

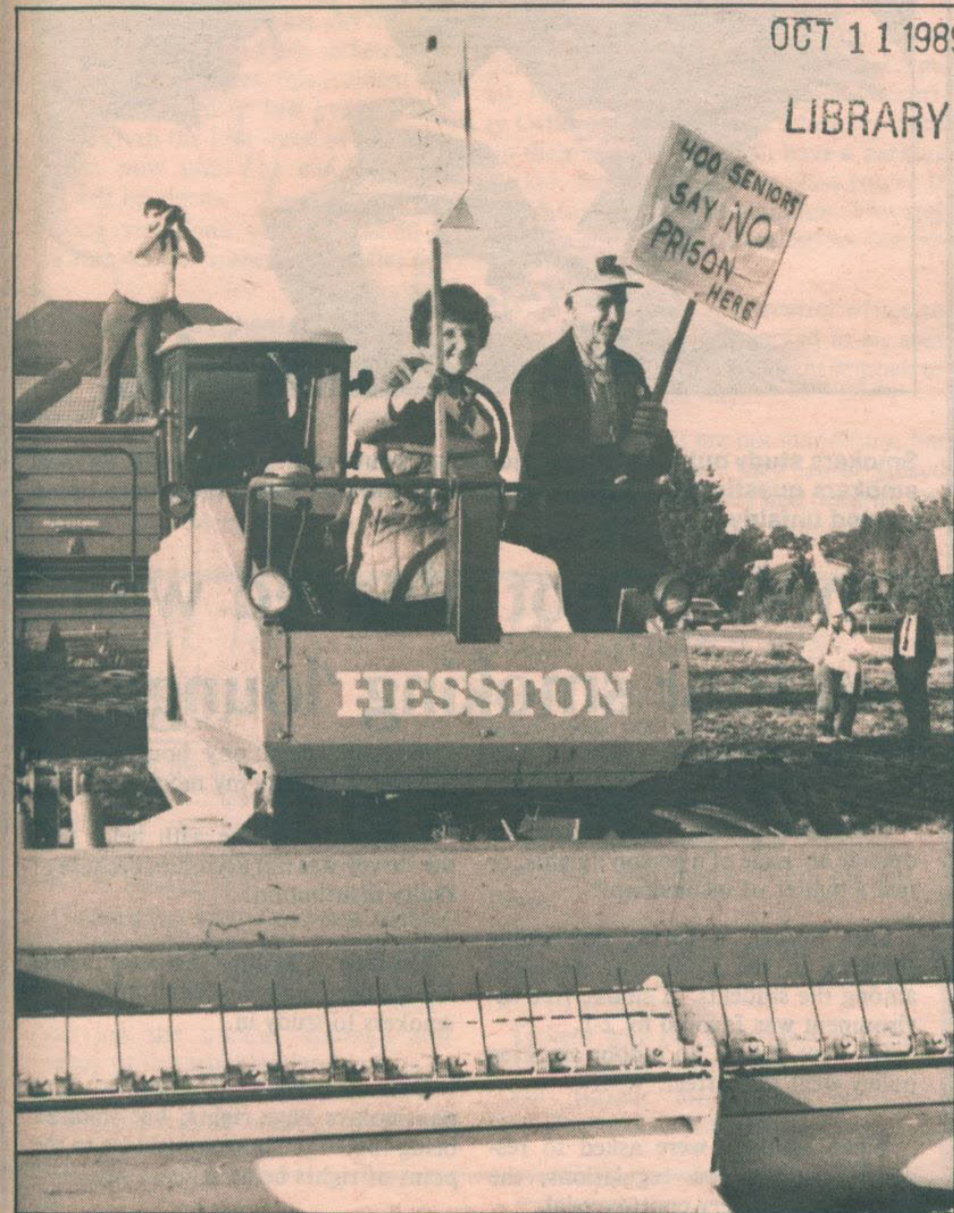
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Pauline and Wanford Page, long-time Albany residents, register their objections to a Linn County prison from atop a combine at last Thursday's rally east of LBCC. For more pictures and commentary, see pg. 6-7.

No prison here!

Governor's committee swayed by overwhelming public opposition

By Kathe Nielson
Of The Commuter

Minutes after convening, a public meeting held in Salem at the Capitol Friday, members of the Emergency Corrections Facility Siting Authority unanimously rejected the proposed Albany prison site.

A site approximately six miles northwest of Ontario was selected as the primary site to house the planned 550 bed medium security facility.

One of the originally proposed Boardman sites was chosen as a possible back up site.

Governor Goldschmidt will tour both sites before making his decision. The Governor will have 15 days to approve the final selection.

The panel cited the proximity of the prison site to the state's main prison in Salem, recognizing the site as Albany's residential growth area, and the endangerment of family owned farms as reasons for the Linn Co. proposal being dropped.

"We are very pleased, very pleased," stated State Representative, R. Albany, Carolyn Oakley of Linn County, "the people of our community certainly worked hard."

Mike Cushing, chairperson of the Siting Authority opened the meeting by reviewing the mechanics of the committee's selection. Cushing asked the committee, according to Oakley, if there was

any need to reject any of the proposed sites, "where very obviously there was not support." As their first order of business, Albany's proposed site was removed from consideration.

Sending the message of strong lack of support were the over 12,000 signatures on petitions sent to the Governor, and high citizen turnout at the final public meeting held last Thursday evening at LBCC's Forum.

Over 500 people, the majority opposing the site, packed into the Forum and overflowed into the Commons, which was equipped with video screens to view the proceedings. Vocal citizens from every walk of life strongly urged the Authority to drop the Linn Co. proposed site. Elected officials, doctors, students and farmers repeatedly pleaded with the panel to consider Albany's security, improving development, and protection of farmlands.

"The crowd played a significant role," said Oakley. "It had to be impressive, looking out and seeing all those citizens wearing red fluorescent NO stickers. It does send a message!"

Following the hearing Thursday night, a comment was overheard by this reporter while passing the panel's government vehicle. "That, was a lot of folks" one of the Authority members stated.

The citizenry has voiced its opinions, a "lot of folks" participated in the process. There will be no Albany prison.

Nearly half all workstudy jobs unfilled

By Lynne Griffith
Of The Commuter

Almost half of LBCC's work study jobs are still open after the second week of the term.

According to Sally Wojahn, Financial Aid Coordinator, the number of unfilled jobs has grown the past three years. "It is important to realize this trend is not just affecting LBCC. It is happening everywhere," said Wojahn.

Last year's survey by the Financial Aid Office showed the availability of student loans to be a major factor.

"A large number of students would rather take a loan and pay for it later instead of working now," commented Wojahn. Another factor is the increased availability of jobs in town, she said.

To combat these factors the Financial Aid Office raised the starting pay range to \$3.85 - \$4.25 per hour.

This year they have also sent notices about the various work study jobs to eligible students.

Food Services has the largest number of openings. Other areas

needing students are grounds maintenance, registration, custodial, and physical education.

The Sweet Home, Lebanon and Benton Community Education Centers also need to fill a variety of positions. The types of jobs available at these centers, as well as the main campus, range from clerical office aides to library aides, tutors and laboratory aides.

Most of these jobs provide on-the-job training, and some require light typing. Students work between 10 to 20 hours per week depending on their class schedule.

Students who are interested in work study-- even if they have not yet applied-- are encouraged to go by the Financial Aid Office and fill out the forms available there. According to Wojahn, the worker there will do a hand evaluation of student eligibility for any student requesting work study. A hand evaluation will take about 2 days rather than the 3-4 weeks it takes to do the government-approved computer evaluation.

"We will award work study money to any student who meets government criteria as long as there are jobs open," Wojahn said.

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LB's livestock judging team comes in 2nd twice in Cal.

By David Mihm
Of The Commuter

LBCC's livestock judging team returned Sunday with two solid second place finishes in California tournaments.

The team left Thursday morning to compete in two junior collegiate contests, one of which was held at the University of California in Davis and another at California State University in Chico.

"I think we did a really good job," stated Michelle Lantz, a senior member of the team, "but I feel we could have done better."

At the Davis contest the team lost the first place placing by only three points, being beaten by Modesto Junior college by a score of 3,142 to 3,139. The team placed second overall in both contests,

receiving a first place in Davis for swine, and a first in sheep at Chico. They placed in every category they entered, earning no

lower than fourth in any single category.

In individual results the team members placed in every category except for the

Chico sheep class.

The top individuals were: Kathy Layton, receiving a first place in beef at Chico; Brenda Clemons, a third in sheep and a third in reasons at Davis, and a first

in swine and a first overall in Chico; Michelle Lantz, a third overall at Davis and a second at swine and a second in reasons at Chico.

"I think we did well," stated Bruce Moos, the team's coach. "Considering the fact that the other teams that we competed against have been in school for over a month now, and have already have seen

one tournament compared to our two weeks of school and no tournaments, we have nothing to be ashamed of."

U of O dean of students featured during Alcohol Awareness Week

By Ron Kennerly
Of The Commuter

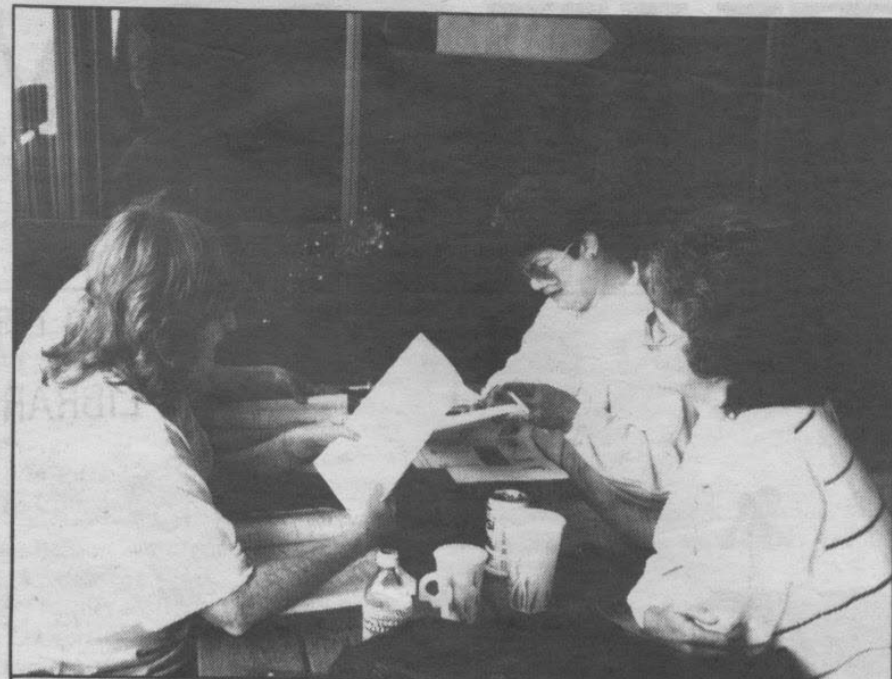
The fifth annual Alcohol Awareness Week at LBCC, in conjunction with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, will take place Oct. 16-20 on campus, according to Tammi Paul, student activities assistant.

The highlight of this year's events is Bill Ballester, assistant dean of students at the University of Oregon. Ballester will be speaking on his research and personal experiences in dealing with students and athletes and the problems they have encountered using alcohol. He will speak Wednesday between noon and 1 p.m. in the Fireside room.

The gathering will be informal and everyone is invited to bring their lunch and sit in. "I'm hoping students will come to hear Bill Ballester speak, not to be preached to, but rather to possibly hear something they might relate to in their own lives," says Paul.

Also included in this year's events will be tables set up in the lobby adjoining the Fireside Room with literature and representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon; 12-step support groups for alcoholics, addicts, and their loved ones, respectively.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is a program participated in by a number of schools with the intent of making students aware of their responsibilities as individuals if and when they use alcohol.



The Commuter/JAMES O'GUINN

Smokers study outdoors on picnic tables south of the Commons. Several smokers questioned on their opinions of the ban felt it they were being treated unfairly.

Smokers not pleased with outdoor smoking 'lounges'

By Tiffany Parsons
Of The Commuter

Has LBCC gone too far? Is smoking outside an issue of a person's rights, or just a matter of inconvenience?

Last Spring, a survey concerning smoking in the Commons was held among the students. A smoke-free environment was favored by 2-1.

On Sept. 1st a no indoor smoking policy went into effect.

When smokers were asked to respond to these new regulations, the responses were very controversial.

Student Cindy Reader said, "This outside business in the winter is ridiculous," her friend Wendy Grapel commented, "I don't care, I have to

smoke outside at my house anyway because it bothers my mom."

Sharon (last name withheld) feels the survey was not accurate, because of faulty distribution.

Desiree Camillo believes there should be a controlled environment for smokers to study in.

Dan Brooks rationalizes that nonsmokers have rights, but smokers being forced to smoke outside is to the point of rights being taken away.

Many smokers have ideas and compromises to be heard, but no immediate plans are to be expected in the future. So for now, smokers will be smoking out in the cold.

Program helps international students cope

By Mari Tsukahara
Of The Commuter

The International and Intercultural programs at LBCC has just started toddling at LBCC.

"This program is assigned for foreign students, refugees, and students who came through legal problems," said Charlene Fella, the coordinator of International & Intercultural Services. "We help these students with any problems with school work, visas, and living in the United States."

Fifty-nine foreign students are now enrolled for the fall term. They come from various countries such as Japan, Indonesia, China, Saudi Arabia, Mexico

and Spain. For them, living in a different culture can be like riding on a roller

coaster, Fella said. The notion of "cultural shock" brings feeling of bewilderment and disorientation.

International and Intercultural Services offer an orientation to ease their confusion at the beginning of each quarter, and provides a handbook which includes a guide to campus and general information such as medical services, accommodations and transportation.

Besides of the above, this program attempts to promote intercultural communications between members of different backgrounds. They provide opportunities to increase awareness of different cultures not only for international students but also for U.S. students.

The Peer Mentoring Program has just begun, with five U.S. students and five

foreign students entered into an "information partnership" for the fall term. They will spend a minimum of three hours per week with their partners for conversation, answering questions and participating in social activities. U.S. students will receive three cooperative work experience credits in return.

International & Intercultural Services is planning to extend its activities in the future by providing more opportunities to bring international and U.S. students together. They opened with a picnic at Avery Park in the middle of September. The next event is a Halloween dinner and dance on Oct. 27 at LBCC.

Express Yourself

The Commuter encourages readers to use the Editorial Page to express their opinions. Commentaries and observations on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

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Full lots lead to violations; parking citations to be given

Parking, to start the term, at LBCC has been a problem with most lots filling up fast and early. It's the job of Campus Safety and Security Office and Miriam Kuipers to monitor and ticket any illegally parked cars. Most cars are ticketed for parking in the walkways, this incident has increased compared to last year. Warnings were given the first week of the term, but from now until the end of finals tickets will be given.

Parking violations will cost \$2.50 if paid within 48 hours, then \$5.00 after this time.

If you fail to pay the ticket or tickets, that have been received, you may not pick up transcripts or register for classes the following term or at any time until these are paid.

Another service provided by the Campus Safety and Security Office is free

parking stickers. Kuipers said, "It would be a good idea for all students driving to campus to get a free parking sticker."

The reason she believes this is, that if the lights of a car were left on in the parking lot the student could be informed. How? The Campus Safety and Security Office has all students schedules listed on their computer. If you have a parking sticker, they find out what class you're in and inform you of the situation. This way you can solve the problem before one occurs.

This also allows the security office to inform you if you are parked in an area that a maintenance crew might happen to be working in that day.

Parking stickers are not mandatory, but if you would like one they can be picked up at the Campus Safety and Security Office in the College Center, Room CC-123.



The Commuter/JESS REED

Overflowing parking lots this term have led many drivers to park illegally.

Loft Theater holds auditions

By Rhonda Gerig
Of The Commuter

Auditions for LBCC's Loft Theatre production of "Love in a Time of Revolution" will be held Oct. 18 and 19, in the Loft Theatre, room 205 of LBCC's Takena Hall.

Directed by Jane Donovan, theater instructor, "Love in a Time of Revolution," is a presentation of Latin American prose, poetry and music, observing the humor, courage and tragedy of this troubled land and its illustrious people.

Donovan will be selecting a cast of

eight to 10 performers and musicians age 16 and up. Participants can earn one to three humanities transfer credits.

The Loft Theatre will "transform into an outdoor cafe" said Donovan. Characters will mingle within the audience.

Performance times will be Dec. 1-2 and 8-9 at 8:00 p.m. with a matinee on Dec. 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets will be \$2.00 and will be available at the Albany Center.

For further information contact Jane Donovan at 928-2361 ext. 216.

Albany Library not just for books; activities offered for area children

By Ila Pitts
Of The Commuter

Crafts, acting and "Friday Night At The Videos." Albany Public Library isn't just for checking out books.

Sue Barrows, coordinator of the library's children's center, offers activities to enrich and entice those "formative years."

Auditions begin next week for the Thanksgiving skit. Children eight and older are encouraged to try out.

This fall's highlight is an art contest for the creation of a new design and logo for the "Friends of the Library" T-shirts.

This is the first year for the design to be chosen from local talent, between the ages 8-18.

Weekly story times will be held for all ages, followed by a craft on Saturday. The library also has "Dial-A-Story" for toddlers to phone in to hear one-two minute prerecorded stories.

Large screen videos are shown every Friday night that are suitable for the whole family, beginning at 7 p.m.

The children's area of the library also features a revolving display case for kids to show off their own hobbies and collections.

Brothers says love is the answer to lead a happy and successful life

By Deanna Grubbs
Of The Commuter

One of the tools used to get everything you want out of life is love and marriage, Dr. Joyce Brothers told the large audience at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus Thursday evening.

"Love is the miracle," Brothers said. It's what makes people happy and leads to a successful life.

Good Samaritan Hospital sponsored Brothers in conjunction with the opening of their new Center for Women and Families. Dr. Brothers is a leading psychologist and author who started her media career after winning the \$64,000 Question on the 1956 television show.

Dr. Brothers discussed the relationships between men and women, and gave the

audience two true or false quizzes on love and the differences between men and women.

What is the definition of success? For some it may be power and money, but Dr. Brothers stated that wealthy, successful people tend to be pessimistic. In a recent conversation with Donald Trump, Dr. Brothers told the audience that Trump stated success will take care of itself, it's the failures that are the biggest worries.

Brothers also discussed body rhythms and how, if used properly, they can help you get most out of your day. Your body's temperature correlates with the tasks you do. To help you get to sleep easier, take your temperature, and when it is at its lowest level go to bed, she advised.

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POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

Communism on its last legs

Leipzig, East Germany— 70,000 demonstrators marched through the city Monday, chanting "we need freedom" in that country's largest pro-democracy rally since 1953, when a similar uprising was crushed by Soviet military forces.

This is only one example of recent anti-communist movements around the world. In short, the people of the communist world have spoken. They don't like the system in place. And the hierarchies of Moscow and Beijing are nervous.

In 1839, French aristocrat Marquis de Custine toured Czarist Russia. He described it as a "nation of mutes," where people were afraid to speak.

"Sooner or later, the day of discussion arrives," he wrote. "Thus as soon as speech is restored to this silenced people, one will hear so much dipute that an astonished world will think it has returned to the confusion of Babel."

He was right. In 1917, the people of Russia overthrew the Czar.

72 years later, it looks as if the Revolution started by Vladimir Lenin has proven itself a failure. The Soviet economy is in a shambles, several countries of Eastern Europe are calling for autonomy, and the Baltic states of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania want out of the Soviet Union altogether. No one seems to be happy.

Poland, for example, since it came under Soviet domination after World War II, never totally gave in to the totalitarian government. Last June, the Poles voted the Communists out of power.

Last June, we were astounded by the pictures of thousands of Chinese rallying together in protest over government corruption. Then we were shocked when those people stared down the barrels of assault rifles and tanks in a bloody massacre the Chinese government will never be able to cover up.

The Communist regime of China stared reality in the face, and tried to repress the truth.

The underlying requirement for a totalitarian government is control. Control of the mind, control of the media, control of what is and isn't true. That control is backed up by propoganda promising a socialist utopia. That promise has not been fulfilled, and never will be under the current system in place. Communist governments have failed their people.

This failure has created an ideological crisis throughout the communist world with various results.

China's answer was to re-light the candle of ideological enthusiasm with the Cultural Revolution. It ended in chaos. Following Mao's death in 1976, China's leaders tried to attract western investors to strengthen the economy. Along with the money came openness with the West which brought 40,000 Chinese students to American universities last year. For a time, the Chinese experienced the "day of discussion." It ended last June in Tiananmen square. The legitimacy of the "People's government" died with the people massacred there.

It serves as a painful reminder of how readily a totalitarian government will use force to protect itself.

The result of all this popular dissent is unclear and impossible to predict. But repression can only deepen the crisis.

The day of discussion has arrived. And the reality of failure has brought communist governments everywhere to the realization that the people have the final say in any country.

Today, we are witnessing the crumbling of modern Communism.

By Arik Hesseldahl

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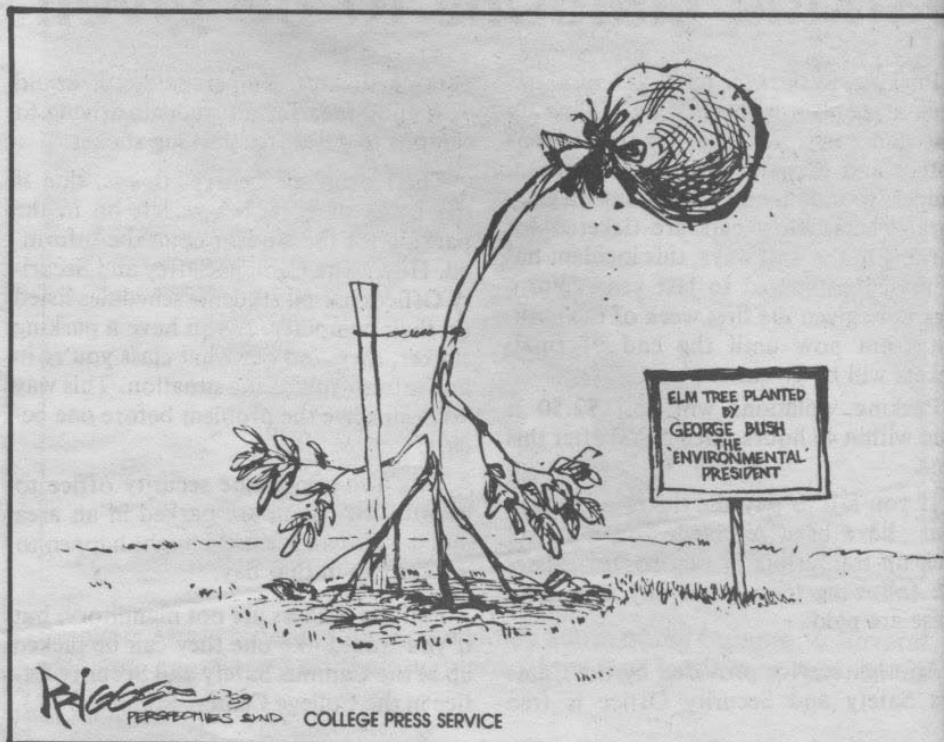
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LETTERS

Reader attacks logic of flag burning

To the Editor:

This is a response to the article of one week hence as to the burning of the American Flag.

To the author:

Mr. I would and have fought for your right to write what I consider sophomoric drivel. That is what has made this, no matter how faulty, the country where you can disagree with whatever you choose.

First I would like to remind you that the decade that the flag burning became an image of discontent with whatever, whenever by whoever is long since past. The rhetorical imagery developed by destroying a symbol (the flag) is over. It (symbolic flag burning) has outlived its value as a patriotic attention garnering device. Quite literally, at the present, personal commitment and action are far and away more effective. Grabbing public attention, while rhetorically posing as an involved conscious is slightly behind nausating in its purpose and effect. Particularly when it appears to be nothing more than a case of grand standing for public attention ant to connect oneself with a mythological 60's/70's image.

Case in point, get off your technocratic fat behind and commit your personal actions/activities to something other than theoretic rhetoric. The time has past for image posing and symbol burning. The time is again upon us to be true patriots to our country and become personally involved. Those who sit and complain become as a burdening yoke to the few who deserve the help continuing the fight to keep this country current, alive and growing. Let us not have another fall such as Rome into a quagmire of self deception.

Ken Becker

Politicians questioned on prison siting issue

Dear Editor:

Where does Carolyn Oakley stand on the prison and law and order? When she was running for State Rep. she told the voters that she knew where there was \$4 million in undesignated funds to build a prison. The governor and no one else knew where it was at. It was not. Carolyn pushed Denny Smith's initiative on last November's ballot to give stiffer prison sentences while Neil Goldschmidt was trying to find funds to build more prison space.

So we elected Carolyn Oakley and the problem of prison siting came up. Her husband has a farm related business between here and the signal at the corner going to Tangent. So what happened? Suddenly we read that Carolyn Oakley is helping the Tangent farmers opposed to the prison site in her district.

"Fearless" Fosdick on the Albany School Board two weeks ago wanted Albany School District 8J to go on record as opposing the prison site near here. One lawyer and three other board members wisely stated that their business was to educate children and not pubically oppose the prison site.

It was pointed out that the new prison site is within a mile and a half of South Albany High School, a middle school and two elementary schools. Not to mention a private elementary school and the Menonite Home.

It was also pointed out that Oregon has the highest escape rate for prisoners in the United States.

As Joe Friday used to say on Dragnet, "Just the facts, ma'am."

Sherman Lee Pompey.

POINT OF VIEW

BOB GREENE

New Kids parallel Monkees; song remains the same

"Life is change." You hear that phrase a lot. Actually, though, a case can be made that nothing ever truly changes. If you think of life as a stage play, the actors may change, but the plot stays constant.

What brings this to mind is something that happened as I passed through a Midwestern city recently. The town was still abuzz over what had occurred when a musical group called New Kids on the Block had appeared at the state fair.

New Kids on the Block—five young men from Boston ranging in age from 16 to 19—are the hottest singers in the country, their most recent single and album having gone to No. 1. They are extremely telegenic, young girls think they are cute, and—not unexpectedly—their career received its most important boost from repeated airings of their videos on MTV. Today a group does not have to tour in order to build up an adoring national audience; MTV alone can be enough.

Thus, when New Kids on the Block arrived for this particular Midwestern state fair, a near-riot broke out. At the grandstand, designed to hold 8,000 spectators, fans waited up to 15 hours to get in. The humidity was suffocating, and then severe thunderstorms moved in; through all of this the fans waited, and eventually 5,000 of them squeezed into the grandstand area. When New Kids on the Block arrived, the group performed five songs. State troopers were beckoned, and injuries were reported.

To compound this, New Kids on the Block made more news in the same city

when two local young men—one pretending to be a member of the group, the other pretending to be the group's promotions manager—posed for a picture with a wheelchair-bound girl who idolizes the group, and autographed an album for her. The picture was published in the local paper, at which point the hoax was discovered. One of the young men admitted they had initially passed themselves off as New Kids "as a way to spend time with a very attractive waitress" at a local comedy club, and that this had led to the photo session with the disabled girl.

So the city was talking about New Kids on the Block—this phenomenon that had seemed to descend out of nowhere—and I kept hearing about it, and then I walked through the lobby of my hotel and the guy waiting for change at the cashier's counter was Mickey Dolenz.

Mickey Dolenz was — is — a member of the Monkees, the musical group that in many ways was an exact parallel to New Kids on the Block, the Monkees were calculatedly assembled by a manager with the express intention of appealing via television to young fans. Like New Kids on the Block, the Monkees drew screaming mobs when they toured—mobs who had been conditioned to love them through television. With the Monkees, it was their own TV show; with New Kids on the Block, it is MTV. Both groups were the beneficiaries of managers who realized that, with the proper use of television, you can pre-sell anything—clothes or candy bars or singers.

The Monkees, it turned out, had been in the city the night before. They, like so

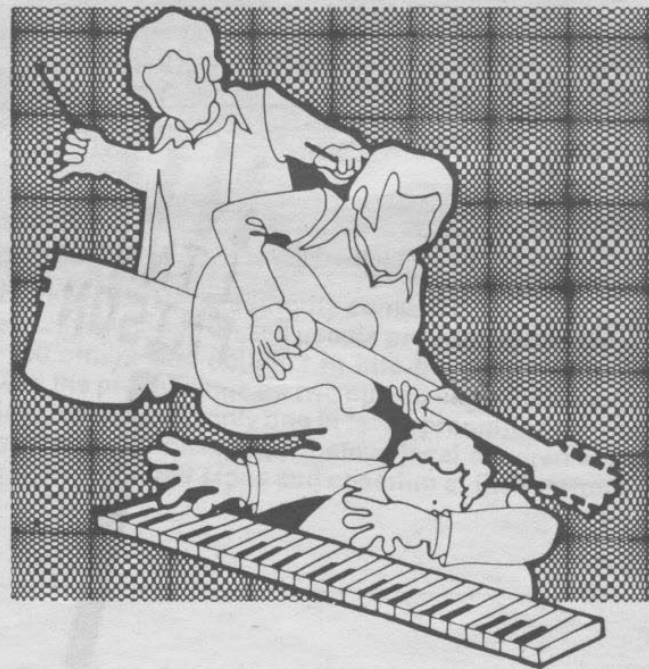
many older groups this year, have been on tour singing their nostalgic hits, and although the hysteria for the Monkees today is nowhere near the hysteria for New Kids on the Block, the Monkees can still sell a few tickets. If any people know what it must be like for the five members of New Kids on the Block — what it is like to be plucked out of obscurity, to be trained and molded and televised, and then to have millions of young people all over the world get dizzy at the very sight of you — the Monkees know.

It had been several weeks since New Kids on the Block had left town. Now Mickey Dolenz was at the cashier's desk,

on his way out of the hotel en route to the next town. One young mother in the lobby said to her small daughter: "Look! Over there! It's a Monkee!" The child was too young, though; she looked for a Chimpanzee, did not see one, and lost interest. Mickey Dolenz walked right past her and out of the hotel.

Did we say that life can be thought of as a stage play, in which the actors change but the plot stays constant? Sometimes that stage play is a musical, and the song remains the same.

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COMMENTARY

Student sees the benefits of an organized lifestyle

Frankly Speaking *by Phil Frank*

By Tim VanSlyke
Of The Commuter

I thought parking was bad last year at L.B. until struggling through the first two weeks of this term.

It has made me become a better time manager, and that is changing the way I look at a lot of things. Being a naturally unorganized person, it's not unusual for me to spend 10 out of the 15 minutes I have before class, looking for my car keys.

But now that it requires five to 10 minute to find a legal parking place, I've been forced to ORGANIZE.

That's a word that conjures up buried childhood fears for me. I can easily relate it to phrases such as: "Make your bed or..." or "Do your homework or..." and it's those "or elses" that can really keep you over your shoulder.

But now that I'm a responsible adult and my own disciplinarian, I have to provide my own "or elses" such as: "Get to school now, or else suffer another year of it!" okay okay.

So now I'm organized. And, like I said, it's changed the way I look at things.

For instance, if I were to get up an hour earlier, I could get to school while there was still a few parking places within sight of the school. I may even have time to do some last-minute homework.

Then again, if I were to get up an hour earlier, I could do all that after watching "The Flintstones."

The more that I think about it, the more advantages come to mind of taking a little more time to do all kinds of things other than just school. If I'm not in such a hurry, I can park at the bank and walk in rather than going to the drive-up. It's often quicker, because while the line at the drive-up window may be 10 cars long, the bank is often deserted.

The same goes for fast-food which's almost always faster to drive-up than walk in, and it greatly decreases the chances of your order being totally messed up.

Now that I think of it, there's a lot of exercise to be had taking brisk walk into the nearest Burger Barn before gorging on deep fat fried fat. And there's always the chance you'll run into an old friend or meet someone new and interesting.

Golly this sounds like fun. Maybe I'll start parking way out in "the sticks" at school just for the excitement and exercise.

Who knows? Maybe this will catch on and pretty soon everyone will be following my lead. Then I could go back to being disorganized and maybe get some sleep.



Not in my backyard!

About 200 people gathered at Hugo Ehrlich's grass seed farm a mile east of campus to greet the state's Emergency Prison Siting Authority which was touring the proposed Albany prison location last Thursday. Top right, State Rep. Carolyn Oakley, R-Albany, leads protesters in a cheer: "No Linn Prison!" After the rally at the site on Ellingson Road, the protesters descended on the campus for the last of the authority's public hearings on where to put the prison.

Photos by Tim VanSlyke and Matthew Rasmussen



Poor prison image do

By Peter Wisniewski
Of The Commuter

The Albany prison-site proposal united the general community in an overwhelming show of solidarity against locating a prison here. I shared most of the concerns expressed by citizen reaction.

No one questions the need or disireablity of increasing prison capacity to contain a growing number of social criminals, but few are prepared to accept prisons in their neighborhood.

Prisons are places where convicted criminals are sent to be reformed or rehabilitated. And yet, public opinion considers them dangerous, drug and violence-ridden country-clubs, which attract a population of emotionally unstable and unproductive dependents placing an added burden on social services and decreasing the quality of life.

Perhaps the most significant issue is not where prisons are located, but whether contemporary prison policy accurately and effectively demonstrates society's moral responsibility to protect its citizens while providing criminal reorientation in a humane and intelligent manner.

Prison reform is a difficult proposition, as it tries to balance social needs with individual requirements. Creative solutions to the age-old problems of violence and crime are hard to come by. They demand a committment to humanitarian ideals and social obligations. They are neither easy to implement or to accept.

The current perception of crime as a growing industry demands that we make the attempt.

While rigid discipline is a vital aspect of prison life, it should reflect the numerous opportunities for personal choice which fundamentally characterized our society.

Prisoners who adapt, however reluctantly, to prison regimentation, are poorly prepared to make intelligent, critical decisions upon return to civilian status.

A prison system which is largely self-supporting can go a long way toward improving its relationship with the society it serves as well as with the population it manages.

By providing for most of their own services and commodities within the institution, such as agriculture, horticulture, power generation, vocational training, higher education and a

variety of job types, inmates assume responsibility for directing their own

by merely "marking time."

In addition, these opportunities provide pride by performing useful work and positive and instructive experiences.

Inmates could be paid a compensation to satisfy victim compensation, court costs, incarceration cost or privileges, thereby reducing their length of sentence.

The logistical, social, and economic problems this type of reform could create could be enormous.

Obviously it is not appropriate to have classifications of prisoners. But a dedicated decision to do so, almost zero, could, and should, be made.

Other reform ideas may include a rotational system of duty hours, similar to the Navy, so as to maximize the use of bed space, then, would be a prisoner for only 8 hours out of 24, thereby encouraging, if not requiring, a purposeful use of time.

Individual and group counseling, academic instruction attendance, details, exercise drills and rigidly defined code of conduct would help modernize the system without creating a comfortable environment. After all, the purpose of prison is to punish and rehabilitate, not to provide a sweet home."

But prison reform means more than just reforming prison systems. It involves a subtle change in social attitudes concerning crime and prisons, as well as our private and public acceptance of ex-prisoners into the community.

Those inmates who completely adapt to prison life, in essence, paid their dues to society as fellow members. Society's duty to them is to forgive their past behavior and to provide them the benefit of the doubt. To do otherwise is to make a mockery of our moral principles.

If we cannot accept them into society, then we must accept a major flaw in our concept of justice. The "us vs. them" attitude which fractures our social structure perpetuates the problem of crime and provides no meaningful choices for ex-convicts.

Unless we can provide the social and localized environments to



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convicts into our communities, we are all vic-
 ms of our useless best intentions.

Instead of being perceived as concrete
 lifaces housing the tragedy of wasted,
 misdirected lives, prisons should be seen, in an
 enlightened and unrealistically optimistic
 world, as centers of social indoctrination,
 education, training, counseling and opportuni-

The pattern of repeat offenders may be due
 reinforced conditioning as a result of present
 social and criminal justice attitudes. A frighten-
 and angry society, victimized and frustrated
 crime, delegates authority to a criminal
 justice system to provide itself with some
 measure of security.

However, if this system can only provide a
 method of temporary incarceration, the prob-
 lem of crime is not being realistically address-

The sense of outrage we feel at those who
 don't live by our rules, allowing us to feel a vin-
 ctive, self-righteous indignation. After all we
 can quite accurately, say we never force a per-
 son into crime. We still insist this is a land of
 equal opportunity, although intellectuals may
 dispute this to the death. However, the argu-
 ment is redundant to someone who believes his
 only path to respectable, ostentatious wealth is
 a way of violence, theft or deceit.

A prison should not be a symbol of social
 decay. It should stand as a beacon for hope
 and humanity. Every one of us has made
 mistakes; they only differ as to degree and in-
 tent. By providing a renewed sense of direction,
 self-respect, tolerant flash and style con-
 tributes to the mindset which embraces crime.
 We have become connoisseurs of the quick
 and easy route to happiness, embracing
 identification with unquestioning loyalty to
 our appetites. Inudated by clever adver-
 tisements that appeal to our intellect, flatter our
 ego, or promise a boost to our status, we are in
 search of the ultimate complement to compete
 in the equation of who we are.

It is too easy to lose sight of the fact that
 criminals are human. We distinguish them as
 unsuccessful citizens because they don't quite
 fit in with the careful rules and regulations
 which provide our civilization with familiar
 guidelines to accepted social behavior.

But perhaps a prison could be a community's
 declaration of the inherent worth of every man,
 woman, and child.



Following the on-site prison rally, the siting authority convened a hearing in the Main Forum at LBCC, above, where more than 350 people crowded in to hear and present testimony. About 200 others who couldn't fit into the Forum filled the Commons, where they viewed the proceedings on two closed-circuit televisions. More than 60 testified against the site, and only one in favor, prompting the committee to reject the Albany site the following day. Below, local children were a central feature of the protest, waving their signs and cheering at the forefront of the crowd at the site.



STREET BEAT

What's your opinion about banning spanking in schools?

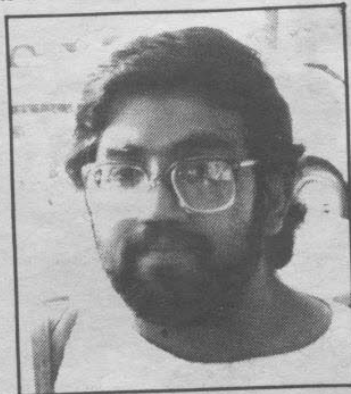
By Gene Taylor
Of The Commuter



Lisa Neilson, Albany, American History Major "I think it's good. I mean, if they get physical, then it's wrong. But otherwise children get away with so much. There has to be a way they can be disciplined that is effective yet not be controversial."



Denise Casey, Corvallis, Legal Secretary Major "It doesn't do any good to spank the children. I don't think it should be allowed. Other countries don't let the teacher punish the student physically and they have things under control. So I don't see why we should have any problems. I wouldn't want anyone else punishing my child, even if it was a teacher."



Ahmed, Kuwait, Engineer Major, "It is not right for teachers to get physical with students. They are so young and not mature enough to know and obey all the rules. I think the problem should be discussed between the student's parents and the teacher. It usually can be solved at this stage."

Comedy 'Twelfth Night' opens Friday

Albany--William Shakespeare's most light-hearted comedy of romance, "Twelfth Night," opens Friday Oct. 13 at Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First Ave., with an 8:15 p.m. curtain.

Directed by ACT veteran Pat Kight, "Twelfth Night" is a bawdy, high-comedy romp set in the love-struck land of Illyria, where everyone's in love with someone and all lovers are fools.

Evening performances, at 8:15 p.m., are Oct. 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28, and a 2:30 p.m. matinee is Sunday, Oct. 22. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$4 for senior citizens and students under 18, and are available from Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany and Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis. Phone reservations may be made by calling 967-8140 or 752-7779.

"Twelfth Night" features Doni Manning of Corvallis in her first ACT role as Viola, a young woman shipwrecked in a strange and giddy land; Albany's Ross Jackson as Orsino, Duke of Illyria; Theresa Williams of Corvallis as Olivia, the object of the duke's affections; and Alan Nessett of Albany as Feste, a "wise fool" whose songs and jokes provide running commentary on the lovers' foolishness.

Music for the play will be provided by Corvallis harpist Cherie Purdue Gullerud, accompanied by Chris Appel on flute.

"Twelfth Night" is the second show of ACT's 1989-90 season. Season tickets, good for admission to any four plays and one musical, are available at \$20 general admission or \$15 for students and seniors, and may be purchased during any ACT performance or by writing to: ACT, Box 82, Albany, OR. 97321

Clubs provide academics, socials and recreation

By Troy D. Novak
Of The Commuter

Have some spare time and looking for something interesting to fill it with? An LBCC student club may be just what you're looking for.

"Academic, entertainment, and special interest clubs are available to all students" says Tammi Paul, student programs coordinator for LBCC. This year there are 24 different clubs with a wide variety of interests and purposes.

Not only can these activities be enjoyable, but many of them can "very dramatically affect what happens on campus," said Paul. A good example of this is the IA-AI (Improve Awareness & Access Issues) club. The purpose of this club is to help the college become more accessible and to educate staff and students about accessibility. Other non-academic clubs include the Equestrian Club, Christians On Campus, and the Men's Volleyball Club. These and other clubs allow students with a common interest to get together in a social setting.

According to Paul, "The origins of many of the clubs are tied to academic units across the campus." The Diesel Club, National Association of Accountants, and the Culinary Arts Club are all examples of classroom related activities. These help supplement the student's education while at the same time allowing them to enjoy activities in their chosen field.

A list of the current clubs and their advisors is available in the student programs office.

If you have any questions about the clubs or are interested in starting one of your own, contact the student programs office in CC 213 or call 928-2361, ext. 150 Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Victims program seeks volunteers

By Bev Thomas
Of The Commuter

Mailbox bashing, bicycle theft, spray-painted messages on a building--if juveniles involved in these type of activities get caught, the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) may help them accept responsibility for their actions.

The VORP is a community service program designed to bring juvenile offenders and their victims together with a mediator to agree upon some form of restitution.

Executive director Molly Nicholas explained, "This program is the least restrictive yet effective action to keep juvenile offenders out of the (criminal justice) system."

It is also a chance for offenders to build self-esteem, and restitution is a vehicle for reconciliation, "it's a way of setting things right," said Nicholas.

The result can be positive, she said, victims and offenders are often more satisfied with the meeting's outcome

than they had imagined. Comments from participants how the value of bringing offenders and victims face-to-face.

"Both me and the victim felt positive about talking and I finally got a chance to say I was sorry and explain why it (the offense) happened," was one of offenders response to the outcome of a meeting.

The non-profit program is comprised mostly of volunteers.

The next training session for the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program begins Oct. 24. The class offered through LBCC will meet at Corvallis High School, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. It is free, or may be taken for credit.

Public education as well as volunteer training is the purpose of the class, Nicholas said.

Students may choose to volunteer for the program at the end of the four week class.

For more information contact Molly Nicholas or Jane Stevens at 757-8677.

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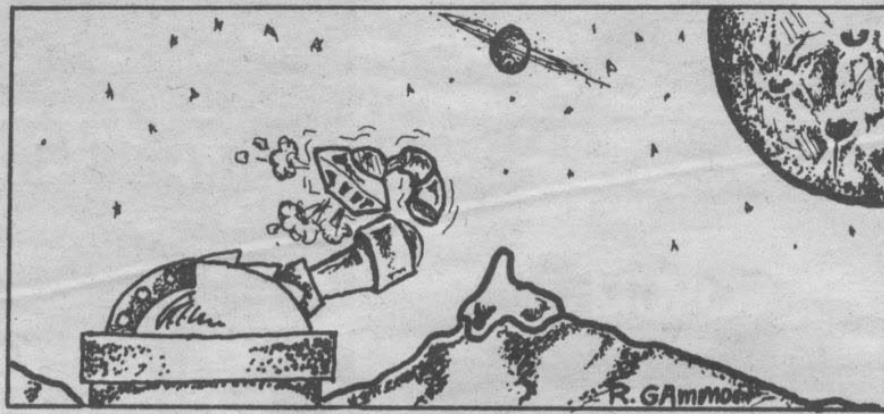
By Pete "Skye" Wisniewski

This month's Full Moon, known as "Hunter's Moon," occurs on Saturday, Oct. 14. Rising just before sunset, the magnifying effect of the earth's atmosphere, known as "Moon Illusion," will make it appear unusually large. However, it will coincide with the year's closest Full Moon.

The brilliant star Vega, part of the small constellation Lyra, dominates the night skies this October.

High in the west, it is located to the bottom right of Cygnus, the Swan, better known as the Northern Cross. Vega forms the western apex of a large triangle between Polaris, the North star, and the Great Square of Pegasus. On a clear night, it should be easy to locate. Vega, Deneb and the bright star Altair are among the seven brightest stars in the night sky, and form the vertices of the Summer Triangle.

Venus is October's brilliant evening planet, low in the southwest at dusk, continuing to improve and setting more than two hours after the sun by late in the month.



Saturn is located above the Teapot asterism south to south-southwest, and setting four and one-half hours after sunset early in the month. By early November, it will still set more than three and one-half hours after the sun. Jupiter is this Month's brightest morning "star," rising in the east-northwest a few minutes after Saturn sets. It will be very high in the southeast at dawn early in October, gradually shifting to southwest by month's end.

Mercury will be visible in midtwilight dawn from October 2-23, low in the east to east-southeast. It will be at its best as a morning star for 1989 through the middle

of the month.

As the panorama of the sky changes with the seasons, our perspective on the universe shifts with earth's orbital motion around the sun. In addition, the 23.5 degree tilt of the earth on its axis with respect to the plane of its orbit changes the sun's apparent path across the sky. Known as the ecliptic, this is the projection of the earth's orbit on the celestial sphere of the sky.

As the earth orbits the sun, the part of the sky we see at night changes. The sun moves slowly eastward along the ecliptic about one degree per day. For this reason, the sun appears among a different

background of stars throughout the year.

The sun is now entering the Zodiac constellation Virgo, because it is between that group of stars and the earth.

Because of the earth's axial tilt, the position of the ecliptic in the sky appears to shift as the year progresses. Viewed from the northern hemisphere, it is highest during the summer solstice, about June 21, and lowest during the winter solstice, about Dec. 22. The sun appears directly overhead at 23.5 degrees north and south latitude respectively on those dates.

The autumnal equinox occurs about Sept. 22, when the sun crosses the equator moving southward, and the vernal, or spring, equinox, about March 21, is that point when the sun crosses moving north.

These four dates mark our seasons, and we adjust our calendars according to the relative position of the sun and earth, much as ancient civilizations did.

Although science and technology have improved our methods of observation and calculation, our lives remain synchronized with the simple motion of a blue-green planet around an ordinary, G-2 star.

Clear skies and pleasant viewing!

Security pulls no leads in locker room theft

By Arik Hesseldahl
Of The Commuter

Campus security still has no leads in the investigation of a theft that occurred Friday Sept. 26 in the men's locker room of the Activities Center, according to Security Supervisor Earl Liverman.

According to Liverman, Baseball Coach Greg Hawk had reported the burglary in which six lockers were forcibly opened, resulting in the theft of six wallets, all belonging to members of the baseball team.

Liverman estimated that the theft occurred between 3:30 and 4:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26, as the baseball team was practicing.

Liverman said the investigation is continuing to seek anyone who was seen in the area at the time.

Free workshop views nuclear age education curriculum for kids

By June Hemmingson
Of The Commuter

Are young people prepared for living in the nuclear age? Help is on the way. A workshop designed to orient teachers and parents to Oregon's Nuclear Age will be held on Friday (Oct. 13) from 9 to 4 p.m. in the Willamette Room. The education curriculum will include sharing of curriculum ideas and teaching resources.

This free event is sponsored by Linn-Benton Educators for Social Responsibility, whose contact person is Doug Clark, LBCC Political Science instructor, 928-2361 ext. 176.

In 1987, Governor Neil Goldschmidt signed HB 3223 requiring the Depart-

ment of Education to develop a comprehensive nuclear age education curriculum. After public review and some revision it is now available to school districts.

Although not sequentially based, the skills and contents of the curriculum's 1st units deals with understanding peoples of the world, conflict resolution, and communication taught to the very young without dealing directly with nuclear war. Other units examine weapon issues and the affect of nuclear development on the quality of life.

According to Oregon PeaceWorks, an organization involved in its promotion and development, Nuclear Age Education is a K-12 curriculum "preparing today's children for tomorrow's world."

Styrofoam is replaced by paper products

By Katie Whiteis
Of The Commuter

Last month the Food Service Department made a decision to stop the use of styrofoam and switch to paper products.

Bob Miller, director of Auxiliary Services, said he decided to stop using styrofoam cups and plates because of "the increasing problems of the landfill situation and a basic concern for the environment." He also said the change to paper products will help support the local timber industry.

However, with the change to paper products Miller estimated that his budget for such items would double. The cost of the items using the new paper products may have to be raised to help cover the increased budget.

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Sign of the Times

Groundskeepers erect the second of three huge new signs at the south approach to the college. The signs are intended to help ease the confusion new students and visitors face when they try to find their way around the labyrinth-like campus. The first sign was put up at the approach to the College Center, and the third went up this week in front of Takena Hall.

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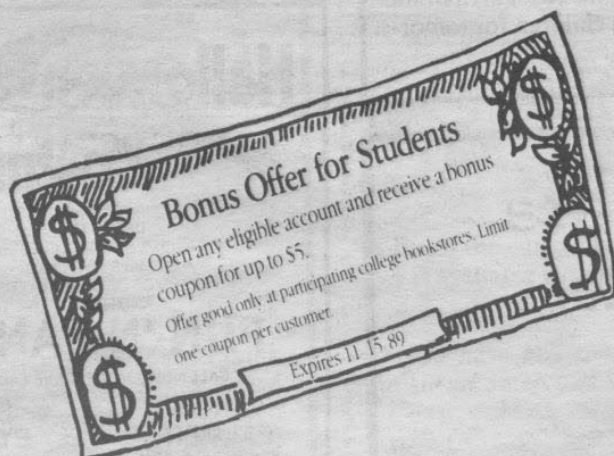
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NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

REP TO VISIT A representative from Portland State will be in the Common Lobby on Oct. 23 from 10:00am to 2:00pm to talk with students interested in transferring to that school.

SPANISH TABLE: Join us in the cafeteria to chat in Spanish. Look for the table with a flower—Every Wednesday at 12:00.

Support for Ex-Smokers The LBCC Women's Center is hosting a Smoker's Anonymous Group. The open discussion meetings are being held on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for ex-smokers and those with a desire to stop smoking. Both men and women are invited to join us for all or part of the meeting. Room HO 201A

Diets Control Your Life? Overeat compulsively? OA — is for you. Meets every Wednesday on the main campus from 12-1 in B101. For information ext.327

Intramural volleyball, 4 on 4 co-ed. Pick up application at Activities Center 102. Deadline October 13.

ALL ANIMAL LOVERS WELCOME ASSOCIATION FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION MEETING Oct. 12 at 6:00 in the Williamette Room. Discussion on local animal dealers situations and controlling the pet population. For more information call 753-2443 or 928-0866

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT "Ethics in Business," the second in a series of 10 "Focus on Business" seminars, will be held 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Business Enterprise Center, 1325 NW 9th, Corvallis. Deborah Holmes, business owner and counselor for Linn-Benton Community College's Small Business Development Center, is the facilitator for the seminar. The cost for the workshop series is \$40 or \$10 per individual seminar. For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

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Lydia Dirksen and Nora Bates munch on burgers during the All-Campus Picnic in the courtyard last Wednesday. The annual picnic drew several students out to enjoy the food and sunshine.



Puckett, Bergeman show paintings, photos

Paintings by Margaret Puckett and photographs by Rich Bergeman are on exhibit in the LBCC Humanities Gallery through the month of October.

Puckett, a Corvallis resident, is showing several brightly colored pieces with an Oriental feel, as well as two large, elaborately detailed interiors.

Bergeman, instructor of photography and journalism at LBCC, has hung 12 copper-toned black-and-white images taken in Yugoslavia this summer.

The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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SPORTS PAGE

LB spikers defeat Umpqua; prep for Chemeketa

By Ladd Witcomb
Of The Commuter

The LBCC women's volleyball team improved its league record to 2-3 Wednesday night (Oct. 4) by beating Umpqua Community College in Roseburg.

Coach Robbins said his team started off tentatively, dropping the first game 6-15, but quickly lit up by sweeping the next three games 15-5, 15-10, 15-1.

Sophomore Kris Gregory, a 5'6" middle block, came off the bench to spark the Roadrunners to action. Gregory returned to action Wednesday night from a back injury suffered earlier in the season. Her presence on the court and play at the net helped inspire the Roadrunners' comeback, Robbins said.

Robbins was pleased with the performance of the entire team, but he said the play of Gregory, Janie Gray, and Pam Babcock stood out. Gray played "Awesome"

defense, Robbins said. Babcock led the team with nine kills, Gregory added seven of her own, and Kelli Swanson helped out with 22 assists.

Robbins said intensity was high all night, and hopes this win will give the team momentum going into their home bout with Chemeketa this Wednesday (Oct. 11) at 7 p.m. Chemeketa is a tough, taller team, Robbins said, but added that LBCC should fare well if they run their offense, and use their togetherness and ability to "read the other team."



The Commuter/JESS REED

Conditioning Class

Kia Dallons undergoes a battery of tests for a conditioning class at the Activities Center. Administering the tests is instructor Sandy Hugg.

3 LB harriers place; more runners needed

By Kofi McPherson
Of The Commuter

LBCC Cross Country coach, Brad Carman, is looking forward to bigger and better things from his runners in the upcoming weeks.

Carman is optimistic coming off of Saturday's big invitational meet at Bush Park in Salem, where schools from California, Oregon, and Washington competed. Competing for LBCC were Jason Hawthorne who placed 102nd, Brandon Baughman who placed 117th, and Jeremy Morgan who placed 177th, respectively, out of a field of over 200 runners. Liz Brothwell, currently the only woman member of the team was injured and unable to compete.

Carman hopes to acquire more runners for next week's meet at Mt. Hood. "We are looking forward to the upcoming meet at Mt. Hood, where we will compete as a team and possibly finish among the top teams. We are progressing towards our goals every week," said Carman. After next week's meet LBCC will compete in the regionals October 28th, and hopefully the Northwest championships November 11th.

Intramural season opens; teams, individuals invited

By Kevin Porter
Of The Commuter

It's that time again, time to get those old gym clothes, worn out shoes, and ripped up sweats out of the closet for the intramural season.

LBCC will have co-ed volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and a Fun Run for men and women this fall term.

More people are needed to make the program work, said Brad Carman, for only a couple of forms have been turned in so far.

Entry forms for teams are available in the activities center from Carmen.

Volleyball will be a 4 on 4 league Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The deadline for entering a team is Oct. 13.

The basketball and Fun Run have not been finalized yet, but tentatively basketball will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and the Fun Run will be a one day event sometime around Thanksgiving.

Volleyball and basketball teams will compete in season-like games and the teams with the best records will compete in a tournament at the end of the season.

Trophies or prizes will be awarded to the winners of each tournament and the Fun Run.

"Everyone will get a chance to play," said Carman.

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