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Author of 'Dead Man Walking' to speak on campus

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

In 1982, Sister Helen Prejean, a Roman Catholic nun from Louisiana, was asked to be a pen pal to a convicted murderer on death row. She agreed, not knowing that it would take her on a 10-year journey through the U.S. criminal justice system and lead her to write a story based on her experiences.

Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty," is scheduled to speak on campus Feb. 1 on her opposition to the death penalty and her experiences working with people on death row.

Her talk is part of a series of events on capital punishment sponsored by Student Life & Leadership that began this week. The movie based on Prejean's book, "Dead Man Walking," will be shown today at noon in the Student Union Lounge, and this Friday Mitch Morrow, superintendent of the Oregon prison system, will speak on "Prison Culture and the Death Penalty" at noon in the Main Forum.

Next Tuesday's appearance by Prejean is the highlight of the series of events. Her book, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and made into a movie starring Sean Penn and Susan Sarandon, is based on her experience as spiritual advisor to Patrick Sonnier, a

convicted killer. Sonnier was convicted and sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison for the brutal killing of two teenagers. The teenagers were abducted by Sonnier and his younger brother. The girl was raped, and both were found dead with gunshot wounds in the back of their heads.

Prejean worked with several inmates under similar circumstances over the next 10 years. She also helped
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Sister Prejean

Food From Afar

Students Activities Director Tammi Paul Bryant (right, center) joins others at the International Food Fair held in the Student Union Lounge last week. Below, Anthony Lenhart entertains on the accordion during the event, which drew nearly 200 people.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate



Photo by A.J. Wright

Films on racism draw few but inspire reactions

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Students at LBCC got a chance last week to grapple with one of the nation's most troubling issues: racism.

Not many took that chance.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. week, the Student Life & Leadership office sponsored two movies, "The Color of Fear" shown on Tuesday and "A Long Walk Home" screened on Thursday in the Student Union Lounge. Students attending the films were encouraged to take part in discussions afterward.

"The Color of Fear," a documentary film featuring candid discussions of racism by eight men of various ethnic backgrounds, was attended by five people. The second movie fared somewhat better. "A Long Walk Home," which was based on the Montgomery bus strike of the 1950s, managed to keep nearly a dozen people interested for the full hour-and-a-half.

In spite of low attendance, reactions to and discussions of the two films were extremely different. People seemed sympathetic to the problems faced by the characters in the movie about the bus strike. Reactions to the picture of segregation and oppression depicted in the film ranged from sadness to outrage, and the dramatic conclusion evoked a powerful emotional response.

This reaction to a movie about past racism stood in stark contrast to the almost defensive reaction students had while watching "The Color of Fear." The accusations of racism in modern society bothered people who would like to relegate it to the history books. After an emotional outburst by one of the men in the film, one student said that he felt "like the ethnic people are just attacking the white people."

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Oregon initiatives tackle marijuana, gay lifestyles

by Andre Vriesman
of The Commuter

Patient rights, tax breaks and gun control are not the only initiatives that carry controversy.

Currently, 145 initiatives have been filed for placement on Oregon's November ballot dealing with subjects ranging from the legalization of marijuana to the promotion of gay lifestyles in public schools.

It's the largest number of initiative requests the state has ever experienced.

"We have a record number of initiatives," said Marcelle Greenwood, program representative for the Oregon Secretary

of State's office. "Patient rights seem to be a really big issue, but there are some other issues that are very controversial. We don't know which ones are going to make it."

Petitioners are in the process of collecting enough signatures necessary to qualify their initiatives for the ballot this November. The final list of initiatives that qualify is not expected to be confirmed until the end of July.

According to the Secretary of State's elections office, initiatives being proposed include an attempt to legalize "manufacture, possession and consumption of cannabis in private." Another states that "job performance must determine public

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OFF BEAT

Anger class not working

A bandit entered the First Utah Bank, pulled a gun from a large envelope and robbed the teller. In his haste to exit the scene, he left the envelope behind. Inside was his graduation certificate from an anger-management course he had taken at the behest of the state's Department of Corrections. He has been arrested.

Cougar enjoys McDog

The homeowner in remote Abron Valley, Idaho, has very different concerns than does the average suburbanite regarding pest control. Here's an example: As Donald and Nelda Williams sat in their house, a cougar leapt up on their porch and ate the family dog.

Whatever floats your boat

A 52-year-old heavily intoxicated man was playing with toy boats in the bathtub of his Copenhagen home when one of them started to sink. He radioed Denmark's Maritime Sea Rescue Command and claimed he was on a freighter which was listing 45 degrees and was about to sink into the Baltic Sea near the island of Bornholm. After two rescue vessels searched the area for an hour and a half, police traced the calls to the guy's home and arrested him.

Robbers mail Trojan Horse

A gang of robbers who wanted to take down a post office in Casilina, Italy, mailed in one of their cohorts to get the drop on the guards. Since the carton they wrapped him in wouldn't fit in the mailslot, accommodating workers allowed the robbers to carry it in through a service door. Once inside the restricted area, the packaged bandit burst out. Guns were drawn, orders shouted, and \$75,000 removed from the premises.

—From Tribune Media News

Health Van moves its facilities indoors to cut costs

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

You no longer have to get your feet wet to see a health care provider at LBCC. The Health Van that use to park on campus every Wednesday has moved its operation indoors.

Health Services RN Leta Frieds said that the two main reasons for the move indoors was to cut costs from the maintenance on the van and to get patients out of the rain.

Business Building Room 203 is the new home for Health Services. The day and time has changed to Tuesdays 11:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The low cost of the health care provided by Linn County remains the same. LBCC student fees help support this service by contributing \$6,000 annually.

Services are available to walk-ins or by appointment. Health services include physicals, reproductive services, immunizations, flu shots and acute care. They also offer a breast and cervical cancer awareness program. Students from the Medical Assistant program will help the department's health care professionals by checking in patients, taking blood pressure and vital statistics.

According to Linn County Department of Health Services, the van served a total of 91 patients at LBCC in the fall term. A small rise from the 80 patients seen in spring 1999. Most of the patients treated used multiple services. Treatments varied from HIV testing and counseling to brief blood pressure checks. With the flu and cold season here they are expecting those figures to increase.

On Jan. 18, an informal open house was held to show off the new facilities. Refreshments were served while students viewed the office and staff answered questions.

Racism: Still a problem, say some

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The consensus seemed to be that racism is a disease, but a long-cured one.

However, this belief was belied by student's comments during the film; stories of bigoted relatives and oft-repeated variations on the the same tired statement "some of my best friends are black."

"When you have a nation made up of all different races, like this one, there are always going to be issues like this," one student said. "I always just thought people were people."

Freshman Christina Weller seemed to disagree with the idea that modern racial attitudes are just fine. "There's racism everywhere. People should have a lot more empathy."

Dee Curwen, who runs LBCC's multicultural center and led the discussions, also questioned the idea that racism is a thing of the past. Curwen was raised in southern Virginia during segregation and attended an all-white high school. To her, segregation is not just a word from the history books, which is why she believes that discussions like this are a good idea, regardless of attendance.

"I think it's good if it just gets people talking," Curwen said. "If the message only reaches a couple people it's still worth it. It's important to discuss these issues openly."

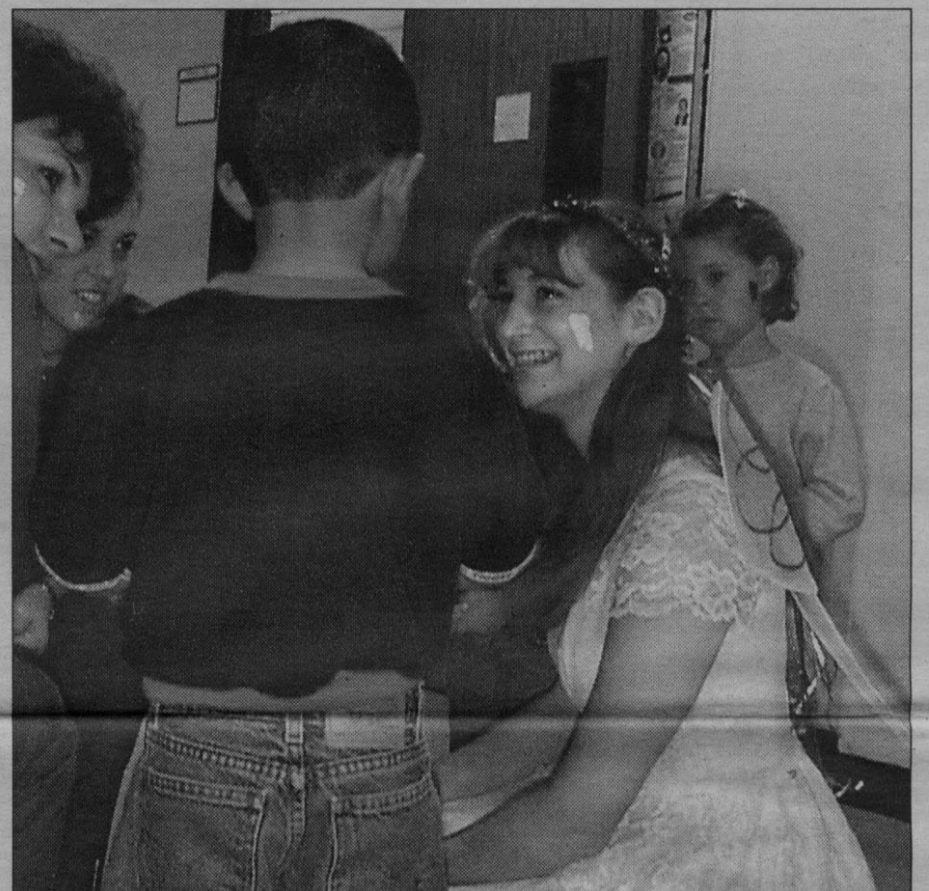


Photo by Keirsten Morris

Tooth Fairy Visits

April Estes, a Dental Assistant major, portrays the tooth fairy for children from the Family Resource Center who visited the Health Occupations Building Monday morning. In addition to receiving toothbrushes, the children were shown X-rays of teeth, a large model of teeth, and had their faces painted.

Sister: Lecture scheduled for Tuesday

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counsel advocacy groups for homicide victims and their families. Prejean's book tries to bring a moral perspective to the subject of capital punishment.

Monica Smith, health and recreation specialist for the Student Programming Board, helped coordinate the lecture.

"Sister Helen Prejean was already scheduled to speak at St. Mary's Catholic Church and so we got her to come here as well," Smith said. "I'm excited to listen to her; some local high schools are coming and criminal justice classes here

on campus plan to attend."

Prejean's book has been translated into 10 languages. She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1998 for her work and was nominated again in 1999.

The lecture is scheduled for Feb. 1 from 12-12:45 p.m. in the Takena Theater and is free to LBCC students, staff and community members.

A question-and-answer session will be held from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m., and a book signing will be held from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Prejean's book is on sale at the campus bookstore.

Initiative: Students express opinions

From Page One

school teacher pay, job security."

A petition being led by former Sen. Mark Hatfield seeks to replace Oregon's death penalty with mandatory life imprisonment without parole.

Other efforts include a group that is petitioning to "prohibit public school instruction encouraging, promoting, sanctioning homosexual, bisexual behavior."

Some LBCC students are already forming their own opinions on the initiatives.

Aaron Rummerfield said he favors the issue regarding evaluation of teacher quality. "As a student, I want to have a teacher that is competent," he said. "I would support that."

Alex Mench said he would oppose the marijuana initiative if it made it to the ballot. "People say that we should make [marijuana] legal, but people would do it just as much either way," he said. "I don't support it."

For a complete list of the initiatives, visit the Secretary of State's office on the web at www.sos.state.or.us

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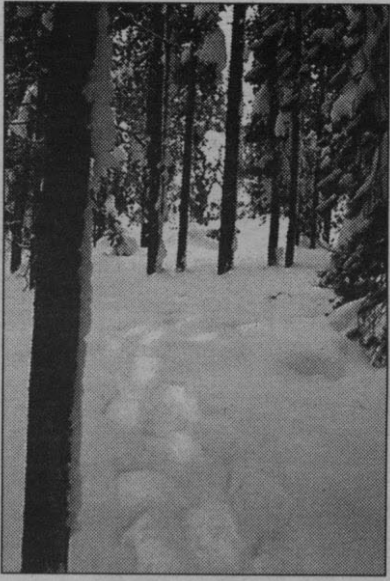
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IN FOCUS



MAKING TRACKS

Slow down and smell the pine trees on a snowshoe trek



Trekkers on a guided snowshoe hike leave their distinctive tracks in the freshly fallen snow as they make their way through the muffled forests of the Central Cascades. Brett VanderHeuvel (right), a naturalist and geologist who led the hike, stressed the importance of being aware of the hidden dangers along the way, such as tree wells that can suck a hiker in over his or her head, and the potential for avalanches, which often can be detected by examining the layers of snow that show the effects of temperature changes.

Photos and story by Keirsten Morris and Justin Dalton



Since snowboarding has dominated the winter slopes for the past ten years, a lot of college students have overlooked snow activities that can be just as enjoyable on a different, personal level.

A recent trip to Bend rerouted the lust for speeding down groomed runs, and slowed the pace for a nature trek across the pine forests outlying Mt. Bachelor using an age-old technique among mountaineers for centuries—snowshoeing.

Snowshoeing is said to have originated in Asia several thousand years ago for maneuvering through deep snow. Traditionally the shoes were crafted from light, flexible tree limbs, reinforced with cross pieces and bound with leather lacing. Nowadays snowshoes bear the same basic design, but are made from light metals like aluminum, have stretched rubber bottoms and ice-gripping soles which make them far superior to their wooden predecessors.

Several places in Bend offer snowshoe tours, ranging from light walks free of charge to more in-depth excursions for a fee.

The Bend Fort Rock Ranger District offers free nature walk tours at Mt. Bachelor, which are about an hour long. Though not strenuous for fierce outdoor enthusiasts, the one-mile trips leaving from the mountain at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays are a great way for beginners to learn, practice and warm up for a longer trip.

Dr. Kevin Haley, one of the volunteer Forest Service guides and a biology teacher at Central Oregon Community College, not only offers a look into snowshoeing, but adds an in-depth examination of the living forest that surrounds the groups' venture.

Amidst towering Ponderosa pines, Haley examined such topics as the intricate root systems that lie beneath the ground serving as communication lines for the surrounding trees and the many organisms that thrive below the snow pack.

Tromping under the canopy of snow-laden trees to the right of a well-worn snowmobile path, Haley led the group to a point nestled in Mt. Bachelor's foothills where on a cloudless day the mountain summits of the Three Sisters and Brokentop would be in clear view.

For adventure-seekers with a little more endurance and money to burn, Wanderlust Tours offers a \$29-a-head snowshoe excursion through less-traveled territory daily during the winter season at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Brett VanderHeuvel, a naturalist and geologist who leads snowshoeing tours full-time through the winter, guided our small group through some of the last old-growth Ponderosa Pine forests in Central Oregon.

Bundled in woolen garb and fleece hats, the group listened as VanderHuevel displayed his knowledge of winter-time forest activity. He pointed out the tracks of the rarely-seen Arctic hare, which blends into the scenery with its snow white fur.

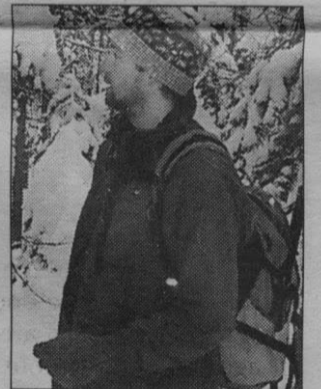
As a well-seasoned outdoorsman, VanderHeuvel displayed his skill by teaching the crew about identifying animal burrows, tree types and life-saving techniques like building a snow cave to keep warm in the elements and digging to examine the snow layers to identify potential avalanche dangers.

According to VanderHeuvel, avalanches are often the result of changes in the temperature that cause an inconsistency in the layers of snow that form.

After a two and a half hour jaunt through the forest traversing in the white landscape, the snowshoeing group was warmed with complimentary hot chocolate while reflecting on the day's adventure.

Both tours provide snowshoes and instruction on technique. Trekkers are advised to wear warm waterproof clothing and snow boots.

For information on the Forest Service nature walks at Mt. Bachelor contact the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District at (541) 388-5664. Reservations for Wanderlust Tours can be arranged by calling (541) 389-8359 or (800) 962-2862. Both tours are recommended for ages 10 and over.



Brett VanderHeuvel

CAMPUS NEWS

Corvallis library hosting free gardening series

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

Winter is a time when one can think green by joining the "Gearing up for Gardening" series of free brown-bag lectures by master gardeners at the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave.

Coordinator and Master Gardener, Janet Throop said that this is a great program for Master Gardeners and those who are just starting to learn about gardening. "The public will receive the latest technology in gardening to apply," she said. The OSU Extension Master Gardeners is a volunteer program that requires participants to complete approximately 50 hours class time plus 50 hours payback to the community. Throop states that this is a rewarding way to serve in the community.

Throop believes that people come to the talks to educate themselves. "They may not grow canberries, but they may go to the farmers market and know about the variety of fruits and vegetables they are purchasing," she said.

Why is the public so interested in gardening? Statistics show that gardening is the No. 1 hobby in the United States.

"Not everyone may grow vegetables but they grow something in their garden," Throop said. "It is a good, wholesome hobby where one can be outside and feel good about taking care of themselves. When you take your walks and see your neighbors working in the garden, it makes a good conversation piece and develops community spirit."

On the sober side, Throop explains that the chemical fertilizer and pesticides that have been used over the years take the nutrients from the soil causing detrimental effects. She said that it is important to have a clear understanding of what is going on and to look at the whole system of commercial agriculture.

"The food we purchase gives a message and has an effect on how food is grown," she said.

GARDENING TIPS

The following gardening talks take place at the Corvallis Library at noon, unless otherwise noted.

Feb. 1: "Clip Art: The Basics of Pruning" with Barbara Bolden and John Morgan, Linn County Master Gardeners and Master Pruners.

Feb. 8: "Compost Tea: The New Brew" with Elaine Ingham, president and director of Research for Soil Foodweb, Inc. (repeated Feb. 29, 7 p.m.).

Feb. 15: "Perennials 101" with Sarah Fairbank, Benton County Master Gardener.

Feb. 22: "Roses: The Scents of Yesterday" with Meg Campbell, rose grower for 50 years.

Feb. 24: "Thrive and Survive" (7 p.m.) with Jackie Rochefort, park planner for City of Corvallis.

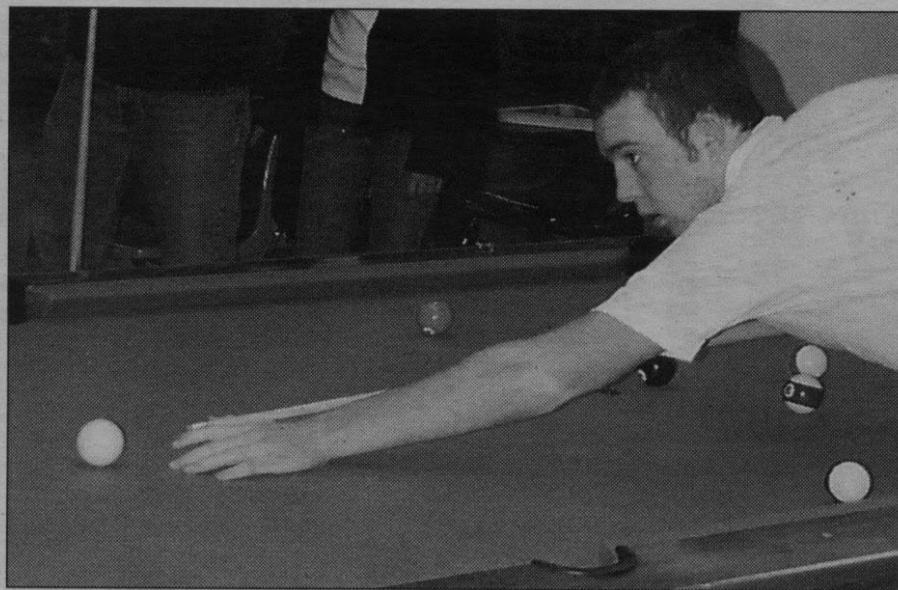


Photo by A.J. Wright

Tim Alloway lines up a shot in the Recreation Room last week. Billiard players will compete on-campus for prizes in a tournament this Friday.

Billiard tournament deadline today

by Melanie Hodel
of The Commuter

The deadline to sign up for the ACU-I Billiard Tournament is today, so get to the Student Life and Leadership Office and register if you plan to compete. Entry is free and the top three competitors will be eligible to win prizes.

Held in the Billiards Room on Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by the Student Life and Leadership Office, the tournament is a part of the Association of College Unions International Nationwide Tournament and just might get you a month's pass to Gold's Gym and a chance to go to regional competition.

International study scholarships offered

by Daniel Gilruth
of The Commuter

The National Security Education Program is now offering scholarships for study abroad.

If you are a U.S. citizen and are enrolled as an undergraduate at LBCC or any other university, college or community college you could qualify for a scholarship to study internationally.

With scholarships from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per semester or \$6,000 to \$16,000 per year, NSEP is offering the option to travel to world regions critical to U.S.

national interests, excluding Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

NSEP has dozens of available scholarships to give out for countries such as Mexico, Japan, South Africa, Russia and Brazil.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 7. NSEP now has scholarships available for summer 2000, fall 2000 and/or spring 2000.

For more information call (800) 618-NSEP or contact the program on the Internet at www.iie.org/nsep

Mentors sought for teen parents

by Kelly Heinonen
of The Commuter

Friends in Parenting, a division of Healthy Start of Linn County, is seeking volunteers to act as mentors for pregnant or parenting teens.

Friends in Parenting's goal is to find volunteers who are willing to meet with teen mothers to give them advice, answer their questions about being a new parent, and to be someone with an open mind they can talk to.

"What we're really looking for is for someone who can talk to these girls and be completely non-judgmental about the decision the teen makes," said Friends in Parenting Director Carolyn Hagan.

Volunteers are asked to meet with the teen parent at least once a week to offer encouragement and conversation. New teen mothers are often paired with other mothers who were also teen mothers themselves at one time, Hagan said.

Friends in Parenting was founded about three years ago and was run through the Oregon State University Extension Service. When OSU Extension dropped this program, LBCC's Family Resource Center took it over. It now resides in the office of Healthy Start of Linn County, which is located on the second floor of Two Rivers Market.

Currently Friends in Parenting has about 15 active volunteers, who range in age from teens to older adults. There is no age criteria for becoming a mentor.

"People of all ages, 18 and over, are welcome to come in and go through the one-day training process," which is held one Saturday a month, Hagan said. When volunteers go through training, they are taught how to interact with the teen mothers, and how to find ways they might be able to help them that will benefit their lives.

More information is available from Hagan at Healthy Start of Linn County at 924-6910.

Commons Menu

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Monday

Baked Ham
Beef Goulash
Frittata
Chicken Caesar Salad

Tuesday

Chicken and Dumplings
Chili Verde
Vegetable Strudel
Shrimp Salad

Wednesday

Meat loaf
Fish and Chips
Penne Pasta
Taco Salad

Thursday

Pork Piccata
Coq au Vin
Falafel Sandwich
Cobb Salad

Friday

Chef Choice

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- Current Events & Political Activities Specialist (2 term tuition)
- Health & Recreation Specialist (2 term tuition)

For an application or job description contact Student Life and Leadership in the Student Union

Application Deadline, noon, February 9, 2000

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Journalist Speaks

Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Joan Kruckewitt speaks at Grass Roots Bookstore in Corvallis last Saturday about her book, "The Death of Ben Linder," which tells the story of a Portland, Ore., native who was killed in Nicaragua.

'Girl, Interrupted' fiesty and fun

by Shauna Noah
of The Commuter

A trend in filmmaking recently is using quick, jumpy shots and not following "linear time lines." Such films as "Magnolia," "American Beauty" and "Run Lola Run" all jump around the plot line. The new film "Girl, Interrupted" goes along with this trend for a vastly different reason.

The story is told through the eyes of a borderline personality disorder patient. The movie isn't trying to be cool; it's trying to be accurate to a disjointed view of life.

Winona Ryder plays Suzanna, an 18-year-old girl put into a mental institution for attempted suicide. There she meets Lisa, played with hardened brilliance by Angelina Jolie, a sociopath that Suzanna both awes and fears; Polly, a young sweet girl who set her face on fire; Daisy, a laxative and chicken-loving victim of molestation; and Georgina, Suzanna's roommate who wants to be like Dorothy in Oz.

Together these girls form a bond that allows them to grow more sick together and, finally, to grow well together.

This movie is based on the brilliant journal of the real Suzanna Kaysen, who lived in the institution for over a year. The book is made up as a journal of a committed person with chapters no more than three pages long; the narrative swings between time and stops periodically to allow Kaysen to explain her views on her illness. What makes the book so

amazing is Kaysen's ability to bring you into the hospital ward and make you feel comfortable there. When you put the book down, you are surprised to realize that those people were crazy.

The movie does a good job of bringing this difficult and moving book to the screen. The acting is fantastic. Ryder emerges from the shell of the bad period

that has preoccupied her with a surprisingly complex and removed performance.

The supporting characters are fiesty and fun, with a great cameo by Vanessa Redgrave as Suzanna's therapist.

Jolie really shines in this movie. Her character Lisa is both intoxicating and repulsive, and that mystery is what keeps you going with the movie. Jolie's best scene is when a recovered patient has taken in her and Suzanna after they have escaped. Just as the recovered patient has showed them all her kindness, Lisa rips into her about her illness. She has a wonderful siliouquy about what everyone else may see, but Lisa knows what is really going on. The scene ends in tragedy, but Lisa is unaffected. Jolie deserves every inch of the Golden Globe award for Best Supporting Actress that she received for this film on Monday.

I recommend seeing this movie. Most men might back away, with good reason; this is a chick flick. But if you really want to understand and enjoy these characters, read the book. The movie is playing at Ninth Street Cinemas in Corvallis.

REVIEW

Students compete in campus trivia bowl

By Jason Journey
of The Commuter

You're sitting on the couch, snacking on chips and scanning through channels when something catches your eye. Alex Trebec states: "This baseball player currently holds the longest playing streak without missing any games."

You blurt out: "Who is Cal Ripken Jr.?"

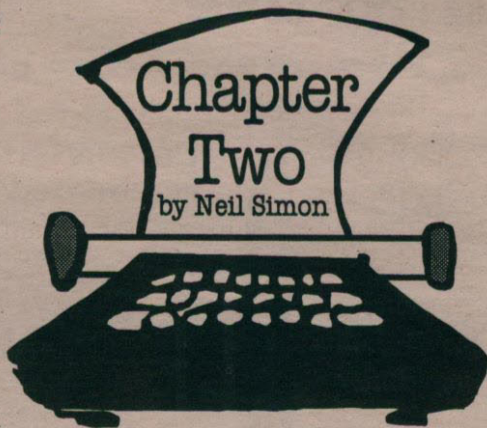
How many of you actually watch Jeopardy and wonder how well your knowledge and quick wits would match up against others? Well, here is your chance. Student Life & Leadership is setting up a Jeopardy-style tournament called College Bowl.

The College Bowl will pit eight five-person teams against each other in the first round. The top two scoring teams will move on to the final round, where the runners-up will win College Bowl T-shirts. The top prize has not yet been chosen, said Brandt Schmitz, the series events specialist and organizer of the event.

The competition will be held daily Feb. 7-11 from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Each team will play on one of these weekdays. Students can sign up in the SL&L office. Students who don't plan to participate are encouraged to watch the event. More information is available from the SL&L office at 917-4457.

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FUNNY PAGE

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

U.S. Bureau of the Census will be on campus today from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. to sign up students for testing times on Jan. 27 & 28. Census takers will be hired February or March for 6-10 weeks to collect information from homes in your local area. Pay is \$8.25 to \$12.25/hour plus 31 cents per mile! Come see them at their table in Takena Hall.

Engineering Assistant (Beaverton) - This full-time job requires a 2-year degree in electronics and pays \$30,000-\$40,000 a year. Sign up today with Student Employment (T101).

Office jobs -- We have full-time and part-time office positions in Corvallis, Tangent & Lebanon. Also, several banks are looking for part-time tellers. Great opportunity to make money while going to school. See Carla in Student Employment for more information (T101).

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SPORTS PAGE

Men go 3-3 in league after splitting games last week

Barnes leads battle against Chemeketa, but Runners lose steam after pair of technicals

by Corey Stewart
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners appeared to have a let down Saturday after coming off a big win at Mt. Hood Wednesday, losing to Chemeketa Community College in the Activities Center, 88-75.

They stayed close with Chemeketa pretty much the whole game, led by their point guard Hamilton Barnes, who led the Runners in scoring with 24 points and played the entire game.

In the second half Chemeketa ran a box-and-one defense on Barnes hoping to keep him contained, but he continued to lead the team with his aggressive play.

The turning point came with eight minutes to go in the game and the score tied at 58 when a foul was called against the Runners post Vann Lanz, followed by a technical. The Storm hit three out of the four ensuing free throws and then scored a basket in the following possession. Then coach Randy Falk was given a technical and the Storm hit both free throws and scored right afterwards. By the time it was over about 45 seconds later there was a nine-point swing that the Runners never recovered from, and they went on to lose 88-75.

"After we gave them nine points that turned the control of the game back over to them, and we just couldn't get it back," said Barnes. "Every time it looked like we were getting something going, Chemeketa would come up with a big play." A case in point was when Chemeketa's Chris Neil hit a three with two seconds on the shot clock to extend the Storm's lead to 11 with 3:25 to go.

Although Barnes had a good game, other players had trouble getting going against the Storm. JR Brusseau, who had been one of the Roadrunners' scorers, took only five shoots the whole game, and Chris Livermore, who usually makes

a solid contribution, played only five minutes. In the second half the Runners shot only 40 percent while the Storm shot 55 percent. The Roadrunners hope to turn it around tonight when they play at Lane.

Nearing the halfway point in the season, Barnes leads the team in several categories—scoring with a 15.7-point average, steals at 3 per game, assists with nearly 5 per game and field-goal percentage at 55 percent.

Saints fall 66-63 under patient LB offense; Coach Falk praises team for unselfish play

by Karen Bryan
of The Commuter

The men's basketball team pulled away with another win last Wednesday in Gresham against the Saints of Mt. Hood Community College.

Offensively, LB showed a large amount of patience, slowing things down and waiting for the right opportunities. Hamilton Barnes and Matt Brown used those opportunities to lead all scorers with 16 points each and help the Runners hold on to the 66-63 victory.

Linn Benton did an excellent job on the boards. Vann Lanz led with six rebounds while Mark Chocktoot, Brown and Kraig Schuler each had five. That team effort contributed to LB out-rebounding the Saints 35-32.

"Every individual has come to understand how unselfish we must be in order to succeed," said Coach Falk. "We've turned a corner in terms of understanding how hard you have to work to compete in this league."

Barnes's excellent defense helped him grab seven steals. He also led in assists with six, while Brown and Chocktoot were close behind with five and four respectively.

The Runners take on Lane Community College in Eugene tonight and then travel to Oregon City to play Clackamas.

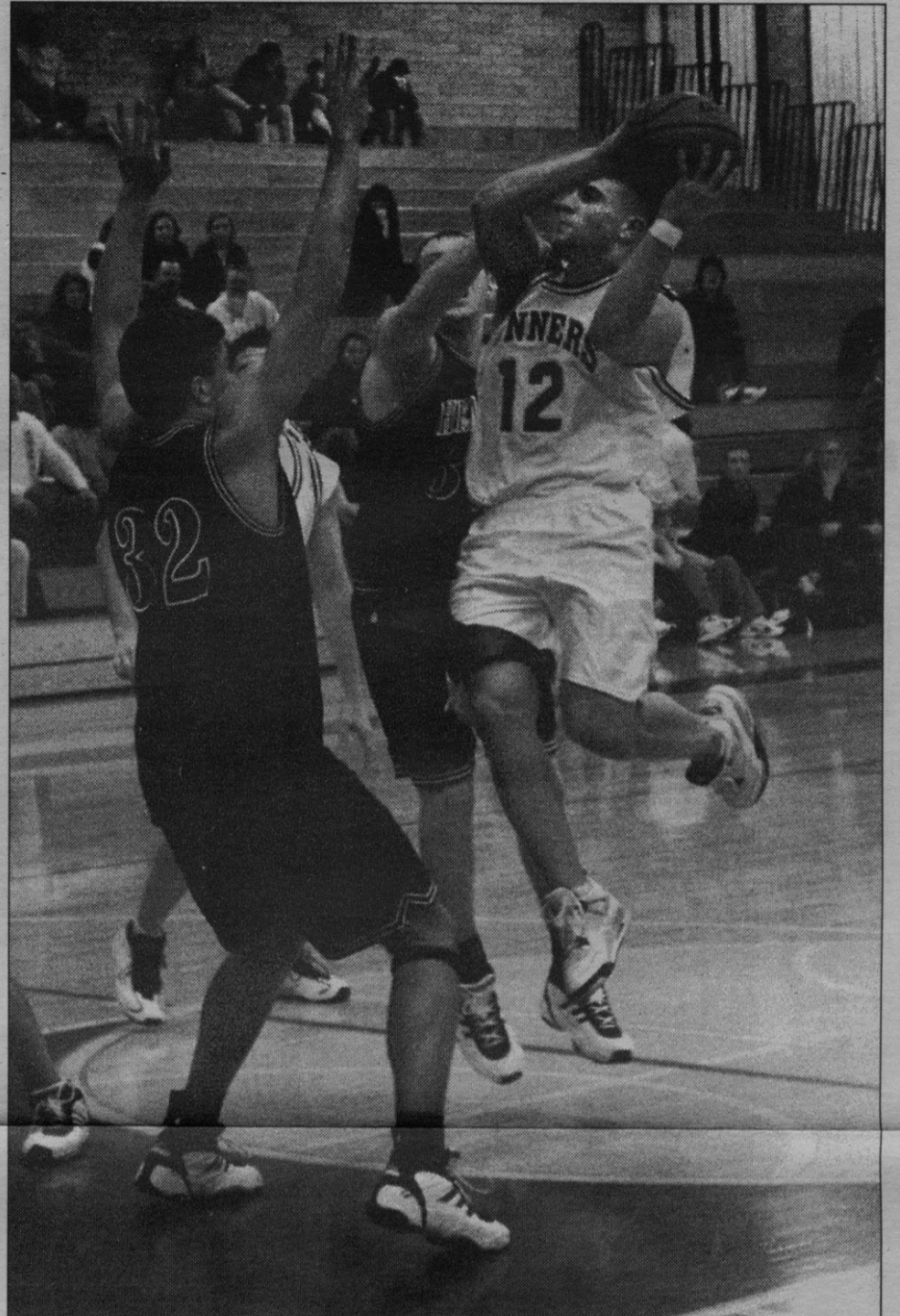


Photo by Christopher Spence

LB's Hamilton Barnes challenges Storm defenders in Saturday's 88-75 game against Chemeketa in the Activities Center. Barnes scored 24 points despite a box-and-one defense designed to stop him in the second half, but it wasn't enough as the Roadrunners lost 88-75. LBCC is now 3-3 in league play.

Lady Runners falter against league-leading Storm



Photo by Christopher Spence

Mindy Klinkebiel prepares to make a pass in Saturday's game against Chemeketa, which the Lady Runners lost by three points. Klinkebiel scored 14 points and had seven assists.

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The Lady Runners improved their play last week in two close games, but still came up short on the scoreboard, losing to the Lady Saints 84-75 and Chemeketa 79-76.

The Runners came into their home game against the Storm last Saturday with everyone expecting the Storm to dominate, since Chemeketa was 18-1 overall and 5-0 in league at the time.

But it didn't seem to matter to the Runners, as they handled the Storm easily in the first 20 minutes of the game. After a series of runs by both teams in the first half, the Runners went into the locker room with a surprising 41-31 lead.

Early in the second half, however, the Storm stormed back on the strength of a 17-3 run to grab a 56-50 lead. The Runners came back with a strong scoring run of their own to go on top 58-56, and the lead changed hands several times over the next several minutes.

But the Storm's powerful offense suddenly came alive one last time, going on a 15-9 run to end hopes of a Runner upset. As the buzzer sounded, LB's Summer Wright fired up a three-point shot that couldn't find the hoop, and the final

score was 79-76 in favor of Chemeketa.

Evie Larsen and Kelly Dexter tied for the team lead in points with 17, while Mindy Klinkebiel had 14 points and seven assists. Larsen was the leading rebounder with seven, while Dexter and Wright each had five. Wright also had six assists.

The team shot better than the Storm (46 to 41 percent) and out-rebounded them 38-36, but Chemeketa hit 27 out of their 30 free throws (18 of 18 in the second half).

In last Wednesday's game against Mt. Hood, the Runners had a 32-30 lead going into halftime, even though they shot only 33 percent to the Saints 37 percent. But in the second half the Saints scored a commanding 54 points to the Runners' 43 to handily win the game 84-75.

Larsen was again the team's leading scorer with 26 points, and was second on the team with 11 rebounds. Dexter was next with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Wright dished out six assists to lead the team, and Dexter passed out five.

The 1-5 Runners go on the road this next week, facing Lane in Eugene tonight and then Clackamas in Oregon City this Saturday. Both games start at 8 p.m.

STAT BOX

Men's Basketball

Scoring: Hamilton Barnes, 15.7 ppg

Rebounds: JR Brusseau, 4.5 rpg

Steals: Barnes, 3.0 spg

Assists: Barnes, 4.7 apg

Field Goals: Barnes and Vann Lanz, 55 percent

Free Throws: Brusseau and Nick Donaldson, 77 percent

Three Point Shots: Barnes, 44 percent

Women's Basketball

Points: Evie Larsen, 13 ppg

Rebounds: Kelly Dexter, 7 rpg

Steals: Mindy Klinkebiel, 1.7 spg

Assists: Summer Wright, 4.7 apg

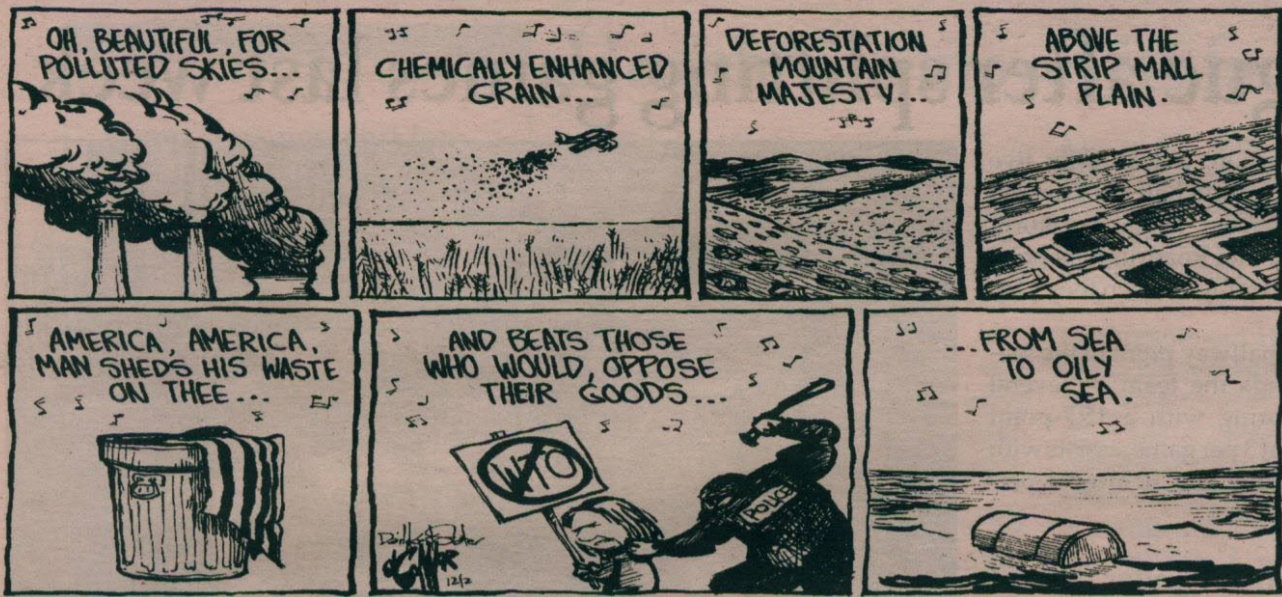
Field Goals: Carrie Wilson, 63 percent

Free Throws: Larsen, 77 percent

Three Point Shots: Michelle Miller, 44 percent

Statistics are through six games

OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Brenda Pace
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COMMENTARY

Former prisoner of war inspires optimism

by Mary Jova
of The Commuter

Are you having a bad day today? Edward Hubbard, a retired Air Force colonel, hasn't had a bad day for 33 years.

"Sure I may have had not a perfect day, but no bad days," he said.

He shared the story about his captivity during the Vietnam War at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center, which is part of the Celebrate 2000 speaker series organized by the Gazette Times and the Albany Democratic-Herald.

Hubbard survived captivity by the North Vietnamese for 2,420 days and released March 4, 1973. How he survived was by looking around and seeing someone who had it worse off. "Number one, I was an American, which made me better off than the North Vietnamese," he said.

After listening for one hour to Hubbard talk about how he made the best out of a terrible situation, I realized that I have it easy and that I need to change my

attitude.

And so does America. Since the Monica Lewinsky scandal, I have lost faith in my leaders and become less proud to be an American.

Hubbard asked how can we make this country better. "By being in charge in making the world around you a better place," he answered. "How hard are you willing to work? I guarantee you that your confidence will go up and improvements are made by taking little steps." This is good advice for a country who loves to consume and has a rotten track record of spending instead of putting assets in savings.

Hubbard saw his time in prison as the most valuable education he received. He had the luxury of spare time, which forced him to look everyday and every second at what he did his whole life. At the end of his lecture, Hubbard made the audience stand up and sing "God Bless America." I placed my right hand on my heart and felt an overwhelming sense of pride.

Today indeed is a good day.

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Should Elian Gonzalez be sent back to Cuba?

Over the last few months, Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy rescued off the coast of Florida in November, has been the center of a somewhat politically-charged custody battle ever since his rescue. Last weekend his grandmothers flew to New York from Cuba to plead for his return, but left Monday without even seeing the boy. LBCC students were asked whether they think Elian should go back to Cuba with his father, a 31-year-old security guard, or stay here in the states with relatives.

"I think he should go back to Cuba with his biological father. I feel he should be with his biological parent."

—Cherryl Geary



"If it's his biological father, he should go back to live with him."

—Katie Dobek

"It depends, whatever is in the best interest of the child."

—Weaver Lester



"I think whatever the kid wants. Use common sense."

—Pete Sabatino

"Even though Cuba is not a real good environment, I think he should be back with his dad."

—Kyle Woodard



"Well, I think it's overblown by the media. It should be left up to the father and the families to work out."

—Kevin Cox

"I think he should go back to his father. If it were my child I would want him with me."

—Corine Jamison



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