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Raising the minimum wage and retooling the initiative system are two of 12 measures on the Nov. 5 ballot. Pg 5



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Nursing program strained by excess applicants

by Melissa Friend
of The Commuter

Many students are hopeful of getting into the nursing program next fall, unfortunately only a handful will be accepted.

According to enrollment records this year 140 students applied for the nursing program, but only 54 were accepted.

"In 1997, we admitted 32 students to the program. In 2001 and 2002 we expanded our program to 54 slots," said Tamara Van Ras, Nursing Department Secretary.

The Nursing program has almost doubled the amount of students accepted in the last couple of years and there are talks of increasing the number again, but because of budget cuts, shortage of qualified faculty and spacing issues, the nursing program is at its maximum capacity for now.

The Oregon State Board of Nursing sets the standards for the program in the colleges through out the state.

"The rules state we can only have 9 students to an instructor in the clinical areas, we only have so many clinical sites, the classrooms are only so big and we only have so many faculty members," said Faye Melius, Nursing Department.

With so many students applying every year, some students believe the college should increase the requirements for the program such as raising the overall G.P.A from a "C" to a "B" average. Right now there is a certain amount of classes needed before you can apply, the basics are Chemistry 112, Math 65, and Writing 121.

The remaining classes to finish the program are based on a point system. They range from 3-4 points per class. There is also a CNA license requirement that will give you an additional 5 points. The grand total is 47 points you can earn. The more points you have the better chance of getting into the program.

That is easier said than done; once
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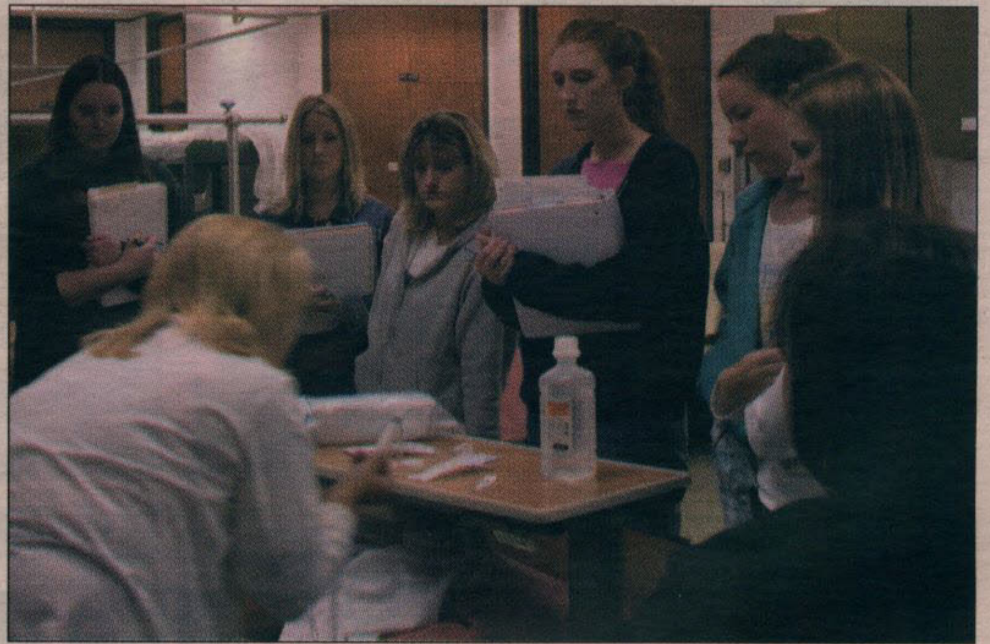


Photo by Jolean Sharp

Nursing instructor Marcy Shanks goes over some information with several students in a recent lab. Despite expanding this to 54 students two years ago, the program still gets three times as many applicants as it has space for.

Eugene bus bullying incident concerns local drivers

by Maria Arico
of The Commuter

Parents whose children ride the bus in the Albany School District can expect bus drivers to be more aware of bullying in light of the beating that took place on a Eugene school bus earlier this month.

Twelve year old, Casey Woodruff was the victim of bullying and harassment from three fellow students while on a bus going home from school on Oct. 2.

According to the Register-Guard, the three boys repeatedly kicked and battered Woodruff despite the video surveillance camera on board that recorded the incident.

Jim Slep, Eugene district assistant superintendent, told the Register-Guard the bus driver on board apparently didn't see the incident. The driver has since been disciplined and transferred to another route.

Ron Albers, the Albany director of transportation, said the incident was very unfortunate and a "wake up call" to the Albany School District. Albers added nothing that severe has happened on Albany buses. He plans to use the incident as a training tool for their bus drivers.

Although some of the Albany buses have surveillance cameras; several of them don't allow drivers to see the first few rows of seats. The District plans to install cameras that will solve the problem.

"The camera is only a tool, and it's not the reason students behave. It's not a substitute for drivers who are trained and can supervise," Albers said.

Part of the training for new bus drivers includes 15-20 hours behind the wheel, and 10 hours of first aid training. They are also required to ride with drivers who have previous experience.

During the training, drivers are to follow a specific regime when they witness bullying. They are to report any incidents such as bullying and sexual harassment to Albers and he then contacts the school.

Russ Pursel, driver development safety supervisor for Laidlaw, said Corvallis buses do not have surveil-

Turn to "Bullies" on Pg. 4



Photo by Scott McClure

Shoppers find plenty of produce at Wednesday's Farmer's Market at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Farmer's markets stay open til Thanksgiving

by Scott W. McClure
of The Commuter

The three local farmer's markets are still going strong as the summer turns to fall, maintaining a 24-year tradition in the mid-valley. The markets, one in Albany and two in Corvallis, opened in April and will run until just before Thanksgiving.

The Albany Farmer's Market takes place downtown in the parking lot on Water Avenue between Broadalbin and Ferry

Streets and is open 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays until Nov. 23.

The downtown Corvallis market is also held on Saturdays through Nov. 23. Its location this year is the South Riverfront Parking Lot at the corner of Second and B streets, and its hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Next year, it will move to the north side of the newly revamped riverfront, with more room for vendors and customers.

Turn to "Market" on Pg. 4

Weather through the Weekend

Source: www.weather.com

 High: 65° Low: 37° WEDNESDAY	 High: 61° Low: 37° THURSDAY	 High: 61° Low: 40° FRIDAY	 High: 60° Low: 42° SATURDAY	 High: 64° Low: 39° SUNDAY
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What People Think What are you planning to do for Halloween and what are you going to dress up as?

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Disability Awareness

If you are an able bodied person, have you ever offered to help someone in a wheelchair or open the door for someone with a disability and wondered why they were cold or perhaps even rude about it? After all, you were just trying to help, right? It surely is confusing for many of us to try to interact with a person with a disability because we don't really understand how to do so in a respectful way. Last week, I had the opportunity to learn from nationally acclaimed trainer, Glenn McIntyre and his service dog Boylan are few things that I hope I never forget.

One of the first things McIntyre shared with us is that persons with visible disabilities want to be judged by their abilities, not by their appearance. This is particularly important when you are considering a person for a job. And, if a dog assists a person, whether the dog is a Seeing Eye, hearing assist, or physical assist dog, the dog is working. So, it is extremely important not to distract the dog by petting or talking to it. In addition, some people with disabilities are not able to bond with their assistance dogs through voice and or touch. It is important that other people not introduce different bonding avenues to the dog. So, always ask the person before you talk to or pet the dog and be respectful of their wishes.

Now, back to offering to help. McIntyre explained that when you offer to help a person using a wheelchair or other aids, you are essentially indicating that they are helpless. A better way to offer assistance is to ask, "may I be of assistance?" It may seem like a simple thing, but it makes all the difference in world to a person with a disability. One final warning based on my experience. Don't offer to assist unless you can really be of assistance. I offered to assist Glenn as he got into his car, but didn't hold the wheelchair as steady as he needed. He could have fallen, but fortunately, he did not. So, if the person is heavier than you are, or you are unsure of yourself, the best thing to do is refrain from offering.

Sarah Wiebenson
English

"I'm dressing up as 'Buttercup' of the Power Puff Girls and I'm going trick-or-treating with two of my friends who are going to be the other two Power Puff Girls."



Amber Stanley
Pre-Nursing

"I'm taking my stepsister trick-or-treating and I'm dressing up as a medieval princess."



Antonio Sunseri
Radiology

"I'm Taking my son out trick-or-treating and I have no idea what I'm dressing up as yet"



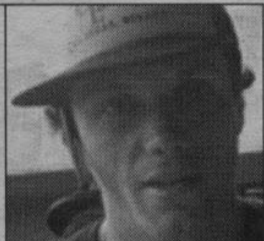
Michelle Edminster
Nursing

"I'm actually having a birthday party for my little sister. She is going to turn 18 and I'm going to be Juliet."



Garrett Roddy
Undecided

"Axel Rose. I don't know, I might go to Seattle. My friend's dad owns a club, so we might go up there."



Nick Laub
Undecided

"A good student! I have never dressed up so I would have no idea what to dress up as."



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Rally racing worth a look

Rally racing. Most would dismiss it as just racing. Well it is racing, but it's also so much more than that. The drivers are flying around dirt tracks, which are usually no wider than the car itself, at speeds sometimes hitting 200kmh!

Not only is this sport about going fast, but it's also about teamwork. Each car has a two-man team—one driver and one navigator. The navigator has a detailed map of the "course" they are driving. Every time there's a turn, the navigator indicates this to the driver by numbers or degrees of the turn. For instance, right turn 5 would indicate a very hard right turn. They also tell how far away the turn is: Right turn 5, 20m ahead, or something like that.

The weird thing about this sport is the spectators are the people that are most in danger. They're usually waiting for the car to come around the corner that they're standing at the outside of—right where the car would go if the driver loses control.

Watching it on TV is probably the safest way to go. It's one of the most exciting sports available to "everyday joes" right now. It's such a big hit in Europe, why haven't we caught on?

▶ Chris Ross

EXPRESS YOURSELF

Send letters to the editor to express your views on local and national issues. Drop letters off at The Commuter Office, Forum Room 222, or you can email to commuter@linnbenton.edu

COMMENTARY

Confronting the serial sniper

by Tim Paulson
of The Commuter

It has been three weeks since we first heard the phrase, "Serial Sniper". Out here on the west coast these shootings seem like a distant problem that will eventually be resolved. However, on the east coast it's a whole different story. People are more terrified to leave their homes now than they ever were just days after September 11th.

Why are folks in the D.C. area more frightened than ever? Because they don't know who the killer is or even what he looks like. These people know that walking to the store can mean a sudden death. I wouldn't go out much either.

Is that what the sniper wants, a society to frightened to send their children to class? Or do they want to have their fifteen minutes of fame and eventually want to be caught? I would pick the latter.

The infamous serial sniper has now left the FBI a number that he or she will contact them at. Meaning, it's only a matter of time until their fifteen minutes are up.

I have some words for the cowardly, excuse me, serial sniper: Quit! Quit while you're ahead.

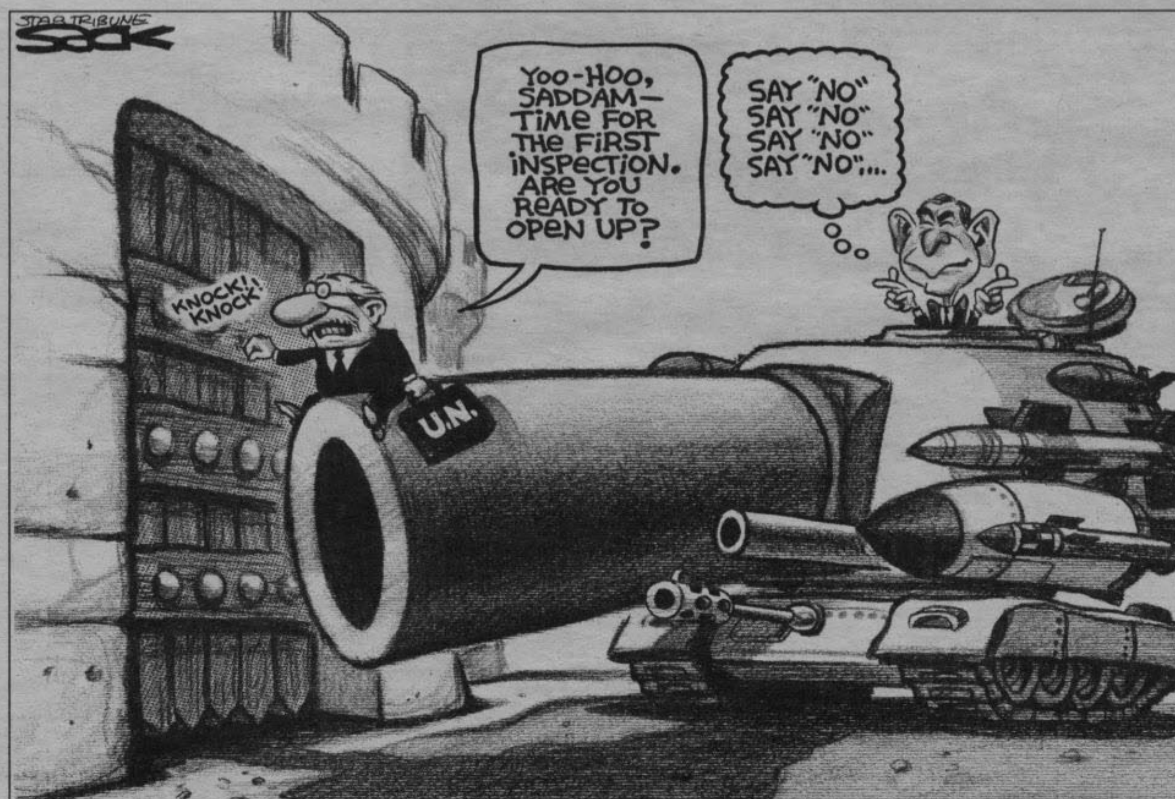
There's not a soul on earth that knows your identity except you and whatever accomplices you have. Obviously you've been trained by our own military and know how they work, so that keeps you one step ahead. Stop immediately and everyone will win. You won't rot in jail, innocent lives will be saved, and people will be able to get back to a normal life. Cash in your chips and go home or else face the inevitable alternative.

With you being the idiotic soul that you are, you'll keep playing the game until you mess it up and end up losing everything.

The terrible thing is that this person could be on the loose as long as the Unabomber was since their image is so well hidden. I imagine that this is how the rest of your life will end up.

The proximity of the shootings will change but not the immaculate planning. That fact will keep your identity concealed until your starve for attention boils over and you make sure that people recognize your psychotic work. Once you reach that point, it's all going to come crashing down.

Have fun being a crazed lunatic while it lasts. When you're sharing your cell with Big Bubba remember your victims. That's when they'll have their revenge on you.



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CAMPUS NEWS

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Photo by Bonnie Quinones

Cliff Sheffield, president of the RPM Club, shows off his 1971 Vega drag racer in the college's full automotive shop. The club will race it at the Woodburn drag strip.

RPM hosts open demolition fundraiser in Courtyard today

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Students who are finding the week too stressful, with homework piling up or things getting too hectic, now have something to bang on.

They can let out a little steam at today's Octoberfeast lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Courtyard.

LB's Racing Performance Mechanics (RPM) club will be holding an open demolition of a 1986 Ford Tempo.

"Take your frustrations out on a car," says Cliff Sheffield, club president and coordinator of the event.

The car was donated to the club by a local business and now that everything is out of it, said Sheffield, they need to get rid of it. Prices for a hit with a sledgehammer will be marked on various body parts of the car. People can take a whack at the back window for \$5, a side window for \$2 or the front windshield for \$3. Another option is \$1 per dent.

"We would have to pay someone to demolish it anyway," he said, and "this is a way to raise money for the things we do."

The RPM club works on cars for high performance racing and drags. They have put together and are almost finished with a 1971 Vega drag car. According to Sheffield, the Vega takes the "low

nines on a quarter mile strip" and the club hopes to take it to the Woodburn drag strip. The club also has an older Nova and a "468 big block with nothing to put in," he said. RPM also goes on trips and takes tours of local shops.

Around 20 students are in the RPM club and most are majoring in automotive technology, along with some from diesel/heavy equipment, said Sheffield.

He says he tries to spread the word to people to bring their cars into the college's full automotive shop.

"It's a neat thing that we have here," he says, explaining that LBCC can do anything a regular technician shop can do without the high labor cost. Customers pay 10 percent over the cost of parts plus a minor service fee when they bring their car to the college's automotive shop. The type of repairs they accept depend upon the classes currently being taught.

"It's all at a very low price, with no labor costs," said Sheffield who rebuilt his engine in the college's shop for only \$1,800.

Working on cars while finishing his second year of his automotive technology degree, fuels Sheffield's excitement and interests. "I'm into a lot of speed and 4-wheel drives," he said.

People are welcome to take tours of the shop to see the stuff we do and to take a look at the 71 Vega, he adds.

Native Americans to speak at OSU

by Chris Ross
 of The Commuter

Native American authors, essayists and spiritual leaders will be addressing the public at OSU this term about their culture and history. It is a free event, open to the public.

Each of them will tackle different topics, including the roles of women and Native American values. An a cappella trio will wrap up the event.

Among those are a former chair of Native American Studies at the University of California at Davis, the manager for the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources in Lapwai, Idaho, and Linda Hogan, Guggenheim-award-winning novelist and essayist.

The events are being held at Gilfillan Hall on the OSU campus, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The speakers are:

- Lorraine Brundige, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Oregon, Oct. 29.

- Jack Forbes, the author of "Red Blood, Columbus and Other Cannibals," and "What is Time?," Nov. 5.

- Oren Lyons, an internationally acclaimed spokesman for Native American values, Nov. 12.

- Jamie Pinkham, Nov. 12.

- Linda Hogan, Guggenheim-award-winning novelist and essayist, Nov. 26.

- Ulali, the a cappella trio, will be singing music in the many styles and languages of their ancestors on Dec. 3.

Domestic violence issues to be discussed in Multicultural Center

by Heather M. Scott
 of The Commuter

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, LBCC and the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) will hold a talk on "The Five W's of Domestic Violence."

Emily Barry, a representative for CARDV, will explain what domestic violence is, who can be a victim, when domestic violence usually occurs, where it takes place and why it continues to happen.

"It helps even if someone hasn't experienced it or will never experience it. It is helpful to have that information out there," said Barry.

CARDV is actively involved in educating the community about the risks and solutions for domestic violence and rape issues. CARDV offers a 24-hour hotline, a shelter, counseling, support groups and many other resources for those in need.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately four million women are abused annually.

"If someone isn't directly affected, someone really close is," Barry said. "We are all affected by it sometime."

A college setting is no exception to acts of domestic violence. The U.S. Department of Justice reports that women from the ages of 19 to 29 years old are more likely to be victimized by an intimate partner. Still, many domestic violence cases in those age groups are not reported.

"People who experience dating violence while in college don't usually end up in a shelter, they just move out or move home, so it goes unreported," Barry said.

Some colleges do offer coun-

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► Emily Barry

seling for students involved in critical situations. OSU, for example, has a counseling program as well as a Women's Center that provides resources focused on women's issues. LBCC currently does not offer a full counseling program, but does provide short term assistance in the event of a crisis at the Career/Counseling Center in Takena hall.

Luanne Johnson, LBCC student and coordinator of this week's Domestic Violence Talk, said she believes that having a counseling program at LBCC for students in domestic violence and related situations would be a good idea.

"Even if it's one person who gets counseling then it has helped," Johnson said.

Johnson hopes that the talk will draw in many participants.

"I'm hoping we can get more guys, but I'm guessing that it will be predominantly female," said Johnson.

Part of the reason for the anticipated uneven ratio of females to males is that 95 percent of the abused are women and only 5 percent are men. Barry stresses that although the majority of the offended are female, there are men out there who experience domestic violence.

The talk will begin at 12 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 24, in the Multicultural Center. Lunch will be provided.

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Off Beat

From KRT News

More Than A Bricklayer

Tran Viet Chu, a 75-year-old retired bricklayer, traveled to construction sites all over Vietnam for 60 years and usually managed to find a woman to dally with everywhere he worked. As a result, he claims, he has accumulated at least 14 wives and sired more than 80 children.

He told a local newspaper, "I seem to have been born with this flirtatious tendency."

Hit and Hit Again

Nicolae Tabacu of Valea Mare, Romania, has been run over seven times in the past 15 years, four times by a car and once each by a motorcycle, a bus and a train.

In his most recent mishap, a police car hit him as he came out from behind a parked vehicle and suddenly appeared in the street. He broke his leg. He has now broken every limb except his right hand.

Dressing Room Open?

Two porn video makers in Osaka, Japan, have been secretly videotaping women removing their clothes in department store changing rooms, then selling the wildly popular videos to an army of enthusiastic male customers.

Unfortunately for them, one customer recognized his own wife in one of their videos and called the cops.

Hooking Neighbor

A Wichita, Kan., father saw that a backyard lawn chair had been moved overnight several times and suspected that someone was using it to sit under the bathroom window and spy on his daughters in the shower. So he laid a trap.

He hooked a spool of fishing line to the chair and ran it into the kitchen. Later, when the spool was yanked off the table, he ran outside where he found a neighbor. His explanation was insufficient.

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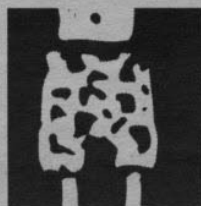
A family was sailing down North Carolina's Intracoastal Waterway when a large Spanish mackerel leapt right into his boat, smashing the windshield and landing in the wife's lap. They took it home and had it for dinner.

Hold That Train!

An engineer was on a rail platform in South Wales chatting with workers when his train started to head for Cardiff without him.

One passenger said she was most disconcerted to see the engineer running past her window at great speed.

He managed to hop aboard and stop it.



CAMPUS SHORTS

Peace Studies Meeting

LBCC Peace Studies will hold an information and organization meeting this Friday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in Takena 219.

The meeting will focus on non-violent alternatives on campus and in the community as well as peace studies activities and how a person can become involved.

For information contact Doug Clark at 917-4557, or e-mail him at doug.clark@linnbenton.edu.

Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Oct. 27, giving early morning commuters more light. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Grillen and Demolish

The Industrial Technical Society Welding presents Octoberfest Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m. in the LBCC Courtyard. They will be serving German sausage, sauerkraut, hot German potato salad & beverages (sorry, no beer.) Students are \$3 and staff are \$4. The Racing Performance Mechanics club is also holding a car demolition in the Courtyard.

Bon Appetit

Culinary students will be showcasing their talents at the Harvest Festival Buffet Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. in the Commons Dining Room. Tickets are \$19.50 a person and are on sale in the Conference Services office, CC - 214.

Spots still open for Mt. Hood train ride

by Justin Sitton
of The Commuter

Students have until Thursday to sign up for a free trip to Mt. Hood for a Saturday train ride to Parkdale with a Halloween theme.

Five people have signed up for the Spook Train already and there are six spots left. The last day to sign up is Oct. 24. Con-

tact Sara Settles at Student Life and Leadership in the Student Union to sign up. The trip will be on Oct. 26 and the departure time is 7 a.m. from LBCC. The activities planned are a costume contest and a haunted house, both on the train.

There will be some snacks on the bus, but you will need to bring your own lunch, also bring a valid student I.D. to sign up.

Nursing: Program popular

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again budget cuts have come in and decreased the amount of classes making it harder to get into the required courses. LBCC will start taking applications for the Nursing Program November 1, 2002 and the deadline is February 21, 2003, which means students have just one more term to get as many points as possible before applying.

Some students are looking into alternative colleges but are only finding that the same problems exist.

"I feel its inevitable that I will never be accepted," said Tina a pre-nursing student,

"I feel lucky I got into anatomy and chemistry this term, I'll apply for the program and if I don't get accepted I'll keep working towards going to OHSU for my BSN."

There are nearly 2.7 million registered nurses in the United States; 2.2 million of them are actively employed. As of November 2001, the Bureau of Labor Statistics expects that more than 1 million new nurses will be needed by the year 2010. The report projects that total employment will increase by 22.2 million jobs during the 2000-2010 period, rising to 167.8 million. Registered nurses, which represent the largest occupation in this group, should account for more than a third of those new jobs.

Some students fear by the time they finally get into the nursing program and graduate the employment rate for nurses will drop. The Nursing Program is currently in discussion regarding the creation of an alternate program.

Bullying: Drivers concerned

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lance cameras and that an incident of that magnitude has never happened on a Corvallis bus. Two boys were recently involved in a scuffle while exiting a bus.

"The driver got off the bus and stepped between them and got their names," he explained.

Laidlaw driver training encourages schools and drivers to

work together to control bullying, he said "Often times bullies are looking for attention. And if you give them responsibility not authority, they seem to respond better."

Discipline and supervision are among the challenges facing all drivers.

"Some are good at it," Albers said. "We try to work with them...It's an ongoing process."



Photo by Scott McClure

Grapes are just beginning to come in to the local Farmer's Markets this fall, along with the usual Autumn bounty of vegetables, cauliflower and other late season fruits and vegetables.

Markets: About 140 vendors participate

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The third market is held Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 SW 53rd St., Corvallis. It runs through Nov. 27.

Approximately 140 vendors participate in the three markets throughout the year offering a wide variety of produce, from fruits, vegetables and nuts, to jams and jellies and plants of all kinds. During most of the season, bands perform all types of music while the markets are open.

"The Farmer's Market is the next best thing to growing it yourself," said vendor Cheryl Phillips of Cheryl's Garden. "It's a lot fresher than you can usually get at the supermarkets." Phillips has been coming to the markets since 1987.

"It's a social thing," said Market Director Rebecca Landis. People get together and visit, they get to listen to the music and see their friends. "You can't do that at the supermarket."

"The Farmer's Markets were started to give some of the smaller local farmers an outlet for their crops. In 1978 several of the smaller local grocery stores went out of business. The only ones left are The 1st Alternative Co-op and Richey's," said Landis.

The markets offer unusual varieties that the larger stores can't or won't offer, especially "things

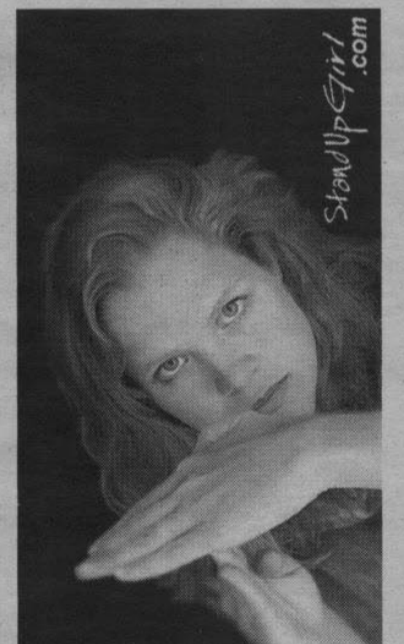
"The Farmer's Market is the next best thing to growing it yourself"

▶ Cheryl Phillips

that taste good, but don't ship well," she said.

The Farmer's Markets also offer opportunities to the downtown economies. Businesses are able to attract more people that otherwise may not shop in those areas.

For more information, contact Landis at (541) 752-1510 or by email at landisr@peak.org. the markets' website is at www.locallygrown.org.



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ELECTION NEWS

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Effects of minimum wage measure debated

by Cole Pouliot
 of The Commuter

Oregon's minimum wage workers could be getting a 40-cent raise starting next year.

If Ballot Measure 25 passes on Nov. 5 the Oregon minimum wage will be raised from \$6.50 to \$6.90 an hour. The measure also requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted annually for inflation.

Most students that are making minimum wage commented that they would approve of an increase in their pay.

Carla Raymond, Career and Employment Specialist at LBCC said, "It would be good for students, because they have lots of expenses—tuition, books, and living expenses." Raymond approximated that one third to one half of the jobs that come through her office start at minimum wage. Raymond also considered other affects of the measure,

"It could be negative. The raise in wages would mean they couldn't afford to hire as many people. So the employees would have to work harder." She also believes, "employers would offer less benefits," to make up for the raise in wages.

Supporters of the bill argue that a full-time minimum wage worker only makes \$13,500 a year and that is not a livable wage. The stereotype of a teenager making minimum wage is also a misconception, actually 73 percent are over the age of 20, and 25 percent are single parents, they also state that 60 percent are women. Supporters also refer to 1996 when the last minimum wage raise was on the ballot and was overwhelmingly approved by Oregon voters.

"It would be good for students, because they have lots of expenses . . . It could be negative. The raise in wages would mean they (businesses) couldn't afford to hire as many people."

▶ Carla Raymond

Steven Wright, a sophomore accounting major, said, "Overall it would be good, the only downside is it would increase taxes, but that would be good because more money would go to education."

Wright went on to admit, "It wouldn't really affect me, I haven't worked minimum wage for over four years."

Wright is like most Oregonians in that he is working for a rate above the minimum wage.

Paul Jorgenson, economics instructor said, "Only 3 percent of Oregonians make minimum wage." He explained what would happen to the minimum wage market if the measure were to pass. "Those that are working are going to be better off but people will lose their jobs." This is according to the law of demand, since the price for the workers increases the quantity supplied will be decreased. Jorgenson believes, "It will make it harder on small businesses that rely on minimum wage workers."

The Oregon Restaurant Association had this to say, "Economists estimate nearly 30,000 more Oregonians could lose their jobs as a result of a higher minimum wage. Oregon already has the highest unemployment in the nation, we can't afford to lose more jobs." Oregon's

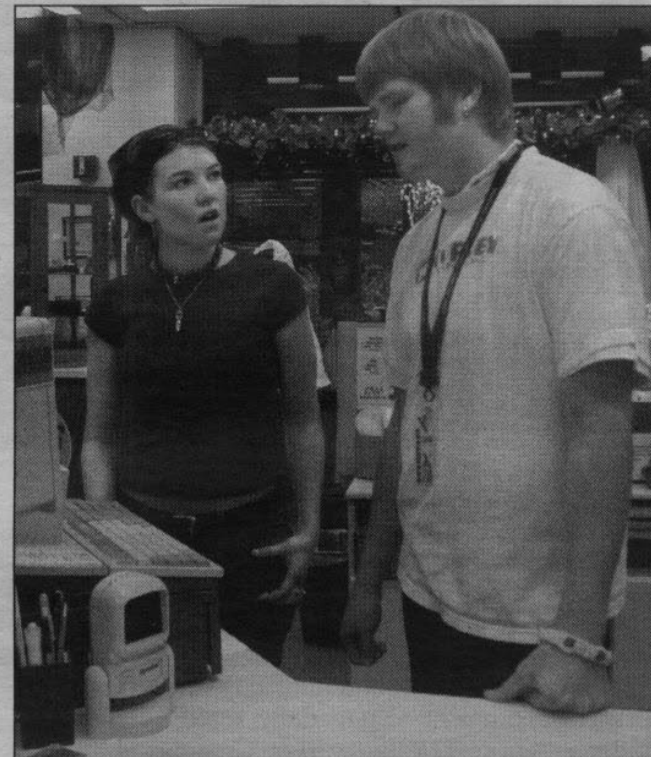


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New work study employee Maria Arico gets a briefing from Jared Nunnemaker for her new job in the LBCC Bookstore Monday. Like most work study students, Arico now makes minimum wage and faces the prospect of a 40-cent raise if Ballot Measure 25 passes Nov. 5.

minimum wage is higher than New York (\$ 5.15) and Hawaii (\$ 5.75), both states have higher costs of living than Oregon.

NEWS ANALYSIS

Think before you ink: Initiative system open to abuse

by Adele Kubein
 of The Commuter

The new school year will bring with it a renewed group of signature collectors for Oregon initiative petitions on the LBCC campus, raising anew questions regarding their legitimacy.

In the nineteenth century a group of political reformers in Oregon decided that the government did not adequately represent the interests of the people. Thanks to their efforts, Oregon became one of the first states to adopt a system of direct democracy, known as the initiative system, which makes it possible for the public to propose measures and place them on the ballot with the required number of signatures. The initiative system has its good and bad points, but it is grassroots democracy at work. Citizen groups can propose measures that are good for the people of Oregon, or that help a heretofore ignored minority. The bottle bill was a good example of an initiative that was good for the state.

The downside to this is that special interest groups can also use the system to propose bills that benefit them at the expense of the rest of the state, like Measure 11, or one prejudiced to minority groups, like the Oregon Citizen Alliance's anti-gay rights initiative. All they need is enough money for advertising, propaganda and paid signatures. A prime example is the land use amendment passed in 2000, that would have recompensed landowners for changes in value due to such laws as the Endangered Species Act. This would have bankrupted the state and tied up court time and taxpayer money. It was struck down by the Supreme Court earlier this month.

It is important to remember that many of the collectors are paid by the signature, so they have a financial incentive in getting you to sign. Request a copy of the



Photo by Joleane Sharp

Political signs have been popping up like mushrooms this fall, signalling the upcoming election. Twelve ballot measure faces voters Nov. 5, many of which were put on by citizen initiative. One of them, Measure 26, would ban the use of paid petition signature gatherers for future elections.

proposed bill and an impartial explanation of its effects from the petitioner. Use caution and intelligence when reading the information. Don't sign unless you understand it. Never let the person presenting the petition talk you into signing. Read about the proposed issue at your leisure and make an informed decision later. Your signature is as important as the vote you will eventually cast. It costs us, the taxpayers, money when frivolous or unconstitutional referenda are put on the ballot. The state can be put in the position of having to defend an unconstitutional law in court at great financial burden.

Measure 26, on the Nov. 5 ballot, amends the Oregon Constitution to make it unlawful to pay collectors based on the number of signatures obtained on an initiative or referendum petition. Unpaid

volunteers would not be affected by this measure. Information on this measure is in the voter's pamphlet and the pamphlet published by the League of Women Voters. There are arguments for and against this measure, so use your judgement and inform yourself.

Last fall there was some controversy regarding the tactics signature gatherers were using on campus. As a result, the policy has been updated, said Vice-President Mike Holland.

Last year the petitioners needed to get permission from one of the vice-presidents, were limited to a one day limit to gather signatures, and were confined to the Courtyard. After consulting with the colleges attorney, Holland revised the rules so the petitioners can have more than one day of signature gathering, but they are still limited to the Courtyard and

the sidewalks outside of the buildings. The gatherers are asked to register with administration out of courtesy. If not, they can lose their spot to someone who has registered.

Holland said the administration also expects anyone who came on campus to respect the rights of the students. Harassing or accosting students or disruptive behavior is not tolerated. Petitioners are also expected to keep their areas free of litter and keep the noise level down. Any problems would be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

"As a country that stands by the First Amendment, we must accept this as a part of the democratic process," Holland said.

He explained that as a result of a recent court case in which private property owners such as the Fred Meyer and Bi-Mart chains could ban signature gatherers from their businesses, public locations like college campuses are becoming more attractive locations to reach large numbers of voters.

The Voter Education Project, which maintains an informative web site at www.votereducationproject.org, gives updates on current petitions, lists Oregon election laws, and has numerous links to other sites of interest to the informed voter. The advice regarding petitions is good and to the point.

The phone number for the Voter Education Project is 800-295-5597. According to its website, this organization has filed complaints against 10 ballot initiative petitioners so far this election season. Two of them have been convicted of forgery for turning over invalid signatures. Other investigations are pending.

The Oregon Secretary of State, which can be reached at 503-986-1518, is in charge of voter law and voter fraud issues.

Voting does count. Inform yourself, and remember: Think before you ink!

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SIMPLY AMAZING

Corn mazes, hay rides and more greet visitors to area farms for Halloween

Amaze yourself with a festive experience on one of the many farms in the Willamette Valley that feature corn mazes, food, music and more.

One of the most entertaining in the area is Setniker Farms, open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily, three miles north of Independence off Highway 51 on Greenwood Road. A nice fall drive sounds like a way to enjoy life and unwind, Setniker could be the outing for you.

The barn at Setniker's is decorated with a festive autumn assembly of goodies, such as ornamental red and blue corn, wheat bunches, pumpkins, and gourds, which are all available for purchase. The ambience brings to mind countless Halloweens from the years gone by. Along with a pumpkin carving information station, the big barn on site offers kids a hay slide and a petting zoo with pigs and piglets, goats, a calf, and Iggy the mule, who makes the trip worthwhile.

Tractor-led hayrides at \$2 per ride begin right near the barn. The farm's corn maze, \$1.50 per person to enter, is one of the area's best, with dead-ends and confusing turnarounds that are loads of fun. The path through the maze is lined with hay and a clearly marked entrance and exit. Although safe, the maze is challenging even for adults. Because the could get lost by themselves, small children should not go in unaccompanied.

The pumpkin patch is also great, with sizes that range from very small to giant in one patch and great choices all-around. However, with Halloween just around the corner, the pumpkins are going fast.

For a closer option that is perfect for young kids, try Davis Family Farms, which is located on Highway 20 north of Corvallis and open seven days from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. As you pull in, a giant hay spider sends his greetings with huge black springy legs. Nearby, there is a hay-maze and hay pyramid for kids to climb on and play around.

Hay rides out to the pumpkin patch cost 75 cents. Pumpkins are strewn all about with many warty, green ones for those who love to carve scary-faces. If you pick more pumpkins than you can carry, you can always take the hayride back to the main Barn. Although the patch is well picked over, there are plenty of pumpkins back at the barn.

There is also a corn maze that is well-trodden with low rows of corn, which is great for the small kids and worried moms. It is impossible for kids to get lost in this maze. It's a great place for a game of tag or a quick run through the corn.

Back at the barn, there are plenty of fresh farm goods such as cauliflower, apples, delicata squash, jams and jellies, tiny gourds and pumpkins. For the fall gardener there are ornamental kale and mums. There are also plenty of other delights, such as charming gifts and snacks. "Come early for home-made donuts and fresh, hot coffee," said one Davis employee. The smell of the sugary cakes hangs heavy in the air, making your mouth water and your stomach grumble.

For an afternoon of festive Halloween fun, these and other corn mazes and pumpkin patches offer a diversion for the entire family. More than 15 can be found within an hour's drive of Albany.

Here are some details on several of the farms that offer holiday activities:

• **Daum's Produce Farm:** 8801 Wallace Road NW, Salem, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31. Pumpkin patches, straw pyramid, corn maze, Indian corn, gourds, apple cider and apples. Cost: \$1 for the play area. Call:



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(503) 362-7246.

• **Flower Farmer:** 2512 N Holly St., Canby, 2 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (opens at 9 a.m. for groups) and open until 6 p.m. Sundays. Pumpkin Run train rides are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays (some times reserved for groups; call ahead) and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Spook Train rides nightly starting Friday, weather permitting. Haunted tunnel giant hay maze, straw mountain, farm animals, flowers and rides to pumpkins. Cost: Train rides \$3.50 ages 13-64, \$3 for 12 and younger and seniors. Call: (503) 266-3581.

• **Firestone Farm and Flower Patch:** 18400 N Highway 99W, Dayton, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Pumpkin patch, gourmet foods, wine, produce, apple cider, Indian corn and gourds. Call: (503) 864-2672.

• **Fir Point Farms:** 14601 Arndt Road, Aurora, Exit 278 off Interstate 5, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays; weekend activities 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Oct. 31. Farm features giant hay slide, 5-acre corn maze, hay maze, corn village, haunted trail, farm animals, pony rides, hayrides and gift shop. Weekend activity tickets are 50 cents or 25 for \$10, with activities taking one to five tickets. Helicopter rides will be available on weekends, weather permitting. Call: (503) 678-2455.

• **Fordyce Halloween Farm:** 7023 Sunnyview Road NE, Salem, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Pumpkins, ornamentals, hay fort, petting zoo, hayrides, corn maze with castle. Call: (503) 362-5105.

• **French Prairie Gardens:** 17673 French Prairie Road, St. Paul, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. Pig races, 3,000-bale hay maze, corn maze, pumpkin patch, farm animals, barbecued food, face painting, bluegrass music on weekends. Cost: \$4 for all activities. Call: (503) 633-8445.

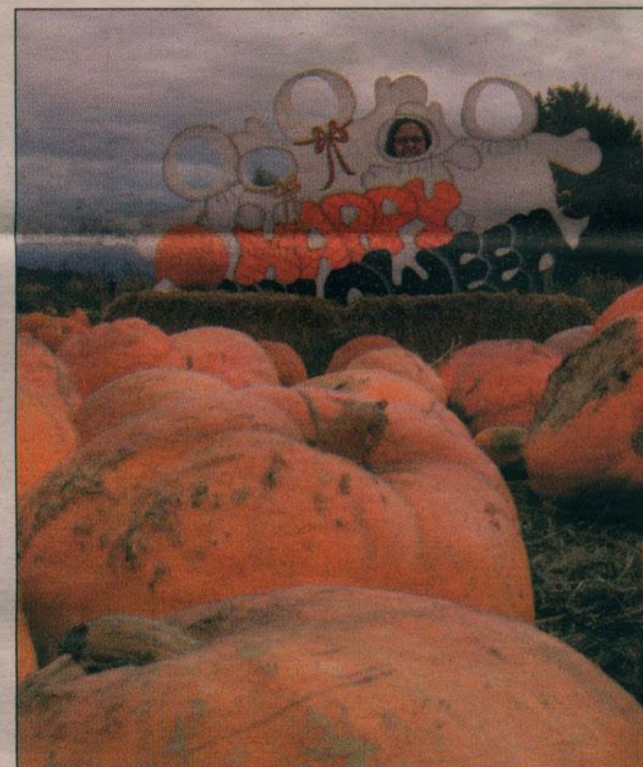
• **Fresh to You Produce:** 41579 Stayton-Scio Road (half-mile south of Stayton), Stayton, noon to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Pumpkins, corn maze, Indian corn, produce. Call: (503) 769-7669.

• **Heiser Farms:** 20945 Grand Island Loop, Dayton, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Corn and hay mazes, petting zoo, hayrides, entertainment and fall produce. Call: (503) 868-7512.

• **Hoffman's Dairy Garden:** 6815 S Knights Bridge Road, Canby, general hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Haunted Barn (6 p.m. Fridays), corn maze, pumpkin foods, art tent and entertainment. Giant corn maze admission, \$5. Call: (503) 266-4703.

• **Jenkins Estate:** 8005 SW Grabhorn Road, Aloha. A special one-day "Spooktacular" 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26

The corn maze at Setniker Farms (above) is a real challenge. The farm also features giant pumpkins and festive cut outs (below) as well as a petting zoo, hay slides and hay rides. Setniker is one of more than 15 farms in the Valley that offer Halloween treats.



for children 10 and younger. Dress up in costume, carnival games, face painting, cookie decorating, scarecrow garden, pumpkin walk, and Dracula's snack shack. Admission \$7 per child, adults free. Call: (503) 642-3855.

• **Martha's Pumpkin Patch:** 3615 Chemawa Road NE, Salem, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Oct. 31. Pumpkins, corn patch, wagons, gourds, straw and witch contest. Call: (503) 390-7665.

• **Nanneman Farms:** 5682 Silverton Road NE, Salem, 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Pumpkins and free hayride to the pumpkin patch. Call: (503) 362-6070.

• **Vince Woods Farm Pumpkin Patch:** Hazelgreen Road and 62nd Avenue NE, Salem, 9 a.m. to dusk Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 31. Large and small pumpkins, decorative items; on weekends, family entertainment includes Mystery Woods, where costumed trees and inhabitants await visitors, Heritage Hill miniature horses, hay wagon or firetruck rides, food from Carbajal Catering, corn maze. Costs: 75 cents for rides; 75 cents for the forest. Call: (503) 393-0120.

• **Wenzel Farm:** 19754 S Ridge Road, Oregon City (Park Place Exit off I-205), 7 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Fantasy Trail, lighted castle, pumpkins and refreshments. Cost: Fantasy Trail, \$3.50 adults and \$3 children younger than 12. Call: (503) 631-2047.

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Art Gallery to present Day of Dead exhibit

by Michelle Reed
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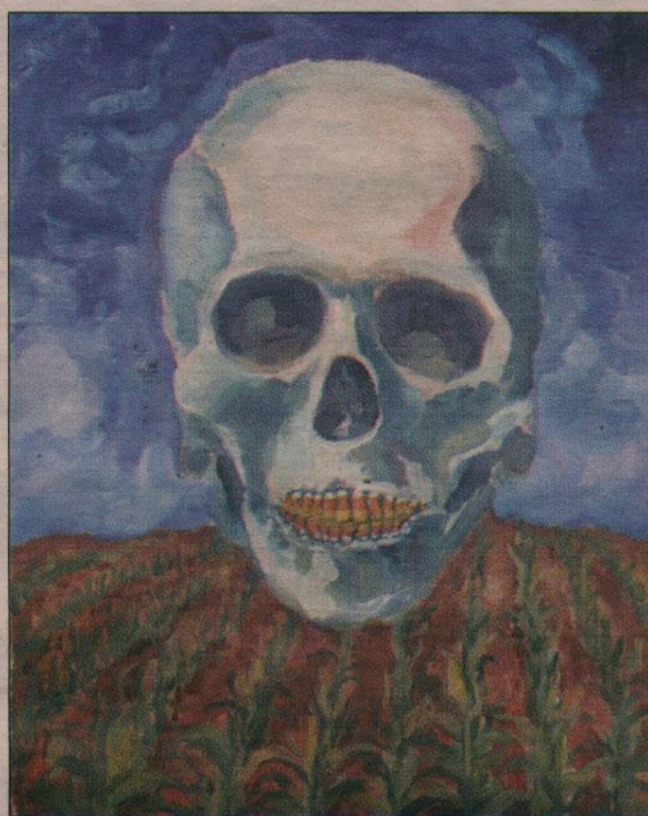
The Linn-Benton Community College AHSS art gallery will be starting El Dia de Los Muertos (The Day of the Dead) art exhibit on Oct. 28.

The Day of the Dead is a traditional Hispanic celebration of the cycle of life in honor of deceased loved ones, as well as a time to remember those departed with good-humored stories, poems, their favorite foods and other treasured items.

Analee Fuentes, LBCC art instructor and volunteer curator for the exhibit, said that despite dealing with the dead, it "is a non-morbid event." It is actually quite lighthearted, "a parody of the living," she said. "We're all gonna die, so you may as well have fun while you can."

LBCC's celebration of this event, lasting longer than the usual two days on Nov. 1 and 2, will go until Nov. 22. The event will kick-off on Oct. 28 with an opening reception in the gallery from 6-8 p.m. The event, which is open to the public, will be attended by some of the artists, and snacks will be served.

The art show in the gallery will be the main focus of the event, featuring work by seven Oregon artists: Rich Bergeman, Tommi Drake, Robert Fudge, Fuentes, Hector Hernandez, Kurt Norlin and Barbara Spreadbury. Their artistic interpretations of death and the cycle of life take shape in a variety of media including oil paintings, photography, 3D wall pieces, installations, sculpture and a drawing.



"Candy Corn Harvest," an oil painting by Robert Fudge is among the works on view in the Day of the Dead Exhibit, opening Oct. 28 in the AHSS Art Gallery at LBCC. In conjunction with the show, LBCC Spanish class students will be erecting altars around campus Oct. 31.

The celebration will extend past the gallery to other buildings on campus where ofrendas (altars for the dead) will be set up on Oct. 31 and remain until Nov. 4.

Altars are intended to lead back the souls of the departed so that they may join their living loved ones in the celebration.

"They party with us," said Margarita Casas, LBCC Spanish instructor and judge for the exhibit. Building an altar is like "setting the table for your visitor," she said, and therefore one is quite different from another.

One common theme, however, is the cempasuchitl (marigold) flowers that put off a strong, distinctive scent that helps the souls find their way.

Casas has put each of her four classes in charge of constructing two altars for the event. Although traditional altars are intended for a family member or loved one, and as such are quite personal, those that the Spanish classes erect will be more, "urban," said Casas. They'll be set up for more well known, public figures. Past altars have included Mother Theresa, Princess Diana, John Lennon and the Muppets.

One of this year's altars, though, will be more traditional, more personal. It will be set up to honor and remember former LBCC student, Ona Lebotse who died this summer. Student contributions for her altar will gladly be accepted before Nov. 1 at the Multicultural Center.

A guest speaker has also been scheduled to join the event on Nov. 4. Hernandez, ethnic studies instructor at OSU and featured artist, will give a public lecture about his work.

LB graphics student gives ArtCentric new face

by Michelle Bertalot
 of The Commuter

"Corvallis Arts Center and Linn Benton Arts Council" is a mouthful to say. Each time the phone rang at the 40-year-old center the staff bombarded their callers with it. But now the two organizations have been renamed simply ArtCentric.

Along with a new name, came a new logo, designed by LBCC graduate Daniel Ohlsen.

"We felt we should strengthen the new identity with a new logo," Coucke said.

Graphic design students at LBCC were assigned the task to find ArtCentric a new logo. The students were given the old Corvallis Arts Center logo and Linn



Logo design by Daniel Ohlsen.

Benton Arts Council logo and were asked to design something that represented both.

"They wanted something that would work with the woodcut images they already had and something with a more

abstract look," commented Ohlsen, who resides in Salem.

The new logo is a stylized "A" and "C" combined in a single stroke.

"It's the logo I would have picked," said Ohlsen, who came up with other ideas. "It's simple and it works well," he continued.

John Aikman, the instructor of the graphic design program described the project as a "lengthy drawn out process." 10 students in his Graphic Design 3 class came up with 10 to 15 different ideas, and as a class they narrowed it down to about four designs to present to ArtCentric.

They received feedback from the judges and the next time they visited the design students had two picked out. At each step the design class refined the logo until they had the final product.

The project took about two weeks last spring term. In the past, graphic design students have participated with other projects from the Corvallis Arts Center such as designing artist directories.

A committee of several arts center staff and arts council board members were responsible for picking out the logo. "It was not just one person," said Coucke.

Ohlsen has also done some freelance work for ArtCentric which include business cards, letterheads and envelopes. He is currently seeking a full-time graphics design position in the area after graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree.

In the end, everyone walked away happy, Ohlsen with a \$250 honorarium cash award and ArtCentric with a new logo.

Salsa Night moves to Monroe

by Mariana Schatte
 of The Commuter

Corvallis's salsa dance night has a new location. After two terms in the Old World Deli, the "Latin Fiesta" moved to the Asian restaurant, West Lake, located on Monroe.

"We had to move because the owner lives on the second floor and we were a little bit noisy and they just wanted to take a break," said Lupe Mendoza.

The idea of "Salsa Night" started when Mendoza and his friend wanted a place to enjoy the music they like the most.

"I have been a DJ for two years now and the idea is to make this fun and accessible to everyone and that is why it only costs \$2," said Mendoza.

Many of the people who frequent these events are Hispanic, but there is a big percentage who are American and European. People from many other nation-

alities, such as African and Middle Eastern, also attend.

"I have a lot of friends from Spain and Latin America, and salsa dance is the funnest thing to do on a Friday night here in Corvallis. It's such a mixing of cultures, that it is thrilling," said Merrilee Chapin.

According to Marie-Zelie Sanz, French student, "It is not necessary to know how to salsa dance. I love the Latin American culture and I feel very good in this environment. I don't even know how to dance but I still have a wonderful time."

The new place doesn't affect anybody's ability to have fun. No one here looks bored, or lost in a different culture. Rather, they look fascinated by the mix of language and culture.

"I am from Mexico and I love this. I am here just for a term and I am making sure that it will be a fun time," said exchange student Miguel Ruiz-Velasco.

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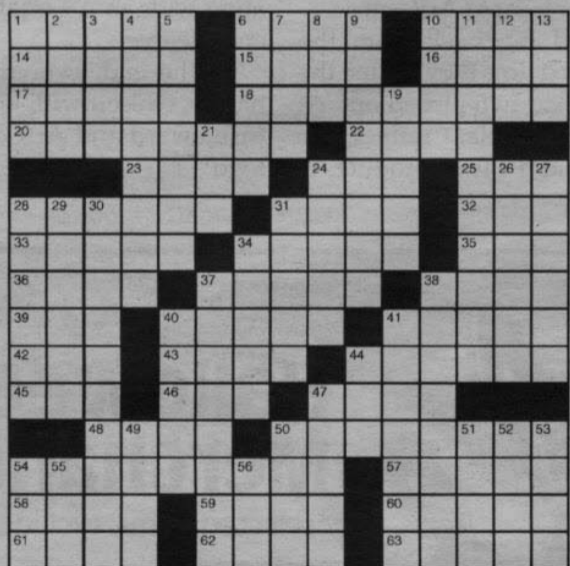
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The dangers of urban slang.

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- 1 Stairs
 - 6 River of Pisa
 - 10 Sharpen
 - 14 Reader's card
 - 15 Quantity of smoke
 - 16 Bum
 - 17 Self-imposed absence
 - 18 Lack of faith in oneself
 - 20 Vineyard adjuncts
 - 22 Machinery parts
 - 23 Scottish loch
 - 24 Simple bed
 - 25 Easter item
 - 28 Can opener
 - 31 Roy's partner
 - 32 Ghost's shout
 - 33 Vicinities
 - 34 Cars
 - 35 Paddle
 - 36 Ingenuity
 - 37 Playwright Rice
 - 38 Smooth-headed
 - 39 Edgar Allan
 - 40 To the most extreme degree
 - 41 Inner courtyard
 - 42 Pacino and Hirt
 - 43 Oahu garlands
 - 44 Go downhill
 - 45 Little to a Scot
 - 46 Exploit
 - 47 Actress Teri
 - 48 Lester's pickin' partner
 - 50 Living room piece
 - 54 Yankee No. 8
 - 57 Incandescent
 - 58 Dumbfounded
 - 59 Italian automaker
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SPOOK TOWN

Albany celebrates Halloween with wagon ride, rodeo

by Alaina Jones Richardson of The Commuter

Residents in search of scary stories, costume contests, a rowdy rodeo, or a pumpkin for the traditional jack-o-lantern are in for a trick, I mean treat, this Halloween season.

This coming weekend Albany will host events for children, parents, students, and anyone looking to get into the Halloween spirit. Among the activities will be the Haunted Hay Wagon Tours, the Boo Boogie Bash rodeo and Halloween Downtown.

In Corvallis the Davis Family Farm hosts their annual pumpkin patch, hayride and corn maze which goes until Oct. 31.

The Haunted Hay wagon ride, sponsored by Flynn's Historic Tours, is a 45-minute ride in a horse-drawn carriage (covered in case of rain) that starts on the corner of Eighth and Broadalbin and winds down the canal and through the historic district of Albany. During the tour, spooky stories about the local area and traditional Halloween stories will be told. Be prepared for the occasional ghost, goblin, spook, and other "things that lurk in the night," said Bill Lilja, of Flynn's Historic Tours.

Downtown Halloween will host a variety of activities. It will start with a magic show by Rick Rogers in the Two Rivers Market at 10:15 a.m. The annual costume contest starts at 10:30 a.m. in the Two Rivers Market. For the kids, downtown merchants

will open their doors from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for trick or treating. The path will be well marked with orange, black, and purple balloons.

The Boo Boogie Bash is a ruff-stock rodeo that will be held in the heated Calapooia indoor livestock arena at the Linn County Fairgrounds. A ruff-stock rodeo, as host Wayne White said, is "lots of buckin' horses and bulls." There will be horse bareback and saddle bronc riding, bull riding for the men and barrel races for the women.

Bull Poker will also be played, an event White said "is for the ones with ice water running through their veins." Registration cost \$50 each and is open to all adults. The game includes four participants, each wearing a bulletproof vest, sitting at a table mid-arena playing poker. Once the first hand is dealt a live and very unfriendly bull is let loose to terrorize and essentially run the daring gamblers back to safety. The last man or woman left in the arena wins the whole pot of money.

A bit of Mexican culture is also staged at this event. Five men from old Mexico will ride bulls in the traditional Mexican style, which differs from American, in that they use two hands instead of one to hold on.

Those still needing to pick out pumpkins can visit the Davis Family Farm and take a hayride to the patch and a trip through the corn maze. Free doughnuts and hot cider is served in the barn.



Photo by Joleane Sharp

A youngster picks out the perfect pumpkin at Davis Family Farms in Corvallis over the weekend.

A schedule of events follows:

- Haunted Hay wagon at Flynn's Historic Tours, Oct. 25-27; first tour 5 p.m., repeats every 45 minutes, last tour 8 p.m. Starts on the corner of Eighth and Broadalbin. Children 3 and under free; 4-12, \$6; over 12, \$8.50.

- Halloween Downtown, Oct. 26; Magic Show at 10:15 a.m., repeated at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Two Rivers Market; Costume contest at 10:30 a.m. also at Two Rivers Market. Trick or treating at downtown merchants 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All events free.

- Boo Boogie Bash, Oct. 26; doors open 6:30 p.m., show starts 7:30 p.m., ends around 9 p.m. at Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Calapooia Indoor Livestock Arena; 3700 Knox Butte Road, Albany. Purchase tickets ahead at Wilco Farms or Double H Western Wear, in Salem \$10, \$12 at door.

- Pumpkin Patch, Hayride, and Corn Maze, Oct. 26-27; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Davis Family Farm, 4380 NE Highway 20, Corvallis. 75 cent per person; pumpkins 17 cents per pound.

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Oct. 23 - Oct. 29

Wednesday

Beef Stew
 Chicken Cordon Bleu
 Kolokopita
 Soups: Moroccan Lentil-Chicken & Rice
 Salad: Beef Taco

Thursday

Turkey Club w/Pasta Salad
 Chili Verde
 Eggplant Parmesan
 Soups: Turkey Vegetable Split Pea
 Salad: Grilled Chicken Caesar

Monday

Buttermilk Baked Chicken Strips
 Beef & Broccoli Yakisoba
 Tuna Melt
 Soups: Chicken Rice
 Puree of Potato & Leeks
 Salad: Chef Salad

Tuesday

Beef (style) Stroganoff
 Sweet & Sour Pork w/ Steamed Rice
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 Soups: Mulligatawny
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Twenty-one runs— what are we watching? Fall classic proving to be very unusual

Bottom of the eighth two outs, one man on base, tied in the game two of the World Series, in a must win game. Long-time Angel Tim Salmon stepped up to the plate, with thousands of Halo faithful slapping ridiculous plastic "thunder sticks," a monkey hopping in the background, and a picture of a smiling cowboy all looking on, all hoping that maybe Salmon will give them a filling they have never felt. Giant's reliever, Felix Rodriguez, stood at the mound poised to end the notion of Angel optimism and to reestablish their inseparability that has been with them for 42 years.

"Here comes the pitch, and it's hit hard in the air. Could it be? Yes it is, it's gone. Home run Angels, home run Tim Salmon!" Salmon rounded the bases in great triumph, looking not like a professional athlete that is paid millions of dollars, but like a 12-year-old child who had just hit his first ever home run. Rodriguez then took the walk of shame, getting the yanked at the bat.

The Angels, of course, went on to win the game 11-10, in perhaps the craziest World Series contest I have ever witnessed.

First of all, 11-10? Is this not October? I thought it was great pitching and timely hits (very few hits) that wins ball games, not who can win at team home-run derby. But hey, I'm not complaining. The Angels outscored seven professional football teams last Sunday, and Game 2's 21 run output (fourth highest in World Series history), was actually higher than in the Cowboys-Cardinals game.

The next thing I want to touch on is that this is going to be an amazing series. How do I know? It's not because they have already had two great games. It's because these two teams do not know how to throw in the towel.

The Giants went down by

five runs after the first inning. This is "game over" right? No, wrong.

Giants rally to get nine runs. Oh well. Same old Angels. Game over right? Wrong. Angels rallied back again and take the lead. Barry Bonds hit another homer and the game that seemed like it would never end, did.

If Felix Rodriguez was the goat of the contest, then Francisco Rodriguez was the hero. Yeah, Salmon's moment in the sun was big, but what Francisco did was amazing. He took the mound down by four, after the staff had blown a five-run lead and maybe the entire World Series. He was faced with a lineup who were killing the ball, no matter who they faced. The Crowd was quiet and worried, but none of this seemed to bring Francisco down. One, two, three, they went, as Francisco pitched three perfect innings allowing the Angels to come back and win a crucial game 2.

Let's not forget that Francisco is a rookie, a twenty-year old kid who pitched against Bonds and the rest of the Giants, and made them look like rookies.

Sunday night was odd, unusual, and just plain crazy for an October baseball game, but it was fun to watch. The series might be an all-California series, which was deemed bad for ratings, but with this type of baseball I wouldn't care if the two teams were from Canada. And frankly I don't care how late people in Boston have to stay up to watch the game. And I am tired of hearing the announcers praising these people for staying up.

Nonetheless, even with all this great monkey business out of Anaheim, I still say Giants in six.

To all the good people - Have a terrific week and enjoy the week's games.

Wellness trail traveled by many every day

by Phillip Ruzek
of The Commuter

Proposed by the Wellness Department to serve the college and the surrounding community, the wellness trail is used "big time," said George van Keulen, Ground Maintenance Department Lead.

The wellness trail evolved over several years said Kevin Lacey, Custodial Lead. George van Keulen has been on the staff since 1990 and since then he's seen the popularity of the trail skyrocket. "Every hour of the day," he said about the use the trail. From staff to students to the public enjoy the trail day after day.

The wellness trail spans a mile to a mile-and-a-half long, and is maintained and funded by the Grounds Department and the

Athletic Department every year. The Athletic Department donated \$1,000 for chips to help make the trail even more usable than it was.

There are three major trails circling the main campus of LBCC. All three join together to make a rounded rectangle. The one-mile-long trail, or the back trail, is the most popular, used 90-95 percent of the time said van Keulen. It's open and maintained all year. Van Keulen says that the work is and was "labor intensive."

The trails contain a liner, which act as the foundation. Three inches of crushed rock is placed on the liner next, followed by the chips that are placed on top. The chips are known as 'hog fuel'. The two inner trails contain bark dust, concrete and

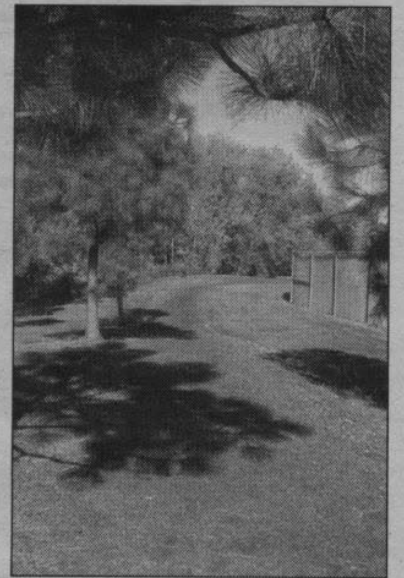


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The Linn-Benton wellness trail spans one mile to a mile-and-a-half, circling the LB campus.

grass.

Benches have been added to the trail for the community to enjoy. Van Keulen hopes to add a fence to the northwestern part of the trail because of dogs harassing runners and walkers.

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Groan! Storm surges past Runners

by Carlie Russum
of The Commuter

On Oct. 16, the Lady Roadrunners faced the Chemeketa Storm in five close games in an unsuccessful attempt to clinch the third place spot in the league.

The Runners jumped out to a quick 10-6 lead in the first game with some good kills from Estacada freshman Rebecca Buhl. But the Storm held on and the game went back and forth within a one-point margin until Freshmen Amber Opoien had a nice hit to put the Runners up 30-29. Since the game must be won by two, she revisited the service line with a strong serve that was returned out of bounds to give LB a 31-29 win.

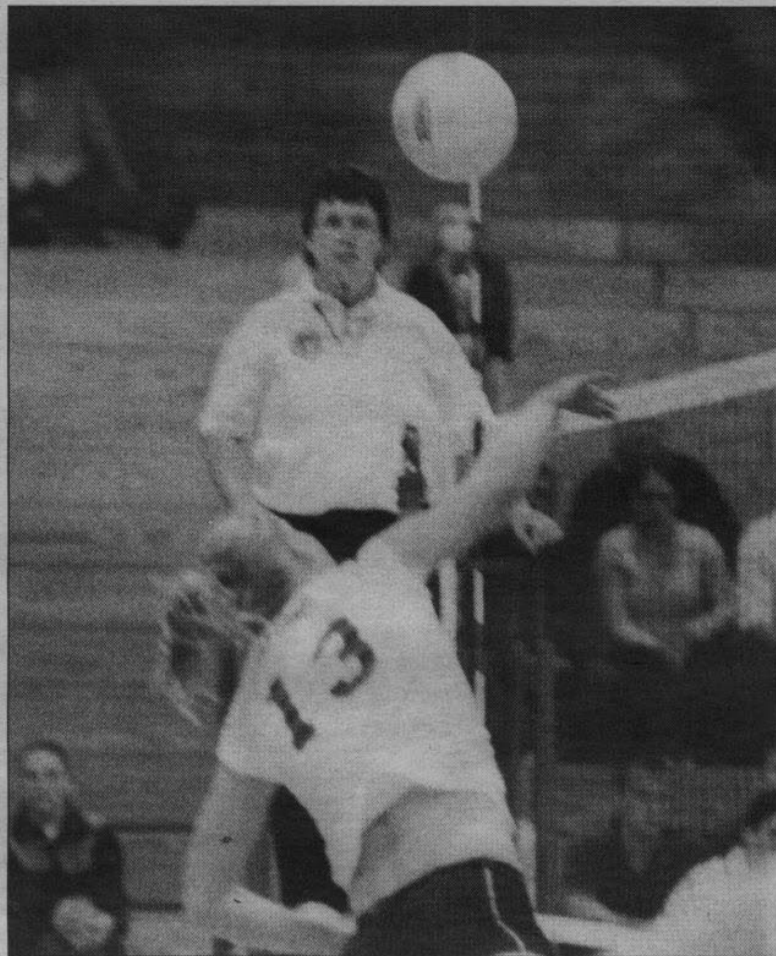
Game 2 was game like the first with a couple excellent kills by middle hitter Kelly Kettles. Again the action went back and forth and kept the fans on the edge of their seats and cheering loudly. Sophomore Danielle Palmer came into the game to put LB up three with her powerful serving, and the ladies went on to defeat the Storm 30-27.

In the third match, the Roadrunners started slowly and buried themselves in a 1-8 hole before they got it together. Although they came back to make it competitive, they lost 25-30.

Game 4 was a replay from the previous one with Chemeketa coming out strong and keeping a lead the entire game. The team played hard and did not give up but the storm swept on with a 30-26 victory.

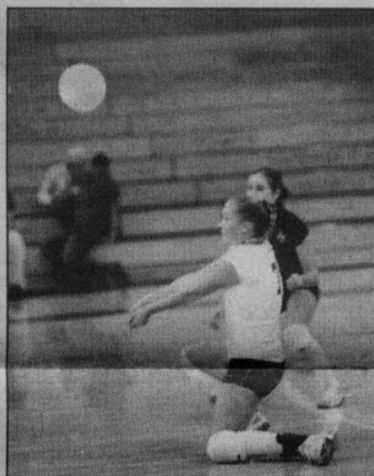
The Roadrunners played hard in the last game and had some powerful serves and blocks but were defeated 15-8.

With the loss, LBCC fell behind Mt. Hood, Clackamas and Chemeketa in the league standings and are going to have to win most of their remaining games to have a spot in the NWAAC tournament.



Roadrunner Kim West (above) goes for a kill against the Chemeketa Storm last Wednesday, while Leslea Brown (right) digs out a return. LBCC lost the closely fought match but came back to win Friday's match against Umpqua in the Activities Center. Brown led the team with 19 kills and 19 digs in Friday's match, which put the Roadrunners in third place with four league games to go.

Photos by Stefanie Hessenkemper



Teamwork leads Runners to victory

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

A disappointing loss to Chemeketa last Wednesday night couldn't keep the Roadrunners down. They regained their strength to beat Umpqua in a four-game match Friday night.

The tempo of game one was swift. A kill from sophomore Leslea Brown was too much for the Umpqua Timberwomen blockers. Several kills from freshmen Rebecca Buhl and Kellie Kettles, and sophomore Jenny Lawrence led to the 30-17 win.

Game two was earned with service aces from Lawrence, Buhl and freshmen Holly Prinslow and Amber Opoien. Even though Umpqua's Amanda Drake hit a lightning bolt kill to LB's upper middle court toward the end of the game, the Roadrunners still took the win 30-28.

Early in game three Kettles and sophomore Danielle Palmer collided, leaving both players on the floor. Kettles suffered a face injury and didn't return to the match all night. LB started to fall behind and pretty soon Umpqua was ahead by seven points.

"Let's pick it up Kim!" yelled a voice from the crowd. Immediately sophomore Kim West produced two consecutive kills for the Roadrunners. An exciting volley back and forth between the two teams near the end of the game finally ended with a kill from Buhl. But it wasn't enough for LB, and they lost 23-30.

Game 4 began with another surprise kill from Umpqua's Drake. LB socked it back to them with kills from Brown, Opoien, West and freshman Rachael Broderick and aces from West, Prinslow and Palmer. The Roadrunners were able to maintain a significant point lead and won the final game 30-19.

After LB's win, Coach Jayme Frazier said, "Umpqua was more of a challenge this time to us because we relaxed on the third game like we did on Wednesday against Chemeketa, which gave them a chance to get more into the game. They definitely improved from our first meeting with them and dug up some hard driven attacks from us."

The Roadrunner players definitely shown through. Rebecca Buhl was strong in her serves with 4 aces and 19 serves total.

"Which meant her serves were tough enough to throw Umpqua's offense off," said Frazier. The player who stood out the most was Leslea Brown with her passing, serving and attacks. Brown had 19 kills and 19 digs, which is just fantastic, said Frazier.

Holly Prinslow set most the match with 37 assists and Kellie Kettles had 4 kills and 11 attacks before her injury. Jenny Lawrence and Amber Opoien, with 8 kills each, and West with 11 kills also did well. Opoien's 3 service aces also stood out.

Although individuals are making the strides, the team as a whole has a lot of confidence.

"We really play well together and have unity. Even after the games where we had a loss, we pulled out of it to win the next week," said Palmer.

"The whole team did improve significantly, I thought," said Frazier.

"And we really need to win our next two matches to get a spot in the NWAAC tournaments. We will just take it one game at a time."

LBCC's next home volleyball game starts at 6 p.m. tonight in the Activities Center against number six-ranked South Western Oregon Community College from Coos Bay. The Roadrunners travel to Eugene Friday, Oct. 25 to play Lane Community College at 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2002

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Wednesday	Oct. 23	SWOCC	LBCC	6 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 25	Lane C.C.	Eugene	7 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 30	Mt. Hood C.C.	Gresham	7 p.m.
Fri-Sat	Nov. 1	Tournament	LBCC	TBA
Wednesday	Nov. 13	Clackamas C.C.	Oregon City	7p.m.
Saturday	Nov. 16	Playoff ties	TBA	TBA
Thur-Sat	Nov. 21	Championship	Spokane	TBA

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Mt. Hood.....	7-0
Chemeketa.....	6-2
Linn Benton.....	5-3
Clackamas.....	4-3
Lane.....	2-4
SW Oregon.....	2-6
Umpqua.....	0-8

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Police plead with sniper for further contact

by Ron Hutcheson
 of Knight Ridder Newspapers

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A possible suspect in the Washington-area sniper killings called police Monday, but authorities said the conversation was garbled and they urged the person to call back.

Police Chief Charles Moose of Montgomery County, Md., announced the tantalizing lead hours after Virginia police took two men into custody in what turned out to be another investi-

single bullet each time has killed nine people and critically wounded three others. The first shot, on Oct. 2, passed harmlessly through a craft store window in Montgomery County.

Monday's phone call came from someone police think is the shooter. But Moose, who is directing a sniper task force, said the call was garbled. Speaking to the caller through the news media, he urged the person to contact police again.

"The person you called did not hear everything that you

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▶ **Wife of latest victim**

gative dead end. The men, alleged to be illegal immigrants from Guatemala and Mexico, later were turned over to immigration authorities for deportation proceedings.

In another development Monday, ballistics experts confirmed Saturday's shooting in Ashland, Va., was the sniper's work. They reached their conclusion after examining a bullet that was removed from the victim, a 37-year-old man who was listed in critical but stable condition at Richmond's Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

The telephone call raised hopes of a break in a case that has baffled investigators and terrorized an area stretching from Washington's northern suburbs to Richmond, Va., about 100 miles to the south.

"In 13 shootings over two and a half weeks, a sniper firing a

said," Moose said, reading from a prepared statement.

"The audio was unclear, and we want to get it right. Call us back so that we can clearly understand."

Moose repeated the statement word for word at the end of his brief news conference.

Tight-lipped police declined to provide any details of the caller's message or the circumstances that led to the communication.

The day began dramatically, as police SWAT teams outside Richmond surrounded a white Plymouth Voyager van that had stopped beside an Exxon station's pay phone. Police yanked two men from the vehicle, handcuffed them, questioned them throughout the day and concluded they were uninvolved in the case. They'd walked into a staked-out site,



Photo by Chuck Kennedy
Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose talks to the press about the ongoing sniper investigation at police headquarters in Montgomery County, Md., on Monday.

said one federal official, who asked not to be identified, and were merely "at the wrong place at the wrong time."

The two men, an unnamed 24-year-old Mexican national and 35-year-old Guatemalan immigrant, were turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The wife of the latest shooting victim — her identity and her husband's protected by hospital authorities — issued a statement through the hospital Monday urging prayers for her husband and his attacker.

"This has been a frightening and difficult time, where I have feared for the loss of my husband, friend and soul mate," she said. "The hospital has taken care

of all of our needs, so there is no need to send anything other than continued prayer. Please pray also for the attacker and that no one else is hurt."

Doctors said the victim, a 6-foot, 200-pound man, faces a grueling ordeal of three to four more operations, possibly interspersed with internal infections and other life-threatening complications. The sniper's bullet entered the left side of the man's abdomen and tore through his stomach, his pancreas, a kidney and his spleen before lodging in his chest.

"He's lucky to be alive," said surgeon Rao Ivatury. "We anticipate lots of complications. The next two weeks will be crucial."

Ivatury said the bullet seemed to explode in the man's stomach, ripping the organ apart. Doctors had to remove his spleen, half of his pancreas and about two-thirds of his stomach. They also recovered most of the bullet.

Police efforts to communicate with the sniper began with the discovery of a message at Saturday's shooting site, outside a Ponderosa restaurant in Ashland, near Richmond. Moose revealed the message at a news conference Sunday night and said it included a telephone number.

"You gave us a telephone number," he said. "We do want to talk to you. Call us at the number you provided."

Students dig deep for biggest tuition hike in decades

by Susan C. Thomson and Joseph Plambeck
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

WASHINGTON— Students at the nation's four-year public colleges and universities are paying an average of 9.6 percent more in tuition this year than a year ago—the steepest year-to-year rise in a decade. By comparison, students on private campuses got off relatively easy, with an average increase of 5.8 percent.

The College Board released the numbers Monday. The recession was behind the heavier hit taken by students at state schools. Their budgets caught short, states cut funding for public higher education. To balance their own budgets, state colleges then asked students to dig deeper into their pockets.

The College Board also reported Monday that a record \$90 billion in student financial aid was available to students in 2001-02, 11.5 percent more than in 2000-

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▶ **Jacqueline King**

01. Board president Gaston Caperton called that "great news." Of that amount, 54 percent was in the form of loans, up from 47 percent a decade earlier.

But for the second year in a row, grant money grew faster than loan money.

Jacqueline King, director of the center for policy analysis at the American Council of Education, said it was important to keep tuition increases in perspective. "What's relevant is the price and the aid available to offset that price... Families tend to overestimate the

price and underestimate the aid."

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, after adjustment for grants and inflation, the average net tuition at public and private colleges remained constant from 1992-93 to 1999-2000.

Although the latest round of increases narrowed the gap between them, students are paying more than four times as much on average as at public schools—\$18,273 compared with \$4,081.

"No matter what the numbers say, there are still very affordable options for students," Caperton said.

Spokeswoman Cheryl Schroeder said Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education recognizes "the situation (the state's public colleges and universities) are in and just hope they keep the tuition increases as minimal as possible. We don't want to price students out of higher education in Missouri. We think it's still a good buy."

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