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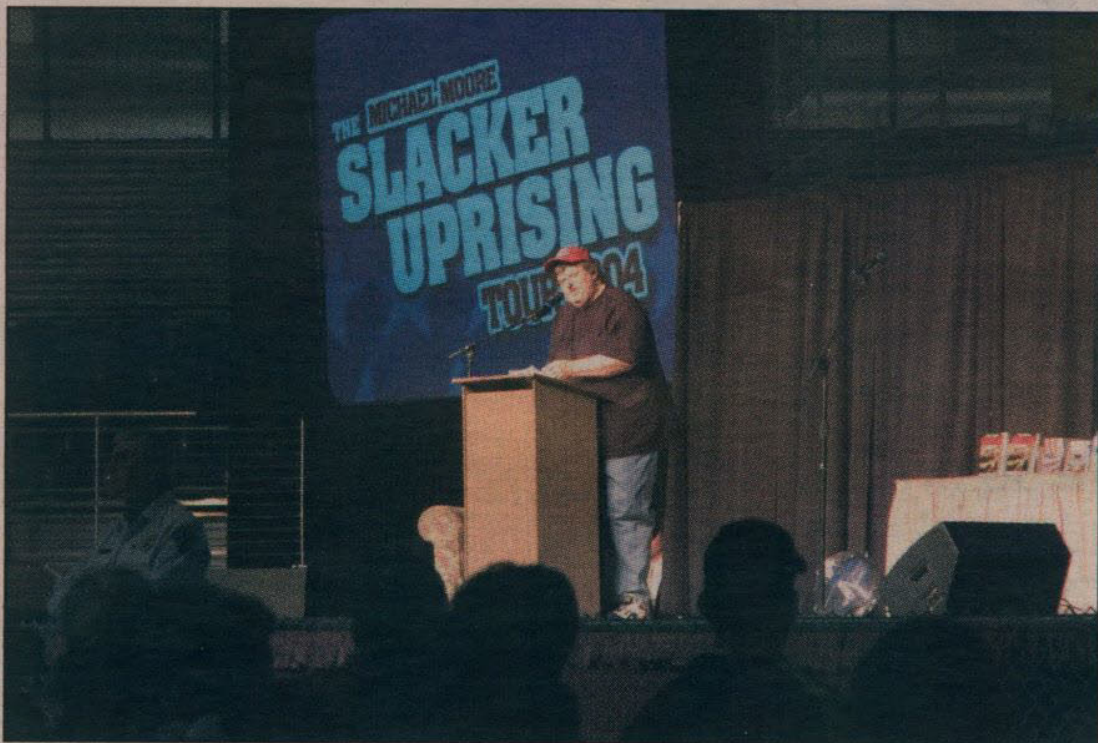


photo by Peggy Isaacs

Michael Moore addresses the crowd during his 'Slacker Uprising' tour this past Monday at the Oregon State Pavilion in Salem. His visit was at the request of the Associated Students of Willamette University. Moore also visits Eugene and Portland this week. For more story and pictures on Moore's Salem visit, see Infocus pages, 6 & 7.

Students go overseas to study peace issues

Brenda Ranzenbach
The Commuter

LBCC students will use their newly acquired knowledge of other cultures gained this summer to work towards peaceful resolution of conflict.

Political Science Instructor, Doug Clark and five LBCC students traveled to Europe in September to attend the 12th Biennial Symposium on Education for Peace, Justice and Human Rights.

This symposium was hosted by the University of Szczecin in Szczecin, Poland. The students from LBCC were Andrew Taylor, Hannah Hunt, Callan Sullivan, Sophie Mason and Mason Thompson. They were able to come together with delegates from Germany, Norway, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the Czech

Republic. While at the symposium, students and facilitators make use of university housing. Clark acted as a symposium facilitator.

Teachers and college students assembled for the week because they have a common interest to create an intercultural experience. According to the event program, the symposium, incorporating the current political event of the enlargement of the European Union, offered a series of bilingual workshops with the purpose of generating and teaching communication and conflict resolution. Workshops taught in both German and English were cultural identity, textbooks, the media, cultural violence, simulation games and lifting barriers. Clark believes that language is our first barrier. "When thoughts and ideas are

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Influenza vaccine in short supply this year

Shannon Brown
The Commuter

Linn and Benton counties, along with the rest of the United States, are facing an influenza vaccine shortage this flu season.

Several flu shot clinics including one on campus, and others planned by the local health departments, have been canceled due to the shortage of the vaccine.

According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, on Oct. 5, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was notified by Chiron Corporation that none of its flu vaccine (Fluvirin) would be available for distribution in the United States this flu season.

Chiron indicated that the regulatory agency in the United Kingdom, where

Chiron's Fluvirin is made, had suspended the company's license to manufacture the vaccine in its Liverpool facility for three months.

In a statement from President and CEO of Chiron Corporation Howard Pien, Chiron had failed to conduct operations in accordance with the Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations of the United Kingdom.

There are three types of flu vaccine that you can obtain. The first is Fluvirin which will be unavailable this year. Obtainable in minimal quantities are Fluzone which is produced by Aventis corporation, who supplies 50% of the world's market and Flumist which was available locally at area Safeway pharmacies.

The Flumist vaccination must be administered by your

▶ Turn to "Flu" on Pg. 10

Bush and Kerry campaigns make multiple visits to get Oregon votes

Nick Milhoan
The Commuter

With only 13 days left until election day, Oregon has become a pivotal place in the race for the President and our seven electoral votes

are still very much up for grabs and could make or break either candidate. Since July both parties have sent the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees for their respective parties to the state in an effort to lure the many undecided voters to cast their ballots for them.

President Bush has visited Medford and Portland, Vice President Cheney has visited Medford, Pendleton, Eugene, and Portland and First Lady Laura Bush has visited Salem and Portland alone, as well as the visits with her husband. On the other side of things, Senator Kerry has visited Medford, Eugene, and Portland, and Senator Edwards has also visited Medford, Eugene, and Portland.

Since Oregon is the only state

to do their voting strictly by mail, the candidates realize that many Oregonians will actually cast their ballot well before the November election. That means they needed to visit the state well before the actual election.

In just the last month alone President Bush,

First Lady Laura Bush, Senator Edwards and Hopeful First Lady Teresa Heinz-Kerry have stumped in the state.

In the latest poll conducted by Riley Research Associates of the 400 likely voters polled, President Bush is favored by 48 percent compared to Senator Kerry's 43 percent, there is a margin of error of plus or minus four percent.

However in another survey done last week, Oregonian's reached an opposite conclusion. This poll conducted by American Research Group shows of the 600 likely voters, Kerry is at 49 percent and Bush is at 44 percent. This poll has a margin of error of plus or minus five percent

The Riley poll also showed that Bush garnered 87 percent

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photo by Matt Swanson

Sen. John Kerry prepares to address the crowd at a Medford rally in August.

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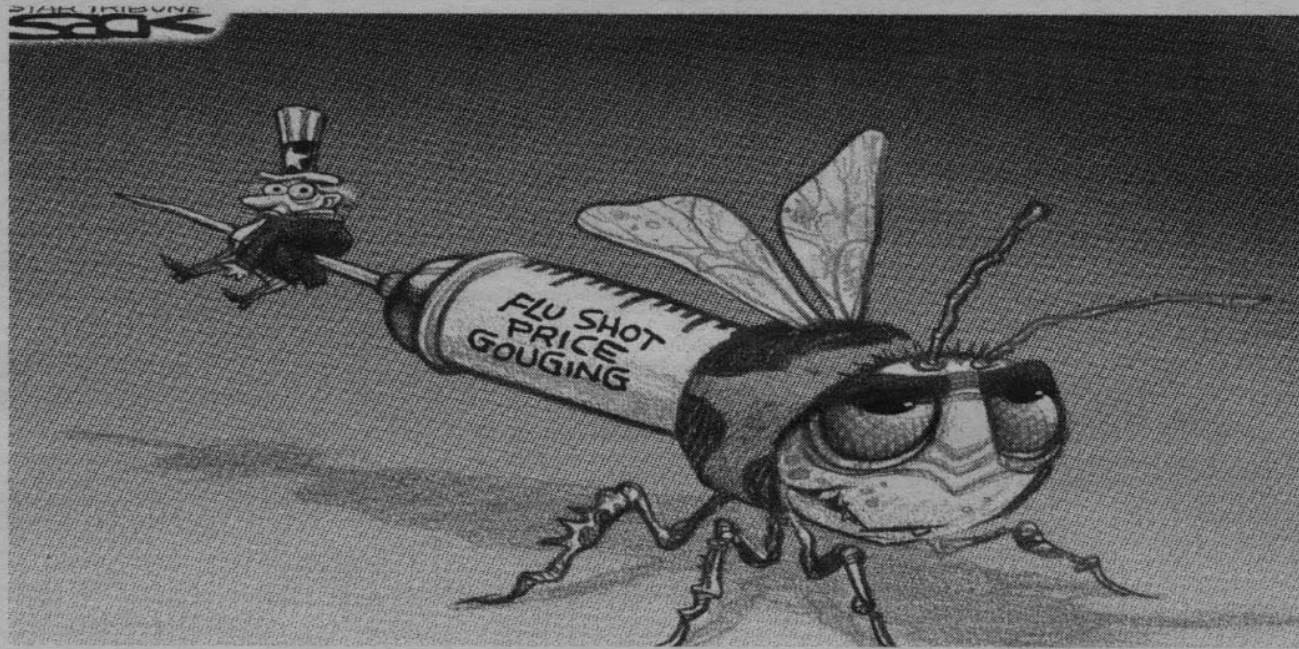
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Marriage ammendment really a civil rights issue

To the Editor:

There are many reasons why one should vote for Measure 36. Since the dawn of time its always been man and woman or has it? I mean society as a whole has predominately has been man and woman, but when we look back over time many famous people have actually been homosexuals and we didn't know it. Playwright Oscar Wilde, David Hyde Pierce from tv's "Fraiser", Conqueror Alexander the Great, Singer Joan Baez, Actress Sandra Bernhard, Musician David Bowie, Actor Marlon Brando, Comedian Margaret Cho, Actress Jodi Foster, Singer Boy George, Game Show mogul Merv Griffin, Artist Leonardo da Vinci, Actor Sir Ian Mckellan, Fashion Designer Ralph Lauren, and Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt just to name a few.

People in favor of Measure 36 say that by allowing gays and lesbians to marry that it will upset the balance we have always known throughout time and force schools to teach about homosexuals, yet if Measure 36 passes, gays and lesbians WILL NOT be allowed to marry. It doesn't change the way we currently sit in the state. A No vote on 36 leaves things as they are.

Measure 36 is about more than homosexuals' right to marry. It's a civil rights issue as well. It's like saying that homosexuals have to ride in the back of the bus or that homosexuals have to have a separate water fountain. Separate rights are not equal and never will be.

Also by not allowing the citizens of the state to debate this issue you're taking away the right for someone to be allowed in their hospital room when they are on their death bed. Oh sure one can get a living will, but do I have \$50 for that? Not when I'm trying to pay for school, and besides that would only be valid in Oregon. If I was in Washington and in an accident, then my partner would be denied the right to visit me. Would you like to be denied the right to visit your husband, wife, son or daughter when they are in the hospital?

So don't look at 36 as a marriage issue when casting your vote, look at it as a civil rights issue. I mean who knows, your son, your daughter, your best friend or someone you know could be gay and you may not know it. Let's take time and debate this issue and let everyone's voice be heard so we can have a true democratic society. When looking over your ballot, vote for

civil rights, don't vote on marriage and take the time not only with 36 but with all the measures to do your research and not let the media persuade your vote.

Ryan James

End confusion by passing Measure 36 on Nov. 2

To the Editor:

It has long been said that there is a time to speak and to be silent, a time for war, and peace. By the same token, there is a time for rhetoric, and we've seen a lot of rhetoric. There is also a time for sanity during a political season which seems to go over the edge of sanity.

With all due respect to the minor who had views published regarding state ballot measure 36, there is a reality to be faced. Especially when some "adults" purport what amounts to childishness in their publishing reverse negative arguments. What are our children going to think?

And this is the point of my rhetoric. The world, our society, community is a heritage for those who will be entrusted with the burdens we now face. Our children are precious and fragile. It has been my privilege to watch my two children grow and mature, despite difficult situations. Certainly there is a resiliency in all of us. However, confusion is debilitating to children. It promotes insecurity, which engenders fear and inhibits maturity.

To every child, it ought to be obvious from the overall scheme of things that there is an inherent reason for different genders, as well as gender roles and responsibilities. It ought not to be an issue, to have to define something that is by nature apparently obvious. Yet there are those who would seem bent on causing confusion and object to parameters imposed upon the world from the dawn of creation.

There are those who would have us believe, that their own personal desires and orientations ought to dictate the bent of society and that that society is aberrant if it purports to impose values and standards recognized and honored for millennia on all its inhabitants, especially its' children. Impressionable children who have been taught from infancy to obey society's rules. If they only knew what those rules are. Let us pass on a less confusing world for our children, including my grandchild. Pass measure 36. PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

Klaus Peter Stuchlik

How do students pay for education?

I have discovered that, unless you are filthy rich or devastatingly poor, nobody cares what your financial state is in regards to college. I've met with counselors and financial advisors alike and have gotten the same from all: your choices are either get pregnant or get married. Otherwise, you have to include your parents income. Get used to it.

First of all, I don't want a baby right now. I'm trying to better myself in a fashion that allows me to be a fit parent later, not a trashy one now and a decent one later. Kids aren't cheap, people. Nor are they conducive to quality study time.

Second, as far as marriage goes, I probably will marry my boyfriend, but not for the purpose of financial aid. Talk about the wrong reason to pledge for better or for worse (with an eminent clause on worse).



SHEENA BISHOP
COMMENTARY

I moved out right after high school in an attempt to ground myself. I knew I needed to be away from home for my own sake, even though it was rough at first being away from my mother. I do not benefit from my parents income. I honestly don't know how much their total income is, and never really have.

I am a typical middle class gal. I don't see any reason to live at home because I am fully capable of caring for myself now. My parents used to pay for everything of course. They still like to help, but that usually consists of permission to do laundry at their house, not money. However, I'm beginning to think that this circumstance is not their choosing.

My parents have a mortgage, two car payments, bills coming in everyday, my grandmother to care for, and a 19-year-old daughter who calls them every term crying because she can't pay for text books.

Do you know what they can't afford? Me. Their only child. Maybe if they had had 10 kids it would have been different. Maybe the feds would have deemed me worthy if my family didn't believe in birth control. Maybe I can sue and win on those grounds.

They have been taking care of me my whole life, but when I need them the most they can't help me because the economy is in the crapper.

Sometimes I wish being belligerent was considered a disability, because then they would give me enough financial aide to pay for everything, plus living expenses. I can't even imagine what it would be like to get enough aid that I could take extra classes and spend the rest of my time studying, instead of trying to figure out a study schedule around my work schedule.

If I quit working, I would wind up living under the E street bridge in Lebanon. That was the joke in high school. College drop-outs lived under the bridge.

What am I getting at? The system isn't fair. I am missing out on really important opportunities because I can't pay for my own schooling, nor can I qualify for any kind of reasonable assistance because of my age. I don't understand why I can't fill out a form requesting that my parents income not qualify. If I wanted to continue surviving off of them, I wouldn't have moved out.

Here is a tidbit of info that a lot of people don't know: If you are in college and barely making it, you are required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week to be eligible for food stamps.

Who the hell writes these rules? Really, they should be taken outside and hung by their ears from a clothes line while people pelt them with water balloons and cream pies. Have a little humility for those who are trying to find their niche, would you?

The laws that are binding us are not the fault of the school, naturally, but the federal government. Get a clue, Washington. The country is broke. If you aren't going to rearrange a few laws to help us prosper in our personal endeavors, why did we elect you?

People are flocking back to college because they can't find jobs, only to get screwed by the financial aid system. It's time we did something about this situation. What's it going to be?

We are just like everyone else, so why are we treated so different? Why won't anyone help us? Aren't we a good enough investment?

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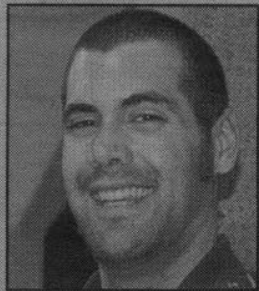
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What do you know about Measure 36?

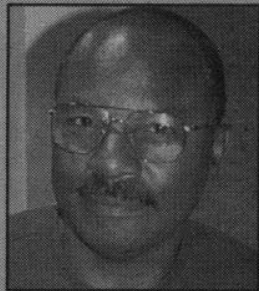
How do you feel about it?



Kyle Brown
 2nd year/Welding Technician major

Currently Undecided.
 "I'm torn. I think man and woman should be married, but if they have a child or for health care issues it shouldn't matter."

David Lacewell
 1st year/Cullinary Arts major



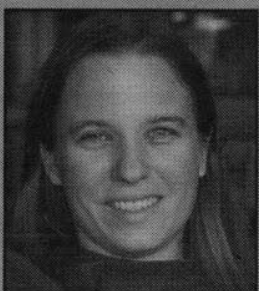
Currently Undecided.
 "My wife and I have been having discussions about this. My religious background says yes, but my modern life says no."



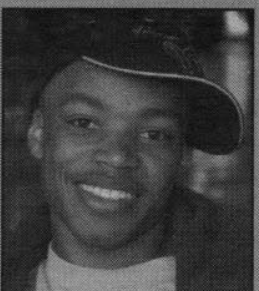
Jillianne Presley
 1st year/Undecided major.

No.
 "I think its another form of Segregation."

Christina Anderson
 Dual Enrolled/
 Electrical Engineering major



Yes.
 "I agree with Civil Unions, but think marriage should be man and woman."



Mark Bradley Jr.
 Dual Enrolled/
 Computer Information Systems major

Yes.
 "I believe marriage is sacred and its based on one man and one woman. I do believe

in equal rights, but marriage is and always has been one man and one woman.

Crystal Nichols
 2nd year/Accounting major



No.
 "It's not my right to chose, its for someone else to decide."

Voters to decide marriage issue

Nick Milhoan
 The Commuter

Oregon has once again brought the issue of gay and lesbians civil rights at the forefront of our state with another ballot measure. Ballot Measure 36 would amend the Oregon Constitution to declare that the policy of the state and its political subdivisions is "only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or legally recognized as a marriage."

Under current state statutes marriage is defined as follows, "marriage is a civil contract entered into in person by males and/or females at least 17 years of age who are and otherwise capable and solemnized."

It does not, however, specify that marriage be a male and a female together. There is ongoing litigation concerning whether any of the marriage licenses issued to gay and lesbian couples in Multnomah County this past February, are valid under the Oregon Constitution.

It was shortly after this time that this measure started to come about because the Multnomah County Commissioners decided it was unlawful not to issue licenses to gay and lesbian couples, they began issuing marriage licenses to anyone regardless of sexual orientation. Shortly after this Benton County Commissioners voted to issue licenses to gays and lesbians as well, although no marriage licenses were issued to any gays

and lesbians in Benton County.

Many people opposed to Ballot Measure 36 say the measure shouldn't be on the ballot and that the signatures gathered are not all valid because the proponents gathering the signatures left the papers unattended and went into churches to gather the signatures, which is a violation of state policies because church and state can not be mixed. However, in rebuttal to this, those in favor of Measure 36 say those signatures gathered were all valid and gathered legitimately.

What many people do not know about Ballot Measure 36 is that if the measure was to fail (meaning the No votes outnumber the Yes votes) it would not make gay marriage legal in the state, it would leave things the way they currently stand and put the issue of gay marriage and gay rights up for debate amongst the people of the state.

Result of a Yes vote: This would amend Oregon's Constitution and declare that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or legally recognized as a marriage.

Result of No vote: This would retain existing constitution with a provision declaring that marriage is between one man and one woman and would leave things the way they stand at present day, nothing would be changed.

Forum explains eight ballot measures

Sheena Bishop
 The Commuter

In a forum last Thursday, Karen Midler and Cathy Conner of Corvallis chapter of the League of Women Voters discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the ballot measures facing Oregon voters in November.

The pair went through the League's Voters Guide measure by measure in an attempt to show each measures' strengths and weaknesses in a non-partisan way and answer any questions from the audience.

This year's ballot will consist of measures 31 and 32, referred by the Legislature, and measures 33 through 38, which were put on the ballot by referendum petition. Midler, president of the Corvallis chapter, and Conner, the ballot measure committee chair, summarized each of the measures as follows:

- Measure 31 will change the Oregon Constitution to allow the election of some public offices like the governor, secretary of state, and other state-wide offices to be postponed until January if the candidate dies within 30 days of the election. The cost of the measure itself is nothing, but if passed there will be costs for conducting a special election should such an occasion arise. The argument for the amendment is that a yes vote would make the current law more fair for the party who lost their candidate, while the argument against states that it would cost the living candidates more money to have to run for office again. This law would only apply to a major party that stands a chance at winning.

- Measure 32 would remove "mobile homes" from the law that requires DMV fees to go toward taking care of and building roads and parks. Instead, the fees would be used for electrical inspections and other services that benefit those who live in mobile homes.

- Measure 33 amends the Medical Marijuana Act, allowing patients and care givers to buy the drug from places licensed by the state. It allows low-income patients to receive medical marijuana for free, and allows patients to have up to one pound of the drug at one time. If they grow it, they will be permitted more plants. Supporters argue the measure will benefit those who are sick, while those opposed believe patients do not need that much marijuana on hand, and that the law will make it harder for police to know who is growing and using illegally. The cost would be \$135,000 to get the ball rolling and \$340-560,000 a year, paid for by fees and part of the cost of the drug.

- Measure 34 allows the Board of Forestry to manage the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests on a 50/50 split between what you can cut down and what you can not cut down. Start up costs are estimated at \$2 million; forest revenue will decline \$4.3 to \$10.3 million per year, and the four counties where the forests are located would lose almost all revenue from timber sales, a loss of \$17.2 to \$19.4 million per year, resulting in the state spend-

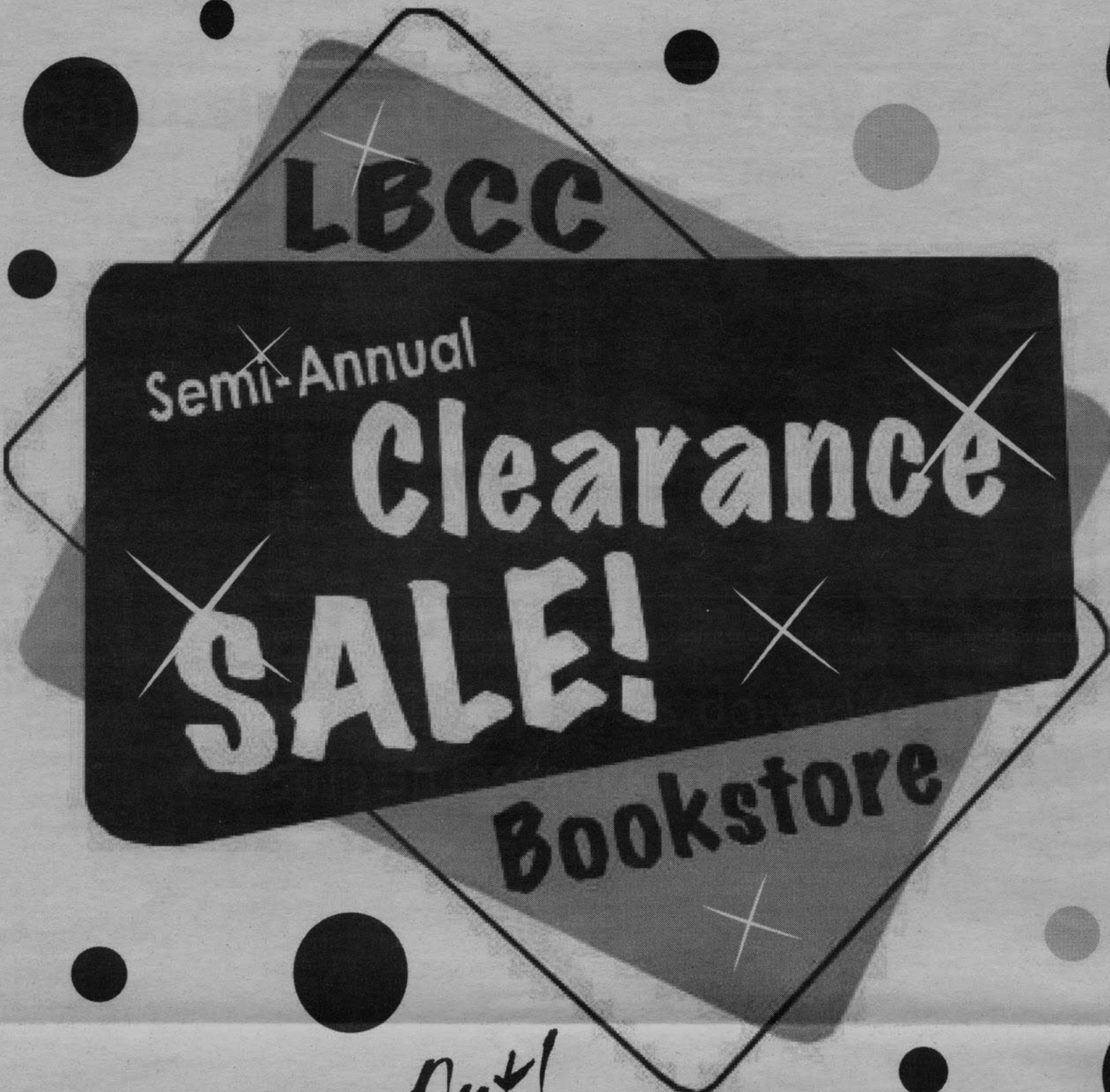
ing \$1.5 to \$6.3 million more per year on local schools. Supporters say splitting the value on conservation and timber production is fair and that it will help with clean water, recreation and wildlife. Those against argue that it would take away 2,000 jobs and reduce money to protect drinking water, fish and wildlife.

- Measure 35 changes the Oregon Constitution to limit non-economic damages in medical malpractice suits to a total of \$500,000 for the injured patient and the spouse together, adjusted annually for the cost of living. It does not apply to wrongful death cases and has no effect on awards for economic damages, which would remain unlimited. Supporters argue the measure will stem the rise in malpractice insurance and as a result improve medical care. Those opposed believe there are other ways to solve the problem, such as reform for the insurance industry, and that juries have the right to decide non-economic damages to victims.

- Measure 36 puts the definition of marriage in the Constitution, defining it as only legal if it is between a man and a woman. Proponents say a constitutional amendment is needed to keep the legal definition of marriage from changing. Opponents say this is unequal treatment of gay and lesbian citizens and should not be allowed in the constitution. A no vote would keep the definition of marriage a statutory matter, retaining the status quo—it will not make same sex marriages legal, which is a common misperception.

- Measure 37 forces the state, counties and cities to compensate property owners for loss due to land use laws, or else they must change the regulations or grant exceptions. If the government chooses to pay for the loss, it is estimated that counties and cities would spend between \$46 and \$300 million on claims, and state agencies would pay \$18 to \$44 million. Those agreeing with the measure say the current law is not fair to property owners who lose value on their property because of land use laws. Those against it say the state, county and city governments do not have the millions of dollars to pay for compensation, and that current rules protecting neighborhoods and farms could not be enforced.

- Measure 38 would abolish SAIF, the State Accident Insurance Fund, over a two year period. After the phase out, employers would have to buy their insurance from private insurance companies, or self-insure. The measure would result in a one-time blow of \$2.2 to 2.4 billion to buy new insurance for employers who currently have SAIF. The state would have to spend \$1.8 to \$5.5 million more per year to self-insure state employees, and local governments would spend \$2.6 to 10.5 million more per year. Supporters of the measure say SAIF managers have not done a good job, keeping more money than they need to cover claims. Those against the measure say without SAIF, employers insurance costs will go up almost 20 percent, and many high risk businesses would pay 30 to 50 percent more.



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Economic upturn likely cause of drop in enrollment

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

Enrollment is down this year by 1.75 percent from last year, including Benton, Lebanon and Sweet Home centers.

Fall term has 9,759 registered students enrolled compared to last year's 11,621. According to Bruce Clemetsen, director of enrollment, the lower numbers might partly be due to the improved economy, which means more people have been able to get jobs. Another possibility is that school has been so full the last couple of years that many students have even stopped trying to register.

"Since we started registering for fall we

have never been on the plus side; never had more students compared to the past year," he said.

According to Clemetsen, high school freshmen numbers were the same as always. "We think the surge came because we did as we promised. We used the additional monies from the tuition increase, which got approved last year, to open more classes. The extra money allowed us to open 10 percent more classes than last year. This made room for more people to actually get in when open registration started. The funding really did create room and space for additional core classes. This allowed us to hire additional faculty, more full-time instructors, teach-

ing full loads," he said.

He also stated that when the add/drop day came, a lot of people dropped classes, which was probably due to the good weather. When it is nice outside, people forget to attend and are not ready to give up their summer for school," Clemetsen said. "This fall when we started open registration, about 78 percent of our credit classes were registered for. A year ago when we got to open registration about 84 percent of the seats were full.

Some registration facts:

- The youngest student is 8 years old; possibly an arts and craft class with a parent as a ceramics class is offered for children and their parents.

- The oldest student is 100 years old; probably from a class in a local senior center.

- The most credits taken by one student is 28 credits; some programs require that many credits with the student having no choice. In the Automotive Department, for instance, one class can be 10 credits.

- The average age of full-time students is 24 years old.

- The majority of full-time students are under the age of 30.

- Non-credit personal interest courses are generally attended by those over 40.

Due to privacy laws, additional information is not available.

Modern library offers many paths to information highway

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

The LBCC Library offers many resources to students, whether they want to know what bands were in a 1967 issue of "Rolling Stone", need to do research for a class, or are looking for a book at the OSU library.

The library has a photocopy center, a large periodical and reference section, books on many school-related topics; microfiche machines, video, DVD and tape players, and online resources for expanded access to information. The photocopy center has two copiers that charge just 5 cents for each copy, a change machine, staplers, hole punchers and a paper cutter. Just inside the library entrance is the only official ballot drop box on campus.

For current events there are the Albany Democrat-Herald, Corvallis Gazette-Times, Statesman Journal, USA Today, and the Wall Street Journal. Back issues are available for the past month.

There is an expansive magazine and periodical collection covering diverse topics.

Many of the magazines go back decades, providing vast information on past cultural events and people. Issues of Sky and Telescope date back to 1949, National Geographic to the early 1950s, and The Smithsonian

ian to 1970. Many of the well-known titles have earlier issues stored on microfiche. There are 2 microfiche machines near the periodicals section.

For geographical information there are several world atlases, various world maps, street maps of mostly local cities, as well as several atlases of historical Oregon.

The reference section has many compilations detailing current political, economic, and statistical data, and annual reports on various topics. There are a variety of reference books available, many showing the history of subjects such as the arts, English, religion, social sciences, history, archaeology, world cultures as well as current information on business, occupations and engineering.

The book stacks are organized by the Library of Congress Classification System, each letter standing for a different general category such as Fiction or Art. There is a reference guide posted to make it easier to find subjects. Videos and DVDs are shelved with the books. They may be viewed by students in the library, but only instructors can check them out. To check out books a student I.D. card can be used, or the student's name and additional information for identity verification can be given. Residents of Linn and Benton Counties can check out books



photo by Aubri Martin

Students use the computers in the LBCC Library to work on research for homework and other projects.

at the library as well.

At Oregon State University, LBCC students can show their I.D. and for 1 dollar get an OSU library card. Also, the Corvallis/Benton County Public Library will give LB students a library card if they show their I.D.

There are nine Infostations in the library, which are computers with full, unfiltered internet access, as well as the library catalog and links to other libraries and information. Email isn't allowed on the Infostation computers. However, there are additional computers in the Library Instruction Room, where students can use email and word processing programs. Chatting and games are not allowed on any of the computers. Students can use Google or type in web sites, or

click on library topic links on the Library Reference Center page. If students need books the library doesn't have there are links to catalogs for the OSU library, the Corvallis/Benton County Public Library, the Albany Public Library, Oregon Health Sciences University and SUMMIT, which is a database of several Oregon and Washington college libraries. There are other links that can be explored that a librarian can provide information about, such as Voter Resources and Plagiarism Guidelines on the Library

Web Pages.

The Online Library Reference Center can be accessed from home at www.linnbenton.edu/library, where there are links to the Library Web Pages and EBSCO Databases. Some of the other databases require passwords, which can be obtained from the library staff.

Reference librarian Jorry Rolfe said she didn't know exactly how much the online resources impact the number of students using books, but she stated that she believed they add to and enhance the information available. She said she believed that books would always be valuable for their relevance to class subjects and for encouraging thinking.

Rolfe emphasized that the staff wants the library to be a welcoming place. "What I value about our library is our interest in helping students," she said.

The library received an anonymous donation of 1.5 million dollars last year. Rolfe indicated that a remodel is planned in the next couple of years. She said they plan to add small group study rooms and expand the library in other ways to provide more resources for students.

Eating your way around campus

Melissa Chaney
 The Commuter

If you're in search of food, the Courtyard Cafe or a vending machine is not the only alternative. Other options for the hungry student include the Commons Cafeteria and The Santiam Restaurant.

"People hesitate to go upstairs," said Gary Snyder, Manager of Food Services, "which is why the Cafe is so crowded."

Snyder said that even if it is closer for students to reach the Commons Cafeteria or The Santiam Restaurant, located on the second floor, students would rather go twice as far to somewhere familiar, the centrally located Courtyard Cafe.

In addition to providing over three times as much seating as the cafe, the Commons Cafeteria, above the bookstore and Business Office, serves: homemade soups, hot entrees, desserts, fresh bread, specialty sandwiches and espresso. It

opens at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries, is available from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for hot lunch and until 1:30 for the salad bar. It is staffed by first-year culinary students. According to Snyder, an example of their effort to bring in more customers and have items with lower prices available, the cafeteria recently served a meal of vegetarian chili over rice for \$2.15. Atkins friendly food is also served, although prices are a little higher.

The Santiam Restaurant, found in C.C. 201, is a sit-down restaurant with a clear view of the campus grounds. Staffed by second-year culinary students, it provides quality meals at reasonable prices, in the \$7-8 range for entrees, with the convenience of being on campus. It also provides, "very professional chef training," said Snyder.

The restaurant's hours are limited, opening at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and pastries and again from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch. However, although not required, students can make reservations before 11:30 a.m. and receive a 10% discount.

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Moore invades Salem

Since shocking America in 2002 with his critically acclaimed "Bowling for Columbine," Michael Moore has been tearing across the country in hopes to get out his message and change the way our nation is being run. Monday night, Moore spoke to a sell out crowd of over 7,000 people at the Oregon State Fair Grounds in Salem, and tried to wake them up to what is happening in our great nation.

As Moore walked onto the stage, a picture of the White House was in the foreground with a U-Haul parked in front.

"Three more weeks," someone shouted from the audience.

"No, it's two more weeks," responded Moore.

From that point on, Moore continued to shout to the audience in an effort to persuade all in attendance to vote for John Kerry on November 2, but also to get our friends, family and neighbors to vote to evict George W. Bush from office.

"I can't believe he is in Salem, I'm so excited," said audience member Eryn Montano.

Shortly after Moore began speaking, he invited the 27 protesters that were outside into the building and allowed them to walk through and asked if they would like to sit down, of course no one did. He then started singing "Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Na, Hey, Hey, Hey, Good Bye." The audience sang along in unison.

"We should feel their pain folks," said Moore as the protesters began to file out of the auditorium, "They only have a couple of weeks before the pain settles in."

As the night continued Moore talked about everything from raising the federal minimum wage, working to bring the troops home from Iraq, allowing gays and lesbians to be married and of course, as he calls him, "President Kerry."

"President Bush and the Republican party are trying to keep people home on November 2," said Moore, "Every time he says things about the war and bad mouths John Kerry he is trying to appeal to your level of cynicism"

"70 percent of Americans supported our president in his decision to go to war and many of those didn't vote for Bush," said Moore, "John Kerry was amongst those 70 percent, now Mr. Bush calls Kerry a flip flopper on the war, yet he has only ever had one position on the war Mr. President, and that was he believed and supported you."

Moore stated that he is not a registered Democrat, nor does he receive any support from the Democratic National Committee. He has said he only feels that Kerry at this time is the best man for the job and the only one that

can send this country in the right direction.

Moore was recently on the "O'Riley Factor" the Fox News Channel show hosted by Bill O'Riley. He went on to talk about O'Riley and the war.

"I was on the "O'Riley Factor" while I was at the DNC," said Moore, "I asked him, since he supports the war in Iraq, would he sacrifice his son to secure Fullujah? He never did officially answer me, but did say he'd go to Iraq, although he hasn't signed up yet."

As Moore began talking about the shortage of flu shots, a Canadian sitting in the audience shouted out to Moore. Moore then invited the man up on stage and asked for three smart Willamette University Students to come up as well. So Moore, Ben of Trail, British Columbia, Media student Sara, History and politics student Eli, and Teaching student Laura came up on stage and played "Stump the Canadian." He asked questions of the Canadian such as "What is the capital of the USA and how many original Colonies there were." He then asked the students questions such as "Who is the Prime Minister of Canada and how many provinces/territories are there." His plan backfired though as the Canadian answered all his questions right and the students answered none right.

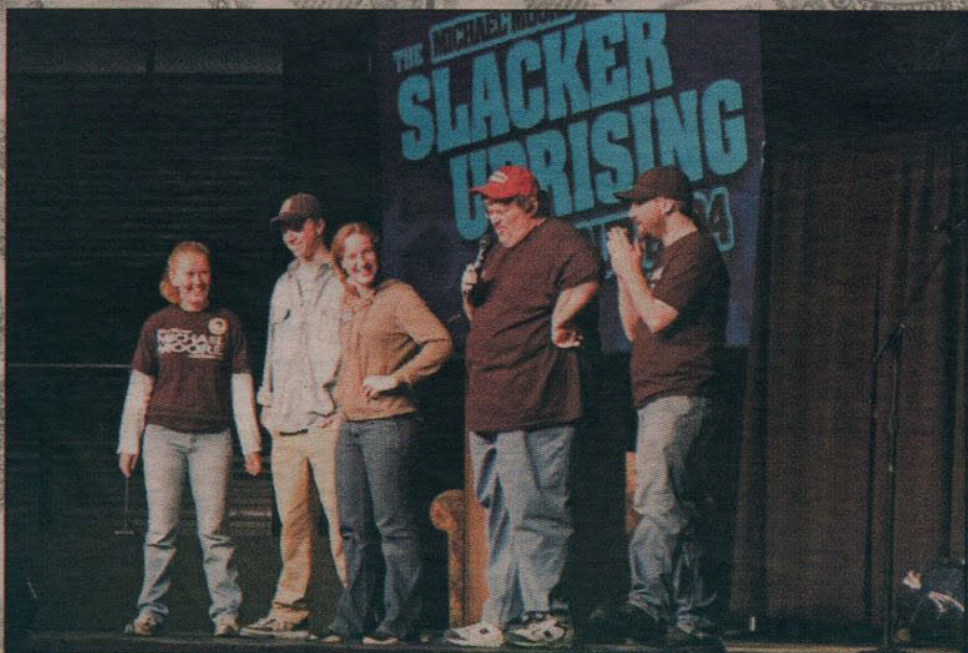
After that Moore talked about his plans for his next movie that will delve into the mysteries and lies of the health care industry. He said Pfizer corporation has sent out an e-mail warning that he might be on the premises anytime and has issued a telephone number for the employees to use in order to protect themselves from him.

"I'm on this tour because we want to honor and embrace the slacker amongst us," said Moore, "If you are 18-26, listen because President Bush is lying about the draft. Bush has run out of troops. 40 percent of the troops currently in Iraq are National Guard or reserve. He can't continue the war without instituting the draft. It can and will happen."

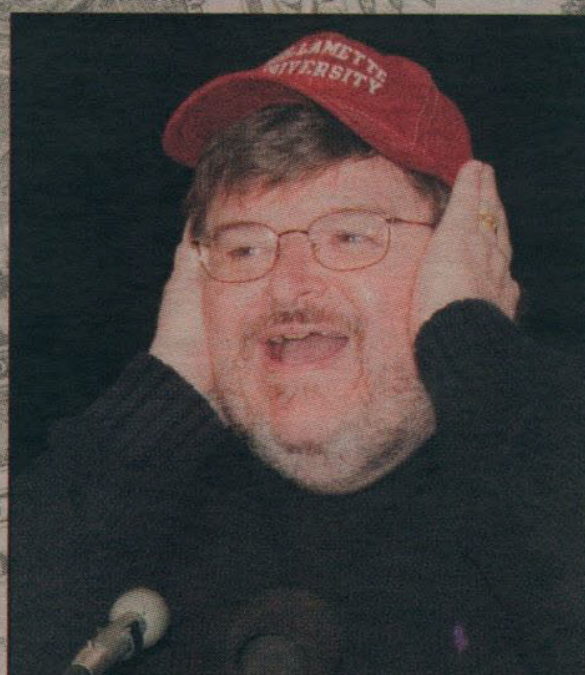
The night wound down and Moore had just a few final words for the still very much alive and pumped up audience.

"The rest of us in the country think Oregon is cool, you're blue every election day," said Moore, referring to Oregon typically going to the Democrats (which are symbolized by blue on the electoral college map) with our seven electoral votes.

"I'm asking one thing, just this once take the time to vote," said Moore, "I'm not asking you to become a lifetime voter if you don't want to. Just take ten minutes to vote and I ask you to pledge that you will vote on Nov. 2"



Stories by Nick Milhoan



"Please engage and get involved" said Moore, "and mainstream media please do your job."

With that the night ended and the crowd stood up shouting, giving Michael Moore one last ovation before he disappeared into the curtains.

"I've never voted before this," said Montano, "My views on Bush have changed and I definitely will be voting this time."

The event was attended by KOIN, KGW, KATU and KXL of Portland, The Statesmen Journal and Salem Monthly of Salem and The Collegiate from Willamette University. Those news organizations as well as us here at the Commuter were able to attend a media gathering prior to the rally.

"Thank you, thank you for attending," said Moore, "Isn't it appropriate that we are in the bathrooms? I mean a press that uses toilets together, reports together." Moore was referring to the impromptu media space set up in the bathrooms at the Pavilion.

"What would you attribute a Bush reelection to?" said a reporter from KATU.

"Bush won't win," said Moore, "You better get used to saying President Kerry, wow doesn't that sound great."

"If Bush were to win, it would be because he has cheated again," said Moore "Our side didn't get out, we are slackers, hence why I call this the Slacker Uprising Tour 2004."

Moore continued to answer questions from the media, although he did get upset a few times when a local reporter from CBS affiliate KOIN asked questions regarding the new movie being released in response to "Fahrenheit 9/11" called "Celsius 411"

"My film has been criticized by so many Republicans," said Moore, "They have said its impossible to sit through the second hour of the film, yet no one is able to dispute the facts and the New York Times has written a whole piece that supports those facts."

"The media does such a poor job with things these days," said Moore "Like there are 25 angry white men outside and you are going to give them just as much coverage as you give me and the 7,000 people in here."

This was the 32nd of a 60 city tour for Moore, he visited Eugene earlier in the day and visited Portland and Seattle this past Tuesday. The money to pay for this tour was provided almost entirely by Moore himself. He will continue to tour the country right up to election day with his final stop being, where else, but Florida.

From a humble school boy to a swaggering political advocate

Michael Moore was born in Flint, Michigan and attended Catholic schools, which included a year in the seminary. Moore says this accounts for his healthy respect for the fires of hell, which in his opinion are currently located just outside Crawford, Texas.

He was an Eagle Scout, Newsboy, and the youngest person ever elected to public office in the state of Michigan when he was elected to the Davison Board of Education at the age of 18.

Moore is now an Oscar and Emmy winning director of such ground breaking and record setting films "Roger and Me," "Bowling for Columbine" and "Fahrenheit 9/11"

"Fahrenheit 9/11" is one of the biggest grossing films of 2004. It's the first documentary ever to premier at number one in the box office and has gone on to become the highest grossing documentary of all time. No Disney film this year has made as much as "Fahrenheit 9/11."

In addition to winning an Academy Award for "Bowling for Columbine," Moore won the Emmy Award for his NBC and Fox series, "TV Nation" and was also nominated for his other series, "The Awful Truth."

Moore is also America's number one selling non-fiction author with such books as "Stupid White Men and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation," and "Dude, Where's My Country." No other author has spent more weeks on the New York Times hard-cover non-fiction list in the past two years than Moore. "Stupid White Men" also was awarded Britain's top book honor, "British Book of the Year," which is the first time this honor was bestowed on an American author.

Two new books by Moore have recently been published, "Will They Ever Trust Us Again -- Letters from the War Zone," which is a compilation of letters he has received from soldiers and their families; and "The Official Fahrenheit 9/11 Reader," which contains loads of backup materials for the film, as well as essays and the screenplay.

Amongst his many other attributes Moore wrote and directed the comedic feature "Canadian Bacon" starring the late John Candy, and the BBC documentary, "The Big One." He has directed music videos for R.E.M., Rage Against the Machine, Neil Young and System of a Down. His other best selling books include "Downsize, This! Random Threats from an Unarmed American," and "Adventures in a TV Nation," which he co-wrote with his wife Kathleen Glynn.

Moore has many more plans for his future including a new film about the American Health Care Industry and more books, although no topics have been chosen at this time. He also plans to continue to try and remove George W. Bush from the White House and has said "When Kerry Becomes President" he will ride him as much as he has Bush.



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LB fails to weather the Storm

Jeromie Preas
The Commuter

With their serving and defense strengthening from game to game, Roadrunners played the Chemeketa Storm last Wednesday in a contest that had the energy of an NWAACC playoff match.

With the playoffs as a primary goal, the Roadrunners started the first game with some great blocks by Chelsea Nay and some extraordinary diving saves by Marcy Drake to win 30-24.

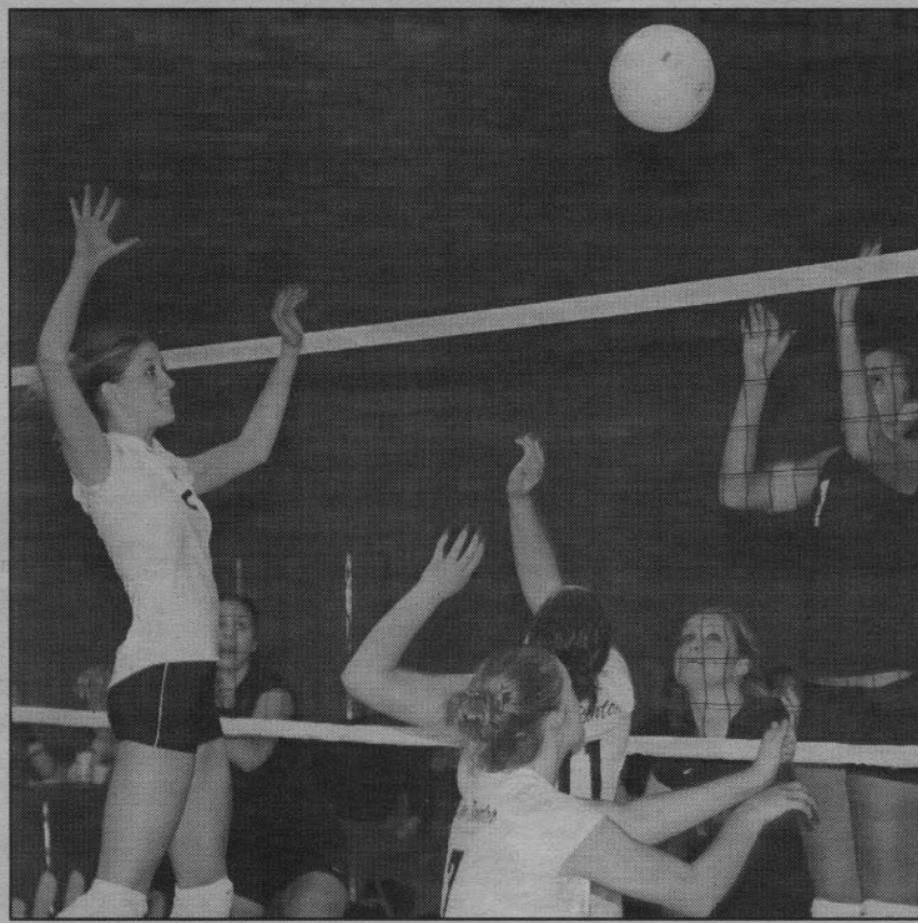
A few of the players normally counted on by the coaches were having off games, causing player switches and unstable team chemistry that hurt the Runners in Game 2.

After the Storm commanded an 11-3 lead, the Roadrunners called a timeout to get a breather, but the Storm was just getting started. With strong offense by the Storm's Kristin Gunderson, their lead grew to 16-7. A block by Nay sent a boost of confidence to the team as they crept to 17-13. But a combination of serving errors and off balance sets, gave the Storm Game 2, 30-24. "We weren't able to get to the middle," said Head Coach Jayme Frazier. "They set up against our outsides."

With 7-2, Storm lead in Game 3, Tara Messner scored and boosted the Roadrunners to a 7-7 tie before the Storm picked up their offense again. Down by only six points, Shakira Jenkins, of the Storm, dominated with a powerful spike and helped overpower the Roadrunners in Game 3, 30-20.

Game 4 started out close at 4-4 before the Storm took a whopping 11-4 lead, then withstood a run by that brought it to 12-9. In the end, the Roadrunners were outmaneuvered, falling 12 points short of victory in Game 4, and losing the match 3-1 overall.

Four out of five teams in the league advance to the playoffs, LB still has a chance to make their goal. When the Runners play the Storm once again Nov. 3, they'll have more confidence after battling them so closely Wednesday. Coach Frazier said "I know we can beat them!" anticipating a victory and a playoff seed.



Runners swamp Lakers in straight-set victory

Chelsea Nay goes up for a spike set by Monica Samsa during the Lady Runners' dominant victory over Southwestern last Friday in the LBCC Activities Center. Marcy Drake's 13 kills and Nay's 11 kills and 14 digs led the team to a straight-set victory, 30-18, 30-17, 30-25, giving Linn-Benton its second league win of the year. Samsa (No. 11) led the team with 32 assists and was second with 11 digs, while Erin Burrows (No. 7) contributed six kills. On Saturday, the Runners lost to Mt. Hood in Gresham in a closely fought match, 30-28, 28-30, 27-30, 17-30. The Runners are now in fourth place with a 2-6 league record as they cling to the last playoff spot. Tonight the team travels to Oregon City to play league-leader Clackamas. The next home game is Friday against Mt. Hood at 7 p.m.

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You can find this 400-horsepower 1971 Chevy Vega blasting down the Woodburn Dragstrip on Friday nights during the spring-summer racing season.

RPM Club powers down Woodburn strip on fast track to hot-rod heaven

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

The motor sports fans of Oregon know the students of Linn-Benton Community College as "quick". That isn't because of the fast-paced learning, the Roadrunners nickname or even the stop-light-to-stop-light race every weekday morning on Highway 99 to get a good parking spot at LBCC.

It is because of the white streak blowing by at over 100 miles-per-hour on Fridays in Woodburn. LBCC Automotive Tech instructor Bryan Schiedler heads the off-campus club of Racing Performance Mechanics and their white 1971 Chevrolet Vega. On Friday afternoons, March through September, Schiedler and a few of the 15 car enthused students of the RPM tweak, tune and take turns racing the 2,800-pound, 400-horse power machine down Woodburn's historic quarter-mile drag strip 11 seconds at a time. Schiedler stated, "The car is here to be used and to be used for fun."

The RPM doesn't seem satisfied with how fast the car already is. The group is already in the process of upgrading the 327-cubic-inch, V8 Corvette motor to a 350-cube power plant. The RPM love power as most racers do, but Schiedler also stresses safety. This corresponds with the National Hot Rod Association's rules and regu-

lations which the car and drivers must pass and abide. With the previous 468-cubic-inch big block V8, Schiedler said, "it was just too much car, this is a car designed specifically for racing down a straight line, but it still drives a lot better than most cars on the road."

Schiedler and some of the other "motor heads" of the RPM club have taken trips to Pomona, California and Carson City, Nevada while visiting such places as Frank Hawley's driving school, the NHRA museum, and many custom hot rod building shops. This has allowed them many hands-on, up-close opportunities to experience what they feel are the most exciting aspects of the car world, such as pneumatic racing simulators and hot rod construction.

The club offers both on and off-campus groups consisting of the same 15 members. On-campus activities include working on the project cars, such as a custom 1955 Pontiac coupe, a modified Pontiac Fiero, and of course the white Vega race car. Schiedler said he is available for questions from students working on their own vehicles as well, as he is also the on-campus club advisor. In addition he can be called upon if you just want to talk cars.

If you have gasoline running through your veins or have any questions about joining either of the RPM clubs, contact Schiedler in his office IA-119B.

Hawk reviews diamond hopefuls

Joy Senff
 The Commuter

Casting observational stares at the fifty-eight boys trying out for baseball during their Monday practice, Oct 11, Head Coach and Athletic Director Greg Hawk and his Assistant Coaches, Harvey Miller and Mike Godfrey, are out to eagle eye the twenty-eight players they will be keeping early November for this year's team.

While having fun during their daily scrimmages, these boys have nothing but determination on their minds. Freshman Matt Carpenter hopes to fill a third base position and is pleased to practice more game-type situations, unlike high school ball. Hawk has been evaluating every player carefully and takes the most advanced on the

I think we will be a solid, and very competitive club this year

Head Coach Greg Hawk

road games they travel to every weekend. Wesley Frias, soph. first base man and previous team member, says "This year will be better because I will get more playing time since I'm not a freshman." Frias hopes to walk onto the OSU team this next year.

Hoping to do just as well as their twenty-one wins and eighteen losses last year, Hawk hopes to fill one of the top three spots in this year's spring league. "We have a lot of work to do," he says. Hawk has eleven players returning this year, and three

red shirts, or sophomores having a freshman status. Starting first baseman, Frias, Jon James at shortstop, and outfielders, Marcus Simone and Bryan Boal, are going to be some of the strengths for this year's team. Experience on the mound is lacking; explains Hawk. The Roadrunners have lost five pitchers since last year, four of them left because they were sophomores. In hopes of their return, star pitcher Brit Boydston, and catcher Jon Von Ruden, due to academics, will not be returning this year.

The baseball boys will have competition to face this upcoming spring. "Lane and Mount Hood Community College are probably the most talented teams we will face. I think we will be a solid, and very competitive club this year," says Hawk.

Veterans key to post-season playoff shot

Brad White
 The Commuter

After upsetting the No. 1 seed at the NWACC tournament last year the LB basketball team was feeling pretty good about themselves, but it ended real quick when they went on to lose two straight games ending the Roadrunner season.

It was the first time the basketball team has made it to the playoffs in the history of coach Falk's career. "I think we are heading in the right direction," says coach Falk.

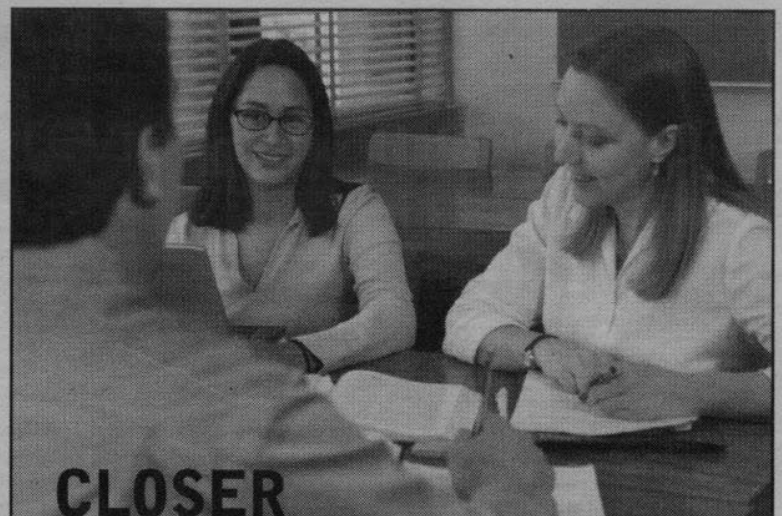
The Runners lost a key player last year in Ryan Schmidt who went on to play at the University of Hawaii. Schmidt was the mold that held the team together, with the offense going through him. In asking Falk how they were going to be able to replace Schmidt he said, "you can not replace a Ryan Schmidt." With that said the team had to go and do some recruiting.

With some new additions to the team this year is guard Sean Lake coming from Bakersfield junior college where he averaged 12 points, 5 boards, and 3 assists, along with Jeff Anderson a transfer from OSU, and Keith Hoffman coming from Crescent Valley High School. Falk expects great things to come out of the new additions to the team. "If we buy into Coach Falk's system and play hard we will make the playoffs," says Lake. With the posts being the nucleus that holds the team together, look for the guards to push everyone else and make the team even that much better.

With key returnees such as posts Bobby Schindler and Tommy Bain and guard Mike Brazil the team's veteran leadership is going to play a big part in this

team's success. With Brazil averaging 13 points, 5 boards, and 4 assists last year we will look for him to be one of the stars this year. Brazil explained that the team has more offensive threats this year than they did last year. This year, the team also can go deep into their bench rather than last year when the starting 5 had to play pretty much the whole game. In asking Brazil what needs to be done this year to be successful he said, "We need to run the ball up and down the floor every time, and the posts need to finish and the outside shooting needs to be almost perfect." This shouldn't be too hard with Brazil who finished in the top 10 for three-point shooting and the smooth shot from Lake. "If we play hard and play as a team we will make it back to the NWACC," says Brazil.

Although this year's team doesn't have any real big stand-outs yet, Falk is not worried. The team hasn't even had their first official practice yet, they have just been conditioning but it is obvious that everyone is excited to get under way when they have their first practice on Monday. The team has its jamboree in three weeks where they will get to play 4 out of the 8 teams that are in their league. The jamboree is hosted by SWOCC and will be a good test to see just how good this team is going to be. "If we play good transition defense, good half court defense, and stellar rebounding we will be in good shape," says Falk. Although it is still early this year's season looks to be an exciting one. The players and coaches are encouraging more fans to come out and watch this year. "With the help and support of our fans it will be without a doubt a fun filled season," says Brazil.



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Peace: Students to share experience at MC on Thursday

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translated, not everything gets through," said Clark.

The symposium is always a group of less than 75. "The goal was never to create a mega meeting, only an intimate setting that allowed interpersonal relations," said Clark. At the end of the week, each workshop group teaches what they learned to the entire assembly. In addition, each delegation presents its culture, sharing an aspect of their daily lives. "These presentations are both humorous and informative," said Clark. The LBCC delegation writes lyrics that describe American life to Beach Boy song music. The Beach Boys music is easily recognized by all delegates, he explained. The Szczecin delegation offered an historic tour of their town.

Clark's group traveled by train throughout Europe to visit Berlin, Krakow, Slovakia and Budapest. According to Clark, travel gives them the opportunity to get to know the cities and the nature of the people. To intermingle



photo courtesy of Doug Clark

LBCC Peace Club members participate in September peace symposium in Poland.

with people of different cultures is as important as attending the symposium, he shared.

While in Poland, the group went to a high school and met with a group of 17-year-olds and a group of 13-year-olds.

They talked to each group about their lives and asked questions about their career aspirations. Poland's unemployment is nearly 25 percent, so nearly 80 percent of the older students were planning to leave Poland in search of work. According to

Clark, attending a university in Poland is very expensive; so many high school graduates go to work directly after high school. The younger students were not sure what they wanted to do, he said.

Peace Studies is a co-curricular program at LBCC that offers interested students the opportunity to build awareness of non-violent approaches to conflict resolution. For their travel, students worked to raise funds. Each year they have two major activities, the first is Earth Day t-shirt sales and the second is a concert during the summer at the Odd Fellows Hall in Corvallis. The group also participates in fund-raising activities with community activists groups in Albany and Corvallis.

Thursday, Oct. 21, the Peace Studies delegation who traveled to Poland will present a slide show with discussion detailing their experiences in the Multicultural Center at 11 a.m. The Multicultural Center can be found on the LBCC Main Campus in Room 220 on the second floor of the Student Union Building.

Flu: Remaining vaccines to be available at Costco and Safeway pharmacies

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physician or a registered pharmacist. According to a Safeway Pharmacy employee, the Flumist vaccination is not in stock yet; however, when it is it will be \$35.00 per vaccination.

According to the ODHHS, the vaccination is recommended for healthy persons who are 5-49 years of age, not pregnant, in a priority group (health care workers, except those who care for severely immunocompromised patients in special care units, and persons caring for children six months and younger)

Fluzone, an injectable flu vaccine is very limited and on hand at only COSTCO right now. Their last clinic ran on October 15. It was a first-come first-serve clinic and for those only at high risk for the virus.

Those considered at high risk are, children aged 6-23 months, adults aged 65+ years, and persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions, all women who will be pregnant during influenza season, residents of nursing

homes and long-term care facilities, children six months through 18 years of age on chronic aspirin therapy, healthcare workers with direct patient care, and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged under six months.

Side effects from the Fluzone vaccine consist of, pain and swelling of the injection area that can last up to two days. with the most common side effect of is a runny nose. However, one may still experience more serious side effects such as other various cold like symptoms, for instance; headache, cough, sore throat, tiredness/weakness, irritability, and myalgia also known as muscle pain.

One thing that everyone must be aware of is that there is a specific group of people that are encouraged to stay away from the vaccinations. The persons who fall under this category are those who have severe allergy to chicken eggs and persons who previously developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks after getting the flu shot.

Visit: As decision time draws near candidates flood to state

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of the Republican vote, while Kerry receives 80 percent of the Democratic voter. Amongst young voters, Kerry receives 54 percent.

Last week President Bush visited Medford to a reported crowd of near 8,000 supporters, while in August Senator Kerry visited Medford with a reported crowd of just over 8,000 supporters, in what is considered a primarily

Republican area, this shows just how divided this state is.

With the election 14 days away and the race for President still up for grabs not only in Oregon, but throughout the country.

It should be interesting to see how things pan out and if we will actually be able to finalize the results on election night or have to let the courts sort it out as we did four years ago.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, The Commuter incorrectly described the history of the Eloquent Umbrella, LBCC's creative arts journal. The annual publication of poetry and art originally appeared as The Tableau, an insert in The Commuter, in the 1970s,

not in 1988.

It was in 1988 that it was re-organized into an independent publication under the new name, The Eloquent Umbrella, and with its own staff and budget.

The Commuter regrets the error.

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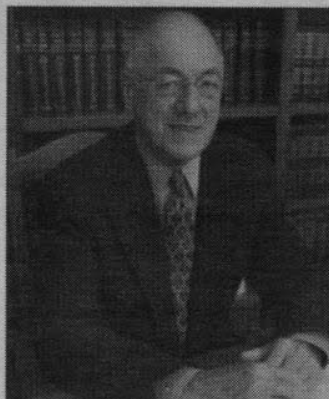
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Speed zone changes confuse drivers

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

This summer police across the state have been pulling over motorists for exceeding the speed limit in school zones. Signs are not yet posted, but officers were stopping people to inform them of the law change and that when schools open, they will be cited.

During the 2003 Legislature Assembly, Senate Bill 179 was enacted defining that all school zones are affected and

introduced changes to the current school zone speed laws. Previous statutes defined two conditions when approaching school regarding driving speed; "When Flashing" (flashing lights operating when children were arriving or leaving school) or "When Children are Present" (when children are visible to the motorist or can reasonably be expected to be visible).

The new bill, dramatically changed Oregon's school-zone speed laws. In Oregon, school zones are segments of roadway

adjacent to school grounds and school crosswalks near school grounds. Furthermore, the law distinguishes between those segments of adjacent roadways that are 30 mph or less and those that are 35 or mph or greater.

The new Oregon school zone law establishes that some school zones are 20 mph at all times, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for school zones adjacent to school grounds with a speed limit 30 mph or less. Some school zones may have posted hours when the speed law is in

effect or may use flashing lights indicating a lower speed zone. Crosswalks near schools may be posted to indicate to reduce speed, "When Children are Present."

These changes in school zone speed limits vary from school zone to school zone, so it is necessary to slow down and read the posted sign to determine the appropriate speed for that zone.

To view the expected new signs or for more information, visit www.oregon.gov/odot/.

Speed limit up from 55 to 60 on urban interstates

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You can soon press down a little more on the gas pedal as you fly down the freeways inside the state's three largest cities.

On Sept. 30, the Oregon Transportation Commission increased the speed limit in certain areas of interstate highways that pass

through Portland, Salem and Eugene.

The new speed laws come into effect when new speed limit signs are installed within 30 to 60 days.

The speed limit for automobiles will increase from 55 to 60 mph on Interstate 84 east of Interstate 205 in Portland; on Interstate 5 in Salem, and Interstate

5 in Eugene. All other sections of interstate highway will remain at current speeds.

ODOT divided the freeway system into 35 segments and studied safety issues on Oregon interstate highways. Public comments were gathered, and recommendations for safe and reasonable speed limit changes made.

Contributing factors in the decision included accident frequency, traffic combinations and mixtures, and the availability of emergency vehicles, because the distance from a trauma center is an important fact to consider, according to officials. Also the accident rate in other states from their speed limit increases were investigated.

Albany City Library reaps windfall from anonymous donor

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The largest monetary gift to a public library in Oregon's history was made recently to the Albany Public Library—\$3 million was received from an anonymous donor.

Scott Keeney, a 24-year employee at the Albany Public Library, says that since the money came to them with no strings attached, it will stay in the bank and the library will benefit from the interest accumulated over time.

According to Keeney, the money will be used to fund special programs such as a lecture series, art programs, and book collections. There is also a possibility of having authors visit and sign books. Building needs and funding for staff will also be considered.

The building's major needs, however, will not be covered by this charitable donation. There is a \$12 million bond issue coming up in the fall elections, which would provide enough money to renovate and expand the current library to accommodate such a large group of patrons. The bond would be paid off with Oregon property taxes.

Keeney's real concern is the need for space at the current location, which is on the corner of Waverly and 14th street. Keeney shares an office with two other librarians. "This library was built to accommodate a town half this size," Keeney said.

The children's reading area is too small, he said. "There were over a hundred kids at story time this morning. I should have showered afterwards."

"We're hoping that people will vote yes on the bond issue,

even though we were just given this donation, if they see that this donor considers the Albany Public Library a worthwhile venture, maybe they will realize the needs we have as well," said Keeney. "I haven't as yet seen any 'Library NO' signs."

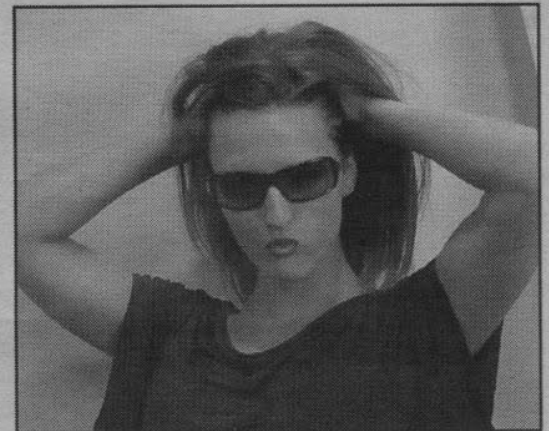
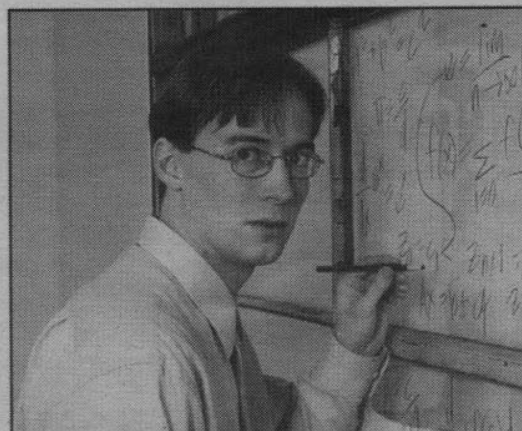
"The library is very important in this community," said Keeney. "This is the only place in town you can find everything from Mormon pastors sitting at the computer to blue-haired, nose-

pierced teenagers, or senior citizens that haven't talked to another soul all day long. This is where they are all forced to rub elbows."

Keeney is in charge of the children's department. "All the people who work here have a shared love of a mission. We all jump up and are ready to help whoever comes through the door," he continued, "and we'll be jumping up twice as fast in a new building."

College Math Club President Dumps Supermodel

He crunched the numbers, then crushed her heart



College sophomore Brady Burns, left, abruptly ended a six-month torrid love affair with a heartbroken Elene, right.

By JAMIE MURRY

Admitting that there was a good $(9-\sqrt{3})^2$ percent chance that he made the wrong move, college math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with his longtime supermodel girlfriend Elene. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the breakup, said his alleged free checking account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds. "I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus

lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real abacus for breaking things off." The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at wamu.com—left Elene at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that. As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a logarithm. Whatever that is."

"I loved her like a quadratic formula..."

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Pink Martini Christens Russell Tripp Center

China Forbes, lead vocalist of the Oregon based, 12-member band, Pink Martini, belts out lyrics during the debut concert of the Russell Tripp Performance Center. The center was renovated and renamed over the summer after a generous donation by the Russell Tripp Family.

photo by Erik Swanson

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THE VIBE

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	Oct. 23 Matt Distad Acoustic original 8-10 p.m. Free
Fox & Firkin 202 SW 1st St. Corvallis 753-8533	Oct. 22 The Carolyns Rock 9 p.m. \$3
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'Puss in Boots' kicks off 30th season

Kate Paul
The Commuter

It's that time of year again when the makings of the LBCC annual children's play start to come into view. To kick off the 30th season, director Jane Donovan, one of the school's speech, theater, and directing experts is ready to get the ball rolling with the classic "Puss in Boots."

Originally written by Charles Perrault, and adapted for the stage by Vera Morris this is an old French tale made for all ages, according to Donovan. When asked why she chose to do this story many reasons are given. "Because of Shrek 2," she admits, "when Antonio Banderas did the voice in this summer's movie, he was such a great, foxy character. He's kind of a trickster, and makes magical things happen."

Donovan reveals a brief rundown of the storyline: When a boy named Tom inherits the cat, he's left feeling a little gypped because his sister is given a donkey for plowing fields. However, the cat ends up being the better thing. Tom is introduced to a princess, and eventually gets to live a wonderful life as a noble.

Although she's directed over 30 plays, including "Wiley and the Hairy Man," "Quilters," a musical version of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," "The Phantom Tollbooth," and over 12 reader's theaters she still has a lot of enthusiasm for this production, and will kick things off with

auditions from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8th.

Auditions are progressive so actors should be available for callbacks on Tuesday and Wednesday as well. Readings will be from the script, which can be picked up in the Box Office in Takena Hall for all those interested. At the end of the three days 13 actors will be cast and will begin rehearsing soon afterwards.

The actors, and director won't be able to do it alone though. There will be a lot of help with all of the behind the scenes action from several people including Costumer Cynthia Mintum, Choreographer Barbara Platt, Music Conductor Susan Peck, and Technical Director/ Scene and Lighting Director Bruce Peterson.

With the recent remodel and technical advancements, the new Russell Tripp Performance Center has more perks than ever. The all new lighting system, curtains, sound system, coat of paint, and recovered seats have helped to revive the auditorium for maximum audience enjoyment.

Although the school matinees don't begin until February 10th there's much to look forward to. "In only an hour's time it has everything," says Donovan. "It's really clever, lively, has exciting effects, colorful costumes, and is a show for ages three and up."

All are invited to come see this rascal in action during the public performances on Sundays February 20th, or 27th.



photo by Matt Swanson

Sign of the Times

The famous sign of the Motor Vu Drive-In in Lebanon stands humbly as it has since the early 1950's. The Drive-In site closed business in September of 2003. Today, it is being demolished as construction crews are making way for the development of a Wal-Mart SuperCenter scheduled to open in August 2005.