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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Take That

Dakota takes a crack at a colorful piñata during the Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Courtyard Friday. More photos on Page 3.

Alert staffers protect LB from 'love bug' virus

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Last Thursday Jim Crotts, LB's Internet support specialist, went about his usual morning ritual—logging on to the Internet to make sure LB's connection was running correctly, then traveling to a Web site that updates users on new viruses that may be circling the Web. What he found wasn't pretty.

Crotts discovered the widely-spread "Love Bug" virus that attacks e-mail systems and he promptly shut down the college's student e-mail system around 9 a.m. as a safety precaution.

After setting up a filter that senses the virus message and automatically trashes it, Crotts was able to get the e-mail up and running by 11 a.m.

"I've been in this business a long time. This is the most vicious virus I've run across," said Crotts.

The virus, which was propagated over the Internet via e-mail, comes with a subject of "ILOVEYOU" with the content "kindly check the attached loveletter coming from me." Attached is the file LOVE-LETTER-FOR-YOU.TXT.vbs

Crotts explained that the virus that crippled more than 10 million computers last week attacks the e-mail programs Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express, which are automatically installed with Windows 95 and 98. When the e-mail attachment is opened it overwrites critical files in the system that could cause the computer to crash.

Aside from being temporarily being shut down, LB's two e-mail servers, one for student use and one for faculty use, were not affected by the "Love Bug" virus or any one of its multiplying variants.

According to a LB Internet support staffer, no LB computers were damaged by the far-reaching virus.

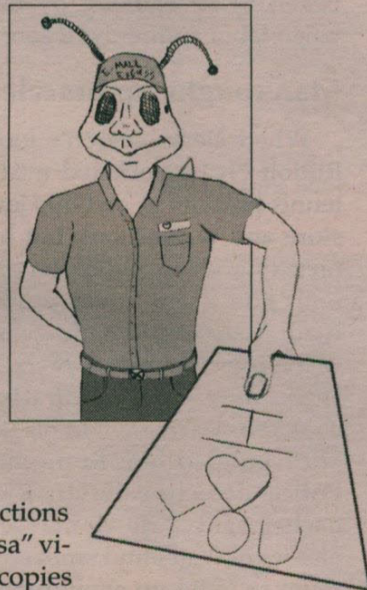
The virus began spreading through Asia and Europe Thursday while Americans were still sleeping, and as the workday began, the "Love Bug" began circulating rapidly in the United States.

The "Love Bug" functions similarly to the "Melissa" virus of 1999 by sending copies of itself out to e-mail addresses in the program's address book.

Unlike "Melissa," which crippled computers worldwide about two years ago, the "Love Bug" can be spread through some chat room programs.

Users of e-mail programs other than Outlook and non-Windows computers like Macintosh are not affected, but they can inadvertently spread the virus by forwarding the e-mail to a friend. In comparison to

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Education majors readied for on-line future

by Michelle Mayo
of The Commuter

Beginning fall term, LBCC will offer a kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum on the Web for students majoring in education and who are seeking their teaching credentials.

LBCC is one of five Oregon community colleges and universities to participate in the \$2 million, three-year-long grant program that is geared to train future teachers in computer technology.

The grant was issued in 1999 to LBCC, Chemeketa, Southwestern Oregon, Treasure Valley and Eastern Oregon University to pilot the Web-based program for two different categories—OCEPT (Oregon Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers) for math and science; and OTIP (Oregon Technology Infusion Project) for English.

The program hopes to train students how to use e-mail, the Internet, multimedia and distance education

software in elementary and secondary schools.

May Garland, chair of the Education/Child and Family Studies Department, is in charge of LBCC's part of the project. "We want to start preparing our students for the classroom of the future, and for their students who are being raised in a world of increasing technological sophistication," Garland said. "We hope to recruit 20 students to participate over the next two years in the OTIP program at LBCC."

Garland also said that the college's Media Department has been a crucial part to help make the classes happen.

The first class to be offered on the Web is ED 101A Observation and Guidance. In the past the class has been a weekly one-hour seminar and six hours in the public school classroom. The class will now do the one-hour seminar on line, where students are to submit weekly reports via e-mail and respond to reflection topics posted on the Web.

Campus comes alive with mid-term events

by The Commuter Staff

This week is full of campus events to spark interests ranging from films to Hawaiian cuisine.

Today the LB women's basketball team is hosting a fundraiser at noon outside the Activities Center with food catered by Local Boyz of Corvallis. For \$5.50 you get huli huli chicken, rice, macaroni salad, bread and soda help out the Women's Basketball Foundation at the same time.

Art instructor Analee Fuentes will give a slide lecture entitled "Chicana Artists" on works created within the civil rights movement of the 60s and 70s today at noon in the College Center Boardrooms. The \$2.50 cost in-

cludes soup, bread and cookies.

The Chautauqua Series continues to focus on women in American history with a one-woman play performed by Jane Van Boskirk titled "Eleanor Roosevelt: Across a Barrier of Fear." It's free today at noon in F-104.

The last international movie in the Multicultural Center's Food and Culture series, "Eat, Drink, Man, Woman," will be shown Thursday in the Student Lounge at 2p.m.

On Friday the Valley Writers will present a Valley Readers event from noon-1 p.m. in IA-231.

Going on all week are events near the Science Technology Building to celebrate Math Awareness Week.

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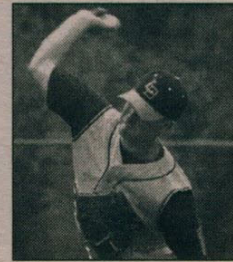
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Check This Out

Keep your fingers crossed for sunny skies Thursday at 1:45 p.m. That's when a fire drill will force you outside for 10 minutes.

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CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Bumpin' and grindin'

Exotic dancer Kim Mattes has been practicing her routines in the front yard of her Lafayette, Ind., home for some time, bumping and grinding against a 10-foot flagpole. But one witness who lives nearby says some passing motorists do not do their best driving when Mattes' performances catch their eye. Neighbors have complained, but authorities aren't sure if she is breaking the law.

Killer dogs or goat sucker?

The Chilean government announced that it was packs of roving dogs who have killed some 200 farm animals around the northern town of Calama. Local residents had feared that the killer was "chupacabras," a mythical blood-thirsty beast, which no one has actually seen. "Chupacabras" is Spanish for "goat sucker."

Dinner teasers

The town of Stratford, Wis., passed an ordinance against adult entertainment, so the owner of a saloon called Teasers, which features nude female dancers, promptly found a way around it. He started serving pizza. So, technically, Teasers is now a dinner theater and therefore not subject to the new law.

Convict watches birth

A convict doing time in a Louisville, Ky., jail looked out his cell window and saw a woman giving birth on the sidewalk below. He found out later that it was his own wife unexpectedly bringing their daughter into the world. She happened to be walking by the jail when labor suddenly began.

Man coughs up bracelet

When clerks weren't looking, Rudolf Nyari pocketed a \$17,000 tennis bracelet at an Ohio jewelry store and walked out, but he denied this when police caught up with him a few miles down the road. Assuming he had swallowed it, the cops had him X-rayed, and, sure enough, the 91/2 carat bauble could be clearly seen in his throat. They ordered him to produce it. Police detective Kevin Rickenbacher said, "He drank several glasses of water and smoked cigarettes to build up enough phlegm to cough it up. It took about an hour."

From the TMS News Service

Hort Club spreads color with plant sale

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

It's that time again. The greenhouse is full of color and the LBCC Horticulture Club is looking to spread that color around.

The club is hosting its annual Mother's Day plant sale on Friday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the greenhouse next to the Science and Technology building.

Proceeds from the annual sale benefit the Horticulture Department as well as the Horticulture Club. The sale was originally started by horticulture students in the early 1980s.

"Originally, the sale was run to get rid of surplus plants at the end of the year," said Greg Paulson, LBCC horticulture instructor. "Now it's a fund-raiser for the department and club."

This year's sale, which is the first one in the newly-built greenhouse, will offer selection of a variety of colorful hanging flower baskets, 2" and 4" pots, and tree seedlings.

The flower baskets include fuschias,



Photo by Robin Camp

Hanging flower baskets adorn the greenhouse in anticipation of Friday's sale.

impatiens, geraniums and begonias. The tree seedlings include conifers, pine, Douglas fir, alder and aspen, and the pots include jade, coleus, geraniums, ivy and Swedish ivy.

Though offered in recent sales, this

year's Mother's Day plant sale will not include bedding plants or vegetable starts. Prices range from \$1 for the seedlings to \$15 for hanging baskets. For more information, contact Paulson at 917-4765.

Commuter wins 6 first place awards at state-wide conference

by The Commuter Staff

The Commuter was awarded six first place awards at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Association Collegiate Day Conference in Beaverton May 5, including best photography, best feature story, best editorial and best overall design.

The weekly won a total of 20 awards in the annual competition, which is organized by the ONPA and judged by professional journalists around the state.

The award for best photography went to editorial assistant Lizanne Southgate, a sophomore from Brownsville, for a portfolio of photographs on an armored car accident, the Linn County Veterans Day parade and student volunteers helping to build a house in Philomath. She also took an honorable mention in the best news photo category.

Editor Keirsten Morris of Corvallis won both first and second place in the

editorial writing category, as well as honorable mentions in reviews and headline writing.

Graphics editor Joe Ellingson of Albany won both first place and honorable mention in the category for best graphic illustration.

Contributing editor Justin Dalton of Sweet Home won first place in the best news photo category for his picture of a car fire in the LBCC parking lot last spring.

The award for best feature story was awarded to James Rivera, formerly of Corvallis and now living in Seattle, for a May 1999 article on tree-sitters attempting to block logging south of Eugene.

Second place and honorable mention awards went to:

- Contributing Editor Leon Tovey of Albany, second place in best news story for his coverage of the controversy sur-

rounding OSU's veterinary surgery class;

- Sports Editor David Thayer of Lebanon, second place in sports writing for a profile of OSU running back Ken Simonton;

- Design major Amber Gerding of Philomath, second place in best house ad and honorable mention in the ad of the year category.

- Copy editor Barry Greer of Corvallis, second place in best headline writing.

- Assistant photo editor Christopher Spence, honorable mention in the best feature photo category.

- Former Commuter staffer E.J. Harris of Corvallis (now attending OSU), second place for best columnist and honorable mention in the sports photo category.

- Former Commuter staffer Brock Jacks of Lebanon, honorable mention in the best columnist category.

Virus: Philippine officials arrest, then release, 'love bug' suspect

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other viruses, experts say the "Love Bug" is the fastest to spread, partly because it doesn't limit its targets.

"It's an example of how your friends can inadvertently and accidentally send it to you," said Crotts.

The virus, technically known as a worm, also tries to download and install an executable file called WINBUGSFIX.EXE from the Internet, which is a password stealing program that will e-mail any cached passwords to the mail address MAILME@SUPER.NET.PH, located in the Philippines.

Within 36 hours of the arrival of the

"Love Bug," many variants of the worm appeared, including subject lines that read "Thank You for Flying with Arab Airlines," "FWD:Joke," "Mother's Day Diamond Special," "Virus Alert" and "Susitikem shi vakara kavos puodukui," which is Lithuanian for "let's meet this evening for a cup of coffee."

On Monday, police from the Philippine National Bureau of Investigation arrested Reomel Ramones, a 27-year-old man living in a flat in a lower middle-class neighborhood in Manila, then released him on Tuesday. Police are said to be looking for Ramones' 23-year-old girlfriend Irene de Guzman, who is expected

to turn herself in this week. Ramones' relatives report that the real culprit is de Guzman's 23-year-old sister, a computer engineer who also lives in the flat.

The virus wrecked havoc all over the world by penetrating over 45 million e-mail users, including the Pentagon, and experts estimate that damage could reach \$10 billion by today. Computer users who may have been affected should install anti-virus software and get the latest update from their manufacturer's Web site, according to Crotts.

Above all, Crotts advises users to observe common sense and not to open any attachments unless you know what it is.

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IN FOCUS

CINCO DE MAYO

Food, fun and music fill the Courtyard for cultural celebration

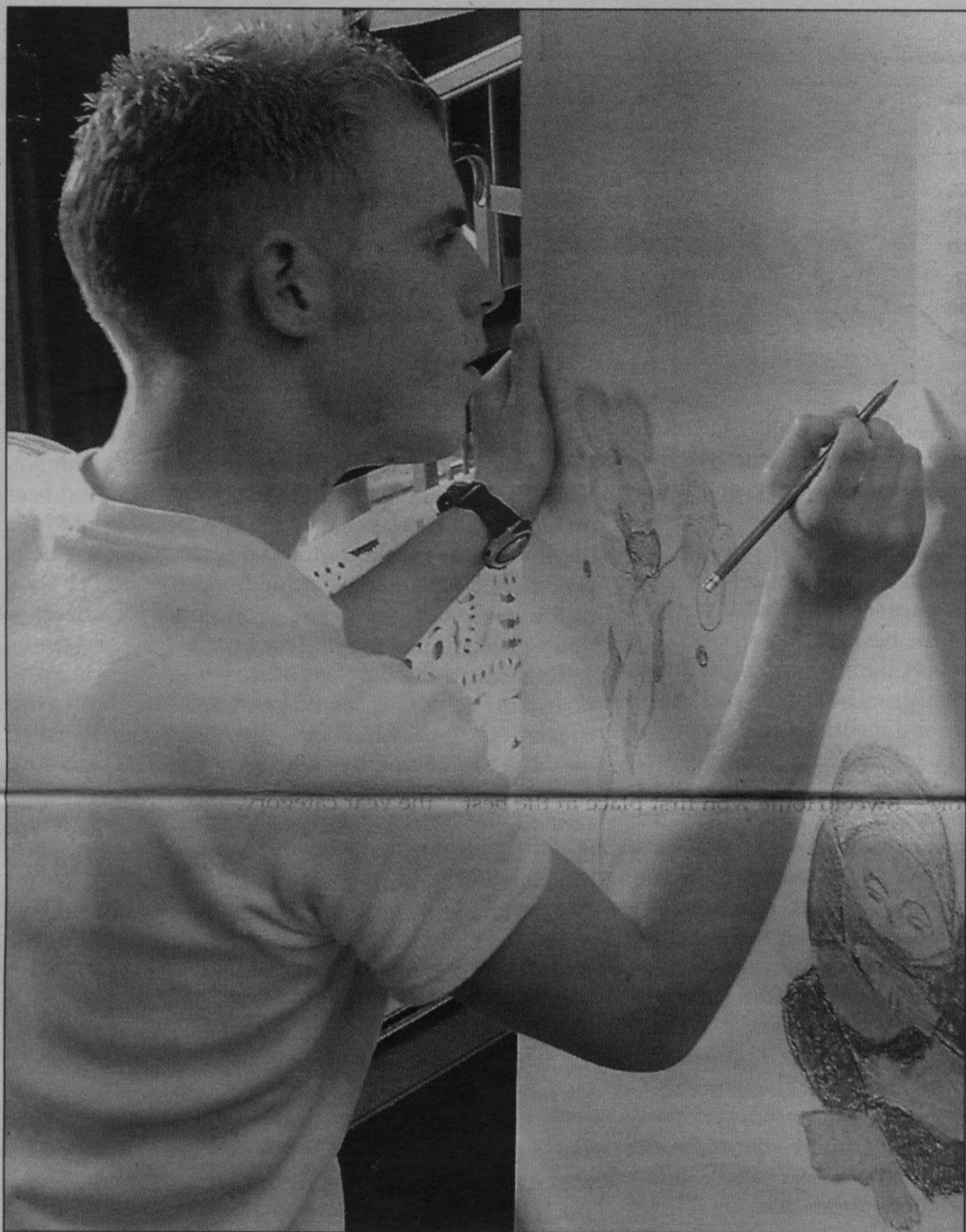


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Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Mike Burt paints on a mural in the Multicultural Center (above) as part of the Cinco de Mayo activities on campus last Friday. At top right, Mamta Khatter (left) and Hitomi Kuromoto set up the food table outside the SL&L office, while FRC and SL&L members, at right, prepare the piñata for sacrifice. Below, Riane (left) and Devin watch Dakota's piñata-smashing technique.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate



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ON THE ROAD

Hanging 10 while hanging out at Pacific City

Story and Photos by Leon Tovey
of The Commuter

Okay, this one's mine. I start paddling and the world suddenly goes very quiet. I'm alone. I can feel the board beneath me, the ocean around me, I can taste the saltwater that runs in tiny rivulets down my face.

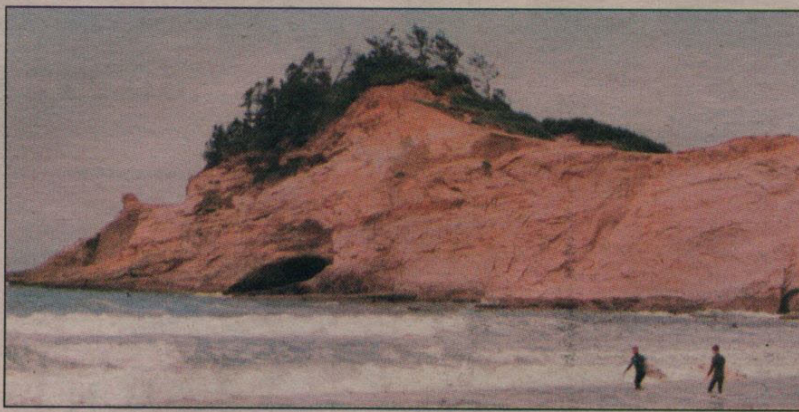
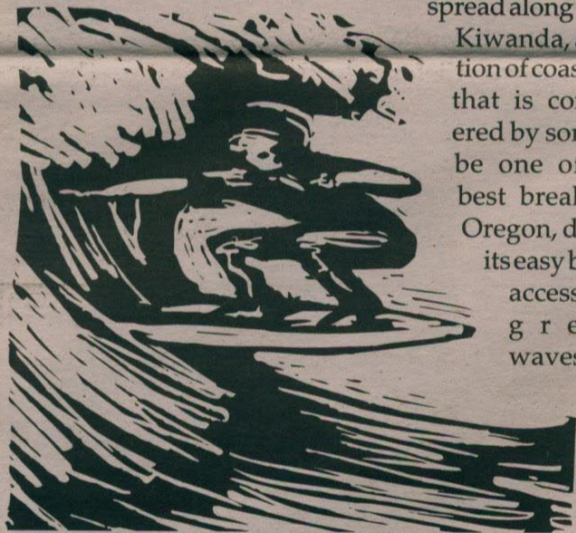
There is nothing else.

As I stand up I can feel the power of the wave that lifts me. It's like the hand of God carrying me to a higher place—a place where cell phones and laptops and skyscrapers don't matter. For a few brief seconds I'm golden. All is right with the world and I know what it means to be truly alive.

But not today. Today I'm a spectator, standing atop the sandstone cliffs at the north end of Cape Kiwanda. It's a Sunday morning in late April, and I'm wishing that I had rousted myself a little earlier this morning. As it was, I woke up around 7 a.m., took my time loading my gear into my pickup and eating breakfast, and didn't leave my house in southeast Albany until after 8 o'clock. Not bad for a Sunday morning—unless you happen to be headed to Pacific City to try and catch some waves.

Located about 45 miles north of Newport, Pacific City is one of the best-kept secrets on the Oregon Coast. It has the usual assortment of rental properties, gift shops, theme restaurants, and overpriced gas stations, but doesn't get quite the crowd that places like Newport, Lincoln City and Seaside do. Most of the people who come here live in western Oregon and belong to one of three groups: vacationers trying to avoid the crowds, RVers (there is a popular RV park here), and surfers.

The town sits just to the north of Nestucca Bay and is spread along Cape Kiwanda, a section of coast line that is considered by some to be one of the best breaks in Oregon, due to its easy beach access and great waves. On



Two surfers head out into the waves from the beach at Pacific City near Cape Kiwanda, while others (at right) check out the South County Surf Shop. Pacific City is one of the premier places to catch waves on the Coast.



any given day, gorgeous eight-foot swells can roll out of the Pacific, and give the surfers who live here ample opportunity to revel in the glory of Mother Ocean.

Today is not one of those days.

It was almost 10 o'clock when I got to the Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area, a section of beach north of town that offers some of the best surfing around. The locals call this spot The Gas Chamber, but right now it looks like it's running out of gas. The wind is picking up and the tide is coming in; as a result the surf is choppy and flat. By 11 a.m. it'll be totally closed out.

People are still riding it, though. While walking down to the beach, I see a surfer emerging from the jaws of the sea; a wiry man in his mid-40s who tells me he's been in the water since 7:30 this morning.

"It was pretty sweet earlier," he says. "But it's starting to go soft now. The swells are coming up from the south and the wind's picking up. I'm gonna cruise now, come back tonight—maybe we'll get some more of what we had last night."

As I wander the beach, posing as a tourist, I hear similar comments from a lot of people. The whole town is buzzing with rumors of last night's epic conditions.

"Absolutely amazing," is how one 14-year-old surfer describes it. "No wind, fat swells, waves with 8-foot faces. It doesn't get much better than that."

With these descriptions of last night's conditions, I

find it difficult to control the urge to grab my board and paddle out, but after careful consideration, common sense wins out. I am not properly equipped. The water temperature is about 50 degrees, and the flat, windblown waves make this a day better suited to longboards than my ratty old 7-6 single-fin box-tail.

So instead of going in, I hang out. There is more to Pacific City than surfing. It's a popular spot for off-roading, jet-skiing and good old-fashioned sightseeing. The views are spectacular and the locals are friendly.

For sightseeing purposes, there is ample parking and good beach access near the Turnaround Motel on the south end of town. From there you can walk along the Nestucca River or climb a dune and walk down to the ocean. The beach is all sand and blue sky here; it's an excellent spot to sit and contemplate the meaning of life and choppy surf.

A walk of a few blocks will have you in downtown Pacific City, where you can stop at The Sportsman's Pub & Grub for afternoon refreshment. With a wide selection of domestic and imported beer on tap, a grill that has saved many a famished surfer's life, and prices that accommodate even a broke college punk, The Sportsman's is a must stop. Just don't let one of the locals talk you into playing pool for money—you're best off just playing for beers.

Regardless of what else you do while you're in town, no trip to Pacific City would be complete without a trip to South County Surf, Pacific City's surf shop. Located on Cape Kiwanda Drive and owned by the Ledbetter family, South County is the place to go if you want to rent a board or a wetsuit (the water temperature rarely climbs above 60 degrees, so I strongly suggest you do), or just talk to some cool people.

The Ledbetter clan also helps organize the Cape Kiwanda Longboard Classic, an annual surf contest that draws surfers from all over the West Coast. This year the event will be held Aug. 5-6, and event organizers are still looking for judges, so keep that weekend clear if you're interested and know something about surfing.

In the meantime, get yourself out of bed early some morning and take a drive up the Coast. Traffic isn't much of a problem this time of year, and Pacific City is not hard to find.

Surf's up.

TRAVELS WITH KATIE

Traveling through history with dirty burgers, white bison and Pokémon

by Katie Botkin
of The Commuter

Oklahoma's culture is that of Native America, or so the state's license plates say. This is true for the most part. Native Americans from all sorts of tribes live in great numbers here because this used to be the dumping ground for all the Indians displaced from treaty land from as far away as Florida and Oregon.

Most people whose families have lived here for generations have at least some Indian in their blood. Even I do. My family and I are in Oklahoma (still), visiting the people and places we knew before we moved away. (I've had to explain multiple times to our hosts that yes, I am still in college—that I'm just taking a little traveling break.)

A few days ago we watched my fourth-grade cousin participate in one elementary school program—a re-enactment of an Oklahoma land run. Sort of the same idea as the movie "Far and Away," only without Tom Cruise. Ironically, the

people who own the huge ranch where the re-enactment took place are Native American. However, unlike the real land run in 1889, the kids claimed their land for only half an hour.

About a hundred kids from different schools lined up their covered pull-wagons, with their sack lunches, land-claiming stakes and string inside, and waited for the signal to dash. When the gun fired, they all ran, screaming with excitement, to find a nice 9-foot patch of land to eat lunch in. I joined my cousin Callie, who shared a claim with three other fourth graders, one of whom had a prediction: "Since I'm supposed to be in 1889, I say: Beware of Pokémon. It will be big," the young boy repeated for anyone who happened to be listening.

In a pen on the edge of the field full of fourth-graders stood a white buffalo. The Native American gentleman who graced the event in ceremonial dress informed us that this animal was very rare and sacred to his people.

My dad almost thinks that he's a buf-

falo too, although he is Anglo-Saxon. He nearly lived with them when he did research on them in the summer of 1975. This was in the first refuge created by the U.S. government to protect the waning number of bison around the turn of the century. (That would be 1900, not 2000).

We decided the refuge would be a nice place to visit, so we went for an excursion to the Wichita "Mountains" in Southwest Oklahoma. We had to pay several dollars in toll just to use the privately owned highways. (Gas, fortunately, is reasonable here—as low as \$1.13 a gallon).

My mom remembered an old-fashioned burger joint that was once along the way, so we checked, and it still existed. We had to wait to sit down because the only seats were at the bar, but I shared a chair with my little brother to save room, and watched our burgers being made.

Most of the employees looked like loggers with paunches (there are no trees to log in Oklahoma—trees are for deco-

ration only), and went about their business with cheerful oblivion to health codes. They slapped globs of raw hamburger on the grill with their bare and tireless hands. Then they freely handled fresh tomatoes and the unwrapped milkshakes straws (boxed bulk, to save money), and ran their hands over their baseball caps and the bar where my little bro had put their spoons. I kept expecting my e.coli-paranoid mother to rebuke them, but she said nothing.

"I think the nostalgia and ambiance was more important to her than sanitation," my dad remarked.

Then we went on, in slightly fuller fashion, to try to find some live animals. In the rocky grassland, we saw bison, elk, longhorn cattle, tried to pet wild prairie dogs, and my 6-year-old brother found a rattlesnake while he was climbing on some rocks. We carefully examined him (the snake, not my bro) until he slithered away, rattling.

Warning to all prairie travelers: watch your step.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Robin Camp

Sunny Times

Melissa Hago takes advantage of a brief sunbreak to do some plein air painting near the Oak Grove.

REVIEW

Bullock's '28 Days' is non-addictive

by Shauna Noah
of The Commuter

The most entertaining part about "28 Days," a new movie starring Sandra Bullock, is that the writers treat it like the hippest after school special ever seen. And that's exactly what it's like.

The movie follows Bullock as a wild writer who boozes and pops pills. She gets thrown into rehab after ruining her sister's (Elizabeth Perkins) wedding and driving a limo into a house. A court order demands that she spends 28 days in a rehab center, hence the title. There she finds gruff recovering addicts, but after she warms up, she finds friends that she'll keep for the rest of her life. I told you it was corny.

The bright spots in the film are not the script or painful plot, which has Bullock straying from her jerk fiancé into the arms of the handsome and understanding Viggo Mortenson ("A Perfect Murder")—but are in the actors.

Bullock, who found fame in "Speed," has always been considered a media darling. So doing a film where she's not

liked for half of the movie is a big step, and she does a fine job. Bullock delivers her lines with more enthusiasm than they deserve.

Azura Skye (TV's Zoe) is great as Bullock's heroin-addicted teenage roommate. Bullock takes her under her wing to form a big sister relationship, complete with a touching moment when Bullock teaches her how to make gum wrapper necklaces.

The real gem of this movie was Dominic West playing the flamboyantly gay addict. West is the secret weapon of this movie. He doesn't get much screen time for the first half, and then slowly gets more screen time and better lines. He single-handedly picked up this movie from bland to entertaining.

"28 Days" would be better suited for video rental, as the slower pace and style would be better enjoyed from the comfort of your own couch. "28 Days" is rated PG-13 for language and adult content is playing at Ninth Street Cinemas in Corvallis. Call 758-7469 for showtimes.

'Crimes of the Heart' set to stir audiences at Tadena

From the LBCC News Service

The Performing Arts Department will present Beth Henley's Pulitzer-prize winning comedy, "Crimes of the Heart" at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, May 19, 20, 26, 27, and at 3 p.m. Sunday May 28 in Tadena Theater.

All seating is reserved—tickets are \$7 at the Tadena Box Office on campus and Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

Seating may be reserved in advance by calling the 24-hour reservation line at 917-4531.

The Saturday, May 27, performance is a sign-interpreted performance to benefit the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships.

Director Jane Donovan says "Crimes of the Heart" fits well into the Southern Gothic genre—the characters are "a little kooky, even crazy," she said, and they lead lives that might be politely described as "rich in complexity."

The story revolves around three sisters in a southern family whose grandfather is in the hospital after a stroke. Other characters include a bossy, social-climbing cousin next door, an old flame, and a fiery young lawyer bent on revenge.

"It's a comedy with some dark spots, a lot of funny moments, and a lot of love, too," says Donovan.

The play is set in Hazelhurst, Miss., in the mid 1970s. The sisters are gathered in the old family kitchen—30-year-old spinster Lenny, who stayed home to care for granddaddy; talented middle sister Meg, who left home for California to become a lounge singer; and Babe, the youngest.

Meg has returned to the family because of granddad's ill health and be-

cause Babe, 24, has been in jail for shooting her deserving-of-it husband. Over the next two October days, the sisters reveal themselves and the stories of their lives and loves.

"They are stories that stir up memories of our own lives," says Donovan. "They feed our spirit as we see the love and regard, the tenderness and loyalty they have for each other."

Originally produced by the Actors Theatre of Louisville, Inc., in 1979, "Crimes of the Heart" premiered in New York in 1980 and won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award and Pulitzer Prize.

The cast of the LBCC production includes Beth Bentley as Lenny; Johanna Spencer as Meg; Marcie Janz as Babe; Ang Trenga as the cousin, Chick; Ron Metzler as Doc Porter; and Jonathan Pedersen as the lawyer, Barnette.

Technical director is Bruce Peterson, who also serves as scenic and lighting designer. Elaine Murphy was the costume designer.

Other production staff include: Ken Richardson, scene shop coordinator; James Taylor, stage manager and box office coordinator; Dominique Skief, hair stylist; Marge Warner, wardrobe manager; Katelyn Murphy, dresser; A. Scott Kingston, sound board operator; Wes S. Hamel, light board operator; Derek R. Michalski, box office assistant; and Jayne Kief, production coordinator. The production crew includes Helen Allen, Amie N. Allison, Raymond L. King, Debbi Michalski, Melody Null, Shannon O'Donnell, Jaime Peterson-MacAuley, Jake Pratt and Kristy Westby.

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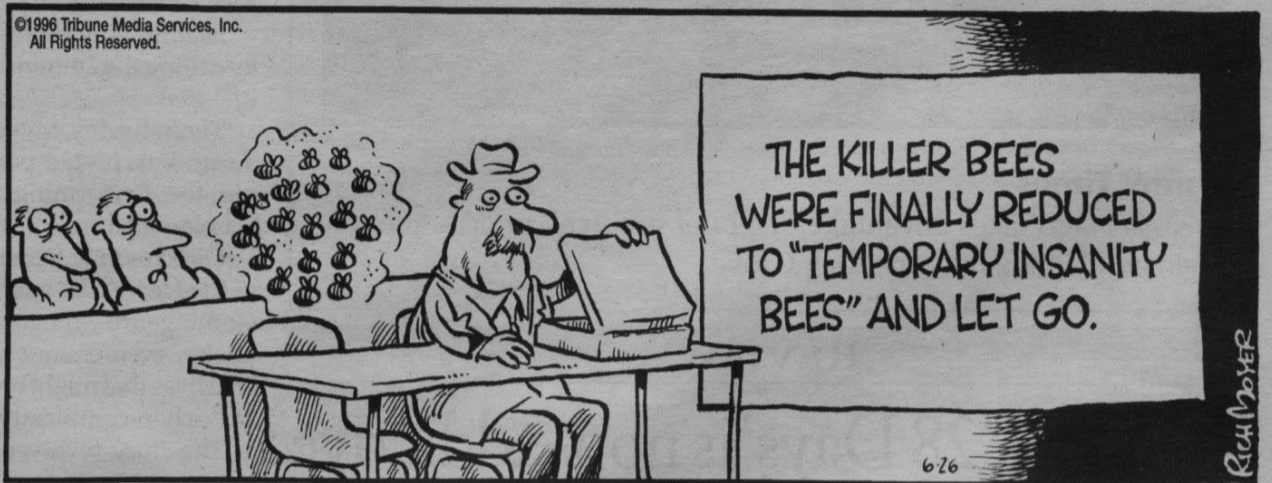
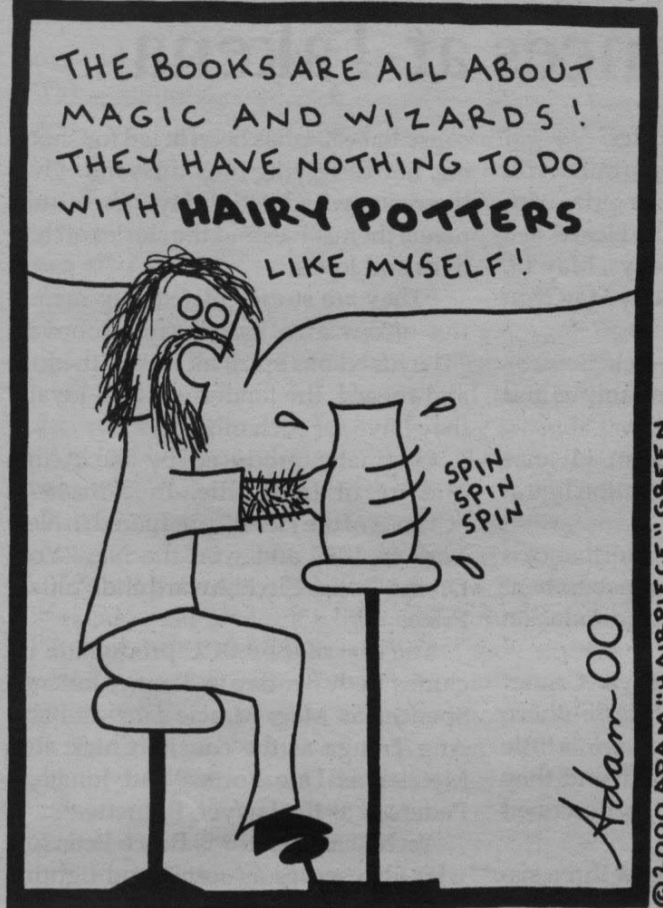
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Administrative Assistant -- Immediate opening for a part-time job in Philomath. The starting range is \$8-10/hour. This position starts June 1 and hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. See Carla in Student Employment (Takena 101) for your referral.

General Secretary (Lebanon) - This full-time position is for Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. See Student Employment (Takena 101) if you have skills in typing, math, phone and customer service.

Retail Store in Heritage Mall (Albany) -- Several part-time job openings include: Loss Prevention, Apparel Non-Commission Salesperson, Replenishment, Shipping & Receiving, Commission Sales in Home Electronics or Vacuums. Somewhat flexible hours during open store hours. See us Student Employment for referrals on these opportunities!

Landscape Maintenance & Landscape Laborer (Albany) -- These full-time positions can be part-time on Sundays until this summer if they can't find the full-time now. The pay is \$7.50 an hour or more. If you're interested, sign up in Student Employment which is located in the Career Center (T101).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hispanic Students: The HISPANIC DENTAL Association Foundation is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 and \$1,000. These awards are for entry level students who are seeking to advance their scientific and applied clinical knowledge as they enter

into the dental profession. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2000. Information and applications are available in the Learning Center (LRC-212).

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SPORTS PAGE

Fallen Runners

Lane and Mt. Hood knock LB further away from a playoff berth

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Just a week after winning five games, the Roadrunners continue their up and down season with three losses to Lane and Mt. Hood.

Last Tuesday, the Lane Titans came to town to face off with Linn-Benton in a pivotal game for the Runners. However, the Titans played the spoiler by winning the game 7-0.

Jake Stickley got the start for LBCC and pitched masterfully in the first three innings, but the Runner defense fell apart and the Titans were able to knock Stickley out of the game in the fifth inning. Justin Quaempts came in to relieve Stickley, and was able to hold Lane scoreless for two innings, but Lane struck again, running the score to 6-0 Titans. John Mendenhall came in for the Runners to pitch the top of the ninth and allowed the Titans final run.

The Runners only managed two hits on the day, coming from Andy Narver and Andy Campbell. The Titans' starting pitcher pitched the complete game shut out to keep Linn-Benton from moving up in the standings.

The Roadrunners went into their doubleheader on Saturday against Mt. Hood hoping to move closer to Lane and Hood in the league standings and to make a move for the playoffs. The Saints, though, had other ideas as they swept LB 5-2, 5-1.

Linn-Benton was able to get on the board first, grabbing a 1-0 lead in the top half of the second on a Randy Richardson home run.

Quaempts got the start on the mound and was able to hold onto the lead until the bottom of the fifth when he allowed two Mt. Hood runs on two hits.

Mark Morris reached home in the sixth after stealing second and moving to third on a ground out. He tied the score up, scoring on a Narver sacrifice fly to center field.

The score was 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh and that's when things fell apart for LB. Two errors by Matt Hinshaw and Josiah Stroup allowed two runs to score and Mt. Hood grabbed a 4-2 lead.

The Saints scored their final run of the game in the bottom half of the eighth on two more Linn-Benton errors.

The Roadrunners had the chance to score some runs in the top of the ninth with the bases loaded, but couldn't manage to bring anyone home. The loss dropped Quaempts overall record to 4-3.

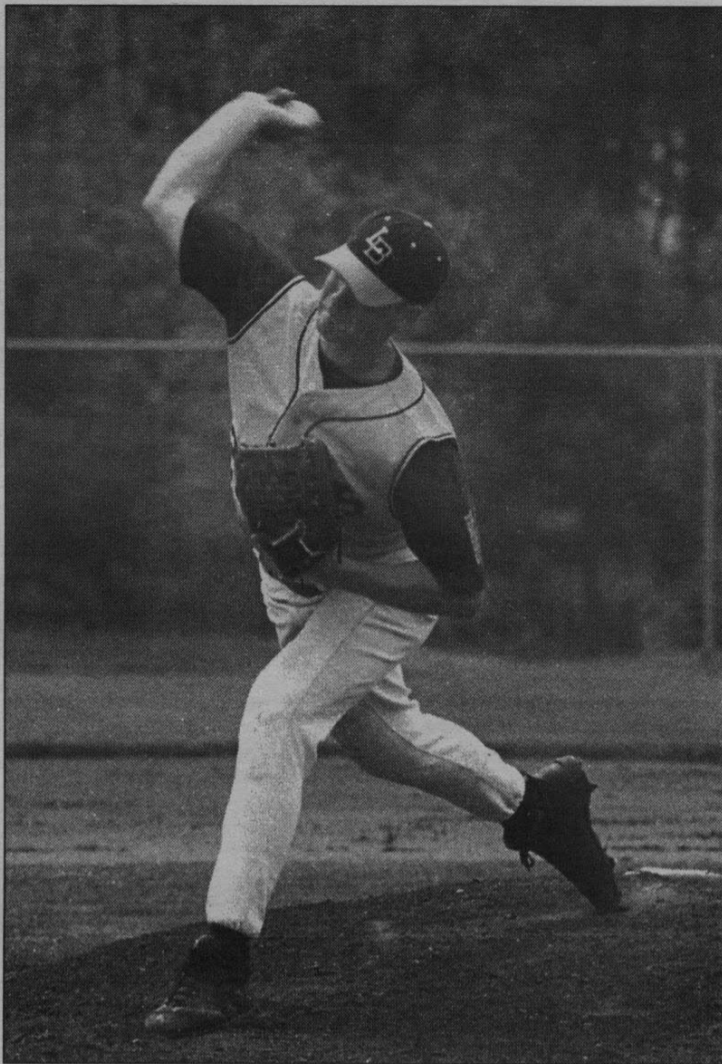


Photo by Christopher Spence

Jake Stickley and the Runners lost three games in a row.

In the second game, the Runners once again jumped out early to a 1-0 lead after the first inning. Morris had started off the inning with a walk, stole second and reached third on a wild pitch. Campbell and Narver followed suit by drawing two consecutive walks. Then a fielders choice by Tory Haven brought in Morris.

Brian Lorimor, who got the start for LB, held the Saints down in the first three innings. However, in the fourth inning the Saints were able to grab the lead by scoring two runs and then scored three more in the bottom of the fifth.

Linn-Benton managed only one hit on the day, coming from Ryan Borde in the top of the seventh. The loss dropped Lorimor's record to 2-1 on the season.

Results from yesterday's doubleheader against the Linfield College Junior Varsity squad were unavailable at press time. The Runners will face off with the Clackamas Cougars this Saturday for a doubleheader in Oregon City at 1 p.m. They will come home for a game against Mt. Hood Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Track teams place fourth

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Both the men's and women's track & field squads finished fourth at the Clark Open in Vancouver last week.

The highlights for the women were the first and second place finishes for Christine Smith and Katie Dobek in the pole vault. Smith had vaulted to a height of 10 feet while Dobek scored a 9-foot vault.

Meanwhile, Heather Carpenter won the hammer with a toss of 151 feet, 6 inches and teammate Janice Hallyburton finished third with a toss of 128 feet, 7 inches. In the other throwing event, Kristyn Kohler placed second with a throw of 109 feet, 2 inches in the javelin.

Lani Cooke moved up in the distance of her previous runs this season by running her first 400 meter. She finished with a time of 1:02.5 for a second-place finish and came back with a time of 27.7 seconds in the 200 meters for third place.

Helping to lead the men was Tyler Eikenberry, who finished in second place in the men's pole vault, going 13 feet, 6 inches. The men's 4 x 100 relay team consisting of Eikenberry, Joe Kirk, Cassidy Beaver and Chris Livermore, finished in third place with a time of 44.2 seconds. Ryan Parmenter finished second with a time of 4:15.5 in the men's 1500 meter race.

Earlier in the week, Justin Kennedy had performed in the two-day NWAACC Decathlon Championships in Spokane, Wash., where he took fifth place with 5,706 points. He had second day PR's in the 110 hurdles at 16.15 seconds, the pole vault at 13 feet, 3 inches and the 1,500-meter run with a 4:45.92 time. His performance gives LB two points going into the NWAACC Championships.

Both the men and the women will be in action this Friday and Saturday at Willamette University in Salem for the Southern Region Championships.

Editor's Note: In last week's Commuter, Cassidy Beaver was incorrectly listed as a member of the women's team here at LB. Beaver is a part of the men's team. We regret the error.



Tae Kwon Do Tourney

Karate instructor David Gray (front left) watches sparring students during the first night of the inner-school Tae Kwon Do tournament, which continues tomorrow and next Thursday.

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OPINION



WHAT STUDENTS THINK

What do you think of the Blazers' chances of going to the NBA finals?

The Blazers are battling the Utah Jazz in the NBA Western Conference semi-finals. If they win the seven-game series, they advance to the Western Conference finals against the winner of the Lakers-Suns series. Commuter readers were asked their opinions on the Blazers' chances.

"I think they will. Their chances are very high and I think they'll beat the Lakers. I'm sure they'll make us proud."

—Claire Sablan, Oregon transfer



"Nonexistent. Every time they've gotten close, they fail. We're talking about Portland."

—James Morley, engineering



"I think they have a pretty good chance. My younger sister thinks they will, and she's really into it so I'm taking her word."

—Leah Bowers, undecided



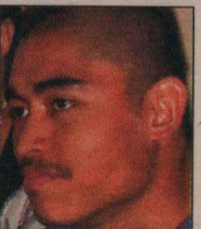
"I think they might. They start out doing good at the beginning of the playoffs, but they always seem to choke at the end."

—Chris Sullivan, general studies



"I think the Blazers are good—they have a lot of veteran players but I'm a Lakers fan. It should be good to watch."

—Clarence Borja, political science



"I don't think their chances are very good. I don't think they can beat the Lakers. It'd be nice to see them go, though."

—Kevin Baty, business

Compiled by Lori Weedmark and Robin Camp

COMMENTARY

Angry youths should voice through vote

by Justin Dalton
of The Commuter

When I turned 18-years-old three years ago, all I could think about was being able to buy cheap cigars and dirty magazines. The fact that I had reached legal age to exercise my voting rights meant as much to me as missing reruns of "Three's Company."



Voting at that age wasn't even a consideration, nor for any of my peers during our high school sentence. It was the age where our biggest concern was rebelling against any authoritative figures, smoking cigarettes and listening to aggressive punk rock.

Call it ignorant, irresponsible, apathetic, whatever. I agree. I would have to say that immaturity played the heaviest role because I wasn't ready to listen and politics were boring. Well, politics are still pretty boring, but how many teens value that right when they come of age? I'd say not many.

It seems to me (and I know I'm not alone) that lack of interest in political issues by a younger generation is a problem that plagues America. For a while, I was part of that problem, basing my political indignance on all the horror stories of crooked presidents and senators. Catch phrases like "Watergate" and "Whitewater" were highly publicized on television and raised the question: "Why should I exercise my right to vote for something that's been lastingly corrupt?"

The question burned inside of me until it enveloped a usually open-mind with a smokescreen of intolerant distrust. For so long I based my vague political stance on shaded media coverage of what senators were do-

ing to screw themselves over and why the "system" was seemingly self-destructing around me.

I'd have to say going to college was the best thing I ever decided to do. And I'd have to say taking Doug Clark's political science course was the next best thing I ever decided to do. Politics started making sense, foreign affairs began to prick my attention. I wanted to learn more and get involved. Ballot measures were sparking my opinion about issues that concerned me and the small community I live in.

I can't believe how ignorant I was, how much I had taken for granted. Looking back, I applaud student government programs that seemed really stupid before, but actually have a role of creating awareness in the whole political system.

I think another worthy issue to note is how important it is for parents to act early and stress the importance of voting, not necessarily on the national level, but things that could affect their community as they grow-up.

For example, I just learned that last year my community barely passed a bill to keep our public library because some people couldn't stand seeing their property taxes raised a few bucks; a scary thought that a house of literary knowledge would be closed because of a few bargain hunters.

Though this column may not come out as an upheaval amongst students, it illustrates how more and more teens take for granted their right to vote. A vote that, along with others, can sprout change.

It's funny now that I've become politically minded, instead of drinking and debating with my friends about whether or not pro wrestling is real, we're discussing why the gas tax measure sucks and which senators are worthy of our votes.

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