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Instructor Greg Mulder plans to lead another group up the slopes of Mount St. Helens this summer. ▶ Pg. 10

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New student body president to be sworn into office today

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

This afternoon, Wednesday, May 7, all new Associated Student Government and Student Programming Board members will take their leadership oath and be officially sworn into office. The ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. in the Boardrooms and is open to the public.

The ceremony marks the end of student body president Roxanne Allen's duties and the beginning of Oren Hawksford's term of service as the new ASG president.

Allen said she and student government got a lot of student-oriented activities done this year, including a recent student survey on the presidential search process. Other activities aimed at getting students involved were a voter registration drive and canned food drives.

Allen credits her board with a great year because of their willingness to volunteer their time for projects and to "get out there" to the clubs and organizations on campus.

"I had a great board. We lost a few (student government members), but the rest of the people really stuck up for each other" when times were hard, Allen said.

She said this year's ASG had some problems trying to plan events and activities. Allen cited as an example a benefit auction ASG was planning to raise money for students to offset the cutbacks in the Student Opportunity Grant.

In the end, "the (LBCC) Foundation said 'no, you can't raise money for the students,'" said Allen, explaining that "overcoming college policies" was the biggest challenge she wasn't expecting when she became president. "It was hard," Allen said.

The challenges weren't wasted on Allen, who is just one credit away from earning her degree in administrative assisting. She currently works in

the administration office of the USDA Forest Science Lab in Corvallis.

"Being the president, you learn a lot of life skills that you will take with you. You learn ways to deal with situations that come up and that you will face again in the future," she said.

Upon completion of her degree, Allen, a newlywed, plans on relocating to Brookings with her husband.

Oren Hawksford, on the other hand, is just starting his adventures as LBCC's newly elected student body president.

Hawksford, who ran unopposed in the election, said one issue he wants to address is student participation in programs put on by the student government and the programming board.

"Our budget comes from student fees, and the programs that SPB and SL&L put on comes from money from the students," Hawksford said. "I'd like to see more participation, because it's all for them. It's just that nobody is taking advantage of it. (The programs) are a good stress reliever to take time out from their studies."

Another goal Hawksford has made is to "watch out for the well-being of students."

He said he feels "students are getting the brunt" of the budget cuts, explaining that all departments at the college are looking for ways to generate revenue, and that some of the changes could cost students money.

For example, the college council recently tried to introduce a new policy that would charge students 6 cents per sheet for printing paper in the campus computer labs. Hawksford, who attended this meeting even though he wasn't officially in office yet, said the cost of the equipment to monitor new printing charges was said to be somewhere around \$45,000. It would have taken three and one half to four years for the college to pay off the loan for the equipment, which only lasts so

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Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Strutting Your Stuff

Bookstore staff member Doug Patitz models one of many designer outfits at last week's Bookstore fashion show.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Fiesta! Fiesta!

Dancers from OSU's Baila Con Mexico Club entertain guests at Monday's celebration in the Commons.

Universities say they won't turn away transfer students despite cuts

by Monica Gizowski
for The Commuter

The chancellor of Oregon's public universities told lawmakers last month that some transfer students may be turned away next fall due to budget cuts.

However, calls to university admissions officials by The Commuter last week turned up no plans to put a ceiling on the number of transfer students the uni-

versities plan to accept next year.

According to an article by Steven Carter in the Oregonian on April 8, Higher Education Chancellor Richard Jarvis said four of the seven universities might have to hold enrollment steady or even lose students in order to make ends meet. He listed Oregon State, Southern, Western and the Oregon Institute of Technology. The article stated that because most cam-

puses have already made their decisions on incoming freshman enrollment for the fall, transfer students and graduate students would be the ones turned away.

Admissions officials at OSU, OIT and WOU did not confirm those predictions, however; all said that they have no plans to turn away any transfer students at this time and that the universities are ready to continue edu-

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WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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High: 56° Low: 40°
WEDNESDAY

High: 59° Low: 41°
THURSDAY

High: 62° Low: 43°
FRIDAY

High: 62° Low: 41°
SATURDAY

High: 62° Low: 43°
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OPINION

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 keep them at 250 words or less

LBCC nourishes both the body and the brain

As I stood in the Commons Cafeteria and tried to choose which delectable item to have for lunch, I thought about the great advantages of attending LBCC. Since I am dually enrolled at OSU and LBCC, I can make comparisons.

It is easy to gripe about lack of class space and funding, but I like to concentrate on the good stuff once in while. We have a lot to be thankful for; no other nation has a community college system like ours and no where else can older students have access to the variety of educational opportunities available in the United States.

My first experience with college was here at LB and it prepared me well for a four-year university curriculum. Our classes here are smaller and the teachers are willing to help students who are trying to find their way through the educational maze of college. Instructors at LB helped me hone my writing skills and learn to write papers acceptable at any level. They gave me the opportunity to gain the discipline and background knowledge I needed to make it in upper-level university courses. I would have been bewildered and discouraged if I would have had to jump right into the stream of OSU academic affairs after 34

years out of school. At LBCC I was never made to feel stupid because of the gaps in my education.

The Benton Center offers community enrichment through all kinds of art classes as well as exercise and personal enrichment classes and is a great way to take those difficult courses such as algebra in a non-stress environment, I am sure that the other extended campus centers are equally as nurturing.

One of the best offerings of all though, by my standards, is the excellent food offered at the Commons Cafeteria. I don't want to stop taking classes here on the main campus in part because I don't know how to survive without the incredible offerings of the culinary arts crew. I am no stranger to gourmet dining. I grew up in San Francisco and went to school in Europe, and I can attest to the fact that the food offered in the Commons ranks up there with meals I have paid a lot more money for.

Where else can you get poached salmon in parchment, hand-made choco-

lates, perfectly sauteed vegetables, made-to-order sandwiches on home-made bread, hand-made desserts of the finest quality and a staggering selection of gourmet meals that seems to change every day? I don't think I have seen the same meal twice in my two years at LBCC. And all of this gustatory extravaganza for the average price of under \$5?!

As a non-meat eater I am doubly grateful for the cu-

linary institute, I can always find something that fills my needs; the other day it was a generous helping of tofu satay, cooked to perfection on a bed of barley and sauteed vegetables. The meals are not only delicious, they are aesthetically pleasing.

The presentation and perfection of LBCC's offerings puts our culinary arts program in the upper division of food preparation and presentation.

The campus is beautiful, the fountains and the soft green trees and ferns in the buildings are great. The well-planned Courtyard is inviting and the landscape changes with the seasons, drawing the

eye. The area by the bookstore is nice to sit around when the weather is hot. The ample seating and gathering places invite one to sit and socialize, and no one bugs me if I fall asleep at a Takena Hall study table!

Another thing I appreciate about LBCC is the student body. At OSU I often feel out of place, I am so old that most people just ignore me completely because they don't know how to relate to me, and sometimes the feeling is mutual. At LBCC the older students are motivated to get the most out of the classes. There is less talking in the back of the class and more intelligent discussion in class.

Most of us are here because we want to learn and enrich our lives; no one is making us go to college out of high school and the expectations on us are often our own. I enjoy the exchange of ideas with mature (most of the time!) fellow students.

LBCC offers an opportunity unique to the United States, the taxpayers pay the majority of our expenses to enrich the community and our lives. I try to give some of that back to the community by getting the most out of my education and using that education to help enrich others by volunteering my time for the betterment of my community. It is the least I can do.

Adele
Kubein

IN MY
OPINION



EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer. Contributors who wish to submit columns are asked to first contact the editor to arrange for space in the next issue.

All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste.

Opinions expressed by columnists and letter writers do not necessarily represent the views of The Commuter Staff or Linn-Benton Community College.

Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or at: commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cinco de Mayo not equivalent to 'el Dia de Independencia' in Mexico

To the Editor:

Piñatas bobbing! Music playing! Dancers twirling! It's a fiesta, it's Cinco de Mayo!

It is also the United States. The Cinco de Mayo celebration in Mexico commemorates the "Batalla de Puebla." This battle was fought at the town of Puebla on May 5, 1862, when the French military forces attempted to subjugate Mexico.

A small number of Mexicans defending the town defeated the French during this battle. Even though

France occupied Mexico from 1863 to 1867, the battle at Puebla was the first action that eventually led to independence from all European powers.

The Mexican people celebrate September 16 as "el Dia de Independencia," the Day of Independence from Spain, which occurred in 1810.

This is the day of celebration in Mexico, comparable to July 4 in the U.S. Interestingly, May 1 is celebrated by a national holiday with special significance for workers, who take part in marches and listen to speeches.

When this day falls on a Thursday, the whole weekend becomes a celebration, including May 5.

I was first made aware of the differences in these holidays in the Spanish 101 class, with Margarita Casas. Many thanks are due to Margarita for these facts and many more.

So, while it is not Mexican Independence Day that we are celebrating, why not celebrate anyway!

Rosalind Young
LBCC Student

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

Commuter named best in state

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

The Commuter has been recognized for journalistic excellence with nine awards from the 2003 Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Collegiate Newspaper Competition, including first place in General Excellence. The Commuter also took in four winning entries in the 2003 Greater Northwest Student Journalism Awards.

Last Friday, the staff of The Commuter joined 13 community colleges and universities from around the state at the annual ONPA conference and awards banquet at Oregon State University.

The Commuter won first place in General Excellence in the two-year college division, marking the third year in a row that the paper has taken home first place in this main category. The Southwester, from Southwestern Oregon Community College, won second place in General Excellence.

Commuter Editorial Assistant Heather Scott won first place for Best News Story for her article entitled "Student aid grants to be cut."

The Commuter also won first place for Best Design for the fourth year in a row, and first place for College Ad of the Year for the second year in a row. Ad Manager Lisa Terra designed this year's winning ad.

Contributing Editor Thomas Lin received sec-

ond place in the Best Feature Story category for an article on the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and second place for Best Spot News Photo for his picture of an EMT drill on campus.

Opinion Editor Adele Kubein received second place for Best Review for her article on OSU's Henry V production.

Staff photographer Stefanie Hessenkemper received honorable mention in the Best Sports Photo category for her coverage of the women's basketball team.

The Commuter also took home honorable mention for Best House Ad.

This year, Linn-Benton competed against the community colleges of Clackamas, Chemeketa, Lane, Mt. Hood and Southwestern Oregon. Lane received 14 first and second place awards and Mt. Hood took home 11.

The Commuter also entered another contest, the Greater Northwest Student Journalism Awards, for the first time. Over 748 entries were submitted from 53 schools in four states.

Lin won first place in the college division for his feature story, and cartoonist Tom Benham won first place for his editorial cartoons. Commuter Photo Editor Jeremy Hennig received third place for a stand-alone photo, and former A&E Editor Joseph Battrick received honorable mention for a review.

Smart recognized for achievements

from the LBCC News Service

LB Administrator Ann Smart has been awarded the American Association of Women in Community Colleges' 2003 Mildred Bulpitt Woman of the Year Award for her outstanding record of service to women in the two-year college setting.

A plaque was awarded to Smart at the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention held last month in Dallas, Texas. AAWCC is a council of the AACC. The plaque praises Smart "in recognition of outstanding leadership and mentorship to provide opportunities for women in community colleges."

Smart, who is dean of Institutional Advancement and executive assistant to the president, announced her plans to retire after this year.

A 28-year college veteran,

Smart began her career at LBCC in 1975 as coordinator of the Parent Education Program. She has also served as director of both the Albany and Benton Extended Learning centers. And as the founding president of Oregon Coast Community College in 1987-1988, Smart was Oregon's first female community college president.

Smart has held many leadership roles in Oregon community education and earned the recognition of Corvallis First Citizen for 2002 through her long record of volunteer service. Her work with the Chamber of Commerce earned her Chamber Volunteer of the Year honors last year. In addition, she has worked on the Benton County Budget Committee, the 2020 Vision Task Force and the 2010 Vision Statement.

Previous honors Smart has received include Outstanding

Adult Educator of the Year from the Northwest Adult Education Association in 1987 and the 1998 Award for Contributions to the Field of Community Education from the OCEA.

Business instructor elected to head national group

for The Commuter

Business instructor Mary Ann Lammers was recently elected president-elect of the National Business Education Association (NBEA) at the organization's annual conference in Dallas, Texas. Lammers is department chair for Business Technology at LBCC and has been at the college for 18 years.

The NBEA, based in Reston, Va., is the nation's largest professional organization that provides leadership and facilitates the successful accomplishment of the purposes of business education. The membership consists of approximately 15,000 busi-

ness educators, administrators, supervisors, business and industry personnel and college/university students enrolled in business education programs.

Lammers has been the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Western Business and Information Technology Educators (WBITE) in 2001 and the Oregon Business and Management Educators (OBME) in 2000, the WBITE Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year Award in 1996, the OBME Outstanding Post-Secondary Teacher in 1995, and the Oregon Professional Technical Development Association Teacher of the Year in 1996.



Photo by Thomas Lin

"Jim the Painter"

Jim Schilling paints the window frames outside the learning center last week. Schilling, who calls himself "Jim the Painter," has been working at LBCC for six years.

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From KRT News

Off Beat

Shotgun Wedding

Married only four days, a 19-year-old bride in Sondershausen, Germany, left her husband and moved in with a man she had met only a week before the wedding.

Because of her shocking behavior, a judge granted the groom an immediate divorce on the grounds of "gross infidelity," waiving the rule that couples must be separated for a year first.

Hometown Robber

A man robbed a bank in Wachovia, Fla., and police went to his home after a teller recognized him as the boyfriend of a customer.

The cops noticed he had red dye all over his hands from exploding dye packs, but he claimed it was because he had been coloring Easter eggs. They didn't believe him.

Honest Is Best

Unable to land a good job, a woman in Stockholm, Sweden, took an unconventional approach: honesty.

She posted the following ad in the Goteborgs-Posten newspaper: "I want a well-paid job. I have no imagination, I am anti-social, uncreative and untalented."

Job offers have been flooding in.

Police Brutality

The new provincial police chief showed up for his first day of work in Asadabad, Afghanistan, and was promptly beaten up by the man he was supposed to be replacing.

Despite being fired, the previous provincial police chief is refusing to give up his job.

Peter Wants Paid

A 20-year-old California woman, looking for a little extra cash, blackmailed eight men all of them either friends or lovers into paying her thousands of dollars to keep her from falsely claiming they raped her.

She demanded between \$8,000 and \$150,000 from, among others, a 71-year-old college professor, a 25-year-old shock jock and a group of men that she met on the Internet. She faces a variety of charges.

Turkish Surprise

Wednesday, May 7 from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Courtyard there will be a Turkish lunch featuring chicken and lentils over rice or eggplant casserole over rice, pita bread, rice pudding, sodas and bottled water. The cost is \$3 for students and \$4 for employees. The lunch is presented by the Gender Equity Club.

Talking About War

Friday, May 9 from 12 until 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center a presentation titled, "Do Tell! People Talk About War and Peace: The Pros and Cons of War Against Iraq" will take place. Students in Doug Clark's history class, "US History: Rise to World Power" will present pros and cons of war against Iraq. Co-sponsored with Peace Studies. Students and staff are welcome to bring their lunch.

CAMPUS SHORTS

Spaghetti Feed

Tuesday, May 13 from 11:30 until 1 p.m. in the Courtyard there will be a spaghetti lunch with a vegetarian alternative, tossed salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert presented by the Student Ambassadors. The cost is \$3 for students and \$4 for employees. This event is made possible through a collaborative effort between Student Life and Leadership, Food Service, and the Student Activities Program Committee.

Being Bicultural

Tuesday, May 13 from 1 until 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center Rhiannon Orizaga will be talking about the two cultures

that make her who she is: her father's traditional Catholic upbringing on a ranch in Mexico and her mother's English-American upbringing in a presentation titled, "Do Tell! Students Talk About Their Lives! 'Being Bicultural.'"

Mom's Day Plant Sale

The Horticulture Club Mothers' Day Plant Sale will be held this Friday, May 9, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Greenhouse. Please enter from the North door of the Science & Technology building into the side door of the Greenhouse. What a selection this year! Hanging baskets: fuchsias, geraniums, begonias, impatiens, streptocarpella (sounds like a

disease or a body part), petunias, lotus, red fuzzy chenille, and some others that we don't even know the names of. The club hopes to sell 200 baskets this year. All hanging baskets will be \$15.

Last Science Lecture

The Science Club is headed to the last STS lecture of the season. Freeman Dyson, mathematician and physicist is talking on Technology and Social Justice Friday May 9. Vans leave at 4:45pm—for the Schnitzer Concert Hall in Portland. Tickets are available from Greg Paulson in ST 103.

Academic Advice

Starting May 12, LBCC Advisor Jan Fraser-Hevlin will be in the Multicultural Center from 10 to 11 a.m. every Monday to advise international and domestic students on academic issues.

ASG: President to focus on one issue at a time

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long before it needs to be updated, he said.

"So they really weren't going to be making any money, so it was kind of a waste of money. I let them know my opinion about that one," Hawksford said.

He said he wants to make sure the students' voices are heard when these decisions are being made.

"We've got to watch and be very inquisitive on what's going on, or it will get passed without the students even knowing it. A couple of those things have already happened," he said, pointing out an administrative rule that says all food handling for events that occur in the Commons Cafeteria has to come from the college.

"We used to have people donate things, but we can't do that anymore. It turned into an administrative rule that if we have an event in there that we have to use the cafeteria, and we have to pay them," Hawksford said.

"We've got to watch and be very inquisitive on what's going on, or it will get passed without the students even knowing it."

▶ Oren Hawksford



On the topic of tuition increases, Hawksford said he has listened to President Jon Carnahan saying "no more cuts" and he agrees. The cost of tuition at LBCC is expected to increase by \$6 beginning this summer, with an additional \$6 tuition increase being considered for the fall to help offset another expected budget shortfall of \$2.8 million.

"I'm not happy with it, but it's got to be done," Hawksford said. "It's either our tuition increases or more classes get cut, and classes are already way full."

Another goal of Hawksford's is to improve the communication between all of the representatives and officers of ASG.

"Working together, I think, will have a lot to do with" improving the effectiveness of student government, he explained.

"I'm really excited about next year because I've met with my group and everyone's real enthusiastic and wanting to be involved," Hawksford said. "Everyone has a lot of good ideas, and are very inquisitive. I think it's going to be a real good year for Student Life & Leadership."

Hawksford plans to make sure that the group focuses on only a couple items at a time, instead of being spread thin.

"I don't want to say we'll get to this, this and this and (end up) not getting anything done," he said.

His duties as ASG president will include regularly attending college council meetings, and Oregon Community College Student Association meetings. Hawksford will attend his first one at the end of May.

He encourages students wanting to make comments or discuss issues to drop in at the SL&L Office or to use the pass-the-buck boxes.

"The more the merrier," Hawksford said.

The SL&L Office also keeps a list of where student fees go. Hawksford says the list is available to any interested student and that there's "nothing to hide."

Hawksford, who is 29 and lives in Albany, is a water/waste water major working on an environmental technology degree. He enjoys fishing along the Coast of Southern Oregon and in Alsea River for steelhead and is currently teaching his two- and four-year-old sons how to fish in local ponds.

Transfer: Dual enrollment could ensure transfer

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cating all students who meet their entrance requirements.

Sarah Terra, a criminal justice major at LB, is planning on transferring to Western after she has completed her associate's degree this term. She said that she was unaware of the possibility of transfers being cut back and hopes it doesn't come to pass.

"It's frustrating to hear that all my hard work won't be acknowledged at a four-year university, yet incoming freshman get a greater advantage."

She explained that the reason she attended a community college first was to save money so she could continue her education at a four-year university.

Ann Marie Etheridge, a career counselor at LB, suggests to students who plan on transferring to OSU to apply for LBCC's dual enrollment program with OSU "as soon as possible." Being dually enrolled gives students "a good avenue" to continuing an education at a university, she explained.

Dael Dixon, another career counselor at LB, is advising stu-

dents to get in touch with the university where they plan on transferring to.

In addition, she said, students must be aware of admissions deadlines and criteria, and remember that a transferring student must complete a minimum of 24-36 credits.

Travis Kopacek, a photography major, stated that he is dually enrolled at LB and OSU, and said he figured it would have been more difficult to transfer if he had not already dual-enrolled.

Michelle Sandlin, director of Oregon State University's admissions department, stated that neither she nor any other OSU directors have a directive to turn away any incoming students.

As a matter of fact, she said that everything is progressing

very well with the university's goal to accommodate all freshmen, transfer students, and graduate students who enroll this fall.

Additionally, Palmar Muntz, director of Oregon Institute of Technology, has also acknowledged the fact that the school does not plan on limiting enrollment next year.

He mentioned that there is a possibility of capping the enrollment in the school's Hardware and Software Department, but nothing significant like shutting the doors on transfer students.

Western Oregon University's public relations director also stated that he is unaware at this time that the university will be forced to turn any transfer students away due to budget cuts.

CAMPUS CALNDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7 - 13

11:30-1 p.m.
Turkish Lunch, Ct. Yd.
3 p.m.
St. Gov. Inaug., B. Rm.

WEDNESDAY

11-2 p.m.
Hort. Club
Mother's Day
Sale, Grn. House

FRIDAY

12-1 p.m.
Pro/Con Iraq
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Center

MONDAY

2-4 p.m.
Movie Days,
Stud. Club &
Org. Room

TUESDAY

4:15-5:15 p.m.
A Filmmaking
Affair, HO-207

11:30-1 p.m.
Spaghetti Lunch,
Courtyard

1-2 p.m.
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PAPER TRAIL

Traditional methods, not online programs, detect plagiarism at LB

Online plagiarism prevention programs have been popping up at colleges and high schools around the world with the goal of nabbing plagiarizers.

According to plagiarism.org, a study conducted by the Center for Academic Integrity found that approximately 80 percent of college students have admitted to cheating at least once.

Students today don't need to take advantage of the library or purchase a paper from another student. Access to the Internet also brings access to thousands of papers available to download.

Web sites like turnitin.com are raking in funding from schools and individual instructors who will use the programs to identify plagiarized work.

Although, LBCC has not followed in the footsteps of large universities like Georgetown and Duke who currently use a plagiarism program.

"This acts as a deterrent because students know this program is being used," said Beth Camp,

LBCC English faculty. Camp explained that students' works are submitted to the site and returned to the instructor with instances of definite plagiarism in red and others in blue.

Paul Hagood, LBCC English and writing instructor, explained that the programs required the instructor to upload a student's paper in order to search for plagiarized material.

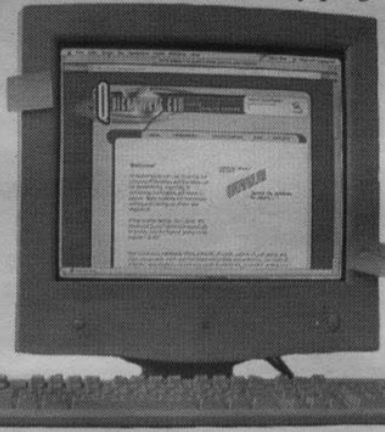
Hagood said that loading the papers into the program would be an inconvenience.

According to LeMoyne College's Electronic Plagiarism Seminar Web site, Internet browsers or search engines such as Google can be just as effective as a plagiarism detection service.

"At a time when we have have significant budget cuts, I do not see this as a

priority for any department," said Camp of plagiarism detection services.

It is possible that some instructors at LBCC are using an online plagiarism device but for now Camp and Hagood say they will use their own ways to identify plagiarism.



"I hope to encourage my students to develop their own opinions so that if they borrow someone else's opinion it will become immediately apparent to me because I'm used

to seeing their opinion, their vocabulary, [and] their sentence structure," said Camp.

Hagood said giving his students specific assignments so that they would be hard to find on the Internet helps deter students from downloading papers off the Web.

Hagood also goes through the consequences for plagiarizing and how to avoid plagiarism with his students at the beginning of class as well as following students through the writing process to map progress.

LeMoyne College's Electronic Plagiarism Seminar Web site points out that downloaded papers can be identified by incomplete bibliography citations, formatting different than what is required by the instructor, and odd sentences stuck

into paragraphs within the paper.

"This is where it is my responsibility as a teacher to help the student know what plagiarism is and how to avoid it," said Camp.

"So when I spot plagiarism I give the paper a zero and require a revision and I talk to the student about the need to use in-text citations whenever citing from an outside source and the need to always include some kind of bibliography."

Unfortunately not all plagiarism is performed because of an inability to cite and downloaded papers have seen their fair share of daylight.

Web sites like www.quickpapers.com offers promises that "if you can't find exactly what you need, QuickPapers.com will research and write a fully customized paper so fast it'll make your head spin. Even within 24 hours!"

The site capitalizes on students who are running short of time saying:

"At QuickPapers.com, we know that

the pressure of deadlines and due dates can be overwhelming, especially for demanding term papers and research papers. Many students find themselves waiting and running out of time and inspiration. If that sounds familiar, don't panic. We developed QuickPapers.com specifically to provide only the highest quality model papers—QUICK."

"It's a short cut when students today are balancing work, family and school commitments," said Camp.

"Tuition costs have increased, living costs have increased, we are in this

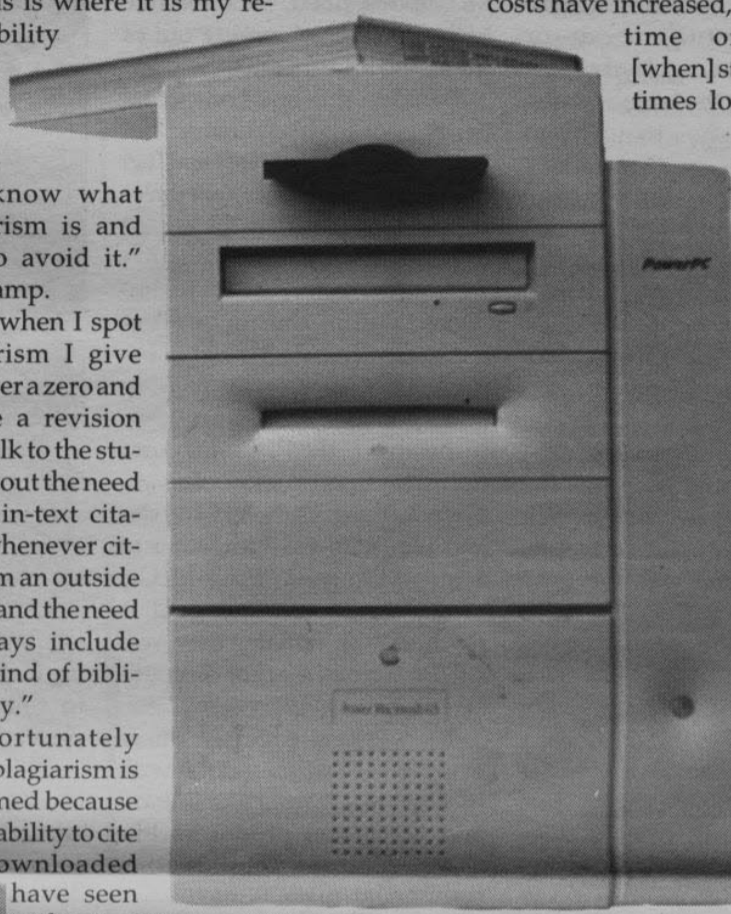
time of recession [when] students sometimes lose their jobs, financial aid is shrinking, it is more difficult to get scholarships because more people are applying, and the problem becomes really that students can feel pressured into taking short cuts."

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Camp recommends purchasing a handbook that reviews citations for MLA, APA and other style formats. She also suggests learning how to use in-text citations, using the writing desk and asking instructors for help if they have any doubts.



Public opening brings more changes for FRC

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on changes in the Family Resource Center as a result of budget reductions next year.

LBCC's Family Resource Center was created as a co-op program for student parents and their children, and it has always been a co-op. But now that the center is opening to the public, changes will be made to the services that the center's eight teachers perform.

Significant changes that will affect teachers at the FRC are being made to the college's education and child studies department, explained Beth Hogeland, director of Family Resources, and Jen Beudert, FRC coordinator.

Students in training to become teachers currently meet at the center for about three hours on Tuesdays or Thursdays. From next year on, though, the practicum students will have a larger presence at the center. There will always be at least one LBCC or OSU student at the center joining the classrooms at anytime of the day all through the week.

Because the center was always run as a co-op, teachers have become used to parents helping out in the classrooms all the time. The center's focus will now be shifted from parent education toward teacher education. The practicum students will be responsible for working with teachers to plan activities for the children.

In addition, Hogeland said the major motivation for parents to participate in the co-op used to be the price

break, said Hogeland. At the end of the whole experience, parents found out that they loved being with their kids and that is what mattered most to them. "But they don't know that coming in," she stressed.

"We're hoping that our returning parents will say that (the co-op) has meant so much to them and will help get new people involved with activities such as work days," said Beudert, "because work days are really fun, you're involved in your child's school. We can't require parents to come anymore because it was part of the co-op, but we will encourage them to come or hope returning parents will say 'come it's really fun.'"

Another major change for the teachers will be the new extended hours of the center. The center is currently open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Next year the FRC will open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. to meet the needs of working people. The center will also remain open for holidays, spring and Christmas break, where in the past the LB academic calendar determined the days of operation.

Although they are "all excellent teachers who work hard for a high standard of education, it's going to be very different for them," said Hogeland and Beudert about the new hours and the new focus on aiding practicum students in the classroom.

In order to keep the FRC running, it has 67 openings for children that need to be filled by the community or student parents. Before the open house two weeks ago, 46 people had already signed up for fall. Most are students and/or returning families. "But people's lives change between now and September," said Beudert,

and "we still have lots of toddler spaces open."

Hogeland explained that it took some time to get the word out to the public this year, because it was important "to settle the on-campus people first," and to help them with financial aid. A change from "\$375 a term to \$420 a month is a huge difference. They are the group getting hit the hardest," Hogeland said. In the fall the FRC will charge \$420/\$430 per month for preschool and kindergarten children depending on full or academic year care; the fee for year-round toddler care will be \$550 per month.

According to Family Connections, there are eight full-day child care centers including the FRC in Albany. There are also 79 registered family child-care homes, and 77 legally exempt child-care homes. The average cost for center care in Albany for a toddler is \$533, and the average cost for center care for a preschooler is \$434.

Hogeland and Beudert say they have been "blown away at how kind the people at the college have been," to the center during the transition. Many have offered their time and expertise.

Although the FRC will "still function as a unit of the college," said Hogeland, the center will financially "have the same ups and downs as a community preschool." The funding will be shaky "day by day," because people will be able to exit whenever they move or change jobs, "we'll try, that day, to replace that slot," Hogeland said.

"Before, we haven't had very much turnover, except at the beginning and end of the school year, and maybe a little in between semesters," added Beudert. "We'll just have to see how the turnover works out."

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

Students ride into future of fuel cells

by Thomas Lin
 of The Commuter

Imagine riding in a car with the tailpipe spouting pure steam—no carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides or ozone-generating hydrocarbons. Imagine the benefit to the environment, not to mention human lungs.

On April 25, 13 students from Linn-Benton did more than just imagine it. They experienced it as part of an Earth Week trip to the California Fuel Cell Project (CaFCP) in Sacramento. As though at an amusement park, students lined up to ride in one of these hydrogen-powered cars.

"All you could hear was the blower that pushes air through the fuel cell," said Carrie Sossie, adding that she was the only student who actually got to drive one of the million-dollar prototypes.

Sossie, an SL&L community events specialist and economics major, also described how the car, powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, did not roll when she released the brakes. Because hydrogen-powered vehicles run on the electricity produced by fuel cells, they respond more like electric cars than vehicles with internal combustion engines.

"It was fantastic," Sossie said. "It's going to be the new technology."

Darrell McGie, who organized the trip, said that the event surpassed expectations.

"It was a real eye-opener for a lot of students," he said. "Just the depth of how far the technology has come and how close it is to being a viable reality. It's one thing to read about a technology. It's another to actually get into a car and see it work."

What are the benefits of using fuel cells in cars?

For starters, they're more efficient. Fuel cell vehicles are about 60 percent efficient, McGie said, noting that gasoline-burning cars run at only about 25 percent efficiency. Fuel cell cars will likely have an equivalent fuel economy of about 70 miles

per gallon, he estimated.

Another benefit is the pure water exhaust: hydrogen ions in fuel cells mix with oxygen to form this harmless byproduct. "If you look at the tailpipe," McGie described, "it's just like bathroom steam coming out of there."

Besides the environmental benefits of high efficiency and clean emissions, widespread fuel cell implementation will have the political benefit of decreased dependence on foreign oil.

And, fuel cell vehicles are simpler to design and require less maintenance, McGie said, because they have fewer moving parts.

At the CaFCP, major auto manufacturers like Nissan, Toyota, Ford, DaimlerChrysler and Hyundai work together to achieve the same goal, McGie said. "But, once that goal is reached," he noted, "they will still be serious market competitors."

By working together, these companies, in conjunction with fuel cell innovators like Ballard and UTC, fuel producers like ExxonMobil and BP, plus other component makers, have been able to accomplish much more, much faster.

"The concerted effort of all these companies working together has shaved off years of development time," McGie said. "Limitations that existed last year are being solved this year."

For McGie, the best part of the trip was talking to the engineers who chauffeured the fuel cell cars carrying student passengers. He said the engineers would stop to explain how the system worked, adding, "They are very knowledgeable and electrically excited about what they are producing."

Production vehicles are slated for release as soon as next year or the year after, McGie said. But quantities will be limited at



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LB student Clifford McCalley rides shotgun in a fuel-cell car prototype at the California Fuel Cell Project in Sacramento.

first. They will likely be available on a trial basis and only in areas where the infrastructure for dispensing hydrogen is in place. "Hydrogen stations and availability are the main limiting factors in terms of being able to sell to the public," he explained.

This is perhaps the biggest challenge in shifting from a fossil fuel economy to a fuel cell economy.

"The cost determinant is going to be the availability and expense of a steady supply of hydrogen," McGie said. Besides the technical challenges in terms of cost-effectively producing hydrogen and building new infrastructure, "the political pinch point is where the supplier has to get hydrogen to the customer," he warned. "The government will regulate the pipes, just like any other energy source."

McGie, 46, takes a keen interest in fuel cell developments. A former small business owner who returned to Linn-Benton as a technical communications major, he said he hopes to bring new business opportunities to the Northwest and to Oregon in particular.



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▶ Darrell McGie

After graduating this term, McGie plans to attend Willamette University in the fall. One of his future goals is to help organize a western consortium of states to develop fuel cells to the point where they are profitable and can generate new jobs.

Whereas the CaFCP is geared toward automotive applications, McGie wants to promote the development of all kinds of fuel cells from automotive to home use. He said he also wants to be involved in producing hydrogen using solar, wind and hydroelectric power.

"A lot of entrepreneurship is starting to develop," McGie said. "Market forces are kicking in, competition is starting up, driving development."

McGie said he hopes Linn-Benton will continue the dialogue on fuel cells by sponsoring a similar event next year. These events help educate stu-

dents about the potential for this technology, so they can become active participants in the emerging fuel cell economy, he explained.

"We're at the threshold of where a lot of important decisions are being made," McGie said. "If we remain ignorant long enough, the current energy producers, the petroleum companies, will find a way to use their clout to retain their control."

McGie advises students to think ahead by preparing for opportunities in the nascent fuel cell industry.

"Now is the time to capitalize on an inevitable technology," he said. "You could be studying anything here and fuel cells will have something to do with it. I say get on the bandwagon."

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies, books, artwork and other entertaining or artistic endeavors

Corvallis legend Ramblin' Rex re-visits his trio on return trip

by Peggy Isaacs
 of The Commuter

Last Friday at Squirrel's Tavern in Corvallis a packed house of blueshounds got down to the old-time sound of the Ramblin' Rex Trio.

With standing room only, the floor and stairs bounced in unison with the crowd to such oldies as "Johnny-Be-Good" and "The Hand Jive".

Ramblin' Rex started his career as a one-man-band over 20 years ago. A talented multi-instrumentalist, Rex's act consisted of playing the guitar, harmonica and foot cymbals while singing the blues on street corners, stages and fairs.

Recently, Rex has been living in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, and is now back in the States on an extended visit with family and friends.

Rex has played in numerous bands, sponsored benefits, appeared on television, and has been in documentaries. In 1991, one such documentary by John Yager was made about a man travelling on the train from Chicago to Seattle.

About five years ago, Ramblin' Rex teamed up with long-time Corvallis friends to form the Ramblin' Rex Trio with Mark Lynch on bass; Randy Kiesling on drums and Rex playing lead guitar and harmonica.

Whenever Rex is in town, the trio of friends gather to jam as they did last Friday at Squirrel's on Second and Monroe.

While living in Prague, Rex brought his blues influences to a multitude of projects. One group, the Lubos Andrest Blues Band, opened twice for Chicago blues great B.B. King in the Czech Republic.

Rex also does gospel presentations for prisons, schools and

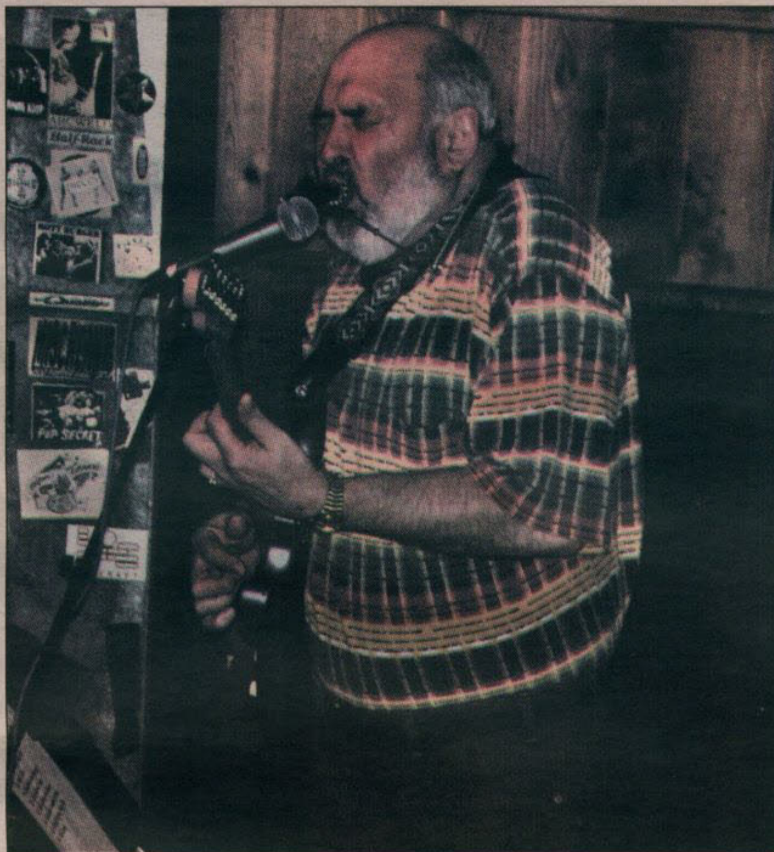


Photo by Peggy Isaacs

Ramblin' Rex, who started his career as a one-man band, played downtown Friday night at Squirrel's Tavern with his band the "Ramblin' Rex Trio."

churches. His affiliation with The Church of the Brethren, under The International Church of Prague, organizes fund-raisers featuring music of the blues in Gospel form. The profits from a book by Rex, "Ramblin's Blues", is a testimony about the Blues and Christian life, and is used to support the ministry.

Rex has recently written another book, called "Framer's Blues," taken from his own life stories.

The autobiographical novel, written in his pen name, Maynard Jakobs, is about "one guy's life" from 1959 to 1964. The story starts from high school and tells the tales of carpenters framing houses, receiving lots of money doing piece work and their "wild and crazy days" in

Southern California. The book has been picked up by a Los Angeles producer and may be incorporated into a screen play some day.

Rex's expected stay in Corvallis is until mid-July. During his time here he expects to do a Gospel concert in "a month or so," but he's not exactly sure where, so watch for posters.

He is also expected to do a spot for KBVR, the OSU station, live this Friday night. Listen to KBVR for the line-up that evening, for your listening pleasure.

If you have never seen or heard The Ramblin Rex Trio, it would be worth your time. It's some of the best blues to ever come out of the Corvallis area, and it's now gone worldwide.

Culinary students to show off their talents with a French banquet

for The Commuter

The time has arrived once again for the Culinary Arts Students to put on their annual French Banquet.

This is one of those occasions that give the culinary arts students a chance to show off their accomplishments.

A similar meal, even if you could find it in a local restaurant would cost considerably more. This is a romantic opportunity to treat that someone special to a fine meal.

Tickets are on sale now in room CC-214. The dates for this year's banquet are Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23, and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$28.

The hors d'oeuvre, or appetizers, that will be served include Blinis and Crepes with Creme Fraiche, Caviar and Salmon Roe, served with a glass of Fresco Brut, non Vintage.

This is an Argentinean sparkling wine made by Domaine Chandon.

A potage will then be served consisting of Salsify Cream with Chartreuse and Truffles. For a palette cleanser, a Minted Lemon Sorbet will follow.

The entree, or main course, will be Roast Quail Farce and Port Wine Sauce, accompanied by Crimini Mushrooms and Savoyard Potatoes. It will be served with a glass of Cote du Marmandais 2000, a Bordeaux style red wine.

The salad will be made of Radicchio, Watercress and Escarole with a Walnut Oil and a Garlic Vinaigrette.

Also included in the dinner will be a fromage, cheese, called Talmouses a l' ancienne with Fig and Chestnut Compote.

The entremets sures, or dessert, will be Genoise Cake with Chambord-Raspberry Coulis and Creme Anglaise.

ART HAPPENINGS

Art Stars

The film "Pollock" will be shown on campus Thursday, May 15 as part of a series of films on artists. It will be shown in F104 from 2:45 to 5 pm. "Pollock", 2000, is rated R, and 122 minutes long. It portrays the life and early death of America's first "art star", who gained fame for his powerful and innovative abstract expressionist paintings.

FilmStudy

As a part of the Valley Writer's Series, filmmaker Paul Ahrens will be giving a presentation titled, "A Film-

making Affair: From Concept to Popcorn" on Monday, May 12 in the Health Occupations building, Room 207 from 4:15 until 5:15 p.m.

Ahrens will describe the development of films, including: preproduction, production, postproduction and distribution of films as well as explore the creative, business, and technical processes required.

Ahrens is a film writer/director/producer, as well as Chairman of the Board of Synthetech Inc. and teaches a course in Bioreactors at OSU. The series is free and open to the public.

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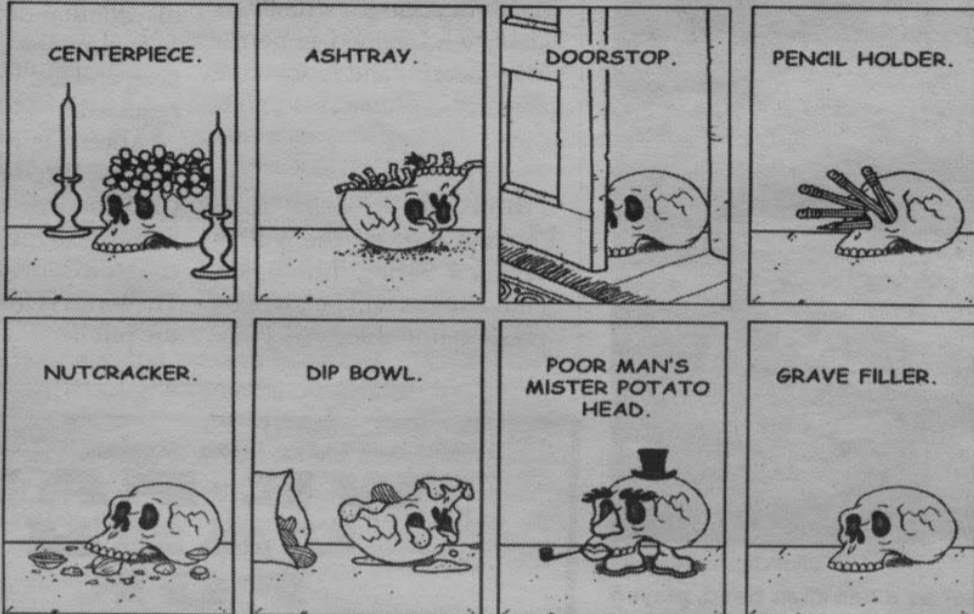
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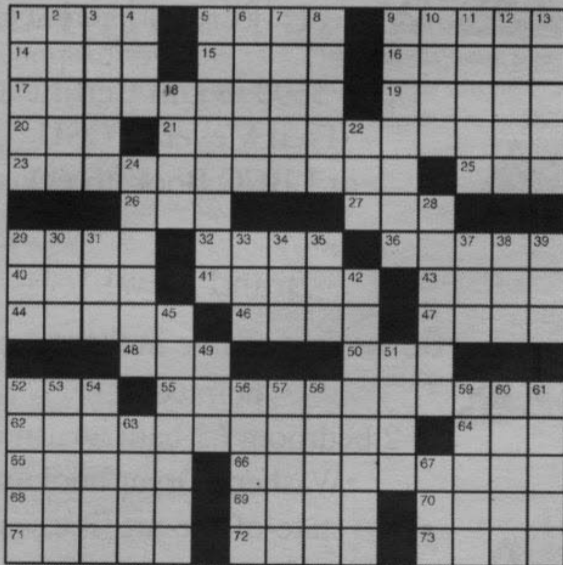
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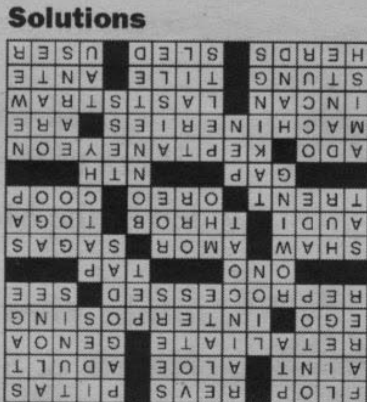


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Fact Box

What: A climb to the summit of Mount St. Helens led by physics instructor Greg Mulder.

When: June 18-20

Cost: \$55, including food and equipment.

Five-to-eight hours from Climber Bivouac to the summit. For information call Greg Mulder at 917-4744.

Mount St. Helens looms over Climbers Bivouac, which is south of the Mountain. Monitor Ridge, which climbers take to the summit, can be seen in the distance.

Science club to climb living volcano this summer

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

A non-technical route up a moderately easy slope of a shattered living volcano offers climbers a glimpse over the rim into "the hole"—the smoking, pulsating lava dome in the crater of this breathing giant.

Students will have the opportunity to negotiate the boulders and ash to the summit of Mount St. Helens this summer with physical science instructor Greg Mulder, who will lead an expedition on June 18-20.

Cost for students is \$55, which includes food and equipment. Mulder pointed out that this is a "science club activity," but open to anyone wishing to climb.

Due to budget cuts, there will not be a crater expedition to view the Lava Dome. The summit hike begins at June Lake, a mile away from Climbers Bivouac up Monitor Ridge, then ends at Climbers' Bivouac. Mulder also mentioned that he might add another expedition later in the summer. He's also trying to get a biologist to join the trip.

All dates are subject to change depending on the weather. If canceled, the trip will be scheduled the following week. Necessities are good hiking shoes, first aid kit, cold weather clothes, a radio and a Frisbee to slide down on once they reach the summit.

Mount St. Helens has seen much change since an eruption left the mountain topless exactly 23 years on May 18. Now, people get a chance to be at the spot of a violent natural disaster long gone.

Most people were deceived about the mountain's serene profile; it simply seemed immutable from any disaster. Maybe that's why so many were in shock when the mountain erupted and why even today it's hard to believe that the snow-covered peak could have metamorphized into a smoky lava dome in minutes.

The gracefully shaped 500-

year-old composite volcano transformed into a volcanic dome by the eruption, which destroyed 1,313 feet of its top, vaporized 200 square miles of forest and killed 57 people caught in pyroclastic flows and ash.

However, within three weeks, the first insects and birds were seen and heard below the crater. Within three years, 90 percent of plants and animals that lived before the eruption returned; and within 15 years, wild trout were swimming in nearby lakes, including Spirit Lake.

With mudflows caused by the eruption, generated by the melting of 11 glaciers and snow, six new major river valleys were carved. Now the valleys are once again supporting fish, trees, mammals and people.

The mountain has been remodeled with new roads and trails. People can take a helicopter ride into the crater or take an all-day mountain bike ride into the blast zone and hike to the summit.

The best time to climb is March through June and it can be done in five-to-eight hours from the parking lot known as Climbers' Bivouac, south of the mountain. Mount St. Helens' elevation is 8,365 feet. The south route, and only route at a slope of only 25 degrees, is gentle compared to other Northwest Mountains.

Climb during the summer, if you want to avoid snow and ice. Late August and September are the best months. The route is hiked on a ridge called Monitor Ridge. Great for a summer hike for beginners and advanced climbers, Mount St. Helens is not considered to be a difficult mountain.

However the youthful mountain holds some hazards that pose a danger to hikers and climbers. Like all mountains, elevation can be an extreme danger for people. Snow-covered slopes in the late spring and early summer, and rapidly changing

weather can prove to be fatal if ignored by inexperienced or unequipped climbers.

In addition, climbers come upon avalanches of rock fall in the early season, especially near the rim. Boulders between 4,800 feet in elevation and mid-way up the mountain can be hard to maneuver with a large backpack. In addition, the ash is difficult to hike on, and without gaiters, it will be hard to hike.

During the summer months, with snow-pack melting or already melted away, hikers find themselves ascending series of lava flows that date back to Roman times and before. The flows are sharp, unstable and steep. Wind gusts can blow ash in climbers' eyes, ears and anywhere else that skin is exposed.

Hiking in the later summer requires bringing plenty of water, as there are no glaciers to take extra water from on the way up or down.

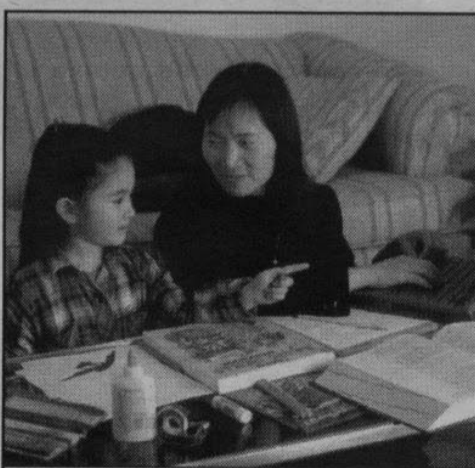
The route is marked by wooden posts to protect vegetation and to direct climbers to the summit. The posts have reflectors to guide climbers during the night. Equipment needed for the hike is ice axes and crampons, especially if hiking in snow.

If climbing is not your thing, you can make trips to the blast zone, the blown-down forests, Spirit Lake, Coldwater Ridge and other areas that were devastated by the explosive event.

The view from the summit is spectacular, with views of Mt Rainier to the North, Mt Adams to the East, Mt Hood to the south

and finally Mt Jefferson, almost 100 miles from Mt St. Helens, can be seen in the distance.

Climbing permits are required and can be obtained from the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument headquarters near the town of Amboy, Wash., located on WA 503 east of Woodland. The number of climbers on the mountain is limited to 100 people per day between May 15 and Oct. 31, so reservations for permits are recommended. There is a \$15 fee for climbing permits, and an annual pass costs \$30 per person. Climbers can also purchase permits at Jacks' Restaurant and store on the Washington State Route 503. Permits are required above 4,800 feet, which is necessary for the summit climb.



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Shamen Johnson (above) had a big game at the plate last week, including going 5 for 6 in a doubleheader against SWOCC, with two RBI and two runs scored. The third baseman also had two hits in the second game against Lane on Thursday. Jason Kosydar (left) started the first game of the Lane doubleheader but was knocked out of the game before the Runners staged their dramatic comeback to win the game 8-7 in the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings.

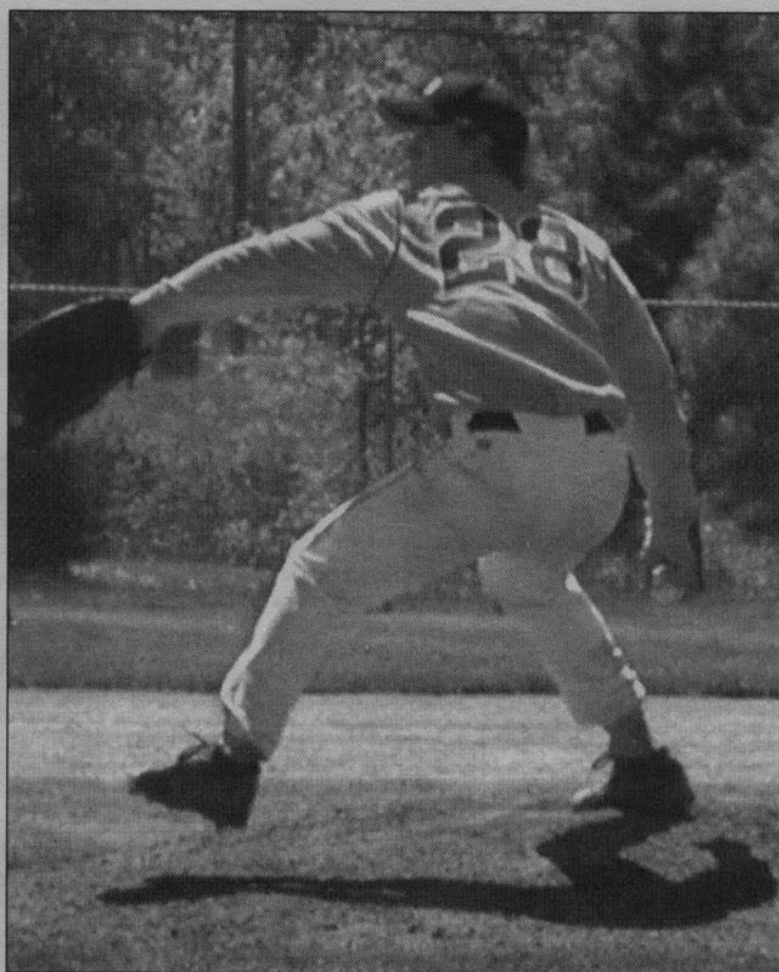


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Runners win 3 of 7 during busy week

by Jered Reid
 of The Commuter

The Roadrunners were busy last week, playing seven games in five days. They won three and dropped four, giving them a 9-13 league record, tied for third with Chemeketa.

Last week started with the Runners traveling to Coos Bay for a doubleheader, where the Runners blasted out 12 hits and beat the Lakers 6-1 in the opener.

John Best pitched eight innings and allowed one run to earn his fourth win of the season. Best got some terrific help at the plate, where four LB batters had multi-hit games. Third-baseman Shamen Johnson lead the charge with three hits and a pair of runs and RBI. Freshman Travis Breidenbach had two doubles in the game, which scored two LB runners. Cody Smith and Colin Richards both went 2-4, with Richards recording two RBI and Smith two runs.

The second game did not go as well for the Runners. Despite outhitting the Lakers

6-5, the score ended 5-1 in the Lakers' favor. Linn-Benton got a complete game from Ryan Hayden, but critical errors cost the Runners. Johnson continued his great day at the plate, going 2-2, with a double.

Last Wednesday, the Runners went up to Salem to complete a delayed game against Chemeketa. Play picked up in the top of the ninth inning and went all the way to the 11th, when Thomas Gullede hit a sacrifice fly to bring in Smith for the go ahead run. Kyle Koontz pitched three shutout innings in relief to pick up the win. "He did an excellent job," said Coach Greg Hawk.

Smith went 3-5 in the game, with an RBI and scoring twice. Smith leads the team in batting with a .333 batting average.

The next day the Runners hosted the division leading Lane Titans. After falling behind 7-1, Linn-Benton rallied in the sixth and seventh innings to tie up the game. In the bottom of the ninth, Colin Richards was able to get on base and make it to third off a bunt and an error, before Sky Manon hit a

sacrifice fly to bring him in for the game winning run. Gullede, Johnson, and Rafael Colon all had two hits in the game. The second game saw Lane pitcher Matt Skundrick pitch a no-hitter and win 15-0.

After playing the fourth-ranked Titans on Thursday, the Runners played a doubleheader with eighth-ranked Mt. Hood on Saturday. The Runners had 12 errors in the game, leading to a 16-3 loss. The second game went better for the Runners, but they still fell 3-5. Hayden pitched another complete game, allowing five runs on eight hits.

"Were having too many physical and mental mistakes right now. The unearned runs are killing us," said Hawk.

The Runners finish their regular season in the next two weeks, playing Clackamas Saturday and Mt. Hood next Tuesday. LB is currently tied for third with the Storm and will play them on Thursday. LB is 3-1 against Chemeketa this season and these games should prove critical for the Runners' play-off chances.

COMMONS Menu May 7-May 13

Wednesday

Baked Stuffed Snapper
 Turkey Mole Pablano w/
 Spanish Rice
 Rommali Roti (Flat Bread)
 with Curried Vegetables
 Soups: Grilled Vegetable
 Beef
 Roasted Garlic Pesto
 Salad: Beef Taco

Thursday

Lemon Chicken
 w/Steamed rice
 Braised Lamb Shoulder
 Huevos Rancheros
 Soups: Gazpacho
 Beer Cheese
 Salad: Grilled Chicken
 Caesar

Friday

Chefs Choice



Monday

Chicken Kiev
 Swedish Meatballs
 w/Buttered Noodles
 Portabella Mushrooms w/
 Spinach and Rice,
 topped with Poached Egg
 Soups: Cream of Broccoli
 Italian Sausage
 Salad: Chefs Salad
 w/Special Vinaigrette

Tuesday

Hungarian Chicken
 Garlic Shrimp Tacos w/
 Orange-Cilantro Salsa
 and Black Bean Salad
 Lasagna
 Soups: Paysanne Marmite
 Vegetarian Tomato
 Salad: Golden Chicken
 Spinach

LBCC BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date/Time	Opponent	Location
May 8/1 p.m.	Chemeketa	LBCC
May 10/1 p.m.	Clackamas	LBCC
May 13/1 p.m.	Mt. Hood	Gresham
May 17/1 p.m.	S. Region Playoffs	TBA
May 22-26/TBA	NWAACC Tourney	Pasco, Wash.

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Vegas!

You don't have to gamble to have a great time

by Dee Denver
 for The Commuter

The second I arrived I could hear the clink of money falling and the bells and whistles of another jackpot. Excitement was in the air, a drink was in my hand, and before I knew it I was watching the roll of the dice. People had surrounded the table. I could see all of the neon lights of the casino. Las Vegas was promising to be the vacation of a lifetime.

In the heart of the Las Vegas strip was the first bright spot of my vacation, the Boardwalk Hotel and Casino. Having gone to Las Vegas with a bunch of friends, we didn't want to spend a lot on the hotel room, but we wanted a prime location. The Boardwalk was the answer. Next to New York, New York and across from the Aladdin, the Boardwalk casino was within walking distance of everything we wanted to see. The rooms were clean, the casino was quaint, and it's the only place on the strip that serves \$1 margaritas day and night.

We didn't spend much time gambling or sleeping at our hotel though; Las Vegas is a place to experience and that is what we planned to do. We started at the south end of the strip, at the Excalibur, and headed north to Caesar's Palace. The entire Las Vegas strip is about four miles, but we only covered half of it.

The great thing about Las Vegas is that you don't have to gamble to have fun. Excalibur, with its medieval theme, was exciting. Anyone who enjoys the story of Arthur and Camelot would love this casino but be prepared—it is packed with families. Right across the street from Excalibur is New York, New York with its Coyote Ugly bar, where the waitresses dance on the bar and young people scream for more. It also has one of the best roller coasters in town, and if you hit the lounge in the evening you can see anyone from Tina Turner impersonators to Buddy Holly look-alikes, but arrive early—this lounge gets packed.

At this point our evening was just beginning, and we really hadn't spent any money yet. We strolled up the street to the Bellagio, and were just in time to see the magnificent water show outside of the hotel. Old blue eyes was crooning "Luck Be a Lady" while we watched streams of water fly 50 feet into the air. This show was one of the best you can see on the strip, and anyone walking by can catch a view. In fact, many of the hotels have free shows to entice the passers-by into their casinos. The ones I recommend are the Atlantis show at Caesar's Palace, the dragon show at the Excalibur, the flowing volcano at the Mirage, and of course the Bellagio's beautiful water show.

One could easily just walk the strip all night. There is so much to do and see, but eventually we pulled ourselves into the warm casino at Caesar's Palace. Immediately we heard the classic sounds of a Las Vegas lounge act and went to find seats. The singer was fantastic, so we sat in the cocktail lounge, sipping Martini's, for over an hour. This is what Vegas is all about. It took us back to a time where Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. were an essential element in the town. Beware of the Martini's in Las Vegas; they are strong.

The next day we loaded up the rental cars and headed to the casinos that were off the strip, but after awhile they all started to look the same. So, we headed



Photo by Rich Bergeman



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A Roulette wheel spinner at the Excalibur Casino (top) waits for customers to put down their money. The Excalibur is a medieval themed hotel and casino that offers various gambling opportunities as well as entertainment and wedding chapels for the full vacation experience. The bright lights and flashy style of Las Vegas attract party-goers and families alike to the four-mile long "strip." Off the strip attractions are also becoming popular, including the "old town" casinos on Fremont Street.

to Fremont Street, which is considered "old town" in Las Vegas. Ask any local and they will tell you it is the place to go. It has a very inviting atmosphere. There is a walkway that is covered for the tourists to casino hop and starting at 7:30 pm there is a light show that goes on above your head. It is really an experience worth seeing. We stood under the walkway and watched the American flag being projected 20 feet above, while "God Bless the USA" rang in the distance.

Fremont Street is also the most inviting area in Las Vegas. Almost every casino you enter has a greeter at the door, ready to don you with beaded necklaces. But the casino to hit is La Bayou, and don't forget to order the 72 ounce daiquiri while you are there. This part of

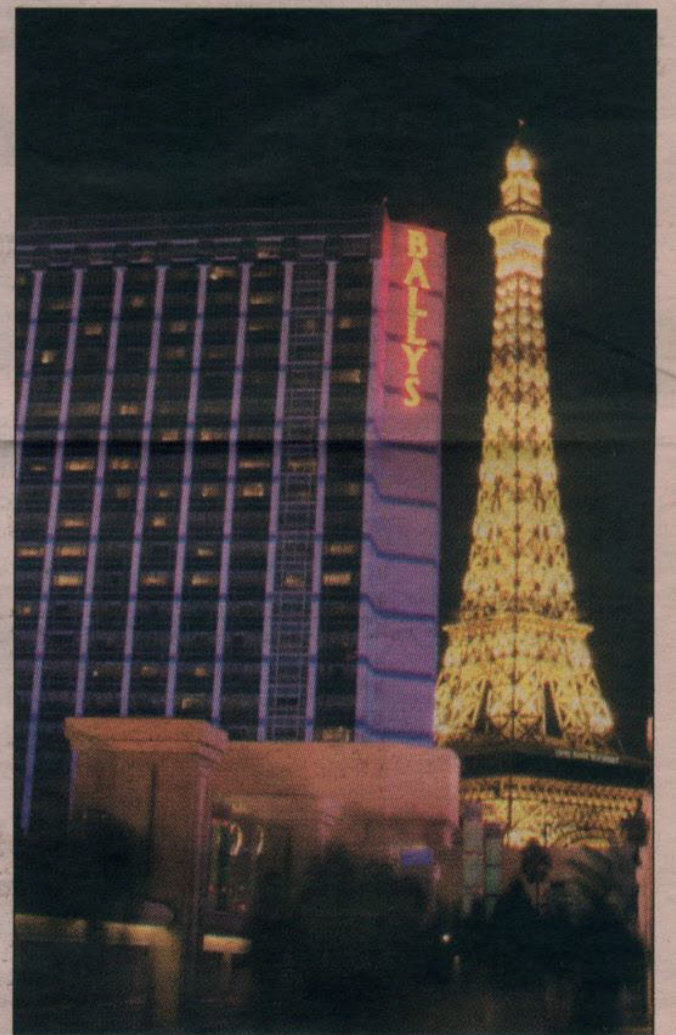


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town really represents what old Vegas was. The casinos are small, but the payouts aren't that bad and the lights that shine up and down the walkway are dazzling.

The last thing we had to do in Las Vegas was see the art museum at the Bellagio. It was a short walk from our hotel and it was featuring an exhibit on the celebrity paintings of Andy Warhol. This was definitely a treat, and proved that you can expect to find anything in Las Vegas.

Our vacation was coming to an end. We hadn't seen half of what Las Vegas had to offer, but we had to leave something for our next trip. The ride to the airport was one of reflection. Las Vegas was definitely the vacation of a lifetime.

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