

## Commuters from Corvallis must soon go the long way

by Mande Blevins  
of The Commuter

Next fall commuters coming from Corvallis will no longer be able to make the unprotected left turn from Highway 34 onto Looney Lane.

Traffic will be re-routed to Highway 99E, which is three-quarters of a mile north of the Looney Lane exit. Entrance to Looney Lane will be restricted to westbound traffic turning right from Highway 34. Commuters leaving the campus for Corvallis will still be able to turn right from Looney Lane onto Highway 34, however.

"It is the kind of intersection that is potentially very dangerous. Any time you have people crossing two lanes of high-speed traffic, the risk of a head-on collision is created," said Paul Mayers, assistant project manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

So far there have been no fatalities, just head-on collisions that have caused minor injuries. But Mayers said, "If we leave it as is, it's just a matter of time

before there's a serious accident that claims a life."

The project, which has been designed in consultation with LBCC president Jon Carnahan, consists of two steps. First, the installation of a series of three traffic signals will compensate for the increased traffic flow.

One will be at the Highway 99E and Allen Lane intersection at the south campus entrance. The other two will be down by the Highway 34 interchange, where the off-ramps connect with Highway 99E. Construction of step one should begin in early January and finish in May.

The second step is a six-inch concrete median on Highway 34 at the Looney Lane intersection that will prevent traffic from crossing two lanes of high-speed traffic.

The median is to be completed this summer.

"By the fall of 1997, commuters who take the Looney Lane shortcut should expect a change of routine to a route that is safer," Mayers said.



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### Turn Back

State highway workers stop traffic on Highway 34 at the Interstate 5 interchange Tuesday morning to warn them of flooded conditions ahead. High water due to heavy rains and snow melt closed off many streets and roads, including Highway 34 from Lebanon to I-5, preventing many students from getting to campus. The northeast entrance to campus was closed when Oak Creek overflowed the culvert about 8 a.m., and the western approach on Looney Lane was also flooded. Forecasters call for a 40 percent chance of rain today, with flood conditions easing. Turn to the Back Page for photos of flooding around campus.

### Appointment cards ready for winter term registration

Continuing fully admitted students at LBCC may pick up pre-printed winter term registration forms with photo ID between Nov. 20 and Nov. 29 at the registration counter in Takena Hall.

The forms show the earliest registration dates and times that students may register, based on LBCC credits completed and currently enrolled credits.

Students may register at the time printed on the form or anytime thereafter during registration hours.

Winter registration for continuing fully admitted students starts Monday, Dec. 2 by appointment.

New fully admitted students will register by appointment starting the week of Dec. 9.

Open registration for winter term starts Wednesday, Dec. 11 with classes starting Monday, Jan. 6.

The campus will be open the week after Finals week, but offices will close for the winter holidays, Dec. 23-27, and on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day. Winter term includes two holidays—Jan. 20 for Martin Luther King Day and Feb. 17 for Presidents Day.

## Foil-wrapped power poles lining local highways represent one man's stubborn fight for safer highways

by Dorothy Wilson  
of The Commuter

*It was dark, and as he got closer to the parking lot he could barely see the power poles. He stopped his car. He said the idea struck him then and there. He had a piece of foil from a package of gum, and he went out there and stuck it to the pole with a thumb tack. He got back into his car, and as he saw his headlights reflected in the foil, he knew he had the answer.*

Drivers cruising along the highways in Linn and Benton counties may spot an unusual addition to the many power poles that line the roadways. A sheet of aluminum foil, about headlight level, may be wrapped around the poles.

The foil has been a mystery to many travelers for over two years, and many rumors regarding its origins have surfaced among the people and proliferated through the media. Everything from alien plots to motorcycle gang activities has been cited as sources of the mysterious foil. The truth of the matter rests with one man.

Ron Propst, a homeless 45-year-old man native to the midvalley, is respon-

sible for placing the foil on the poles. He says he has been unfairly treated by the media and he would like to tell his side of the story.

"There've been accidents on the dark roads in Linn and Benton counties ever since I can remember," he said.

Propst said that a long time ago, he



witnessed a terrible accident. He related the story in a series of flashbacks mixed with what seemed to be news reports of more recent accidents.

"That bridge near Corvallis is very dark. There've been terrible accidents

out there on those roads. When I was young, I saw a terrible accident out there . . . a mother . . . babies going through windshields . . . babies with their heads cut off. . . We've got to do something. . . It was dark. . . The bridge is a dangerous place . . . too dark at night. . . We've got to do something about it."

"We haven't got time to talk about it," said Propst. "We need reflectors on the power poles; it's a matter of saving lives. The fog and rain are going to make the situation worse."

"They (the power poles) are dark; you can't see them . . . headlights coming at you. . . If you've got a low tire or a dirty windshield or a cop is pulling you over and you have to pull off the road, you can't see the power poles," he said.

Propst says the power companies don't want the public to know that reflectors are needed on the poles because, if people run into them, they could sue for negligence.

"If power poles don't need reflectors, then runways don't need lights," he said.

"Aluminum foil is all I can afford. I (Turn to 'Foil' on Page 2)

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## Novak's Restaurant prepares annual free Thanksgiving feed

by Amber Peavyhouse  
of The Commuter

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant in Albany will open its doors for a free Thanksgiving meal to anyone who wants to join them next week.

This act of kindness for the needy or lonely has been a tradition for the restaurant for 12 consecutive years.

Owner Joseph Novak, a 15-year member of LBCC's Board of Education, donates the food every year as a

way of repaying the community that has helped him and his family.

"It was just family and friends the first year we opened but the following year and ever since, we wanted to give back to the community that gave us so much. The Lord has blessed us and we're happy to share our good fortune with the needy," said Novak.

The meal will be a complete American style turkey dinner with all the trim-

mings, plus Novak's own Hungarian pumpkin cheesecake.

Reservations for the dinner will be taken through Nov. 25, and the Novak's are hoping for a big turnout.

Novak's Hungarian Restaurant will open at 12:30 p.m. and will serve the Thanksgiving meal until 9 p.m.

The Novaks know the importance of having a hot meal and someplace warm to go for Thanksgiving.

*"We know how blessed we are and to give back to those less fortunate is the least we can do."*

—Joseph Novak

When Joseph and his wife Matilda were first married they were forced to live in misery in a Hungarian concentration camp for the entire year of 1957. After moving to America and eventually opening a successful restaurant, the couple hasn't forgotten how it feels to be needy.

"We know how blessed we are and to give back to those less fortunate is the least we can do," said Novak.

## Shuttle offers life-line to East Linn

by Cindi Fuller  
of The Commuter

Some people call it the Sweet Home Share Bus and some call it the Linn Shuttle, but for those who ride the bus it is a life preserver. It is the only transportation available from the Sweet Home and Lebanon area to destinations outside of their home towns.

The shuttle began operation in 1992 at its home port location at the Sweet Home Senior Citizen's Center. The shuttle was formed and funded in response to meeting the needs of senior citizens and the disabled within our community. The cigarette tax implemented four years ago provides the funding for this program.

Lanny Chisholm, driver of the Share Bus says, "Although the Share Bus was formed for senior citizens and disabled all others are welcome to use the bus on a room available basis. But so far I have never turned anyone away who needs a ride." The bus has an 18 seat capacity and Chisholm drives over 200 miles per day making three round trip runs from Sweet Home to Albany stopping at each of his destinations throughout each town.

The bus is a saving grace for those who are unable to drive or do not have transportation. The shuttle provides transportation for people who need rides to jobs, doctors appointments, classes at

LBCC, Social Security offices, banks, court, shopping and to visit friends and family.

Chisholm has a regular route that he follows, but he finds he must be flexible for his passengers because so many need to be dropped at locations that are far from the scheduled pick-up sites. Chisholm finds it necessary to customize the routes daily to meet the needs of the clientele.

"There are mentally disabled people who must be dropped off at their destination's doorstep or they would get lost trying to find their way" Chisholm explains. "It takes a lot of patience to drive the Share Bus because you need to individualize

for each client and deal with some very unusual needs and problems such as inappropriate behavior at times."

Riding the shuttle is more like being on a field trip with the music playing and the people's laughter echoing off the walls and the constant buzz of conversation in the background. The smaller size of the shuttle appears to bring the riders closer together making for a very friendly atmosphere.

The Shuttle runs Monday through Friday, stopping at LBCC at 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. The cost to ride the shuttle is \$1 for senior citizens and disabled and \$2.50 for others. Information can be obtained by calling 367-4775.

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—Lanny Chisholm

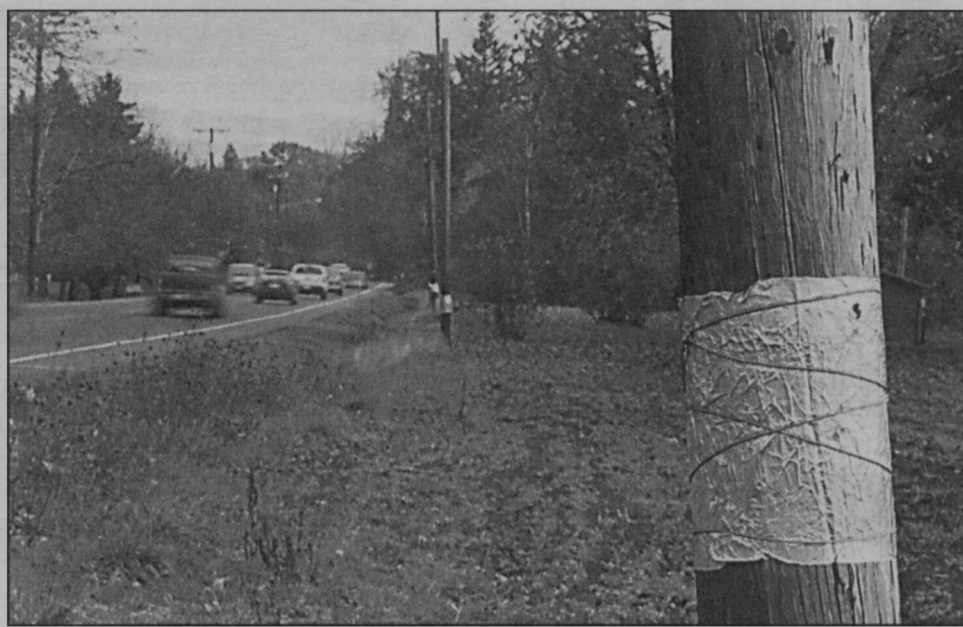


Photo by Roger Lebar

Aluminum foil is all Ron Propst can afford, but he believes the power companies should take up the cause and put up their own reflectors.

## Foil fails to phase power officials

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think they (power companies) could do better—for about 30 cents a pole they could put reflectors on them," said Propst.

Dick Ebbert, General Business Manager for Pacific Power, said the company, which owns 35,000 poles in Linn and Benton counties does not plan to put reflectors on any of their power poles at the present time.

"We have no problem with people putting reflectors on poles near driveways or other areas of concern," said Ebbert, "as long as we have no problem getting up the poles."

"Safety is a key interest of ours," he said, "and we are certainly not going to oppose anything that has a positive advantage for public safety." Ebbert said that the company would not be opposed to working in partnership with a state or nationally authorized public safety organization in any area related to public safety.

Mary Zimmerman, representative for Consumers Power Inc., a rural power supply co-op that owns 38,000 poles over a six-county region said they discourage people from nailing up signs or anything else that might interfere with the safety of their linepersons. However, she said they could understand the need for reflectors on poles near driveways.

Propst says reflectors are not only needed on poles near driveways but on bridges and corners as well as along the highways.

Propst uses his car as a base of operations. He says it is not easy because the road shoulders are in very poor condition making it difficult to park, especially at night. The police stop him all the time, he says, which hampers the work he needs to do. And sometimes people remove the foil and he has to re-do the poles.

According to estimates from Pacific Power and C.P.I., so far Propst has placed foil on over 3,880 poles. And that does

not include estimates from the other two line carriers, P.T.I. and U.S. West, who could not be reached for comment.

Propst's safety concerns are not limited to reflectors on power poles, however. In his travels around Linn and Benton counties, he has noticed other potentially hazardous areas and situations he would like to see addressed.

For example, he says the area between Albany and Lebanon at the junction near Cottonwoods needs street lights. He thinks county money could be better spent.

"Look around the parks; I can't believe the money spent on plants. We live in Oregon, we don't need to buy plants, he said.

Propst's concern for the welfare of others is not confined to humans. He thinks animals need help too. He recommends animal-repelling whistles for all vehicles.

"They (the whistles) work for cows, possums and other animals too," he said. "It's called shielding our friends."

He also wishes people wouldn't drive so fast, including the police. He says there is no way these people could stop if an animal came out in front of them on the road.

Although Propst suffers from a disability he declines to talk about, he says his work is "not about personality, it's about saving lives."

Propst says, "When we get the power poles taken care of, we can make sure our water is safe."

He is worried he'll be arrested for his work, he says. But Capt. O'Malley, of the Albany Police Department, and Lt. Gunter, of the Corvallis Police Department, said that there is not an ongoing investigation. O'Malley said it would take a formal complaint from the owner of the poles to start an investigation.

And both power companies seemed to have no intention of filing one.

*On the sometimes dark and scary road home, even a soft light seen in the distance can steer us in the right direction.*

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## CAMPUS NEWS

## Car break-ins on the decline in campus parking lots

by Allison Ross  
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It was this time of year last year when approximately \$9,000 worth of valuables were taken from vehicles in the LBCC parking lot.

Stereos were the favorite target of the thieves, and students with expensive systems became concerned about driving their cars to school. Campus security stepped up surveillance hoping to reduce crimes on campus.

And the crime rate seems to have gone down this year, although security officer Vern Jackson said he didn't know whether to credit that to increased security or student awareness.

Since January 1996 losses have totaled \$4,799, including a \$400 cell phone stolen from President Jon

Carnahan's vehicle during a late night board meeting earlier this term. His car window was broken out in order to gain entry while it was parked in the Eastway Loop lot.

In other cases, a vehicle was removed from the parking lot without the owner's knowledge, which amounted to a loss totaling \$3,000. Three other cars had gasoline stolen, totaling about \$24.

A variety of minor incidents have been reported, however, including a vehicle that was rummaged through and another owned by a staff member that had dog feces smeared on it on Halloween night. Owners of two vehicles reported finding scratch marks made by screw drivers or slim jims, indicating someone had been trying to break in, said Jackson.

Jackson said drivers should "remove anything that

can be rolled over into fast cash." This includes textbooks, calculators, cellular phones, compact disc players and clothing. If you want to leave anything in your car, he said, lock it in the trunk where it's not visible.

Carnahan said he learned the lesson the hard way. "I encourage students and staff not to leave personal belongings in their cars," he said.

Jackson also wants students to report anything they see out of the ordinary to campus security (ext.4440) immediately. They can't provide services and follow up if they don't have the information first hand and as soon as possible. Security scours the campus on foot, on bicycles, and in vehicles to watch for any possible wrongdoings during school hours. They are here to provide a service and they appreciate all information that will help keep LBCC safe and crime-free.

## Learning Community open to new students during winter term

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

LBCC's Learning Community, like any newborn, is stretching and developing as it undergoes that first-year process of rapid change and growth.

Gina Vee, LC coordinator, said the 160 students involved are performing well in this small-group-oriented environment.

The Learning Community will accept new members for winter term. Any freshman student, new or continuing, who plans to major in education, criminal justice, child and family studies or human services, must become a part of the Learning Community in order to participate in the second-year program and earn their associate's degree at LBCC, said Vee. To qualify, a student needs to be ready for Writing 121 and Math 60.

Vee said there will be some slight changes in the Learning Community next term. All LC members will be involved Monday through Friday, rather than just Monday through Thursday, as they were fall term. Classes run 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Tuesdays set aside for service learning projects out in the community.

The LC is searching for large classrooms to accommodate a maximum of 50 students each because the Commons, where they currently hold the large group sessions, is too noisy and has poor acoustics, Vee said.

They plan to spend at least three-fourths of the day in smaller settings winter term, with two to three instructors team teaching. The criminal justice and education advisors will be regular teachers for the required freshman classes in their programs.

She said that the student small groups have the option to continue with the same members next term if they so desire. Many have developed friendships and work well together, she added.

Vee enthusiastically describes the benefits of the Learning Community. She explained that students can continue classes even if they have problems which keep them from being able to attend. One LC member who lives in Medford, she said, broke both legs in a serious accident. They fax her assignments to her, and she has been able to remain a part of the Learning Community. "This wouldn't happen in a regular class," said Vee.

Learning Community courses are not listed in the class schedule. For information or to register, contact Gina Vee at 917-4549 or Kristen Jones, Service Learning Coordinator, at 917-4474. Winter term registration begins Dec. 2.

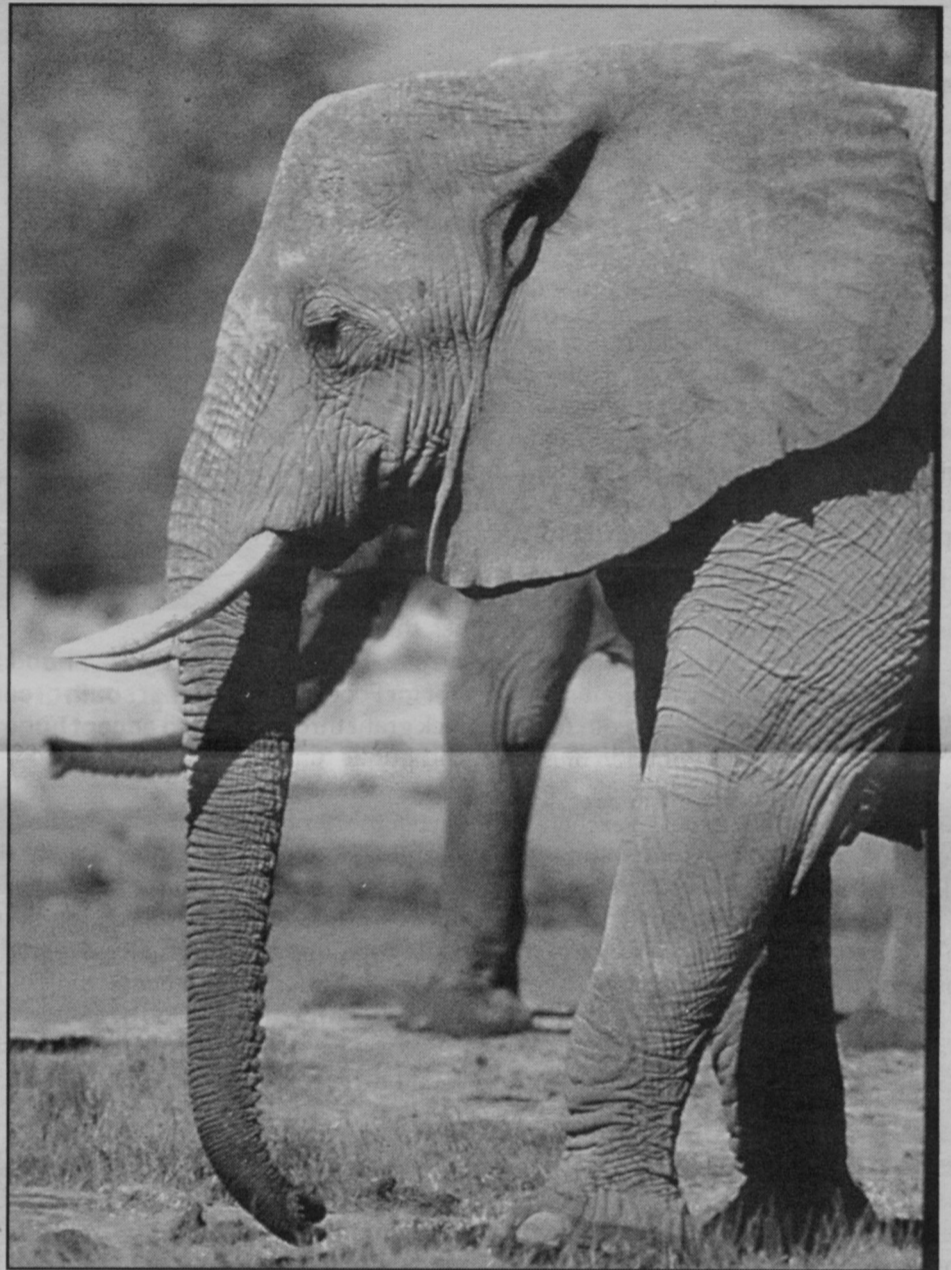
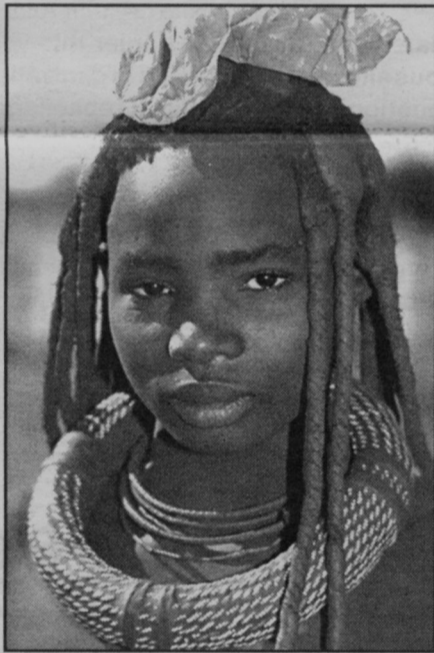
## Philomath photographer to show slides of Africa today

Philomath photographer Dennis Wolverson will present slides of wildlife, scenery and villagers of Namibia, West Africa, at noon Wednesday, Nov. 20 in F-113.

Wolverson spent six weeks in Namibia, which is located on the coast between Angola and South Africa.

A freelance photographer who has done work for the LBCC catalog, Wolverson graduated with a masters from OSU in 1993 after working as a bush dentist in Alaska.

His free presentation is sponsored by the LBCC photography program.



## Volunteers sought for children's Winter Festival

Julie Robinson  
of The Commuter

At least 50 more volunteers are needed to help with the 26th annual Children's Winter Festival.

The party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 3:45 p.m. Children 12 years old and younger will be admitted free, but they must be accompanied by a parent. A donation of two cans of food will be greatly appreciated.

"We expect to have at least 300 kids this year," Chau Vo, the coordinator of this year's festival, said.

Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day of the festival. Anyone interested can sign up through Dec. 6, in the Commons from 11 to 12:30 p.m., or in Room CC-213 at any time. Volunteers get a free T-shirt and lunch.

The festival will feature a variety of activities lasting from 1 to 3 p.m. in each of four different rooms.

In the Commons, kids can get their picture taken with Santa Claus or Father Christmas for \$1. The Fireside Room will be open for Christmas sing-alongs.

Five international students, three

from Mexico and two from Ecuador, will be in the Alsea-Calapooia Room to talk about how they celebrate Christmas in their countries. Among the activities will be breaking a pinata.

Kids can also go into the Willamette Room to listen to Native American Christmas stories. A grand finale will be held in the cafeteria, with the Oregon Puppets Theater performing from 3 to 3:45 p.m.

It should be a fun day for all involved, say those who have participated in the past.

## Workshop to help entrepreneurs get started in a new business

From the LBCC News Service

Starting a new business? Improve your chance of success with the two-hour workshop "Going Into Business" sponsored by the Training and Business Development Center (TBDC).

Linn County workshops will be held: Monday, Nov. 18, 2-4 p.m. in the Lebanon Downtown Center, 550 Main St.; Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9-11 a.m. at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 435 S.W. 1st; and Tuesday, Nov. 26, 6-8 p.m. on

campus in College Center Room 135.

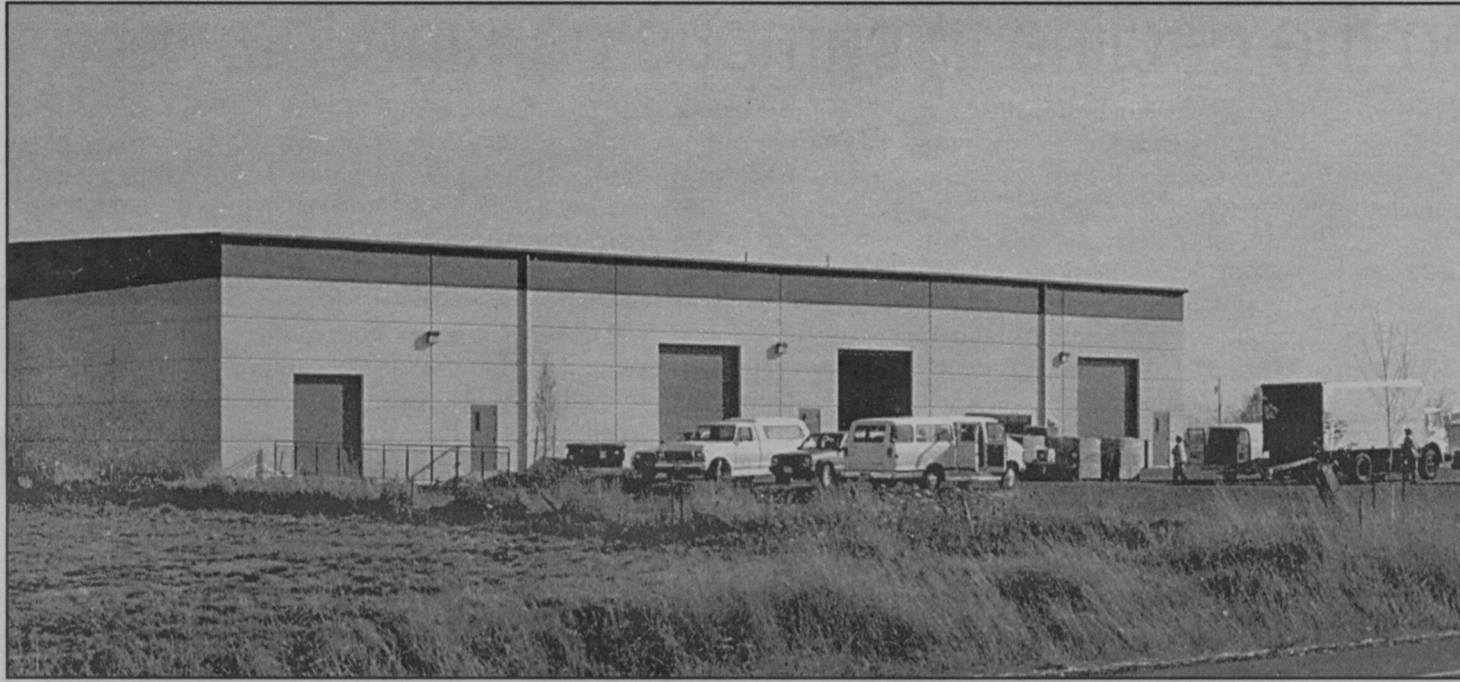
In Benton County, a workshop will be held on Monday, Dec. 2, 2-4 p.m. in the Business Enterprise Center, 800 N.W. Starker, in Corvallis.

Workshops are held each month at four locations in Linn and Benton counties. The workshop fee is \$10 and includes a "Getting Started" workbook and an Oregon Business Guide. The Business Basics series also is recommended for new entrepreneurs.

Going Into Business workshops cover factors that make a business successful: evaluating your business idea, creating and evaluating a business plan, necessary permits, state and local resources, elements of recordkeeping and sources of financing. This workshop is recommended before enrolling in the six-week Developing Your Successful Business course series.

For more information or to register, please call TBDC at 917-4923.





## Food Share depends on holiday donations

by Mande Blevins  
of The Commuter

The Linn County Food Share is preparing for its busiest time of the year. And as the cold winter season fast approaches, heating bills soar and hungry mouths need to be fed.

The agency, which was established in 1980, had been operating out of a small warehouse in the Tangent Industrial Park which had no running water, heat, bathrooms or space to repack large food donations into family-sized portions. In May 1996, they moved into their new 10,000-square-foot warehouse, located at the intersection of Looney Lane and Highway 34. It has all those amenities as well as three times the amount of freezer space and refrigeration area, according to Sharon Walkinstik, the volunteer programs coordinator for Food Share. The \$650,000 warehouse was paid for by a block grant through Linn County and a combination of private and public funds.

With the help of the Gleaners, a group of low-income residents who offer their labor in exchange for part of the harvest, the agency gathers, transports, stores and distributes about 1.6 million pounds of food each year to 63 non-profit agencies.

Last year Linn and Benton county food pantries distributed an average of 2,156 food boxes to 7,127 people each month. Soup kitchens and Emergency Centers served an additional 11,200 meals on the average each month, according to Walkinstik.

Food Share distributes to food pantries, soup kitchens, day



Photo by Jason Andrus

**The new Food Share warehouse built earlier this year just south of campus allows the charitable organization to accept huge donations of food, which it repackages for distribution to the needy.**

care centers, shelters and gleaned groups.

"This is a big time of the year for us because people are more willing to give during holidays, so we really depend on getting donations right now," said Walkinstik. "Also there's a greater demand in the winter time because people have higher heating bills and more expenses."

Individuals who want to help can donate food or money or organize a food drive. For information, contact Food Share at 752-1010.

## Hot Line and internet help students with financial aid

Washington, D.C.—College students and their families who are stranded in a tuition desert, trapped under a mountain of financial aid forms, or drowning in a sea of confusing advice can find a help line on the phone or the internet.

Representatives at the College Answer Service, a toll-free hot line from Sallie Mae, are standing by to answer questions about college financial aid. Not sure of how to begin your search for education grants, work-study or other financial aid? Having trouble filling out the financial aid applications? Need advice on shopping for education loans? College Answer has the answers.

Families with access to the internet can also find those

answers by visiting Sallie Mae's interactive World Wide Web site, a comprehensive source of information on planning and paying for college. The site features interactive calculators to help families forecast college costs, figure their expected family contribution, compute monthly loan payments and more. There is also a planning calendar for high school freshman through seniors to help them get ready for college every step on the way, as well as a personal finance tutorial to help them manage their money responsibly once in college.

Families can get answers to their questions by calling College Answer at 1-800-891-4599, or by visiting Sallie Mae's Web site at <http://www.salliemae.com>.

## Honor Society sets meeting schedule or entire school year

Members of the Shadow Program plan to partnership with local high school students

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's Honor Society, has scheduled their regular monthly meetings for the entire school year for the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month at noon in Room 105 of Industrial Building C, located on the northwest side of campus near the Family Resource Center and the greenhouse. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend either today, November 20, or Thursday, November 21. There will not be any December meet-

ings because of Christmas vacation.

To qualify for membership in this international honor society, students must have completed at least 12 credits with a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Gloria O'Brien is the new membership coordinator, but the position of recording secretary remains open. For one year of service, each officer earns a six-credit talent grant. Officers and advisors meet at noon each Friday this term, and members are welcome to attend.

Currently, PTK is working on plans for the winter induction of new members, speakers for the spring Honors Study Topic "The Arts: Landscape of Our Time," and the shadow program, which matches visiting high school students with LBCC students for a day.

Members are needed to help with these projects.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rosemary Bennett at 917-4780 or stop by her office in the Counseling Center in Takena Hall.

**Lutheran Students  
of LBCC**

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

## Peace Studies seeks new blood

by The Commuter Staff

LBCC's Peace Studies Program coordinators are gearing up to recruit new members and plan activities for the 1997 winter and spring terms.

The group has kept a low profile on campus this term because many of the students involved in the program last year were involved in activities dealing with the elections.

Now that they are over, coordinators Tanya Neal, Pete Petryszak and advisor Doug Clark are hopeful that politically active and socially aware students will have more time to get involved with Peace Studies.

Neal said that the focus of Peace Studies this year will be to expose as many students to the program as possible and bring in speakers and programs dealing with issues of conflict, human rights and injustice. Opening connections and organizing activities with other groups on campus and in the community will also be a priority.

The coordinators hope to facilitate discussion of local as well as international issues. Domestic violence, poverty and human rights abuses in the penal system are all possible topics of discussions or presentations, Neal said.

Another topic that the coordinators felt should be discussed is cultural diversity at LBCC.

Assembling a panel of foreign students to talk about opportunities and cultural barriers present in our society is one possible way to address that topic, they said.

Later in the year Peace Studies members will focus on raising funds and generating interest among students for taking part in a biannual international student conference.

The conference, which will take place in Oslo, Norway, in the summer of 1998, addresses issues of peace, justice and human rights.

Peace Studies coordinators are planning an open meeting for new members during the second week of winter term. Students who wish to get involved before then or have ideas for possible programs or activities should contact one of the coordinators or Doug Clark in Takena Hall Room 212, ext. 4457.

**The Eloquent Umbrella, LBCC's literary and art magazine, is taking submissions for the 1997 edition. The deadline is 1-15-97.**

Please send for consideration your:

- Poetry - typed or word processed, single-spaced.
- Prose - fiction or non-fiction up to 1500 words. Typewritten or word processed, double spaced.
- Art - black and white, unframed. No larger than 16 x 16.
- Photos - black and white. No larger than 8 x 10, no smaller than 4 x 6.

Please write your name and address on each submission. Include a SASE or arrange to pick up your submission personally. The Eloquent Umbrella requires one-time rights only. Previously published or subsequent submissions are fine.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Locking bikes to lampposts, trees and benches just won't do

by James Otto  
of The Commuter

Bicyclists are a common sight at many colleges, and LBCC is no exception. Students, staff and faculty are included in the ranks of bicycle commuters. A casual glance around will reveal subtle hints, such as the bicycle-carrying rack on the front of the Loop bus and the occasional helmet or drink bottle somehow attached to a student's body or backpack. The underlying question, however, is where are they supposed to put their bikes?

A quick tour of the campus will show that there are actually five small bicycle racks at various places throughout the campus—more than enough to accommodate LBCC's visible cycling community.

Most of the racks, though, are usually empty, while cycles are often seen locked to benches, trees and lampposts, everywhere but the bike racks. Vern Jackson, lead security officer, said that this is against LBCC's rules. LBCC's bylaws require that bicycles be secured to the bike racks provided by the campus. The impending citations and fines, as well as concerns expressed by grounds and maintenance personnel, seem to do little or nothing to change where bikes are being locked up.

One reason, assuming that the owners are not just too lazy to walk across campus to get their bikes, may be that these racks share some undesirable traits: They are lightweight and portable; they are neither anchored to the ground nor substantial enough to resist a determined thief; and most are in recessed locations, safely out of view of most students except between classes.



Photo by Roger Lebar

**Students are advised to use bike racks that are bolted to the ground.**

Nearby OSU loses hundreds of cycles to thieves each year.

But as Brian Brown, Dean of the College Services Division pointed out, no bicycle has been reported stolen on this campus in many years. However, the

potential for theft is always there.

Security, with its small staff, cannot be expected to patrol the entire campus at once. Chain locks, padlocks, cables and even U-Locks can all be overcome in less than a minute by a rank amateur with simple tools that would easily fit inside a backpack.

LBCC's administration, though, has not exactly been ignoring the problem. The racks were moved into the areas by the stairwells when the student government requested that bike racks be moved in out of the rain.

In an amazingly rapid response to a student's request, a new bike rack was installed this week in the stairwell nook next to the atrium in front of the library. Unlike LBCC's other racks, the new one is fully-anchored to the ground (which satisfies the requirements of one U-lock manufacturer's theft insurance policy) and is in an area with fairly constant and heavy foot traffic (thus denying any would-be thief his much-needed privacy). That is where bicyclists should put their bikes.

Jackson and Brown both emphasized that while the campus has been tolerant of misplaced bicycles so far, these bicycles are presenting a safety hazard, causing damage to plants, lampposts and other fixtures, and just getting in the way of grounds and maintenance workers who are trying to do their jobs. Both officials said the cycles' owners are breaking the law and may expect to be cited and fined if the practice continues.

"I'm understanding of cyclists," said Jackson. "But if I see a bike locked up in the wrong place, I have to do my job."

# Santiam Room gives culinary arts students real-life experience

by Cari Roberts  
of The Commuter

The culinary arts students have created a new meaning for on-the-job training. They get to practice on real customers in a real restaurant setting called the Santiam Restaurant.

"It's a very realistic situation," said Kent Etheridge, instructor and an assistant to the students in the restaurant.

The Santiam Restaurant is a bistro-type eatery located behind the cafeteria in the southeast corner of the College Center which seats approximately 50 to 60 people. The menu consists of fancy appetizers, soups, entrees and elegant desserts. It is open from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for coffee and pastries and from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The menu has a list of fixed items that are changed once a term, along with a list of daily specials. For example, one of the daily specials last Tuesday was Sauteed Ahi Almondine served with Roasted Herb Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli and Beurre Blanc. Approximately four second-year culinary arts students are responsible for choosing the special each day. They write up a plan for what they want on the menu. Then the instructor and the head chef check it over and assist



Photo by Roger Lebar

**Student Katie Newton works in the Santiam Room kitchen, in the background instructional assistant Mark Whitehead looks on.**

the students in preparing the menu. The second-year students are not only expected to plan the meals, but also to prepare them.

About five first-year students are all part of the wait staff, which is managed by one second-year student. The wait staff is responsible for knowing the items on the menu and their ingredients so they can answer customers' questions.

The Santiam Restaurant is run by the students who are responsible for taking reservations, waiting on customers and preparing all the meals. The instructors assist them when necessary, but the stu-

dents are in charge.

"Students are petrified at first, but once they are in the program a week, they calm down and do very well," Etheridge said.

There are six students working in various stations in the kitchen—a butcher station, where all the meats are prepared; a pantry station, where the appetizers and salads are made; a saute station; and a grill station. There is a backup student for each station in case of a problem. The students rotate stations every two weeks.

The restaurant gets business not only from staff and students at LBCC, but also from people in the community. "A lot of local businessmen bring their clients here for a nice lunch," Etheridge said.

The Santiam Restaurant also caters special events, and last Friday night the restaurant opened for dinner. The students did a Friday night dinner once last year and people really enjoyed it, said Etheridge. They hope to start doing it once a term, Etheridge said. "Response is great again this year."

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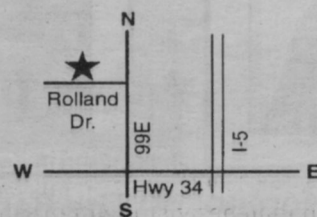
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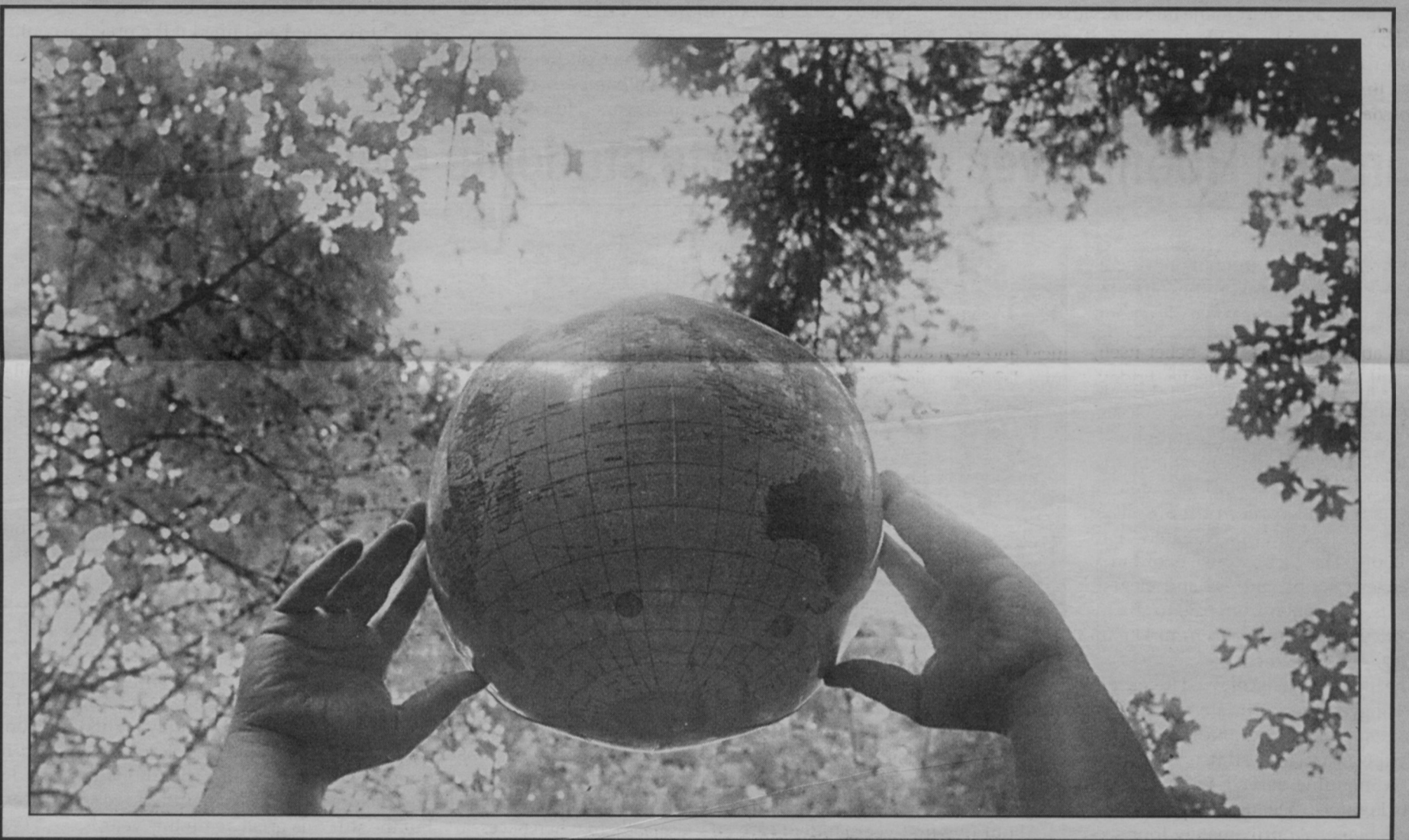
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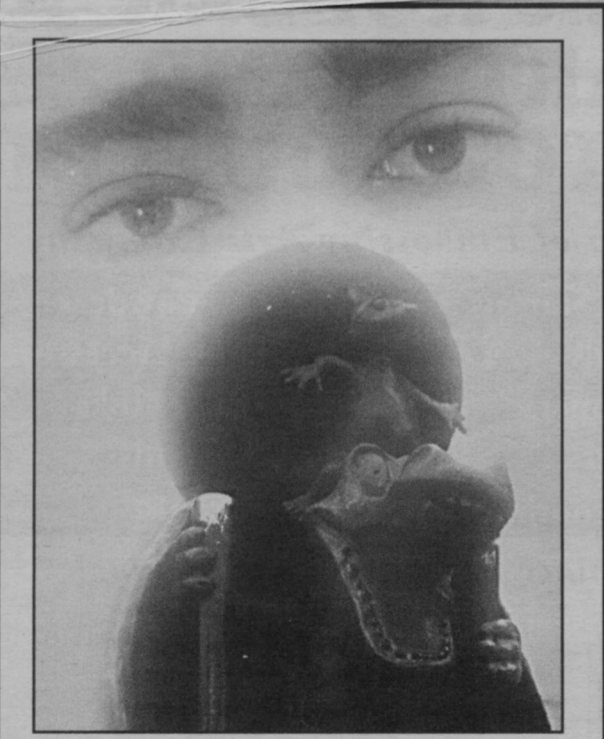
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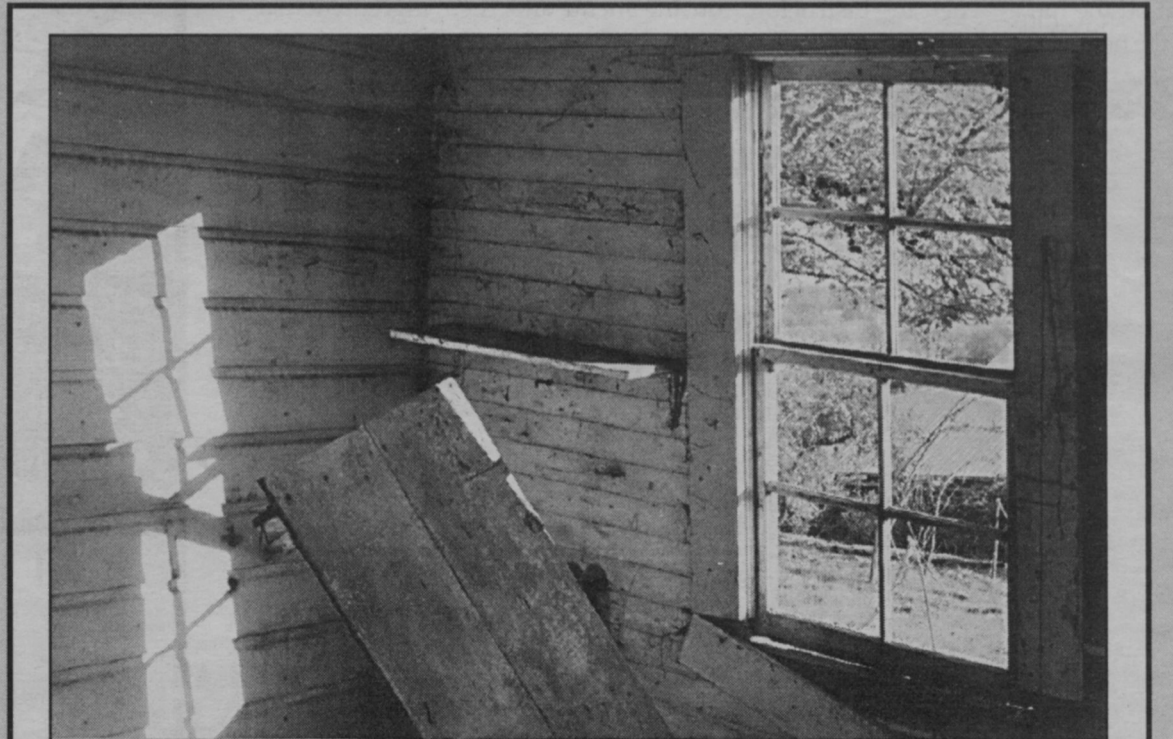
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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## 'A Christmas Carol' opens on Takena stage this weekend

Experience a Victorian Christmas through a performance of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, "A Christmas Carol," in Linn-Benton Community College's Takena Theater.

Performances are scheduled Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 22 and 23, and 29 and 30, at 8 p.m.; with Sunday matinees on Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 at Rice's Pharmacy, 910 NW Kings Blvd. in Corvallis; the Takena Theater Box Office Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m.; and two hours before each performance.

Director and LBCC theater instructor Jane Donovan says Joanna Maclay's stage adaptation gives the audience the "look and feel" of a Victorian Christmas.

The language is faithful to Dickens' novel, and set designer Bruce Peterson's use of Victorian-style painted backdrops and minimal stage furniture adds authenticity to the production.

"It looks like a Victorian Christmas card," says Donovan. "It's a joy to rediscover what a great writer Dickens was and his wonderful sense of humor."

Three storytellers, who also play the spirits of Christmas past, present and future, narrate the lessons Scrooge must learn about celebrating Christmas: that the real joys of Christmas cannot be bought, yet at the same time, it is difficult to celebrate the holiday without some



Photo by John Bragg

Sean Blount plays Tiny Tim and Tom Walmsley plays Scrooge in LBCC's production of "A Christmas Carol."

material comforts.

"We see the transformation of Scrooge from a miserly misanthrope into a man who appreciates fellowship and the joys of the family," says Donovan. Dickens was a social critic and active philanthropist. His story remains as relevant to us today as it was in Victorian times, when similar economic upheavals and widening income disparity raised concerns for

social justice.

A Christmas Carol was Dickens' first and most popular of his three Christmas stories, the others being *The Chimes* and *The Haunted Man*. And, as in many of his works, Donovan says, *A Christmas Carol* presents a stark contrast between the warmth and coziness found in the family home and the cold misery of the world outside.

## Albany Civic Theater lifts curtain on introspective 'Greetings' on Nov. 29

"Greetings," a play that examines our beliefs about love, life and belief itself, opens at Albany Civic Theater Friday, Nov. 29, for a three-weekend run.

Directed by Don Taco, "Greetings" concerns a young man named Andy (Albany's Sam Davidow), who reluctantly brings his Jewish girlfriend home for the holidays to meet his conservative Catholic family.

The visit is thrown into chaos when Andy's profoundly retarded brother,

Mickey, suddenly begins speaking in a lucid and even eloquent language. Is it a miracle? Demonic possession? The answer is more astonishing, and forces the whole family to re-examine every belief they hold dear.

Starring with Davidow are Nancy Panther of Salem, Christopher Gorrell and H. P. Drake III of Albany, and Toni Ann Swope of Corvallis.

Director Taco designed the lights. Cos-

tumes are by Christi Sears, and the set was designed by Pat Kight.

Performances are at 8:15 p.m. Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14; and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 8.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, \$5 for people over 60 or under 18, and may be purchased or reserved at Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany (967-8140) or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis (752-7779). When tickets remain, they go on sale at the ACT box

office, 111 W. First Ave. in Albany, 45 minutes before curtain time.

Additional information is available on the ACT World Wide Web site at:

<http://www.peak.org/~kightp/act/acthome.html>

Auditions for ACT's next play, the World War II drama "Stalag 17," will be held on Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 in the theater. Director Barbara Osterholm needs at least 15 actors of all ages.

## LB choirs, chorale plan three holiday performances in December

The Concert and Chamber choirs and Community Chorale of Linn-Benton Community College have scheduled three holiday performances for early December:

"Holiday Treat" will be performed by the Concert and Chamber choirs on Thursday, Dec. 5, 8 p.m. in Takena Theater. Tickets are \$3 at the door two hours before the performance and at the Takena Theater Box Office, Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m. in Takena Hall. Phone reservations are welcomed at 917-4531.

The Concert Choir portion of "Holiday Treat" will offer a wide variety of holiday music, including a contemporary setting of "Personent Hodie," by John Leavitt, and "Agnus Dei," by Sherri Potterfield. The Baroque music period will be represented by "This Delightful Day We Sing," by George F. Handel, and "Ave Verum Corpus," by Camille Saint-Saens, a 19th century composer. The Concert Choir will conclude its portion of "Holiday Treat" with "Carol" by Thomas Merton, "The Road Not Taken," a poem by Robert Frost, "Hiney May Tov," a Hebrew folk tune, and "Calypso Carol."

The Chamber Choir, which specializes in a cappella singing, will perform seasonal music of many cultures, including a carol of Native American origin; "Heleluyan," a French Brugundian carol; "Pat-a-pan," an English carol; "Coven-try Carol," a Haitian carol; "Noel Aysiyen," by Emile Desamours; and "The

Lord of the Dance," an American Shaker song arranged by Hal Eastburn.

Betty Busch will direct the Concert and Chamber choirs while LBCC choral director Hal Eastburn is on medical leave.

The LBCC Community Chorale will give two performances of "Messiah Plus." The first performance is on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in the United Presbyterian Church, 330 5th Ave. SW, in Albany.

The second performance is on Monday, Dec. 9, at 8 p.m., in the First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe Ave. in Corvallis.

Tickets are \$5 at the door two hours before each performance and at the Takena Theater Box Office, Monday through Friday, noon-3 p.m. in Takena Hall, LBCC, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany. Phone reservations are welcomed at 917-4531.

The annual Christmas presentation of portions of G.F. Handel's *The Messiah* will feature the Chorale with Diane Cummins on organ, Penelope Wolff and Norma Wilson on violin, Abigail Stoughton on viola, and Nancy Sowdon on cello. The string quartet are all residents of Corvallis. Betty Busch will direct the Chorale while LBCC choral director Hal Eastburn is on medical leave.

Featured choruses include, "And the Glory of the Lord," "And He Shall Purify," "For Unto Us a Child is Born," "Glory to God," "His Yoke Is Easy, And His Burden Is Light," "Surely He Hath

Borne Our Griefs," "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," and the "Hallelujah" chorus. The Messiah also will be joined by two settings of Czech Christmas carols, written and arranged by Antonin Tucapsky. Diane Cummins of Corvallis will be featured on the organ.

The first setting, *Time of Christmas*, is a cycle of seven carols including: "Come Sing and Dance," "A Child Is Born," "Sing All Ye Shepherds," "Balulalow,"

"Let Us Go to Bethlehem," "Joseph and Mary" and "Make We Merry."

The second setting, *Koleda*, consists of 10 carols written for chorus and organ, with text by Beryl Tucapska and Tony V. Isaacs. The set includes: "On a Narrow Footpath," "Midnight," "The Shepherd's Word," "Listen, Listen," "Mary's Cradle Song," "Choir of Angels," "Oh How Wondrous," "In the Name of Jesus" and "Jesus Christ is Born."

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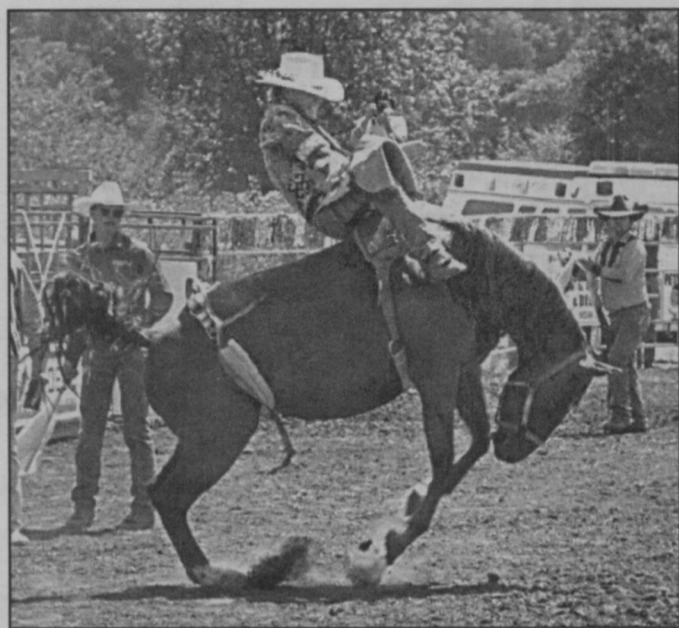
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## SPORTS PAGE



Tanner Langdon of LBCC's Rodeo Team shows his form on bareback. Langdon, who is from Oakland, Ore., and bull rider M.T. Anderson started the sport at LBCC last year.



## Rodeo club welcomes new members

by Amber Peavyhouse  
of The Commuter

For the second year in a row LBCC will be one of only 15 schools in the Northwest to have a competing Rodeo Team.

The danger and cost of the sport scares many away, but for LBCC ag major M.T. Anderson it has paid off with a rodeo scholarship to Idaho State University.

Last year Anderson and Tanner Langdon started the first Rodeo Club and Team at LBCC in 17 years. Both competed in rodeos and attended club functions while enrolled as full-time students.

The Rodeo Club is open to anyone who enjoys the rodeo atmosphere and is energetic, but who doesn't want to compete in the rodeos. Three members of the club are also on the Rodeo Team, which competes at rodeos throughout the west-ern states.

The club, which has 15 members overall, conducts fund raisers to pay for the team's travel expenses and entry costs.

The Rodeo Team members must have their required NIRA (National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association) cards to compete. Each school is required to host a rodeo every two years. Last year, of the 30 club members, only two—Anderson and Langdon—had their NIRA cards.

This year the team hopes to have more competitors. New-comer Lester Williams, a bull rider, is expected to compete along with Anderson, who is a veteran bull rider, and Langdon, a bareback rider.

"We're hoping for help members to get their NIRA cards this year because it helps the school get more recognition," said Anderson.

The official rodeo season is every weekend from March to May. Most of the rodeos are in Eastern Washington and Western Idaho, which is inconvenient for LBCC's team, requiring a drive of about eight hours to the closest rodeos and up to 12 hours to the farthest.

The travel cost for each of the 12-13 rodeos is tremendous. Gas, food, entry fees, and sometimes lodging cost each person \$100 at the very minimum per weekend. Anderson estimates the total cost for the year at \$3,300-4,000, plus the entry fees, which are \$25-35.

Because it is such a spendy sport, the Rodeo Team is always looking for sponsors who will help fund the expenses in return for advertising, such as magnetic panels on their rodeo vehicles or wearing the sponsor's jackets to the rodeos.

"Most of the people who are in rodeo are used to this way of life, sleeping overnight in cars to save money and paying their own way," said Anderson. "The best part about rodeoing is all the traveling time with your partner, and once you get to the rodeo there is pro-stock to get on."

The Rodeo Team practices twice a week at local ranches to work on their skills and gain experience. Anyone interested in competing is encouraged to get their NIRA card and join the team.

To join the club or team, students can contact the school adviser Jim Lucas in the Science Technology Building. There is a \$5 entry fee to join, and club meetings will be scheduled soon.

"We would be happy to take anyone to practice and work with them even if they don't have a lot of experience," said Anderson.

## scoreboard

### Results

Linn-Benton ..... 16 9 15 12  
Mt. Hood ..... 14 15 17 15

Linn-Benton ..... 15 15 15  
Chemeketa ..... 12 9 13

Linn-Benton ..... 15 8 15 9 9  
Lane ..... 3 15 10 15 15

### Standings

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| Clackamas   | ....  | 12 | 0  | 1.000 | —  |
| Mt. Hood    | ..... | 9  | 3  | .750  | 3  |
| Lane        | ..... | 6  | 6  | .500  | 6  |
| Chemeketa   | ..... | 5  | 7  | .417  | 7  |
| Linn-Benton | ..    | 5  | 7  | .417  | 7  |
| SW Oregon   | ..... | 4  | 8  | .333  | 8  |
| Umpqua      | ..... | 1  | 11 | .083  | 11 |

### Schedule

**Saturday, Nov. 23**  
Men's basketball  
at Northwest Christian, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 24**  
Women's basketball  
at WOSC JV, 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**  
Women's basketball  
Linfield JV, 5:30 p.m.  
Men's basketball  
Linfield JV, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 29**  
Men's basketball  
at Cold Turkey Tournament

**Saturday, Nov. 30**  
Men's basketball  
at Cold Turkey Tournament

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**  
Women's basketball  
WOSC JV, 5:30 p.m.  
Men's basketball  
Willamete JV, 7:30 p.m.

## Fall track training begins with numbers and all new faces for Carman

by Brandi Babbitt  
of The Commuter

The pouring rain hasn't slowed down the Roadrunner track team which has been practicing since the first day of school.

With the outdoor track season still four months away, practices so far have consisted of conditioning, over-distance running, plyometrics, weight lifting and attending a track class. With nine women and 19 men on the team so far, Head Coach Brad Carman said the team is no longer recruiting, but would welcome more women athletes who are already on campus.

Members of the men's team who have stood out so

far in the training season include Josh Bjornstad, decathlete/hurdler; Ryan Grant, sprinter/jumper; Dan Grissom, sprinter; Jeff Maskal, long sprinter; James O'Kane, decathlete; Matt Phillips, pole vaulter; Richard Stauble, sprinter/jumper; Justin Tedrow, decathlete; Jerry Soto, sprinter; Kyle Sherrod, sprinter; and T.J. Pinkston, who won't begin practices until winter term.

A few members of the women's team that Coach Carman mentioned are Heather Decker, thrower; Angie Case, sprinter; Susan Evans, jumper/hurdler; Krissy Slater, sprinter; Melissa Gale, javelin thrower, who just finished the volleyball season; and Cambria

Martin, a distance runner who just recently began practicing.

Coach Carman says the team also hopes to recruit Opal DeDue after she finishes the basketball season. The Roadrunner tracksters are short on distance runners and shot and discus throwers, but have lots of sprinters, jumpers and decathletes.

"We're optimistic so far. People have worked real hard. These teammates feed off each other and bring each other up—they push and pull together," said Carman. "Their hard work should pay off in the spring."

The Roadrunners have indoor meets in January and February, and the outdoor season begins in March.

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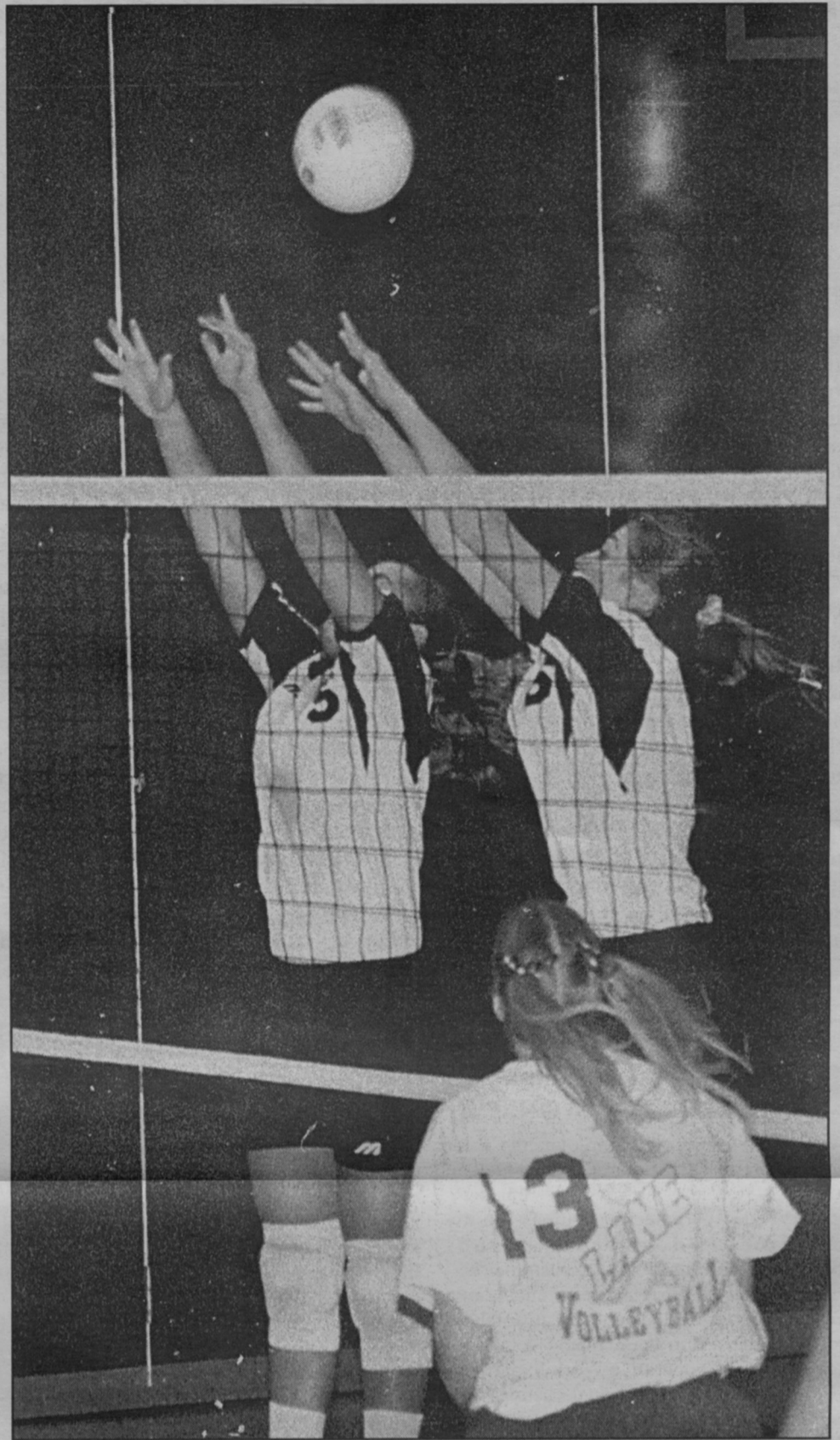
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## SPORTS PAGE

# Spikers close out successful season



Photos by Jessica Sprenger

LB sophomores Tammy Ames and Carrie Surmon and coach Jayme Frazier celebrate the school's first playoff victory (top left). Dondi Schock digs up a Chemeketa hit (left), while Dannae Laqua and Opal DePue teamed for the block against Lane.

## Roadrunners drop heart breaker in regional playoffs

Linn-Benton goes on late-season charge to make the playoffs for the first time in school, then sweeps Chemeketa in tie-breaker before falling to Lane in tough 5-game set

by Jessica Sprenger  
of The Commuter

In four years Jayme Frazier has taken the Linn-Benton volleyball team from an 0-12 season to 5-7 and fourth place in the Southern Region.

The Roadrunners finished their season Saturday with a 3-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-9, 15-9 loss to Lane in Southern Region playoffs.

"I thought this was ours, I really did. I would say in the last two games we really panicked and played too tight," Frazier said. "We were afraid to make mistakes and stopped being aggressive and that's what wins games for us."

Linn-Benton started the match with solid play, jumping out to an 11-1 lead before the Titans put their final two points on the board. The Roadrunners put their winning points on the board behind the serving of Dannae Laqua. Opal DePue had a block for the 12th point and then Laqua served three straight aces to win the game.

"Dannae was real solid all the way around today," Frazier said.

Lane got out to a 11-3 lead in the second game before

*"I would say defensively we were a little bit stronger this year. We weren't just relying on one person. It was spread over the team and that's what you have to have."*

—Coach Jayme Frazier

the Roadrunners battled back, but it wasn't enough as Lane knotted the match at one game each.

The two teams then exchanged games again before the Titans took the final game 15-9, after Linn-Benton played a ball into the rafters and failed to get it back to their opponents.

"Lane played hard, they fought hard and we did too at times," Frazier said. "It was a good match, we just let up when we shouldn't have."

Saturday marked the end of their Linn-Benton volleyball careers for Tammy Ames, Carisa Norton and Carrie Surmon. Ames, unfortunately, wasn't able to play Saturday because of a kidney infection.

Stepping in for Ames was freshman Kelli Fraker. The loss of Ames "was kind of a non-factor issue because Kelli did step in and do a good job," Frazier said.

Offensively the Roadrunners were led by Dondi Schock with 19 kills, while Surmon added 13.

On Friday night Linn-Benton made its first ever playoff appearance in a meeting of the fourth place

teams and swept host Chemeketa 15-12, 15-9, 15-13.

The freshmen led the hitting show, as Melissa Gale and Schock each had 15 kills, while Surmon added 12. As a team the Roadrunners committed only 11 hitting errors in 150 attempts.

Defensively Gale picked up 18 digs, while Norton added 16. Also in double digits in digs were Surmon with 14 and Schock with 12.

The Roadrunners made the playoffs despite losing to Mt. Hood in their final league game 14-16, 15-9, 17-15, 15-12.

Linn-Benton needed Lane and Chemeketa to split against their opponents.

Frazier accredits the teams success this season to a balanced offensive attack, something she didn't have in the past two years.

"In this league a strong outside attack really makes a difference," Frazier said. "Once they (the team) started learning how to win they played well as a group."

Surmon and Gale were leaders early in the season, but toward the end Schock added her name to the list of standouts. She was also named offensive player of the week for her play against Umpqua, Lane and SW Oregon.

Defensively the Roadrunners also spread the wealth around.

"I would say defensively we were a little bit stronger this year," Frazier said. "We weren't just relying on one person. It was spread over the team and that's what you have to have."



# Dangers linger in the air as industry, government look away

Duane E. Fandrem  
For The Commuter

As students we are constantly searching for that which affects us and our environment, both now and in the future. This quest for knowledge can be simply applied. It can also take the form of a life threatening venture which leads to a result which we have no control over.

Take the Gulf War veteran. This person was hastily sent to an area where there was mostly a physical threat. Who would have thought that anything other than shear metal and explosive sand would present future health problems? What I'm going to present involves one year of research into medical, physical and chemical data which in our local libraries. Our technical people have known this information, yet it's still a puzzling problem because it's actually causing problems to people where LIABILITY is a bigger problem.

The Gulf War veteran, in specialized operations, could have been exposed to nerve gas. Nerve gas generally attacks the synapses, muscle and nerve junctions of the extremities of the body and eyes, in low-dose amounts. With strong winds and quick dispersion of gases, this was not the main problem affecting the soldier in my opinion. A little chemistry has to be introduced now.

Fossil fuels (coal, oil and oil-bearing rocks) in low-oxygen combustion situations produce organic cyanides. These gases are heavy and hang low to the ground, while carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and soot carry the light and visible emissions. These emissions were carried a quarter way around the world.

Where did the heavy, toxic gases go? These organic

cyanides of methyl isocyanate, TDI, MDI and other hybrids stay local and swirl around the environment.

Being in the presence of these organic cyanides requires self-contained supplied air, like what the fireman uses in building entrance. A chemical gas mask will experience breakthrough in a short period of time in the presence of organic cyanides. Hydrogen cyanide and related organic cyanides have been around people for a long time, in very low concentrations—in cigarettes, certain fruits, and in chemical industrial exposures. Everyone knows about cyanide exposure and death: Bhopal and the Holocaust. Cyanide is a chemical which kills but has an antidote, amyl nitrite, which can cause almost complete reversal within a few hours to low-level concentration exposures, if administered.

In the field, cyanide can be readily air-sampled. Knockdown involves a lime solution scrubbing gases over long periods. Because of this long persistency in air, generated cyanide gases stay a long-term threat and can build to high concentrations if the volume of generation is large enough. Once absorbed by the human body, it enters the closest body cells and keeps them from taking oxygen from the blood. In short, you asphyxiate internally.

Also, the cyanide attacks the airway, the brain, and the heart first. Nerve signals from the central nervous system are reduced because the medulla and brain stem areas are attacked quickly. This is why cyanide gases are so toxic.

How many oil fires were burning during the

Gulf War operation? How far did the black smoke reach around the world? With minimal rain and organic vegetation to act as an absorbent, how many tons of cyanide gases could have been present in the Gulf War area?

These questions and answers, and many more questions, have been suppressed by the government and industry. Everyone is so concerned about what's entering our water. Don't you think that we should be concerned about what's entering OUR AIR?

I have brought up this issue to make people aware of the violations which are occurring in our everyday life. Those small violations, which have been addressed to Workmen's Comp. and Oregon OSHA, on a national level will be diluted even more.

Cyanide poisoning in low-level concentrations can be defined as the "advanced aging process." The symptoms of brain effects and void areas, chest pains, loss of muscle control, swallowing problems, and other symptoms set in rapidly. Physicians aren't qualified to assess the total damage, short or long-term.

With the exotic plastics and other structural organic compounds being made for consumer use today, the threat for cyanide exposure exists in sunlight or fire decomposition. Fire can cause this gas generation. Can our technology slowly put us in the ground?

All these questions have been addressed to warn the student, and to request "the powers" to address current and potential health hazards affecting mankind today. You will not be able to run from this exposure because it is invisible, only slightly detectable by smell, and "always addressed with an excuse."

Organic cyanides are lethally toxic at levels below their smellable concentration points. I have been personally involved with this problem. God Bless!

## classifieds

### LOOKING FOR WORK?

Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Tadena Hall in the Career Center. Part-time, full-time, temporary and permanent positions are available. We have more than 250 jobs listed - Student computer position, customer service/payroll clerk, retail sales and many, many more...an added bonus - if any of these jobs are related to your major, you could earn elective Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) credits. For a complete listing, visit our office or call our job hotline at 917-4798. If you are eligible for Federal Work Study through Financial Aid, we have a few jobs left: food service and print shop assistant on campus, ceramic lab aide and computer lab aide (1-8 p.m.) at the Benton Center and instructional lab aide at the Lebanon Center. Check with the Financial Aid Office if you are eligible for the Federal Work Study Program.

Soroptimist International Scholarship: Eligible applicants - a woman who is head of household, shows financial need and is entering a vocational or technical school or completing an undergraduate degree. Application deadline: Dec. 16, 1996. Additional information is available in the Career Center located in Tadena Hall.

We need volunteers to sign up for the Children's Winter Festival on Sat. Dec. 7, 1996 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have questions or want to sign up please contact Student Life & Leadership CC213 or call ext. 44

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### SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship contest sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. This poster competition will award 19 scholarships totaling \$15,000 to students who submit the best poster ideas to communicate personal responsibility and respect for the law regarding alcohol. This contest runs through Dec. 15, 1996. Information available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall

The Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation is offering 14 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per year to students who want to

explore the field of horticulture through their studies at a community college or university. Students must complete the application form, attach a copy of their transcripts and provide 3 letters of recommendation. For complete details, please go to the Career Center in Tadena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

Announcing the EMI/Selena Scholarship Program. Applicants must be a Hispanic U.S. citizens, full-time sophomores at an accredited 2-year college who plan to transfer to a 4-year college and enroll full-time fall 1997 in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree. Must have a 3.0 GPA. Application deadline is Dec. 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall.

Crater Lake National History Association is offering grants up to \$3000 to faculty, graduate students and undergraduates interested in doing scientific research or cultural studies about the park. Application deadline is Jan. 31st, 1997. Applications are available in the Career Center in Tadena Hall.

### DAYCARE

Tina's Daycare now has fall openings for preschool/daycare. Small groups for lots of individual attention. Space limited. Call today for reservations: 926-8920.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Want to learn the secrets to getting better grades in college? Send a long SASE with \$3

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

### FOR SALE

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

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

### FOR SALE

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For more information, please contact Naikia Benjamin at ext. 4463.





## OPINION PAGE

## Letters

## CAMP program serves more than minority students

To the Editor:

Although I'm thrilled to have an article written about CAMP, just to let you know, these students aren't international students, and since the program is open to anyone of any age who meets the work requirement (75 days of the past 24 months in a seasonal or agricultural migrant job) we prefer not to use the term minority.

One of our objectives has been to overcome the idea that CAMP is only for Hispanic and/or minority students.

Thank you for your article.

Kathy Green



## EXPRESS YOURSELF

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

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

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

pete petryszak

## Zaire mission reveals uncertainties of U.S. policy

President Clinton was right to say that something needs to be done to help the hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees in Zaire. The part that a lot of people disagree with is Clinton's assertion that it is the American military's job to help feed them and return them to their homes.

Every day we're presented with stories and images of starving people, oppressed minorities and dictators with complete disregard for human rights. Democratic leaders around the world speak out about the need to do something to stop these tragedies from happening, but, just like in America, the people there don't see why their soldiers should be the ones to step in and be the world's police force.

They have good reasons to object.

I don't think any country's military has the resources to stop all aggression, oppression and starvation in the world. When the United States or the United Nations does get involved in one area, it raises questions over why they see a need to be active in one place and not in others where similar problems exist.

Obviously, there are other reasons than the desire to alleviate suffering that prompt our leaders to send troops out on humanitarian missions.

A few weeks ago, Secretary of State Warren Christopher visited Africa to meet with African leaders and generate some support for an African peace-keeping force that would be able to carry out the same sort of missions our troops are being asked to do in Zaire.

Unfortunately for Mr. Christopher, African leaders like Nelson Mandela, president of South Africa, were not very keen on the idea.

The plan needs South Africa's support because its military is the best equipped and most able to organize peace-keeping or famine-relief missions in the region. In addition, South Africa is a democracy. It's hard to believe that repressive dictators would deliver humanitarian aid, especially to people victimized by wars the dictators themselves have started.

So perhaps Clinton came to the conclusion that this mission would help convince Mandela that the U.S. would take part in humanitarian missions in Africa, and that other countries should be willing to help out as well.

Now, don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that the only motive behind this deployment is to provide Clinton with another foreign policy feather for his cap, or that the other governments sending troops just want to add to their own prestige. I'm sure they have an honest desire to relieve the suffering of these displaced refugees, but there are always other motives behind military operations that our leaders don't want to tell us about.

Clinton's decision to wait until after the election to announce this new operation also raised some eyebrows.

This isn't the first time it has happened, though. President Bush waited until after the congressional elections of 1990 to begin the troop buildup for Desert Storm, and before that Woodrow Wilson ran for reelection in 1916 on the slogan "He kept us out of war" and plunged the United States into World

War I just a month after his inauguration.

Everyone has their own ideas about why troops get sent to certain places, but pondering the political motivations behind military operations doesn't answer the larger question of how problems like famine and civil wars can be dealt with, and what particular role the United States should play in humanitarian operations.

As the world's only superpower, the United States is in a position to lead and establish guidelines for how the world's military powers can be used in peacekeeping operations. However, there are a lot of people here who don't want the U.S. to be a world leader in that way.

With a situation like Zaire and Rwanda, the United States has the option to either move in unilaterally and attempt to resolve the situation, become part of a multinational peacekeeping force, or do nothing and play no role in the region whatsoever. Each option has its problems.

If the United States acts on its own whenever American leaders feel a problem deserves attention, there is a danger that the rest of the world will wait for the Americans to act and not take any part in the operations themselves.

This puts America in the role of the world's police force, a role our leaders have said repeatedly that they do not want the United States to play.

We could make a contribution of manpower or resources to an international effort, but this raises questions over who will be in command of American troops.

On one hand, we don't want to carry the sole responsibility of bringing order to the world; but on the other, we don't want to be part of a multinational group charged with the same task if we aren't the ones in command.

The third option, to do nothing, is not without its consequences either.

The United States has been asked by other nations to help with this relief effort, and we have sufficient manpower and materials to do so. A refusal by the U.S. to play a role in missions like this one could erode our position as a world leader. If we don't help out in an international humanitarian operation and other nations carry out the project successfully, they may begin to ask "who needs the U.S.?"

That might sound good to some people, but what if pulling the U.S. out of security operations in the world when it doesn't want to get involved leads to the U.S. being kept from being involved in making decisions it wants to be part of?

This leads me back to Secretary Christopher's trip to Africa. This mission could lay the groundwork needed to build a security force for Africa, one that could allow Africans to solve their own problems. Sending American forces during the first part of the operation could help to insure that the U.S. will still be involved in Africa, but in the future the heavy lifting will be done by African soldiers.

The criticism of using the military for peacekeeping and famine relief often centers around the idea that other nations closer to the conflict should resolve the problems themselves.

This operation might lay the foundation that allows them to do that.



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LOONEY LANE

# It's starting out to be a wet and wild winter!

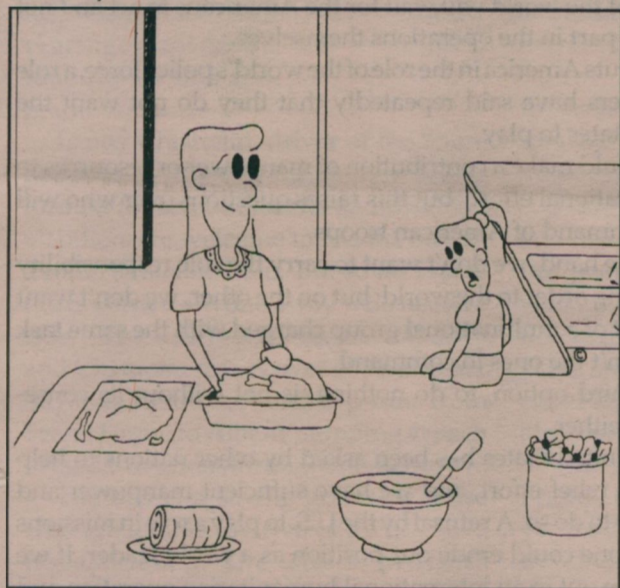


High water hit the campus hard Tuesday, shutting down two of the three primary entrances. Oak Creek, usually a picturesque trickle winding through the trees on the north campus, burst its banks and swelled to the size of a pond, creating a cascade as it overflowed Eastway Loop. To the southwest, Looney Lane was inundated by flood waters near the baseball field, but that didn't stop some vehicles from attempting to plow through.



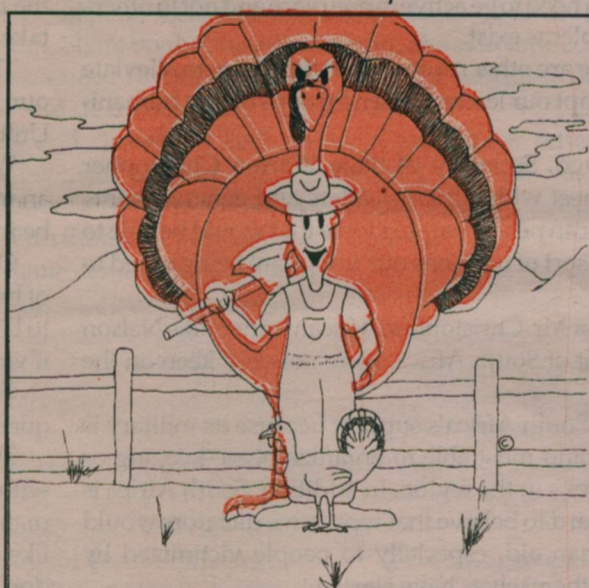
Digital photos by Josh Burk

Reality Bites



If that's where stuffing comes from, I think I will pass on it this year.

by Lance Dunn



You look like a good one.

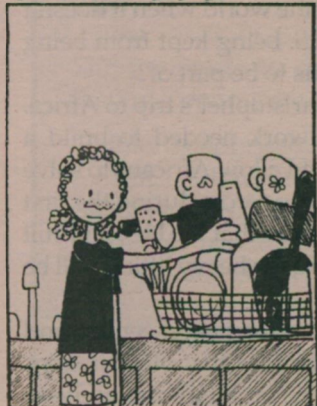
## Weekly Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Chums
  - 5 Peeled
  - 10 Snatch
  - 14 English school
  - 15 Living
  - 16 Gambling mecca
  - 17 Fountain treat
  - 18 Send payment
  - 19 Feed for Dobbin
  - 20 Run a machine
  - 22 Royal homes
  - 24 Hebrew priest
  - 25 Long-legged bird
  - 26 Knotty problem
  - 30 Robber
  - 34 Everyone
  - 35 Weather word
  - 37 Irritate
  - 38 Decays
  - 40 Having hearing organs
  - 42 Winter fallout
  - 43 Little fights
  - 45 Russian ruler
  - 47 Piece (out)
  - 48 Messenger
  - 50 Paraded proudly
  - 52 Docks
  - 54 Former name of Tokyo
  - 55 Scottish pony
  - 58 Royal wand
  - 62 Pelt
  - 63 Gem weight
  - 65 Persian fairy
  - 66 Finished
  - 67 School: Fr.
  - 68 Animal fat
  - 69 Coops
  - 70 Fast horse
  - 71 Otherwise

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## STAMPEDE



- DOWN
- 1 Mexican coin
  - 2 Over
  - 3 Vein of ore
  - 4 Trapped
  - 5 Tiny speck
  - 6 Nautical term
  - 7 Edge
  - 8 Force to move out
  - 9 Group of cops
  - 10 Caves

- 11 Genuine
- 12 Poker money
- 13 Overseer
- 21 Woe is me!
- 23 Spill over
- 25 Clairvoyant
- 26 Cruel
- 27 Wed in secret
- 28 Mass table
- 29 Cure
- 31 Religious belief
- 32 Call to mind
- 33 Marry again
- 36 Camp shelter
- 39 Office devices
- 41 Commanded
- 44 Small cut
- 46 Bare
- 49 Thaws
- 51 Overthrow
- 53 Respond
- 55 Look for bargains

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- 56 Home for bees
- 57 Eve's home
- 58 Store event
- 59 Duck
- 60 Makes a mistake
- 61 Go by car
- 64 Fish eggs