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Board of education lays plans for One Stop Center

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

The design of LB's new East-Linn One Stop Center in Lebanon is going to be different.

The actual construction of the center, which is scheduled to begin around July 1 of this year, will not itself be so unusual, but the way in which the building is designed will be. That's due to the new way the LBCC Board of Education is planning to hire out the work on the \$4.9 million center.

Instead of the more traditional build-bid system, where bids are accepted from a number of contractors and the lowest bidder is awarded the contract to design

and sub-contract the construction, LB administrators plan to use a "design-built" process.

Under this method of bidding, the board of education accepts bids from designers and decides on who to award the contract based not only on who has the lowest bid, but reputation, flexibility and willingness to accept input from school administrators and staff. Because it is not a public contract, they can also be more selective about who the actual construction is contracted out to.

This way the school gets more say in how the building is designed, according to Vice President of Administrative and Student Services Mike Holland, who is

heading up the process.

"It is a much more participatory process," Holland said in a board of education work session last week. "This will not be an arm's length relationship. We anticipate that (the school's relationship with the firm hired to do the work) will be very close."

The idea of a design-built process met with some initial concern among board members, but was approved by the board after Holland explained how the process would save money on long-term planning by allowing administrators and staff more input into the design phase of construction—thus avoiding unex-

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Budget allots \$45 million to Oregon community colleges

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

With a new legislature settling in Salem and various state programs on the chopping block due to predicted budget shortfalls, fears of tuition increases are running rampant at many state-funded colleges.

But if LB President Jon Carnahan has his way, that won't be a problem here.

In a recent interview with The Commuter, Carnahan said that if Gov. John Kitzhaber's \$45 million allotment for community colleges during the 2001-03 biennium is approved by the State Legislature, he would ask the LBCC Board of Education not to increase tuition for the 2001-02 school year.

Increased enrollment and funding shortfalls forced Carnahan and the presidents of other community colleges to ask the state emergency board for funds to offset costs several times during the last biennium, and last spring the Board of Education decided to raise tuition at the start of summer term for the first time since 1996.

In order to prevent similar budget

problems during this biennium, the Oregon Department of Community Colleges developed a new spending model, which they presented to the governor last fall. The new model asked for \$87 million to deal with increased enrollment and updating equipment.

"This money will allow us to break even over the next two years."

—Jon Carnahan



Kitzhaber returned with an allotment of \$45 million when he announced his budget on Dec. 1.

"Given revenue forecasts for this biennium, we were happy to get the \$45 million," Carnahan said. "All things being equal, this money will allow us to break even over the next two years, so if we are able to hold on to that \$45 million, I'm going to recommend that tuition not

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LB Pell Grants rise by \$450 for biggest increase in past decade

by Gelina Inches
of the Commuter

LBCC students will be eligible for more financial aid through the popular Pell Grant next year following a decision by Congress last month to increase funding.

Congress voted to increase the maximum grant amount students can get from \$3,300 to \$3,750 per year, effective in the 2001-2002 academic year.

"This is the biggest boost in the last decade," said Lance Popoff, LB's director of Financial Aid.

During the 2000-01 school year, 1,591 LBCC students received Pell Grants. Students who are full-time versus part-time will be eligible for more of the grant.

The increase of the grant will not effect the price of tuition and fees for the next school year.

A Federal Pell Grant is not a loan, so students don't have to pay it back. Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree and are intended to provide a foundation of financial aid to help students in need.

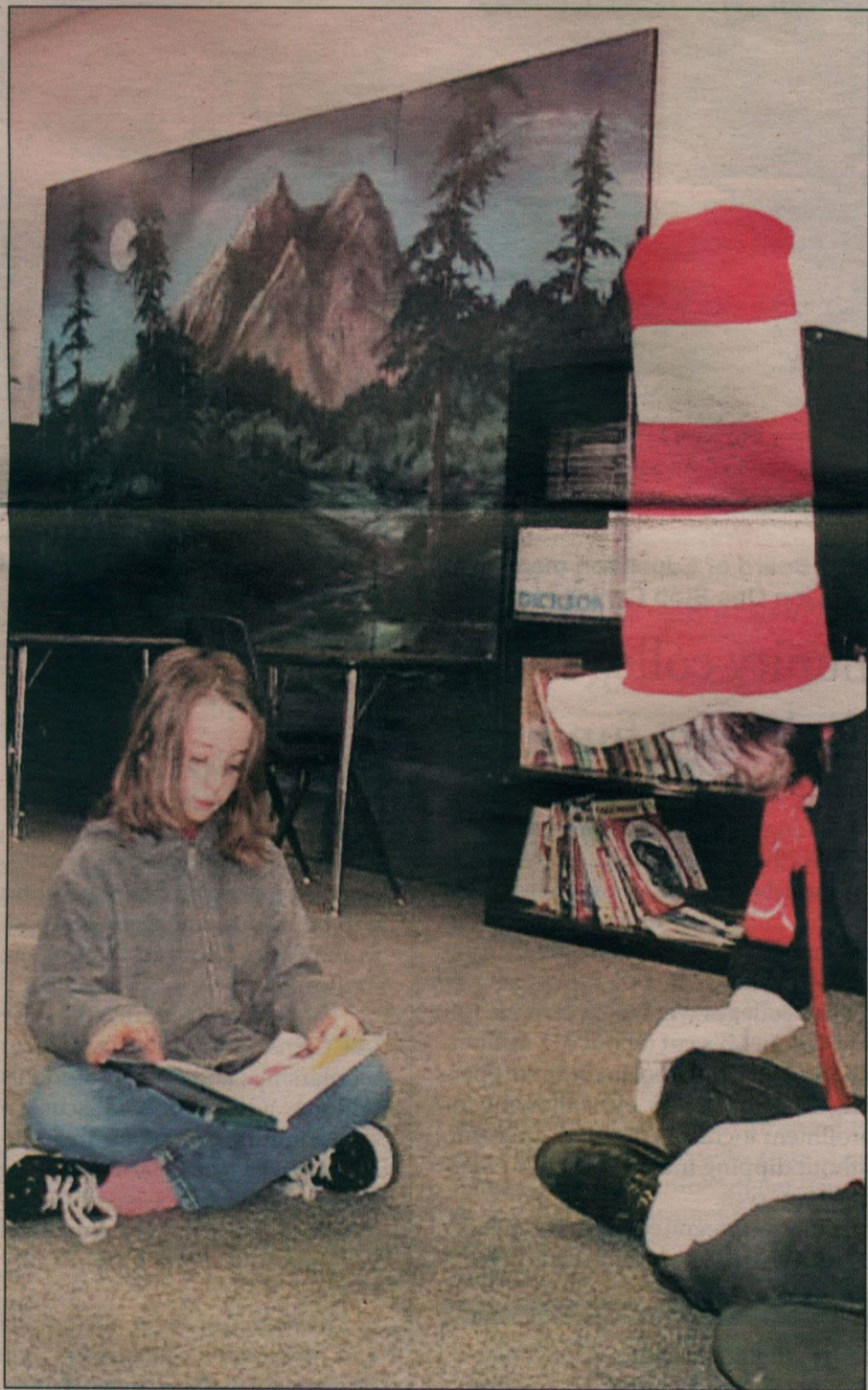


Photo by Lori Weedmark

The Cat in the Hat is Back

LB student ambassador Jaysun Elmer listens to 8-year-old Samantha Bebensee read during the "Seuss-a-thon," a children's literacy project sponsored by the Multicultural Center at the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club last Tuesday. Students dressed as Dr. Seuss characters read and listened to children.

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Soldier comes out of closet

A soldier, who romanced a 15-year-old girl on the Internet, went AWOL from his unit at Fort Knox, Ky., and wound up living in her bedroom closet for three weeks, unbeknownst to her mother. The mother worked, so Jeffrey Martin, 26, had the run of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, home when she wasn't there, but stayed in the closet when she was. Mom found out about it when she went to put some things away and found dishes and a bed in the closet. Martin was out at the time. The girl admitted everything. The cops found the man nearby in his pickup truck and arrested him for corrupting a minor.

Bad case of gas

Despondent after being dumped by his girlfriend, a 35-year-old man in Moenchgladbach, Germany, tried to take his own life by turning on all the gas spigots in the cellar of his apartment building and then waiting for the fumes to do him in. He ultimately changed his mind, however, turned off the gas and headed back upstairs to his apartment. On the way, he lit a cigarette. The explosion ripped off the roof and destroyed two walls, but the man survived.

Buyer beware

A man made a fraudulent purchase of a \$41,000 truck, using someone else's name, credit history and Social Security number so he wouldn't have to pay, and so the transaction could in no way be traced to him, police said. Then, he had the truck delivered to his actual address. Armed with his Fairmont, W.Va., home address, police had no trouble locating him for arrest.

Queen kills again

Bob Talley turned 100 years old, and, as with all good Englishmen who reach that milestone, he received a congratulatory telegram from the queen. After reading her majesty's message, he dropped dead.

Fallen Angles

Two Las Vegas teens went to Pittsburgh to execute a scam, buying a whole lot of expensive goods with 37 counterfeit credit cards, police said. A clerk became suspicious of Jennifer Jordan and Melissa Neal when one of them misspelled Los Angeles, where they claimed to be from, as "Los Angles." They were arrested.

—From the TMS News Service

LB offers new ASDT OSU transfer degree

by Barry Douglas
of The Commuter

LBCC grads transferring to OSU are now guaranteed junior standing with the newly designated Associate of Science Direct Transfer degree (ASDT), the first of its kind in Oregon.

Following an agreement signed by OSU Provost Timothy P. White, LBCC's ASDT degree will be accepted as meeting all lower division and baccalaureate core requirements. The agreement converts LBCC's existing Associate of Science degrees into the new ASDT degree. Students currently majoring in AS programs will receive the ASDT upon graduation.

"We're guaranteeing that a student will be taking the right things to be a junior at OSU," said Patsy Chester, dean of Academic and Administrative Services at LBCC. She cautioned, however, that LBCC may not offer some specialized lower-division courses required by some science majors at OSU, and that those courses will still have to be picked up at OSU once the student graduates.

LBCC counselor Ann Marie Etheridge said there are some

less obvious benefits of the new ASDT degree program.

"In times of tight admissions, the student with an associate's degree in a specific major will be given preference at four-year institutions," said Etheridge. "And the ASDT degree was specifically designed to be congruent with the educational philosophy at OSU, where enrollment is on the rise. The powers that be at OSU and LBCC have signed an important agreement here."

With the addition of the new degree program at LBCC, advisors are able to give better advice to students. "The ASDT degree represents a fantastic advising tool, and will save students time, money, effort and frustration," said Etheridge.

The ASDT degree will be transferable to all public four-year colleges in Oregon, as was the former Associate of Science degree, but it is of primary benefit to students transferring into OSU's highly-specialized science majors.

"Two neighboring institutions got together and decided to do something better," said Etheridge. "This is the result of a lot of hard work."

Center: Slated to open March 2002

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ant to coordinate the design work for the project. Holland is currently working with LB's legal counsel to find a qualified firm.

In addition, Holland and LB President Jon Carnahan are gathering input from students, faculty and staff for the building's design.

The One Stop Center will be the first new building funded by the \$19.1 million capital improvement bond passed by voters in Linn and Benton counties last November.

If all goes according to schedule, the building should be up and running by March of 2002.



Photo by Christopher Spence
LBCC Board of Education members discuss construction plans for the new East-Linn One Stop Center at a board work session last week.

Budget: Oregon community colleges fear tuition increase due to lack state funding

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be increased."

But Carnahan was quick to point out that the operative word in that statement is "if." Due to projected state budget shortfalls, Kitzhaber's recommended cuts to a number of state programs, including state police and corrections in order to increase funding to health care and education, and Carnahan is worried that the \$45 million set aside for Oregon's 17 community colleges could be viewed as up-for-grabs by programs facing cuts.

"He (Kitzhaber) told us that it was up to us to hold on to this money through the legislative process, so there is some

concern," Carnahan said. The primary fear among community college administrators is that the Legislature may decide that the schools could do with less state funding and raise tuition in order to make up the difference, effectively forcing their hand.

If the colleges were to receive the full \$45 million, LB's cut (about \$17 million) would allow the school to continue operating at current levels, even allowing for enrollment increases of up to 3 percent, without dipping into the school's emergency reserves.

Tuition at Oregon community colleges has increased 119 percent since 1990.

CORRECTIONS

A story in last week's Commuter incorrectly stated that the OSAC Scholarship Workshops were scheduled for last Wednesday and Thursday. The first workshop was yesterday. The second of the two workshops will be held today.

Also in last week's Commuter, the names of Erik Land, Rebecca Chance and Leon Valk were misspelled.

The Commuter apologizes for the errors.

Students offered grant workshop

by Beth Lyall
of The Commuter

A free scholarship workshop will be held today from 12-1p.m. in the Siletz Room in the College Center.

The session, conducted by the LBCC financial aid staff, will cover scholarships and grants. Students will get advice on what scholarship committees look for in application essays and learn about the Oregon Students Assistance Commission, particularly the Ford Scholars and Ford Opportunity Grants.

The staff will cover on-campus and off-campus scholarships, the pros and cons of searching services, how to search the internet for grants, and tips to avoid scholarship scams. They will also be available to answer questions.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Exit the Dragon

Susan Prock, coordinator of the Multicultural Center, leads students in a parade commemorating the Chinese New Year in the Courtyard on Monday. The parade was sponsored by the Multicultural Center and celebrated the outgoing Year of the Dragon. The Year of the Snake begins today.

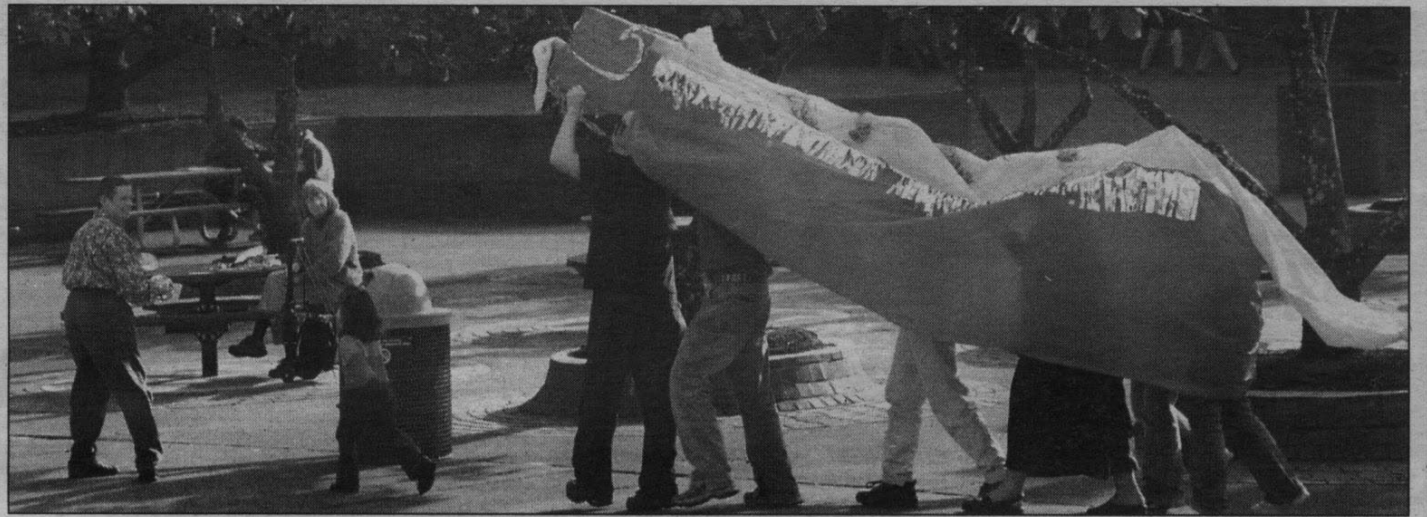


Photo by Michelle Mayo

New law prevents teens from taking driver's ed classes

by Adam Pierce
of The Commuter

Students who have received their drivers license within the last six months will no longer be accepted into the driver's education course at LB.

The Oregon Legislature passed a law that restricts teen drivers from driving with passengers in a car under the age of twenty who are not immediate family members for the first six months after receiving their license.

LB's Driver's Education classes were in risk of violating the law by allowing two students and an instructor in each car. If one of the students received their

license in the last six months and the other student is under the age of 20 this would violate the new law.

Phyllis Copeland, LB's Driver's Education Coordinator said that the legislature missed the fact that the law would put some drivers education courses in violation. She is also optimistic that they will change the law in the next Legislative session so that it no longer affects drivers education.

Until the next session, however, the drivers education classes at LBCC will not be accepting students under 20 who have received their license in the last six months.

The law does not effect students with permits.

"We're telling people to wait to get their license," said Copeland. "We're telling them to take drivers education first."

Oregon joined 24 other states that have adopted some form of provisional licensing for teens with this law.

Troy Costales, manager of ODOT's Transportation Safety Division, said "full implementation of the new teen licensing laws will save 10 to 12 lives each year and will prevent approximately 200 injuries."

For more information about the new requirement or questions about related issues contact DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000.

No more report cards—college posts grades online to save money

by Crystal A. Huff
of The Commuter

Students still waiting for their grades to come in the mail should check online in the Student Information System (SIS) instead. LBCC has officially ceased mailing out grades to students last fall term.

LBCC is saving about \$10,000 a year in paper and postage according to Bruce Clementsen, Director of Enrollment Management.

Grades can be accessed from any web-connected personal computer or from the SIS computer stations located on campus. The system is designed to make checking and printing out grades accessible for students.

"We've actually gone farther than a lot of other schools have in terms of securing information. A lot of other places use 'at your own risk'."

—Bruce Clementsen

To access grades students must log on the SIS web site (sis.lbcc.cc.or.us), click on student & financial aid, click on student records and click on view final grades. Students are ensured confidentiality but are reminded to log off by clicking exit LBCC SIS.

Last term, the SIS experienced a glitch that allowed students to view the social security number of the user before them when using campus computers. College officials shut the system down for a week to correct the error.

"We've actually gone farther than a lot of other schools have in terms of securing information," Clementsen said. "A lot of other places use 'at their your risk'."

Clementsen received a fair amount of complaints and compliments over the cross-over from mailed grades to online grades. "The question is now how far will online information go," he said. "Online catalogs are already available

and people working on the SIS are trying to make that option more user-friendly."

A catalog for next year is set to be online later in the spring, complete with links to graduations sheets, programs descriptions and the most current course syllabus.

"With more and more becoming available online some might begin to wonder if someday there won't be an option whether or not to get connected," said Clementsen. "There will always be people who will not go totally online."

Grades and students schedules are permanently part of the SIS now and must be accessed over the internet.

Financial Aid Office has scholarships for students in specific majors

by Crystal Davis
of The Commuter

LBCC Financial Aid Office has five scholarships available this term for students with specific majors or departments.

Two of the scholarships apply to students majoring in Criminal Justice, the Oregon State Sheriff's Association scholarship and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Scholarship.

The Oregon State Sheriff's Association scholarship offers \$500 and is need-based and awarded to a full-time student with second year status in the Law Enforcement/Corrections Program. Students applying must have a 2.0 mini-

mum GPA.

The Oregon Association Chiefs of Police scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student also with second year status in the Law Enforcement/Corrections Program, offering \$1000. Students applying must have a letter of reference from the local Chief of Police and an additional separate application.

The Leslie and Margaret Wheeler scholarship will be offering two \$500 scholarships to students majoring in Metallurgy and Materials Tech, Non Destructive Test Tech, Machine Tool Tech, Electronic Engine Tech, or Welding Tech. Students applying will be selected based on academics and profes-

sional potential.

Students majoring in Computer Programming or Mathematics are eligible for the Marilyn Lieberman (LBCC Foundation) #516 scholarship. This offers one \$400 scholarship and is need-based. The applicant's GPA must be at a minimum of 2.0.

Those majoring in Collision Repair can apply for the Collision Repair Advisory scholarship, which will be awarded Spring term to students with a 3.0 or higher GPA in that course and an accumulative LBCC GPA of 2.5. The amount and number of scholarship given will depend on fund availability. Students applying must also have a recommenda-

tion from the Collision Shop Instructor and a statement explaining career goals in this specific field.

Materials and applications are available at the Financial Aid Office (T-119) or The Learning Center (LRC-212).

Applications will be accepted at the Financial Aid Office between Jan. 16 through Feb. 2. Applications received late or incomplete will not be considered.

Free gardening series at Corvallis Public Library

by Taiga Sudakin
of The Commuter

A free gardening series is being offered at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library at 645 NW Monroe on Tuesdays from 12:15-1:05 p.m.

The series is coordinated by master gardener Janet Throop and sponsored by Benton County-OSU Extension Mas-

ter Gardeners, Benton Center and the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

Events to come:

Jan. 30, "Parade of Perennials," a discussion on perennial plants. (Repeated at 7 p.m.).

Feb. 6, "Flowers Forever," a presentation on culture, care, preservation and arranging of everlasting flowers. (Re-

peated at 7 p.m.).

Feb. 13, "What is Wrong with My Vegetables?" on vegetable gardening.

Feb. 20, "Culinary Herbs from Garden to Table," on the growth and use of culinary herbs.

Feb. 27, "We've Got You Covered," a presentation on lawns and alternative ground covers.

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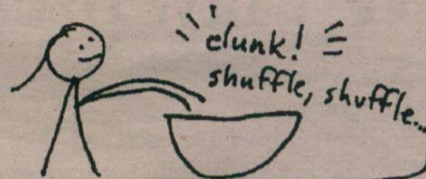
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Brain Lint by Amy K.R.

When leaving a tip at, say, Starbucks or Caribou, i often do so with exaggerated gestures or take a bit longer than necessary to place the dollar in the dish, just to make sure they know what a nice and generous customer i am.



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by Sprengelmeyer & Davis

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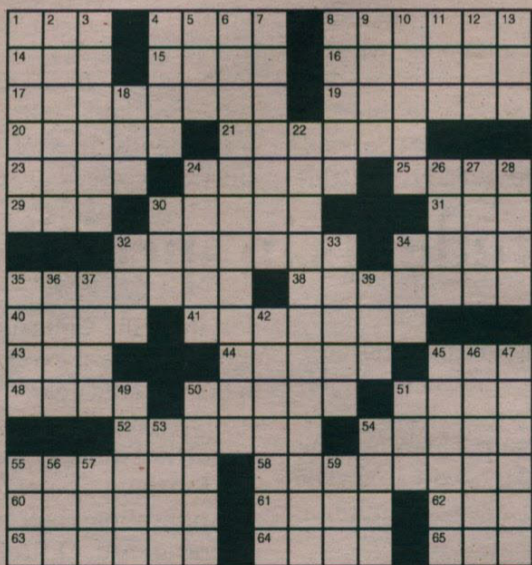
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SCHOLARSHIPS

If you are willing to write a 550-word essay, these scholarships may be for you! The Mensa Educational and Research Foundation sponsors an annual essay contest. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Application and essay must be received by **January 31, 2001**.

Attention ALL STUDENTS: The ESA (Epsilon Sigma Alpha) Foundation International has scholarships available to ALL students. Additional information and applications are available in the Learning Center and on the internet at www.esaint.com/esaf — click on the scholarship application link. Applications and official transcripts must be received by **February 1, 2001**

Chemical/Environmental Engineering or Computer Programming Students: The Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation is offering 25 scholarships for students who are planning to transfer to the University of Washington. Eligibility requirements and applications available at the Learning Center (LRC 212) or by contacting the Washington Pulp & Paper Foundation at the University of Washington, Box 352100, Seattle, WA 98195-2100, e-mail: wppf@u.washington.edu or check their website at <http://depts.washington.edu/wppf> or phone: 206-543-2763. Applications must be received by **February 1, 2001**.

Horticulture Students: The Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation is accepting applications for 2001-02 scholarships. Applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC 212) and on the internet at www.nurseryguide.com/onfform.shtml. Applications, official transcripts and three letters of recommendation that support your interest and ability in horticulture must be received by **April 2, 2001**.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Small local broadcasters receive mixed signals from FCC

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

The Federal Communications Commission is supposed to be pumping up the volume for small, low power FM stations, but are dragging their feet under pressure from industry and congress.

Responding to public demand for loosening of radio broadcast laws, the FCC began last year to accept applications for low power FM licenses, which allow small radio stations to broadcast on unused FM frequencies. The content is supposed to be educational, and the already tight restrictions keep getting tighter.

The licensing process includes a lottery system to determine the order of states whose residents can apply for LPFM licenses. The filing window was supposed to have Oregon residents becoming eligible to apply for building permits in the third round of licensing, but this was recently postponed indefinitely.

Start up costs for a low power station can be as low as \$250, and anyone who can meet certain requirements, and is approved by the government through a somewhat technical application process, can build and operate stations up to 100 Watts in effective radiated power. This allows a limited broadcast range under ideal conditions of up to 3 miles. Current regulations makes it almost impossible to broadcast for entertainment or political purposes.

The FCC plan received heavy opposition from the

broadcast industry, which lobbied to kill any licensing of small, non-commercial stations. Vocal opponents included the National Association of Broadcasters, minority radio stations, and, surprisingly, National Public Radio. These parties claimed to be worried about infringement on established stations' signals, claims the FCC dismissed as groundless. But after a long debate and a congressional hearing, the congress passed a law further restricting applicants and putting roughly half of all applications in jeopardy, according to an FCC official.

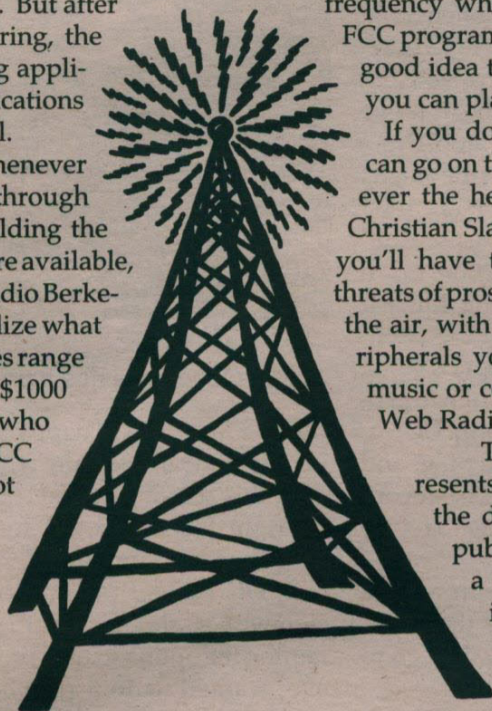
Anyone interested should apply whenever the next window opens, start jumping through hoops, and deal with ordering and building the equipment later. Fully operational rigs are available, as well as unassembled kits, from Free Radio Berkeley, a long time leader in the fight to legalize what is popularly known as Pirate Radio. Prices range from \$250 for a solder-it-yourself kit to \$1000 for a plug in and broadcast rig. Anyone who has already gotten in trouble with the FCC for operating an unlicensed station is not eligible.

Information is available, in a somewhat confusing form at the FCC web site, www.fcc.gov/lpfm, but if you dig around you'll find all the information necessary to apply.

Basically, the process goes like this. You have to find a place to set up shop. A small desk can hold all the equipment necessary except for the antenna which must be placed outside and located carefully. To apply for licensing, you need the exact latitude, longitude and elevation of your site, as well as a proposed frequency which you can find using the FCC program on their web site. It is also a good idea to review the rules of where you can place the station.

If you don't apply for licensing, you can go on the air tomorrow, play whatever the hell you want, live out your Christian Slater fantasies, but ultimately you'll have to deal with legalities and threats of prosecution. Either way, once on the air, with the right computer and peripherals you can also broadcast your music or comments internationally on Web Radio.

This FCC half-stepping represents a somewhat halting step in the direction of opening up the publicly owned airwaves, and is a testament to the power of industry to limit expansion of freedom where it may conflict with profits.



REVIEW

Civic Theater's 'Anastasia' starts slowly, but acting saves the show

by Michelle Mayo and Chad Richins
of The Commuter

The Albany Civic Theater kicked off the new year with a production of *Anastasia*, the story of a lost woman who may or may not be the daughter of Czar Nicolas and heir to the Romanov dynasty.

Directed by Pat Kight, the play is set in a house on the outskirts of Berlin in 1926. Based on real people and events, the first scene begins with rumors flying concerning the whereabouts of the youngest Romanov daughter, Princess Anastasia, who is said to be the only survivor of the 1918 assassination by the Bolsheviks.

Prince Bounine, a social climbing, avaricious lady-killer (Glen Kitelinger) and his two cronies, Chernov (Phil Brown) and Petrovin (Josh Smith) have entangled themselves in a plan to train a mentally unstable peasant woman (Melody Dingman) to impersonate Princess Anastasia to obtain a fortune in unclaimed money from foreign banks.

The first act was somewhat slow, but it soon became obvious that there was talent onstage. Dressed in rags and looking a bit manic, Dingman was hard to ignore, and Smith's Petrovin shined as a whimsical artistic-type with a propensity for violence—or the threat of it.

By the second act, Dingman's Anna

and her fellow women players had taken command of the audience. Nancy Fairchild was heartbreaking as an emotional peasant charwoman in one of the highlight performances of the play. But it was Jodi Altendorf as the Dowager Empress, mother of the dead Czar, who demands the most attention and who raised the level of the performance with her full tool kit of aspects, voice and movements.

The story is a tedious, tension-filled mystery—keeping the audience unsettled and unsure, but ultimately violating Chekhov's rule that if you see a gun in the first act, sometime before the end it is going to go off.

Kitelinger in the male lead strikes a convincing pose and moves well, but seemed to be perplexed by a slight cough and a less than sharp vocal style and line memory. The supporting cast was adequate and colorful, costumes were well fitted, appropriate to the period and surprisingly rich in variety. The one room set design worked well and the lighting was good.

Performances continue on the 25, 26, and 27 of January at 8 p.m. Refreshments are available in the lobby at intermission and are free with a donation suggested. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth.

LB journal seeks local artwork

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

The Eloquent Umbrella, the annual LBCC student produced creative arts journal is published each spring and is put together by the winter term Literary Publications class from art and writing submitted by students and community members. Taught by part-time English instructors Lane Millet and Eric Hill, the class edits and designs the journal for publication in May.

The publication is seeking works of poetry, essays and short stories, photographs, drawings, graphic designs and other two-dimensional art. Work will be reproduced in black and white.

Original submissions should include the artist's name, address and phone number. They can be turned into the secretary's office in the AHSS building between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those submitting work need not be students.

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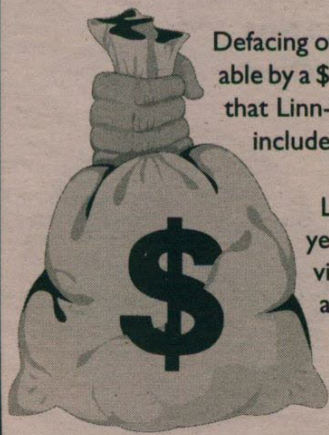
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Linn-Benton is offering the reward of up to two (2) full years of "Free Tuition Scholarships" to anyone who provides information resulting in the arrest and conviction of anyone defacing college property. Should you have directly related information, please contact the Campus Security Department in CC-123, or call x4441. Details of this offer are available at the Campus Security Department.



SPORTS PAGE

Quaempts among top prospects in nation

by David Miller
of The Commuter

LB's Justin Quaempts has been rated the 15th best Junior College prospect in the nation, according to a national baseball prospect magazine.

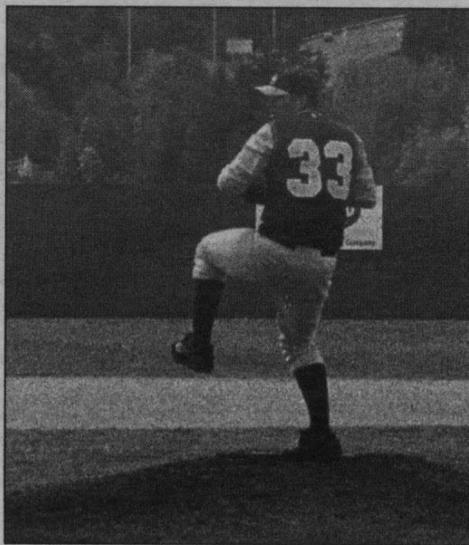
The ranking makes the powerful right-hander one of highest rated pitchers in the Northwest. Greg Hawk, LBCC baseball coach, said he's a little surprised that Quaempts is ranked that high. "It is eye opening to see him ranked that high."

Quaempts carved up his opponents posting a 1.04 ERA to end with a 4-3 record for the Roadrunners last season.

Hawk feels that Quaempts, a Pendleton native, is handling himself pretty well considering all of the attention that he is getting. Quaempts is being pursued by some of the top college programs in Division I, including UCLA, Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and San Diego State. He has also been contacted by sports agents seeking to represent him.

In the 2000 draft, Quaempts was drafted in the 29th round by the Texas Rangers. However, he decided to go to school and join the Roadrunners.

"I have a great relationship with Coach Hawk," Quaempts said. "He has given me confidence and has helped me out with everything, I can always talk to



File Photo

Justin Quaempts has a bright future.

him." Quaempts is happy to be here at LB and said he is not sure what he will do after this season. He feels that if he gets the right deal that he will forego the rest of college in favor of professional baseball. His current plans, though, are to sign with a school in April, while maintaining the option to turn pro. "All I have ever wanted to do is play baseball," he said. "Nothing is going to stop me and I won't allow myself to fail."

Since Hawk has been the baseball coach at LB, he has never had anyone get

this much recognition. "He has made all the right moves to promote himself," Hawk said.

"It is not all about me," he said. "Hawk has us on a mission to turn this program around." Quaempts wants to help the Roadrunners bring the Northwest Championship back to LBCC. "We have everything—a solid group of guys and depth everywhere."

Hawk feels that Quaempts will be a leader of the club. "I hope Justin will help us get to the playoffs," he said. "He works hard on pitching, conditioning and he is a smart ballplayer. He is a dominant power pitcher."

Four weeks ago Quaempts entered himself in a world showcase that 100 professional scouts attended. At this showcase Quaempts' fastball topped out at 93 mph, which bettered his previous high of 92 mph. "I still have room to improve," he said. "I work hard, and the sky is the limit."

Hawk also feels that Quaempts has a little room to improve, and Quaempts feels he has things to prove to others. Last season he was one of the top pitchers on the Roadrunners' staff. He averaged around eight strikeouts per nine innings.

"I want to prove that last year was not a fluke," Quaempts said.

Roadrunners host appreciation night for staff

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

The LBCC Athletic department would like to see more employees hanging out at the men's and women's home basketball games. Athletic Director Greg Hawk has organized an employee appreciation night to encourage LB employees to do just that. The appreciation night will be held on January 31 after the games against Umpqua Community College.

The women's game begins at 6 p.m. and the men's game starts at 8 p.m. To encourage employees even more, prizes will be raffled off during the game. Sign ups for the raffle will be at the door. (attendance required to redeem prize)

Last year, LBCC handed out over 100 prizes. Hawk's goal for this year is to get more than 100 LBCC employees to attend the games.

Any employees wishing to contribute prizes for the raffle should contact Greg Hawk at 917-4242 as soon as possible.

Beavs on Parade: Fiesta Bowl champs roll through Corvallis

by Michelle Mayo
and Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

Beaver believers lined the streets and blocked traffic in downtown Corvallis from Second Street to Gill Coliseum for the Beaver celebration parade last Sunday to commemorate their Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame on Jan. 1.

OSU fans stood on porches and hung out dorm windows in order to catch a glimpse of the truck trailers that held the players, coaches and cheerleaders as the band played the OSU fight song.

The parade ended at Gill, where the fans packed the stands to near capacity, continuing the celebration with a rally.

"Contrary to what a few folks think, there's nothing wrong with celebrating," Mike Parker, master of ceremonies, told the crowd. "We're going to celebrate loud and we're not going to see any of those ridiculous yellow flags," referring to the celebration penalties given to Oregon State at the Fiesta Bowl.

Dennis Erickson, the team's head coach, thanked the 35,000 fans who attended the game and said "we have the best student body in the country."

Erickson added "If you didn't think that influenced our football team then



Photo by Michelle Mayo

Safeway hauls Beaver football squad to Gill Coliseum in Sunday's parade to celebrate the team's historic season and Fiesta Bowl victory.

you didn't see the game."

Corvallis Mayor Helen Berg declared Sunday "OSU Beaver Day."

During the rally clips of the season's highlights were displayed on the big screen. The videos of "The Road to the Fiesta Bowl" are sold at Safeway stores in Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon.

Jonathan Smith, the team's quarterback, said "I've enjoyed my time at Oregon State and look forward to my senior year here. It's a good time and tough place to play."

Linebacker James Allen said at the rally "We do know how to celebrate. When I was back in high school in Jefferson, OSU was known for having bad seasons, and when I got my scholarship," he said with a grin, "people laughed at me."

The event ended when Coach Erickson was given the PAC-10 championship trophy by Dorthy Taylor of Sears, and the Fiesta Bowl Championship trophy by their committee.

At the end of the rally, when asked by

The Commuter what he thought about his pro football prospects, offensive MVP Smith said, "I'm not going to focus on anything past next year right now."

He said the team's accomplishments were more important to him than personal awards.

"It's exciting. The accomplishment (his award) is great, of course. But the most meaningful thing to me is the 11 games. When we won, we did something special."

Smith will be returning next year for his senior year, a year he says he is "real confident about."

"What we need is guys to step up and take the challenge," he said. "I know they will."

Defensive player James Allen was asked how he felt about the season and what his plans are for life after OSU.

"Defensively we performed well," Allen replied. "We dominated, we had fun, and we stepped up to the challenge. It was an amazing experience and the best season so far."

Asked about his chances of going pro, he said "We all have dreams. I'm trying but I can't predict that. I'm majoring in housing design so I'll have something to fall back on."

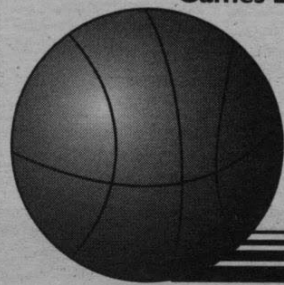
Basketball Half-Time Contest

Each LBCC Men's and Women's home basketball games will feature an opportunity for one lucky free throw winner to receive a free Izzy's pizza and the honor of sitting in the "Winners Chair" for the second-half of the game.

Games Begin @ 6 P.M. for Women's and 8 P.M. for Men's

Wednesday Jan. 10th	Wednesday Jan. 31st
Saturday Jan. 13th	Saturday Feb. 10th
Saturday Jan. 20th	Wednesday Feb. 14th
Saturday Jan. 27th	

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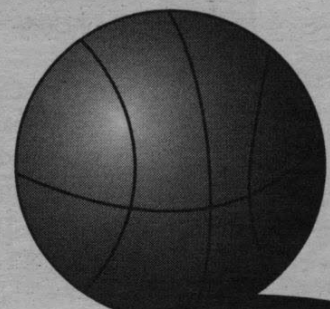


Co-Ed Basketball Tournament

Friday, February 9th, 2001
5 - 8 P.M. in the LBCC Gym

Sign up in the Student Life and Leadership office in teams of 3 or 4 for this annual co-ed tournament. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams.

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SPORTS PAGE

BOX SCORES

Men's Games

Mt. Hood 97, Linn-Benton 78

LBCC (78): Robertson 2-7 2-4 7, Hutchings 0-0 1-2 1, Marshall 10-15 2-3 22, Campbell 3-11 0-17, Gilder 1-2 1-2 3, Michaelis 3-8 1-2 8, Brusseau 3-9 4-6 11, Blevine 1-6 0-1 3, Coats 1-3 0-0 2, Rodgers 4-5 2-3 10, Grock 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 30-72 13-24 78.

MHCC (97): Graves 8-15 0-0 19, Eatman 3-7 0-0 6, Motter 6-9 2-4 18, Amaden 3-10 4-4 12, Williams 8-14 2-2 19, Cram 2-3 4-7 8, Brightman 2-5 0-0 4, Nelson 1-3 3-3 5. Totals 36-72 15-20 97.

Halftime—LBCC 33, MHCC 51. 3-point goals—LBCC 5-19 (Robertson 1-4, Campbell 1-5, Michaelis 1-3, Brusseau 1-3, Blevine 1-3, Coats 0-1), MHCC 10-26 (Graves 3-5, Eatman 0-2, Motter 4-7, Amaden 2-7, Williams 1-4, Brightman 0-1). Total Fouls—LBCC 17, MHCC 21. Total Rebounds—LBCC 42 (Robertson 6, Marshall 6, Blevine 6), MHCC 47 (Graves 7, Cram 7, Williams 7). Assists—LBCC 18 (Brusseau 5), MHCC 25 (Eatman 7). Turnovers—LBCC 12, MHCC 12. Blocked shots—LBCC 1 (Grock), MHCC 2 (Cram, Brightman). Steals—LBCC 7 (Michaelis 2, Brusseau 2), MHCC 11 (Eatman 3, Amaden 3). Technicals—None.

Chemeketa 70, Linn-Benton 49

Chemeketa (70): Morgan 0-2 2-2 22, Weldon 2-3 2-2 7, Ensign 3-6 2-2 8, Menefee 1-4 0-1 2, Boehme 1-1 1-3 3, Tyler 4-7 2-2 11, Sandoval 3-4 1-4 7, Powell 7-10 4-7 18, Mason 1-7 0-0 2, Uttecht 0-1 2-4 2, Tharp 3-4 2-4 8, Morris. Totals 25-49 18-31 70.

LBCC (49): Robertson 0-5 0-0 0, Michaelis 2-7 0-2 4, Glider 0-2 4-8 4, Brusseau 5-10 1-1 13, Blevins 2-7 0-2 4, Coats 0-3 0-0 0, Rodgers 0-1 2-2 2, Grock 3-6 4-7 10, Campbell 2-6, 0-0 5. Totals 15-54 15-27 49. Halftime—Chemeketa 35, LB 21. 3-point goals—Chemeketa 2-5 (Weldon 1-1, Tyler 1-2), LB 4-16 (Michaelis 1-3, Campbell 1-4, Brusseau 2-4, Robertson 0-2, Coats 0-1, Blevins 0-2). Total fouls—Chemeketa 25, LB 27. Fouled out—none. Rebounds—Chemeketa 36 (Tyler 7), LB 42 (Grock 8). Assists—Chemeketa 12 (Tyler 3), LB 8 (Coats 3). Blocked shots—Chemeketa 2 (Ensign, Tharp), LB 2 (Marshall, Coats). Steals—Chemeketa 5 (Powell 2), LB 2 (Michaelis, Campbell). Technicals—none.

Women's Games

Linn-Benton 65, Mt. Hood 64

LBCC (65): Wright 2-11 3-4 7, Rickert 6-19 4-5 16, Pass 6-16 3-4 15, Dexter 5-7 0-0 12, Damon 4-7 1-6 9, Ward 0-5 0-0 0, Torredal 2-3 2-4 6, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Starker 0-0 0-0 0, Strohm 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-68 13-23 65.

MHCC (64): L. Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Payton 7-11 1-1 18, Hunefeld 2-9 1-2 5, Dahl 2-7 2-8 6, Lee 6-10 2-4 14, Luarda 2-8 0-0 4, J. Smith 5-7 1-2 11, Wallenborn 2-5 0-0 4, Alexander 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-63 7-17 64. Halftime—LBCC 26, MHCC 36. 3-point goals—LBCC 2-5 (Dexter 2-2, Wright 0-1, Rickert 0-2), MHCC 3-7 (Payton 3-3, L. Smith 0-1, Alexander 0-1, Lee 0-2). Total Fouls—LBCC 17, MHCC 18. Total Rebounds—LBCC 36 (Rickert 7), MHCC 52 (Lee 13). Assists—LBCC 12 (Wright 4), MHCC 11 (Payton, Hunefeld, Dahl, Lee, Luarda 2). Turnovers—LBCC 22, MHCC 33. Blocked shots—LBCC 0, MHCC 4 (Lee 3, Dahl). Steals—LBCC 20 (Pass 7), MHCC 10 (Lee 4). Technicals—None.

Chemeketa 77, Linn-Benton 63

ChCC (77): McGrath 5-8 6-8 17, Beeler 5-8 0-0 12, Lewis 3-6 2-3 10, Garvin 1-5 0-1 2, Scudero 6-15 3-7 15, Kicking Woman 6-11 2-4 16, Piper 2-5 0-0 6, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Rojas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-70 20-29 57.

LBCC (63): Wright 3-12 3-4 10, Rickert 3-12 0-0 7, Pass 4-10 2-2 10, Dexter 7-16 0-0 16, Damon 3-9 6-11 12, Ward 0-1 0-0 0, Torredal 1-1 2-4 4, Scott 1-1 0-0 2, Starker 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-68 17-26 70.

Halftime—ChCC 42 LBCC 28. 3-point goals—ChCC 9-18 (Piper 2-2, Beeler 2-4, Kicking Woman 2-4, McGrath 1-3), LBCC 4-19 (Dexter 2-6, Rickert 1-4, Wright 1-8, Starker 0-1). Total Fouls—ChCC 17, LBCC 22. Total Rebounds—ChCC 45 (Scudero 12), LBCC 36 (Dexter 7). Assists—ChCC 19 (McGrath 8), LBCC 14 (Wright 5). Turnovers—ChCC 32, LBCC 21. Blocked Shots—ChCC 4 (Kicking Woman 2, Garvin, McGrath), LBCC 0. Steals—ChCC 12 (Lewis, Scudero, Piper 3), LBCC 19 (Rickert, Dexter, Pass 4). Technicals—None.

RECORDS

Men:

1-3 league; 2-15 overall; 6th place

Women:

2-2 league; 13-5 overall; 6th place

Three losses drops basketball men to 1-3

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

The LBCC men dropped both of their games last week, losing on the road to Mt. Hood 97-78 on Wednesday and at home to Chemeketa 70-49 on Saturday.

Doug Marshall led LB with 22 points in the Mt. Hood game, shooting 10-of-15 from the field and two-for-three from the line. Marshall, Steve Blevine, and Dominic Robertson each had six rebounds to lead the Roadrunners, and Marshall added three assists.

JR Brusseau scored 11 points, shooting three-for-nine from the field and going four-for-six at the line. Brusseau also grabbed five boards to add to the team's 42 rebounds, and added another five assists to the team's total of 18.

The Roadrunners struggled in the first half, shooting only 41 percent from the field while the Saints shot 50 percent. LB was even worse at the free throw line, shooting 37.5 percent. LB improved to 62.5 percent from the line in the second half, but they were no match for the Saints.

The Roadrunners returned home after Wednesday's loss to Mt. Hood, but the home crowd was no help against Chemeketa as LB fell by 21 points to the Storm on Saturday. Brusseau led the Roadrunners with 13 points, shooting five-of-10 from the field and one-for-one from the free throw line. Brusseau also hit two of the team's four three-point goals.

Paul Grock chipped in 10 points, shooting 50 percent from field goal range and hitting four-of-seven shots from the line. Grock also had eight rebounds in the game, while David Michaelis added seven to the team's total of 42. The Roadrunners had 18 turnovers.

The Runners' field goal percentage suffered in this game—as a team they shot only 27.8 percent to the Storm's 51 percent.

Weak passing and loose defense also hurt the Runners. During the tightly contested first half, passes were knocked away and stolen by the Storm. LB got their chance to do the same, however, when Robertson stole an inbound pass from Chemeketa and handed it off to Michaelis for two points to put the Runners within four points of the Storm with 7:14 left on



Photo by Christopher Spence

Roadrunner Doug Marshall looks for help during last Saturday's home game against Chemeketa. Marshall had 22 points, six rebounds and three assists.

the clock in the first half. But LB's stamina waned at the end of the half, and they started to fall further behind. With three minutes left in the half the Roadrunners were behind 21-29, but they didn't score again for the rest of the half as the Storm swept past to a 35-21 halftime lead.

In the second half the Runners just couldn't hit their shots. LB attempted 24 field goals and hit only eight of them, while Chemeketa was hot, hitting 13 of 25. Chemeketa went on a 35-28 run in the second half to overpower the Roadrunners 70-49.

Linn-Benton is now 1-3 in league. The Roadrunners will face Lane in Eugene on Wednesday and Clackamas at home on Saturday.

Lady Runners sneak past Saints; drowned by Storm

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

After squeaking past Mt. Hood 65-64 last Wednesday, the Lady Runners couldn't stretch their two game winning streak against a strong Chemeketa team on Saturday, falling 77-63.

The Saints, who entered the game with a record of 0-2 in league and 4-12 overall, dominated in the first half and led the Lady Runners by 10 at halftime. In the opening half the Runners were out rebounded by 14 and could only manage 33 percent shooting.

"We gave up too many second and third opportunities," said LB Coach A.J. Dionne. "They were much bigger on the inside than us. I was afraid that might give us problems. We were out-hustled to some balls and were out of position for others."

To compound the Runners' problems, freshman post sensation Dusty Damon got into foul trouble early on.

"Dusty wasn't able to play as much as I would have liked," lamented Dionne.

But the second half was a different story. The Runners adjusted at the break and applied full-court pressure coming out of the half, forcing a flood of turnovers that they converted into easy offensive plays. The Saints ended the game with 33 turnovers.

After the Roadrunners closed the gap, the teams traded baskets for most of the rest of the game. The teams were tied with 11 seconds remaining with the Saints at the free-throw line. After hitting the first shot to go ahead by one, the Saints missed the second. The Runners grabbed the rebound and got the ball to leading scorer Christy Rickert, who came off a pick by the right post for the shot. But the ball rimmed out to sophomore wing Kelley Dexter, who scored on the



Photo by Christopher Spence

Kelley Dexter readies a shot as Chemeketa's Mary Scudero closes in.

put-back to give LB a one-point lead with seven seconds left.

That proved to be the winning margin as the Saints were unable to score.

"It was an exciting game," said Dionne. "I felt like I was holding my breath the last six minutes or so."

Rickert led the way for the Runners with 16 points and seven rebounds. Christin Pass helped pick up the slack left by the foul-plagued Damon with 15 points and seven steals. Dexter helped out with 12 points and five steals.

The Runners' cold shooting continued in the Activities Center on Saturday and this time it cost them against the league leading Chemeketa Storm, who won the game 77-63.

"We came into the game and everybody was pumped," said Dionne.

The Runners opened the game on a roll, jumping ahead 11-2 and crashing the boards for the first four minutes.

"We had wide-open, good-looking shots and we couldn't hit."

— A.J. Dionne

"Then they (the Storm) got it together," Dionne said. "They shot lights out (and) we had some defensive lapses. In the Southern Conference there are one or two minutes in any game that will be the turning point."

That was the moment for Chemeketa, as they stormed to a 42-28 lead at the half. The Storm shot 50 percent in the first half, including seven of 11 from behind the three-point line. Meanwhile, the Runners were on 30 percent clip.

"We had wide-open, good-looking shots and we couldn't hit," Dionne said.

Things wouldn't get much better for the Lady Runners in the second stanza.

"We came out flat in the second half, a little sluggish," said Dionne. "We had a lot of opportunities. We had more looks at the basket than Chemeketa, they turned it over 32 times. They gave us lots of opportunities to put it back in their face. We didn't play that bad."

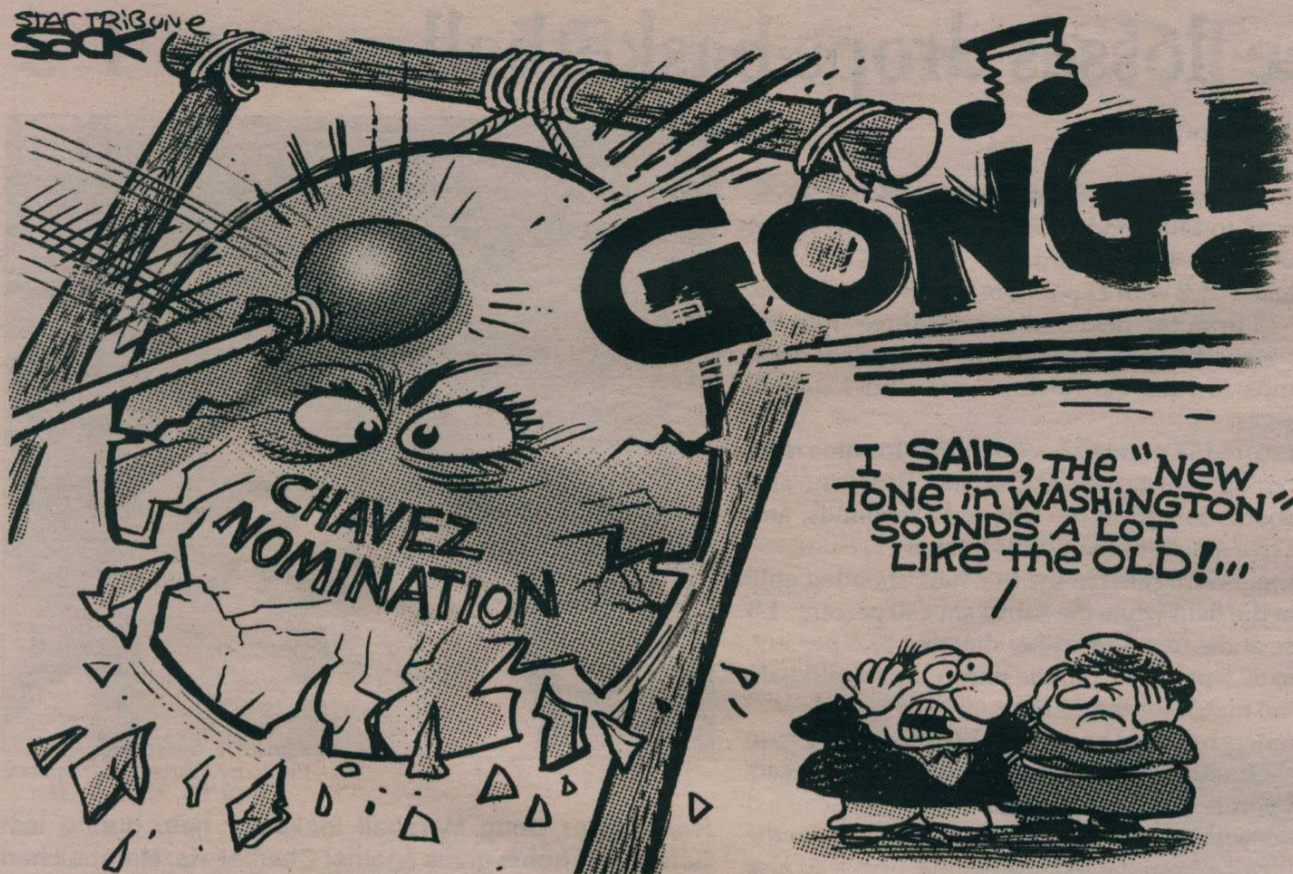
Dexter led the team with 16 points and seven rebounds. Damon had 12 points, and Pass and Summer Wright scored 10 a piece.

The Lady Runners will hit the court again on Wednesday in Eugene at Lane Community College. Lane will enter the game 2-2 in league and 12-7 overall. The Titans are coming off of a 95-73 win at Mount Hood. The Runners lost to Lane 76-66 in December.

"This is a must win for us to get back into the top four in the league," Dionne said.

The next home game for the Lady Runners is Saturday against Clackamas.

OPINION



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ALL THE RAGE

Bush prepares his ranks for war, shouldn't we do the same?

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

"The horror! The horror!"
—dying words of Mr. Kurtz, from Joseph Conrad's "Heart of Darkness"

Never in my life have I regretted anything as much as I regretted not having a television this past weekend.

The knowledge that He was out there, with blood dripping from his fangs and gore upon his claws; the knowledge that He was coming to power in a distant land and I could do nothing—not even observe—was almost more than I could bear.

And now it may be too late.

But let the war begin—regardless of hope. Let all those who would not be slaves to the oil companies, or cogs in the great global machine rise up and gird themselves for battle, for the enemy is come. George W. Bush has come to power, and the final darkness may be upon us.

Some of you might find these words a bit melodramatic—and some of you might see them as the paranoid rantings of a lunatic—but that is your problem.

The fact of the matter is, my battle call is not the first. The war has already begun, and Dubya has struck the first blow.

The choice of Dick Cheney as vice president was a declaration of war against all the progress that this country has made over the last decade. The announcement of Bush's cabinet nominations was the opening offensive in that war. Bush has assembled an armory, not a cabinet, and he plans to use it to battle Time itself. He wants to bring back the Reagan Years and he will stop at nothing to accomplish this goal.

It's really kind of creepy that even as old Dutch is knocking at Death's door, his spirit is being reborn in the administration of his former vice president's son. It is clear to me now that the '90s were nothing more than an era of repose for the Reagan administration. They bided their time; rebuilding, focusing, talking about unity and a "new" GOP—all the while preparing their unholy legions for the war that they would wage. And now that war has begun. The masks have come off and all the talk about uniting the nation after a divisive period is exposed for what it is.

What G.W. means by "unity" is "domination." He rolled over the will of the people on his march to the White House, taking the election despite losing the popular vote and grabbing the electoral college under dubious circumstances at best. He then set to filling his cabinet with war-mongers and corporate stooges.

He is making plans to bring Reaganomics to the



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world at large and to nullify every bit of environmental and equal rights legislation passed during the past eight years.

Don't believe me? Let's consider some of his appointments thus far:

- John Ashcroft; Attorney General. This Missouri senator, who was beaten by a dead man in his bid for that state's gubernatorial election, opposes abortion in any form—even to the exclusion of those traditional Christian Right provisions of rape and incest. His stand on gun control and the environment makes Charlton Heston look like a tree-hugging liberal, and his idea of equal rights for minorities seems to be giving everyone the same voltage when they are strapped into the electric chair.

- Linda Chavez; labor secretary (withdrawn). What can I say that hasn't been said already? Personally, I think she should get the job. Certainly her record seems right in line with the hiring practices of many of this country's most successful corporations. Companies like Gap and Nike need someone like Chavez in the White House to keep profits high and stockholders happy.

- Gale Norton; Secretary of the Interior. Alaska will be sold to Exxon, lock, stock and barrels of crude within 48 hours of this woman's confirmation.

- Colin Powell; Secretary of State. Powell's appointment to this position is questionable at best—the man is a soldier, not a diplomat. As chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell oversaw the war in Iraq, and I don't think the issue of the U.S. use of depleted uranium shell-casings—and their role in the so-called "Gulf War syndrome" that is affecting thousands of Gulf War veterans and Iraqi citizens has been adequately addressed by the retired general.

- Spencer Abraham; energy secretary. Las Vegas will glow for new reasons if Abraham gets his way. "Reno, the biggest little nuclear waste dump in the world"—I wonder what the Nevada Tourist Bureau thinks of that as a new slogan for one of its most popular towns.

These people are weapons, to be used in a variety of ways against the small amount of progress this country made during the Clinton Years. The war has begun and Bush is already winning. Even now he is working busily to overturn many of Clinton's final acts as president.

Not that many of those acts really mean anything. After all, Slick Willie was much too busy trying to keep

himself from being prosecuted once he leaves office and granting presidential pardons to his crooked friends to do anything terribly important in his final days in office. Nor has his record over the past eight years been anything exceptional or revolutionary.

But even as convoluted as many of Clinton's acts as president were, they were at least headed in the right direction. They were aimed at heading forward, at improving our country by trying new things. Bush's administration seems to be aimed at going in the opposite direction. Less than 24 hours after he was sworn in, Bush had his father, the CIA Drug Lord, Reagan's Right-Hand Thug, the former president, George Bush Sr. in the Oval Office again. Tell me they're not living in the past.

The people who support this administration don't want change, they want to remain static. They want to live in a world with leaders to tell them how to think and then pat them on the head for their sense of "individualism." They want to believe that the world is flat and that there are sharp lines between good and evil and that happiness is doing what you're told without question. They want to believe that material wealth and happiness are the same thing and that if you do all of the above, like a "Good American," those things will be yours.

And it saddens me to say that there are a lot of people out there who are all too happy to do just that. Many of them supported Clinton and Gore too, but it seems to me that the rest of us—the ones interested in actual change—were starting to get somewhere. People were looking to the future. We were on the verge of making some real progress toward a better society—maybe not under a Gore administration, but certainly in the foreseeable future. But now I'm afraid that that progress may have been completely undone.

We were at the brink of something new and some of us got scared of sailing over the edge of the world and decided to turn back. Maybe forever.

So now it's war again. The people of this country have had to fight tooth and nail for every scrap of progress we've ever made. I guess there's no reason why that should change now.

So let's go—the battle has been joined and the forces of progress are on the ropes. Our weapons in this war will be few; they have the guns and the money—hell, this time they even have all the good drugs. All we have are words and common sense and a righteous cause. We have to be better than we are, we have to change the people who don't want to change, we have to progress.

