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Raising the Walls

Workers erect the walls to LBCC's new Lebenon Center.

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Symbol of a New Era

The disaster of Sept. 11 jolts America awake.

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THE COMMUTER

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Local leader says extremists do not represent Islam

By Chad Richins
of The Commuter

As students began to pack LB's hallways and classrooms during the first week of the term, many were still talking about the tragic terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

At the same time news coming in from around the country told of attacks against Muslims and others thought to be Muslim—Sikhs and other non-Muslim religious groups, some of them Christian, whose appearance and dress is similar to Osama bin Laden, were victims of violence and harassment.

Last Tuesday, a representative from the Islamic center in Corvallis, Emir Mohammed Siala, came to the Fireside room for an open discussion of recent events and to answer questions about the Muslim religion. The event was well-attended and many people asked questions about Muslim beliefs and scripture and the difference between mainstream Muslims and extremist groups like the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Siala, a well-spoken, scholarly Muslim gentleman with a friendly manner and a quick laugh, commented on the terrorist attacks, saying that "No person who says they practice Islam would do such a thing."

Siala also explained the meaning behind several key terms such as Jihad, Taliban and Shahid. Jihad, he says means one of three things; an effort of self-defense, the removal of someone oppressing you, or to help those who are oppressed.

"There is no Holy War in Islam," he said, adding that only extremist groups interpret these terms to excuse their violent behavior and to justify their goals.

There are 6,000-10,000 people of Muslim faith in Oregon, according to the Muslim Educational Trust of Portland, Ore., over six million Muslims in the United

(Turn to "Siala" on Pg. 2)

New award honors Clark, Putman

By Ellen Stark
Of The Commuter

Monday, Sept. 10, found Roxie Putman and Doug Clark to be the first ever blushing beneficiaries of a new Service Excellence Award created by Mario and Alma Pastega of Corvallis.

Pastega, who owns the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Plant in Corvallis, established the two annual \$1,000 awards with a donation to the LBCC Foundation. He and his wife presented Putman and Clark with the checks at the college's all-staff inservice day prior to the start of classes.



Doug Clark

Roxie Putman

Putman received the Classified Excellence Award for her work as a clerical specialist in the Admissions Department. The award is based on contributions to campus operations, committee participation, professional development, community service, student advocacy and having a positive influence on colleagues.

Putman, who is a familiar face to students at the First Stop Desk in Takena Hall, was shocked to discover she had been chosen for the award.

"I knew someone had to get it, but I never thought it would be me. I was overwhelmed. It was such an honor to be chosen by my peers," remarked Putman.

Since she started at LBCC in 1987, Putman has found great satisfaction in being at the disposal of her students, often finding herself in the position of surrogate mother.

"I tend to go above and beyond for the students," she said. "I love them. I've loaned them money at times, and even driven them home to get things they've left behind. At one point I even kept a spare set of keys to a student's car in my desk because he kept locking himself out."

Clark, who has been teaching political science at LB since 1974, received the first Mario and Alma Pastega Faculty Excellence Award. Nominations for the faculty award focus on teaching; learner support; communication, collaboration and professionalism; community partnerships; and professional development.

"It's great to be appreciated, although I have mixed feelings about the idea of selecting just one person, when there are so many who deserve it," commented Clark.

Clark has a reputation as a passionate teacher and inspiring peer.

"Put simply, Doug is the best teacher I have ever known," wrote one of Clark's colleagues. "He has the ability to get students to think at a level they never have before. In his classes, you are not just watching a smart person think; he makes you become the smart person."

Clark said he appreciates the award and the "warm feelings" that come with it, but even beyond that he appreciates what the new award stands for.

"Community colleges, more so than universities, have developed learning cultures where teachers and students can address common life problems," he said. "I try to approach students on a person to person level, and this helps them to understand that political science, or whatever subject, is something they, as well as I, deal with every day and need to know about."



Photo by Justin Willis

Time for Classes

Karalynn Arkills studies under the new Courtyard Clock outside the Student Life & Leadership Office during the first week of classes. For more pictures showing the campus gearing up for the new academic year, see Page 3.

WEATHER TILL THE WEEKEND



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday



Sunday

Rain is grace; rain is the sky condescending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life.

— John Updike

Source: Weather.com

CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Nuclear salmon

Sandra Dementieff, a resident of Holy Cross, a Yupik Eskimo village on the Yukon River in Alaska, was alarmed to see glow-in-the-dark salmon drying in her smokehouse. She immediately thought nuclear contamination, but it turned out to be phosphorescent marine bacteria that had spread over the fish.

Long way to nowhere

A 22-year-old man, intent on stealing a fully loaded freight train in Texas, managed to start the engines but didn't know how to release the brake. So he radioed the dispatcher and requested instructions. A conductor and engineer rushed in and overpowered him. As they waited for police, they asked him where he thought he was going, and he responded "Wherever the train takes me."

Home sweet home

Correna Daughtrey opened the hood of her car to fill up the windshield washer fluid when she discovered, much to her surprise, a nest of three squirrel babies living there with their mother. They were beside the washer fluid container and away from the engine, and authorities estimate they had all been there since mom gave birth six weeks earlier. The woman turned the family over to the animal clinic in Niceville, Fla.

Say it isn't so

Georgia and Dale Beaver Jr. got married in 1982, filed for divorce in 1993, started dating again in 1996, broke up again in 1999, and got back together this year. This last time they decided to get remarried. When they went to get a marriage license at the courthouse in Carlisle, Pa., they found out that neither of their lawyers filed for a divorce decree in 1993, so they have been married all along.

—From KRT News

LB's free pass program fills local buses

Loop bus ridership jumps by 20 percent, while Albany Transit sees 14.5 percent rise

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

Thanks in large part to the free-ride program offered to students of LBCC, ridership on the Linn-Benton Loop and the Albany Transit system has skyrocketed.

There were 67,181 rides taken on the Albany Transit System in the fiscal year that ended June 30. That is a 14.5 percent increase over last year. On the Linn-Benton Loop there were 62,410 rides, a 20.2 percent increase over the previous year.

"Of the total rides on both transit systems, more than 36,500 were affiliated with

LBCC," said Glenda Radvansky, transportation services supervisor for the city of Albany. The free pass system was instituted last fall when the college decided to pay a \$15,000 lump sum to the transit systems in return for giving free rides to students.

One first-year student at LBCC, Tristin Young, is taking advantage of the free pass program because it works well with his class schedule and he can save money that he would normally spend on gas and the wear and tear of his car. "I like the idea that it's free," he says.

LBCC student Chris Woodruff, who was interviewed while standing on a crowded bus trip back home, said he rides to and from Corvallis because he doesn't have a car. "I'm pretty pleased with it," said Woo-

druff. "I'm glad that it's free for students."

However, both Woodruff and Young commented that they would like to double the number of buses because of overcrowding. Many passengers are forced to stand on the Loop's busiest routes, which are early in the morning and at mid-afternoon.

The free ride program, which was started in the summer of 2000, allows students, staff and faculty to ride either an Albany Transit System bus or a Linn-Benton Loop Bus for free by displaying their college identification cards.

The Linn-Benton loop is especially helpful for students who are dually enrolled, because it runs between LBCC and OSU almost every hour. The Linn-Benton Loop is also free for HP employees, and stops there regularly.

Siala: Islam shares history with Judaism, Christianity

From Page One

States, and more than 1.2 billion worldwide.

Less than 20 percent live in the Arab world and the rest hail from such diverse locations as Indonesia, which hosts the world's largest Muslim community, and Gibraltar, which has only 3,000 Muslims. Muslims are a multi-cultural and multi-national group that shares a common belief system and religious practices.

The five pillars of Islam, according to literature from the Institute for Islamic Awareness, are faith (aqidah), prayer (salat), purification or growth (Zakah), fasting (Sawm), and pilgrimage (Hajj).

During Ramadan, Muslims are not allowed to eat from sunrise until sunset, and they are never permitted to drink alcohol or eat pork. Dress codes for male and female Muslims help remove temptation and allow them to focus on religion which is held as the highest pursuit in their society.

An interesting facet of Islam is the way it intermingles with Judaism and Christianity. Muslims believe in a chain of prophets beginning with Adam and including Noah, Abraham, David and Solomon, John the Baptist, Jesus and Muhammad. Judaism also shares many of the same holy sites as Islam. The word "Islam" itself means "submission" and is derived from the word for "peace."

At the Fireside Room event, a crowd member told Siala that



Photo by Chad Richins

Emir Mohammed Siala of the Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center and Susan Prock of the Multicultural Center addresses a group of LBCC staff and students in the board room.

he thought it would be good if Muslims denounced the recent attacks, to which Siala responded that they have condemned the attacks and will continue to do so. He also mentioned the recent press conference when President Bush was seen side-by-side with Muslim leaders.

Immediately following the attacks, Siala came forth to decry the terrorist acts and yet was still subjected to derisive comments when attending a vigil on campus for the victims of the tragedy.

Siala says that the local community, overall, has been very understanding to his commu-

nity and to his daughter who attends classes here at LB.

He also extended an open invitation to all to visit the Salman Alfarisi Islamic Center in Corvallis at 610 NW Kings Blvd. The best time to visit is during the frequent times when the Muslim faithful are called to pray.

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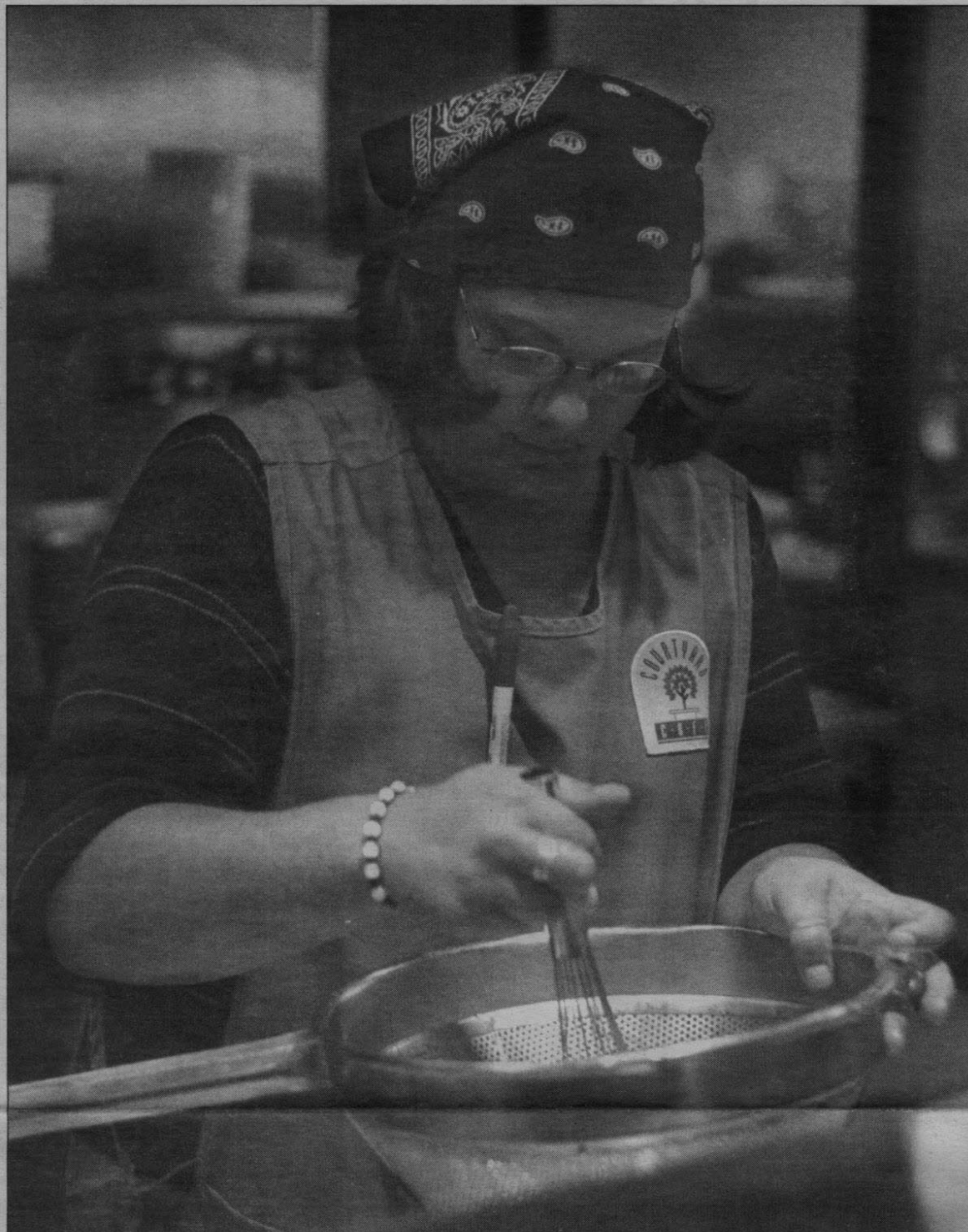


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Chef's assistant Cassi Lovelace prepares a luncheon omelette in the busy Courtyard Cafe during the first week of classes.



Photo by Kristan Whiteley

Louise Karlsson pauses at the housing bulletin board outside the Student Life & Leadership Office, where students can find up-to-date listings of local rentals.

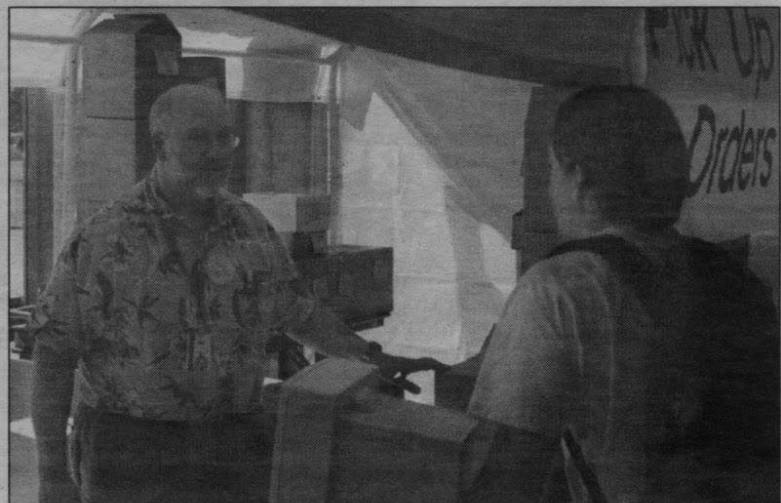


Photo by Greg Dewar

Bookstore Clerk Rich Stoneburg explains to a disappointed Robert Krepfs why his books aren't in yet at the Bookstore's online book order pickup table in the College Center.



Photo by Sarah McKellar

Commuting students found the campus parking lots full during the first few days of classes, forcing students to cruise the lanes looking for cars pulling out.

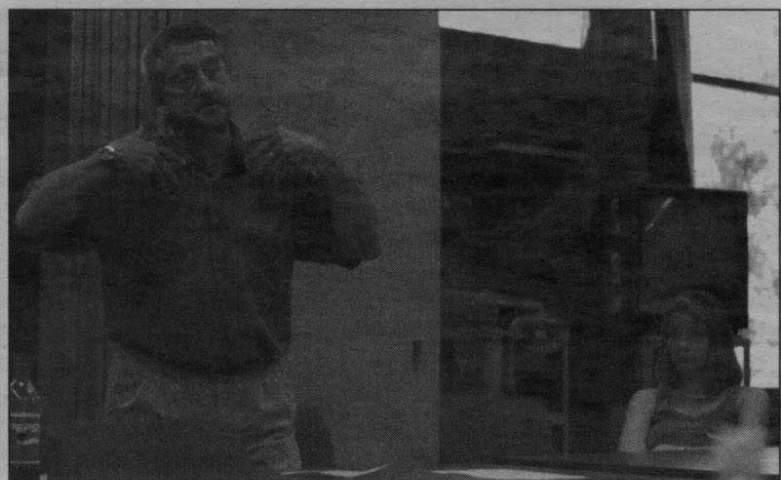


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Political Science Instructor Doug Clark leads a discussion on reactions to the World Trade Center tragedy at a forum sponsored by the Peace Studies Program last week.

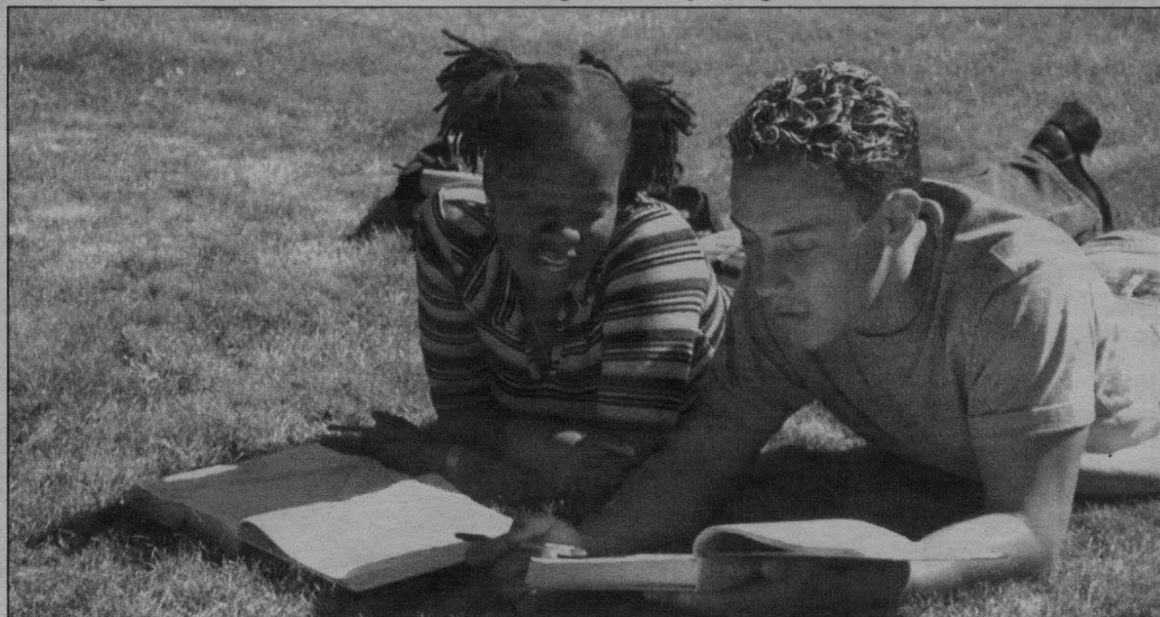


Photo by Connie Gerig

Ana Lebotse and Daniel Hunsaker study math in the Courtyard while enjoying the last rays of sunshine last week. The Courtyard was teeming with students during the first few days of classes until the rains this week chased them indoors.

CAMPUS NEWS

New guidelines take effect this fall for student-run food fundraisers

by Gelina Inches
of The Commuter

LBCC has instituted a new policy concerning student-run fundraising events on campus where food is cooked and served.

After several meetings last spring convened to discuss possible problems with student clubs and organizations hosting barbecues on campus, the Food Service Committee and Student Life & Leadership has enacted a new policy that is designed to give clubs opportunity to raise money while also ensuring proper and safe food handling.

At the center of the debate last spring was a sudden proliferation of barbecues held in the

courtyard by various clubs, such as the Ultimate Frisbee Club and others, that were used to raise funds for club activities. The Frisbee Club was especially visible because it was attempting to raise enough money to travel to a tournament in Hawaii. Although no specific incidents involving food safety were made public, campus officials pointed out that county health regulations require a licensed food handler be on site when food is being prepared for the public, and that this requirement was not met in most cases.

Under the new policy, student groups can still run their own barbecues if they have a person on site with a Linn

County food handler's card, and if their booth meets Linn County temporary food booth guidelines, which may require a separate permit.

SL&L has developed an alternative to clubs who don't want to obtain permits to cater their own event. Under this plan, clubs will provide staff for setup and cleanup while college Food Services staff will handle the food preparation and service. Clubs will be guaranteed a \$150 return, no matter how much money is actually raised.

Clubs interested in participating must contact the SL&L Office to schedule their events as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of dates.

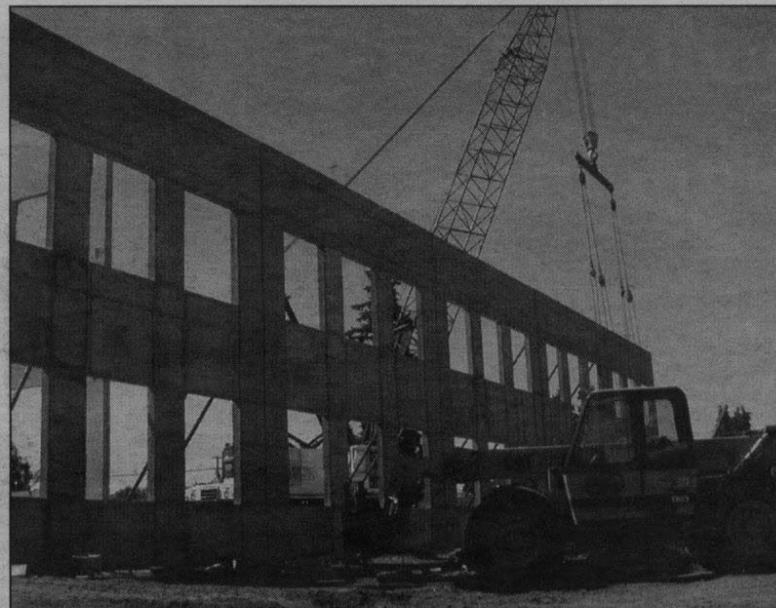


Photo by James Bauerle

Outside walls went up at the Lebanon Center last week, with another wall-raising planned for Oct. 3. Construction is expected to continue for several months.

Lebanon One-Stop Center to be finished in 2002

By The Commuter Staff

Walls went up last Wednesday for the new Lebanon One-Stop Center LBCC's newest addition. The \$5.6 million project sits on a 6.12-acre lot neighboring the historical Elkins flour mill on Highway 20 north of the city.

The two story, 44,340-square-foot building will house the LBCC Lebanon Center, which is now downtown, and will eventually also have room for the Communities Service Consortium, the Oregon departments of Employment and Human Ser-

vices. The Linn-County Economic Development Commission had been expected to also move in, but has recently dropped out of the project. Also under consideration is the construction of a 2,500-foot annex building to house an interpretive center for the mill and for use as a training site.

"The new Lebanon Center is coming along fine. This has been really exciting for the LBCC staff and everyone involved," commented secretary Marlene Propst. The project is expected to be completed sometime in 2002.

From flying planes to playing guitar, classes still open at centers

By Chad Richins
of The Commuter

Have you ever wanted to learn to play guitar? Learn to fly a plane? Speak a foreign language? With all of the classes offered here on the main LB campus and at the satellite centers, there are many opportunities for personal enrichment.

Night classes are offered for those who work during the day, and some classes even meet on weekends, like the Aviation Ground School course offered at the Benton Center in Corvallis. Some classes are still open, with instructor approval, until Friday, Sept. 28.

Ian Priestman, an LB business instructor, is still looking for interested students to fill his Thursday evening guitar instruction class at Lebanon High School. The class is for beginners and intermediate students who want to increase their guitar skills. Many styles will be covered.

For those with lofty aspirations, the Aviation Ground School class offers a chance to get your feet off the ground. Instructors Jim Mitchell and Mike Storm take you through the physics of flight, the rules of the



Photo by James Bauerle

A business instructor by day, Ian Priestman doubles as a guitar instructor by night with his class for beginning and intermediate players at the Lebanon Center.

airways and everything else you need to pass the FAA private pilot examination.

Community interest classes are very diverse. From "Grow and use Herbs for Cooking," at the Sweet Home Center, to "Learn and Live With Your Baby," at the Benton Center. Some classes are for credit and some are just for fun. Pick up a schedule of classes at any LB center.

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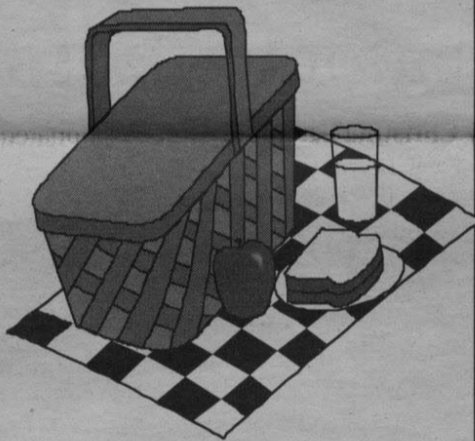
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from 11:30 to 1:00

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Legalize Marijuana?

Wednesday October 3rd, 12 pm

Forum Room 104

Come talk to State Representative Jeff Kropf & Sandy Burbank with Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse in a Forum discussion regarding legalized marijuana

There will be a free light lunch consisting of soup & rolls

This event is sponsored by the LBCC's Student Programming Board

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Vandals damage sculpture in LB Art Gallery

By The Commuter Staff

Sometime last week an artwork was vandalized in the AHSS Art Gallery.

The wall-mounted piece had several parts broken off, which were discovered by LB staffers.

The artist, Hillary Egna, was surprised when contacted about the vandalism. Although the piece can be repaired somewhat, it can probably never be sold. AHSS Gallery Coordinator Sidney Rowe said, "It was really disheartening" to find the piece had been vandalized.

According to Gary Ruppert, dean of Arts & Communications, the placement of the artwork and where the pieces were broken off makes it obvious that the breakage was not accidental. Ruppert would like to encourage any gallerygoers to be aware of others while viewing art exhibits and report any signs of vandalism or disrespect toward the art.

"Although we may not all agree on the aesthetics of particular art works, we do need to agree on having respect for art work," said Ruppert.



A sign admonishing would-be vandals has been added to the exhibit of artwork in the LBCC Art Gallery in the AHSS Building following an incident in which a sculpture by Hillary Egna was damaged.

Photo by James Bauerle

Local band hosts fundraiser for terrorism victims



Members of the band Kustem, which hails from the Albany and Eugene areas, are organizing an alternative rock concert to benefit the American Red Cross WTC Disaster relief fund.

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

With the recent terrorist attacks on our country, people from around the United States have been joining together to help, and a local area band will add their efforts to the cause.

Kustem, a local band from the Albany and Eugene area, will be hosting an alternative rock concert to raise money to help the victims of Sep. 11 terrorist attacks. Local bands Vihara and Bureau of Minds will also be performing at the fundraiser.

The bands' profits will be

donated to the American Red Cross WTC Disaster relief fund. "We've always done tons of benefit concerts," said bass player Will Sheppy. "It just seemed like the natural thing to do."

Kustem and Bureau of Minds are local bands who are based in Albany. New rhythm guitarist Seth Bates and new drummer Dusty Spivey will be joining lead guitarist Trent Nunn, lead singer Ryan McFarland and Sheppy.

Kustem music has "intertwining and floating melodies," said Sheppy. They will be joined by Bureau of Minds, an alternative metal band and Vihara, a new age hard rock group.

Kustem recently opened for Floater, a popular Northwest group in the alternative circle.

The concert will be held on Oct. 6 at the Kuhn Cinema and Cafe, 668 Main St., in Lebanon. Tickets to the concert will be sold at the door for \$6. The doors will open at 8 p.m. and the show will begin at 8:30.

Events

Sept. 26 - Oct. 7

LBCC

The annual All-Campus Picnic will be held today from 11:30 a.m. - 1 pm in the LBCC Courtyard.

Corvallis

Jerry Joseph & the Jack Mormons,
Wednesday, Sept. 26
9 p.m. Bombs Away
Cafe, \$5 admission.

Cold Mountain Rhythm Band

Original American music
Thursday, Sept. 27
9 p.m. Fox & Firkin \$3

The South

Town Hounds
Friday Sept. 28, 10 p.m.
Fox & Firkin, \$3

Oregon Folklife Festival

Sept. 28-30
Laura Love, Sawtooth
Mountain Boys, Family
Activities, Poetry Slam,
(various venues)

Linda Hornbuckle

Friday Sept. 28
Peacock Tavern

Midlife Crisis

Big River
8:30 p.m.

Albany

Open Bluegrass Jam
Oregon Trader, 7-9 p.m.

Lauren Franklin

original folk guitar/
vocal, Boccherini's Coffee
and Tea House
8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Portland

Motorhead
Crystal Ballroom
Sept. 28, 9 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Bob Dylan
Oct. 7
Gill Colliseum, OSU

Get Involved!!!

Help Promote Cultural Events!!!

The LBCC Student Programming Board has the following position open: **Multicultural Specialist**

We are looking for a person who is interested in promoting cultural events & activities on campus/community. Talent Grants are available for the person selected. Applications are available at the Student Life & Leadership Office (located at the West end of the Forum building). Applications will be accepted until September 28th at 4 pm. Interviews will be held at the Student Life & Leadership office on October 3, 2001. Questions? Contact the SL&L office.

FREE TICKETS

Giuseppe Verdi's
"La Traviata"

Portland Civic Auditorium

Saturday September 29, 2001

DRAWING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH
12:30 SHARP

(must be present to win, or have someone claim your prize)

DEADLINE TO ENTER: 11:30 am

Friday, September 28th

For more information, stop by the Student Union (Student Life & Leadership office) or call Ext. 4457.

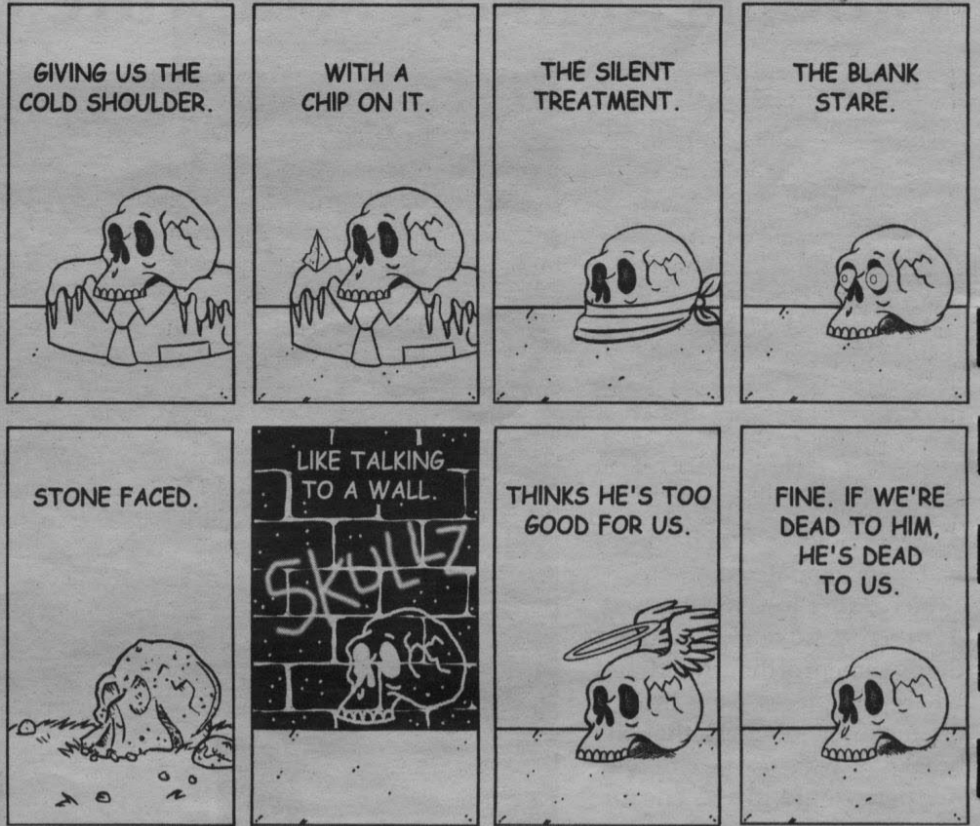
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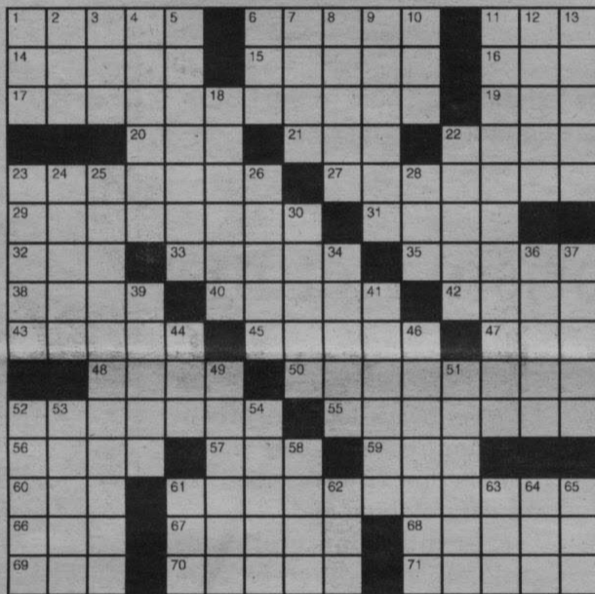
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which is an entry-level job that performs office and messenger duties. If interested, contact Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101) for more details.

Pharmacy Technician I or II #1062 (Lincoln City) Want to work at a small friendly hospital in a community where everyone cares about their neighbor? This position is at a rural 37-bed hospital located on the beautiful Oregon Coast. The level depends on your qualifications. See Student Employment in the Career Center (T101) for more information.

Retail jobs at Heritage Mall (Albany) Part-time positions available include Replenishment (early morning stocking job), Bed & Bath or Apparel retail sales, Commission Sales in Vacuums, Home Appliances and Home Electronics. Please see me now in Student Employment (T101) for your referral!

Disney is coming to Corvallis! Disney paid internships are open to all majors and all college levels. You will meet students from around the world. These positions will help build you resume and you can earn college credit while you work.

Housing is also available. The presentation will be Thursday, Nov. 8 at 6 pm at LaSells Stewart Center at OSU in the Agriculture Science Room. Mark your calendars as attendance is required in order to interview.

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SPORTS PAGE

Runners rebuilding once again after 2nd-place finish

by Christina Laramore
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The Roadrunners captured second place in last year's Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) tournament, but changes have occurred this year that will put LB in a rebuilding phase once more.

One of those changes is the arrival of new head coach Jayme Frazier, who replaced Seth Elliot at the end of last year. Frazier, who started coaching at Linn-Benton in 1994, took a year off last season but is back now and looking forward to getting the Runners back on track.

Another change facing the team is the loss of nine sophomores, who led last year's squad to its spectacular finish.

This year's team has only three returning sophomores: Amie Johnson, Jessica Horsley and Patience Baker. The remaining positions will be filled by nine freshman, new not only to LB but to college athletics as well.

One more change the Runners will have to warm up to are new league rules

on games and matches. No longer will a team play the best two out of three 15-point games to constitute a match.

Teams will now play to 30 points using rally scoring, which means every play gets a point for one team or the other, making the games go faster. In the fifth or deciding game, points go only to 15. Under the old rules only the serving team could score points, and each match consisted of three games. In addition, the league will be incorporating some beach volleyball rules by allowing the ball to hit the net and still be playable, something that was once considered an automatic sideout.

"I think it's a lot better," Frazier said of the rule changes. "I think it makes the game more interesting for the fans."

Still, the question remains, will LBCC be as strong as they were last year?

"I don't like to put a number on it," Frazier explained. "We will be competitive in the Southern Region. We've seen SWOCC, Lane and Clackamas. We will be competitive."

The Runners toughest competition, especially last year, has been Mt.Hood, who defeated LB last year for first place in the NWAACC tournament. This year, Mt. Hood looks to be strong again, but Frazier believes that they are a beatable team.

"Mt. Hood has a strong offense," said Frazier. "After that, I believe they are as strong as any of the other teams in the Southern Region."

Defense will be the key for the Runners this year.

"We have to control our serve reception," Frazier said. "And we'll be very strong. Serve reception and ball control will be the key to our success this year."

The offense is also starting to come together, she said. The Runners are strong on the outside and in the middle, though Frazier believes they still need to work on hitting the right side before it is complete.

Horsley on the outside, Baker and Kim West in the middle and Johnson on defense look to be the key players for the

Runners team this year; but the setters, who are an important part of the game, are becoming stronger with every practice and every game.

"They each have their strengths," explained Frazier. "We are still trying to see who is going to emerge as the leader."

The Runners are improving with every game, and despite some tough losses early in the season, Frazier has high hopes for this young squad.

"Once we gain confidence in our individual skills and put it together with team confidence, we will be able to pull out tough matches," said Frazier. "That's what you deal with at a community college level."

The team has two home matches coming up this weekend. On Friday the Roadrunners host South Western Oregon Community College in the Activities Center at 7 p.m., and on Saturday Umpqua comes to town for a 1 p.m. game in the Activities Center. Students are admitted free to the matches with a valid student body card.



Photos by Jame Bauerle

Getting Into the Swing

Travis Rood (above) works on his swing during fall baseball practice last week, while other members of the team (below) warm up their arms palying catch. The Runners will play in their first fall league game Sunday in a double header at Oregon State University at 11 a.m.



Photo by Chad Richins

The Roadrunners pose for a team picture before practicing over the summer.

Volleyball team off to 1-2 start

by Christina Laramore
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The LB volleyball team opened up league play last week with one win and two losses as the Runners attempt to re-capture the strong play that led them to a second-place finish in the NWACC conference last year.

The Runners one win came on Friday when they defeated Lane Community College in a four-game, rally-point match held at LBCC.

The first game went in favor of the Runners as they defeated the Titans 30-27. Lane managed to capture the second game 29-31. LB then overpowered Lane 30-21 and 30-19 in the next two games to win the match against Lane, who is currently last place in the Southern Region.

Sophomore Jessica Horsley led the Runners with 15 kills, 13 digs and four aces. Amie Johnson, also a returning sophomore, came up with 10 digs while returning defensive spe-

cialist Patience Baker had nine digs and three aces. Danielle Palmer added another three aces to the totals and Kim West had five of LB's nine blocked shots in the match.

As a team, the Runners managed 45 total kills over Lane's 42. Lane's Kristen Stookey had 13 of those, while also coming up with four of the Titan's eight aces. The Runners defeated Lane in digs as well, with 55 to the Titans 30.

Previous to the Runners' victory, LB suffered a loss at the hands of Clackamas in their first league game of the season on Wednesday.

While LB managed to defeat the Cougars in the first game of the match by a 30-25 score, Clackamas bounced back to overthrow the Runners 30-26, 30-28 and 30-28 in the remaining three games.

After their victory over Lane, the Runners had high hopes for the next day as they hosted sec-

ond place team Chemeketa. Those hopes soon vanished, however, as the Storm shut down LB in three games, 30-27, 30-19 and 30-19.

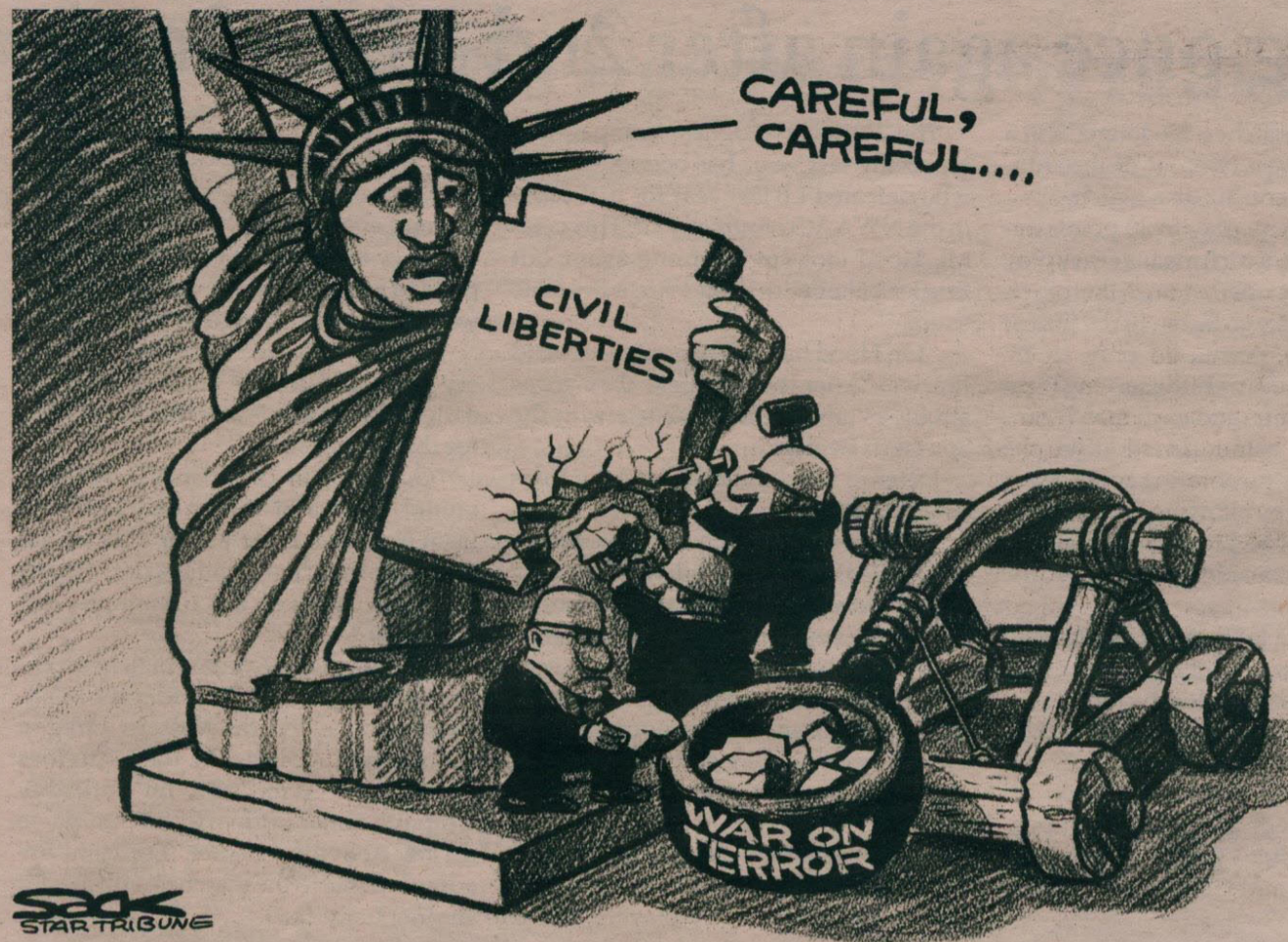
Kim West, a freshman middle hitter, led the team at the net with seven kills while Jennifer Dionne, who maybe out for the remainder of the season due to a shoulder injury, came up with five kills for LB. The Runners managed only 24 kills at the net while the Storm had a total of 42.

Crystal Galedridge had 14 of the Roadrunners 21 assists, while Palmer came up with three of the team's five service aces of the match.

Palmer also chipped in six digs to lead the Runners in their defense. LB had only 30 digs in the match.

The Runners, who are currently in fourth place in the Southern Division with a 1-2 record, will host Southwestern Oregon on Friday at 7 p.m. and Umpqua on Saturday at 1 p.m.

OPINION



COMMENTARY

A separate peace ended

by Chad Richins
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In the United States we have been fortunate, most of us, to live in a society that values human life, punishes hate and revels in freedom. My generation especially, has enjoyed a rare time of peace and plenty. Unlike my father who served in Vietnam, and my grandfather who served in the Pacific Islands during World War II, I was not called by my country to risk my life in defense of other nations who needed our help. And unlike the victims of totalitarianism and fascism during those wars, I have never known hunger, discrimination, forced relocation, or persecution of any kind. Due to the efforts of the many who fought and died for the ideals and lifestyle we Americans hold dear, I have led a life of privilege, comfort and security.



During the Cold War, my generation felt the threat of war with the Soviet Union, nuclear or conventional. The tension of those times shaded life in this country with fear. But the bombs never came, the Soviet Union fell, and life went on as the fear faded. Who would have thought, until the events of this month, that fear of death from above would be renewed and that we would long for the relative stability of the Cold War era?

To those in the know, the recent vicious attacks on American soil were anything but a surprise. Many forward-looking experts had said that it was only a matter of time and opportunity. The 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center was a warning that fell on apparently deaf ears. American security forces had nodded off at the wheel, failing to predict or prevent the bombing. But like many a drowsy driver, they stayed on the road, making no drastic policy changes, and said, "Well, we won't fall asleep again."

No one can envy the job of defending this enormous country from all possible threats. It is, in the final analysis, an impossibility. No country can be so hyper-vigilant as to prevent every terrorist opportunity without sealing all borders and living like a tortoise within an inflexible protective shell.

So, are we ready for this century? Is America finally awake and prepared to defend itself? Can we as human beings stand much more of this kind of carnage? People in other countries have been living with it for years, decades, some for centuries. Living under oppressive dictators like Saddam Hussein. Living under fear of attack from rival religious groups in the Middle-East and Northern Ireland. Living in fear of death squads in Colombia and Brazil. Living in fear of the government, unable to speak one's mind, or practice one's chosen religion in China and Afghanistan. Living in fear of

corrupt indiscriminate police and roving gangs in the ghettos of New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

The long national daydream of peace is over. No more Pax Americana. Our separate peace, separate from a world of ongoing military conflict and economic injustice, is at an end. We finally realize where we have been all along, in the same boat as the rest of the world.

So now what do we do? First, we defend ourselves. We defend our honor, our nation, we find those who perpetrated these attacks and we take their lives. Like Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has recently said, this is not retribution, not revenge; this is self-defense. But what form will this self-defense take? Do we engage in all-out war against those who sponsor and support terrorism? Do we invade Afghanistan, root out Osama bin Laden and all those who we suspect of aiding him, and send them back to Allah? Can we afford all-out war against those who may employ biological and chemical weapons against our troops to defend their states? Do we fling ourselves wholly into armageddon? These are not simple issues, and there are no clear-cut paths.

Our separate peace is gone, and we must defend ourselves. Can we work to even the playing field for all inhabitants of Earth so that desperate people do not harm themselves and others? Can we compromise our ignorance, put away our pride, and work intelligently and compassionately toward global understanding and brotherhood? Can we fight injustice without giving up our liberty? We stand poised on the brink of heaven or hell, and the leaders we have chosen will decide what path we take.

Ask yourself why someone would do something so horrible to us. And then ask yourself if you know enough about what is going on to have an opinion at all. Have you been watching the news from the Middle-East before that terrible Tuesday, or have you been paying more attention to Chandra Levy and Monica Lewinsky than foreign affairs?

It's wake-up time, America. It's time to help support the families of the dead, time to clean up another tragedy and find the strength to move forward. We might be silly, scandal minded gossipers, and we might be meddlers and we might have the wrong idea sometimes...our leaders aren't infallible...but we are the United States of America and we are the only super-power left in the world. We have bailed more countries out of more trouble and gotten less back for our efforts than anyone else on the block.

Right now we need to support our president and our soldiers as they prepare to strike back for the victims of such sudden and unprovoked violence. When our security is again somewhat stable we will want to return to normal life and try to find the road to peace.

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What should the U.S. do in response to the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks?

"I think there should be a retribution, I don't know how far it should go. If we piss off China we'll really be in big trouble. I think we should take out Afghanistan."



—Gabe Adams, business



"I think that we should go in there and kill them, to tell you the truth, and anybody that sides with what happened."

—Kalvin Hobin, business

"I think that they should bomb certain places, I don't think they should go into villages and kill innocent people. I think they should find Bin Laden and the people that did it instead of killing everybody."



—Wendy Wan, transfer degree



"I think they should bomb them. Actually I want them to find Bin Laden and torture him."

—Teresa Koch, digital imaging

"I want a new government, I'm not happy with the system from the Civil War to present day. Probably take care to take out the people that are involved."



—Jessica Haavisto, agriculture/business

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