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## Paid petition circulators draw protest in Courtyard

by Chad Richins and Ellen Stark of The Commuter

Last Wednesday an incident on campus had LB security and administration at odds with a student who was passing out leaflets warning against signing petitions being gathered by paid circulators at a table in the courtyard.

Part-time student Tina C. Empol, who objected to the way the paid petition gatherers were obtaining signatures, handed out fliers that said, "Don't be fooled into signing a bad petition." The flier, sponsored by the newly organized Voter Education Project, instructs voters to ask for a copy of the initiative to take home and read before

signing.

Empol said she first saw the circulators about 10 a.m. before going to class and approached the table to ask the men if they were with the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA). She said they told her they were with the OCA and asked her to sign a petition. She refused.

After attending classes, Empol said she returned to the courtyard just after 1 p.m. along with LBCC journalism student Mariana Schatte with fliers advising students to make sure they know what they were signing. She also began asking the circulators questions about the petitions they were gathering signatures for.

Schatte said that the day be-

fore she was told by the circulators that the petitions were for an LBCC student election, but she didn't sign because when she asked for literature she was handed a blank petition. Empol said that the petition circulators were vague and misleading, eventually admitting they didn't know about the political issues and were only paid to do their job.

As petitioners stopped students for their signatures, Empol shouted "don't sign!" One petition in particular held her attention.

"This petition would disavow the Bill of Rights, eliminating women and (patting one of the petitioner's shoulder) (Turn to "Incident," Pg. 3)

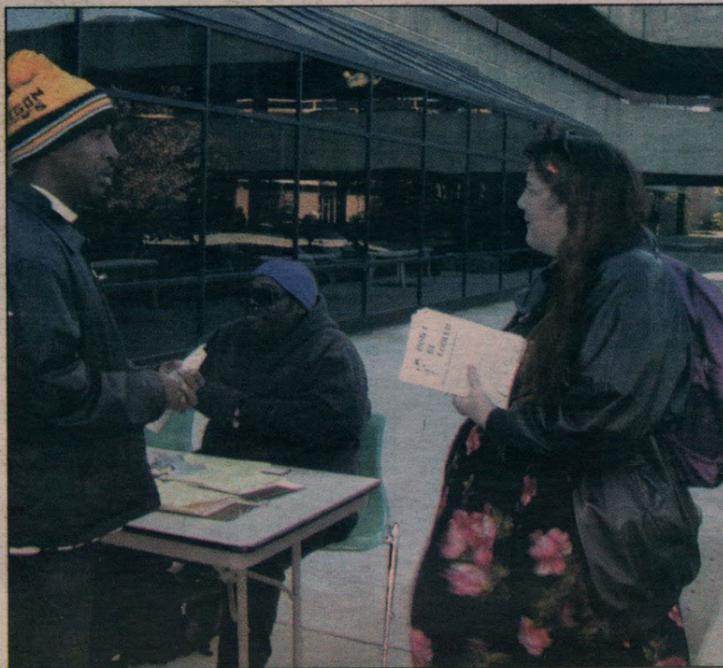
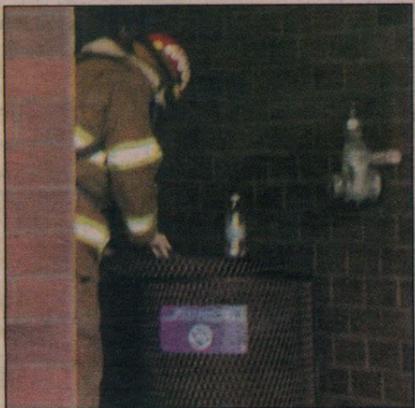


Photo by Jenn Geiger

Part-time student Tina Empol, right, hands out fliers protesting the way paid petition circulators Dave Jones and Denny Jordan were collecting signatures in the Courtyard Wednesday afternoon. Jones and Jordan were circulating petitions for initiatives that would change the way judges are elected and limit the political activity of public employee union members.



## Playing it Safe

An Albany fireman (left) tests a suspicious white powdery substance found on a trash bin outside Tadena Hall Tuesday afternoon. President Jon Carnahan arrived on the scene (below) after campus security sealed off the stairwell. The substance tested negative for Anthrax bacteria and was thought to be flour or sugar.



Photos by Jenn Geiger

## International flag project waved through ASG approval process

by Wendy Geist of The Commuter

The colors of many nations will be flying above students' heads as they walk to their classes next quarter.

The ASG approved the purchase of 80 international flags at its weekly meeting Oct 10 after receiving 90 favorable responses, said Student Body Vice President Roxanne Allen.

Students filled out response slips that asked if they had seen the 10 sample flags in front of the Multicultural Center, if they liked them and if they wanted to see more. Faculty and staff responded by e-mail.

Public Relations Secretary Diana Barnhart said that ASG wanted to wait to order the flags until they saw a majority of positive responses, and that during the week before the meeting, a lot of good responses poured in.

"Students seem to like them and want

to see more of them," said Barnhart.

The international flags, at an average of \$20 to \$30 each, will cost the student body around \$2,000 for all 80. The money comes from a fund that ASG gets every year from a portion of student fees that is to be used on a project that benefits the majority of students and has a life span of five years. Students are asked for suggestions on how to spend the money, said Allen.

ASG will be working with facilities, the Arts and Aesthetics Committee and college President Jon Carnahan on the installation and proper flag etiquette.

ASG considered hanging 40 flags on the first floor and 40 on the second floor, but are now proposing to hang all 80 flags on the second floor around the courtyard, said Allen.

President Carnahan said that his "first concern was location." A member of the (Turn to "Flags" on Pg. 2)

## WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND



High: 57° Low: 41°

Wednesday



High: 61° Low: 39°

Thursday



High: 66° Low: 41°

Friday



High: 66° Low: 41°

Saturday



High: 63° Low: 41°

Sunday

Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger.

~Saint Basil

Source: Weather.com

# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### Pub pays stiff price for lost drunk

The manager of the Edgewater Pub, in Colchester, Vt., closed the bar for the night and left a drunk sleeping under the table-soccer game. The drunk woke up at 5 a.m. and set off the alarm. The manager explained to the state Liquor Control Board that the bar's heavy door came off its hinges at closing time, and he had to wrestle it back into place, distracting him from searching the premises for inebriates. Unmoved, the board shut down the bar for five days.

### Mooning your way to financial security

After no one stopped to offer her a ride, a 48-year-old woman bared her buttocks at passing drivers on a New Jersey street. But she explained to police that she didn't do it because she was mad. Her superstitious grandmother told her that showing her naked posterior was a ritual that would keep her from going into debt. The cops didn't buy it and arrested her for lewdness.

### So who ate the dog?

A California man came home to find that both his pet python and his 9-month-old pit bull were missing. He and a friend soon found the snake under the house, and were about to start looking for the dog when they noticed the bulge in the middle of the snake. They discontinued the search.

### Roasting politicians

As the election campaign moved into full swing in Lakewood, Wash., hundreds of campaign signs started disappearing, prompting accusations of foul play by political opponents. Police soon found that the real culprit was a 75-year-old man who took the signs for firewood. He thought the election was over.

—From KRT News

## LB's livestock teams chew up competition

by Tracie Love  
of The Commuter

LBCC's Livestock Judging teams finished in the top six overall at back-to-back judging contests in California Oct. 13 and 14.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Chico State/Chico Community College Field Day, both the A and B teams from LB placed in the top 10 in every class.

In beef, the A team placed fourth and the B team seventh,

with Justin Hull pacing LB with a seventh place finish as high individual. In sheep, swine and reasons, the A team placed fifth and the B team sixth. Dara Coleman was third in swine and Jessica Haavisto fourth in swine, as well as fifth in reasons.

With combined scores from every class, the A team placed fifth overall and B sixth overall.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the team traveled south for the UC Davis

Community College Field Day, where the teams did even better—the A team placed second overall and B team took fifth.

In cattle, the A team took first and B team third with Coleman being third high individual and Bradi Buxton fifth high individual.

In swine and sheep, the A team took fourth and B fifth. Haavisto was third high individual in swine and also placed

fourth high individual in reasons, a category in which the A team placed third and B team fifth.

In overall individual scores, Haavisto placed third, Coleman seventh and Lance Isaac ninth.

Also included in this competition was a novice contest, in which LBCC's Staci Morgan placed first overall and Michelle Calkins ninth.

## Flags: Alternative sites called too expensive

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Arts and Aesthetics Committee, which advises the president on placement of color around the campus, suggested putting the flags up on poles in ascending heights in the southwest corner of the courtyard.

However, the additional cost of the poles would make the project too expensive, explained Carnahan.

The flags will represent the countries of current students and alumni as well as common and random countries.

One student who likes the idea is Stephen Wondal, a graphic design student whose family comes from Indonesia. He expressed concern, however, that the flag of his country is often confused with the flag of Poland because both have huge stripes of red and white, but in different order.

Currently the flags of India, Pakistan, China, Mexico, Spain, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Brazil and Russia make up the sample display.

ASG President Jonathon Henderson said a list of all 80 international flags displayed will be made available, along with request forms for those who would like to see their country represented in the display of flags.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

### Industrial Growth

Construction is underway for another industrial firm along Allen Lane across from the campus. Going up are buildings for Tech Labs, Inc., an Albany firm currently located on Water Street that makes a well known poison oak remedy.

## Hey scholars! \$5,500 up for grabs in national contests

by Becky Pedersen  
of The Commuter

LB is looking for a few good students for the annual Student Scholar competition to represent the college in 2001-2002.

The two students selected will represent LB in the All-America USA competition sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today newspaper as well as the Century Scholar contest.

In the All-America contest, students compete nationally for \$2,500 in scholarships. Twenty-five community college students will be selected in the end.

In the Century Scholar competition, one student from each state will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. This is a new addition to

the Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today competition at LBCC this year. The two winners of the college's Student Scholar award will represent LB in the Oregon State Student Scholars competition and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be used at any Oregon four-year college. They will also be honored at a luncheon in April where they will meet the governor and receive a plaque.

"I would like to see more students participate this year," said Rosemary Bennett, advisor of Phi Theta Kappa on campus. "There is generally a small number of students who apply and we want to pick the best possible students to represent our

college."

She added that the application has been simplified and she hoped that it would encourage more students to apply. The application asks students to list college activities they have participated in that they feel are important, community or public service activities, and other honors or scholarships received at LB. An informal essay is also part of the of the application.

To be eligible for the scholarship applicants must be enrolled at LB through fall term 2001 and be able to graduate between Sept. 1, 2001 and Aug. 31, 2002. Students should have a GPA of at least 3.25 and have been involved in leadership and ser-

vice activities either at school or in the community such as student government or volunteerism.

Last year's winners were Dan Philips, who went on to OSU to major in engineering, and Todd Gifford, who also went to OSU for pre-dental. Gifford was student body president last year. The last national winner from LB was Jack Josewski, an editor of The Commuter and later the OSU Barometer, who won eight years ago.

Applications are available in the Counseling Center (T101) and the deadline is Nov. 12, 2001. Winners will be notified Nov. 16. For more information contact Bennett at 917-4796.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Tech program teams up with John Deere

by Greg Dewar  
of The Commuter

Ever wonder what it would be like to operate and tune thousands of dollars worth of John Deere construction equipment for a living? Eight LBCC students in the new Construction Equipment Technology program are going to find out.

This year LBCC is offering a new construction equipment technology program. According to Fred Haynes, the new Science and Industry director, the students in the program have already been hired by companies to work for them and to attend LBCC simultaneously.

The John Deere Company helps to supply the hardware and financial resources for the program. The purpose of the program is to prepare students for jobs as John Deere Construction Equipment Service Technicians at sponsoring dealerships. The program runs two years and leads to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Fundamentals of hydraulics, electrical systems, engines and power trains will be covered in the course.

The dealerships lend the equipment (up to \$5,000 worth) and provide jobs for the students while they are studying and after they graduate. In order to take this degree students must be willing to relocate for jobs, considering this is the only college in Oregon which offers this degree. And you must be willing to live near the sponsoring dealership. Hessel tractor, one of the local sponsoring dealerships, has six new job offerings in a year.

The equipment that is available to



Photo by Jenn Geiger

### Instructor Steve Pearson lectures students in new Construction Equipment Technology Program.

work on ranges from diesel-powered construction equipment to specialized logging equipment.

Frank Giannelli, director of Workforce Development for the Academy of Educational Development, said "Finding qualified technicians is not easy. In today's market, thousands of companies are competing for the trickle of people exiting schools with the skills to work in our industry."

"There is a lot more to being a tech than nuts and bolts," Steve Pearson, the coordinator said, as he explained the

technology side of the program. Some of the larger and newer machines have computer processors built in and can be hooked up to a lap-top to diagnose or tune.

All of the equipment manuals are on CD-ROM, so students must be computer literate. The degree requires that students also take computer classes.

Interested students can call Steve Pearson, the program coordinator at 1-541-917-4943, or drop by his office in Industrial Building C on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

## Tuesdays at Two airs career issues

by Katee Cox  
of The Commuter

Students who are pursuing a degree in a non-traditional career can find support in a new gender equity program this term called Tuesdays at Two.

Every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center students gather to discuss different aspects and challenges associated with gender-imbalanced careers.

The program, which is funded by the Carl Perkins Act of 1984, is new this year through the Counseling Center. Students who attend the meetings are introduced to an open discussion on issues they face in a career dominated by the opposite sex, whether it be a male in nursing or a female in computer engineering.

According to Nancy Haldeman, LBCC's new Gender Equity Representative, many students may be afraid to enter a field that is dominated by the opposite sex, even though they may have the ability to do so. The Tuesday at Two meetings are intended to provide confidence for students to overcome these obstacles, she said.

Though participants at the meetings are primarily females, everyone is welcome. Even students who are not pursuing a gender-imbalanced career are welcome to come, she said. Networking and finding support through other students is also a goal of the program.

"I am here to help people," said Haldeman. "Hopefully through these discussions students will gain insights into issues facing non-traditional careers."

## Incident: Campus Security, dean called to calm confrontation

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black people's rights," she said.

"You can disagree with me, just don't touch me, please," responded the petitioner, Dave Jones.

As Empol was talking to the men, she said Carol Wentzel from Student Life & Leadership came up to the table and asked the men if Empol was bothering them. Soon after, Campus Security Chief Vern Jackson arrived, responding to a call from Tammi Paul-Bryant of Student Life & Leadership about the confrontation.

Empol said Jackson instructed her to leave and when she refused, Jackson tried to stand between her and the students she was handing fliers to. Jackson denies telling her to leave and said he was trying to get her to go to Student Services to arrange for her own table.

At this point another student, Matt Rosen, tried to help Empol, stepping in to tell Security Chief Jackson that the woman had a right to be there. According to Rosen, Jackson then told him to be quiet, raising his hands in a silencing gesture. Rosen said he told Jackson, "Don't tell me to be quiet," to which Jackson responded, "Do you know who I am?" Empol said this was the

first time in the discussion that Jackson, who happened to be in plain clothes at the time, identified himself as a campus security officer.

Eventually Jackson told Empol she needed to go see the Dean of Student Services, Diane Watson. But Empol refused to leave once again, and eventually Watson came out to the courtyard.

A compromise was then reached when Empol was told she could stay if she had a table to sit behind. A table was provided, but Empol said the table was placed several yards from the petition circulators' table, and when she complained about

the location, the table was moved even farther away.

The entire incident took less than an hour but raised questions about student rights and public rights to engage in political speech on campus. LB staff and security responded to what they thought was a disturbance, and Empol was responding to what she saw as an unethical manner of gathering petitions.

The information Empol was distributing came from the Voters' Education Project, which opposes the use of paid petition gatherers. According to a coordinator for the project, Jeannie Berg, Oregon is notorious for

having more initiatives passed than any other state, and she lays most of the blame for this on the use of paid signature gatherers. She said it is easier for paid petitioners to collect signatures because of Oregon's cen-

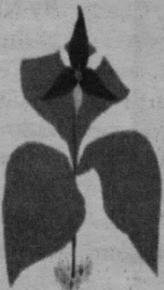
tralized populations.

Other reasons that Oregon has so many initiatives, she said, is the fact that fewer signatures are needed for initiatives, and Oregon has a longer time period to gather votes.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Halloween incites spirited competition among staff

by David Marconi  
of the Commuter

Several departments at LBCC are preparing for the scariest day of the month as Halloween creeps closer by participating in a secretive office decorating contest.

For the last three years, many college staff members have decorated their offices, dressed in costumes and invited students and staff to take tours, said Ginger Peterson a clerical specialist for Staff Development and the event coordinator.

Only three departments—Business, Lebanon Center and Foundation—have enrolled in the contest so far, she said. Each department that participates is judged and prizes are awarded to the top three.

Last year the Business Department won, decorated as “a bunch of wild hippies,” said Lorraine Lara, the student loan specialist in the department.

“We all wore tie-dye shirts, bell bottoms, headbands, beads and served parsley brownies,” she said.

Last year the Foundation, Marketing and Computer Services offices came together and chose to decorate their area in the College Center as the hit TV show



Photo by James Bauerle

**Visual Arts Club member Bill Gorby sells painted pumpkins in Takena Hall Tuesday as part of the club's annual fund-raiser.**

“Survivor,” Peterson said. They all ate rice and had team challenges while others filmed. The year before last Health Occupations put on a gory haunted house that was a lot of fun for everyone, she said.

Peterson said it's not yet known what the departments are doing this year. Each

department is secretive about its plans since each is competing with one another. She did say that the departments might tone it down a little in the wake of the Sept. 11 tragedy, though. There may be a few people or departments dressed up as firefighters and police officers instead of the usual scary costumes, she

said.

Last year Coach Greg Hawk participated in the costume contest and won as a “Baseball.” Marti Ayers from staff and development won as “Miss Piggy” and Adero Allison from disabilities services won as an “Elephant Queen.”

Also planned are pumpkin-carving and pie-baking contests. According to Peterson, there are four events for staff and students on Halloween:

- An office-decorating contest. The judging will take place at 3 p.m.
- A costume contest held in the Commons. Participants must arrive by 3 p.m.
- A pumpkin-carving and decorating contest held in Takena Hall. Pumpkins must be brought in between 8-10 a.m.
- A pie-baking contest held in CC-109. Pies must also be in between 8-10 a.m.

The reception starts at 3 p.m. in the Commons. There will be refreshments, door prizes and all contest winners will be announced at this time. Those who are present don't have to be in costume and everyone attending can eat all the pie they desire, she said.

For more information or to enter your office in the event call Peterson at 917-4968

## Elvis Sighting



Photo by Justin Willis



Photo by James Bauerle

### Courtyard Crooner

After being delayed a week by rain, Elvis impersonator, a.k.a LB student David Wylie, finally had his day in the sun last Wednesday as he entertained a crowd in the Courtyard with several numbers from The King.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

## Discussion aids those in gender-bending careers

‘Changing Faces of Gender Roles’ slated for Thursday in Siletz Room

by Katee Cox  
of The Commuter

Students at LBCC who are pursuing a non-traditional career are being invited to attend a panel discussion on Thursday, Oct. 25 at noon to discuss the challenges of training for a career that is primarily associated with the opposite sex.

“The Changing Faces of Gender Roles in the Classroom,” will be held in the Siletz Room on the second floor of the College Center.

The informal discussion will focus on terms such as “women’s work” and “men’s work,” and will discuss whether these terms still hold true in our society. Students of LBCC who are pursuing careers in gender-imbalanced fields will share their experiences and challenges to those who attend. Students will be able to network and find sup-

port through other students who are facing the same issues.

This is only one of many panel discussions that will be held at LBCC this year. A second meeting is scheduled to focus on women in law enforcement. Many women officers from around the community will come to share their experiences in a field that is primarily dominated by men.

The informal discussion will be facilitated by Jeanne Pitts, a gender equity specialist at LBCC. She said she is hoping to “create acceptance and openness to gender balance in the workforce.”

Any questions regarding the forum can be addressed to Pitts in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

The panel discussions coincide with the new Tuesday at Two Program that is held every Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center to discuss many of the same challenges to go along with the gender-imbalance in careers. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

## Habitat for Humanity founder gives speech on ‘Building Hope’

By Nathan Commodore  
of the commuter

Clive Rainey, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, will speak Thursday, Oct. 25 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the College Center Boardrooms.

Rainey will be giving a presentation called “Building Houses, Building Hope.”

Rainey was the first volun-

teer for Habitat for Humanity, which is an organization that helps build houses for the less fortunate. The only catch is that the future homeowners have to help habitat’s volunteers build it.

Rainey helped start the Sumter County Initiative in 1992, which reduced the substandard housing in his home country.

## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Chad Richins

Drummer Rigel Woodside, bassist Jefe Contreras, keyboarder Casey Fink and guitarist Luke Thomas churn up the Mt. Tabor Pub and Theater in Portland.

## South Town Hounds wowing wider audiences

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

The South Town Hounds, a local band that has been earning a reputation as a popular bar and festival act in and around Corvallis, took their show on the road to Mt. Tabor Pub and Theater in the arty Hawthorne District on Portland's east side last Wednesday. Inside the darkened pub, it was apparent that a voluble number of South Town fans had made the trip to Portland to support their favorite band.

Portland band Salad took the stage for an acoustic set of Fred Durst/Aaron Lewis style ballads. According to Salad member, Just Bert, the band's acoustical stylings include jazz, Latin and bossanova influences.

After Salad was tossed, the Hounds took the stage and proceeded to lay it down for the people. Opening their set with a song called "Generic Cigarettes", the Hounds dove right in to their signature funk/rock sound. The first set also included some surprises, like a John Scofield cover, and a number called "Make It To The Other Side", a folksy, feel-good number.

The Hounds are known for their varying lineup, sometimes adding a saxophonist or an extra conga player, and welcoming special guests like Kenmore the Ragamuffin Rapper whose quickstep reggae-rap style is always a crowd-pleaser.

Many of the Hound's songs tend to be extended jams where the band is focused on a groove and not waxing poetic. But that may be a good thing for crowds like the one assembled at Mt. Tabor that Wednesday night, who seemed perfectly happy to dance until the floorboards splintered.

To be fair to the songwriters of the group, the Hounds'

*"Now when we practice, if anyone brings some stuff they want to work out, that takes priority over practice or any gig we have to do. It's gotten to be like a support group."*

—Luke Thomas

lyrics are anything but tame or lame, including blistering criticism of authority, expositions on themes of love and loss and sexy innuendo. What the Hounds have to say, if sparsely selected, is meaningful.

And there is always that moment during a South Town Hounds show, a magic instant when things change. Time stretches out like a ribbon and reality is dependent on the way the beat hits your body and the emotions you feel in your soul.

At Mt. Tabor, it got eerie. The air got thick and dank as a Peruvian jungle night. The walls grew vines and a fire sprang up in the middle of the dance floor. It was the moment when dancers stepped out of their skins and prowled like Jaguars in heat, writhed like Anacondas on ayahuasca, and were delivered from civilization and the separateness of human existence into the arms of the tribal family.

Until the beat faded, until the last guitar whined plaintively and the last keys trailed off like lonely notes from a Navajo flute, the Hounds took the crowd somewhere else.

The Hounds are Rigel Woodside, whose drum expertise forms the broth for South Town's stew; bassist Jefe Contreras whose playing and vocals adds a layer of

flavor, soul and passion; keyboard player Casey Fink, who has a nimble touch on the keyboard and talent for blending and weaving tasty sounds into the South Town experience; guitarist Luke Thomas, whose playing has become even more versatile and stunning than ever thought possible and whose vocals give the Hounds a recognizable voice; and Jordan Lucas on congas whose on-stage antics Wednesday night included tearing off his pants in the middle of a particularly rowdy number.

The South Town Hounds are currently gestating a CD release and plan to keep touring and getting their name out in the circles where they want to be. At the Mt. Tabor gig, Thomas said, "A lot of people in the band have been through some heavy shit this year. So now the places we never went before, the darker places, we're going there. And now when we practice, if anyone brings some stuff they want to work out, that takes priority over practice or any gig we have to do. It's gotten to be like a support group."

Whatever their secret is, it is keeping the band together, and bringing them closer to their goal of more exposure and more dates outside the Mid-Valley.

In the few years I have been watching the Hounds, they have grown from aggressive but undisciplined puppies just cutting their teeth, to full-grown adult dawgs.

The way they shift seamlessly from lazy funk to moments of almost metal-band-like glory riding crunchiness is deft and entertaining. The way they involve the crowd in their shows is a necessary component for gaining wider appreciation, and the way they stay rooted in their community and families will allow them to weather the storms of success.

## Local author discusses her new book on Corvallis cult from turn of the century

by Chante' Marvin  
of The Commuter

As a part of the LBCC Valley Writers Series, the Corvallis Public Library and Friends are hosting author Linda Crew's presentation on her new local historical novel, "Brides of Eden" at 7 p.m. today at the Corvallis Public Library.

Crew will present a slide show about her research documenting a Christian cult active from 1903-1906 and how a 17-year-old woman was drawn into this cult.

In the first decade of the 1900s, cult leader Joshua Creffield and

*"This book is very well written, a real warning about how something that sounds good can lead to terrible consequences."*

—Peter Jensen

his women followers were the talk of Corvallis. Crew indulged a lifelong fascination in bringing the events to life, conducting extensive research into old newspaper articles, historical records, and other sources.

"This book is very well written, a real warning about how something that sounds good can lead to terrible consequences," said Peter Jensen of the LBCC English Department.

Once a theatre major, Crew graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in journalism. Though she has never worked as a journalist, her training shows up in "Brides of Eden."

The author of many books, including the best-seller, "Children of the River," Crew lives and writes at Wake Robin Farm in Corvallis.

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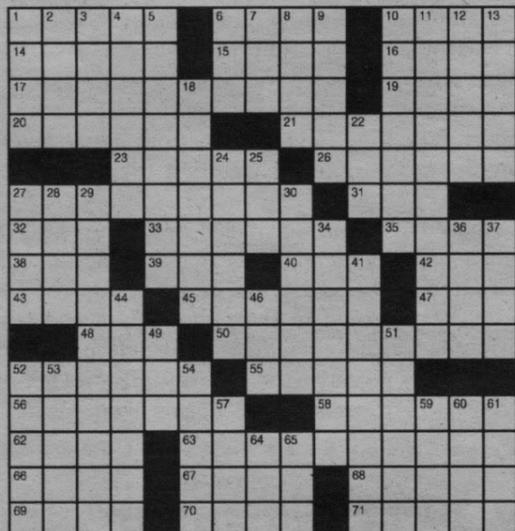
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# SPORTS PAGE

## LB's volleyball season spiked with losses on the road

by Christina Laramore  
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners had it tough on the road last week, dropping three matches, which in turn dropped the Runners to sixth place in league, putting them above only Lane Community College.

Linn-Benton started the week Oct. 17 battling it out with the Clackamas Cougars, but eventually fell by scores of 30-23, 15-30, 30-18 and 30-22.

On Friday they were dominated by Southwestern Oregon with game scores of 30-24, 30-20 and 30-17, and on Saturday they were beaten by the Umpqua Timberwomen in Roseburg 24-30, 30-27, 30-15, 30-23. All three losses came on the road.

On Saturday the Runners played tough against Umpqua, which is 3-7 and in fifth place in league, and came out to win the first game 30-24. That win didn't keep them fired up for long though, as Umpqua dominated them throughout the next three games.

Jessica Horsley led LB with 15 kills and 46 total attacks against the Timberwomen, an unusually low number for her. As a team, the Runners came up with only 38 total kills. Kim West had eight kills and 28 total attacks while freshman Jenny Lawrence, who has not seen much time on the court for LB, chipped in five kills and 19 at-

tacks.

Serving is what really helped out LB, as the Runners served 92 percent in the match. Patience Baker led that effort with four aces. On the whole, LB had 90 total service points, led by Leslea Brown who had 19. Amie Johnson and West each chipped in 17.

Defense also played a key role in the match, as the Runners came up with 66 digs. Horsley, a 5-9 sophomore, came up with 14 total digs while Johnson added 11 and West threw in another 13 to round out the totals, leading the Runners' defense.

Despite the positive statistics, LB couldn't keep up with the Timberwomen—a team they beat earlier in the season.

LB didn't play as great against SWOCC, though, getting swept in three games. The Lakers are currently in third place in league with a 7-4 record.

The Runners were extremely low at the net, coming up with

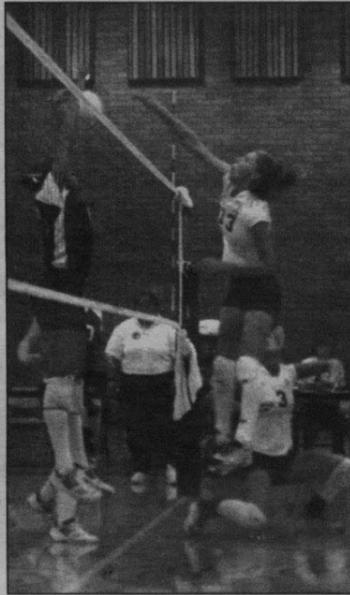


Photo by James Bauerle

**Kim West has 45 kills and an 18 percent hitting efficiency so far for LBCC, second on the team behind Jessica Horsley's 73 total kills.**

only 34 total kills. Horsley once more led the offensive effort with seven kills while Lawrence and

West each added six. Crystal Galedrige, the Runner's leading setter, had 30 assists and 106 total attempts.

Defensively, the Runners struggled as they came up with only 39 digs. Horsley and Johnson each had nine digs while Galedrige came up with eight.

Serving, an area that is usually high for LB, was also disappointing. The Runners came up with only three total aces, two of which were served by Galedrige, and only 62 total serves.

In the league, Mt. Hood is once more the leader with a 10-0 record. Chemeketa is right behind them, with a 7-2 record. The Lakers are in third.

Being in sixth place out of only seven teams, the Runners

don't look to repeat last year's appearance in the NWAACC championship tournament.

Horsley and West are leading the team at the net this season. Horsley has 73 total kills and 223 total attempts, leaving her with a 11 percent hitting efficiency. West has 45 kills and 141 total attempts, an 18 percent hitting efficiency.

Defensively, Horsley is once more leading the team with 53 total digs and a 2.52 average, while Palmer on the offense is dominating the serving. Palmer has 10 aces out of only 25 serves.

The Runners will look to these teammates to help lead them to a victory next week as they take a break before competing in the NWAACC Classic at Mt. Hood on Saturday and then facing off against Lane (1-7) on Halloween.

### COMMONS Menu

Oct. 24- Oct. 30

#### Wednesday

- Pot Roast
- Chicken Burrito w/ Pinto Beans
- Grilled Vegetable Skewers w/ Quinoa
- Tomato Rice Soup
- Corn Chowder
- Taco Salad

#### Thursday

- Liver w/ Bacon & Onions
- Croque Monsieur
- Grilled Vegetable Pizza
- Hot & Sour Soup
- Cream of Tomato Soup
- Grilled Chicken Spinach Salad

#### Friday

Chef's Choice

#### Monday

- Baked Ham
- Beef Goulash
- Frittata
- Cheddar Cheese Soup
- Beef Barley Soup
- Tuna Nicoise Salad

#### Tuesday

- Chicken & Dumplings
- Chili Verde
- Vegetable Strudel
- Split Pea & Tomato Soup
- Albondigas Soup
- Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

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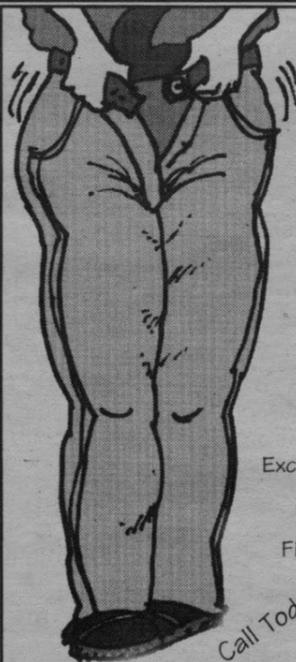
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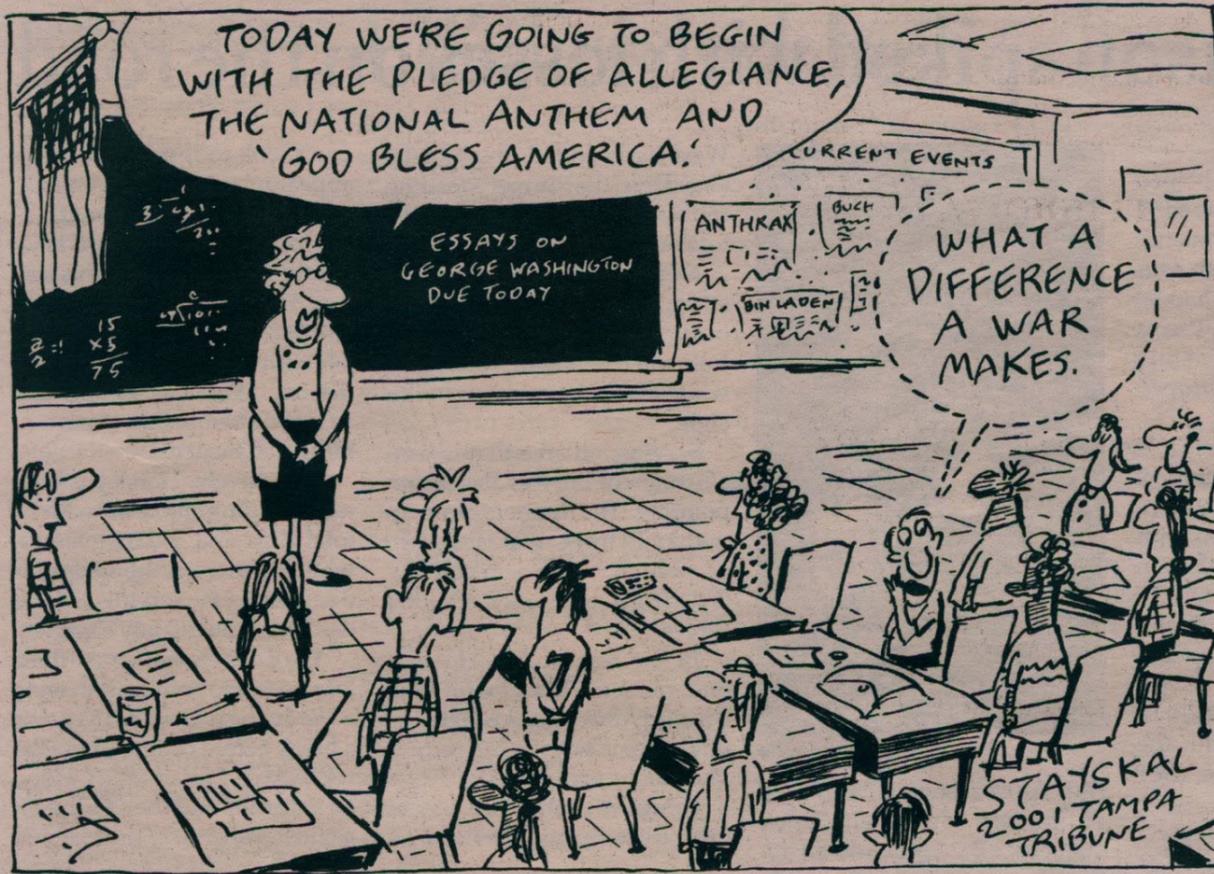
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# OPINION

## COMMENTARY



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### “A dissident is here”

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

These are dangerous days. Not only in the way that our national security blanket has been ripped off of our slumbering society, but in the way our society can react internally to external threats. All over the country there are incidents where people are losing their jobs for the things they say that are deemed “Un-American.” Need I trot out the belabored ghost of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and the House of Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) to illustrate the negative potential of misguided patriotism?

I consider myself a patriot. And, like most patriots, I think my brand of patriotism is far superior to everyone else's and that everyone should think like I do. However, I do not think anyone should be FORCED to do so. Personally, when the patriotic banter starts gearing up, here in the land of the free, and the flags begin to wave, I get a kind of uneasy feeling about things. Maybe I've seen too many newsreels from Germany in the 1930s. Maybe I like my patriotism a little less gaudy.

Don't get me wrong, and don't call the authorities to pick me up just yet, because I love my country. I love it with a passion and an ache in my heart. I really do. But when I look at the flag of the United States of America, I have mixed feelings. To me, the real America exists as an ideal in the back of my mind, a precious dream of a place where everyone is truly treated equal, where food is plentiful for all, where grandmas get cheap prescriptions, and all the babies are born drug-free. Where life is about honest work, cold beer, clean air and fireworks on the front lawn every evening. A place where you don't have to think twice about opening the mail. When I see the flag I am reminded of the American Indian Movement and how they fly the flag upside down, in the military symbol of distress, because they feel their culture is under siege.

In this utopian American vision, businesses would not jump on the patriotic bandwagon to push their products, or make things so expensive that only the very wealthy can afford them. They would never, ever balance money versus human life on the bottom line of a spreadsheet that decides how well to make truck tires.

My America is the potential America, the glorious dream of a democratic, egalitarian, humane and conscious nation full of well-educated people who don't take advantage of one another. My America is about cooperation, not competition.

But we live in the world that we deserve. The selfish choices we have made have led us down this path and



Chad Richins

we are stuck with it unless we can find a way out of it.

That is where the dissidents come in handy. They are the ones who say, well, now that you have painted yourself into a corner with that way of doing things, how about we try a little common sense and do it another way?

All the big names in dissidence were punished in their time. Andre Sakharov was exiled from Russia. In South Africa, Nelson Mandela was imprisoned and Steve Biko was killed. They killed Chico Mendes in Brazil for trying to save the forest and help the workers.

Even in times like these when we are so afraid of outside threats, we can't turn on ourselves and use this as an opportunity to squash any dissenting opinions within our country. The activist community in this country has been working on economic justice, environmental justice, racial justice and every other good fight for generations. It takes the dedication and determination of a salmon returning to spawn, for all the time they spend swimming against the mainstream. America would not be the country it is, or a country at all, without revolutionary thinkers who went against the status quo.

At this point, a word to dissidents about keeping a sense of humor. I think whenever you lose your sense of humor, you lose everything. If the people who perpetrated the attack on New York and Washington recently could have kept their sense of humor, maybe they would have mooned the Pentagon instead of killing innocent people. And maybe Tim McVeigh would have thrown ink-filled water balloons at the Murrah building in Oklahoma City. Someone once said that whenever you choose one of the many truths and follow it blindly, it becomes a falsehood and you become a fanatic.

So don't think someone is unpatriotic because they disagree with the herd mentality, and don't get so excited about being an activist that you lose sight of your humanity. Everybody just be cool, for god's sake.

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

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

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Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or e-mail us at [commuter@ml.lbcc.cc.or.us](mailto:commuter@ml.lbcc.cc.or.us)

## Peace Studies teaches conflict resolution

by Patrick Berry  
for The Commuter

The voice of war sounds its ominous call. Fear and frustration walk the nation's streets hand in hand with hope and pride. The violence of war and the threat of terror takes its toll and focuses our attention.

The LBCC Peace Studies Program teaches ways to manage conflict and to respond rationally to violence, according to Theresa Champ, head of this year's Peace Studies team. Many students want to know “Why is this happening and how can we make a difference?”

The answers lie in many fields of study—history, economics, political science, psychology and others.

Peace Studies is an interdisciplinary approach to the study and resolution of conflict. It prepares students for careers in business, law enforcement, social work, mediation and nonviolent conflict resolution.

According to Doug Clark, political science and history instructor and director of the program, “(The Peace Studies Program) is an opportunity for students to contribute to and be involved in the educational community. It stimulates discussion about conflicts and the sources of war.”

“Ultimately,” said Clark, “our purpose is to prepare LBCC students to participate in the Symposium for Peace, Justice and Human Rights,” a biennial international conference.

In preparation for the 2002 symposium in York, England, this year's team will present a series of educational seminars, video presentations and discussions for the LBCC community. They will focus on understanding current events and promoting various fund raising activities.

The Peace Studies Program website at [www.lbcc.cc.or.us/peace](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us/peace) provides information about the program's history and information about the upcoming symposium.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Now is the time to back our country, not start bickering

*Editor's Note: Although The Commuter usually does not run anonymous letters to the editor, an exception is being made in this case because of the timely nature of the topic.*

To the Editor:

Ten years ago, I was in elementary school learning the pledges of this country. I recited them from memory, and I was proud to call myself an American.

This morning, I looked at the opinion page of The Commuter and I just couldn't believe the article entitled “Other nations see U.S. ‘beacon of freedom’ as ‘lighthouse for hypocrisy.’” I could not believe this person, a fellow citizen of this nation, could have such an opinion of our government, after Sept. 11.

Only one other time in the last 100 years of our nation were this many Americans killed on American soil. That got us involved in World War Two. This is definitely a different type of war, and definitely a different time, but we still should come together as a nation and say we will not tolerate this kind of attack, ever! Even though we may not agree with everything they do, we still must back our government system. It is at this point that you have to ask yourself, “Am I a true American? Would I do as Nathan Hale or George Washington? Am I a true patriot? Would I be willing to die for my country?” It is so necessary for us to ask this question at this time, because we don't know what the future will hold for this country. I know my answer to this question. I know that I am a patriot. I know that I would be willing to put my life on the line for this country. I would do it for my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids I coached in basketball two years ago. I would even fight for the rights of the extremist groups on all sides, because I want my kids to be able to grow up in a nation of freedom. I believe that if I am not able to fight for their freedom, then I am not a true American and I hope that all people out there will ask themselves, Am I willing to prolong the freedoms of this country? Ask yourself the question and be truthful with the answer.