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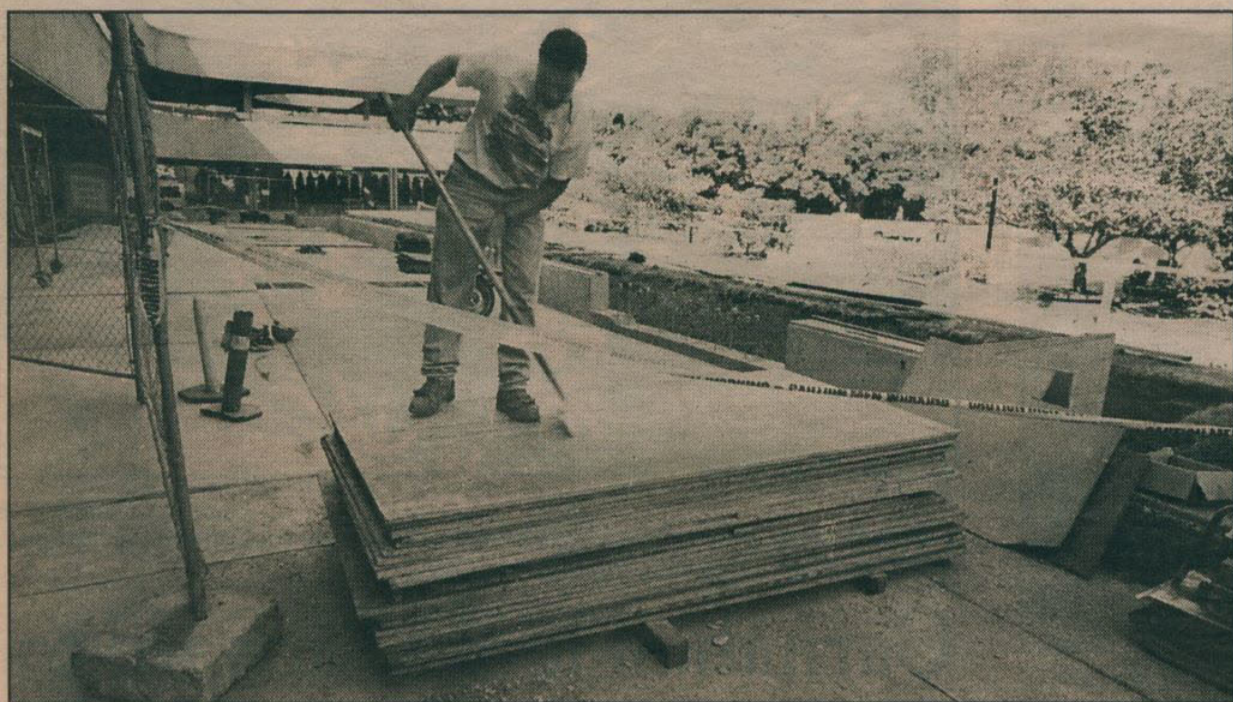
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Construction at LBCC is well under way at several locations this fall. Brian Hammond (above) of Moddermans Construction prepares to work on the framework at the Courtyard Cafe, while Stacy Benham puts in the plumbing. The new eatery will be an enlarged version of Takena Hall's Camas Room, including a grill and expanded menu. Also under construction at the west end of the Forum are new offices for student government and The Commuter, as well as a student lounge and recreation room. North of the Science Tech. building a greenhouse and storage building are planned. Completion is expected by January.

Men at Work

Construction project promises more space for student activities, cafe

by Jeremy Parker
of The Commuter

The whining of drills, the pounding of hammers and the bone-jarring shock of the nail gun are just a few sounds making it hard for students to hear their instructors explain U.S. history and other subjects this fall.

Unfortunately, this annoyance will be going on all term, but the payoff will be worth it, say college officials. In the end students will get a new Courtyard Cafe, recreation room, lounge, greenhouse, and offices for student government and The Commuter, thanks to a major construction project costing \$1.4 million.

What once was the Camas Room will be enlarged into The Courtyard Cafe, which is expected to be done in January, along with the other projects. The cafe will be expanded by 1,200-square-feet, making it more than 2,000-square-feet of space for student to sip their lattes, talk about dates they had over the weekend or catch-up on late homework.

According to Bob Miller, the administrator in charge of capital projects, another change will involve adding stairs

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Try Transit Week offers free rides

by Sarah Crauder
of The Commuter

Free bus rides will be offered next week during the sixth annual Try Transit Week by the Linn-Benton Loop, Albany Transit System and Corvallis Transit System.

Try Transit Week, which runs from Oct. 5-10, will feature different promotional activities throughout the week to call attention to public transit's ability to save energy, reduce traffic congestion, increase productivity, and help boost the local economy.

All buses are equipped with bicycle racks for those who wish to combine bicycling with transit. Buses also have a wheelchair lift and a kneeling feature, which lowers the front entrance of the bus.

According to Corvallis Transit officials, Try Transit Week is an ideal time for commuters who do not currently ride public transit to join those already utilizing the service.

Further transit information is available at the Corvallis Transit website at www.ci.corvallis.or.us/pw/cts/ and at 757-6998.

Extension of insurance benefits turns heads

Opponents denounce college's decision to grant insurance benefits to employees who are unmarried domestic partners

by Justin Dalton
of the Commuter

When LBCC President Jon Carnahan decided to extend insurance benefits to staff member domestic partners last spring, he didn't anticipate the angry reaction that erupted at this month's board meeting.

The decision, implemented this fall, granted health insurance benefits to unmarried couples of same and opposite sex.

When Carnahan's decision filtered through the community, people started raising concerns to their elected representatives on the board. Board Chairman Hal Brayton placed the item on the agenda for immediate action. Brayton later commented that the majority of concerns were emotional issues that made voting a "gut-line decision."

"A lot of community members don't agree with the issue of homosexuality as being a co-habiting class covered under LB policy," said Brayton

Members of the LB board, which includes Brayton, Tom Wogaman, Sara Ingle, Rich Wendland, Janice Horner, Joseph Novak and Marshall Johnson, participated in a "healthy discussion" with community members at the September board meeting. Afterwards Novak and Johnson voted against the policy, which was passed by a 5-2 vote.

The debate between school policy and moral issues raised inquiries about anti-discriminatory clauses, concerns about marital status and same-sex relationships.

Novak, a business owner and long-time board member, stated later in an interview that a sizable group of community members who attended the meeting supported Johnson and

himself, but added that he felt the votes were "stacked against us."

One supporter in particular, Ted Gay, had a few colorful statements published in the Albany Democrat-Herald. He claimed that the board's decision was nothing less than "pathetic and disgusting (he and Marshall Johnson)," Novak said.

Novak stressed that both he and Johnson believes strongly in the college's nondiscriminatory practices, but he was forced to vote no because he didn't agree that unmarried couples should share the same benefits as those who are married.

"Those two things should not go together," he said.



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—Jon Carnahan

Jon Carnahan said that he included domestic partners in the health coverage benefits because "We would have some potential liability of discriminating against a class that we didn't in our hiring practices."

"It's unusual that people in the community try to overturn a decision," said Carnahan. "We wanted to address it as a policy perspective, instead of a moral issue, which it becomes very quickly."

According to Carnahan, his decision to include domestic partners in the policy will raise insurance costs for the college, but the rate the employees pay won't be increased.

Janice Horner, a new board representative from Sweet Home, said that she "Had strong feelings that this policy was the right thing to do."



✓ Playtime

Preschoolers enjoy new playground structure thanks to many volunteers

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near the back doors in Takena Hall that will allow students to access the courtyard directly from the balcony. Construction hasn't begun on the stairs yet, but Miller said he hopes to have it done by the end of the school year.

The new 2,700-square-foot Student Life & Leadership headquarters at the west end of the Forum will include offices for student representatives as well as a recreation room with pool tables and arcade games. Construction is also underway on the second floor of the Forum, where a new lounge is being built overlooking the courtyard, alongside a new newsroom for The Commuter. These additions are costing more than \$560,000.

The SL&L offices, recreation room, student lounge and newsroom are all currently housed on the second floor of the College Center. They are being moved out so that the area can be turned into a conferencing center surrounding the cafeteria, which will enable the college to

schedule large conferences and workshops by both on and off-campus organizations.

Construction hasn't been all fun and games, said Miller, who noted that so much construction is going on in the region that supplies and sub-contractors are often delayed. The greenhouse in particular is causing problems, he said. "It's been my biggest frustration," Miller said. It has to be engineered, a route he hoped to avoid, which is increasing the cost of the 36-by-90-foot greenhouse and slowing progress.

Students will need the greenhouse for classes by spring term. "It'll be here or I won't," Miller said.

A new 6,000-square-foot storage shed is being built where the old greenhouse was, between the Science and Technology and Industrial A buildings.

Miller has received only a few minor complaints from students and staff about the noise and dust. "The staff has been really understanding," Miller said.

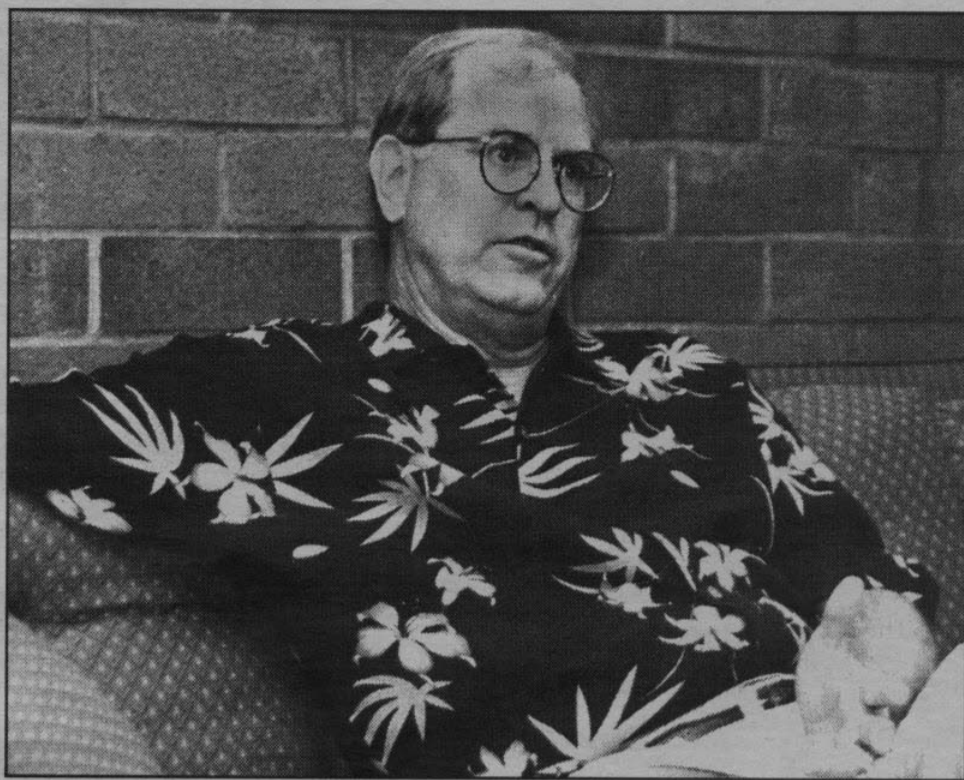


Photo by Jeremy Parker

President Jon Carnahan kicks back in his office while contemplating changes LBCC staff and students will see this year.

Carnahan looks forward to improvements on campus

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

LBCC President Jon Carnahan has had a very busy summer.

He's attended board meetings, overseen over a million dollars in construction projects and hired about 80 new employees to replace last year's wave of retirements.

In spite of all this activity he appears relaxed as he kicks back in his chair, cracking jokes and talking about 'hokey movies.'

But when he begins to talk about his work at LBCC, Carnahan's body language changes, going instantly from restless to restless. He leans forward in his chair, eyes sparkling, ready to discuss all the adjustments LBCC is going through.

"The most obvious are the physical changes—the construction," he said. The plan is to put services more in view of the students by setting them up around the courtyard, including moving the door of the library from the east side of the building to the west, so students can enter directly from the courtyard. Also opening up off the courtyard will be the Student Life & Leadership Offices and the Courtyard Cafe, which will be an expanded version of the Camas Room in Takena Hall.

"Our intentions, I think, are to create a center of campus in the courtyard."

Other constructions underway this fall include enlarging restrooms in Takena Hall, adding a large storage shed placed where the greenhouse used to be, and rebuilding a new greenhouse next to the Sciences and Technology Building.

Other changes students can look for-

ward to, he said, are the newly designated smoking areas that were initiated last year. Several groupings of benches and ashtrays have been set up in several spots all over the campus. In addition, a mesh screen has been installed around the upper atrium in the College Center to keep birds from flying into the area and killing themselves against the windows as they try to escape.

Most of the construction, which began in the summer, should be completed by the end of fall term, he said. "We apologize in advance for any problems that occur for students."

Eventually, Carnahan hopes to construct a new building between Takena Hall and the Activities Center to serve as a "bigger front door to LBCC." The building would house all the student services that are now located in Takena Hall.

The LBCC campus isn't the only area receiving improvement. Work is also work being done on a one-stop community center in Lebanon for students there.

Along with the physical changes at LB there are also the many staff changes. Partly because there were so many retirees last year, this year there are 84 new employees, which, according to Carnahan, are about 20 percent of the total personnel.

"I think we're doing a good job of preparing for the year with a purpose in mind," said Carnahan, adding that, "It's important that we involve the new staff in the culture of the college."

For Carnahan, school is an adventure that he's enjoyed for a long time. "I'm in my 26th year and I still get excited about the first day of school."

Woman-to-Woman Festival features River Huston Saturday in Corvallis

River Huston—diva, author, humorist and girl with a big mouth—will talk frankly about sex in the 1990s at a Woman-to-Woman Festival, Saturday, Oct. 3, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Road in Corvallis.

Huston is slated to speak at 4 p.m. on "Sexual Healing," then at 7 p.m. she will share stories of her experiences with HIV and her message of strength and hope.

The event is the kick-off for an HIV awareness project to increase information to community women about their risk of contracting HIV.

The project, funded by a John A. Erkkila Foundation Grant, is a collaboration between The Benton County Health Department, Oregon State University, and the Linn-Benton HIV Prevention

Community Planning Group.

Nationally, women are one of the fastest growing populations being infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. In Oregon and Benton County, the proportions of AIDS cases and HIV infections among women continue to increase.

Huston, who was diagnosed HIV positive in 1991, will answer questions and autograph her powerful, highly acclaimed book, "A Positive Life—Portraits of Women Living with HIV," which will be available for purchase. The 118-page book contains telling photographs and deeply sensitive testimonies of women who are HIV positive or living with AIDS, as they cope with unparalleled levels of anger, fear, vulnerability and frustration. They also reveal remarkable dignity and personal courage.

Huston's own travels have taken her around the world and through several careers—from fitness trainer to musician to bike messenger to reporter to waitress. She has appeared on several television shows as an author, poet and activist, and lectures around the country on sex, body image, AIDS and alcohol.

Her message is: "If you are HIV negative now, you never have to be positive."

The campaign kick-off event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Marty Perrigan at 757-6839.

events

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Oct. 3

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Oct. 7

All Campus Barbecue 11:30-2

Oct. 7

Evening Dance 7-10

For information, see Student
Life & Leadership
CC-213 or call 917-4457

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CAMPUS NEWS

Kids Climb at FRC

Family Resource Center builds climber after five years of fundraising

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

The high-pitched voices and contagious laughter of the kids playing on the new climber behind the Family Resource Center was carried away by the wind Friday, but the children didn't seem to mind.

The climber is a popular new addition to the FRC play area. Little faces can be seen peeking through the metal mesh decorated with a smiling yellow monkey.

"The monkey doesn't do nothin'—it isn't real," said Shea Ballweber, a 3-year-old who attends daycare at FRC. Bright blue metal pipes twist and turn into platforms and ladders for eager little hands to grasp. Giggling kids emerge from light brown plastic slides and tunnels, their hair standing on end from static electricity.

The FRC held several fundraisers in the last three and a half years to get the \$10,000 needed to pay for equipment, labor and excavation costs.

"It helps spread the kids out on the play yard for smaller groups and better interaction," said FRC Director Liz Pearce-Smith. "The climber is a wonderful addition that will be a great place for

kids play out of the rain after the roof goes up."

Now, according to Pearce-Smith, the next project will be to "raise the money for a roof to cover the climbing area when it rains." That will cost somewhere between \$1,000-\$2,000, she said.

To come up with the money, LRC will do three fundraisers each year, including a Holiday Item Sale in late fall, a Sweetheart Drawing during the winter term that includes a grand prize weekend for two at the coast and a Fun Run held in the spring where kids compete on an obstacle course.

The construction of the climber took only one day with the help of an onsite supervisor for sixteen instructors from all over the campus who volunteered their time.

The Family Resource Center is a co-op daycare for 65 children of students and staff and is in its 25th year. Parents of children who attend help out at the center once a week as well as attending mini workshops to improve parenting skills for one to two hours a week with teachers.

FRC requests that anyone interested in enrollment please stop by or call them at 917-4898.



photos by Jeremy Parker

Shea Ballweber (above left) and Michelle Goetzing meet for a chat at an intersection of the pipes in the climber, the newest addition to the FRC play yard. Later, Shea looks on as another classmate zooms on down the slide.

Manufacturing skills training offered at LB Free orientation at WEB building Oct. 1st

From The LBCC News Service

A free orientation meeting will be held for individuals interested in entry-level manufacturing skills training offered by the Training and Business Development Center at LBCC. The orientation meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m. in the WEB Building, Room 128.

The eight-week training, to be held from October through December, costs \$200 and is open to anyone with a high school diploma or GED and basic skills in math, reading and keyboarding. The training course, free to all JOBS and CSC-eligible participants, covers necessary skills for entry-level jobs in fabrication, electronics, plastics and wood products

manufacturing. Instruction includes blueprint reading, quality control, documentation, meters, gauges and other instruments as well as equipment operation, math and communication, computer use, and job search techniques. Job placement assistance also will be provided to help graduates obtain jobs with starting wages of \$6 to \$10 per hour.

Companies hiring people with these skills are Albany Cabinets, Celwave, Georgia Pacific, Pacific Fabricators and Constructors, Lake Tronics NW Inc., OREMET Titanium, Discovery Plastics, Wood Castle, Lumber Tech Inc., Entek Manufacturing, Selmet and Nypro.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Donations improve computers, security, curriculum

from the LBCC News Service

LBCC received \$94,547 from the Oregon Economic Development Department and \$131,367 from the U.S. Department of Justice that will be used to improve one of the college's computer labs, expand industrial curriculums and increase campus security.

The Oregon Economic Development Department (OEDD) grant includes \$28,000 meant to provide more hands-on training to students in the Computer User Support program. According to Ed Knudson, director of Business and Computer Systems, each computer desk will be modified to accommodate two Central Processing Units. Students will build 10 computer CPUs this year and 10 the next; keyboards and monitors will be purchased.

"Students will gain experience in setting up and tearing down platforms and establishing and troubleshooting networks," said Knudson. The work will begin later this summer and is expected to be completed by June of next year.

An additional \$66,547 from OEDD is being used to prepare students for emerging jobs in the growing plastics industry and quality assurance profession through courses to be offered before June next year.

The \$131,367 Community-Oriented Policing Services Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice will be used to hire two more security officers. The college, which is contributing \$43,789 in matching funds, will hire the officers to increase security on the late swing and graveyard shifts. Currently there is only one officer on duty during these hours. The new officers are expected to be hired this fall.

The grant permits the college to maintain the two security personnel on the payroll for three years, after which the college intends to continue their services indefinitely, according to officials.



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CAMPUS NEWS

LB teams with U. of Phoenix to offer Bachelor's degrees

LB hopes to offer evening classes in business, human services and nursing

From the LBCC News Service

LBCC and the University of Phoenix have entered into an agreement that will allow the university to offer courses and degree programs on the LBCC Albany campus in January.

Tentative plans call for the university to offer bachelor's degree programs in business, human services and nursing. A graduate Masters of Business Administration program also will be offered. All programs are offered pending approval by the state office for degree authorization.

All University of Phoenix courses will meet in the evening. The bachelor's degree courses will be at the junior or senior level; however, transfer agreements will allow students completing LBCC freshman and sophomore level course work to transfer easily to the University of Phoenix.

University of Phoenix programs are designed to accommodate working adults. The university's intensive year-round schedule provides students the opportunity to complete a full year of academic course work while holding down a job.

LBCC president Jon Carnahan said that the University of Phoenix has become a national leader in serving the educational needs of working adults "We are excited about a partnership with the university that creates an opportunity for local citizens to pursue a four-year degree while still working to support their families." Carnahan noted that the university's classes will not displace LBCC classes, and that LBCC's overhead costs will be covered through a rental agreement.

Craig Swenson, University of Phoenix regional vice president, expressed enthusiasm for the new venture: "Our partnership with LBCC is a natural alliance for us. We offer high quality programs for working adults, and we go to great lengths to offer these programs at times and in locations that are convenient to our students. Our open welcome to transfer students from LBCC, LBCC's convenient location, and the availability of evening classrooms should ensure the success of this effort."

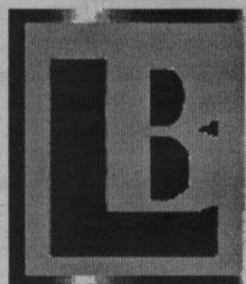
The University of Phoenix expects to market its LBCC offerings within the next few weeks. Until a local office is opened, inquiries about the university's programs should be addressed to Jarrad Tausz, director of enrollment at the university's Tigard campus, at (877)867-4748. On consult the University of Phoenix Web site at www.uophx.edu.



photo by Jeremy Parker

Barkin' Up The Right Trail

Math Instructor Roger Mauer and computer lab Specialist Arlie Bell Jr. scatter bark over the fitness trail that circumnavigates the campus. A 10-year-old trail got a much needed face lift last Thursday.



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CAMPUS NEWS

York and White named as new Benton Center directors

From the LBCC News Service

Penny York and Joel White were chosen as the Benton Center's new director and assistant director. They replace former director Dorie Nelson, who retired, and assistant director Lucy Noone, who took a position with Oregon State University's distance education program.

As new director, Penny York brings extensive partnership and training experience from Pasadena, California, where she served Citrus College for seven years, most recently as director of Passports/CalWORKs, a welfare-to-work program. She also worked as the college's career/transfer center director and as a career counselor. Before Citrus College, York worked for three years as director of education at Booth Memorial Center in Los Angeles, coordinating educational services for court dependent teens. She also worked four years with Glendale Community College as a counselor and instructor.

York has a bachelor's degree in

religious studies from California State University in Fullerton and a master's degree in community college counseling from California State University, Los Angeles. She is now enrolled in Oregon State University's Community College Leadership Program, which leads to a doctorate degree in education.

The new assistant director, Joel White, served 14 years as community education coordinator for Salem-Keizer Public Schools, managing educational and enrichment program development, and directing Safety Town and Cautious Kids programs. As director of community education and recreation for the Morris, Minnesota school district, White planned and started recreational and educational activities for five years.

White has a bachelor's degree in recreation and parks administration from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in education administration from Texas A&M University.

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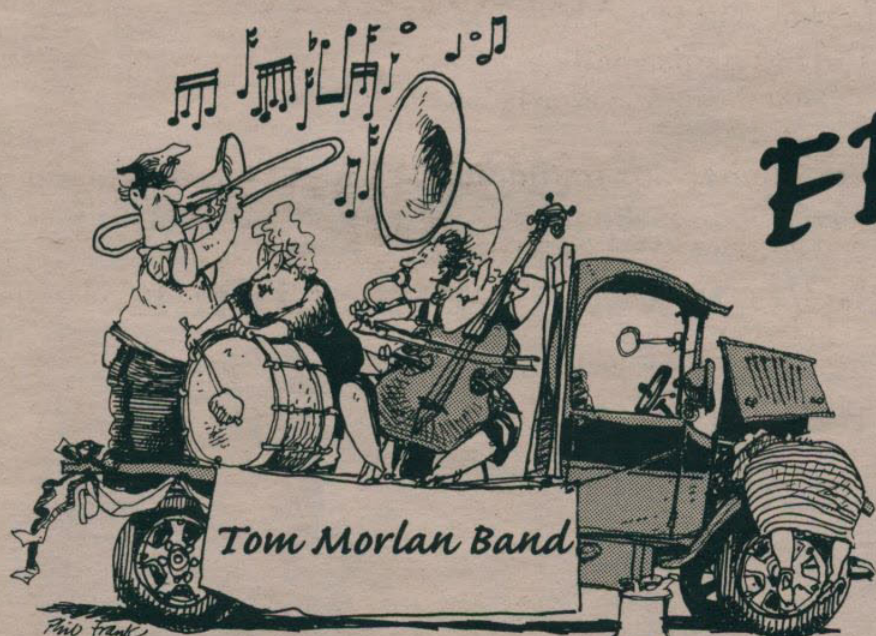
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LOCAL NEWS

Chintimini raffles '59 Impala to save injured wildlife

Center offers classic Chevy coupe to raise funds, hopes to sell 3,000 \$10 tickets before the Oct. 11 drawing

by E.J. Harris
of The Commuter

Win this car!

That's what the sign said in front the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center's display in Central Park at the Fall Festival this last Saturday in Corvallis.

Behind the sign, shining in the afternoon sun, sat a baby-blue-and-white 1959 Impala two-door sports coupe with a 230-horsepower 283 V8 engine, four barrel carbs, two-speed powerslide transmission, power steering, power brakes and less than 60,000 miles on the odometer.

Jeff Picton, Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center director, stands nearby in the shade entertaining questions from Fall Festival about the center's operations and the car, the most common one being, "So, how do I win this car?"

The answer is simple. Buy a raffle ticket and take a chance at winning one very fine automobile, and in the process help injured and sick wildlife. The '59 Impala was given to the wildlife center by Mary Eichler, a CWRC board member and collector of classic cars. Eichler opted to raffle the car for the center's benefit rather than selling the car herself. She will be reimbursed for either a portion, or the full amount of the cars \$11,500 value depending on how many tickets are sold.

The rest of the proceeds will go towards the annual funding budget for the center's operation.

A maximum of three thousand tickets were to be sold at ten dollars each, but with the drawing only two weeks away it looks unlikely that they will sell all of the tickets.

"We're running out of time," Picton said. "We've only sold between 1,600 and 1,700 tickets so far, and the drawing is Oct. 11."

"Our target was to sell three thousand tickets, but we're not going to make it," Picton said. "So, we're looking at the odds being closer to one in two thousand.



Photo by E.J. Harris

This 1959 Impala sports coupe, which features a 230-horsepower 283 V8 engine, is being raffled off as part of a fundraiser for the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Corvallis. The car was donated by Mary Eichler, a center board member and classic car collector.

It is a really good deal. Someone is going to be very lucky."

The Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization founded by Picton in 1989 and charged with caring for and rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the hopes of releasing them back into the wild. The center is located on Picton's five-acre farm north of Corvallis.

With the help of his wife, Becky, and the more than fifty part-time volunteers, the center is able to receive and treat as many as 700 animals a year. Almost 75 percent of those animals are birds.

Summer is a hectic time of the year out at the center. "We are winding down from the summer time, which is our busiest time of the year," Picton said. "Since May we have had something like 450 animals come in."

Picton said that it is typical for the center to see as many as 100 to 120 animals a month during the summer.

As summer turns to fall and the number of animals coming in to the center dwindles, one might think that activity out at the Picton farm will lapse into a winter

lull. But that is just not the case.

There is a brief increase in the number of birds that are brought in to the center in late October and November, according to Picton.

"There tends to be a lot of collisions with birds flying into things as they are migrating through," Picton said.

Even after the fall rush of migrating fowl, Picton will have plenty to do this winter.

"We'll be doing a lot of maintenance and construction, and just kind of getting things cleaned up and caught up from the summer to get ready for next spring," Picton said.

Some of the construction that Picton mentioned doing is the building of a new raptor house. The center has been awarded a \$6,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust to build a five-roomed structure for housing the center's educational birds of prey.

"The six thousand dollars will pretty much cover materials. Then we're going to try to get some of the labor donated to put it together," Picton said.

"Hopefully we can get it all lined up and ready to go."

The new raptor barn will be built away from the rest of the buildings on the site so tours can be given of the facility without exposing the animals that are to be released to unnecessary human contact.

Education is another full time job at the wildlife center. On the third Wednesday of every month the center will be offering a "birds of prey" exhibit at the Avery House in Avery Park from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Corvallis.

"We bring hawks and owls and compare them and talk about them and give the people a chance to see them up close," Picton said.

The raffle for the '59 Impala will be held at Napa Auto Parts in Corvallis at 2 p.m. on Oct. 11. You do not have to be in attendance to win, but you do have to buy a ticket. Tickets are available at Napa Auto Parts, the Corvallis Environmental Center and Stevenson's Gallery. Tickets are \$10.

For more information about the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center write to P.O. Box 1433, Corvallis, Oregon 97339, call (541) 745-5324, or go on-line at <http://www.proaxis.com/~cwrc>.

State police opportunities teach cadets law enforcement

by Heather Wahlberg
of The Commuter

The Department of State Police is offering employment opportunities during the fall, winter and summer seasons, according to a recent press release.

As of December 1998, cadets receive an hourly wage of \$8.56 per hour for the first cumulative 12 month period. This increases to \$8.97 per hour after 12 months and \$9.42 per hour after 24 months. Cadets will receive

this wage while in training and at their assignments.

Cadets offer protection to beaches and parks along the Oregon coast and selected areas, as well as assistance and aide to those frequenting those areas.

These assignments are from early June to about Labor Day.

Cadets may then have the opportunity to work additional fall fish and wildlife assignments and/or winter programs.

Participants will also have the chance to become acquainted with law enforcement operations.

In the Fish and Wildlife assignment, those with an interest in wildlife science or management can obtain firsthand experience in the field.

Anyone interested in applying for the program can get an application between September first and Nov. 30 at any State Police office, or by calling (503) 378-3725, extension 4131.

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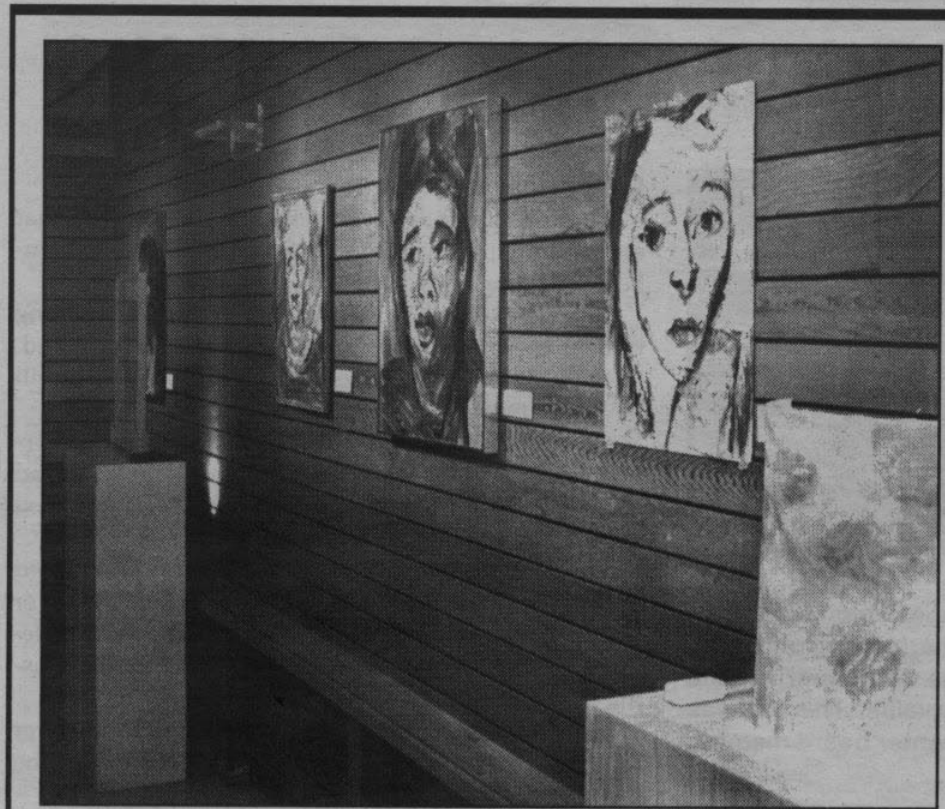
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Sculpting Images

photo by Jeremy Parker

Artwork by painter Ann Bajovich and sculptor Audrey Socher is now on display in the LBCC Gallery, located in the AHSS lobby. The exhibit will end with a brown bag reception Oct. 29, at noon.

Elemental Records celebrates anniversary at Venetian in Albany

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

Friday, Oct. 2 the Venetian Theater in Albany will host Elemental Records 5 year anniversary bash featuring local favorite Floater, along with Jolly Mon and Henry's Child.

"Any one of these bands would be headlining a normal show, that's what makes this event so cool," said John Bolt, executive producer at Elemental Records. "This may be the only time you can see all three of these bands under one roof."

As an added bonus, Elemental Records will be handing out a free CD to every person who walks through the door. It's the last CD recorded by Northwest legends Sweaty Nipples, entitled "Thrill-Crazed Space Kids Blasting the Flesh off Humans."

"All three bands play what can be loosely described as heavy rock. It's all stuff that leans on the heavy side," said Bolt. "Their music is more of a 90's, cutting-edge style, but not heavy metal."

Each of the bands has their own different sound.

Jolly Mon is a heavy rock trio out of Portland that fuses metal guitar with hip-hop style scratching and electronica. "They have a really unique sound," said Bolt.

Henry's Child is a five-piece, heavy rock group out of Eugene, which Bolt described as a "Faith No More sort of thing."

Floater's music has been described as "Pink Floyd meets Pantera." This Eugene band is well known for their "heavy, most pit-crunching music infused with psychedelic space rock."

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door, advance tickets can be purchased at Phonomania, which is located next door to the Venetian at 241 First Ave. The doors will open at 8 p.m.

For more information on the bands, including real audio versions of songs, check out Elemental's web site at <http://www.elementalrecords.com>.

Writers talk about their craft in series of noon presentations

From the LBCC News Service

Lovers of the written and spoken word can look forward to a series of six noon-time presentations by award-winning local writers beginning in October. Writers On Writing will explore writing from idea to finished work. Authors of fiction and non-fiction, essays, poetry and children's books will read their works and unravel the mysteries and challenges of their writing and careers.

The talks will be held on Tuesdays, Oct. 6 through Nov. 10, 12:15-1:05 p.m., in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library meeting room at 645 NW Monroe Ave., Corvallis. The schedule follows:

•Oct. 6: Ann Staley talks on "The Hidden Beauty of the Essay: We Pass For What We Are." Behind every essay is a person wondering about things - an exploration, rant, diatribe or prayer. Staley writes, "If you are a letter writer, if you talk to yourself, or if prayer seems as good a response as any, you're already an essayist yourself." Ann Staley is co-founding editor of Fireweed, an Oregon poetry journal. She teaches at Lewis and Clark College's Northwest Writing Institute and at the Language Thinking Program at Bard College, New York.

•Oct. 13: Anita Sullivan's talk, "All of the Above:

Advice to the Deeply Fickle Writer," focuses on versatile, eclectic writers who prefer to write all kinds of tales: novels, short stories, poetry, essays and articles. Sullivan has published short fiction, a novel, travel essays, and most recently, "I Hear the Crickets Laughing", a chapbook of poems. A regular commentator on National Public Radio, Sullivan tunes pianos to support her writing habit.

•Oct. 20: Wendy Madar explores writing for different audiences in "Writing in the Shower." She will discuss how writing, like conversation, is pitched according to who is listening. Primarily a journalist, Madar has also written short stories, fiction, and a recent memoir, "Through Another Lens: My Years with Edward Weston." Madar is special programs coordinator at Oregon State University's Center for the Humanities and a weekly columnist for the Corvallis Gazette-Times. She was awarded Best Writer of Journalism in Oregon, and has won awards for her columns, editorials, features and investigative reporting.

•Oct. 27: Dallas poet Clem Stark talks on poetry as a spoken art. Stark has worked as a merchant seaman, Wall Street reporter, ranch hand and construction foreman. He is presently a journeyman carpenter at Oregon State University. A collection of his poems,

"Journeyman's Wages", published in 1995 by Story Line Press, won the Pacific Northwest Bookseller's Association award and the 1996 Oregon Book Award for Poetry.

•Nov. 3: Gregg Kleiner took seven years writing his first novel. In his talk, "Publishing the First Novel," Kleiner tells how he constructs novels and short stories, and how he does character studies to write well. Kleiner found inspiration for "Where River Turns to Sky," his first novel, from an aged monk in a Thai Buddhist monastery. The book was a finalist for the 1997 Oregon Book Award and the 1997 Paterson Fiction Prize.

•Nov. 10: Tom Birdseye's award-winning children's books cover growing up, religion, diversity, failure, family and companionship. In "Writing for Children," Birdseye discusses the challenges of writing for the listening child and the reading adult, both of whom must be inspired by a book for it to be successful. Birdseye's books for children include: "Under our Skin: Kids Talk about Race," "I'm Going To Be Famous," "Waiting for Baby" and "Just Call Me Stupid!"

The Writers On Writing series is sponsored by the LBCC Benton Center and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and is coordinated by Linda Varsell Smith, LBCC creative writing instructor.

Photo exhibit follows historical trail through Western Oregon

By Wendy Madar
of The Commuter

Photographer Rich Bergeman was not on a saddle horse when he retraced the route of frontiersman James Clyman from Polk County to California, but he did use a 90-year-old view camera to photograph scenes from Clyman's journal.

The black-and-white photographs are on display through December at OSU's Center for the Humanities at Eighth and Jefferson in Corvallis. Also on exhibit are prints by Todd Parker who, like Bergeman, uses an 8x10 camera and prints the negatives without enlargement, using a platinum/palladium process.

Bergeman, a photographer and journalism teacher at LBCC since 1981, spent three summers retracing Clyman's journey from the Applegate land claim in Polk County to the Siskiyou Pass on the California border. One of the original Rocky Mountain trappers, Clyman arrived in Oregon City with the 1844 wagon train when he was 53. The following spring he headed south along what was then known as the Hudson Bay pack trail.

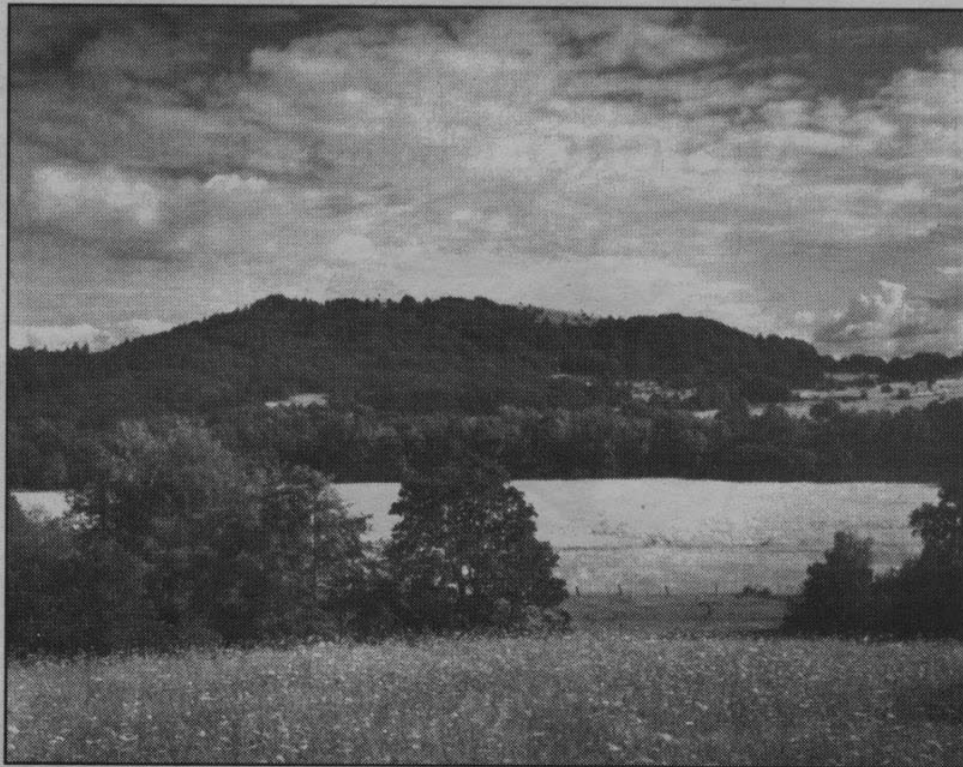
Guided by Clyman's journal, said

Bergeman, he tried to "photograph the land through the frontiersman's eyes. The large camera allowed me to create hand-coated palladium prints in a process similar to that used at the turn of the century." Each photograph is accompanied by a quote from the journal.

Bergeman received support from the Linn-Benton Council for the Arts and the Portland Photography Forum. "Views Along the Trail" has been shown at the Oregon History Center in Portland and the Southern Oregon Historical Museum in Medford.

Parker, a biology teacher at Harrisburg High School, became seriously interested in photography while taking a class at OSU from Harrison Branch, professor of art. "I work with a large format camera and do platinum/palladium prints for the beautiful tones, richness, and depth in the images."

Parker has shown work at the Majestic Theater, Pegasus Gallery, Bombs Away Cafe, and other Corvallis venues. His work will be on display from Oct. 11 to Nov. 11 at the Camera Work Gallery in Portland. The Center for the Humanities is open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information: 737-2450.



June 5, 1845—rode out over some beautiful hills well calculated for pasture land and Exhibiting a beautiful variety of scenery had nature given this valley a pleasant climate no country in the known world could compare with it for rural scenery when the vallies shall become grain fields and the hills covered with flocks and herds of domestic animals

—from the journals of James Clyman, frontiersman

SPORTS PAGE

Chemeketa upends LB volleyball team in straight sets

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Chemeketa Community College's volleyball team visited LB on Sept. 25 and proved why they are one of the top teams in the NWAACC.

The Roadrunners got started early with the first four points, but Chemeketa proved that they could handle the pressure and came back strong to dominate the volleyball match in straight sets with scores of 15-5, 15-5, and 15-4.

"In general, they beat us."

—Jayme Frazier

Tamar Trier, the team's top player, had eight kills and eight digs. Andrea Tedrow had four kills and Jessica Anderson had 14 assists.

"Christie Schwartzengraber came in and served power serves and finished with 2 aces," said Coach Jayme Frazier.

"In general, they beat us," said Frazier, summing up the game. "We didn't do a good job defensively. We put a few things together, and we increased our blocking. We're trying out a new defense this year, and we are not quite there yet."

The next LBCC game is at Southwest Oregon Community College in Coos Bay on Friday. The next home game is on Oct. 14 against Mt. Hood Community College.



Photo by E.J. Harris

The volleyball team gathers around Coach Jayme Frazier during a time-out in Friday's Chemeketa match to go over strategy. The Roadrunners had few answers for the Chiefs, however, who won in straight sets 15-5, 15-5 and 15-4.



Photo by E.J. Harris

Tamara Trier goes on the attack while Mandy Vannice and Elicia McFadden go in to cover her in last week's match against the Linfield JVs. The Roadrunners beat Linfield to close out their preseason on a winning note, but then dropped two league matches later in the week.

Vannice, Dardis, Schwartzengraber lead Lady 'Runners past Linfield

By Keisha Merchant
and Commuter Staff

The LBCC volleyball team closed out an active preseason schedule on Monday Sept. 21 with an impressive three-game sweep of the Linfield JVs, 15-4, 15-12 and 15-9.

Unfortunately, the Lady Roadrunners ran into a tough Clackamas team in Oregon City two days later and dropped their first league match to the Cougars.

The Linfield contest was marked by strong performances from defender Mandy Vannice, who made 13 digs, and outside hitter Michele Dardis, who had 11 kills. Roadrunner Christie Schwartzengraber turned in a solid all-around game with eight kills, four aces and 10 digs.

"Mandy did a good job defensively," said Coach Jayme Frazier, who also praised Dardis' strong outside attack, noting that she had a high hitting efficiency of 27 percent, and that Schwartzengraber played consistently throughout the game.

Vannice and Schwartzengraber ad-

mitted there was room for improvement, however. "The Linfield game was played hard," Schwartzengraber said, "but we could have played better."

Vannice added that the team "didn't do as well as the last time we played, but we'll do better."

However, the Roadrunners weren't sharp in their next outing against a Clackamas team that figures to be one of the powerhouses in the league. LBCC fell in straight sets by decisive scores of 15-3, 15-2 and 15-7. It was the team's first league match.

Nonetheless, Frazier likes the look of this year's squad.

It's a well-

rounded team and they're making significant strides," Frazier said, predicting that if the players continue in their mental toughness and skill development they will have a good chance at making the regional play-offs.

The team heads out on the road this weekend to play Southwestern Oregon in Coos Bay on Friday and Umpqua in Roseburg on Saturday.

"It's a well-rounded team and they're making significant strides."

—Jayme Frazier

Locals putt away in Foundation tournament

by Shawna Phillips
for The Commuter

Thirty-one teams turned out for the Linn-Benton Community College Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 11 at the Springhill Country Club.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan's team came in third place for low gross.

Other college officials, including Lance Popoff, Bob Miller, Brian Brown, Ed Watson, Randy Falk, Richard Gibbs

and Patsy Chester also participated in the event. Several staff members and local residents also participated.

Popoff's team finished second for low net, Miller and Brown came in third, while Watson, Falk and Gibbs ended in sixth. Chester finished sixth in low gross.

Local residents Alan Scheidegger and Kim Byers won the men's/women's longest drive category, while Jon Hanson and Byers won the men's/women's accuracy drive.

Smoke dope, loose your loan, says U.S. rep

By Lisa Grzybowski

The Pitt News, University of Pittsburgh

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn. — College students may want to think twice before taking a hit of heroin or a puff of pot because it may soon mean saying bye-bye to their federal financial aid.

Under next year's higher education bill, currently in a House-Senate conference committee, Congress is looking to suspend federal financial assistance for college students convicted of possessing or selling marijuana or other illegal drugs.

"Taxpayers have a right to know that students who have a drug abuse problem aren't using tax dollars to go through school," said U.S. Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind.), the prime sponsor of the provision. "Any time you go into the public treasury, the public has a right to hold you accountable."

Over 40 percent of undergraduates attending public universities and over half of private school-goers working toward their bachelor's degrees rely on some type of federal aid to complete their education, according to a national study done by the U.S. Department of Education three years ago. The study also found that undergraduates from lower income families were much more likely to receive assistance, as were African American and Hispanic students.

In 1997, the federal government allocated \$16.6 billion of its budget for federal financial aid initiatives. This figure does not include nonfederal funds generated by federal legislation.

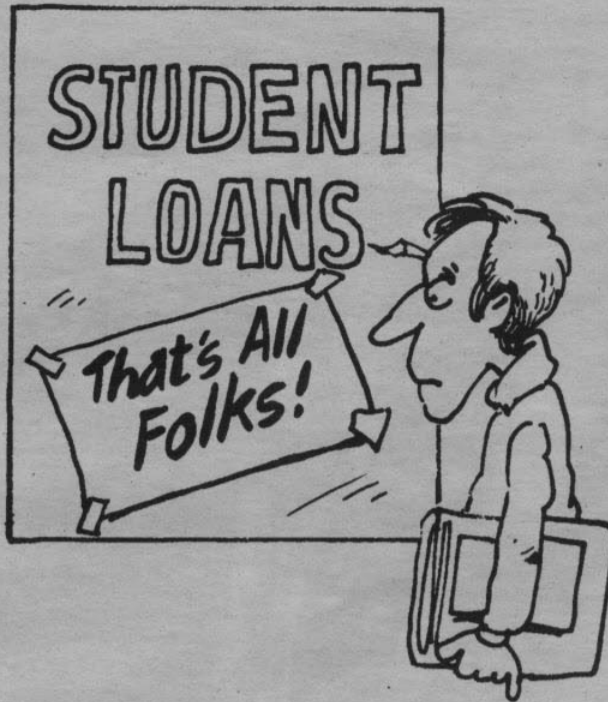
In Souder's provision, the severity of punishment would depend on the number of prior offenses as well as the nature of the crime.

A first offense for drug possession would suspend a student's federal aid for one year, while a second offense would bring a two-year suspension. A third conviction would result in indefinite suspension. The penalty for drug dealing would be much more steep, with a first offense bringing a two-year suspension and subsequent convictions resulting in indefinite suspension.

By successfully completing a rehabilitation program and testing negative for drug use twice in random tests, students would be able to regain aid eligibility more quickly.

Souder said the punishment is meant to send a warning to America's young people that if they experiment with drugs, there will be calamitous consequences down the road.

However, some feel the consequences don't fit the crime and actually do more to fan the flames of drug



use than to alleviate the problem.

"It's stopping (students) from going to school, which will make matters worse," said Tawanda Deshazor, a Pitt senior. "When they're not in school, it will give people more of an excuse to do drugs."

Deshazor also likened the provision to a social bias in which students on financial aid are held to a higher behavioral standard than students who can afford to attend college without the help of grants and loans.

Many students and policy analysts share her view.

"Philosophically, we don't like the notion that if you need the financial aid, then the drug standard applies to you and if you don't need financial aid, then it doesn't apply," said Jacqueline King, director of federal policy analysis for the

American Council on Education, a group that represents hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the nation.

She said not only does the provision suggest prejudice — if a student is poor enough to need financial aid then he is more prone to experiment with drugs — it also has the all the right ingredients for creating an administrative nightmare.

"College campuses are not going to know who has been convicted of drugs and who hasn't unless the student voluntarily gives them this information," King said. "Are universities supposed to do some huge

background check? It's just very confusing and this provision doesn't make it clear how institutions are supposed to figure this out."

While Souder sees problems and concedes the provision may take awhile to be implemented, he disagrees with critics who suggest there are no solutions.

"My feeling is that these are universities and this is the United States and people are tracking every type of information under the sun here," Souder said.

He also said concern is misplaced over the provision showing bias in favor of students able to afford college without the help of the government.

This system will help students on financial aid to confront their drug problem and get the help they need to put their life in order, Souder said, whereas students with more money may never confront it.

"It's not punishment for one group, but tragedy for another," he said.

Both the House and the Senate have overwhelmingly approved the higher education bill, which includes the drug provisions, and Souder is on the conference committee that will produce the final draft for President Clinton.

The U.S. Department of Education opposes the provision on the grounds that it would "largely duplicate existing law denying federal benefits to individuals convicted of a drug offense under federal or state law."

"There's already provisions in place," said Julie Green, U.S. Department of Education spokeswoman. "We feel this is redundant."

At one time, Clinton threatened to veto the bill because of this issue and others, but has since agreed to sign it, said King.

The percentage of American college students using drugs has decreased in recent years, one long-term study conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research found. In 1996, just over 49 percent of students admitted to using drugs, down from 52 percent in 1991. The survey began tracking students in 1975.

This figure runs contrary to what Souder believes is the continuing explosion of drug use among young adults. "When you look at the issue holistically, one of the problems is on college campuses and that is one problem this (bill) is looking to curb," he said.

Others would rather see these problems wither away along with the rest of the provision.

"We don't think financial aid should be tied to drug charges, especially when it deals with furthering someone's education," said Jamie Pueschel, legislative director for the United States Student Association, a lobbying group that represents college students across the nation. "To base financial aid upon drug charges is both punitive and counterintuitive to the goal of helping students."

Students cope with tough alcohol rules on Virginia campuses

By Deborah Straszheim

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — It was the second week of the academic year, and Dean Tsamouras was not happy.

Underaged college students were sneaking gulps from other people's beers at his restaurant, hiding drinks in the bathrooms or showing up already drunk. He was trying to enforce the law, and they thought it was a game.

"I felt that a lot of kids were taking advantage of us," said Tsamouras, owner of the College Delly, a popular hangout across from the College of William and Mary's football stadium.

Tsamouras, who has run the delicatessen for 26 years, decided enough was enough. Two weeks ago he began closing his doors to patrons under age 21 after 10 p.m.

While Tsamouras' action was taken independently of the college, it is part of a broader effort to curb alcohol abuse among college students.

Virginia state attorney general convened a task force to work with area universities after the deaths of five students in alcohol-related incidents last fall. This year, William and Mary and other state colleges in Virginia have taken a number of additional steps to control binge drinking on campuses. Their efforts have ranged from more enforcement to new alcohol-free programs.

Since the school year began, William and Mary has been spot-checking parties for alcohol violations. So far, the checkers have not had to close down any

parties, call the police or refer students for disciplinary action, said Mark Constantine, director of student activities, whose office coordinates the spot checks. W&M employees have checked about a dozen parties or events, he said.

The college is also seeking the support of local restaurants. Today, the college offered TIPS training (Training Intervention Procedures for Servers of Alcohol) to employees of local restaurants, said Mary Crozier, substance abuse educator at the college. It's the first year they've tried this, she said.

During the college's alcohol awareness week, which begins Sunday, several restaurants will also serve students free non-alcoholic drinks in exchange for their pledge to the school to remain alcohol free, she said.

The college has also announced a new rule to control drinking at student parties. Before parties, groups must submit a guest list of no more than 350 people to the college administration.

A fraternity is circulating a petition drive to make the list longer. Students have said the rule is driving parties off campus. Tsamouras said he believes the campus is doing the right thing. But he said students need other outlets if they are not going to drink, and they don't seem to have them.

"They can't go to the fraternities, they can't go to the delis, where are they going to go?" he asked. "If you're taking away something, you've got to replace it with something."

Sam Sadler, vice president of student affairs for the

college, said the college has held several campus-wide events, including a swing dance planned for 250 students. More than 400 showed up. The college also has a program called "Friday at 5," in which local bands perform for students.

On Friday, Sadler met with a dozen students to find out what other events students want to plan. Rhian Horgan, student body president, said students will also discuss the new campus alcohol policies when it meets with college President Timothy Sullivan next month.

Tsamouras said he feels badly that he is shutting his doors to some students, but he said they need to get the message.

"I have a great liability," he said. He could be fined or lose his license if he is caught letting minors drink alcohol.

Tsamouras said it's gotten worse over the years. Raising the drinking age from 18 to 21 made it worse, by creating conflict among students, he said. Some have the privilege while their younger friends do not. The forbidden nature of drinking only makes it more enticing, he said.

During the first two weeks of this academic year, Tsamouras said he has stood at his counter and seen underaged students boldly pick up someone else's drink. Tsamouras would tell the student to leave.

"And he'd say, 'Why? Why do I have to get out?' And I'd say, 'Why don't you tell me? You're a smart kid. You go to William and Mary. Why do you think?'"

OPINION PAGE

editorial

Ethics blurred over human cloning issue

DNA—it's so personal.

It's been used to solve crimes, prove paternity and shake the foundations of the highest office in the land.

The first time I knew there was a possibility that cells from a living (or dead) being could be cloned was when I saw "Jurassic Park." Okay, I had heard of it in science fiction stories, but I had never expected it to happen in my lifetime.

A year and a half ago a group of Scottish scientists announced that they had broken that most personal code and used it to clone an exact, albeit younger, duplicate of a sheep named Dolly.

Since then the world has debated the ethical and moral responsibilities of human beings playing God. Clinton even sent a bill to Congress that would have prevented federal funding for cloning experiments on human beings.

Now I hear that a scientist, Dr. Richard Seed, wants to make a clone of himself and a hundred other people. He says he will even leave the country to complete his experiment, if he must.

When I was young I always wanted to have children, each of whom would be a combination of myself and my husband in appearance, but an individual in his or her own right.

After all, the only true immortality we have is through our children and their children.

But this Richard Seed wants to himself, a clone who, due to a different upbringing and environment, will never be more like the good doctor than an identical twin. And will the seed of Seed say at school, "I am my father and my father is me."

It just seems simpler and a lot more interesting to make babies the old fashioned way. Cloning to me seems like a perversion of creation. I guess the question for me is, do we really want to create generic people, not quite the same as the original but similar, or do humans want to remain the unusual, interesting, sometimes difficult race that we are. For all our faults, we are all different, and that is what ultimately and ironically makes us perfect.

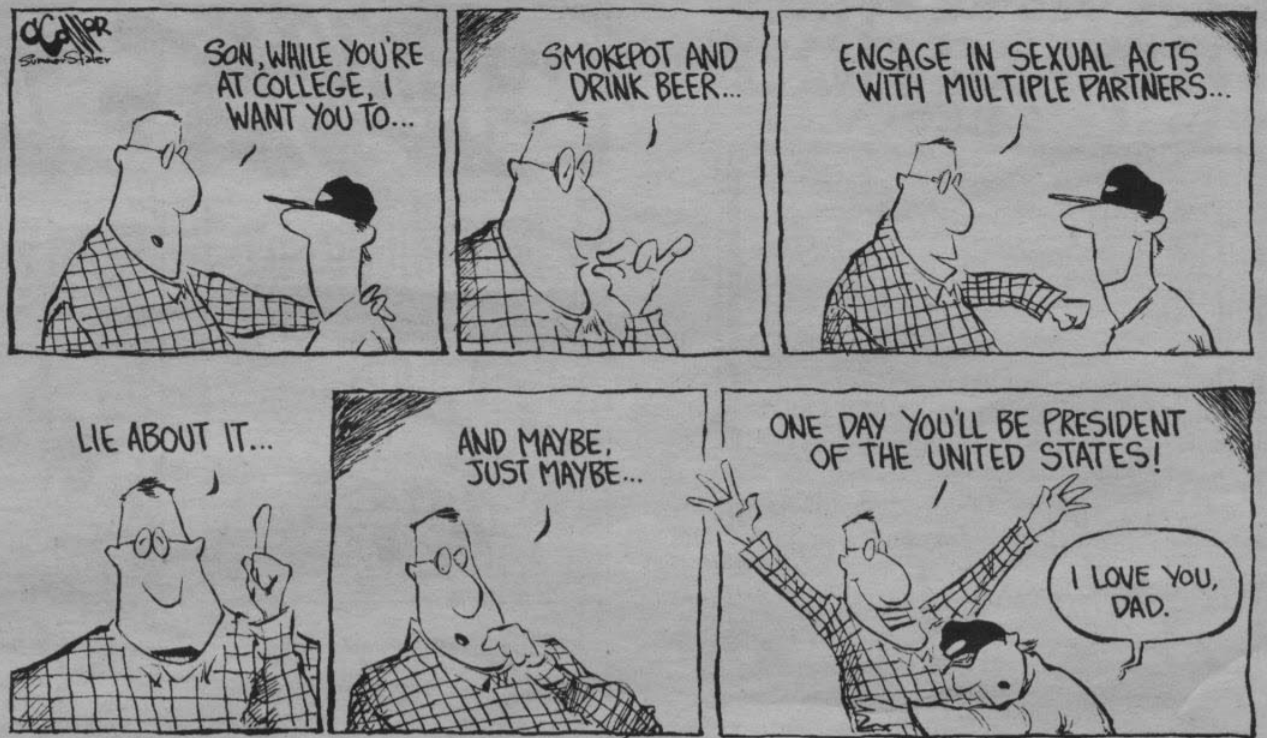
In the end, I think cloning has more to do with ego than science. In a time when the world has become a mixing pot of human variety, the idea of giving up our identity, our genetic code—the one thing no one else in the world has—I would think would be repugnant and distasteful to us all.

Schellene Pils

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No government plot behind safeway card

The human race never ceases to amaze me. People can take the simplest idea, through the power of the imagination coupled with paranoia, turn it into an imagined conspiracy worthy of another X-Files movie.

Case in point: the Safeway Card. I've heard all kinds of rumors surrounding it. Everything from a secret government plot to monitor how much money Americans spend on food for tax purposes to the FBI monitoring what people buy, such as certain chemicals that could be used to create explosives.

Well, the fact is, any and all information obtained from the card is used exclusively by Safeway.

It says right on the application that none of your personal information will be sold to any other company or distributed in any way. The only reason they even want you to put your name on the form is so the checkers can thank you by name when you shop. Other than that, your name isn't used in any way except to address any special promotions or enter you in any contests.

The only reason you are asked to give your address when you sign up is so that coupon books and other special promotions can be sent to your house. It is not used to track you as a person. As far as the card is concerned, you are nothing more than an age and a sex, and that information is combined with what you buy to be used as marketing research by the company.

To dispel another ugly rumor about the card—Safeway does not keep a record of what you personally buy. For example: Say that a 25-year-old man named John Smith buys a bag of peanuts. When this information is entered into Safeway's marketing computer it doesn't say "John Smith, age 25, Albany, Ore., bought peanuts." All that will go into the computer is that a 25-year-old man in Oregon bought a bag of peanuts and that's it. So they are not monitoring what every person buys individually, they are monitoring what everyone

buys as a whole.

If you still don't want to give up your personal information to the company, that is not a problem with them. All you have to do is fill out an application and put "Safeway Shopper" as your name (or any other creative alias). A friend of mine who works there told me that some guy filled out an application and put "Stankho" as his name. Fans of "In Living Color" should appreciate the meaning behind that alias.

I overheard one woman say to a checker that the card is just a form of discrimination that you have to have the card to get any savings, otherwise you are just SOL. The checker carefully explained that anyone can sign up for the card. There is no age limit, no credit check and no eligibility requirements at all. Just the other day I myself saw two young girls that couldn't have been older than 9 sign up.

In a way I guess it is discrimination against those people who can't take 30 seconds out of their busy schedule to fill out an application.

Another frequent complaint is that people don't always plan when they are going to the store, so they might not always have their card with them. Safeway has figured a way around this dilemma also. If you put your phone number on your application, all you have to do is tell the checker and they can access your card that way (which, by the way, is the only reason they want your phone number). So, theoretically, you could sign up for a card, never take it to the store with you and still get all the savings.

The Safeway Card is proving to be a timesaver both for customers, who no longer have to take time to clip coupons, and for the checkers, who no longer have to take the time to scan coupons. It has also been proven to save customers extraordinary amounts of money, which is shown on the bottom of their receipt.

"I've seen people save up to \$50 on one order with the card, and savings of over \$30 an order are not uncommon," said longtime Safeway checker Leanna West. "With coupons that was a very, very rare occurrence."



letters

LBCC ASG keeps students in the loop

To the Editor:

Greetings to all students from the LBCC ASG. It is good to see that no casualties were suffered during the first week of this term. Even the line in front of the bookstore seemed to be less hazardous than normal fall term anomalies.

This year the student government is going to try harder than ever before to keep you, the students, in the loop of events and happenings at the campus. ASG in cooperation with the Commuter will be presenting a list of weekly events. All students are encouraged to attend these events, as

they are being provided for you, the LBCC student.

I speak for everyone at Student Life and Leadership when I say welcome to all students new and returning to a great term here at LBCC.

Jon Alex

Public Relations Coordinator ASG

Driver taxed by parking ticket helped by Sen. Yih

To the Editor:

It started simply enough. A Multnomah County parking supervisor put a parking ticket on a car I had previously owned. When the fine wasn't paid, Multnomah County referred the fine to the Oregon Department of Revenue (ODR).

In December 1997, I received a letter demanding payment from ODR. I called Multnomah County and ODR, explaining that the fine wasn't mine. In June, ODR sent another letter demanding payment. I mailed them evidence showing I had sold the car before getting the parking ticket.

A few weeks later, my Oregon Income Tax Refund arrived. ODR had kept part of my refund to pay for the parking citation! I sent a letter of protest to ODR and a copy to Mae Yih.

Senator Yih contacted the director of ODR. Four days later, I received the rest of my refund.

Senator Yih has assisted many during her tenure in the Senate. She represents her constituents in a positive manner and is a strong advocate for the people of her district.

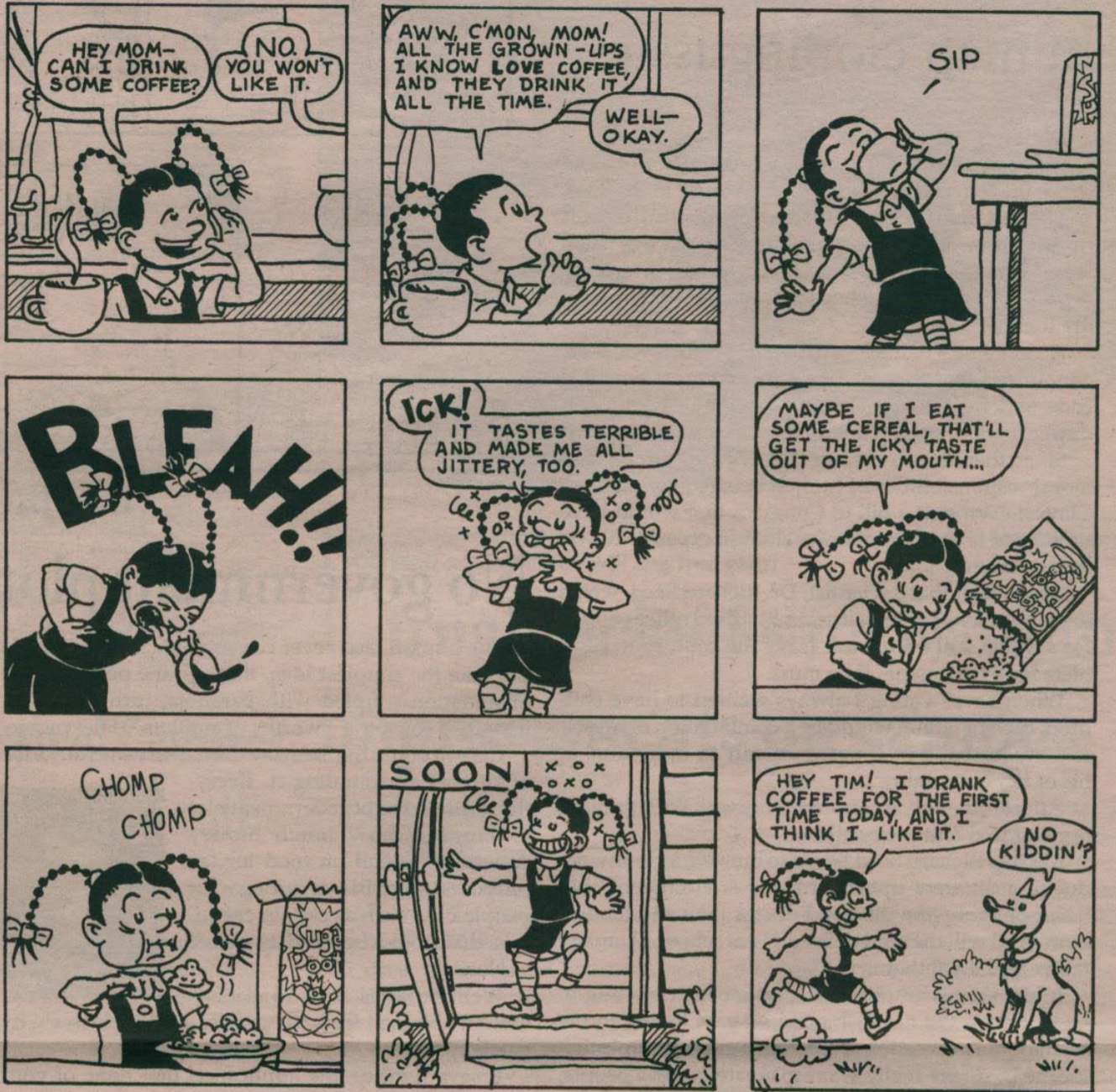
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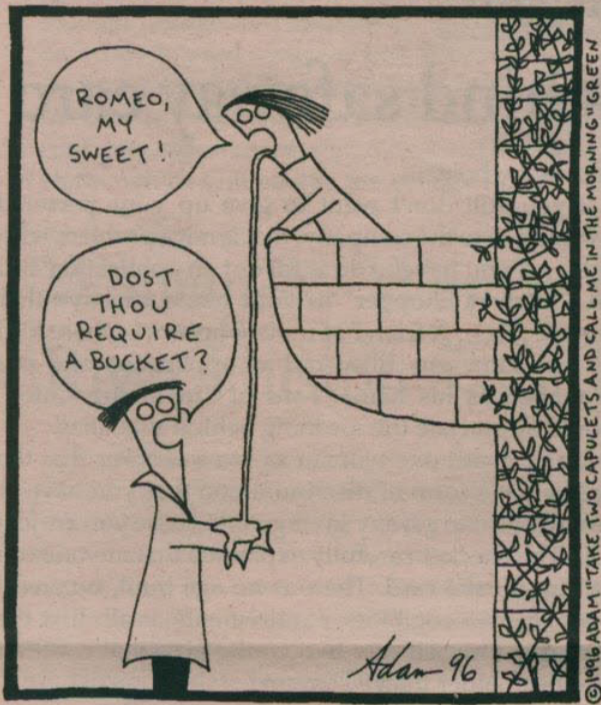
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Introducing "Out of This World"

"Out of this world" is a cartoon strip about an alien sent to Earth to learn about the human race. Since the leaders of the alien race believe Earth to be a small and insignificant planet, they have sent their most pathetic agent "Bort." The strip will follow Bort as he tries to

find a place to live, meet new friends and grapple with everyday human situations. Upon landing in the Pacific Northwest, he made his way to the town of "Corn Valley" and enrolled in the local community college. Our story picks up from there....

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