

Tuition to rise \$1 despite Measure 47 confusion

by Allison Ross
of The Commuter

LBCC is tightening its budget belt and raising tuition \$1 per credit next year as it waits for the state to sort out the impact of Measure 47 property tax cuts.

According to President Jon Carnahan, the college has already prepared its 1997-98 budget, totaling \$59,127,368. Just slightly smaller than this year's \$60,382,340 budget, it contains no significant program cuts, but it does impose a hiring freeze and trims about 8 percent from materials and services across the board.

He said the Measure 47 prohibition against raising fees to replace lost property tax revenue does not apply to the tuition hike because the state's prepared budget is expected to make up for lost property tax revenue. He added that the \$1 increase was originally planned during last year's budget process, before Measure 47 passed.

The confusion regarding Measure 47 has prompted



Jon Carnahan

the legislature to refer a comprehensive version of the measure to voters on the mail-in ballot, which is due back by May 20.

Measure 50 represents the 1997 legislature's revision of ballot measures 5 and 47. If approved, Measure 50 will replace both measures in the Oregon Constitution.

Carnahan said Measure 50 will not affect LBCC's budget for next year, but it is supposed to clear things up for the voters.

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Photo by Josh Burk

Crunch!

Emergency personnel wait for tow trucks at the scene of an accident involving a delivery truck and a Volvo sedan at Allen Lane and Highway 99E Wednesday. The driver of the Volvo, Sarah Sanders, was taken to Albany General Hospital, where she was treated and released. The truck driver was uninjured.

Unappealing fines motivate drivers to park legally

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Although parking tickets at LBCC cost more than at some other colleges, those who appeal are usually rewarded with reduced or eliminated fines.

Unfortunately, few students take the time to appeal. They're more likely to throw the ticket in the glove box and forget it—until they get a notice in the mail that it's just gone up another \$10.

Parking illegally at LBCC risks a \$20 ticket, unless you unlawfully park in a disabled parking zone, which will cost you \$100. And any ticket not paid or appealed within seven working days increases by \$10.

Fines are paid at the Business Office in CC-130 and go into the general fund. Since July of last year, \$4,590 in parking

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Commuter named top two-year college paper two years in a row

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

It's becoming a tradition.

The Commuter has once again been named the best two-year student newspaper in the state by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) at its annual conference last week.

This is the second year in a row and the fourth in the last five years that The Commuter has won the General Excellence Award among the state's two-year colleges. The Torch, of Lane Community College, came in second.

The Commuter submitted entries for 16 of the 17 categories and won 15 awards in 10 of those categories, including five first place awards:

- General Excellence
- Best Design
- Best Headline Writing (both first and second)
- Best House Ad (both first and second)
- College Ad of the Year

The Commuter tallied eight other awards—two more

second places and six honorable mentions. Receiving those awards were:

- Managing Editor Pete Petryszak of Corvallis, honorable mention in news writing for his coverage of Gov. John Kitzhaber's visit to Corvallis in February; and second place, as a co-writer, in best series for The Commuter's coverage of Measure 47's impact.
- Advertising Manager Kate Johnson of Corvallis, second in best house ad;
- Photo Editor Roger Lebar of Corvallis, honorable mention in best feature photo;
- Chief Copy Editor Mary Hake of Lebanon, second in best feature writing for her stories on LBCC's international students;
- Assistant Editor Allison Ross of Corvallis, second in headline writing and second as a co-writer, for best series;
- Reporter Dorothy Wilson of Albany, honorable mentions in both news story and feature story for her articles on LBCC's wiring of the campus for the internet and a homeless man's efforts to wrap power poles in

foil to improve highway safety.

- Photographer Amanda Miller of Corvallis, honorable mention in best sports photo.

The Commuter also took honorable mention in best series for its coverage of LBCC's student loan default problems. Writers for that series were Tricia Schwennesen, Sharon Gauthier and Tyler Sharp.

Over 100 editors, reporters, photographers and advisers gathered at The Sweetbrier Inn in Tualatin for this year's annual Collegiate Day on May 2.

The conference featured speakers Brad Cain of The Associated Press, Salem; Jacqui Banaszynski, senior enterprise editor, The Oregonian; Tim Gleason, associate dean of the School of Journalism and Communications, U of O; and Tony Overman, chief photographer, Corvallis Gazette-Times.

They spoke about their respective fields, gave tips on how to succeed in the "real world" of journalism and answered as many questions from the audience as time would allow.

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Trees, flowers and books on sale for Mother's Day

The annual Horticulture Club Mother's Day flower sale will be held this Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the courtyard outside Takena Hall. The sale will feature hanging baskets (such as fuchsias, geraniums, impatiens, lotus and petunias), bedding plants, trees and other plants as well as Dr. Alex Shigo's book, "Tree Basics." Proceeds will help support horticultural scholarships and a greenhouse enhancement project.

Fast train gives new meaning to rapid transit

The Flexliner, a new Danish high-tech train which has operated regularly in Europe at speeds exceeding 100 mph, will arrive in Corvallis from Independence today. It will be on display Thursday, May 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for free walk-through tours at Madison and Monroe, along the 6th street tracks. The public rides are sold out.

Summer term texts in bookstore June 9

Agency charging for the spring term will end on Friday May 9. Financial Aid and Agency funds will be available on June 9 for the purchase of summer term textbooks and supplies.

'Ellen' outing show to be shown Thursday

Tonight's episode of ABC's sitcom "Ellen" will be shown Thursday at noon in AHSS Room 103 by the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Support Group. The group also meets Monday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 in AHSS-103.

"Turning Point" class still open, free tuition

Seats are still open in this year's last Turning Point Transitions Program class, which will meet from May 12 to June 6th, Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to noon. The class is designed to help single parents, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers, their spouses and "anyone experiencing a major life transition." Tuition is free. For more information, contact Jill Weissbeck-Morgan at 917-4881 or Susan Cogan at 917-4876.

Parking fines often reduced after appeals

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fines were assessed. As of May, \$2,255 was still owed on those tickets.

The LBCC parking fine, which was originally \$2.50 and later raised to \$5, wasn't much of a deterrent, said Security Officer Vern Jackson, so it was raised four years ago to \$20.

"The 'motivator' is to encourage people to park legally," he said.

That's quite a chunk out of a student's wallet, especially when you consider that a parking ticket at OSU only costs \$15 for parking without a permit (going up to \$20 if left unpaid for 10 days), or \$100 for using a disabled space without a permit.

At Chemeketa College in Salem, regular parking violations are \$5 with a parking permit, \$10 without and double if unpaid within 14 days. Parking illegally in the disabled parking spaces costs \$50 more than at LBCC, however.

Jackson said that parking violators at LBCC are encouraged to appeal the ticket, adding that only a small minority of students and faculty who appeal actually end up having to pay the fines.

According to Miriam Kuipers, security office secretary, anywhere from 200-250 parking tickets are written every term, but only 30 percent are appealed.

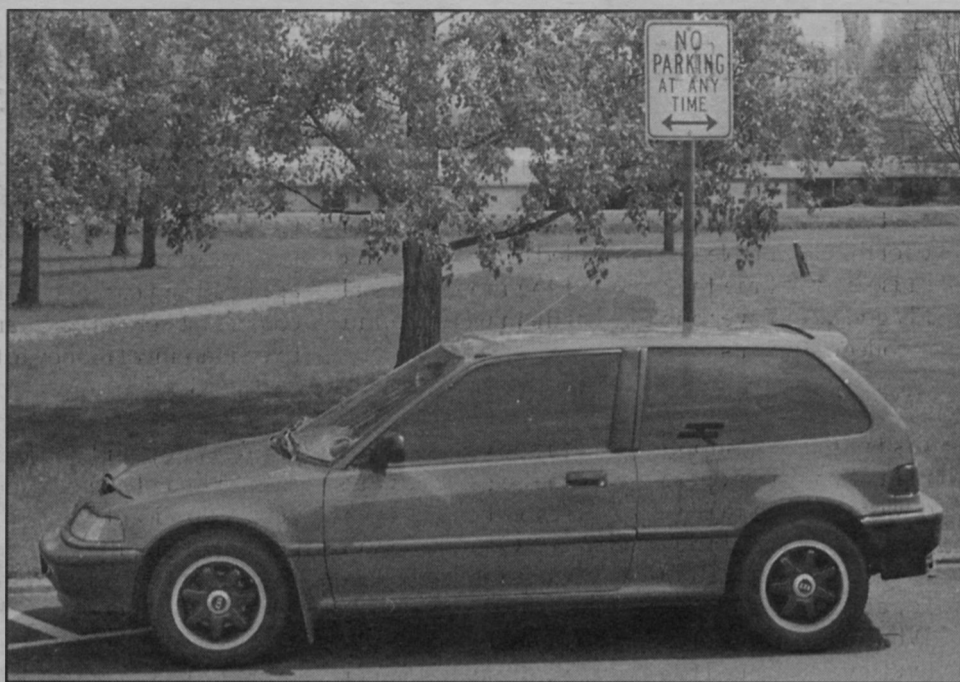


Photo by Jason Andrus

Parking illegally on the LBCC campus can be hazardous to your wallet, as each regular infraction earns a \$20 ticket, which goes up to \$30 if not paid in seven working days. Parking illegally in a handicapped spot earns a \$100 fine. More than \$4,500 in fines have been assessed since July 1.

The Petition Application Forms can be found in the Safety and Security Services Office in CC-123. Appeals are presided over by a three-person volunteer committee, which more often than not reduces the fine to a warning, or, in cases of legitimate oversight such as not displaying a disabled parking sign, voids charges.

Jackson said that it saves a lot of paperwork if appeals are filed before the fine is paid, although those who do pay and win an appeal are reimbursed. Violators can file an appeal at any time during the term in which they get the ticket.

The first time an appeal is filed it is usually reduced to a warning, but the second time the committee is not as forgiving, said Kuipers.

Students who do not pay fines will find that the college has placed holds on grades, transcripts and/or financial aid. In addition, they will not be able to register for classes for the next term.

"Personally, I don't want to write tickets," said Jackson, although he added that security officers make an attempt to check parking areas daily.

"Once we write a ticket," said officer John Kotyo, "it's out of our hands."

New ballot measure limits taxes, requires state funding

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According to the Legislative Revenue Office, Measure 50 will do the following:

- Limit property values (Values will roll back to 1995-96 values, less 10 percent.)
- Cut district tax levies 17 percent in 1997-98 (Requires 17 percent reduction in tax levies, after Measure 5 compression, in 1997-98. Requires cuts to reflect Measure 47 distribution of loss and sets public education and public safety as priorities.)
- Cap future tax growth on a property to 3 percent (Converts reduced levies into permanent rate limits for 1998-99 and beyond.)
- Allow voters to approve limited levies outside cap (No permanent levies outside of cap; levies must be approved at general election or an election with at least 50 percent turnout.)

- Impose bond levies on assessed value
- Require voter approval to raise fees to make up property tax losses (like a tuition increase)
- Require the state to replace school funds lost under Measures 5 and 47
- Restore January 1 tax assessment date
- Eliminate complex calculation for urban renewal bonding authority
- Reconcile definitions in existing Measures 5 and 47 tax limits (uses the Measure 5, as amended by Measure 47, definition of exempt bonds)

By rewriting Measure 47, legislative leaders hope it will give voters a clearer image of what they are voting on and also avoid the measure's high administrative and litigation costs. It also simplifies Oregon's tax system by creating a single system rather than placing one constitutional limit on top of another.

Commuter writers, photographers, ad designers honored

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Jan Eliot, nationally syndicated cartoonist of "Stone Soup," and a resident of Eugene, was the featured speaker at the awards ceremony.

ONPA President-elect Bill Hunter, publisher of Gresham's The Outlook, presented the awards to the winners. The competition was divided into three divisions: Division 1 for four-year daily newspapers; Division 2 for four-year

weekly, bi-weekly or monthly newspapers; and Division 3 for all two-year weekly, bi-weekly or monthly publications.

The U of O's Daily Emerald took General Excellence in Division 1, and the Linfield Review of McMinnville stole the show in Division 2.

Former Commuter Editor Craig Hatch won honorable mentions for news writing and second in series at Western Or-

egon State University.

Besides The Commuter and The Torch, other community colleges competing were The Advocate of Mt. Hood Community College, The Southwestern of SWOCC, The Clackamas Print of Clackamas Community College, The Voice of Multnomah Bible College, The Bridge of Portland Community College and The Mainstream of Umpqua Community College.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Rally planned to support raising state Need Grant by \$7 million

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Last year 17,000 Oregon college students who qualified for the Oregon Need Grant failed to receive any aid because by the time they applied the money was already gone. And over one-third of them were community college students.

The Oregon Community College Association plans to hold a rally from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the courtyard Thursday to show support for a proposal to remedy that situation. The proposal before the Legislative Ways and Means committee would increase the amount of money distributed through the Need Grant program, said Alan Contreras of the Oregon Community College Association.

While most forms of student aid are funded at the federal level, the Need Grant is the only one in Oregon that receives its funding from the state government. Grant money is available to full-time undergraduate students who meet residency requirements and attend one of the state's community colleges or a public or private four-year university.

Last year approximately \$25 million was distributed to students in the form of Need Grants. According to Contreras, an additional \$7 million would be needed to provide grant money to all the qualifying students who applied last year. The grants are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and the Legislature allocates a fixed amount of money to the grant program each year.

A large discrepancy exists between the percentage of applicants from community colleges who receive grant money and those from four-year universities. Approximately 90 percent of qualifying four-year university applicants receive grants, compared to only 67 percent of qualifying community college applicants.

Contreras blamed this discrepancy on the fact that community college students usually enroll later in the year than university students, so the money is often gone by the time many of them apply.

Some have suggested establishing separate accounts for community colleges, private four-year institutions and public universities in order to provide grant money to an equal percentage in each sector.

However, establishing those separate accounts,

known as "firewalls" to insiders, would have its own problems, Contreras said.

"Right now, the money follows the student," Contreras said. "With firewalls set up, students who qualify for the grant and then transfer to schools in another sector could lose their money."

Another possible result of such a system is that grant money could be sent to more than one school if a student transfers from a community college to a university.

The real way to solve the problem, Contreras said, is to fully fund the program.

In addition to raising students' awareness of the revenue shortfall, OCCA also hopes to catch the ear of state Rep. Carolyn Oakley, a Republican member of the Ways and Means committee whose district encompasses LBCC.

"She's been a supporter of community colleges before, and obviously her vote's very important," Contreras said. "We hope she's inclined to vote in favor (of the \$7 million funding increase). I also hope the folks in her district support it and will voice their opinion."

LBCC staff members pouring knowledge, skills into resource pool

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Expertise—everyone either has some or desires to gain it.

LBCC staff have been invited to share their knowledge and skills with other staff members, creating a pool of resource persons available to assist others as needed.

"Lots of times faculty get an opportunity to shine," said Marti Ayers who is in charge of staff and organizational development, and is coordinating the resource pool. She said this will offer all staff and classified employees an opportunity to share their knowledge.

"There is lots of expertise on campus, but it doesn't necessarily correlate with the job description," said Ayers. "This is an opportunity for people to grow by sharing their expertise."

Ayers explained that this would be a broader effort than the current classes offered as part of staff training and development.

Rather than a small group of people giving presentations in a class format, it would be one-on-one or offer quick help as needed, she said.

It could take a more informal approach than a class setting, she added. For example, when someone has problems with a particular computer program, they would know who to call for advice.

Participants decide what professional skills they could share or what they have to offer in the area of facilitating a group, regardless of their position. They submit a proposal for approval by the Staff and Advisory Committee, then keep a log of their assistance activities and submit it monthly. They will even be paid as faculty for their time.

A flyer with photos of consultants and what they have to offer will be circulated to LBCC staff, who are all eligible to take advantage of these services.



Photos by Jason Andrus



Independence Day, Latin Style

The Student Life and Leadership team helped students celebrate Cinco de Mayo Monday by organizing a party in the courtyard, complete with a Mexican folk band, pinatas and food booths. Children from the LBCC Child Care program had fun taking swings at the two pinatas, and the Spanish Club sold lots of black beans and rice and taquitos with guacamole.

NAACP awards LB's Bryant for outstanding anti-discrimination work

At its April meeting, the Corvallis Branch NAACP voted to give an award to Tammi Paul Bryant for outstanding leadership in anti-discrimination work.

NAACP cited Bryant's work in coordinating the 1993 Anne Frank Exhibit, visits to LBCC by Anita Hill (1996) and Shirley Chisholm (1994) and her recruitment of minorities to participate in college leadership activities, as well as workshops and training presentations about diversity she has created and facilitated.

She chaired the Community Alliance for Diversity in 1996, participated in the Albany Problem Solving Committee, and was a founding member of the Linn County Human Rights Commission.

Other recipients of the award are Rigoberto Hernandez, an OSU student, and Sheila Shafer, a

"... it's the responsibility of every person to do what they can to be sure that everyone's dignity is preserved."

—Tammi Paul Bryant



Corvallis High School teacher.

When asked what draws her to doing this type of work, Bryant stated, "The bottom line is—it's the responsibility of every person to do what they can to be sure that everyone's dignity is preserved. It's everyone's responsibility to do what they can, wherever we

are in the journey of life."

In addition to the NAACP award, Bryant has earned many other awards for similar work.

In 1993 she received the Mayor's Commendation Award for work in human rights. Bryant also received an award from the Linn County Human Rights Commission for her work in diversity education.

The NAACP award will be presented by the Corvallis Branch at its 26th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, Saturday, May 17, 6:45 p.m. at O'Callahan's Restaurant at the Ramada Inn, Corvallis.

Tickets for the affair are \$25 each (\$35 including membership) and only available until May 10.

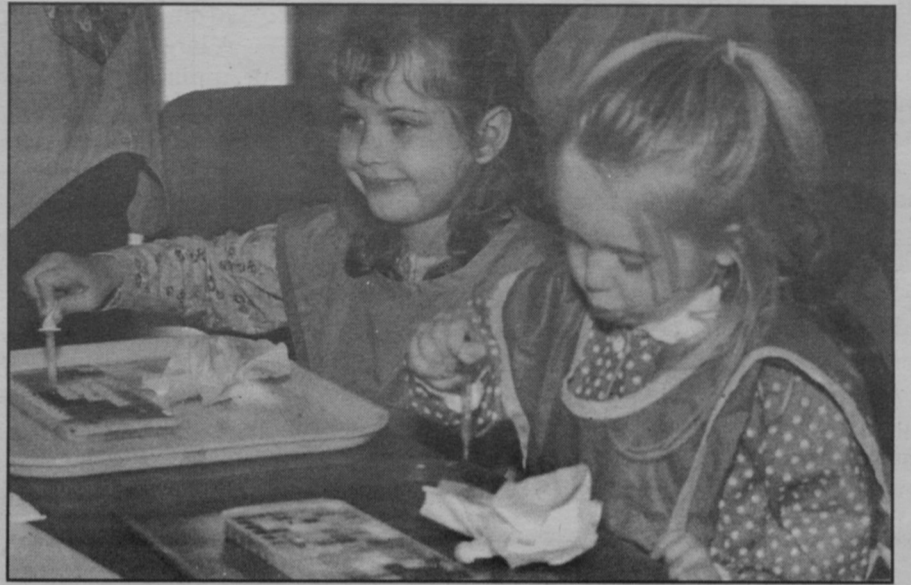
Call Sue Sheythe, 917-4806, for information on tickets, or NAACP at 541-753-3223 or 541-754-1347.

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Fun at the Fun-Raiser

Children are the reason for LBCC's annual Family Fun-Raiser, and from the looks of it, they had the most fun at last weekend's event at the Benton Center. Proceeds from the day will be used to fund scholarships for the Parent Education Program.



Photos by Roger Lebar

Honor Society plans Quad Sale, shadow day and installation of officers

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Quad Sale, student shadow program, general meetings, installation of officers and induction of new members fill the calendar this month for LBCC's Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

These events will be discussed at the general meetings on Wednesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 15, at noon in Industrial Building C, Room 105—on the north-

west corner of campus across from the greenhouse.

The quad sale will be held Saturday May 17. Tables are available for individuals and organizations to rent for \$5. To sign up for this giant community yard sale in the courtyard, call Jeff at 924-0667 or Kim at 752-6544.

Items may also be donated for the honor society to sell. If you are unable to bring them to school the morning of the sale, contact advisor Rosemary Bennett at 917-4780. Please price them ahead of time.

On Wednesday, May 21, high school students from the area will be on campus shadowing current LBCC students as they attend classes and school activities.

New officers, including president-elect Gloria O'Brien, will be installed on Friday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in the Forum. Still needed are a recording secretary and membership coordinator. Awards will be also be presented, and 29 new members will be inducted at the ceremony.

Festive French feast features fancy fowl, fish and other fine foods and confections

The Culinary Arts Department hosts their 24th annual French Banquet Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia rooms.

The menu includes ostrich pate en croute, spring vegetable consomme, sole and salmon mousseline, lemon rose sorbet, pan-seared duck breast, special greens salad and vanilla bean creme brulee.

This traditionally exquisite meal, ac-

companied by a variety of beverages, will be served in an elegant atmosphere by accomplished wait staff for only \$21 per person.

Reservations are necessary and can be secured by calling extension 4385. Tickets need to be paid for by May 19 and can be purchased in College Center Room 214. Checks, VISA, MasterCard and, of course, cash are equally welcome.

Quad Sale

Saturday May 17

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

in the LBCC Courtyard

Rent a table for \$5

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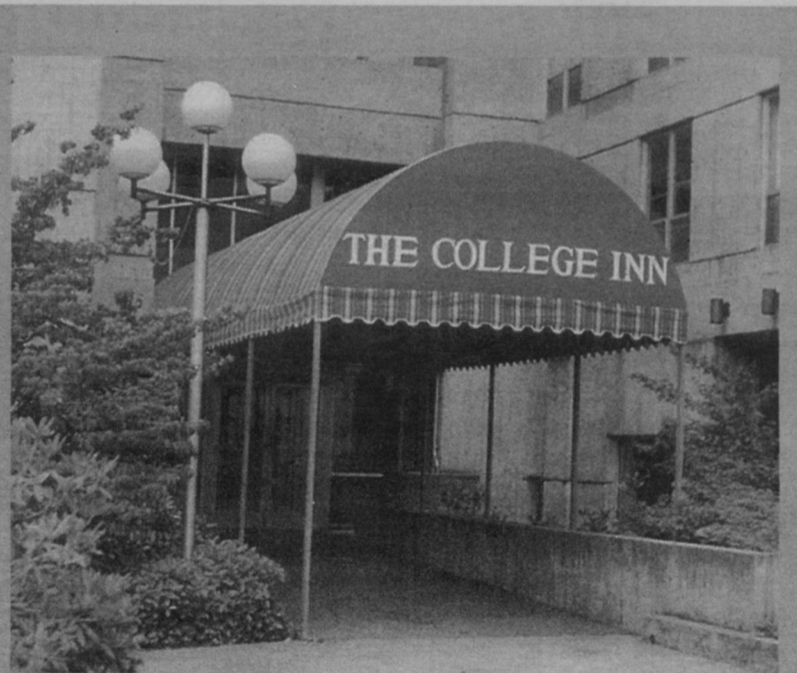
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Drama of Helen Keller's life opens May 23 on Tadena stage

From the LBCC News Service

LBCC Performing Arts Department will finish its 1996-1997 season with "The Miracle Worker" later this term.

LBCC theater instructor George Lauris, who recently directed the enormously successful production of "Winnie-the-Pooh," brings us the true and inspiring story of young Helen Keller's metamorphosis from a child without sight, speech or hearing into a thinking, understanding and communicating human being.

Playwright William Gibson dramatized the clash of wills between Helen and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. The play deals with the first meeting of these two dynamic individuals and the titanic struggle to bring Helen out of an almost feral state.

Gibson became aware of the dramatic possibilities of this story through a chance encounter with Helen Keller and by reading her autobiography and Annie Sullivan's letters.

He first fashioned the story into a television script that aired in 1957. The overwhelming response to that broadcast prompted him to expand the story into a stage play which opened in New York in October 1959.

"The remarkable thing about 'The Miracle Worker' is that it's an emotional play on a deeply touching subject, but it never goes in for sentimental cheap shots."

—George Lauris

The show starred Anne Bancroft as the indomitable Annie Sullivan and Patty Duke as Helen Keller.

The same two stars appeared two years later in a film version of the play. Both the play and the film received critical and popular acclaim. The play has become one of America's most popularly produced dramas.

"The remarkable thing about 'The Miracle Worker' is that it's an emotional play on a deeply touching subject, but it never goes in for sentimental cheap shots," says director Lauris. "It is an interesting, deeply absorbing and moving theater experience, with an abundance of light-hearted and very funny moments."

Tickets are on sale at the Tadena Theatre Box Office, 12 to 3 p.m., or call 541-917-4531. Tickets are also

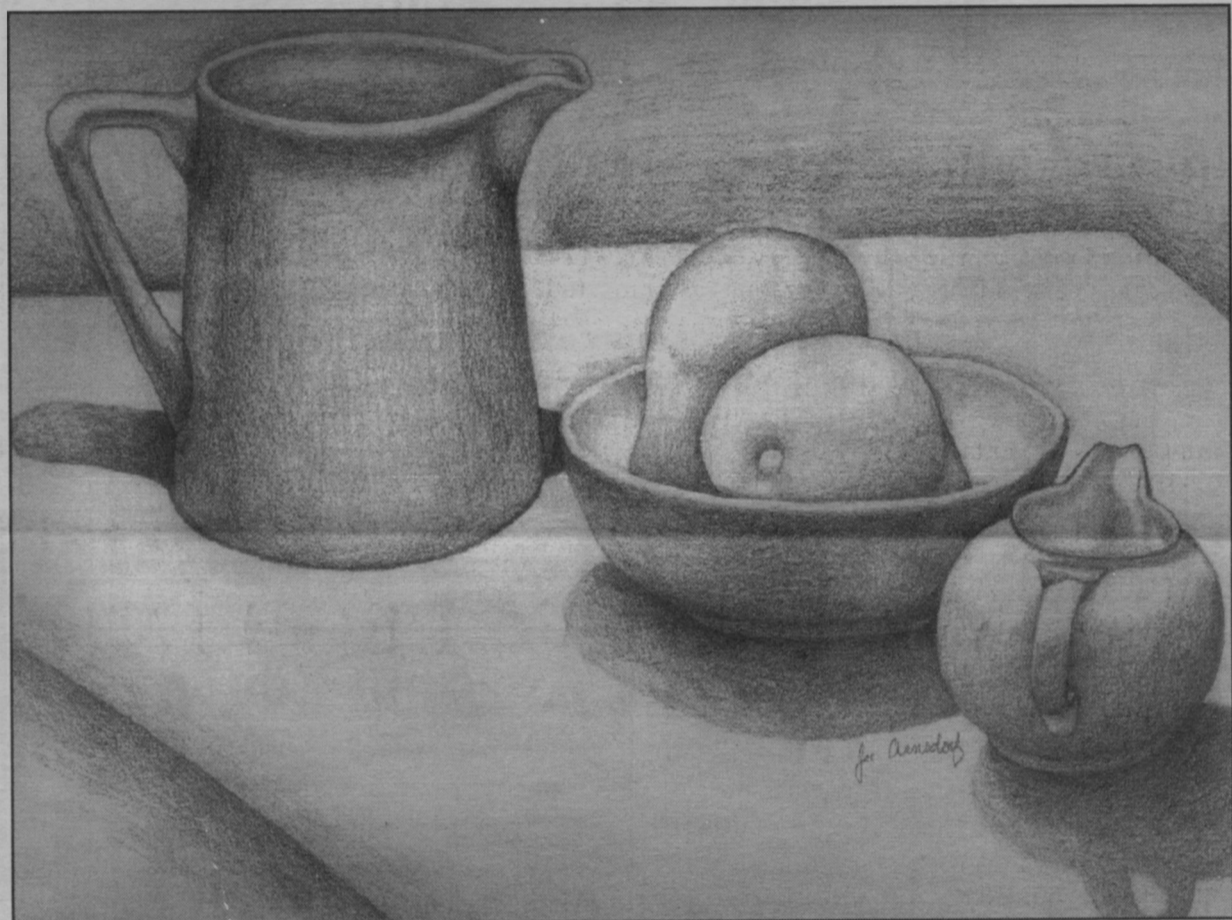
available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

The performances will be in LBCC's Tadena Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24 and May 30 and 31 with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday June 1. Admission is \$7, and all seating is reserved. The box office opens two hours prior to performances, with doors opening 30 minutes before curtain time.

May 31 is a special benefit performance for the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships. Performances on May 24 and 31 will be sign interpreted.

The cast includes Lorraine Beacham of Albany as Annie Sullivan and Meg Chiappisi of Philomath as Helen Keller. Additional cast members are Robert Carlson, Laura Caswell, Michael Joseph Deveney and Eric T. Pugh, all of Albany; Tina Empol and Chandra Spencer of Corvallis; Allan Carroll of Lebanon; and Doni Manning Cyrus of Tangent.

Scenery is designed by Bruce Peterson and costumes by Elaine L. Murphy and The Costume Loft. Matthew T. Orme, of Seattle, choreographed the complicated and potentially dangerous fight sequences between Annie and Helen. Orme choreographed these same scenes last year for Tacoma Actors Guild.



Student Art Show

This pencil drawing by Joe Arnsdorf is among more than 60 pieces on exhibit in the AHSS Art Gallery through May 16. The show features work by students in drawing, figure drawing and other art classes.

creative connections

School kids' art

The Corvallis Arts Center, 700 S.W. Madison, will host "a delightful profusion of art" by children from the 509J school district from May 10 through May 29. School art specialists Rick Donnell and Kay Reeves helped coordinate this art show. An artist reception will be held Wednesday, May 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For information, call Hester Coucke at (541)754-1551.

Opening the Eloquent Umbrella

Two free public readings by contributors to the 1997 Eloquent Umbrella, LBCC's annual literary journal, will be held this month. The first one, sponsored by the Willamette Literary Guild, will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Corvallis Arts Center, 700 S.W. Madison. The second, sponsored by the Valley Writers Series, will take place on Wednesday, May 28, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the LBCC Board Rooms on the first floor of the College Center Building. The journal sells for \$2 and will be available at the readings and in campus and area bookstores. For information, contact Linda Varsell Smith at (541)753-3335.

Spring Concert in Eugene

Cheryl A. Zoller, classical musician, will present a free concert Saturday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the United Trinity Methodist Church, 440 Maxwell Road, Eugene. She will be performing on trumpet, trombone and piano, along with short story readings. For more information, call Pastor Ken Knoll at (541) 688-6008 or (541) 689-3116.

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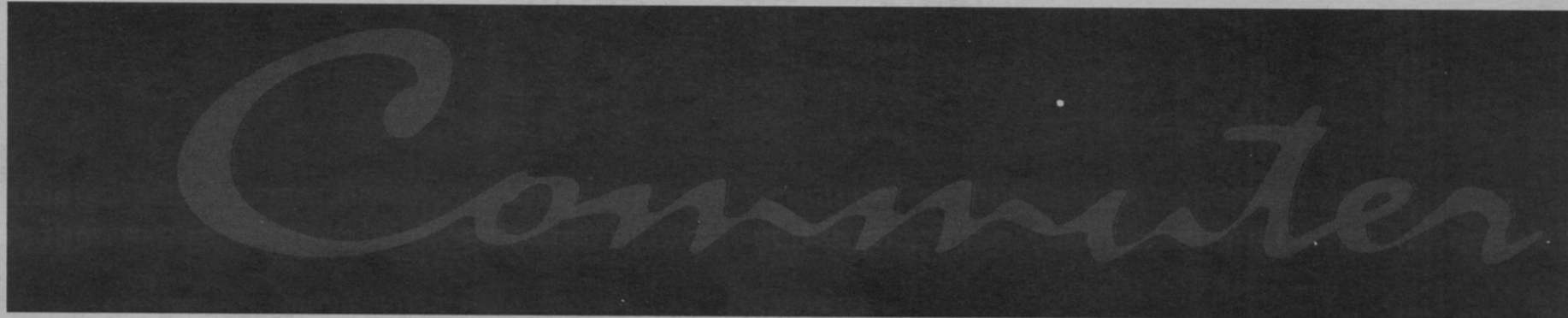
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WANTED!

The Commuter needs creative students to fill positions on the 1997-98 staff

Editor

Individuals interested in journalism and communications careers are encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a full annual tuition grant and provides practical experience for aspiring writers and editors. Students with coursework and/or experience in journalism are preferred. Applicants must be enrolled as students throughout the 1997-98 academic year. Appointment made by the LBCC Publications Committee.

DEADLINE IS MAY 15

Photo Editor

Students with an interest and skills in photography are sought for this position, which offers valuable experience for anyone planning to pursue a career in photography. Several past Commuter photo editors have gone on to work at professional newspapers in Oregon and elsewhere. Applicants must have knowledge of conventional lab work. Familiarity with digital imaging preferred, but we will provide training in Photoshop skills. The appointment carries a 75% annual tuition grant.

Sports Editor

A writer with an interest in athletics and outdoors is sought for this position. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but anyone with a flair for writing and a passion for sports is encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant and provides valuable training and job experience.

Graphics Editor

The Commuter is seeking an individual with experience in graphics and/or journalism to take charge of the graphic design and production aspects of the weekly newspaper. This position involves helping develop the overall design of The Commuter and coordinating the graphic production operations. Macintosh experience preferred. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant.

Assistant Editors

Students interested in arts & entertainment, copy editing and writing are encouraged to inquire about one of several assistant editor positions, including Managing Editor. Some journalism or writing experience preferred, but all interested applicants are encouraged to apply. Appointment to Managing Editor carries a 75% tuition grant, while other positions carry 35% tuition grants.

Digital Page Designer

This part-time position pays approximately \$6+/hour for up to 12 hrs/wk Mon.-Tues. Work with the Mac to typeset copy, design ads and format tabloid pages. Macintosh experience and good English skills required; familiarity with Pagemaker helpful. Provides valuable experience for majors in journalism, graphics and pre-press technology.

Ad Manager

Individuals with career goals in business, graphics or journalism are ideal candidates for this position, which involves coordinating the sale, design and billing of display advertising. Macintosh experience helpful. The position carries a full annual tuition grant. Applicant must be enrolled for the 97-98 academic year.

Work Study

**Editorial Assistant
Production Assistant
Advertising Assistant
Photography Assistant**

These positions open to work-study eligible students only. Information on work study eligibility is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for Editor is May 15. Deadline for all other positions is flexible.

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NEWS FOCUS

Mother's Day *LBCC style*

Mother-daughter relationships change with the times, yet basic sentiments remain. LBCC mothers and daughters discuss their feelings for each other, experiences together on campus and Mother's Day.

Stories and photos by Dorothy Wilson and Betty Hodges

High energy characterizes the relationship between Lynette Wynkoop and her bright-eyed 3-year-old daughter, Jolynn.

While Mom works at Family Connections in the Family Resources Department helping parents find childcare, Jolynn stays at the LBCC Children's Center Co-op.

"It's a wonderful setup for us because it allows me to take part in Jolynn's care. It gives us the opportunity to stay connected," said Lynette.

In addition to visiting Jolynn at the center, Lynette puts in three hours a week caring for children there, as do all the other parents. Lynette is expecting another child in August.

"It is helpful to meet with other parents at the center to exchange parenting ideas and give each other support," she said.

Jolynn is learning how to give her mom some support too.

Since little Jolynn doesn't quite get the Mother's Day concept, Lynette is offering some not-so-subtle hints.

"Jolynn noticed a colorful Mother's Day display in a store window and asked about it," said Lynette, "I told her about Mother's Day, and said that Daddy would take her shopping if she asked him."

We asked Jolynn what she would be getting her mom for Mother's Day. She said, "Flowers! Lots of flowers!"



Did you know?

•1907: After the death of her mother, Anna M. Jarvis, pioneer in the Women's Suffrage Movement, began campaigning to have one day set aside to honor mothers.

•1914: President Woodrow Wilson designated a national Mother's Day to be observed on the second Sunday of May each year.

•1920: Hallmark made the first Mother's Day card.

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4. Clothing
5. Jewelry

Many other countries have joined the U.S. in designating a national observance of Mother's Day including Canada, the West Indies, Mexico and most other countries in Central and South America along with many European countries.



Love defines the relationship between Bev Gerig, senior accounting clerk at LBCC's business office, and her mother, Wilma Henderson, who also works at LBCC.

For the past five years Wilma has worked in the bookstore during registration periods, helping students find books and supplies. Bev says she is proud of her mom.

"I always hear nice things about Mom from her co-workers," she said.

Wilma retired from Oregon Freeze Dried, then decided to reenter the workplace and got the job at the bookstore.

Both mother and daughter say they have had a good relationship over

the years.

"We've gone over some rough spots together," said Wilma, "but not about anything between us."

Nowadays Bev tries to get advice from her mom on rearing her own two teenage daughters, 12-year-old Carly and 15-year-old Tara.

"I ask Mom for advice, but she rarely gives it, saying that 'it was another time' when she raised me and things are different now." But Bev says it is interesting to hear about what her mom says she was like as a teenager.

On Mother's Day they have a family get-together and top it off with a nice dinner.

"**W**e're best friends," said Karen Stark, LBCC nursing student, about her relationship with her daughter, Bethany.

In fact, they're not only friends and family, they're schoolmates as well.

Bethany is taking the pre-nursing classes while her mother is finishing her second year.

"We took microbiology, nutrition and chemistry together," said Karen. She added that it has been nice to be able to cover lectures for each other and to share books.

Ironically, it was Bethany who inspired her mom to go back to school,

but it's Mom who will get her degree first when she graduates as an R.N. this June. Bethany spent last year at Ricks Junior College in Idaho.

"I needed a change, I wanted to spread my wings," said Bethany.

As for Mother's Day, Bethany says "We serve Mom breakfast in bed, and we don't allow her to do any chores. We put cards on her bed and give her gifts."

Karen says her favorite gifts on Mother's Day "come from the heart—it can be a simple handmade card or a poem they wrote. It's the love that counts."



Don't Forget

Mother's Day

Sunday
May 11

NEWS FOCUS



Ryan Hogan and Michael Rowton seem ready for action at the recent Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day at LBCC.

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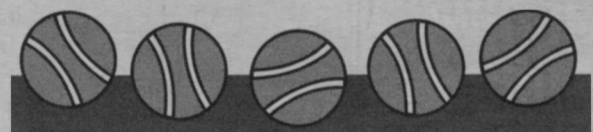


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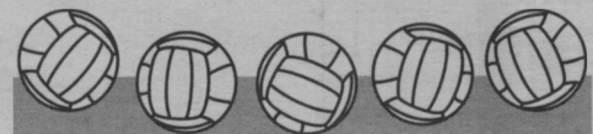
T E N N I S

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Singles Tournament Thursday, May 15th at 3 pm

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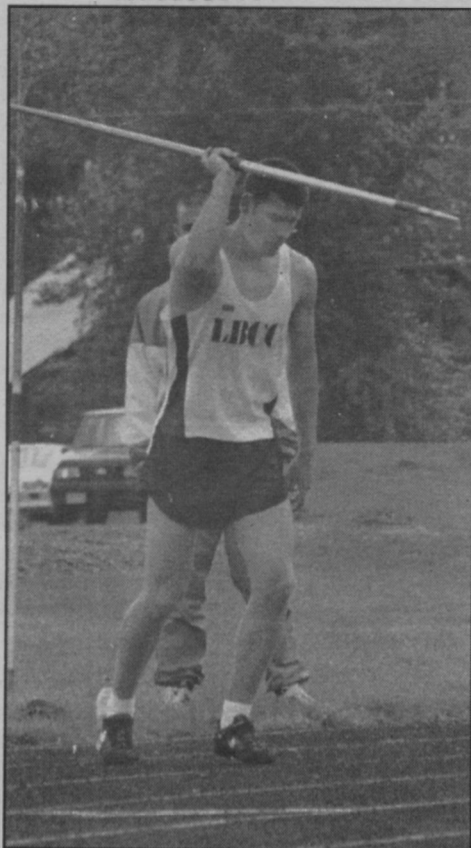
Sand Volleyball Tournament '97

Thursday, May 22nd at 3 pm

This tournament will be at the LBCC Sand Courts.

Pick up entry forms for these tournaments in the Student Life and Leadership Office CC-213. For any questions about these tournaments please contact Naikia Benjamin in CC-213 or 917-4463.

SPORTS PAGE



Photos by Shawna Phillips

Freshman Josh Bjornstad shows his form in the javelin during the NWAACC Multi-Event at LBCC last week. Bjornstad set several personal bests in the meet.

Gale leads women in meet; Bjornstad improves in decathlon

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Last weekend's Clackamas Open turned out to be one of the better track meets for the Lady Runners as Melissa Gale placed first in the javelin throw.

"Overall I was happy with Melissa's effort. Her javelin is really starting to come around," Coach Brad Carman said of Gale's 129-11 throw.

Three other women placed third on Saturday. Renee Growcock had a personal best in the 1500 meters with a time of 5:23.8. Darcy Zettler ran the 800 in 2:34.9. Cambria Martin had a time of 20:58.3 in the 5000.

T.J. Pinkston came out strong for the men, placing first in the 110 hurdles and second in the high jump. In the hurdles, Pinkston was running into a headwind, but still managed a respectable 16.0. He also jumped 6-4.

Rich Stauble also placed twice in the meet. In the high jump he put up a mark of 6-2, which put him in third. In

the 200 he came in fifth with a time of 22.9.

The 4x100 relay team put in a strong performance despite the fact that the team's fastest runner, Kyle Sherrod, had to miss the meet. Josh Bjornstad took his place and helped the team finish in 43.0, only one hundredth of a second off of the new school record that Sherrod, Stauble, Dan Grissom and Ryan Grant had set just last weekend.

"The 4x100 relay has really started to come on, so we're looking for good things as we head into the championships—maybe even some upsets," Carman commented.

Both Jeff Maskal and Chad Engel had season bests in the 400. Maskal had a time of 53.2, and Engel wasn't too far behind with 56.0.



Melissa Gale

In the NWAACC Multi-Event last Monday and Tuesday, Bjornstad didn't score any points for the team, but he achieved a personal record in most of the events. That left Carman encouraged about his possible return to compete with the team next year. Carman said he expects him to be very competitive because of the experience that he got from the event.

"Usually, you look for someone who's a really good hurdler or pole vaulter coming in and try to make them a decathlete," said Carman. "But Josh had to learn most of the really technical, tough events from scratch, which is really difficult to do."

James O'Kane was also supposed to compete in the multi-event for LBCC and was expected to be one of the top finishers. However, he was kept out because of a muscle strain in his inner thigh and abdomen.

LB will be competing in the Southern Region Championship this Friday and Saturday at Mt. Hood.

jock in the box



Who: Ryan Scroggins

What: Freshman Pitcher

Background: Elmira H.S./ Elmira, Ore.

Recent Highlights: In his last 12 innings pitched he's given up only four earned runs, three hits and struck out nine.

Stats: 2-0 record, 2.75 ERA and 21 strikeouts.

Sports Hero: Nolan Ryan

Worst Sports Moment:

"In the playoffs, it was the bottom of the tenth inning and I had thrown a two-hitter so far. Then with two outs and nobody on and the score tied 2-2, a kid who had never hit a home run in his life hit one that was probably over four hundred yards to win."

Costly errors plague 'Runners as season winds down

Two losses against Clackamas put LB's playoff chance in jeopardy as their lead narrows to half a game.

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

With the end of baseball season quickly approaching, so are some doubts of Linn-Benton making the playoffs.

After splitting a doubleheader on Sunday and losing one on Monday, all against Clackamas, the second-place Roadrunners now have an 11-9 league record, half a game ahead of Chemeketa, with Clackamas not far behind in fourth place.

In the first game on Sunday, starter Brannon Cedergreen threw a complete game, shutting out the Cougars and striking out nine. LBCC scored two runs in the fourth and one in the eighth with help from Barry Banville and John McManus, who were both 2-for-4 in the 3-0 victory.

In Game 2, Clackamas came out looking for revenge and got it, beating LB 5-1 as the Roadrunner pitchers struggled. Starter Brian Fauth gave up three runs in as many innings. Three relievers managed to quiet the Cougars' bats a little, allowing only two more runs in the last

four innings.

Ryan French was the only 'Runner with more than one hit, going 2-for-3.

"In the second game Brian Fauth did a nice job, but we didn't make some defensive plays. They hit some flares and scored some runs. We needed to change the tempo, but couldn't," said Coach Greg Hawk.

Monday's game put both teams on an emotional roller coaster as it came down to who wanted the win more. In the end it was Clackamas scoring six runs in the eighth inning off three errors, two walks and a critical three-run double to down

LB 13-7.

The Cougars jumped out to a quick 7-3 lead, but the Roadrunners used some fundamental baseball, with three sacrifices and nine walks in the game, to get right back in it and tie the game at seven in the seventh inning.

Ben Ward, who had been out for most of the season with a broken thumb, is starting to come around and had a 2-for-3 effort. Robbie Hollister was 1-for-2, with two sacrifice flies, two RBIs and a stolen base. Chris Burton also put in a good offensive effort without getting any official at bats. He walked four times and added a sacrifice fly.

"We can either be playing eight days or 15 days, and I know how long I want to play. I'm looking forward to seeing how these guys want to finish."

—Greg Hawk

hawk squawk box

"They made the defensive plays and we didn't, and it's gotten down to the point where pitching at the end and making the defensive plays will decide who keeps playing and who stays home."



—Greg Hawk

"We haven't played real solid at the end of the baseball game, with the exception of the Chemeketa game a week and a half ago," commented Hawk.

Looking ahead to the possibility of the Roadrunners making the playoffs, Hawk noted that the team has only five regular season games left in the next eight days.

"We can either be playing eight days or 15 days, and I know how long I want to play. I'm looking forward to seeing how these guys want to finish."

The next three games will be played at home, starting with a doubleheader against Lane at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Tuesday it will be a single game against Chemeketa starting at 3 p.m.

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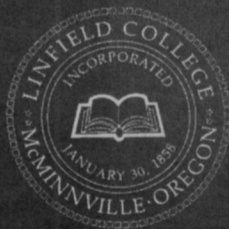
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OPINION PAGE

commentary

Ellen's gay . . . so are thousands of others

The Daily Sundial

California State University-Northridge

It has got to be a tough gig being a homosexual in the age of "political correctness." Who really cares that this is America, "the home of the free?" The country that prides itself on being the nation where "all men are created equal. . ."

A recent cover of Time magazine boasted Ellen DeGeneres, star of the hit sitcom "Ellen," announcing that she was indeed gay.

Speculation on this matter has been running rampant over the course of the past few months, it almost became a matter of national importance. Still it prompts many self-respecting citizens to ask the ever-lingering question: "Who really gives a damn?"

Yeah, she's gay. So are hundreds of thousands of other people.

Nonetheless, there are still several simpletons out there who can't find anything better to do with their time than make a big brouhaha—one such example being the American Family Association, a radical right organization dedicated to upholding "family values."

And what better way to uphold the moral fabric in American society by targeting a source of such moral depravity as the show "Ellen?" Let us not forget that the sitcom is produced by the Disney corporation, the symbol for all things good and pure.

The American Family Association has compiled a list of the three leading "Ellen" advertisers from Jan. 1, 1997 through March 22, 1997. In an attempt to get the show off the air, the group is encouraging its followers to contact these advertisers and "politely" ask them not to sponsor DeGeneres' show and stop pushing the "homosexual agenda."

Agenda?

Are they planning on weaving an evil mind-lock web around America's television-viewing public in an attempt to brainwash them into their "way of living?"

Probably not. Oprah has been doing this for years. No one is sabotaging her advertising.

It becomes increasingly hard to editorialize against such narrow-mindedness. Hey, people are gay. Get over it. Is bigotry a family value we want instilled in our children? Hopefully not.

People aren't gay by choice, and if even if they were, so what? "All men created equal." Apparently, this doesn't mean anything unless one is straight, but even then it doesn't mean a helluva lot.

Unfortunately, we're a country built on hypocrisy. It's a shame people care so much about Ellen's sexual orientation.

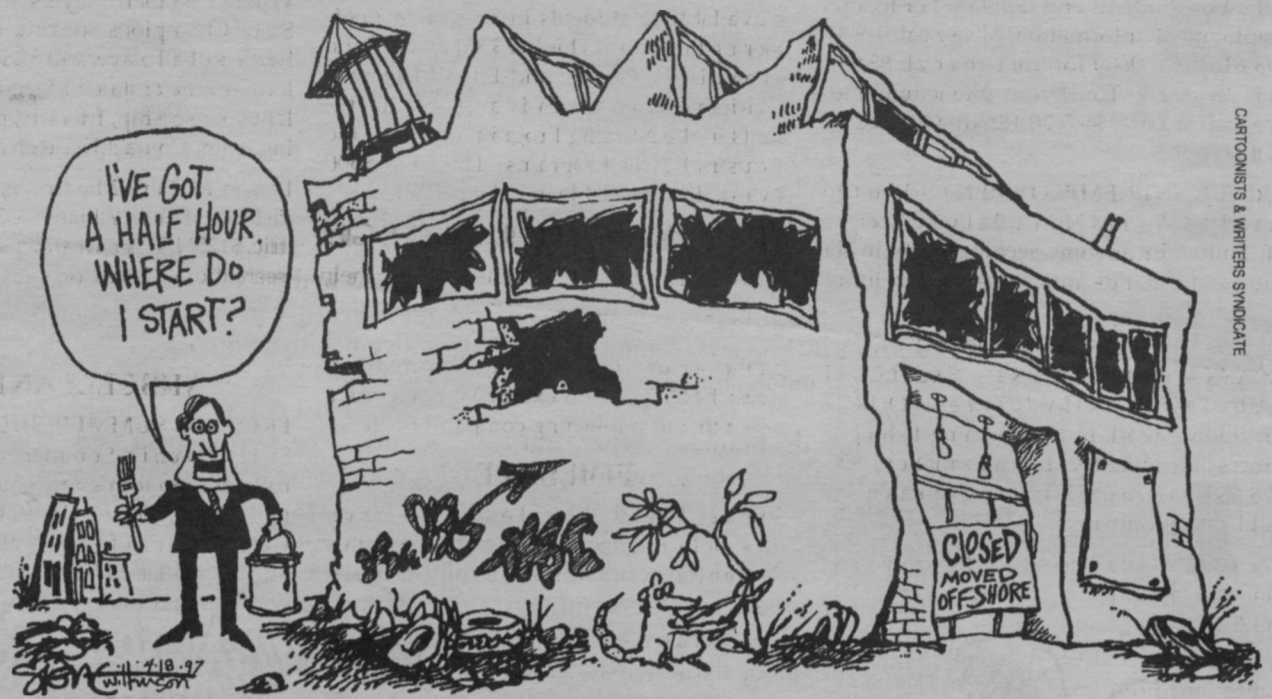
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Does rape keep you up at night, too?

by Sara Goo

The Minnesota Daily

I lay in bed, tossing around to every uncomfortable position. I closed my eyes, but my mind kept wandering.

Finally I got up. I checked all the locks to my apartment—twice. I left the hallway light on and placed my portable phone by my bedside. I felt like I was 5 years old again, scared of the bogeyman.

In fact, my mind was fixated on the news I'd heard that day about two university women who had been raped the night before when several men broke into their apartment and stole some of their belongings.

I couldn't sleep that night. I couldn't help thinking that it could have been me.

Rape scares me. It may well be my biggest fear. And it's not just the physical act that gets under my skin. I see rape as an entity symbolizing a threat to all women's safety.

Somehow, that rape affected me more than any other news I routinely hear. Maybe it was because I was home alone that night while my roommates were away. Maybe it was because I don't know where I'd go for help if anything were to happen to me.

Probably it was because they were college-aged like me.

Unlike headlines of murders, stabbings or bank robberies I read about every day, rape is more personal to me because I'm a woman. Rape happens to men also, but women live in constant fear of it.

If I took a collection of women's key chains, I'm sure I'd have evidence that other women fear becoming a victim, too. Just among my circle of friends, I know two or three who carry pepper spray on their key chains. One carries a personal alarm.

I carry a thin, 6-inch black stick called a Kubotan, pronounced "koob-i-tan" (they cost about three bucks, but I got mine for free). I also have a whistle on my key chain.

I wonder, do men think about these things too? Do many men carry around pepper spray? Probably not.

I wonder if men know how their presence, in certain circumstances, can cause a woman to feel uneasy. I wonder if men know I feel comfortable around them when I'm at the ATM during the day, with plenty of people around. But if I'm alone with the same man present at night at the bank, it makes me a little nervous.

It's nothing personal against men, of course. But when I hear about crimes against women at night, I can't help but put up my guard.

I even took a self-defense course. I learned how to shout "Ki-yaaaah!" from the gut and how to gouge an attacker's eyes out with my two fingers.

Sometimes I'd make my ex-boyfriend come up behind me and attack me, just for practice. He'd always

laugh and say I'd freeze up if the real thing ever happened.

Maybe I wouldn't go for the eyeballs like they taught, but at least I know which areas of a man are most vulnerable (though some parts are obvious). At least I feel stronger just knowing I have a few options.

It may sound like I'm paranoid, but really, I just like to think I'm not helpless. My little weapons give me an edge of self-confidence when physical strength comes into play.

Rape is more than just sex. It's about power and control. Maybe that's why I think it's offensive in more than just a physical sense.

Rape takes away the very being of a human. Rape takes it selfishly, without permission.

Rape humiliates a woman's sexuality. It reduces her wholeness as a respectable, funny, intelligent person to a lifeless body. A nothing. A blow-up doll that can be used, discarded and forgotten.

We know very little about the two university women who were raped a few months ago. The crime against them makes them nameless for their protection; it makes them anonymous victims.

But that does not mean that the violence against them did not affect others. It shook our community. It shook me.

I hate the part of me that fears rape and fears the night and fears men who are strangers. It bothers me that I have to always be thinking about my safety.

I can't take a late-night run by myself around the block. I don't like to walk to my car after a late night at the Daily. I hate that I always have to find a place to walk or park near the streetlight or look around when I walk down a dark street.

If you think I'm alone, look at the evidence.

Roughly 95 percent of people who use the escort system at the university are women, said John Pack, program manager of the Security Monitor Program.

"Using the escort system means one thing and one thing only—you're smart," Pack said. "If you're walking with someone else you're significantly increasing your safety."

Pack said safety in numbers, by either walking with an escort or with a friend, is a safety precaution. All people, male and female, should recognize that using the escort is an important safety measure, he said.

Strength in numbers can also be empowering. Last week, I attended a "Take Back the Night Rally" at the University.

It's an event in which people march down the street at night, chanting that they're tired of being afraid of crimes that occur in the dark.

I marveled at how good it felt to be walking as a group of mostly women, stating that we owned the evening. But even as we rallied, I knew the next evening and the evening after would not be ours.

LOONEY LANE

SENIORITIS

by Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

Every day, Christy McBride tosses aside her books, and dreams about her summer plans to lay on Aruba's sunwashed beaches.

McBride, a University of Missouri senior, wonders how she'll make it though two more months of journalism classes until she dons a cap and gown for graduation. Not to mention, she still needs to polish her resume and line up a job for the fall.

But it seems a certain affliction is making it hard to focus. The affliction is so common among graduating students, it's earned a name—senioritis.

"Senioritis is when the brain is nowhere but on the glorious day outside, the future ahead, not on what needs to be done here and now," she said with a sigh.

With spring break over and the countdown to graduation on, a number of seniors complain that a peculiar lethargy has taken over their bodies. As they simultaneously anticipate and dread the final curtain on their college careers, they report that senioritis makes it a challenge to keep their minds on anything important.

For Beth Taylor, a Miami University of Ohio senior, it's even tougher to get through classes until graduation because she already has a job lined up at Bank One in Louisville, Ky.

"Now that I have a job, I don't feel like studying," she said. "I just want to go out, to work out and sleep."

Kristy Miller, a Stetson University senior, said she heard the call of graduation earlier this year and started going out every night. "You just cease to care about everything—from grades to classes," she said. "You just want to leave school."

Miller forced herself to buckle down when she realized graduation was still several months away. But she's not too concerned about life after graduation, because "there's always grad school," she said.

For many students, "senioritis" is a form of denial that the real world is banging on the door, says Sara Hoover, director of personal counseling at Birmingham Southern College.

"They've had so much structure in their lives—probably since kindergarten—they feel so much pressure to know what they'll be

doing in June," she said. "And so many people are asking them what they're going to do."

Instead of finishing resumes or grad school applications, many students decide to blow off classes, frequent bars every night, and even take time away from their job search to play Frisbee in the sun.

"It affects seniors in different ways," Hoover said. "I have seen some folks come in stressed to the limit. They're so worried about their GPA, getting the right job, what they're going to do after May 31."

Then there's the students who come in and say, "I just don't care. I'm just going to party this semester," Hoover said. "Their GPA may be great until that last semester."

Jen Nowitzky, a James Madison University senior, admits that she goes out three nights a week and expects that to increase as the weather grows warmer and graduation gets closer.

"You get tired of the busywork and realize this is it, my last chance to chill before stepping into the chaotic real world," she said.

Nowitzky's excited about leaving college, but a little worried because "I haven't even looked at my resume in three months, much less sent one out," she said.

That's the mistake lots of seniors make, according to Chuck McConnell, president and CEO of FirstCareer, a job counseling service for college students and recent graduates.

"They really don't have a sense of urgency to go into (their university's) career services," he said. "Most of these universities have great resources that go untapped."

He points to the most recent U.S. Department of Education statistics, indicating that one year after graduation, 74 percent of the class of 1990 had full-time jobs but only 39 percent were employed in a job closely related to their major.

"Many young people today feel that they're bulletproof," he said. "They've invested \$100,000-plus in their education, and now a job is due to them. The fact is that a college degree doesn't guarantee you a job."

Students who delay their job search to backpack through Europe or lie on a tropical beach often find themselves at the greatest disadvantage, McConnell said.

"The worst thing is (students) who coast and who take off a year," he said. "When they come back, they don't have the edge."

At the least, students who plan to take time off should make sure they gather as much information as possible on the job search process before they graduate. "Then if they choose to take six months off, at least they've thought it through," he said.

College seniors explain how, why senioritis effects their lives

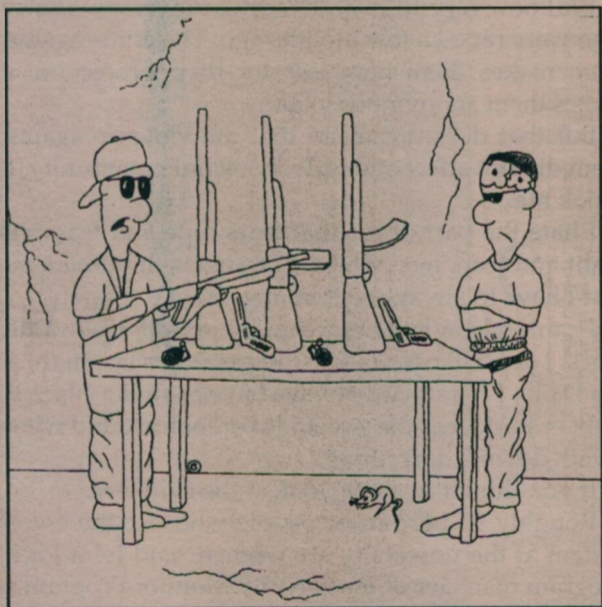
• Mary Rice, Miami University of Ohio senior says "It's just laziness, but because you're a senior, it has a special term." About the real world: "It scares me. I want my mom and dad to pay my bills forever."

• Kristy Miller, 20, Stetson University senior says "Senioritis is the point when you just cease to care about everything from grades to classes. You just want to leave school." About the real world: "There's always grad school."

• Chrissy McBride, University of Missouri-Columbia senior says "Senioritis is when the brain is nowhere but on the glorious day outside, the future ahead, not on what needs to be done here and now." About the real world: "I don't feel apprehensive at all."

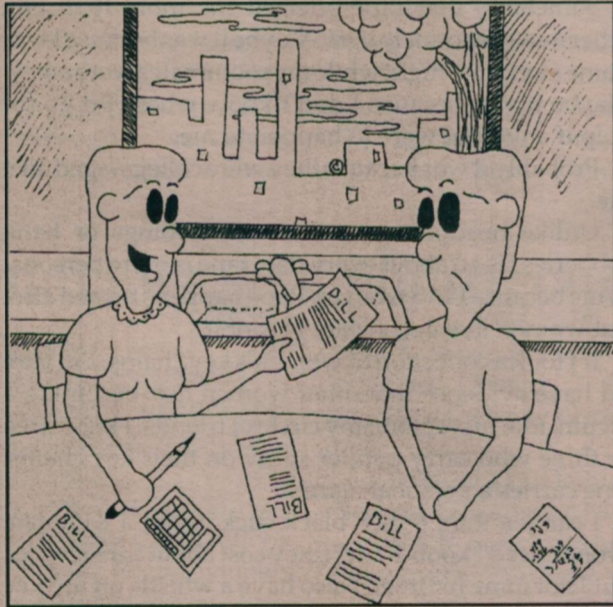
• Nick Key, University of Missouri-Columbia senior says "Senioritis is when electives receive much less priority than in previous years. Having a good time receives a lot more time and attention." About the real world: "I would be very much happier if I had a job lined up."

Reality Bites



I've been thinking about aliens lately. I wonder why they only abduct people in the country and not in the city. Like here in L.A.

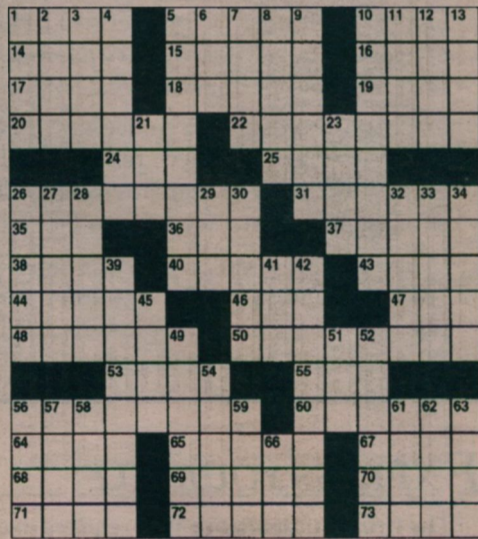
by Lance Dunn



Think about it, we can save a lot on our clothes bill if we just move into a nudist colony.

Weekly Crossword

- ACROSS
- Plant part
 - Move suddenly
 - Indifferent
 - Christiania, presently
 - Vacillate
 - Double-reed instrument
 - Phoenician deity
 - Minnesota town
 - Playing card
 - Soda fountain item
 - Subtracted
 - Newt
 - Used to be
 - Most stylish
 - Matures
 - Wooden pin
 - Forthwith
 - Gaza or Sunset
 - Ambler the writer
 - Adhere
 - Gratify
 - Mixture of metals
 - Recline
 - Sawbuck
 - More intense
 - Innkeeper
 - Movement in dance
 - Gift for dad
 - Old wind instrument
 - Dethrone
 - Jai —
 - Caper
 - Farm structure
 - Disparaging remark
 - Bare
 - Reasoner's word
 - Gallery in London
 - Dawdle
 - Very
- DOWN
- Throws in a high curve
 - Birthright seller
 - Alda
 - Filing item
 - Makes more attractive
 - Little bit
 - Eager
 - Extend a subscription
 - Merchant
 - Ideas
 - News item, for short
 - Star State
 - What's done
 - Toward the stern
 - "Exodus" author
 - Say
 - Blackbird
 - Like a tumbler
 - Souse
 - Textile weave
 - One of the Muses
 - Salt peter
 - Use up
 - Plot
 - Spy gp.



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