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Globe Trotting

Three U.S. delegates to the Seventh International Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights wait for a ferry on an island outside Helsinki, Finland. From left are Jill Garrett of Skagit Valley Community College in Washington; Seth Barry of LBCC and John Michels, also of LBCC. The trio were among 12 students--seven from LB and five from Skagit Valley, who were on their way to Lithuania, for the conference. Story and more photos on page 4.

Single mom finds college holds the key

After dropping out of 10th grade over 'percents, decimals and boys,' former CNA sets sights on a career in criminal justice

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

"All my life I've wanted to be somebody," said Marilyn Dumas in an interview before classes began. "Right now I really feel like somebody."

What makes this 27-year-old A.S. candidate in Criminal Justice feel like somebody is that she's getting an education—something she wouldn't even have dreamed of three years ago. Back then she was working as a CNA at Corvallis Manor, making \$4.75

an hour. But with three kids, babysitting costs swallowed up \$3.25 of her salary. "I was working my butt off for nothing," she said.

"My dad always said, 'Education is the key. Go back to school. Get a real job.'"

Marilyn recalls reacting to these fatherly suggestions by rolling her eyes. Pregnant, she had quit school in 10th grade—"quit learning in sixth grade." She had absolutely no confidence that she was cut out for any more learning.

"I quit school over percents and decimals—and boys," she laughed.

But finally, in frustration, she decided to try to get her GED certificate. The first obstacle was that she didn't know how to drive and had no way to get to

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Library installs on-line access

Now from the comfort of your home, you can find out if the Linn-Benton Community College Library has the book you want.

The on-line access catalog will allow anyone with a computer, modem and communications software to search the catalog by author, title or subject to find books, audio and video cassettes.

Your computer should be able to display ASCII characters with 80 columns of text and 25 lines.

The modem should be capable of 9600 baud. Communications software settings are: data bits equal to eight, stop equal to one, parity equal to none, flow control set to "x on/x off." To get onto the system, dial 967-8891 and press return until you see "LBCC.Library."

Then type: "Hello (space) public library," then press return. Type HE and return for a list of commands and begin your catalog search. Type EX and return to log off. The system will automatically log off if there is no keyboard activity for five minutes. The library has a limited number of lines so please limit your search to 15 minutes. The on-line hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

For help in using the on-line catalog, please call the LBCC Library circulation desk at 967-8813 during open hours. Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. On Fridays, the library closes at 5 p.m. The staff can help you use the on-line system but cannot troubleshoot equipment problems.

Enrollment Dips

College extends registration to attract more students

by Audra J. Stephens
of The Commuter

Although pre-registration lines at LBCC have been noticeably shorter this year, college officials are hoping that by extending full-time registration into the second week of the term they can boost sagging enrollment levels.

LB is now allowing students to add a full academic load until this Friday, Sept. 30, with an advisor's or counselor's signature. The enrollment deadline for newly admitted full-time students was stretched one week beyond the usual first Friday of fall term.

The major reason registration was extended, according to Admissions Director Diane Watson, is that "we thought a lot of students possibly didn't get the word that we started (fall term) early."

In order to coincide with Oregon State's shorter fall term schedule, LB began fall term one week earlier so that students who attend both colleges will find it easier to take finals and depart for winter break, explained President Jon Carnahan.

Fall enrollment has been declining at LB since the 1992-93 school year, when full-time students surged to almost 13,000. In contrast, the total number of students enrolled for fall classes as of Wednesday is little over 7,000. This number will increase within the next week, however.

"We're down in numbers of our students," revealed Watson. This was apparent during open registration when "we didn't have a line clear around the block," she added. It took students approximately 15-20 minutes to get through the line and register.

Watson remarked that other colleges up and down the valley also have lower enrollment figures. She attributes the decline to the fact that more students are having to work and are unable to attend school.

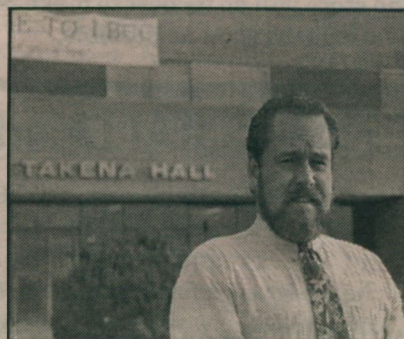
Both Carnahan and Watson share the view that the dip in student enrollment numbers is due to a weakening economy in the Willamette Valley. Carnahan feels "there's a direct relationship between enrollment and the economy."

Students who take advantage of the extended registration may or may not significantly increase enrollment numbers at LB, according to Watson. Late-registering students may find it difficult to obtain certain classes and catch up on work they missed. Extended registration will also require "additional work on the part of our faculty to catch students up," remarked Carnahan.

"There are a lot of classes closed," said Watson.

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Returning student discovers 'I'm smarter than I thought I was'

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campus to take the tests. But she learned to drive, took the tests, and ended up passing all of them.

"I'm a lot smarter than I ever thought I was," said Marilyn.

She wasn't feeling very smart, however, when it came time to apply for financial aid to attend LBCC.

"I got the financial aid papers and thought, 'Oh my God, you have to be a genius! You need to have a college degree to try to figure these out!' So I got real disgusted and threw them away," she said.

Then one of those blessings in disguise visited Marilyn. "I hurt myself at work and they were really giving me the run around, so I went back and got some more financial aid papers." She took them to her dad and they filled them out together. Six weeks later she got her award letter.

But what was she going to study?

"I just looked through the catalog and was kind of dreaming," she said.

At first she wanted to be a drug and alcohol counselor for teenagers, but decided it was too dangerous. Since she has three children, she didn't want to put herself in physical danger.

Then she found out about the criminal justice program and decided to study to become a parole and probation officer.

One night she went with her dad to the county courthouse, where he has a night job as janitor.

"I sat in one of the judge's chairs and spun around—



Photo by Carol Rich

Marilyn Dumas hopes to one day become a judge.

and I just knew this is what I wanted to do," she said.

She was almost dissuaded from this dream when she found out you have to be a lawyer before you can be a judge, but when a friend told her that judges make \$80,000-\$90,000 per year, and that Linn County

hasn't had any female judges in circuit or district court, she had no more doubts. Marilyn decided she is going to be a judge someday.

As a single parent, Marilyn doesn't have a lot of time for homework. She tries to do it between classes, but that's not always possible.

Once she decided to economize on her time by reading her textbook to her daughter so her daughter could fulfill her own reading assignment.

"I felt guilty at first," she said. But after taking a psychology class she learned that she was really helping her child to develop schemas, or frames of reference that will make it easier for her to learn in the future.

Marilyn said her kids—ages 5, 7, and 9—are always excited to find out what she's been learning. "I ask them what they learned and they ask me what I learned."

She has been surprised to find that the learning has come very easy for her. She earned straight As her first term, prompting an invitation to join Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society.

"College is a lot easier than high school," she said. "The difference is that I want to go here. It's not a popularity contest. Everybody is so different: people with purple hair, skinny people, fat people, black people, white people. It's easy to fit in."

Marilyn grinned as she remembered her father's words. "I tell everybody now: 'Education is the key,'" she said.

campus briefs

Breast Cancer Symposium

A breast cancer symposium will be held at LBCC Monday, Oct. 3, from 5:45-9 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, second floor of the College Center. Cost is \$16 for dinner and course materials if registered by Sept. 20. The cost is \$20 after that date. For more information call the LBCC Health Occupations Department at 967-6107.

Computerized Accounting

"Quicken/Quick Books," a six-week class by the LBCC Training and Business Development Center will be held Thursdays, from 6-9 p.m., beginning Oct. 6 through Nov. 10 in the Business Bldg., room 105. "Quicken/Quick Books" is for small-business owners and others interested in the basics of these programs, which are especially useful in business accounting or financial management. For more information call 967-6112.

Business Workshop

A two-hour "Going Into Business" workshop sponsored by the LBCC Training and Business Development Center will be held regularly in three locations; 9-11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 2-4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Business Enterprise Center in Corvallis and from 4-6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Lebanon Downtown Center. The workshop fee is \$5 and includes a "Getting Started" workbook. Call 967-6112 or 758-4009 to attend in Corvallis.

Herbal Medicine Seminars

A one-day seminar on herbal medicine will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Forum Bldg. room 104. A related seminar, "Let Food Be Your Medicine," will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for each

seminar is \$40.80, payable to LBCC. For more information call the Albany Extended Learning Center, 967-6108.

Brown Bag Series

A six-week brown bag lunch discussion series on popular self-help books will begin Friday, Sept. 30, noon to 1 p.m. in the Library. The series is free and open to the public. Rosemary Bennett will conduct the first discussion of "Women Who Run With the Wolves" by Clarissa Pinkola Estes on Sept. 30. Other books in the series include: "Fire in the Soul," Oct. 7; "We've Had a Hundred Years of Psychotherapy and the World is Getting Worse," Oct. 28 and "Excess Baggage—Getting Out of Your Own Way," Nov. 4.

Publishing Desktop Workshop

LBCC is now offering evening workshops in desktop publishing including PageMaker, FreeHand, QuarkXpress,

Photoshop, Microsoft Word, font management and scanning techniques. All workshops are held at the main Albany campus. Cost is \$39 to \$49 in advance, discounts available. Call 967-8879.

English Language Lessons

LBCC is conducting free classes in beginning levels of English for speakers of other languages on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. at Lebanon High School, room 88. For more information, call Sue Donna Doolen at 752-9467 or the Lebanon Extended Learning Center at 451-1014.

Turning Point Program

Turning Point Transitions, a four-week program at LBCC begins Monday, Oct. 31, at 9 a.m. Preregistration is required for the five credit course. For more information call Theresa Johnson at 928-2361, ext. 569 or Mary Lou Bennett at ext. 564.

College prepares for late registrations

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While math and science lab classes are mostly full, lecture classes are probably the best bet for students. "We'll work with students the best we can to get them what they want and keep track of their success rate," said Watson.

Even though enrollment is down, the LBCC Bookstore has been as busy as ever.

"I think we have as many people [entering the bookstore] as we did before," said Brenda Pace, merchandising coordinator. From Sept. 6-9 the number of students buying books totalled 1,407. However the real crunch occurred during Sept. 19-22 when 3,523 students entered the store.

Each year, the bookstore brings in eight part-time employees during the fall term rush to help things flow smoother in the bookstore, according to Pace and Mo Ableman, textbook coordinator.

On the first day of fall term classes, the bookstore experienced a very busy

day with 1,087 transactions. Free popcorn was supplied by the store and passed out to students waiting in line, said Pace.

Extended registration may bring about a greater demand for certain books and cause a shortage. However, Ableman wants to assure students that the store will do its best to make books available as soon as possible.

Financial Aid Alert

For students who are receiving Federal Financial Aid, financial aid checks and student loan checks (except for first-time borrowers) will be available starting at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5.

If your enrollment status has changed since you turned in your signed award letter, you have until 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 to notify the financial aid office or there could be a delay in receiving your check.

We Need You!

Student Leadership currently has these positions open. Pick up an application in CC-213

Student Programming Board Positions:

Multicultural Specialist

Community Events Specialist

Applications due September 30, 1994 by 4:00pm

Student Government Positions:

Science and Industry Representative (2)

Student Services and Extended Learning

Applications due October 3, 1994 by 4:00pm

Tuition, leadership credits, personal and professional growth opportunities are available.



CAMPUS NEWS

College looking for bond to pass

by Kristy Wise
of The Commuter

College officials hope voters will give LBCC a shot in the arm by passing a bond measure to fund preventive maintenance for the school.

The bond measure is a second attempt to give some life to the ailing school budget.

LBCC students may pay more and get less for their money in the near future since voters rejected a previous bond issue request of \$14.9 million to fund LBCC. The LBCC Board of Education decided Aug. 17 to reduce the request to \$11.65 million, hoping that by curtailing the amount, voters will approve the bond in the Nov. 8 election.

According to LBCC President Jon Carnahan, even if the bond measure passes, students can still expect to pay more. Tuition will increase by \$2 per credit hour—from \$32 to \$34—for winter term. Yearly increases in tuition would be necessary to keep the LBCC budget stable through the 1997-98 school year. In addition to the tuition hike, the school must also cut \$750,000 from its 1995-96 budget.

Carnahan attributes these drastic cuts to Measure 5. The measure 5 which was supposed to reduce property tax and help fund the college, but it actually raised property taxes and cut funding from the state.

The bond issue request would be repaid over a 10-year period at an interest rate of 24 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. If a home is assessed at \$100,000, that works out to be only \$24 per year, or the cost of a few cups of coffee per month, said Carnahan.

The original bond request of \$14.9 million included funding for the construction of an 18,000 square-foot facility on the Albany campus and a training center in Lebanon for dislocated timber workers. Since voters denied the original amount, the board had to cut the \$3.3 million allocated for the training center out of the measure. Carnahan said the college will try to get funding to build the training center from the federal government.

Carnahan said the Albany campus desperately needs a new roof, considering that the existing roof is 25 years old. Approximately \$1 million has been saved in a plant fund to replace the roof, but it will cost an additional \$2 million. This money will have to come out of operational costs. Since 79 percent of the budget is spent on staff, teachers will have to be eliminated, hence less classes for students to choose from at a higher price.

If the measure passes, he said it would primarily pay for the repair and maintenance of the facilities at the Albany campus. It would also help pay to make the campus more user friendly for disabled students.

New staff looking forward to school year

by Marla J. Lawrence
of The Commuter

Like its cousin spring, autumn has always been a time of new beginnings, especially for those of us in the academic world.

Students sharpen new pencils and promise themselves (or their parents) to do better this year, while instructors go over their lesson plans and hope their 8 o'clock class will be awake enough to appreciate their efforts.

Fall term 1994 is also a time of new beginnings for the people who have recently joined LBCC's support staff. According to the Human Resources Department, 20 new employees are on the job this Sept., including several instructors. The registrar, Sue Cripe, who retired after 20 years of service, has been replaced by Glenda M. Tepper.

A Klamath Falls native, Tepper brings many years of experience to the job, having worked in various positions with the Oregon Institute of Technology. She also holds degrees in accounting and industrial management from OIT, as well as an MBA from Southern Oregon State College.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges I'll be faced with as the

registrar at LBCC," Tepper says, adding that she is impressed with the staff's attention to serving students' needs. "This is a great opportunity for me."

The addition of three new PE instructors this fall promises to expand LBCC's fitness and wellness programs with classes in such diverse subjects as how to deal with communicable diseases of the 1990's and how to become a conscientious health care consumer.

•Christina Anderson, who is finishing her master's degree in fitness at OSU, teaches toning and step aerobics this term. She was once an instructor for the cable TV fitness show "Body Wise."

•Kathleen Stanley holds a master's in health promotion and education from Vanderbilt University and is teaching step aerobics and personal health, as well as a course that examines cultural views of death and issues such as life after death and euthanasia.

•Louise Street is completing her doctorate in public health, and is a strong advocate of smoking prevention. She teaches body toning, body conditioning and beginning tennis.

There are also a number of familiar

faces in new staff positions this year. Among those recently promoted is Dorie Nelson, formerly assistant director for the Benton Center. She was appointed director after Susan Wolff resigned to take a position with Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. Affiliated with LBCC since 1975, Nelson is an artist whose works have been exhibited internationally. She was once executive director of the Salem Art Association.

Ann Smart, a Corvallis resident and former Dean of Student Services and Extended Learning, has been promoted to Dean of Extended Learning and Information Services. A veteran LBCC administrator, she developed the Parent Education program, which has since served as a model for similar programs throughout the country.

Smart has also served as director of both the Albany and Benton Extended Learning Centers, and was the first female president of an Oregon community college, Oregon Coast Community College, in 1987-88.

Dr. David Bezayiff, has been promoted to the new Dean of Student Services. He began with the college last year after several years with California State University-Fresno.

friends & alumni

Former student Cook finds security at LBCC

by Dia Leavenworth
Alumni & Friends Association

Mick Cook is an alumni success story. Like many LBCC graduates, he came back to join the LBCC staff and is currently employed as director of security on campus.

Cook attended LBCC from 1983 to 1985, majoring in criminal justice and receiving an Associate of science degree in corrections and law enforcement.

Cook talked about those who had the greatest impact on his education and eventually his life.

The first person he mentioned was Jerry Phillips. "He was my instructor, mentor, and eventually employment supervisor," he said. "He was a great role-model."

Mick named writing instructors Charlie Mann and Kathy Clark as faculty who provided him with inspiration. "He taught me how to use a dictionary, a very important skill," he said, adding that Clark "convinced me that I could write."

Concluding his list was psychology instructor Gina Vee. "What can you say about Gina?" he asked.

Mick credits LBCC for having a profound influence on his life.

"My choices as a youth were limited," he said. "My grandfather was a grass seed farmer—that was all I knew. I came from a broken family.

"At LBCC I found a new beginning. I had an instant feeling of caring and support. The family that I needed seemed to come from the staff and

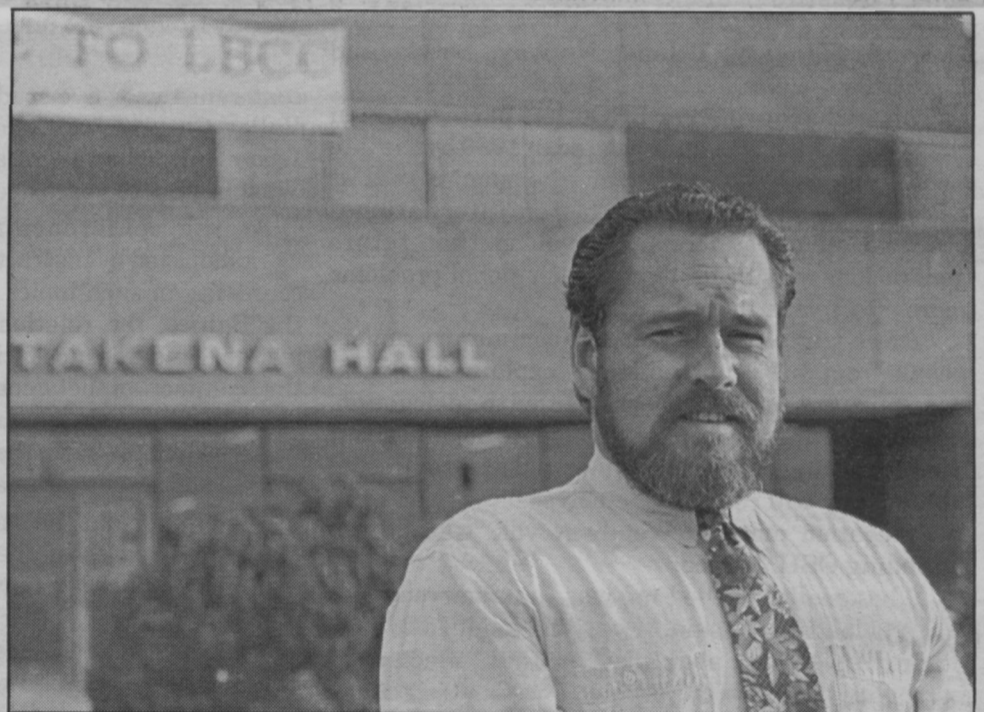


Photo by Carol Rich

Mick Cook, who graduated from LBCC in 1985 says the college offered a new beginning for him.

faculty there. LBCC helped me gain support and confidence. I was able to earn over 14 scholarships, which helped me complete my Bachelor's degree at Western.

"I was supported by the Corvallis Peace Officers Association, Oregon State Sheriff Association, Western Oregon State College, and a bunch of others. I'm really emotional about this place. It changed my life and helped me do what I wanted to do. It gave me a sense of accomplishment, showed me

that I could do something well. I want to give it all back."

Editor's Note: Linn-Benton Community College is proud of Mick Cook. Let him know you are, too. Encourage other alum to tell their stories—you never know when something you say may be the catalyst to help another student get through a difficult time on their road to becoming an LBCC success story. Contact Dia Leavenworth at 924-0936 or through The Commuter office.

news briefs

CARDV Volunteers Needed

The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence is looking for volunteers who will provide services to help victims of domestic and sexual violence in Linn and Benton counties. Services include, answering the 21-

hour hotline, providing legal advocacy and working with children. Training begins Oct. 1. Call 758-0219.

Volunteers Needed

Community Outreach, Inc. will offer training beginning Oct. 4 for people who would like to volunteer as crisis

line workers. The six-week class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Sunflower House. No particular background is required other than the ability to be a good listener and a desire to be of service. A \$20 materials fee is requested. Contact Jeannie at 758-3000.

Students return from Baltics with broadened world view

Stories and Photos by Rich Bergeman
for The Commuter

Ask a certain seven LBCC students what they did for their summer vacation and you'll likely be overwhelmed by a flood of memories.

—Standing armpit to armpit in packed buses as they rattled and swayed down the bumpy streets of some of the oldest cities in Eastern Europe.

—Partying with a city full of elated Estonians celebrating the departure of the last Russian soldiers on Aug. 31.

—Taking in the colorful sights and overwhelming smells in the five huge zeppelin hangars that house Riga's public food market.

—Resting cobble-stone weary feet in sunny sidewalk cafes surrounded by stone buildings half a century old.

—Listening to a graceful old Lithuanian freedom-fighter dispassionately recount his mistreatment at the hands of the Russians as he led a tour through the KGB prison where he was once held prisoner.

—Enduring painful goodbyes as they parted company with the European students with whom many had forged fast but sure friendships.

The students—members of LBCC's Peace Club—returned Sept. 16 from a three-week trip through the Baltic countries that culminated with an eight-day peace education conference in Vilnius, Lithuania. The biennial conference, now in its seventh year, drew about 75 students from the U.S., Germany, Holland, Hungary, Poland, Norway, Latvia and Lithuania.

This is the fourth year LBCC has participated in the event, which was inaugurated in 1980 by the late Leon Valk, a Dutch instructor who spent a year at LBCC. Its purpose is to foster international cooperation on a personal level so that future generations may begin to approach global problems more effectively.

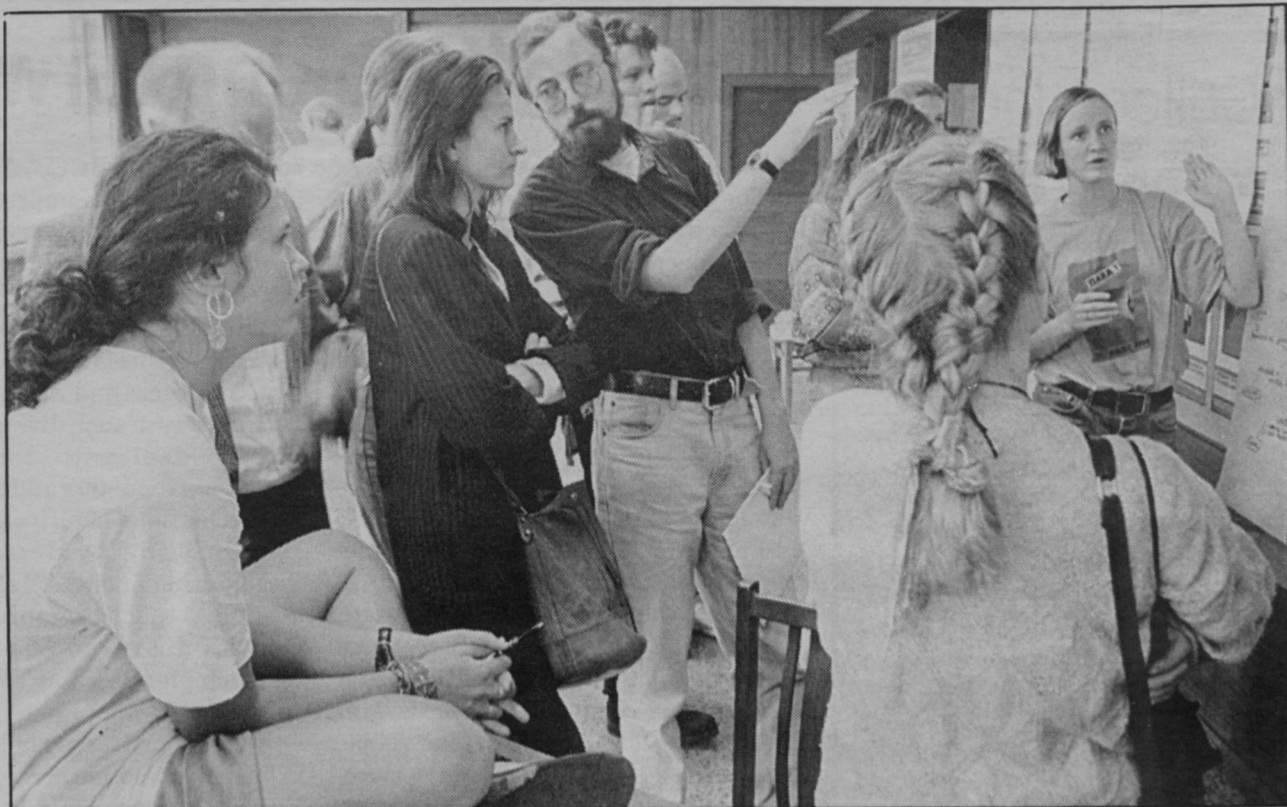
"These trips create a sense of community among people from different countries," explained political science instructor Doug Clark, who led the delegation. "Everyone comes away from them more hopeful about the future, and often more energized and redirected in how they will conduct their lives."

Delegation member Wendy Novak, who is now attending OSU, agreed.

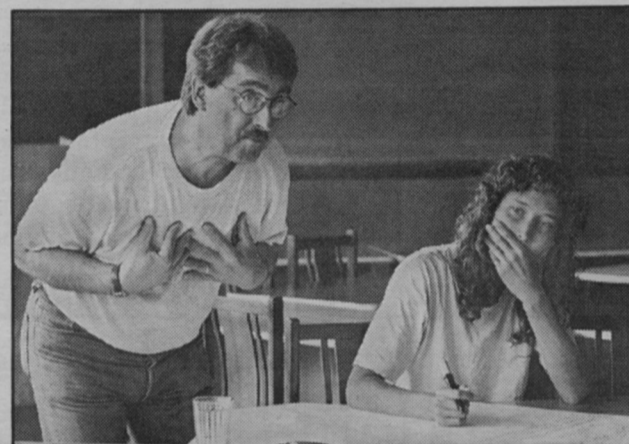
"What really touched me was that everyone was there to learn," she said. "Everyone listened to each other. We talked about issues that affected us personally and also the problems we saw in each of our governments and institutions."

Joining Novak in the LBCC delegation were John Michels, Morgan Garrison, Amber Boedigheimer, Seth Barry, Marianne Freeman and Jack Josewski. Michels, Garrison, Barry and Freeman have returned to LBCC for classes this fall; Josewski and Novak have transferred to OSU and Boedigheimer is attending Western Oregon.

Also representing the United States at the



Marianne Freeman of LBCC (at far left) joins students from several other countries listening to a presentation on ecological problems in Lithuania.



LBCC instructor Doug Clark leads a discussion as Wendy Novak, who now attends OSU, takes notes.

conference was a five-student delegation from Skagit Valley Community College in Washington led by Larry Sult, who taught at LBCC before moving to Washington 10 years ago.

At the conference the students attended workshops led by instructors from the participating countries on such topics as the ecological crises in the Baltics; the relationship between power and justice; gender issues facing different cultures; and the connection between personal and national identity.

According to Clark, the conference itself was only one part of the educational goal of the trip, however.

Also important, he said, were the days spent in the capital cities of the three Baltic countries—Tallin, Estonia; Riga, Latvia; and Vilnius, Lithuania. The group stayed in dormitory-style housing used by college students, rode the trolleys and buses to the old towns and markets, and generally tried to get a feel for how ordinary people lived. All three countries are struggling to emerge from decades of domination by the former Soviet Union and reestablish their own national identity.

"I liked to talk to people," recalled Michels, who lives in Albany. "The further you get from the West, the harder it is to communicate, but there is more of a willingness to communicate."

Michels said he tried to visit the local "flea

"They are enthusiastic about life, energized about the future. It is theirs to create."

—Doug Clark

markets" every chance he got, and was impressed with the people's enterprising spirit and desire to succeed.

"I've never seen so much food, especially produce, in my life," he said. "There is no one starving that I could see. In the U.S., you see more people who look like they don't have enough to eat."

On the other hand, he said, there appeared to be a large discrepancy between the haves and the have-nots in all three countries. Although the cost of living is low, he said, the average monthly salary is also very low. In Latvia, for example, the average wage earner brings home about 20 Lats a month (\$40 U.S.). In Lithuania, more than 50 percent of the average person's monthly income goes for food, leaving little for housing, clothing and transportation.

Novak added that although all three Baltic countries now have their independence and are opening their economies, they have a long road ahead of them.

"It appeared to me that the Soviet government, when it was in power, really did nothing to help the people in the past 30 or 40 years," she said. After building some infrastructure many years ago, like roads and buildings, they failed to maintain anything, leaving the cities with a dreary, dilapidated look.

Nonetheless, the people appeared committed to a better future, according to Garrison.

"The most remarkable thing to me was the resiliency of the people," he said. "The way they bounced back from the Nazis, the Bolsheviks, the Soviets, and all the other powers that had dominated them over the centuries."

Clark agreed, pointing out that the youth in all three countries seemed optimistic about the world being opened up to them following independence.

"It was inspiring to see how turned on the young people were in those countries," he said. "They are enthusiastic about life, energized about the future. It is theirs to create."

College will offer alternative high school diploma program

An informational session will be held at LBCC on an alternative high school diploma program for adults on Thursday, Sept. 29, 7 - 8 p.m. in the College Center, Bldg., Boardrooms A&B.

Aimed at adults 21 and over, the new External Diploma Program has no classes, set schedules or written examinations. Students earn credit by demonstrating skill learned through life and work experiences.

Confidential, trained assessors in one-on-one appointment define what

skills and abilities the individual has acquired and what areas need further study.

To successfully complete the program, individuals are required to demonstrate competence in real-life projects and prove their abilities in a specialized skill area of their choice. The graduate is awarded an actual high school diploma from LBCC, not a certificate of equivalency such as a GED.

The 65 generalized life skill categories in EDP include

communication and computation skills, consumer awareness, occupational preparedness, scientific and technological awareness, self-awareness and social awareness. Individual assessments are made of the individuals' occupational history, special skills and certified training records.

The entire EDP process begins with an informational session followed by diagnostic evaluation, generalized and individual assessments, post-task assessment, portfolio review and

granting of the diploma.

LBCC offers the EDP in cooperation with the Office of Community College Services and the American Council on Education. Chemeketa Community College in Salem and Lane Community College in Eugene will also offer the program.

Cost per student will be approximately \$850 and includes everything.

For more information call Kristen Jones or Connie Silbernagel at the Student Development Office, 967-8836.

LOCAL & REGIONAL NEWS

Students can get degrees from a distance

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - Starting this fall, students can get an associate of arts or general studies degree from Chemeketa Community College without ever setting foot in a classroom.

Instead, students will complete their studies using television, computers and the mail.

Such courses, collectively called distance education, have been offered statewide for several years, but Chemeketa is one of the first in Oregon to put them together to create a degree program.

As a working mother, Sheryl Stewart said she didn't know when she could return to college to finish the degree she began nine years ago.

"I have time to work on classes, but I have to fit it around my work schedule and family commitments," she said.

Television courses, first offered at Chemeketa in 1981, are part of the answer. If Stewart is unable to catch her telecourse at its scheduled time, she can record it on her VCR and watch it later.

Some of the new telecourses also include class discussions among people who phone in from their homes. Chemeketa also offers classes in which assignments, tests and messages are turned in through a home computer.

Nhan Huu Mai took one last year. He doesn't like speaking in class, but found it easy to participate in discussions by computer.

Meanwhile, his writing teacher, Marilyn Connor, taught from home or from a hotel room as she attended a conference.

"The intensity of the teacher's and students' ability to communicate about course content is certainly greater," Connor said.

Roger Bassett, Oregon community college commissioner, said Chemeketa is "at the front end" of the distance education trend.

More women professors hired in state

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—The state's colleges and universities hire more women now than they did 13 years ago, but women still hold only 13 percent of the state's top faculty positions, a new report shows.

The report, released this week by the state system of higher education, also indicates that women faculty members tend to be promoted at approximately the same rate as their male counterparts.

The report includes all ranks of teaching faculty - from the instructors hired on annual contracts to the tenure-track positions of assistant, associate and full professors. It does not include community colleges.

According to the report, women made about 18 percent of the state's faculty in 1980-81. In 1993-94, women accounted for 29 percent. During the same period, the percentage of female full professors grew from 6 percent to 13 percent.

The report also showed that the ratio of women in the next-to-highest faculty position, associate professor, had increased from 16 percent in 1980-81 to 32 percent in 1993-94.

Female faculty members on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene

expressed reserved optimism on Monday about the report's findings.

"If you just look at the number 6 and the number 13 (for full professors) it looks pretty good," said mathematician Marie Vitulli, one of 26 University of Oregon women who are full professors. "But it's not like we don't have to pay attention anymore."

Vitulli also pointed out that the report shows that women were less likely to be promoted to the top professor rank at the state's research institutions than at the small regional colleges.

At the University of Oregon, only 10 percent of the full professors were women. At Oregon State University in Corvallis, only 8 percent of the full professors were women. By comparison, women made up 19 percent of the top faculty ranks at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth. The figure was 12 percent at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland.

Lorraine Davis, who oversees most faculty hiring at University of Oregon as a vice provost for academic affairs, said she expects the number of male and female professors to become more balanced over the next decade.

"For the past several years, in hiring assistant professors, we've run pretty

close each year to 50 percent women and 50 percent men," Davis said.

"The problem is that ... it takes 12 to 15 years before you see them at the full-professor level," she said. "It's not an easily solved situation."

The report also showed women faculty hired by the state system in the past decade appear to have been promoted at the same rate as their male counterparts.

Of the 57 new assistant professors hired by the state's eight colleges and universities in 1983-84, 10 of them were women. Ten years later, 80 percent of those women had risen to associate professor status, as did 79 percent of the men.

Still, some disciplines, particularly the sciences, remain overwhelmingly dominated by men. While women make up 38 percent of the state's fine arts and humanities faculty and 44 percent of its education faculty, they only constitute 13 percent of the natural sciences and mathematics faculty.

And only 18 percent of the state's faculty that teach "high-market disciplines" are women. Such disciplines include computer science, business, accounting, law, engineering and veterinary medicine.

Organic farming gains wider acceptance

WELLINGTON, Colo. (AP)—Piedmont Farms owner Andy Grant, who struggled to learn organic growing in the 1980s, now has an operation grossing \$6 million a year.

And if there remain any doubts, the fact that sales of Colorado's more than 100 certified organic producers are about \$40 million a year and growing at 10 percent a year should convince people that it's not a novelty any more.

"It's no longer some kind of weird thing," said Phil Scholl, a wholesale distributor and past president of the organic growers. "People realize it's a good thing and a wise way to grow food."

Piedmont is the state's largest operation with 1,400 acres and 62 varieties

of fruit and vegetables, and like other organic growers, uses no synthetic chemical pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers.

"It's no longer some kind of weird thing. People realize it's a good thing and a wise way to grow food."

—Phil Scholl

"The hoe is our herbicide," said Greg Owsley, head of marketing. Piedmont relies on insects to control bug infestations and uses manure to fertilize.

"People used to think organic meant food with worms in it and low quality,"

said Jim Ubinger of the Colorado Agriculture Department's market division.

But the farmers who switched "were tired of applying chemicals with skulls and crossbones on the packages," said Karen Wilken, a CSU extension specialist who studied the issue. "They were tired of seeing dead birds in the fields. And they were tired of exposing themselves, their families and their workers to chemicals."

The government has done little research on organic farming but has started to realize that there are benefits.

"We've realized that pesticides are not the silver bullet and they're not the best thing in all cases all the time," said Thomas Holtzer, head of entomology at CSU.

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By law, the following information is considered public information:

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Science, Technology and Society Lectures



Dr. Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan

"Protecting the Global Environment"
October 20

"Composing Community"

with Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson on November 21

"The Embodied Mind"

with Dr. Francisco Varela on December 12

"Dinosaur Heresies"

with Dr. Robert Bakker on January 29

"Fuzzy Thinking"

with Dr. Bart Kosko on February 19

"Gravity Calls the Cosmic Tune"

with Dr. Philip Morrison on April 10

All lectures are at the Hult Center. Call 687-5000 for tickets.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Community theater thriving in Albany

Albany civic theater enters its 44th year with nine scheduled performances that offer plenty of opportunities for local talent and spectators

Now in its 44th year, Albany's all-volunteer theater has just closed its first show of the season.

But if you're interested in community theater, either as a performer or a spectator, plenty of opportunities remain on the horizon.

Upcoming is Ira Levin's classic thriller, "Deathtrap." This play, in rehearsal, is about a pair of conniving playwrights trying to plot the perfect murder. Directed by Robert Moore, performances will be in late October and early November.

In December Ronda Mitchell will direct "Inspecting Carol," a new spoof from the Seattle Repertory. The plot revolves around a struggling theater trying to impress a visiting grant inspector while rehearsing its umpteenth production of "A Christmas Carol".

"The Road to Mecca," by South African playwright Athol Fugard, is about a widowed woman who dares to be different from her pious South African neighbors. It will be directed by Pat Kight in January.

February and March will offer "I Hate Hamlet," by Paul Rudnik. This is a recent Broadway smash about an up-and-coming TV star who gets acting lessons from the ghost of John Barrymore. It will be directed by John Marvel.

England's home front during World War II is the setting for "And a Nightingale Sang," by C.P. Taylor. This tale of the joys and sorrows of a working-class family will be directed in March and April by Robert Leff.

In April and May Victoria Baur will direct "Lettice & Lovage," Peter Shaffer's recent London/New York hit about an eccentric British tour guide who puts her own twist on English history, and her unlikely friendship with a stuffy, no-nonsense bureaucrat.

"Marvin's Room," a quirky, fresh-from-Broadway comedy by Scott McPherson is next on ACT's program. Directed in June by Tom Johnson, this play is about a beleaguered family that walks the line between tragedy and absurdity as its members cope with illness.

ACT's finale will be "Henceforward," a high-tech, futuristic comedy by Alan Ackbourn. It's about a disgruntled composer who enlists a malfunctioning robot-nursemaid to convince a government bureaucrat that he's a fit father. Phil Brown directs this show in August.

All plays take place in ACT's Regina Frager Theater, 111 W. First Ave. in downtown Albany.

First Live Concert Comes to Historic Venetian Theater

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

Kay James and the Saturday Night Safari Club, a ten-person band playing old-time rock 'n' roll and blues, will inaugurate musical entertainment in the newly remodeled Old Venetian Theater on October 1.

Promoter Mark Jackson said the event will "give people a chance to get out and boogie and have a little bit of fun."

Jackson wants to see more live music in Albany, so he is renting the old theater for this event. "We're not into this thing to make a lot of money, but to bring more good music to the community," he said.

He pointed out that if there is a strong turnout it will open the doors to providing all types of quality live music in the future.

No longer a movie theater, the Venetian has been remodeled to host music concerts and dances. It will seat approximately 500 people and has a 1,000 square foot dance floor and a large stage.

Tickets for the concert and dance are \$5 per person or \$8 for two people and will be available at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m. The theater is located at 241 First Ave. West in downtown Albany.

arts briefs

Photography Show

An art photograph show featuring Eugene artist Edward Vlieg and Nancy Jones will be on exhibit, Monday through Friday, Sept. 20 through Oct. 7 from 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. in the AHSS building, room 100. Admission is free. For more information call Patty Robidart at 298-2361, ext. 225.

Artwork Sought

Mid-Valley artists are invited to submit samples of their work for selection in the Heritage Mall Fall Arts and Crafts Show and Sale, Oct. 13-16. Cameron and Gail Ann Blagg of The Gallery, in Albany, are coordinating the show. There is an \$85 fee to enter. Those who wish their work to be considered for the show should send three recent photos of their work and a brief description of the medium and display to Gail Ann Blagg, 122 First Ave. E. Albany, 97321. For more details, call Blagg at 928-8412.

Auditions for Readings

Auditions will be held for "In Our Own Words: A Performance of

Literature by Local Writers", Oct. 11-12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Loft Theater of Takena Hall, room 205 at LBCC. Auditioners may perform three-minute selections of poetry, short stories or essays from any issue of the "Eloquent Umbrella", which may be checked out from the Takena Box Office, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call Jane Donovan at 928-2361, ext. 216.

Art Wednesday

Representatives from nine Corvallis art galleries and nine alternative art viewing spaces met recently to plan the first Art Wednesday. On Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 5-9 p.m. art galleries, cafes and local establishments which feature the work of local, regional and national artists will host their first cooperative art tour in Corvallis. For more information call the Corvallis Arts Center at 754-1551.

National Poetry Contest

The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$12,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets

in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is Sept. 30. The contest is free and open to the public. To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1981, Owings Mill, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poets home address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30. A new contest opens Oct. 1.

Pavarotti Bus Tour

The LB Opera Guild is sponsoring a bus to the Luciano Pavarotti New Year's Eve concert, Saturday, Dec. 31. Cost is \$17 per person, not including concert tickets. The bus will leave LBCC's Benton Center, stop at Key Bank in downtown Albany, and return immediately after the performance. For more information, contact Betty Miner, Opera Guild coordinator, 757-8949. Seats for the performance must be reserved in advance and can be arranged by calling the Portland Memorial Coliseum at 235-8771.



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SPORTS



Photo by Carol Rich

Going for the ball

Sarah Worden tries to dribble away from Stacy Quetschke during basketball practice Tuesday night. Coach Bill Wold is still looking for players for his ladies team. The team practices every night from 6 to 8 p.m. at the LBCC gym. Wold said there are still talent grants available for players with good skills and he is looking forward to having more players tryout. For information about the team call Wold at ext. 850.

WANTED! Sports Editor

The Commuter is seeking a sports editor for the 1994-95 year. Students with some journalism class experience preferred, but all interested applicants are encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a \$585 annual position grant and provides valuable training and job experience. Appointment is made by the editor-in-chief.

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editor's soapbox

In the shower this morning I was in a state of near-panic trying to decide what issue would be appropriate to discuss in this first paper of the school year. There are so many choices it's overwhelming: guns in schools, the non-invasion of Haiti, Rwanda, Cuba, voting, O.J.'s trial . . . you know the list.

Then, as I reached for my razor, my thoughts moved to a more personal dilemma—one which has been plaguing me for over a year now. The question to be answered is this: should I stop shaving my legs and armpits?

Now I recognize this may seem like a pretty cut and dried issue (pardon the pun), and maybe even an embarrassing one. It may seem like an issue hardly worthy of editorial page consideration. But as any true American, I take my personal hygiene quite seriously—and so should you. Whereas I'm not sure if you care whether O.J. is guilty or Clinton's action in Haiti was appropriate, I'm banking on the fact that you'll have an opinion one way or the other on this issue.

So I'd like to ask your help in making this decision. Here's my assessment of the situation:

The advantages of continuing to shave my legs and armpits, as I see it, are: 1) I would be conforming to the expectations of my society, and therefore not drawing attention to myself, 2) I could wear sheer pantyhose with dresses, and 3) the opposite sex probably finds it more attractive (and as a single woman, this is not a consideration to be casually dismissed).

Well, these seem like pretty good reasons not to change a decades-old habit. But let's explore the advantages to changing this routine.

My environmental consciousness is what made me first start thinking about this. I thought about what happens to all those razor blades once they're too dull to use anymore. They aren't recyclable, so they go into a landfill. Considering that I use a new razor blade about once every two weeks, that means I go through approximately 26 razor blades in a year. A little math tells me that I've probably thrown away about 806 razor blades (including the packaging they came in) in my life so far. If I continue as I am, I will throw away at least that many more before I die.

While 806 discarded razor blades may not seem like a lot, multiply that times the number of women in the world who shave their legs, and you have a whopping big number of razor blades buried in the earth somewhere.

The second consideration in this issue is, of course, money. I'm a student and by definition that means I'm not rolling in dough. A package of razor blades costs me about \$3.16, so I figure I spend about \$18.96 per year on razor blades. While not a lot, it would buy at least one more book per year, or a new pair of jeans for my son.

The third issue is time. I'm a busy person, and that extra few minutes spent shaving is a few minutes not spent doing something else.

The fourth and final reason I'm considering this change is that, quite frankly, having hair on my legs and under my armpits is my natural state of being. I have a friend who stopped shaving her legs and she tells me that her legs are warmer in the winter than they used to be. And as far as the armpits go, wouldn't it help absorb some of the extra moisture that collects there?

A while back I was watching the coverage of America's aid to Somalia on CNN. The images on the screen were of emaciated children with distended stomachs and grown men with flies on their faces and no energy to flick them aside. Suddenly, the commercial break came on, announced by raucous music and a spoiled-brat model pouting because she was having a "bad hair day."

Well, this is your commercial break. This is the issue that occupies my spoiled-brat mind today.

Any suggestions?

— Marie Oliver, Editor

council notes

Associated Student Council looks for six more council members to fill empty seats

by Sarah Griffiths

Business, Training & Health Occupations Representative

Associated Student Government

As a student council member, I am often asked what it is that ASG does. That is a very good question, one that I was asking myself even as I was signing up for the position of representative.

A differentiation between the two committees that serve students is necessary for understanding. First, I'll tell you what we are not. We are not the Programming Board, a committee of students that organizes such things as blood drives, all-school picnics, intramural recreation events, political events, and the winter festival. They are a separate body from the Student Council in that they organize more activities for students to participate in on a day-to-day basis.

Student Council, on the other hand is involved more in the governmental proceedings such as sitting on committees as student advocates with faculty and the administration. Those committees affect student roles at LBCC, tuition, curriculum, and

safety, among others. It is very important that students receive adequate representation for these issues since it is students for whom this school is here.

Of course, now you are asking yourself, "What can I do to get involved in student leadership, and what are the benefits to me?"

Lucky you! There just happens to be six—count 'em—six open positions between the Programming Board and Student Council. In Student Council, we are trying to fill one position for Representative in the Student Services Division, and two positions in the Science and Industry Division.

On the Programming Board, we are looking for a Multi-cultural Specialist, a Community Events Specialist, and a Campus Events and Recreation Specialist.

So, if you are looking for a satisfying way to serve your fellow students, are competent for the task, and are interested in other wonderful benefits, come on up to CC-212 (next to the commons), get an application, and chat a while with one of us. We'll be happy to help you in any way that we can!

E XPRESS YOURSELF

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

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

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

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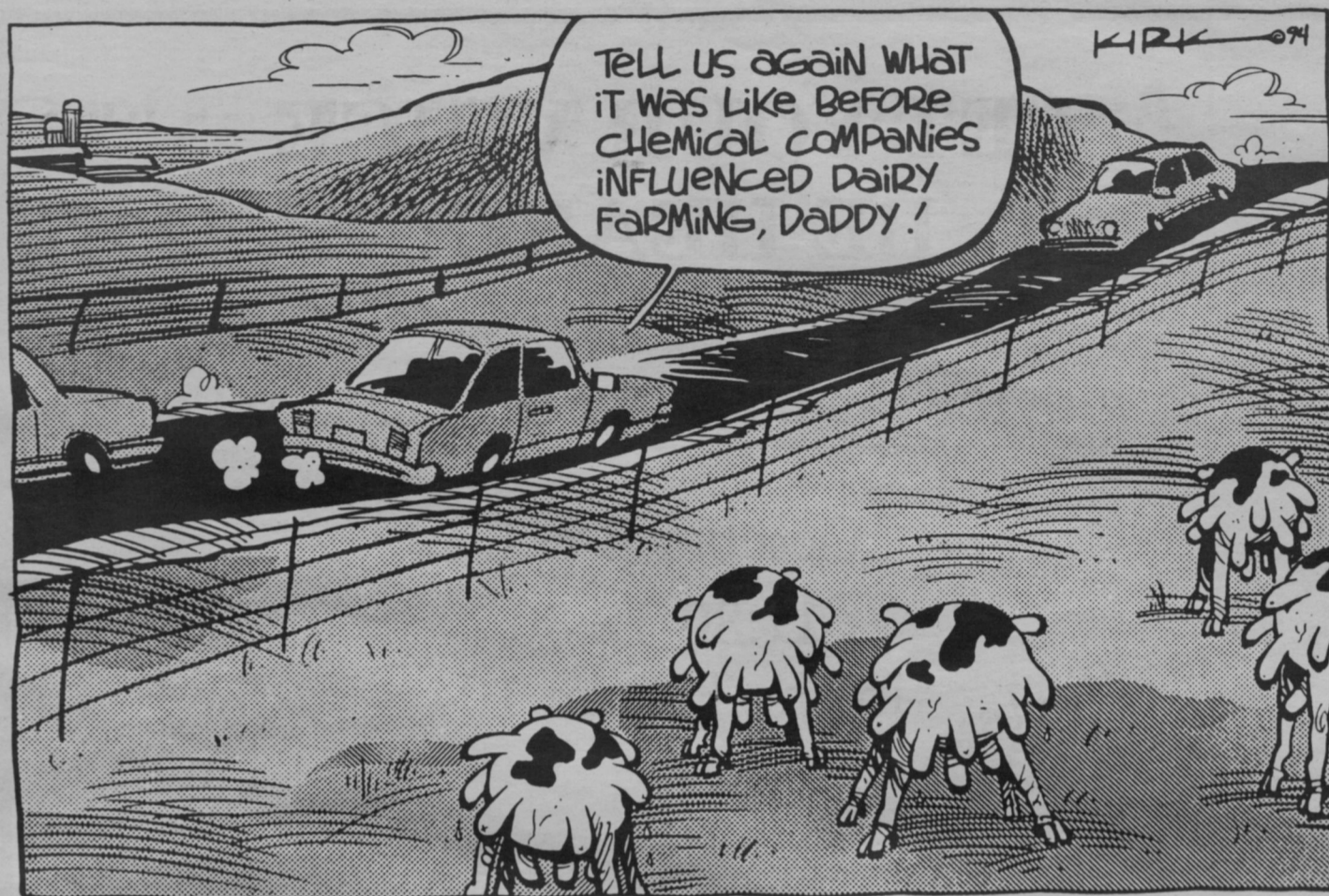
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OPINION



ellen goodman

Small town fights big business' attempts to 'pave paradise and put up parking for a Wal-Mart'

It is one of those soft September days in New England just before summer snaps into fall, and Carol Goodwin is taking me on a tour of her town.

We drive past the classic town common flanked by a town hall and a church. We travel down a road familiar to Sunday drivers in pursuit of the trio of fall treasures in this part of the world: foliage, antiques and apples.

Finally, we turn in to the town's tourist attraction, a recreated 19th century community called Old Sturbridge Village, and leave the car to stroll along the dirt paths, past the herb garden, the broom shop, the tavern. Then, as we watch the "tinner" in his costume fashioning heart-shaped cookie cutters out of metal one at a time, Goodwin says with bemusement, "This doesn't look like Wal-Mart territory, does it."

But less than a mile away are pink plastic streamers tied around trees staking out what may soon become Wal-Mart territory. These are the streamers that also stake out a struggle between Sturbridge folk and a distant corporation.

Carol Goodwin is a mother of six who calls herself a homebody. Three months ago, she didn't know much about superstores or big-box building or saturation marketing.

In July, this woman accidentally heard about plans for a massive development while she was waiting to talk about recycling before the town's planning board. She says plans call for wider roads, more traffic lights, for a store as out of scale for Sturbridge, population 8,000 as an ocean barge for a duck pond. To her surprise, she has become the spearhead of S.O.S., Save Our Sturbridge. On a hot August night, 700 citizens voted six to one against the superstore in a non-binding referendum.

When that didn't stop plans, she and a colleague took a trip last week to Wal-Mart's headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.. Although reminded by her eldest daughter—a law student—"Mom, don't smile too much," Goodwin brought a basket full of maple syrup, candles, candies and a videotape of the town meeting. The two delegates were received, heard and politely dismissed.

In this process, the Sturbridge group hardened into a small and ardent resistance movement, a network of groups with newsletters, and soon their own place on the internet. Wal-Mart is not their only target, but it is the biggest. They are really fighting "sprawl-marts," huge traffic magnets at the intersection of highways, black holes that can suck businesses and everyday social life out of small communities.

This movement is not entirely new. In the 1920s the chains first started replacing the mom-and-pop stores with A&Ps. Anti-chain legislation was introduced by people who wanted to protect more than small businesses. They unabashedly defended civic spirit, small-town democracy.

As Michael Sandel, a political philosopher at Harvard, says, "The belief was that shopkeepers and local owners would have a greater sense of civic responsibility than managers of huge stores accountable to distant profit centers."

The movement failed in the 1930s. The chains grew into malls, the malls are growing into sprawls. The distant profit centers of a nationalized economy are now the more distant profit centers of a world economy.

Now the resistance has re-emerged in the remaining hollows of community where people still know each other when they meet on a sidewalk. It's strong in New England where no less than 12 towns and one whole state—Vermont—fought the giant. It's sustained by people who do not want to become part of the drive-by culture, who do not want to pave paradise and put up parking for a Wal-Mart.

Sturbridge has many such people. The town founded in 1738 is by no means untouched by modern times. It has its own McDonald's, its Burger King, its supermarkets. "This town isn't a museum. I wouldn't want to live

in a museum," says Goodwin.

When Goodwin went to Arkansas, she memorized a line written by Wal-Mart's founder, the late Sam Walton: "If some community for whatever reason doesn't want us in there, we aren't interested in going in and creating a fuss."

This philosophy made Wal-Mart turn away when opposed in some towns. That mood has changed. Today Wal-Mart insists that the opposition is a vocal minority. S.O.S. may take their struggle to court, but the conflict is less about the law than about a way of life.

Wal-Mart and its superstore sisters make their appeal to Americans as consumers and as job seekers. One person's junk job is another person's welcomed job. One person's unsightly big-box store holds another person's bargains.

But the resistance movement asks us to think of ourselves as citizens with a sense of place and an obligation to take care of that place.

"You know," says Carol Goodwin, "I was reading Sam Walton's book on the way to Arkansas. He sounded like a good man. I think if Sam Walton had lived in Sturbridge, he would have been on our side."

commentary

Haiti is a difficult nation to occupy

By Mort Rosenblum
AP Special Correspondent

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) Car rental contracts here add a clause about damage from "dechoukaj," Haiti's word for its own brand of big-time mayhem. This is not an easy country to occupy.

Beneath the visible surface, currents swirl against each other in an undertow strong enough to turn a tropical paradise of hard-working people into a desperate, destitute wreck of a nation.

Implications are obvious for U.S. commanders trying to move Haiti at gunpoint: The most limited goals are hard to achieve. One wrong move can turn a joyous welcome bitter overnight. And U.S. troops could get mired in a dangerous long-term mission they are not now counting on.

President Clinton has promised not only to restore an elected president but also help him put Haiti back together again. That second part may prove as difficult as reassembling Humpty Dumpty.

"Our view is that Haiti today is better off than it was yesterday, and yesterday was better off than it was a day before," embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said at the first week's end.

But no sooner had U.S. troops run up a flag over the military base at Port-au-Prince airport than political leaders hauled out the hated word—"occupation"—and warned of potential consequences.

Leslie Manigat, a former president who was close to the military but also held popular respect as a political economist, condemned a "national humiliation" in a manifesto.

"We must work to get them to go home," he wrote in the name of his small conservative party. To make his point, he recalled the blood gloriously shed during Haiti's independence struggle against France nearly two centuries ago.

Manigat was talking "dechoukaj." The term literally means to tear out crops by the roots. When Haitians oppose a regime, or an unwelcome presence, that is how they try to do it.

Long-time foreign residents, who know better than to be named when discussing politics, warn that it is not enough for the Americans' motives to be noble and well-explained.

"In Haiti, reality is invisible, and invisibility is real," one American scholar put it. Things here, he said, are as people choose to see them.

All of this means perilous sailing for U.S. commanders who must navigate among political and economic power blocs without inadvertently irking Ogun Feraille, the warrior god.

The longer troops stay, the more they are likely to attract blame for problems which are now endemic.

MARKETPLACE

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United Parcel Service will be on campus Monday, October 3rd to recruit for Preload and Local Sort positions. Work hours are 4am to 8am or 5pm to 8pm Monday-Friday and the pay is \$8 or \$9 an hour. You must be able to lift up to 70 pounds. To apply you must attend the orientation session on October 3rd, between 9am-10am, and see Angie or Molly in the Career Center located in Takena Hall to sign up for an interview in advance.

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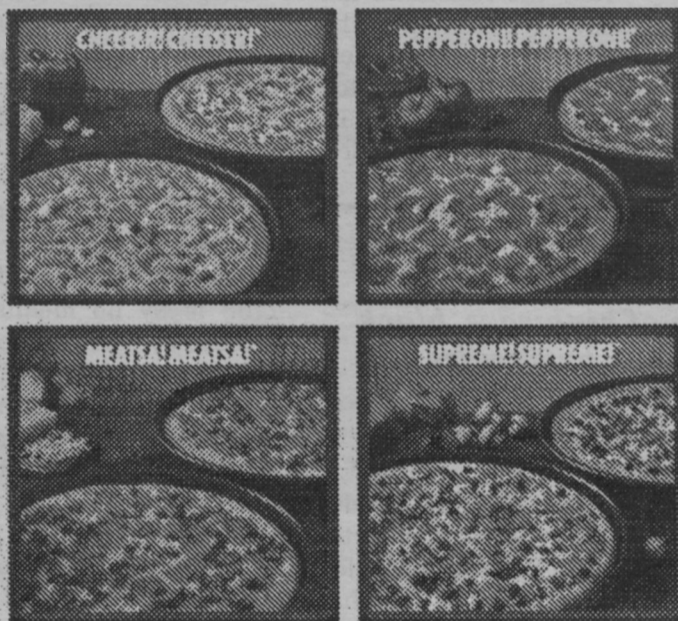
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"Love is justly called Ruler of the Arts, for a man fashions works of art carefully and completes them thoroughly, who esteems highly both the works themselves and the people for whom they are made."

—Marsilio Ficino



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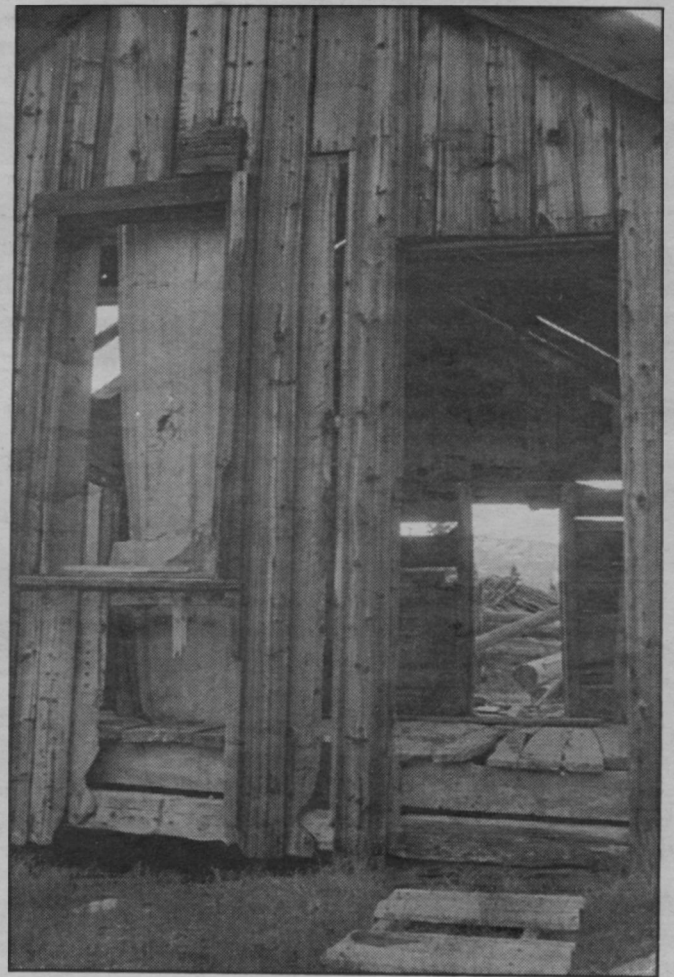
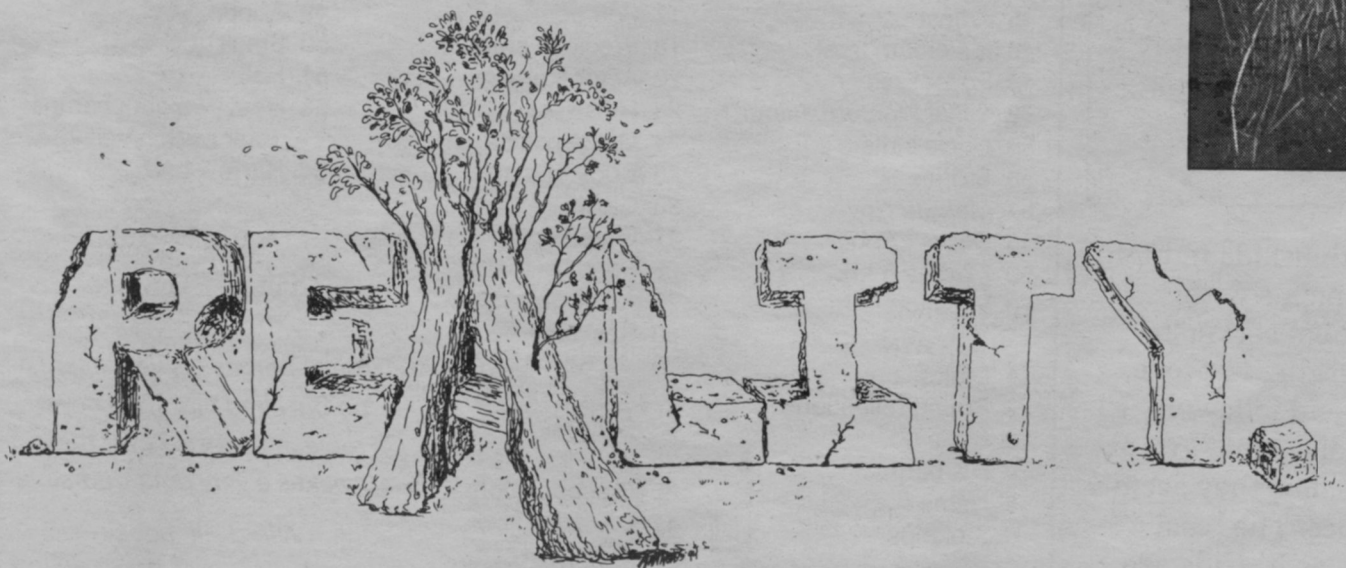


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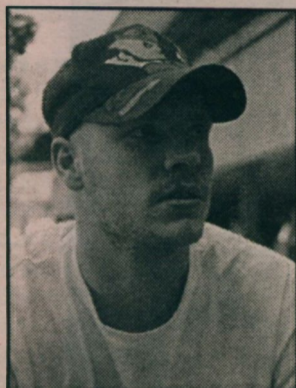


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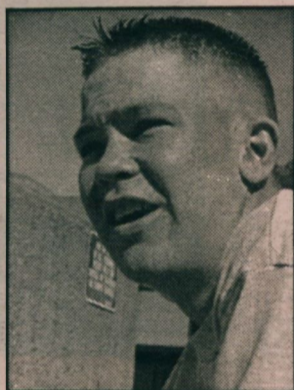
'Why is gun violence increasing in Oregon schools?'



"I would say that nobody's paying that much attention to the kids. There should be more done to prevent guns being carried to school. Now days, guns are sold to anyone."

Ralph Green, Salem
First year, Auto Mechanics

"My friend got caught with a gun cocked at West Albany....A lot of it is TV. They watch the TV and movies and then they try to self-portray [guys like] the ones in Boyz 'n' the Hood...If the media focused on positive rather than negative things I think finally people would have more pride in their school. It's one guy that gave us all the bad publicity—there are another 1100 kids in school."



Jason Lundgren, Albany
Senior, West Albany High School



"It seems to me there are lots of different reasons. I think a lot of it has to do with parental control and not watching what kids are taking to school. Lots of kids are moving up from California and gangs are more popular. Kids are running out of things to do so they're playing with guns."

Jeanette Reese, Halsey
Second year, Oregon Transfer Degree

"In my Violence and Agression class we talked about how most of the people are kind of sketch about how young the people are. I had no idea it was even going on here. I haven't paid much attention to it."

Brian Bradley, Anchorage,
Third year, transfer degree



"My opinion is that kids in high school have problems with people taking them seriously. Kids have something to prove. They become trend followers. I hate to blame television, art, or the newspapers, but they seem to be an influence. The "cool kid" in school does it. Kids are followers."

K.C. McAlpine, Albany

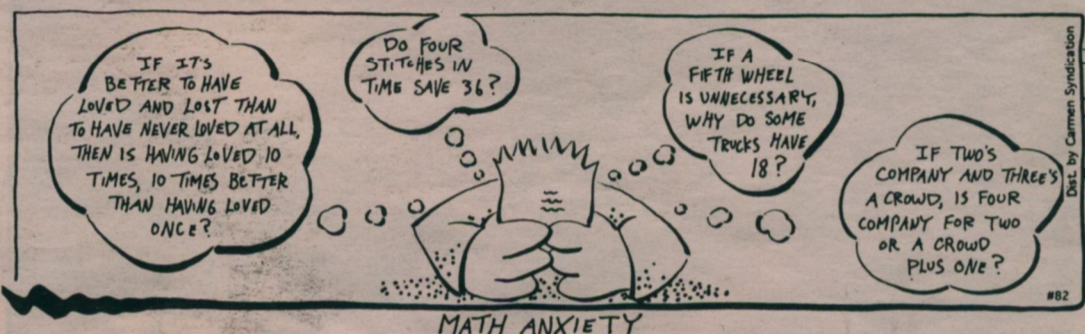
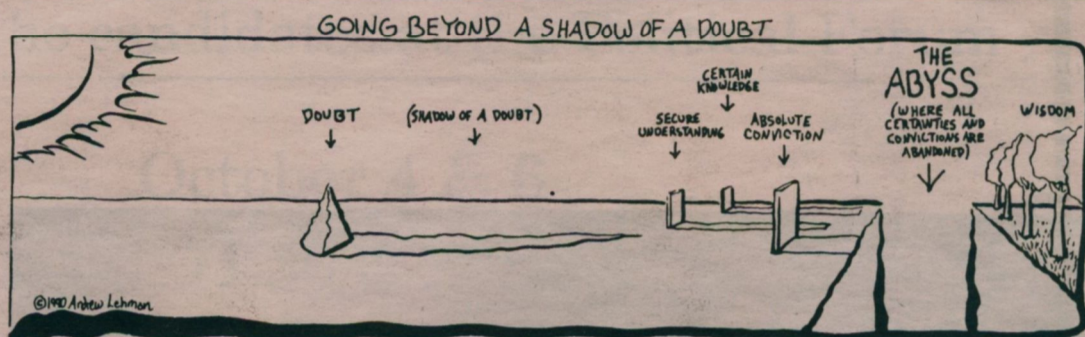
they said it

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I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

—W.C. Fields

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Crossword 101

"A Novel Approach"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- Follows high
- God of thunder
- Fence entrance
- Land unit
- Actress Keaton
- Fibbed
- "Jane Eyre" Author
- Author Clancy
- Building wings
- "Pride and Prejudice" author Jane
- Dagger
- Bro & sis
- Congregational shepard
- D.A.'s background
- Mineral spring
- Additional
- Off-Broadway award
- Imitates
- "Vicar of Wakefield" author
- Country road
- Israeli airline
- Strain food
- Vane initials
- Shoo
- Penny pinchers
- Sun. talks
- Fork part
- Adjust
- Ice cream treat
- Possesses
- "Little Women" author
- Uncle's mate
- Stories
- Melville Novel
- Depots: Abbr.
- Made a mark
- Vacation fill in

DOWN

- Diplomacy
- Sound reflection
- Bone up
- His partner
- Name
- Stetsons
- Single unit
- Set the trap again
- Luster
- Am not: non-standard
- Nice head
- Paradise
- Distributor of money
- Poe poem
- Precious stone
- Actor Martin
- Noiseless
- Office pastimes
- Book of maps
- Glow
- On board: 2 wds
- Steeple
- Actor Sellers
- Residues
- '72 Soviet gymnast & others
- Entertain
- Rebuild
- Precedes cord
- D.C. VIPs
- Gold man
- Court actions
- Flirted
- Sorrowful word
- Promote
- Charlie for one
- Bargain event
- Abode
- Small unit
- Halt
- Heavyweight champs Baer or Schmeling
- Narrow bed

Quotable Quote

"The paperback is very interesting but I find that it will never replace the hardcover book ---it makes a very poor doorstep."

Alfred Hitchcock