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## Packwood's Philomath visit draws crowd

Opponents trade words as senator rides wave of political turmoil into small community

By Tony Lystra  
Of The Commuter

A handful of demonstrators shouted and waved signs last Thursday morning as Sen. Bob Packwood strolled across the muddy lawn of the nearly-completed Philomath Public Library.

Packwood endured a short blast of criticism from demonstrators demanding that he resign his senate seat because of allegations that he sexually harassed approximately 24 women and cut a deal with a lobbyist to get his ex-wife a job.

Protestors accused Packwood of using the Philomath Library appearance to gain positive publicity. "You've manipulated everybody in this community," shouted one demonstrator.

Benton County Democratic Chairman Harry Demarest accused Packwood of "stealing the good name of library volunteers for his own political benefit."

Another Corvallis resident who wanted to be known only as Christopher, barked, "Hey Bob! Are you glorifying yourself just because you did your job?"

"To help the library project was only his job," he explained to reporters, "What's the big deal?"

**Packwood to the rescue**

According to Philomath Library project coordinator Jeff Lamb, Packwood's contribution to Philomath is a very big deal. Lamb said he invited Packwood to the library in September

of 1992 after the senator made a deal with the secretary of labor to sidestep a 1931 law which required federally funded projects to pay their employees the current union wage.

Lamb said Philomath residents needed to construct the library using exclusively volunteer labor. The 1931 law, known as the James-Bacon Act would have required the project to pay employees \$24.90 per hour, including benefits, which the project couldn't afford. "We'd have been dead. We just didn't have the money," he said.

Unless Packwood had stepped into the ring on behalf of the library, Lamb said, the library project would have bombed and volunteers would have lost \$112,000 in federal grant money.

"The reality is, he has helped us," Lamb said, "He brokered an agreement with the secretary of labor in September of '92 to give us a waiver."

While some local residents complained that Packwood's visit was nothing more than a cheese-ball publicity stunt and a distraction from the efforts of library volunteers, Lamb said bringing Packwood to the library on Thursday was a good political move. "I view it as a net positive, rather than a distracter," he said.

Although the Secretary of Labor's waiver has the library legally free and clear, the James-Bacon Act is still on the books. The Senate plans to vote on a bill (HB 2042) to repeal the law sometime this session.

Lamb hopes to fly to Washington D.C. to lobby on behalf of other communities who are running into the same labor problems as Philomath. Lamb said the Philomath Library project is



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

A small group of sign-carrying protestors gathered early for Packwood's visit to the Philomath Library construction project last week. Protestors accused the senator of using the library appearance as publicity to deflect criticism in his ethics battle, but supporters pointed out that Packwood was instrumental in getting the library built.

representative of communities who have lost their economic base, choose to help themselves, and are blocked by government regulations.

He believes the bill to repeal the James-Bacon act will pass. "We've been told it's going to prevail," he said. "It's basically a done deal."

All the same, Lamb wanted Packwood to come see the library, partially because he wanted to ask the senator to vote in favor of the bill—a proposition on which Packwood said he would deliver. "The reality is he's a sitting Senator. Until he resigns, is impeached, or whatever, he has a vote."

Lamb added that he was confident Packwood's visit would not result in negative publicity for the library. In fact, Lamb said area residents donated \$7,000 primarily because of the senator's visit.

"People want to be a part of something that is a success," he said. "When he came and said what he had to say, I think that loosened up some money. People who support the library won't withdraw support because a controversial senator comes to town to check up on us. The library falls or stands on its own merit."

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## College may build rehab center for timber workers

By Jack Josewski  
Of The Commuter

At a time when most Oregon schools and colleges are tightening their belts and trying to get by on smaller budgets, Linn-Benton College officials are contemplating building a \$4 million center in Lebanon.

Officials hope that much of the funding will come from a federal grant.

The proposed center would be located on the site of the old Crown Zellerbach flour mill built in 1871, now owned by the James River Corporation. College officials are negotiating terms of the sale and expect to finalize the deal in about one month.

The primary purpose of the center would be to provide training for displaced timber workers and their family members so they could obtain family-wage jobs.

"Community colleges have built their reputations on being flexible and re-

sponding to the post-secondary educational needs of the communities," explained LBCC board member Dr. Robert Adams of Corvallis. "This is a perfect example of seizing the opportunity to be there with appropriate training when the need is the greatest. We need to take advantage of this window of opportunity."

He added that although the center would be located in Linn County, it would serve the entire district.

The Lebanon Historic Society and other historic interest groups would like to see the Crown Zellerbach mill restored as one of the areas historic sites. The mill's fate has been uncertain since the James River Corporation announced plans, several months ago, to sell the property to a commercial developer.

According to previously published reports, the restoration of the old mill itself would become part of the retrain-

ing program for some of the displaced timber workers. Students could get hands on experience in restoration and remodeling while working on the grist mill.

These retraining timber workers would presumably be headed into the building and construction industries, as well as the secondary wood products industry.

"I am involved with the wood products industry and in a few years there are going to be even more displaced workers," said board member Shirley Bottenhoff of Sweet Home. "I'm really excited about the boom this will be, to the Lebanon and Sweet Home areas especially, but also for the whole district."

Some of the funds to purchase the site are coming from the sale of the college's Stoltz Hill property, which was partially donated to the college and is the source of the \$230,000 the

college plans to pay for the new parcel. That property was sold when the old J. C. Penny building, which now houses the Lebanon Outreach Center, was donated to the college. At the time of that sale, the college promised to reinvest the funds in Eastern Linn County.

The college has also submitted a grant application for \$2.9 million to the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative Fund, known more commonly as the Clinton Timber Funds. If that amount is not available immediately, officials would request slightly over \$311,000 in the first year. A draft plan has been produced by the college for the facility, but planners need to know the results of funding efforts before the plan can proceed.

"A partnership with area industries and county, state and federal agencies will be needed to make this center a (Please turn to 'center,' page 8)

# Constituents will kill Packwood's career

Sen. Bob Packwood has had a busy week. In the midst of allegations that he sexually harassed more than two dozen women and used his position to get his ex-wife a job, Packwood embarked on a rigorous tour of Oregon.

And tempers are raging. In our coverage of the senator's brief visit to the Philomath Public Library, the Commuter has spoken with folks who revere Packwood as a hero. We've also talked with people who just as soon see him choke on his own libido.

## Editorial

Packwood supporter, Caroline O'Connor told us at the library last Thursday that Packwood is a great man who's fallen victim to a "mob mentality" and a ruthless media. "He's a decent, hard-working intelligent man who's done a lot for Oregon and the Nation," she said.

She told us she attended school with Packwood for eighteen years—from elementary school in Portland, to law school in New York and worked on his 1974 election campaign.

O'Connor said the allegations of sexual misconduct against the senator are an "outrage."

"I saw women throw themselves at Packwood and he behaved like a perfect gentleman," she said. "Any woman my age is able to laugh at these accusations."

On the other side of the fence, Benton County Democratic Party Chairman Harry Demarest

wants Packwood to break the silence regarding the allegations of harassment. He says the senator refuses to speak to the public regarding his ethical conduct.

Both Demarest and O'Connor are extremists—folks more willing to cling to political ideals than they are to reality or the truth. If we look closely at what both Demarest and O'Connor are alleging, we can see that both of their arguments won't hold water. It doesn't take an overpaid political analyst to figure out that when about twenty four women accuse one man of tongue surfing on a closed beach, odds are he's guilty.

Likewise, Demarest's expectation that Packwood speak to the public about his ethics is equally absurd. Franklin says the senator's attorney's advised that he not speak publicly of issues which will be addressed by the Justice Department and the Senate Ethics Committee.

After spending the last week elbow-deep in Packwood's political crap, we'll guess the senator has one chance in a million of ducking the tirade of a raging constituency who feels cheated.

Packwood will have his day in court. And whether the Senate Ethics Committee strings the senator up or gives him a slap on the behind, we can safely assess that the public has, and will continue to bludgeon Packwood's political career to death in name of ethics, credibility and respect.

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# Aid delay unfair to students

Dear Editor:

I am a returning LBCC student who is receiving financial aid. However, upon my return from the Christmas break, I was loathe to discover that neither financial aid, nor student loans would be available to any students until Jan. 19. I was informed that this was for students to prove that they are currently attending LBCC.

## Letters

To a degree, I can understand this type of policy if it pertains solely to Grant recipients. (We certainly wouldn't want evil unscrupulous students to waste our tax dollars.)

However, this policy is completely ludicrous when it comes to student loans. The student already has been approved by the bank and is responsible for that money, the moment it enters their little hands. If they decide to drop out in two weeks or two days, they must pay that money back.

Many students depend solely on student loans for their day to day living while in school. So fresh from their holiday rest, and lean on funds, students must beg, borrow, or steal, to pay their rent, buy food, or pay utilities.

Perhaps you and your award winning staff could do a bit of investigating and find out how the administration arrived at this ill-conceived idea, and maybe even figure out a better way to administrate these funds. Like distributing loan funds after the first week of school.

John T. L. Lee



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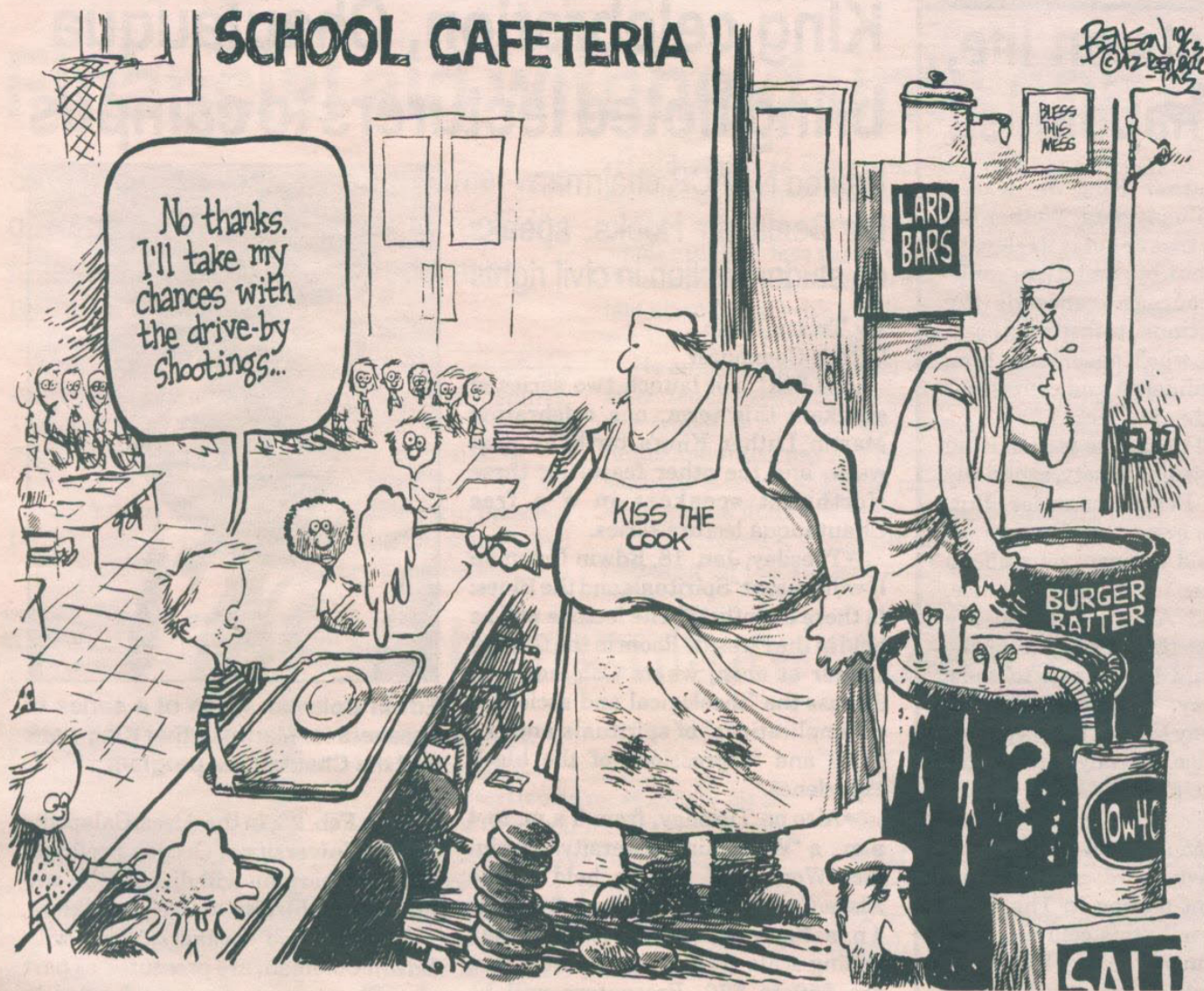
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## Opinion



## Universal concern: not being a crime victim

By Richard Cohen

The Washington Post Writer's Group

Washington—Back in 1986, I wrote a column about the practice of certain Washington shopkeepers to keep their doors locked—mainly to keep young black men out. I not only noted the practice itself, but said that if I were a shopkeeper I would do the same. I knew I had written a controversial column, one I hoped would provoke discussion. Instead, it provoked a scream of pained outrage from the black community and labeling of me as a racist. I've had better discussions.

### Commentary

Now though, comes Jesse Jackson to pithily paraphrase what I wrote: "There is nothing more painful to me at this stage in my life than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start thinking about robbery—then look around and see somebody white and feel relieved." Jackson made those remarks before a Chicago group of African-Americans and he insisted that I cite both the venue and the context. He was talking, he said, about his own crime-plagued Washington, D.C., neighborhood.

"Four people have been killed near my own block," Jackson told me. "Last year, my home was broken into. A storekeeper was shot." He went on to say that his neighbors were relieved that whites were moving into the area. Maybe now, they reasoned, they would get sufficient police protection and their neighborhood would be safer.

If Jackson meant by his Chicago remarks that his relief at seeing "somebody white" came from thinking they would get better police protection than African-Americans, then he has not said what many people think—that he was relieved to discover that he was not being stalked by a young, black male.

But placing his words in context does not really change their importance. Jackson was talking about Urban Subject Number One: the inordinate amount of crime committed by young black males.

How wonderful! Maybe now we can discuss such issues as urban crime without charges of racism being hurled back and forth. After all, the purpose of that 1986 column was not to produce anger, but to extract the explosive issue of race from situations in which it is only one of many factors.

In fact, the reason I tackled the subject in the first place was the conviction of one storekeeper that he had turned his back on his most basic values. He was a white liberal, but he considered what he was doing racist.

I did not. A racist white cab driver, for instance, will not pick up any blacks. But what can we call an

African-American cab driver who will not pick up young black males? A racist storekeeper might not want any blacks as customers. But what about one who is happy to welcome black females, middle-aged blacks or young black males dressed in business outfits?

In other words, it is not racist to recognize a potential threat posed by someone with certain characteristics, only one of which is race. One thing for sure, we are not talking conventional racism here.

But the fact we are now talking at all is extremely important.

Once we remove race as a factor that impedes discussion, we can find the "common ground" that Jackson so frequently cites. After all, it is blacks more than whites who are victims of crime. It is blacks as much as others who fear violent young men. Jackson may persist in seeing them as "victims," but he now quickly adds that even so they don't have the right to make victims of others. Even if we disagree on the former, we can all certainly agree on the latter.

That, too, is progress.

Americans are so fixated on race, so besotted with the subject, that we often cannot distinguish other factors. Sometimes, though, we are talking about more than race. In the case of crime, race is most certainly a factor. But more important is culture—a culture of poverty.

Originating in slavery, exacerbated by Jim Crow, metastasizing in the inner city, that culture is most pronounced among impoverished urban blacks.

But where you find poverty elsewhere, you find similar behavior—rising out-of-wedlock births, for instance, that now presage the creation of white underclass. To the extent there is a single relevant factor, it is poverty—not race.

A debate about how we deal with that important factor has been under way for some time. Conservatives have their ideas, liberals theirs and some of us would like to pick and choose from each menu. That debate is at the heart of attempts to reform the welfare system. The issue is not money—welfare could almost surely be cheaper than any short-term alternative—but the culture it may have produced.

Whatever Jackson meant by his remarks (and he ought to know), it amounted to a frank admission by America's premier African-American leader that he fears the young men of his own neighborhood. To my ears, his words had little to do with race.

That wasn't a black man talking, nor of course, a white one, but simply a man who shared a universal concern. Like the rest of us, he didn't want to become a crime victim.

## Forest takes on special meaning

By Jack Josewski  
Of The Commuter

The other day on the way to LBCC, I saw a bumper sticker on a car.

It said: "I love Spotted Owls. Fried!"  
Hogwash.

I am a timber worker from the tip of my boots to the collar of my Hickory shirt, and if there's one thing I hate it's someone speaking for me.

Just as the issue of the owl demands recognition, I too deserve equality in the judgment of the public.

I grew up in the forest with that owl. I want him protected and he will see no harm while I am in the forest.

From the high plateaus of Northern Arizona, thick with Ponderosa Pines, to the towering Doug Firs of the Alaskan Tongass National Forest, I have the wilderness in my blood.

The owl is an indicator species.

The owl indicates what I care about most—survival of the forest.

In my first year as a journalist, I interviewed a former timber worker who was retraining at LB. The impact of that interview is with me to this day.

His life mirrored mine, and for that reason affected me deeply. He cared about the forest. Period.

I used to raise fine, registered Blue Tick hounds, and the feeling of freedom they instilled in me was incredible. The strength of their stride and the effect of watching them cover ground at a grace and speed I have seen only in birds of prey was stunning. You could say I lived to be in the forest with them.

While it is true I've owned many guns and consider myself a sportsman, my favorite personal hobby was watching the enormous herds of elk that wintered not far from my home near the Grand Canyon. To a person who has never seen two huge sur-royal bulls jousting, I can only say it will raise the goose pimples on your flesh.

In Alaska, one of my favorite pastimes was hiking with my one-year-old son in my backpack.

One cold clear afternoon we counted twenty-seven Bald Eagles a short distance from our home. We witnessed two adult birds trying to instruct their fledgling juvenile in the finer art of its new found flight capacity.

From the branches scarcely forty feet above our heads, we laughed at the young bird's comic attempts as he suffered through the scolding of its magnificent parents. They seemed as though they would like to snicker also, but were far too dignified.

My young son, bursting with the spirit of his new life, watched the spectacle as though he were observing sparrows bouncing from tree to tree. The forest is in his blood.

I've spent my whole life in the woods I love so dearly.

To insinuate a timber worker's respect of the forest is less than well placed is a cruel blow delivered by misinformed individuals.

Frankly, I give a damn.

The Northern Spotted Owl is an indicator species. A species telling us how the forest is feeling and I would fight for any species I felt was nearing extinction.

For an individual to insinuate loggers and timber workers do not care about the forests of the Western United States is an indictment founded on misrepresentation.

The next time you see one of these asinine bumper stickers, take a look at the driver. If he has feathers in his teeth, I hope he doesn't see this Oregon timber worker.

## New A & E editor reflects on life, school and pursuit of happiness

By Norm "Donny" Persons Jr.  
Of The Commuter

To me, time is my most valuable asset. Through a strategic use of time one can develop wisdom, physique, personality, status, cash and ultimately the success one visualizes.

What do you do with your time? As a college student much of your time is spent developing knowledge (at the least) in - mathematics, English, nursing, theatre, engineering, auto mechanics, keg floating, culinary arts. The list goes on. Some people know exactly what they want from college and others seem to be considering their options (you've seen us gazing off the bridge in Takeena, happily doing what we do best-nothing). Hopefully, through this collegiate experience, if nothing else, we'll learn the importance of feeding our minds.

Often I've witnessed brothers and sisters sitting stagnant for depressing, long, periods of time, doing absolutely nothing but sitting . . . staring . . . looking at a television, but not actually seeing or hearing. Their minds are elsewhere. I wonder what they see.

Maybe they visualize themselves somewhere else, with friends, a complete success in life. Maybe they see visions of much cash, having a strong, solid physique and skills they only dream about having.

Well, I say, get off your ass potato head and do the things you believe you can't do, deliberately build the confidence in your capabilities!

Martin Luther King Jr. was a confident, brilliant man. Whether his dreams come true or not is irrelevant to him now, but his ambition, confidence and courage transcends the grave and continues to inspire others-giving people, who'll never know him; ambition, confidence and courage. Happy birthday Martin.

The type of brilliance seen in King is uncommon in our society, especially in Linn and Benton counties. But, everyone has greatness in them, so do'n't be afraid to open yourself up and reach deep inside for brilliance. Corvallis and Albany could use a prophet to get things hoppin' in the 90's. You could be the one to show people the way.

On their way to martyrdom people need knowledge, so study hard. people also need discipline, so study consistently.

Finally, people need to be entertained, so party hard; and read the entertainment section in The Commuter (especially this column). For, as entertainment editor, I shall be prophetic through visions of music, dancing, theater, films, clubs, pubs and grubs. It's not going to be easy and I will be open to inside information on up coming musical acts, plays, restaurants, pubs, parties . . . anything that is potentially entertaining - I'm interested in.

Since the entertainment section is focused on seeking out fun for the readers, I would like to hear what it is the readers find entertaining. Be warned, I can be more shocking and offensive than you, so no Barney's please.

No, I take that back. Barney's need to be entertained, too

## Martin Luther King

January 18, 1994

### • Welcoming Diversity-Prejudice Reduction Workshop

8:00am-4:00pm LBCC Alsea Calapooia Rooms

Early registration: \$40-60 sliding scale

Registration fee: \$50-70 sliding scale

Presenters: Roberta Pupilli & Chris Powers

National Coalition Building Institute

### • "Spirituals And The Blues:

Is There A Conflict?"

12:00pm-1:00pm LBCC Fireside Room

Presenter: Edwin Coleman II

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### • Multi-Ethnic Food Fair

11:00am-1:00pm LBCC Commons Lobby

Admission: \$3.00/plate

### Film Festival

10:00am-2:00pm LBCC Fireside Room

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### • "The Changing Role of the

African-American Women"

9:00am-9:45am LBCC Takena Theatre

Presenter: Mrs. Frances Hooks

National Chairperson, WIN (Women in NAACP)

Donations will be accepted.

### • "Student Involvement In Civil Rights"

10:00am-10:45am LBCC Takena Theatre

Presenter: Dr. Benjamin Hooks

National Chairperson, NAACP (Retired)

Donations will be accepted.



**LBCC CELEBRATION**  
January 18-20, 1994

## King celebration, Chautauqua bring noted lecturers to campus

Retired NAACP chairman  
Dr. Benjamin Hooks speaks  
on student action in civil rights

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

ASLBCC will launch two series of speakers this term, one celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday next week, and the other featuring three Northwest speakers in a free Chautauqua lecture series.

•Tuesday, Jan. 18, Edwin Coleman II will present "Spirituals and the Blues: Is there a conflict?" The lecture will be held in the Fireside Room in the College Center at noon, where Coleman will discuss the "theological and sociological implications" of spirituals and the blues and "expressions of the black experience."

•Also on Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., a "Welcoming Diversity—Prejudice Workshop" will be held in the Alsea/Calapooia Rooms from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Early registration is \$40 to \$60; sliding scale regular registration fees are \$50 to \$70. Presenters will be Roberta Pupilli and Chris Powers of the National Coalition Building Institute.

•Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will be a multi-ethnic food fair in the commons lobby. Admission is \$3 per plate and the food will be prepared by local restaurants, LB students and community members.

•Also on Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a film festival will be held in the Fireside Room.

•Thursday, Jan. 20, "The Changing Role of African American Woman," a talk by Frances Hooks, national chairperson for WIN (Woman in NAACP), will be held in Takena Theatre from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

•Also on Thursday, from 10-10:45 a.m., Dr. Benjamin Hooks, retired national chairperson of the NAACP, will speak on "Student Involvement in Civil Rights" in the Takena Theatre.

•Feb. 9, Kay Sweetland Bower will speak in the Fireside Room on Oregon pioneer Abigail Scott Duniway, who founded the suffrage newspaper, The New Northwest.



Edwin Coleman leads of a series of speakers for Martin Luther King week and the Chautauqua program.

•On Feb. 23, in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, University of Oregon Professor Sharon Sherman will discuss the traditions and history of Oregon folklore.

The last two speakers, along with Edwin Coleman, are presented as part of a Chautauqua program funded in part by a grant from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. The Chautauqua concept was started on the East Coast and was the first form of higher education in the United States. Professors and other experts would give lectures to the public in their respective fields of study. Chautauqua eventually became associated with the tent shows that would travel from town to town selling wares of all kinds.

According to the Oregon Council for the Humanities, in 1893 Oregon built its very own permanent Chautauqua assembly in Ashland. The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association in Gladstone formed in 1894 and became the third largest in the nation. For over 30 years, from the 1890s to the late 1920s, the Oregon Chautauqua associations offered annual seasons of various cultural programs.

The Chautauqua program is now sponsored by The Oregon Council for the Humanities, a non-profit organization, which last year backed 195 Chautauqua events in 74 Oregon communities.

## AIDS

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

January 12th

Today!!!

Wednesday Noon - 12:50

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Facilitated by Margo Denison of Valley  
AIDS Information Network.

A Brown Bag lunch session sponsored by  
the Women's Center.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Campus News

# Financial aid withheld until end of refund period

Students play the waiting game with government when it comes to receiving federal assistance for their education

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

Until Jan. 19 rolls around, 60 percent of the students on campus will be pinching their pennies. That's the day financial aid, grants and federally subsidized loan checks will finally be available.

Students weren't able to use their financial aid money during the first weeks of this term because, LBCC is one of several schools which has established a policy of holding aid money until the registration

refund period is over, according to Lance Popoff, director of Student Financial Aid.

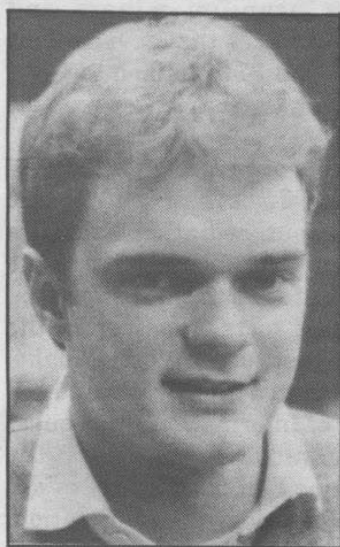
"The school did some studies and it looks like a small number, less than two percent of the students that are receiving financial aid—based on the date of last attendance—are picking up the aid and walking out the door," Popoff said.

He added that the school must prove the students attended classes to the federal auditors every year or the school is charged with illegal disbursement of funds and must pay the loans back. In the past, he said, the school has had to pay anywhere from 12 to 30 thousand dollars when students didn't go to class.

"We debated it a long time because we know its a hardship on the student not having the money up

front," Popoff said. "I personally abhor penalizing the 98 percent who go to class, but we found it was costing the college too much money." Popoff added he's glad the college made a way for students to pay for their books. Students receiving assistance can purchase books by showing bookstore their personal identification. The bookstore then looks on the computer to find out how much the student is eligible to receive. Next the student must sign a receipt that shows how much money is accessible they then, chose their books and the cashier deducts the price of books from the amount of funds available.

According to Popoff, LB distributed around \$6 million in aid money in 1993 and the money, prior to distribution is kept in a non-interest bearing account.



Brian Clowers

## LB horticulture student landscapes his future

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

LBCC Horticulture student, Brian Clowers, of Creswell has owned his own business since he was eight-years-old.

Clowers never expected his summer lawn mowing business would lead to winning state and national Future Agriculturists of America (FFA) awards.

He was one of 1,275 members awarded the National FFA Award last Nov. for leadership and dedication to FFA. The FFA, the biggest student organization in the world, presents the award based on

**"FFA has made me an owner instead of a worker and able to communicate."**

how much a student participates in the organization throughout high school.

Creswell high agricultural teacher and FFA adviser, Ken Ball, encouraged him to pursue his horticulture interests through organization. He joined the local FFA chapter as a sophomore. By the time he graduated, he had served as the club's

secretary, treasurer, chapter president and district treasurer on the state level.

Currently, Clowers is advising Creswell FFA members with the planning and construction of a new green house. This is the first national FFA award won by a Creswell student since 1968

"FFA has made me an owner instead of a worker and able to communicate. It also helped me find out what I wanted to do," Clowers said.

After graduation Clowers said he would like his business, Clowers Landscape, to branch into construction work.

## ASLBCC supports \$14 million bond measure

Students want college to seek additional money to repair roofs, parking lots and facilities

By Al Laigle  
Of The Commuter

The Associated Student Government of LBCC has adopted a resolution to help ease the impact of expensive repairs around campus by supporting a ballot measure to pass a 10 year, \$14 million bond issue.

Money from the bonds would be used to repair LB's roof, parking lots, sidewalks and other campus facilities. The resolution was sent to state legislators for LBCC's school district.

ASLBCC Moderator Claudia Leavenworth said the Associated Student Body plans to gain support for the spring ballot measure by sending 25 spokespersons to speak with community groups.

But, Leavenworth said, the Board of Education and the Budget Committee must decide to submit the ballot measure by Mar. 17 for it to be included on the May 17 ballot. Linn County would have Benton County list the measure.

Fifty percent of the voters need to vote in favor of the measure for it to go into effect.

"It's quite likely that the bond issue will make it to the voters. The Board of Education and the Budget Committee have known for some time that repairs are necessary and without this bond, the money would have to come from student programs," said College Vice-President George Kurtz.

The bond measure comes in response to John Carnahan's call for help in offsetting college expenses. College officials are hoping that, with enough help from the community, they will be able to keep tuition costs down. Currently LB students pay 21.1% of the actual cost of their education.

"The student government goal was to continue community control of the college as opposed to state control. We want to maintain the integrity and quality of education we have now," Leavenworth said.



Claudia Leavenworth



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# Radiation victims wage long fight for compensation

After years of denial, U.S. government finally admits it deliberately exposed hundreds to radiation tests, including kids

By Scott Allen  
Boston Globe

Chuck Broschious asked for documents about radiation released near his Idaho home by a federal plant that stored waste from nuclear submarines.

The Energy Department said he could have them --for \$1.27 million.

Keith Prescott worked at the Nevada Test Site in the 1960s, digging tunnels through the dirt where the U.S. government tested atomic weapons.

But when Prescott filed a lawsuit blaming his bone cancer on radiation exposure at his job, the Justice Department lined up 700 witnesses to testify against him.

Broschious and Prescott are two of the thousands of Americans who have had little success getting compensation for government-sponsored radiation exposure for the last 50 years. They range from the Kentucky auto mechanic whose well was irradiated by a uranium processing plant to the San Francisco railroad employee who was injected with plutonium in a top-secret experiment, but they have one thing in common: a government that has refused to help or, oftentimes, even answer their questions.

The Clinton administration has promised to release millions of Cold War-era documents that may help "atomic veterans," subjects of radiation experiments and neighbors of federal facilities understand what was done to them.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary is calling for compensation to people who were victims of radiation experiments. But even as Cabinet secretaries call for justice, the machinery of government continues to fight people who say government-backed radiation exposure has hurt them.

The Energy Department paid private law firms \$47 million from October 1990 to May 1993 to fight lawsuits at seven nuclear weapons facilities. The Justice Department has a perfect record in defending lawsuits filed by soldiers and civilians who witnessed nuclear tests without protection.

Clinton's commitment to people who claim to be radiation victims will be tested this week, however. Prescott's lawyer, Stewart L. Udall, is going to Washington in hopes of settling the claims of Prescott and other test site workers with Attorney General Janet Reno.

"Here's an opportunity for the Clinton administration to make a statement that we're not going to continue to stonewall and defend things which are indefensible," said Udall, a former interior secretary, in a telephone interview.

On an emotional level at least, the Clinton

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--Morris Udall

administration represents a change of attitude toward the government's Cold War legacy. For instance, President Reagan's energy secretary quickly dismissed a 1986 report by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., detailing government-backed human radiation experiments. "We have no evidence that the experiments were not conducted in compliance with the ethics as well as the rules for human experimentation that obtained at the time," wrote then-Secretary John Harrington.

By contrast, O'Leary said she was "shocked and saddened" when she learned of the experiments done on mentally retarded children at the Fernald State School in Waltham, Mass., in the 1940s and 1950s. Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University gave about 120 children slightly radioactive breakfast food and iron supplements, in some cases without telling the children's parents. O'Leary ordered an investigation into the experiments at Fernald and other places.

But O'Leary is up against a government that has minimized the health effects of radiation exposure for nearly 50 years. In fact, the Justice Department has hired one of the MIT researchers who worked at Fernald, Constantine Maletskos, to serve as an expert witness in its defense against Prescott and other Nevada test site workers.

Maletskos believes radiation exposure in very small doses is virtually harmless, a view rejected by many authorities on radiation.

At times, federal officials may have deliberately misled people about the risk they faced in radiation exposure. Fred Esler of Hopkinton, Mass., a radiation instrumentation specialist at the Bikini Atoll tests in 1946, recalls that he was ordered not to discuss the genetic effects of radiation with the sailors who were there to watch. He recalls deflecting questions on the subject with the offer of fresh fruit, a rare commodity at sea. "A good fresh apple would shut anyone up," Esler said.

During the Cold War years --through 1,051 atomic blasts, the construction of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile and radiation experiments backed by the old Atomic Energy Commission --the federal government may have exposed hundreds of thousands of Americans to at least small amounts of radiation.

Oscar Rosen of Salem, Mass., national commander of the National Association of Atomic Veterans, estimates 450,000 to 500,000 military personnel were exposed to radiation at nuclear tests.

In addition, hundreds of thousands of civilians were within 50 miles of nuclear tests in Nevada or intentional radiation releases at Hanford Reservation in Washington and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The number subjected to experiments involving radioactive material is less certain. The experiments at the Fernald School and 18 people injected with plutonium under the Manhattan Project only came to light in the last two months.

Despite the large pool of possible victims, only a few thousand people have received government compensation for their radiation exposure --and then only by act of Congress. Rosen said congressional initiatives, while helpful, have made it impossible for most veterans to collect because the most common forms of cancer were left out.

A new program for uranium miners and "downwinders" --as neighbors of the Nevada Test Site are called --has doled out \$111 million to 1,549 radiation victims, according to Justice Department figures.

But downwinders say the government has actually been quite stingy, rejecting almost half of all claims.

Activists concerned about radiation exposure complain that the government officials continue to throw up unreasonable obstacles to their efforts.

Chuck Broschious, a grass-roots organizer for the Environmental Defense Institute in Troy, Idaho, said federal officials gave him a grossly inflated bill when he filed a Freedom of Information Act request in 1990 for documents on radiation releases at the Idaho National Engineering Lab. The agency said it would cost \$1.27 million to gather the information, which spanned the lab's 45-year history.

"They must have been using the Trump boat. I don't know how they could rack up bills like that," said Broschious.

The Washington office later overturned the bill, and the lab has agreed to provide the material.

Ronald Lamb of Kevil, Ky., had to file a federal lawsuit and wage a four-year fight to get clean drinking water even though it was fairly clear that a federal uranium processing plant had irradiated his well. Federal officials said the radiation was minute, but Lamb said separate state tests showed radioactivity had gone from the water and into the turnips he was growing.

"My garden is radioactive," he said.

The true test of the new attitude may be unfolding in a Las Vegas courtroom, activists say. There, Keith Prescott and the families of five other Nevada Test Site workers, now dead, charge the government with negligence in allowing them to be exposed to heavy radiation.

Although the Justice Department has consistently denied that radiation from atomic testing caused illnesses, Udall hopes Reno may end the trial with a settlement.

## Inventor creates half-million-dollar prize to spur young inventors

By David L. Chandler  
Boston Globe

BOSTON--Hoping to give inventors some of the same aura of fame and fortune that surrounds rock stars and athletic heroes, the nation's most prolific living inventor on Monday announced that he has endowed a \$500,000 annual prize to honor inventors and innovators.

The prize created by Jerome Lemelson, who holds 500 patents, will be administered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. It will honor people who, "like the Wright Brothers, Edwin H. Land and Steve Jobs and many others, not only invented new products.

They opened up new markets," Lemelson said, "helping our economy grow."

The award, to be given out initially in 1995, will be the country's largest prize for inventors.

"Today's teen-agers are not interested in pursuing careers in

innovation," Lemelson said at a news conference announcing the awards.

"What bothers me about this is that the field of invention can be far more rewarding--financially and in other respects--than most of our young people think."

Lemelson noted that a recent survey of high school students found that while 89 percent or more of those surveyed could identify the professions of sports figures and entertainers, 90 percent or more were unable to identify famous inventors, except for Thomas A. Edison.

The survey also found that more than half the students had no interest in inventing and that only 4 percent thought it might be possible to earn \$1 million in one year by inventing, whereas almost half thought professional sports was a likely way to earn that much.

But 70 percent of those surveyed agreed that America is losing its competitive edge in innovation and

invention. Lester Thurow, the well-known author and MIT professor of management, will lead a committee that will administer the prize. Thurow has been named the first holder of a new chair at MIT, also endowed by Lemelson.

Thurow said Monday that "kids know about athletic stars and entertainers, but they know almost nothing about inventors."

The prize, he said, may help bring attention to inventing so young people "would think of it as a fun and exciting thing to do."

At the same time, Lemelson announced that he is endowing a program at Hampshire College in Amherst to foster "E-teams"--entrepreneurial groups that would develop an idea or invention into a marketable product, perhaps spinning off small companies.

Lemelson said he hopes that if the project works, other colleges around the country will imitate it.

Thurow explained that the Lemelson Prize will be given to inventors or innovators-- those who take something invented by others and develop it into a product--or people who, like Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computer, and Land, founder of Polaroid, combine both qualities.

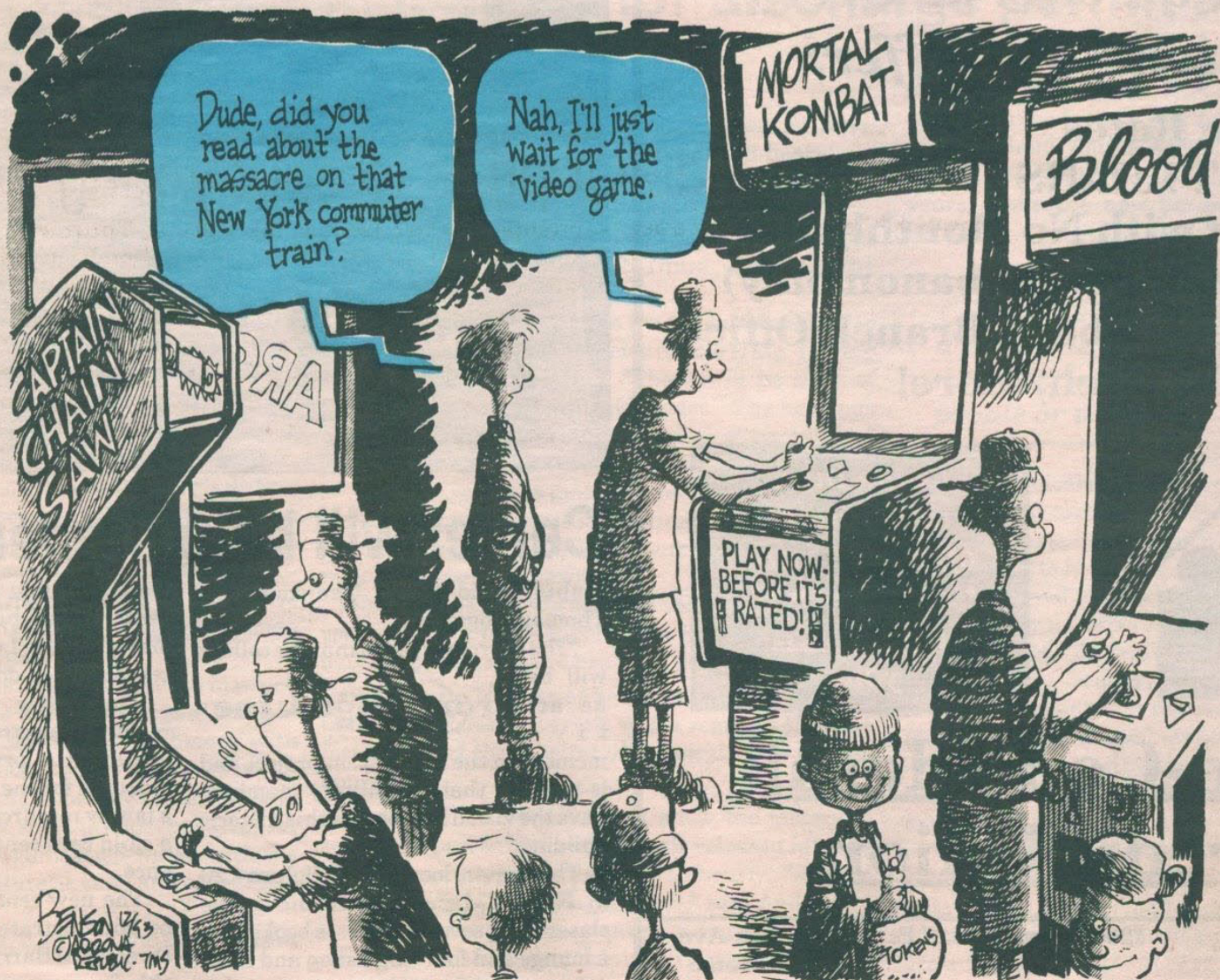
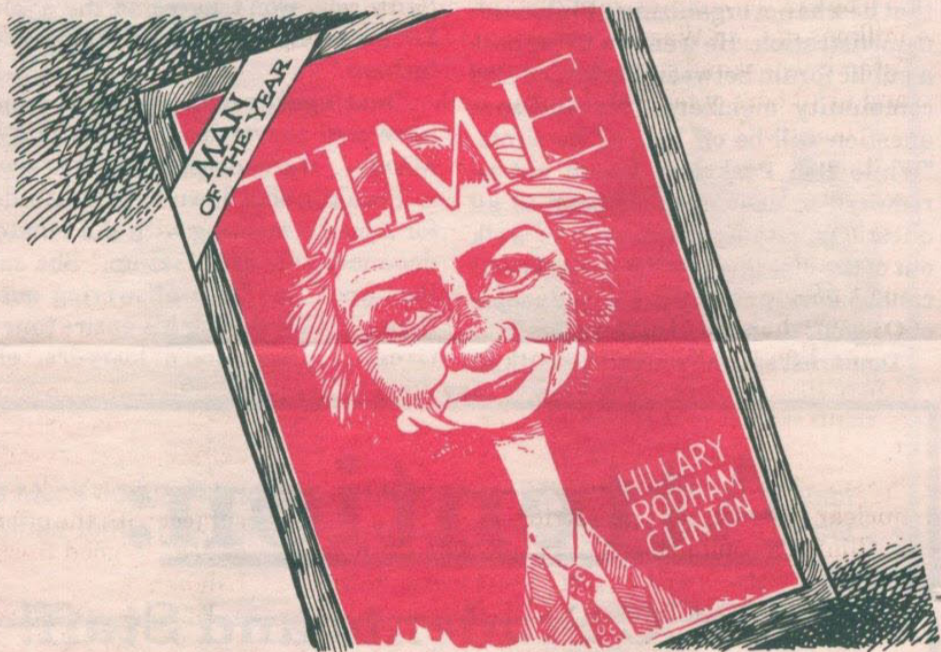
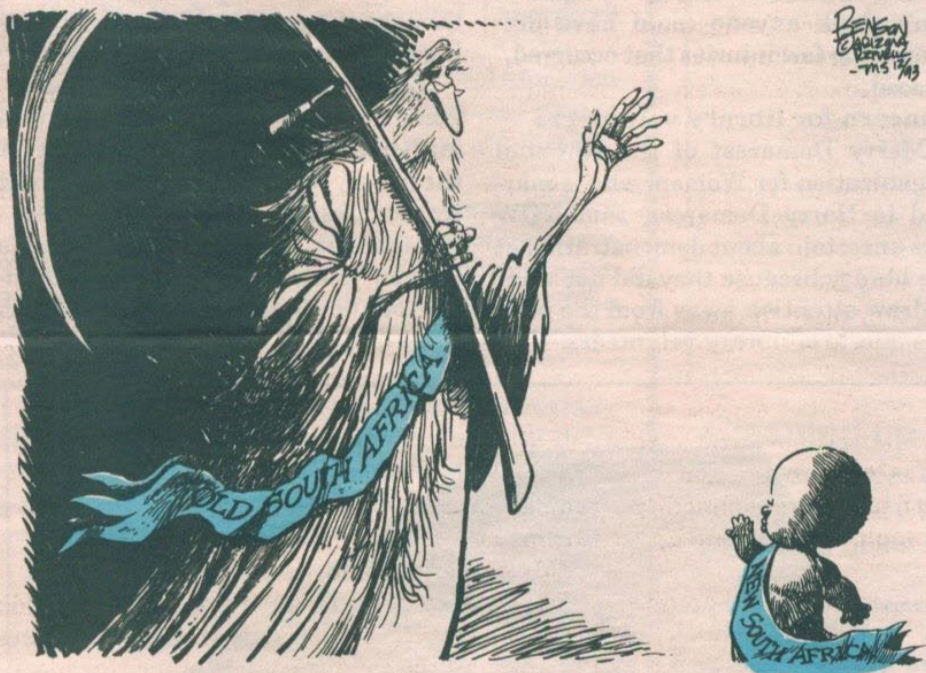
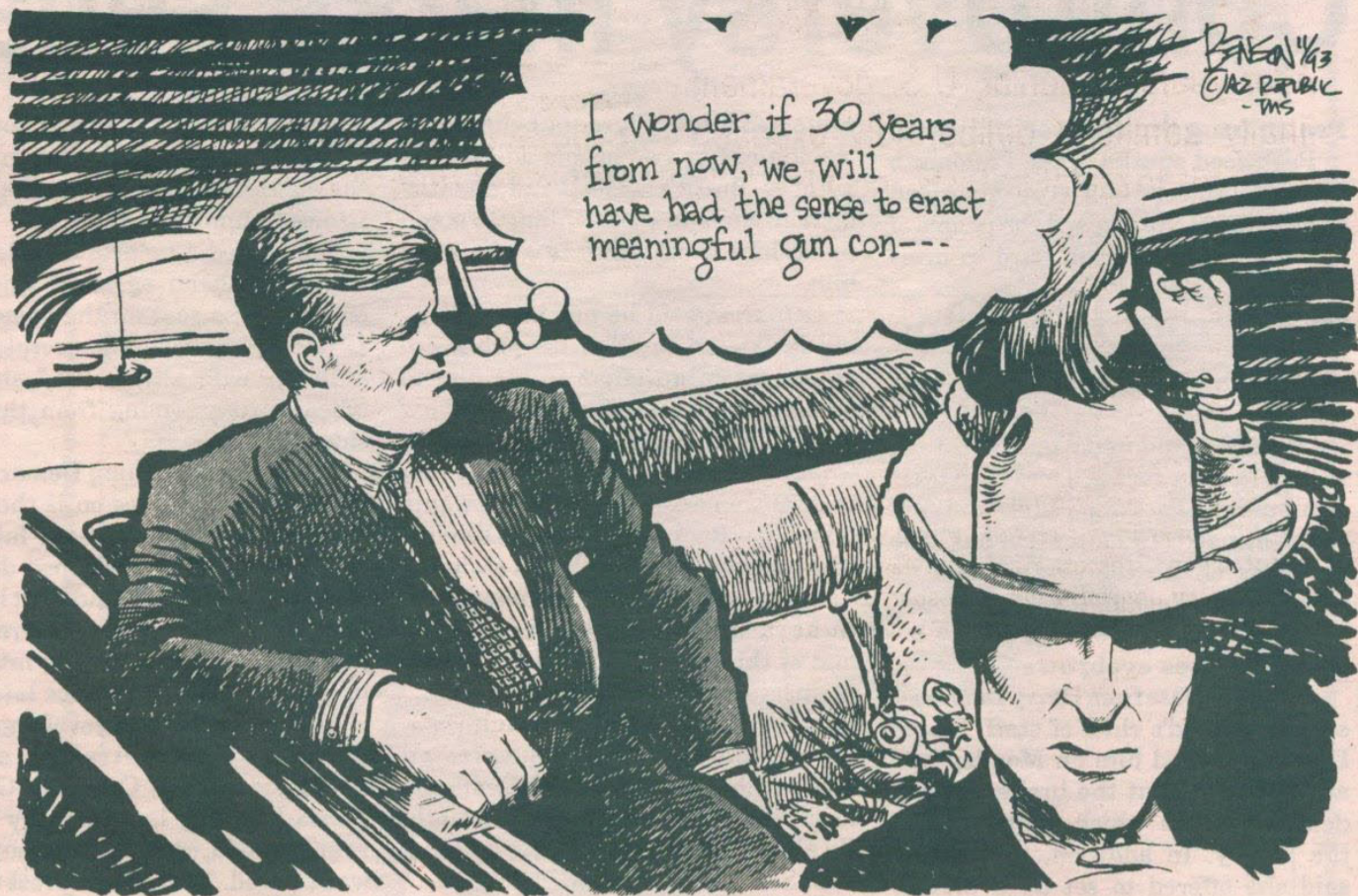
Lemelson's 500 patents, which are the most of any living American, make him the fourth most prolific inventor in the nation's history, following Edison (with more than 1,000 patents), Elihu Thomson and Land.

Lemelson's inventions include the tape drive used in the Sony Walkman, as well as innovations in camcorders, compact disks, videocassette recorders, fax machines, cordless telephones and robots.

He also has invented new computerized vision systems, medical devices and computer-controlled manufacturing systems.

Since his first patent was awarded in 1955, Lemelson has earned an average of one new patent per month.

Cartoonist takes last look back at issues of 1993



# Controversy marks senator's visit

## Praise from the senator

Packwood speaks of the Philomath Library project as a true-American success story. He praised the people of Philomath for working hard to overcome

government red-tape in order to benefit their community.

"If they (community members) are willing to come forward and help their community," Packwood said, "the government needs to help them out. The problems of the country will not be solved from Washington, D.C., down, but from the neighborhood up."

## Protest raises eyebrows

A press release from Harry Demarest said Packwood's chief of staff, Elaine Franklin, called him on Monday and asked that he put the brakes on any demonstrations which might swamp the library. In addition, the release said she offered to set up a private meeting with Demarest, a few of his friends and Packwood.

In a letter, Demarest told Franklin that he was not organizing a Philomath demonstration. He went on to propose a public forum between Packwood and community members. "No audience question will be off limits," he wrote. "While Bob Packwood would not be required to answer or respond to all questions, he must agree not to walk out of the meeting. . . . If Bob Packwood cannot stand publicly before the people of Oregon, then he should resign."

Demarest said he suspects Franklin

contacted him because she believes "silencing one or two people will silence all of it. But it's widespread dissatisfaction. Anyone who's willing to stand up to him (Packwood) is a threat to him."

Demarest said he has been following Packwood to all of his public appearances in an effort to get him to answer questions about his ethics.

He said he'd like to ask the senator what he thinks "is an appropriate way to treat women." Demarest also wants to know if Packwood thinks a senator who commits perjury should resign.

"It's all very unclear," Demarest said. "Is he saying these people are accusing him of things he did not do? Or is he saying a senator is above these things?"

## Packwood people fight back

Franklin told The Commuter on Monday that she did not ask Demarest to call off a demonstration in Philomath. "I called him and asked for a meeting with Sen. Packwood," she said.

In a Jan. 5 letter to Demarest, Franklin said, "I want civil discourse, you want negative Packwood headlines. Sorry you won't agree to have your folks meet Sen. Packwood in a civilized fashion."

"Intelligent people should be able to have civil conversations," she said on Monday. "Harry doesn't see it that way."

Franklin shot down Demarest's idea for a public meeting with the senator, denouncing it as a "set-up." She said Packwood has been answering questions publicly during his entire tour of Oregon. Packwood's lawyers, she

added, advised the senator not to discuss any issues which may go before the Justice Department or the Senate Ethics Committee.

She called Demarest a "Democrat activist with an agenda," who seeks only to "get a seat for the democrats."

"Harry has been a democrat activist with his wife all his life," she said. "Clearly he's coming from the other side here."

About the only thing Demarest and Franklin could agree on is the notion that Packwood deserves a fair trial. "Harry says Sen. Packwood deserves his day in court," she said, "but how can he have his day in court if he resigns?" Franklin said Demarest was interested in a "verdict first, evidence later."

She accused Demarest of organizing a chaotic demonstration against Packwood at the Corvallis Gazette-Times building last January where, Franklin said, one Packwood supporter was injured. "Harry Demarest was behind the GT violence," she said.

Demarest says he stopped one potential fight and tried to make a path for the senator in a sea of people. "I don't think anyone could have prevented the few injuries that occurred," he said.

## Concern for library volunteers

Merry Demarest of the National Organization for Women, who is married to Harry Demarest, said NOW was uncertain about demonstrating at the library because they did not want to draw attention away from the positive efforts of library volunteers.

"We hesitated initially because we applaud the community volunteers who are building the library and do not wish to detract from the credit they are due," Demarest said in a press release last Wednesday.

The release said Packwood's "sexual misconduct" has been obscured in the shadow of controversy surrounding his alleged deal to get his ex-wife a job and the debate over whether he should hand over his potentially incriminating diaries. "We want to make sure that the women he has harassed and assaulted are remembered," the release said.

Thursday morning, Merry Demarest said NOW decided to protest Packwood's Philomath visit to "remind the to public of the women."

Lamb commended the demonstrators for not interfering with the event. "I appreciate the fact that they were willing to sit on the other side of the street and not come inside and raise holy hell," he said.

Demonstrators even waited until both Lamb and Packwood had said their peace before they fired off at the senator. One demonstrator said he thought it "respectful to be quiet during the formalities."

Lamb said he expected such sentiment from demonstrators. "We told authorities that we thought respect for the library would command the respect from protestors," he said.

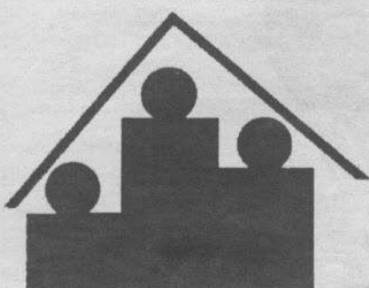
Lamb said he thought of Packwood's visit as "just another page in the chapter (of the library). The senator has come and gone and we're still here."

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## Center will help timber families

reality," said Board Chairman Dr. Thomas Wogaman.

"The board is pleased that the college will be an ac-

From Page One  
tive member in the restoration project and is grateful that community members have the vision to preserve this historic building."

The center, located on Highway 20 in North Lebanon, would have five classrooms, several offices, a bookstore, a lounge and four large shop and laboratory areas for training. At approxi-

mately 25,000 square feet, the new center would be more than twice the size of the old Lebanon Outreach Center located in downtown Lebanon.

The center would include wood, metal and electronic skills training and would also provide help with job searches for the students. In addition, a family resource center would provide a child care center and parental guidance.

The new center would presumably be administrated by Lebanon Center Director Al Barrios, who was not available for comment last week.



## Campus News

### Wellness checkups open to students, staff, community members

John Butterworth  
of the Commuter

Inexpensive cholesterol profiles and prostate cancer checks will be available to LB students, staff and faculty members as well as community members January 20 from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m. in the Wellness Appraisal Room inside the Activity Center.

*"The tests were arranged by the physical education department both for the Lifetime Wellness classes as a requirement and for the wellness of LB staff,"*

--Annette Easdale

According to Annette Easdale of the Physical Education Department, the cholesterol profile will cost \$8 and the PSA (prostate cancer check) \$29. Lab technicians from Good Samaritan Hospital will perform the tests. The same screenings done for outpatients of Good Samaritan Hospital would cost \$35 for the cholesterol profile and \$30.20 for the PSA, according to Good Samaritan Hospital Laboratory Manager Harlan Akers.

"The tests were arranged by the physical education department both for the Lifetime Wellness classes as a requirement and for the wellness of LB staff," said Easdale.

Having a cholesterol profile is equivalent to taking your car in for a computer analysis, explained Dave Bakley, coordinator for LB's wellness programs. Both tests reveal what's going on in our bodies. "The difference," he said, "is that replacing parts isn't so easy with the human body."

Cholesterol is a substance manufactured naturally within the body, continued Bakley, and we don't really need more. Problems can develop by taking in more of the waxy, fatty substance and thereby allowing it to attach itself to the walls of arteries.

Appointments for the cholesterol profile and PSA can be made by contacting Annette Easdale at 928-2361, Extension 109.

### Japanese students seek host families

John Butterworth  
of The Commuter

OSU's International Special Programs is seeking individuals and families to host Japanese students from Sanno Junior College near Tokyo for four weekends in February and March this year.

"The students are women, ages 18-20, majoring in business," said Zanne Langstraat, OSU's home-stay coordinator for ISP. Langstraat said the Japanese students will enter an intensive seven week course covering business, English, and American culture.

Although this type of course has been offered before during the summer, Langstraat said this is the first time that OSU has had the opportunity to host the foreign students during the school year.

The students will be staying in the dorms during week-days, but ISP is looking for homes to host the students during the weekends (Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon) of Feb. 11-13, Feb. 18-20, March 4-6, and March 11-13, all of which are before spring break. ISP offers a stipend to help offset expenses for the host.

Langstraat said ISP is looking for homes in which the hosts are sensitive to the experiences of being in a culture other than their own, and homes with adequate accommodations.

ISP is a division of OSU's Office of International Education and arranges short intensive courses for foreign students. The organization works with the English Language Institute at OSU and other OSU departments.

For more information, contact Zanne Langstraat at 737-6436.



Photo by Michelle Harris

#### Cleaning up

Grounds keeper Charles Mock dodges raindrops as he keeps the campus courtyard clean during the first week of winter term. The wet winter weather is expected to continue for the remainder of the week.

### Hearing set on request from Willamette Industries for discharge permit alteration

By Audra J. Stephens  
Of The Commuter

A representative from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will conduct a hearing to discuss an industrial permit modification for Willamette Industries of Albany.

An informational session will begin at 6 p.m. and a formal hearing at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 27 in the Forum Building at LBCC.

Both sessions are open to the public, according to Gary Andes, regional inspector for the DEQ. During the informational session, "There will be a lot of talking back and forth," said Andes. The hearings officer will explain what the existing permit and modification entails.

Whoever wants to make comments for the record may do so during the actual hearing explained Andes. If comments are technically correct, the proposal may be changed somewhat.

However, Andes commented that "The only reason we would deny a permit is if there would be definite impacts on the health of people or wildlife."

Willamette Industries has applied for a modification for an existing permit which requires that the factory report the amount of chemicals they release hourly.

The modified permit would allow the factory to report the percentage of chemicals released into the air on a monthly basis, rather than hourly. "It's just the changing of a couple numbers," said Andes.

The current permit is called a regular air contaminant discharge permit. It was issued to

Willamette Industries in 1992 to replace a minimal source permit which did not allow for the amount of chemicals the factory was releasing.

A minimal source permit allowed the DEQ to review the emissions from the factory every five years, while the new permit requires an annual review.

*"The only reason we would deny a permit is if there would be definite impacts on the health of people or wildlife."*

The chemicals emitted are from solvents used in painting and coating drawer sides, door panels, and shelves. These evaporates are released into the air through vents in the top of the factory.

When asked if the chemicals will harm humans (particularly those persons living around the facility) Andes replied, "In reality we don't think they will."

The factory, located in Albany, is in an attainment area. This means that the overall air quality is good enough to meet federal air standards.

Pollution from either industries or automobiles is not enough to be harmful for humans or animals, explained Andes.

Non-attainment areas such as Salem and Portland have more stringent rules regarding industrial permits due to greater pollution. There is too much ozone and carbon monoxide present in these areas, according to Andes.

## FBI studies videotapes to get clear picture of skater's attacker

By Dan Gillmor  
and Jeffrey S. Ghannam  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT—As Detroit police poured over enhanced videotapes and other clues in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, the FBI agreed to add its own high-tech talent to the investigation.

Three tapes, one each from ABC News, Intersport Television of Chicago and an individual, were taken around the time of the attack last Thursday at Cobo Arena. One tape was electronically refined by a Michigan company over the weekend, but the FBI will fly the tapes to Washington on Tuesday for further examination, police said.

"The FBI has looked at the tapes this morning and last night and they are going to assist us in some enhancement," Detroit Deputy Police Chief Benny Napoleon said Monday. "It's a pretty fascinating process."

Detroit police welcomed the FBI's entry into the case. "They're going to do it with all caution to make sure they do it right," Napoleon said. "They have made it a priority."

Hank Glaspie, a spokesman for the FBI in Detroit, said the agency is helping police "resolve outstanding leads," but would not elaborate.

Police said they have no suspects, but are continuing to get tips in the case.

Kerrigan, 24, was whacked once in the right knee after she finished a practice session during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and Olympic Trials. Witnesses said the attacker used a billy club, crowbar or tire iron.

After the attack, the man knocked out the window of an arena door and escaped.

The incident forced Kerrigan to drop out of the competition Saturday, but she was given a spot in the Winter Olympics next month in Norway.

A vital clue to finding the man has been a videotape taken by Intersport. The tape, raw footage that was to be part of a pre-Olympics special on figure skating, apparently captured Kerrigan's attacker as he fled the arena.

Video specialists Grace & Wild

Studios Inc. of Farmington Hills, Mich., a video-production company, worked this weekend to improve the picture quality for police.

The information on the tape was digitized—transferred onto a computer disk as a series of numbers—and then run through a variety of image enhancements. Digitizing the frames "allows you to enlarge the image with more clarity than standard enlargement" from regular videotape, said Hardy Segall, graphics supervisor at Grace & Wild.

The enhanced video didn't show the attacker's face, but it gave authorities a better sense of major features including his build and the clothes he was wearing. Police said they were using the tape and other clues to narrow their search for suspects.

Such video and photo enhancement has turned into a vital tool for law enforcement and scientists, and it can be much more complex and sophisticated than simply blowing up an image, said Jay Siegel, professor of forensic science at Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice.

Scanning devices and computer software increasingly are used to sharpen fuzzy images, such as those from surveillance cameras. But a picture that's lousy to begin with isn't going to miraculously become clear.

"You can hope to get it twice as sharp as it was," said Jim Fienup, senior research scientist at the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan in Ann Arbor. "To get huge increases is usually science fiction."

Fienup was part of a team that helped NASA sharpen the blurred images from the Hubble Space Telescope, which was launched with a flawed mirror and recently repaired.

Meanwhile, individuals and businesses are offering rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Kerrigan's attacker. Among them is Guardian Alarm Co. of Southfield, Mich. which is putting up a \$5,000 reward and an anonymous Massachusetts man who offered \$10,000.



Photo by Chris Treloggen

### Pull!

Chet Wilson uses a trigger to fire a clay target for Tim Gullet. The Willamette Valley Sportsmans Association held its annual Chili Cook Off and Open Public Shoot, Saturday Jan. 8 in Corvallis. In spite of billowy weather, 15 contestants showed their marksmanship amid friendly jesting and casual rivalry.

## News Briefs

### The Eloquent Umbrella

LBCC's creative arts journal, "The Eloquent Umbrella," is seeking submissions from local writers, poets, artists and photographers. Deadline for submitting work is Jan. 15. Previously published submissions are acceptable. For more information, call Linda Smith at 753-3335.

### Correction: Toddler Program

The "Live and Learn with Your Toddler" class of LBCC's Albany Center has been moved to St. Mary's Parish, 738 Ellsworth SW in Albany. For

more information, call the Family Resources Department at 967-8835.

### Art Slide Lecture

The role of computers in art and graphics will be the topic of a free slide lecture Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to noon in Forum 104. The presentation will be delivered by Emily Young, associate professor in the Department of Art at Portland State University. Her talk is sponsored by the LBCC Fine and Applied Art Department, and is open to the public.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Computer Club. Linn-Benton PC users group meets Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. in HO 116. For more information call 928-4916.

93-94 Scholarships for 2nd year law enforcement and criminal justice majors from the Ore. State Sheriff's Association. 2 \$500 awards: the Oregon Assn Chiefs of Police 1- \$500 award. Applications available from Jerry Phillips or the Fin. Aid Office. Deadline 1/28/94.

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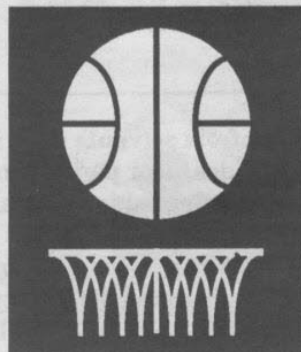
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Wednesday, February 16, 1994

6:00 pm-Women

8:00 pm-Men



Winners will receive prizes.

All participants entered in drawing.

Game and contest is **FREE** to all LBCC students.

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# Roadrunner men clawed by Clackamas Cougars 111 - 84

By Zachary Spiegel  
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton jumped out to an early 4-1 lead at Clackamas before the Cougars scored six straight points and never looked back as they handed LB their ninth loss in eleven games.

"Clackamas is a very athletic group of guys," commented head coach Randy Falk. He also stated that this is one of the teams that will compete for the league title this year.

The Roadrunners battled through turnovers and missed opportunities in the first half and went into the locker room trailing 47-42.

In the second half LB did not convert on close shots and had trouble handling the ball. They saw what was a five point deficit quickly turn into a ten point Clackamas lead two minutes into the second half.

"Mentally we did not let down," remarked Falk.

"We had trouble slowing down their point guard, which resulted in some easy scores."

Linn-Benton did claw their way back into the game and forced Cougar coach Royce Kiser to call timeout after 6 unanswered points by LB to pull them back within 5 points with fifteen minutes left in the game. Throughout the next five minutes, the teams exchanged baskets and LB went into the last ten minutes of the game down by eight. Clackamas outscored Linn-Benton 41-21 the rest of the way and put the game out of reach.

"Our defense needs to communicate more and we need to work better as a team," commented point guard Mark Holmes.

That 41-21 run by the Cougars was due to the two-man wrecking crew of Kyle Dixon and Zach Puent who combined for 59 points, 20 rebounds, 12 assists and 8 steals.

LB was led by Kevin Moreton who tossed in 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the men won a thriller over the Linfield JV's 77-75. With three minutes left in the game, Linfield held a two point advantage. They forced the Wildcats into costly turnovers in the last minute and LB guard Mark Holmes hit one of two foul shots with three seconds left to seal the victory.

"It was a real barnburner," stated coach Falk. "We played like we are capable of playing tonight."

The men return to action tonight at home against SWOCC in a league contest. The game is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. after the womens game.

There will be a free throw contest and half court shooting contest at halftime of both the men and womens games. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and all participants will be entered in a drawing to win more prizes.

## Student finds happiness in LBCC's underwater classroom

By Michele Menett  
For The Commuter

LBCC now offers a scuba diving class taught by Dave Wienecke. I took this course fall term 1993. For me it was a dream come true, since I have always wanted to swim like a fish and explore the magic underwater world. Learning to scuba dive was challenging, even a little scary at times, but well worth the effort and a lot of fun!

The class met twice a week in the evenings, one night in a classroom and one night in a swimming pool. After six weeks of practicing the fundamental skills in a pool, we

were ready to be tested in "open water." If we passed, we would be certified by PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors). So, a weekend of diving at the coast was

planned. Tough final exam, huh?

Friday night, November 5 we all drove to Woahink Lake, just south of Florence where we stayed in cabins in the woods. The next morning, wake up call seemed awfully early as our teacher banged on our cabin door. Opening the door, I was greeted by a frosty morning and Dave Wienecke's enthusiastic face. I wondered if I might be totally nuts; after all, I was about to dive into a cold lake at a time when I'm usually still in bed on a weekend! With a grin, Dave assured me that we were going to have fun and that it wouldn't be too cold. Glee-fully concluding that I was nuts, I grabbed my bag full of scuba gear and off we went.

Woahink Lake was hiding under a swirling fog—a mysterious yet strangely welcoming vision on that bright, clear, and crisp morning. People in winter coats watched with interest as the eight diving students prepared their equipment and cautiously entered the lake.

The worst part was when the cold water entered my wet suit. After a few minutes, though, my body heat warmed up the trapped layer of water and I was plenty warm for the rest of the dive. Diving skills, like buddy breathing,

buoyancy control, hand signals, and mask clearing were performed with the reassuring and patient guidance of our instructor. Dave gave me the courage to do things that I wasn't sure I could do. Afterwards, I realized that nothing was really hard to do—it just took confidence and concentration.

Everyone successfully completed the first skills test, so we took a sightseeing tour on the bottom of the lake. I saw crawdads fighting, fish, and an Oregon newt. The sunlight filtered through the water and danced in the underwater plants making me feel like I was in a different world,

one where I'd like to stay. Alas, it was time to leave the water!

Diving sure made all of us hungry. We went to Mo's Seafood for clam chowder, and I'm sure hot soup never

tasted so good. That afternoon we did another dive in the lake. Back at the cabins that night, we all feasted on mounds of spaghetti and drank in the colorful tales of the diving adventures of Dave and his assistant.

Sunday morning, we did our third dive in the lake and our final dive in the ocean that afternoon. Not only did we have a large audience watching us from the ocean jetty, but we had marine observers as well. Two seals were following us around, quite curious about our diving techniques and, I suppose, our funny looking suits. I also saw large crabs, sea shells, and fish.

The best part of the dive was when Dave got the whole group to hold hands in a circle on the bottom, about 30 feet underwater. He got in the middle and was taking something out of his vest pocket, handing one to each of us with a handshake. It was the official PADI open water diver patch. How fitting to receive our "diplomas" on the bottom of the ocean! This was a wonderful experience. Thanks Dave and thanks LBCC.

Dave taught us all how to be safe divers, have confidence, help each other, and have fun. I highly recommend PE 185S. Look for it in the night class offerings. Call Dave at 967-6103, if you have any questions.

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## College offers class for students with a passion for splashin'

By Stephen Garrett  
Of The Commuter

When most students consider taking physical education classes, they think of lifting, tennis, volleyball or weight lifting.

But have you ever thought about taking P.E. in an alien world? Beware land-lovers, Linn-Benton now offers a new course—P.E. 185S Beginning Scuba Diving.

Fall term opened the door for the first-ever credit course in scuba diving. David L. Wienecke, director of facilities at LBCC and instructor of the course, urges students to give scuba diving a try.

"It gives an opportunity for credit and to have a lot of fun. Diving really does change your life," he said. Among its benefits, he said, is an improved ability to concentrate, focus and relax.

Beginning Scuba is a concentrated course in which students may receive two credits in one-and-a-half months. The class meets once a week in the classroom for videos and lectures, and also meets once a week in the pool to train in a series of skill tests. Finally the class meets again on a Saturday and Sunday for four dives in the open water. After successful completion of the class and open-water training, the student will receive Diving Certification.

Wienecke enjoys diving as a personal hobby.

"Every time you dive it's a new experience. No two dives are the same," Wienecke said. Butch Kimpton, chairperson of the Health and P.E. Depart-



Dave Wienecke and his students prepare to go for a dive in last fall's Scuba diving class. Although the winter session has been cancelled, due to lack of enrollment, it will be offered again in the spring.

ment, inspired the program for the students and has been financially supportive, said Wienecke. Wienecke would like to eventually develop a group of divers classes for recreational and the advanced.

Although the class has been cancelled winter term due to lack of enrollment, it will be offered again spring term. Students should expect to pay about \$185 for the course, though the price has not yet been decided for spring term.

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## The Ending

Sometime  
in the stygian hour of night  
while I slept unaware  
my koi died.

I did not hear his scream  
when he died.  
Do Koi scream?  
I fear he must have  
as cruel claws ripped  
into his body,  
crushing jaws tore his flesh  
from his bones  
ending his life.

I heard nothing,  
safe, secure in my bed  
my lover at my side,  
dog at my feet.  
I was protected  
while my ward and friend died  
a late night snack,  
an ignominious end.

Enraged, I stalk the night.  
The killer will pay!

Marguerite K.A. Petersen



## On Watching the Meteor Shower

We trekked up and away  
from city lights

....people polluton...  
to sit in lawn chairs,  
tip heads back and wait-  
expectantly.

We gazed at a silver panorama  
of glittering stars,  
pointed out the Big Dipper  
to the children....

....waited....  
stared into carbon sky  
behind starry glitter...

....waited....  
There's one! ...

A meteor streaked across the sky  
leaving a hot white trail,  
then disappeared.

....another splashed like a shimmering  
pebble  
into the sea of night.

We watched through darkest hours  
for the brightest lights,

....saw glowing coals plummet into infinity,  
....glimpsed lights hurtled through space,  
....Wondered...

that these meteors  
etched in flight against obsidian sky  
were really no bigger than incandescent bulbs  
in bedside lamps.

All the while a tiny shimmering satellite  
plodded across the firmament.

....even in the radiance of the heavens  
we can't get away  
from people pollution.

Betty McCauley

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