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Spooks in the Bookstore

Deanne Warren works amid the cobwebs and goblins in the LBCC Bookstore, one of many campus offices decked out for Halloween.

ASG opposes proposal to raise fees to pay lobbyist

by Leslie Smith
of The Commuter

Associated Student Government President Matthew Alexander is fighting a proposal from the statewide student government association to increase student fees for funding of the organization's lobbying efforts.

The Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association & Commissions (CCOSAC) proposed to implement a 10- to 15-cent fee per student at each school in order to raise \$50,000 for the position of legislative director.

Currently this is a part-time position funded by budgets that carry over from

past years. However, according to Danny Armanino, chairman of CCOSAC, it will not be possible to afford a legislative director next year with the current dues plan. He suggests that something needs to be created to put CCOSAC at the level of other groups of its kind, like the OSA (Oregon Student Association) and OCCA (Oregon Community Colleges Association), which operate from a budget between \$120,000 and \$220,000 (with fees of \$1.08 per full-time student) and employ four full-time positions and an intern position.

With the proposal of the Direct Fees (turn to "Full-time" on Pg. 2)

Bomb scare closes campus

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

LBCC was evacuated Monday night shortly after 5:50 p.m. when an employee from the Albany Center received a phone call saying there were two bombs hidden in one of the buildings on campus.

The caller, who couldn't be identified as male or female, also said there was very little time before the bomb would go off, according to Vern Jackson of the campus security office.

He quoted the caller as saying, "There are two bombs planted on campus. You don't have much time," adding that the caller spoke very quickly. Before the employee had a chance to ask where they were cut off, Jackson said.

The police arrived at 5:57 p.m. and proceeded to evacuate all the buildings on campus. By about 6:10 p.m., everyone was assembled at the evacuation points and the Albany police arrived to (turn to "Police" on Pg. 2)

Smoking limits move forward after forums draw few students

by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

Fewer than 10 people attended each of the three public forums hosted by President Jon Carnahan last week to gather opinions about the proposal to limit smoking to designated outdoor areas on campus.

Most of those attending the forums were staff members.

Carnahan said he now plans to present the designated smoking plan on Nov. 4 to the College Council, a panel of administrators, faculty and student representatives. The College Council will then recommend whether Carnahan should present it to the Board of Education.

"We will need to sit down and figure out how we're going to implement this," said Carnahan. "We have to look at the cost, time and locations before we can do anything. If we do this, we'll have to buy new furniture for the designated areas, possibly build shelters, and we'll market the new idea by publishing brochures."

Glenda Temper, co-chair of the Smoking Committee, told those attending the public forum held Monday evening that the committee has never suggested that the campus be totally smoke-free.

"If the smoking designations are passed, we aren't looking at a police action against those who don't use the areas," she said.

The main factors being considered concerning the designated smoking areas are convenience of the locations, distance from restrooms and shelter from the wind and rain.

"They (designated areas) may create a nicer environment for smokers," said Carnahan, adding that they will provide more comfortable places for smokers to sit and visit out of the weather than are available now.

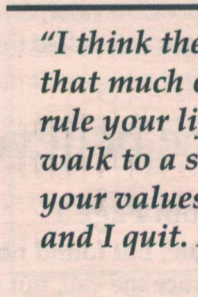
Although the public forums are over, Carnahan still requests students' opinions about the designated smoking areas. He can be reached by e-mail at carnahj@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.

what students think



"I think it's lame just because of the fact I'm getting fed up with the movement to ban smoking."

—Andy Altishin



"I think they're a good idea just because it's not that much of a hassle. If you let it (smoking) rule your life that much for it to bother you to walk to a smoking area, you need to reassess your values. I smoked for two-and-a-half years, and I quit. Now it bothers me to smell it."

—Andrew Curtis



"It's a violation of our rights because we're outdoors, and we shouldn't be banned from smoking outdoors. I don't smoke that much, so it really doesn't affect me."

—Justin Beck



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New Internet classes let students surf instead of sit

by Valerie Blank
of The Commuter

If you'd rather surf the net than sit in the classroom, one of LBCC's Internet courses might be right for you.

Currently, LBCC offers seven Internet courses: Personal Health, Media and Society, Calculus, Lifetime Wellness, English Composition, Process Control and The Write Course.

The first Internet course LBCC offered was Calculus, which was developed jointly with OSU about a year ago. Spring term three other Internet classes started, and the list keeps growing.

At least three more web courses are under consideration for winter term: a diet/nutrition class, a biology class and a metallurgy class.

Instructors for regular classes also often use the Internet as a resource tool for students. When students start commu-

nicating with their teacher by e-mail, it sometimes snowballs, eventually becoming a full-blown Internet course.

The web courses have their own web sites that supplement course instruction. Students have 24-hour access to the class notes, syllabus and assignments. These courses often involve discussion questions where students reply back and forth through e-mail, sharing their thoughts and opinions on the question and commenting on other students' answers. Lifetime Wellness and Media and Society are both examples of classes with group e-mail discussions via the Internet.

According to English Composition Instructor Beth Camp, who teaches Writing 123 on the Internet this term, the advantages include the fact that students have 24-hour access to the teacher. In addition, students gain a better understanding of how the computer can be

used as a working tool.

She said she is also able to return work to students quickly, and she likes having more of a dialogue with her students about their work and what their goals are in the class. "I enjoy seeing my students gain in skill and confidence as they work with the computer," she said.

According to Lifetime Wellness instructor Richard Gibbs, students taking web courses have much more flexibility.

Another advantage of the classes is that the students become the experts, he said. "Since there is relatively no lecture from the teacher, the students must read and research the answers to their assignments. In essence, the students become the teacher," said Gibbs.

"Also, students can be more open, in some cases, when they share their ideas. In the traditional class, some students can dominate the time. Here, it is typi-

cally not like that." However, he added, "I will admit that the teachers lose some intensity by not having the class in front of them and getting the immediate feedback and the energy that comes from live interaction."

Other disadvantages, according to Camp, include little or no face-to-face interaction between teacher and student, along with computer problems.

The Internet can also be used for regular lecture classes for students who may not be able to attend class regularly. For example, last summer Camp had a student complete English 110, Intro to Film Studies, from Slovakia via e-mail.

Erica Larsen, a student in the Media and Society class said, "It's hard because it's easy to procrastinate, but it's also a fun class because you get to talk to the other students over the Internet, and there are fun projects."

Full-time lobbyist not needed, ASG says

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Plan, the legislative director's position will be changed to full-time, taking the current budget of \$16,796 up to \$53,588. The plan calls for \$20,000 per year to be allotted for full-time personnel. Benefits will cost \$4,000 annually, and the rest of the money will go towards software and equipment, as well as common office expenses and traveling costs.

When the idea of direct fees was introduced, Alexander joined the committee formed to construct the proposal so that he could voice his concerns.

But shortly before the October meeting he learned that the proposal had already been drafted by Brubaker and the student representatives of Lane and Portland community colleges.

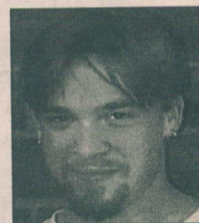
After looking it over, Alexander said he immediately got together with ASG Vice-President Derek Clark and Science/Industry Rep. Tim French. "We tore this thing apart and came up with an alternate proposal," he said.

His counter-proposal cuts out the legislative director's position all together and suggests hiring contracted lobbyists during the legislative session, then taking on interns during the off-session. It also suggests that the secretarial duties be assumed by different members of CCOSAC. This proposal eliminates the \$20,000 for full-time personnel, the \$4,000 for benefits and the majority of offices expenses, cutting the budget to \$11,700.

In his efforts to fight the Direct Fees Plan, Alexander hopes to steer away from what he feels is the current mind set of CCOSAC, which is to "generate as much cash as possible now, and then figure out what to do with it later." He called this a "very irresponsible use of

"(It's a) very irresponsible use of students' money . . ."

—Matthew Alexander



students' money," and added he would rather see CCOSAC list exactly what it needs and generate a budget just for those needs.

Brubaker admits Alexander's counter-proposal has some merits. He agreed it would be less expensive and provide a more experienced lobbyist. On the other hand, he said, a contracted lobbyist has more than just one client, and he or she may favor clients who are better able to influence legislators.

He said he favors having a person working solely for CCOSAC because he or she will have an "emotional investment" in the organization and will generally have community college experience, something Brubaker considers important because the reason behind CCOSAC "is to help with student issues."

CCOSAC was established in 1973 after branching off of OCCA to concentrate more on the student spectrum of community colleges. The presidents of the student government for each community college make up this organization.

The direct fees issue is currently the primary focus of CCOSAC, which will meet Nov. 14 and 15 for further discussion on this topic.

There is also a web site for CCOSAC (<http://www.teleport.com/~brubaker/ccosac>) which gives information about current issues, meeting minutes, agendas and the organization itself.

Police believe bomb call was made from campus phone

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investigate, but found no bomb. The police were unable to trace the call, but were able to tell that the call was made from somewhere on campus, Jackson said.

The Albany Police Department recommended that campus be evacuated for the remainder of the evening, and Brian Brown, dean of College Services, agreed.

After an extensive search of the campus grounds by LBCC and the Albany Police, Jackson said they decided that the bomb threat was a hoax.

"This is only the second bomb threat at LBCC that I've seen, and I've been here for 17 years," said Jackson. The other came in 1992 on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, just prior to an address in Takena Hall.

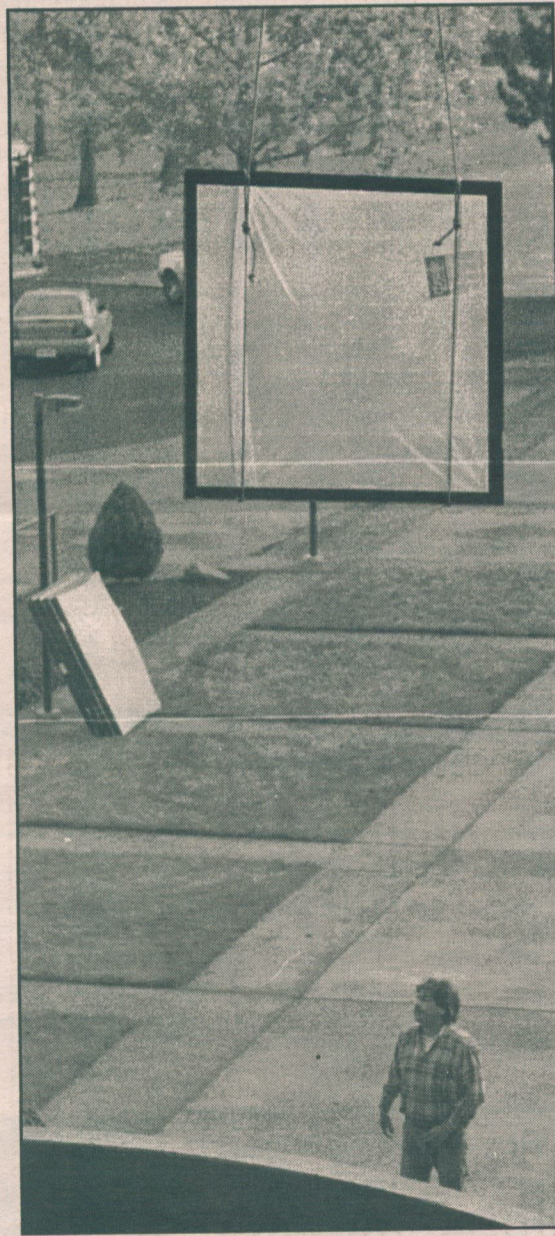


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Shedding Light

Workers hoist new skylights onto the roof above the fountain staircase near the cafeteria Thursday afternoon. The work made it necessary to close the staircase for several hours.

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CAMPUS NEWS



Photo courtesy of Maynard Chambers

Maynard Chambers walks along the dock of one of the many fishing villages he and his wife visited during their month-long trip down the Amazon River last summer.

Business instructor takes new bride on ride down the Amazon

by Curtis Larson
of The Commuter

Fifteen years ago Maynard Chambers boated 10 miles down the Amazon and developed a deep attachment that never went away.

This past summer, the LBCC business instructor returned to relive the adventure. But this time he boated over 2000 miles from Peru to the Atlantic. And this time, he took along his new bride on their honeymoon.

Starting in Equitos, Peru, the excursion lasted about a month as they went through Columbia and finished in Brazil. Instead of staying at first class hotels, he and his wife traveled by boat, starting out on a tourist boat and then taking two Amazon freighters.

Chambers, who has taught accounting since 1970, said he has been on lots of adventures in his life, but he ranks this trip as one of his most rewarding.

He found the people very friendly, and said that the people along the river were also very poor and most of them were not employed. Most of them fish because of the great amount of fish in the Amazon river and take advantage of the great abundance of fruit, especially bananas, he explained.

Many village people make money by selling bananas and fish, which the freighters buy. This way the people are able to barter for their basic needs with little money, he said. Some of the essentials they buy are grain for bread and rice or kerosene for cooking. He said that if they don't use kerosene, they cook with wood.

The biggest challenge Chambers had to face was staying healthy. He said that they could only drink bottled water because the boat water wasn't suitable for drinking. They ate beans and rice most of the journey because of the way the meat was being cooked.

Another challenge came when they went to the boat docks to find another freighter to carry them further down the river. They had to talk to the captain, and not knowing the Portuguese language only added to the struggle. But they worked things out by communicating through sign language, Chambers said.

He said they saw a lot of birds, fish and other wildlife, including alligators, which came out mostly at night. They would shine their lights on the alligators and see their eyes glow. The gators would always stay still, he said, and sometimes as they would shine the lights on one of the smaller alligators, they would reach out and grab its tail and pull it out of the water, letting it go shortly after. He said that they wouldn't dare try to catch the big ones.

Chambers' Number 1 reason for this trip was to experience nature. "There's nothing like the Amazon in the world," he said.

Chambers has always felt he belonged high on the adventure scale. Prior to the Amazon trip, he climbed 19,000 feet up Mount Everest. Two years ago he climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

He has also enjoyed helicopter skiing down the Rockies of Canada, and he has also sailed from North America to Hawaii and back.

Millennium bug holds no sting for LBCC computers

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

LBCC's computers appear to be safe from the "millennium bug," which has many in today's computer-dependent society worried.

Companies and governmental agencies around the world are trying to correct problems the bug will cause when their systems' calendars have to change to the year 2000.

At LBCC, however, Ann Adams, director of computer services, is unconcerned.

She said that the only systems likely to be affected by the problem are some of the older PCs in the computer labs on campus. The rest of LBCC's machines are newer and contain software designed to deal with the problem. In addition, a gradual upgrade program now in place is expected to replace all of the older machines before the year 2000.

The year 2000 problem, or "millennium bug" as it is more commonly known, is more serious than many people believe, according to "Doctor" Don Taylor, a leading expert in business-related communications via the Internet.

Taylor, who bills himself as a specialist on the year 2000 problem, said it will have an effect on every person who uses a computer, computer data (including bills and paychecks), computer controlled devices (telephone network, cable, electricity) and services associated with computers (flight schedules, sales appointments, train schedules, etc.).

The problem is not a new one, says Taylor. It began 20 to 30 years ago, when random access memory (RAM) and hard disk space were much more costly than they have become in the last few years.

To conserve available disk space programmers designed software to use only the last two digits of the year. For example, for 1979 all that was entered was 79.

This system is fine as long as the last two digits of the year continue to increase by one. But when we change from 1999 to 2000, the last two digits will change from "99" to "00." Whenever the new "00" value is used, compared or sorted against other values for years, the results will be inaccurate, according to Taylor.

For example, if a city planning commission wanted to search its database for any construction to be completed in the year 2000, they would probably phrase the request something like: "show me all work to be completed after Dec. 31, 1999." The database would then search all of its fields for entries "greater than 99."

However, since 99 is the largest number possible with two digits, no records would be found and the commission might decide to build something on top of another previously planned building.

It could also have an effect on your credit card bill. Since credit card statements are usually organized in descending order, if you purchase something in January of 2000, it would show up as happening before December of 1999. Although more of an inconvenience, this illustrates the broad impact of this particular phenomenon.

Of course, these are not the only instances where the "millennium bug" can cause problems. According to Taylor, it is already causing some ATMs to reject credit cards because it thinks they expired in 1900 rather than 2000.

Ouch!

Matt Phillips squirms a bit as he receives his flu shot in the Activity Center Monday. Phillips was one of about 80 people who bared their arms at Monday's clinic, one of several being held in the two-county area.

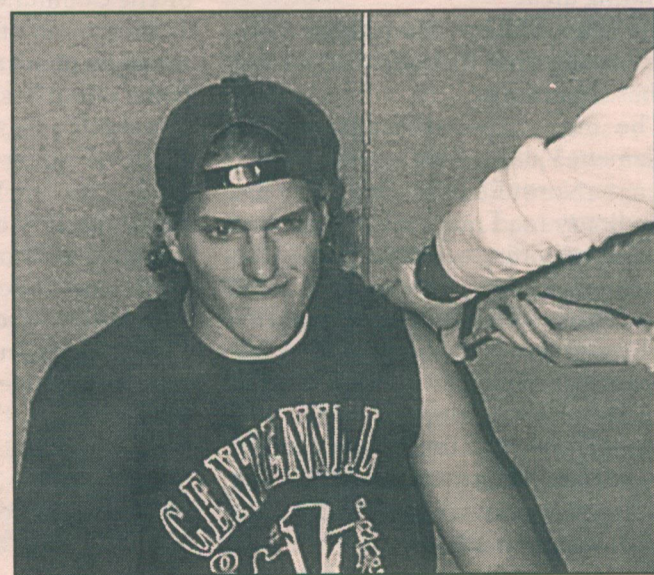


Photo by Josh Burk

Frohnmayr dismisses attempts to censor Internet as unworkable

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

Dr. John Frohnmayr told about 40 people at his speech on campus last week that any attempts to censor the Internet were bound to fail.

Frohnmayr criticized the Communications Decency Act, which was passed in 1996 to control what goes over the Internet and to protect minors from exposure to pornography. However, the act was overturned by the Supreme Court this past June before it could take effect.

"The Internet is anarchistic," Frohnmayr said, explaining that no one person is in charge of what goes over the Internet. He said that the act is unen-

forceable because there is no way of knowing if the person seeing the material is a child or an adult.

"If Congress was as ignorant about everything else that they are passing laws on as they were about the Internet, I think we have great cause to worry," he said.

Frohnmayr was the fifth chair of the National Endowment for the Arts and served from 1989-1992. The Medford resident is a former chairman of the Oregon Arts Commission and is now a speaker, legal scholar, ethicist and writer.

He has written two books: "Leaving Town Alive," which describes the turbulent conflict between art and politics,

and "Out of Tune," a collection of essays and exercises to stimulate teachers, students and citizens to discuss issues of public importance.

Frohnmayr told the crowd of students, instructors and media at his 8 a.m. talk that there have been many attacks on the First Amendment in recent history. He mentioned past attempts to pass laws that would punish anyone who burns the American flag, adding that these run counter to First Amendment protections.

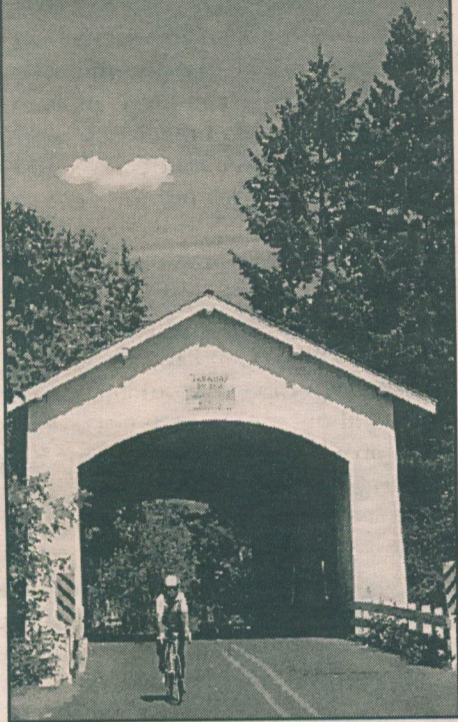
"I've never had any inclination to burn the American flag, but if they pass that law I might." He said, "Every time you take a whack out of the First Amend-

ment, you have cut off some critical part of our heritage of free expression."

Frohnmayr was at LBCC for two talks: "Free Speech and the Internet" and "Hate Speech vs. Free Speech." His visit was made possible by a joint sponsorship between OSU and LBCC Student Life and Leadership, which contributed \$2,000 to bring him to the valley to talk at OSU and LBCC. His talks at OSU were on "Is the First Amendment Yesterday's Lunch?" and "Is Tolerance Possible?"

As he told the LBCC group "If the First Amendment is about anything, it's about protecting the individual from the tyranny of the majority. It's the right to be different."

Albany & Mid-Willamette Valley Bicycle Map



New map lays out bike routes through the Mid-Valley

by Curtis Larson
of The Commuter

Do you enjoy the bike routes in the surrounding area, but feel like you have run out of places to go and want to find something new?

Are you frustrated because you can't find more information about the surrounding area?

The city of Albany has printed a new map for bicyclists that offers an answer to these questions.

The map covers the entire Mid-Willamette Valley, all the way from South Salem to North Eugene. This is not just an ordinary road map. It is much more detailed, providing basic information like the names of roads, the shoulder width and even how steep the slopes are on the road. It also shows you how to find points of interest, such as old barns, historical sites and covered bridges.

And if you run out of water and feel like you will dehydrate, then the map will also show you where to find a place to refill your water bottle.

The map does more than just give directions. It also provides information on the history of the Willamette Valley, as well as safety tips for bicyclists.

It costs \$4, and is available at the Albany Parks and Recreation, 333 Broadalbin S.W., and at bike shops in Albany and Corvallis.

Health debate may threaten Keiko's freedom

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

When Keiko was brought to the Oregon Coast Aquarium (OCA) Jan. 7, 1996, it was with the understanding that he would be set free when, and if, he was ever well enough to survive in the wild.

Now there is a controversy, stemming from who has his best interests at heart and over who, in the end, has control over what eventually happens to him.

Is he sick? According to Free Willy/Keiko Foundation (FWKF) Spokeswoman Dianne Hammond, the foundation has had four veterinarians check his health and they found him free of everything but the parasitic tape worms he gets from his diet of fish. Also two types of parasitic nematodes were found in fecal samples. The skin lesions that plagued Keiko while living in Mexico are gone, according to Hammond.

Officials at the OCA disagree with the FWKF, according to Phyllis Bell, aquarium president. She said Keiko has been listless, "hanging around doing nothing for an extended period of time." In September, she said, Keiko was seen at night bashing his head against the concrete walls and gate of the medical pool. He was even seen bashing his head against one of the viewing windows during the day.

According to Bell, an independent veterinary evaluation would clear up any worries about Keiko's health because the results would be shared with the foundation, OCA and the public. Currently, according to Bell, none of the FWKF's veterinary findings have been shared with the aquarium. Most of what the aquarium knows about Keiko's health comes from bills for Keiko's prescriptions.

Within the next two years the foundation would like to move Keiko to a bay or fjord, not in Newport, where he will be "under human care, but in a natural environment," said Hammond. However, some of the people who take care of Keiko question whether that would be a good idea since he has lived all but the first five years of his life in captivity.

Keiko is now 18 years old. If he reaches the life expectancy of most orcas, he could live another decade or two.

In fact, in August Keiko began training for live animal feeding. Live herring and black cod were released into the tank, but the ozone used to disinfect the water in Keiko's pool killed them. A few weeks ago some salmon were placed in his tank, but they disappeared before morning. Bell said that they

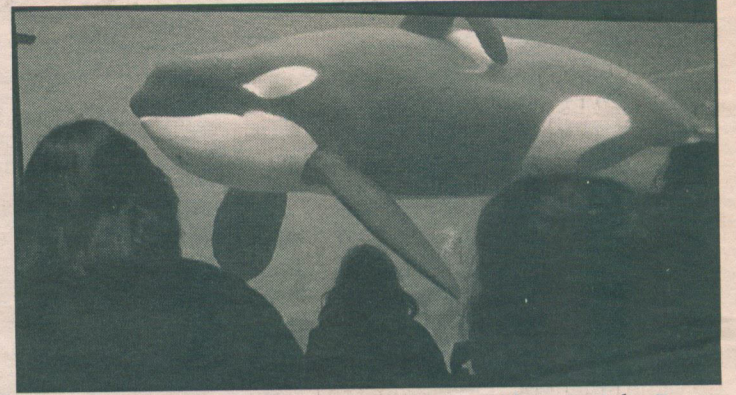


Photo by John Bragg

While the debate over his health goes on outside, Keiko continues to entertain spectators from his tank at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

were either removed from the tank or they died.

Keiko's home at the OCA is a pool 150 feet long, 75 feet wide and 25 feet deep—almost four times the size of his previous home in Mexico. It holds two million gallons of cold seawater that is pumped directly into his tank from Yaquina Bay.

OCA's operating costs for the first two years were \$9 million, which include the tank that cost a total of \$7.3 million to build, plus staff, veterinary care, food and utilities.

So why the dispute over the control of the movie star whale?

The OCA is not satisfied with the evaluations from the four veterinarians hired by the foundation. They feel an independent team of veterinarians, chosen by the aquarium, the foundation, the National Marine Fisheries Service and the federal inspection service, should do comprehensive tests on Keiko. The USDA, which often inspects the pool, agrees with them.

The non-government cost of the proposed evaluation would theoretically be shared by the OCA and the FWKF. The exact cost of this evaluation is unknown.

According to Hammond, the OCA wants to maintain control over Keiko, and the two organizations have been in mediation over his care.

Keiko was donated to the Free Willy/Keiko Foundation by the Rieno Aventura Amusement Park, and the OCA was chosen to house him because of its educational focus and because there may be a possibility of finding a female companion for him in the future.

Volunteers needed for kids' Winter Festival

by Keisha Merchant
of The Commuter

Once upon a time, a child was born in a manger far away, and since then much of the world has celebrated his birthday.

But this year, Student Life and Leadership is going farther. For 28 years, LBCC's student leaders have celebrated Christmas with a huge party on the first weekend of December free for children age 12 and under.

In recent years, however, the event has become more multi-cultural, and the name has changed to the Children's Winter Festival.

This year the Winter Festival will be Dec. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. Student organizers, led by the coordinator of this event, Bridgett Bailey, are expanding the focus of diversity.

The student leadership team plans to include other cultures in the festival activities in order to express the winter season and to help bring out other families who don't celebrate Christmas.

"The idea is to bring smiles to unfortunate children and their parents who

might not have the funds to celebrate this season and to come together with other families who are fortunate to celebrate togetherness and laughter," said Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership.

Around 50 to 75 volunteers are needed to stage the party for the estimated 500 or more children. Volunteers are rewarded with free lunch, T-shirts and the good feeling of helping spread laughter among the children and their families. Sign up outside College Center Room 213 or call 917-4457.

Party-goers are asked to donate canned food for admission, but Bryant said no one will be turned away.

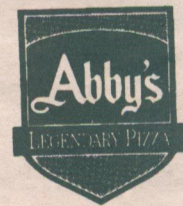
"Last year we collected about eight bags of canned goods for the Women's Center," Bryant said.

At this year's celebration, children will get a chance to sing along in other languages, hear stories from other cultures, see a clown perform magic, decorate cookies and have pictures with and receive gifts from Santa Claus and Father Christmas. The two-hour festival ends

with a grand finale in the cafeteria.

"We're including other cultures, religions, spiritual celebrations to bring more children out, so those who don't celebrate the regular tradition of Christmas won't get left out," said Bryant.

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College readies new multimedia rooms for classes

by Michele Dardis
of The Commuter

Workers have been busy remodeling the old metallurgy lab on the second floor of the Industrial A building for state-of-the-art classrooms that will handle 35 to 40 students.

The main feature of the new facility will be a large area that, with the help of electronic dividers, can be turned into three regular classrooms or two classrooms and a conference room.

Each of the new classrooms will be made to accommodate a multimedia presentation system called a video data projector, which will be able to project videos, laser disks and computer screens onto a large screen at the front of the class,

according to Media Specialist Paul Snyder. All of the equipment will be housed in a larger lectern that keeps it from blocking the presenter.

There will also be a networked computer work station and a built-in microphone system. Snyder said that one of the most innovative features will be the instructors' ability to sit at a computer connected to the Internet and project the material, including web pages, on the overhead as it comes up on the screen. Classes have already been scheduled for the winter term, including writing, math and business. However, it is not known when the new media equipment will be fully functional.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Punk rock: Voice of rebellion pales on road to fame

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

Punk rock has been and will always be the rebel yell for youth.

The yell, however, has been choked to a squeal. Many new punk bands have abandoned the rebellious voice that made punk the angry yell of an alienated generation.

The "Punk Movement" began in the late 70s and early 80s when an explosion of punk bands emerged into the limelight. Bands from the East and West coasts and Great Britain converged and created a short-lived rave that absorbed young rebellious minds fed up with Peter Frampton albums. Bands like the Sex Pistols, Dead Kennedys, Black Flag, Bad Religion and others produced a raw, defiant style and became the inspiration for many new punk bands in the 90s.

The distinctive style of punk rock is evident in everything from dress to music style. The old style focused more on nonconformity with the popular disco era. Instead of bell-bottoms and silky shirts, the punks wore trashy leather jackets, steel-toed boots, torn jeans and ratty T-shirts. Brian Landtroop, ex-singer of the late local punk band The Quintons, stated that, "There is a lot more to punk than style, but studded leather garments and steel-toed boots are a bonus."

Though the old style still exists today, many punks have conformed to the mainstream, wearing clothes considered by most to be "in."

"Punk nowadays is looked upon by kids as a growing trend, and I guarantee it will be dumped as soon as

it loses popularity," said Landtroop.

The new style Landtroop refers to is closely linked to skateboarding. A lot of new punk bands from California are wearing skate shoes, cut off pants, wallet chains, etc. This new style has caught on among teens and circulated through the Midwest.

Another aspect of the change is the bands' attitude toward their image. "Nowadays many popular new bands are too concerned with image and making money, while abandoning their punk attitude to gain popularity with a larger crowd. And all the while, good punk bands that return to their roots and keep the old rebellious style alive are not getting the recognition they deserve," stated Landtroop.

The public's attitude toward punk rock is different, too. In the early days, punks were labeled as delinquents disrupting the domestic tranquility. Today, society has changed and accepted them in a way that, as Landtroop pointed out, portrays them as "cute little kids."

Many punks feel that the messages in the new punk rock do not reflect the old rebellious attitude. The punk movement was very political, presenting mainly nihilist or anarchist views. "The message in punk rock has totally changed. It's weak and boring," said veteran punk Kory Moore. "The scene used to be hardcore. Now it's about love and relationships. That's... MTV punk rock, like... Green Day."

According to Moore, the message used to be based around inner-city kids who identified with punk rock for individuality.

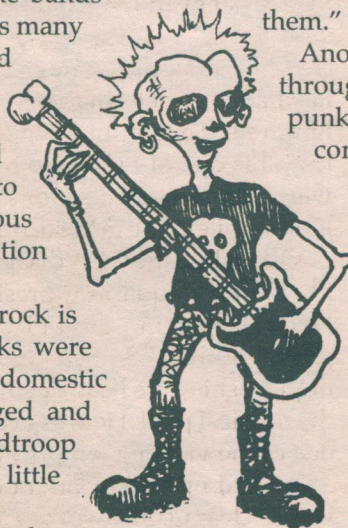
Landtroop agrees. "The old school scene had a lot of pissed-off kids singing about how terrible their lives were. Punk rock sort of channeled their pain and anxieties so they could deal with issues around them."

Another of the big changes punk is going through is the area of image and money. New punk bands have found that the music is a commodity, and this commercialism has many veteran punks enraged.

"Punk rock was about being anti-establishment, non-conformity, not concerned about making money or creating a name for yourself. New bands try to get a big hit and then headline at the Warped Tour. That's exactly what punk is not supposed to be," Landtroop said. "You can get recognition without being a corporate sell-out. MTV deceives a lot of people on what punk is really about. Kids see new punk bands on MTV with dyed hair and assume that it's hardcore punk,

but it's not."

With all the changes punk rock has gone through, it's hard to say what its descendants will produce. The rebel yell has to get over the sore throat caused by those who see punk as a path to fame and fortune instead of an art form of self-expression and individuality.



Halloween party tips to keep you from losing your head

by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

It's that time of year again: ghosts, goblins, witches and everything else that goes bump in the night comes out into plain view for an evening.

Once again, we get to say "Oooh! How scary!" to 3,000 little munchkins while we're giving them free license to bounce off the walls from a sugar rush for the next few weeks.

But of course, Halloween's not just for kids.

Although adults don't do the trick-or-treating thing, we still get to dress up like Batman and run around like idiots.

So, to get ready for the party(-ies) we are going to this Friday, here are some helpful tips:

- When bobbing for apples (beer cans, rubber chickens, whatever), take the mask off first. It makes things easier.

- The phrase "What the hell are you supposed to be?" is usually not taken lightly. People who have spent many hours on their costumes will not appreciate that question.

- Laughing at someone's costume is also not recommended.

- Please remove swords, axes, scythes and other sharp objects from the hands of intoxicated party-goers.

- Anyone wearing any type of "Star Trek" costume may become extremely annoyed at too many "Beam me up,

Scotty" references. Caution is advised.

- Same thing for any "Star Wars" costumes and the comments "use the Force" or "I am your father, Luke."

- Use caution when shaking someone's hand. It may not be real. It may not even be a hand.

- Extreme care is recommended when picking up someone of the opposite sex. You can't judge a book by its cover.

- Always send the Frankenstein monster, the vampire, or the werewolf out for more drinks. Clowns and superheroes cannot be taken seriously.

- Don't harass people dressed like police officers—they may actually be police officers.

- If authorities do show up at the party, blame everything on the one with the worst costume.

- Finally—make sure you are not the last to leave. You will be recruited to assist in the after-party clean-up.

There you have it. My helpful tips for a successful and fun Halloween party.

And if anyone comes to a party dressed as Martha Stewart—it's not my fault.

But in all seriousness, have a safe and happy Halloween, and don't drink and drive.



Photo by Josh Burk

As evidenced by the many decorated offices around campus, Halloween is not just for kids. The Bookstore, Library, Learning Center and Student Life and Leadership Office are among those who have gone all out this year.

review

It will scare you into 'Last Summer'

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

If last year's hit movie "Scream" had you hiding your eyes and jumping out of your seat, then be prepared to be blown away by "I Know What You Did Last Summer."

The movie, written by Kevin Williamson, who also wrote "Scream," and directed by Jim Gillespie, is packed with non-stop, nerve-racking suspense from beginning to end, with the same kind of surprise twists in the "who dunnit" guessing game as in "Scream."

Julie (Jennifer Love Hewitt), Ray (Freddy Prinze Jr.), Helen (Sarah Michelle Gellar) and Barry (Ryan Phillippe) are a group of friends, just graduated from high school who decide to have a party of their own instead of hanging out with their classmates.

Barry drives them up to a deserted beach and ends up getting too plastered to drive home, so Ray hops behind the wheel. When Barry's drunken antics distract Ray he accidentally hits something in the road.

None of them know what they hit until Julie lets out a blood-curdling scream at the sight of a lifeless body laying on the side of the road. Convinced that they would all go to jail for murder, they dump the body in the ocean and promise to take their secret to their graves.

Almost exactly one year later, when Julie arrives home from college, she receives a letter with only her name on it. Not thinking much of it, she opens it up, unfolds the little piece of paper and reads those seven words that begin the whole nightmare:

"I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER."

The four friends, who had grown apart over the school year, then get back together to take on a mysterious killer, who wears a fisherman's trench coat and hat, that carries a hook. In a fisherman's town, that makes anyone a suspect.

The killer, however, doesn't come out and kill any of the main characters right away. He toys with them, using everything from mind games to dead bodies to build the suspense. He finally ends up getting caught like all bad guys in movies, but even then the movie doesn't stop.

With about 10 or 15 minutes left in the movie they give away the fact that there's going to be a sequel, and just when you relax and start to gather up your things to leave, you get the biggest surprise of the whole movie.

So if you go to see this movie, I suggest that you don't take a sip of your pop or bite of your candy at the very end. You might just choke.

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" is playing at the Albany Cinema,

Visual Arts Club sells posters to raise funds

by Erica Larsen
of The Commuter

Students will be selling posters to benefit the Graphic Arts Club Nov. 3 through 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A wide variety of posters will be available, including some replicas of works by Picasso, Van Gogh and M.C. Escher. Copies of the posters can be purchased through the Imaginus, Inc. company for anywhere from \$1 to \$8.

About 160 sample posters will be set up in the hallway outside the cafeteria

for viewing and ordering. The money earned, 10-15 percent of the price per poster, will be used in the Graphic Arts studio for computer upgrades and repairs, according to Tom Peil, recently elected president of the Graphic Arts Club.

"We were thinking about having some student-made posters for sale next year," said Peil, adding that members of last year's committee for the sale made the decision to sell only posters through Imaginus, Inc., this year.

Roadrunners look for end-of-season turnaround to sneak into league playoffs

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Despite a rather lackluster record, the Linn-Benton volleyball team might yet have a fighting chance at the fourth play-off spot.

But if the Roadrunners are going to make the playoffs for the second year in a row, they're going to have to overcome their tendency to make errors.

Last Wednesday the Roadrunners went up against Clackamas Community College, the powerhouse of the Northwest Region, and committed a total of 34 errors, which led to three lopsided losses, 15-3, 15-6, 15-3.

According to Head Coach Jayme Frazier, LBCC started out well in the second game, battling to a 6-6 tie, but then they just let up and made four service receive errors in a row. That was enough to give the Cougars the momentum and allowed them to go on and win that game, shutting down LBCC the rest of the way.

The third game was no contest, with the Roadrunners managing only three points.

Sophomore Dondi Schock ended up with six kills and two service aces for the day, while freshmen Tisha Hewitt and Elicia McFadden had 10 assists and six digs respectively.

Clackamas had total command over every aspect of the game. The Cougars racked up 40 digs, 31 assists, six service aces, 34 kills and had a killing percentage of 31, while only committing 13 errors.

Linn-Benton, however, could only manage to pick up 23 digs, 18 assists, four service aces, 19 kills and a killing

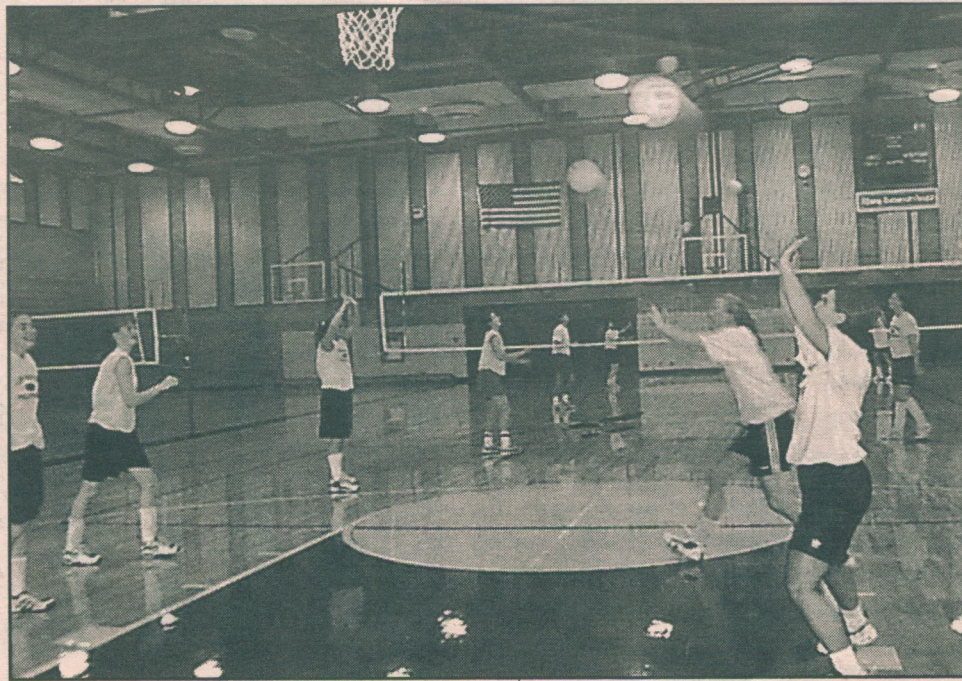


Photo by Shawna Phillips

Tish Hewitt and Michele Dardis (right) set balls to partners Opal DePue and Jenny Gardner in "peppering" warm-ups at practice this week. The Roadrunners' next game is tonight in the Activities Center at 7.

percentage of two.

The 'Runners were also without Bobbi Fisk, who couldn't play because of knee problems. Fisk predominantly plays right side for LB.

Frazier has been making some adjustments in her practices and is still hopeful about the team's chances over the next couple of weeks.

"Feasibly, we could walk away from these next few weeks with a pretty good record in the four matches we have left and the tournament," she said.

The 'Runners start this week facing the Lane Titans in the Activities Center

tonight at 7 p.m.

Then they will travel to Spokane to participate in the Spokane Crossover this weekend. On Friday they will start with Spokane and go on to face Blue Mountain and Green River. Then on Saturday they will play Highline before entering pool play.

"I know we have the ability to compete against Lane again if we eliminate our errors and let them make the mistakes," commented Frazier. "And we've seen a lot of the teams that will be at the Spokane Crossover, and I know that we can beat them."

jock in the box



Who: Michele Dardis

What: Freshman middle/outside hitter.

Background: Redmond H.S.

Recent Highlights: In the last few weeks Michele has gotten more playing time and has sharpened her game.

Sports Hero: Her high school volleyball coach, Debi Dewey.

Best Sports Moment:

"I tipped the ball over the net, and the girl from Chemeketa took her hands away from the net so the ball slid down her face."

league standings

Clackamas	9-0
Chemeketa	6-1
Mt. Hood	5-3
SWOCC	3-5
Lane	2-4
Linn-Benton	1-7
Umpqua	1-7

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FREE ROOM AND BOARD! Home life is looking for a companion for an elderly gentleman. No nursing required. Room and board plus \$250.00 in exchange for a.m. & p.m. routines. Call 753-9015 or apply at 745 N.W. 25th St. in Corvallis.

UPS Clerk position requiring knowledge of the area, basic office skills, and familiarity with computers. You would be answering phones & assisting with dispatch via alpha numeric pagers and computers. A temp position that could become permanent. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 1-8 p.m. and Sat. 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. To apply, see Carla in Student Employment (T-101).

Computer Programmer--If you are a sophomore in computer programming this business wants you. The hours are flexible and place is Corvallis. Great way to get experience to go along with the degree. See me (Carla) in the Career Center (T-101).

AmeriCorps (Linn County) needs one good person for Linn County. You work for one year as a community service providers with youth to help reduce teen pregnancy. You teach skills, improve school & social success and receive great training and personal growth. See Carla (T-101).

Do you need money? We have part-time & full-time jobs in production positions: Manufacturing workers (Corvallis) full-time \$8.50/hour; Computer Assembly Person (Albany) part-time \$6/hour to start (will train you); Light Industrial workers (Albany) part-time \$6.50/hour to start; Parta Driver (Albany) part-time or full-time, around classes and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays. See Carla (T-101)!

The Student Employment Center has over 250 jobs! There are part-time, full-time, temporary, & permanent positions. We also have

a 24-hour hotline, bulletin board, jobs notebooks & database. See Carla, Career Center (Takena 101).

MISCELLANEOUS

SENSE THE SPIRIT, EXPERIENCE THE ADVENTURE! Lutheran students of LBCC welcome you for conversation Thursdays, noon to 1, LBCC cafeteria. Bring your own lunch, pull up a chair, and look for the cookie jar. Then let's talk.

Enjoy personal instruction in life history and stay home. 10 lessons \$23. Margaret Ingram, Box 1339, Albany 97321. (541) 924-0268.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual group is meeting every Tuesday, this term, from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Re: Social activities, support and community building. Call 917-4660 for meeting place, someone will call you back!

NEED A DOSE OF REALITY?? Radical Christian Fellowship. Tuesdays 12 noon, Room 210 Learning Resource Center.

FOR SALE

1991 Geo Storm hatchback for sale. Runs excellent, looks great. 5-Star alloy wheels, new car bra, premium sound, AC, 5 spd. Asking \$4,000/OBO. Call Josh 766-8744.

For sale, a size 18 wedding dress. Paid \$850 will sell for \$350 or best offer. 1/4 carat engagement ring \$250 or best offer. Size 16 & 20 dresses. Call 926-8094 after 4:00 p.m.

1986 Buick Century for sale. V-6, Auto, PS, PB, runs good. Asking \$1000/offer. Neil at 466-5200, e-mail, jensenn@lbcc.cc.ou.us

Like New! Excellent transportation and exercise. 12-speed, 23-inch frame, never used wheels, tires and helmet. Look pedals with Italian shoes. Lets make a deal. Sell or trade. Call Steve Lovelace 926-4696. Daytime- Diesel Technology Shop.

SCHOLARSHIPS

ALL-USA Academic Team Competition for 20 \$2,500 scholarship awards. First team members also receive a trip to Washington D.C. Applicants must graduate by Aug. 31, 1998. Judging based on scholarship and involvement. Contact Rosemary Bennett (917-4780) in Takena Room 101 for details. Deadline: Nov. 21.

Scholarships are currently available at the financial aid office T-119. They include Peter De Fazio, Libby Memorial Endowment and George & Edna McDowell Charitable Trust. Deadline: Nov. 7, 1997.

Guistwhite Scholar program for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members. Ten \$5,000 transfer scholarships awarded to community college graduates. Deadline: June 1. Download application from www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us or contact advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101.

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Wanted: a very nice person to share a quiet large house in the country, with other nice people. No deposits. \$300 a month, includes all utilities, phone and garbage. No other costs. One and 1/2 miles from LBCC. No smokers/drug users or party people apply. Sorry no children or pets. Call 928-9363 evenings and weekends.

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Create with any method you wish

Subjects:

- Anti-drug or alcohol abuse
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- Anti-rape or rape drug
- Anti-tobacco
- Cardiovascular health
- Nutrition

This contest has two divisions: advanced and beginner. Contest is open to all LBCC students. There is no entry fee. Entries are due by Nov. 3, 1997. Prizes will be awarded in each division. Obtain rules for the contest in the Student Life and Leadership Office, CC-213

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OPINION PAGE

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Shipsey case shows
you can't take law
into your own hands

A lesson can be learned from Dr. Patrick Shipsey—you cannot take the law into your own hands.

Just a little over a year ago, Shipsey and his family visited their 900 acres in Eastern Oregon for an afternoon picnic. When Shipsey saw that his neighbor's cattle had gotten through the fence again, he sent his family back to the car, and shot each of his neighbor's 11 head of cattle behind the ear with a Finnish 6 mm Sako target rifle.

Shipsey had been working hard to restore the stream beds that ran through his property and was rehabilitating a native grass damaged by cattle and elk. After years of ongoing arguments about the cattle with his neighbor, Bob Sproul, Shipsey had finally had enough.

But what's wrong with the picture is that Shipsey had no basis for complaint against Sproul. Under Oregon's Free Range Law, cattle are allowed to graze freely in rural parts of the state. If a private landowner, Shipsey in this case, wants cattle to stay off his land, then it's his responsibility to keep them out.

Shipsey, who was well aware of the law, has been publicly and, obviously, very actively against it. He was one of the main sponsors of a measure last year that, if it had passed, would have done away with the Free Range Law and required farmers to fence their property. However, it failed miserably at the polls.

Shipsey openly admits to shooting the cattle and that his plan all along was to use his trial and appeal to try and show the courts how ridiculous, in his opinion, the Free Range Law is.

After the short 30-minute non-jury trial, the judge ruled that Shipsey's defense could not offer evidence that Sproul was known for allowing his cattle to graze where they shouldn't or cross-examine him about his cattle grazing.

Shipsey had anticipated a jury trial, hoping to draw sympathy about the unfairness of the law. His plans for his appeal is to argue that he was acting in defense of his property when he killed the cows. The charges against Shipsey could carry up to 55 years in prison.

It's frustrating to not agree with a law, but, whether you think it's right or wrong, it's still the law. Ultimately it was up to Shipsey to keep the cattle off his property.

What a strange way to appeal a law. Sponsoring a measure to try and do away with the Free Range Law would have worked just fine, but after the cattle were shot, Shipsey was no longer a sponsor. It seemed that he had found a faster and more effective way to appeal the law—a way that may lead to spending 55 years in prison.

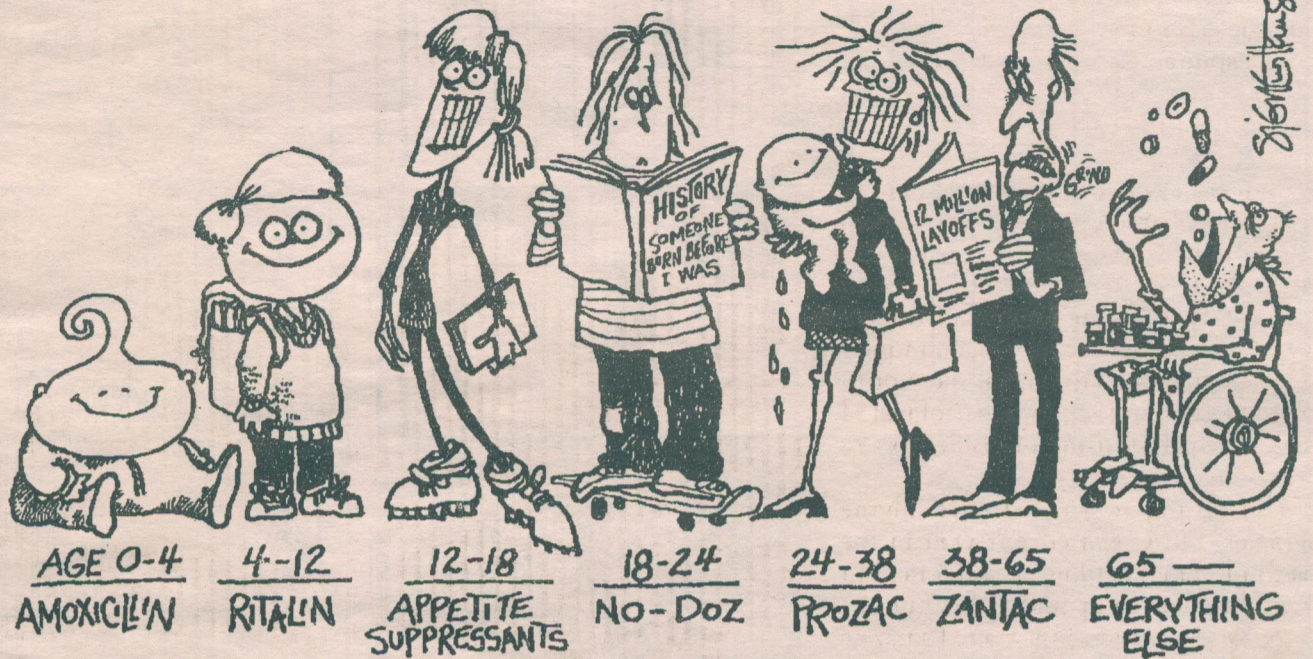
I sympathize with Sproul, who is now out 11 of his cattle. Time he could have spent working on his farm will now have to be spent in the courtroom, thanks to an arrogant and selfish landowner who thinks the law doesn't apply to him.

Shipsey, who is a general medical practitioner in Grant County, isn't seeing things go the way he initially planned. After admitting to shooting the cattle, he became an outcast. People quit coming to his medical practice, which has forced him to sell the land he was so proud. He is currently moving his family to Baker City.

—by Melani Whisler

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commentary

Suicide vote presents many complexities

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

All too often, people vote on ballot measures long before they are aware what it is they are voting for.

This year's election is no different.

Shallow campaigns are being waged by both sides over Measure 51, the statute that would repeal Oregon's "Death with Dignity" law passed by the voters as Measure 16 back in 1994.

Both campaigns have adopted the phrase "fatally flawed" to describe the other's measure. Unfortunately, each side pretends the issue is a simple black-and-white question of morality or the fundamental rights of human beings.

The people who wish to repeal Measure 16 warn of the dangers of doctors and heirs performing forcible euthanasia on patients who stub their toes, while its defenders rail against religious nuts forcing terminally ill patients to stay alive for decades on life-support machines.

Listening to the supporters of Oregon's "Death with Dignity" law, one would never guess that the law has been held up in court ever since it was passed, or that many other courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have identified serious defects in the law.

The problems identified in Measure 16 (aside from the general problem many people have with it—the fact that it allows doctors to help people kill themselves) consist of four general issues:

- Though the law attempts to allow only those expected to die within six months to kill themselves, it is simply impossible to accurately predict how long it will take for a terminal illness to be fatal. Several years ago, a good friend of my family succumbed to ovarian cancer. She had been given two weeks to live but held onto life tenaciously for six months. On the other hand, when my grandmother was diagnosed with lung cancer her doctor told her she had six months to live but she died six days later. This arbitrary requirement that the patient be declared within six months of death has been cited by the Oregon Supreme Court as violating the "equal protection" clause of the 14th Amendment, since it would allow some patients to end their lives but prevent others who might be just as sick from doing so.

- Suicide under Measure 16 is only available to residents of the state of Oregon. All that is required is a mailing address and a piece of Oregon photo ID, such as a driver's license. Furthermore, there is no requirement that the patient have lived in the state for any extended period of time. You have to live in the state for at least 90 days before paying in-state tuition at LB, but you can start the process of requesting a doctor's help in offing yourself the day you get your driver's license.

- Measure 16 has a murky reporting requirement. Someone who is suspicious that a loved one's death was a coerced suicide will have no access to review that person's written request to end his or her life and verify that the two witnesses met the requirements estab-

lished by the law. By not requiring detailed records of patients who use Measure 16, the law prevents the oversight needed to insure that it is not abused.

- Measure 16 will open a Pandora's box of lawsuits as survivors grapple with insurance companies. The law requires life insurance companies to pay up, and even states that the cause of death be listed as the disease from which they were suffering, not suicide. This will create a confusing legal Catch-22 when people try to collect from insurance companies after their relatives kill themselves. Under Oregon law, insurance companies are required to pay benefits to survivors of those who kill themselves under Measure 16. However, many existing policies prohibit paying benefits to survivors of people who commit suicide.

One of the claims we hear a lot from proponents of Measure 51 is that Measure 16 will permit doctors to kill their patients without consent, or that terminally ill patients will be forced by their insurance companies to choose assisted suicide. People who worry about this need to read the text of Measure 16, which says: "Nothing in (Measure 16) shall be construed to authorize a physician . . . to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia."

The law also states that: "a person who coerces . . . a patient to request medication for the purpose of ending the patient's life . . . shall be guilty of a Class A felony."

Another unfounded criticism of Measure 16 is that it will allow people to kill themselves on the spur of the moment, or when they are in a vulnerable mental state. A 15-day waiting period between the request for life-ending drugs and the writing of the prescription is written into the law. The law also prohibits doctors from prescribing life-ending drugs to patients they believe are suffering from mental illness or depression.

While I don't like everything that's in Measure 16, I think it would be better to fine tune it rather than ditch the law entirely. Michigan has learned the hard way that it is next to impossible to prevent a doctor from helping patients end their lives. Jack Kevorkian has been brought up on murder charges numerous times in that state, but never convicted.

If Kevorkian had been operating in Oregon under Measure 16, some of those deaths may have been prevented, as he would have had to get a second opinion, and there would have been a prescribed waiting period before he could assist in their deaths.

In the end, I think Oregonians are faced with choosing one of two alternatives.

We can either have an assisted suicide law that establishes boundaries between what is and is not an acceptable way for a doctor to help a patient end his or her suffering.

Or, we can choose to have assisted suicide remain illegal, and possibly end up wasting millions of dollars and court time trying to prosecute a self-appointed grim reaper like Dr. Kevorkian who chooses to lead an assisted suicide crusade in our state.

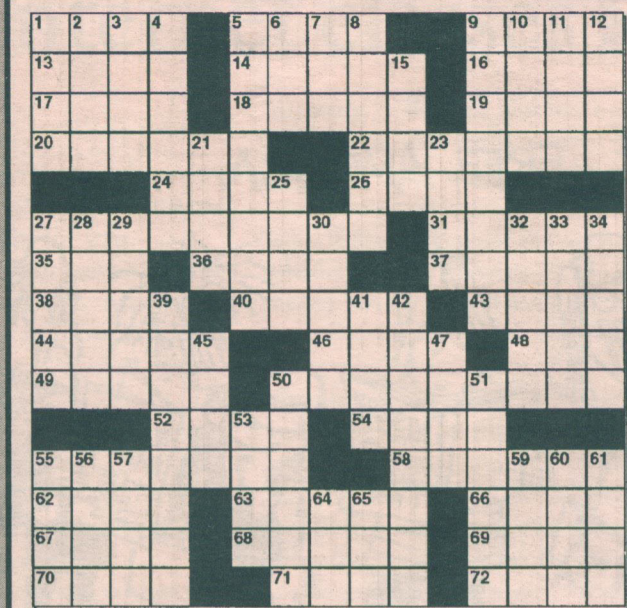
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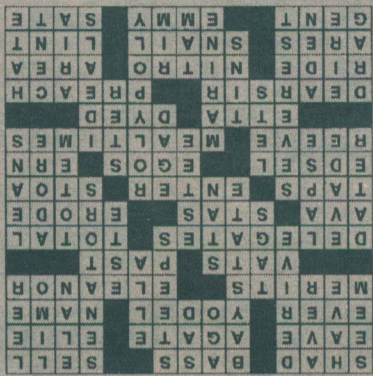
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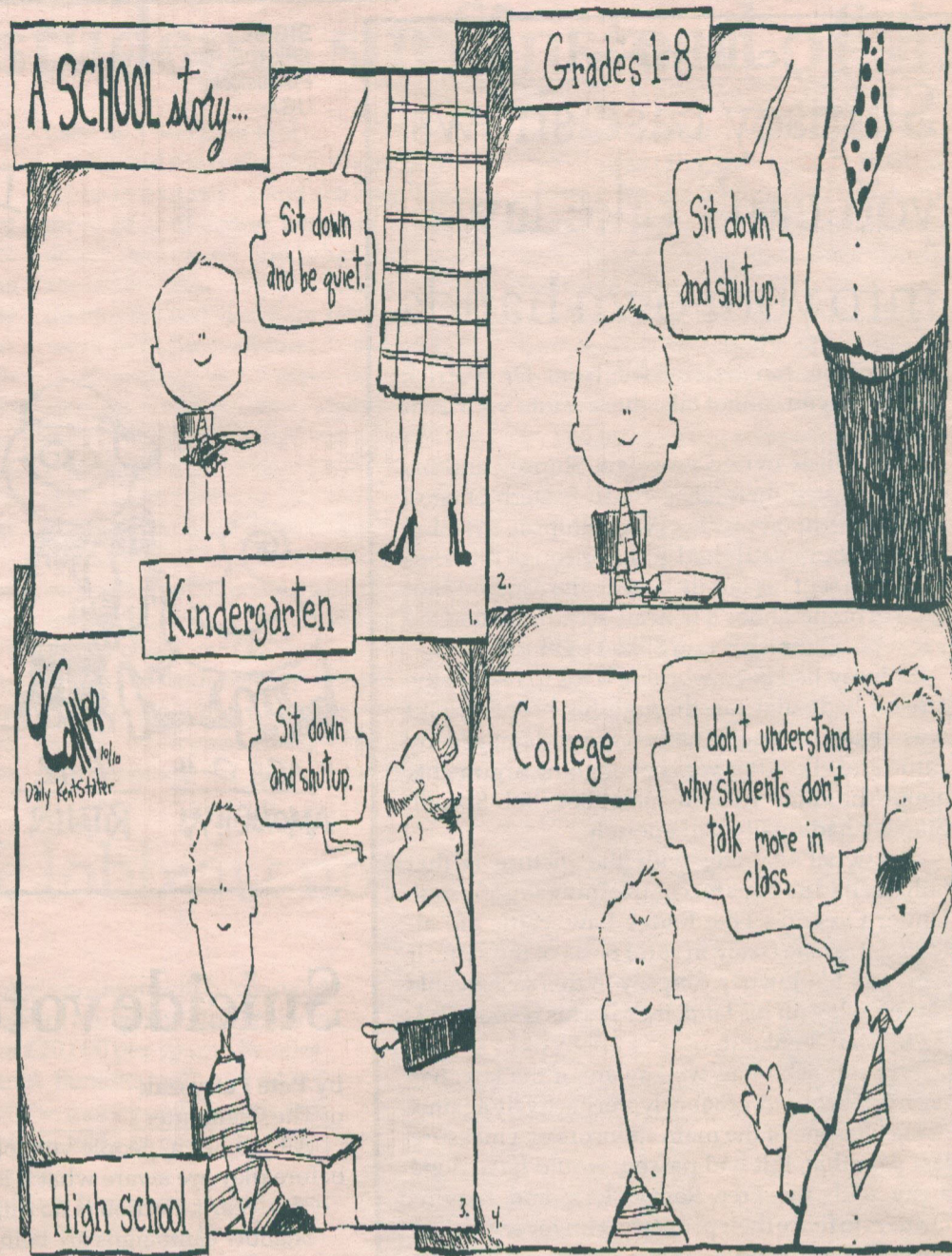


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BY NORA McVITTIE

