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## Election poses weighty issues for LB

Leaky roof, rusting pipes and cracking concrete walls await results of bond vote

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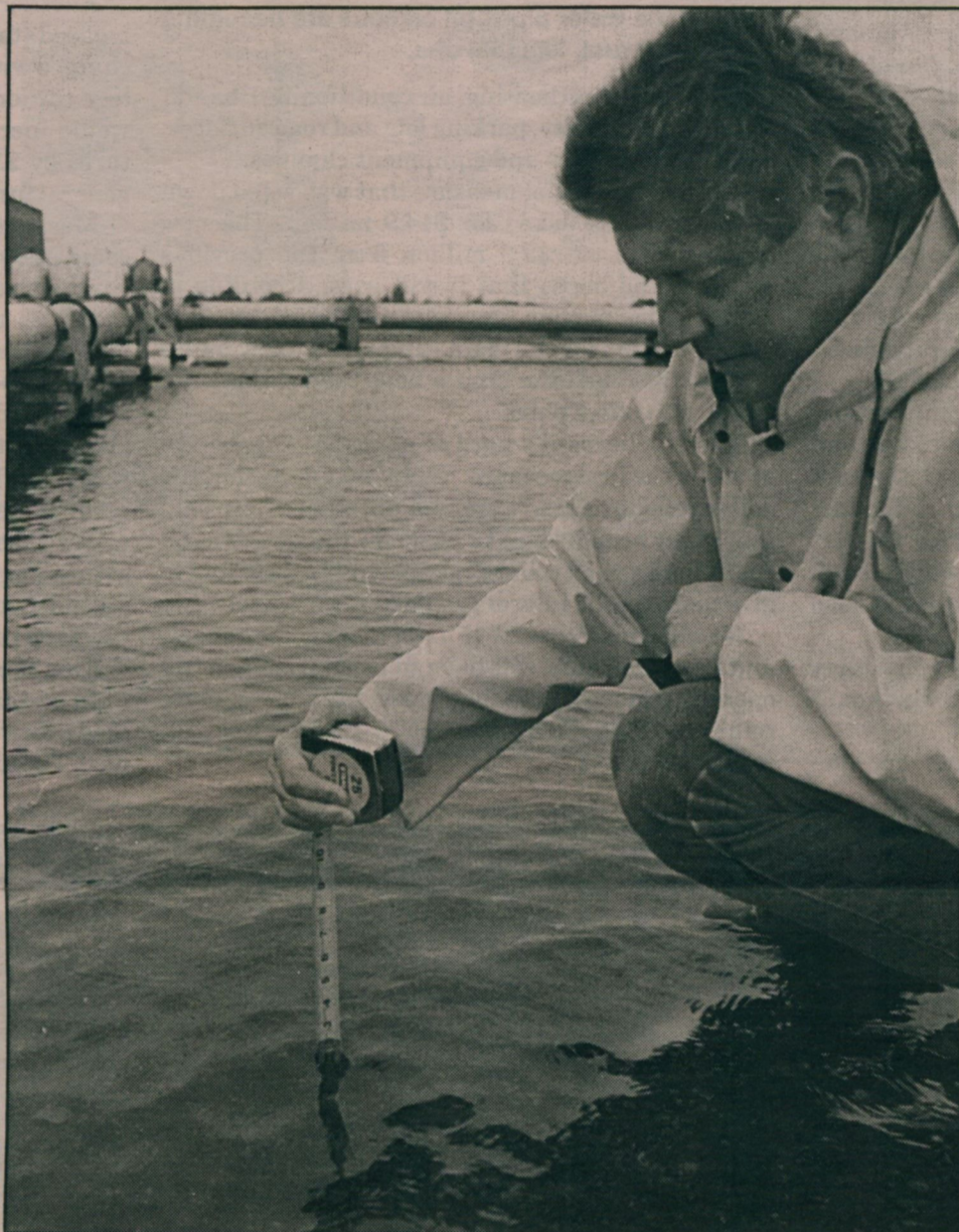
On Nov. 8, voters will decide if LBCC will obtain vital money for repairs and improvements to the college.

If successful, bond measure 22-15 would issue \$11,649,000 to LB to finance reconstruction and repair of college facilities, handicapped areas, capital construction, and improvements.

The "biggest ticket item" that demands attention is LB's roof, according to Vice President George Kurtz. "The roof is the number one concern," he added. The estimated amount of money necessary to repair the roof is about \$2,100,000. This comprises one quarter of the money LB is asking for in the measure.

Each year, patching LB's roofs costs approximately \$10,000. Since 1984, \$50,000 has been put in a roof replacement fund each year. However, this is simply not enough to properly replace, repair and maintain LB's roof, according to Kurtz.

Another problem that needs attention is replacing pipes around the campus. When LB was constructed more than twenty years ago, a low bid was accepted and galvanized pipes were  
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Maintenance Manager Kevin Nicholson checks on the depth of the water that accumulates on LBCC's 20-year-old roofs whenever it rains heavily.

Nov. 8 ballot has more in store for the future of education than LB's measure

by Marie Oliver  
and Teri Schudel  
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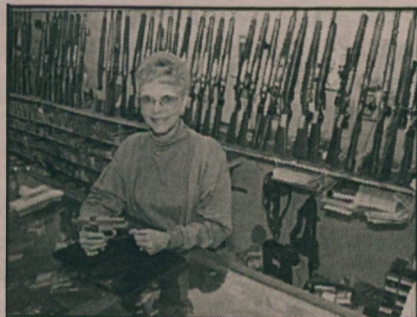
LBCC students have a lot riding on next Tuesday's election—several issues on the Oregon ballot will have a direct impact on student finances.

Most significant to LBCC students is the \$11.6 million maintenance bond measure. Passage of the bond will allow the college to go ahead with long-delayed repairs, including reroofing the main campus and improving handicapped access at both the Albany campus and Benton Center.

If the bond measure fails, college officials say they will be forced to divert funds from educational programs in order to make necessary repairs. It has also been reported that college officials haven't ruled out tuition hikes to make up part of the budget shortfall, although LBCC President Jon Carnahan declined to discuss that possibility of a tuition hike if the bond measure fails.

Among the state-wide initiatives that affect education is Measure 15. If approved, the measure would amend the constitution, requiring the Legislature to fund K-12 and community colleges at the 1993-95 level. Although it  
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## Halsey mom fights to get her young son into LB

by Craig Hatch  
of The Commuter

Monique P. Lloyd of Halsey has filed a complaint with the U.S. Office of Civil Rights against LBCC claiming that the college is discriminating against her son because of his age.

Lloyd's oldest son, Jack, took the LBCC placement exams last year, which qualified him in WR121 and MTH111. However, LBCC would not let him enroll as a full-time college student.

Jack Lloyd is 12 years old.

Jack is currently attending Central Linn High School and will graduate by the time he is 15. But he will have finished the highest level of classes offered by his school well before that. His goal is to major in physical science.

The college's policy is that students must either be 18 years old or have their high school diploma or GED before they can register for full-time classes. High school students who have taken the highest classes available can come to LBCC part-time to take upper-level classes with the approval of the high school.

Lloyd claims that this is age discrimination. "If a student has the ability to do the work, they should be allowed to try," she said.

A mother of four boys, Lloyd currently educates her three youngest boys at home and says that they will graduate sooner than Jack. Because of home-schooling, "I think you'll see more younger kids in community colleges," she predicted.

Lloyd educates her children at home because she feels

*"I'm looking for as many options for my children and other children as there are."*

—Monique Lloyd

that the public schools use too much repetition, and there isn't enough progression. She wants to send Jack to LBCC to get a wider variety of classes.

LBCC President Jon Carnahan says he has no problem with Jack attending part-time, but there are compulsory school attendance laws.

"If he can complete the upper classes before he graduates, he can come here simultaneously. We have a lot of 14- and 15-year-olds out here who are simultaneously enrolled," he said.

Lloyd isn't satisfied with that. She wants Jack—or any other child—to be able to attend LBCC full time, regardless of age.

Lloyd protested the age requirement by filing an age discrimination complaint with LBCC. LBCC had no policy for external complaints of age discrimination, so Carnahan and the Board of Education designed one, with Lloyd present. The process entailed giving the name of the person harmed and a possible solution.

Lloyd, however, felt that this was not an issue about just one child.

"I'm looking for as many options for my children and other children as there are," she said. She refused to put  
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## CAMPUS NEWS

## Bond would pay for repairs to facilities

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used, instead of a stronger, longer-lasting material such as copper. Replacing pipes will necessitate using \$240,000 of bond money, said Kurtz.

The Science/Technology Building has extensive pipe damage seriously in need of repair, according to Patty Petzel, instructional biology assistant. Last year, the table faucets that students use for lab work in the upstairs lab room ST-204 were shut off because they were leaking through the ceiling and into rooms downstairs, where computers and other materials are kept. As a result, students in lab classes are forced to use water from squeeze bottles.

"We said as a department, let's just turn them off now. In my own mind I thought that if the bond measure passed I'd put an order through and get it fixed," Petzel said.

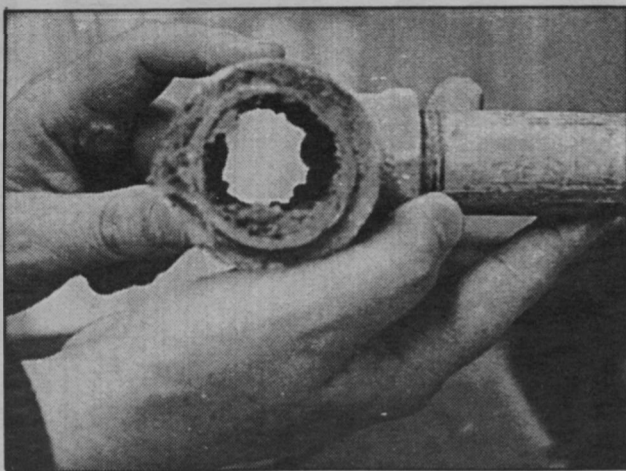
Several buildings on campus are affected by rusting pipes, explained Maintenance Manager Kevin Nicholson. "That is one of the things that we'll do if the bond measure passes—remove the galvanized pipe and put in copper pipe," he mentioned.

Nicholson also believes the roof warrants action. "Every heavy rain we get leaks in classrooms and offices," he said. The storm that passed through Albany last week left leaks in Takena Hall, the Industrial Arts Building and the Service Center. Like a roof on a home, LB's roof has worn out, he said.

The seals around many windows at LB are also deteriorating.

"The roof leaks, the pipes leak, it's simple—they need to be replaced and we need money to fix them," explained Nicholson.

Other areas that need improvements are me-



Many of the water pipes on campus are becoming clogged by rust, like this one.

chanical systems (heating, air conditioning), handicapped accessibility, parking lots and road surfaces, lighting, walkways and equipment changes.

The original ballot measure that was voted down in May of 1994 asked for \$14.9 million. The new measure has cut \$3.3 million from the previous figure in the hopes that it will pass, according to Kurtz. Construction for a new multi-purpose computer building for the main campus and new buildings for the East Linn Center have been eliminated, along with other plans.

Kurtz believes it's hard to say what caused the defeat of the first measure. "Some would say that the dollar amount doesn't make a difference." He said that many people "didn't even know the issue was on the ballot," which could explain why "LB is trying to give more public information about the ballot."

If ballot measure 22-15 fails, money for repairs and improvements will have to come from general operating money, tuition, property taxes and state reimbursements. Some services at LB could be cut, explained Kurtz.

## Measures 15, 5 and 20 could change the face of education

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would alleviate LBCC's budget crunch in the short term, it would adversely affect higher education budgets.

Opponents of the measure point out that passage of Measure 15 will take state funds away from social service agencies, many of which make it possible for students to attend school. Since higher education is not provided for in this measure, tuition at state universities is expected to increase significantly.

Another initiative, Measure 5, bars "new or increased state and local taxes, certain fees and certain charges without prior voter approval." Although college tuition is not included, passage of the measure would increase state government election expenditures by \$1.75 million per year, which impacts the general fund and therefore allocations for education.

Measure 20, known as the "equal tax initiative," completely revamps the state taxation system. The cumulative effect of this measure on individual taxpayers is unknown. Some prices—such as rents—may be reduced, but federal income taxes would increase because Oregon taxpayers would not be able to deduct income and property tax payments, according to the League of Women Voters.

In an effort to "get out the vote," LBCC's Associated Student Government has been promoting the use of absentee ballots by students. A box has been set up next to the Student Programs Office on the second floor of the College Center where students can drop their sealed absentee ballots, and ASG will deliver the ballots to the appropriate courthouse.

In addition, a "voter van" will be available to take students who have no transportation to polling places next Tuesday.

## State-wide effort registers 21,500 students as first-time voters

More than 21,500 students from 26 colleges and universities in Oregon have newly registered in time to vote for the Nov. 8 general election.

As part of a national effort by young people to register a quarter of a million voters at over 250 campuses, members of Oregon's Student Vote '94 have been spending their free time helping classmates to register and vote. At LBCC, more than 250 new voter registrations were turned in.

Young people can make the difference in this

fall's election," said Therese Heliczer of Campus Green Vote, a founding member of Youth '94. "Many elections are won by a very slim margin and students' individual votes can add up to deciding who wins and who loses."

In Oregon, close races are common. According to Ed Dennis of the Oregon Student Lobby, "Students at Southern Oregon State College were the deciding factor in who represented Ashland in the Legislature. That's a lot of power, and I predict they'll be

turning out in record numbers again this year."

Student Vote '94, a coalition of Campus Green Vote, the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) and the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commission (CCOSAC), is a member of Youth Vote '94. The national coalition has been successful in registering over 200,000 voters across the country, including those registered here in Oregon.

## Discrimination complaint seeks to open college doors to all ages

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Jack's name on the complaint.

The Office of Community College Services originally ruled in favor of LBCC. Lloyd then filed two complaints with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights in June claiming that LBCC and the entire state community college system were guilty of age discrimination.

Lloyd, who contacted nearly all of the community colleges in Oregon, said that "age is irrelevant. I don't think you would tell a 90-year-old that he can't take classes."

Carnahan fears an overload of students at LBCC would result from relaxing the age requirements too much.

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—LBCC President Jon Carnahan

"She wants anybody at any age to be able to go to school here," he said. "I don't think we have the space or the capacity to give K-12 education to whoever wants it. We can't be the savior for all of the public school systems."

Almost 30 percent of Linn and Benton county high school graduates enroll in LBCC, among the highest rates in the state.

"Competition is a part of life," said

Lloyd, who believes the colleges should be there for anyone who can show they are capable. "They should at least be given a chance to try."

Carnahan feels that adding the younger students to the college atmosphere could be detrimental to the learning environment for adults. He added that the college already has an open door policy past age 18, and that with the tight education budget, future

legislation may actually limit who can attend community colleges.

Carnahan says the policy states that high school graduates can attend full-time, regardless of age. He feels younger students should be judged on readiness, maturity and completion of classes available.

Lloyd expects a decision on her complaint on or about Nov. 18. "I'll do whatever they suggest," said Carnahan, who feels that the ruling will go in the college's favor.

"I've already tried to mediate this," he explained. "I'm confident that we've offered her every opportunity, if they're willing to use the same system everybody else uses."

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# Young mothers complete class in single-parent survival

Summer program for teen moms inspires 11 local women to pursue career opportunities

by Kristy Wise  
of The Commuter

Teen pregnancy is a problem that has reached epidemic proportions in the United States.

But how these young mothers survive in the world is an issue that is very often overlooked. This past summer LBCC offered a program to open doors for single teen parents.

"I've learned a lot about myself, and gone through a complete change to a more positive attitude," explained Tina Baker, psychology major, and a recent graduate from the new program.

The Teen Parent College Prep Course was offered to single mothers age 17 to 20. This program was designed to give single mothers a chance to explore their fields of interest and choose a career goal.

The course focused on communication skills, study skills and career interest testing. It also placed an emphasis on non-traditional careers.

In order to be part of the program, the young women who participated were required to have achieved a high school diploma or equivalent. An application was also required.

Eleven women completed the course that ended with a graduation ceremony. Out of the 11 women who participated in the program, nine directly enrolled in classes at LBCC.

The Teen Parent College Prep Course was partially funded by a one-time \$15,000 Carl Perkins federal



Photo by Carol Rich

Wendy Coila, graduate of the Teen Parent College Prep Course, and son Cory talk about problems and share ideas at the bi-monthly support meetings.

grant. "We were very fortunate to get the grant. It really made an impact on the lives of the women—they are more aware of what's out there for them," said Theresa Johnson, on-site coordi-

nator for the Teen Parent College Prep Course.

A 1993 Census Bureau report shows that 27 percent of children under 18 lived with only one parent in 1993, up

from 12 percent in 1970.

"These students may have a real hard time making it. With transportation problems, child care problems, and time management issues, they are just not prepared for the demands that college places on them," Johnson explained.

Wendy Coila, a graduate of the summer program has discovered new resources such as safe child care, through

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—Tina Baker

the course. "Without the class I never would have known about the child care center," she said.

With her son in safe keeping, Coila is able to carry 15 credit hours at LBCC. She has also attained information through the summer program to choose a career as a medical office specialist.

Within one year, this profession will support her family. Coila then plans to take night classes to be an x-ray technician.

Coila believes "a lot more people could benefit from this program," if the Teen Parent Prep Course was offered annually.

Support meetings are held twice monthly to talk about any problems they are having, and to share ideas.

For more information about existing programs to help single parents, call Theresa Johnson or Terry Schukart at the JOBS office, 967-0581.

## Internet may link LB students with the rest of the world by '95

by Paul Turner  
of The Commuter

LB may soon be one of the "hubs" in the spider-web of networks that make up Internet, a key part of the information super-highway popularized by Vice President Al Gore.

Although "the funding is still up in the air," Ann Adams, head of LB Computer Services, said the college is investigating the possibility of connecting to Internet sometime next year. Being an Internet hub means having a dedicated line onto the net and a router that controls data to and from the net. Currently, the closest Internet hub is OSU.

"It is important for students to be able to use the current technologies," she said. "Internet is an important tool in the workplace."

The ability to use Internet can give students an edge in the job market because it is widely used by many companies. Some potential employees make access to Internet a condition of their employment.

Internet will connect students with other people who have shared interests and pertinent information. If you are researching a paper "you can actually talk to the scientist," Adams said.

Internet began with the federal government and is now used by uni-

versities, schools, businesses, and three million individuals in 33 countries. It is strictly designed to transfer information and not set up for playing games or "cracking," which is breaking into other computer systems. Internet is also accessed through such on-line companies as Prodigy and CompuServe.

The cost to students to use LB's Internet hub will depend on the passage of some of the Nov. ballot measures, Adams said. Other schools charge fees and "LB would like to avoid that," she explained.

LB will need to spend \$900,000 to set up with equipment and staff to become part of the Internet, which Adams described as "a toll road." Ongoing costs are expected to run about \$10,000 a year, which includes the toll, telephone lines, staffing (advisor) and a licensing fee. Should funding come through, Internet would be available to LB students in the fall of 1995.

Students would be able to use the LB Internet hub from home if they have a computer (DOS or Mac) and a modem (9600 baud minimum). This would allow distance learning in which students would be able to receive assignments, hand them in and receive their graded work without having to come onto campus.

## Council takes stand on several ballot measures

by Erik Bootsma  
of The Commuter

The ASLBCC Council of Representatives voted Wednesday to support the following state ballot measures: Measure 3, which extends time in which a vacancy for public office must be on the ballot for election, and Measure 11, which requires mandatory minimum sentences for certain felonies for all people ages 15 and up.

The Council also voted to oppose Measure 7 which guarantees equal protection based on race, color, religion, gender, age, and national origin, over concerns that the measure was not broad enough. Measure 8, which requires all state employees, including

teachers, to pay 6 percent of their wages toward their pensions, was also opposed.

The council also voted to support ballot measure 22-15 which would issue a bond of \$11,649,000 to LB. The bond will go to "replace corroded pipes and deteriorated roofs," according to LB officials. The alternative to 22-15 is to "transfer money from operations to capital outlay," and "reduce programs and services to students."

The charter for Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) was approved. SIFE is a new campus organization which hopes to "make students aware of free enterprise," according to Derrick Miller, chairman of the board.

## Financial aid renewal forms will be here soon

by Kristy Wise  
of The Commuter

Students who are receiving financial aid this year should start checking their mailboxes.

Applicants who sent in their financial aid forms for the 1994-95 school year before Nov. 1, will soon receive a renewal application in the mail. The renewal form updates information from the 1994-95 school year and uses it toward the 1995-96 school year.

According to Lance Popoff, director of the Financial Aid Department, students will forgo much hassle by using the renewal form, which is just a shorter version of the original form they filled out the previous year.

Students transferring to universities can use the shorter renewal form as well. The renewal form does things like verify income, number in household, and other questions pertinent to the financial background of students.

LB students should expect the renewal form to hit their mailboxes mid-November through Jan. 4. Students who have moved since they filled out the 94-95 forms will not receive a renewal form, and should go to the financial aid office to get the longer form.

Popoff said students are not to send the renewal form in before Jan. 1. If there is any confusion, Popoff said students are invited to stop by the financial aid department in Takena Hall.



# Writer's workshops feature renowned fiction writers

by Jaime Speelman  
of The Commuter

A two-day seminar and workshop for writers called Literary Focus will be held on Nov. 4 and 5 in the Alsea/Calapooia room.

On Nov. 4, Seattle author Matthew Stadler will give a reading from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Board Rooms. Stadler is the author of three works of fiction—"The Dissolution of Nicholas Dee," "Landscape Memory," and "The Sex Offender." Stadler has a MFA in fiction writing from Columbia University, and a BA from Oberline College in government.

On Nov. 5, coffee and registration will be held from 9 to 9:30 a.m., followed by a presentation on "surviving and thriving" as a writer or publisher from 9:30

to 11:30 a.m. by author and publisher Dennis Stovall.

Stovall's theories for writers and publishers have been compiled into an award-winning book called "The Writers Northwest Handbook."

From 12:30 to 2 p.m., literary agent Jean MacDonald will discuss the process, cost and effects of obtaining a literary agent.

MacDonald's independent agency is based in Portland. She comes most recently from New York City, where she was the director of foreign rights at Sterling Lord Literistic, Inc., one of the largest literary agencies in New York.

From 2 until 4 p.m., Stadler will conduct a fiction workshop, "Generating New Writing," in which he will introduce writers to exercises and games for

starting new work.

Lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You can bring your own or order a box lunch through registration and purchase it at the seminar for \$5.25.

Space is limited to 15 people per workshop. A few spaces are still available.

Registration forms can be picked up in AHSS 108, or call English and Foreign Language Director Jane White at extension 218.

Seminars on "Perspectives in Publishing" and "Literary Agents" can be taken together for a fee of \$15. "Generating New Writing" is a separate \$15 registration fee. Literary Focus is sponsored by ASLBCC, LBCC Albany Center, LBCC English Department and the Linn-Benton Council for the Arts.

## alumni corner

### EMT student returns as program coordinator

by Larry Bulling  
of The Commuter

Sue Shulters is familiar with stressful situations. As an Emergency Medical Technician with experience in life or death situations, handling a job interview was no big deal. Until, that is, she began experiencing labor pains.

"I decided to stick it out," says Shulters, who had chosen to give a presentation on cardiology. "I told them I was going to have to change now and go into emergency childbirth and that it was going to be very graphic. They told me I could leave."

Even though it was an unusual interview, she got the job as the college's Coordinator for EMT Basic and Intermediate Program. Shulters, 29, had filled in as the Coordinator off and on since 1991 while teaching part-time at LBCC and work-

ing part-time at Buck Medical Ambulance Service in Portland as an EMT III.

Shulters also had worked for the American Red Cross and in several doctors' offices.

Shulter's persistence and teaching ability have been well recognized. Hired in December 1989 as a part-time instructor, she was nominated the very next year for the college's Outstanding Part-time Instructor Award.

In September she was voted Emergency Medical Services Educator of the Year for excellence in teaching and for her significant contributions to EMS education in Oregon by the Oregon Department of Human Resources Health Division—Emergency Medical Services.

She was the first EMT-basic course instructor to have a class earn 100 percent first-time passing grades on the newly revised state certification examination.

Busy as she is with teaching and raising a family, Shulters also recently completed her EMT-Paramedic certification program and earned an Associate of General Studies in 1994.

She plans to further upgrade her teaching qualifications by starting work on a bachelor's degree in business next term.

Shulters also volunteers for the Halsey and Lebanon fire departments and belongs to the Neighborhood Watch Committee in Peoria.

Although plans for the college's paramedic associate's degree program were axed by budget cuts, Shulters is continuing to develop a one-year certificate program.

She also is perfecting her "ambulance theory." With donated innards from an old ambulance, she is building a full-scale mockup inside the classroom to give students more realistic hands-on practice.

"You get the basic information in the classroom, but you really perfect it out in the field," explained Shulters. With the ambulance mockup, "We're hoping to perfect more of it in here before we send them out there," she added.



Photo by Larry Bulling

EMT Program Coordinator Sue Shulters demonstrates use of the defibrillator on a dummy in the lab.

### Judging team places 5th in national contest; plans for Louisville and Kansas City

by Trista Bush  
of The Commuter

In its strongest finish since 1986, LBCC's Livestock Judging Team placed fifth out of 14 teams at the Cow Palace in San Francisco on Saturday.

The high placing ensures the team a trip to two national contests to be held next month in Kansas City, Mo., and Louisville, Ky.

"It's such a tight contest that the little things make a big difference," commented coach Rick Klampe about last weekend's contest.

LB finished fifth behind schools from all over the U.S. including Northeastern Oklahoma, Conners State (Okla.), Modesto Junior College (Calif.) and Casper College (Wyo.). Klampe said most of the top teams that competed at the Cow Palace will be at the Louisville contest.

"It was an entire team effort," Klampe said. "I was very pleased with our conduct in the reasons room."

LB placed fifth in the oral reasons category, first in beef, fourth in swine and seventh in sheep. High individuals included Todd Koch, who placed 14th overall, and Brenda Tarr, who was 20th out of 90 individuals.

In the beef category, Scott Jones placed fourth, Justin Richardson was fifth and Teri Wall, who went as an alternate team member, took eighth. Koch also placed 12th in the swine category.

LB's official team included Jeff Green, Jones, Koch, Richardson and Tarr.

Klampe said he is looking forward to the Louisville and Kansas City contest.

"I think we need to just keep doing the big things and cut down on the mental mistakes," he commented. "We have the talent to be in the top ten at both contests, and with a little luck, we could be in the top five."

According to Klampe, the last time LB went to the Louisville and Kansas City contests was two years ago, when they placed fourth in Louisville and 12 at Kansas City.

## news briefs

### How to Adopt Children Class

"Avenues to Adoption," a class for parents considering adoption, is being sponsored by LBCC's Family Resource Department and PLAN Adoption Agency of McMinnville. The first class is free and will meet Thursday, Nov. 3, 7-10 p.m., at Good Samaritan Hospital, Conference Room A, in Corvallis. There will be additional sessions scheduled at the first class for a \$75 fee paid to PLAN. For more information call 967-8835 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

### Baltic Brown-Bag

A slide presentation of the LBCC peace Delegation's visit to the Baltic

Countries will be held in Room F-113, Thursday Nov. 3 from 12-1 p.m. Photography instructor Rich Bergeman, who accompanied the delegation, will show slides he took while the group visited the capital cities of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland. Included are views of medieval cities, marketplaces and students participating in the International Peace Education Workshops in Vilnius, Lithuania. Everyone is welcome to bring their lunch and enjoy the show.

### Army Recruiting

A representative from the Army Recruiting Station will be in the Commons Lobby on Wednesday Nov. 9 from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to talk with students.

### Employee Training Seminar

"Training Employees for Peak Performance," a two-part, seven-hour seminar sponsored by the LBCC Training and Business Development Center, will be held on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 7 and 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the College Center Bldg., Alsea/Calapooia Room. Preregistration is required. The course fee is \$89 per person. For more information call 967-6112.

### WOSC Reps

Representative from Western Oregon State College will talk to students

in the Commons Lobby on Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### HO Workbook Published

Peggy M. Krueger, RN, medical terminology instructor in Health Occupations since 1977 at LB, recently published an instructor's guide to accompany a medical terminology textbook.

### Write Better Memos

"Effective Written Workplace Communications," a four-hour seminar sponsored by the Training and Business Development Center, will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room. Preregistration is required. For more information call ext. 112. The fee is \$45.



## LOCAL &amp; REGIONAL NEWS

## National handgun law has unintended effect on sales

Local gunstore owners say sales have increased since Congress passed the much-heralded Brady Bill earlier this year

by Paul Turner  
of The Commuter

When the Brady Bill was drafted and signed into law it was hailed as a significant step toward making a dent in this country's crime problem by tightening restrictions on handgun sales.

However, the bill's most ardent opponents, gun sellers, were soon profiting from its passage.

The Brady Bill has had the unintentional effect of increasing handgun sales across Oregon.

"Every time a (gun control) bill passes back there [in Washington, D.C.] gun sales go up," said Sharon Ricke of Ricke's Sporting Goods in Lebanon. John Sellers, an NRA firearms instructor agrees. He said his classes "are filled with people who are arming themselves for the first time in their lives."

The Brady Bill requires all licensed gun dealers to impose a five-day waiting period and a criminal check on handgun purchasers. Sharon Brady, the author of the bill, said on the Mauri Povitch Show in July that her bill "has prevented the purchase of over 38,000 handguns" by criminal record checks of potential purchasers.

However, one federal study shows that only 7 percent of criminals try to get their handguns from registered dealers. Still unregulated are private parties at gun shows and sales through classified ads and other private sales. Law enforcement agencies agree the main source of weapons for criminals is through theft, the black market, and borrowing.

The Brady Bill set down specific criteria for the purchase of a handgun by a person without a concealed weapon permit, but Oregon law was already more restrictive. To obtain a concealed weapon permit buyers must have no violent felonies or a history of mental illness on their record, and must undergo an extensive background check. Requirements change from county to county in Oregon.

People are turning out in droves to get their concealed weapon permit. In his classes, Sellers teaches almost 100 people a month about the law and the practice of using a handgun for self-protection. His class stresses that no piece of property is worth taking someone's life.

"If I come home and find someone ripping off my TV, I'll ask them if they want my VCR if they present



Photo by Paul Turner

Sharon Ricke, owner of Ricke's Sporting Goods in Lebanon, has seen gun sales shoot up since passage of the Brady Bill earlier this year, which imposes a five-day waiting period to purchase a handgun. The waiting period has had little impact in Oregon, where a 15-day waiting period is already the law.

**"Every time a (gun control) bill passes back there [in Washington, D.C.] gun sales go up."**

—Sharon Ricke

no threat," he said.

In a recent class a student brought up the case in Corvallis where a man was shot in the back while fleeing by the homeowner whose car he had just burglarized. The student saw this as justifiable homicide. Sellers, however, did not—and offered to refund the money of any student who thought it was okay to shoot anyone in the back over property.

He stressed that he is not in the business of training vigilantes.

"When you carry a gun you are held to a higher

standard. You have to walk away from fights. You do not put yourself in situations where you might have to use the gun," he said.

Ricke said gun sales have increased 50 to 65 percent since the introduction of the Brady Bill.

"People who have never owned a gun feel they might never have the chance if guns are restricted," she said.

Nick Russell of Ace Buyers in Albany agreed. "People who were thinking of buying a gun are being pushed ahead [by the Brady Bill]."

A wide-spread belief among gun people is that the media have demonized guns to the point that people have their eyes off the real problem—the criminals.

"Today it's guns that cause the world's problems. Tomorrow it might be vacuum cleaners that pollute the ozone," said Russell.

## Oregon's violent crime on decrease, despite political claims

At the same time that fear of crime has spawned ballot measures aimed at toughening penalties, crime rate drops

by Charles E. Beggs  
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Some political ads are painting a picture of violent crime soaring in Oregon.

But according to the agency that tracks such statistics, the rate has been going down, not up.

"Usually violent crimes pick up a lot of press, but actually the rate of violent crime has gone down for three years in a row," said Ray Spooner, crime report coordinator for the Law Enforcement Data System. The agency compiles reports from state and local police agencies and also sends information to the FBI.

Crimes against people did rise during the first half of this year, but only by half of 1 percent. Property crimes, on the other hand, increased by 9.7 percent in first six months.

Violent crime is the subject of several ballot measures and has become an issue in the governor's race, where both candidates promise to do something about it.

Denny Smith, the Republican contender, is pushing to expand prisons to lock up more violent offenders. Democratic candidate John Kitzhaber

puts more emphasis on dealing with a spiraling juvenile crime problem.

Spooner said the crime rate has declined in part because of the state's population boom, which has meant growth of about 2 percent a year. So even when more crimes are reported, the rate declines.

But in the first half of 1994, numbers of crimes against people also dropped in some major categories. There were 21 percent fewer rapes, 13 percent fewer kidnappings and 27 percent fewer murder attempts. Bank robberies declined by 22 percent, and convenience store holdups were down by 45 percent.

Total crime rose by 1 percent in 1993, following a 1.9 percent increase in 1992.

"My general impression is there not any new crime wave going on," said David Factor, director of the state Criminal Justice Council. "While crime still may be unacceptably high, nothing has happened in the last year or two years to indicate a crime wave."

The agency monitors administration of the felony sentencing guidelines adopted by the 1989 Legislature. The aim of the guidelines include more uniformity in sentencing and better methods of predicting prison space needs.

Because property crimes continue to rise, Factor said, the public might be more concerned about that than are elected officials.

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—Ray Spooner

"The big clamor is for harsher sentences for violent offenders, but people want something done about property offenders," he said.

State Rep. Kevin Mannix, D-Salem, sponsor of a measure on the Nov. 8 ballot to impose tougher minimum sentences of violent felons, says the battle isn't won just because the crime rate in that category is not rising.

"I'm not satisfied with the present rate of crime," he said. "I want to reduce crime. Otherwise it's like saying the unemployment rate is 15 percent but that's OK because it's not getting worse."

Mannix said average prison time served for crimes against people has increased under the sentencing guidelines. But punishment for property crime decreased because there is not enough prison space to impose longer terms for both kinds of offenses, he said.

Mannix said that has caused people to be angry over property crime because they see some thieves and other criminals serve no prison time.



## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## This Friday night could be 'Some Enchanted Evening' for music lovers

by Jim Eagan  
of The Commuter

"Some Enchanted Evening," a revue of Rodgers and Hammerstein songs opens Friday, Nov. 4.

The show, directed by George Lauris and produced by the LBCC Performing Arts Department, is a celebration of the music from one of America's greatest musical comedy writing teams.

Along with Lauris, choreographer Barbara Platt and music director Gary Ruppert are staging the show.

"We have assembled six very talented performers and song stylists," said Lauris. "This is a show designed to make you feel good."

The cast includes the on-stage piano

accompaniment of Gary Ruppert; Kevin Kirby, Susan Peck, and Vicki Righettini of Corvallis; Karen Ruppert of Albany; and Al Villanueva of Eugene.

Audience members familiar with the music may stroll down memory lane and hum or even sing along with the music. Others may hear music they have never heard before.

The three-week run for this show starts Friday Nov. 4. Performance dates are Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and on Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. in Takena Theater. Tickets are \$7 and can be reserved at Sid Steven's Jewelers in Albany and at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis. Tickets are also available at the door before curtain time.

### review

## 'Quiz Show' takes hard look at honesty

by Kristy Wise  
of The Commuter

At a glance, the movie "Quiz Show" seems like an entertaining flick about the deception of television viewers all over the country through a rigged game show. But this film is a true story that deals with a much more deep-seated issue.

"Quiz Show" is set in the 1950's when the invention of the television was invading living rooms everywhere. Americans watched the quiz show "Twenty One" produced by NBC every night, cheering on the contestants who represented the plight of the working man in America.

Herbert Stemple (played by John Turturro), working class Jew from Queens, has won \$70,000 from his nightly competition on the game show. Stemple has prepared his whole life for this one pinnacle event to rocket himself into fame and fortune, and loving every minute of it.

Suddenly the ratings on the show drop, and it is blamed on the fact that Stemple is unpolished and even somewhat annoying. The two producers of the show tell Stemple to take a dive so they can get a more interesting winner.

In the meantime the movie cuts to introduce us to Charles VanDoren (played by Ralph Fiennes). VanDoren is a highly educated man who teaches literature at Columbia University. Having always lived in the shadow of his father's many accomplishments, VanDoren sub-consciously chooses to become a contestant on the quiz show "Twenty One" because it is something his father would never do.

The movie makes a point to let the audience know that VanDoren is a highly intelligent man who comes from a family with a history of upright morals.

While the producers of "Quiz Show" are trying to get Stemple to take a dive, they are also trying to convince VanDoren to cheat by giving him the answers to all the questions that will be asked on the show.

Stemple does take a dive and loses his place as champion to VanDoren. The producers of the show then went on to convince VanDoren that because he is a professor at a university, his winning on the show would inspire

millions for the cause of higher education. Although VanDoren has an alibi for his unscrupulous behavior, his conscience still eats away at him while he is enjoying the carnal benefits of ill-gotten gain.

Meanwhile, Stemple has an axe to grind with "Quiz Show" since the producers booted him. He takes them to court and the case makes the New York times in a small sidebar article.

This brings us to a new character. Richard Goodwin (played by Rob Morrow), is an eager, recent graduate from Harvard Law School.

Goodwin happens to notice the article about possible foul play on the game show, and takes an immediate interest.

The plot goes on to take a few different twists, and then finally a surprise ending that I won't spoil for you. But, the glue to this story isn't the game show, it's about choices that people make.

I found myself absolutely fascinated with the fact that VanDoren, whose whole life is built on studying the truths of classic literature would succumb to avarice and greed. The whole movie "Quiz Show" outlines two types of people, honest and dishonest.

Goodwin, the lawyer has come to be friends with VanDoren, and he doesn't want to implicate VanDoren in a trial. At a crucial part in the movie, Goodwin feels compelled to know if VanDoren, his friend really took the answers. The camera zooms in for a close up of VanDoren as he explains. He says if they offered you \$20,000 and more just to be on a quiz show wouldn't you do it? As VanDoren asks the question you can see the turmoil in his face, like he has spent hours justifying his actions to himself. Then the Goodwin simply looks at him from across the table and says, "No, I wouldn't."

Herein lies the dichotomy between the honest man and dishonest. But the real fascination lies within the questions the movie makes us ask. Who are the dishonest people in our society, and what kind of reputation precedes them? Does who we are as individuals mandate the choices we make, or do our choices mandate who we are?

"Quiz Show" has an interesting ending, and will leave you wondering what the price is for your own honesty.



Photo by Amy Radie

### Good-Time Goblins

The Werewolf (John Zillman), Doc Holiday (Derrick Miller), Wyatt Earp (Steve Weygant) and Wood Sprite (Holly Steele) mug for the camera during the Halloween costume contest at the Harvest Festival activities on Monday.

### review

## 'Deathtrap' tickets still available

by Jaime Speelman  
of the Commuter

This is your final week to reserve seats for Deathtrap, Ira Levin's twisted thriller of deceit and murder now showing at Albany Civic Theater.

Washed-up mystery playwright, Sidney Bruhl (played by Don Streeter), discovers a fabulous play called Deathtrap, written by a former student by the name of Clifford Anderson (played by H.P. "Bud" Drake III). Sidney looks for a way to pass the play off as his own, only to find out the only way to accomplish this is to arrange a meeting with Clifford and kill him.

Unsure if Sidney's intentions are a joke or not, Sidney's wife Myra (played by Joanne Hamann) decides to stick around and keep an eye out on Sidney, just in case.

At the meeting, Sidney comes to find that Clifford has only made one copy of the play and no one is aware of his

whereabouts, the perfect situation for a perfect murder. With the help of trick handcuffs, Sidney takes a chance and kills Clifford, and that friends is only the beginning!

With the help of psychic, Helga Ten Dorp (played by Bonnie Ross), and Sidney's lawyer, Porter Milgrim (played by Roger R. Russell), the mystery unfolds, and all is not what it seems.

Through a series of intricate plot twists, and some wicked, dry, humor, Levin's Deathtrap, unrolls into a good old-fashioned thriller, worthwhile and well acted!

If you're interested in attending Deathtrap, the final performances run Nov. 3, 4, and 5 at 8:15 pm. Tickets \$7 general admission, and a \$5 senior citizen rate. Seats can be reserved through Sid Stevens Jewelers and Rice Pharmacy. Albany Civic Theater is located at 111 1st. Ave. NW across from Sid Stevens Jewelers.

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## SPORTS

# Infusion of new talent promises brighter future for men's basketball team

by Jennifer McCloskey  
of The Commuter

The rain is here and fall is in the air. Once again the echoes of bouncing basketballs fill the LBCC gym.

The men's basketball season is underway with practices and a scrimmage already under its belt.

"From top to bottom, this is the best team I've had in [my] four years [at LBCC]," said head coach Randy Falk. Many of the players were all-league in high school, come from winning programs, and have great mentality, he added.

Jeff Taylor, a freshman point guard from Eugene, said the team has come a long way in a short period of time.

"We have the talent to accomplish a lot as a team and achieve our individual goals," said Taylor.

So far the Roadrunner's have not played any games but all the players agree that they are ready for their first game on Nov. 28.

Greg Obrist, a 6'6" wing/post, said, "Our team is really well-rounded. There are excellent shooters and rebounders, and where one person may need help, someone else is able to fill in."

The team as a whole has lots of strengths, according to Falk. With most of the new players being familiar with winning in the past, all members of the team contribute a great amount of "chemistry and mental toughness."

Coach Falk said that no one player can be singled out on this team.

"Greg Obrist, Sean Eaton and Aaron Mickey contribute their experience, which is a big plus," said Falk. "Jeff Taylor has the mentality and maturity of a floor leader and we have a group which includes freshmen Chris Swallow, Donny Cloud, Dustin Hamman, Ryan Heron, Steve Roberts, Chris Sexton, Billy Thomas, Clason Whitney and Kyle Wonderly, who—because they can all start—add depth and they are all competitive players."

Sexton is the only freshman recruited from the local area. He is from Philomath High School where he was coached by Dave Garvin.

So what kind of "chemistry" does this team have? According to Taylor and Obrist, the team has a certain kind of closeness.

"We have the knowledge of all the players' potential," Taylor said. "We are a lot less selfish when we know what the other can do."

"I think the team has a give-and-

take sort of relationship on the court," Obrist said. "We aren't afraid to share responsibilities on the court."

Coach Falk stressed the need for the players to commit themselves to the team.

"For the moment, basketball is the family of these players," Falk said. "I emphasize 'great teams accomplish great things, and the commitment to success is important; without it you have nothing.'"

At the same time Coach Falk realizes that each of the players has other families to attend to including their academic families and their families at home. He emphasized that the players must stay balanced and focused.

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—Greg Obrist

The coach is reluctant to compare this year's squad to last year's.

"We don't compare to last year anymore," Falk said. "At some point in time we have to close the door to the past. Each team is a new entity and this year's entity has the potential for a winning season."

Obrist added, "There is no comparison between last year's team and this year's team. There wasn't much talent last year and we didn't get very far. This year it seems as though we have picked up where we left off."

The hopes and expectations of this season are strong and exciting. According to Falk, the rapport of the team is good and positive. The players have chosen to keep negativity out of their conversations.

He expects the team to have a winning season and to compete for the playoffs. He also expects to have tough competition from Chemeketa, who is the league favorite. Clackamas and Lane are also tough, he said. The rest of the league is wide-open after that.

"I'm really excited," Obrist said. "We have lots of talent and I think we'll do really well. The more fans the better."

Falk added, "We are, as of yet, unproven. This is our opportunity to prove ourselves."

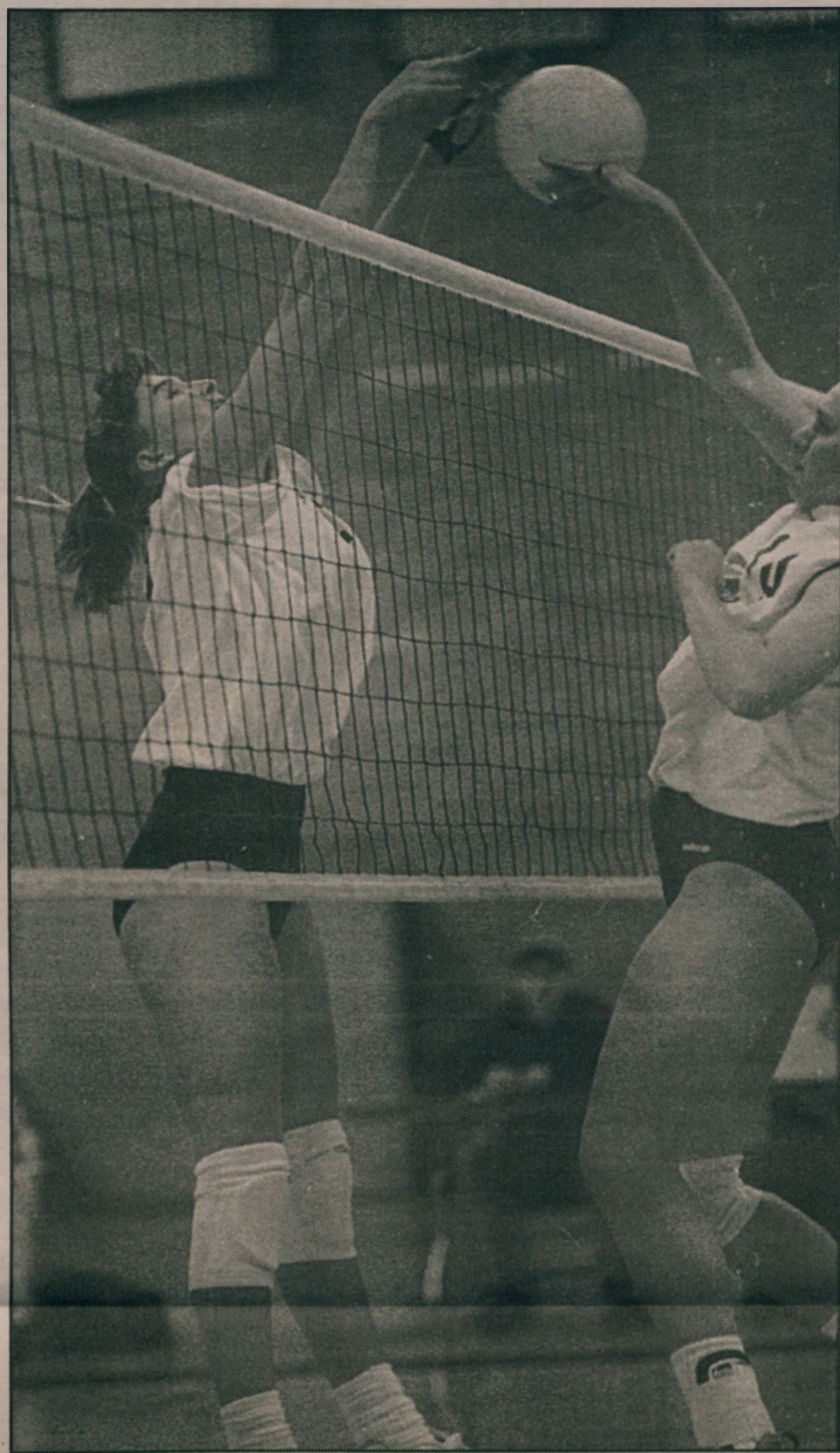


Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Shelley West shows the form that has made her the leader in blocks for the Roadrunners through the mid-way point in the volleyball season. Her 18 solo and 31 assisted blocks ranks her fifth in the league.

## West, Burnett, Bond, Gerig pile up stats for volleyball team

by Jessica Sprenger  
of The Commuter

At the midway point in the volleyball season LBCC middle blocker Shelly West finds herself fifth in the NWAACC in blocking.

West leads the Roadrunners with 18 solo and 31 assisted blocks. West also leads the team in hitting efficiency at 29 percent with 70 kills and only 26 errors in 150 attempts, which is 15th in the league. Michele Burnett is 17th in the league in hitting with 27 percent efficiency and 57 kills.

Setter Samantha Bond had 95

assists through the half way point, good for 14th in the league, while setter Melissa Troyer had 45 assists.

Amy Gerig is leading the Roadrunners in digs with 63, 13th in the league. Gerig and Powell each have 10 service aces to lead the team. Powell also has 50 digs and 29 kills. Right behind Powell in the dig department is Jodi Hoskins with 49.

Shanna Rosa has 38 digs and five aces for the Roadrunners. Carrie Surmon has 30 kills, six service aces, 11 solo blocks and 19 assisted blocks.

The Roadrunners, 3-7 and 15-14, travel to Clackamas tonight.

## Miller's latest ski movie to open in Corvallis

By Teri Schudel  
Of The Commuter

Warren Miller introduces his 45th annual ski adventure film to the LaSells Stuart Center in Corvallis on Monday Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

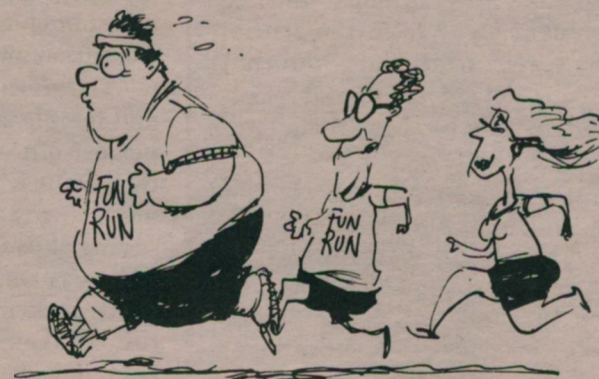
"Vertical Reality" is a joint fundraising project of the ski-racing teams at OSU and Corvallis and Crescent Valley high school. Sponsored by Nissan Pathfinder, VISA and Evian, the film features the world's best skiers and snow boarders, including Tommy Moe and Miller himself, as they travel across the United States

and Canada, from California to New Hampshire and Valdez to Vail.

The film also covers the Nissan North American Ski Flying Championships at Iron Mountain.

Adding to the intensifying "Vertical Reality" will be state-of-the-art MCA recording artists such as Whycliff, Morgan Heritage and Sass Jordan.

Tickets are \$6 in advance from Albertsons, Peak Sports, Timberhill Athletic Club or \$8 at the door. Doors will open early at 7 p.m. to exhibit promotions from Mt. Hood Meadows, Anderson's Sporting Goods and others.



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## commentary

## See you at the polls

by Marla J. Lawrence  
for The Commuter

I was going to close out the election season with an endorsement of John Kitzhaber for governor, and perhaps a brief homily about the wonders of democracy. But then it occurred to me that such an article would be preaching to the choir more than anything else, and that it was probably more important to urge people to vote, period. So instead of attempting to convince you of Denny Smith's utter incompetence or singing the dubious praises of the initiative process, I'm just going to give you some really good reasons why you should care about this.

**Reason No. 1:** Your vote matters. If you've ever felt a little disgruntled because you're driving a bucket of bolts that rolled off the assembly line when the country was still in bell-bottoms, you should relish this opportunity to influence public policy. After all, the voting booth is the one place where your opinion carries the same weight as that of your well-to-do neighbor (you know, the one whose teen-aged son drives a late-model BMW). Use it!

**Reason No. 2:** Voting gives you the right to gripe. There's an old saying among folks who came of age in the 60's and 70's: "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem." People who claim they're conscientious objectors to the political process always seem to be the ones who scream the loudest about crime or welfare or whatever else gets their viscera in an uproar. They're like dieters who blame the bathroom scales for the weight gain resulting from a weekend oinkfest—which brings to mind yet another nugget of baby boomer wisdom: "Kick the person responsible for your problems and you won't sit down for a week."

If you stay home on election day, don't whine if things don't go the way you want; instead, consider investing in a pillow for that bruised backside.

But I think the best reason of all is:

**Reason No. 3:** Democracy is not a spectator sport. "Uh-oh, here comes the sermon," you're probably saying to yourself. Well, not exactly—I've been a registered voter for almost 20 years, and as far as I'm concerned the majority of today's politicians are pathetic excuses for leaders. But my disgust with the mean-spiritedness that passes for campaigning these days and the poor quality of the choices doesn't absolve me of the responsibility to learn all I can about them so I can make an informed decision. Nor does it give me—or anyone else—an excuse to throw in the towel and say, "Aw, the hell with it."

Voter apathy is little more than an illogical "wastebasket diagnosis" dreamed up by the popular media to explain why so many of us don't bother to go to the polls. We're not apathetic—we're ANGRY! And as anyone who has ever studied human physiology knows, anger is one of the most powerful natural energy sources on earth.

So why aren't we using all this extra go-juice to reclaim the political process? Because we also have an unfortunate tendency to want everything handed to us on a silver platter. The trouble is, it will take an enormous effort to wrest our government away from the special interests and the career politicians, and that means getting off our collective duff and resisting the temptation to take the easy road. Otherwise, they win by default.

The voting privilege, so often taken for granted, is very much like a muscle: if neglected, it can eventually be lost. But just in case you think it can't be taken away from you, I hope you'll flip through this year's voter's pamphlet and take a good long look at the ballot measures. They may appear different, but many of them share a frightening common bond: they were written by people out to protect their own interests by taking something away from other people. See you at the polls.



ellen goodman

## Linguist prompts thoughts about building bridges across the gap in public discourse

Washington—I'm halfway to Deborah Tannen's office at Georgetown University when I realize that I'm late. My mind starts racing playfully down the pathways that has marked out in her linguistic map-making.

When I get there, should I say I'm sorry? Would "sorry" mark me by gender as surely as my extra X chromosome? Would my sorrow merely be a female ritual expression of regret? Or a real, live, gender-free apology?

By the time I get to her doorway, I untie my tongue of its burden by telling her my thought-process. As she graciously joins in laughter, it occurs to me that my response to this woman isn't unique.

Indeed, Deborah Tannen may be single-handedly responsible for making millions of American men and women self-conscious about their speech. Talking with her is like cooking for a restaurant critic. You assume she isn't just eating, she's analyzing the ingredients. Awarding stars.

In 1990, this professor of linguistics set out to describe the communications gap between men and women to a country frustrated by "he said, she said" arguments. "You Just Don't Understand" topped the best-seller list because it promised that we actually could understand.

Her evenhanded approach tried to calm the hostilities. What goes awry between men and women in private life, she suggested, "may be due to misunderstandings, not bad intentions."

Now she has brought that perspective to the workplace. Her new book, "Talking 9 To 5," is about "private talking in a public context."

Tannen is careful to say that there aren't inherent or immutable gender differences. Nor is there a single pattern for all men or all women saying "we." Men focusing on status—"who's up"—and women focusing on connection. Men comfortable with confrontation and women preferring consensus.

"There really does seem to be a difference in male and female strategies," she says sitting in her own modest office. "Women are always balancing what they want with what the other person wants. They are trying to save face for the other person. Men are saying, 'I go for what I want and I trust you to go for what you want.'"

At work, he says what he thinks and expects her to do the same. She includes his feelings in what she says and expects him to do the same. These expectations are often disappointed.

It's not that one style is better than the other, Tannen quickly insists, though any woman who's constantly interrupted when speaking may find it hard to be as non-judgmental.



Yet the stories in this book suggest that when women look out for everybody and men look out for themselves, there are real repercussions.

The 'female style' keeps the business running smoothly. The 'male style' gets you ahead. One makes for a happier ship. The other gets to be captain.

Tannen has followed us from

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our homes into our workplaces. But this year we are as frustrated with the public dialogue. Reading her book about private talk, I cannot help wondering about how we talk in the public arena. In the media. In politics.

Maybe we don't need an anthropologist to describe the current language of public discourse. It's polarized, angry, accusatory, confrontational. Not a discussion but an argument.

It's not a coincidence that there's no female Rush Limbaugh. Or that fewer women call in to the talk radio shows that have set the political agenda. This "conversational style," to use the term loosely, turns many off, especially women.

As Tannen worries, "It's another way that women are disenfranchised."

As for politics? In 1992, there was much talk of the female difference. But in 1994, the entire public style has become what Tannen would describe as the male style.

In this year of the attack ad, every campaign has become a confrontation. Men and women who want to succeed in politics now talk "who's up/who's down." A televised debate is no place to save face for the other guy.

But governing, like business, may work best with people who can accommodate, take the other point of view into account, think of "us," not just "me." The real stylistic clash may be between the successful candidate and the effective legislator.

With some help from this linguist with a good ear and a facile style, we're building bridges across the gender gap of private talk. But our public talk has deteriorated into a yelling match.

And yes, we ought to be sorry about that.



## OPINION

## It's time for students to stand up for the environment

by Maureen Kirk  
Executive Director, OSPIRG  
and Therese Heliczer, Campus Green Vote

The 1990s began as the "environmental decade" when students on 2,000 campuses nationwide organized events for Earth Day, the largest organized student demonstration in history.

But the hope of Earth Day, and the enthusiasm young people felt for the pro-environment promises of Bill Clinton and Al Gore have turned to anger. Why? Because this Congress has been the most hostile towards the environment since the original Earth Day in 1970. This year voters can celebrate Earth Day by electing candidates to Congress who will improve the quality of our health, our air, our water and our ecosystems. In short, it's time to move from the recycling bin to the ballot box and have your voice heard.

Among voters, students and young people rate the environment as one of their top concerns. According to a recent poll, 85% of people under thirty consider themselves "an environmentalist." In the past few years, the student environmental movement has become one of the most significant new forces in American politics with groups on almost every college campus. Now, in a critical mid-term election year, the most important step young people can take to protect our health and the health of the environment is vote.

Voting matters, particularly in the election.

Three major bills in Congress meant to protect our health and environment faced extreme opposition. The Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Endangered Species Act have come under fire from political action committees, lobbying efforts by major polluting industries and the misnamed, anti-environmental "wise-use movement."

The Clean Water Act, enacted in 1972 to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into our waterways and make our waters "swimmable and fishable," needs to be reauthorized and strengthened. Currently, 30% of our river and more than 50% of our lakes are not safe for swimming or fishing.

The Safe Drinking Water Act, passed to protect citizens by preventing contamination of public water supplies, is being violated in every state. In the two years it has taken Congress to try to reauthorize the bill, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that over 1,880,000 people became sick and more than 1,800 died from contaminated water.

The Endangered Species Act, our nation's most fundamental tool to protect species threatened with extinction, has saved hundreds of species which are often the source of new pharmaceuticals. One example is the Pacific Yew tree, found in Oregon and Washington. The Yew contains taxol, currently used to treat breast cancer. Yet, opponents, such as the wise-use supported Congresspeople, are working to gut the act.

The debate around these environmental issues

will continue in the current Congress. Voters have a unique opportunity this Nov. to turn the tide toward protecting our health, our water and our ecosystems. Young people will be leading the charge just as we did in 1992. In the 1992 election, Campus Green Vote spearheaded a drive to register over 107,000 young voters. This resulted in over two million new young voters going to the polls—the largest increase in youth turn-out since 18 year-olds were first given the right to vote.

Here in Oregon, Campus Green Vote and the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) in coalition with the Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) and the Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC) are educating and mobilizing over 20,000 students state-wide. OSPIRG's Green Voter Campaign will be educating students how the candidates stand on the environment with a series of fairs and forums. Many politicians up for re-election this fall will face this same kind of pressure as students mobilize for a pro-environment Congress.

As the next generation, realize that they are not just inheriting an economic debt but also an environmental one. They understand the connection between human health and environmental health and they're getting involved. They're educated about the candidates and voting for the earth this Nov. 8.

## letters

## Noisy LRC hampers studying

To the Editor:

When I first came to LBCC I was a very young 18 years old. I was finishing my state requirements to receive an Adult High School Diploma, so that I could join the United States Marine Corp. (Don't worry this is not an article advocating enlistment).

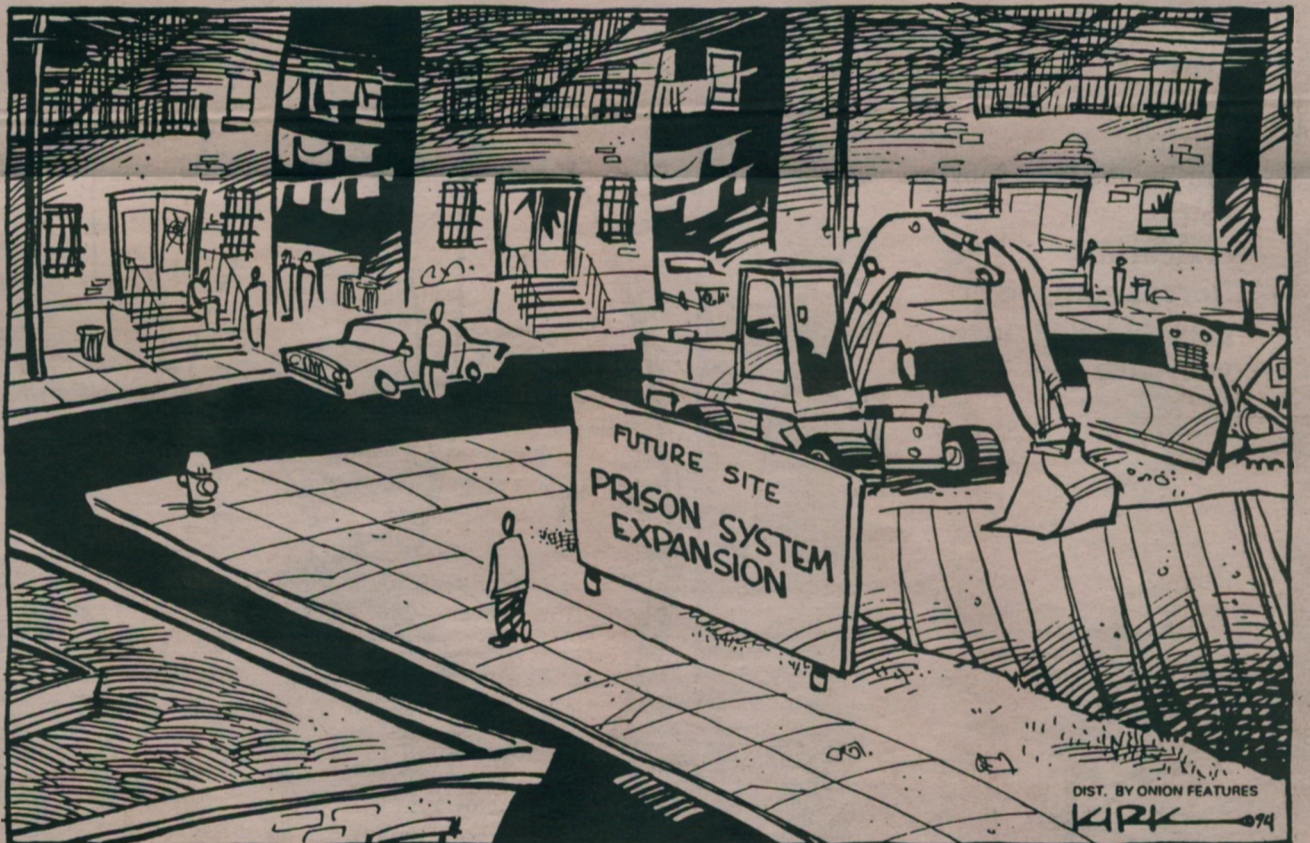
I decided on the Reserve Component of the Marines so that I could continue with college. I came back to college. I came back to LBCC after all of my training was through and began classes. I soon realized that my level of maturity was lacking and dropped out after several terms.

Now that I've been attending LBCC for the last two years, I've realized that this time between has allowed me to mature and learn to respect the importance of a college education.

But there is a down side. As I'm writing this I'm in the Learning Center listening to no less than seven conversations that are completely unrelated to school work, ranging in topics from make-up to music to how much I drank last weekend.

I'm not saying that people don't have the right to have these incredibly important conversations, I'm just noticing that they would be more appropriate somewhere other than the Learning Center (the library is also a bad place for these conversations).

Pete Boucot



POLITICALLY PALATABLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSAL

## commentary

## Measure 13: A clever disguise to take Oregonian's rights away

by Kristy Wise  
of The Commuter

Don't let the title for Measure 13—"The Minority Status and Child Protection Act"—fool you. This measure, sponsored by the OCA, has nothing to do with protecting children, and everything to do with legalizing discrimination.

Measure 13 would amend the Oregon Constitution, mandating that homosexuals have fewer rights than heterosexuals. This blatantly contradicts the intention of America's founding fathers, who stated in the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal."

Consider the following consequences:

1) A person could be fired based simply on their sexual preference. The measure says that if a gay person's behavior interferes with their performance at work—a subjective judgment on the employer's

part—it would be perfectly legal to fire that person, and no legal action could be taken.

It would also be legal for employers to ask the sexual preference of a job applicant before hiring.

2) No state institution could give out any information with any reference to homosexuality. If the LBCC gay-lesbian club tried to meet on campus, they would be breaking the law.

3) All libraries in Oregon would be subject to heavy censorship of all materials with reference to homosexuality. Classic literature like "A View From The Bridge" by playwright Arthur Miller would either be banned or in the "Adult Section," according to the voters' pamphlet.

4) Oregon public schools would only be able to refer to homosexuality as "unhealthy and unacceptable. It would force educators to stop any discussion that would even suggest that gay and lesbian citizens

should not be discriminated against," according to the Oregon Education Association.

5) Police departments will be prohibited from taking "Hate Crime Statistics." Are we to ignore the fact that hate crimes are committed against gay people all the time?

This measure is based on hate, and is promoted by homophobic people. The Special Righteousness Committee of Oregon says this about gay people: "The fact that Michelangelo, Tchaikovsky and Leonard Bernstein were gay is proof that gay people are engaged in a 'cultural war' to destroy Western civilization."

Since when do we allow what goes on in people's bedrooms, between two consenting adults mandate public policies? Next will the OCA try to outlaw certain sexual positions?

I strongly urge your "No" vote on Measure 13.



# EXPRESSIONS

## ROTTING PUMPKINS

Face  
fuzz sprouts;  
wrinkles crimp  
skin in aging's  
grip.

## MUM

Wrapped  
mummy,  
are you a  
real mummy or  
dad?

## CUTTING COMMENT

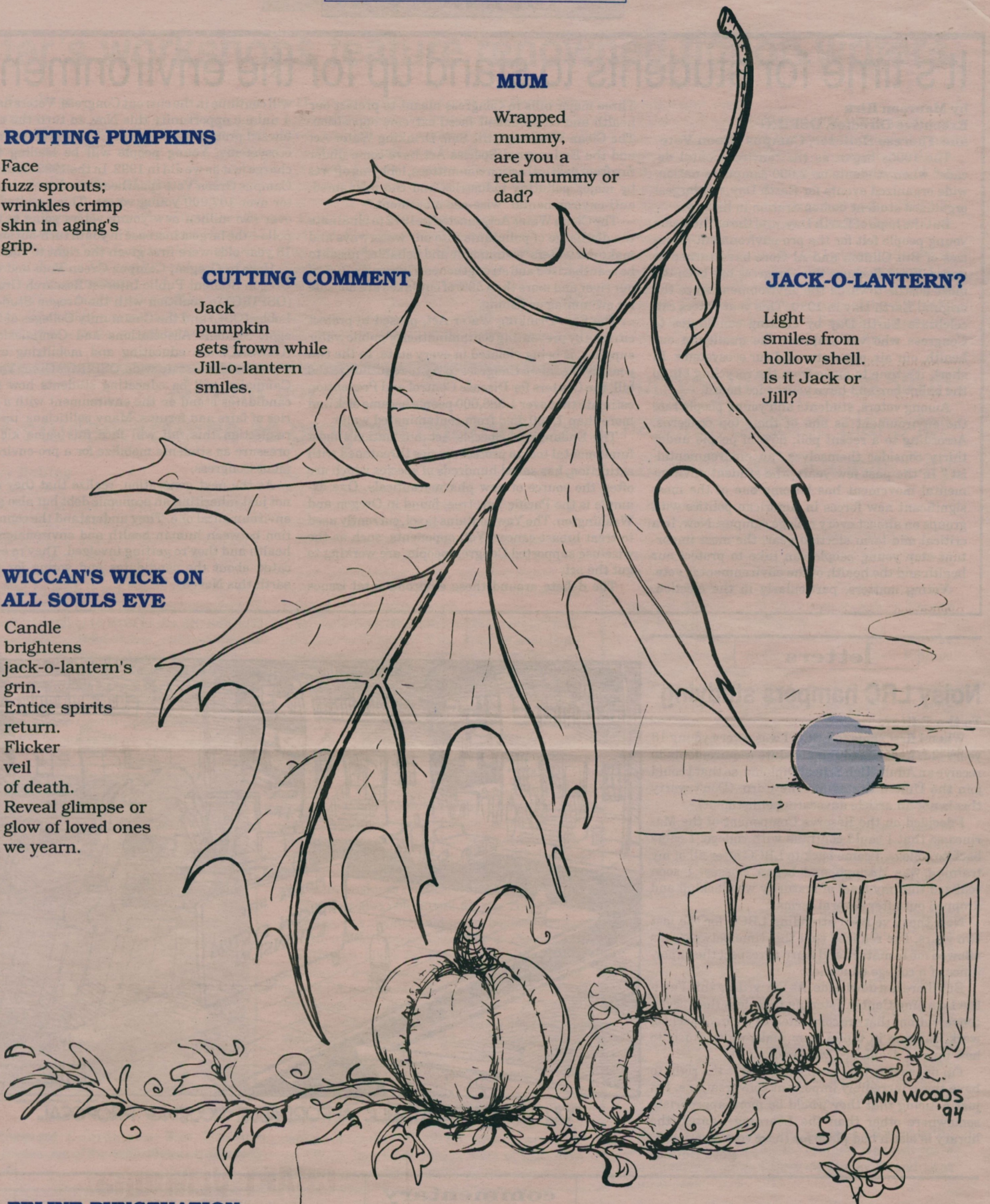
Jack  
pumpkin  
gets frown while  
Jill-o-lantern  
smiles.

## JACK-O-LANTERN?

Light  
smiles from  
hollow shell.  
Is it Jack or  
Jill?

## WICCAN'S WICK ON ALL SOULS EVE

Candle  
brightens  
jack-o-lantern's  
grin.  
Entice spirits  
return.  
Flicker  
veil  
of death.  
Reveal glimpse or  
glow of loved ones  
we yearn.



## FELINE PUNCTUATION

Cat  
hairs on  
chairs bring us  
exclamation  
points!



## MORNING MAIL

Wet  
cobweb-  
lacy latch  
holds my mailbox  
shut.

## TRANS-LOCATION

Poor  
spider,  
I spied her;  
pried her out my  
door.



# MARKETPLACE

## classifieds

### HELP WANTED

**Looking for work?** Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part time, full time, temporary and permanent positions available. If you are eligible for Federal Work Study through Financial Aid we have jobs available at the Benton, Lebanon and Sweet Home Extended Learning Centers and on main campus. Visit us today!!!

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**95-96 Leslie D. Parker Memorial Scholarship** Eligibility: Female, transfer student, upperclassmen for 95-96. Must be Oregon Resident. \$500 for one year. Deadline April 1. Address for application available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

**94-95 Business and professional Women's Educational Programs** has various scholarships available to women who meet all eligibility requirements. Applications available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is April 15.

**94-95 Peter DeFazio Scholarship** eligible applicants: Oregon residents in the 4th Congressional District (Linn Co. and part of Benton), dislocated timber workers, full-time students who have applied for Financial Aid and successfully completed 12 credits at LBCC. Deadline: 11/4/94. Applications in the Financial Aid Office.

### FOR SALE

**Need a roommate?** Call "Roomate Connection", a shared housing service bringing individuals together. Call 758-2006 ext. 555. \$5 service fee.

**Black and tan Cocker Spaniel AKC**, 12-month old male. House and trick trained. \$150. Call 924-9914.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**DittoHeads Unite!** Are you tired of being labeled ignorant and bioted by uniformed liberals? Would you like to have a "Rush-Room" or a conservative forum on campus? College Conservatives Association. Call Erik Bootsma at 752-5040 or 752-5566.

### HAVEN'T A CLUE

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**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS!**

**VOTE**



**NOVEMBER 8th**

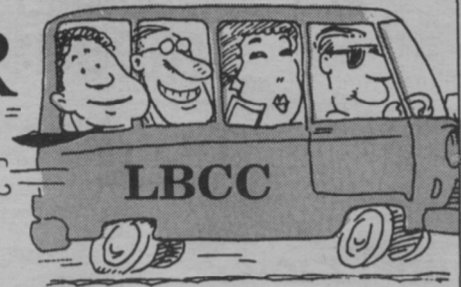
Leadership Team '94-'95

## WANT TO VOTE?

Need a ride to the polls?

Call:

**VOTER VAN**



Extension 831 for more details.

## Advising Week

November 14 - 18

Don't Forget to:

Pick up your pre-printed registration form at the registration counter (it will list your assigned day, and time to register the following week.)

See your advisor (Advisor names and office numbers are listed in the back of the schedule of classes.)



## Visual Arts Club POSTER SALE

### NEW THIS YEAR:

- More Fine Art
- Hobby Posters
- Celebrities
- Mini-posters

### FEATURING:

Old Masters, Impressionism, Expressionism, Dali, Picasso, Escher, Sports, Rock n'Roll, Car Posters, Photoposters, and more!

**DATE:** Monday through Friday Oct. 31-Nov. 4

**TIME:** 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

**PLACE:** HUMANITIES GALLERY (AHSS BUILDING)

## WANTED: CRAFT VENDORS/ARTISANS

### "SANTA'S LAST CHANCE GIFT BAZAAR"

sponsored by the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

**December 17, Noon - 8 pm • December 18, 9 am - 5 pm**

Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany Commons Area, College Center Building

Table & space rental fees: \$30 for 6 ft. table; \$50 for 12 ft. table

Food table rentals available to non-profit groups only at \$30 per table plus 10 percent of profits. No duplication of food tables.

For more information and to request a contract, please contact RSVP at 967-8838 or 753-9197.



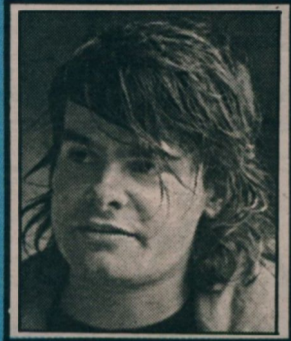
# THE LAST WORD

## you said it

### What ballot measure means the most to you?

*Measure 13 (anti-gay rights) because government does not have any business legislating morality.*

**Tony Sillonis, Adrian, Ore.**  
Fine Art major



*Measure 16 (death with dignity) because it could lead into people over exaggerating it. It could start as a good thing but then they could overdue it, especially with all the people on social security. It could start out okay but then could become abused.*

**Janice Sterling, Albany**  
Criminal Justice major



*Measure 16 (death with dignity) would make it legal and beneficial to the person who uses the measure.*

**Stephanie Ware, Brownsville**  
Pre-medicine major



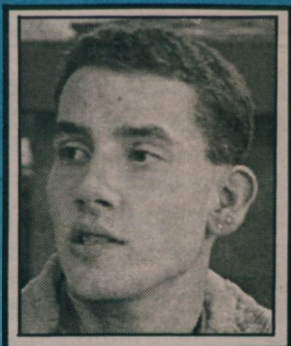
*Measure 16 (death with dignity). People should have the right to die. If someone wants to end their life, they should be able to.*

**Stacey Tibbs, Albany**  
Criminal Justice major



*Measure 13 (anti-gay rights). I believe that everybody should have equal rights. If it does pass, then others will have more special rights than others. I disagree because all should be equal.*

**Mike Schneider, Corvallis**  
Athletic Training/Chiropractor



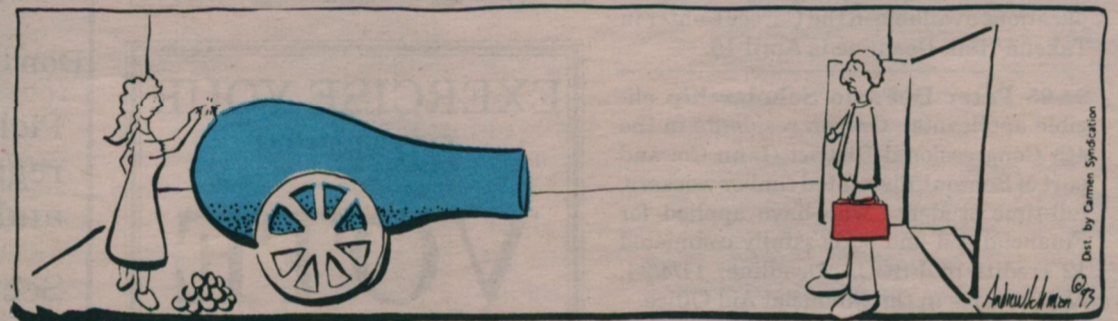
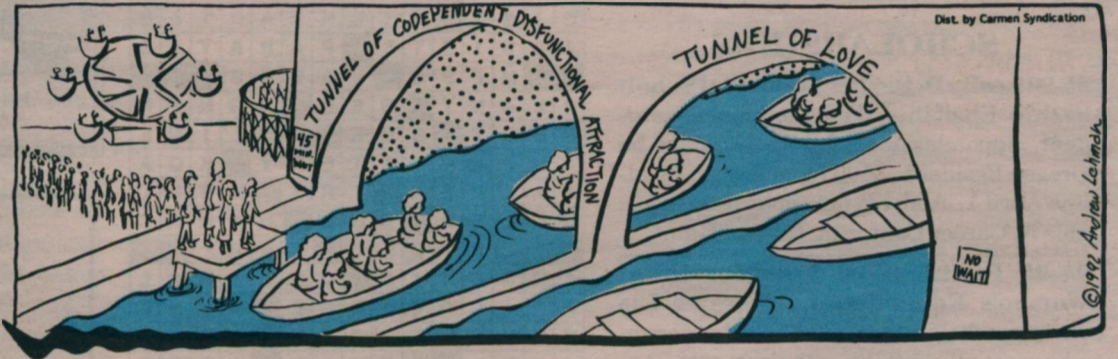
## they said it

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*Voting is the first duty of democracy.*

—Lyndon B. Johnson

”



SENSITIVE MAN THAT HE WAS JUST COMING IN THE DOOR BEN SENSED SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

## Crossword 101

### " Haven't a Clue ! "

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Forrest \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Fanatical \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10 Environ. no nos \_\_\_\_\_
  - 14 Solo vocal \_\_\_\_\_
  - 15 Skirt type \_\_\_\_\_
  - 16 Suffix for million \_\_\_\_\_
  - 17 Central idea \_\_\_\_\_
  - 18 "The Katmandu Contract" author \_\_\_\_\_
  - 20 Helps \_\_\_\_\_
  - 22 Tropical fruits \_\_\_\_\_
  - 23 Army meal \_\_\_\_\_
  - 24 Valleys \_\_\_\_\_
  - 25 Pitch \_\_\_\_\_
  - 27 Follows flower \_\_\_\_\_
  - 28 Name: Latin \_\_\_\_\_
  - 32 Wine type \_\_\_\_\_
  - 33 Big \_\_\_\_\_
  - 34 "America \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 35 Unit of electric current \_\_\_\_\_
  - 36 "The Maltese Falcon" \_\_\_\_\_
  - 38 Kampgrnds. of Amer. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 39 Higher \_\_\_\_\_
  - 41 Anger \_\_\_\_\_
  - 42 Pell-\_\_\_\_: Helter-skelter \_\_\_\_\_
  - 43 Suspect's expression \_\_\_\_\_
  - 44 70's rock grp.: Short form \_\_\_\_\_
  - 45 Laughing sounds \_\_\_\_\_
  - 46 Television \_\_\_\_\_
  - 48 \_\_\_\_\_ Lee \_\_\_\_\_
  - 49 "\_\_\_\_\_ and Old Lace" \_\_\_\_\_
  - 52 Most favorable \_\_\_\_\_
  - 55 S. S. Van Dine's sleuth \_\_\_\_\_
  - 57 Bullets: Slang \_\_\_\_\_
  - 58 Parisian father \_\_\_\_\_
  - 59 Speak out \_\_\_\_\_
  - 60 Close to \_\_\_\_\_
  - 61 Placed the golf ball \_\_\_\_\_
  - 62 Mister in Spain \_\_\_\_\_
  - 63 Comedian Johnson \_\_\_\_\_

- DOWN**
- 1 Completely infatuated \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Trinity author \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 Christie character \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 Doctor's client \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Raves \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 Muhammad & others \_\_\_\_\_

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- 7 Ballpoint pen \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Rubber stamp need \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Transfer \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Umbrella \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Metropolis \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Anaheim suburb \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Sun. talks \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 "\_\_\_\_\_ for your thoughts" \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 Concorde \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 Hitchcock mystery \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Petty quarrels \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 Willie \_\_\_\_\_: Miller's salesman \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 Greyhound e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 Spillane's detective \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Gay: WWII plane \_\_\_\_\_

- 40 Made even \_\_\_\_\_
- 42 \_\_\_\_\_ Islands \_\_\_\_\_
- 44 Changed into \_\_\_\_\_
- 45 Fedora \_\_\_\_\_
- 47 Fugitives' hangouts \_\_\_\_\_
- 48 Albert \_\_\_\_\_
- 49 Drs. date \_\_\_\_\_
- 50 Korean leader Syngman \_\_\_\_\_
- 51 Father \_\_\_\_\_
- 52 Prefix meaning eight \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Amo, Amas, \_\_\_\_\_
- 54 Tradition \_\_\_\_\_
- 56 Prefix meaning not \_\_\_\_\_

Crossword answers on Page 11