



Halloween is just around the corner, and with it comes the annual holiday activities on campus. Colorfully painted pumpkins (above) created by students in the Visual Arts Club are on sale in the AHSS Art Gallery (see page 8 for details). Working on the pumpkins last week in the graphics lab were John Kendall, Cory Stephens, Laurie Gonor, John Highland and Carol Schriener. Several offices on campus have also been decorated for the holiday, with three hosting open houses tomorrow.



Photos by Roger Lebar

Oremet seeks to renew discharge permit from DEQ

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality held a hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 22, to gather citizens' input on the decision to renew Oregon Metallurgical (Oremet) Corp.'s permit to discharge wastewater into Oak Creek. The hearing was held in LBCC's Alesa/Calapooia room at 3 p.m.

Oremet operates a titanium production and recycling facility at 530 W. 34th St. in Albany. Titanium is made by heating titanium tetrachloride and magnesium under pressure to produce a sponge material that is then processed in arc furnaces to produce titanium ingots. The ingots are then shaped according to Oremet's customers' specifications.

Oremet's titanium facility generates about 500,000 gallons of wastewater a day. The wastewater, which contains many dissolved solids, is discharged into Oak Creek, a tributary of the Calapooia River. Oremet applied for and received a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in 1991. Their current permit expired on April 30, 1996, and Oremet applied for a renewal. Since Oremet applied for the renewal in a timely manner, its current wastewater permit will remain in effect under the Oregon Administrative Rules until the DEQ announces its final decision on the renewal application.

Timothy McFetridge, Senior Environmental Engineer for the DEQ, summarized the history of Oremet's Albany plant and its dealings with the DEQ prior to the actual start of the hearing. The DEQ was sued by concerned citizens following the issuance of Oremet's 1991 permit because some of the regulations in it were not in accordance with DEQ rules. The permit was altered, and the lawsuit settled in 1995 after Oremet and the Department entered into a Mutual Agreement and Order (MAO). The MAO set a schedule to bring Oremet into full compliance with a new, revised NPDES permit.

One of the issues addressed in the MAO was the length of Oremet's mixing zone, the portion of Oak Creek which receives the concentration of Oremet's wastewater. Water in the stream must meet the DEQ's water quality standards at the end of the mixing zone. Oremet's 1991 permit allowed a two-mile mixing zone, which the Department later determined was too long. The company now operates with a zero mixing zone, which means wastewater must be treated or contained on the premises.

Oremet and the DEQ are looking into alternatives to discharging wastewater into Oak Creek. Options include an on-site mixing pond or releasing wastewater into the city of Albany's storm sewer system. The company is also experimenting with using a grove of poplar trees to receive the wastewater. The wastewater can be discharged into the soil, where the dissolved solids will be stored until the stream flow increases. The increased stream flow will allow the contaminants to be dispersed more quickly.

Oak Creek is an intermittent stream, which means there are times of the year when it does not flow. The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) is rewriting

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Halloween's haunting history exhumed

by Dorothy Wilson
of The Commuter

Lengthening shadows cast eerie shapes over fallen orange leaves, and winter's chill begins its shivery pursuit, howling as it rides the wind around the corners of our sheltered hearths.

Inside, children gather in the warmth of the kitchen where the smells of hot apple cider and cupcakes fresh from the oven permeate the air. Excitedly, they clamor to lick the frosting bowl, while Mom helps them put the finishing touches on their costumes and ready their bags for the night's adventure.

It's Halloween, and it's time for trick-or-treat.

Millions of families celebrate this ancient ritual, but few of us remember how it all got started.

According to Jon Goman, instructor of religious studies at LBCC's Benton Center, the origins of the holiday date back to the second and third centuries B.C. when the Celtic people occupied all of Western Europe. The Celts called their holiday Samhain in honor of Saman, who was the god of the dead or lord of the underworld in the Celtic pantheon.

Jack Santino, author of "Night of the Wandering Souls," writes that the Celts believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on Samhain. This holiday also marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the new year. Grand feasts were pre-

Campus Haunts

- Library/Media Department annual Halloween Open House Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged—come see the photos of Halloween Past. Celebrating the oldest Halloween Open House on campus.
- Student Life and Leadership Open House from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in CC-213, across from the Commons. Hot cider, cookies and snacks. Costumes encouraged.
- Health Occupations has cooked up a special Halloween from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., first floor of Health Occupations Building.

pared, giant bonfires lit, and food was left outside to placate the spirits. But, because these were harsh times and the harvest was not always abundant, hungry villagers would disguise themselves as ghosts or spirits and steal the food.

From this ancient Celtic tradition, it is believed the modern-day practice of trick-or-treat evolved.

Goman said that around the third century, Christian influence began to expand into Western Europe.

In the effort to convert the pagans, Christian holidays were created and celebrated on or near the same dates as pagan holidays. "Allhallowseve" (Halloween) was meant to celebrate the lives of the dead saints and martyrs. This was observed the night before the Christian holiday of "Allhallowsmas" (All Saints Day).

"So the same concerns with death were there," said Goman.

"Christians invoked the protection of the saints against the power of evil, so on the eve before you celebrate the day of the saints, the powers of evil were felt to be most riled up."

Goman explained that by acknowledging the powers of death and darkness, the necessity to invoke goodness and light becomes apparent. Manifesting your fears externally in symbols or costumes can be a healthy thing, he says.

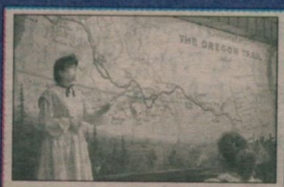
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Culinary Arts students offer gourmet feast at annual harvest dinner

LBCC's Culinary Arts students invite the public to its 1996 Oregon Harvest Buffet dinner, Friday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Commons. Tickets are \$14.50 per person.

The menu features smoked salmon

with a hazelnut mustard cream sauce, hunter style chicken, honey-glazed caramom sweet potatoes, northwest seafood stew, carved apricot-glazed ham, braised apples and cabbage, and a venison, buffalo, cranberry stuffing with a

rosemary peppercorn reduction.

Some of the featured breads and desserts are oatmeal potato cloverleaf rolls, pumpkin cornmeal bread, pumpkin swirls with a spice glaze, tangerine cheesecake with a hazelnut crust, and

chocolate raspberry truffle cake.

For more information or to make reservations call the LBCC Hospitality Services/ Culinary Arts Department at extension 4385. The annual event is a fundraiser for the student Culinary Arts club.

Halloween celebrations have changed over the years

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"I have no objection to dressing up in scary costumes and such, but where I feel uncomfortable is where the public celebration of Halloween stops and it becomes private. Then the community cannot help the individual deal with these unconscious forces in a healthy way. Without the solidarity of the community, whatever comes bubbling up from the unconscious can become threatening to self and others."

Goman calls celebrations like Halloween "social petcocks," (a petcock is the metal flap that covers the vent on a pressure cooker—too much pressure throws the petcock off, which prevents the cooker from blowing up). He says they allow us to acknowledge the dark, imaginative and fanciful side of our nature in a safe and protected environment.

Some religious groups and individuals feel Halloween has no moral value, leads to satanism and should be abandoned entirely.

Kenneth V. Lanning, F.B.I. special agent, says no evidence has been found to substantiate claims that such cults even exist.

Modernization may also have had an adverse effect on the celebration of the holiday according to Jon Goman.

"Society has fragmented. Children can no longer go door to door, because no one knows what is going on down the street," he said.

Goman says society hasn't yet digested the technological advances that are now everyday fare.

"For example: How many people are you going to say 'hello' to when you are driving in your car? Our

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heads are growing too fast for our hearts. Technology has privatized us," he said.

The controversy over the celebration of Halloween has not left LBCC untouched.

LBCC's Family Resource Center decided to end the annual trick-or-treat program in its Child Care Center last year when a few parents objected to the holiday. Most parents, however, felt saddened by it.

"The majority of parents weren't happy about ending the (Halloween trick-or-treat) program, they felt something was being taken away from them," said Liz Pearce-Smith, events coordinator for the center. She said parents felt they didn't have enough safe alternatives for the children to celebrate Halloween.

Smith said other factors also entered into the decision to stop the Halloween festivities as a center-sanctioned activity.

"The children would get too wound-up, have more tantrums," she said. So the parents organized the trick-



Photo by Roger Lebar

Children stalk a pumpkin patch outside Corvallis in search of the perfect Halloween jack-o-lantern.

or-treating, and the center participates only by giving parents a list of offices on campus where kids can collect goodies.

Other alternatives to the usual trick-or-treating Halloween are being developed every year.

For example, the Boys and Girls Club of Lebanon is putting on a Halloween carnival which is open to the public. There are also community-sponsored events, and some churches have Halloween parties for children.

But for the Truett family, Halloween has evolved into an art form.

"We start out at the beginning of the month doing fall things like collecting colorful leaves and decorating our house. We have an annual ghost-hanging on the tree in the front yard which has become a neighborhood event," said Julie Truett, LBCC student and work-study secretary for the Student Life and Leadership office.

Truett makes costumes for her three children and they all go trick-or-treating to neighbors', friends' and relatives' houses. And they always go to her mother-in-law's house, because she goes "all out" for Halloween.

She said her mother-in-law ran out of candy one time, because the Democrat-Herald had published photographs of her outdoor Halloween decorations, which inspired at least 400 kids to come to see it.

Capt. O'Malley of the Albany Police Department said trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by adults and recommends going to people's houses that you know are safe. Stores and malls are good places to go too, he says. O'Malley said that in the 20 years he has worked for the department, he has never heard of a case of spiked candy. But, he says, "the potential is there."

The kind of crimes they do have on Halloween involve older teens who pull pranks and sometimes vandalize.

He worries more about traffic accidents involving trick-or-treaters. He says to make sure children can see through their masks.

The department, he says, enlists the help of the Linn County Emergency Services on Halloween night to patrol streets and radio information to officers on possible trouble spots.

While traditional Halloween observances have their problems and critics,

the holiday continues to appeal to children and adults alike.

When the velvet blanket of darkness spreads its soft hypnotic spell over your winter's bed—beware! You had better not fall asleep. Those ghosts and goblins that drift in with the creeping fog are going to want some goodies, and if you're not prepared—well, it's Halloween . . . AAAAAAAAAAH!

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CAMPUS NEWS



Photo by Josh Burk

The health van parks on the south side of the College Center each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Health van begins to draw students' interest

Health Department, LBCC officials hope more students take advantage of the low cost medical services offered every Tuesday on campus

by Cari Roberts
of The Commuter

A mobile medical van, which has been parked on the LBCC campus for three weeks, is getting rave reviews from students. And health care professionals are hoping more students will take advantage of the low-cost health care program.

"The van is so convenient for us. It provides easy access to health care for all students," said LBCC history major Rob Dukalski.

Most students who visited the mobile medical van said they were impressed. They said they liked the convenience of the van, the services it provided and the nurses who, they said, were very helpful and professional.

Approximately 13 students visited the health van the first week. Students who went were interested in flu shots, immunizations, school physicals, STD testing and family planning. Some students simply wanted to check it out, get information and ask questions.

Jackie Paulson, chair of LBCC health occupations division and one of the people responsible for getting the van to LBCC, is excited about the students' response but would like to see more students using the facility.

"More students need the service than are using it right now," Paulson said.

"It's going to take time and word of mouth to get students to realize that the van is here," said Joann Johnson, a nurse practitioner who works in the health van.

The van has moved from the Southwest Parking Lot to the College Center loading dock (south of the bookstore). Johnson says that the move next to the College Center is very helpful because it is more convenient for students and because there is access to an additional waiting room inside the College Center.

"More students are actually becoming aware that the van is here," she said.

Some students expressed concern about how long the van will stay. The van is visiting LBCC every Tuesday on a trial basis until the end of the term. At that point an evaluation will be made by LBCC officials, the health department and the Student Life and Leadership Office to decide whether the van was worthwhile and if it will continue.

"The more students that come and use the van, the more likely the officials at LBCC will see that LBCC needs the health van, and maybe consider a permanent health facility," said mass communications major Nicole Ruchaber.

The health van, sponsored by Linn County Department of Health Services, offers many services, including physical exams, flu shots, immunizations, STD testing, and family planning. All students and staff are eligible, and fees for services are established on a federal sliding scale based on gross family income. For those who have medical insurance, the health department will bill the insurance company.

E-mail accounts available for educational use

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Some LBCC students have expressed frustration about their inability to receive e-mail on campus computers. Unlike many four-year colleges that offer an Internet mailbox to every student, LBCC assigns them only to students upon teachers' requests.

For example, Learning Community members have e-mail accounts, and some classes require them for receiving and submitting assignments. LBCC e-mail can be accessed from any campus computer that has Internet access.

Jim Crofts, LBCC Internet support technician, said that every student for whom an instructor requests e-mail will be given an account at no charge. He added that the college absorbs the cost for this service because it's the school's goal to provide a good educational environment for students.

The Internet supports the academics of the college, Crofts said, and added that LBCC is not a full-service Internet provider. "We aren't everything to all people," he said, explaining that the information available on-line is intended for educational purposes.

Crofts praised the college for its foresight in preparing for the technological demands of today's society. LBCC's Internet server easily handles 800 to 900 active e-mail accounts each term, he said, and he cleans them out twice a year, inactivating those no longer being used. He also forwards misdirected e-mail and assists users with proper addresses and any problems they encounter.

The nature of community college students, with many being part-time and short-term, does not make it practical to offer e-mail accounts to everyone, Crofts said.

Students who desire a personal e-mail address can acquire one through an instructor, he explained, adding the accounts will remain open as long as they show activity each month. Crofts said he doesn't anticipate LBCC charging a separate fee for this service as some schools do.

OSU has a \$50 per semester technology fee for each student, and each is assigned an e-mail address. Patrick Houlahan, OSU system analyst, said use is limited to two hours each time, after which the system automatically disconnects.

Houlahan said OSU has 20,000 e-mail accounts served by 200 modems through one central machine. He said about 10,000 are active, with 5,000 to 7,000 log-ins daily.

Thad Cowdin, of Lane Community College computer services, said they do not yet have e-mail for students, but their goal is to have it available by winter term. He added a fee will be charged for unlimited access.

Chemeketa Community College has offered Internet subscriptions, which include E-mail, to both students and the general public for about six years, said Earl Borah of computer services. Students do not receive any discount on the \$40 annual fee, and shorter subscription plans are also available. The bulletin-board style information service offered to subscribers is accessible both on- and off-campus, with a three-hour daily limit. CCC does not provide full Internet services.

Future to bring more on-line courses to LBCC

by Kris Brenneman
of The Commuter

Sleep in all you want, don't come to school today, just jump on your computer and log-on to your favorite class at LBCC.

LBCC is teaching a calculus class on-line in partnership with Oregon State University. And like most Internet classes, students access the course with a password, then download lecture notes, syllabus information and upload their assignments via e-mail or bulletin boards. Although LBCC is currently offering only one class on-line, the trend toward teaching classes on the Internet is gaining momentum.

Eastern Oregon State College is currently the leader of on-line courses in Oregon.

EOSC offers 63 courses ranging from writing to math. Portland State University is offering 19 courses this term. Several other state colleges and community colleges are now offering classes on-line.

"Anytime, anywhere," said Paul Snyder of Linn Benton's Media Department, "students can spend more time interacting with each other and their instructors on-line".

Snyder is a member of the task force for the Western Govern-

nors University Oregon Advisory Committee. This group consists of Oregon's Governor John Kitzhaber and governors from 10 other western states. Their objective is to create a "virtual university" in cyberspace using satellite technology. Each state has donated a large sum of money to help get it started.

Many students are concerned that their grades will drop by taking classes on-line, because they lose one-on-one instruction. Snyder thinks students will do as well or better because the information is given to them in multi-media form which makes the information easier to comprehend. These classes could be harder for those who lack computer and keyboarding skills.

According to Snyder more classes may be offered on-line next year. These classes include lifetime wellness, waste water management and a variety of writing classes.

For more information you can access Oregon State University on-line at <http://www.orst.edu/> or The Western Governors University at <http://www.westgov.org/wga/publicat/public.html> or Linn Benton Community College at <http://www.lbcc.ec.or.us/ocdec/chart.html>.

Albany officials work to give skateboarders a place to play

by Renee' Lunsford
of The Commuter

If someone told you they knew of a town where it was illegal to play basketball on the street unless you came up with \$100,000 so city officials could build a court, you'd wonder what country you were in. But that's exactly the situation facing skateboarders in the town of Albany.

Loren Kruesi, recreation coordinator for Albany Parks and Recreation says, "If a basketball player walks through my door and asks for a location in the city to play, I can name 10. If a skater does the same thing, I don't have anything for him."

Skaters have been lobbying for a skate park for years. "Skating is a fad that tends to ebb and surge, and in the past we tended to wait the kids out, but this is one of those issues that never completely goes away."

Earlier this year Dave Clark, director of Albany Parks and Recreation; Jim Schubert, parks developer; and Kruesi began looking into the feasibility of planning a skate park for Albany. Fortunately for them, Ken Wormhoudt, a landscape architect who specializes in skate parks, was a keynote speaker at the yearly Oregon Recreation and Park conference. Wormhoudt who designed his first skate park in 1978 in Santa Cruz, Calif., was so successful that he is currently working on 18 designs for parks in various other states.

Kruesi said Wormhoudt reminds him of a surfer-type and the kids really like him. When Wormhoudt plans a skate park, he brings modeling clay and has the skaters design what they would like to see in their particular park. Kruesi says, "They're not like a hamburger chain; they're representative of the population that uses it." He added that city planners favor Wormhoudt because he builds his parks inherently safe.

Ultimately, Kruesi says he would like to see the Albany park have a place for skateboards, skate hockey, in-line skating and a place behind the park for BMX riders. He says that otherwise we might have a problem with BMXers using the skate park for riding bikes and the combination is just not a good one—it presents



Photos by Renee' Lunsford

Skateboarders and rollerbladers in Albany have always had to find their own place to skate, such as the Boys and Girls Club parking lot, above, where these youths were practicing last week.

safety issues.

At least one downtown merchant is in favor of the skate park. His facility is now being targeted for skateboarding because it features a covered parking area. Keith Sandberg, of State Farm Insurance, says he has had to paint his building several times because of excess amounts of handprints, scuff marks and even knife points on the walls. His business has become such a fashionable hang-out for skaters that they even steal his business signs to prove that they've been there.

Sandberg says, "I've asked them—they come from all over Oregon to skate here." He also says he doesn't want to be the bad guy. He sympathizes with their dilemma, but he wants them to have some other place to skate.

The merchants of Bend, Ore., faced similar problems. They took a hard-line approach. When City Park Director Wayne Smith's son received two tickets while riding his skateboard to work, he realized that something had to be done. Merchants worked together with the parks department, and a skate park was built.

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—Loren Kruesi

Five other cities in the area have installed skate parks, and at least one of them, the city of Salem, has reported a significant reduction in crime.

Kruesi said that what happened to Smith's son is representative of what Albany skaters have been going through. "We're making criminals out of them, and for the most part, they're a really good bunch," he said, explaining that if a little kid wanders out in the middle of them while they're skating, they'll stop and make sure he's out of the way before they continue.

"If you ever have problems with skaters," Kruesi continued, "it's like any other part of the population—only 1 percent is causing the problem." And he said, "if you think about it, they're the type of free-thinking rebel-type of kid that has been what this country is all about."

Kruesi said he is currently looking for volunteers to join what he calls the "Alternate Sport" Task Force to aid in the planning and fund-raising for the park.

Anyone interested in joining this task force or being on their mailing list may contact Loren Kruesi at 917-7772.



Photo by Pete Petryszak

Oremet, one of Albany's largest employers, is located about two miles north of the Linn-Benton Community College campus.

DEQ considers renewing Oremet's wastewater discharge permit

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ing some of its rules to clarify regulations for discharging into intermittent streams, and Oremet has requested that final approval of its renewal application be delayed until the new rules are adopted. McFetridge was optimistic that the new rules will be in effect by July of 1997.

Jeff Mitchell, a biology instructor at Philomath High School, was the only one of 12 people who attended the hearing to speak. "I object to using rivers and streams for dumping waste," he said. "Companies should recycle internally as much as possible."

Mitchell said it is inconsistent to teach students to be responsible for rivers and streams when businesses look for exemptions to the rules and try to work around the law. He noted that his high school classes have documented declining populations of mussels in rivers around Philomath, and said that organisms within Oremet's Oak Creek mixing zone are sure to be affected by the pollutants discharged.

He was also critical of the DEQ's practice of only measuring the concentration of pollutants at the end of companies' mixing zones. "Extending the mixing zone when you can't measure pollutants (inside the zone) is poor science," Mitchell said.

However, Mitchell also said he liked to see companies being resourceful in looking for alternative ways to deal with their waste products. He expressed interest in Oremet's use of trees and soil to filter out waste solids before the water is discharged into the creek.

With the public participation portion of the permit application process completed, the DEQ will now make its final decision to either issue a renewal of Oremet's NPDES permit as proposed, renew the permit with modifications, or deny the renewal application.

People who would like to be informed of the department's final decision can request notification by writing to the DEQ at 1102 Lincoln St. Suite 210, Eugene, ORE., or by calling them at (541) 686-7838.

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LOCAL NEWS



Wagons Ho!

Oregon City Interpretive Center takes visitors back to life on the Oregon Trail

Story and Photos by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Three enormous covered wagons emerge from the distance as you drive east on Interstate 205 near Oregon City, marking the location of the end of The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

The Center, which opened last year, offers displays and tours to visitors.

The tour begins at the first covered wagon with a hostess who explains the geographical journey that many of our forefathers made to the Oregon territory. Looking for a new life on the frontier, these pilgrims had heroic hearts and courage to endure the life-threatening obstacles that awaited them on the Oregon trail. Mother Nature was their enemy and survival was their goal. Many perished without ever seeing the land they longed for.

Visitors then enter an authentic replica of a Wild West trading post called the Provisioner's Depot. The hostess shows a display of items essential to the pilgrims' survival—salt, flour, jerky, gunpowder and axes—things that we take for granted or no longer use in our modern world.

The weight of the wagon was always a consideration with any purchase. Little money and limited space forced each traveler to be critical of their possessions, bringing only those items absolutely necessary for sustaining life.

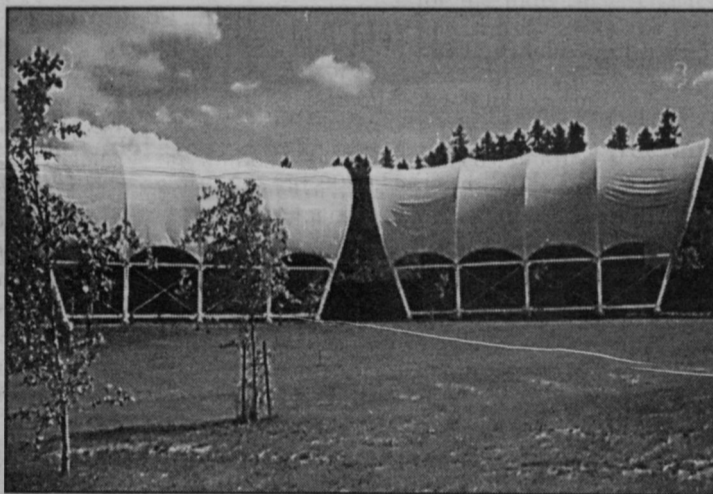
In the third giant covered wagon, called the Cascade Forest, tourists view a multi-screen film presentation covering the history of Oregon, highlighting the tremendous struggles of the journey and the dreams of the people who had the vision and backbone to face the unknown and seek the land of milk and honey—Oregon.

The narrator describes the hardships the people faced, their pains and their hopes. They were cold, tired and hungry, but determination alone kept them going. They were willing to lose their lives in the challenges and risks because they wanted to live in the Oregon Territory.

You cannot experience the awe-inspiring Oregon Interpretive Center without feeling proud to be an American and proud to be living in Oregon. It brings history to life with realism enhanced by the authentic environment.



A hostess at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center shows the geographical journey of early settlers (top). Above, Oregon Trail hostess displays items in the Provisioner's Depot. The center is built in the shape of covered wagons (below).



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To reach The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center take I-5 North to Interstate 205 and follow 205 to Park Place or exit 10. They are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 503-657-9336.

Pastors for Peace caravan to aid Central America

The 26th Pastors for Peace material aid caravan will travel to southern Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua in November.

Twenty-five volunteers will deliver 50 tons of humanitarian aid valued at over half a million dollars to indigenous communities, churches and non-governmental organizations throughout the region.

The caravan will travel across the United States along nine routes with stops in over 70 cities for material aid collections, educational events and press conferences.

Thousands of individuals and dozens of congregations will participate as the caravan crosses the United States destined for Mexico and Central America.

Deliveries in southern Mexico are destined for civilians affected by the civil war between the Mexican army and the Zapatista National Liberation Front.

Non-governmental organizations working in support of indigenous communities, such as the Center for Indigenous Training (CI de CI) in San Cristobal de las Casas, will receive the Mexican contingent.

In Guatemala, the majority of the aid is destined for refugees returning from camps in southern Mexico after 10 years exile. Most of the refugees left their native Guatemala in the 1980s, escaping army repression and death squads.

Much of the material will be delivered to the highlands, where the largely Mayan refugees are trying to re-establish their lives in new settlements.

In Nicaragua, most of the aid is destined for URACCAN, the first autonomous university located on the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua. While rich in natural resources, unemployment on the Caribbean Coast is currently at 80 percent due to a long history of foreign domination and exploitation.

The goal of URACCAN is to prepare the peoples of the region to manage their country's resources autonomously. The Pastors for Peace caravan will donate school supplies, textbooks, computers and construction material.

Pastors for Peace is a project of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization. Since 1988, it has organized 26 humanitarian aid caravans to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Cuba in support of communities, churches and non-governmental organizations.

Today there are over 300 Pastors for Peace-donated vehicles and over \$55 million worth of medical supplies, foodstuffs, computers and other needed material aid in Mexico, Cuba and Central America.

The caravans demonstrate the "People's Foreign Policy," which aims to support the struggle for self-determination through work with community development projects that lead to economic and political empowerment.

LOCAL NEWS

Cash in on manufacturers' offers for tax-free earnings

Industry studies show that coupon clipping cuts weekly costs of groceries by 10 percent

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Imagine saving hundreds of dollars on your grocery bill each year! Susan Samtur of "Refundle Bundle" magazine says a family using nine coupons per week can exceed \$500 in annual savings.

I have used manufacturers' coupons since I was old enough to shop on my own, and I save over \$1,000 every year with coupons and refunds. You can too!

According to US News & World Report, Sept. 18, 1995, in 1994 companies produced 327 billion coupons worth over \$4 billion. "More than 3000 manufacturers rely on coupons which are used regularly by 71 percent of all consumers." Industry studies show shoppers can cut 10 percent from weekly grocery bills by spending 20 minutes a week clipping and organizing coupons.

For example, I spent only \$34.27 for items which would have cost me \$68.78 bought without coupons—a savings of \$34.51! Of course, I don't save this much every shopping trip, but I average \$10 a week by redeeming coupons.

When manufacturers' coupons are combined with store coupons from ads or coupon books, savings increase dramatically. Double coupons add even

more. Safeway double coupons are accepted at Fred Meyer. At either store, you may use four per visit, for a maximum savings of 50 cents each, or a total of \$2 extra above the value of the coupons. Fred Meyer, PriceChoppers and Shop 'n Kart also take competitors' ad coupons, although Shop 'n Kart won't allow coupons from coupon books.

Samtur explained in the April 4, 1995 Family Circle magazine how she saves over 50 percent on her family food bills.

One day she bought over \$400 worth of groceries and, by using big-value coupons along with doubles, including coupons for free items received as rebates, she cut her cost to a mere \$15.78. Her "supershopping system" combines sales, coupons and refunds. She said the average American family discards about \$3 worth of refundable labels daily.

Coupons enable shoppers to buy high-quality name-brand products at reduced cost, increasing their purchasing power. How would you



Photo by Josh Burk

Free gifts galore!

Companies regularly offer consumers refunds of cash or free items, such as those pictured above.

like to have an extra \$1 to \$2 for every \$10 you spend at the grocery store? Use Coupons!

Coupons also allow people to try new products at low risk by using large-discount or "try me free" coupons. Often sales and refunds net the smart shopper cash back above the cost of the item purchased. And, these earnings are tax-free.

Companies offer refunds to "bribe" people to use their products. All or part of the purchase price is refunded when you send in the proper label or UPC code. I recently received a \$10 check for sending in 24 Welch's frozen juice UPCs—no form needed. The information about the refund was printed inside the lid.

Other rebates offer coupons for free items or cash off future purchases. Additional offers include free gifts, although some require a fee for shipping. I have received many nice things over the years and often use these for gifts.

Manufacturers offer over 4000 refunds annually. These ask for a part of the package and usually the sales receipt as proof of purchase. Most require a form and have an expiration date by which the envelope must be postmarked. Be sure to follow the specific instructions carefully.

Refunders' publications, such as "Refundle Bundle," P.O. Box 140, Yonkers, N.Y. 10710, which costs about \$20 per year, and "Moneytalk," P.O. Box 1677, Kingston, PA 18704, at \$25 per year, list rebate offers with expiration dates so you know which forms to look for or to request. They also list people wishing to trade, buy or sell forms and coupons. These magazines are full of useful information and pay for themselves when you receive money from refunds.

Both coupons and refund forms may be found in newspapers and magazines, at stores, on the packages, via the mail, by calling toll-free numbers or even on the Internet.

The Sunday newspaper is an excellent source. It usually pays for itself if you redeem a few of the coupons enclosed in it.

When there are many coupons you can use in an issue, it pays to buy more than one paper that day.

Scan store shelves and bulletin boards as you shop. Some keep rebate forms in the customer service area and you must request them. Ask friends and relatives to share with you. There are coupon exchanges and usually cost you only your postage.

The average American family discards about \$3 worth of refundable labels daily.

Both coupons and refund forms may be found in newspapers and magazines, at stores, on the packages, via the mail, by calling toll-free numbers, or even on the Internet.

Then, save your sales slips and POPs for refunds in order to multiply your savings.

The time required is minimal compared to the amount of money saved by using coupons and refunds.

If you kept track, you could earn \$10 to \$50 for an hour's effort with this profitable hobby. Everyone likes to save money. Why be left out?

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CAMPUS NEWS

LB's Lammers receives Teacher of the Year award

From the LBCC News Service

Business instructor Mary Ann Lammers received the Western Oregon Professional Technical Development Association's (OPTDA) 1996 Teacher of the Year Award at the Oregon Business and Management Educators Conference held recently at LBCC.

The award recognizes her professional contributions to business education and professional technical education in Oregon and her excellence in the classroom. She also received Teacher of the Year awards from the Oregon Business and Management Educators Association and the Western Business Education Association.

A Corvallis resident, Lammers chairs the Business Technology Department at the college, where she has worked for 12 years. She has served as president of OPTDA (formerly Oregon Vocational Association) and represented Oregon at the American Vocational Association



Mary Ann Lammers has received three Teacher of the Year awards.

National Policies Seminar in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Montana State University and Utah State University and has been active at the state, regional, and national levels of her profession. Lammers has worked for the implementation of Oregon's school reform initiative as it affects Business Technology's curriculum and local area high schools.

Lebanon man wins Student of the Year award in Integrated Manufacturing program

From the LBCC News Service

Cory Mechals of Lebanon has been named Linn-Benton Community College's Integrated Manufacturing Student of the Year.

Mechals qualified for the award by demonstrating professional and academic excellence in one or more of four professional/technical career disciplines: machine tool, welding fabrication, materials sciences and testing, and engineering graphic design.

A 1994 Lebanon High School graduate, Mechals completed an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Welding/Machining with a 4.0 grade point average. He also earned cooperative work experience at S-Tech, a specialty metals manufacturing company in Albany.

Mechals took first place in the 1996 Vocational Industrial Clubs of America's

State Welding competition held April 13 at Southern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay. He also finished in the top 10 in the VICA National Competition in Kansas City, Mo., on June 27. Mechals was a student member of the American Welding Society and Vocational Industrial Clubs of America.

The Integrated Manufacturing Department program at LBCC provides comprehensive education and occupational skill options needed in today's evolving and versatile manufacturing environment.

Developed from industry standards, the program stresses technical preparation, career development and workplace behaviors. Graduates have the knowledge and skills to work in a wide variety of jobs.

Four scholarship to be awarded; applications available now

The Institutional Awards Committee will be meeting during the last part of November to award four scholarships to LBCC students.

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office in Takena Hall. Application deadline for all four scholarships is Nov. 11.

Following is a description of eligibility requirements for each of the scholarships to be awarded:

Jeld-Wen Scholarship

This scholarship is a one year scholarship intended to help a new student get started in college. Therefore, the student must be an entering freshman. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000. This can be used for tuition, books, and fees only.

Peter DeFazio Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Congressman Peter DeFazio to serve dislocated timber industry workers living in the 4th Congressional District and attending one of the four community colleges in that district. Students also need to be full-time students who have applied for federal financial aid for the 96-97 school year and have successfully completed at least 12 credit hours at LBCC. This scholarship is to cover the cost of tuition, fees, and books within the limits set by the State Scholarship Commission.

Libby Vocational Scholarship

This scholarship is given to students attending LBCC at least half-time who have declared a major in one of the LBCC vocational programs. This is a \$200 per term for full-time (\$100 a term for half-time) scholarship. It may be

received up to six terms. Students need to also provide unofficial transcripts of the most recent school attended (high school or college). In addition to the transcripts, students must do a budget sheet and provide two recommendations. This information is included in the application for the Libby Vocational Scholarship.

Corvallis Clinic Scholarship:

This scholarship will be awarded to four students at \$500 each (\$250 a term winter & spring terms). Eligible students include those working toward a Certificate, Associate Degree or course completion in either Associate Degree in Nursing, Nursing Assistant, Administrative Medical Assistant, Dental Assistant, Medical Office Specialist or Medical Transcriptionist. The students must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and be a full-time student at LBCC. They must have need, as demonstrated by budget information.

Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

This scholarship is for full-time, second-year students in Law Enforcement and Corrections for the 96-97 school year. There will be one \$500 scholarship awarded.

Marilyn Lieberman Scholarship

This scholarship is to be awarded to a financially needy student (particularly women) who are pursuing an education in computer programming or in mathematics.

Interested student should contact the Student Financial Aid Office, Takena Hall Room 119, for eligibility information and application. The application due date is Nov. 15.

Director cited for driver's ed program

From the LBCC News Service

Barbara Rice, Director of Albany Extended Learning and Evening Services, has been named Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Traffic Safety Education Association at its annual meeting.

Rice was honored for the model Drivers Education program she administers at the college. She also was cited for submitting accurate and timely reports and developing a more predictable funding formula for the state.

"The award was a surprise," said Rice, "in that I had made myself a thorn in the sides of the people who nominated me for the award. I admire the fact that they not only changed policy for the better, but also honored someone who challenged them."

The LBCC Driver's Education program has grown under Rice's leadership and is now the second largest in the state of Oregon.

Four-week program helps change lives

From the LBCC News Service

Turning Point Transitions, a four-week program at LBCC, is accepting applications for the next class which begins Nov. 4 on the main campus. The tuition-free class meets five times a week, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon, and is designed for single

parents, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers, spouses of dislocated workers and others experiencing a major life transition.

For more information or to preregister, call Mary Lou Bennett or Jill Weissbeck-Morgan, ext. 4870.

Regis Hair Stylists

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Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays are student/faculty Discount Days:

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- Woman's cut \$15 (normally \$20)
- Perms \$32
- All retail products 20% off

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Blood Drive

Wednesday, Nov. 13

8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

College Center Lounge

(CC - 127)

Sign up to donate blood in the Commons Lobby between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., or call Dung Chiem at ext. 4963

Sponsored by the LBCC Student Programming Board

Eloquent Umbrella waiting for submissions from local artists

From the LBCC News Service

The Eloquent Umbrella, Linn-Benton Community College's literary publication, seeks creative work from the Linn and Benton County community. Please mail or deliver poetry, prose, art or photographs for consideration to The Eloquent Umbrella, AHSS-108, Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 S.W. Pacific Blvd., Albany, Ore. 97321. The deadline for submission is Jan. 15, 1997. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to ensure return of submissions or make arrangements for personal pickup.

Poetry should be typewritten and single-spaced. Fiction or nonfiction prose should be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed 1,500 words. Black-and-white artwork should be unframed and no larger than 16 inches by

16 inches. Black-and-white photographs should be no larger than 8 inches by 10 inches and no smaller than 4 inches by 6 inches. Submissions should have the author's name and address on each page or on the back of each piece of artwork or photograph. Include a short biographical statement. The Eloquent Umbrella requires one-time rights only; previously published or subsequent submissions are acceptable.

Copies of the 1996 edition of The Eloquent Umbrella are available at the LBCC bookstore, the Benton Extended Learning Center bookstore, 630 N.W. 7th in Corvallis and other bookstores in the area.

For more information, call Linda Smith, (541)753-3335.



Photo by Roger Lebar

Adopt A Pumpkin

Hand-painted pumpkins await purchase at the annual Visual Arts Club sale today and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the AHSS Art Gallery. Prices range from \$2 to \$5 for pumpkins and \$4 to \$8 for centerpieces.

November writer's workshop series offers advice for prospective authors

The Benton Center of Linn-Benton Community College is offering four writer's workshops in November. Lovers of the written word will meet regionally and nationally recognized writers, publishers and artists, and work and learn with others who share a passion for writing.

Early registration is necessary. Workshops are limited in size. Fees vary. Seniors pay half price. Registration is at the Benton Center, 630 N.W. 7th Street, in Corvallis or call 757-8944.

The four workshops are:

Intermediate Screenwriting, by internationally known screenwriter and author Barbara Slade, is a five-week workshop beginning Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7-9:50 p.m. in Corvallis High School room 125, 836 N.W. 11th St. Slade takes an in-depth look at the basics of commercial screenwriting: business aspects, finding stories that sell, the three act structure, creating strong

characters and how to make it through the final draft. Note: Slade will not be available to teach this course winter term. Cost: \$28.40.

Blockbreakers for Stymied Writers by writer Anne Smith is a one-day workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m., in Benton Center Room 109. This sensitive and critical workshop restores confidence, gets ideas flowing, opens new horizons and puts the fun back into writing prose. Smith has overcome "writer's block" many times to publish novels, short stories and personal essays. Cost: \$11.80.

The Artist's Journey/Journal is a two-day workshop on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m., in Benton Center Room 105. This collaborative art and writing workshop is taught by Sandy Tilcock, an internationally recognized bookbinder, and Marilyn Reaves, a University of Oregon adjunct faculty member and nationally recognized lettering artist. The workshop

combines art and writing into a book format for a journey of words, pictures and patterns. Using journaling exercises, quick sketch methods, calligraphy and collage, each writer/artist will create four books, including a personal journal. Tilcock produced the Governor's Arts Award in 1996 and is the proprietor of Lone Goose Press. Cost: \$66 lab fee.

Get Inside Your Characters by Anne Smith, is the series' final workshop on Saturday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m.-3:50 p.m. in Benton Center Room 109. Writers will learn techniques to get up close and personal with their characters. This workshop addresses point of view techniques to achieve marketable fiction. Smith, a published writer and writing consultant throughout the Northwest, will give each student a written evaluation of their story or chapter. Cost: \$11.80.

For more information, call the Benton Center, (541)757-8944.

classifieds

HELP WANTED

Looking For Work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part-time, temporary and permanent positions are available. Accounting intern, Secretarial/Administrative Assistant, Photographer's Rep/Receptionist, Retail Sales, Yard Work, Child Care Provider, Computer Lab Assistant, Food Service, CNA, Print Shop Assistant, and Auto Mechanic are just a few of the jobs listed. If you are eligible for the Federal Work Study through Financial Aid, a few jobs are still available on campus as well as the Extended Learning Centers in Corvallis and Lebanon. Business Technology Lab Aide (Benton Center), Van Maintenance Aid, Instructional Lab Aide (Lebanon Center) and LAHP Production Assistant position are open. For a complete list of jobs, come to the Career Center, T-101. Visit us today!

MISCELLANEOUS

Want to learn the secrets to getting better grades in college? Send a long SASE with \$3 for S&H to: TMS, PO Box 1144, Albany, OR 97321

Are you a woman over 30 yrs old who would like to participate in a support group dealing with life issues? For more information please contact Marlene Propst, Career Center, ext 4784.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship contest sponsored by Anheuser-Busch. This poster competition will award 19 scholarships totaling \$15,000 to students who submit the best poster ideas to communicate personal responsibility and respect for the law regarding alcohol. This contest runs through Dec. 15, 1996. Information available in the Career Center in Takena Hall

The Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for the following scholarships: Jeld-Wen, Peter DeFazio, Libby Vocational, Corvallis Clinic, Marilyn Lieberman and Oregon Sheriff's Association. Please contact the Financial Aid Office in Takena Hall (T-119) for application materials and requirements for the individual scholarships. Applications must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by Nov. 15th.

Announcing the EMI/Selena Scholarship Program. Applicants must be hispanic U.S. citizens, full-time sophomores at an accredited 2-year college who plan to transfer to a 4-year college and enroll full-time fall 1997 in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelors degree. Must have a 3.0 GPA. Application deadline is Dec. 1, 1996. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

96-97 Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program is offering tuition awards to students who meet scholarship eligibility requirements. Scholarships available in Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1997.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is designed for women who have completed two years of satisfactory college work. The student must be an Oregon resident. Information regarding this scholarship is available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

Willamette Chapter of Professional Secretaries International is offering a \$700 scholarship to a student interested in seeking post-secondary education in the secretarial field. Applicants must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in a business tech program at LBCC winter and spring terms 96-97 school

year, minimum 3.0 GPA, plus additional requirements listed on the brochure. Applications are available in the Career Center and Financial Aid office in Takena hall. Application deadline is 10-31-96.

JOBS GALORE!!!!

Do you need some extra cash?...the LBCC Student Employment Center can help you with your employment needs. We have over 200 different jobs currently listed. Open positions include: Office Administrator/Receptionist, general office/clerical, chemistry lab assistant, bookkeeper, accounts payable clerk, lobby clerk, retail sales, warehouse worker, telemarketing, child care, food service, house keeping, and many, many more...an added bonus—if any of these jobs are related to your major, you could earn elective Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) credits. Also, a few on-campus Federal Work Study positions are still available for STUDENTS awarded financial aid. Let us help you! Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located in the Career Center, first floor, Takena Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 917-4780.

DAYCARE

Tina's Daycare now has fall openings for preschool/daycare. Small groups for lots of individual attention. Space limited. Call today for reservations: 926-8920.

PERSONAL

THANK YOU—I lost my wallet in Takena Hall. I went back about 7:45 and, to my amazement, an angel had found it on the pay phone and returned it with the money in it. She didn't leave her name. The woman that you gave the wallet to knows what you look

like, her name is Celia. Please contact her so I can thank you in person. You deserve something, and need to be recognized. Truly and indebtedly yours, Elijah S. Van Vlack.

FOR SALE

Aiwa AM/FM stereo with double cassette and equalizer. Brand new; \$75 or best offer. Call 752-3902.

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SPORTS PAGE

commentary

Two leagues too much, at least this year

by Jessica Sprenger of The Commuter

For someone who loves to watch women's basketball, you would think I would be jumping up and down about the fact there are going to be two professional women's leagues in the United States.

Today the Women's National Basketball Association will announce the eight cities where they will have teams. These cities, as I understand, will be cities with NBA teams.

With the American Basketball League already in place and its inaugural season underway, I think there will be people to watch the WNBA; but in the end I think the two leagues will merge into one.

While the ABL plays from October to February, the WNBA will play a 17-week season following the NBA season. I see the WNBA as being a sideshow of sorts to the NBA. I hope I'm wrong about that, because the women playing take this seriously.

Over 500 tried out last May for the 80 slots in the ABL's eight-team league. There will probably be another 100 players in the WNBA.

The majority of the top women's players are playing for the ABL, while some are playing overseas where they are making more money.

Sheryl Swoopes and Rebecca Lobo were the first players to commit to playing for the WNBA.

That kind of upset me, but I can also understand their reasoning, to a degree. Each of them helped form the ABL. Swoopes backed out before the draft, but Lobo was drafted and was to team up with UConn teammate Jen Rizzotti.

Lobo said in a press conference before signing with the WNBA that she needed the time off after taking the Huskies to a 35-0 record and NCAA championship, then touring with the national team for a year which ended July at the Olympics with a 62-0 record.

Both players said, after they signed, that they were ready to start playing again and that playing for the ABL would have caused further burnout for each of them.

Jennifer Azzi, Teresa Edwards, Michelle Marciniak, Jen Rizzotti, Dawn Staley, Katy Steding and the rest of the ABL players, have made the commitment to play in just the ABL. The WNBA, on the other hand, will let the players compete in other leagues, like those overseas.

Sponsor dollars will be a big factor in the success of the leagues. The ABL has the backing of Reebok and FoxSports, while the WNBA will have three games shown weekly on Lifetime, NBC and ESPN.

I think a couple of years down the road, the two leagues will become one. Hopefully I'm wrong, and this country and the fans will be able to support both leagues.

Mid-season brings honors for LB volleyball team

Freshman grabs offensive Player of the Week honors for play against Titan and Chiefs

by Jessica Sprenger of The Commuter

At the midway point in the volleyball season, two Roadrunners have received Southern Region Player of the Week honors.

Freshman Melissa Gale earned her honor after a 15-kill and 14-dig performance against Chemeketa and a nine-kill and 14-dig showing against Lane.

Carrie Surmon received this honor the week before.

The Roadrunners have a 2-5 league record and a 6-5 overall record.

Gale, a Philomath graduate, is 15th in the Northwest Athletic Association for Community Colleges and second in the Southern Region in hitting efficiency with a .300 average. She also leads the team in kills with 84. Gale is second on the team in digs with 82 for an average of 3.26.

Surmon, a sophomore from Lebanon, leads Linn-Benton and is 25th in the NWAACC in the dig department with 94, for an average of 3.76. She is second on the team in kills with 74.

Dondi Schock and Danae Laqua each have nine service aces on the year and are averaging .36 per game.

Schock, from Henley High in Klamath Falls, is second on the team in hitting with a .290 percentage and 64 kills. She also has 64 digs.

Sophomore setter Carisa Norton, also a Philomath graduate, is averaging 7.6 assists per game, ranking her 14th in the NWAACC and second in the Southern Region.

The Roadrunners have had the past week off to recoup and regroup before facing league leading 8-0 Clackamas tonight. Linn-Benton then travels to Seattle this weekend for the Shoreline Cross-over tournament.

Tonight's match against the Cougars begins at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center.

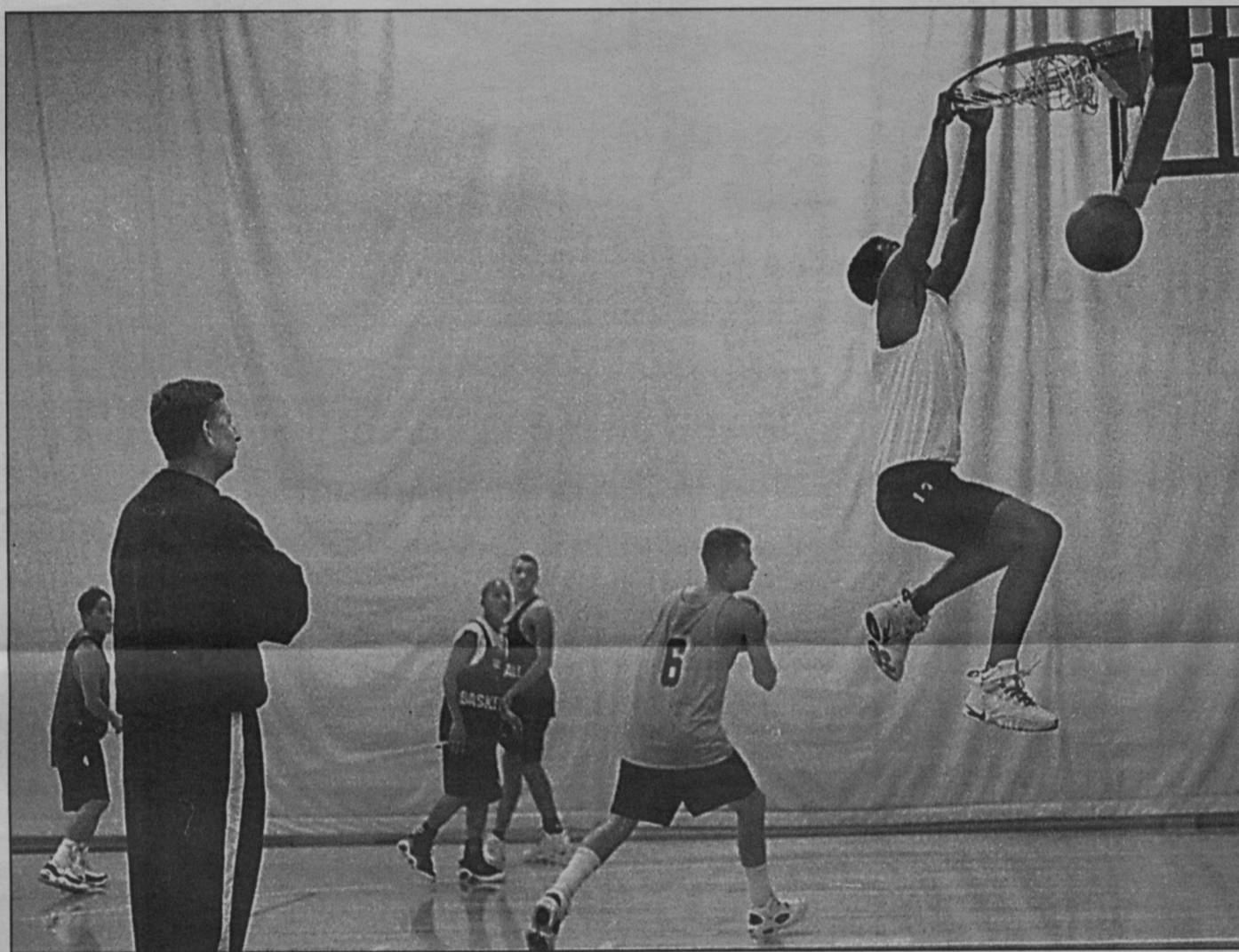


Photo by Amanda Miller

Jam Time

Head Coach Randy Falk watches as Frank Noguera dunks, while Andrew Lincoln and Montelle Abernathy look on during a warm-up drill in a recent practice. Ryan Kirch is on his way to a dazzling dunk of his own. The men open preseason play Nov. 23 in Eugene against Northwest Christian College.

scoreboard

Standings

Clackamas	..... 8	0	1.000	—
Mt. Hood	..... 6	2	.750	2
Lane	..... 4	2	.667	3
Chemeketa	..... 3	4	.429	4 1/2
Linn-Benton	.. 2	5	.286	5 1/2
SW Oregon	..... 2	6	.250	6
Umpqua	..... 1	7	.125	7

Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 30
Clackamas, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 1
at Shoreline Crossover, Seattle
Saturday, Nov. 2
at Shoreline Crossover, Seattle
Wednesday, Nov. 6
at Umpqua, 6 p.m.

LEARNING CENTER

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commentary

Measure offers protection not censorship

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Measure 31 will amend the Oregon Constitution to bring it in line with the U.S. Constitution regarding protection for obscenity. Under the current law, the Oregon Supreme Court is forced to go beyond the federal limits because it views obscenity as part of the right of free speech.

Why should obscenity be protected? Obscenity has been proven to be harmful to society and to contribute to criminal behavior—read the facts listed on page 31 of the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet. Research has shown that regular use of pornography leads to sex crimes, violence and even murder.

No legislative argument in opposition was offered in the voters' pamphlet.

Contrary to what many purport, "This measure will not allow censorship of the arts or literature." In order for "obscene" material to be restricted, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that it must meet ALL THREE of these requirements:

1. The average person, applying contemporary standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
2. The work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law; and
3. The work, taken as whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

The arguments in favor of Measure 31 published in the voters' pamphlet appear to be sound and logical, whereas some of those offered in opposition are inaccurate and resort to emotional appeal rather than facts and logic.

Oregon police, sheriffs, district attorneys and many elected officials endorse Measure 31. If it was flawed, would so many law enforcement and government leaders support it? Since this measure will help protect innocent children and will keep sex shops away from schools, parks and day-care centers, we should heartily approve it on Nov. 5.

Don't believe the smoke screen raised by opponents who misjudge its intent. This will not affect regular library material, drama or artwork, but rather addresses hardcore pornography which would be offensive to the average person.

As a friend said, people are being taken in by buzz words which engender fear of what might happen. They need to use their common sense.

Measure 31 is about protection, not censorship. Just as we keep a child away from a hot stove so he will not burn his hand, we need to protect citizens from dangerous obscenity. Let's return our constitution to the "reasonable standards" of free expression it upheld from 1859 to 1987.



letters

Vote yes on Measure 48; it's a step in the right direction

To the Editor:

In 1992 I voted for term limits because I felt that they were essential to cleaning up our government. Obviously, a lot of other people agreed with me because the measure passed with an overwhelming 70 percent of the vote. Measure 48 on this November's ballot is another opportunity to sound our opinion against the perks and privileges of congressional life in Washington, D.C., and bring accountability back to government.

Term limits are the backbone of an ethical, responsive government. If our legislators know that they must return to private life in a short time, they will be less inclined to vote for unnecessary laws and regulations that burden the average citizen. As it stands, our congressmen exist outside of the laws which they create—enjoying lavish pension plans, free air travel and health care—all of which we pay for. Voting YES on Measure 48 is a step towards a truly representative government. Congress will never voluntarily pass term limits on itself—it is up to us.

Marilyn Helm, Lake Oswego

Poorly written initiative will be detrimental to the environment

To the Editor:

In the last few weeks I have heard most of the arguments surrounding Measure 38. People have said, "It's all about saving the salmon." This is partly true. People have said "It will put farm and ranch families out of business." This is also partly true.

The full truth is that this is a poorly written initiative which hurts many and does very little to help the current environmental situation involving water quality and the declining salmon runs. Measure 38 is the Clean Stream Initiative, or the Livestock Exclusion Initiative. This measure seeks to keep all livestock away from "water quality limited waterways." This general summary shows several problems with 38. The states definition for a water quality limited waterway is very broad. It includes a clause for too high of a temperature. If an untouched mountain stream with bull trout in it reaches a temperature higher than 50 degrees for seven days it is water quality limited. Of the 904 streams in Oregon over 400 have been put on the list simply because of temperature. Surely livestock alone can not be responsible for this.

This definition is only part of the problem. The states definition for livestock is another. Anything from a cow, to a goat, to a chicken will have to be fenced off. In other words if you have a small pasture with a few sheep, a horse or just some goats, you may be making an investment in some fencing, that is if you have money left. The measure states that in some cases your animals may not be allowed within 200 feet of a waterway. For

many backyard farmers that is all the land they have.

The third problem with this measure is that it leaves livestock owners wide open for frivolous lawsuits. Anyone from anywhere can sue if they decide they don't like how close your animals are to a stream. On top of this the livestock owner can be responsible for court costs giving the plaintiff nothing to lose. If your favorite place to fish, hunt, or even mountain bike belongs to a livestock owner, chances are you will be kept out to reduce the risk of lawsuits. Also, if you enjoy rafting or kayaking on the Dechutes or John Day Rivers be prepared to pass your equipment over and through barbed wire when you pull out.

Lastly, Measure 38 is detrimental to the cooperative efforts between the state of Oregon, and Oregon's livestock owners. Through cooperative work, using the Governor's Salmon Restoration Initiative as a guide, Oregon streams are being fenced off voluntarily, and partnerships are growing. Through watershed enhancement programs which were put into effect three years ago, over a million acres of public and private lands and almost 2,000 miles of streams are being fenced. By doing this cooperatively fences are being built better, farmers and ranchers are able to stay in business, considerations are being made for recreation, and the cooperative spirit in Oregon is staying alive. Please vote what is best for our state. Vote no on measure 38.

Kurt Mizee, LBCC student

Term limits are the cornerstone of our political society

To the Editor:

In 1992 Oregonians passed term limits with an overwhelming 70% of the vote. I felt then, as I do now, that term limits are the only way to bring accountability back to our government. This November we have another chance to demand responsibility from our politicians by voting YES on Measure 48.

Term limits are the cornerstone of all political reform. Cutting short the tenure of our representatives would open up the political arena to citizen legislators, who are sorely missing from the Congressional roll. Take a look at our city councils—they aren't clogged with lawyers and political professionals. They are filled with common citizens and are better managed than Congress. As it stands, however, long term incumbency makes it virtually impossible for the average citizen to win office. Free media, franked mail, and special interest money make fair elections a joke.

Seniority has other negative repercussions as well. Long term incumbents are virtual puppets to lobbyists and special interest groups that fuel their election war chests. Short terms would deny these groups their influence and return our delegates' attention to us, their constituents.

Members of Congress will never forfeit the parks and prestige of public service, voluntarily. If we want a responsive, ethical government we must demand it at the polls. Vote Yes on Measure 48 and return the government to the people.

James Boscole, Sherwood Ore.

PETE PETRYSZAK

Apathetic voting public leads to uninspiring candidates

Once upon a time, Americans cared about politics. Throughout the 1800s, voter turnout for presidential elections was over 60 percent, sometimes as high as 80 percent. Now, we're lucky if we can get half the registered voters of this country to get out and vote.

Think about it. If we've got 181 million eligible voters and only half of them actually bother to cast a vote, we end up with 90 million people choosing who will lead a nation of 250 million. If we assume that the winning candidate gets just over half that vote, that means that only 14 percent of our population has chosen who will lead us.



With so few people showing any interest in politics or government, is it any surprise that we have philanderers like Jim Bunn and Bill Clinton lecturing us about family values? Would an active, politically aware citizenry listen to Ted Kennedy

telling us not to drink and drive? Would we stand for having Wes Cooley talk about the importance of telling the truth or Dan Rostenkowski talking about honest pay for honest work? Of course not. The problem is, most people in this country don't know about the five people I just mentioned.

When I talk to people who don't vote, they almost always give the same reasons for not voting: "Oh, they're all scum. It doesn't matter who you vote for because they're all bought off by big companies and foreign lobbyists." Apparently it never occurred to these people that, even if they don't exercise their right to vote, the folks who "buy off" the politicians are sure as hell going to exercise theirs. Big businesses and PACs can be a corruptive influence in politics, but nonvoters deserve an equal share of the blame for the lack of honesty and responsiveness in politics today. Why should politicians worry about keeping their word if nobody cares enough to vote the bums out of office?

Another thing nonvoters always whine about is the lack of choices in a two-party system. If these people would just open their eyes and look around they would see that we have hundreds of political parties to choose



from. Ross Perot proved in 1992 that a third party can make a viable run for the presidency, even if their candidate's a flake. Sure, Ross' deep pockets helped him get some exposure, but it wasn't just his money that made his candidacy legitimate. The important thing was that he had millions of voters hit the streets collecting signatures to get him on the ballot.

One argument that gets used a lot to encourage people to vote is that if you don't vote you can't complain about the government. That's not true. Nonvoters have as much right to bitch and moan about the government as those who do vote. The difference is that voters try to change what they're complaining about, while nonvoters can rest assured that bitching and whining is all they'll ever do.

Politics in America today is marked by gridlock, apathy and stagnation. An influx of new voters is needed to

inject some life into the system and maybe to force some changes on the politicians. I'd love to see every registered voter vote in this election. I don't care who they vote for. They could write in Daffy Duck or Mao Tse Tung for president for all I care, I just want to see the people shaken and jarred out of their apathy.

Half-an-hour out of one Tuesday every year is not that much to ask of people in return for the freedom to speak their minds and the freedom to live however they choose. For those of you who believe that there's an evil conspiracy of big business and politicians deciding what the government does and what news we see, you're playing right into their hands by not voting. If you feel like this country doesn't belong to you, you have to vote to get what's yours. If you think you do own the country, you have to vote if you want to keep it that way. This might be your last chance. Get off your ass and vote.

letters

Measure 48 is needed to keep Congress in line

To the Editor:

A lot of people stay at a job because of what? Financial security. A congressman is no different. The main reason Congress is opposed to term limits is because it will take away their golden parachutes—their million dollar pensions. Look at Bob Packwood; he will get over 3 million dollars in pension even though he resigned from the Senate in disgrace. Dan Rostenkowski, who is in prison for stealing our tax dollars, is getting over \$100,000 a year in taxpayer-funded pension. If congressmen realized that they couldn't get such lucrative perks and privileges, they would begin to see their job as a duty, not just a money maker. Their duty is to represent their constituents in Congress, learn from that experience, and then take that experience back home to their community to better that community. It is wrong for them to see their work in Congress as a job that they should collect a million-dollar pension for. With the passage of Measure 48 and the enactment of term limits, these lucrative perks, pensions and privileges will be broken up. A person will go to Congress to represent their constituents, not to stay as long as possible for financial gain. Vote yes on Measure 48 this November.

Marilyn Helm, Lake Oswego

Non-incumbents need Measure 48 to be heard

To the Editor:

Have you ever met someone that said to you that the best person for the job should not be hired? I didn't think so. Measure 48 will help us get qualified and capable people in Congress. Currently the process is slanted towards the incumbent. They get the perks, power and privileges that allow them their virtual re-election. The non-incumbent, regardless of ability, is denied the opportunity to serve his/her community because it is almost impossible for that person to run a viable campaign

against an entrenched incumbent. When was the last time a viable candidate ran against Mark Hatfield, Strom Thurmond, Ted Kennedy or Bob Packwood (before he resigned in disgrace from the Senate)? Measure 48 will give us a citizen legislature and allow more people the opportunity to serve their community. Vote yes on Measure 48 this November.

Steve Potter, Roseburg

Senate candidates have made difficult decisions

To the Editor:

I read your Oct. 16 Commuter and read one editorial titled "Taxing nonprofits and churches is un-American." The other opinion is titled "Does business success make a senator?" Pete Petryszak stated that "the purpose of government is not to turn a profit," and "just because someone has run a profitable business and employs a large number of Oregonians does not necessarily mean he is qualified to decide how government can best provide for the security and welfare of its constituents."

Now, think about it. A CEO of any business has to determine how to properly allocate limited resources in order to stay in business and make a profit. The government has the same problem, the resources are limited and they must stay in business. If the business of government is to "provide for the security and welfare of its constituents" and its resources are limited, as the government continues to provide more and more for its constituents, then resources must be increased. What is the government's source of resources? TAXES... Obtaining more resources requires more taxes. Simple.

Remember, the government can't "give" you anything without taking it away from someone else. When I cast a vote I keep that simple concept in mind. If Bruggere had to lay off 600 employees in order to provide more "security and welfare," what does that tell you? Sacrifices were made! Think long term before you vote for your next senator and president. Who is next to be "sacrificed?"

Randy Altstock

Yes on 38 preserves the streams but not the farmers

To the Editor:

Measure 38 is a bad initiative because it singles out the ranchers and farmers of Oregon. They think that ranchers and farmers should put up fences around the majority of the streams and rivers of Oregon because of the decrease in the salmon runs in the past years. They want ranchers and farmers to fence off their land 100 feet on both sides of a stream or river so that their livestock doesn't damage or pollute the water. If measure 38 passes, it will put a huge burden on the farmers and ranchers that have streams running through their land. Because they will be losing precious land on their ranch and their livestock will not be able to reach any water to drink. Wildlife will also suffer because they can't get to any water either. The supporters of this measure say that this is the biggest reason why the salmon population is declining, which is false. There are way more better reasons why the salmon population is going down. One reason is that dams are spread across the major rivers and aren't allowing the salmon to get through them. There are also factories that are right on the side of major rivers that pollute the rivers and kill the salmon runs too. You also have gill netters that are taking vast amounts of salmon of the coast of Oregon in the near past that have caused the salmon runs to decrease in size too. You also have seals that are raving havoc on the salmon population too. These are just a few things that are causing the salmon population to decline. Animals have been roaming in Oregon for a long time, and the salmon run hasn't been depleted until recent years. That's why measure 38 is a misleading measure and I encourage you to vote no on measure 38, so that the ranching and farming industries continue to thrive in the state of Oregon.

Dusty Elam, Turner, Oregon

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LOONEY LANE

Lucas 'the Spookus': The ghostly accounts of Sigma Chi

by Lance Pitcher
of The Utah Statesman

LOGAN, Utah—The year 1940 has a lot of significance in Gamma Kappa chapter of Sigma Chi at Utah State University.

The red brick house, which sits at 805 N. 700 E. and has played home and refuge for more than a thousand young men, was dedicated that year. But that year meant more than just another anniversary.

It was that year that the Sigma Chi chapter at Utah State got a brother who has lived in the house ever since—a brother known to the members of past and present as Lucas. Lucas T. Spookus to be exact.

As ghost stories go, Lucas' tale is one which has been told several different ways, yet his fateful turn to the afterlife remains the same.

As legend would have it the Sigma Chi house sits on an area of land which is scattered with underground limestone caverns.

When the house was under construction there was an accident. Some have said it was a bulldozer operator who miscalculated his distance and caved in a portion where no one was thought to be working. Some say a man had a heart attack or simply injured himself, so he couldn't pull himself to safety.

All who believe Lucas exists say that a man was trapped in the limestone caverns, dead or alive, and eventually moved into the house which lies on his grave.

Today stories, recent and old, are handed down among the members of the Gamma Kappa chapter. Sometimes the tale is told to put a small scare into an individual; other times it is told in hopes of finding an answer to what happened.

Footsteps across hardwood floors are heard in rooms where there is no one. Shadowy figures are seen from the corners of eyes only to disappear when one turns to look again.

Others find televisions and lights mysteriously on when no one was there to flip the switch. Caleb Pollock, now a graduate student at the University of North Carolina, served as the treasurer and lived in Sigma Chi house. Although he says he is a skeptic, he admits he has wondered if Lucas may exist.

"I was living in the house during the Thanksgiving break," Pollock said. "Myself and a few others

where there, but the place was pretty dead at the time. We were sitting in the chapter room enjoying a fire and watching a movie when I got up to go to my room for a second."

From there Pollock walked through the boiler room and into a short hallway holding two bedrooms reserved for the treasurer and house manager. As he got closer to his room he found something he could not explain.

"I unlocked my door and walked in. The radio was on, but it wasn't my music," Pollock said. "It was on a classical station. I never had my radio on, nor on a classical station."

Pollock said he knows what he saw and heard, and cannot explain it. He said he believes there is something unusual about the house, but also says most of the stories he's heard are yarns spun by those looking for a good story to tell, and nothing more.

Pollock's story is not the only one which happened when the house was quiet. The most recent, and possibly most bone-chilling story of Lucas came during a Christmas break last year. At the time, the house manager was the only one living in the house.

The young man was sitting in his room relaxing when he heard footsteps trotting down the lower hallway. Then he heard someone rapping on the door of room nine, the first door at the end of the hall.

This caught his attention, since he didn't think anyone else was home. He then heard the steps pick up into a jog, and return down the lower

hall, then into the boiler room. Next he heard a knock at his door. As he got up to get the door, he halted and listened, and heard the steps running back down the lower hall and again knock on room nine.

Once again, he heard the steps return to his door. This time, he heard someone pounding on his door. By then he wasn't thinking about greeting his guest as much as he was looking for his hunting rifle for protection.

Then it stopped. Simply as it came, it stopped. No more steps, no more knocking. Upon investigation the house manager says he found no one there, and no evidence that anyone had been in the house at all.

To some such stories can easily be explained.

"I don't believe [in Lucas] at all," Jeff Cannon, a Sigma Chi alumnus and longtime Logan resident, said. "The boiler has pipes all over the house and when it kicks on, it makes a lot of weird noises. The canyon winds hit the house almost directly, and that all makes noise, too."

Cannon says in his years of living at the house he has never encountered any unexplainable incidents and doubts such a ghost exists. Others, like chapter vice president Casey Scott, say they don't really know what to believe.

"There's things that happen here that could be explained with logic," Scott says. "But sometimes the logical answer seems a little far-fetched."

Scott says he agrees the noises of footsteps and doors opening and closing could be explained by a 56-year-old house settling, but he recalls the story of John Cordova—which goes beyond creeks and thumps in the night.

Cordova awoke one night while living in room 13 and felt a presence in the room with him. When he tried to get up and see who was there he couldn't.

Someone or something, according to Cordova, was pushing down on his chest.

The tales seem to be countless and the rumors of strange things happening date back to when military personnel used the Sigma Chi house in Logan during the early

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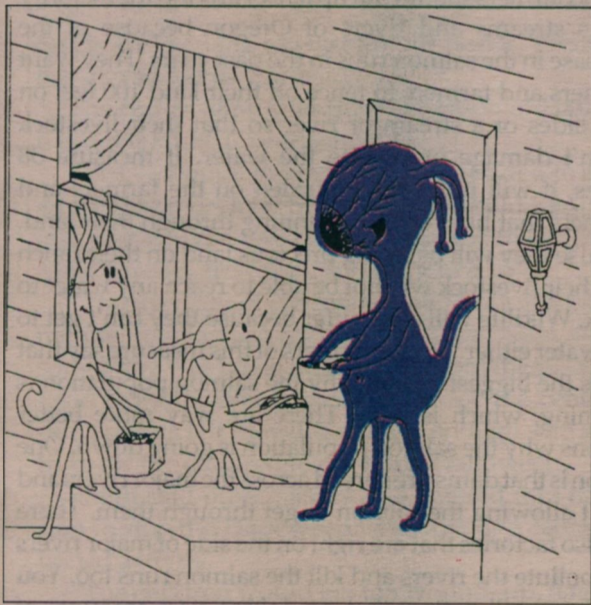
—Caleb Pollock

1940s.

Today the brothers of the Gamma Kappa chapter of Sigma Chi at Utah State each have their own doubts or beliefs about the supposed ghost who walks the halls.

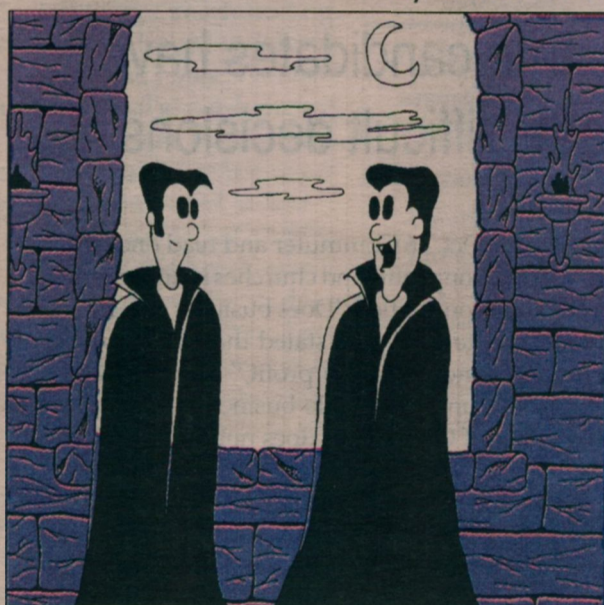
But if a guest ever walks past someone sitting in the downstairs phone booth and who then realize they are the only one in the house, all the brothers young and old will say with a grin, "You must've seen Lucas."

Reality Bites



Oh my, what scary masks you have.

by Lance Dunn



Hey, let's turn into bats, act like pigeons, and go terrorize some kids.

STAMPEDE



Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- Close-mouthed one
- Detest
- Spar
- Western Indian
- Functions
- Addict
- Certain cards
- Young bird
- Office item
- Perhaps
- Lottery of a kind
- Arch
- Cowgirl — Evans
- Publish
- Climatic event
- Football, baseball, etc.
- Kind of lily
- Overly
- Anderson of TV
- Liking
- Cal. abbr.
- Time of note
- Glen
- Compulsion
- Bring to an end
- Thick soup
- Connectives
- Reel
- Saudi Arabia's waters
- Stopped up
- Dismounted
- Turbine part
- Verdi opera
- Donate
- Hang in folds
- Remove by cutting
- Visionary
- Hangs down
- Little one: suff.

DOWN

- Fellow
- Crazy
- Chimpanzees
- Jefferson City's state
- Laughably stupid blunder
- Friendly nation
- A letter
- Alienated
- "Little Miss —"
- Like
- Promote successfully
- Sapling
- Ceremonial garment
- "a kick..."
- In addition
- Usual food and drink
- Seagirt region
- Seedlike body
- Radar's cousin
- Something valuable
- Different
- Awaken
- Code name
- Norms
- Word of woe
- Cut short
- Climbing plant
- the air (unsettled)
- Become expert in
- For men only
- Al the trumpeter
- Reduce
- Blue-pencil
- Tattered duds
- Woman of rank
- Writer Wiesel
- "...man — mouse?"
- Half-gainer, e.g.