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It Must be Spring!

If it's time for baseball, summer can't be far away. Last Wednesday, members of LBCC's baseball team took advantage of the sunny wather to work on their field, helping to get both it and themselves in shape for the upcoming season. Forecasters expect a day or two of rain this week with drier weather by the weekend—hopefully.

'Pass the Buck' system solves student woes

by Tyler Sharp
of The Commuter

Students in recent years at LBCC have been given a license to gripe by their student leaders.

The "Pass the Buck" system is nothing new to LBCC—it has been in use for several years. Popularity of the system is lower than expected. "Pass the Buck seems fairly underused for how great it works," stated participating student Sara Jensen as she picked up a "buck." An average of only two or three "bucks" per month are turned in.

The way it works is really very simple. If a student or faculty member has a suggestion or complaint, all they need to do is go to their nearest Pass the Buck deposit box. These are located in most buildings on campus, including the library and the Student Life and Leadership Office.

All you do is fill out a Pass the Buck form and drop it in the box. All incoming "bucks" are received by Randy Brown, secretary of Student Life and Leadership, who runs the program.

Once the forms are collected, they are sorted and sent to the staff members who would be interested in hearing and responding to the specific complaints. Often they respond in writing, and both the complaint and the response are posted on the bulletin board outside the Student Life and Leadership Office on the second floor of the College Center.

Christine Colebank, a student from Albany, recently got action (Turn to 'Students' on Page 2)

Legislative process needs student input

by James Otto
of The Commuter

LBCC could be in bad shape without someone to keep an eye on the Legislature.

"Seventy percent of LBCC's funding comes from legislative action," said Mike Holland, LBCC vice president for Administrative and Student Affairs.

That's why the college has set up the Legislative Action Committee, composed of representatives from each division of the school, to review how previous actions have affected LB and other colleges and watch upcoming bills.

The full committee will meet for the first time this year in the Willamette Room on Feb. 21 from 1:30-3 pm, includes Students are welcome to attend. However, as President Jon Carnahan pointed out, "We don't have room for 1,000 students to sit."

Carnahan encouraged students to keep up with what is going on and raise their own voices to the Legislature. "Individual students have a much louder voice than we might have with the representatives," Carnahan said.

Holland said that the committee is "sort of like Brigadoon." It forms at the beginning of a Legislative session—every two years—and disbands at the end of that session.

While the committee itself makes no administrative decisions, its information and recommendations are crucial to the

development of LBCC's policies and political strategy, according to Carnahan.

Although Measure 5 and Measure 47 have cut deeply into the college's financial future, public initiatives and legislation are not the only sources of concern for the committee.

For example, for the past six years, LBCC has participated with other community colleges in the Oregon Advanced Technology Center (OATC), a program which greatly helped further technical education. Holland said this year Gov. John Kitzhaber has again excluded OATC from his proposed budget. LBCC and other colleges are lobbying for support in funding, which has previously come from various sources, to help the Science and Industry Division.

"I would encourage students to participate in the legislative process at the local level," Carnahan said, "because as individuals, their voice is as strong as any of the areas we serve."

On the committee are Holland; Carnahan; Faculty President Scott Anselm and faculty members Gina Vee and Bobbie Weber; Business Technology and Health Occupations' Dean John Berg and Associate Dean Pete Bober; ASLBCC President Sarah Hammelman and student representative Marnie Klassen; Classified Associated member Cheryl Kovalik; Fiscal Affairs Director Virginia Moskus; Science and Industry Dean Pete Scott; Student Services Dean Diane Watson; and Board Members Ed House, Joseph Novak and Tom Wogaman.

Coping with college class fails to draw support

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Tonight's workshop on coping with the competing demands of school and family may have been the victim of the very problem it was designed to solve.

No one signed up for the workshop, so it has been cancelled.

The one-credit class, which was being offered for the first time at LBCC, was to cover tips on adjusting to college life and techniques to help family members be supportive of the student.

"Many times students drop out of school or don't find being here as satisfactory as they could because their family situation does not tend to change to accommodate the new aspect of having a person going to school," said instructor Pamela Dunn of the FRC.

Dunn said the workshop will be rescheduled for the fall or, perhaps, spring

"The basic idea is to help everyone get on the same page, so to speak."

—Pamela Dunn

term. She believes the concept of the class is sound, noting that it has worked well at other colleges. This would have been a trial-run for the seminar-style presentation at LBCC, co-sponsored by the Family Resources Center and the Student Programming Board.

Dunn cited a lack of communication between students and household members as the main problem the session would try to solve. Non-student spouses, children or significant others may not understand what the college student is facing or how to offer support.

She explained that the class attempts

to build the awareness of the student's family members, including children, and to help them have realistic expectations of the student who can no longer "do everything."

Although students may feel guilty or believe they are burdens to their families while in school, Dunn said they need to keep the perspective that their education will ultimately benefit everyone in their families. She said everyone needs to be focused on the goal.

"The basic idea is to help everyone get on the same page, so to speak."

Dunn acknowledged that difficulties will arise. "It's a big change," she said, "and we have to be able to have some forum to talk about these things when they come up."

Dunn would also like to have a booklet with information on these issues available as a resource.

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Students benefit from legacy left by timber magnate Kenneth Ford

by James Otto
of The Commuter

Last week's Commuter article on the Ford Foundation scholarships caused a bit of confusion. They are offered by the Ford Family Foundation, not the Ford Foundation. While each has a name and set of goals that are virtually the same, the two are entirely different organizations.

The Ford Foundation, which offers many means of assistance to people across the country, was begun by the same family that started the Ford Motor Company.

The Ford Family Foundation, however, is the legacy of an Oregon rags-to-riches story. The saga began in the Great Depression with an impoverished young man named Kenneth Ford, who died last Saturday at the age of 88.

As a young man, Ford made ends meet by working at his father's sawmill in Lebanon, Ore., where he had attended high school. Later, he started his own milling business—Roseburg Lumber Company—which stands today as Roseburg Forest Products. In the post-WWII housing boom, RFP rose from the depths of the Depression to become one of Oregon's leading lumber suppliers. Today, the company employs about 3,500 people and is worth over \$1 billion, according to the Oregon Business Journal.

"The first time I met Pappy Ford, he was driving his own log truck," said John Bacon I, a Roseburg businessman. Bacon described Ford as hardworking, ingenious, industrious and driving, yet caring at the same time. Bacon said that Ford often worked at his own mill long after it had become a major success, though he had become one of the wealthiest men in Oregon history.

Ford spent most of his time at his mill, climbing around, over and under the machinery along with his employees, making sure everything worked right, paying the closest of attention to safety and working conditions, according to Bacon. Though most of the offices in the mill were described as well-appointed, Bacon said Ford's own office was quite Spartan, more of a workroom than a meeting place.

"The man (Ford) just wanted people

who would work," Bacon continued. One worker, Bacon said, was an electrician who had to be there regardless of whether there was work for him to do.

One day, Bacon said, the electrician was merely trying to stay awake amidst the boredom, when he picked up a broom and began sweeping up the dirt and dust—just when Ford walked in. "From then on, if that electrician wanted anything, all he had to do was ask," said Bacon.

Ford is described as being tight with the running of his company, but as his wealth grew, so did his generosity. When timber was in short supply, Bacon said, Ford started cutting his own timber, which he had been saving (for a long time) in order to keep the business running.

Douglas County has come to know Ford as "Mr Anonymous" because of his many donations.

"Whenever the high school or the hospital (in Roseburg) needs anything, the money just seems to show up out of thin air," said Bacon's grandson, John Bacon II, an OSU student. "We all know it's from Pappy Ford."

Ford never sought any publicity about his giving. Neither he nor his family would offer any comment on the issue, but many locals have no doubt in the matter.

The Ford Family Foundation, "Pappy Ford's legacy, has given large donations to Doernbecher Children's Hospital, the Oregon Health Plan, OMSI, Linfield College, the Salvation Army, the YMCA and many others, especially the community of Douglas County.

The foundation has also established a scholarship fund to give needy students a chance at higher education.

The foundation currently has \$256 million in assets, according to Kathy Pyfer, director of the foundation's Oregon scholarship program.

Ford's scholarship program will select 165 students each year from Oregon to become Ford Family Foundation scholars.

LBCC students interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the LBCC Career Center in Takena Hall. The deadline is March 1.

Livestock judging team finishes 9th in meet

M.T. Anderson led LBCC's Livestock Judging Team to a ninth place finish at the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth, Texas, recently.

The six-member team finished seventh in sheep and swine, eighth in oral reasoning and ninth in beef.

In the individual rankings, Anderson took second place in sheep, seventh in oral reasoning and sixth overall. Traci Dulany finished 10th in swine judging

and 32nd overall, while Sara Watt finished 31st overall.

The contest drew 23 teams from colleges in Wyoming, Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Illinois and other states.

On the LBCC team are Anderson, of Madras; Dulany, of Eagle Point; Watt, of Walnut Creek, Calif.; Mac Stewart, of Clatskanie, and Kay Stadel, of Silverton. The team is coached by animal tech instructor Rick Klampe.



Photo by Pete Petryszak

Behind Bars

Workers erect the walls of the new regional juvenile detention center about two miles north of campus. The 100-bed, \$7 million jail on Lochner Road is to open this fall.

Writing Desk hot line helps with homework

by Anthony Pinto
of The Commuter

Do you have trouble studying or working on homework, but you have no way of getting to school for help?

The Writing Desk has just opened a new hotline to solve your problems. When you call the Writing Desk, a recording comes on telling you to leave your name and number, when they can

reach you, and what you need help on. Then they will call you back to help with your problem.

It's that easy.

Karen Chambers, one of the staff, said, "We are like a tutor for the students over the phone."

The number for the Writing Desk hot line is 917-4708, and it is available from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students encouraged to 'Pass the Buck'

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Brown sent this "buck" directly to Jeanette Scott, Learning Center operations manager, who wrote back with a sincere apology to this student for the distractions. She added that next time students are disturbed by others they should come to the counter and tell the advisors that the noise levels are not acceptable.

"I need verified feedback from students of a problem before I can enlist a change in procedure," she said in her response. Also earplugs are now available in the LRC.

Marla Lawrance, a second-year nursing student, also had a complaint. She wrote: "Please! whoever is smoking in the elevator, please stop it! Not only does it reek, it is terrible for our airways. Not only does it smell bad, it is just plain rude! I rode the elevator this morning and was wheezing by the time I reached the second floor."

So far there's been no response to Lawrance's complaint. Brown notified student government of the complaint; they typically deal with issues concerning smoking on campus. They are still working on a solution.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Hard work and planning pays off for SPB members

New Student Programming Board being sought for 1997-98 term to continue tradition of activities and services for LBCC students

by The Commuter Staff

Members of the 1996-97 Student Programming Board are busily preparing activities for the final weeks of winter term, as well as for spring term, with members focusing on events that relate to their particular title.

Team coordinator, Phuong-Dung Chiem, a business major, keeps everyone on task, making sure posters are made and deadlines are met. It is her responsibility to prepare meeting agendas and minutes, recruit and promote leadership, and, in addition, spend a total of 8 to 10 hours per week in the SPB office. Her position is a second-year position, and she enjoys the challenge. "It's a lot of fun, and I enjoy the teamwork," she said.

Naikia Benjamin is also a second-year team member. His position, Intramural and Recreation Specialist, focuses on intramural activities such as the 3-on-3 basketball tournament, supervision of the evening weight room and open gym, and securing donations for sport activity prizes. He is also required to have at least 8 to 10 office hours per week. After spring term, he plans to transfer to Arizona State. He said being on SPB has "included me in this school."

Campus and Recreation Specialist Dan Hildenbrand works closely with Benjamin. He is responsible for securing donations, as well as planning events related to the entire campus. His ACU-I tournament was a success earlier this year. He sits on the SAP committee and is a member of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa. For him, being on the board has been a great leadership experience. He said, "SPB is a great role that will help me down the road all through life."

Health and Recreation Specialist Allison Ross also works with Benjamin and Hildenbrand to promote health and fitness education on campus. This position requires Ross to assist in intramural activities and to promote AIDS awareness, alcohol awareness and other



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Standing left to right, are SPB members Phuong-Dung Chiem, Naikia Benjamin, Leili Kiaii, Allison Ross and Dan Hildenbrand. Kneeling is Chau Vo, advisor Tammi Paul Bryant and Lisabeth Pacheco.

health issues. Ross will graduate from LBCC after spring term and will transfer to the University of Oregon to pursue a communications degree. Working on the board has been a great experience for her, as she hoped it would be. "It seems like a lot of work at first," she said, "but there is a great sense of satisfaction when you are a part of what happens on this campus."

Community Events Specialist Chau Vo, who is currently enrolled for 19 credits, still finds time to coordinate events that unite the campus and the community. Chau organized Tuesday's lunchtime musical guest, "Atilla and Dave Band." She will transfer to OSU next fall to pursue a business degree. What does she enjoy about her position? "Working on a team," she responds.

Current Events & Political Activities Specialist Leili Kiaii, a pre-law major, is responsible for bringing

current worldwide and national issues, as well as local issues, to Linn-Benton. She is responsible for scheduling speakers like Dr. Trischa Knapp who will talk about the influence of television today at noon in the Board Rooms. Kiaii says, "It is great to learn leadership skills and to be a part of school." She will transfer to OSU in the fall.

Multicultural Specialist Lisabeth Pacheco is responsible for events centering around diversity. Pacheco organized all events for Martin Luther King Day and is in charge of the Valentine's Day flower sale. It is her job to promote cultural awareness, something she strongly believes in. "I'd like to let as many people as possible know that culture and diversity are something to take pride in," Pacheco said.

Upcoming events planned by the SPB include:

- 4-on-4 Volleyball Tournament to be held on Feb. 19, from 4-7 p.m. in the gym.

- Doty and Coyote Storytelling (Native American storytelling for adults), to be held on Feb. 26, from 12-1 p.m. in the Board Rooms;

- Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week, March 3-7, will feature The Alcohol Awareness Brick Banner, posted all day, which allows you to write what alcohol means or has meant in your life. The speaker from the Valley Aids Information Network on March 5, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Mocktails (non-alcoholic party beverages) served free to those interested on March 6 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Commons lobby and flag football games from 3 to 5 p.m. on the athletic field.

- Flag football, on March 7 from 3 to 5 p.m.

- Annual dinner theatre to be held on March 12, at 6 p.m.

Applications are currently available for 1997-98 team in the Student Life and Leadership Office, CC-213. They are due by Feb. 24, and interviews will be held on Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.

For more information concerning events and applications, contact Randy Brown in the Student Life and Leadership Office or call ext. 4457.

Women's Center invites men and women to participate in services

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

The Women's Center has scheduled an open house for Friday (Valentine's Day) beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 2 p.m. The event is targeted mainly for women, but men are also invited to come and see what the center has to offer. Refreshments—cookies and punch—will be served and a brief tour and explanation of the center will be given. The Women's Center is located in the northwest corner on the second floor of the Industrial Arts Building.

A representative of the center, Kris Childress, wants everyone to know that the center's resource department is open to all students, men and women. This is something that the men on campus probably aren't aware of.

The center offers a small yet comfortable setting for women to relax in. There are several chairs and a couch, a phone for local calls, a mini-refrigerator and a microwave. Center volunteer Melissa Gorby added "We are desperately seeking a computer."

The center has 11 staff members who are there for anyone who needs assistance and to lend advice about such things as WIC (Women Infants and Children) information, child care, grant information, facts about STDs, abuse, and safe sex. Condoms, donated by Pathfinders, are available upon request.

The Women's Center, which is now affiliated with the Career Center and advised by Marlene Propst, hopes to someday be connected with the OSU Women's Center.

Eventually the staff hopes to be re-

located to a more central location with more space.

The Women's Center will also host another session of Lunch Bunch next Tuesday from 12 to 1 p.m. in Room B-107. The guest speaker will be Ellen Wilkey from the Financial Aid office, who will be giving a section-by-section preview of the 1997-98 free applications for Federal Student Aid and an overview of the scholarships that are available.

Women's Center Open House

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Pooh Fans

Over 300 students from local elementary schools lined up to see the LBCC Drama Department's production of "Winnie-the-Pooh" on its first children's day performance last Thursday. Over 6,200 youngsters are expected to attend the play during its three-week run. Tickets are also available to the general public for weekend matinees through March 2.

No love lost between Roman emperor and the original Valentine

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Valentine's Day, which will be celebrated Friday, traces its history back as far as the fourth century B.C.

Valentine's Day was named after Valentine, the bishop of Interamna. Marriage had been outlawed by Emperor Claudius in A.D. 270, because of a great need for soldiers. Claudius felt soldiers were not as effective if married because they would detest leaving their wives and families. However, Valentine defied Claudius by marrying young lovers in secret. Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers" and sentenced him to death, according to Charles Panati, author of "Panati's Extraordinary Origins of Everyday Things."

While Valentine waited in prison to be put to death, it is said that he fell in love with the jailer's blind daughter, Asterius. History also says that, through

his miraculous love and faith, he was able to restore her sight before his death on Feb. 24, when he was clubbed, stoned and beheaded.

Valentine sent a farewell note to Asterius that was signed "From Your Valentine," a phrase that lives on in greeting cards to this day.

The custom of exchanging Valentine cards dates to the Roman mid-February Lupercus Festival. To meet the needs of the single soldiers, a lottery was established in which names of single women would be drawn once a year. The women would then be used for the soldiers' entertainment until the next lottery.

The Roman Catholic Church replaced the lottery with a "lovers' saint" holiday, and Bishop Valentine was selected.

With time, it became the custom during the Lupercus Festival for the young Roman men to give women they admired a handwritten greeting on Feb. 14.

Tickets on sale for the International film festival

The Oregonian, KINK FM102 and ACT III Theatres present the 20th annual Portland International Film Festival, Feb. 13 through March 2. Tickets and passes are on sale at the Film Center box office only, Monday to Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m. The office is located in the lobby of the Portland Art Museum North Wing, 1119 S.W. Park Ave. at Madison St., Portland. Festival Inside Line 503-222-5555, ext. 4734.

Venetian Theater to hold Ladies night extravaganza

Valentine's Day at 9 p.m., the Venetian Theater will have ladies' night with an "all chick" extravaganza. Admission is \$6.

Linn-Benton Opera Guild to preview 'The Magic Flute'

The Linn-Benton Opera Guild previews "The Magic Flute" at 7:30 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 13 at Room 303 Benton Hall on the OSU campus. Admission is \$2.50. The show continues Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 22. Tickets are available through TicketMaster.

Art museum seeking established and emerging artists

The Portland Art Museum's 1997 Oregon Biennial (Aug. 22-Oct. 12) is seeking established and emerging artists statewide. Contenders may submit up to four slides, as well as an exhibition history. All works must be original and produced within the last two years. Eligible media: painting, sculpture, photography, print, mixed media, fiber, ceramics and video. A prospectus outlining the terms of submission may be obtained by calling 503-226-2811. All entries must be post-marked by Feb. 28.

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compiled by Cindi Fuller
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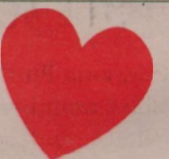
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Free tickets are available from the Student Life & Leadership Office CC-213

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- Dinner starts at 6:15 pm
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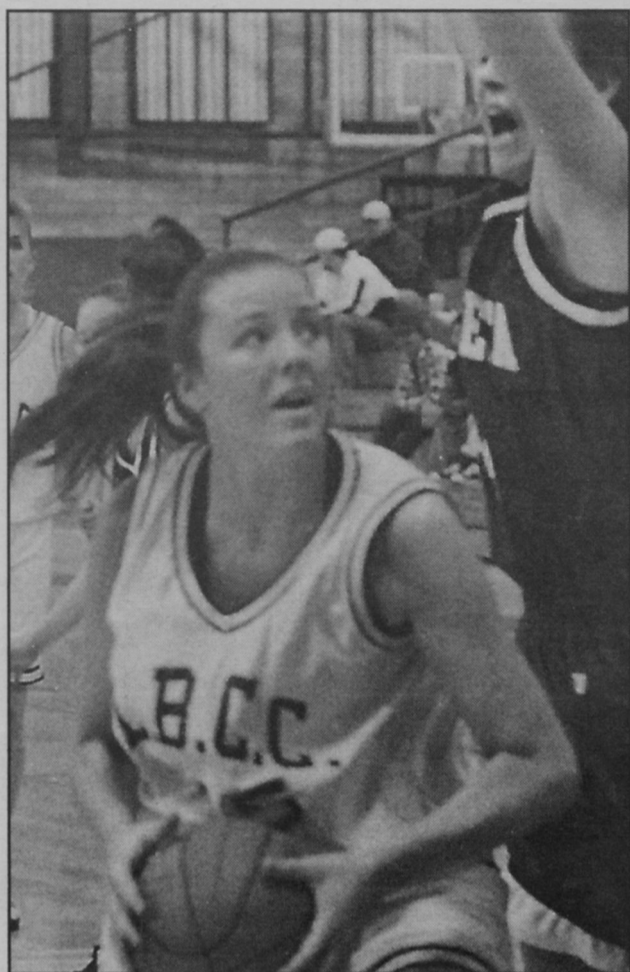


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Martha Williams goes up for two against Chemeketa.

Lady Roadrunners pick up second win against Lane, but lose big to Chemeketa

by Rich Mehlhaf
of The Commuter

With better shooting and better ball control, the Lady Roadrunners managed to split a pair of basketball games last week beating Lane Community College 53-50 on Wednesday in Eugene. Then, they lost on Saturday to Chemeketa Community College, 83-43, at the LBCC Activities Center.

At LCC the Roadrunners shot 38 percent from the field and only committed 21 turnovers, giving them a win in a tight game which saw both teams lead by no more than five points.

This was a vast improvement from last week's game against Southwestern Oregon, in which the Lady Roadrunners committed 46 turnovers and shot only 25 percent from the floor.

"We won a tight one," said Head Coach Craig Jackson. "It's nice to get a league win on the road."

"We also did a better job of controlling the ball," said Jackson, "but 21 turnovers is still too many."

Martha Williams, Kerry Perkins and Shellie Leonard lead the way for LB. Williams scored 17 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, while both Perkins and Leonard added 12 points.

On Saturday, reality raised its ugly head and slapped LB in the face as they lost by 40 to Chemeketa. LB once again did a better job of shooting and controlling the ball, committing only 21 turnovers and shooting 44 percent. The Roadrunners managed to keep the game close in the first half, trailing by 13 at halftime.

Chemeketa then proved to be too much for the Roadrunners to handle as they hit three-

pointer after three-pointer, outscoring LBCC 53-26 in the second half.

"We did a good job defending their outside shooters in the first half, limiting them to one three-pointer," said Jackson. "Our defense broke down in the second half, and they made five three-pointers. If you have a breakdown against a good team, they will hurt you."

Martha Williams scored 15 points and had eight rebounds, while Dondi Schock had 12 points and two rebounds.

With last week's games behind them, LBCC's league record stands at 2-8, and 7-15 in overall play.

The Lady Roadrunners next game will be against Umpqua Community College at the LBCC Activities Center tonight. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Men take league-leading Chiefs into overtime for upset victory

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

After a disappointing loss Wednesday at Lane, LBCC bounced back with an overtime upset at home Saturday against league-leading Chemeketa.

Ryan Kirch and Brian Fauth clinched Saturday's win for Linn-Benton by scoring 15 of the 'Runners' 17 points in overtime to beat the Chiefs 83-76.

"I thought we showed some growth in our maturity by being strong in overtime," said Head Coach Randy Falk. "We did a very good job being strong with the ball. We didn't turn it over."

It was an up and down game for the Roadrunners—just when it seemed that the momentum was in their favor, a few turnovers or bad shots changed all that.

In the first half LB had a seven-point lead but let Chemeketa get within one at half-time. The 'Runners came out strong again in the second, building a 14-point lead. Then with just over 10 minutes left, the Chiefs went on a 19-6 run, hitting three three-pointers to get within two.

With 10 seconds left, Linn-Benton got a big break but couldn't convert when Chemeketa converted only one of two free throws and then knocked the ball out of bounds. Holding a one-point lead,

the Roadrunners inbounded to Fauth who was immediately fouled. But he only made one of the two, and Chemeketa hustled down court for a lay-in to tie the game at 66 as the clock expired.

The Chiefs grabbed a quick five-point lead in overtime, but the 'Runners came back strong behind Fauth, who redeemed himself by scoring 10 of his 26 points.

Kirch, with 14, was the only other 'Runner to score in double figures. Brian Csergeiled in rebounding with 10. Lucias Jones added nine points and eight boards.

"The thing that I liked about the game was that our guys let go and gave a full effort on every single possession, every single play. There were a lot of yellow jerseys diving on the floor for loose balls," Falk commented.

On Wednesday the Roadrunners out-rebounded Lane 42-29, but not when it counted the most. In the closing minutes LB was within one and Lane had the ball, so they fouled and sent a Titan to the free-throw line. He missed both of the shots, but the Roadrunners couldn't grab the rebound and were forced to foul again. Lane went on to win 58-53.

"We played a good team close, like we usually do. We just couldn't find those one or two things that would've

made the difference," Falk said.

Fauth led in scoring with 16. Csergei had a double-double, scoring 14 and bringing down 13 boards. Nick Matsler added nine points and nine rebounds.

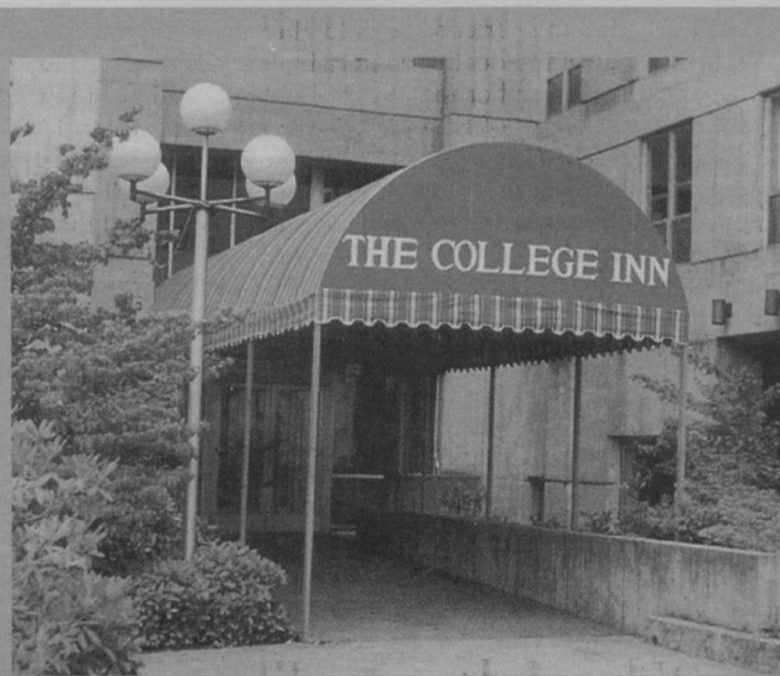
With only four games left on the schedule the Roadrunners are 3-7 in league

and face an uphill battle to reach the playoffs.

The next two games are at home—tonight against Umpqua and Saturday against Clackamas. Both start at 8 p.m. in the Activities Center, and Falk expects both to be very close games

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SUMMER JOBS

Yellowstone National Park will have a representative on campus March 5 for Summer jobs recruitment. Open table to be set up in the Commons Lobby from 9 a.m.-1p.m. Interviews from 2pm-5pm by appointment only. For more details come by the Career Center in Takena Hall (T-101). Or call 917-4780.

YWCA Camp Westwind is recruiting staff members for a one - week camp. The camp will be held June 15-21, at Camp Lane on Highway 126. Information packet is available in the Career Center at T-101.

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Linfield College is offering a new academic scholarship for transfer students. Scholarships range from 20-50 percent of tuition. To be eligible you must apply to Linfield, have attended a 2-or 4-year college full-time and have a GPA of 3.25 or above in transferable courses. Please go to the Career Center in Takena Hall for information. Deadline is

Lutheran Students of LBCC

invite you to join them Thursdays from noon to 1 for conversation, Bible Study and cookies in The Commons

March 15, 1997.

The Financial Aid Office of LBCC is currently offering two scholarships. The first is the Dr. Robert Hyland Memorial Scholarship which is available to students in Science or Engineering Programs. This is a \$300 award. The second is the George and Edna McDowell Charitable Trust which is available to students in the Nursing Program or any of the Industrial Arts Programs. This is a \$500 award. Information and forms are available at the Financial Aid office in Takena Hall.

The Gerald Stephenson Continuing Education Scholarship Endowment in the amount of \$3,000 is awarded to qualified students who are pursuing medically-related fields in vocational or undergraduate programs. Please pick up your application at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline March 31, 1997.

The Oregon Association of Legal Secretaries and the Portland Legal Secretaries Association are offering scholarships to those students pursuing a career as a legal support person. Applications will be judged on Merit, Ability and Need. Deadline: March 21, 1997 for more information and applications, please go to the Career Center, Takena Hall.

Scholarships are now being awarded to qualified students in all areas of Peace Studies, including fields of anthropology, sociology, political science, education and international law. For more information on the Beatrice Stevens Scholarship Fund, Inc. Go to the Career Center, Takena Hall-Deadline March 31, 1997.

Attention Students-The St. Charles Center Foundation is now accepting applications for four (4) Nursing Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each, in honor of Mary Ann Hosier, a St. Charles nurse. Deadline: February 15, 1997 Please go to the Career Center at Takena Hall for more information or the Nursing - Health Occupations Dept.

The Oregon Assoc. of Broadcasters have established The Oregon Community Foundation (by the Jackson Foundation) a Scholarship in Broadcast Journalism. There are six available Awards in the amount of \$1,000 each. Deadline for Applications is March 1, 1997 For information go to the Career at Takena Hall or the Journalism Department.

WANTED

Looking for interested people to start on-campus Dungeons and Dragons club, please leave Email: starcc@lbcc.cc.or.us or LLStarr@msn.com

Pathfinders of Linn and Benton Counties Gay/Bi-sexual Outreach

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Out of area: 1-800-588-AIDS

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Just Kickin' It

Paul Parks, right, and Matt Heward get in a little hacky sack action in the courtyard Monday before the sun disappeared.

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CC-211

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OPINION PAGE

editorial

Both critical and cordial comments on how we do our job encouraged

Since the start of the school year, I have heard persistent murmurs of dissatisfaction about various articles that have been published in The Commuter. But despite all the fussing these people do, they don't ever seem to possess enough guts to write a letter to the editor, which would allow the entire readership of the paper to hear their gripe.

Maybe this goes hand in hand with the apparent student apathy on our campus, or maybe it is because the scrooges that are unsatisfied are also too uninformed to stand up for what they believe in. Or maybe there is some entirely different reason all together, but whichever it is, I would like to see your comments in the paper whenever you think we could be doing better.

I guess what really burns me deep down is that every week a dedicated staff of writers, photographers, copy editors, production workers and editors spend a huge part of their days' lives working long hard hours on what they love to do, producing something for the entire campus to enjoy every week, with little or no compensation.

After all this, it seems the only thing that we hear is people criticizing our work. I know that mistakes tend to outweigh the good things, but before you belittle the paper and its staff out loud, stop and think.

When there is something that bothers you about The Commuter, why don't you instead take the time to read the rest of the paper. Maybe something else in it will brighten up your day. But if not, if you truly are a scrooge, then take the time to write a sensible letter to the editor. A little constructive criticism is always good.

If there are some people out there who think that what we do is good—and I know that there are some of you that do—why not take a couple of minutes to jot down a few kind words of appreciation and submit it to the paper. I know that the staff and I would really benefit from a couple of nice comments for a change.

All letters to the editor can be submitted either typed, handwritten, electronically (Mac or IBM format) or you can e-mail The Commuter at commuter@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us. The only requirement for published letters is that the letter must be signed.

—Josh Burk

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Readers are encouraged to use The Commuter's "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, and national issues. Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. Letters should be no more than 250 words and will be edited for grammar and spelling.



O.J. RELENTLESSLY PURSUES HIS WIFE'S KILLER

pete petryszak

O.J. civil suit cross-examines justice

So the verdict is in, and O.J. has to shell out \$25 million in punitive damages. He deserved it, but the fact is, he won't have to pay.

O.J. claims to be broke, but what that really means is that he's shifted all his money into foreign banks and other investments outside of the country. He's hidden it so well that his lawyers from the criminal trial haven't been able to collect the \$500,000 that he owes them.

The verdict in the civil suit allows some folks to take comfort in the fact that at least one jury found O.J. responsible for the butchering of two people, but any claims that "justice" has been done make me laugh. The whole escapade makes a mockery of the notion that anyone in the country can receive justice through our judicial system. It really proves that if you've got lots of money and a good lawyer, you can do whatever the hell you want, even if that includes stalking your ex-wife and slashing her and some anonymous waiter to ribbons.

I came to the conclusion long ago that everyone associated with this case is guilty. O.J. killed Nicole; the LA cops are racist thugs; the prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges are more concerned with making a name for themselves than pursuing justice; the news media jump to conclusions and crucify anyone remotely suspected of a crime; and the American people spend way too much time watching the activities of overpaid, over-exposed celebrities who have no real impact on our lives.

Another thing that really bugs me about the whole O.J. debacle is that, for all the talk it has generated about the different treatment blacks and whites receive from the judicial system, it will not improve the quality of treatment or legal counsel available to the average poor black defendant.

O.J.'s lawyers raised doubts about the validity of the DNA evidence the police collected. Great, that needs to be scrutinized. But the average black murder defendant, who doesn't have the money to hire F. Lee Bailey and do independent genetic testing, will be unable to challenge genetic evidence piled up against him. If the police do submit fake evidence in murder trials, as Johnny Cochran claims, the O.J. trial did nothing to stop that from happening again. Furthermore, if it did, the defendant would be unlikely to benefit from a strong and vigorous defense from the likes of Johnny Cochran, because that champion of justice only works for rich defendants, like O.J.

I believe that there is a two-tiered justice system in this country, but I don't think it is divided along racial lines as much as it is along financial lines. The latest outrage surrounding Dennis Rodman, another wealthy celebrity, helps illustrate my point.

If you or I were to kick someone in the groin in front of 50,000 witnesses, I'm sure we'd be doing jail time. But, if you're the NBA's favorite bad boy, all you get is an 11-game vacation and a pat on the back for drawing more attention to the sport. He'll probably get a big contract to endorse shoes, too.

The only good thing to come out of the civil trial verdict is that now, finally, after two-and-a-half years, the saga is over. I'm going to go home now and say a little prayer that I will never see O.J. Simpson on the front page of a newspaper again and that any news of his appeals will be carried only by the National Inquirer, Hard Copy or newspapers printed only in Bantu



commentary

Americans prefer tabloid TV over routine political coverage

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Last week the president of the United States was on television giving the State of the Union address explaining his hopes, dreams and goals for our country's future, yet many of the people of our country were tuned in for another reason—they waited for the verdict in the O. J. Simpson civil trial.

Even the few patriotic Americans who did try to watch the president's speech quickly found out it was hopeless. The TV screen had two images going, one with Clinton and one with O. J., and the bright white flashing words rolling across the monitor made it impossible to understand anything at all.

What has gone wrong with the state of the American people that we would rather follow the all-time media consumer drama of O. J. than listen to the man who

leads our country? A man who is trying to make a difference, who is trying to bring our country together into a single functioning unit. Yet we want the O. J. scuttle.

The Nielson report said that viewers wanted O. J. over Clinton at 20 to 1. These are the same Americans that will complain, scream and do nothing to improve America and our economic situation. When an opportunity to hear the president occurs most people are angry because they can't get their favorite prime-time TV show.

How can we expect any leader to bring about positive change when we will not participate?

We are the people the president is trying to help. Regardless of who the president of the United States is, he will have an impossible job, to bring the people of this country together to care about anything long enough

to actually make changes.

How can people be more concerned with the hollywood O. J. Simpson glitter than the future of their lives, their children's lives and the country they live in?

The media did nothing wrong; they gave the public what they demanded—the scoop on O.J.

Thank God on your knees that the president was not announcing a 40-percent tax increase, final closing of our schools and the new government seizure on all home loans to pay off the country's deficit. Because if he had, the public wouldn't have heard it. They would still be talking about O.J. as their paychecks dwindled to nothing, their kids were left without an education and future and being locked out of what used to be their homes.

But as Robert Saint Amour said, "at least they got to see O. J. sweat."

LOONEY LANE

'Hello? Is this the party to whom I am speaking?' Voice mail horrors at the White House

by Jerry Boal
of The Commuter

Presidents' Day comin' up I see.
Who to call for a story, I wondered.
Duh, I said to myself. Like, why not just call where he lives?

"Hello. You have reached the White House, home to the president of the United States of America. Please listen to the following message to help direct your call.

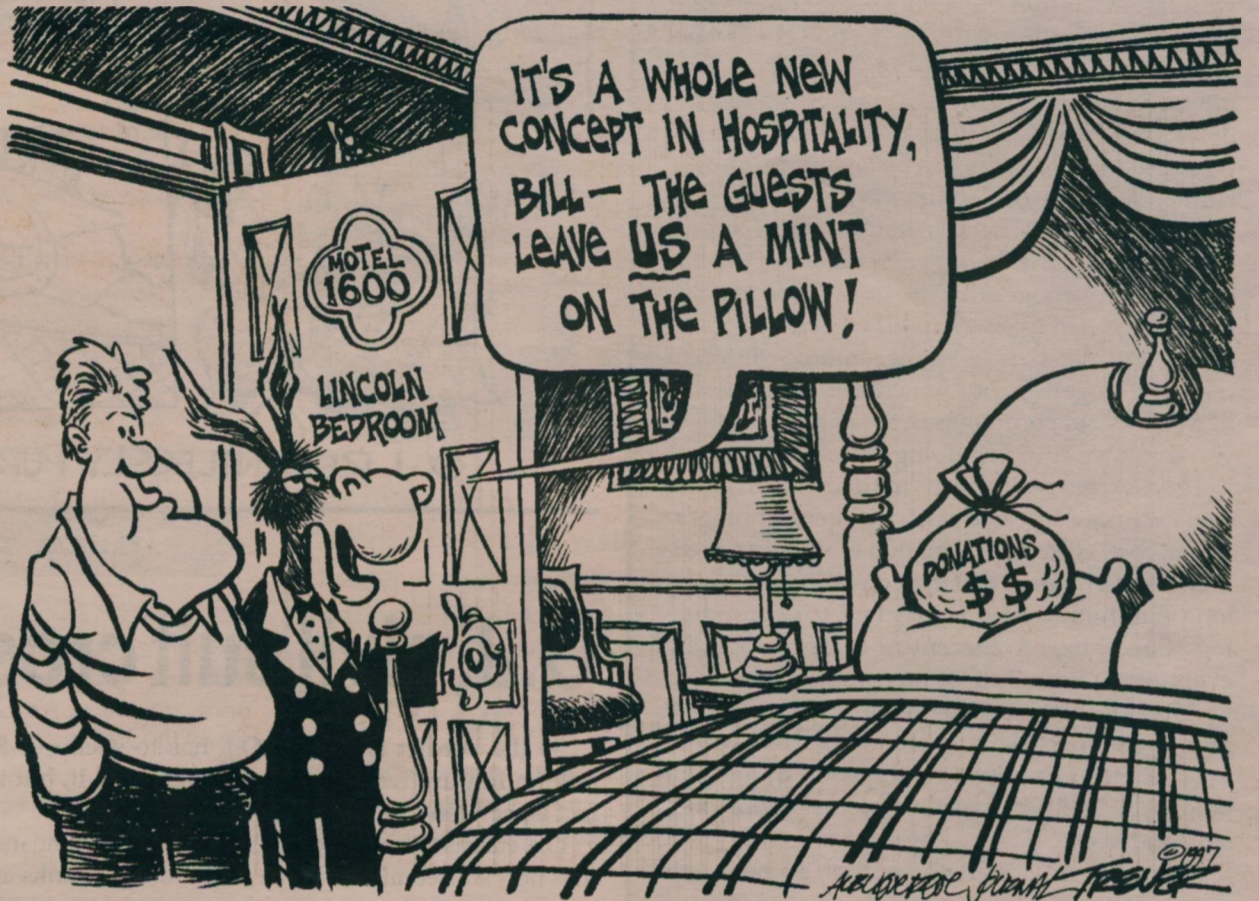
"If you are calling from a touch-tone phone and would like to book the Lincoln Bedroom, please press 1, followed by no less than 6 digits representing your level of donation. A cheerful operator will confirm your pledge. As a thank you, a pound of Hillary House coffee will be sent your way, free of charge.

". . . If you don't care to stay, but only wish to visit, press 2, followed by the pound key to show your promise to help the president replenish his campaign coffers. Then please hold for the next available cheerful operator who will invite you to the up-coming, black tie, \$25,000-a-plate dinner. Bring a friend!

". . . If you'd like a face-to-face audience with either the president or the First Hostess, press 3. A cheerful operator will instruct you to hang up, go to a secure pay phone and call again. Whisper the code word M-O-O-L-A-H.

". . . Press 4 now for a cheerful operator who can help you play the White House Lucky 6 Lottery. Don't forget: You can't win unless you play. Should your six numbers fail, fret not: All losers are winners with this administration.

". . . If you'd like to demonstrate your 'bridge-building' support of the president's second term, press 5, 6 or 7. A cheerful



operator will explain the Brooklyn, the Verranzo Narrows and the Golden Gate options. He, she or it will patiently stay on the line until you've made your decision to jump.

". . . If you wish to channel yourself to a White House spirit, press 8. A cheerful operator will act as a medium for your special conversation with Eleanor Roosevelt, Bess Truman or Barbra Streisand. Maintaining spiritual diversity is important to this administration and needs your support. Key in your down-to-earth pledge now.

". . . If you've already generously contrib-

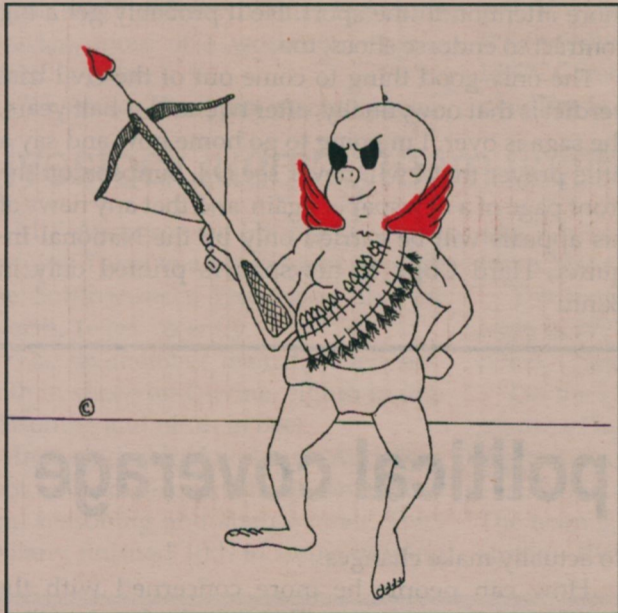
uted but need reporting assistance, please press 9 now. A cheerful operator trained in guerrilla accounting can help smooth out matters with our friends at the IRS. A new pledge, of course, will speed things up significantly.

". . . If yours is a rotary dial telephone like the kind President Lincoln used, press 0. A cheerful operator will assist you in ordering the Special Edition Pledge Phone, which contributes a handsome amount for every call you make. What could be easier?

". . . To repeat this message, . . . "

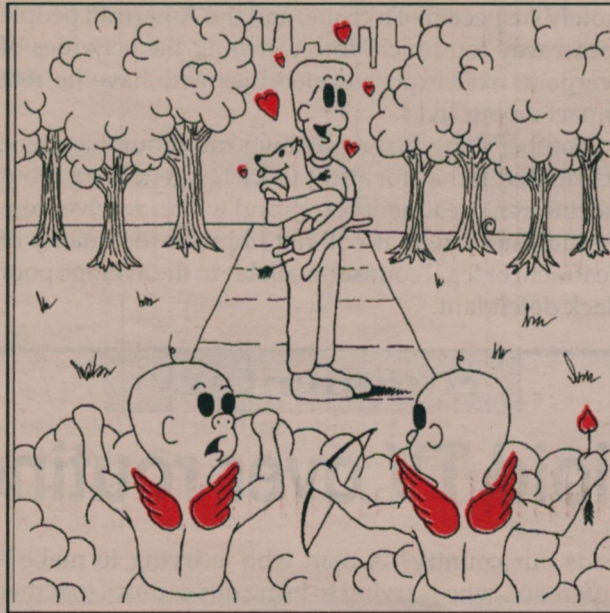
I hung up, convinced that a Presidents' Day story might not be worth it.

Reality Bites



Due to changing times, Cupid had to update his equipment.

by Lance Dunn



I think you missed.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- Fellows
- Military cap
- One of the Olympians
- Birthright seller
- Kind of lily
- Wash
- Region: abbr.
- Chimp's cousin
- Amerindian
- Assume control
- On a vessel
- Escaped
- First: abbr.
- Hits from yesteryear
- Animals
- Donkey
- Increase
- Contend
- Port in the Keystone State
- Factory
- Dispatch
- Understand
- Unrefined
- Perfume ceremonially
- Elia, e.g.
- Rapid talk
- Cartoonist Thomas
- Italy's capital
- Run
- Item from a butcher
- Weaving device
- Bring on oneself
- Unmatched thing
- Lanchester
- Lariat
- "Do — others..."
- Quantity
- Organic compound
- Pitch

DOWN

- Latvian
- On the ocean
- Murky
- Unfalling
- Kitchen appliances
- Chartered
- Culture medium
- Cognizance
- Certain musician
- Louisa May — avis
- Perpetually
- What's sown
- Butter rival
- Post on a ship
- Shackles
- Too heavy
- Enticements
- Wipes
- Shore
- Happening
- Wash a little
- Passover meal
- Detonation
- Uncorrupted
- Begin
- Blue color
- Mine town
- Beast
- Bartender, at times
- Waken
- Sleigh's cousin
- Rod
- Ponselle of opera
- Bluebonnet
- Account (never)
- Seines
- Desire personified
- Integers: abbr.

