights.

JLJ: How do you feel about the LBCC construction levy that was turned down by voters that would have provided funds for roof repairs and repairs to the Benton, Sweet Home and the Lebanon Centers?

Sen. Yih: As far as I can see, it's not a vote against education. It's a vote against inefficiency. The governor has gone around the state and talked to 130,000 Oregonians. The message is nine out of 10 Oregonians want efficiency. I think this is the voters message that the college is not run efficiently. It's not an anti-education vote. You have to convince the people that we have efficiency. I think the roof repairs for the college should be part of the college budget, not a separate vote.

JLJ: There's been a lot of Japanese bashing in America, have you run into any of those feelings?

Sen. Yih: No. I really don't feel any discrimination against me. From the votes I receive, there wasn't any discrimination. They voted for me 80 percent in my last election. Sometimes I'm kind of one-track-minded, I'm out there to get a job done, so even if people have some discrimination I don't notice. I think that in 1976, when I first ran, the Gazette Times commented that Mae Yih has a Chinaman's chance of winning. I thought that that was pretty racial, but what can you do. I wasn't going to make a big fuss out of it.

JLJ: In the New Hampshire primaries Pat Buchanan got 41 percent of the Republican vote. What does that tell you about President Bush?

Sen. Yih: I think it's saying the conservatives are not happy and the liberals are not happy. I think the main thing is he's got to have a good economic development plan, otherwise he's not going to win. The conservatives want to use the savings from the defense budget to balance the budget, and the liberals want to use the savings for jobs creation. I don't think we should have a tax increase.

JLJ: Do you think President Bush will be in the White House a year from now?

Sen. Yih: I think if he improves his economic development plan he stands a good chance. Incumbents always stand a better chance.

JLJ: If you had to define LBCC's part in the community how would you do it?

Sen. Yih: LBCC should concentrate on vocational training.

JLJ: Are you in favor of national health care?

Sen. Yih: Oregon has a good health care plan. There are approximately 400,000 people who are not covered by employers and are not qualified for medic-aid. Right now medic-aid covers 57 percent of those below poverty level. We want to help 100 percent, by defining basic health care so everybody gets at least basic health care coverage. By reducing the cost to the 57 percent, we can cover the whole pot. I think that has been called thinning the soup. I think it's a good plan but it needs a waiver from the federal government, and we haven't received the waiver yet.

JLJ: A couple of weeks ago Gary Weeks, the head of the Department Insurance and Finance, gave the SAIF Corporation a recommendation that they change the way they handle their claims. Are you in favor of the SAIF Corporation changing the way they handle their claims?

Sen. Yih: I think that any agency is too arrogant if they say, We're doing right and we don't need to improve. I think the record should speak for itself. If the record shows that they are declining 25 percent more than what other insurance companies are, they need to take a closer look at what they're doing and improve upon it, so that we don't see such kind of high rejection rate. The whole program is about making sure the workers get their time lost, their legitimate claims. They should study the way they review their claims and improve upon it. A 25 percent rejection rate higher than others in the same industry is not acceptable.

campus news

FBLA district skills conference held

By Kira Prechter
Of The Commuter

The 1992 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) District Skills Conference was held Thursday, February 20, at LBCC.

Nearly 400 students from 20 different high schools in the Willamette Valley attended the conference.

The FBLA members competed in accounting, journalism, public speaking, mathematics and other business-related events.

The top six students from each category were presented with awards at a ceremony in the Forum.

Winners of the district competitions will attend the State Leadership Conference in April, at the Portland Hilton, where there will be further competitions and scholarship awards.

Speakers at the ceremony were Shelly Tack, Sweet Home, and Amy Schultie, Philomath, candidates for the 1992 office of State Vice President for District IV FBLA.

An election for State Vice President was held following the speeches.

Brad Burke, the current District IV State Vice President feels that "this years conference had a lot more personality than in the past, I hope everyone who attended will benefit."

Two-year colleges continue to set enrollment records

Oregonians continue to enroll in community colleges in record numbers, according to fourth-week winter term reports from the state's 16 colleges.

Nearly 118,000 students are attending the colleges this quarter, a 7.4 percent increase from the same period last year and 4.7 percent above last fall's number.

"Community college enrollment always goes up during tough economic times," said community college commissioner Dale Parnell. "We have a wide range of Oregonians—from recent high school graduates to displaced timber workers—who know they'll get a high quality education at a low cost by turning to their community colleges."

Parnell said community colleges are attracting a higher percentage of high school graduates who will spend their freshman and sophomore years before transferring to a four-year school.

"Cost is a major factor," he said, "because they can live at home and save money...but those students also know they will get a good education in a community college."

"Also adding to the record enrollment are displaced workers who know that community college technical education programs may be their ticket to new employment at a family wage," said Parnell. He said community colleges are at their best when they respond to immediate needs.

Nine community colleges recorded double-digit increases. They are Blue Mountain, Lane, Oregon Coast, Portland, Rogue, Southwestern Oregon, Tillamook Bay and Treasure Valley. Enrollment is about 3,000 higher in Portland, 1,400 at Lane, and 1,200 at Chemeketa.

Full-time enrollment for winter term is up around 4 percent from last year at LBCC.

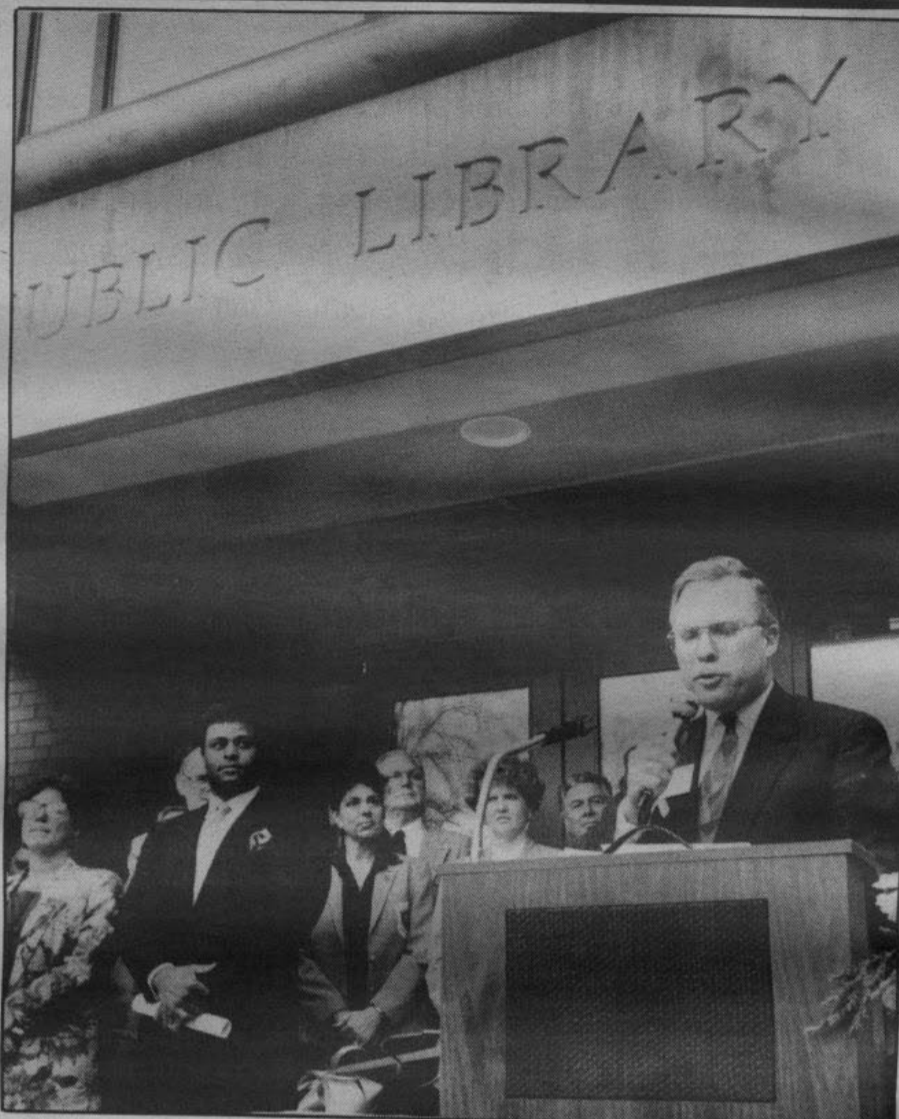


Photo by Christof Walsdorf

Liberating the Library

Charles Vars, mayor of Corvallis, addresses an enormous crowd at the opening ceremony for the new Benton County Library on Sunday afternoon. He is surrounded by a host of officials from Benton County, as well as members of the dedication committee. Unfortunately Vars address was inaudible to most of the crowd.

Lift could alleviate disabled student worries over emergency elevator failure

requires an able bodied assistant to guide the wheelchair down. The second, more costly device, is battery operated and allows an estimated 34 trips per battery charge. Cost ranges from \$1,800 to \$2,400, according to Burton.

Burton said he and others on the task force are working to set up live demonstrations of the device on campus during Spring Days May 27-29.

Burton believes an awareness by other students of the unmet needs of their disabled counterparts is needed in order to bring about changes. "In many cases access assures equality for disabled students, by this I mean access to facilities, specialized services and all fo the other things people often take for granted," Burton said.

A recent survey completed by the

group shows some awareness of what still needs to be done in order to make the campus more accessible to all students. Some buildings have automatic doors but many still do not.

Location of and inadequate number of elevators is another problem.

Handicapped parking is available, but non-disabled students sometimes park in the spaces making it more difficult for those who qualify to find adequate, close parking.

These and many other concerns are discussed at the task force meetings held every other Monday.

Anyone interested in helping coordinate the Spring Days demonstration or other issues involving the disabled on campus can contact Paula Grigsby in LRC200 or look for notices of task force meetings posted on boards across campus.

Results of LBCC Accessibility Survey

Students were polled on the what they felt was most needed to make the campus more more accessible to the handicapped. Results by priority:

Priorities	High	Moderate	Low
1. Evacutrac	182	98	28
2. Automatic Door	174	110	29
3. Elevator Takena Hall	167	99	45
4. Parking Issues:			
A. Follow-up Repeat Offenders	140	89	66
B. Higher Fines	140	85	75
C. Shorter Grace Periods	68	117	103
D. Vehicle Tow For Repeat	124	86	96
5. Add'l Lighting Parking Lots	125	115	65
6. Add'l Ramp Near Business	118	132	56
7. Awning Over Bus Stop Areas	149	103	56

campus briefs

Godspell auditions to be held

The final Mainstage Theater show of the season at LBCC is the musical Godspell. Auditions for Godspell begin Tuesday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in room 213, Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

The show calls for a cast of 10 to 12, with seven to eight males and three to four females. The age range of the cast is 19 to 30. All performers must sing, do some dancing and be capable of a wide variety of movement.

Those auditioning must sing a prepared song, not to exceed two minutes, from either Godspell or a similar show or a song in a similar style. An accompanist will be provided.

Scripts and an original cast recording are available on a 24-hour loan basis from the Liberal Arts office, room 108 of the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

For more information, call George Lauris at LBCC, 928-2361, ext. 450.

Loft Theater auditions set

Auditions for the Loft Theater production of "The Shadow Box" will be held Monday and Tuesday, March 2 and 3, 1992 at 7 p.m. in the Loft Theater, room 205, Takena Hall.

The play has nine characters, five men and four women, portraying ages 15 to 75. For more information, call director Jane Donovan at LBCC, 928-2361, ext. 216.

Brown Bag Seminar held on releasing childhood hurts

Mollie Hyman, a counselor at the Old Mill School in Corvallis, will talk about how childhood hurts cause pain in our adult relationships and what can be done to free one's self from the past. LB students and staff and members of the community are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy this informative presentation. It will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, from noon-1 p.m. in Room 221, Takena Hall.

LBCC continues Oregon Chautauqua lecture series

"Karl Capek: The Man Who Gave Us Robots, Karburators and the White Plague" will be presented March 4 as part of the free Oregon Chautauqua Lecture Series offered at LBCC. All presentations are noon-1 p.m. in the Fireside Room, second floor of the College Center. For more information,

LB 'Snacks for Kids' seminar

The LBCC Family Resources and Council for Children will sponsor "Snacks for Kids (and Grown-Ups Too)" on Tuesday, March 10, in Room H22 at Corvallis High School.

Some sample healthy snacks and learn new ideas. A collection of snack recipes and books will be available for reviewing.

For more information contact Pam Fullam at 967-8835.

ASLBCC Soda Can Drive to help start recycling program

Donate your empty pop cans to ASLBCC's fundraising project. This drive was initiated to help start a recycling program at LBCC and to raise money for future projects. Watch for signs and drop-off boxes located at various locations around campus.

Spanning the globe, international students bring

The term "foreign student" has become a thing of the past, replaced by the more politically correct international student, yet the international student is far from disappearing on our nation's campuses. Since 1975 there has been a 128 percent increase in international students attending U.S. colleges and universities. Even LBCC has a small, but diverse, representation of multi-cultural students, with 86 full and part-time students attending classes. Twenty students from Indonesia are going to LB, while the nations of Kuwait, Panama, China and Palestine are represented in LB's student body.



"I miss French cheese, my family and French food."

Valerie Sirvent Dodge

By Tricia Lafrance
Of the Commuter

When Valerie Sirvent Dodge arrived in Albany in 1990 from Grenoble, France, everything looked and sounded different to her.

And she didn't like it.

Dodge grew up in Grenoble, a city about the size of Portland, that is encircled by the snow-capped Alps in southeastern France close to the Italian border. Grenoble, home of the University of Grenoble, is 40 miles from Albertville, which is hosting the 1992 Winter Olympics. Middle school students in Grenoble ski the Alps one afternoon each week in winter.

"I miss French cheese, my family and French food," said Dodge. Although she says she can live without cheese, she finds it difficult to live without her parents and other relatives.

Cooking French food helps her from becoming too depressed, she said. She cooks at least one French meal each week and also enjoys dining at LBCC's Santiam Restaurant, where she occasionally finds French dishes, like rabbit, on the menu.

The pace of life is different here, said Dodge. In France, people sit around a table for a meal three times a day and talk, she said. Even people who work take a one or two hour break in the middle of the day.

Dodge also misses French bakeries and the choices available at the French delis and the butcher shops. The neighborhood butcher shop can appear exotic to Americans with its smells and sights of animals (rabbits, lamb, veal, beef and chickens) displayed "almost live," said Dodge. People don't grocery shop weekly and store food in the refrigerator. They shop daily at the bakery, butcher and green grocer, and a personal relationship between the merchant and consumer develops, she said.

Shops are small in France where the cities are old, the streets are narrow, and the parks are tiny. In America, she said, everything seems huge—"big cars, big streets, big stores and big people." France is about the size of Texas.

"Although France is also a capitalistic country, it is organized differently," said Dodge. Instead of every state having its own laws, there's one centralized government that sets laws for the country and local governments. What is mainly different, she added, is the social system.

"When you get sick in France, and you want to go to the hospital, but you don't have the money—you just take a number, and you have almost free care.

"This is the main difference and it's what

scares me the most in the American society," she said.

"But it costs the French people a lot of money. The French pay taxes and part of their salary to the state for this social system. But at least you're not worried to be almost dead to go to the hospital. You just go right away."

She followed her American husband, Nathan (who was trained as a French teacher and taught English in France) to the United States so he could complete a degree in computer science. Nathan and Valerie are bilingual and are obtaining an education at LBCC that will enable them to live and work in both France and the United States.

"I really like the philosophy of the community college," she said. "It's great that it's open to the community and available for people who didn't study at 18 or didn't understand that school's important. And it's accessible to those who need to make a career change. There is no community college in France. In France, a person has just one chance."

High school students must choose a career path, Dodge explained, and their post high school training is then fixed. Students either enter a general high school where they prepare for university study, or they enter a trade school. It's difficult to make a change in their major or career.

Dodge, who is 26 years old, is a full-time student in business administration at LBCC and is a French teacher at the World Cultures Institute in Corvallis. If she remains in America when Nathan graduates from LBCC in June, she will transfer to OSU to work toward an MBA.

Her education so far includes a high school degree from the Lycee de Eaux Claires in 1983, a bachelor's degree from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble in 1986, and a master's degree from the Universite de Paris—La Sorbonne in Politiques Publiques in 1988.

At LBCC, Dodge serves as operations coordinator of ASLBCC, which ties in with her political science background and keeps her involved with the workings of a government.

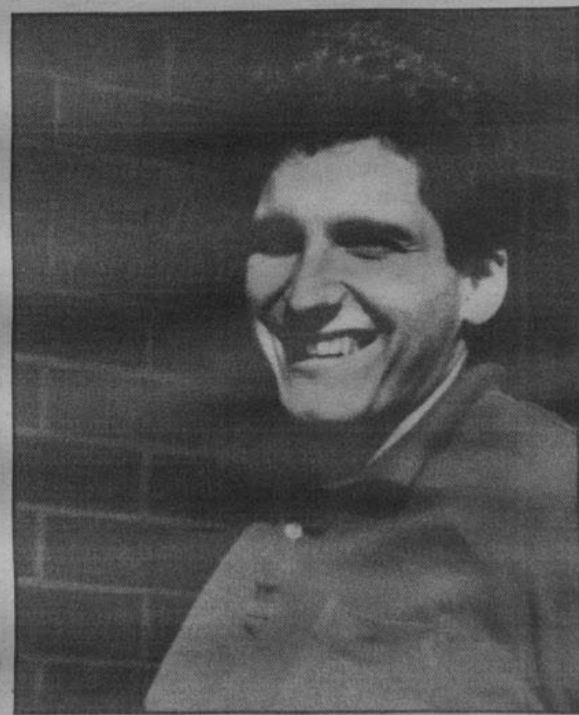
Dodge worked as a public relations assistant to the mayor of Roanne in France and hopes to work in the human resources department of an American company.

France is a country that seems to interest Americans, said Dodge, who feels that being French helps her to be accepted and to make friends. She attended a conference where she met people who were fascinated with her just because of her accent.

"They didn't look at who I am," she said. "They just saw that I was French." And some people act suspicious of those who dress or speak differently. "I have some American friends, but mainly my friends are other foreign students," said Dodge, who thinks that there's a natural tendency for people from different backgrounds to group together.

Dodge likes the way most Americans have welcomed her. She enjoys the varied landscapes of Oregon and she likes the fact that the shops are open late. In France, shops are closed in the evenings and it's hard to even find a bakery that's open on Sunday.

"I'm beginning to worry sometimes if I could ever adapt to France again," said Dodge. "Now that I've been here for a year and a half, I'm getting used to it here and I like it."



"There is opportunity here. Sure there are bums . . . but in Peru there are poor people."

Ariel Zolla

By Gale Blasquez
Of the Commuter

Soft-spoken and articulate, Ariel Zolla sits thoughtfully pondering questions about Peru, the country he grew up in and left three years ago. Zolla, age 28, now attends LBCC and lives between Albany and Salem with his wife Lisa and one-year-old son Saulo.

Ariel contrasted a wet, muddy, but green Oregon with the warm coastal town of Lobitos, on the northern coast of Peru, where he grew up. Lobitos, means "wolfy" in Spanish and is named for the resident sea lions. Most all of the coastal terrain of northern Peru, however, is desolate but for the small growing ichu weed.

Why would a young man who misses the warm coast, where he began each day at 5 a.m. surfing, want to live in the United States?

"Opportunity," Zolla answers.

Before leaving Peru, Zolla worked as a supervisor in his father's construction business. Because the only timber in Peru is in the jungle, and not easily obtained, the Zolla family built structures made of concrete.

Being a supervisor in a construction business would seem to be a good job; however, in the late 1980s, the rate of inflation in Peru was as high as 200 per cent.

Raising his fingers as if to quote the word, Ariel Zolla cynically referred to the Peruvian government as "democratic." In an effort to balance Peru's national budget, President Alan Garcia imposed taxes that proved unbearable for small businesses. Within a year, the family's construction business was suffering and Zolla came to Portland, Oregon.

Ariel had been to the United States in 1981 as a foreign exchange student where he lived with a family in western Pennsylvania. Because he liked the United States, he decided in 1989 to come to Oregon to join some of his friends from Peru already here.

He first attended Portland Community College where he studied auto mechanics. He met and married his wife Lisa, who was from

ng cultural diversity to campus and community

Jefferson, and together they moved south to the Willamette Valley.

Ariel realizes that education is important and is now enrolled in the Auto Mechanics program at LBCC, hoping to obtain his Associate of Arts Degree. He also tutors Spanish at the college.

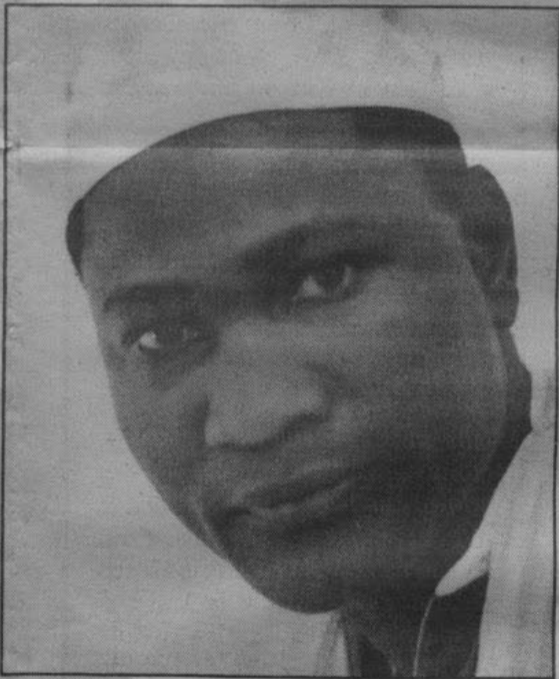
Zolla comes from a family of eight children—his brothers and sisters too, are educated. "One brother is an architect, one sister a teacher and one of my brothers is a priest," he commented. "I myself have always liked cars and wanted to learn more about how they work." When comparing the Auto Mechanics programs of PCC and LBCC, he says they are both good. He added that, "Here you really get into the machine. I like that."

When asked if he liked it better in the United States than Peru, Zolla hesitated. Finally he said: "Different. There are more opportunities here. Sure, there are bums here, but it is because they choose to be bums. In Peru there are poor people. There's a difference."

Zolla returned to Peru for a visit in December to introduce his wife and son to his family; but he plans to stay and live in the United States.

He does not plan to be poor. His five-year goal is to support his wife's efforts in real estate, work to earn enough money to have his own auto repair business, and "move to the coast, preferably where it is warmer."

Perhaps he will even teach his son Saulo how to surf.



"I have enjoyed school a lot here. In Ghana you don't have the opportunity to choose when you will go and what you will take"

Ibrahim Adamu

By David Olsen
Of The Commuter

When Ibrahim Adamu moved to Oregon from the west African country of Ghana 1 1/2 years ago with his wife, he hoped to learn another culture and go to school.

The results have been more than expected for Adamu, but he is not complaining.

Adamu had no dreams of going to the United States when growing up. The U.S. was a far away country known for its wealth, power and high standard of living.

Ghana has a long relationship with the U.S. and when it received its independence from England in 1957, their newly elected president had attended school in the U.S.

"Ghana was the first country to accept Peace Corp volunteers in the world," said Adamu. In

fact the Peace Corp brought Ghana more than assistance, it brought Adamu his wife.

"My wife was a Peace Corp volunteer," continued Adamu, "and she is a native of Oregon. She was born in Pendleton. When her service was done, we decided to come to Oregon."

When Adamu arrived to Oregon, he decided to go back to school. "In order to get meaningful employment here, I needed to go back to school and learn new business skills," said Adamu. "I have enjoyed school a lot here. In Ghana you don't have the opportunity to choose when you will go and what to take."

"Right now my country is undergoing a lot of changes in their educational system," continued Adamu, "when I go back, in the future, I might be able to help with what I've learned here."

Adamu's record attests to the fact that he is enjoying school. He began last winter taking 17 to 18 credits a term and has been on the honor role every term. He's a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society and a representative of the Business Health Occupation Division on the student council.

"I enjoy the student council meetings a lot," said Adamu, "in my country we have a similar council called the Student Representative Council (SRC) that does the same things. The learning experience is meeting people also."

Adamu's life style leaves little time for sight seeing. He works at Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis on a rotation shift that consists of three 12 hour days one week and four days the next week through the weekends. He hopes his hectic schedule will benefit his country as well as himself in the future.

"Attending class is not enough," continued Adamu, "the student council is in the process of bringing in a cultural performing group from my country to LBCC during spring days next term. Students will get a chance to see local African dancing and culture from Ghana."

Adamu is a Muslim and when attired in traditional clothes, students will stop and ask him where he's from and what the clothes symbolize. "I haven't faced any problems from my beliefs," said Adamu, "just ignorance of what my prayer robe is for and about Allah. I take the time to explain to people what the prayer robe is for and what I believe in, and I enjoy telling them."

"Because of my accent, people treat me like a foreigner," continued Adamu, "they come to me and ask questions about Africa, and in the process I learn about here. I think it's a positive mood to learn from others, students should talk to each other more."

Adamu was impressed with the technological aspects of the U.S., but found a couple of surprises with the culture.

"I noticed that people don't talk as much to each other here," said Adamu, "you can sit next to people all term in a classroom and you never talk, but maybe that's the nature of this society. In Ghana, everybody would know everyone else in a classroom."

With the high standard of living the U.S. enjoys, Adamu was also surprised about the unemployment problems. "The unemployment was a big shock to me," said Adamu, "I couldn't find a job as easily as I thought. I thought jobs were here for everyone, but this is not true. If you can't work, you don't enjoy a very high standard of living. You could be worse off than somebody in an underdeveloped country."

Adamu will graduate from LBCC this spring and plans on attending OSU summer term. "I plan on getting a graduate degree in business and a MBA in marketing when I finish," said Adamu, "eventually I hope to get into the exporting business and have my own business. With what I've learned here, I should have an idea of what items people will like from my country."



After landing in Albany, Russian student Artie Brylev finds America is not like the movies

By Holli Clucas
Of The Commuter

Artie Brylev, a 15-year-old Russian exchange student, chose to come to America because of all the cars, parties and girls he saw in the movies.

Now that he's here attending West Albany High School, Brylev is learning that life in small town America is not quite like it is on the silver screen.

Albany is not what he had expected, Brylev said.

He said his peers in Vitebsk, Russia, where he grew up, are more carefree than those he has met at West Albany High. His American friends are more cautious about drinking and driving, and are more reserved about their actions than his Russian friends.

Brylev, is staying with Aaron Sahlstrom, a LB student, and his family in Albany. His host family is religious, compared to Brylev's, which he said is hard to get used to. They attend church three times a week and repeat grace at every meal. Although he is not required to go to church with them, he does go most of the time. He likes his host family, but misses his parents back in Vitebsk.

Another thing he misses is a good game of hockey. Last year, Brylev was on a junior team in Russia and travelled through Europe and Finland to Canada for matches. Watching the Olympics last week made him homesick. "Hockey in Russia is as popular as football is in America," said Brylev. Although he has seen the Portland Winter Hawks play, he is not impressed—"they play like amateurs."

Brylev attended a private school in Vitebsk, where he was enrolled in medical courses. Each student in the high school decides what career he or she is interested in, and immediately begins taking specialized courses along with the general education classes.

He has already taken surgical courses during which he operated on laboratory animals and cadavers.

In Brylev's opinion, American high schools are easy. Attending West Albany this past year has been like "taking a year off from school," he said.

Last month Brylev attended a speech at LBCC on Russian culture that was delivered by Matvei Finkel, a Russian who teaches at a Spokane, Wash., college. Finkel's humorous characterizations of Russian culture angered Brylev, who stood up in the audience to challenge the speaker.

Recalling the incident, Brylev said he was upset at Finkel's lack of education on the Russian culture. When he spoke with Finkel after the speech Brylev said he immediately noticed that his Russian was hard to understand though his accent was authentic. It turns out, he said, that Finkel had traveled through Russia but had gotten his degree in Finland.

Brylev, who turns 16 on March 18, would like to stay American one more year, but this time he's considering a state with a little more sunshine, like Florida.

arts & entertainment

Fair psychics see futures for a price

Is it worth part of your hard-earned paycheck to know what lies ahead? At the Psychic Arts Festival, it'll cost \$20 to discover the future

By Cory Frye
Of The Commuter

I was frightened at first and I almost didn't make it.

I was plagued with visions of greased, dirty pigs and chickens held captive in cells made of reinforced tree branches, prepared for slaughter. I saw old crones in long, flowing robes, arthritic warted hands hovering over crystal balls. There would be a strange dirty mist, levels upon levels of mud and a horrible smell of death in the grey skies.

There were only grey skies on the day of the First Annual Psychic Arts and Crafts Festival, held at the Suburban Christian Church on the Benton-County Fairgrounds this past weekend.

I walked into the little church and was greeted by a smiling woman sitting behind a desk of coffee and doughnuts. I fished into my pockets and produced the \$3 admission fee. I was followed by curious others who came in off the street and from the stables behind the church.

The woman behind the desk was D. Lear, an Ashland native who organized the event. She began the Festival in 1989 in her hometown.

"I basically wanted an open and diverse experience," she said. "I wanted to create a place where people could come to share. I started it with that intent."

She chose Ashland because of its massive psychic activity. There was so much response to it, it became a tri-annual event.

She chose Corvallis as a spot for the festival because she was "led to believe (that Corvallis) is a potentially open-minded community because the colleges and universities are conducive to arts and philosophy. This area has a great interest."

Although Lear is not psychic herself, she has more than an interest in it.

"About 20 years ago, I had my first psychic reading. I was amazed that this person knew so much about me without knowing me. I became intrigued with paranormal and psychic phenomena.... Some of it amuses me; it can get way out there, but I keep an open mind. Science can't explain some of it.

"(Psychics) used to be thought of as croaking words of doom and gloom. Most of the New Age psychics tend to be more like counselors. Most have degrees in Psychology. It's becoming almost trendy; it's recognized as a power and people are more intrigued by it.

"Anybody can have religious or personal views; this is not a place to offend anybody."

Behind her was the festival itself. Tables lined the small room, manned by psychics with tarot cards, science manuals and numerology tables. Surrounding the tables were various displays and free demonstrations of rune cards and massage sticks.



Off to the side was a portly, bearded man behind a display of animal skulls atop tree branches. For \$5, he'd interpret your dreams. Earlier that morning, a girl had asked him to go into the stables and measure the aura of her horse.

"There was a good 20 feet of aura from that horse," he told to a woman.

Next to him was a man behind a table of medicine bottles filled with various cures for love, relationships and other personality traits. A small boy approached him and asked about the contents.

"Orbs," said the man.

There were many types of psychics around. There was one, a bearded bespectacled man next to a sign that asked "Do You Know What You Came to Do in This Life?" Well, for \$10 you could find out.

There was a woman demonstrating "rune cards," an assortment of five-six popsicle-like sticks with designs on the front and back. When she dropped them, she arranged all the sticks that had fallen on the wrong side and flipped them over. By the arrangements of the sticks and designs, she could tell the future of the person who dropped them.

I managed to stay for one of the lectures called "Personal Power," given by the clairvoyant Ann McGinty. She said she knew she was psychic because she was nosy and could read the minds of others. She told those of us in the congregation that we all had this power and she explained it by saying that we catch bits and pieces of strangers' conversations without really trying.

She had us try an exercise in which we imagined there was a small golden ball in the center of our heads. This was to block off anyone who wanted to invade our personal space. Then we had to repeat our first names inside our heads and clear our minds of any invading thoughts—except our names.

She told us that as she sat at her table (and charged \$20 for ten minutes of her time) and went inside heads, people would never ask her anything really pertinent about the universe, but instead wanted to know where they left their car keys. She explained that we already know where the keys are—it's just in the backs of our minds and all she does is fish the information out. That got me to thinking: "Why should I dish out \$20 for her to tell me something that I should already know myself?"

I left the festival with a better knowledge of the psychic phenomena, at least as the psychics saw it: an opportunity to make a few bucks off a few suckers.

MUSIC

FEB. 26

Every Wednesday night, test your vocal terptitude at the Buzzsaw with the soon-to-be-infamous Karaoke Machine from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The songs run the gamut from country to rock of the 50s-80s. Be a lounge lizard.

FEB. 28

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Afrikan Ballet and Balafon" at
the LaSells Stewart Center at 7.

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FEB. 29

Corvallis' Espresso Roma is the place for the Second Street Project, sponsored by Carrot Belch Productions. The Project is the idea of local musicians seeking an outlet for inexpensive rehearsal space in Corvallis. For more information, contact Kris McElwee at 753-0018.

FILM/THEATER

FEB. 26

"Baby," an upbeat musical about couples and their relationships, opens at Albany Civic Theater at 8:15 p.m. for a four-weekend run. The play is directed by John Bauer. Admission is \$7 and tickets can be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

FEB. 28

The International Film Series at OSU presents "Landscape in the Mist" at Wilkinson Auditorium. Showtimes are at 7 and 9 p.m. and admission is \$2.75. For more info contact 737-2450.

MISCELLANEOUS

FEB. 26

The second annual Cascade Awards Festival announces a call for entries. The deadline is March 13. The festival is May 1 at the Masonic Temple. Entries include Television commercials to Audio Engineering. For more information call 245-6150.

classifieds

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1983 Z28, silver grey. Power windows, power seats, power locks, power steering, T-tops, air conditioning, tilt wheel, cruise control, AM-FM cassette. 78,447 miles. \$4,600 OBO. 926-8578 after 4 p.m.

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WANTED

The Student Programs Office is currently evaluating the Annual ASLBCC Valentines Flower Sale. We are asking that anyone who purchased a Valentines Flower during the ASLBCC Flower Sale and the flower was not delivered to please contact the Student Programs Office, CC-213, ext. 831 so that we can track down any errors. Thanks!

Roommate is moving! Half of 2-bedroom apartment at what is considered to be the best complex in Albany. \$130/month plus 1/2 utilities. Available mid-March. Contact Rich at 967-6484.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

1992-'93 St. Elizabeth Hospital. Eligible students: graduate of a Baker County high school or current Baker County resident enrolled in a health care field. Award amount: 1 - \$1,000. Deadline: March 15, 1992.

1992-'93 Albany General Hospital Auxilliary. Eligible students: enrolled full-time in an accredited medical program. Deadline: April 3, 1992.

1992-'93 Oregon Farm Bureau Mem. Foundation. Eligible students: students preparing to enter a 4-year college in Oregon in an agricultural related field. Deadline: April 1, 1992.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

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Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

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arts & entertainment



Photo by Jack Josewski

Happy festival goers enjoy the sunshine Saturday at Newport's annual three-day Wine and Seafood Festival. Organizers reported the festival was closed for 30 minutes on Saturday, due to capacity crowds, which spilled out of the pavillion along the marina. The thousands of visitors had a merry time tasting the many wines available from competing vineyards throughout Oregon and parts of Washington. The pavillion was packed with enthusiastic wine tasters, eaters and dancers as the festival moved into full swing.

Wine and Seafood Festival draws 20,000

Central Coast comes alive with music, food and fun during the 15th annual event held at the Newport Marina at South Beach

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

For many Oregonians, the Oregon Coast provides a three-month oasis of summertime activities for those wishing to escape the Valley.

Last weekend's 15th annual Newport Seafood and Wine Festival provided an escape for some 20,000 seafood and wine fans who rarely get a taste or smell of the Oregon Coast during the winter months.

a slice of life

One hundred and sixteen exhibitors displayed their wares which included everything from the finest wines to Fuddy Duddy Fudge. The Don Lartarski Band, provided the music on Friday night, and Panama rocked the crowd on Saturday and Sunday.

The Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event, reported the festival was closed for approximately 30 minutes, on Saturday, due to capacity crowd.

The festive crowd showed their sense of humor and good spirit by sending up a roaring cheer whenever a wine taster lost their grip and their glass shattered on the concrete floor.

In this year's 1992 Commercial Wine Competition, Eola Hills Wine Cellars took the gold medal and the Best-In-Show award for its '90 Sauvignon Blanc, Vin D'Or, a late harvest white wine.

The other gold medalist in the Chardonnay competition were: Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Marquam Hill Vineyards and the Rex Hills Vineyards. In the Pinot Noir competition the gold medalists were: Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Tyee Wine Cellars and Montinore Vineyards.

In addition to the judging of the commercial wines, there was also an amateur competition for the home-made vino. That competition boasted ninety-nine entries from throughout Oregon and parts of Washington.

Many festival goers, fearing parking problems and congested routes, made use of the water taxis provided by several of the commercial charterboat operators that offered round-trips across the bay for \$5.

The festival was started 15 years ago to attract tourists to the Newport area during the slow season and has grown to become the largest event on the Oregon coast.



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Photo by Jack Josewski

Hitchcock CD offers surprises

By Chuck Skinner
For The Commuter

The last I'd heard from Robyn Hitchcock was his overplayed "Madonna of the WASP's" from the Queen Elvis album. So when I sat down to

review

digest his new "Perspex Island" album, I expected more of the relaxed, down-played sound that made him and his music sound like a lost soul.

The album art is full of odd, hand-drawn graphics and dark, muted photos of himself. All the printing had a spiral pattern to it, seeming to reinforce my opinion of Hitchcock's meandering musical style. Then the moment of truth—I slipped the CD into the player and punched the PLAY button.

Was I surprised.

The first cut, "Oceanside," kicked off with a driving guitar reminiscent of something stolen off the Beatles' "Rubber Soul." Road music for my next trip. Unfortunately, the single from the album ("So You Think You're in Love") dropped from the Beatles to one of the Monkees' more saccharine love songs. Peter Buck's guest R.E.M. guitar is the only thing that saved it from being irredeemable. But the cut sounded like it should have somebody from R.E.M.—"Birds in Perspex", features Hitchcock with the infectious, jangly guitar and indecipherable lyrics.

The streetwise attitude of "Ultra Unbelievable Love," and the seductive, dark tone of "Vegetation" countered as foils against the jamming horns and party attitude of "Child of the Universe" and the soft, gentle healing of "She Doesn't Exist" (my favorite song on the album), show off Hitchcock's wide stylistic range. The song I'd been most interested in was "Lysander"—because of the cool name. But within 40 seconds I wanted to skip to the next track. Repetitive and a bit boring. "Ride" had the acoustic, relaxed, almost lost feel I'd expected to find. "If You Go Away" sounds like "Ride" with George Harrison sitting in on sitar. More flashbacks to "Rubber Soul?"

The last track, Earthly Paradise, completed the 'wind down the album' trilogy on a much more satisfying note than the other two with some cutting and often humorous lyrics about happiness. However, at six and a half minutes, I think it's a bit long.

My final complaint would be that the lyrics are not printed on the sleeve, a touch that I like very much, no matter what Michael Stipe has to say. And if you just want to hear some keen sonic effects, check out the mosquito at the beginning of "Child of the Universe." "Perspex Island" earns a B+.

I'd like to thank Happy Trails for loaning me this album, and for providing me a place to shop besides McMusicLand.

Women sought for track team; competition starts March 7

Time, sweat and hard work are "givens" for prospective female track members

By Alix Larsen
Of The Commuter

The LBCC women's track team is looking for a few good runners—and hurdlers and jumpers and discus throwers.

The team is training for the 1992 season, which opens with the Linfield Icebreaker track meet, to be held at Linfield College in McMinnville March 7.

The team would like to invite all women interested in competing this year to come out now and begin practicing.

Will Price, the new women's coach, said, "More students are welcome to give the program a try but don't wait too long because March 7 isn't far away." Besides his coaching duties, Price has been spending a lot of time recruiting to increase the women's participation.

Terry Cheeseman, the team captain, is in her second year here. She says that participating on the team brings "a lot of self-satisfaction and is a great

stress reliever." Cheeseman said the team has fun on its many road trips and the meets give them the opportunity to not only to compete but also to meet people and make new friends.

Cheeseman said women who would like to come out for the team need to be willing to work hard so they can excel. "You can expect to work two to three hours a day, five days a week. We warm up as a group (co-ed), which is fun, and then everyone is divided into their separate events for the rest of the time."

Although the men's team is strong this season, the women's team would like to have more women competing. According to Cheeseman, women can begin coming out now on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30. They can sign up for track skills and track conditioning spring term for one credit each.

Women's events include short and long distance running, the low and high hurdles, discus and shotput throwing, longjumping, triplejumping and high jumping.

Interested women can contact Price or Carman at the Activities Center, or just show up for practice.

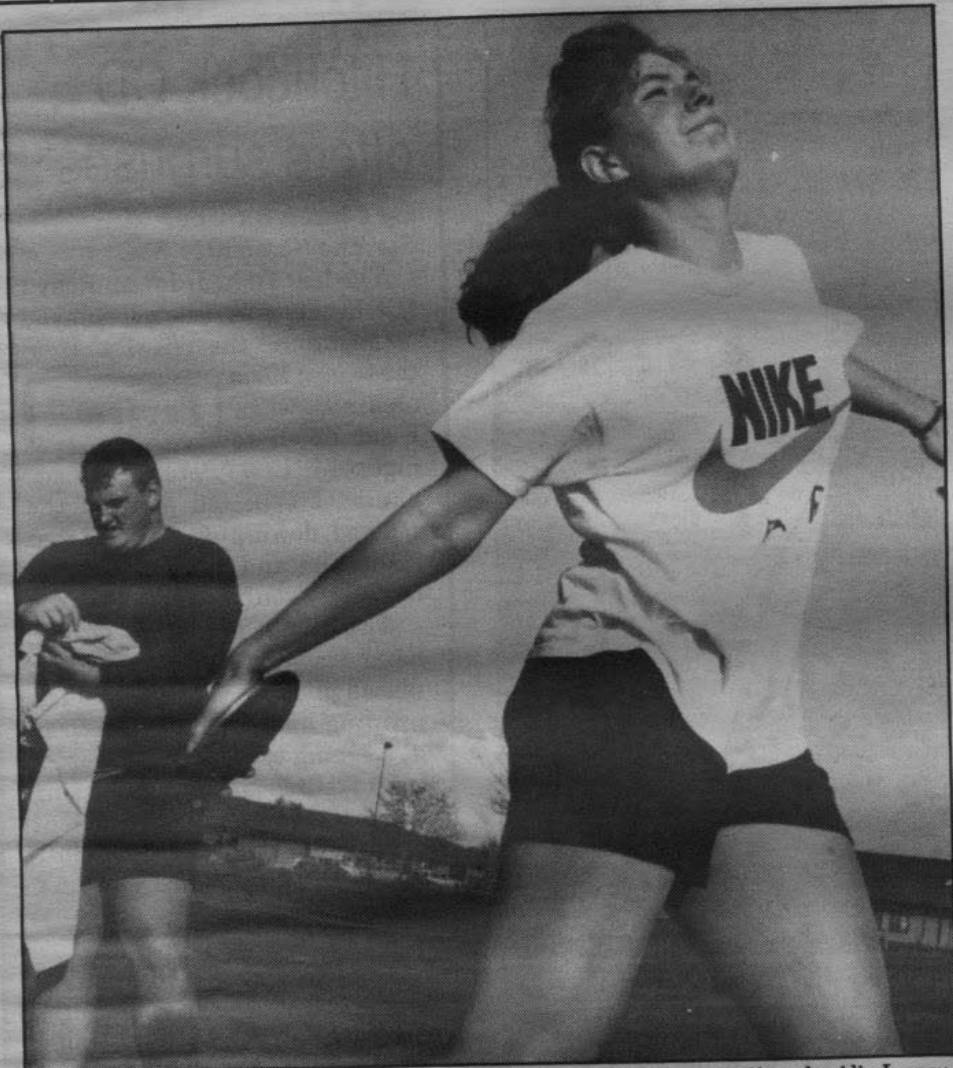


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Team captain Terry Cheeseman prepares to throw the discus during track practice. Cheeseman, who has been on the team for two years, finds track and field to be a rewarding experience.

U.S. captures 11 medals; the most since the 1980 winter games

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

So, there wasn't another "Miracle On Ice." Tonya Harding, women's figure skater, did not win a medal. Dan Jansen, the world record holder in the 500M speed skating event, finished fourth. Herschel Walker got bumped from the U.S. four-man bobsled team only two days before competition.

These things may seem like the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France were a loss. That is not even close to the way that it was.

According to the experts, the U.S. hockey team was not even supposed to make the medal round, let alone go undefeated in pool play and make it to the bronze medal game. They lost that game, but they got outstanding goaltending throughout the Olympics from a virtual unknown, Ray LeBlanc. The rights to LeBlanc are owned by the Chicago Blackhawks of the National Hockey League, and it can be safe to say that they will sign him soon.

American Kristi Yamaguchi took home the gold in the women's figure skating and fellow American

Nancy Kerrigan won the bronze. Portland skater Tonya Harding ended up finishing fourth, just barely out of the medals. Harding overcame a fall in the short program to jump up from sixth despite falling on the triple axle in the long program.

The world record holder in the men's 500M speed skating event, Dan Jansen, tried to overcome two falls at the 1988 Olympics in Calgary, Canada. The whole time leading up to the 500M and the 1000M races in this Olympic games, the media kept bringing up Jansen's falls. This may not have been what caused him to not make a good showing in the 1000M(21st) and in the 500M(4th).

The USA-1 four-man bobsled team ended up finishing ninth after they dropped Herschel Walker for the alternate. Walker said he wasn't really upset about it. Walker and his two-man bobsled driver, Brian Shimer, finished 7th in that event.

Of the eleven medals won by the United States Olympic team, nine of them were won by women, including Bonnie Blair's two golds in the 500M and 1000M speed skating events.

The women's ski team also made a good showing. Hilary Lindh won a silver in the downhill, Diann Roffe won silver in the giant slalom and Donna Weinbrecht won moguls skiing.

Germany won the medal count with 26 overall and 10 golds.

The two most tragic events of the Olympics were the deaths to Swiss speed skier, Nicolas Bochatay, and to a member of the French national army.

Bochatay died when he hit a snow grooming machine at a public ski resort preparing for a race. He came over a hill and did not see the machine and was killed instantly. The soldier was part of the security for the games and was in the French Alps when he was hit by an avalanche.

So overall, the Olympics was good for the U.S. There were a few disappointments, but the eleven medals was five more than the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. It was the most since the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York

For those that were disappointed, the Winter Olympics will be in Lillehammer, Norway in 1994.

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No-show = no spotlight

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Hi, I write a weekly feature for the Commuter. Maybe you've heard of it, the school newspaper. The feature is called Sports Spotlight, which includes in-depth interviews with some of the greatest athletes at LBCC. It's a real shame that they don't show up.

I've had lots of good interviews. People show up late, show up in the wrong place or, what's really great is when they don't show up at all. I always hope they do that especially when I'm trying to meet a deadline.

I try to find the most worthy of LB's athletes to interview, but it's frustrating when nobody returns my calls. I only want to FEATURE YOU PROMINENTLY in the newspaper.

If you show up late to our appointment that's all right with me. I don't have anything better to do than just sit here in a lonely newspaper office surrounded by a bunch of computers and a pitiful dart board. Why am I in school? I could take my college cash, move to Portland and buy Blazer season tickets. Heck, why not buy the team? If I don't have any Spotlight to write at least I can interview my own players.

I can understand why they can't find the Commuter office. I mean, the cafeteria is pretty hard to locate too. If you haven't been in the Fireside room with the big screen TV, well I can sympathize with you. It's a cruel world. The Commuter will soon be relocated, for easy access, to a gazebo in the parking lot outside the Activities Center. Look for the striped tent.

The best thing about journalism is when people give me surprises, especially when they disrupt my schedule, screw up my deadline, and get me in trouble. It's almost as if people say, "Gee, I don't really feel like being interviewed and given a HUGE ARTICLE ALL TO MYSELF, PHOTO INCLUDED. I think I'll surprise him and just not show." I just love that.

To prove that I am human I freely admit that I was a no-show at one of my interviews. So I suppose you're thinking that I'm a hypocrite. Ah, but not so. For I telephoned the person, apologized, and begged for his forgiveness. In fact, the only thing I didn't do was send an FTD floral bouquet and a Hallmark card.

On a more serious note, I would very much like to thank the precious few who have made my job as a sports reporter much easier. Randy Falk, Dick McClain, Jimmy Martin, Butch Kimpton, Marty Musch, Thorgen Cramer, Ramiro Ramirez, Eric Price and Brad Carman have all lived up to their end of the bargain and their interview experiences and cooperation have been immeasurable.

I plan on continuing my Sports Spotlight, hopefully with better results than with some of my subjects. All I want to do is give someone credit for their hard work. But, if they don't care about it, I guess that it's just their loss.

Losses drop LB women from playoff picture

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's women's basketball team entered the final week of regular season play with an outside chance at the playoffs.

However, two losses halted the Roadrunners shot at post-season play.

On Wednesday, the Roadrunners lost to Lane Community College 75-66 in the final home game of the season.

LB was able to stay with Lane in the first half and trailed by only 5 points at half, 35-30.

However, the Titans scored the first four points of the second half and the Roadrunners never got closer than eight points.

LB was led by Tina Johnson and Jenny Stoullil, who both had 14 points. Johnson also led with 11 rebounds. Nancy Riedman chipped in 12 points and 9 rebounds and Marianne McMenamin had 10 points and 8 rebounds.

On Saturday at Chemeketa, the Roadrunners lost to the lady Chiefs 80-56. LB got behind early and trailed 45-24 at half.

Tina Johnson scored 16 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Roadrunners. Marianne McMenamin added 11 points and Nancy Riedman and Donna Dorgan each scored eight points.

Johnson led the team with an average of over 22 points and 11 rebounds per game this season. She also



Photo by Christof Walsdorf

Roadrunner Donna Dorgan attempts to pass the ball to a teammate during Saturday's loss to Chemeketa 80-56 in the final game of the season. LBCC fell behind early in the game and trailed 45-24 at the half. The season is now over for the Roadrunners, who ended with a 9-12 record.

shot 46% from three-point range.

LB ended the season sixth in the NWAACC Southern Division with a 5-9 league record and a 9-17 overall record after reaching the playoffs last season. The loss of five players really

hurt the Roadrunners, according to head coach, Belinda Lopez.

Lopez said, "The season was a little bit disappointing, but it was actually a lot of fun. We did a good job in the pre-season."

Men lose to league leaders; finish seventh

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's mens basketball team came into last Wednesday's contest with Lane with the first of two opportunities to knock off the division leaders. However, Lane simply outmatched LB and cruised to a 104-77 victory in the Roadrunners home finale.

Lane capitalized on good 3-point shooting (12 of 19) while building a 53-40 halftime lead. The Titans also handily won the battle of the boards 53-37, dished out 29 assists to LB's 15, and committed four fewer turnovers.

Ramiro Ramirez led the Roadrunner attack with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Zac Metzker followed with 22 points, including four three-pointers. Eric Price added 10 points and four steals, while Silvano Barba chalked up six points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Against league leading Chemeketa,

the LB was red hot from the 3-point line and nearly scored 100 points last Saturday night, but still fell short, finally losing 108-98.

Hitting an incredible 10 of 12 three-pointers, Linn-Benton played the Chiefs tough for the second time this season, particularly in the second half when the score was close. However, Chemeketa had taken a 10-point lead at intermission by controlling the boards, which propelled them to a 56-37 edge in rebounding.

Eric Price and Zac Metzker kept LB in the game by having strong shooting nights. Price was 10 of 16 from the field and 10 of 11 at the line, for a total of 31 points to lead the Roadrunners. He also pulled down 12 rebounds. Metzker canned 6 of 7 3-pointers, leading to his 25 points.

Ramiro Ramirez and Dwayne Lee added 16 and 10 points respectively for the Roadrunners.

LB finished the season in 7th place at 3-11 in league and 8-18 overall.

Ramiro Ramirez led the team during the 1991-92 season. He scored 20.1 points per game, shot 64% from the field, pulled down 9.4 rebounds per game and had 28 blocks during the year.

Zac Metzker finished the 91-92 campaign averaging 18.8 points per game, 6.9 rebounds per game, 77% from the line and 2.3 steals per game.

Silvano Barba led the team in assists with 4.7 per game and steals with 2.5 per game, while shooting 52% from the field. Justin Labhart led the team in three-point shooting at 41%.

"I felt that we finished the season pretty strong," said head coach Randy Falk, noting that LB had won two of their last four games. "We managed to play a lot of teams close. I feel that this year's experience in maturity will help us for next year."

Sports Hall of Shame by Nash & Zullo

PLAYERS FROM THE LOS ANGELES KINGS AND EDMONTON OILERS SHATTERED A NUMBER OF NHL RECORDS ON THIS DATE IN 1990. THE TEAMS COMBINED FOR AN ALL-TIME HIGH OF 86 PENALTIES—INCLUDING 14 FOR FIGHTING AND 27 FOR ROUGHING—TOTALING 354 MINUTES. THE OILERS' 45 PENALTIES BROKE THE SINGLE-GAME RECORD FOR ONE TEAM.

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WHEN THE JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY DOLPHINS ARRIVED IN MOBILE IN 1982 TO PLAY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, THEIR EQUIPMENT BAGS FAILED TO ARRIVE FOR THEIR AFTERNOON WORKOUT. COACH BOB WENZEL ORDERED HIS SQUAD TO PRACTICE ANYWAY. SO FOR 20 WACKY MINUTES, THE TEAM RAN THROUGH FULL-COURT DRILLS WITH IMAGINARY BASKETBALLS! AMAZINGLY, THAT NIGHT THE DOLPHINS UPSET FAVORITE SOUTH ALABAMA 95-91. "WE THOUGHT ABOUT PRACTICING WITHOUT A BALL FOR OTHER GAMES," RECALLED WENZEL, "BUT I FELT WE HAD PUSHED OUR LUCK."

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the funny page

top ten list

- From the home-office in Scappose, here's this week's Top Ten List of Amish Spring Break Activities.
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 9. Wet-Bonnet contest.
 8. Stuff as many farm animals as you can into a buggy.
 7. Buttermilk kegger.
 6. Blow past the 7-Eleven on a really bitchin' Clydesdale.
 5. Get tatoo—born to raise barns.
 4. Cruise streets of Fort Lauderdale shouting insults at people who wear zippers.
 3. Sleep in until six a.m.
 2. Drive over to Mennonite country and challenge them to pantry raiding contest.
 1. Naked butter churning.

SHOE
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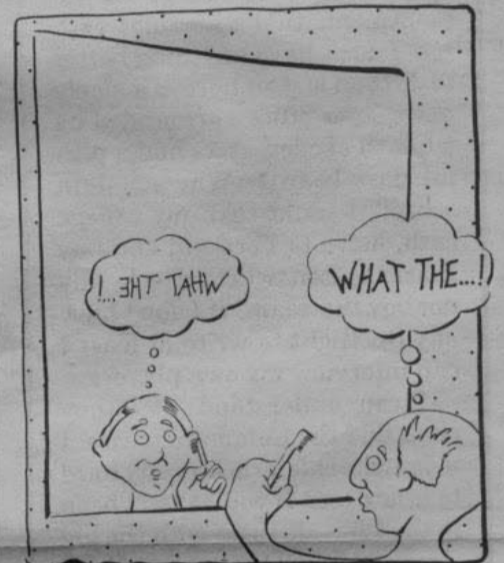
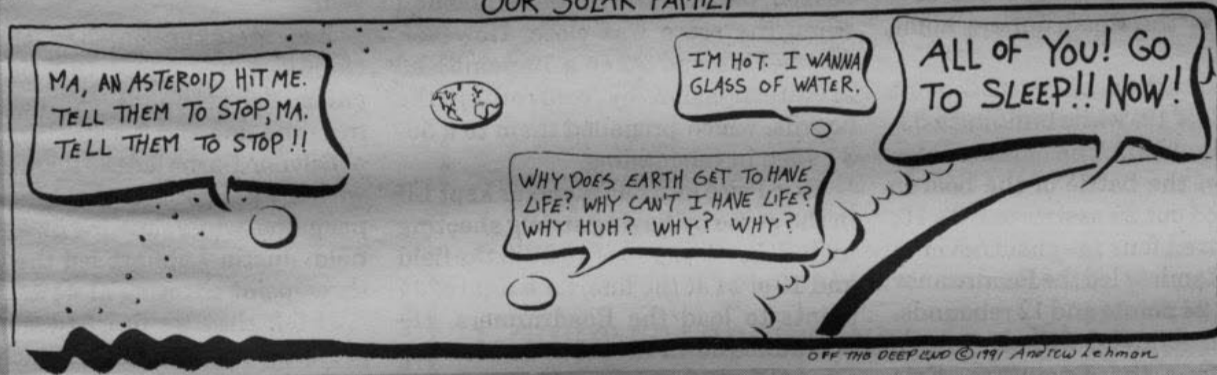
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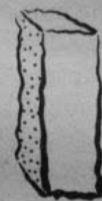
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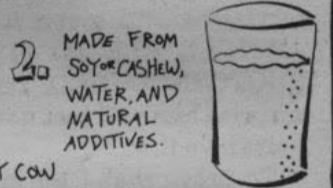
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