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Over-the-counter cough medications are the latest way to get high in high school. **► Pg. 9**

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Runners gunning for a spot in the playoffs as the season enters final week. **► Pg. 11**



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Peace poles meant to promote diversity at LB

by Michelle Bertalot
of The Commuter

LBCC's main campus will have a new addition next Tuesday.

On May 20, at 12 p.m. in the Courtyard by the clock tower, a dedication and unveiling ceremony will be held for a set of three peace poles.

The peace poles are about eight feet tall and are "a campus monument promoting peace and diversity," according to Seth Williams, an LBCC Student Ambassador.

Each of the three poles has four different languages which all read, "May peace prevail on Earth." Williams strived to represent the international students at LBCC by putting their primary language on the peace poles. "I got a list of the international students and tried to pick languages that were representative of

the diversity at LBCC," explained Williams.

The 12 languages that are on the poles are: Arabic, Chinese, English, Hawaiian, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Malay, Takelman, Spanish, Swahili, and Vietnamese. Takelman is a Native American language and Malay is an Indonesian language.

Williams came up with the idea after hearing about University of Oregon's peace poles.

He stressed that the peace poles are not a political statement. Williams commented the poles were for peace in students' daily lives, with classes, and with all they do. "Everyone can appreciate diversity no matter what your political view is," said Williams.

Each year the ASG gives a gift to the student body. ASG decided to put in **▼ Turn to "Peace Poles" on Pg. 4**



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Workers replace sidewalks on the east side of the Activities Center last week. Various sidewalks are being replaced and added as part of a larger renovation project.

Many points of view expressed in heated debate over Iraq war

by Kimberly Nelson
of The Commuter

Last Friday, students in Doug Clark's U.S. Foreign Policy class debated the pros and cons of war in the Multicultural Center. The students were required to turn in a paper on the topic for class, then use their findings in their discussion.

Clark acted as moderator for the debate, which was open to anyone who attended, allowing for even more opinions to be discussed. Many different topics, backed by facts the students re-

searched, were discussed, with each student coming from a different background.

Students discussed the theory that the U.S. created adversaries by hunting for weapons of mass destruction and that the U.S. should stop meddling in international business. They also discussed how the U.S. lacked leadership by not enforcing the agreement made with Saddam Hussein after the Gulf War.

Human rights was a big issue in the discussion as some students believed that human rights violations were just a cover **▼ Turn to "War" on Pg. 4**

Priorities questioned as LB adds signs, sidewalks

by Wendy Geist
for The Commuter

Some students and members of the community have been up in arms about the construction projects they see happening on the campus.

LBCC's new monument signs have caused a couple of letters to the editor to appear in local papers. And students are asking, "What's up with the sidewalk construction?" and "Why are they building signs when my financial aid or work study was cut?"

What happened is that the voters approved a measure in November 2000 to finance capital construction and improve-

ments at LBCC. The money that funds these projects is restricted to be used only for construction and renovation and not for operating expenses.

The 2000 Oregon Voters Pamphlet informed voters that the measure would allow for the construction and furnishing of a new Lebanon campus facility; construction, renovation and remodeling at the main campus; and remodeling the Benton Center. Bonds would also be used for site improvements, property acquisition and the cost of issuing bonds.

The bonds that were approved by voters provided LBCC with \$19.1 million to be used on capital improvements. **▼ Turn to "Construction" on Pg. 4**



Flowery!
Theresa Ezell of the Career Center picks out geraniums at the horticulture department's Annual Mother's Day flower sale last Friday.

Photo by Thomas Lin

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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High: 63° Low: 41°

WEDNESDAY



High: 57° Low: 40°

THURSDAY



High: 51° Low: 38°

FRIDAY



High: 54° Low: 35°

SATURDAY



High: 58° Low: 38°

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OPINION

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 keep them at 250 words or less

Consumer activists can put cash where their values are

The next time you purchase something; be it food, fashion or furniture, remember that you are not just a consumer led into a purchase by advertising and peer pressure; you actually hold immense power in the same hands that are shelling out your hard earned dollars or digging you deeper into debt.

American consumers are a powerful agent for change in the world. Sales of recycled paper products, hybrid cars and post-consumer recycled plastic products are indicative of our desire to purchase products manufactured by sustainable means. There are valid reasons for concern. Our health and that of humans the world over, is affected by current industrial manufacturing methods.

We cannot expect the media to present views counter to the advertisers that pay its wages, but accessible information is plentiful in this electronic age. This information allows us to make informed choices. Boycotts have proven to be a very powerful push for corporate accountability. The negative publicity against Nike, Shell Oil, Nestle and other corporations has spurred change. But this power ceases when we do not inform ourselves about the products we buy. Would we really want another cheap toy, pair of sneakers, or other item that may spend its life unused in a drawer, if we knew we were being poisoned by its

manufacture or that someone was laboring in horrible conditions to produce it?

An example of the immense power we wield can be seen in 20th Century history. Mohandas Gandhi kicked off his non-violent campaign for India's independence with a boycott of the British controlled salt industry. He urged Indians to refuse to pay the salt tax and led thousands of them to the sea to gather their own salt. It took years for India to gain independence but it did. The process that united the Indian people was begun by a boycott.

In Vietnam, girls at the Keyhinge Toy Co. work ten hours a day, seven days a week. They earn sixty cents a day in a country where the most basic meal costs seventy cents a day. In late February, 200 girls fell ill from exposure to acetone, this is not the first time that workers became ill at this factory. The product of the Keyhinge factory is Disney toys for McDonald's Happy Meals.

In 1995, the Royal Dutch Shell Corporation was intent on burying an obsolete oil storage rig at the bottom of the North Sea. Soon motorists in Europe began to shun Shell and public officials openly

urged the British Prime Minister to block Shell's plan. But it was the boycotts that hurt Shell the most. Service station income fell 30 percent. Losses were estimated at millions of dollars. Shell finally

agreed to forego the sinking. The lesson to big business was clear: companies that do not listen to their customer's demands stand to lose.

Shell is currently being boy-

cotted once again. The company spilled 56 million gallons of oil into the Niger River Delta, caused 835 oil spills in Nigeria and witnesses testified that Shell bribed them to aid in the execution of a Nigerian activist; Saro-Wiwa, a winner of the Right Livelyhood Award, which is equated with the Nobel peace prize. Since 1958 Shell has pumped \$30 billion worth of oil from Nigeria, yet the inhabitants of the area; the Ogoni, have no piped water, no electricity, no telephones and no proper health care facilities.

The Nestle Corporation, one of the world's largest food manufacturers, uses doctors and nurses in its employ to push its baby formula on third world mothers through propaganda and deceit. Once mothers are dependent on the formula

because their own milk ceases, they have to feed the babies formula diluted with water from their villages, and the babies die from water born diseases or malnutrition because the mothers can not afford to use the proper formula dilution. Millions of children have died so far. The initial grass roots boycott in the 1980s was worldwide, churches, citizen's groups and individuals participated. Nestle ceased the practice for a while. Now that Nestle is once again guilty of this practice, the boycott is renewed, and with our help can succeed. For a list of Nestle products please visit the web site listed below.

Consumer buying power has revolutionized the automobile industry by creating a demand for environmentally sound cars. The auto industry had designs for fuel efficient cars long before they became public knowledge. The industry shelved the plans until consumer demand illustrated the profit to be had. The environmental impact of this one product alone is immense. Our buying power is the strongest agent for social change that each one of us can use. Remember: if we don't buy it, no one will make a profit on it.

Consumer buying power can help end injustice the world over. For more information on consumer boycotts see: http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Boycotts/Boycotts_page.html

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IN MY
OPINION



EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer. Contributors who wish to submit columns are asked to first contact the editor to arrange for space in the next issue.

All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste.

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Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us at commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Apple's new online music service may cease the breeding of bad seeds

The following editorial appeared in the San Jose Morning News

Here's an updated cost of a year at an American college: Tuition: \$4,000 public university (\$18,000 private), room & board: \$6,000, books: \$800

Internet music: \$17,500 (Note: not covered by student loans or eligible for Pell Grants; applies only if you're caught.)

That last figure no doubt will grab the attention of high school seniors and parents who are squirreling money away for college. That's what the recording industry intended when it

settled lawsuits for copyright violations against four computer whizzes who ran Napster-like networks from their dorms.

The settlements were the latest tactic in the industry's campaign against music piracy. When Apple Computer launched its long-awaited online music service. It will give music buyers the best legal alternative yet to theft.

The labels could have gone after the four students one each at Princeton and Michigan Technological University, two at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for millions. Instead, they let

them off, accepting \$12,000 to \$17,500 from each but used them to set an example. To emphasize the point, the industry's trade group blitzed online warnings to tens of thousands of users suspected of illegally downloading songs on the file-sharing networks Grokster and Kazaa.

Threatening kids and indirectly their parents may dampen the piracy that the industry believes is bleeding the sales of CDs. So will punishing the big kahunas on campus. But retaliation alone risks alienating a generation of young spenders, and, as a singular strategy, won't

work. Millions of kids assume free music is their birthright. They know the industry can't come after all of them.

That's why the hopeful news of the week, for listeners and the labels, came not from the recording industry trade group but from Apple.

Its iTunes Music Store heads in consumer-friendly directions that the labels' own faltering services had been too timid to go. Services like Pressplay and MusicNet require monthly subscriptions of \$10 or more to listen to music, plus extra to purchase a tune; Apple's Music

Store is a simple pay-per-tune service: 99 cents per song. The other services restrict your ability to burn a song to a CD or transfer a song to a portable player; Apple sets no limits.

Apple's problem is the same one that's hurting all online services: a limited library. Some big-name musicians, from the Beatles to Madonna, have refused to sell their music online. The labels have been slow to sign up others.

Until they do, millions of kids will keep downloading, betting they won't be the ones on the recording industry's radar.

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus



Photo by Thomas Lin

Outgoing ASG president Roxanne Savedra passes the gavel to incoming president Oren Hawksford at last week's swearing-in ceremony.

ASG officers step aside as new leaders sworn in

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Last Wednesday, LBCC's new student leaders were sworn into their respective offices in the Associated Student Government.

Tammi Paul Bryant, advisor to Student Life & Leadership, called it a "bitter sweet" time to be saying goodbye to a group of people while at the same time welcoming the new leaders.

Eight new Associated Student Government officers and eight new Student Programming Board members took their official oaths. Three new Student Ambassador members were also welcomed into student government.

Speeches were made by president Jon Carnahan, dean of students Diane Watson and former student ambassador Sumartini Krisman.

The new ASG leaders are Oren Hawksford, president; Maranda Jackson,

vice president (Joanna Chan withdrew for personal reasons, and Jackson was the elected runner up); Brandi Hereford, public relations/secretary; David Villeneuve, science/industry representative; Jared Harding, business/health occupations representative; Edward Hildebrand, student services/extended learning representative; Stephanie Quigley, liberal arts/human performance representative; and Danielle Bryant, at-large representative.

The new SPB members are Ryan Kirchner, team coordinator; Ben Crawford-Medina, intramural/recreation; Yu-Ping Hung, multicultural activities; Erick Vargas Castro, health/recreation; Tamara Britton, campus/recreation; Ian Baker, community events; Nita Birdsong, series events; Dan Tibbits, current events/political activities.

The three new student ambassadors are Jocelyn Haas, Petr Horak and Stefanie Hessenkemper.

New class emphasizes learning to play piano the 'easy way'

for The Commuter

LBCC will offer an Instant Piano class from 6-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 19.

"This class is for anyone who wants to learn to play the piano for fun and without years of lessons," said Instant Piano instruc-

tor Donn Rochlin. Rochlin has taught at colleges and universities in more than 56 cities how to play the "easy way" in one short session.

"I teach students how chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less and how to simplify over

12,000 chords to play their favorite songs," she said.

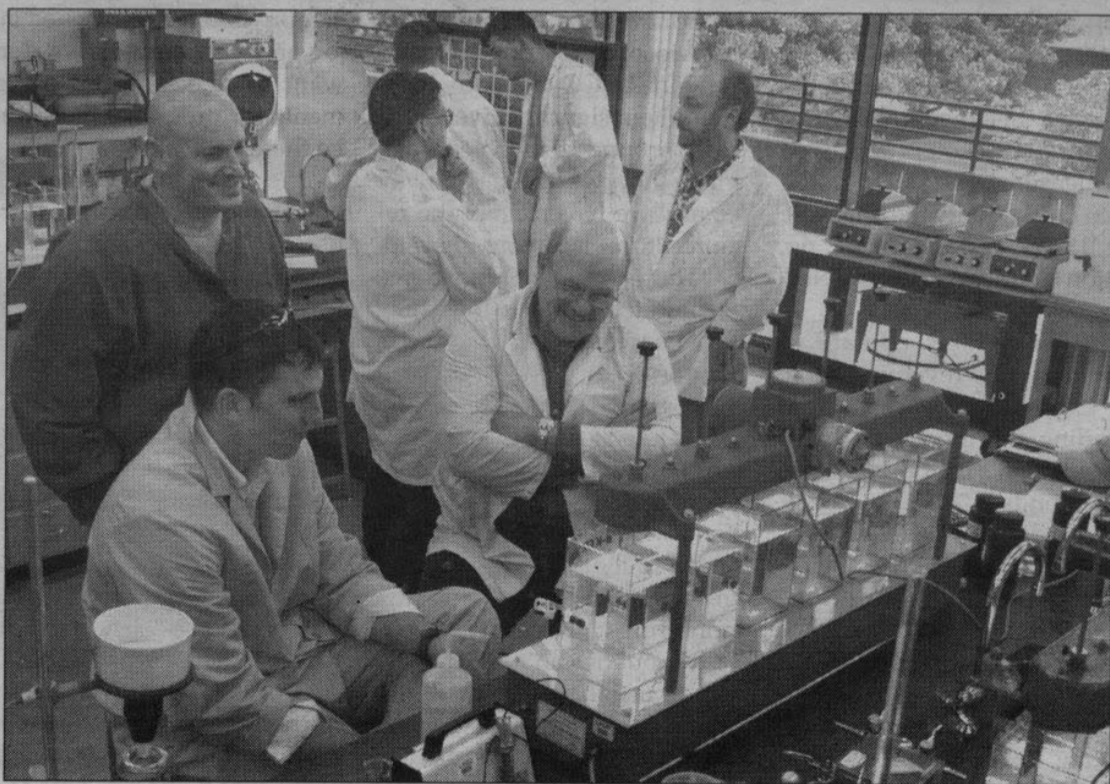
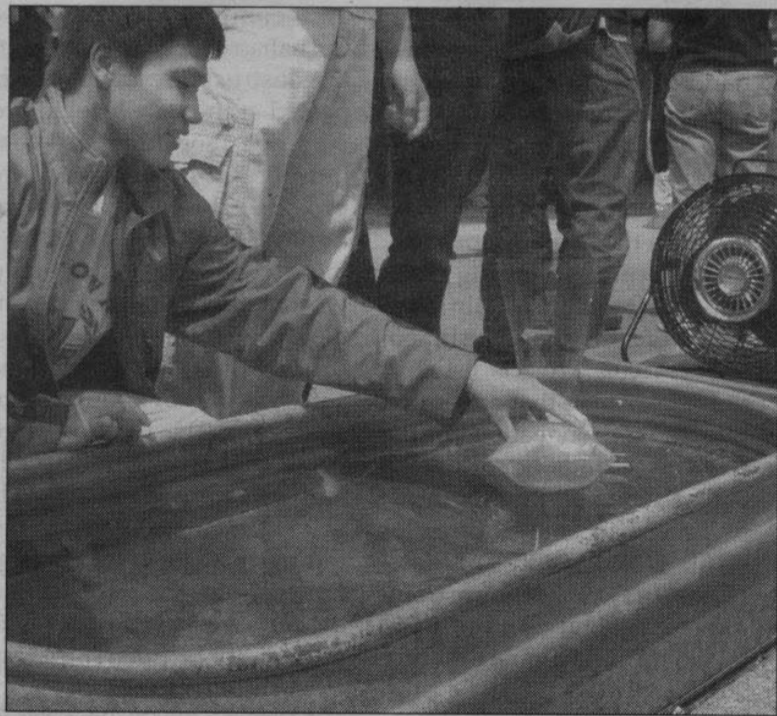
"Students learn to improvise, improve their confidence and gain a better understanding of what's going on in music. The emphasis is on creativity, and the 'art' of playing music as much as the theory behind it.

Students will receive a CD and workbook to take home with them to practice what they have learned," Rochlin said.

She added that participants are also always welcome to call at a later time with any questions regarding what they have learned in class.

The class will be held at the Albany Senior Center in downtown Albany. Pre-registration is suggested.

Cost is \$50 tuition. An additional \$25 will be collected in class for CD and workbook. For further information and to register please call 917-4840.



Campus Alive with Competitions

There was no shortage of contests on campus last week as Math Awareness events coincided with the Wastewater Olympics. Students competed in toy boat and car races (left) as part of the annual Math Awareness Week, which also included a limerick contest and other events. Meanwhile, on the second floor of the Industrial A Building (right), water/wastewater students tested their skills in a "jar test olympics," in which they had to figure out how to remove turbidity from water to make it safe enough to drink in instructor Kevin Krefft's class.



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From KRT News

Off Beat

Good Magazines

A couple cleaned out their new home in Ludvika, Sweden, not realizing that the previous owner had not completely vacated the premises.

They burned his collection of nudie magazines — 3,000 of them — which he hadn't removed but still wanted. He is suing for \$15,000.

I Want My Meal

A husband in Somerset, England, called the police because his wife refused to cook him dinner.

They wouldn't intervene.

I'm Innocent

A man parked his car in Stoke-on-Trent, England, and, while he was gone, workmen painted double yellow lines on either side of the vehicle, creating a "no parking" zone. A policeman then issued him a ticket.

The ticket was rescinded after officials came to their senses.

CAMPUS SHORTS

Talking About War & Peace

On Friday, May 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, there will be a part of the series of the Do Tell! People Talk About War & Peace called "The New American Foreign Policy--Preemptive Force." Political science instructor Doug Clark will discuss how U.S. foreign policy has changed under the Bush administration and whether it will lead to a safer world.

Fact or Fiction Talk

Author Anne Warren Smith will present a talk titled "Fiction and Memoir: Dangerous Buddies" on Wednesday May 21 from 1-2 p.m. in T-205 as part of the Valley Writers Series. Her talk will explore such issues as how fiction can fit into a memoir and how much real life can be used in fiction. Smith is the author of three books for children as well as memoirs and essays.

Peace Poles: Dedication ceremony to take place

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more recycle bins around campus as the gift. Williams approached ASG about the peace poles and they decided to fund the project also for a gift to the student body.

The total estimated cost of the project was about \$618, not including the installation and ceremony costs.

The Facilities department is putting the peace poles up in a triangular setting with each pole two and a half feet apart.

The dedication ceremony will last about a half an hour and will include speakers Roxanne Savedra, former ASG president,

Joseph Novak, Democrat, and state representative for District 15 (which includes Albany, Millersburg, and Adair Village), and Susan Prock, Multicultural Center coordinator.

Refreshments will be provided after the ceremony courtesy of Student Life and Leadership.

The peace poles were ordered off the Web site peacepoles.com which states there are over 200,000 peace poles around the world and in over 180 countries.

"I think it's great to recognize the diversity at our campus, and promote a peaceful campus," Williams stated.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Students from the PS220 Foreign Policy conduct a public debate over the issues surrounding the attack on Iraq last week.

War: Human rights an issue

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for why the U.S. invaded Iraq.

Other topics discussed included:

▶ The U.N. didn't do enough, leaving the U.S. to bear the responsibility of proving itself

▶ By immediate use of military force the U.S. lost all credibility instead of gaining global support

▶ The U.S. will not allow anyone to interfere with the Middle East because of the oil reserves, and there are talks of moving troops out of Saudi Arabia because of the ability to regulate usage and pricing of oil reserves in Iraq

▶ The Bush Administration

did not have enough patience to find a peaceful way of forcing a regime change

Students who participated in the discussion included Megan Moore, Andrew Taylor,

Mike Johnson, Tim Johnson, Josh Sims, Jon Gray, Alysa Bowen, Kevin Griggs, Matt Gruening, Jacob F. Boone, Bert Wright and Tanya Neel.

The discussion was instrumental in opening doors to discuss and learn about what is going on in Iraq and in other parts of the world. By hearing other opinions and what each student had learned, it broadened the understanding of world politics for those involved.

Construction: College in midst of long list of capital improvement projects

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Voters must have felt pretty strong about supporting the measure because in Benton County 22,047 voters approved the measure and 12,716 voted no. In Linn County the final vote was 15,277 yes and 20,832 no. Benton County carried the election.

But in today's climate of shrinking state revenues, some are expressing concerns that spending the money on signs and sidewalks isn't the best use of the bonds.

According to college President Jon Carnahan, the contractors that were hired to do the concrete work when the college was built did a "terrible job." The concrete material was contaminated, preventing it from sticking together properly. He said the concrete was disintegrating and the sidewalks and entry ways weren't holding up.

Carnahan also said that the local newspapers misinformed the public about the cost of the two new monument entrance signs. The cost of the signs was not \$30,000 a piece, as reported in the Mid-Valley Sunday two weeks ago, but \$30,000 for both, meaning \$15,000 each.

"I have taken a lot of flack"

for the new signs, said Carnahan.

"A lot of people don't remember but LBCC used to have monument signs that were torn down around 10 to 15 years ago when they widened Highway 99, and we haven't had the resources to replace them," he said.

"The monument signs have been on the list for a long time now. People see the little projects but don't realize the larger plan in progress. It's hard internally to lose jobs and at the same time see people building signs. From a personal perspective, I understand what they are feeling, but I need to look at the long term and what we can spend the money on."

The public can't tell the college to use the money for programs or to provide services, explains Carnahan, because "by law the college can't use capital bond proceeds for operational expenses." Day-to-day operation of the college is paid for by state general fund revenues, student tuition and regular property tax revenues.

However, the college didn't expect the economy to be in such bad shape at the time of the election. Carnahan explained that the college has only done maintenance projects on the main

campus and has postponed major projects because "we don't want to make capital investments for programs that won't be there."

The \$19.1 million from the bond have been split up for three uses.

▶ First, the bond was used to invest in facilities on outlying centers, which includes the new East Linn Workforce Development Center for a total of \$5.8 million; a new community education center to be located at the entrance of the Sweet Home High School for \$500,000; the renovation of the Benton Center for \$4.2 million; and the acquisition of a horse science and animal management facility at the cost of \$350,000. Construction on the Benton Center started this Monday.

▶ Second, the bond set aside resources for major maintenance and renovation projects that include a chiller upgrade; rail replacement; sidewalk repair and replacement; exterior lights in the parking lots; exterior wall sealants; carpet and floor coverings; asphalt overlay; gym floor refinishing; signage and monument signs; core restroom renovation; elevator repairs; and a lock systems upgrade. Carnahan

said the college will spend about \$1.3 million for these maintenance projects, most of which have been completed.

▶ Third, the bond is providing a balance of about \$7 million for renovations of classroom space on the main campus.

A Capital Planning Task Force put together a Main Campus Master Building Plan in September 2002. Projects listed in the master plan that are of first priority are renovations of the first and second floor of Takena Hall; a new building southeast of Takena to house offices for business and faculty and classrooms for ITV, short-term training and general use; and renovations of the Learning Resource Center, College Center, and Health Occupations Building, which will get new dental and X-ray classrooms.

In addition, remodeling is slated for the organic chemistry and biology lab in the Science and Technology Building and a drafting classroom in the Industrial Arts Building. The Workforce Education Building and the Service Center are slated for improvements along with a new maintenance compound for storage.

Not all proposed projects will

be completed, however. Carnahan is hoping that a capital construction package will be passed at the state level to provide matching funds for community college construction projects. This way, Carnahan hopes \$4 million of LBCC's money will get matched to provide another \$4 million to complete the projects.

The \$19.1 million bond measure was part of a much larger strategy, a 21st Century Campaign that works from public and private partnership. The private sector is contributing through a Major Gift Campaign fund in which the college's Foundation is working on raising \$10 million for scholarships and other resources.

"This is a \$30 million dream of mine that has come true," said Carnahan. "I'm leaving LBCC with a good maintenance plan, that includes an elevator that works, walls that don't leak and scholarships for students. I need to make sure LBCC is a safe campus, that there are places to walk and that the building is heated."

Carnahan recognizes that the public holds him accountable and that he also can't start building buildings for a program that might be cut in the future.

"Right now we are in the middle of a budget crisis, I would hate to make a bad investment in the middle of a budget crisis," he said, and "that is why we are holding out on the major on campus master building plan."

CAMPUS CALANDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14-20

2:45-5 p.m.
 "Pollock," showing,
 Forum 104

THURSDAY

Noon-1:30 p.m.
 New American
 Foreign Policy,
 Multicultural Center

FRIDAY

2-4 p.m.
 Movie Days,
 Student Clubs &
 Organizations Room

MONDAY

Noon
 Peace Pole Ded.,
 Courtyard

TUESDAY

4-7 p.m.
 Retiree Reception,
 Commons

CORRECTION

Former ASG president Roxanne Allen's name was incorrectly stated in last week's story. Her new name is Roxanne Savedra.

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ON THE ROAD

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

New Willamette Wildlife Refuge opens to public

by Skyler Reed Corbett
 for The Commuter

Snag Boat Bend, a segment of the Willamette River, was opened to the public for the first time on Mother's Day weekend. Over 150 visitors arrived to celebrate this latest addition to the 5,325 acres managed within the William F. Finley Wildlife Refuge. Keynote Speakers included Regional U.S. Fish & Wildlife Director Dave Allen and Project Leader Carol Shaller.

Saturday's grand opening of the 341-acre habitat along Oregon's Willamette River was a part of a centennial celebration of the establishment of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by President Theodore Roosevelt. A far cry from the first Florida refuge established in 1903, the Willamette Valley Wildlife Refuge complex has a long heritage of conservation which includes the Ankeny, Basket Slough, and William Finley National Wildlife Refuges.

"One hundred years ago, President Roosevelt left us a great gift in the creation of the National Wildlife Refuge System," said Steve Williams, Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Located 11 miles south of Corvallis the new refuge is a diverse body of backwater sloughs, wetland and riparian habitats. It was purchased from the Nature Conservancy for \$1 million dollars in August of 2000 and is an indicator of a larger focus on conservation by local environmental agencies.

"This is a great opportunity for the service to acquire and manage a rich complex of Willamette floodplain habitats," said Cathy MacDonald, conserva-

tion director for The Nature Conservancy of Oregon, in a press release. "So we are delighted to be able to help. Protecting places like Snag Boat Bend can help ensure that we don't lose species in the Willamette Valley. It also enhances the efforts of all the people working together to find solutions to wildlife habitat, water quality and flood control issues."

Snag Boat Bend is currently open to wildlife viewing, hiking, photography and education. Items of special interest include the newly installed boardwalk which connects the wildlife experience to persons with physical disability, observation blinds for aviary enthusiasts, and native trees that have been planted with the help of local volunteers.

"This was phase one of the project," said Jim Houk, refuge manager for the service's three national wildlife refuges in the Willamette Valley. "Phase two will extend our efforts to include more trails and fostering riparian habitats."

The Greenbelt Land Trust has been a major contributor to the project by organizing monthly work parties, creating a trail system, and planting close to 17 native species of 6,200 trees along the banks of Snag Boat Bend. A non-profit Corvallis-based agency, the Greenbelt Land Trust raises funds to purchase open-space lands. A major function of the agency is providing assistance to improving recreational trails and related areas while maintaining a partnership with local government agencies and the general public.

In its twelve year history, Greenbelt Land Trust has protected close to 1,400 acres of open space, emphasizing purchases within the Mary's Peak and



Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Visitors enjoy a scenic stroll on the boardwalk at Snag Boat Bend, a new wildlife refuge that opened to the public last weekend south of Peoria on the Willamette.

Willamette River corridor. Other areas that have been focused on by the agency are Bald Hill and the Jackson-Frazier Wetland.

Ecologists say that 87 percent of the Willamette Valley's original wetland and Riparian communities have been converted to other uses and that 75 percent of the river's original shoreline has been

lost to channelization. Riparian forests that used to dominate the floodplain, typically extending from riverbanks for a mile or more on either side, survive today only in fragmented remnants. Twenty-eight species of rare plants and animals are known to depend on the valley's wetland and riparian communities.

Tillamook Museum takes flight into Oregon history

by Bob Stoughton
 for The Commuter

Tillamook Oregon has long been known for its famous cheese and fishing in the popular bay, but one of the most fascinating attractions sits just south of the city itself, surrounded by pasture land and a working timber mill. A large, odd looking building can be seen on the east side of Highway 101, with the words Air Museum in big black letters along its curved roof. Turning at the clearly marked entrance will take you on adventure back in time.

The Air Museum, situated on 11 acres of the old Tillamook Naval Air Station, is now home of one of the most impressive private collections of airplanes in the country. Housed in one of only seven World War II blimp hangars left in the United States, the museum looms larger and larger as you approach. The sheer size of the building cannot be appreciated from the highway. This is one huge place! The lettering alone is a work of art, as each letter along the roof is 100 ft. high, and each line in each letter is 20 ft. wide.

There are massive doors on both ends of the building, each opening 220 ft. wide and 120 ft. high. These are the things that made me realize that I was about to enter something unique. I was not disappointed.

Greeted by a gift shop and a snack bar upon entering, I paid my admission fee and was directed into the main exhibition area beyond. As I mentioned, seeing this building from the highway can in no way do it justice. The gracefully arched wooden trusses that form the roof soar far overhead. I got dizzy looking up. The intricate patterns formed by the cross bracing looks like an art form of very large beams. An architectural wonder, a kind probably never to be built again. No small wonder, as it took over 3.2 million board feet of Western Fir, harvested in south Tillamook county to build this



Photo Courtesy Edward E. Williams

A mint condition Grumman used in WWII is one of several planes on display at the Air Museum in Tillamook.

behemoth. Enough lumber, according to the brochure, to build 275 three-bedroom homes.

Railroad tracks run the length of the building, used during construction by three 220 ft. boom cranes to raise the arches into place. There were two historic railroad cars occupying a portion, dwarfed by the cavernous interior. As it housed eight 252 ft. blimps at one time, I

HOW TO GET THERE

From Portland, take Highway 26 to the Highway 6 junction. This will take you into Tillamook. Head south on Highway 101 and watch for the signs. From Highway 18, head north to Tillamook and watch for the signs before getting into the city. You can contact the Tillamook Air Museum by writing 6030 Hangar Road, Tillamook, OR. 97141, or by calling 503-842-3054. They also have a Web site where you can preview some of the attractions at www.tillamookair.com

am not surprised. Even with 35 airplanes parked inside, the interior still rings hollow with the sound of the other visitors and work being done around us.

The hangars (there were originally two on the site) built in 1942 and 1943 were used to house the blimps used for coastal patrols during the war, guarding the coastline from Canada to the California border against enemy submarines and to protect convoys transiting the Pacific Northwest waters. The patrols are credited for saving many tons of materials needed for the war effort from enemy attack. One hanger burned to the ground in a spectacular 1992 fire. Two years later the remaining hangar became home to the museum.

The airplanes in the assembled collection range in age from a 1917 Spad biplane, to the more current F-14 Tomcat military fighter jet. All of the aircraft are beautifully restored to near mint condition and many are very rare as they are still in working condition. For anyone interested in aircraft, this is a must see exhibit. The detail of these workmanship that has gone into the restoration of these aircraft is simply amazing. Also on display are aircraft engines, military vehicles and some rotary wing aircraft.

Whether you are an architectural buff, airplane fanatic, or just interested in learning some local history, a walk through the one of the world's largest remaining wooden free span buildings is an interesting and thought provoking way to spend some time while at the coast. Be prepared to spend \$9.50 for adults and \$5.50 for juniors. There is a senior citizen discount and wheelchair access throughout. You can even take a picnic lunch and enjoy the day as a picnic area and tables are provided.

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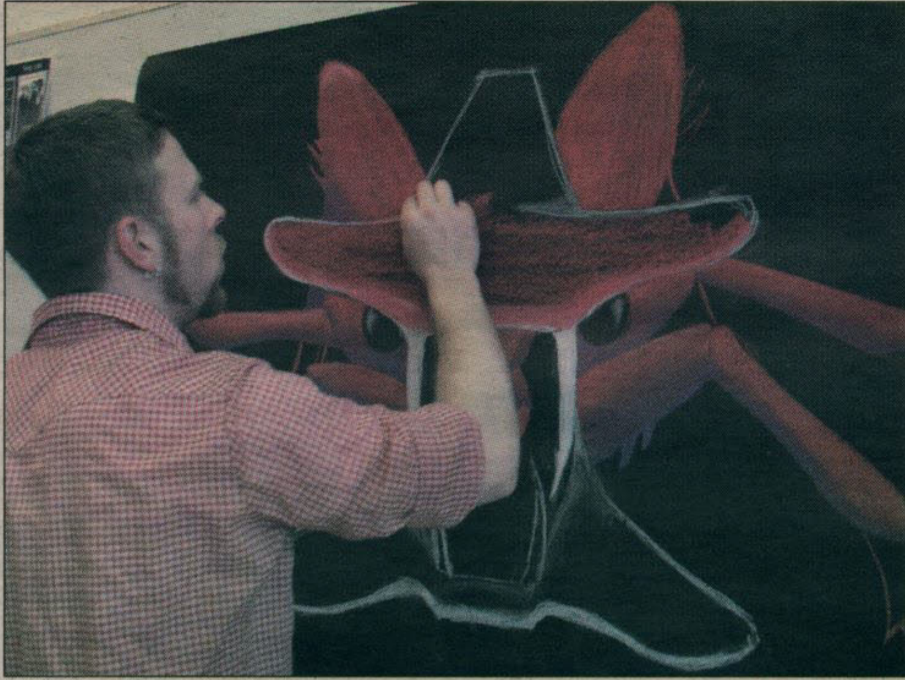


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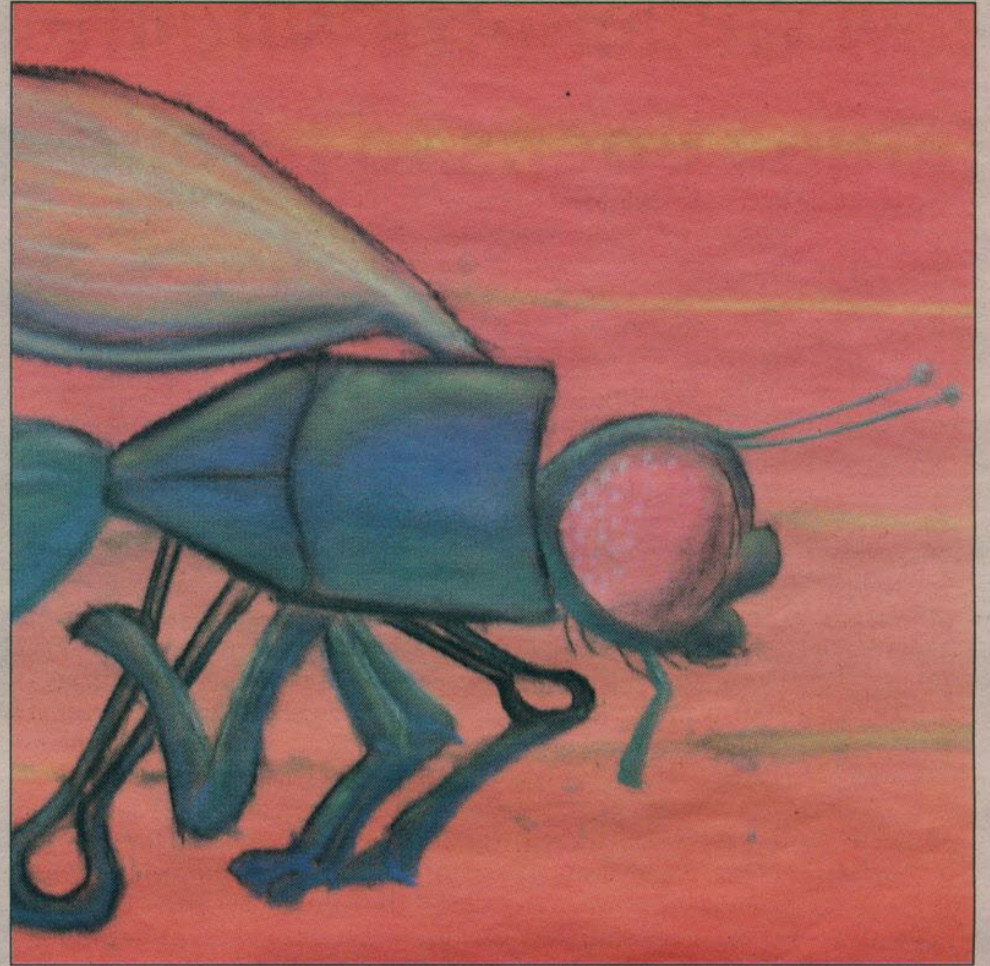


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Entomological Expressions

Chris Churilla (above) works on a "synthesis of form" project in his Drawing III class by combining the similarities of bugs and tools. The Courtyard Cafe is currently hosting several of the drawings created by the students, including this one by Dan Marek (right). The art work will be on display in the cafe for the next two weeks.

COMMONS Menu

May 14-May 20

Wednesday

Prime Rib w/Popovers
Ants Climbing a Tree
Tempeh Stir-Fry
w/Broccoli
Soups: Billy-Bi
Beef Vegetable
Salad: Tarragon Shrimp
Salad

Thursday

Spicy Chicken &
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Soups: Chili Mac
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Salad: Chicken Taco Salad

Friday

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Free spirit spells good times

by Peggy Isaacs
 for The Commuter

In attempting to get an article for this week's edition of The Commuter, there were a few unexpected turn of events that happened to explain why there is no photo for your enjoyment. As with most students, on the weekends, their time fills with entertainment. One such weekend of amusement happened to myself in the effort to get to the Oregon Country Fair (OCF) grounds to start working for this year's fair, set to open July 11, 2003.

If you went to the OCF last year you may have seen the large 10' sphere ball, put together with eighty triangles, that was sitting on the ground out in the parking lot by the entrance. This sphere is going to be expanded to almost 30 feet high this year. Last year, my friend Shannon and I measured, cut and put hooks on every one of the 80 pieces of cloth triangles that were used to dress-up the sphere. My job this year is to expand the pieces of cloth with 8 feet by 15 inch borders around the triangles and reattach the hooks.

This Saturday, Andyman, OCF's site caretaker, Donna, a seamstress and I got started on how to expand the pieces. After discussing our task for two hours, we decided, the next step was to go shopping for new cloth.

Andyman then told us that the Baring Witness women were down in the field doing a nude photo. Baring Witness is a group of women who spell out words in the nude and have their pictures taken. When we got down to the meadow, everyone was already naked, so we joined them.

We got into formation and the word "love" was taken by aerial view. As we watched many other small planes fly overhead, the group decided to spell out "Hope", and have that picture taken as well.

With laughter and silliness we put our collective wisdom together and took another picture of the words "No Bush" with our hands placed in

the appropriate lower part of our bodies.

My friend Shannon, had arrived to pick me up so we could go to the annual "Spring Fling" for the OCF family. There was plenty of time before the fling, so we decided to walk around the "eight" before we left. The "eight" is the main section of the fair that is opened to the public when the fair is in operation. After two and one-half hours later, we returned to the warehouse finding that Andyman had already left for the fling and we had no way to get inside the warehouse to get my belongings, containing the camera for pictures. The only thing we could do was to go to the fling, as there was no one on site to open up the warehouse.

The fling was great. There was a band, (first photo-op) playing, raffle tickets being sold for the 100 pieces of donated goods and services, and most important, the unveiling of this years poster with artist on hand for personal signing.

After the fling, Dean, Shannon's dad, offered to take me back to the fairgrounds to retrieve my things. On the way, we both missed the Veneta turn and we were three miles from Florence, Oregon before the reality set in that we went past the road to the fair.

We did a "Chevy Chase Vacation", view of the ocean and had dinner. In Florence, the only place that was open was an all night "Restaurant and Lounge." Inside we ordered our meal, as the band (second photo-op), was getting ready to play. The name of the band seemed unimportant without a picture, and it was only as good as a 24-hour honkytonk can get. To save the evening, we decided to dance after dinner, then left to head back to the fair. At this point, I still had high hopes of returning to Corvallis to find an opportunity for an article, with a photo. It was after 1 a.m. when we arrived, so I went home.

So, with no photo, I leave you with some old cliches for your entertainment needs. Remember to "go with the flow", because "wherever you go, there you are" for all your pleasures.

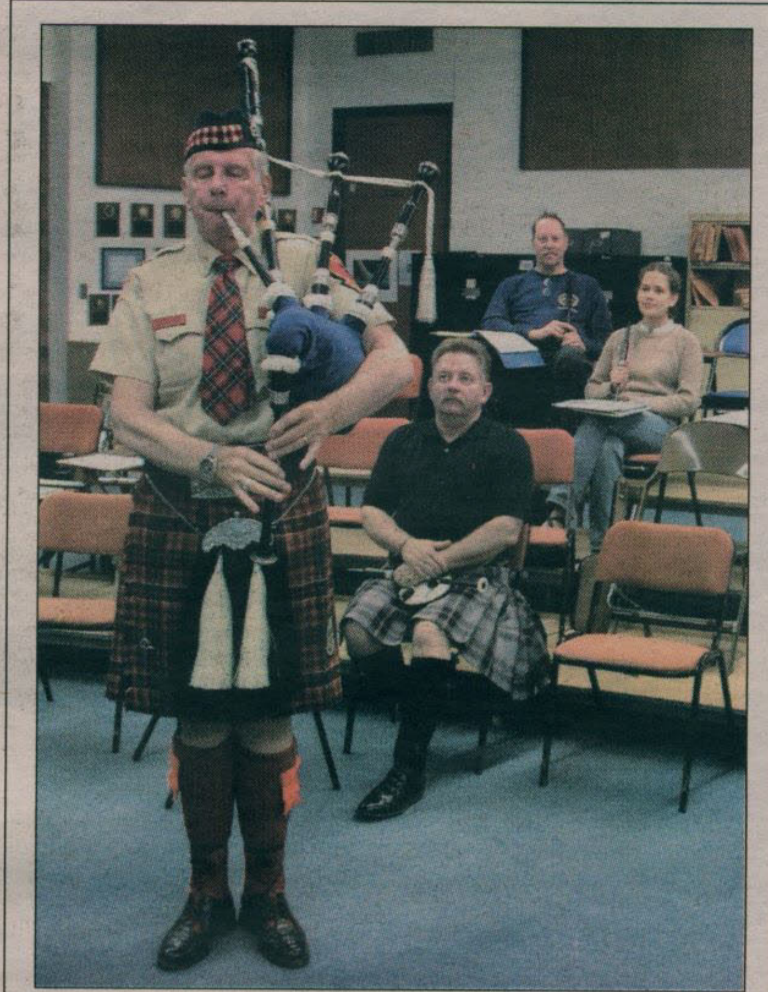


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Pied Piper

Carl Dutton, 74-year-old bag pipe instructor, teaches students of all levels the art of playing the bagpipes. Dutton, shown here in MacRae tartan and a Stewart plaid tie, is part of the MacRae Clan of Scotland.

HART HAPPENINGS

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The LBCC Student Programming Board is sponsoring a Trips/Tickets Program to take 10 students to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival in Ashland to attend three plays over Memorial Day weekend.

Departure from LBCC is Saturday May 24 at 11 a.m. and the group will arrive back on Monday May 26 at approximately 1 p.m.

The three plays are "Present Laughter", "Daughters of the Revolution" and "Mothers Against."

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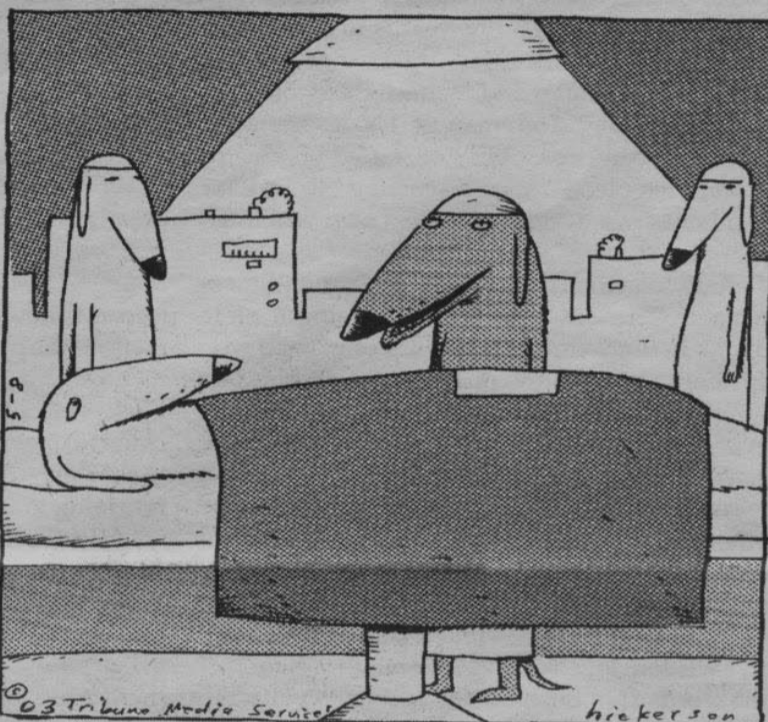
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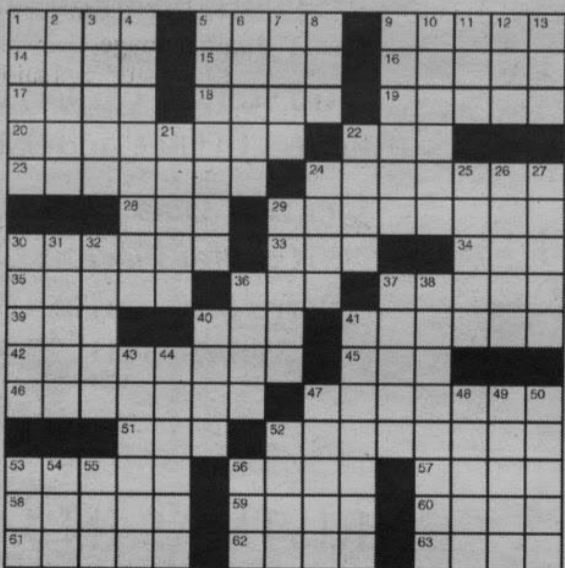
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Area high school students turn to DXM for new high

Editors Note: While The Commuter does not endorse the abuse of cough medications, it is publishing the article to raise awareness on current social issues affecting teenagers.

by Jacob Espinoza
 for The Commuter

Overdoses have been reported from Florida to California and since the arrival of 2003 students in both Portland and Salem, Oregon, have been hospitalized.

The drug is Dextromethorphan Hydrobromide (DXM) and has a high that has high school students across America talking, while leaving some seeking medical attention.

Though the drug's name may not sound familiar, the names of cough medicines such as Robitussin DM and Coricidin HBP Cough and Cold might. Both drugs include DXM as an active ingredient. Depending on dosages taken the drug may cure your cough, have you feeling dizzy and confused, or in extreme dosages seeing hallucinations or on your way to the emergency room.

In the beginning of 2003 five teenagers from Portland were hospitalized after taking 80 Coricidin Cough and Cold pills between them in a race to see who could eat the most.

The effects of that incident rippled all the way down the valley. Cheryl Whelchel, a pharmacist at a Rite Aide in Albany, a town 90 miles away, said, "We don't have too many problems with the drug's

abuse around here, but after hearing about the incident in Portland we noticed the shelves starting to empty." Stores in nearby Keizer were forced to put the drug behind the counter because of frequent thefts.

Though many students claim to have learned about the drug's high through the Internet, the most common form of the drug's expanded use is word-of-mouth amongst friends and classmates. A 15-year-old student from Salem, said simply, "I just heard that they f---d you up." The most popular form of DXM used in his area is Coricidin Cough and Cold. "Most people call them skittles, but I've heard people call them things like Triple C before too. When I first took them I didn't even know it was a cough medicine. I thought it was just a pill like ecstasy or something like that."

A student from Salem said, "I'd say at my school Coricidin is the third most common drug behind marijuana and mushrooms."

The trip given by the pills can vary depending on the person, and has been known to last up to nine hours. Some people are able to enjoy and control the trip, while others experience nausea, diarrhea and other unpleasant side-effects.

"I have a friend who used to take them before school and then when the high wore off he would go home at lunch and take more," said one student from Keizer. Another

commented, "I took them at school once and I could barely walk. I had to have a friend help me walk to my classes."

A 16-year-old McNary High School student described the feeling as "floating--It feels like you're off balanced but you're not. Like you'll be walking normal and feel like you're walking all messed up. Then you will be walking all messed up and feel like you're walking normal."

Another student of the same high school said, "Your hearing gets very sensitive. Like when people around you talk it will be really loud, sounds that would normally go unnoticed might make you jump or turn around."

Other effects of the pill can include hot flashes, dizziness, and confusion. An LBCC student said a friend he knew in California who used to take the drug "would just sit there mumbling. Sometimes he'd be in the middle of a sentence and then begin a new sentence."

These are all symptoms of the first two plateaus, out of four, of the DXM highs. Many have compared the feeling at this level to being both drunk and high on marijuana. The highs can be expected after taking six to eight of the Coricidin Cough and Cold pills.

Higher levels of the DXM trips came with higher doses but are not safely obtained by taking the Coricidin Cough and Cold pills. This is because the Coricidin pills include an antihistamine called chlorpheniramine maleate, which taken in high doses has been known to induce vomiting, increase the level of confusion, or cause negative reactions.

"I know a friend who took 20 once," said a McNary High School student. "He started throwing up this s---t that looked like red dye. Then he just passed out."

Mixing the drug is also not uncommon, usually with alcohol and marijuana. While alcohol has been said to calm the trip, marijuana has drastically enhanced the effects for some.

"Once after popping some skittles, the high wasn't really settling in so I smoked a bowl (of marijuana)," said a student from Salem. "Then they both started kicking in. I felt like my head was a balloon and my neck was the string. Then it felt like someone cut the string and my head started floating. It felt like my head was on top of the car. I just kept getting higher and higher. The high got so intense I thought I was going to die. Those kinds of thoughts were going through my head."

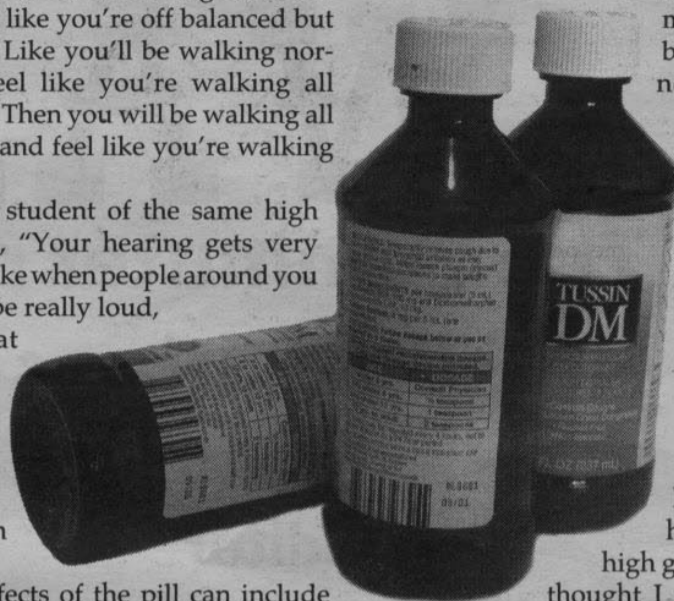
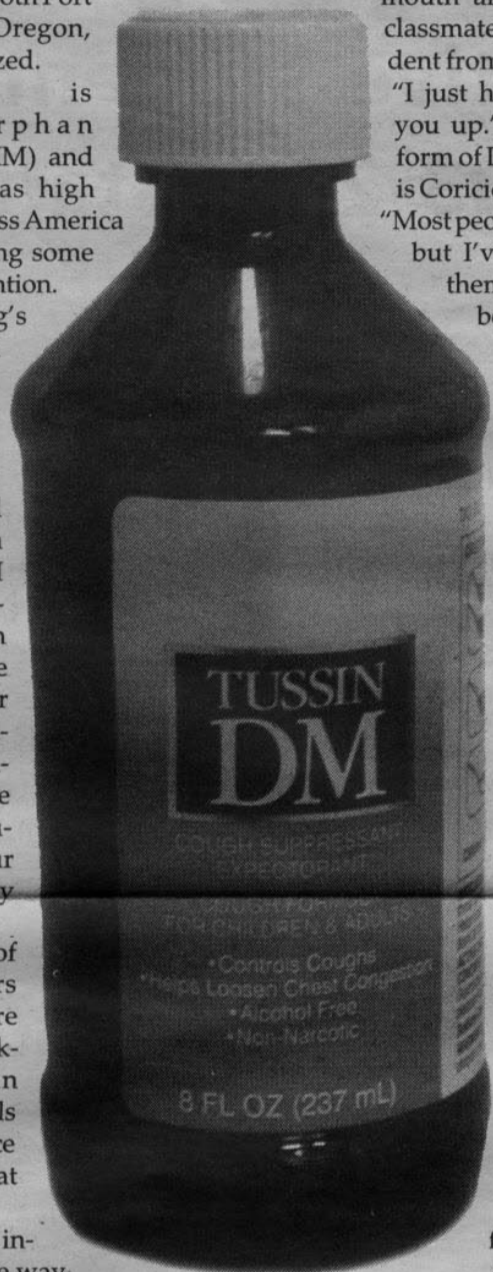
Because the next two plateaus of this drug's high are produced with Robitussin DM or other cough syrups with large doses of DXM, the terrible taste of the cough syrup deterrent. Some search the Internet for methods of decreasing the difficulty of swallowing large amounts of cough syrup or even extracting the DXM from the cough syrup.

The third and fourth plateaus of the DXM trip are definitely not enjoyed by all who experience them. Because of the high's intensity, even those who use this drug in these high doses recommend first-time users have a trip sitter ready to take them to the hospital.

With limited research done on the drug it is difficult to assume all the possible effects it could have.

Though DXM is sold legally, many side effects can come along with high doses. These include nausea, diarrhea, dizziness and hot flashes. In extreme cases there have been reports of irreversible brain damage.

Many students said that the high was not even an enjoyable experience and that they would most likely not try the drug again.



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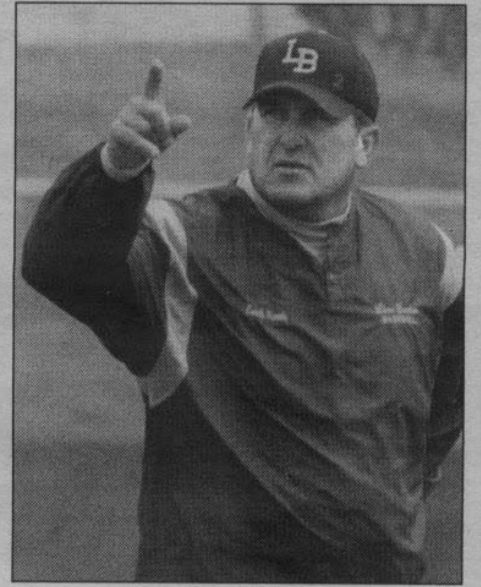


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Third baseman Shamen Johnson tries to beat out a grounder in one of the six games the Runners played last week. Coach Greg Hawk (above) has his team in third place going into the last week of the season.

Runners go 3-3 to keep in step for playoffs

Jered Reid
 of The Commuter

Not done yet. The Runners went 3-3 this week and now sit in third in the Southern division. LB holds a one game lead over Chemeketa and Clackamas for the chance to go to the post-season. Linn-Benton played Clackamas four times last week, splitting both doubleheaders.

Last Tuesday the Runners traveled to Oregon City, and in the first game got 13 hits and a solid performance from pitcher Kyle Koontz to win the game 9-1. LB jumped on the Cougars early, getting five runs in the first two innings and then added four more in the sixth and seventh inning. Shamen Johnson, Travis Breidenbach, Sky Manon and Eric Beasley all hit doubles in the game. Johnson went 3-5 with two RBI, sophomore Thomas Gullede went 2-4 in the game with three RBI and scored twice.

Cody Smith also had two hits and scored twice, while Breidenbach's double scored two LB runners. Koontz pitched seven innings, allowing one run off five hits and striking out two Clackamas batters. Andrew Holloway finished off the Cougars with two hitless innings. The second game turned into a pitching duel between Runners pitcher Matt Radke and Clackamas's Eric Dumas.

Both pitchers had complete games, with Radke allowing just three runs off five hits. Despite his efforts the Runners were held to one run off two hits, giving Clackamas the victory 2-1. Smith and Alex Achterman had the two hits for LB.

On Thursday, the Runners hosted the Chemeketa Storm in a doubleheader. In the first game sophomore pitcher John Best threw a stellar game, pitching seven scoreless innings and striking out six. The LB offense supported Best with ten hits and

six runs giving the Runners the victory 6-0. Best was awarded the win and is now 5-3 on the season. Casey Nagler, Gullede, and Rafael Colon all had multi-hit games. Colon and outfielder Jason Cardwell each had doubles in the game, and 2nd baseman Jesse Thorpe scored twice. In the second game the Runners outhit the Storm 8-5, but lost in the 10th inning 3-1. One of Smith's two hits was a triple and catcher Eric Beasley hit a double. Nagler contributed two hits.

Over the weekend the Runners faced off against the Cougars once again and had seven hits, with three of them going for extra bases, however the Runners were unable to bring runners home, and lost the game 4-1. Smith, Breidenbach, Colon,

and Cardwell all had doubles in the game, and Smith scored the lone run. Manon went 2-4 in the game. The Runners rebounded in the nightcap and were able to win the game 9-2. It was a great all around game for the Runners—the offense got nine runs off 11 hits, pitcher Koontz only allowed three hits, and the defense was flawless.

The Runners were trailing Clackamas 1-2, going into the bottom of the fifth inning. After getting the tying run in the fifth, the Runners went on to have a seven-run sixth inning. Johnson hit his second home run of the season, while Gullede, Manon, and Cardwell all came up with doubles. Both Gullede and Smith had two hits in the ball game, Smith had a run, RBI, and stole a base during the game.

Koontz pitched all six innings. If the Runners can hold onto third place, they will go into the postseason. The Runners play their remaining two games against Mt. Hood, while Chemeketa and Clackamas will play a doubleheader between each other to finish out their seasons. If there is a tie between Linn-Benton and either Clackamas or Chemeketa, LB will host the "play-in" game on Thursday. The Runners are 4-2 this season against Chemeketa and 3-3 against Clackamas.

On Saturday, the second and third place teams will play each other to determine which one will join first-place Lane as the representatives for the Southern Division at the NWAACC Baseball Championships in Pasco, Wash., May 22-26.



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