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Retired psych instructor found dead at state park

by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Long-time LBCC staff members arrived on campus Monday morning to find sad news in their email inboxes. Former psychology instructor Maribel Montgomery died last Friday at Silver Falls State Park.

The 71-year-old Albany resident apparently died after falling from the top of 177-foot-high South Falls, according to Oregon State Police.

Montgomery taught psychology at LB from September 1969 to June 1989.

"She was a great teacher and she will be missed," LB president Jon Carnahan told The Commuter on Tuesday. "She really cared about her students and their success. She had very high standards and prepared people very well for the next level."

The news came as a shock to LB staffers, many of whom had taken classes from Montgomery.

Gwen Chandler, administrative assistant to President Carnahan, took a three-term psychology series from Montgomery and remembers her as an exceptional teacher who "knew her subject forward and backward."

"I was scared to death the first term," Chandler recalls. "She was very stern, she let us know what was expected of us right from the start. But by the second term she started to smile more and by the third term she was much more friendly. It occurred to me later that what she had been doing: she was weeding out the people who didn't take the class seriously."

After her retirement in 1989 Montgomery remained interested in LBCC. She continued to frequent the LB library and staffers often saw her on campus.

"She continued to be a friend of the college," Carnahan said. "I saw her on campus just last week. It's a real shock."



Photos by James Bauerle

COLOR IN THE COURTYARD

Eugene graffiti artist Steven Lopez sprays a design on Picarso last week in the kickoff of month-long celebrations of "Graffiti as Art." A flat tire delayed Lopez' arrival by nearly two hours, but an interested crowd hung around most of the afternoon to watch him work. Later this week Lopez' creation will be painted over in white so that art students can try their hands at "tagging" the car with their own creations. The following week, May 21-30, the car will be repainted white and opened to all students and staff.



Grant slated for next year to encourage diversity in the classroom

by Adam Pierce
of The Commuter

Faculty and staff interested in introducing multicultural components into their curriculum now have the option of receiving financial support from the college to do so.

A new grant fund has been included in next year's budget aimed at providing incentive for multicultural curricula in all areas of study. This is the first year

such grants have been available, and a call for proposals was recently released.

So far no applications have been received by Coordinator of Staff and Organizational Development Marti Ayers, but she said she is optimistic and excited to see what kind of suggestions the committee will receive.

Examples of the kind of curricula initiatives the committee is seeking include a chemistry class where students work-

ing in a group on a project take a values inventory that encourages them to think about what they bring and don't bring to the group experience. Throughout the term activities allow the students to interact within the group and formulate hypotheses on how their perspectives are challenged by the level of diversity that exists.

Another example given was for a math class in which students would be ex-

posed to scientific theory and contributions made by non-dominant researchers in the field of mathematics.

The grant is open to all areas of study, and there is no deadline. Both full-time and part-time faculty are encouraged to apply as well as staff wishing to work in a project team.

Proposals are available in—and should be returned to—Ayers, in Forum Room 114.

Commuter judged best community college newspaper in Oregon

From the LBCC News Service

The Commuter has been named the top community college newspaper in the state by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Association for 2000-01.

The award for General Excellence was presented at the annual Collegiate Day Conference May 4 in Eugene. Nine community college weeklies, six university weeklies and three university dailies competed in sepa-

rate divisions.

The Oregon State University Barometer was named the top university daily, and the University of Portland Beacon received the General Excellence Award in the university weekly division.

The Commuter staff received 17 awards in all, including first place honors in six categories: best photographer, best writer, best headline writer, best fea-

ture photograph, best news story and best overall design. The staff also received second place awards in column writing, graphic illustration, news series and section, as well as six honorable mentions.

First place awards went to the following staff members:

•Former Managing Editor Lori Weedmark of (Turn to "Commuter" on Pg. 2)

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Make Mom happy with flowers from the Horticulture Club's Mother's Day Plant Sale in the Greenhouse Friday.

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OFF BEAT

Rob Lowe on the loose again

A Connecticut woman who had a sexual encounter with her lover in a hotel was dismayed to see a videotape of their passionate tryst posted on the Internet. She had a rather intense confrontation with the guy about this, after which police charged him with voyeurism and disseminating voyeuristic material. He pleaded innocent. To make matters worse for the woman, it was revealed in court that the man has another girlfriend — and a wife.

Shooting blanks

After stealing a rifle from a home in Wheeling, W.Va., a man then went to the local Wal-Mart, where he shoplifted a box of ammo. But he was so drunk that he took the wrong size bullets. As a result, his subsequent attempt to hold up an adult sex toy shop failed when he fired the rifle and it didn't go off. At the sound of the "click," the clerk jumped the guy and held him for the cops, Deputy Sgt. David McGlothlin said, "This guy has to go down as one of the idiots of the year."

Don't spark a roach in here

Exterminators who set off 18 bug bombs to kill the cockroaches in a San Diego apartment forgot to turn off the pilot light in the stove. The resulting explosion blew the cabinets off the kitchen walls, shattered windows and ripped a hole in the ceiling. No cockroaches were killed.

Toys in a tanning booth

A 17-year-old kid brandishing a toy gun robbed a bank in Fort Worth, Tex., and then ran from the scene and into the Total Tan salon to elude police. Seeing that he was out of breath, the owner asked if someone was chasing him. He replied, "No, I just want a tan." So the woman assigned him a tanning bed and called the cops, who quickly showed up and arrested him.

Dumbo's possé gets shwilly

The sweet aroma of homemade liquor being brewed by tribesmen in the Keonjhar district of India has whipped neighborhood elephants into a frenzy, drawing them out of the nearby jungle in search of a drink. About 60 of the pachyderms have been terrorizing the village, running around knocking things over in their quest for booze. Villagers say they will be sleeping in trees at night until the beasts come to their senses.

—From the TMS News Service

Price increases linked to hoof and mouth disease

by Leda Webster
of The Commuter

Students returning from spring break found four items on the Courtyard Cafe menu that now cost a little more—the hamburgers and the breakfast burrito all went up by 5 to 8 percent.

The regular hamburger went up to \$1.85 from \$1.70. The cheeseburger was raised to \$2.10 from \$1.95. The Cafe Burger is now \$4.50, 25 cents higher than before, and the breakfast burrito went up 10 cents to \$1.55. This mid-year increase is the result of rising beef prices.

"We don't like to raise prices," said Gary Snyder, manager of the Courtyard Cafe. "It's not a good business practice, but we do it when we have to."

He said it is the cafe's policy to review prices every summer. Using a procedure called food costing, the prices are measured against an industry standard. "Our prices are on the low side, comparable to restaurants down town," added Snyder.

The slaughter of thousands of cattle in Europe, a result of the Hoof and Mouth epidemic, has increased demand on the beef industry in the United States. This and rising energy and gasoline prices are having a domino effect, he said.

"Prices will probably continue to rise, which can only be absorbed to a certain point," said Snyder. "We have tried to off set prices by selling healthy alternatives—a veggie burger and a veggie

burrito."

Snyder has been the manager of the cafe since it opened in 1999. It replaced the snack bar in Takena Hall and is bigger and can serve a larger crowd. It is not competing with the cafeteria upstairs, which has the same pricing structure and is geared to serving full meals.

"Our establishment is a step above 'fast food.' We make the food from scratch," said Snyder.

The cafe is a service offered for the convenience of the students. It is a closed operation, which means because of college policy the cafe stays open during the slow hours even if it is losing money.

"We are not trying to make a profit, our goal is to break even," Snyder said.



Photo by James Bauerle

Machine Heads

Workers unload a new CNC Vertical Machining Center behind Industrial B on Monday. The machine was purchased by the Machine Tool Department to upgrade existing CNC equipment.

Commuter: Wins best writer, photography and headline writing

From Page One

Jefferson, best writer overall for her articles on a genetic food protest in Corvallis, an Iraqi student's reaction to the U.N. embargo, and a column on Valentine's Day. Weedmark graduated in March and is planning to attend OSU.

- Former Photo Assistant Robin Camp of Brownsville, best photographer for his pictures of Spring Days 2000 and the Roadrunner baseball team. Camp graduated last June and is currently working at Target and attending LBCC part-time.

- Contributing Editor Ben Hughes of Corvallis, best news story for his article on Borders Books moving into Corvallis. Hughes currently serves as advertising manager of The Commuter.

- Managing Editor Michelle Mayo of

Corvallis, best headline writing for a portfolio of four headlines: "Power Crisis Jolts Staff Into Conservation," "Little Mermaid' Surfaces Thursday," "Going Coastal" and "E=MCwhere".

- Former Editorial Assistant Lizanne Southgate of Brownsville, best feature photograph for a picture of children playing on the new equipment at the Family Resource Center. Southgate graduated last June and is currently taking time off to write.

Also receiving awards were:

- Editor Leon Tovey of Albany, second place in column writing, second place and honorable mention in series, and honorable mention in best writer overall.

- Arts & Entertainment Editor Chad

Richins of Albany, honorable mention in review writing and second place for The Commuter's Arts & Entertainment section.

- Sports Editor Christine Laramore of Corvallis, honorable mention in sports writing.

- Former Graphics Editor Joe Ellingson of Albany, second place in graphic illustration.

- Former Ad Manager John LaGere of Albany, honorable mention in best ad.

Judging for the annual ONPA conference was done by professional journalists from around the state. This marks the eighth time in the past nine years that The Commuter has been ranked either first or second in General Excellence in the competition.

THE COMMUTER STAFF

The Commuter is the weekly student-managed newspaper for Linn-Benton Community College, financed by student fees and advertising.

Opinions expressed in The Commuter do not necessarily reflect those of the LBCC administration, faculty, Associated Students of LBCC or the Infernal Noise Brigade. Editorials, columns, letters and cartoons reflect the opinions of those who sign them.

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IN FOCUS

Wary Portland May Day crowd marches peacefully

May Day march lacks the tear gas but gives hundreds a chance to voice their opinions

Story & Photos by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Three women in spring garb with leafy garlands in their hair tend to a makeshift maypole on the grassy lawn of a city park, tying bunches of flowers to the top of a long, wooden pole and untangling long strips of cloth that hang to the ground as the pole is about to be raised.

The scene is idyllic and peaceful. Welcome to May Day 2001.

If you flashback to May Day 2000, the Millennial May Day, you might smell the tear gas and hear the sound of sirens and braking glass and the harsh shouts and muffled curses as brawny policemen in riot gear take down a particularly vehement protester in front of the Banana Republic. Chaos vs. Cops in a no-win situation.

With the memory of last year's march still fairly fresh in the minds of some protesters, police and representatives of the media, this year's May Day crowd seemed tense as they began to assemble in Portland's North Park Blocks. There was an expectant wariness in the air as the crowd seemed to gauge its own capacity for mayhem as it built toward the starting time for the maypole ceremony and May Day march.

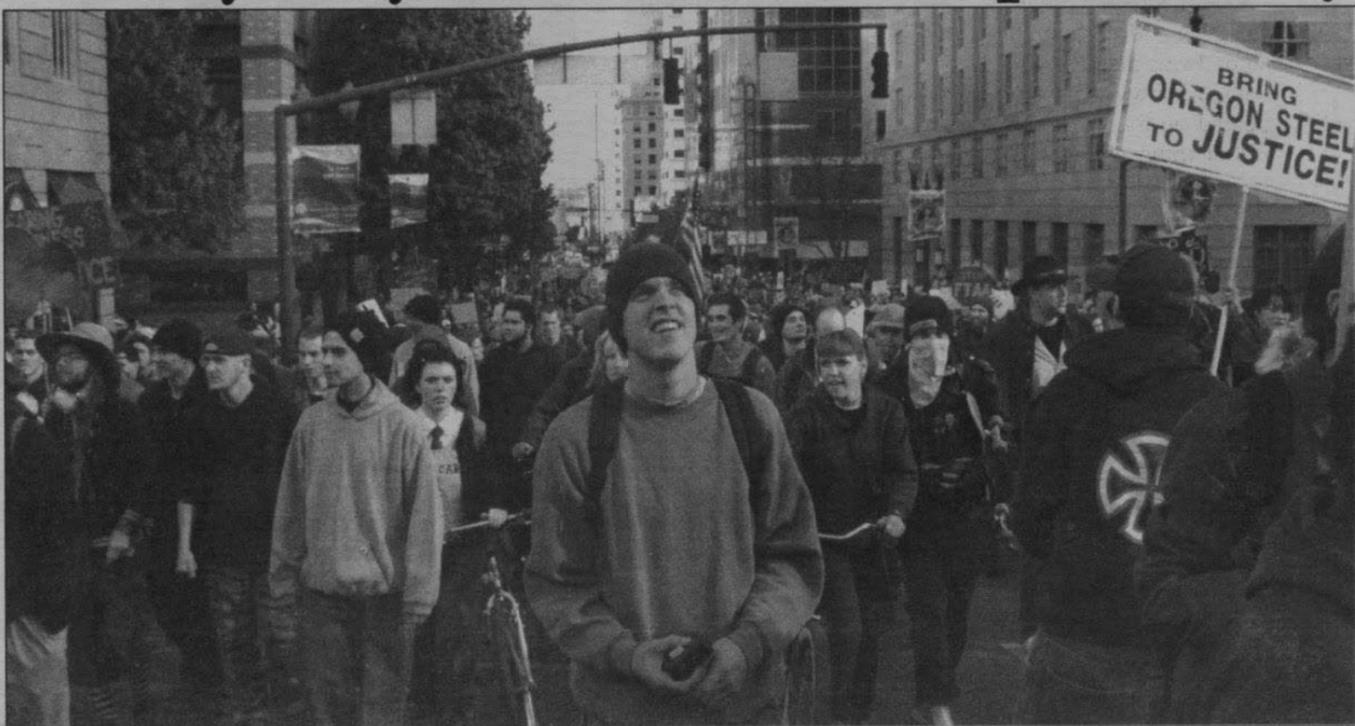
One of the women working on the maypole, Kathleen Juergens of the May Day Coalition, explained Portland May Day activities go back to "At least the early years of the 20th century." May Day protests date back to 1886 in Chicago when a general strike was called on May 1 to ensure an 8-hour work day. This led to the infamous Haymarket Riot where several policemen were killed by an unknown bomber and four labor leaders were later executed. Juergens said that on May Day in 1934 a contingent of communists raised a red flag over Portland City Hall.

According to Juergens, the purpose of May Day is both to bring attention to labor issues and workers rights and to keep alive the ancient pagan traditions. This might seem a strange combination to the uninitiated, but protesters take it in stride as two unrelated activities that happen to fall on the same day. The pagan part isn't as important to some of the more god-fearing crowd members, and labor issues aren't too key to self-employed artists. But the combination makes for a colorful scene.

As the maypole was raised into place, a nearby group of young people played a lazy game of hacky sack on the grass beside two high-tech news vans that were parked at the curb in front of blinking, expired parking meters. Microphone wielding news reporters with camera-men trailing behind wandered around in search of sound bites.

There were, of course, signs. As diverse and sometimes inexplicable as the crowd itself, there are banners and poster boards reading, "This is not a protest," and "Art Bell Rules," and "Thank You Haymarket 'Rioters'" and "Guns don't kill people, Cops kill people," a reference to the recent police slaying of Jose Mejia which has caused community outrage and put the Portland Police under intense scrutiny.

And there were cameras.



May Day protesters fill Broadway in Portland (top), while police prepare to provide escort for the march. People of all ages took to the streets last Tuesday, including parents with children, union members, chicano activists, anarchists and pagans.



It seems every other person had a camera of some kind, whether it was digital, film or video. One man holding his own waterproof 35mm film camera says, "I've never seen so many cameras in my life." At least four photographers were vying to get a shot of the 3-year-old girl holding a protest sign, and the cadre of over 30 motorcycle policemen parked on a side street was also well documented, with their Yamaha black and whites lined up neatly on a curb. This was the march's escort, put in place after a successful last-minute deal with the city council and Mayor Vera Katz, who got the march an official permit. The police in their black leather and white helmets were reflected in the window of a bakery as people inside sipped coffee and ate pastries. Life goes on for many Portlanders.

Back at the park, the maypole ceremony got under way and marchers began to muster in the street. A knot of interested onlookers watched the group of maypole dancers weave in and out of each other as their ribbons weaved symbolically onto the pole, enveloping the phallus that signifies hope for a prosperous fertile year to come. Soon the ceremony was over and the crowd was restless, moving in droves to the starting point of the march where a drum corps of masked anarchists had taken up the lead position. The double-file ranks of drummers and singers and cymbalists were warming up with smart, crisp marching beats any mid-western high school would be proud of, and in another part of the park, a red-and-black clad Anarchist Cheerleading squad in pleated skirts and pony tails practiced

their routines.

A Teamster shop steward from the Local 206, Bill Meier, handed out pamphlets for Jobs with Justice, a workers' rights group dedicated to better pay and working conditions for workers all over the world. When asked about the state of organized labor today, Meier replied, "I don't think there is enough of it."

Nearby, three members of the National Lawyers Guild with white t-shirts over their work clothes and bright neon green ball caps took their place in the crowd as official observers. "We're only here to observe," said Mark Ginsberg, who handles a private family practice as his day job.

Back at the Hacky Sack circle was a young man with multiple facial piercings wearing a black leather jacket who said he had been retained as an "inside" guy for the Willamette Weekly to cover the march. "I hope there is a riot," he said optimistically.

One man rode by on a bicycle with a seat at least six feet high, enjoying a good view of the crowd from wherever he rode, while an older man wearing a fedora and a loud-striped sport coat and riding a low-rider bicycle shouted "Fuck shit up! Fuck shit up!" There was a contingent in the crowd that was at best obnoxious and at worst bloodthirsty. A dark, curly-haired woman walked by just then, as if to provide ironic counterpoint. In her flowing summer dress and with her glowing, content smile, she was a picture of calm wisdom and natural beauty. She disappeared into the crowd, past the Earth First!ers, socialists, feminist socialists. Past people wearing shirts endorsing Pacific Green Party, Critical

Mass, Food Not Bombs—the usual coalition of activist groups.

As the drone of a bullhorn called the marchers to action, excited whoops and hollers pierced the air as the crowd collectively strained to get going.

The march had begun.

Led by the police onto the parade route, the march spread out to fill the wide street. Onward with chants and whistles and the foot-stomping beat supplied by the Infused Noise Brigade. On past Mary's Nude Dance Club to the Corporate Strip, the march entered the scene of last year's violence. Starbucks. Banana Republic. Stopping and reversing its flow, the drum corps led the crowd through Starbucks and back out without incident. People in suits and ties and dresses leaned from skyscraper windows, gathered on rooftops, pointed cameras and waved.

The long march ended up at the campus of Portland State University where students filled an overhead bridge, and crowded the sidewalks as the crowd pushed through.

Around the corner at the march's terminus, an activist thanked the crowd for coming and offered a rousing salute to a peaceful demonstration.

This was not a cohesive, organized demonstration by one group. It was a fairly random coalition of groups and individuals who came together and walked a little way down the path to their shared goals. The most important fact about the event is that it did come off without violence and that citizens voiced their opinions about the state of affairs in their town, their state, their country, their world.

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THE COMMUTER

WANTED!

The Commuter needs creative students to fill positions on the 2001-2002 staff

Editor

Individuals interested in journalism and communications careers are encouraged to apply. Appointment carries a full annual tuition grant and provides practical experience for aspiring writers and editors. Students with coursework and/or experience in journalism are preferred. Applicants must be enrolled as students throughout the 2001-02 academic year. Appointment made by the LBCC Publications Committee.

DEADLINE IS MAY 18
(for this position only)

Photo Editor

Students with an interest and skills in photography are sought for this position, which offers valuable experience for anyone planning to pursue a career in photography. Several past Commuter photo editors have gone on to work at professional newspapers in Oregon and elsewhere. Applicants must have knowledge of conventional lab work. Familiarity with digital imaging is a plus, but we will provide training in Photoshop. The appointment carries a 75% annual tuition grant.

Sports Editor

An energetic writer with an interest in athletics and outdoors is sought for this position. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but anyone with a flair for writing and a passion for sports is encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant and provides valuable on-the-job training and experience covering a wide variety of intercollegiate athletics.

Graphics Editor

The Commuter is seeking an individual with experience in graphics and/or journalism to coordinate the graphic design and production aspects of the weekly newspaper. This position involves helping develop the overall design of the paper, creating illustration and info graphics for publication, and coordinating production. Macintosh experience preferred. The appointment carries a 50% tuition grant.

Assistant Editors

Applicants sought for several assistant editor positions, including Managing Editor, Copy Editor, A&E Editor, Online Editor. Some journalism or writing experience preferred, but all interested applicants are encouraged to apply. Appointment to Managing Editor carries a 50% tuition grant, while other positions, such as A&E editor, copy editor and opinion editor, carry 35% tuition grants.

Digital Page Designer

This part-time position pays \$8+ per hour for up to 12 hrs/wk on Mon.-Tues. Involves using Macintosh and Pagemaker to paginate tabloid pages under direction of the graphics editor. Mac experience and good English skills required; familiarity with Pagemaker helpful. Provides valuable experience for majors in journalism, graphics and pre-press technology.

Ad Manager

Individuals with career goals in business, graphics or journalism are ideal candidates for this position, which involves coordinating the sale, design and billing of display advertising. Macintosh experience preferred. The position carries a full annual tuition grant. Applicant must be enrolled for the 2001-02 academic year.

Work Study Jobs

Editorial Assistant
Production Assistant
Advertising Assistant
Photography Assistant

These positions open to work-study eligible students only. Information on work study eligibility is available from the Financial Aid Office.

Deadline for Editor is May 18.

Other applications remain open until positions are filled.

Applications available in The Commuter Office (F-222)

or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-112)

For additional information call ext. 4563 or 4451

CAMPUS NEWS

Business students honored

From the LBCC Business Division

More than 25 students were honored last Friday at the annual Business Division Awards Banquet.

Awards went to the following:

- Cherryl Geary, Wall Street Journal Award.

- Katherine Formen, the Gerry Conner Scholarship.

- Jennifer Haley and Hillary Mathis Hampton, the Janie Conner Scholarships.

- Donna Brown and Cindy Towne, the Hamilton & Dorothy Conner Scholarship.

- Laurie Martin-Mahiou, the Knudson Scholarship.

- Brandon Newman, the OSU/LBCC Graduate award.

- Martha Jack, Joyce Denver and Joby Lafky, Outstanding Alumni Award.

- Frances Anderson and Teresa Ware, the Outstanding Accounting Technology Student Award.

- Shelley White, the Outstanding Business & Supervisory Management Student Award.

- S. Lynn Groshong, the Outstanding Business Administration Award.

- Cathy Denver, the Outstanding Principles of Accounting Student Award.

- Matthew Presley, Outstanding Principles of Economics Student Award.

- William Layton, the Outstanding Business Computer Systems Student Award.

- Paul Valutitto, the Outstanding Computer Science Student Award.

- Dennis Ballard, the Outstanding Computer User Support Student Award.

- Emily Sannan, Fastest Typist Award (91 wpm).

- Janice Thornton, the Outstanding First-Year Business Technology Student Award.

- Fran Sperle, the Outstanding Administrative Medical Assistant Student Award.

- Christina Crites and Jessie Greiner, the Outstanding Legal Secretarial Student Award.

- Clarrissa Young, the Outstanding Medical Assistant Student Award.

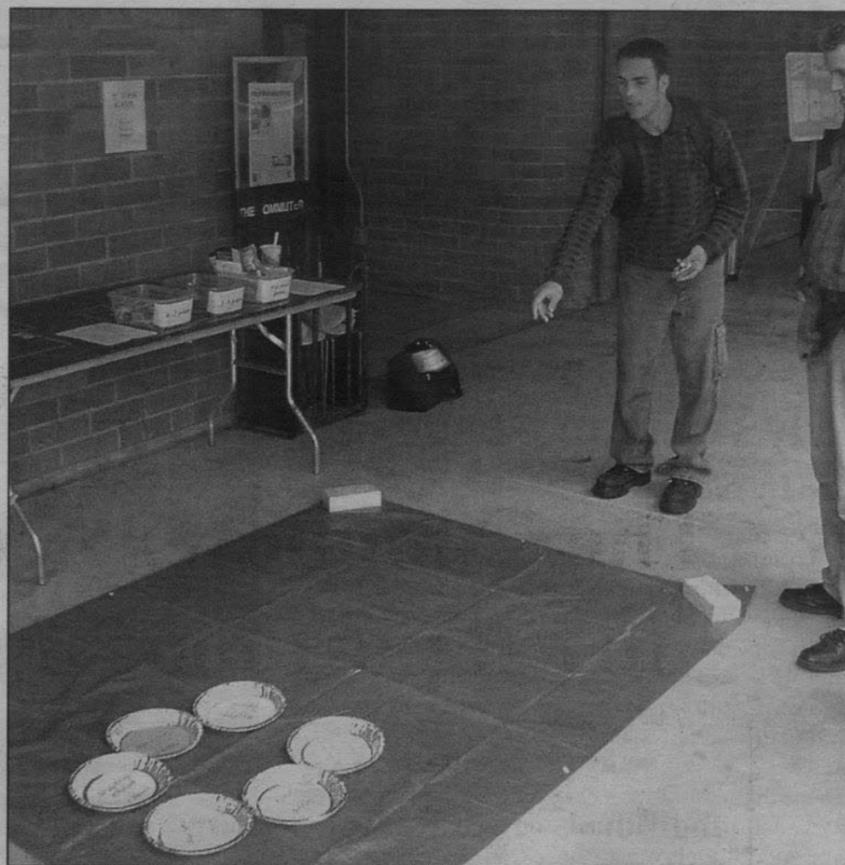


Photo by Leon Tovey

Pi Toss

An LB student throws a bean bag into a pie tray during Math Appreciation week last week. The entire week was dedicated to showing students the fun part of math.

Corvallis to build new shelter

by Michael Ryan
of The Commuter

Community Outreach Inc., in Corvallis has started construction on a 20,000 square-foot home for the homeless of Corvallis and surrounding areas.

"After 30 years at our current location," said Executive Director Patty Nevue, "we have grown and need to relocate."

With the expensive new program, Corvallis is following in the footsteps of Good Samaritan Oregon cities like Portland, Salem and Eugene in looking to help shelter the homeless.

The new shelter and social service center will be located off NW Ninth Street on Eighth and Reiman.

The shelter will house over 90 occupants (men, women and families). Many

education, recovery, medical, and anger management programs are in the works now and are planned to be continued when the home is built.

Though over \$4 million has been raised over the last five years from local, private and public sources, donations are still accepted. Commemorative brick pavers, priced from \$100 to \$1,000, are for sale and will connect the circular drive to the main entrance of the new shelter. Fundraising is set to be completed by Thanksgiving.

Of Benton County's 78,154 residents, 9.1 percent are at or below the poverty level, according to the United States Census.

Of that number, nearly 150 are currently turned away from area shelters due to lack of space.

P-T faculty lauded for contributions

From the LBCC News Service

Thirteen part-time faculty at LBCC were honored recently for outstanding contributions to the college.

Receiving awards at the banquet held April 27 were:

- Jean H. Bonifas, instructor of speech and theater and director of Main Stage productions in Takena Theatre.

- Jack R. Stone, accounting instructor and tutor in the Business Management Department.

- Steve A. Bonnett, instructor of Computer Aided Drafting.

- Judy Juntenen, instructor of history at the Benton Center, focusing on Northwest history, including the history of Native Americans and frontier women.

- Hilary White, instructor of American Sign Language at the Benton Center.

- Karen Schaefer, instructor of GED/ABSD at the East Linn Center.

- Gretchen Schaleger, instructor of calligraphy at the Sweet Home Center.

- Pamela Nelson, instructor of cardio-kickboxing and weight training at the Albany Center.

- Vikki R. Maurer, instructor of math.

- Sandy Fichtner, instructor in developmental studies.

- Connie Lenderman, instructor Living and Learning classes in Albany.

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LOCAL NEWS

IN THE HALLS OF POWER

Students get inside peek at politics by shadowing Rep. Kelly Wirth in Salem

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

To some, State Rep. Kelley Wirth is a radical hippie from the People's Republic of Corvallis bent on destroying the economy to support the ecology, and to others she is a way-too-moderate professional politician, but during a recent trip to the Capitol in Salem, I got a better understanding of the newly-elected Corvallis representative.

Spending a day in the Oregon House of Representatives shadowing Wirth (D-Corvallis) was truly an eye-opener. It was one of those times when you are getting a fast education, but it seems that the more you learn the less you know. Most of the preconceptions I carried with me to Salem were quickly shattered.

My visit to the Capitol was arranged by LB political science instructor Doug Clark and two of his students, who work for Wirth as interns: pre-law major Teresa Champ and business major Brian Holcomb. In association with Clark's State and Local Government class, two students a week over several weeks are visiting Wirth in the Capitol to find out what the job is all about and how things really work in the House.

As I mounted the steps of the Capitol on a clear, sunny day, the large white building made of Vermont marble loomed against the blue sky. Leo Friedlander's sculpture "The Covered Wagon" dominated one side of the entrance with its iconic representation of the strong, strapping pioneer man and the timid pioneer woman wearing a bonnet and holding their child while kneeling behind him.

I thought that some of my feminist friends would give me an earful about that, if they here to see it, but it didn't register with me as more than accidental patriarchal symbolism. Later, I would come to think differently about it as I learned that women at this level of government are still few and far between, and that attitudes about women may not have changed that significantly in the years since the Capitol was built.

Entering through the revolving doors of the Capitol, I smirked at a half-formed thought about term limits and the effect they have on turnover in the state government. Inside the building, the wide stairs and expansive spaces were consistent with images I have seen in movies and on TV about capitol buildings and the halls of power. The somewhat grandiose setting was limited, however, by a blasé bureaucratic lack of taste in decoration, the way courthouses are solemn and grand—but not beautiful or even handsome.

Finally, I found Wirth's office on the fourth floor and met her legislative assistant, Debbie Runciman. Wirth would later describe Runciman—a cordial woman in (I presume) her early-40s—as her only link to the institutional memory of the House of Representatives and an invaluable assistant.

Runciman escorted me to the floor of the House, where people were assembling for the morning's business. She gave me an idea of House protocol and said that once Wirth arrived I would be introduced on the floor and could perhaps sit by her at her official desk—the one with the voting buttons and everything.

In the House, you see, they have a big scoreboard where votes are tallied with red-and-green lights beside each member's name, and a big Jumbotron, kind of screen in the middle that lets everyone know what they are voting on and how the votes are stacking up. It can get pretty loud and confusing.

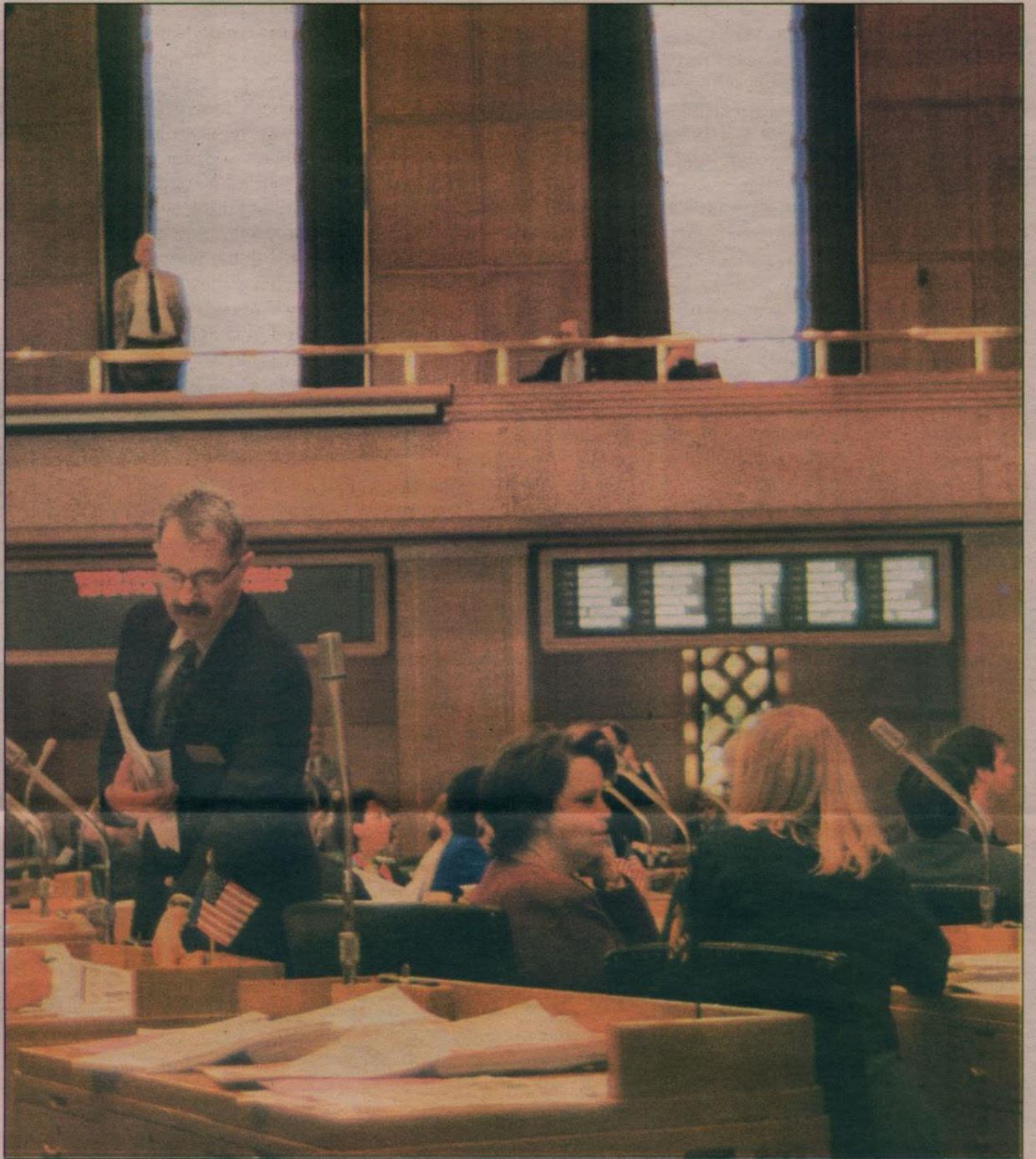


Photo by Chad Richins

Corvallis Rep. Kelley Wirth consults with Legislative Assistant Debbie Runciman on the House floor.

Unfortunately, it's not very dramatic, because, as I would later learn, most of the work is hashed out in committee and everyone pretty much knows the score before a bill hits the Floor. The Senate, when I wandered over later, was a relatively serene place where they work exclusively with voice votes. This is possible because the Senate has half the number of members as the House.

After Runciman left me, a group from a local church was introduced, and as the crowd slowly quieted down, we were treated to a beautifully voiced duet with organ accompaniment: "Each Living Soul Awaits," by Franz Josef Heiden.

As soon as the music ended, the down and dirty work of government began. Before long I spied a woman walking to and fro, talking to various members of the House. She seemed simultaneously very at ease, and somewhat out of place.

At this point I had to chide myself for assuming that Rep. Kelley Wirth, D-Corvallis, would be a business-like woman in a gray suit with hawk like eyes and a cold demeanor. Had I more time to do my homework before meeting Wirth, I might have known better. She is a young, vivacious woman with dark, medium length hair and intelligent, yet friendly eyes, who was dressed fairly colorfully for a legislative assembly.

My first, shocked impression was—Kelley Wirth is cool.

I know what you're thinking, with your preconceived notions about people who run for public

office—believe me, I know—but Wirth is cool.

She noticed me talking to another House member over the low wall that separates the audience from the Show and came over to greet me. She immediately shooed her fellow politician away, saying "You're always trying to steal my people. Get your own people."

Her chiding manner caught me off guard and I had to chuckle. This was not some stodgy party hack or professional baby-kisser. This was a real person—a Corvallis person; someone you would meet in the aisle at Freddy's or see parked in front of you in the drive-through at Burger King.

But Wirth has been involved in politics for more than 20 years, raised over \$100,000 during her campaign (an amount she calls obscene), and is "the only under 40 mother of two children under 7 in the entire building, House or Senate."

After introductions were handled, I eventually got to go sit with Wirth at the cool desk with the buttons and the microphone. Several bills began to filter through and I paid attention to the score for awhile.

House Joint Measure 19A, which had something to do with adoption, passed unanimously. House Bill 2704A, a bill dealing with eliminating the marriage tax penalty—or at least shifting the burden of it to single people—passed 43 to 16. Wirth voted yes, which she would, I thought, because she's married and probably needs the bucks.

HB 2800A dealt with the shortage of nurses in

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LOCAL NEWS

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Where the work gets done: A look at government by committee

by Chad Richins
of The Commuter

During an afternoon visit to the State Capitol, I ducked into Hearing Room E, where a strange scene was playing itself out.

Taking a seat next to another of Rep. Kelly Wirth's interns, a very helpful young lady and fellow LB student, Diane Hale, I witnessed a discussion on an amendment to a bill that would eventually, with federal approval, allow hands-on management of pinipeds—that is, sea lions and harbor seals—to prevent their munching on endangered salmon. The committee was made up of Reps. Wirth, Tomei, Lee, Jenson, Leonard, Kruse, King and Smith. The debate centered around what measures would be authorized to "manage" these pinipeds, and some members of the committee seemed to be having a gay old time talking about killing them.

A proposition was made to delete the phrase "by non-lethal means" from the bill, HB 3341, and was eventually passed by the mostly Republican panel. Rep. Jeff Kruse, (R-Roseburg), a balding man, perhaps in his 40 constantly rocked back and forth in his chair like an excited schoolboy, and joked gleefully of killing pinipeds. "I got a boat," he said. "Let's go get 'em!" Har, har har.

Rep. Randy Leonard (D-Portland), who sat next to Kruse, seemed to share the same sense of humor with Kruse, if not party affiliation. They were having a lot of fun talking about killing these

animals and a few people on the committee didn't share their joviality.

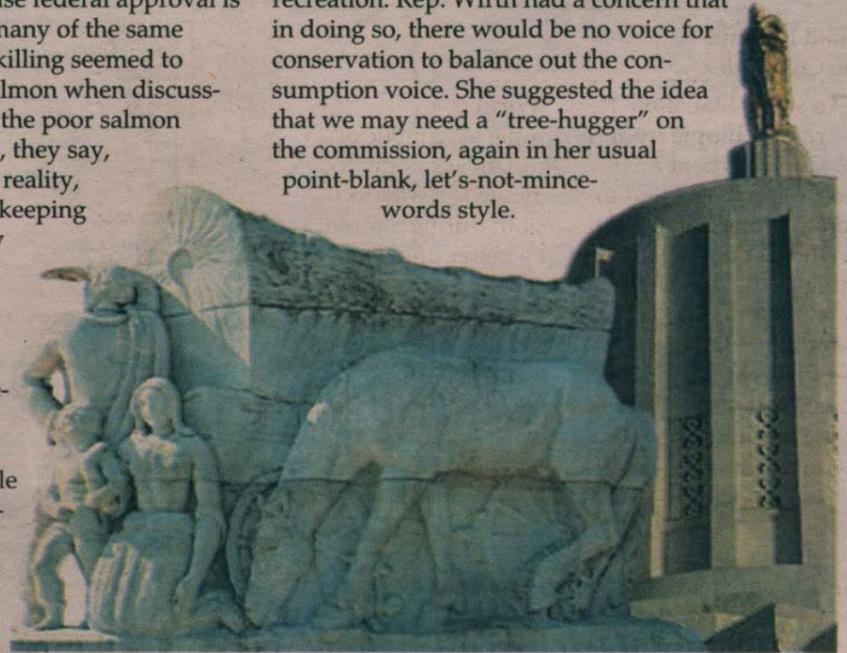
It appeared that some people who do not support dam-breaching or other measures to restore the salmon are in favor of killing pinipeds because it is a way to look like you are saving salmon without losing any jobs.

And it could be a hoot to boot. However, any action against the salmon-hungry critters would be years away if it ever happened, because federal approval is needed. I also discovered that many of the same people who are all for pinipeding seemed to blanch at clubbing hatchery salmon when discussing a related bill. We can't club the poor salmon when we shut down a hatchery, they say, because that would be cruel. In reality, they appear more interested in keeping salmon counts inflated any way they can so that we can call the fake salmon real salmon, quit fussing and call the salmon restored.

But Rep. Kruse, like a bobble-headed baseball player doll, grinned and chuckled his way through the whole session, while the more somber Rep. King, (D-Eugene/Springfield) and Rep. Wirth chimed in with dissenting opinions and questions of clarification involving which

pinipeds could be considered threats and what possible management could take place without lethal means.

The next item up for business was HB 3637, which would modify how the state Fish and Wildlife Commission would be comprised, changing the rules from geographical representation to populating the committee with persons who have a background in fishing, hunting and recreation. Rep. Wirth had a concern that in doing so, there would be no voice for conservation to balance out the consumption voice. She suggested the idea that we may need a "tree-hugger" on the commission, again in her usual point-blank, let's-not-mince-words style.



Legislature: Works to represent the views of her Corvallis constituency

From Page 6

Oregon and was the subject of extended debate for quite some time before it was passed 42 to 17, with Wirth signaling in the affirmative. The next bill, HB 3433A removed the sunset, or expiration date, from a 10-cent cigarette tax and received the required majority three-fifths yes vote to pass almost instantaneously, with Rep. Wirth again voting yes. HB 2007A, the OLCC decoy bill, which gives OLCC agents more latitude during sting operations on stores selling to minors, also passed.

At one point, a preteen page girl came in with a note for Rep. Wirth that a lobbyist wanted to see her in the hall.

"Wanna go watch me talk to the lobbyist?" Wirth asked me.

I jumped at the chance, and out in the hall it was like a cocktail party without the drinks, but with dozens of noisy conversations going on. Wirth was talking to a man from the nursing home industry about something, but I had no point of reference or knowledge of the people they were discussing so I was lost and disappointed that the lobbyist didn't care if I listened. When we went back onto the floor, things were just wrapping up and the place was emptying for lunch.

Later, Wirth worked in committee with other representatives on a number of issues dealing with the environment, conservation and hunting and fishing rights. During a debate on modifying the state fish and wildlife commission, Wirth raised a concern that there would be no voice for conservation to balance out the consumption voice. She suggested the idea that we may need a "tree-hugger" on the commission—again in her point-blank, let's-not-mince-words style.

In her dealings with the committee, Wirth demonstrated the attitudes and

beliefs that seem to make her a perfect representative of her Corvallis constituency, acting as a voice for conservation and environmentalism with a solid base of family values and a reality-based intellect.

She is also very knowledgeable about the issues facing the people in her district. For someone with a picture of Bruce Springsteen in her office, she spoke of complex issues like

system development charges, and City of Corvallis Endangered Species Act compliance problems with surprising authority.

I'm sure to some she represents the Willamette Valley politics that those in the Eastern part of the state see as encroaching their rights to use the land and wildlife as they see fit, while others would like her to be more liberal in her role as a legislator.

Regardless of the extremist positions of some of the people in her district, Wirth represents the majority of people living in the area many of us call home. And for the next few years she will be bringing a little bit of diversity and humor to your state government.

And as I found out during my day at the Capitol, she will just about talk your ear off if you go see her.



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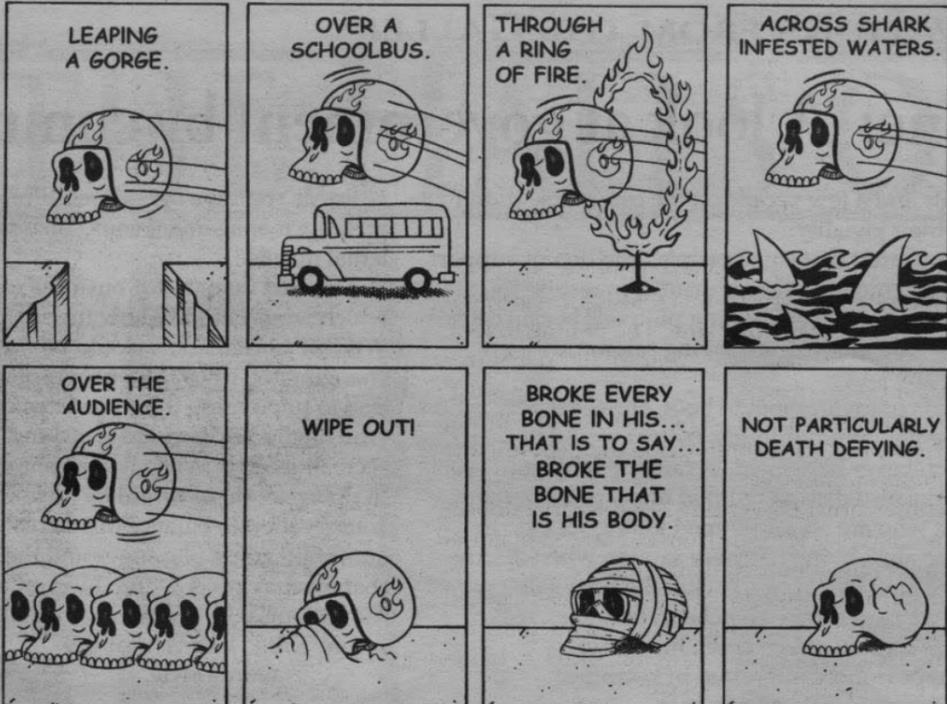
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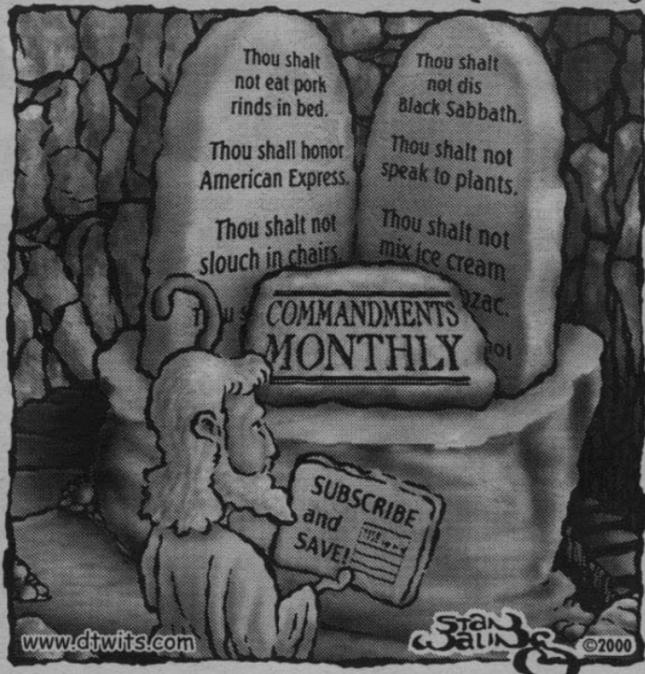
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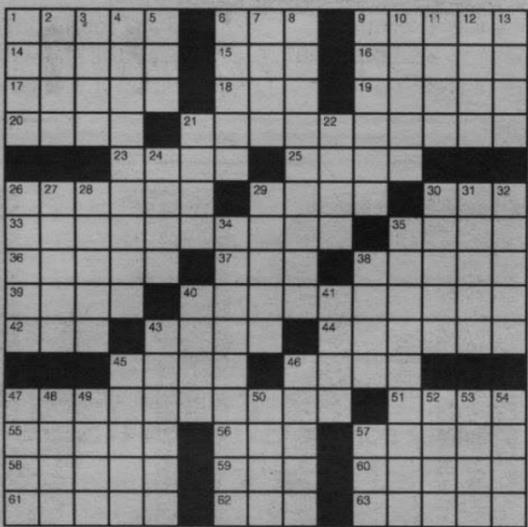
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CAMPUS NEWS

Eloquent Umbrella to hit streets in May

Annual literary journal will be sold in Tadena Hall after its publication later this month.

by Crystal Huff
of The Commuter

About forty different artists from Linn and Benton Counties will see their work in print around the third week in May when the Spring issue of the Eloquent Umbrella comes out at LBCC.

The Eloquent Umbrella is the annual literary magazine of LBCC. The magazine is in its ninth year in print and encompasses several art forms including photography, illustration, poetry, and prose.

The Eloquent Umbrella will be sold for \$4.50 at the Tadena Theater Box Office, the OSU Bookstore, Grass Roots bookstore, The Book Bin of Corvallis, and at the

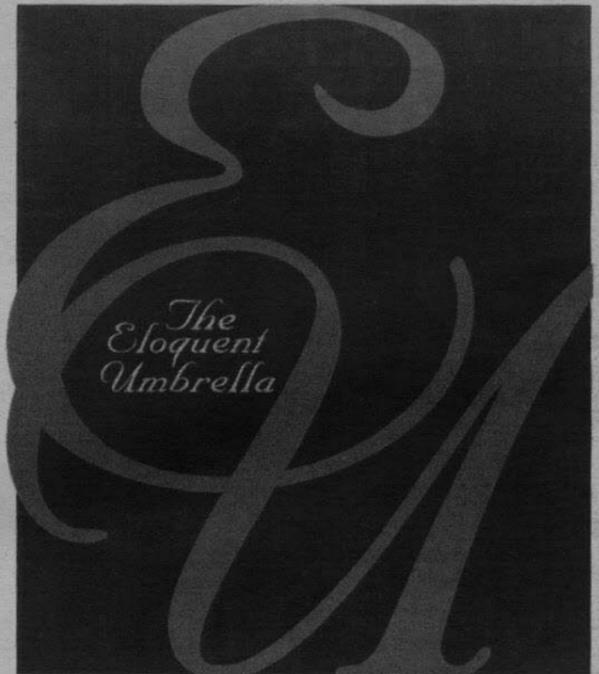
Benton Center. Copies will also be available from the staff directly from a table that will be set up in Tadena Hall during the first week of the Umbrella's release.

"I'm really happy with the way it looks," said Eloquent Umbrella advisor Terrance Millet, who mentioned that the literary magazine is beginning to look more like a literary book—this year's edition features 112 different pieces of art.

The Eloquent Umbrella is published every spring term and accepts work from students and people in the surrounding communities.

Each winter term LB's Writing 247, Literary Publications, class makes selections from submitted material and assembles the Eloquent Umbrella.

This year marks the first year that Millet has worked as advisor to the publication, as well as instructor to the class. Millet replaced long-time Umbrella advisor Linda Smith, who stepped down last year.



Smokers to find refuge from elements

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

Smokers may soon have cover at five designated smoking areas to help keep them safe from the elements while enjoying a smoke.

According to Director of Facilities Kevin Nicholson the shelters are expected to be here by the end of May and will be put up as soon as they arrive.

"We were expecting the shelters at the

end of last month, but the smoking shelter has become a popular concept around the country and the company has fallen behind," Nicholson added.

The shelters will be enclosed on three sides and covered above. They will be located in the exposed smoking areas on the south side of the College Center Building, south of the book store, south of the LRC, north of the AHSS Building and north of the Business Building.

Cash flow seminar offered at LRC

by Adam Pierce
of The Commuter

Students interested in improving their college performance have two more opportunities to do so before the end of the quarter.

On Tuesday May 15 the Spring Term Survival Seminar is "Improving Your Cash Flow," a workshop that will teach students how to decrease their expenses and better control their spending. There will also be a list of sources available that

can help students pay for college and other expenses.

The following week's workshop, entitled "Reducing Test Stress," will educate its attendees on the causes, preventatives and cures of test stress. It will be held on Tuesday, May 22.

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IF IT WERE MY TEAM

Blazer's flameout leaves trail of blame

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

'Tis the season to point fingers, fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la!

What the hell happened to the Trailblazers? Was it poor coaching, a chemistry experiment gone bad, inflated egos run amok? Who knows? But there is an abundance of millionaires who spend part of the year residing in the Portland area with no one to blame but themselves.

There's plenty of blame to go around.

Let's see, to start the season Shawn Kemp arrived in Portland looking more like the Stay Puffed Marshmallow Man than the Reign Man of his early playing days in Seattle.

At midseason there was Steve Smith, a normally mild-mannered team player, who quietly grumbled about losing his starting spot to Bonzi Wells. Then Whitsitt brought Detlef Schrempf out of retirement and picked up Rod Strickland off of the waiver wire—essentially sending the message to the rest of the team that he had no faith in their abilities.

Toward the end of the season Schrempf and Scottie Pippen went a few rounds in practice. Then, just about the time Kemp was slimming down to a decent playing weight he checks himself into rehab for cocaine abuse.

Finally, we come to the Failblazers' biggest malcontent, Rasheed Wallace. Wallace managed to break his own record by earning 41 technical fouls this year. He was ejected from seven games, and suspended for two by the league and two more by Dunleavy. To finish the season Wallace got into it with Arvydas Sabonis on the court and rushed Dunleavy in the locker room before being restrained by his teammates.

Throw in a season-ending knee injury to Wells, and you could kiss the hopes of a championship good-bye.

We should have seen this coming.

Lots of people want to blame Whitsitt for this disaster. But what choice did he really have? Brian Grant was a very popular player in Portland. He was also a free agent without a position in Portland. The fact that Whitsitt was able to get a once-great player, Kemp, with a big enough butt on him to lean on Shaq occasionally in return for an disgruntled, injury prone, undersized center was a coup. Most critics agreed that it was a good deal. Grant wasn't coming back regardless. At least the Blazers got something out of it.

Or how about the Jermaine O'Neal deal? Whitsitt parted with a guy who had been parked on the bench for four uneventful seasons. Many of us forget

that O'Neal had also demanded a trade. What might this guy have offered to the chemistry found in the locker room this season. Again Trader Bob managed to snag a veteran big guy in Dale Davis. Davis was coming off of his first All-Star season, and had just finished the season guarding Shaq in the NBA Finals.

Whitsitt was cunning enough to convince Schrempf not to retire and to agree to stay in shape in case the team needed him. Halfway through the season Schrempf was needed to help replace Scottie Pippen while he recovered from elbow surgery.

Then when the opportunity to acquire a solid point guard, Strickland, to back up Damon Stoudamire, presented itself, again Whitsitt was there to prevent anybody else from getting their hands on him.

So if this mess wasn't Whitsitt's fault, how about Dunleavy? Coach Dunleavy was handed what could possibly be the greatest collection of talent ever assembled on one team—other than the Dream Team.

Then again, what coach out there could have convinced this bunch of has-beens and former all-stars that they aren't superstars any longer?

I don't think MacGyver could have made these parts fit.

It wasn't Dunleavy or Whitsitt who was handing out extra Twinkies to Kemp or shoving the coke up his nose. It wasn't Dunleavy who gave Wallace the brilliant idea to throw a towel into the face of his teammate during a game. The only mistake I saw Dunleavy make during the season was the decisions not to discipline Wallace for the childish tantrums he throws at the very sight of an official.

Now Dunleavy is preparing to remove the word "coach" from his title as the Blazers drag out his inevitable firing. Dunleavy has one year left on his contract. But should we expect the Blazers' front office to go into next season with a lame duck coach, who has already has lost the respect of the players? Or will Whitsitt extend Dunleavy's contract to give a show of support?

Yeah right—after ending the season by losing 14 of their last 22 games?

I don't think so.

The sad part is that the Blazers find themselves stuck between a rock and a hard place. Whitsitt has proclaimed his job safe. So who's left? It's a lot harder to fire 12 guys than one.

They'll do him a favor and let him go, and they'll do themselves a favor by making him the fall guy and replacing him with Clyde Drexler—but that's a whole other column.



Photo by Christopher Spence

Track athletes warm up with some stretching exercises before a recent practice. Pictured from left to right, Cassidy Beaver, Daniel Kerr, T.J. Vetkos, Ed Hoffman and KC Carelson.

Smith vaults to new high; Vetkos hits 14 feet for first

by Jason Amberg
of The Commuter

LB's track team fared well last Saturday in its final meet before the Southern Region Championships this Friday and Saturday in Eugene, as five Roadrunners placed at the Roy Burns Invitational in Vancouver, Wash.

Leading the way for the Roadrunners were pole vaulters Christine Smith and T.J. Vetkos, who each took first. Smith set a new personal best, clearing 11 feet. Her vault also tied the meet record, which was previously held by former Roadrunner and Smith's current training partner, Melisa Clements. Clements had held the record since 1999.

Vetkos claimed a victory on the men's side with a vault of 14 feet.

The other important mark met by the Runners was Cassidy Beaver's season-best 56.1 seconds in the 400-hurdles. Beaver's time placed him third in the meet and qualified him for the NWAACC Championships later this month.

In the high jump Ed Hoffman placed third with a jump of 6 feet, 2 inches. He also ran the 200-meters in 24.0 seconds.

Liz Lowe did well in the throws with a third place finish in the hammer throw and fifth in the discus. Lowe threw the hammer 106 feet, 2 inches, and launched the disc 83 feet, 4 inches.

Beaver's qualification for the NWAACC Championships means that he'll be joining four other Roadrunners in Spokane, Wash.

Smith and Vetkos each qualified in the pole vault, and Hoffman in the high jump.

Eric Konzelman has also qualified for the pole vault but will be unable to compete due to injury. According to the results of Konzelman's MRI, he has a slight tear of the lateral meniscus and will miss the rest of the season.

The Runners will be in action again Friday and Saturday at Lane Community College in Eugene for the Southern Region Championships.

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SPORTS PAGE

Roadrunners bring down Mt. Hood Saints—again

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

LB split with Mt. Hood over the week-end, making it the third time that they have defeated the league-leading Saints in four games.

In the first game on Saturday, the Runners fell to Mt. Hood 5-2 despite matching the Saints with seven hits throughout the game.

Mt. Hood got off to a 2-0 lead going into the first inning after the Saints No. 4 batter hit a two run homer with two outs.

The Runners answered in the bottom of the second when Andy Campbell hit a solo homerun of his own to bring LB within one.

There would be no more scoring until the fifth, when the Saints scored once in the top of the inning with another home run off of Paul Collins. LB was unable to return the favor until the seventh, when Justin Thompson singled to get on base. Thompson advanced to second as Jeff Frost got on base by an error to the Saints right fielder. Teal Tenney's single drove in Thompson to get the Runners back within one.

LB allowed Mt. Hood to score two more runs in the eighth inning, but couldn't come up with anything and fell 5-2.

Tenney led the Runners hitting 2-for-3 with an RBI while Campbell hit 1-for-4 with his home run. Lead-off hitter Justin Pratt doubled in the first inning to go 1-for-4.

Collins, who took the loss, faced 37 batters in the game, striking out six and walking only one.

LB wasn't about to give up, bouncing back in the second game of the twin bill defeating the Saints 4-2.

In the first inning, Mt. Hood again got off to a 2-0 lead with a walk and a single to put runners on base. Between a couple of stolen bases and an error by catcher Tenney, both managed to score.

The score stayed that way until the sixth inning when LB scored all four of

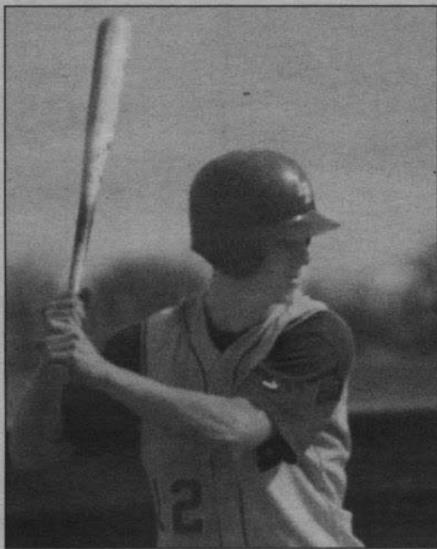


Photo by James Bauerle

Andy Narver leads the Runners for the second week, hitting 7-for-15 with a homerun and a double in the last week's games.

their runs off of three hits.

Campbell, who moved up from batting seventh to bat No. 2 behind Pratt, started things off with a single. Andy Narver followed his lead with a single of his own to advance Campbell to second. Kris Lloyd then walked to load the bases for Frost, who scored Campbell but was thrown out on a fielder's choice.

Josiah Stroup also walked and again the bases were loaded for the Runners. Tenney cleared the bases though with a three run double.

LB ended the game with those four runs, holding the Saints in the top of the seventh despite the bases being loaded.

Tenney led the Runners hitting 2-for-3, both doubles, with three RBIs, while Pratt, Campbell and Narver all went 1-for-3.

Justin Quaempts threw a tough game, striking out eight of the 31 batters he faced and giving up only six hits.

On Tuesday, LB faced off against Lane, dropping the first game 8-3 before falling by one run in the second.

In game one, the Runners gave up four runs in the second inning, with one error, two wild pitches and two hit batters. These mistakes gave the Titans a lead that the Runners wouldn't recover from.

The Titans then scored another three in the fourth inning, while LB was kept scoreless until the sixth when Colin Kaneshiro got on base on an error by the second baseman. Narver then singled to advance Kaneshiro to second and a Lloyd single put him on third. Kaneshiro came home when the Lane pitcher walked Thompson.

LB scored another two runs in the ninth, when a shot off of Narver's bat was mishandled by the third baseman allowing Stroup, who had singled, and Pratt, who had walked, to score.

Narver was once again the leader, hitting 4-for-5 with two RBIs and one stolen base. Campbell went 2-for-3 and Stroup hit 2-for-4 for the Runners.

The second game was closer, but still ended with a Roadrunner loss.

The game was held scoreless until the fifth inning when LB scored the first run. Lloyd led off, getting on base by an error on the second baseman and advancing to second on an error on the pitcher. Thompson's single put him on third and Campbell scored Lloyd when he flew out to center.

LB scored another run in the seventh inning when Narver hit a home run, the only extra base hit of the game. The Runners one run was out done by Lane's two runs on three singles.

That scoring sequence was done again when Lloyd was hit by a pitch to get on base. Campbell's single drove in Lloyd for LB's one run to put the Runners up 3-2.

Lane still had to bat however, and they were able to score two runs to step ahead of LB and win the game.

Narver and Campbell both went 1-for-3, with Campbell picking up two RBIs and Narver one. Thompson and

Stroup each went 1-for-4.

Campbell started the game on the mound for the Runners, striking out three and giving up six hits. Aaron Watchman, who relieved Campbell in the sixth, struck out two and gave up one hit.

LB had only four hits in the game while the Titans came up with seven.

LINE SCORES

Baseball

At Eugene
Game One

LANE 8, LINN-BENTON 3

LBCC 000 001 002 — 3 10 4

LCC 041 300 00x — 8 9 3

Mendenhall, Newmann (2), Nesbit (3) and Tenney; Williams, Simmons (6), Thurman (8) and Kimbaugh, Bolin (5). WP—Williams. LP—Mendenhall 3-2. 2B—LBCC, Narver.

Game Two

LANE 4, LINN-BENTON 3

LBCC 000 010 100 1—3 4 1

LCC 000 000 200 2—4 7 3

Campbell, Watchman (7) and Kirby; Larson, Waller (7) and Kimbaugh. WP—Waller. LP—Watchman, 0-2. HR—LBCC, Narver.

At Albany

Game One

MT. HOOD 5, LINN-BENTON 2

MHCC 200 010 020 — 5 7 2

LBCC 010 000 100 — 2 7 1

Burres, Sanders (4) and Hernandez; Collins and Tenney. W—Burres. L—Collins, 2-2. 2B—MHCC, Andrusso; LBCC—Pratt. HR—MHCC, Burres, Summer; LBCC—Campbell.

Game Two

LINN-BENTON 4, MT. HOOD 2

MHCC 200 000 0—2 6 0

LBCC 000 004 x—4 5 1

Kline and Hernandez; Quaempts and Tenney. W—Quaempts 4-4. L—Kline. 2B—LBCC, Tenney 2.

STANDINGS

Men	League	Overall
Mt. Hood	13-6	21-12
Lane	12-7	21-15
SW Oregon	12-8	14-21
Chemeketa	11-8	19-16
Linn-Benton	7-14	13-19
Clackamas	4-17	9-24

Lloyd satisfied with play

by David Miller
of The Commuter

Kris Lloyd, the Roadrunner's starting first baseman, is playing in his last year at LB and is currently second on the team with is .308 batting average. Lloyd has accumulated 20 hits, including a home run, and has 11 RBIs.

"I am satisfied with the way I'm playing but I can do better," Lloyd explained.

Lloyd started playing baseball in The San Fernando Valley in California where he was born. At the age of 13 he moved to Boise, Idaho, where he played baseball until he got a phone call from Coach Greg Hawk and he found his way to Oregon to play for LB. It wasn't all easy for Lloyd though. In his sophomore year of high school he sat the bench for reasons unknown.

"I was used to being the best player on the team," Lloyd said. "My sophomore year kinda woke me up a bit."

After the hardships in his sophomore year, Lloyd works hard lifting weights and running to stay in shape. His work ethic is something Hawk admires him for.

After this year Lloyd hopes to move on to a four-year school and continue to



Photo by James Bauerle

Kris Lloyd made his to Oregon from Idaho to find himself at the top of the batting charts and a starting position at first base.

play baseball. He is looking at attending a school either in Northern California or he would like to go back home to Idaho.

He wants to get a Bachelor's degree while he is attending a four year school, and if nothing happens in his future with baseball, Lloyd intends to earn a Master's degree.

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OPINION



I AM NOT A LIBERAL

Sexism creates hostile workplace

by Angus McBrian
of The Commuter

"I'm not creating an oppressive atmosphere. You have to have power to create an oppressive atmosphere." So argued a coworker of mine last week when confronted with the sexist nature of his reading a men's magazine at work.

He was reading "FHM"; if you're not familiar with the title, think "Men's Journal", "Maxim" or "Stuff". The magazine's cover was filled with an image pervasive in today's media environment: a thin, scantily clad woman with shiny skin gazing at the viewer with a sexy, come-hither look.

These "men's content" ranges from sex, to popular culture, to the latest techno-gadgets, and back to sex. Their pages are filled with photo-shoots of half-naked women and articles titled "Jug-O-Meter" and "Cover Girls: The world's foxiest honeys." "Stuff" highlights this genre most shamelessly—the magazine's title puts women in the same category as consumer electronics and SUVs.



Angus McBrian

The problem with these images, and the content of my coworker's magazine, is that it objectifies women.

Women are objectified when they are treated like objects, when they are told that their worth is a measure of their conformity to an unattainable physical ideal.

Objectification is the opposite of subjectification. Men are subjects. They are the centers of stories. Their characters—as opposed to their bodies—are the focus of movies, television and books. The subject of our culture is men, while women relegated to the status object. If calling women "stuff" isn't treating them like objects, then I don't know what would be.

Of course, there will always be exceptions. I'm not describing an absolute. Men's bodies do get objectified, and there are female main characters in the movies. But this picture does accurately describe the balance of content in movies, music videos, television and magazines—not to mention advertising of all kinds.

So, is my coworker contributing to an oppressive atmosphere? By adding strength to the message that women are objects, he is. Now that image of a woman is no longer the product of a distant advertiser. Now it is a man's message to the women around him. "You are more important if you look like this." The personal nature of this message makes it all the more powerful.

"But it's only natural. My attraction to that image is animal—it's primal," argued another coworker.

It's not primal. Men's attraction to these images is cultivated in a specific mental environment. Proof lies in the changing archetype of a beautiful woman—Marilyn Monroe was fat by today's standards. One only has to look at images of idealized women in other cultures to see that these ideals are culturally relative.

Neither of the men I was arguing with was coming around. So it didn't help when a woman joined the argument on their side. "But I think she's cute. I don't see what's wrong with looking at pictures of good looking women."

Ouch. It doesn't help a man's arguments about sexism when a woman contributes to her own oppression. The conversation ended, but not before she revealed what to me was a painful fact.

"Last night my five-year-old daughter told me she wants to go on a diet. She says her belly is too big." The contradiction didn't seem to strike anyone present.

"It's not because of the media. It's because her aunt talks about having too-large of an ass." Maybe, but that little girl isn't isolated from the maelstrom of images telling her that she ought to look painfully thin. And her aunt doesn't live in isolation either.

I have a daughter and I dread the day she tells me she isn't beautiful because she isn't thin enough.

You do have to have power to create an oppressive atmosphere. My coworker, like all men, has a responsibility to use the power granted him by a patriarchal society to protect our daughters by opposing their objectification.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New York police have not escaped punishment

To the Editor:

This letter is directed to Leon Tovey in response to his Article titled "Diallo's killers should not escape punishment just because they're cops".

One-hundred thirty-four.

The number? That is how many police officers died in the line of duty in 1999. In 1998, 161 cops died, 59,545 were assaulted and 18,221 were injured. Why do I bring this up? To illustrate a point. Being a police officer is a dangerous job.

Every day police officers are faced with possible life threatening situations. We, as citizens, I'm sure do not have the slightest idea of the dangers that go with the job. It seems I am always hearing about a cop getting shot when he makes a routine traffic stop.

As for the Diallo case, what happened was truly a tragedy, but not a crime. Put yourself in the officers position. You are in one of the most crime infested city in the country, your chasing a suspect, one of your companions falls before you, and the suspect reaches for something. You have exactly two seconds to decide what to do. Oh, too late. They acted not because they were scared, but because it is their job.

It is sad what happened, and the officers involved will have to bear it the rest of their days. Two have quit the force. They were tried for murder. And they were acquitted. So, in saying that they should be punished, are you saying that you know the facts of the case better than the court? Do you understand, by reading glorified headings in newspapers, what the basis of their actions were? Are you deciding what is right and what is wrong?

What I am getting at is this: Who are you to judge where judgment has already been made? These officers may not suffer criminally, but they sure will psychologically, and most likely financially due to the civil suits being brought up against them. And all their careers, as officers of the law, are ruined. People will look at them and call them murders or killers, just like you have. It doesn't matter if they are proven innocent in a court of law. They are marked men.

Lastly, I wish to say something about the title of your article. Diallo's killers did not escape punishment. They are still enduring it. And it is because they are cops that they endure it.

My heart goes out to Diallo's family, but it also goes out to the 134 families of police officers that died in the line of duty doing their best to protect and serve us.

Mike Jirges

Columnist has no right to criticize police

To the Editor:

Once again Mr. Tovey you have amazed me with your great writing skills. Your article about the Diallo killing was so touching it moved me in ways I never knew possible. My friend, you are the master of the news. This article was without a doubt the best crap, filth, and in your own words "shit" I ever read. Let me tell you something about what I read.

First, you start by bashing on appropriate behavior. Was the decision of the NYPD good? I don't know because I have never lived in the intercity, and do not know what it is like to a cop in New York City, but believe it or not, the men and women on that board probably do know what it means to be a cop in New York City. So your own personal opinion about appropriate behavior is not needed, thanks.

Second, Mr. Tovey, you go on to say "police are supposed to be the good guys." Where did you learn this personal opinion again?

Third, you state that he was gunned down for no reason other than a few cops were scared. Well my friend, if you had a buddy that had just been shot by a suspect that you were chasing, I believe you too would be in fear of your own life.

Fourth, you use the word "shit" in your article. Is that professional?

Fifth, Mr. Tovey it is in my understanding that you state "I'm not saying that the men who killed Amadou are bad men," but the whole time before this you are doing nothing more than bashing on them and telling us that they are in the wrong.

Sixth point, I would like you to know it is good in my eyes. It is when you talk about the training the cops undertake. I do believe that proper training will help to prevent loss of human life, and help cops deal with stressful situations like what happened here in your article.

I would like to leave you with this, everytime The Commuter comes out I look for your article, so I can see how ignorant of an American my fellow student Leon Tovey can be.

Byron Watson

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