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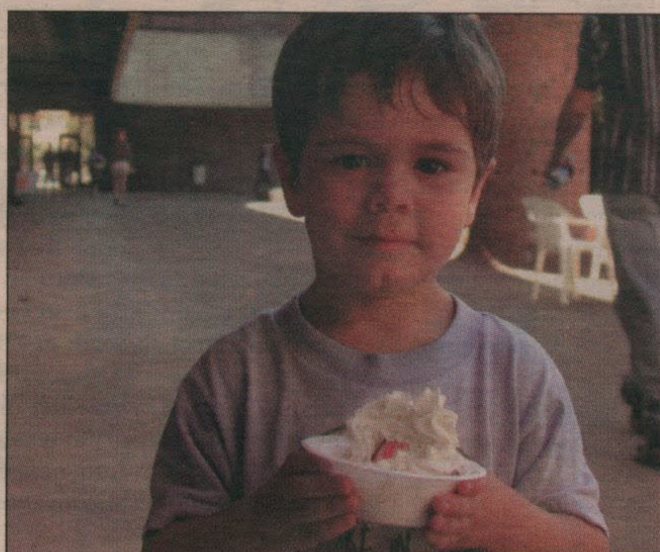
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## Courtyard a la Mode

Connor Sherlock (left), enjoys an afternoon treat at last Wednesday's Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the student Programming Board, represented by Charlotte Aaron, Diana Burnheart, Sami Hamilton (below). Today in the courtyard, Student Life & Leadership will be holding an All-Campus Picnic from 11:30a.m. to 1p.m. that will feature a BBQ, a book fair, information booths, and a van from "Jammin'" 95.5 FM.



Photos by James Bauerle

## Doors close on classes as LB enrollment rises

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

Classes are filling up and students are packing waiting lists hoping to get in as the number of students taking credit courses at LBCC is climbing to new heights.

Enrollment has increased this fall by 5 percent for full-time students and 2 percent for part-time students, with the number of new students admitted up by 100 from last fall. By the end of the first week of classes, 381 of the college's classes had closed.

Currently, LBCC has 2,385 applicants with 300 of those being dual-admission applicants for LBCC and OSU. The head count as of Friday for full-time students was 2,445, with part-time students being at 2,948 and non-credit students at 2,155.

Even though many class sections have filled up, the college-wide head count is actually down overall by nearly 2.5 percent due to a 10 percent decrease in non-credit students, according to registrar Laurie Trombley. Non-credit students are those who take classes in hobbies, personal enrichment and other subjects through the Extended Learning Centers in Albany, Corvallis and East Linn County.

"Our state funding is based on full-time head count, so if our full-time count goes up, so does our funding," Trombley said. Community college enrollment statewide is expected to grow by 4 percent, according to state officials.

State reimbursement per student is based on a 4 percent growth. Last year LBCC grew better than 8 percent, double the state projections.

New on-line registration allows students to register

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## Carnahan looks ahead to promises, challenges

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

LBCC president Jon Carnahan is in high spirits after the first few days of fall term.

Now in his 28th year at LB, Carnahan has seen a lot of changes over time, and he believes that this year will be a good one.

"We're off to a good start," he told The Commuter last Wednesday. "We're coming off a good year (1999-2000), and everyone's hopes are high. It's going to be a great fall."

Enrollment, which was up 4 percent during summer term, is way up with the start of fall classes (as some may have guessed from the jam-packed parking lots and the endless lines at the bookstore). A number of improvements to the campus greeted students returning from summer vacation.

Carnahan credits increased enrollment to a number of factors, including the success of programs like Student Ambassadors and the Multicultural Center, LB's

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## Gifford calls students to the polls

Associated Student Government plans events to inform students about "devastating" ballot measures.

by Barry Douglas  
of The Commuter

While low voter turnout among college-age adults is nothing new, it may soon prove fatal to the academic careers of many Oregon college students.

According to LBCC Student Body President Todd Gifford, this November's election presents students with some crucial questions. "There are five ballot measures that, if approved by voters, have the potential for devastating Oregon's education budget," Gifford said. "We stand to lose \$1 billion of an \$8 billion budget virtually overnight."

In response, student government plans a get-out-the-vote drive on campus this fall, as well as an information campaign on the ballot measures that would affect the college's budget, if passed.

Gifford is quick to point out graphs and spreadsheets that show the average LBCC student is in jeopardy of losing what amounts to a 49 percent state

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— Todd Gifford



subsidy. "Would you like your tuition to double? That's what will happen if these measures are passed in November."

He said the ballot measures in question, which promise to reduce taxes in different ways, are misleading to voters. "Who wouldn't like to lower his taxes?" Gifford said. "Sounds good, doesn't it? However, what they don't tell you is what you're going to lose."

To clarify the issues relevant to LBCC students, the office of Student Life & Leadership will be distributing an information pamphlet detailing 14 ballot measures on the November ballot that would have some impact on community colleges. The pamphlet will be available at the annual LBCC All-Campus Picnic on Sept. 27 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### Make a fool of me, will you!

A man in Khabarovsk, Russia, sought bloody vengeance when he found out that his wife was cheating on him. He went to the apartment where the two lovebirds were having their trysts to plant a homemade bomb. Alas, as he was attaching it to the door, it went off, killing him.

### Honest officer, I was robbed!

Police say the night clerk at a Shawnee, Kan., convenience store bungled a robbery by covering the lenses of the security cameras with transparent tape. The cops say he stashed the money and then told them that a robber called him and ordered him to tape the lenses, after which he came in and robbed the place. This account was not corroborated by the security tapes which "looked a little fuzzy," but were clear enough to show what went on, said police.

### Hey, who is hunting whom here?

A father and his son were bow hunting in the wilds of Colorado when a large black bear lunged out of the underbrush and bit the son on the buttocks. Though the father was carrying a .44-caliber handgun, he was so rattled that, instead of shooting the beast, he threw the gun at it. In response, the animal stopped attacking the son, but bit the father on the thigh, then fled.

### Don't mess with armed customers.

A power company in Ivanovo, Russia, cut off the power to a missile base for nonpayment of its electric bill. In response, the base commander sent in heavily armed troops who seized the power station and restarted the electricity.

—From the TMS News Service

## LB staffers join race against breast cancer

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

Fourteen LBCC staff members were among the forty-thousand people that participated in a charity event aimed at raising money to fight breast cancer on Sunday, Sept. 17 in Portland.

Industrial Technology/Engineering instructor Patti Ball described Portland's ninth annual Komen Race for the Cure as "absolutely awesome."

"As we walked across bridges and through the streets we were part of this sea of people," Ball said last week. "It was just fun to be part of something so big."

The event, which also included a breast cancer survivor's luncheon and a health fair at the Portland Marriott, raised over \$1 million for research, screening, education and treatment of breast cancer.

The Portland race is one of the largest of the 107 Komen races held nationwide. These races are a primary source of funding for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, an organization dedicated to eradicating breast cancer as a life-

*"As women we're all affected by this issue."*

— Roxie Putnam

threatening disease. The foundation was established in honor of Komen by her sister Nancy Brinker in 1982, and has since become the largest private funder of breast cancer research in the nation.

"As women we're all affected by this issue," says Roxie Putnam, a clerk at the One-Stop Center in Takena hall. "We all live with the knowledge that 'it could happen to me,' and I hope that someday my daughters won't have to."

Putnam was told about the race by Ball, who has attended the event in the past, and along with twelve other women who work at LBCC, participated in the Women's 5K run & walk. Although not officially entered as a team, the group walked together under the moniker "Breast Friends."

"It was a great girl's weekend away," Putnam says. "Hopefully next year we can get even more people involved. I would encourage everyone to go—it's an issue that affects everyone."

## Enrollment: Web enrollment offers convenience

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through the world wide web. Also new this year to the LBCC Web site is a link to forms commonly used by students, such as admission, registration and graduation worksheets. The dual-enrollment worksheet will be added to the list in the near future.

"A lot of students are using the new Web enrollment this fall," said Bruce Clemetsen, director of enrollment. "Hopefully that's a nice time convenience for them."

Also new this year—LBCC will no longer mail out grades to students. Instead, students can get grade information from the Web site or through the phone system, which is projected to save LBCC approximately \$10,000 per year.

The LBCC web site address is [www.lbcc.cc.or.us](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us).

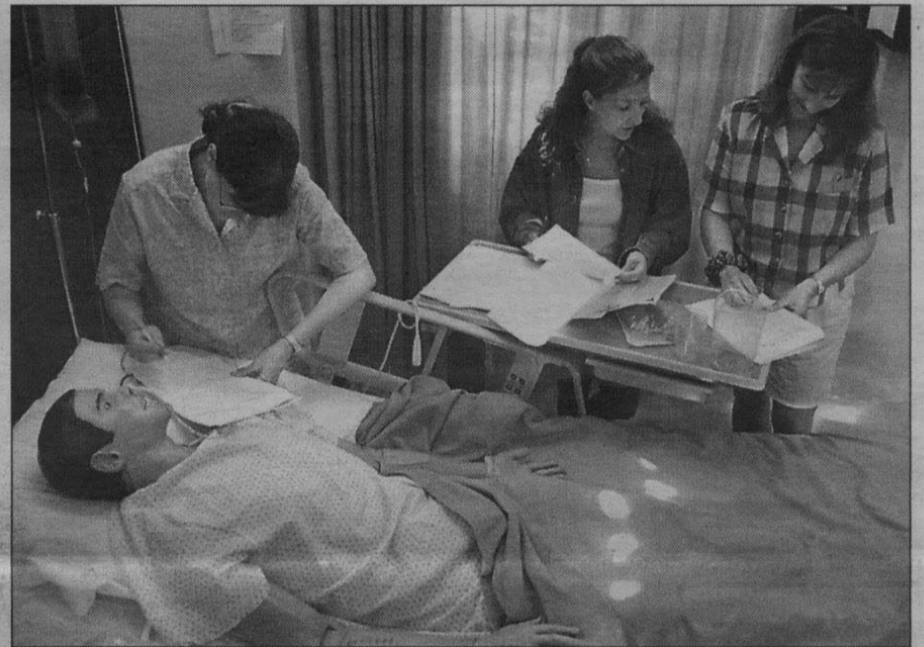


Photo by Jenny Weinberg

### This One Might Not Make It

Second year nursing students Mary Nicholson-Bangs, Kami Beard and Gae East practice patient care on "Manuel", one of the lab's "dummies."

## Carnahan: LBCC bond measure and ballot initiatives among concerns for the year

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reputation for catering to the needs of a variety of students, and the growing trend among people in their 20s and 30s to return to school.

But increased enrollment can be a two-edged sword.

"It's important to grow as a school, because growth converts to access and opportunities for a college like LB, but at the same time, our growth has raised other issues," he said.

Most troubling among those other issues to Carnahan and others in LB's administration is funding for the school.

Because LB gets more than 50 percent of its funding from the state, too much growth too fast can tax the resources of administrators who are forced to wade

through the bureaucracies of state government in order to get funding for things like school maintenance, instructor salaries and student programs.

Increased enrollment and inadequate state funding were responsible for the LBCC Board of Education's decision to raise tuition by a \$1 per credit at the start of summer term this year, and Carnahan joined the presidents of other community colleges in asking the Legislature for \$16.4 million from the state emergency fund in April.

The colleges were only granted nearly \$2 million of their request and told to come back later in the year to see if there's more money available.

To offset the costs of increased enroll-

ment and state funding shortfalls, Carnahan has spent much of the past year working on his "21st Century Campaign—Building Communities Through Partnerships" plan.

"It's about getting back to the community," he said of the plan to increase funding through a capital bond measure and donations from the private sector. "We had a lot of bond measures during the '70s and '80s, and I would like to see us get back to what was successful then."

The college commissioned a community survey in April that found strong support for the proposed \$19.1 million bond measure and Carnahan is optimistic about its chances of passing.

"Nov. 7 is critical for us. Not only is

the bond measure important, but there are also a number of state ballots to contend with," he said, referring to Ballot Measures 8, 91 and 93.

Those initiatives would cut funding to a number of state programs, including state schools and colleges, in order to cut costs and lower taxes for some Oregonians.

"If those measures pass, we will have to regroup and look at our situation, funding-wise, for next year, but we're feeling pretty good about the support we have from the governor and the Legislature," Carnahan said. "If we have to, we'll cross that bridge when we come to it, but for now we plan to focus on the positive and have a great fall."

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# IN FOCUS

by Mary Jova  
of The Commuter

Students returning from summer vacation may have noticed some changes on campus. Eye-catching blue signs help students find their way around campus and computer-equipped kiosks help them register for classes using LBCC's new registration web site.

In addition, Takena Hall has a new writing lab ready for use with top-of-the-line computer equipment donated by Hewlett Packard.

Not only that, students can now ride the Linn-Benton Loop and Albany Transit buses for free this year.

## Free Bus Rides

Bus service to the campus from anywhere in Linn and Benton counties are free to LBCC students with a validated student body card. The service, which went into effect this summer, is a result of a vote students took last spring supporting the use of student fees to pay for the free rides.

However, the college decided instead to fund the free service with \$15,000 from the General Fund, according to Dean of Student Services Diane Watson.

The free rides have helped increase the ridership on the buses. Last week, 100 students used passes to ride the Linn-Benton Loop bus on Monday, 141 on Tuesday, and 165 on Wednesday, with some runs reporting a full load.

## Web Registration

The Web Registration Program was piloted last summer. Registrar Laura Trombley said that overall this is a great service for students because it means they can avoid the long lines at the registration counter in Takena Hall.

Students can use the site at [www.lbcc.cc.or.us](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us) to register for any class that does not require instructor approval, she said. Students can also use the web site to add and drop classes, print their class schedules and unofficial transcripts, view their charges and fees, get a financial aid status and change their address and phone number.

## Designated smoking areas

Smoking areas on campus got a little harder to find this fall as some changes in the smoking policy were instituted. After receiving complaints about the campus smoking policy last year from students and staff, the college administration "decided to remap the smoking areas to places where there is the least amount of traffic," said Mike Holland, vice president of Administrative and Student Affairs.

LBCC Security Officer, Vern Jackson stated that the college will continue its policy of warning violators who smoke in non-designated areas, and that there is no plan to implement fines to those who violate the policy.

## New campus signs

Director of Marketing and Public Relations Marlene Propst said that the re-signing of the campus is nearly complete, with all of the major building signs already in place. The bright blue signs were the result of a study conducted last year that found the campus needed more clear directions for students and visitors, and Propst said that the blue signs have made a difference on campus.

Thirty-nine additional signs will be installed this year directing students to restrooms and elevators.

## Computerized writing classroom

Hewlett Packard computers and printers have been installed in Takena Hall Room 213 this year for stu-

# AMPEDED CAMPUS



Photo by Lori Weedmark

The lines snaking past the registration counter in Takena Hall were shorter this fall, thanks to a new web registration system that allowed students to sign up for classes on-line instead of in line. At the bottom right, students line up to take advantage of another service this year—free rides on the Linn-Benton Loop and Albany Transit buses. New blue campus signs and locator maps (below left) help students, like Robert Champ (below left), find their way through the campus maze.

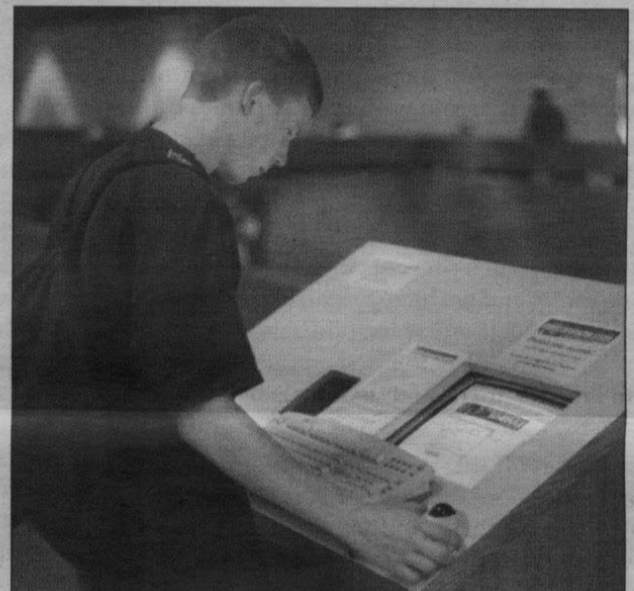


Photo by Leon Tovey



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Photo by Lori Weedmark

dents to access for their writing and foreign language classes.

Dean of Academic and Administrative Services Patsy Chester coordinated the equipping of the lab with representatives of Hewlett Packard, which provided two-thirds of the equipment.

The classroom is for designated courses only, and is not a drop-in computer lab.

"This room is for students who are enrolled in a writing or foreign language classes," said Gary Ruppert, director of the Arts and Communications Division. "This room will be locked when no class is being held or when an instructor is not using the room. Foreign language classes will be able to use the room to study on CD-ROM, listen to a language live on a radio broadcast and learn a language by going online."

# LB hosts international students at peace conference

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

Fifty students and instructors from eight countries joined students from LBCC and Skagit Community College (Washington) at the LBCC Benton Center last month for the 10th Biennial International Symposium on Education for Peace, Justice and Human Rights.

The symposium, hosted by Doug Clark, LBCC social sciences instructor and Peace Studies advisor, was held Aug. 26 to Sept. 3 and included students and instructors from Germany, Israel, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, United Kingdom, Mexico and the United States.

Workshops focused on teaching the students topics such as Practical Approaches to Global Education and Language and Discrimination. The workshops were geared towards helping students understand the sources of violence in our society and the possibilities of peace, Clark said.

In one workshop, titled "Learning Democracy in Schools," students discussed the model of traditional schools, focusing on how to get schools to become more progressive in teaching peace. Students talked about designing a school that reflected the principles of process education and peace studies.

The discussion prompted questions from the participants such as "How do we treat different cultural groups—do we want them to adopt our culture, or do we keep them separate with their separate traditions? How do we keep our individuality and yet be one society?"

One student in the workshop reflected that "in Europe, we have a multicultural society. People are from everywhere, which presents us with dramatic changes in our society, and we have to learn to incorporate them and still respect them as individuals."

The students also learned about democracy and how to practice it. They focused on learning and getting to know the other students and their countries in order to overcome stereotypes.

"I think Norway is fairly democratic," said Lydia Brummer, Norwegian student. "I think you need to go to other countries to really see how democratic your country is. It's good to compare."

Kjetil Borg, another student from Norway who is studying to become a social science instructor, said "I hope to learn something here that I can use in my teaching. I've met a lot of people from other cultures which helps to understand them and not judge or

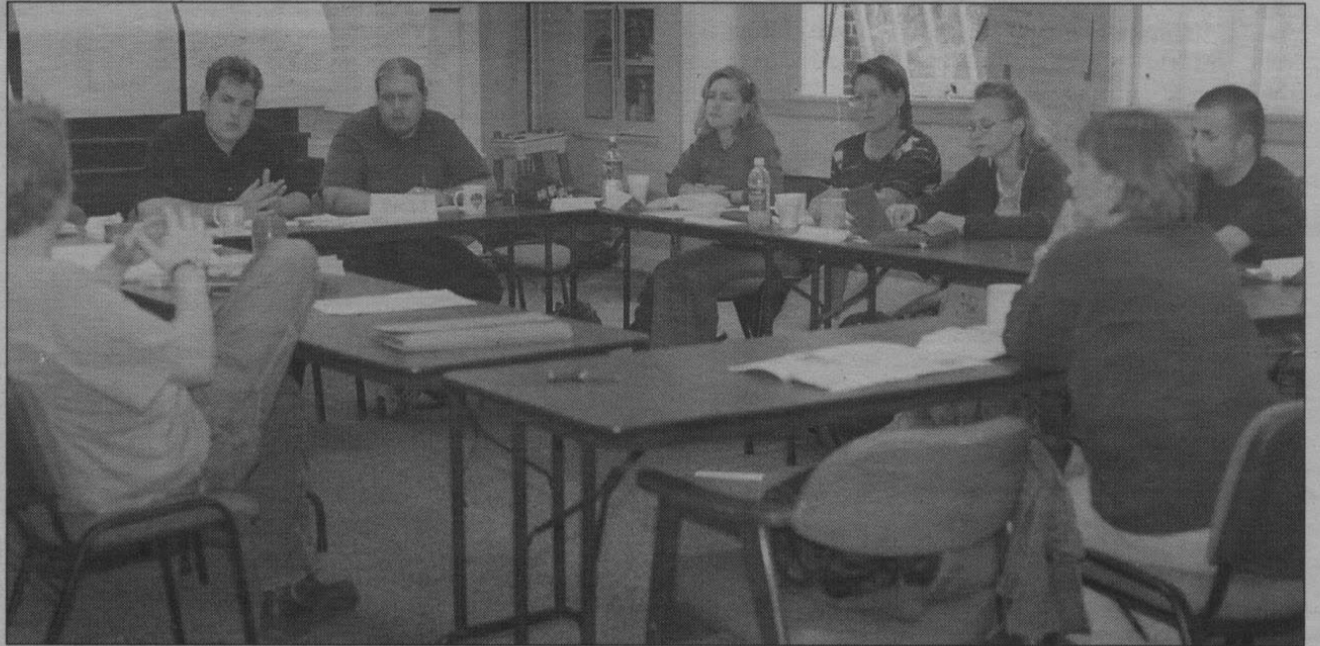


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**Angus McBrian (left), an LBCC political science major, makes a point during a workshop on democracy in the classroom at last month's 10th Biennial International Symposium on Education for Peace, Justice and Human Rights. Students from nine countries participated in the event, which was held at the LBCC Benton Center Aug. 26 - Sept. 3.**

stereotype."

All of the students brought textbooks on social studies in their own language to compare, but English was the working language at the workshops.

The symposiums first came about in the early 1980s. They were started as a way to look at and deal with the global dangers of the arms race between the super powers, which at that time were the U.S. and Soviet Union. The idea was to bring together students from different countries to teach peace education.

The First International Workshop on Peace Education was held in Asserbohus in Denmark in the summer of 1982 and had participants from Denmark, Netherlands, Germany and Poland. This workshop eventually became the Symposium on Education for Peace. LBCC was the first U.S. community college to participate in the international symposium, and together with Skagit Valley Community College in northwest Washington are the only U.S. representatives in the biennial event.

During the 2000 event in Oregon, the students participated in an election campaign event being held for

presidential candidate Al Gore. The event was by invitation only, according to Doug Clark, and their group got in at the last minute.

"By going to Portland to see Gore, students got to see an important part of the electoral process here in this country," said Clark.

The students also visited the Oregon Coast where they spent the first half of the day at workshops held in the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center. The second half of the day was spent doing a variety of things, including catching oysters and crab which the students cleaned and took to a dinner held with the local Siletz Indian tribe.

The Siletz made traditional flat bread for the students and discussed their culture and some of the cultural issues they have dealt with from within and with the U.S. government.

"I was impressed with the amount of effort the community and the people put into the symposium," said Clark. "People donated time, made presentations and socialized with the students as well as provided financial support for the symposium."

## Campus Security Office does more for students than hand out parking tickets

by Michelle Mayo  
of The Commuter

"We're here to help," explains LBCC's Campus Security Manager Vern Jackson. "We do a lot more as the cop or security function on campus."

Campus Security offers a variety of services for the staff and students at LB, including emergency messaging, first aid and 24-hour patrol and protection services. Other services include victimization avoidance information and a jump start battery pack.

Jackson, who has been with security at LB for fifteen years, says that his biggest concern is for the safety of the students and staff while on campus.

"We are first here for safety," he says.

Jackson also offers advice to better protect ourselves, especially at night. Most importantly, choose not to be a victim by walking with others whenever possible, stay in well-lit areas, have keys in your hands before you arrive at your vehicle, walk briskly and with confidence and always be aware of your surroundings.

In the event of an emergency there are 11 security phones on campus.

"We picked places where night classes

**"I would rather respond to 10 false alarms if it could prevent a crime."**

—Vern Jackson

would be offered but no evening staff would be available" Jackson says, adding that "it was one of the best things to be proactive for campus security."

"However, theft is the biggest problem on campus," Jackson says. "This a lot of times the direct result of opportunity—keep your valuables out of sight and put them in the trunk or on your person. Not many empty cars get broken into."

Registering your vehicle with the Campus Security Office (a free service) is a helpful tool for security officers to better find you in the event of an emergency.

"It is also important to report all suspicious activity to the Campus Security Office at ext. 4440," Jackson adds. "I would rather respond to 10 false alarms if it could prevent a crime. Most importantly, go with your gut feeling, if you sense something is wrong don't hesitate to call the Campus Security Office."



Photo by Chris Spence

### The Truth is Out There

Astronomy instructor Greg Mulder (second from left) directs students as they map the solar system on a smaller scale, putting the sun in the courtyard. Jupiter ended up out in the parking lot in front of Takena Hall.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Photo by Chad Richins

Vendors clad in medieval garb mingle with festival-goers at the Gates of Thyme Fantasy and Renaissance Faire in Lincoln City last weekend. This was the first year for the event, which was organized by Cheryl Preston of Lincoln City.

## Renaissance fair draws hundreds to coast

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Renaissance festivals have the same cultural significance as Native American Pow-Wows, at least to some of the participants.

The vendors and players who came from across the Northwest to the Gates of Thyme Fantasy and Renaissance Faire at Kirtsis Park in Lincoln City last weekend were as occupied with the cultural aspects of their shared European heritage as with the commercial aspects of their individual business ventures.

The atmosphere at these kinds of events is very similar to Native American Pow-Wows, where an air of competition mingles with the sense of community and shared ancestral pride. Whether you are fancydancing or jousting, historical accuracy is key, since the goal is to preserve the link to the past as purely as possible.

Michael Claffy, experienced soap maker and musician, spends a lot of his time at the event sharing stories and historical points of interest relating to his

Irish and Celtic ancestry.

A stoutly built, elaborately tattooed man in flouncy period garb, replete with a broad sword about his waist and a woolen Tam O' Shanter hat on his close-cropped head, Claffy has an air of cavalier abandon as he makes his way through the crowd, saluting various lords and ladies, or as he hawks his wares in front of the booth he operates with his wife Judith, whom he proudly calls "a fine Welsh wench if ever there were one."

The sense of camaraderie and community is palpable as the crowds from the seaside tourist town come to the small venue just a block east of Highway 101, which serves as a baseball field most of the year. Children engaged in a game of golf played with wooden clubs and stuffed animal rabbits. On the wide, wooden stage nearby a group of players is staging a condensed version of a Shakespeare original. Pirates mingle with mercenaries and armorers, while a young fairy lunches with the queen. Pride is evident as these fair-goers relive scenes from a distant past and revel in a sense of

cultural identity that many say they find absent in their everyday lives.

Never was the sense of community more evident than on Thursday night when a 50 m.p.h. wind storm ripped through camp, sending tents airborne and people scrambling.

By mid-morning the damage had been assessed and dealt with, as some vendors struck non-essential tents to lend poles and canvas covers to those who sustained damage in the blow that luckily caused no injuries.

Owner of the fledgling first year event, Cheryl Preston, says that the future is dependent upon finding sites that will accommodate growth and ensure a proper place for peaceful festivity.

As the participants packed up to leave and completed last-minute barter, they also made the transition from the Middle Ages to the 21st Century, exchanging e-mail addresses and web sites. They part ways knowing there will be another fair down the road, and another chance to come together and recreate the world they enjoy.

## Art instructor featured on exhibit poster

from the LBCC News Service

A painting by LBCC art instructor Analee Fuentes was chosen for the 10th annual Mayor's Art show, which runs from Sept. 14 to Oct. 26, at the Holt Center in Eugene.

Fuentes' oil painting, titled "Keep your mouth closed while you chew," features a close-up of her daughter's mouth and neck.

"I wanted the title to resonate with parents," said Fuentes. "These are visual memories I wanted to document."

The painting is one of 10 she completed in a series called "Nido Vacio" or "empty nest," a series she did while contemplating her mother's death and the eventual independence of her daughter.

The painting, which was exhibited in the Mayor's Art show last year and now resides in a private collection, was selected to represent the originality and diversity of the many artists in the show.

A Eugene resident, Fuentes served this summer on the Community Arts Grant Proposal for Lane County, which allocated \$23,000 for Lane County art projects, funded by the Lane County Room Tax. She has a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She has been teaching art classes at LBCC since 1994.

## Jefferson students show paintings at LBCC Art Gallery

Tempera paintings by students of Jefferson Elementary School are on view in the LBCC Art Gallery, located in the foyer of the AHSS Building.

The gallery is free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The students received art lessons from Bend artist Paul Alan Bennett, who recently served as artist-in-residence with the Corvallis school district. The students' works were exhibited in July at the Pegasus Gallery in Corvallis.

The LBCC exhibit closes on Oct. 6

## Student entrepreneur finds next level in local recording studio

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

It may be the only place in Corvallis where you can hear hip-hop beats, big band swing and Christian hymns, all in the same week; Unity Recording is the dream and chore of Waylon Pickett, local musician, entrepreneur and LBCC student.

Balancing the demands of the studio is quite an act.

Aside from working closely with a wide variety of artists while doing the engineering and sound work in the studio, Waylon also spends a large part of his time dealing with administrative and money issues.

Add that to the time he spends commuting to classes at LBCC, playing lead guitar in local band Nautical Sauce Posse, and doing on-site live recording for local music groups, and you have a clearer picture of Waylon's day to day life.

After dropping out of high school at the age of sixteen, Waylon immediately passed his GED test and enrolled at Lane Community College where he took radio technology classes.

The technology was in a state of transition, Waylon says, and he found himself splicing radio ads with a razor and tape, something he knew would not be used in the industry much longer. He says he did learn a lot about sound and recording while at LCC, adding to what he had taught himself at home using a four-track recorder and whatever else he could get his hands on.

Later, he would set up an eight-track studio near the site of his current location in south Corvallis, where he began to build his recording business. He has



Waylon Pickett

since expanded into a larger space, continually upgrading his equipment and gaining experience.

Leaning back in his swivel chair in shorts and sandals, Waylon looks comfortable at the control board as he explains his rationale for going in a particular direction with the way he set up the current incarnation of Unity Recording. Two computer screens behind him display different information about the equipment, one a virtual display of the Mackie digital mixing board in front of him.

Waylon Clicks a few buttons and the controls on the board automatically slide into a preset position as he cues up a recent recording of the Oregon State University big band. The jazzy sound of several instruments and a female singer coming from the speakers is impressive—even though Waylon says it is a rather preliminary mix. Calling up a window

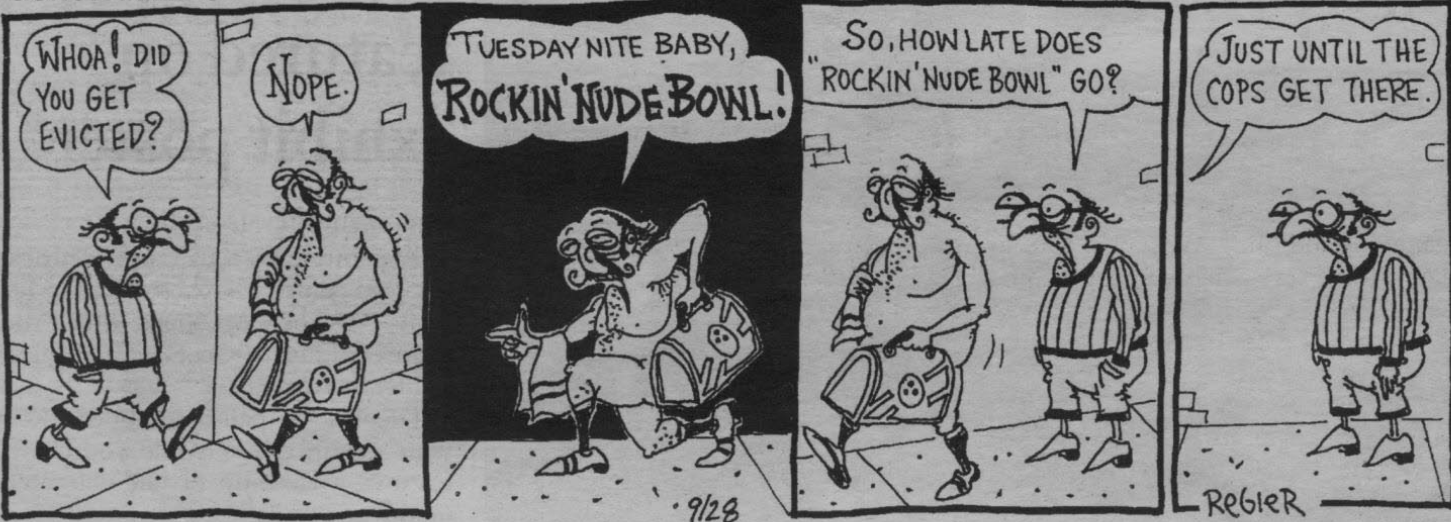
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on the computer, he adjusts a setting and suddenly the singer's voice drops about two octaves and sounds more like Louis Armstrong than Billie Holiday. All this without even slowing the recording down.

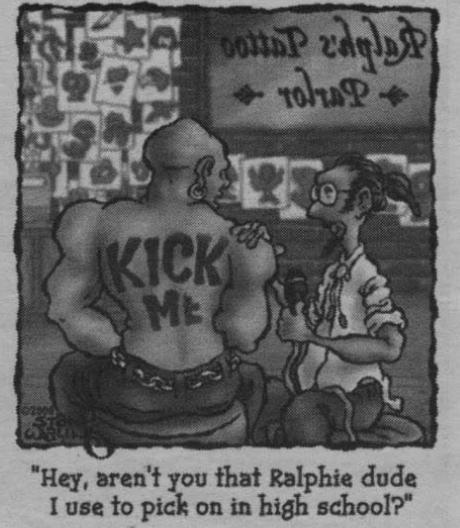
In the future Waylon plans to expand his business, increase his presence on the web and in conventional advertising, and keep learning about his craft. Eventually he wants to earn an engineering degree, although currently he has found himself far too busy to commit full time to classes. For now he is busy building his dream and doing what it takes to keep it all moving ahead.

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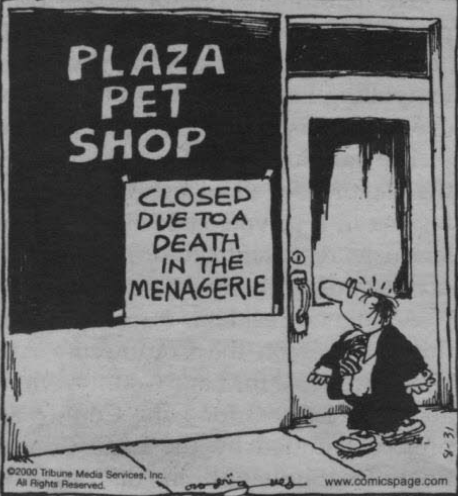
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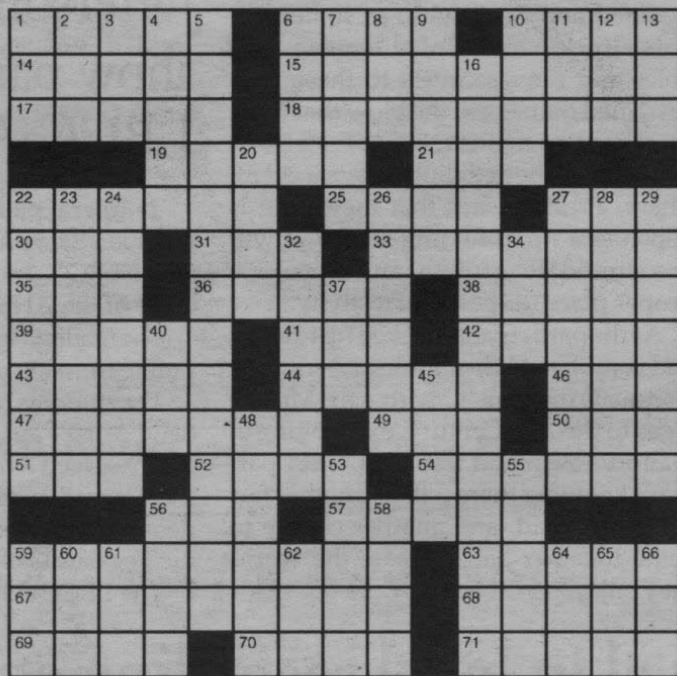
## CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Zone Of Privacy

by John Sprengelmeyer & Rich Davis



## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Molecule components
  - Potpourri
  - Writer Harte
  - Singer Shore
  - Enter
  - Take care of
  - Stick-to-it-tiveness
  - Prevailing tide
  - Two-finger gesture
  - Underdog wins
  - Gilbert of "Roseanne"
  - Dumbfound
  - Be a buttinsky
  - Paddle
  - Sleeping pill
  - Abel to Adam
  - Spoils
  - City on the Moselle
  - Cryptographic
  - Snaky scarf
  - Hair-coloring
  - In flames
  - Illegal contribution
  - \_\_\_ and tonic
  - Author of "Our Game"
  - Research rm.
  - Guided
  - McBain and McMahon
  - Beef and moan
  - Defeated side
  - Vegetable holder
  - G-sharp
  - Fundamental reasons
  - Calgary Stampede, e.g.
  - Covered to suppress
  - Challenger
  - "\_\_\_ She Lovely"
  - Cincinnati nine
  - Technique



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- DOWN
- Classified \_\_\_
  - Connection
  - First grade
  - Dull surface
  - Diner employee

- 6 \_\_\_ for business
- Advances
  - Ky. neighbor
  - Lifework of an artist
  - Scottish hillside
  - Sought office
  - List-ending abbr.
  - Golf-hole start
  - Take to the stage
  - Jacob's brother
  - Of higher-income consumers
  - Read looking for errors
  - Business agents
  - Attack
  - Suffering gooseflesh
  - Even smaller
  - Short, purposeful trips
  - Kidder
  - "You \_\_\_ There"
  - Scandinavian country: abbr.
  - Time period

## Solutions



- Formal dance
- Original "SNL" cast member
- Lost color
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## SPORTS PAGE

## Volleyball team goes 1-3 in league after strong preseason

New coach Seth Elliott sees much promise in this year's Lady Roadrunner squad

by Gelina Inches  
of The Commuter

Seth Elliott, the new head coach for the women's volleyball team, is heading into the new season full of optimism.

"This season's been great for the girls," Elliott said. "We have a fresh outlook and we're making history—this is the best preseason that LBCC's had."

The team was away in Kelso Washington for their first tournament against Lower Columbia Community college.

The event was a "friendship" tournament, there were no placing. However LBCC left with a record of 7-2, the best of the field.

At home the team played the Linfield Grizzly's JV team.

"We blew them away, the girls even asked if they could practice after the game since they didn't get a workout," said Elliott.

The Grizzly's weren't the only team out run by the Lady Roadrunners. In a scrimmage against the Multnomah Bible College, the team took three straight sets 15-3, 15-2, and 15-2.

In the last preseason game the team traveled to Walla Walla, Wash. for a two-day tournament and came back with third place, defeating both last year's NWAACC leader Clackamas and the previous champions, Chemeketa.

The team couldn't have done it without the contribution of Shannon Gerding, a sophomore at LBCC, Elliott said.

"She had an excellent tournament, all the way around for us," he said. Gerding wasn't the only one in the spotlight, either. "Under some high pressure Dani Arlyn did a really great job in the tournament," added Elliott.

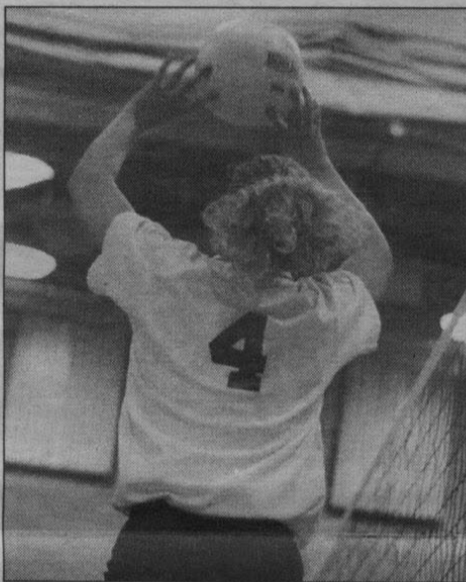
Last week Clackamas visited the LBCC Activities Center for the opening match of league play and reversed the Roadrunners' fortunes, defeating LBCC

on Sept. 20.

"We played better if you compared teams," Elliott said. "We had 52 kills to their 24. We played a higher level game than they did. Clackamas has a history of winning and we're trying to shake that up this year."

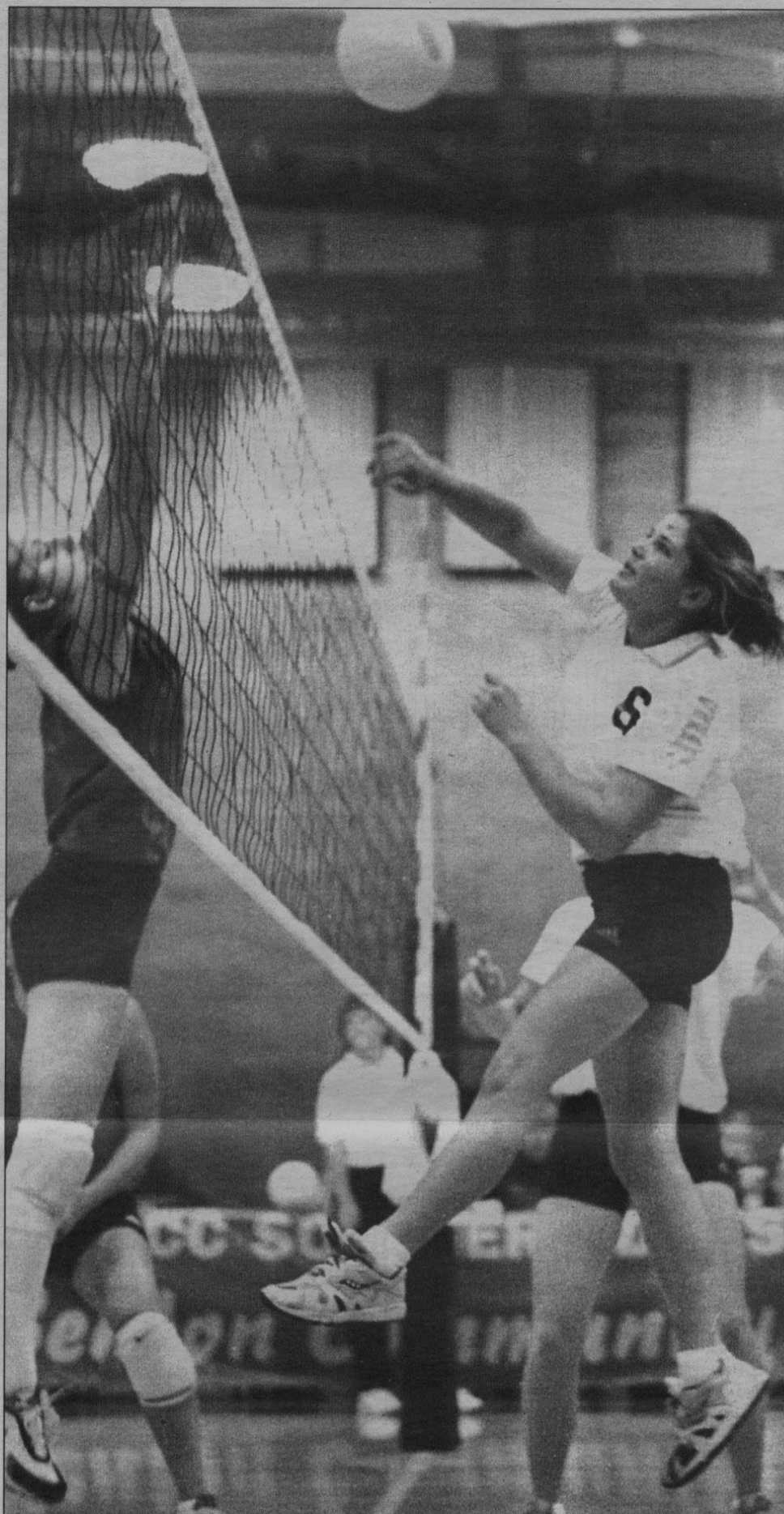
The team bounced back on Friday, defeating Lane Community College in a home match, but then fell to powerhouse Chemeketa on Saturday night in Keizer.

With a record of 1-3 in league play, the Lady Roadrunners next head to the coast to play Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay on Friday then move to Roseburg to play Umpqua on Saturday night. The next home match is Friday Oct. 6 against Chemeketa.



Photos by James Bauerle

Outside hitter Jessica Horsely (right) tries to deliver a spike over a blocker during last Friday's match against the Lane Community College Titans. Above, Dani Arlyn sets the ball for one of her hitters later in the match. The Lady Roadrunners defeated Lane for their first league win of the year after losing their opening league contest last Wednesday against Clackamas. The team is led by Seth Elliott, last year's assistant coach.



### Sports Editor

A writer with an interest in athletics and outdoors is sought for this position. Students with some journalism or writing experience preferred, but anyone with a flair for writing, a passion for sports and a take-charge attitude is encouraged to apply. The appointment carries a 6-credit tuition grant per term, and provides valuable on-the-job training and experience covering a wide variety of intercollegiate athletics and outdoor recreation.

Applications available in The Commuter Office (F-222) or from advisor Rich Bergeman (F-108) For additional information call ext. 4563 or 4451.

### The Student Programming Board has the following positions open.

We are looking for students to fill these positions. Please come in and find out how to become more active on campus and learn/to build your leadership skills. Applications are available at the Student Union Office. The following positions are open: Please note the application deadline dates:

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# OPINION



## COMMENTARY

# American politics present electorate with two voices, but only one message

by Angus McBrian  
of The Commuter

LBCC is being faced with a very serious problem. If the population of this campus in anyway represents the population of this country, less than half of us will bother to turn out for the national elections in November. Of course, this fact has long since ceased to surprise anyone—the statistic seems to just blend into the background these days.

There are those of you who are excited about one of the presidential candidates. Admittedly there are large numbers of people who are just thrilled at supporting George W. Bush, and swarms excited about Al Gore. But these groups would appear to comprise less than half of this nation's citizenry. Personally, though eager to participate, I can only sympathize with that half of the electorate that will choose the couch over the voting booth in November.

I have friends that will balk at my next statement, but neither Bush nor Gore represents any significant attempt to address those issues most pressing for our society, nor do they succeed in differentiating themselves in any really important way. The millions of dollars being spent on media campaigns to sway the hearts of voters continue to focus on minor differences in solutions to the so-called social security crisis, health care reform, education, media marketing violence to youth or gas prices. Look at the ads and the news coverage, all of the bickering points to the assumption that the system works and that the only thing to argue about is how to fine-tune the finely humming performance engine of the American economy.

Maybe what we should be talking about is the gap between the world and the way our two major parties perceive it. I'm not concerned with a patient bill of rights when 40 million Americans lack the funds to even be patients. Should I mention here that the United States is alone among industrialized nations in not providing some form of universal health coverage for its citizens—or would that confuse the issue?

Both parties like to talk about morals. Well, then let's hear Bush and Gore talk about the 250 people who die every day due to the ineffective sanctions the US and Britain impose on Iraq. Or are 90,000 civilians, half of them children, dead since the end of the Gulf War, too inconvenient a topic?

Okay, I told myself I would take it easy on the

military spending bit, but it's so hard. Both candidates are prepared to maintain or increase current military spending. Have you heard that spending has been cut since the end of the Cold War? It has, but only to pre-Reagan era increases. We still spend as much on defense as the Carter administration did, nine years after the effective disappearance of our No. 1 opponent.

Differentiation? Gore supports a national missile defense system likely to destabilize and harm international relationships, with our friends and enemies alike. Bush, he supports it too. Should I mention that in the few tests that have been performed the prototypes for this system have failed miserably, when they haven't been rigged—or would that be superfluous?

What about the big one? Both fail to define campaign finance reform as what it should be: eliminating access for corporations to candidates and representatives. Though each has a definition for campaign finance reform, neither represents anything more than moving the loopholes around. Maybe voters would turn out at the polls if they felt that their vote had a chance at competing with millions in corporate dollars.

The list goes on. Both candidates support the unsuccessful, never ending, ever more costly, war on drugs. Neither includes initiatives for expanding access to higher education in any significant way. Neither is addressing the fact that while the media trumpets a booming economy our poor are getting poorer. Neither is interested in challenging the corporate-led drive for globalization and deregulation of the international economy.

I hate to use the market for a metaphor, but isn't consumer choice supposed to be a good thing? If these guys were corporations, they'd be in danger of anti-trust action. In the coming months the possibility exists that one or two smaller voices will pierce the curtain and challenge these two candidates for the Business Party. But unless the conversation broadens, and candidates attempt to address those issues most pressing for our society, turnout will continue to decline and increasing disenfranchisement will lead us closer to crisis.

However, simply turning out to vote isn't full participation. Participation means helping to broaden this currently very narrow conversation. Understand the issues—yours, not theirs. Check out those smaller voices, the third parties, not only because you might vote for one, but also because including them in the process challenges all contenders to address the issues and connect with a disconnected public.



Angus McBrian

## WHAT STUDENTS THINK

### What issues are important to you in the upcoming election?

With the November election less than two months away, The Commuter asked students at random what issues they were most concerned with, whether in the national presidential election or in the state ballot measures.

*"Personally I liked McCain...I'm pretty neutral politically and now I don't care because I'm left with choices I don't like, again."*

—Shan Hill, education



*"The slander that gets going back and forth gets in the way of the issues. And that's what should matter."*

—Michael Cariati, economics

*"I know I don't want Al Gore to be president. He's going to try to phase out all farming."*

—Dusty Workinger, undecided major



*"I don't want Al Gore because he is pro-choice. I don't believe in abortion."*

—Paula James, criminal justice

*"Measure 9 is a load of crock because a person's sexuality doesn't define their morals. It shouldn't even be an issue."*

—Quinn Maukonen, criminal justice



*"I'm interested in how to keep Bush out of it. I don't like Gore either. I like Ralph Nader. Nader's more for the people."*

—Hilary Thompson, undecided major

compiled by Gelina Inches and Chad Richins