



Photo by Justin Dalton

An Albany firefighter rushes through clouds of smoke to extinguish an electrical fire under the hood of a 1980 Plymouth Sundance in the LBCC southwest parking lot. There were no injuries, but damages were estimated at \$800.

Car fire sends smoke over LB parking lot

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

The Albany Fire Department was called out Friday morning to extinguish a car fire that started in the electrical system of LBCC student Jaime Buttram's 1980 Plymouth Sundance.

Justin Dalton, journalism major at LBCC, was one of the first people to notice the fire. "I thought it was just overheating, but when I walked by I could see flashes underneath, like the flicker of a campfire," he said. "A couple of ladies from the Activities Center came out with a fire extinguisher and asked if I knew how to use it."

Dalton said that he tried to douse the fire that had started underneath the hood and also tried to aim the spray under the car. The engine smoldered for a while until it flared up once

again by the time firefighters arrived.

According to Vern Jackson, head of security at LBCC, "the fire department seemed to have difficulty gaining access to the fire so they used an axe to break the latch."

"She's had some electrical problems for the last month," said Rich LaBelle, battalion chief at AFD. "The car is totalled because the engine's gone and I don't think it's worth that much."

Buttram looked stunned as she watched the fire department put out the flames under the hood of her car. She quietly answered questions for the firemen before calmly calling a tow company to come get her car.

Jackson agreed that the car was a total loss and estimated the damage at around \$800.

Job seekers welcomed at Career Fair

From the LBCC News Service

Students and county residents can find out what skills and qualities local employers are looking for at the LBCC Career Exploration Fair on Wednesday, April 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Activities Center Gym. The fair is free and open to all.

More than 74 businesses and industries will provide information on their products, services and employment opportunities. Agencies that assist with employment, training and family needs also will be on hand to tell job seekers about their services.

"Last year, about half of the employers at the fair were recruiting new employees," said Cathy Perry, career and employment specialist at LBCC.

In addition to the employer information tables, Perry said there will be workshops on LBCC professional and technical training programs, admissions, financial aid, career planning and various employer presentations.

A non-traditional career exhibit offers information on job opportunities for men and women in fields traditionally dominated by one gender. Perry said there are many advantages for people who enter non-traditional fields. Women, for example may receive better pay, benefits and advancement opportunities; men may find improved working conditions, less physical stress on the job and increased job stability.

A list of career fair employers includes branches of the Armed Services and ROTC, Albany Disability Services, American Protective Services, The Bark

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analysis

NATO, Serbia still at odds over Kosovo after 14 days of air strikes

by E.J. Harris
of The Commuter

American citizens accustomed to the quick and easy war against Iraq are beginning to get nervous at the prospect of getting sucked into a Balkan bloodbath.

NATO bombings have been pounding military units and installations in Kosovo and throughout the Yugoslav Republic since March 24.

In the wake of the NATO action, a humanitarian catastrophe has mushroomed as almost half-a-million Kosovar Albanians have fled their homes, many describing being forced out at gun point by Yugoslav army and special police units who are marauding

through the countryside.

As the situation unfolds on American TV screens, people here are left wondering why the United States is involved in a civil war in what seems to be in an insignificant corner of Europe.

"The number of people whose lives, or at least, whose security has been placed in jeopardy by the growing escalation of the conflict in Kosovo has gotten to be pretty scary," said Doug Clark, LB political science instructor. Clark's classes have been debating the crisis in the Balkans, and the Peace Studies program is planning to organize campus humanitarian efforts to help refugees. (For more campus comments on the Kosovo crisis, see Page 3.)

The reports that are emerging from the steadily increasing flow of refugees from Kosovo are startling and, for many, mirror the horrors of the Holocaust. Bands of masked Serb gunmen rampage through villages, going house-to-house ordering the Kosovar Albanians to leave immediately or die. Yugoslav artillery and tanks rain fire down on villages when ethnic Albanians offer resistance of any sort. Villages are burned and looted by Serb forces. People who can't leave because they are too old, or who stay behind to protect their property, are killed en masse.

Even more shocking are tales of Serbs rounding

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LBCC, OSU expand dual enrollment program

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Last year LBCC and OSU combined forces to come up with a pilot co-enrollment program that they hoped would make the transition between the two schools much smoother, less expensive and generally more pleasant for students.

The program has been so successful so far that OSU and LBCC got together once again and decided to expand it to cover all transfer programs available.

"The main difference (in this year's program) is that the past year was a pilot program; this year we're going to open it up to all transfer degree programs," said Ed Watson, vice president of academic affairs at LBCC.

According to Watson, about 80 transfer students enjoyed access to the career center, internships, work study positions, computer labs and libraries, more financial aid possibilities as well as involvement in student activities, like sporting events, at both schools. They were also allowed to use the Dixon recreation center, student health services and buy tickets at student prices to PAC-10 sporting events.

Students enrolled in the program save \$20 in admission fees, only having to pay the \$50 combined admission fee. One of the other advantages of this program is that students will receive the benefits of co-advising.

"It will make our curriculum more efficient," said Watson.

"The really exciting thing about this program is that it's the first true co-enrollment program in the state," said Marlene Propst, director of marketing and public relations at LBCC.

"There wasn't anything to follow, just working through the financial aid was a long process," said Propst. "The two admissions programs work together," she said. "It should make for a much smoother transfer for our students," who will only have to pay one fee and fill out one form, she said.

We've expanded housing possibilities, co-enrolled students have more choices in the types of classes they want to take and they are able to enroll in classes at LBCC that are smaller and less

expensive, she said.

This year Watson hopes to see as many as 300 students apply for co-enrollment; that's not including high school students that he anticipates will apply.

Requirements for high school students who would like to apply for joint admission are a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher, evidence of Oregon residency, college preparatory requirements for English, math, social studies, science and foreign language, SAT or ACT test results, high school diploma or GED and successful completion of a math placement exam at either LBCC or OSU.

Transfer students are required to have a GPA of no less than 2.25, have successfully completed no less than 24 quarter graded, transferable credits from an accredited U.S. institution, have a C- or higher in college-level writing; be able to return to the college most recently attended

and provide math placement documentation from either LBCC or the institution last attended.

Before the joint enrollment program became a reality, students had to be fully enrolled at either school to receive financial aid benefits; now however, they can receive six credits at each school at a time and get the full financial aid package.

There was a kind of competition between OSU and LBCC for the students in the area before this program was set up; however, this has changed, said Watson. Recently President John Carnahan of LBCC and President Paul Risser of OSU came together to discuss the joint admission.

"The two presidents were very supportive of the program," said Watson.

According to Propst, 25 percent of LBCC students continue on the OSU after they graduate, so it only makes sense to combine resources.

"I think it will get better and better for the students," said Propst.

Students interested in co-enrollment should contact the admissions office at either LBCC at (541) 917-4812 or OSU at (541) 737-4411.

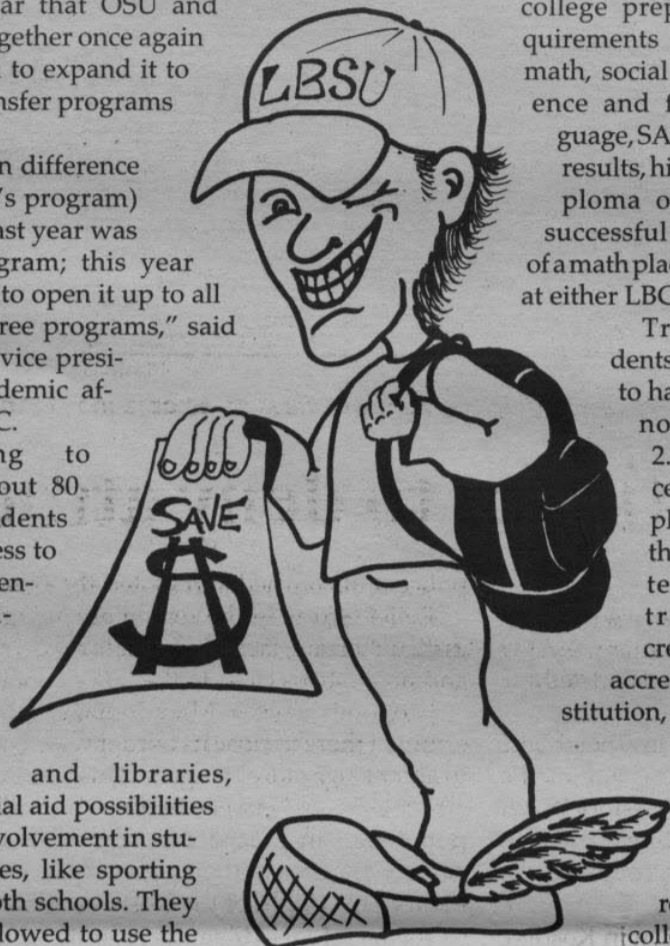


Photo by Jeremy Parker

The college got a deal on speed bumps from contractors doing other work on campus, so nine new asphalt humps have popped up on campus drives and parking lots, replacing the deteriorating plastic ones.

Speed bumps upgraded to slow down traffic on campus drives

by Heather Wahlberg
of The Commuter

LBCC recently received nine new speed bumps in several locations around the campus parking lots, according to LBCC head of security Vern Jackson.

Jackson said that the speed bumps were put in while work was being done around the new storage building. The general contractor that was putting in cement offered a discount on speed bumps and so they were put in. The last bumps went in about a month ago.

The speed bumps were put in to

replace the plastic ones that were beginning to break down from the weather and the vehicles driving over them. Besides the replacements, others were put in around the south entrances and various other places around campus.

"I wish we didn't need them. People just drive entirely too fast on campus," said Jackson.

As for complaints about the new speed bumps, Jackson says that his department hasn't heard any, but he doesn't doubt that, as with many things in life, there is someone who doesn't like the change.

Variety of businesses represented at fair

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Place, Barrett Business Services, Bonney Enterprises, Boys & Girls Club, Bridges Therapeutic Foster Care, CARDV, CH2M Hill, Coldwell Banker/Valley Brokers, Community Services Consortium, Consumer Credit Counseling, Corvallis Clinic P.C., Espiel, Federal Corrections Institution, Fred Meyer, Hewlett-Packard, Hessel Tractor & Equipment, Home Life Inc., Job Corps Outreach, KRKT Radio, Kelly Services, Linn-Co Federal Credit Union, Marine Corps Recruiting, Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network, National Frozen Foods, Norpac Foods Inc., Northwest Landscape

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IN FOCUS



In the coming days, more than 500,000 out of 1.8 million ethnic Albanians who lived in Kosovo may be in flight. Already more than 350,000 have fled.

kosovo timeline

- 1389—Serbs fight and lose an epic battle to Ottoman Turks in Kosovo, their ancestral homeland.
- 1918—After the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire at the end of World War I. Kosovo becomes part of the kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.
- 1974—A revised Yugoslav constitution grants autonomy to Kosovo, a province largely occupied by ethnic Albanians. The Albanians, most of whom are Muslim, institute Albanian-language schools and observe Islamic holidays.
- 1987—Slobodan Milosevic takes power in Yugoslavia, fanning the flames of Serbian nationalism.
- 1989—Fear of secession prompts Milosevic to strip the province of its autonomy. The army and police are sent in battle strength to keep order.
- 1991—Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina declare independence from Yugoslavia, triggering ethnic fighting between Croats, Muslims and Serbs. A year later, all-out war breaks out in Bosnia.
- 1992—Kosovo's Albanian majority votes to secede from Serbia and Yugoslavia.
- 1995—A peace agreement to end the Bosnian war is signed late in the year by Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia.
- 1998—Milosevic sends troops into the areas controlled by the KLA in February. The killing provokes riots and turns the conflict into a guerrilla war. In September, U.N. Security Council calls for immediate cease-fire and political dialogue. In October, under threat of NATO air strikes, Milosevic agrees to withdraw troops.
- 1999—Talks between Kosovo Albanians and Serbs in Rambouillet, France, begin in February. Serbs refuse to consider NATO peacekeepers. On March 13, bombings kill seven ethnic Albanians and injure dozens. Talks resume on March 15 in Paris. On March 18, Kosovo Albanians sign peace deal, but Serb delegation refuses, and talks suspend on March 19. The following day, international peace monitors evacuate Kosovo. On March 23, Serb parliament rejects NATO demands to send peacekeeping troops into Kosovo. NATO launches airstrikes on March 24.

"I feel that NATO has really gone beyond its defensive goals in this action and I'm very against the bombings. And I'm hoping that the United States and NATO will move towards negotiations immediately."

—Jane White, English instructor



"It is too bad that it got to this. I feel somewhat torn, I certainly don't think that the way to resolve problems is by air strikes or dropping bombs."

—Doug Clark, political science instructor



Photo courtesy of Newsmakers

Ethnic Albanians amass near the bordertown of Blace 20 miles west of Skopje in Macedonia.

Belgrade continues to deny atrocities

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up ethnic Albanian men of fighting age between 16 and 60 and shooting them outright in what many NATO allies are referring to as acts of "genocide" and "ethnic cleansing."

The flood of refugees leaving Kosovo into neighboring Macedonia and Albania are creating one of the largest humanitarian crises Europe has seen since WWII and is threatening to destabilize the political and economic stability of both countries, which could in turn destabilize the whole continent.

Belgrade insists that the military action in Kosovo, which is 90 percent ethnic Albanian, is a mere police action against terrorist groups operating in the region. They say they are only responding to attacks on Serb forces by the Kosovo Liberation Army, the ethnic Albanian rebels fighting for independence from Yugoslavia, and that the reports of atrocities are mere propaganda perpetrated by NATO to drum up support among allies. They also claim that the massive exodus of refugees is due to the NATO bombing campaign, which began after Belgrade refused to sign on to the NATO-brokered peace plan.

With the expulsion of international monitors, journalists and relief agencies on the eve of the military crack-down in Kosovo, it has been hard for the international community to verify the refugees' reports.

However, one refugee in the last two days smuggled out a video tape confirming many of the allegations of atrocities, according to the Associated Press. The video shows corpses of ethnic Albanians, mostly men, stacked on top of each other, all in civilian attire, most shot in the head at close range. The ethnic Albanian man who took the video claimed to have spent five days hiding in the basement of his house while Yugoslav army and

police units burned and looted the village above.

Relief efforts in the region are being hampered by difficult terrain, lack of adequate roads, severe weather and no airstrips close to the refugee populations.

Economic woes in Macedonia have forced the government there to close its border with Kosovo, refusing to accept any more refugees. This action may heighten ethnic tensions between the one-third ethnic Albanians population in Macedonia who may see the border closure as a sign of their governments lack of commitment to the plight of the Kosovar Albanians.

As the refugee dilemma mounts, so do the tensions between NATO forces and the Yugoslav leadership. Washington and NATO leaders stay that their air operations against Yugoslav ground forces in Kosovo are working, and it will still take some while before the effects can be seen on the ground. They also add there is still no plan to send in NATO ground troops.

Despite these statements, Washington ordered 24 Apache attack helicopters and 2,000 support troops to Macedonia in support of the air war.

In addition, NATO forces from Italy and the United States are being sent in to help with the humanitarian relief efforts in Albania and Macedonia. Washington has also appropriated millions of dollars in funds for humanitarian agencies in the region who are dealing with the refugee exodus out of Kosovo.

There seems to be no easy solution to this ever expanding crisis. The harsh reality is that air power alone may not be enough to stop the Serbian onslaught on the ground. Many military analysts in Washington are now saying that the only way to stop the atrocities and return the Kosovar people is for NATO ground forces to drive Yugoslav troops out of Kosovo and the Belgrade government back to the negotiations.

THE KOSOVO QUESTION

"I think that if we were to take actions to stop it, on the overall, it would have to be a direct action towards their leader (Milosevic). I feel if something were done to bring it to a compromise, then all the better, but it is our nature to destroy ourselves."

—Russ Mottle, undecided major



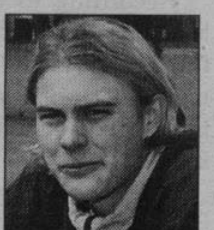
"It is a nightmarish situation. 635,000 people is the estimate of the ones who have been displaced by the Serbs. The only way that we are ever going to change anything is to have ground troops in the area."

—Michael Weiss, history instructor



"I don't think the bombing helped. I think that it probably only escalated the problem. I definitely think that we need to set an example and help them work out their differences."

—Luke Adams, undecided major



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

MTV Campus Invasion Tour rocks OSU's Gill Coliseum

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

Inebriated students, mosh pits, crowd surfing and teen-age girls flashing breasts as they sit on top their boyfriends shoulders.

Just a sample of the scene at the MTV Campus Invasion Tour that hit OSU, as thousands of concert goers packed Gill Coliseum last Monday night.

Headlining the tour is Sugar Ray with opening act Orgy. The bands differ in two ways, sound and look.

Sugar Ray has their own sound with a mix of hip-hop and hard rock. They dress and look just like any ordinary teens, with baggy jeans showing their boxers and polyester suits.

Orgy had gained popularity with their remake of New Order's "Blue Monday." They have a slightly different sound and look about them.

Their sound is an unusual mix of industrial gothic with 80s feel, using synthesized drums and guitars. With their Gucci-meets-Goodwill look of platform sneakers, silver eye make-up, skin tight t-shirts and leather pants, they attracted their own leather-wearing crowd

Tina Brist took the bus all the way

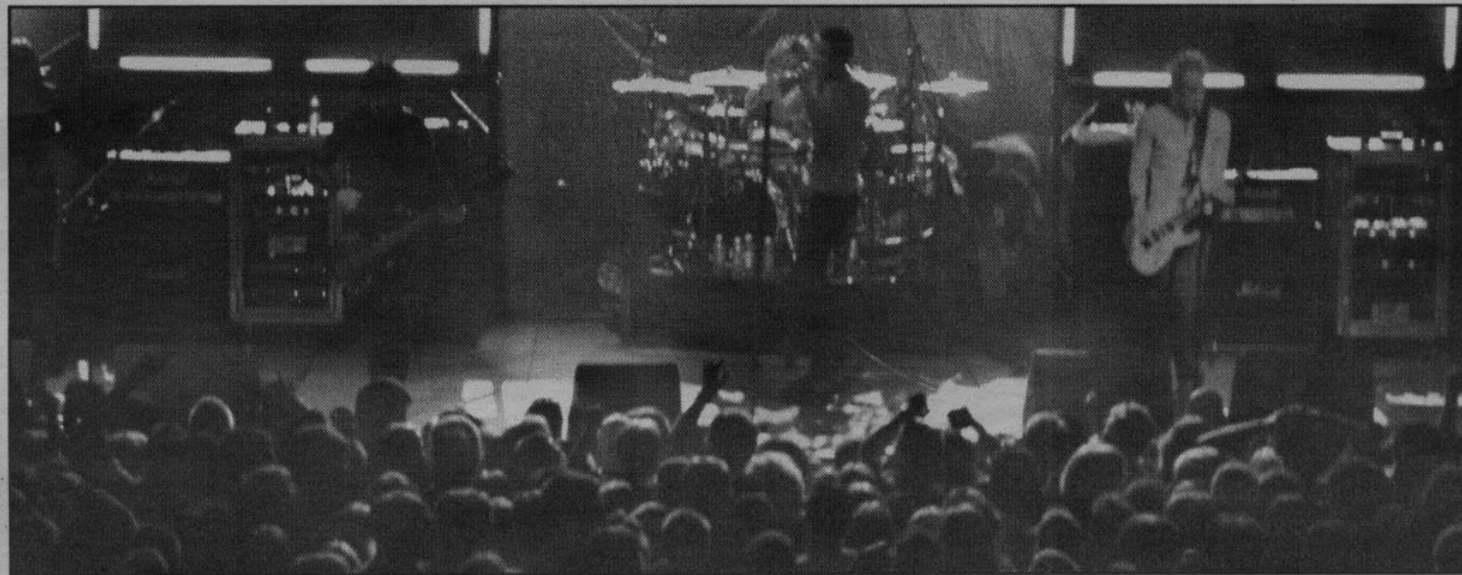


Photo by Jeremy Parker

Orgy rocks the crowd at OSU's Gill Coliseum as part of MTV's Campus Invasion Tour Monday, April 5.

from Portland just to see Orgy. "After seeing them at LaLuna last month, I just couldn't pass up another chance to see them again," Brist said. "Orgy kicked ass; they really give it their all up there."

Brist came to see Orgy and found Sugar Ray to be quite a performer. "They're really putting on a good show. I'm surprised," she said.

Different than Orgy, Sugar Ray really tried to involve the audience in the show. At one point lead singer, Mark McGrath, picked two guys out of the audience and had a contest to see which one could sing the best song to a beat given to them.

The first of the two didn't do anything but stand there. He was rewarded with a crowd of boos. The other did his best by

attempting to sing the Eminem song "Hi, My Name is."

Not taking anything away from Orgy because they put on one hell of a show, but over all Sugar Ray seemed to be more of a crowd pleaser.

The OSU tour date was their third one of their two month MTV tour playing tonight in Reno, NV.

Photography instructors exhibit altered images in Corvallis gallery

From the LBCC News Service

"Small Wonders," an exhibit of altered Polaroid images by LBCC instructors Kurt Norlin and Rich Bergeman, is at Pegasus Gallery in Corvallis April 2-30.

A reception will be held Friday from 6:30-9 p.m. at the gallery, located at 341 S.W. Second St.

Bergeman is showing original Polaroid SX-70 prints that explore the light and color of familiar Northwest scenes. Coastal harbors, mountain lakes and local gardens are presented in miniature compositions that, according to the artist, "are intended to inspire a warm response in the viewer and a sense of *deja vu*." The small framed prints have an impressionistic, painted

quality that Bergeman creates by hand-working the prints with burnishing tools.

Norlin's images start out as Polaroid SX-70 prints, but evolve over time into mixed media images by the addition of paint and computer manipulation.

"By altering the image I feel that it becomes more closely aligned with the essence of the location and my initial response to it," Norlin said. "The land, and man's relationship to it, has always been central to my image-making. Over the years I have been drawn more and more to the essence of a location rather than pure descriptive fact."

Norlin, an Albany resident, is a graduate of Central

Washington University (MA) and the University of Oregon (MFA), and has been a working artist for over 30 years. Norlin's art and photographs have been exhibited in New York, Chicago, Seattle and Portland. Norlin has been at LBCC since 1994.

Bergeman, a resident of Corvallis, has been an instructor of journalism and photography at LBCC since 1981 and has exhibited throughout the Northwest for the past 10 years. He holds degrees in journalism from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and Oregon State University.

Pegasus Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tele-Visions exhibit in library promotes TV-Turnoff Week

From the LBCC News Service

TV-Turnoff Week encourages couch potatoes to entertain themselves in another form from April 22-28.

In honor of TV-Turnoff Week, the LBCC library is hosting a lobby display entitled "Books: The Other Channel."

The display features "Tele-Visions," the creations of library employee James Creighton.

"The display makes a statement about the effects of television with a sense of humor," said Creighton, who is also the creator of "Picarso," the graffiti mobile that attracted attention at LBCC's 30th anniversary celebration.

The designated week is sponsored by TV-Free America, a non-profit organization that promotes its anti-boob tube message via the Internet at www.tvfa.org. TV-Free's mission is to get Americans to reduce their television viewing time.

According to the A.C. Nielsen Co., last year Americans spent an average of three hours and 46 minutes a day watching television. That translates into more than 52 days of non-stop television watching per year.

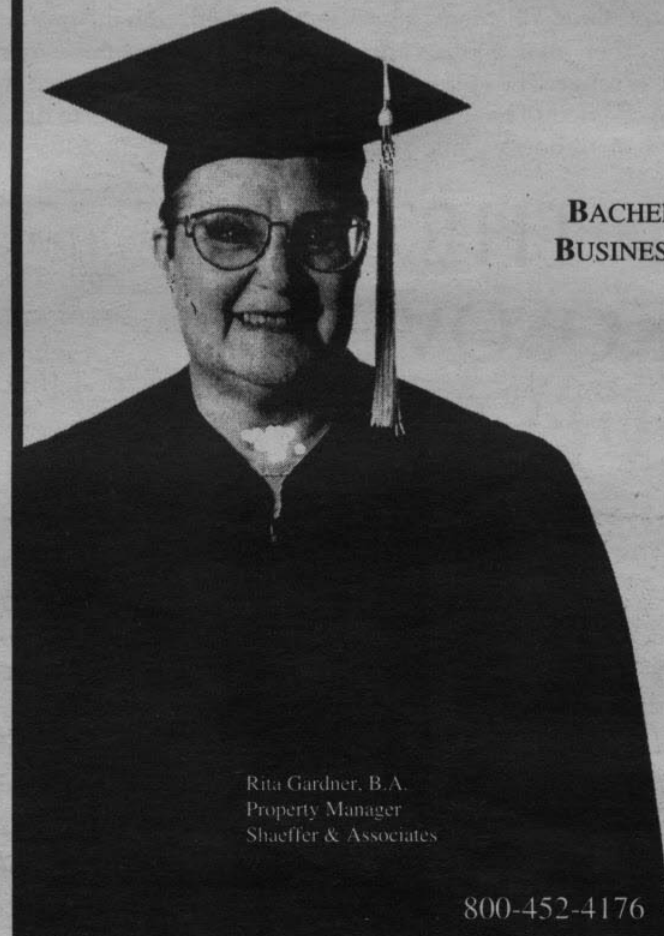
The display may be viewed in the library from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information contact Creighton at 917-4651.

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Noted ballet artist teaches beginning classes at Benton Center

From the LBCC News Service

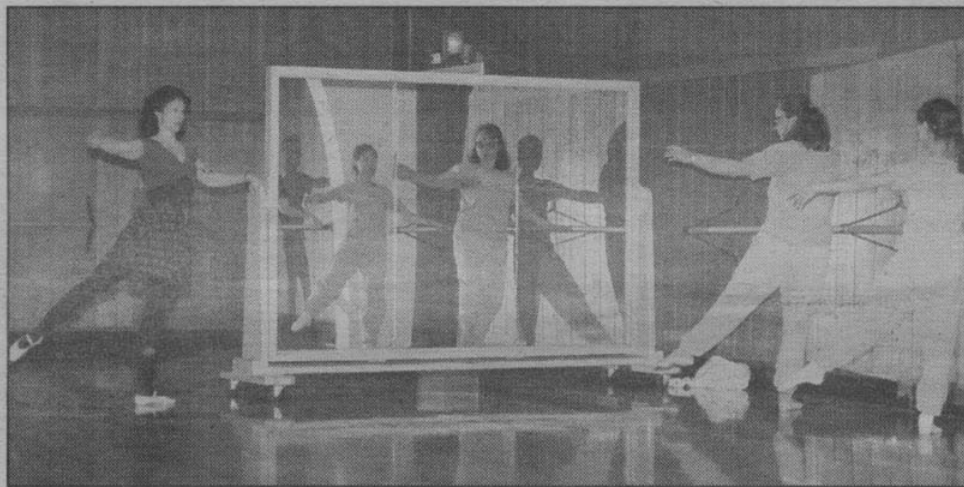
LBCC ballet instructor Erin Palmer incorporates her love of music into her life's passion—ballet.

Palmer teaches a beginning ballet class at the Benton Center in Corvallis that offers academic college credit and may be repeated for up to six credits.

"From the study of dance comes many benefits, which include concentration, discipline, commitment, body awareness, self-esteem and great physical rewards," Palmer says. "I welcome anyone with an interest in dance and desire to learn and grow. I hope to inspire students of all ages to discover the joy of dancing to beautiful music at any level."

The class is taught with an encouraging and supportive attitude and sense of humor.

The class offers opportunities to study dance to a diversity of students: young students for elective college credit; academic PE credit; returning dancers; performers; women and men who always wanted to study ballet but could not



Erin Palmer, left, teaches beginning ballet at the Benton Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She hopes to inspire students through dance.

previously; students who want to exercise, lose weight, tone and strengthen their bodies and gain flexibility; students who like to dance and students who like classical music.

"We learn stylized movements from the ballet syllabus set in an order to

gradually warm up the body in a safe, progressive way," Palmer says. The main areas studied include: turnout of the legs from the hip; body alignment and posture; balance; range of motion; strength and flexibility; turning, jumping, leaping, galloping; musicality and

rhythm; expression/emotion through movement; performance skills and stage terms.

Although no dance experience is necessary for the class, the class includes movements and jumps which can be hard on injuries of the knee, back, neck, ankle or hip. Those with these injuries or other health problems is encouraged to check with their doctor before starting ballet or any exercise program.

Palmer has taught and performed professionally with The Ballet Montmartre, Capitol City Ballet and JaZZ Dance Company in California. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Dance and Physical Education from California State University, Sacramento with Honors.

Palmer has danced with Oregon Dance and the Chamber Ballet of Corvallis since moving to Corvallis.

She has been teaching ballet at LBCC and The Regional School of Ballet for seven years. She also teaches ballet at Corvallis High School as part of the Arts-in-Education program.

Shakespeare tour of Ashland offered by local art groups

From the LBCC News Service

"Summer in Ashland: A Shakespearean Weekend Tour," will be held on June 11 and 12. It is sponsored by the OSU Craft Center and Corvallis Arts Center. The trip to Ashland features two plays by the world-renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival and opportunities for behind-the-scenes programs and discussions with the actors. The guided tour is led by art educators Barbara Sobo Gast, ARTrageous Adventures director and Corby Stonebraker, executive director of the Corvallis Arts Center.

The trip highlights "Othello," Shakespeare's poetic and heart-breaking tragedy of passion and intrigue and "Much Ado About Nothing," the joyous comedy celebrating love's brightness and familial challenges.

The performances take place outdoors on the historic Elizabethan Stage Theatre. Combined with a host of activities to give an insider's look at the Ashland Festival Theater, the tour offers a festive theater experience.

Strolling minstrels, medieval dance and music, a plethora of galleries and boutiques and acting provide two culturally rich days in a small town built around the passion and drama of live theater.

Other highlights of the trip include a pre-trip presentation about the featured plays and Shakespeare on May 24 by Marion Rossi, OSU Instructor of Theater Arts, The Green Show of Medieval Dance and Music, a backstage tour for \$11, discussions with OSF company actors, the Festival Exhibits Center, lunch en-route in historic Oakland, welcome dinner, overnight accommodations at The Bard's Inn and charter coach transportation leaving from Corvallis.

The deadline for reservations for is April 22. Space is limited and trips fill quickly, therefore early reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$415 or \$485 for double occupancy. Trip brochures with mail-in reservation forms are available at the Albany Public Library, Albany Visitors Association, Boccherini's or by calling tour leader Barbara Sobo Gast at 541-456-4331 or e-mail at bgast@cyberline.com.

review

'The Matrix' questions reality in a high-tech world

by Heather Wahlberg
of The Commuter

Have you ever wondered what would happen if this world suddenly became a slave to the technology that we have created and come to depend so heavily upon? That is the question put to viewers in the new film, "The Matrix," starring Keanu Reeves and Laurence Fishburne.

In this film, the year is sometime in the late 22nd century, though most of humanity believes that it is still 1999. They are slaves of the system, so to speak, a system that is referred to as the Matrix.

"Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself," Morpheus (Fishburne) tells "Neo" (Reeves) who has recently been freed from his slavery.

And shown we are. From jumping across impossible distances to dodging bullets, anyone who has been freed from the Matrix is capable of treating it like nothing more than an elaborate virtual reality game.

Even the best of games can be deadly, however. As Morpheus explains, "the body cannot survive without the mind." And within the Matrix, the mind causes the body to react to things like virtual bullets as though they were real, making them just as deadly.

Morpheus and others who have escaped the Matrix are determined to free the rest of humanity from a life of

ignorant service to a series of artificial life forms. To do this, they have been awaiting the coming of the messianic "One," whom they believe to be Thomas "Neo" Anderson.

"The Matrix" starts out by taking a good look at our increasing dependence on technology to run our lives and shows us, metaphorically, the consequences that could result. That theme, while consistent throughout the film, begins to dwindle. We still see them fighting to save humanity, but that's about it. The latter half of the film becomes a classic show down between the hero and the bad guys.

I'm not saying that the film isn't worth seeing, though. In fact, if you're anything like me, and only go to the movies for entertainment and not to gain food for thought, then go see it. I had a great time and, I don't say this often, but I wouldn't mind seeing it again in the near future. The special effects were a blast, and while the plot could have used a bit more development, it did give me something to think about. In my book, this film is a must see for any fan of science-fiction. One brief warning, however. There are a couple of one-minute scenes in the beginning that may be difficult to watch for some people.

Anyone who wants to see "The Matrix" should go to the Whiteside Theater in downtown Corvallis this week. There's no telling how long it will be in town, so catch it while you can.



Oregon Shakespearean Festival



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CAMPUS NEWS

Community education association honors Smart

From the LBCC News Service

Ann Smart, dean of Extended Learning and Library Services at LBCC, received the 1998 Award for Contributions to the Field of Community Education by the Oregon Community Education Association at an awards banquet in Florence, Ore. on March 11.

"I was pleased and honored to be recognized by my peers," said Smart.

The award recognizes Smart's many leadership roles in Oregon community education. She was president of the Northwest Adult Education Association, vice president for the Northwest Region of the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education, and Region 10 director of the National Council of Continuing Education and Training, an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges.



Ann Smart

A Corvallis resident, Smart has been with the college for 24 years. She took leadership of the Parent Education Program in 1975, which has since served as a model for similar programs throughout the country.

She also has served as director of both the Albany and Benton Extended Learning centers. Smart was the founding president for Oregon Coast Community College in 1987-1988—the first woman to become a community college president in Oregon.

In 1987 she was named Outstanding Adult Educator of the Year by the Northwest Adult Education Association and in 1993, the National Council on Community Services and Continuing Education gave her its Regional Leadership Award.

The Oregon Community Education Association, which encompasses kindergarten through grade 12 and community colleges, selects only one Contributions to the Field of Community Education award winner each year.



Workshop shows how to prepare for disasters from Y2K to floods

by Sarah Crauder of The Commuter

Disasters have been in the news a lot lately— from flooding and earthquakes to the Y2K problem, but these disasters probably will not mean the end of the world, especially if you prepare for them properly.

The Benton County Emergency Management Council has planned a workshop to help citizens prepare for such disasters.

A workshop on Community Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation will be held Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis. It is free and open to the public.

There will be 20 separate workshops on subjects varying from amateur radio and how it is used in emergencies to how to take care of animals in a disaster situation. There is also a workshop on disaster planning for businesses, as well as how to store food and water for in case of

an emergency. There will also be a safety workshop for children and a forum on the Y2K computer problem with a panel of representatives from local businesses and organizations.

The Y2K problem has brought a lot of attention to emergency preparedness lately. Many people have a "It won't happen to me" attitude about disasters, but they can affect anyone. The Linn-Benton area has suffered severe floods in the past, and seismologists say that Oregon is due for a large earthquake at any time. Many people are completely unprepared for such events.

Experts say people should have at least a three day supply of food at all times for unexpected disasters as well as water, flashlights, first aid materials and blankets. If you prepare for Y2K and nothing happens, you shouldn't consider it a waste of money. You will be prepared for the next disaster that affects the area—a heavy snowfall, an earthquake or a severe power outage.

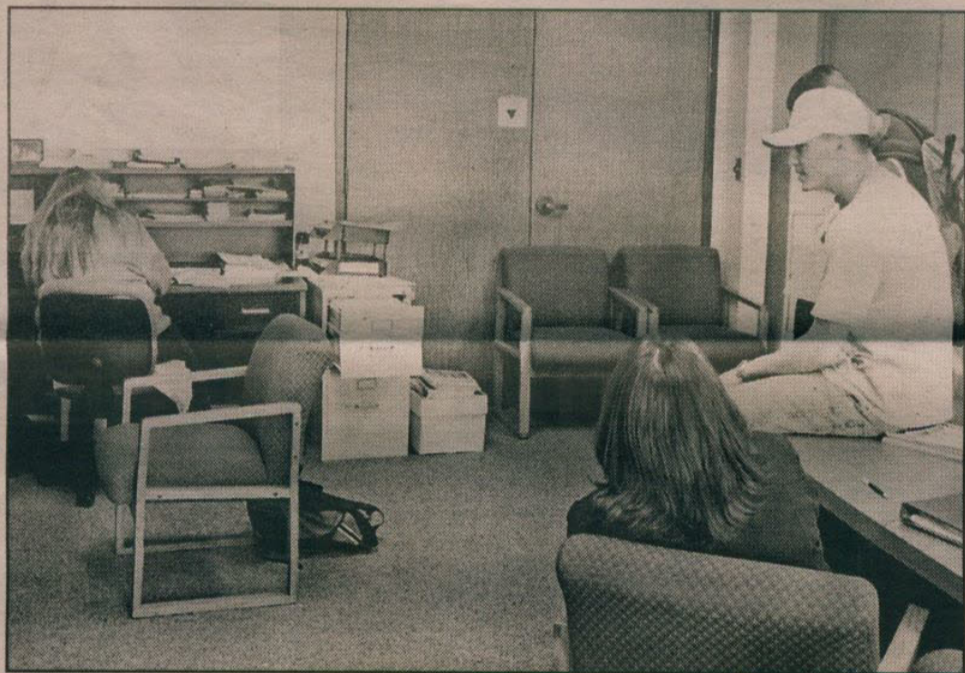


Photo by Joey Blount

Acting coordinator Kathy Green (left) works at her desk while students "hang" in the new Multicultural center on the second floor of the Forum between the student lounge and Commuter office.

Multicultural Center opens, plans Cinco de Mayo celebration

by Sean Leveque of The Commuter

Since the Multicultural Center opened its doors on Feb. 22 on the second floor of the new student union, its goal has been "to support the college's diversity efforts by promoting understanding between students, staff and the community," according to the Multicultural Center's mission statement.

One of those efforts is the Cinco de Mayo festival. Acting coordinator Kathy Green described the festivities that will last two days. "There will be groups of Mexican singers and dancers and probably some chips and salsa." The celebration will take place in the school Commons on the first day and will be for local high school students and the second day there will be an exhibit of Latino art in the library.

Green stated she is proud of the Multicultural Center and the CAMP program, which awards scholarships to full

time students from migrant agricultural work families who would not otherwise have a chance to send their kids to college.

Green is not the only one who is proud of the center. One of the students who uses it, Anna Rios, said, "I like the center because it has opportunity for my education."

The center is not only a place for education but also provides resource files for students seeking general information. The center will keep on file and continue to collect articles and research papers related to a variety of multicultural topics.

Next month the Multicultural Center holds its open house as a part of Student Life and Leadership's Spring Days, May 17-21. Green says that the refreshments are part of a progressive dinner. Each room holding open house will serve different refreshments. The 'progressive dinner' will be held on May 20 on the next to the last day of Spring Days.

"There will be groups of Mexican singers and dancers and probably some chips and salsa"
- Kathy Green

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thayer's thoughts

The start of baseball season has fans looking for Yankee-slayers

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The New York Yankees are coming off the best season in the history of the Major Leagues and defeating the San Diego Padres four games to none in the World Series. Now the Yankees are back to defend their crown, but what team will step up in 1999 to take it from them?

The top team favored to win the crown this year is the Cleveland Indians. The team is led once again by power hitters Manny Ramirez and Jim Thome, base-stealer Kenny Lofton, slick-fielding infielder Omar Vizquel and pitchers Charles Nagy, Barto Colon and Jarod Wright. The team signed Roberto Alomar from the Baltimore Orioles to play second base.

The Atlanta Braves are yet again the favorite to win the National League, but lost last year to the San Diego Padres in six games. The Braves are led by the best pitching staff in the majors (Greg Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine). They were able to pick up Brian Jordan from the Cardinals to play the outfield and Brent Boone to play second. They did lose Michael Tucker and Denny Neagle in the Boone trade, but the Braves are still a strong team.

I believe some of the surprise teams to watch out for are the St. Louis Cardinals, Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Mets, Anaheim Angels and Texas Rangers.

Let's take a look at the St. Louis Cardinals. Yes, they are again led by home-run record-setter Mark McGwire, but they got some pretty big names in the off-season: Carlos Baerga from the Mets, Shawon Dunston from the Giants, Edgar Renteria from the Marlins, Eric Davis from the Orioles and Ricky Botalico from the Phillies. They did lose John Mabry and Tom Lampkin to the Mariners and Delino DeShields to the Orioles.

Next, the Arizona Diamondbacks. They signed a big name pitcher in Randy Johnson, who played for the Mariners and Astros last year. Plus, they signed Andy Benes to a long-term contract and another pitcher in Todd Stottlemyre. The Diamondbacks also shelled out the bucks for Steve Finley and Bernard Gilkey. They still have Travis Lee, Matt Williams and Jay Bell to anchor their defense, but the loss of Devon White to the Dodgers will hurt in the outfield.

The New York Mets were one of the surprise teams last season, but a September slump hurt them in the race for the wild card spot, even the NL East Division. Al Leiter leads Bobby Jones and Hideo Nomo back into one of the best pitching staffs in

the NL. The hitting is one of the best in the NL also, led by John Olerud, Mike Piazza, Bobby Bonilla, Brian McRae, Rey Ordonez (better known for defense) and Edgar Alfonzo. The loss of Gilkey and Butch Huskey will be a big loss in the power department.



In the American League, the only three teams that may compete with the Indians are the Yankees, Angels and Rangers.

The Yankees are again favored to win the AL East and be the top seed in the AL, but don't have the fire power the Indians have unless the pitching from Cleveland falters. New York probably got the second best pitcher behind Maddux from the Blue Jays in Roger Clemens. They had to trade David Wells for him, but New York got the better end of the deal. The hitting once again is good, with Bernie Williams, Tino Martinez, Paul O'Neill, Darryl Strawberry, Derek Jeter and Chuck Knoblauch.

Next up are the favorites to win the AL West, the Anaheim Angels. They signed big Mo Vaughn from the Boston Red Sox, which forces Darrin Erstad to move back into the outfield of Garrett Anderson, Tim Salmon and Jim Edmonds. Pitching may be the big problem for the Angels. Biggest names on the starting pitching staff are Ken Hill, Chuck Finley and Tim Belcher.

The third and final team to challenge Cleveland are the Texas Rangers. The Rangers have been one of the top AL teams in the late 90's, but they had the unfortunate luck of facing the Yankees in the first round of the playoffs for the past three years. The Ragner are led once again by hitters Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez, Rusty Greer, Rafeal Palmeiro and Mike Simms. Pitching maybe thin in Aaron Sele and Rick Helling. John Wetteland is still one of the dominant closers in the league, but the relief pitching otherwise is depleted.

Other teams that could challenge in the National League are the Los Angeles Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates, Houston Astros and Cincinnati Reds. Teams in the American League that could challenge are the Seattle Mariners and Baltimore Orioles.

The two teams I see being in the World Series are the New York Yankees and the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves have been depleted in some areas, but still are one of the most dominant teams in the National League.

The Yankees are still the best team in the nation. The signing of Clemens will lead this team to their third World Series title in the 1990s.

Roadrunners fall to LCC in first game of double header

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

In a battle of the two top baseball teams in NWAACC history last Saturday, the Roadrunners lost the first half of a doubleheader to Lane Community College, and they'll have to wait until May to see if they can still pull out a split.

The double header against Lane was the first two games of the league season. The 'Runners were hoping to win these two games after losing to Lane on March 23 at the Big Bend Tourney in Moses Lake, Wash.

The first game saw the Roadrunners go down to the Titans 10-0. The game was called after seven innings due to the 10-run rule. The Titans jumped out to an early 3-0 lead. Starting pitcher Nick Renault had trouble in the first inning, giving up those three runs. It seemed like it would stay 3-0 until the fifth, when Jake Stickley allowed two runs to increase the Titan lead to 5-0.

John Swift was brought in to pitch the sixth inning and gave up another run to help Lane to a 6-0 lead. In the seventh, the Titan bats again knocked in four more runs off of Swift, giving them the 10-0 victory. Renault took his second

loss of the season. Branden Arakawa led the 'Runners in hitting, getting two hits in four at bats. Josh Thompson and Damien Barrows also contributed with one hit each, out of three plate appearances.

The next game was suspended because of darkness. The game finished in a 4-4 tie. The game will be finished sometime before May 4.

The Roadrunners are 5-5 overall and 0-1 in league play. The results from the Tuesday, April 6 game against Chemeketa Community College at Linn-Benton were unavailable at press time. Their next games are on Thursday, April 8 against George Fox in Newberg and on Saturday, April 10 against SWOCC in Coos Bay.

Games played spring break

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Against Yakima Valley (won 8-4)

Against Bellevue (lost 6-5)

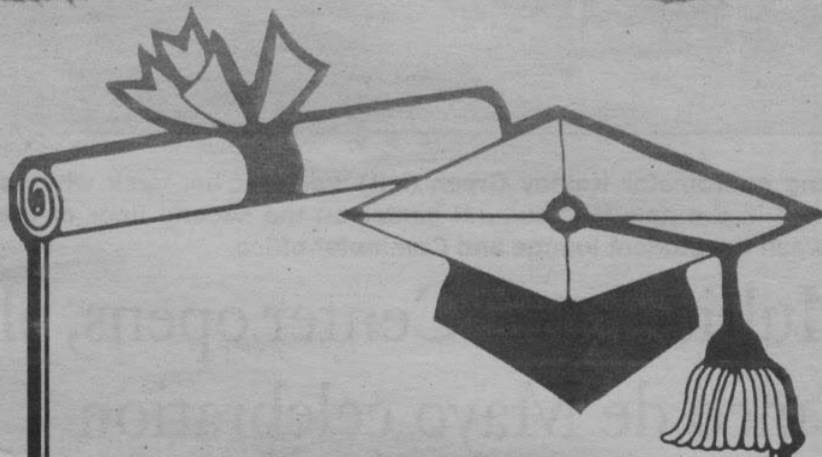
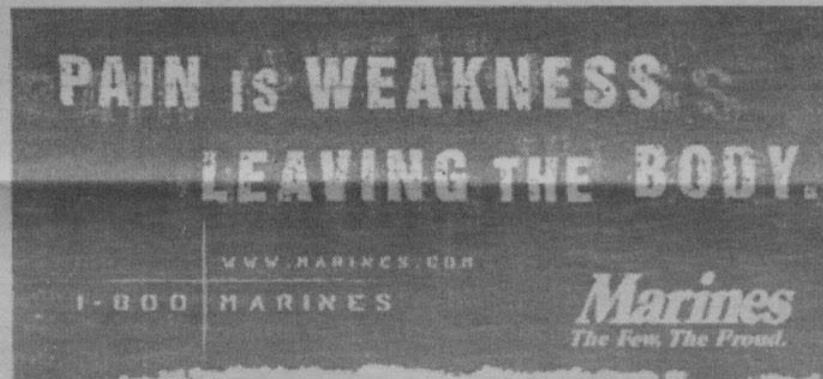
Against Pierce (won 5-4)

Against Clackamas (won 9-4)

Against Big Bend (lost 10-3)

Against Lane (lost 5-3)

Against Clark (lost 6-5)

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SPORTS PAGE

Track and field team leaps to new heights

Sweat breaks triple jump record; Clements and Stanford take first place in pole vault

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

The LBCC track & field team was greeted by cold winds and snow when they visited Lane Community College in Eugene on Saturday for the Southern Region Preview meet, but they didn't let the weather slow them down as they broke one record and achieved several personal bests.

Tiffany Sweat, who was competing in her first track meet after completing the basketball season, broke the Linn-Benton school record in the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet and 1 inch.

Despite the record, however, she still finished second to Alison Schaeffer, who was NWAACC triple jump champion last year.

Roadrunner Brandon Whitney, also in his first track meet of the season, finished third for the men with a triple jump of 41 feet and 8 and three quarters inches.

Jolene Neufeld and Dawn Habelt finished eighth and 10th in the triple jump, scoring totals of 32-8 (a personal best for Neufeld) and 32-.25.

Neufeld also finished third in the long jump at 16 feet and got a time of 27.6 to place third in the 200m race. Habelt had a personal best in the 100m race at 13.5, finishing in fourth place.

Linn-Benton swept the pole vault event, with Melisa Clements and Erick Stanford both finishing first. Clements vaulted 10 feet while Stanford cleared 12-6. April Waters cleared 7-6 to finish in third place. Clements also placed sixth in the 100m hurdles at 17.8 seconds.

Distance runners Helen Rarick and Ryan Parmenter also had good days. Rarick finished seventh in the 1500m with a time of 5:26.6 and 10th in the 800m at 2:38.2. Parmenter finished third in the 5000m race in 16:21.1 and 11th in the 1500m with time of 4:17.7.

Sprinter Jolene Vandehey finished third in the 100m with a time of 13.4 and fifth at 28 seconds in the 200m.

Sprinters Nate Koroush and Ray Dandeneau finished ninth and sixth respectively in the 400m race with times of 54.5 and 53.1. Koroush and Dandeneau, along with Brandon Whitney and Stanford, finishing fifth in the 4x100m relay at 45.9; while Vandehey joined Sweat, Habelt and Neufeld for a fourth place finish in the women's 4x100 m relay at 51.6.

The men's 4x400m relay team of Koroush, Ryan Music, Casey Clithero and Dandeneau finished third with a time of 3:35.1.

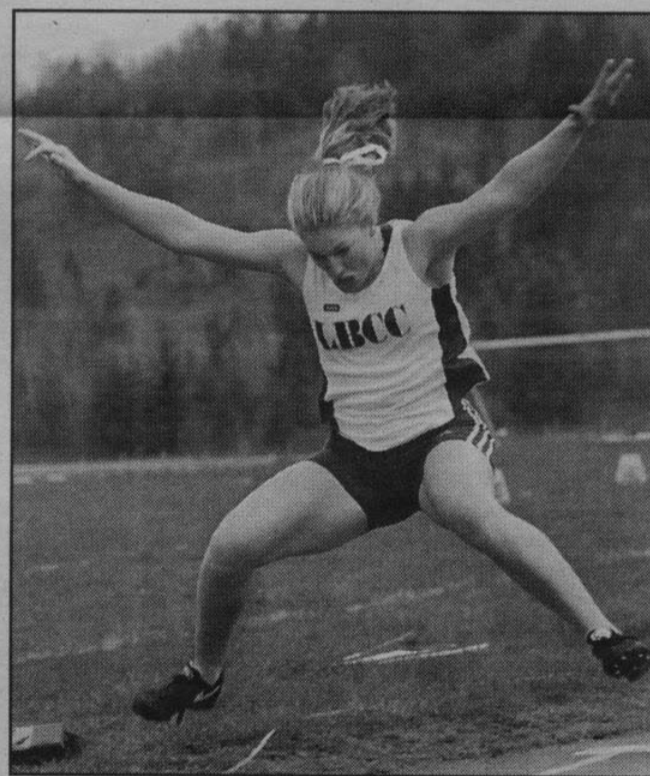
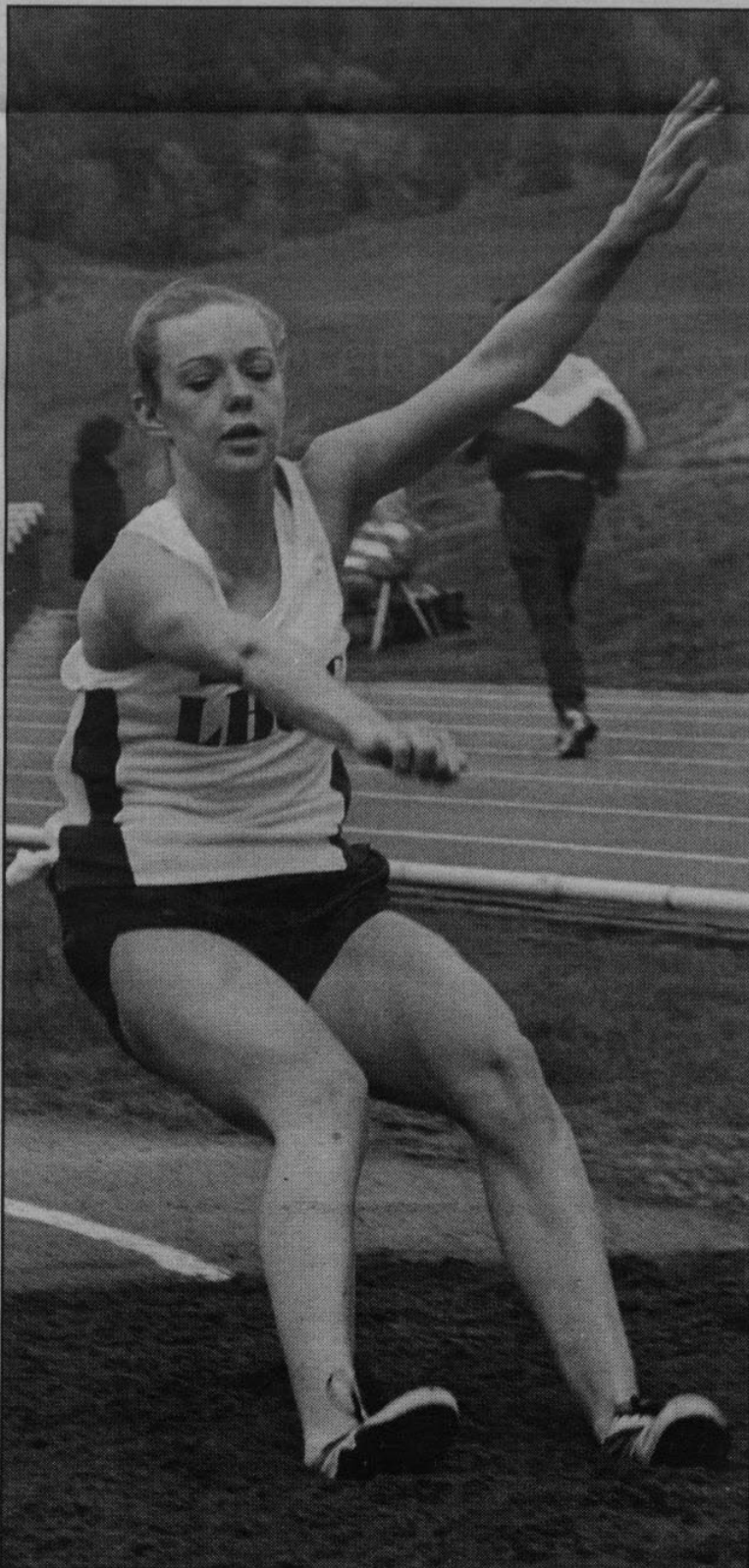
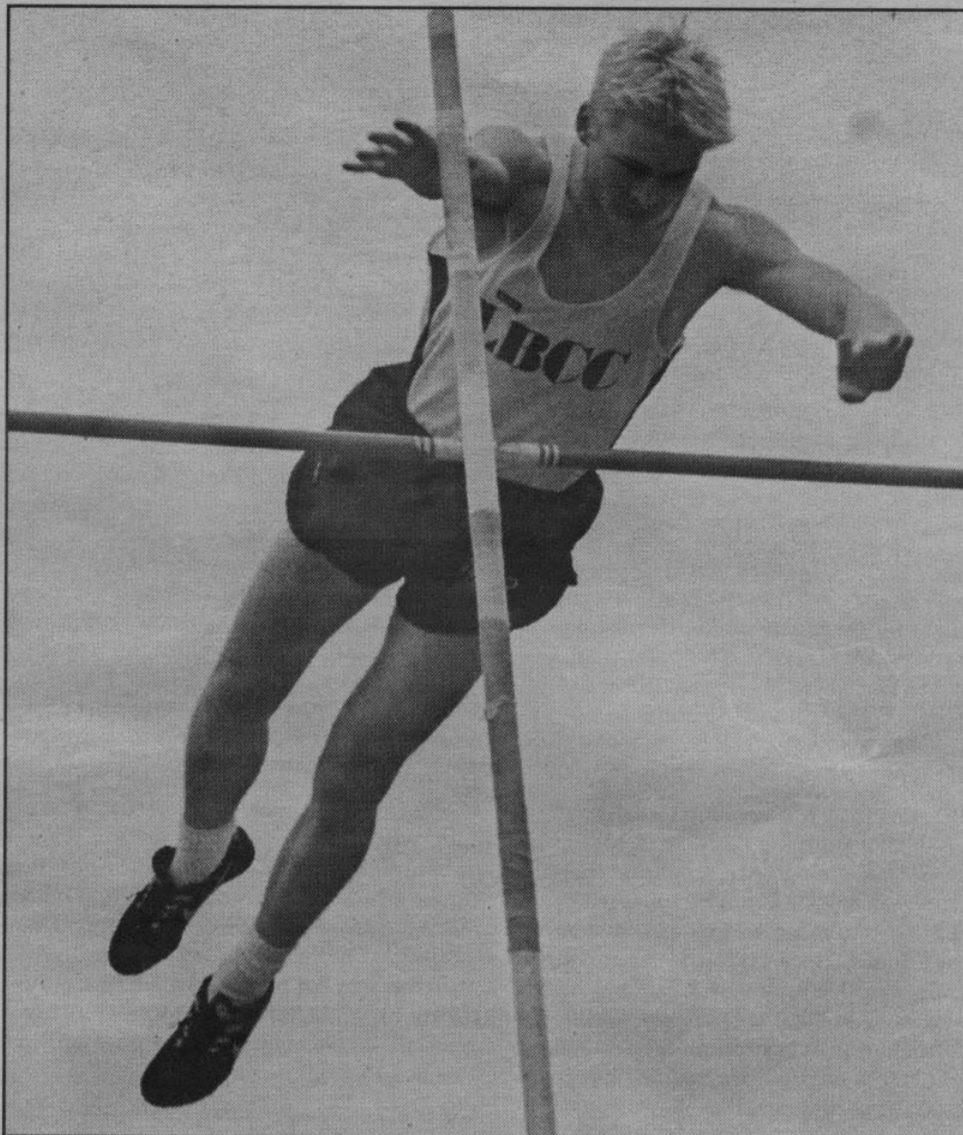
Female throwers Heather Carpenter and Janice Hallyburton placed well in the throwing events, with Carpenter winning the hammer throw at 110-10. She also placed fifth in the discus at 107-7 and 11th in the shot put at 30-10. Hallyburton finished sixth in the hammer at 103 feet and ninth in the shot put at 31-1.

Isaac Presley and Luke Bjornstadt also placed well in the throwing events. Presley placed sixth in the hammer at 118-1, seventh in the shot put at 37-4 and eighth in the discus at 102-4. Bjornstadt placed 10th in the hammer at 91-4, 11th in the shot put at 30-6 and 10th in the discus at 76-1.

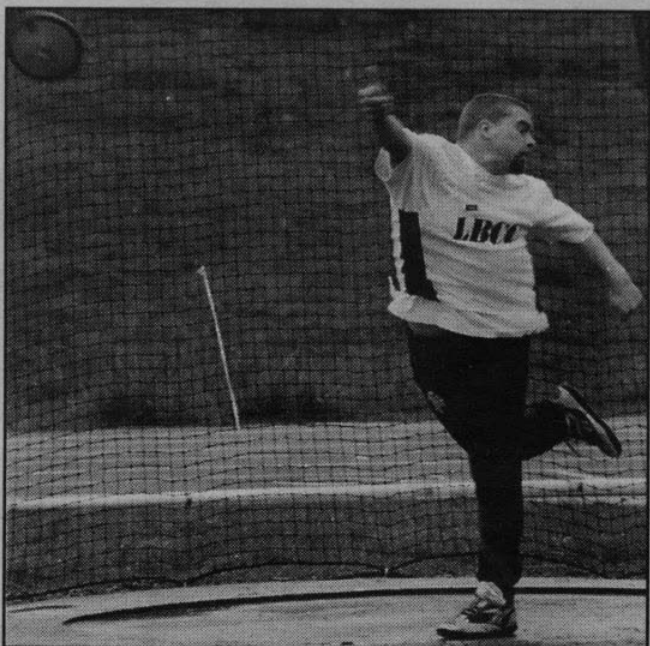
The next meet will be at the Mt. Hood relays in Hood River this Saturday.



Melisa Clements (above) races to a sixth place finish in the 100m hurdles at Saturday's meet in Eugene. Clements also won the pole vault event with a vault of 10 feet. Erick Stanford (right) shows the form that won first place in the men's pole vault as he clears 12 feet and 6 inches. Tiffany Sweat (below) set a school record in the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet and 1 inch.



Dawn Habelt (above) strains for distance in the triple jump where she finished 10th. Habelt also recorded a personal best in the 100m at 13.5 seconds, good for fourth place. Luke Bjornstadt (below) took 10th in the discus, 11th in the shotput and 10th in the hammer throw.



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CLASSIFIEDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Western Utilities Supply Company is offering three scholarships for the amount of \$750 per year to students enrolled in a two-year program in the waterworks field. Criteria and applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 15, 1999.

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The National Poultry and Food Dist. Association (NPFDA) Scholarship Foundation is awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to students in the field of poultry science and poultry industry. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is May 31, 1999.

The Zonta Club of Corvallis is awarding five \$1,200 scholarships to LBCC students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Applicants need to be currently enrolled undergraduate students at LBCC with prior life experience, demonstrate interest in working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women. Additional information and applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is April 10, 1999.

The Zonta Club of Corvallis is awarding ten \$1,200 scholarships to LBCC and OSU students for the 1999-2000 academic year. Applicants need to be currently enrolled undergraduate students at LBCC or OSU with prior life experience, demonstrate willingness to work with children in a job or profession involving the welfare of children, or demonstrate interest in working to improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and the professional status of women. Additional information and applications are available at the Financial Aid Office in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is April 10, 1999.

The Women's Shipping Club of Portland Scholarship Fund is awarding five \$1,000 scholarships to students in the fields of international business or maritime affairs. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed applications deadline is April 15, 1999.

The Oregon Logging Conference will be awarding eight scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year. Applicants need to be studying forest and wood-related areas, welding, cat scanning, diesel mechanics, choker-setting, etc. Applications may be faxed to 541-686-0176. For more information and applications, contact the Career Center in Takena Hall.

Albany General Hospital Auxiliary is awarding approximately 13 scholarships for tuition and books, totaling \$15,000. Applicants must maintain a permanent residence in the area served by Albany General Hospital (criteria listed on application) and be enrolled full-time in an accredited university or college program. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is April 7, 1999.

The Audria M. Edwards Youth Scholarship Fund, administered by Equity Foundation, is awarding between \$8,000 and \$10,000 in scholarships to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and/or the children of gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender persons who reside in Oregon or Southwest Washington. Applicants must be pursuing their education through the post-secondary level and require financial assistance to that end. Information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Completed application deadline is May 15,

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The Scottish Rite Foundation is offering 10-15 \$1,000 scholarships to students who are in the sophomore, junior or senior year of undergraduate studies at an Oregon college or university with minimum GPA of 3.5. For more information and applications, contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. The preferred application deadline is April 1, 1999, but may be accepted as late as July 1, 1999.

Each year the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary awards scholarships to men and women who plan to pursue a career in a medically related field in a hospital setting. In the evaluation process by the Scholarship Committee, consideration will be given to the following

areas: Quality of the application, references, GPA (min. 3.0) volunteer work/paid employment, financial need, choice of health field, and extracurricular activities. For more information and applications, contact the Career Center in Takena Hall.

The American Heart Association is pleased to announce the 1999 Student Summer Science Research Fellowship Program. This program is an exciting opportunity for students interested in the study of biomedical science. Ten summer scholarship awards will be given to talented upper level high school students, undergraduate, graduate or medical students to provide an opportunity to become acquainted with cardiovascular research. Application deadline is April 29, 1999. For more information and applications contact the Career Center in Takena Hall.

Bookbuilders West is offering a \$1,500 scholarship. This scholarship is available to students intending to pursue a career in the book production/publishing industry. Application deadline is May 15, 1999.

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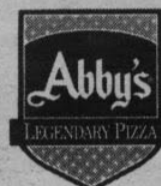
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OPINION PAGE

letters

Horticulture club helps plant trees in Corvallis

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the members of the LBCC Horticulture Club who participated in the Corvallis Street Tree Task Force tree planting on Saturday, March 6. Included members were Robin Wynn, Steve Limbach, Ryan Jennings, Randy Klantchnek, David Hey, Jaime White and Mike Gibbons.

If anyone is interested in helping with the Corvallis Street Tree Task Force, contact Lynette Claire at 757-3009.

Thank you.

Mike Gibbons
LBCC Horticulture Club President

LGBTQA's hate crime poster not aimed at everyone

To the Editor:

It is difficult to respond to Nick Walton's letter to the editor of March 10. It is mostly difficult to respond to his letter because it is poorly written. However, through the veil of run-on sentences, split infinitives and a caps lock key that appears to have been stuck, there is a message that needs to be addressed.

In his letter, Nick correctly notes that a series of rainbow triangle posters announcing the weekly LGBTQA meeting on campus were posted with a second poster behind them. It is very common on LBCC campus that LGBTQA posters get torn down by vandals almost as quickly as they get put up. To confront this problem LGBTQA members decided to put a second poster behind the first that states: "You have just committed a hate crime."

The intent of the second poster is to give those people who feel the need to vandalize these advertisements a chance to analyze their actions and confront the hate that is driving them.

Hate against gay people on American university campuses is widespread. At least 15 percent of lesbian and gay students have been injured so badly at school that they had to seek services of a doctor or nurse (San Francisco Examiner Aug. 16, 1998). When compared with their peers, lesbian and gay students are nearly seven times more likely to have been threatened or injured with a weapon at school (Oregonian Aug. 29, 1998).

Here at LBCC it is very common to find graffiti on the walls urging people to kill gays. Also, due to a spat of gay-bashings last year in Corvallis, there are few gay people on campus who haven't had a friend get beaten to the point of requiring medical attention.

Mr. Walton has perhaps made a point—it is very disconcerting to have a sign declaring, without explanation, that "You have just committed a hate crime." We all do live our lives to the best of our ability, and it shakes up a person to have an anonymous sign convict one of a crime that he or she wasn't even aware took place.

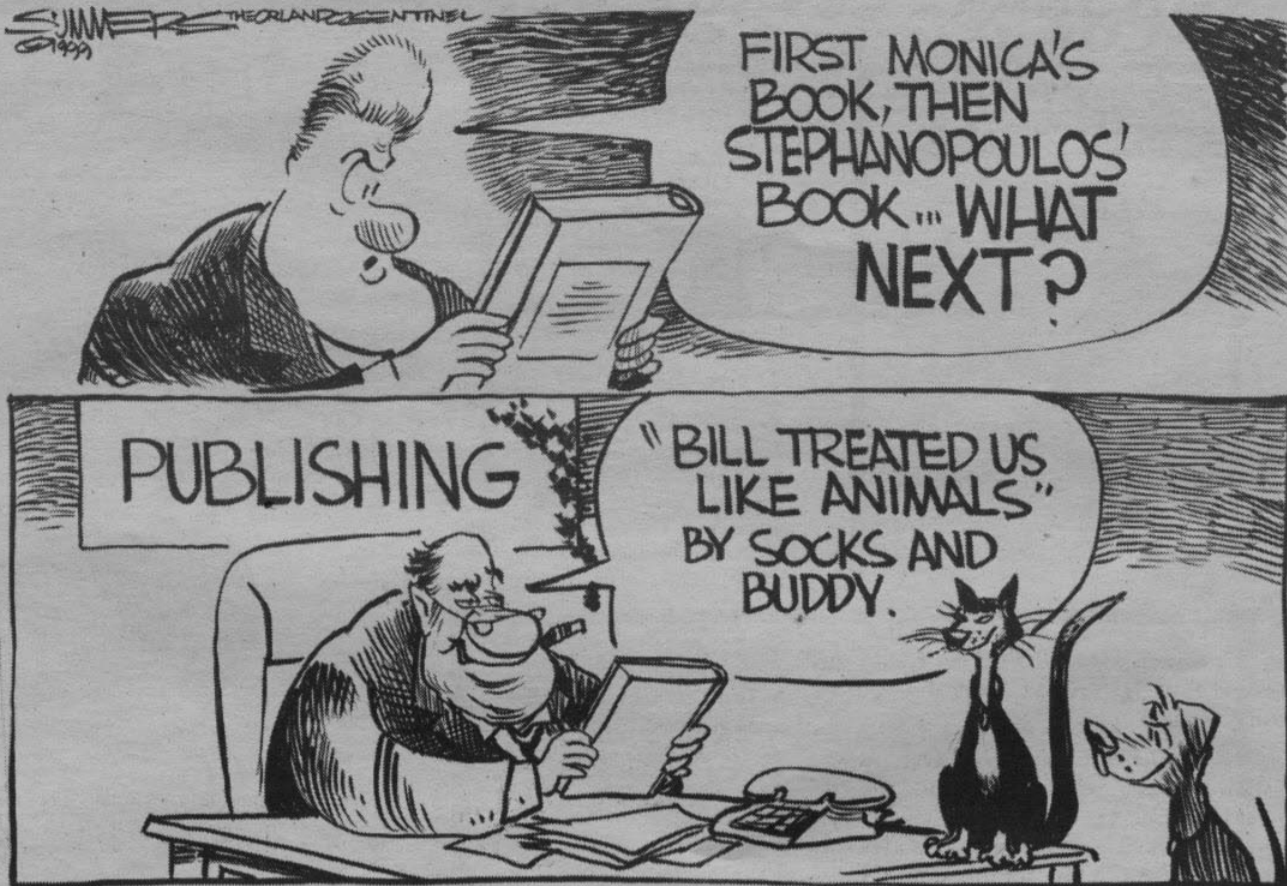
However, maybe Mr. Walton could have handled the issue in a different way.

Mr. Walton states in his letter that he is head-over-heels in love with a person of African descent. It is difficult to tell in his letter if he realizes what such a statement would have meant only a few decades ago in Oregon. He would most likely have had crosses burnt on his front lawn. He would have had people beat him up on the streets. And certainly, he would have faced public chastisement in the newspaper. (Oregonian Sept. 12, 1867).

It was only four decades ago in Oregon that laws would have prevented him from ever marrying this person he claims to love today.

People gave their livelihoods and their lives for Mr. Walton's right to fall in love with the woman that he has. People used religion, pseudo-science, newspapers, guns and baseball bats to maintain the anti-miscegenation laws.

If it weren't for people in Oregon and all across the U.S. who fought for the right for a black and a white



person to marry, the U.S. Supreme Court would never have fully legalized heteroracial marriages in 1967 (Loving v. Virginia).

Today, people have won the right to marry a person of the same gender in many countries across the world. Meanwhile, in Oregon, it's only been illegal to fire someone for their sexual orientation for five months—and even this legal right is under attack by members of the Oregon House and Senate (Oregonian Jan 12, 1999).

It is most likely Mr. Walton's goal is for all people to be treated fairly and for all people to live without fear of persecution. If he is seriously disturbed by feeling singled out for a crime he feels he didn't commit, maybe what he can do best is send a well-written letter to the LGBTQA and explain what they could be doing to better present their case.

The generation of our parents fought church and government to assure equal rights and access to the law and marriage for all people of all skin colors. It would seem that the children of that brave generation have forgotten the sacrifices their parents made.

Those of us, like Mr. Walton, who benefited from that fight might best sit down and remember what was won for us so that we don't end up stealing similar privileges from others.

Greg Mulder

Store owner feels left out of Commuter's 'flu bug' story

To the Editor:

While I was taking a break from a class through LBCC, I picked up a copy of your Feb. 17, 1999 school newspaper and spotted an article on the front page headlined "Fighting the flu bug."

I read through your article with references and quotes from several local outlets on remedies for seasonal illnesses.

I was greatly disappointed that your staff failed to contact our store, a well-established and highly respected health store of over 16 years. Our reputation in the community is one of product and knowledge integrity, regularly making available information and periodicals for our patrons and the general public. Further, we regularly present information seminars at Hewlett-Packard through their fitness information coordinators.

I would like to encourage your staff to investigate their sources more carefully. Our business is a member of the National Nutritional Foods Association, an organization striving to uphold strong ethics, integrity and truth in product quality and information dispensed.

I can only encourage that future articles you publish will include interviews with members of this organization, who ascribe to these standards and code of ethics.

I also hope you can encourage your staff to be more careful of their information sources and at least in the future, include all reputable outlets in their interviews.

Pat Sardell
Country Vitamins

Former smoker seeks peace and end to 'global whining'

To the Editor:

Speaking of "Global Whining," this fight to smoke or not really is beginning to grate on my nerves.

I feel that I can say this with some sort of a different perspective than most non-smokers: one that addresses both sides of the issue. Yes, okay, as a non-smoker I can see that you really don't want to go around inhaling cigarette smoke, but give the smokers a break! If you don't like it—MOVE! You can't expect to go and sit in a smoking section and say, "Heh-Hem, I would like to breathe please," and think that every smoker in the joint is going to jump to attention and say, "Wow, we'd better move!" I mean come on now, we're all adults here.

Just for the non-smoker's information, I would guess that about 90 percent of smokers WANT to quit. Yeah, believe it. There are several reasons why: when I smoked, I hated it, but I was addicted and couldn't quit. You read right, I hated it. Only after several unsuccessful attempts and by the grace of God was I able to kick the habit.

Then, of course, there was the major expense of it. Even at a carton a week it costs approximately \$20-\$30 just for the privilege of inhaling "do-it-yourself cancer." That alone is reason enough to hate smoking.

Added to that, there are several other reasons why a smoker would love to quit, like stinking all the time, not being able to go into most restaurants and enjoy a good smoke after a meal, the cough in the morning (and at night) and then there is your general "nick-fit." Believe me, from experience, they all suck.

Then you add into that the non-smokers jumping up and down saying, "Stop killing us with your second-hand smoke." When your average smoker hears this they just laugh and light up. It's that little bit of rebellion inside that says, "No one is going to tell me what to do!"

Here's what I think.

Non-smokers: back off. Those smokers will quit when they're ready and not a minute before—don't forget that smoking is more addictive than heroin! This goes doubly for you non-smokers who are now quitters—remember how hard it was for you.

Smokers: be a little more considerate. How hard is it to move to your nearest smoking section and give those non-smokers a break? If you're not going to smoke in the smoking section, that's fine with me: just don't leave your butts lying around. Have the common courtesy to pick them up and carry them to the nearest trash. It's really not that hard and is just a little bit more responsible. (For you smokers that already do this: GREAT! I love you, keep up the good work!!)

I know it sounds silly, but if you took a good hard look at each other, you'd find that it sounds more like two-year-olds fighting than grown adults trying to get each other to have a little understanding of the points of view. "Can't we all just get along?"

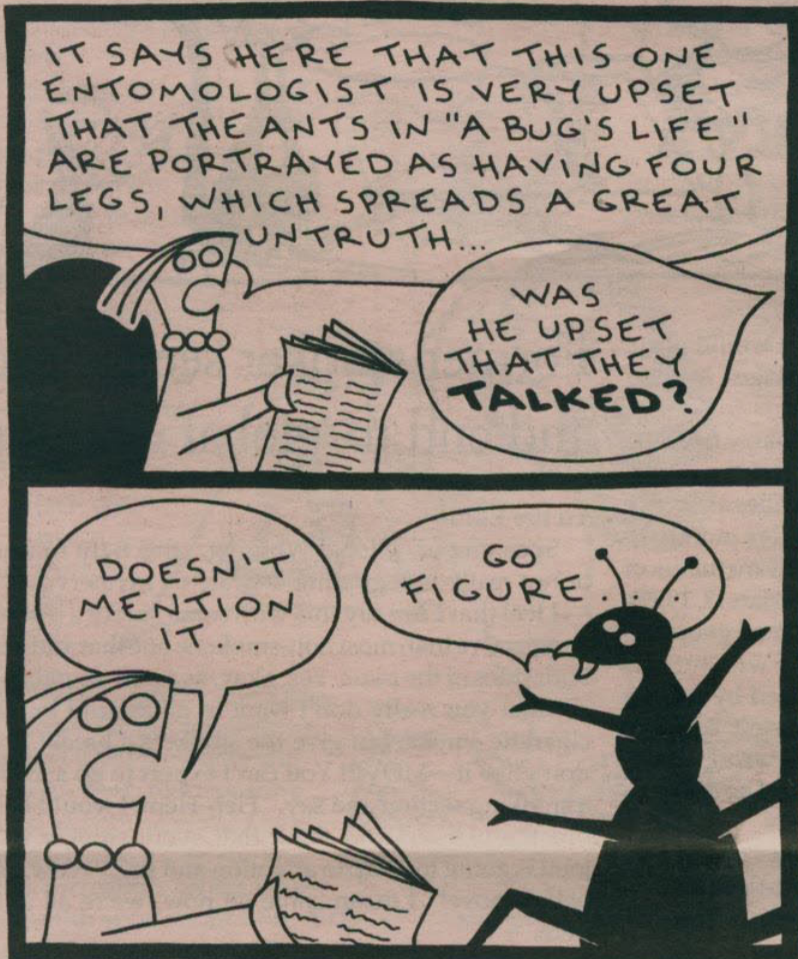
Teresa Pennington

LOONEY LANE

THOUGHTS BEFORE THE ANEURYSM BURSTS...



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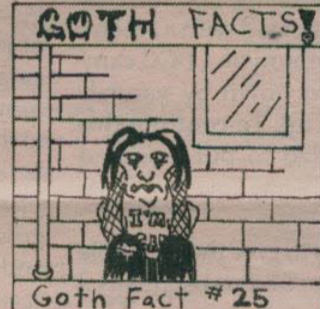
EMILY BELLAMY

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HELLO FOLKS,
For those of you who haven't yet been driven to the brink of MADNESS and institutionalized, we bring you a new segment guaranteed to do the job.....



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"THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE!"

ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL STRIPS THAT I DID LAST YEAR WAS ONE THAT EXPOSED THE EVIL THAT EXISTS JUST NORTH OF US.

THANK YOU FOR FINALLY TELLING THE TRUTH! YOUR STRIP CAPTURED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY LIKE CANADA.

AND A COUPLE FROM SOME PISSED OFF CANADIANS...

ONE PARTICULARLY DISTURBING MESSAGE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN WHY CANADA HAD SUCH A LAME SPACE PROGRAM... & THE FACT THAT CANADIAN BACON (HAM) ISN'T CALLED THAT UP THERE.

"It's called Back Bacon you idiot... & you'd better watch yours... ooh... I'm scared."

JUDGING FROM MY NEIGHBOR GUNTHER'S REACTION, THERE WAS WAY MORE TO THAT EMPTY SOUNDING THREAT THAN I HAD THOUGHT... Uh... what's wrong dude? sniff sniff

GUNTHER WENT ON TO TELL A STORY OF HOW HE SPENT SIX MONTHS IN CANADA AS AN AU PAIR A FEW YEARS BACK... HE MET A GIRL AT A LOCAL DIVE...

THEY HIT IT OFF WELL... REALLY WELL... SO WELL THAT SHE TOOK HIM BACK TO HER PLACE...

THE LAST THING HE REMEMBERED WAS DOWNING AN EXTRA LARGE SHOT OF CANADIAN WHISKEY... THE NEXT MORNING HE WOKE UP IN A BATHTUB FULL OF ICE... NAKED!

TURNS OUT HE HAD BOTH OF HIS BUTT CHEEKS REMOVED! WHO HERE NEEDS ME TO EXPLAIN WHAT THEY'RE USING THE BUTT CHEEKS FOR?

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE GUESS WHERE THE SAYING "YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT" ORIGINATED FROM... HURTFUL (YET FUNNY) THING TO SAY TO AUSTRIANS... Hey!! you guys are the CANADA of Germany!! SOB! Why? why such hateful rhetoric?

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