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Looking for a few good angels

Honor society tries to help kids have a happy Christmas

By Jack Josewski
Of The Commuter

Would you like to have your own angel? Phi Theta Kappa, in association with the Family Support Outlet of Benton County, is trying to make it possible through their Christmas Angel Program.

“ There are so many children from broken homes that need help making their Christmas special. ”

The program is designed to make it possible for children from shelters and broken homes in the valley to have a Christmas that otherwise may not be much fun. A sponsoring person buys a gift for their child costing from \$10 to \$20, or two \$10 gifts.

The way the program works is a person wishing to sponsor a child comes by the desk outside the Student Programs any day this week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and picks up an angel. The sponsoring person fills out a form and an angel with their name is put on the Christmas tree in the Commons.

The sponsors are assigned a specific child so they will know the age and sex of the child they sponsor. That person then brings the unwrapped gift for the child to the Fireside Room on December 7. The gifts will be taken by PTK members to the Benton Center where they will be presented to the child they sponsored.

“In three days we've had a turnout of 87 people come by to sign up,” according to PTK Secretary and coordinator of the program Marcy Spalinger. “Mostly students, but some faculty members, and a couple of clubs and even one department have come by to join in,” Spalinger reports.

The program has been in effect at the Benton Center in past years, but this is the first year PTK has been coordinating the effort. As well as helping the children that are from shelters, or as signed up for the program, there are usually 30 to 40 “walk-ins” included in the program.

“There are so many children from broken homes that need help making their Christmas special,” says Spalinger. “PTK, LB students and LB staff can help make that happen. These are really wonderful programs.”

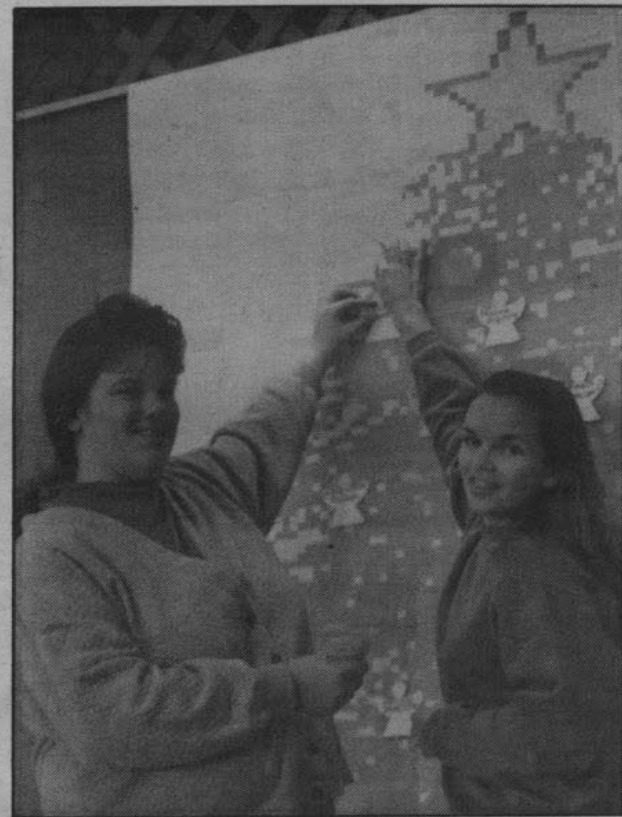


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Marcy Spalinger, left, and Renee Graves, both of Phi Theta Kappa, post angels on a giving tree in the cafeteria. The angels signify gifts for children.

Instructor cultivates top program

Arboricultural program teaches students self esteem and motivation with hands on training in tree care

By Gene Van Mechelen
Of The Commuter

Horticulture instructor Greg Paulson has won the 1992 Education Award from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

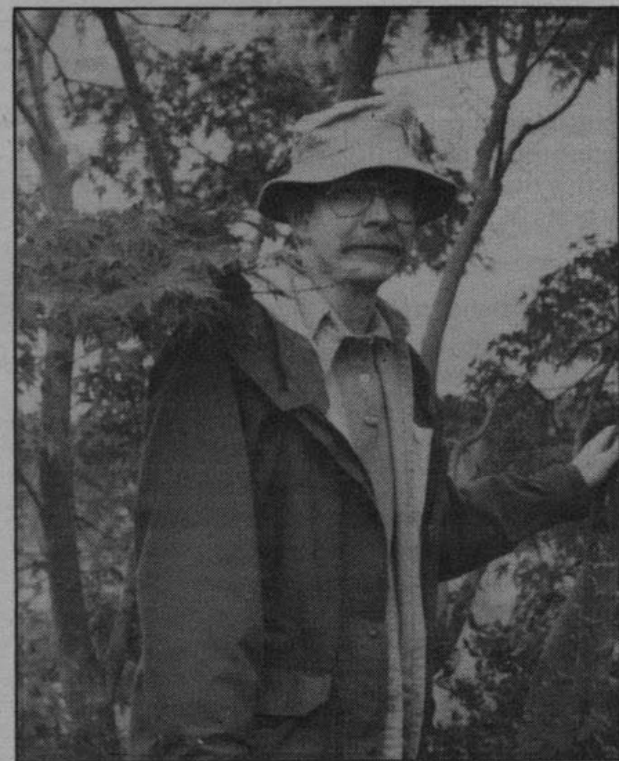


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Greg Paulson, who has been teaching at LBCC since 1976, was recently honored for his arboriculture program, which is part of the Associate of Applied Science in Horticulture Degree. Students can pursue a two-year degree or a one-year certificate.

Citing Paulson's “high professional standards in the tree care industry,” chapter President John Hushhagen said the veteran LBCC instructor is being recognized for the arboriculture program he started in 1980 and the practicum that he started in 1989. Paulson has been at LBCC since 1976.

The practicum provides hands-on training, such as tree care off the ground, which includes the use of chainsaws and other equipment. Paulson teaches students how to climb a tree without the use of spurs, thus avoiding damage to the tree. The practicum “builds self-esteem,” says Paulson, and “gets the students out doing the work.”

Many people already in the tree care industry take the practicum along with regular full-time students, and Paulson has even retrained displaced forestry workers.

Graduates of Paulson's program are trained to work in greenhouses, nurseries, parks, golf courses and many other areas.

One graduate started his own tree care firm in the Salem area.

In a state with a substantial lumber industry, like Oregon, it seems that the care of trees would be superior, but Paulson said that is not the case. “We're behind in arboriculture,” says Paulson, explaining that on the EastCoast, where there are not as many trees, there is more effort to care for them.

Paulson emphasized the fact that the cooperation of local tree care professionals is one of the primary strengths of LBCC's arboriculture program, and said that their involvement is an asset to the students.

All three local tree care companies have hired his graduates, Paulson said, as well as provided instructors and equipment for the practicum.

“I wouldn't have attempted the practicum without the help of these people,” said Paulson.

The International Society of Arboriculture promotes research, education and professional service in tree care.

Registration for winter term opens next week

Long lines are once again snaking through Takena Hall this week as students queue up for appointment cards that allow them to begin registering for winter term classes.

Currently enrolled students who are fully admitted to the college have until Friday to collect their registration appointments.

The registrar encourages continuing students to pick up the cards so they can register next week, early enough to get into required classes that may be closed by the time open registration begins Dec. 16.

For the second term in a row, registration priority will be given to students who have completed 45 or more LBCC credits. These students will register first, with those whose last names begin with A-K registering Dec. 7 and those whose names begin with L-Z registering Dec. 8. Continuing students who have fewer than 45 LBCC credits will register Dec. 9 (A-K) and Dec. 10 (L-Z).

Continuing students who miss their appointment may register Dec. 11-15, or during the open registration period.

Fully-admitted students returning after an absence from school may begin registration Dec. 11-15.

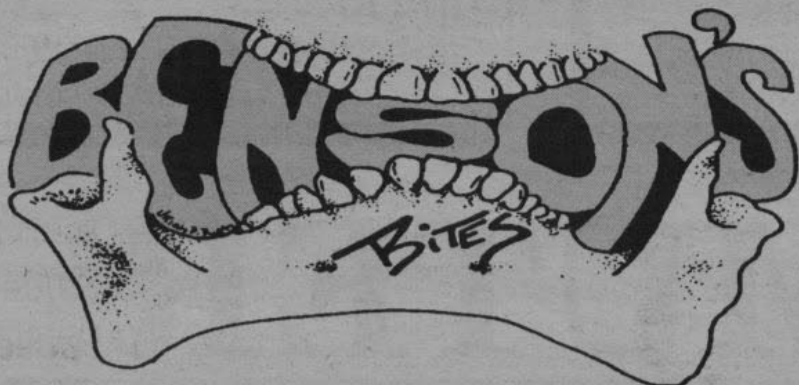
New full-time students who completed the application process by Nov. 25 will be given advising and registration appointments on Dec. 14-15; other new full-time students will register Dec. 31.

New students working toward a degree through the “After 4” Program will have group advising and registration on Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

Open registration for part-time students and full-time students who have not yet registered begins on Dec. 16 on a first-come basis.

Winter Term Class Schedules are available in Takena Hall and are also being mailed to households in Linn and Benton counties.

opinion forum



Bush can't seem to win

Losing a job can be tough for anyone. And in some ways, it's even worse for George Bush.

When most people get the boot, they clean out their desk or locker, say so long to their friends and up yours to the boss, and go home or to the nearest bar. But because we have this long transition period, Bush has to stick around the White House for a couple of months and be gawked at by the press. They note that he looks glum, weary and listless.

Well, why not? Being fired by 62 million people has to be a downer. Even worse, he's expected to go through the motions of being President until Bill or Hillary are sworn in. But unless a war breaks out, that means he has almost nothing to do except the silly ceremonial stuff. And the other day he performed one of those chores.

It was the traditional Thanksgiving appearance.

What happens is that some turkey farm presents the White House with a turkey the size of a small horse. The President goes into the Rose Garden and makes an inspirational talk for some school children, the White House staff and the press.

Then he announces that the big gift turkey will not be used for Thanksgiving dinner. Instead, it will be donated to a petting zoo.

The tradition of pardoning the gift turkey is believed to have started with Jimmy Carter and has continued since. Before then, presidents just said: "Yumm-yumm, off with its head," or some such thing.

This act of mercy delights the children and is a relief to the White House kitchen staff, which would have to do the dirty work.

And it's a matter of indifference to the press, which thinks nothing of beheading politicians, so why should it worry about a big, dumb bird? You would think that something as innocuous as this ceremony — a tired, dispirited, lame-duck president sparing the life of a turkey — would attract hardly any attention, much less cause controversy. But we are in the age of political correctness, when almost anything a person does — even nothing — is enough to cause some special interest group to get huffy. And it happened with the turkey.

No sooner did Bush issue his presidential pardon when he came under attack from not one but two sets of blabbermouths.

First came someone named Robin Walker, who is a spokescreature for an outfit called People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Ms. Walker said that sparing the life of that one turkey wasn't enough. "You can't hide the 45 million dead turkeys behind a presidential pardon of one bird," she said. "The reality is that 45 million birds will be killed to celebrate Thanksgiving."

We can celebrate this family tradition with compassion and that means not eating a bird. It's time for Americans to adopt a compassion diet."

Ms. Walker had hardly finished when another blast came from someone named Mark LaRochelle, the spokescreature for an outfit called Putting People First, which is engaged in philosophical warfare with the animal rights activists.

He criticized Bush for pardoning that one turkey, saying: "There is a very old tradition of eating turkeys. Sending them to petting zoos seems to disparage the poultry farmers. ..."

It is a little hypocritical that the President then goes out and eats a turkey which somebody else had to slaughter. The message it's sending is very negative."

So on the one hand, we have Ms. Walker the turkey lover saying that the President should have issued a pardon to the 45 million turkeys that we will eat.

That strikes me as being impractical. You spare the lives of 45 million turkeys and what is going to become of them? They have no value alive, so they will be set free. Then this country will be overrun by turkeys. We will have turkeys everywhere. Is Ms. Walker prepared to take care of 45 million homeless turkeys?

The next step would be for some turkey-loving activists to demand that Congress fund programs to build homeless turkey shelters or to provide training for turkeys to become peacocks. On the other hand, we have this meat-eating fellow Mark LaRochelle griping about one turkey being spared and accusing Bush of hypocrisy for eating a turkey that someone else dispatched.

Well, what would this Mark LaRochelle have Bush do? Maybe whip out an ax right there in the Rose Garden and lop off the turkey's head? History probably won't be kind to him anyway, but should he be remembered as The Turkey Splitter?

And what about the children in the Rose Garden and watching on TV? It would send them into shock, which would open Bush up to millions of dollars in lawsuits by their parents.

This is an example of the loony age we live in. Give one turkey a break and you're caught in a cross fire between the tofu-eaters and the flesh-chompers. But maybe it gave Bush material for a Thanksgiving table prayer. Something like: "Lord, thank you for this bountiful blessing. And, after giving it further thought, thank you for getting me out of this goofy job. Who needs it?"



mike royko

opinion forum

Looney Lane corner needs a second look

A note from the editor:

As many of the staff and students of LB are painfully aware, the Looney Lane exit from the new Highway 34 is a poor set-up to say the least.

Considering that the state planners had about four years of study and survey before the construction on the project even started, one would think they could have come up with an exit that is better marked, better lighted, and much safer.

Since they didn't, the question now is what should be done to make the turn less of a threat to life and limb. The corner has seen a large number of accidents in the short time it's been open and the situation needs to change.

The college faculty, the ASLBCC, and the Commuter have all tried to get some sort of resolution to the problem started. Senator May Yih has been told of the problem and vows to carry the ball for us on

this one.

The ASLBCC has started a petition drive to let the highway officials know we are serious about this problem and are not going to stand by and watch accident after accident at the corner. If you'd like to sign the petition contact the ASLBCC or stop by the Commuter to sign our copy. And let's hope with the four years of planning going into the next segment to be completed (I-5 to Lebanon), that the highway planners will get their heads out of it and do a better job.

Coach gives 'high-five' to reporter

To The Editor:

I am writing to give Bill Brennan a big "high-five" for your article dated November 18, 1992, entitled "Falk's First Recruiting Class Promises to Add More Talent. . ." I thought you did a great job and enjoyed reading your article.

I look forward to reading your articles in the future.

Randy Falk
Men's Basketball Coach

letters

New member appointed to student council

The Student Council's Nov. 4 meeting's main purpose was to appoint a new member to the Student Services/Extended Learning position.

Four people were interviewed: D. Cooper Stevenson, Marina Ashling, Connie Dunn and Claudia Leavenworth. All seemed qualified, but after deliberation, Claudia Leavenworth was appointed to the SS/EL position.

At the Nov. 4 meeting, Student Council decided to donate \$500 toward an effort to obtain Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman in Congress, as our primary Diversity Week speaker in January.

Council also discussed the Women's Center quilt that is being stitched for a fundraiser, and discussed working with the Programming Board for the Children's Christmas Party in December.

No Council meeting was scheduled for Nov. 11 because it was Veterans Day.

On Nov. 18, members of the Student Programming Board were guest speakers for the Council. Each member of the SPB explained what activities he or she has worked on and plan to work on for the campus.

At that meeting, the Council decided to send a proposal to an administrative committee to change the parking near the Family Resource Center.

The Council would like to set up three 15 minute parking zones to load and unload children, a handicapped parking zone, and two additional 15 minute parking zones that would operate from 7:45 to 10:45, in the parking lot directly in front of the Family Resource Center.

As it is currently set up, it is just normal parking and parents have to park in parking lots great distances from the building and walk the children to the Family Resources Center, which creates a hazard for the children when they cross the busy parking lots and access ways.

council notes

by holly thornhill

The Council is looking into setting up informational bulletin boards around campus so that each division can see more readily what is happening on campus. Also for the general posting that already occurs, the Council is looking into creating a disclaimer to be posted that would state something to the effect that if something is posted, the Council does not necessarily agree, advocate or take a position on the subject matter of what is posted.

ASLBCC has a special project fund of over \$4,000 to create a gift for the students. Gerald Pygott was named as chair of a Special Projects Committee to help come up with possible projects that the money could be spent on. A couple of ideas so far have been a garden for the Family Resource Center, or a teleautomation system that would place, in strategic locations, TV's that have campus news and events flashing all of the time. The committee should be doing some more research and surveying the students for their input soon.

Some Council members have been going to various seminars and student associations over the last month. At the end of October, two people went to Boise, Idaho for the Association of College Unions-International (ACU-I) meeting at Boise State University. They returned with interesting information regarding student unions, including those in Canada. On Nov. 13 and 14, four people attended the Oregon Student Lobby seminar in Salem, bringing back useful information from the various workshops they attended. The Moderator and Legislative Coordinator attended Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC) Nov. 20-21, at Clackamas Community College. There, CCOSAC adopted its legislative goals for the year.

This is only a brief overview of what has been happening over the last few weeks, so if you are interested in finding out anything else about what Student Council is doing, stop by the Student Programs/ASLBCC office and see me.

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Playing in a rock and roll band isn't all fun

This past week, I went to see West Side Story, and a concert in Eugene (The Nylons - look for a review elsewhere). All this musical activity got me thinking about the band again.

I've been in a band for about six years now, and we hope to give a public performance before I graduate. We're called JADG—Just Another Doo-Wop Group—and we've gone through about nine members since we started. Currently I share the band with two other fine musicians whom I have never rehearsed with.

This is not an uncommon problem among members. You see, one of the main underlying ideas of the band was that it should not have a 'leader' and 'back-up' members. So, imagine if you will, the children of Israel wandering in the desert without Moses. This is a philosophical picture of my band.

Anyway, when we did rehearse, we sang A CAPELLA. This, to those who aren't etymologists, or Catholic, means we sang without instruments. There were a couple of reasons for that.

Firstly, we admired other a capella sounds like the Bobs and the Nylons and Gregorian chants. Secondly, if we sang without instruments, we'd have less electronic garbage to mess with when we did eventually perform. You see, most of the original members were mechanically inept, and would have electrocuted themselves trying to hook up an amp. I suspect that's why most guitarists' hair looks like it does—lots of practice in hooking up electrical equipment. And, of course, thirdly, the fact that we couldn't afford any instruments.

Personally, even if I could afford an instrument, I probably could never learn to use it. I tried learning to play the piano and the guitar, but my hands refuse to do two separate things at once. I have to stop eating potato chips to use the television remote.

Anyway, our original repertoire included classics like Love Potion #9, Second That Emotion, and Stand By Me. We also did Duke of Earl—not because we really wanted to, but because there's a federal law that all a capella groups have to sing it or face a \$2500 fine. Being children of the 70's, though, we had some updated songs as well. We practiced Violent Femmes, Lou Reed, the Kinks, and Spinal Tap. One of our favorites was the Bob's version of Helter Skelter.

Our biggest problem, apart from wandering leaderless through a musical wilderness, was that James (Our Baritone) would make up new keys as we went along, and then sing in those keys. We called it artistic license.

And one of our smallest problems was that, during 'Aiko Aiko' we'd start to slow down, until we were just dragging. "Look," I said to our all-male band, "When you sing this, don't think about sun-drenched beaches and smoking illicit substances. Think about 'hot' women in small bathing suits." And we never had that trouble again.

Then we started losing members. Chris, our Tenor, went off to school in Eugene. Slowly, the original crew went off to Pendleton, Alaska and parts unknown. I'm the last original member of the band, and we're thinking about changing the name of the band to Jefferson Starship.

With new members, we picked up new numbers, including some Dan Reed Network, and a television theme song medley. Unfortunately, they also drifted away. But the band lives on, just like Yes. Well, not just like Yes. We're not multi-millionaires. But, you know, when we did get together and rehearse, it didn't seem to matter whether this was a profitable venture or not, just that the (four/three) of us were together doing something that made us feel good.

poet's corner chuck skinner

Varying definitions of old growth hamper preservation efforts

Northwest's old growth stands become pawn in semantic battle between forest service and environmentalists

By Paul Goulett
Of The Commuter

Throughout most of the controversy surrounding the northern spotted owl and the recently listed marbled murrelet, the term "old-growth" has often been poorly defined.

Many people don't realize how differently biologists and foresters define old-growth, and how this difference shapes the whole debate on the issue.

Congress, foresters and timber companies usually define forests in terms of wood production; while biologists, conservationists and environmentalists define old-growth in terms of ecological characteristics.

How does the U.S. Forest Service define old-growth?

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, Olympic, and Willamette national forests have timber-oriented definitions—based on tree size only. They describe "old-growth" as "stands with diameter 21 inches or greater." Other forest service definitions emphasize the age of the trees (as in the Mt. Hood National Forest), the structural characteristics of the forest (Rogue River), history (Umpqua), or combinations of these (Siskiyou).

Six of these plans are based on only single criterion and five combine mature and old-growth forests as being the same.

"The Umpqua plan defines old-growth as natural stands of any age, structure, and ecological dynamics. By this definition a stand of inch-high seedlings is old-growth. No wonder old-growth seems plentiful, wrote Elliott A. Norse in "Ancient Forests of the Pacific Northwest."

None of these planning documents are fully comprehensive, including age, area, size, history and the structural characteristics of these national forests. Also, none of these plans distinguishes between lowland and subalpine forests, "nor among any of the various kinds of old-growth communities," according to Norse. By being too inclusive—lumping together very different stages of timber that would not be included in an ecologically meaningful definition—they overestimate the actual amount of ancient forest, Norse adds.

Old-growth as defined by biologists is unique because it possesses several different ecological characteristics simultaneously. Among the familiar elements that must be present to qualify as old-growth are tall massive trees with thick craggy bark, multilayered canopies with broken tree tops, downed logs and snags of various sizes and states of decomposition, understory vegetation, fungi, lichens, plants and animals.

Larry D. Harris, who wrote "The Fragmented Forest," notes that for the casual observer, the most striking feature of an old-growth forest is the height and massiveness of the dominant trees, but he points out that old-growth contains much more than just big trees.

Multiple-layer canopies have very tall old trees with younger trees in the middle above the seedlings and shrubs on the forest floor far below. Open spots in the canopy provide diversity for dependent communities by allowing light to reach the grasses, herbs and shrubs on the forest floor.

Intensely managed tree plantations have more forage than old-growth for only a few years after cutting. As conifer canopy coverage approaches 100 percent, understory vegetation are shaded out and disappear.

Mature stands of old-growth have canopy heights which average over 200 feet with many exceeding 250 feet, according to Harris. These quiet giants are perhaps the most vital part of these fragile ecosystems because they moderate a temperate climate that provides shelter for millions of different species from winter storms and summer heat. The extensive



Photo by Don Freeman

"The old-growth of the Pacific Northwest is, as the timber sloganeers like to say, 'a renewable resource.' So too are oil and coal, if you wait long enough."

root systems of these trees cling to the earth, assisting in the continuous battle against erosion.

When these magnificent trees finally die, becoming snags and downed debris, they remain a very essential part of these complex ecosystems. In fact, through extensive research and careful observation, I have learned that dead and downed trees are actually the life of the forest.

Snags are life-supporting forest structures with chimney-like cavities that provide protection for many birds, bats and carnivorous mammals from predators and harsh weather. Woodpeckers are particularly important because they excavate cavities in snags, which serve as vital nesting sites for 30 to 45 percent of Westside forest birds. Hawks and owls rely on snags as lookouts for plucking prey and the tops are nesting sites of ospreys and eagles.

Among the pervasive greenness, below the towering trees, downed logs are conceivably the most relied on and lived in part of an ancient forest. Logs last even longer than snags because they are less exposed to drying winds and have more contact with the soil, where they stay wet and decompose more slowly. Down logs can last two centuries or more, according to Norse, who reports that the westside ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest have more large downed logs than any other forest ecosystem in the world.

The biological activity in and around downed logs supports an immense colony of life by providing homes for small animals, insects and fungi. . . Downed logs are "essential to biological diversity and sustainable productivity. Such trees are dead, true enough, but theirs is a lively death indeed."

The biological activity in and around downed logs supports an immense colony of life by providing homes for small animals, insects and fungi. Fallen logs accumulate rich soil, form travel lanes through thick brush and over ravines, increase stream habitat diversity by slowing flow and forming dams, and they aid in reproduction for some types of trees. Logs help many plant species by retaining water and they can help speed forest recovery from fires or clear-

cuts by sheltering vital organisms.

Downed logs are "essential to biological diversity and sustainable productivity. Such trees are dead, true enough, but theirs is a lively death indeed," wrote Norse.

As timber operations continue to change the composition of our forests by increasing fragmentation, "forest edge increases rapidly and forest interior decreases rapidly, research shows.

Climate is severely affected when an area is clear-cut. Clear-cuts are hotter, colder, drier, windier and have greater snow depths than the ancient forests they replace. Logging accelerates global warming, commonly known as the "greenhouse effect," by increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.

In fact, a disproportionately large amount of carbon dioxide has been released into our atmosphere during the last century as a direct result of harvesting old-growth conifer forests in the Pacific Northwest. During the last 100 years 2 percent of the carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere due to land use changes was caused solely by forest harvest in Oregon and Washington, reported Dave Staugh.

In the Pacific Northwest trees are a vital part of our complex ecosystems because they provide a temperate climate, prevent erosion and in the process they actually enhance the soil.

When biologists define old-growth they try to take into consideration every element of these forests. From these elements they form complex pyramids of life, which include the soil, the plants, the fungi, the insects, the animals, the climate, and the interrelationships and codependence of each element.

Based on this complex plan, they then try to determine values and sustainable forestry practices which will prevent the elimination and extinction of numerous species.

Unfortunately, foresters, congress and the BLM do not take every element of such complex ecosystems into consideration when they formulate policy. The results of basing forestry practices on simple definitions, which sometimes take into consideration only the size of the trees, is extreme fragmentation and overcutting that have endangered the survival of the greatest temperate rain forests in the world.

Our national forests have been misused, overcut and virtually destroyed—this is a national disgrace and horrible travesty.

Future definitions and forestry practices must be based on the scientific conclusions of biologists who have done extensive research and development. If we fail to comply, we will be destroying the future blueprint necessary for continued prosperity and growth by temperate forests in the Pacific Northwest.

Our forests are no longer contiguous, unfragmented blocks. From above, Oregon's butchered landscape resembles a big block of Swiss cheese.

Survival of both diverse forests and the thousands of species which they sustain depends on saving the last of our old-growth forests. By cutting the last of our ancient forests, we will cause losses of unknown value to life's genetic pool.

Oregon's resources have entered an era where all of our natural resources are limited. We must base management policies on long term survival goals. If we don't we will leave behind a legacy for future generations, which they could never forgive us for.

If we cut the last of these ancient forests, the damage will be irreparable. The fact is, old-growth forests are not replantable, thus they are not replacable. As a writer for "The Forest Voice" recently put it:

"The old-growth of the Pacific Northwest is, as the timber sloganeers like to say, 'a renewable resource.' So too are oil and coal, if you wait long enough."

By saving the last of our remnant native forests, we will preserve an economy of much greater antiquity and importance.

campus news

Library installs new automated system

By Casi Shaw
Of The Commuter

The library at LBCC is ready to begin work on installing the necessary equipment that will automate the checkout and catalog systems.

"The new automation system will look like and work the same as the public libraries in Albany and Corvallis," said Jorry Rolfe who is Technical Services librarian and also the project manager.

The computers and additional hardware were obtained through an "equipment gift" from Hewlett-Packard earlier this term. Funds for the installation of the new system were made possible through money discovered in the Student Activities Program (SAP) late last year.

An electrician will be contracted to do the wiring and a new phone line will also be installed for the project. This money will also be funding the student photo identification cards that will be new to LB winter term.

"Access to the materials will be much easier," Rolfe explained. "Statistical reports won't be difficult either."

As far as the students are concerned, Rolfe believes there shouldn't be much of an inconvenience for them. The wiring for the new system may be a little annoying once installation gets underway, but it shouldn't slow down the checkout.

In the spring, the library staff will be busy bar-coding all the materials in the library.

"This will take some time, but it won't disrupt the everyday functioning of the library," Rolfe said.

By summer term, students will be able to check out library materials by simply showing their student I.D. cards and having them scanned with the new laser.

The transition is expected to run smoothly and be as quick as possible.

"It is not ready for use yet, but it's coming soon," Rolfe assured.

Behind the scenes of the actual installation, the library staff will be busy training people to work the new system. A data base is being created for the new system, and when finished, all the information will have to be loaded into it.

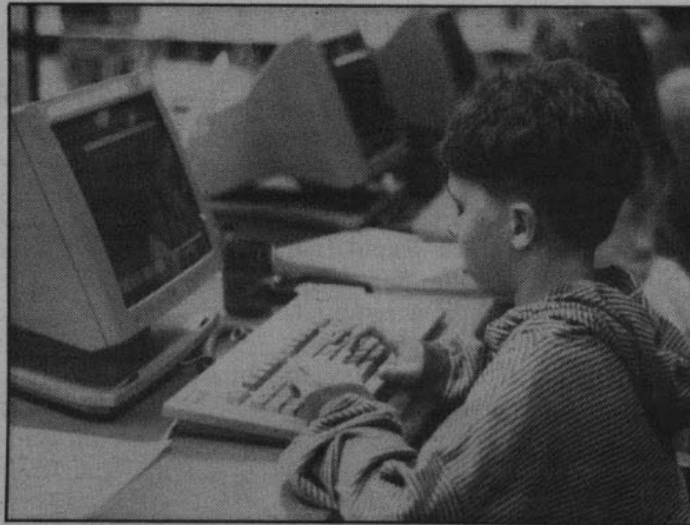


Photo by Joan Murdock

Rather than searching through index file cards, as Sharon Zeppi is doing at right, LBCC library users will soon be able to access books through computer searches, as John Clare is doing at the Corvallis Library, above. This will replace the current card catalog and manual check-out system.

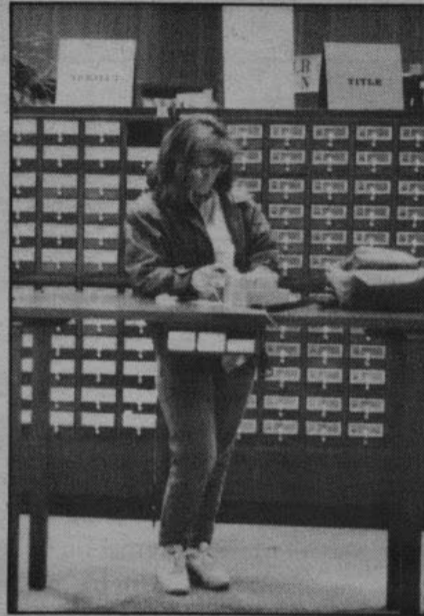


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Local children invited to ASLBCC's annual free Christmas party

More than 500 youngsters and their parents are expected on campus this Saturday afternoon for the 22nd annual ASLBCC Children's Christmas Party.

The event runs from 1-4 p.m. with a variety of activities, including cookie decorating, shows, letters to Santa, and the obligatory visit from St. Nick. It is offered free with the help of ASLBCC student representatives and volunteers.

Students interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact the Student Programs office in College Center Room 205. About 100 volunteers are needed to make the event run smoothly, according to Tammi Paul, coordinator of student activities.

Some volunteers will help decorate the College Center from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, while others will pair up as group leaders. Children will be organized into small groups so they can attend six different activities.

All students are invited to help decorate the Christmas tree that will be set up in the Commons on Friday, the day before the party.

The event is open to Linn and Benton county children who are accompanied by an adult.

news briefs

Open House

Data Processing Management Association is having an open house on Thursday, Dec. 3, in B107 at 4 p.m. If you are interested in computers or the computer industry come see what we have to offer.

Position Opening

A vacancy on the Programming Board, Political Events Specialist, needs to be filled. Interested students can come to the Student Programs office for more information and to pick up an application.

Brown Bag Lunch Seminars

The Training and Business Development Center is sponsoring a series of free Brown Bag Lunch Seminars in December, held at the Business Enterprise Center, 800 NW Starker, Corvallis. On Tuesday, Dec. 8, Dan Sanz and Heidi Powell of Sound Concepts present "Using Video to Market

Your Business." They discuss using video to bolster your sales and marketing efforts. The seminar meets from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. "The ABC's of an Effective Sales Presentation," is the topic of the Dec. 15 seminar, meeting noon to 1 p.m. Marty Schultz, LBCC business counselor, will cover the key points for a formal or informal presentation. For more information about these free seminars, call Marty Schultz at 754-7556.

Opportunity Knocks

The 1st Annual Conference and Trade Exhibition, sponsored by the Oregon Environmental Technology Association (OETA) will feature speakers, a trade exhibition and reception and a roundtable discussion at the Eugene Hilton on Wednesday, Dec 2, and Thursday, Dec 3. The theme of the two day conference is "Opportunities in the New Environmental Economy." For more information call 484-5312. Registration is required.

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campus news

Foreign language speakers sought as interpreters

By Loren F. Kruesi
Of The Commuter

LBCC has a communication problem that students, staff and others in our community can help solve.

Many students have felt the confusion and the feeling of being lost in the shuffle when trying to enroll in college and qualify for financial aid. Imagine, in addition to the chaos associated with college admission, that you can not speak English.

Interpreters are being sought by the Developmental Studies Office to help non-English speaking students with the many difficulties they face.

Interpreters will be asked to help out in several areas including: on-call help around the campus, tutoring, note-taking and guidance.

Doug Walker is coordinating an effort to compile a list of people speaking languages other than English to work as interpreters. Walker, who earned a degree in linguistics from the University of Oregon, works in the Developmental Studies Office.

"Immigrant families are the main target for this program," according to Walker. "The focus of the program is residents of our community who pay taxes and need access to the service."

Walker adds that this is contrary to the notion that all clients are international students. Only a small percentage of LB's students are international.

A situation exists now involving five Puerto Rican students. They have been wrongly deemed "international" by people ranging from sports writers to coaches. These students are U.S. citizens - not students from another country. They could just as well have come from New York City. The point is these students, like others from immigrant families, have the right to attend college, but they can't speak English.

So far he has 30 staff members signed up. The languages they speak are varied and include 15 different dialects. The interpreters are not paid. However, there are three work-study jobs open. Volunteers should be somewhat fluent in their second language but complete mastery is not necessary.

Volunteers can also phone, 967-8836, extension 836.

Livestock team corrals award in nationals

The team places fourth at a prestigious national event held in Kentucky

By Trista Bush
For the Commuter

The LBCC Livestock Judging Team placed fourth at the North American International Livestock Exposition held Nov. 18 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Team members credit a combination of hard work, dedication towards a common goal and just plain having fun for placing so high in this national contest.

"Fourth in the nation is a great accomplishment," said Co-Coach Bruce Moos, "The placing reflects the time we spent preparing for this trip."

"The contest was well organized," said Spencer Whitlow who, along with the rest of the team, felt the trip to Louisville was the best this year.

John Hawkins and Stephanie Schofield also had a good trip, placing seventh and ninth in the overall individual category.

"Improving oral reasons was our biggest goal for the term," said Coach Rick Klampe, "We really worked hard for this contest and you can see it in our scores." Klampe also gave praise to Shawn Storey who placed seventeenth in sheep.

The team scored third in beef, fifth in hogs and ninth in sheep. One hundred and twenty-five students from 25 teams attended the contest which is considered to be the most prestigious contest of the fall.

According to Klampe, being on the team is lots of work, but also a lot of fun.

"You make lifelong friends," said Storey, a sophomore from Powell Butte, Ore.

Team members encourage anyone interested in livestock judging to join. This years team members include: John Hawkins, Stephanie Schofield, Shawn Storey, Spencer Whitlow, Brian Gilmore, Brian Hinton, Jenifer Kjerulf and Marcia Perry.

The team would like to thank area producers and Linn Benton for supporting the students.

Upcoming contests include Fresno State on Dec. 5; Denver on Jan. 15; and Ft. Worth on Feb. 5. The first official freshman contest is in March at Tulare, California.

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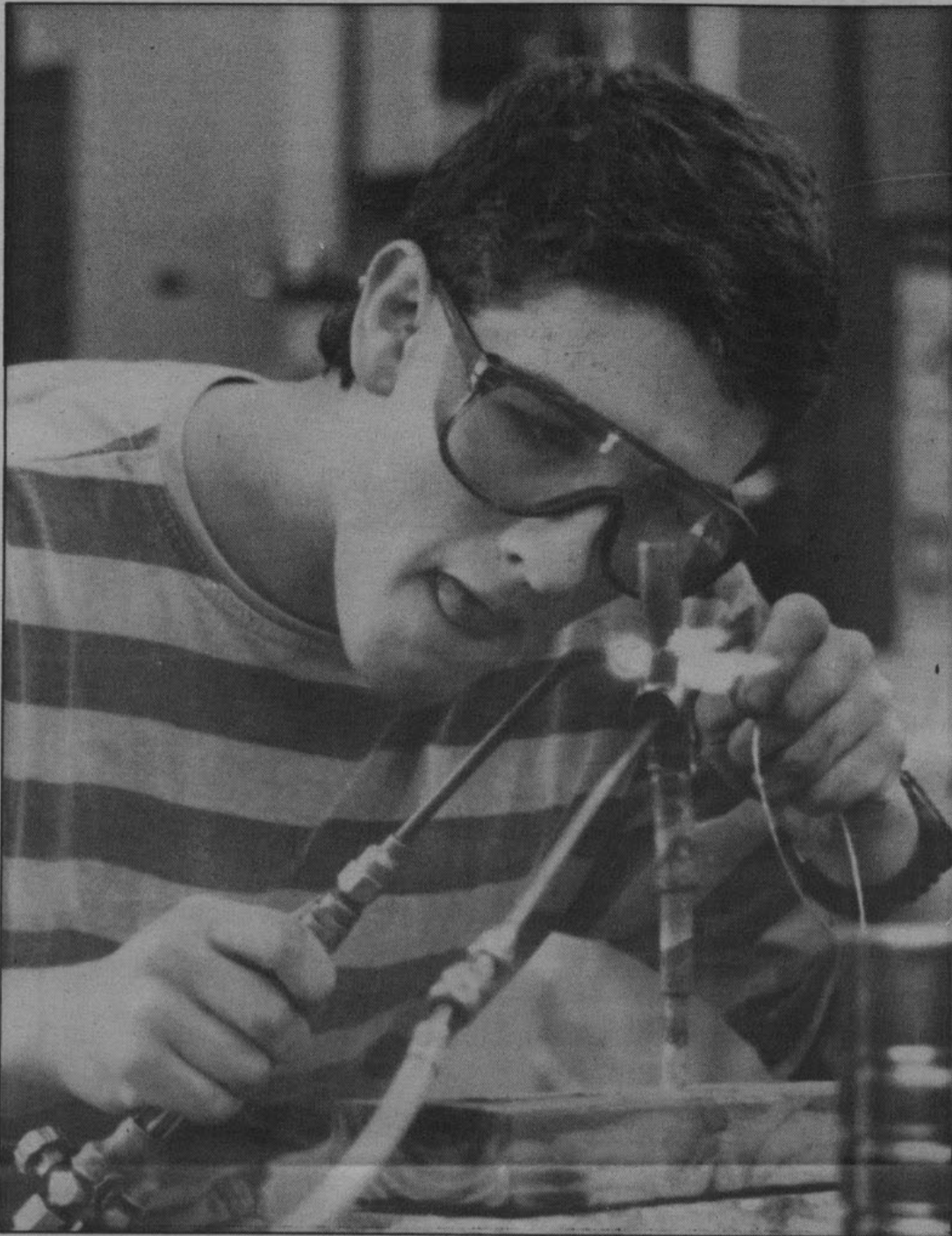
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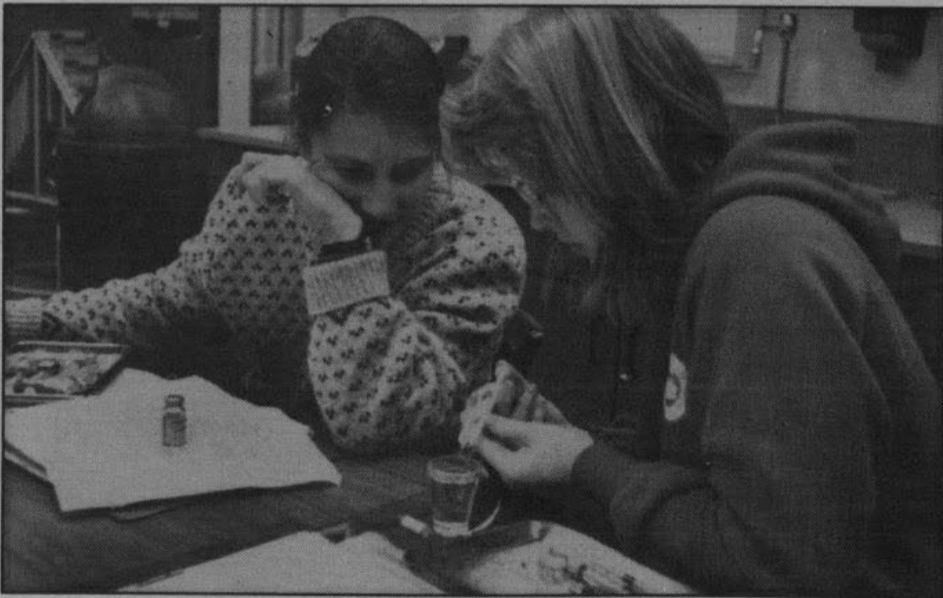
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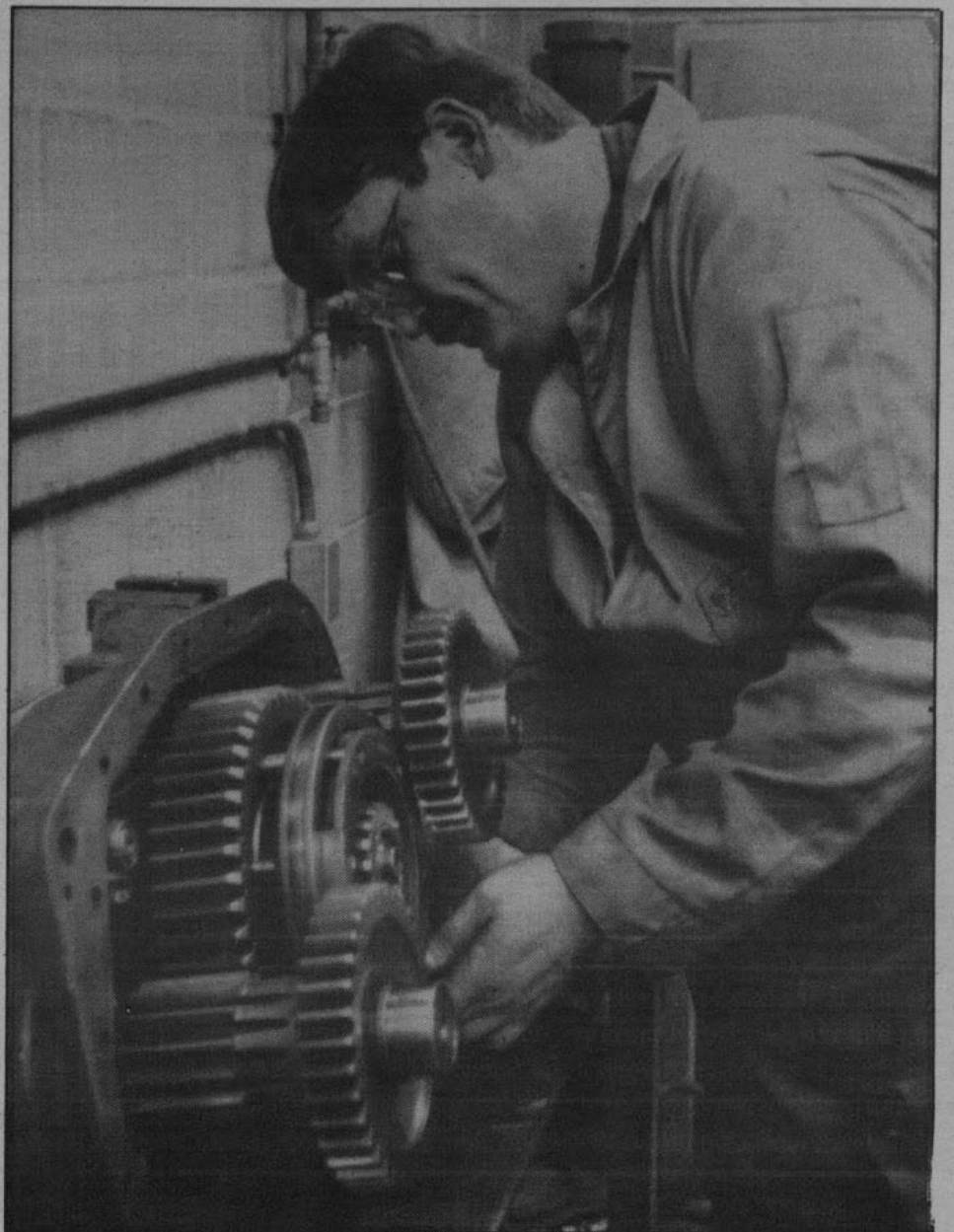
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Students get hands-on experience in the Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration lab. Above left, Shawn Caldwell concentrates on his "brazing" skills. At right, Beth Taylor, the only female in the first-year program, holds up her finished project. "I love to take things apart and put them back together," she said.



Health Occupations programs emphasize clinicals and practical experience. Above, Lori Stewart and Lea Henthorne practice drawing up syringes in the Nursing Clinical Lab. Below, student Ruth Ann Engel assists Dr. Patricia Parker as they examine Julius Nagy in the Dental Clinic.



Jack Reeves reassembles a 13-speed transmission auxiliary unit in the Heavy Equipment/Diesel Mechanics lab in Industrial C Building.

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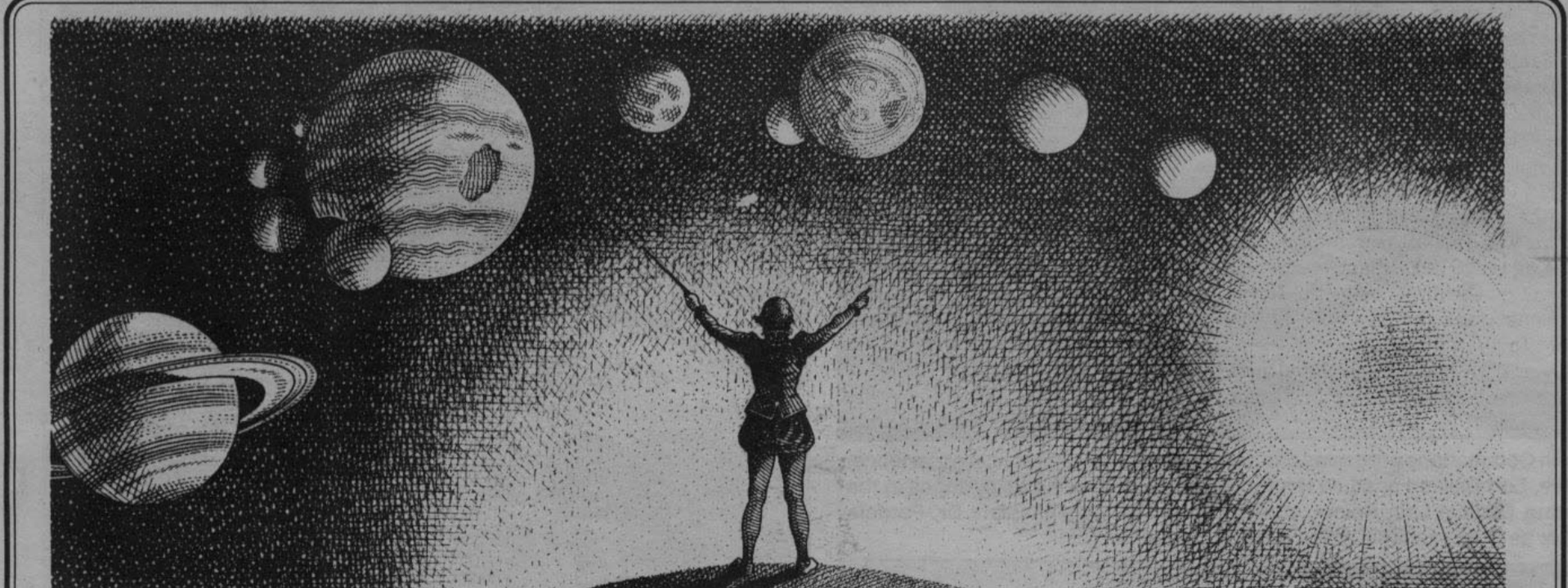
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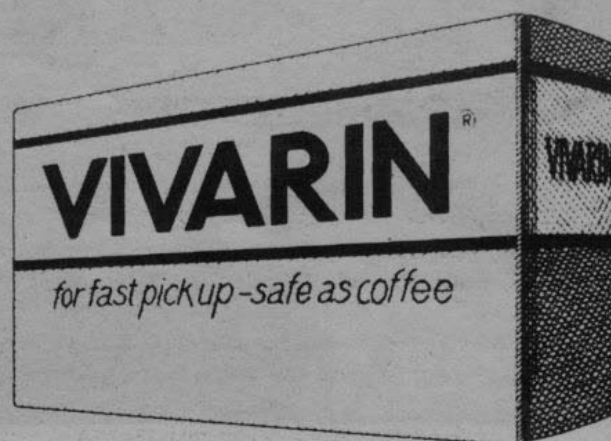
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arts & entertainment

New singer leads Nylons in sparkling show at Hult Center

By Chuck Skinner
Of The Commuter

I still think it's silly to put the Nylons in a concert hall where you aren't allowed to stand up and dance. Yes, I went to see the concert this weekend, at the Hult Center, and yes, I got up and danced again despite security's frustration.

review

Let me start at the beginning, and say that I am a big fan of the Nylons, and I am reviewing their Friday night concert, but I'll try to remain objective nonetheless.

This was the first time I'd seen them with an opening act, and I was impressed. The band was called the Trenchcoats, and from the first number I was sure I'd like them. Four guys in fedoras and (surprise!) trenchcoats wandered out, and quickly burst into a guitarless version of 'Stray Cat Strut' including some fine trenchcoat choreography and the attitude you need to sing this song.

These guys are apparently a Seattle band who've been getting around recently. For a lot of the concert, I was almost convinced that these guys were ringers—some of the Bobs must have been slumming. But while their style was similar, their stage presence was different—very relaxed and friendly, like they'd been up on stage at the Hult all their lives and were terribly happy that tonight somebody showed up to listen to them.

I will admit that after the show, I went out and bought their album—the first one I've bought in months, and definitely worth it. The album is good, but these guys are a live band. If you get the chance to see them, take me with you.

After the Trenchcoats split, we listened to most of Eric Clapton's new album while waiting for the rest of the show. Eventually, a lady came out and said "The Nylons are coming." And I thought 'Oh no. That's what they said about Jesse Jackson when he was running two hours late.' But, luckily, music moves faster than politics, and the Nylons burst out onto the stage within five minutes.

This was their first tour after their lead singer, Marc Connors, had passed on, and I was anxious to see how his replacement performed. His name is Billy Newton-Davis, and he withstood the acid test well. He wasn't as talented, but I doubt there are more than a handful of people who could have taken the spot he did and filled it adequately.

Many of the songs they sang were from their new album, 'Live to Love,' which is now on my list of Albums To Buy When I Have the Cash, including a wonderful rendition of Prince's 'Little Red Corvette.' That number featured baritone Micah Barnes, who would amaze me throughout the night. Hair to die for, and almost everything he did was tremendously cool. If I were gay, I'd be in love.

The lighting, as usual, was amazingly effective,

accenting almost every song and underscoring the lyrics. Except that every once in a while, band members would wander out of the light, and occasionally the light cues would be a bit slow.

One disturbing thing I noticed was the increased presence of pre-recorded backup vocals, smoke machines and drum machines. With more and more successful albums, they can spend more money and time on albums, and more technical tricks as well. Thus, to recreate them on stage they need more technical help. 'Drift Away' was a prominent example of this, with all three effects. But the next number, 'Happy Together,' was a very stripped down, street-corner style number that restored my faith in them entirely.

The banter between band members while setting up for different numbers was that same familiar, self-deprecating, almost homey sort of chat you expect to hear from four friends who get coaxed into performing at a New Year's party after a couple of drinks.

Before 'Buy Back the Amazon,' one of the numbers that Marc wrote for the band before he died, Arnold asked Micah, "Do you like this song?" and Micah responded, quietly and emotionally, "I love this song." A cheesy review writer would end the review by saying that it felt like Marc was there that night, watching and enjoying what he heard. But I won't do that.

You can send the kids, but you should stay home for 'Home Alone 2'

Ah, the holidays are upon us. Jack Frost is nipping at our pocketbooks and Santa is shackled up at every suburban mall in the state. And Kevin McAllister has been left behind by his uncarving

turkey shoot
by cory frye

family once again—this time in the Big City. Slap your cheeks and go, "Aaaaaaaaarrrrrrrggggghhhhh!" Screenwriter Chris Columbus leaves us "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

We rejoin the shenanigans of MacCauley Culkin and his extended family as they prepare for a Christmas trip to Chicago. Similar to "Home Alone," the Macster gets in trouble with his family and they make him sleep in the attic with his cousin who wets the bed as a torture method. The parents wake up late (screaming, "We did it again!" No kidding.) but when they get on the airport shuttle, Kevin is among them (no neighbor kid to bother them in this film.).

The switch happens in the airport as the family scrambles to find their gate before their flight takes off. Fa-

ther John Heard gives Kevin his bag to carry, which includes the dad's credit cards, identification and about \$4 million in cash (judging by the extravagance of Kevin's spending). As they race against time to make the flight, young Mac falls behind and ends up following the wrong man onto the wrong flight—to New York City.

Can I stretch your common sense here? I knew that I could. Anyway, he gets to New York, realizes that he's lost and makes the best of it by conning his way to the Plaza Hotel, manned by the bumbling Tim Curry (in the film's best role) and "Saturday Night Live's" Rob Schneider, who combines his "Sensitive Naked Man" and "Richard" characters into a bumbling ass-kissing bellhop.

But it gets better: seems that the Wet Bandits (Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern) have escaped from jail and hide in a fish truck that winds up in—New York. It only takes about a half-hour for them to find the kid in a city of New York's size and it's "Home Alone" all over again.

Screenwriter Columbus has decided

to take the tried and true path paved by the first movie; "Home Alone 2" basks in the box-office success of its ancestor. There are a few changes: the frightening, sad old man has been replaced by a frightening, sad old homeless woman and Kevin booby-traps his aunt and uncle's vacant apartment instead of his own home.

The only surprise in this film was the end: Kevin decides to off the two

idiotic crooks once and for all with a couple sawed-off shotgun blasts to the head. Just kidding. But it would've been nice. Guess I'll have to wait for "Home Alone 5: Kevin's in College and Old Enough to Own a Gun."

The kids will love "Home Alone 2," but the adults will wonder if they should have taken the title literally and stayed home with a rented copy of the first film. The sequel is the same old crap.



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snapshots

Photo Metaphors

Photographs speak on many levels--as simple snapshot records of people and places, as aesthetic compositions, as political commentary, and as expressive statements that use places and things for their symbolic value. In order to explore the expressive power of the photograph, students in PHO261 Introduction to Photography were asked recently to take self-portraits. But there was a catch--the students couldn't actually be in the picture themselves. They could go outdoors and try to find themselves in nature, or they could explore their home or work environments for subjects that said something about their personalities, or they could create an assemblage of an idea and photograph it. A few of the resulting images are shown here. They were taken by the following student photographers (clockwise, from top right): Daniel Patillo of Corvallis, Elizabeth Calhoun of Albany, Tony Hay of Albany, Mickey Shannon-Monroe of Corvallis, and George Fitting of Corvallis.

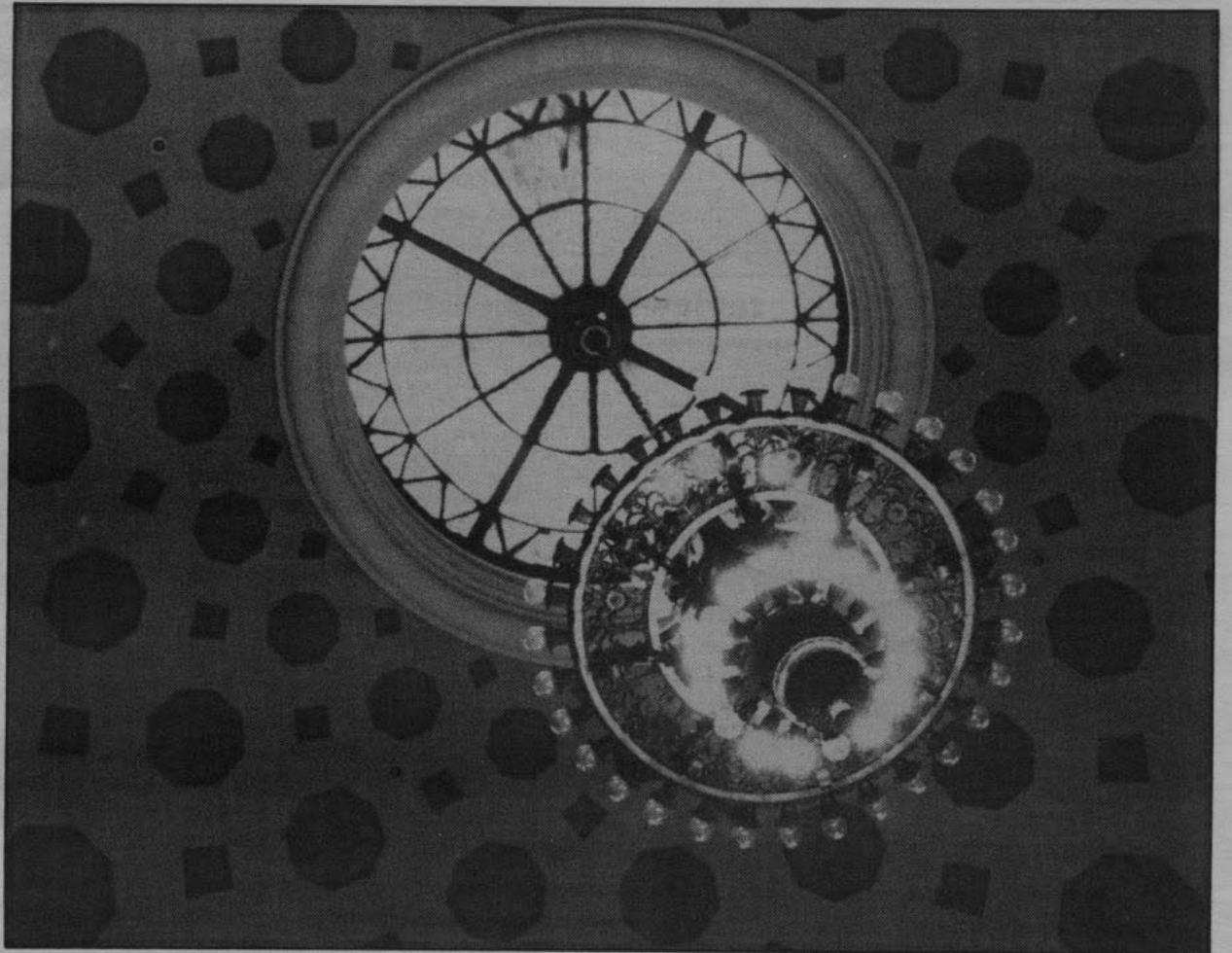


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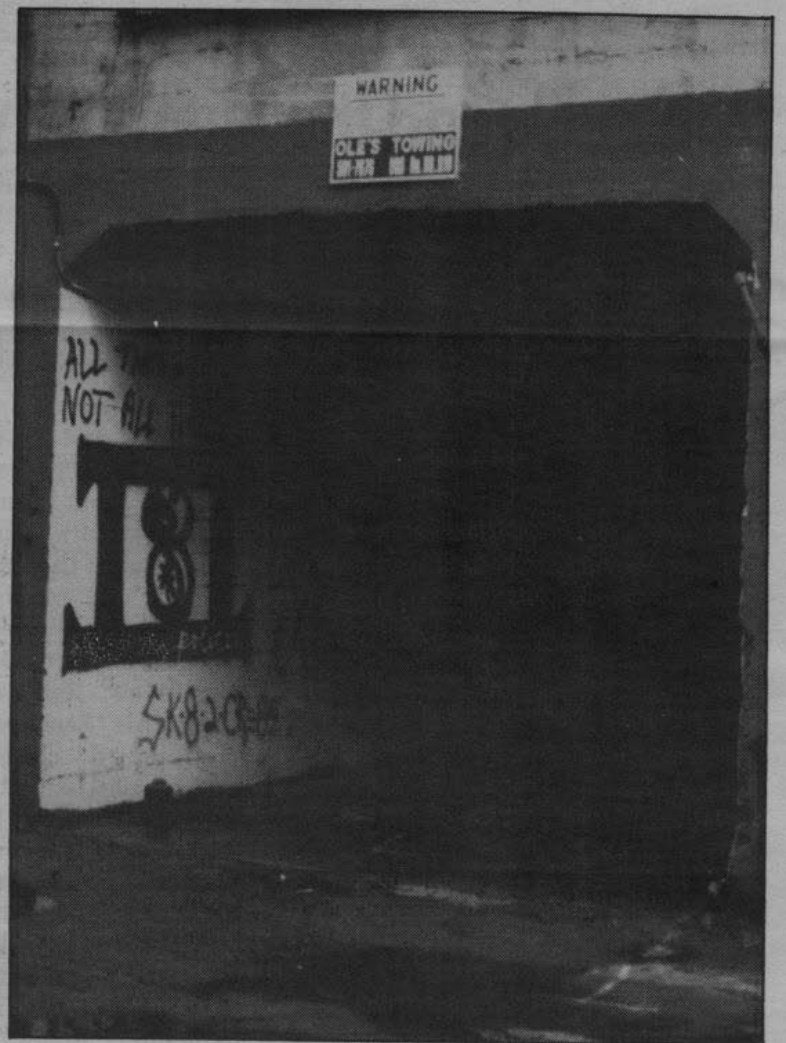


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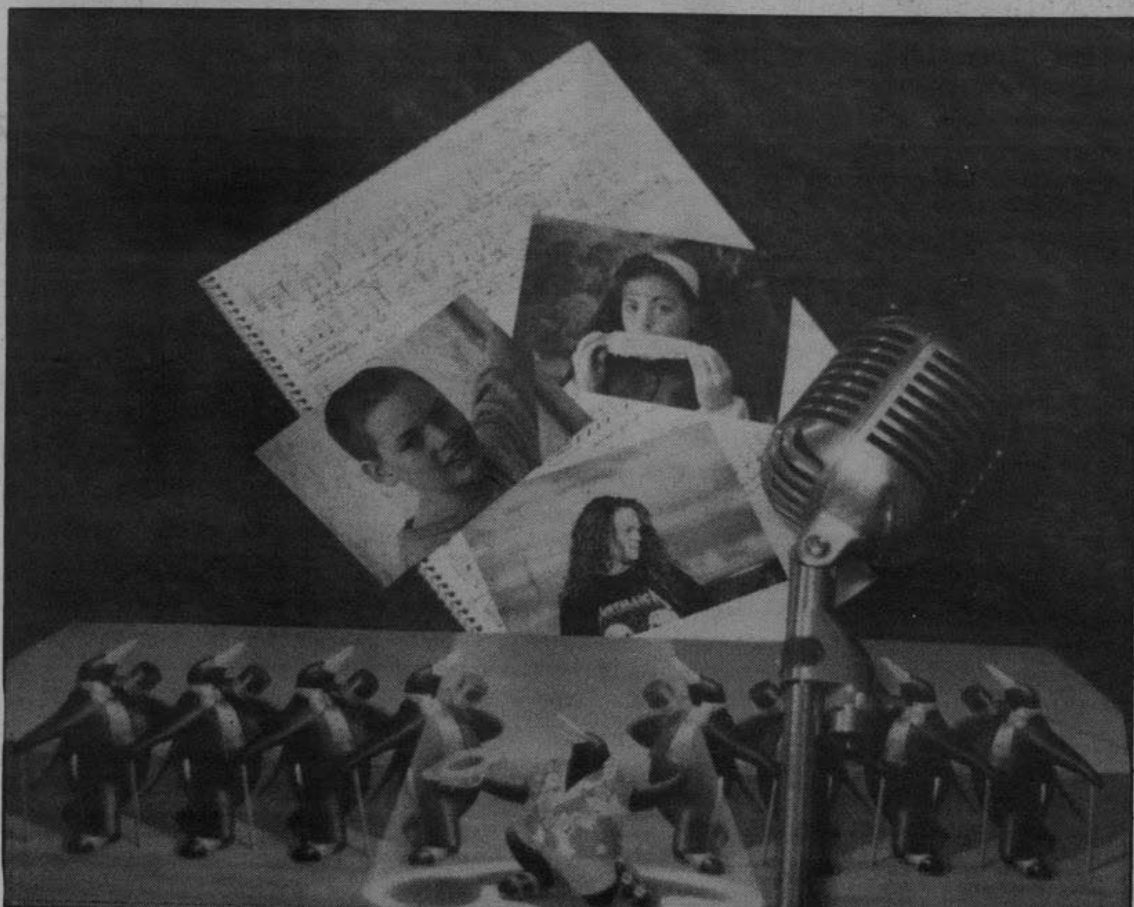


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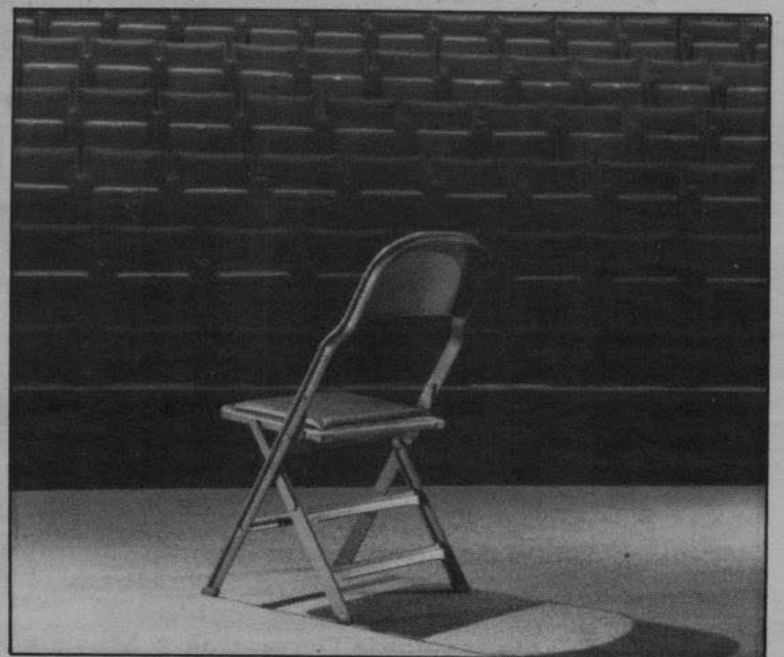


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sports

Easy come, easy go for NFL kickers

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

It's perhaps the most stressful position in all of sports.

As Seattle's John Kasay proved this past Monday evening, the NFL placekicker receives all the criticism when he misses, and all the applause when he converts.

In the Seahawks' overtime 16-13 upset victory over the (John Elway-less) Denver Broncos, Kasay first hooked right a 33-yarder in the overtime period, before knocking one through from the same distance later in OT.

"It's my job to overcome the pressure of the situation," Kasay said. "I really don't know what happened on that first one. But things like that happen in this business."

I just wonder what would have happened to Kasay if he had missed the game winner and the Broncos had proceeded to claim the victory. According to what Kasay said, his job description is to "overcome the pressure" and put the ball through the uprights. If he had missed, would that mean he'd be fired? If the Seahawks were in the playoff hunt, there would've been a good chance that Kasay would be looking for work right now.

What was even more interesting was what Seattle quarterback Stan Gelbaugh said to Kasay in a pep talk after the overtime miss.

"I went over to John and said, 'Listen, we're going to give you another chance.'" Gelbaugh said.

And what happens if Kasay fails on his second opportunity? Does that mean that Gelbaugh would be patient enough to give his erratic kicker a second pep talk and yet "another chance?" I doubt it.

Is it fair for so much pressure to be put upon one player? Well, there are two types of football player positions. The first is the invisible position. One example would be offensive linemen, who only get publicity during the reading of the starting lineups and whenever they get called for a penalty.

The second is the spotlight position. These are the quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers. Now, whenever one of these players gets a chance, the spotlight shines in their direction. It makes no difference if they turn out to be the hero or the goat, because it shines nonetheless.

Needless to say, the placekicker grabs the spotlight a lot of the time. Sometimes it's Tom Dempsey hitting a record 63-yarder and sometimes it's Scott Norwood missing a potential Super Bowl winner. It might not be fair, but kickers get paid for one thing—putting the ball THROUGH the uprights, and not short or to the left or to the right. It seems to me that anyone crazy enough to assume a position with that much pressure deserves the minimal job security that comes with it.

Lady Roadrunners open with two wins

Blue Mountain proves to be no match for high scoring LB as Molina and Mickey score 25 and 20 points in 110-79 game one victory

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's women's basketball team got off to a fast start by winning a pair of non-league games versus Blue Mountain last weekend.

On Friday night, the Roadrunners won 110-79 behind the efforts of Tina Molina and Molly Mickey. Molina came off the bench to shoot 9 of 12 from the field and 7 of 8 from the free-throw line for a game-high 25 points. Mickey connected on 8 of 13 field goal attempts and 4 of 4 free throws for 20 points and led the team with 10 rebounds.

LB's Angel Bell also had six points and a team-high nine assists.

The Roadrunners out-rebounded Blue Mountain 49-35 and capitalized on 32 turnovers.

"They (Blue Mountain) were low on people, and we pretty much took control," Linn-Benton head coach Deb Herrold said. "We were able to give everybody a lot of minutes. For our first game, I was very pleased."

Then, on Saturday afternoon, LB struggled shooting, but managed to hang on for a 66-55 victory. Bridget Burke converted on 7 of 10 field goal tries and 4 of 5 free throws to lead the Roadrunners with 18 points. Melinda Miller added 10 points and 14 rebounds.



Photo by Rebecca Rouse

Tina Molina shoots from the corner during a game last weekend with Blue Mountain at Linn-Benton.

LB shot just 35 percent from the floor, while Blue Mountain shot only 22 percent.

"Both teams came out flat after Friday night's game," Herrold said. "We seemed to force things, and our shot selection wasn't the best. I give credit to Blue Mountain. They were down to five players at the end, yet we were never able to shake them."

Linn-Benton, 2-0, hosts Yakima Valley in another non-league contest on Friday at 6 p.m.

Linn-Benton men drop season opener on the road

By Dan Budge
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's mens basketball team dropped its season opener, 108-89 to Northwest Christian in Eugene on Saturday, due to "our lack of defensive intensity in the second half," LBCC coach Randy Falk said.

Linn Benton came out ready to play and kept pace with NCC in the first half, only trailing by three at the intermission, 52-49. However, following the break, the Roadrunners' defensive pressure loosened up, allowing NCC to open it up.

"We played a good solid first half, but it fell apart on us in the second half," Falk said.

Although NCC is a four-year college and their players have had more experience playing together, Falk didn't accept that as an excuse.

"We didn't have the discipline I feel we needed to win this game," stated Falk. "However we did show a couple of streaks when we played well that allowed me to see the potential of this team. If we can put two halves of that kind of teamwork on offense and defense, we can be much stronger than we showed on Saturday. But we still have a way to go."

Falk explained that offense is important, but that defense is the key to success. "It would be great to have a team that could go down the floor and

score every time," Falk said. "But what good does it do if you cannot stop the other team from scoring?"

Linn-Benton fell behind by 30 points at one time in the second half, but came back to narrow NCC's winning margin to 19.

LB showed some productivity, as five players scored in double-figures. Dean Smith led LB with 15 points and Kevin Moreton had 14 points.

Moreton, a first-year player, "played a good all around game," according to Falk.

Linn-Benton, 0-1, hosted the Western Baptist JV last night and are at home on Friday against Shoreline in two non-league contests.

After long wait, LB track finally gets new surface

LBCC will lose the distinction of having the oldest operating track in the state when workers complete applying new Atlas surface this year

By Peter Kuhl
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LBCC's track is finally getting resurfaced after seven years of waiting on the back burner.

The reason resurfacing has taken so long is that there are so many other projects to be done and such little money.

LBCC is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year but that does not give the correct age of the main campus facilities. The main campus was actually built 20 years ago along with the track. As other buildings and facilities need repairs, such as fixing roofs, so does the aging track.

The track is made of rubber, and like automobile tires, age and wear will cause the rubber to get hard and cracked. LB is faced with the task of repairing the track, as it is now the oldest in Oregon.

This is no simple task though. LB is on a limited budget, and the total cost of resurfacing the track will be \$40,000. This money comes from the same capital outlay fund paying for all other repairs on campus.

Leaky roofs and other more immediate needs have so far taken precedence over a decaying track. Now it's the track's turn to get resurfaced after seven years of waiting.

Dave Bakely, LBCC athletic director, pointed out that the situation was getting serious. "It's either spend the money now or lose the track altogether," Bakely said.

Last year, some of the athletes on the track team complained that the surface was so rough that it was causing

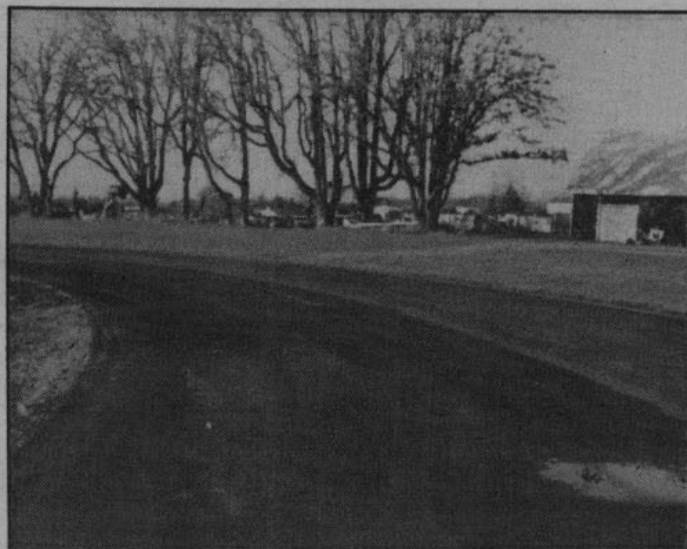


Photo by Linda Wallace

Rough spots in the LBCC track gather rain as workers await the return of drier weather so they can lay down the new rubberized surface.

them injuries.

With many considerations in mind the Athletic Department has chosen to install the Atlas track, the most cost effective available. Other tracks are available, but cost much more money.

Currently the old track has been removed and the installing crew is waiting for warmer weather to lay down the new surface. With this major hurdle out of the way the track teams look to have a productive season.

writer's block

Saturday Night at Safeway

Magic is, where magic lives.

The first good news of an otherwise bleak day was that Stephen was holding court on register four. The man is magic. "Serving you, count them, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with everything the experienced shopper needs, wants, and yes, deserves. Safeway, your one stop shopping center, featuring a plethora of high-quality necessities, from Swanson Gourmet Lite TV Entrees, to the dinner seven out of ten discerning dogs demand, Grrrrravy, Purina's top of the line entry into the world of Fido food."

I'd rarely seen him in such form. Oh sure, he'd done the Fourth of July thing, complete with sparklers and a fire extinguisher, and who'd ever forget his clever Dole banana disguise at Halloween? Yes, he's always worked well with props, but tonight was different.

Stephen was working without a net.

No gadgets, no gimmicks, nothing to fall back on. He was pushing the envelope, charting virgin territory. Boldly going where no clerk had gone before.

His delivery was flawless.

"Yes friends, Safeway, America's last bastion of quality, bargain, and dare I say it?...service to you, our valued friends and customers. Dedicated to providing you, our neighbors, with the highest quality produce, commodities and supplies available. Whatever you need, whenever you need it; we're here for you."

He was hot and he knew it.

He smiled charmingly at the elderly couple. "Good evening sir. Pleasant shopping this evening? Paper or plastic this evening sir? I see you have your daughter with you tonight. What?...no!., really?...your lovely bride? Congratulations sir, I envy you such a beauty, I'm sure you're very proud of her, and by the way I hope you took just a moment to peruse our unadvertised special on Kellogg's Frosted Flakes on aisle eleven?... They're Grrrrreat! I'd like to double bag these oranges for you, can't be to carefu.....excuse me, I've detected a very slight blemish on this Sunkist



Navel."

This was better than I'd ever thought possible.

Stephen was going for the dangerous and seldom seem 'continuous-checking-banter-bagging-all-store-produce-assistance-call.'

"Bob, we need a code one Sunkist Classic on four please. Stat." The utterance of that single word, "Stat," over the house PA galvanized Team Safeway into action. Even before Stephen could cancel the storewide alert with the obligatory "Thank you Bob," the produce manager had delivered the pristine offering to the scanner.

Stephen winked. God what a talent.

"Sorry for the delay friends, no charge on the fruit, that's thirty-seven, ninety-one, let me get someone to carry that out for you."

I was watching history being made.

With a flair Stephen made the correct change, replaced the order separator and softly announced, "Carry out-on-four-hey-you-folks-watch-your-step-out-there-it's-been-raining-was-nice-seeing-you-both-again-come-back-and-see-us-again-good-night-now."

Quarter-milers talk of a perfect stride which effortlessly consumes the track; basketball players speak in hushed, reverent tones of the game when it

all just fell into place; fishermen brag of the one that didn't get away.

Later that evening, a white towel across his shoulders, Stephen commented not only on his performance, but what it all meant to him.

"I wasn't really going after anything out there tonight, it just happened. I just found myself in the middle of it. It was really, well,... dreamlike. The change always came out right, and I knew they were going to ask for stamps before they said anything. The fives weren't sticking together like they can in this weather, and hey, did you see Mario assist on that cottage cheese order? That was one classic pivot he made to bypass the traffic in papergoods. I felt like I should pinch myself a couple times out there... just to see if it was all real. I need to put this in perspective though. Lisha, Tom, Betty, hey, it's their record too. I mean, there's no way anyone could do this alone."

His brown eyes lowered as his voice softened. "This is what we all work for. This is what it all means. It's why we all show up here day after day, ready to pull out all the stops. It's more than..."

His voice trembled. "Service, that's what it's all about man, service. These people need us you know."

The gleam returned to his eye; the fire burned brightly. "Hey, break time's over for this boy. I'm backin' up Tanya on six, and I hear there's a spill just south of catsup on fourteen."

He stood erect, threw the dampened towel from his shoulders, and without another word, strode smilingly out into the fray. His voice echoed throughout the storeroom, out onto this warrior's arena.

"Twenty-four hours a day. Everyday, all day. Our promise: a smile, honest prices and service second to none.

Safeway!

Could there be any-other-way?

No way!

We'll match any sale, advertised or not. Bringing you the freshest....."

I'm afraid Corvallis isn't going to be big enough. Can the call of Corporate be too far off for this star?

By Dave Bishop

Quiz: Blood and Circulation

Born in a bone,
probably in a hip.
Cruising through a capillary
on a four-month trip.
My buddies call me "Red,"
Cuz' I'm an RBC.
Floating to the Vena Cava
in a Plasma sea.

My first stop is an Atrium,
gonn'a make it right.
Down on through a Tricuspid valve,
see a Ventricle in sight.
Waiting for the big squeeze
to send me Semilunar.
Through a Pulmonary Artery
I'll make the lungs much sooner.

Stopping for a gasp of air
the oxygen's so fine.
While I'm here I'll cut some gas
carbon dioxide blows my mind.
Left Pulmonary Veins behind
To see an Atrium,
Bicuspid Valve and Ventricle
just to have some fun.

Another blast and off I go
Aortic Semilunar.

Cruising down the "A" highway
to find an organ tuner.
My buddy's riding shotgun.
Invaders are his thing,
he takes'em on and eats'em up;
we call him "White Blood" King.

Once we hit a rough spot
and piled into a Thrombus.
The Platelets had us all wrapped up
but we busted out Embolus.
We drifted down an artery,
they called it Coronary.
Got lodged in Tunica Interna,
Man, things were getting scary.

The whole world stopped, "Angina Pectoris,"
I could hear them scream behind me.
The pump ahead was in "chest pain"
for oxygen I carried.
Some cells had died, but things got going --
they routed us a bypass.
I dropped my load and grabbed some "carbs"
a vein is where I'd haul gas.

So back around to Vena Cava,
Atrium, and "Vents."
Then through a valve and to a lung
as though it's starting to make sense.
In four months time it'll all be over,
my cruising will be done.
Then broken into elements
to be washed out like a "bum."

by Mychel Steckler

ABC's of Shopping

Antiquities are always available.
Before buying, browse.
Carefully check conditions.
Don't damage displays!
Everything's easily examined.
Finally find Futons from France.
Get great gifts.
Help heal holiday hatred.
Inside, investigate interesting items:
Jugs, jewels, jumpers,
King's knacks, knight's knives, knowledge keep-sakes.
Look, listen, leave late.
Much merchandise must move.
Notice novelties newcomer.
Open outstanding overall observations.
Pickup pictures portraying pristine places.
Quietly quiz quality.
Realize rare rockers.
Some search selectively.
Take the treasures to town.
Unveil unique usable utensils.
Visit various vixens vending vessels.
Watch wondrous wares while wandering:
X-rayed xylographic xylopyrography
Yield yon Yankee yokel.
Zounds! Zero zenny.

Alphabet "Story" A-Z
One line, one letter.

by David Sallee