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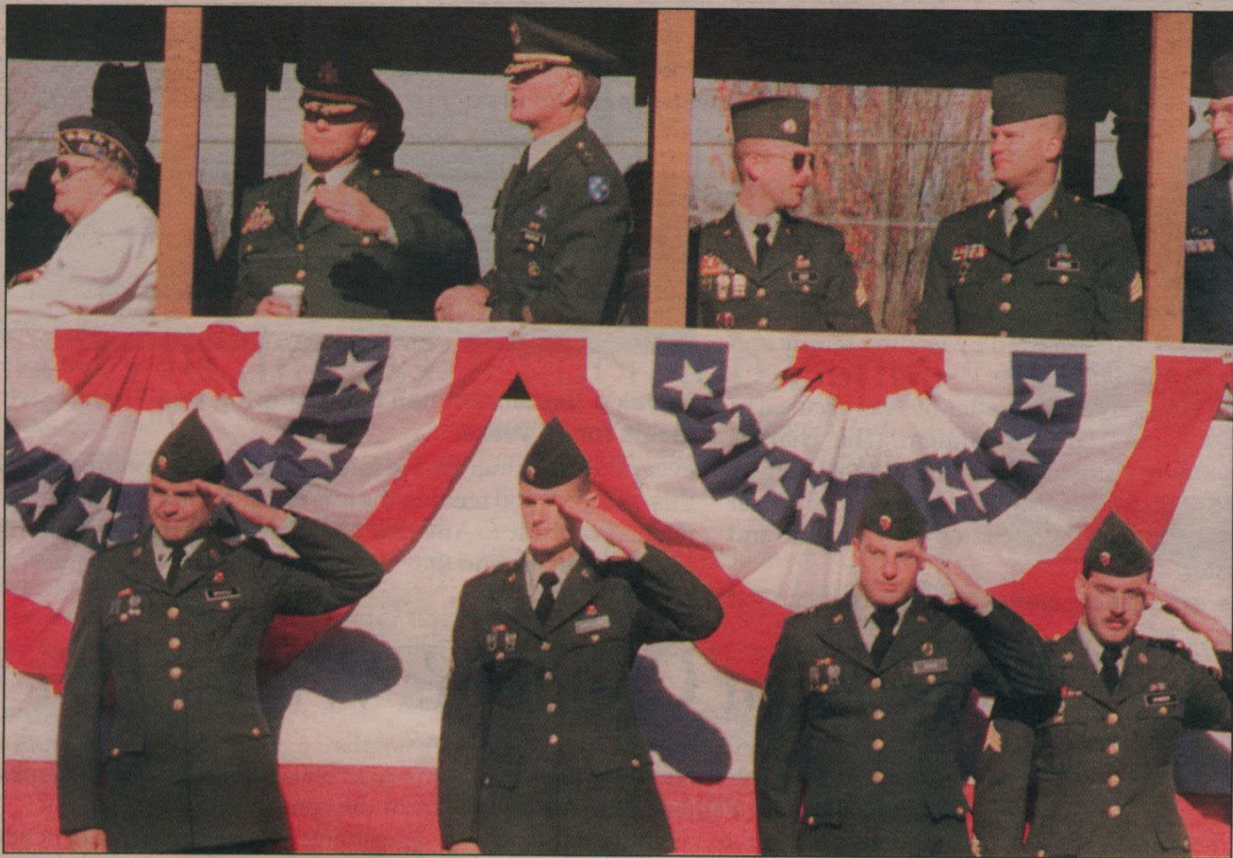


Photo by Mary Jova

## No Rain on this Parade

Blue skies looked downtown on Albany's annual Veteran's Day Parade last Saturday. Veterans of the Korean conflict were the focus of this year's parade.



Photo by Lori Weedmark

## Bond measure green lights building plans

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

The votes are in and the news is good. LBCC's \$19.1 million capital bond measure has passed.

The bond passed 36,998 votes to 33,311 votes, a difference of only 3,687 votes. LBCC President Jon Carnahan was unfazed by the closeness of the election, calling the bond's narrow margin of victory typical.

"I wasn't surprised at all by how close it was," he said on Monday. "We have found that bonds traditionally pass by a narrow margin—usually doing better in Benton County than in Linn County."

Early numbers from Linn County on election night had some administrators worried about the bond's chances of passing, but by the time numbers from Benton County came in Wednesday morning, it became clear that the bond was making up ground and had a good chance of being passed. By late Wednesday afternoon, enough of the votes had been counted for Carnahan to declare victory.

In spite of the fact that the bond failed in Linn County, Carnahan was pleased with the final numbers. Saying that the 15,000 yes votes that the bond received are encouraging for future bonds.

Carnahan was also pleased with the overall results

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## Corvallis protestors seek elimination of Electoral College

by Mary Jova  
of The Commuter

Last Saturday's cold weather did not deter 50 protestors from gathering in front of the Corvallis Court House to seek public support for abolishing the Electoral College.

The U.S. Constitution created the Electoral College, which consists a group of representatives chosen by the voters of each state to elect the president and vice president of the United States. The number of electoral votes each state has is determined by the number of representatives that state has in Congress.

The Electoral College was designed at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 by our forefathers who recognized they had a problem. The convention rejected the proposal that congress elect the Chief Executive, on the grounds that the president would then be under the control of the Legislature. The proposal that the people elect the president also was rejected. In order to solve this problem in a calm manner, the convention agreed on the method of indirect popular election, which became what we know today as the Electoral College.

OSU biology student Stacey McGowan believes that the Electoral College doesn't represent the way people vote. "I have a 4-year-old daughter and I want her to understand that her vote really does matter," she says. "Right now on a national level people don't think their vote really matters. Whether you are Republican, Democratic, rich or poor—your vote matters."

Graduate student Jodie Sharpe sees the Palm Beach

County, Florida margin as too close to call, and believes a re-vote is needed.

As Darlene Osburn was exiting her vehicle to attend the protest, a man approached her and stated that we should keep the Electoral College because our forefathers developed it as part of The Constitution.

Osburn responded by pointing out the differences between modern society and the people in the United States of 200 years ago.

"They ran-away from their country, came here and had no respect for the Native American population, and don't forget these men were slave owners," Osburn told the man.

Karin Rohland waves an "Abolish the Electoral College" sign. She hopes that the protest will build public support for getting rid of the electoral college.

The newly elected Senator from New York, Hillary Rodham Clinton supports a bill to abolish the college. Clinton stated recently that "it is clear that the college doesn't evenly distribute the power. It is archaic and it is time for a change."

Protesters stood for an hour-and-a-half in the cold weather with signs calling for a change. Fliers were distributed encouraging the public to call the Department of Justice to voice concerns over the election results.

Corvallis resident and archaeologist, Lindon Hylton shares with the protestors the belief that the electoral college is outdated and should have been done away

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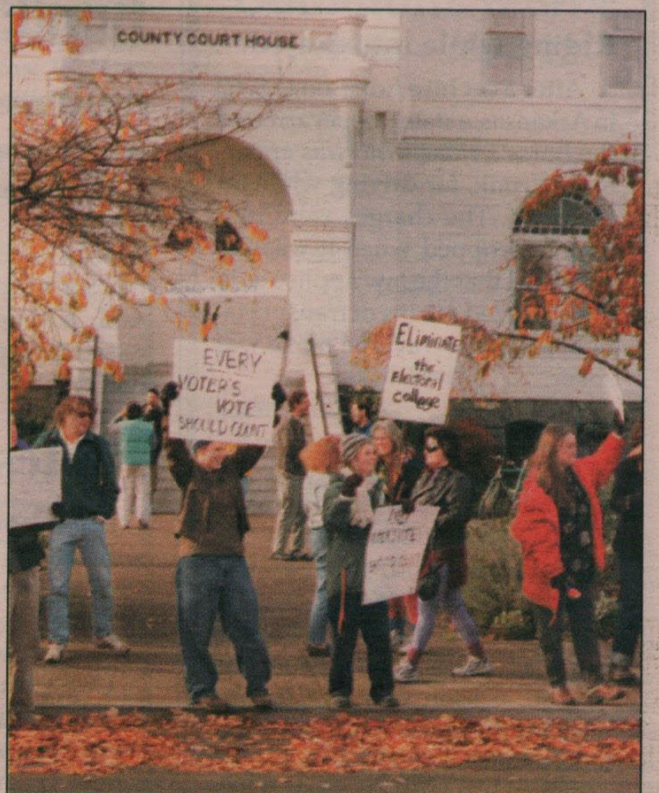


Photo by Lori Weedmark

About 50 protestors gathered in front of the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis Saturday to protest the Electoral College

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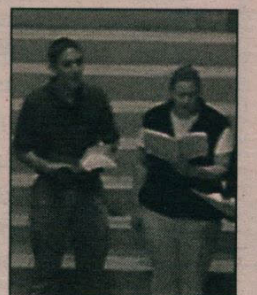
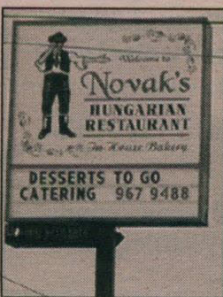
### Check This Out

The Library and the LRC will be closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### Real Norway

A 44-year-old burglar broke into an apartment in Oslo, Norway, not knowing that the place is featured in a reality television program and so is taped 24 hours a day by 17 small video cameras placed throughout the premises. Staff members monitoring the cameras nearby saw the would-be thief grabbing cash, and rushed into the apartment and grabbed him. At first, he denied everything. Then, they showed him the cameras. Program editor Vebjoern Ytreberg said, "He was pretty embarrassed and unhappy. Some of the participants said they almost felt sorry for him because he was so unlucky or stupid."

### Two-story smack down

Casey Sabalsa, age 7, was practicing the moves pro wrestlers make in TV by leaping off his dresser and onto his bed when he bounced too high and went flying out the second story window of his Tacoma, Wash., home. Fortunately, he landed on thick grass which cushioned his fall, and he was not hurt very much. His mother was shocked when he walked into the kitchen and told her what had happened.

### I'm not going to Disneyland

A Russian woman tried to sell her grandson for \$70,000 to a man who was going to take the boy out of the country, remove his vital organs, and sell them for transplants. Granny was arrested before she could complete the deal, and no harm was done. The lad thought he was going to Disneyland.

### Riding while intoxicated?

After a car hit a horse on U.S. 62 in Arkansas, a state trooper arrested the horse's rider, who was apparently drunk, for driving while intoxicated. The charges were ultimately dropped when it was determined that the law applies only to motorized means of transportation. And, anyway, the horse was sober.

### Can you cash this?

Kevin Jackson, a 49-year-old Utah auto mechanic, tried to cash a phony \$100 million Federal Reserve bearer bond, the feds say. Prosecutors say that the U.S. government never issued notes that large: \$1 million notes were the largest. Jackson was arrested for mail fraud and transporting a counterfeit security across state lines.

—From the TMS News Service

## Novak's offers Thanksgiving dinner to needy

by Allen Garner  
of The Commuter

Every year, LBCC board of education member Joe Novak serves Thanksgiving dinner to the less fortunate at his Albany restaurant, Novak's Hungarian.

Last Thanksgiving, the restaurant served over 200 people. Novak didn't speculate on how many people might be there this year.

People can call the restaurant at 967-9488 for reservations until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Nov. 21. Meals will be served in hour-and-a-half shifts starting at noon. The restaurant will serve a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner, followed by a Hungarian style pumpkin cheesecake.

Novak has been offering free Thanksgiving dinners at his restaurant for 16 years. He first started by feeding family and friends to see how it would go over.

Novak fled from Hungary in 1957 after he was accused of crimes against the Hungarian government. The charges stemmed from a student uprising that Novak took part in. After being warned of his impending arrest by a police officer he knew, Novak came to the United States with his wife and her mother and sister.

Because of this experience, Novak said he thanks God



Photo by Chris Spence

**Novak's Restaurant has been offering free Thanksgiving meals for 16 years.**

every day for America. He said he was "very honored to be in this country" and feeding the less fortunate is a way of expressing his gratitude to America. Novak believes that everyone has a purpose in life and that God brought him over to America to bless others.

## SPB seeks volunteers for Children's Winter Fest

by Gelina Inches  
of The Commuter

As the chilling days of fall come to an end, LBCC's Student Programming Board is getting geared up for its annual Children's Winter Festival.

This year's event will be held on Saturday Dec. 2, from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on the second floor of the College Center, using the Commons and adjoining rooms.

Volunteers and members of the Student Programming Board will put on the 30th annual event, which is free to children up to 12 years old and an accompanying adult. The children will decorate

cookies, play international games and meet Santa and Father Claus for a gift and get their photo taken with him.

Roger Shear is the team coordinator for SPB and is organizing the event. This year the SPB members invited musical performer Tish Steinfeld, who is going to help children play an instrument and sing. Magician Stan Greer will also be performing at the festival.

A team of Alaskan dancers, The North West Inupiaq will entertain the crowd for the grand finale at 3:00 p.m.

"It's typically a good event. It brings a lot of students and children," said Shear.

He said organizers hope to gather as

many as 500 children and their families from the community

As many as 60 volunteers are needed to help with the festival, including clean up, decorating cookies and other activities. If interested, contact Student Life and Leadership in the Student Union and sign up.

The Children's Winter Festival is funded in part from LBCC's student fees.

Two canned food donations are appreciated and a photo with Santa or Father Claus costs \$1.

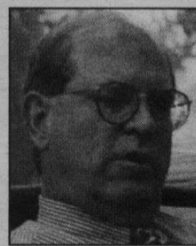
This event is free for all Linn and Benton county children 12 years old and under who are accompanied by an adult.

## Bond: LB President Carnahan pleased with results of election

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of the state ballot measures—with the exceptions of the passage of Measures 7 and 88.

"My guess is that Measure 7 will be tied up in court for awhile," Carnahan said, adding that Measure 88, which raised the federal tax deduction to \$5,000 will cost the state \$178 million, it will be



*"I wasn't surprised at all by how close it was."*

—Jon Carnahan

less damaging than Measure 91 would have been had it passed.

Now that the bond has been approved, administrators are prioritizing projects and planning how to spend the money the bond will bring in.

Some of the facilities funded by the bond will be a 40,000-square-foot multi-purpose building in front of Takena Hall, a 20,000 square foot addition to the Benton Center in Corvallis and a new East-Linn One Stop Center in Lebanon.

## Protest: Activists call Electoral College outdated, anti-democratic

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with long ago, saying that "the Electoral College came from a time period where the only people that voted were white men who owned land."

One Corvallis landlord, Phil Lappe, explains that there are flaws with the voting system and there is no reason why we shouldn't correct those flaws—even if they are 200 years old. "The Elec-

toral College is anti-democratic and is clearly set up to protect our slave-owner forefather's interests," he says.

Yaney MacIver, a member of Corvallis Action on Globalization, who went to the Seattle Protest in November of 1999, rattles a baby rattle.

"The system is broken as a baby rattle," she says. MacIver explains that in Belgrade, Yugoslavia (Serbia) something

very similar happened when Kostunica had more votes than Milosevic. "The people came out with their baby rattles to protest Milosevic."

The US Department of Justice is currently taking calls from anyone wanting to voice concerns over the election results at 1-800-253-3931. Another protest is scheduled at the Benton County Court House November 18 at 1 p.m.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Native Americans start club

by Nicole Scott  
of The Commuter

The Multicultural Center is forming a new club to serve Native American students.

Club advisor Sally Andrews said there are 156 Native Americans registered as students at LBCC. She said the club will explore Native American culture and values. They would like to hold a powwow on campus and visit Native American organizations.

Interested students don't have to be Native American to join; just have an

interest in learning and experiencing the culture.

The Native American Club will meet in the Multicultural Center, which is located on the second floor of the Student Union.

The club plans to sponsor a free Native American salmon dinner on Nov. 28 for interested students and their families.

Information on the Native American Club is available from Andrews at 917-4256 or at her office in B115, or contact the Multicultural Center at 917-4461.

## Panel to discuss gender, job issues

By Angel Freeman  
Of the Commuter

The next Lunch and Learn will be held on Monday Nov. 22 in the student Union Lounge on the topic "Non Traditional Gender Roles in the Work Place."

Sponsored by the LBCC Gender Equity Committee, the program will start at 1 p.m. and go until 1 p.m., with free soup and rolls provided.

Panelists are Lesa Kraft, a metallurgy major; Holly Ploetz, an apprenticeship

coordinator and environmental technology trainer at LBCC; Tyana Newhill, an automotive student; Bill Koch, a nursing student; Mark Hebbes, an office specialist major; and Henry Hamel, a medical assisting student. All are either currently employed in or plan to work in fields that are dominated by the opposite gender.

For more information contact Molly Stats in the Career Center or call 917-4786.



Photo by Melissa Haney

### Open Wide

Instructional assistant Darla Schiopen works with Jessica Nicholson as she learns how to use the high volume evacuator on Amanda Smith. Nicholson and Smith are students in the Dental Assistant Training Program.

## Students tackle challenges in the community with Americorps

by Lisa Paolo  
of the Commuter

Two LBCC students received funding for school as well as a feeling of accomplishment through work they did to better their community in the Americorps Program.

Krista Thorpe and Renee Bostian each chose a totally different area to work in, but both had a positive and satisfying experience.

Americorps was started by President Clinton in 1993 and puts people to work on projects such as tutoring children, cleaning the environment, building homes for the homeless and responding to natural disasters.

Thorpe worked in a summer reading program in 1999 at Lacombe Elementary School called Start Making a Reader Today (SMART). Thorpe said it is designed to encourage children of elementary age to read, not to teach them how to.

"The best part about being in the program was seeing the satisfaction that the students had and helping them to like books," she added. "The kids were able to benefit from the volunteers one-on-one and the volunteers got a lot of satisfaction from that."

Besides the good feeling she received from helping, she was also awarded \$1,000 to go to college, which she was not able to do before.

Bostian joined the program full-time for 10 months from 1997 to 1998. She said that she did many community service projects during this time, including tutoring, painting shelters for the homeless, organizing food drives and cleaning up garbage on the streets and highways.

Bostian said her favorite part about the project was working with the people, "I was able to meet a lot of different people from different backgrounds and that was really neat," she said.

Bostian originally joined the program because she was undecided on a major, and wanted to do something useful for the community while she decided. Now that her service time is over she not only has money for school, but a feeling of

accomplishment.

Both Thorpe and Bostian said they enjoyed working in Americorps because they felt they were making a difference.

Americorps, often called "the domestic Peace Corps," has grown in membership from 20,000 in 1994 to more than 50,000 members nationwide this year, with 700 members in Oregon alone, according to a study done by Abt Associates Inc. of Cambridge, Mass.

People who are accepted into the program and have the option of working either full-time or part-time. Each member is given a modest living allowance and those who successfully serve one

year, full-time, are eligible to receive an education award of \$4,725.

Members who do not wish to take the education award have the option of a cash payment of \$100 per month of service.

Members who apply also have the option of choosing which area of service they choose to join. They may choose to help communities tackle challenges in the areas of education, public safety, human needs and the environment.

Applicants must be at least 17-year-old, although some service opportunities require you to be at least 18. Some programs have more specific skill re-

quests in certain areas, and others look for a bachelor's degree or a few years of related volunteer/job experience.

Those interested in applying may do so online either by downloading an application form or by requesting that a form be sent to you through e-mail at questions@americorps.org. Further information on how to apply is available at website at www.americorps.org.



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#### Wednesday

Prime Rib  
Pork Enchiladas  
Spinach Lasagna  
Soup: Billy-bi & Beef Vegetable  
Salamagundy Salad

#### Thursday

Chicken Ballotine  
Sushi  
Pesto Penne w/ Roasted Vegetables  
Soup: Egg Flower & Black Bean  
Taco Salad

#### Friday

Chef's Choice

#### Monday

BBQ Spare Ribs  
Moroccan Chicken  
Omelet Marinara  
Soups: Saffron Chicken & Vegetarian Vegetable  
3 Mustard Chicken Salad

#### Tuesday

Theme Day - "Christmas in the South"

#### Wednesday

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs  
Turkey Saltimbocca  
Spring Rolls  
Soups: Beef Consomme & Split-Pea  
Vietnamese Shrimp Salad

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Music companies react to threat of downloading music

Bertelsmann teams with Napster, letting users lawfully download music files

by Ben Hughes  
of The Commuter

Shawn Fanning, the founder and designer of Napster, and all his employees are sleeping a little more soundly now.

Earlier this month Bertelsmann, a German parent company of BMG Entertainment and one of the five biggest music labels, agreed to team up with Napster and let users lawfully download music from the Bertelsmann music library.

Although details are not final, the new Napster-Bertelsmann plan will allow music swappers to trade online without a fee. They will also offer other services and features for a fee of \$4.95 a month. Songwriters, music publishers, artists and recording companies will all get a share of the monthly fee.

Although the two companies appear to be in bed with one another, the lawsuits from all five major labels—Warner Brothers Music Group, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group, EMI and even Bertelsmann—have not been dropped. Once Napster applies the new plan to the existing site, Bertelsmann will drop the lawsuit.

This deal could open the door for more settlements from the other four major labels. But according to Universal Studios chief Frank Biondi, that isn't likely. Labels "want to crush Napster like an egg," he said.

But it sounds like the other major labels are not wasting their time. According to Advertising Age magazine, the retaliation of the labels could come in the form of Listen.com. Around the same time Bertelsmann was compromising with Napster. Listen.com, an online distributor of music products and services was buying Scour.com, which in many ways is like Napster. What makes this so interesting is that Listen.com is backed by all five major music labels.

According to Ric Dube, music analyst for Webnoize, Listen.com could be a force to be dealt with in the file-sharing industry and a competitor that can play ball with Napster.

But why would a company want to buy Napster or any other company that does not make a profit from consumer usage?

It's all in the numbers. Napster allegedly reaches 38 million music swappers a year. That's big money for anyone who can offer that type of audience to advertisers.

What if Napster started to charge for their services? According to Dube, Napster would "expect to lose 80 percent of their current user base if they went to a pay system."

On the other hand if even 1 percent of Napster's followers sign up for the \$4.95 monthly fee, the company will create a business revenue near \$23 million annually, according to Mark Gibbs of Network World. "Throw a few more labels (besides Bertelsmann) into the Napster mix," he said, "and that 1 percent could become 10 or 20 percent. Add in the majority of the big labels and Napster could see revenue of billions of dollars."

Put aside the millions of dollars,

Shawn Fanning, and the big music labels and look at what is really happening. When did it become legal to provide music for free when we have been paying for it since it went public?

The courts are in the process of answering that same question.

Stewart Alsop from Fortune Magazine wrote, "It's important to have a clear idea of what value you are creating and exchanging when you start a business. Otherwise, you're just playing games with people's time and money, and that's not good. If the courts decide, as I expect, that Napster is breaking the law of the land regarding intellectual property and should not be allowed to continue, the only people who will be hurt are the ones who knowingly participated in building a company without a commercial purpose?"

Alsop has a point. But even if Napster is shut down by the court system, there lurks another program called Gnutella, which is quite different than Napster.

Unlike Napster, Gnutella has no one behind the curtain, meaning no server. It is a simple program that gets passed from computer to computer, making each computer a server. The more people using the program the faster you can find tunes, and the variety of tunes available also increases.

Gnutella is not limited to music—you can also trade DVD files along with any other type of info floating out there. Gnutella can also be modified by the user, making it an ever changing program.

Gnutella creates more questions in a situation which everyone seems to blame on Napster. If Napster gets the axe do we really solve the problem?



Photo by Chris Spence

Music consumers no longer have to rely on traditional retail stores for their fix, as major labels scramble to find ways to deliver their product over the web.

The LBCC Performing Arts Department presents:

## Beautiful Bodies

By Laura Cunningham

Directed by Kimberly Gifford Gruen

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Nov. 19 ~ 3 P.M.

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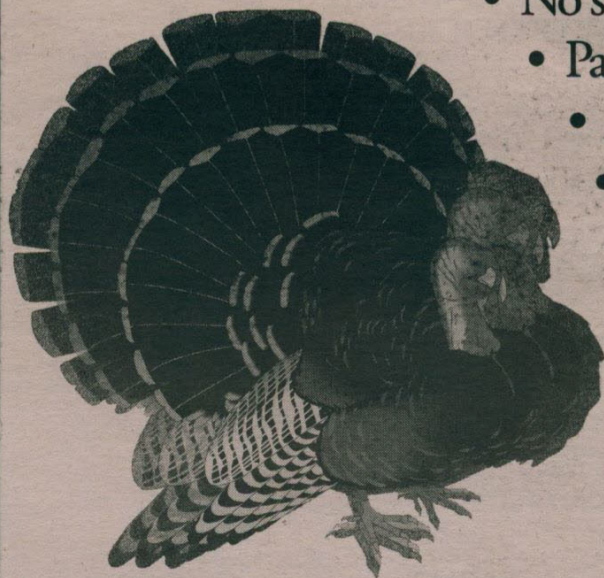
Tickets available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis & at the Takena Box Office, open Monday-Friday, 12 to 3 p.m. 24-hour phone reservations: 917-4531.



\*The performance on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2000, is sign interpreted and is also a benefit performance for the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarships. LBCC is an Equal Opportunity Institution. If you need disability accommodations to attend a performance, please call 917-4536 (9am - 3pm) at least one week in advance.

## Turkey Trot 2000

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Choirs to perform holiday concert on Nov. 30

from The LBCC News Service

"Holiday Treat," an annual performance featuring the LBCC Concert and Chamber choirs, will be presented by the Performing Arts Department at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, in Takena Theater. Tickets are \$4 at the door and at Takena Theater Box office.

The Concert Choir will perform seasonal music including "Sing with Joy, Sing Noel!" by Brad Printz, "Glory in Excelsis Deo" by Johann Christian Bach, "Classic Alleluia" by Giuseppe Torelli, "Dona Nobis Pacem" by Joseph Haydn, "Four Spanish Christmas Carols" by Oscar and Noe Sanchez; and Patrick Liebergen's arrangement of "African Noel."

The Chamber Choir will sing a New Zealand welcoming song, "Kua Rongo Mai Koe" and two "Winter Madrigals" by William Shakespeare with music by Theodore Morrison: "When Icicles Hang by the Wall," and "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind." The program also will include the madrigal "On This Day Join the Singing" by Giovanni Maria Nanino, and "For Him She Sings," a collection of three domestic carols by Norma Farber set to music by Daniel Pinkham.

The concert will conclude with an arrangement of "My Dancing Day," a traditional carol by Hal Eastburn,

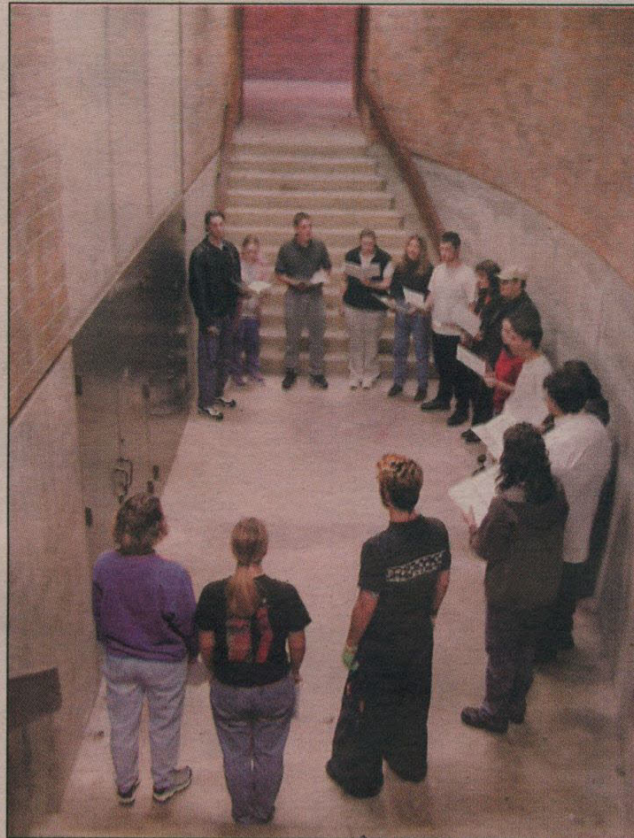


Photo by Chris Spence

**The Chamber Choir practices in the Forum stairwell, where the acoustics enhance the sound. The choir will perform in a holiday concert on Nov. 30.**

and a cappella singing of traditional carols by the audience.

For more information, call Hal Eastburn, (541) 917-4550.

## Avalon offers intelligent cinema for movie fans

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

According to Celtic legend, Avalon is an earthly paradise, an island in the western seas where King Arthur and other heroes are carried after death.

In local terms, Avalon is a place where one can go to leave behind the stress and rush of everyday life, a world of fantasy and vicarious adventure. The Avalon I am speaking of is the Avalon Cinema at 160 NW Jackson Street in Corvallis.

If you haven't been to the Avalon you are in for a treat. My advice is to get there early and stake out some comfortable real estate on the couch at the back of the small theater.

The Avalon shows art, foreign, and alternative films, focusing on those that usually don't make it to the big multiplexes or Regal Cinema outlets like the Whiteside.

Here you can catch new releases long before the neighbors run into them on video. From avant-garde independent films like "Pecker" by John Waters' and German film "Run Lola Run," to cult classics like "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and documentaries like the drug war retrospective, "Grass."

Film times run from 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with an earlier matinee on Sunday. Senior rate for those over 60 is \$4. Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon shows are also \$4.

The theater seats about 80, with a screen that is 12 by

22 feet. Sound is traditional analog but quality. Snacks available include popcorn at \$1, \$2 and \$3.50 (cheap by modern standards) and a variety of candy.

Drinks available include hot tea, Blue Sky and Hansen's sodas, Henry's Root beer and Thomas Kemper Creme Sodas. Gift certificates and snazzy T-shirts are also sold.

Paul Turner, owner/operator of the Avalon since he opened in September of 1997, also maintains a web site where you can get movie info, synopses, FAQ's and directions at [www.avaloncinema.com](http://www.avaloncinema.com).

Currently showing is "Dancer in the Dark" starring veteran actress Catherine Deneuve and Icelandic pop songstress Bjork. The story centers around a single mother with a degenerative eye disease who is frantically trying to raise money for an operation for her son to save him from the same fate and who is also practicing for an amateur production of the "Sound of Music."

The theater is also handicapped accessible. Owner Turner says, "We comply with American Disabilities Act regulations—and we're even nice about it. We would encourage our wheeled customers to come a wee bit early to get into the auditorium before the show rolls since the only access to the seating area is past the front of the screen."

The casual ambience at the Avalon, along with the friendly service and great films make for quality entertainment.



**Theater owner Paul Turner (left) and an assistant wait on patrons stocking up at the snack bar on their way into the Friday night movie at Avalon Cinema in Corvallis. Turner says the offbeat decorations in his colorful lobby are supplied by Goodwill, and he's only half joking. Classic movie posters, old cameras, and biker emblems are among the items that adorn the walls.**

Photo by James Bauerle

## REVIEW

### Kibitzing women enliven LB play

by Mary Jova  
of The Commuter

Last Friday a cast of six women were busy with the details of getting their hair and makeup just right for the opening night of the LBCC play "Beautiful Bodies."

All six women come from Linn and Benton counties and bring to the play color and pizzazz. Director Kimberly Gifford Gruen calls the Laura Cunningham play a character-driven play about six women kibitzing. "From the start these women connected," she says. "This is a tight knit group who spent a number of hours rehearsing in preparation for this evening."

The play focuses on 30-something women who are the products of the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s and takes place at a baby shower in a New York City loft apartment. Jesse (played by Penny Hayes) is hosting a baby shower for her unmarried friend Claire. As the guests arrive, the character's complex lives unfold to the audience.

The first guest is man-crazy Nina (played by Jennifer Yslas). Yslas explains that Nina sleeps with a lot of men for gratification and comfort.

"This is a real issue with a lot of women who can't be alone," she says.

The second guest is Lisbeth, who is played by Kristin Lohrenz. Lisbeth is a professional model who is having difficulty getting over her ex-boyfriend. Lohrenz compares Lisbeth with the character Phoebe on the TV show "Friends." "Lisbeth is out there in la la land and she is all about intensity and love."

The character Martha arrives third and makes it clear to all that she is in control. Played by Cherry Opsahl, Martha is the unhappy 35-year-old that has done all the things that women are supposed to do. She graduated from Yale, got married, supports the deadbeat husband and has the upwardly mobile job with an IRA account.

Karissa McGahen plays the disorganized southern lady Sue Carol. An aspiring actress and waitress, "Sue Carol is drunk all the time and unhappy with her husband cheating on her. You can't help but love Sue Carol." McGahen compares her character to Delta on the TV comedy show "Designing Women."

The mother-to-be arrives last. Debbie Michalski plays the seven-month pregnant Claire, who is casually dressed in shorts and is happy as can be about her friends fussing over her.

After everyone arrives, the characters discuss in detail all of their deep dark secrets. Claire has fought hard against the critics in her life to lead the free-spirited life of a musician traveling the world. Controlling Martha has difficulty understanding Claire's free spirit and finds her irresponsible. Claire states that there is no right way or wrong way of doing things.

If anything, "Beautiful Bodies" is all about women finding their place in society and grabbing onto what little happiness life may bring them. The acting is superb and these actresses have movie star potential. Both men and women who strive to be all they can be will enjoy this play. Each one of the characters walks away from the shower with a new sense of confidence that they can overcome the obstacles that prevents them from achieving their goals. Claire reassures us that if she can find her way so can we.

"Beautiful Bodies" continues this week with performances Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Thursday's show is a special half-price show for \$4. Ticket prices for other showings is \$8 general admission, \$7 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Takena Office, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and through the 24-hour reservation line at 541-917-4531

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By amy k.r.

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by Sprengelmeyer & Davis

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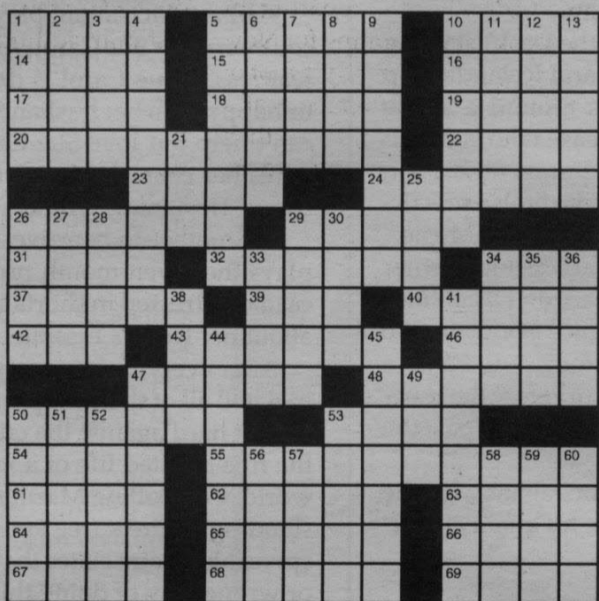
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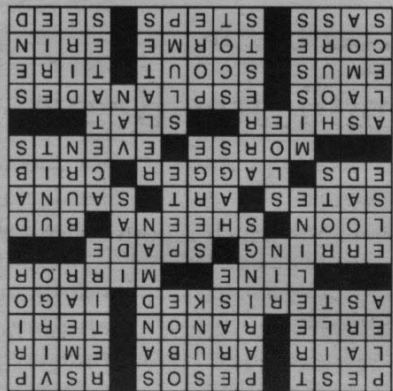
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## SPORTS PAGE

## Runners drop final league game heading into playoffs

by Christina Laramore  
of The Commuter

LBCC's volleyball team dropped back into third place last week, ending their season with an 8-4 league record.

The Roadrunners lost the last match of the regular season to league-leader Mt. Hood Community College, who ended its season with a 12-0 league record by winning the match 16-14, 6-15, 3-15 and 10-15.

"They (Mt. Hood) have earned their record," said Coach Seth Elliott.

LBCC came on strong in the first game against the Saints, pulling out a 16-14 win that, "Built their confidence and showed them that they could beat Mt. Hood," Elliott said.

But that was the highlight of the night for the Roadrunners, as they lost the next three games 6-15, 3-15 and 10-15.

"We just didn't show up in the numbers this game," Elliott said, and that hurt against a team with some of the top players in the league.

Despite the final disappointing loss, the Runners ended their season third in the league—their highest standing in several years—and finished with good overall stats.

Jamie Caster, a 6-1 sophomore, ended her volleyball career at LB with 79 kills in 24 games, while Sarah Towns ended with 52 kills in 21 games. Shannon Gerding also made it onto the charts, with 52 kills in 24 games.

Dani Arlyn, a 5-9 freshman at LBCC, stayed in second place in the Southern Region with 247 assists in 24 games. She finished behind Amy Bell, a 5-6 sophomore from Mt. Hood who had 266 assists in 25 games.

Gerding also ended the season 11th in the Southern Region in ace average, with 15 aces in 93 serves over 24 games.

Arlyn stepped in right behind Gerding with 109 serves in 24 games, 15 of which were aces.

With the season behind them, four teams from each division are concentrating on the NWAACC Championship Tournament. Representing the Southern Region are Mt. Hood, which ended up in first place; Chemeketa, which finished second with a 9-3 league record; Linn-Benton, which finished third at 8-4; and Clackamas, which finished in fourth place with a 5-7 record.

The tournament will run from Nov. 16 through Nov. 18 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. The Runners first game will be on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. against Whatcom Community College of Bellingham, Wash.

## Men's hoop team retools with transfers

by David Miller  
of The Commuter

With the season about to get underway, the 2000-2001 men's basketball team will try to better last year's 6-20 overall record and 4-10 league record.

"I feel very confident with this group of guys," said Basketball Coach Randy Falk. "This is the hardest working team that I have had in recent years."

With just two returners from last year, Falk is counting on transfer players David Michaelis from Western Oregon University, Nate Marks from Cascade Community College, Kenny Edmondson from Northwest Christian and Steve Blevine from College of the Siskiyous to help out the two returning players from last year's team, JR Brusseau and Kraig Schuler. Rounding out the 15 -player squad are nine true freshmen.

Brusseau, the team's second-leading scorer, shot 47.1 percent from the field last season and averaged 12.9 points per game scoring a total of 270 points throughout the season. Brusseau was also the team's leading rebounder with 113 total and averaged 5.38 rebounds per game.

Schuler, who is a strong inside player, will team with Brusseau to provide leadership on the young team. The 6-6 sophomore from Beaverton was third on the team in rebounds with 107, averaging 3.96 per game. He averaged 5.42 points per game, shooting 44.3 percent from the field.

The team took some heavy hits this off-season when it lost some key players, particularly Hamilton Barnes, the team's leading scorer, who was recruited by Southern Oregon University. Also moving on were Chris Livermore, who shot 39.4

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—Randy Falk

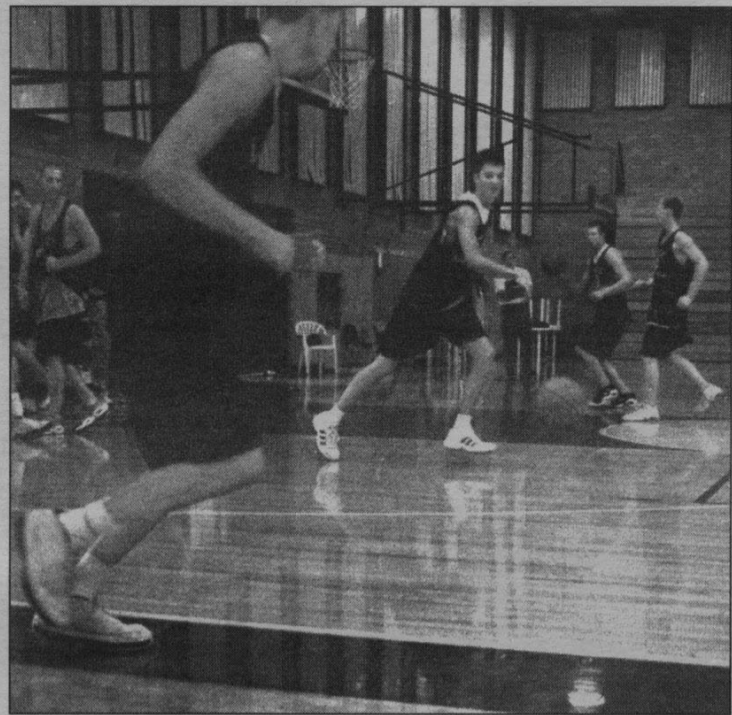


Photo by James Bauerle

Members of the men's basketball team run drills in the Activities Center in preparation of the opening of the 2000-2001 season later this month.

percent from the field, and Vann Lanz, who lead the team in field goal shooting 48.4 percent. Lanz transferred to Washington State University to try to walk-on, Falk said.

These are some big holes to be filled, and Falk said he feels fortunate to have added players who can fill them. The remaining players on the team are Michael Heppner from David Douglas High School, Dominic Robertson from Beaverton, Levi Hutchings and Paul Grock from LaPine, Doug Marshall from Glencoe, Casey Campbell from Sitka, Brent Gilder from Santiam, Rad Rodgers from Henley, and Andrew Coats from Crater.

Falk said that this is a better team than last year, even though it is mainly made up of new players, and he isn't worried about how they'll play.

"We look younger than we are," said Falk.

## Area ski resorts watch skies for snow

## Hoodoo expands parking at its Santiam Pass resort; Bachelor adds new lift for tree skiing

by Jason Amberg  
of The Commuter

With the onset of winter, students turn their attention to the holidays, snow tires and ski season.

Traditionally, in this area of the state, Thanksgiving weekend marks the opening of ski season. This year at least one resort is shooting to open the season earlier than ever.

Today could be the day for the ski season to open if Willamette Pass has its way. Weather permitting, the Pass will fire up the lifts and get their first skiers of the season onto the slopes. Meanwhile, Mount Bachelor Ski Resort and Hoodoo Ski Bowl are planning to open Nov. 24.

All three resorts appear to be excited with the beginning of their season and

the prospect of a predicted harsh winter. Having received its first snowfall on Oct. 10, Willamette Pass began preparing for its earliest opening ever, aiming for Nov. 15. But despite receiving nearly a foot of snow in the last week—giving the peak a total of 17 inches—they still say they need a pretty good-sized storm to be able to open today.

Hoodoo, according to Office Manager Brynne Beverly, needs three feet of snow and despite getting ten inches on Friday is still two feet from their minimum requirement.

A couple of the resorts will be sporting new equipment and facilities this year. Hoodoo has expanded its parking lot and, according to Charles Shepard, president of Hoodoo Family Recreation, will continue to expand it until the snow stops them.

The resort has also added 14 new RV spots complete with water, electric and cable hookups.

## President Carnahan's stuffed duck kidnapped; ransom note implicates Beavs

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

The rivalry between UO fans and OSU fans hit close to home this week when LBCC President Jon Carnahan's stuffed duck was abducted from the president's office.

Carnahan, a Duck fan, was unavailable for comment, but according to his secretary Gwen Chandler, the abduction was discovered Monday morning at approximately 9:30. Photos of the duck—bound and blindfolded—were left in the duck's place along with a note from the

abductor, known only as "Beav," informing Carnahan to await instructions and ransom demands which reportedly include wearing orange and singing the OSU fight song in the courtyard.

Vern Jackson, head of Campus Security, said that there are no leads in the case, and that President Carnahan is negotiating with the abductor via e-mail.

"President Carnahan wants to handle the matter quietly," Jackson said.

The Commuter staff's thoughts are with you in your hour of need, President Carnahan.

This season also marks the second anniversary of the Hodag lift. The lift opened up the backside of the mountain last year, adding six additional runs giving them a total of 29 alpine runs. Hoodoo is also looking forward to a new lodge that will be approximately four to five times larger than its North Lodge.

Mount Bachelor, which sports one of the best lift systems in the Northwest, has added a new lift. Bachelor's newest addition, the Northwest Express, will offer the best tree skiing, powder skiing and most varied terrain on the mountain.

Bachelor has also recently remodeled its Pine Marten Lodge, which is now the home of a new Italian-style bistro called Scapolo's.

Despite the current lack of snow, the resorts don't seem discouraged and are already selling passes.

Willamette Pass has a preseason special that will end today that includes a student season pass for \$249. The price will increase to \$349 tomorrow. Hoodoo's season pass price is \$325 for students and Bachelor is charging \$649 for their full-season pass.

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# OPINION

## COUNTER-POINT

### Bush doesn't deserve bashing by liberal propagandists

To the Editor:

As I read your weekly articles Mr. Tovey, I began to wonder whether you are looking for the Bill O'Reilly award or what?

I would expect scriptures to be quoted by someone that doesn't believe in third trimester/partial-birth abortions (murder). Don't get me wrong, I'm far from an apostle Paul, but does it make it easier knowing they have no voice? Here is a revelation for you, do you know who said this?

"For the first time a civilized nation has full gun registration, our police will be more efficient, our streets will be safer and the world shall follow our lead."

Guessed it? Yes, Mr. Adolf Hitler himself, 1935 Nazi Germany. You see, he pulled them out of a recession/depression too, then they admired his ability so much, they just handed their guns over.

Do you know what happened to the smart ones, who saw this coming and refused to hand them over? Yes, since they were registered, he ordered them (not the guns, but the citizens) to be systematically rounded up, and then murdered them. The first batch of helpless souls under his belt!

Did you find that in your search through Revelations? You see, under Al Gore's plan, he would just put you in prison until you die! A good example for your research would be the U.S. v. Emerson, in which the Clinton-Gore administration states "that it is not the right of the people to keep and bear arms."

All politicians are just that—politicians! George W. Bush, Ralph Nader and Al Gore are all politicians! You see, the one who recognizes the Constitution is George W. Bush, and he doesn't want the kind of government interference we tend to see among Democrats (Socialists).

You know, it saddens me to see an enthusiastic young fellow like yourself grow up that way. You would think your parents would teach you to respect and love thy brother and thy sister.

I couldn't imagine growing up learning to despise and hate the very administration that brought home hostages held by Iranian terrorists, indirectly ended the Soviet Union and united Germany by tearing down the Berlin Wall. Then, you go on to call the man who brought Gen. Manuel Noriega to justice a "drug lord."

Let me guess, you think he was just taking out the competition! Who do you thank for us not paying \$4.50 or more for a gallon of gasoline? He took the blame for the recession and for not finishing business with Iraq.

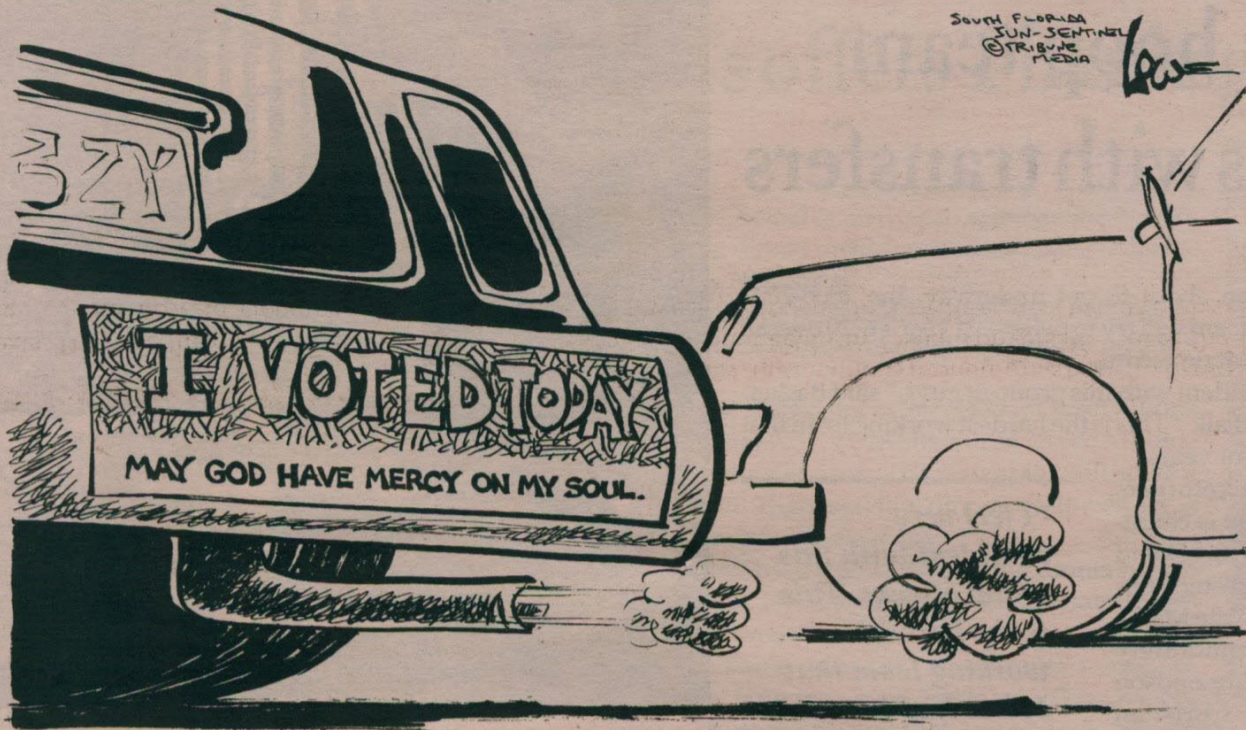
Then again, you would have to grasp how politics and public scrutiny affect military operations. If you had access to the declaration of war with Iraq, you would see that when Kuwait was "liberated" we had no further authority, except to end all offensive operations.

I think it is sad that Americans would attack our very own president for publicity and entertainment, but it is our freedom under the First Amendment. When you declared war on the Bush/Cheney administration, I thought "what a poor sport," this is America. What is your problem?

You sound like the Gore campaign whining. This man (Bush) isn't the one who was impeached by the House of Representatives for felony perjury, unethical penetration with a foreign object (sodomy with a cigar), although it was not the impeachable offenses, they are still the ones who accepted contributions from Communist monks, rented out the Lincoln bedroom and Camp David excursions for campaign money and support reverse discrimination acts (affirmative action).

You know, with a little maturity, discipline and a factual awakening, I think The Commuter would be a lot more boring! Keep up the good fight (Liberal Propaganda), The Commuter needs you!

Garett Eilers



## COMMENTARY

### Will our votes really count this year?

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

This election has been one wild ride at best, and it's not over yet—not by a long shot. As a matter of fact, it looks like we'll be hammering on this one for some time—and we'll make it one for the history books.

Do we look like bumbling idiots in the eyes of the rest of the world?

Maybe, maybe not. But what it looks like even more is that we, the people, are questioning the electoral vote, the two-party system and everything about campaigns, politics and politicians—especially ones who tell the electorate one thing and do another (which seems to be most of them, by the way).

This election has people paying the most attention to the political and electoral process that I've ever seen. It's been an educational roller-coaster. There's the possibility that Gore will win the popular vote but lose the electoral college vote. This has happened three other times, the last being in 1888, when Benjamin Harrison lost the popular vote but won by electoral vote over Grover Cleveland.

The Electoral College was enacted by the founding fathers as a way for small states to be heard, and at the time of conception, was needed in order to keep the states with larger populations from dominating the smaller ones.

At that time, it probably made sense. But today, I'm not so sure.

With information overload and access to instant



Lori Weedmark

knowledge, this year's election has put the whole issue of the electoral vote in the spotlight. People who wouldn't normally take much of an interest in the whole process, like myself, suddenly find themselves being sucked into the deep abyss of our great political system.

And because of that, I think we'll see some changes take hold over the next decade in the electoral as well as the political scene.

Today the main theme seems to be "the will of the people". The general populace wants to be heard, and they want their vote to count. REALLY count. If we continue to use the electoral college to determine the outcome of an election, is this really "the will of the people?"

Is this really "making your vote count?"

I'm not an expert, by any means. As a matter of fact, I've learned more about politics this election than I ever wanted to. I have talked to people from other countries who know more about our political process than I do. So, this election has been a great educator, not only for myself, but for students of all ages.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, newly elected senator of New York, stated that "the Electoral College is archaic and it's time for a change." She doesn't believe that it distributes the power evenly. I have to stop and wonder, though, if she's just saying what she thinks the people want to hear, or is she sincere.

It's come down to one state—and the electoral votes that it holds are the keys to the oval office for Bush or Gore, which makes the push and struggle there worthwhile for the candidate who would like to get their hands on those keys.

### They're at it again (whoever They are)

by Angus McBrian  
of The Commuter

They're recounting the votes in Palm Beach. After a bare majority of the nation's electorate voted, they won't know until Friday who the winner is. They have struck again.

You hear it often, in many contexts. They are the ones who have figured out how to clone sheep. They put a man on the moon. They think the economy will probably enter a recession in the next two years. They put Vitamin D in milk.

But who are They? Normally, one would use this Swiss-army knife of a pronoun to refer to an explicitly defined group. Instead, it's used as a catchall. Sometimes They are scientists or economists. Sometimes They are journalists, politicians, or pundits. But always They are experts. They make the decisions. In fact, sometimes one almost gets the sense that we are all stuck here on earth, while the otherworldly They watch over us and direct the meager goings on here on the ground. Almost.



Angus McBrian

But wait, did I just use a different pronoun? Yes, in one of its increasingly seldom appearances the elusive We graced that last paragraph. We are far more powerful than They but, somehow, They are the focus of attention. We have collective power, while They are a select few.

They, the infamous pronoun, has been invoked time and time again in casual conversation over the last week as citizens discuss the surreal events of the election. And though the topic of conversation is the vote—where citizens are ostensibly close to the political process—the result is something less than participation.

Election 2000 has generated a lot of conversation—more important is the language it has evoked. The use of the royal They is something of an abdication of power by those who use it. We aren't a part of They.

Perhaps what We ought to be asking is "where are We?" If We find ourselves talking about They, doesn't that tell us something about the system? If you don't feel comfortable saying that "We are trying to solve this problem," then who really has the power? They the few, or We the many?

Maybe 51 percent of the voting age population just doesn't qualify as We.