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Childcare costs skyrocket 300 percent next year

by Lisa Terra
of The Commuter

Due to budget cuts, the Family Resource Center will change from a student and staff child care center to a public childcare facility next year. As a result, the price per child will rise from \$1,025 a year to \$4,250 a year.

The college's General Fund currently funds the Family Resource Center at \$25 million per year. Next year the FRC is looking at a \$10 million cut and will have to balance its budget by charging more for services.

Until now, the college has paid the salaries for the center's 10 teachers from the General Fund, but next

year the center will have to pay teachers' salaries on its own. To cope with the new terms next year, doors will be open to the public and cost will rise by about \$3,000. This will be the first year the center is open to the public.

To convert to public use, other changes are being made. Next year the center will hold 67 children, five fewer than this year. There will be two classes for three and four-year-olds, down one class from this year. Each class will hold 20 children. There will be one class for children 18 to 36 months of age holding 12, formerly arranged as one class for two-year-olds. There will also be a kindergarten class holding 15 children.

The FRC is expecting less participation from parents

as the co-op option will not be available next year, but parents will still be allowed and encouraged to volunteer their time in the classrooms. Parent Education classes will be offered through LBCC but not through the FRC. Practicum students or work-study students will be in the classes through the week to help teachers.

The center is currently receiving a federal PELL grant that provides 1 percent of its annual PELL award for childcare, but the grant is for four years and the center has to reapply for its grant this year. If it receives the PELL grant next year it will receive \$40,000. But the grant is slated to be eliminated in federal budgets this

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Photo by Thomas Lin

Marking Time

Physics instructor Greg Mulder (center) and students Todd Maynard and Kari Trickel check out the Courtyard clock, which they plan to fit with a solar calendar as a project for a physics class.

Debate draws 8 of 10 candidates running in today's ASG election

by Sarah Meyer
of The Commuter

Eight out of 10 candidates running in this week's Associated Student Government elections showed up to share their opinions at last Wednesday's Candidate Debate in the Commons.

In attendance were Oren Hawksford (president), Joanna Chan (vice president), Brandi Hereford and Daniel Tibbits (public relations secretary), Danielle Bryant and Donna Schaffer (at-large representative), David Villeneuve (Science & Industry representative), and Jared Harding (Business/Health Occupations representative).

Hosting the event was current ASG President Roxanne Allen.

Each candidate gave a short speech, answered a pop-question, and gave a few words in closing. If audience members had any questions, they were given an opportunity to ask those to the candi-

dates.

Hawksford, an environmental technologies major and current Liberal Arts/Human Performances representative, said he plans to be a representative for the student body and a spokesman for the students. When asked one thing he'd change about LBCC, if he could, Hawksford said he'd change the budget cuts because he sees the strain it is putting on students due to programs being cut.

Vice-presidential candidate Joanna Chan is a pre-nursing major who said she's dedicated and hardworking, and that it would "do right" to vote for her. She feels comfortable with the Patriot Act because it is for student safety.

Brandi Hereford is a triple major, focusing on agricultural education, animal technology, and business management. She says she is a good candidate for PR secretary because it is a position she has

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Loosely carried cell phones cause surge in 911 false alarms

by Emil Rogers
of The Commuter

The cell phone rings as you hurry to class. You answer and advise your roommate that you did feed the goldfish and to not let them tell him any differently.

You quickly toss the phone in your pack, purse or pocket and become vulnerable to an increasing burden to our emergency reporting services: a falsely-dialed 911 call.

In a study conducted at Loyola University, freshman cell phone ownership

jumped from 27 percent in 2000 to 76 percent in 2002.

"The number of accidental 911 calls is increasing with the increasing number of people using cell phones," said Cathy White, Communications Supervisor for Linn County 911 Services.

"People are replacing land lines with cell phones and they can be careless where they leave them."

White went on to explain that most cell phones have an auto-dial feature to call 911.

"It is a valuable feature, but people

don't realize how easy it is to unknowingly dial. Some phones allow the emergency auto-dial to work even if the keyboard lock is turned on."

"One-third of all our 911 calls come from cell phones," White said. "And one-half of those are false alarms."

The 911 center can distinguish between calls coming from a cell phone and those coming from a land line.

A caller-id device tells them the call is

coming from a cell tower and, in most cases, the cell phone number.

White offers this advice to LBCC students:

"If you are comfortable with it, turn the phone off when you are not using it or many phones will allow you to turn off the auto-dial feature."

Cell phone manufacturers have reacted to the problem by discontinuing the feature on new phones sold after January 2003.



WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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OPINION

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Mid-East perceptions clouded by radical Muslims

Misconceptions about Middle East culture and religion abound. One of the most common is that all people from the Middle East are Arabs and all Arabs are Muslim.

In reality, the Middle East is made up of many ethnicities and religions. With a war in Iraq imminent and misunderstandings between the Middle East and the United States, a better knowledge of the culture can lead to improved relations and in some small way maybe help open the way to understanding between America and the Middle East.

Some Middle Eastern countries are non-Arabic: Israel, Iran, Turkey, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The independent countries that make up the Arab world span two continents: Africa and Asia. These are: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. In many countries, languages other than Arabic are spoken, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish are some. Assyrian, Persian, Berber, Chaldean and Kurd are other ethnicities that have different languages, religions, appearances and lifestyles from the Arab cultures they live within.

Not everyone in the Middle East is Muslim, and the majority of Muslims live in other nations, such as India, Indo-

nesia and Sudan.

Though Arab countries are predominantly Muslim, most Arab Americans are Christian. In the Middle East there are large Bahai groups as well as Catholic, Copt, Greek and Russian Orthodox and Jews. The Bahai Faith's world center is in Haifa, Israel, in the heart of the Jewish area. People of many beliefs live side-by-side in the Middle East, just as they have for thousands of years. Before the British and other "Western" powers divided up the Middle East, Arabs and Jews lived, farmed and conducted business cooperatively in Palestine for generations.

Even among Muslims there are many variations; Sunni and Shi'a are the two main branches of Islam and there are also separate groups and movements within each branch. One common misconception is that all Arab Women are covered from head to toe and subservient because of Islam. In reality, women in Muslim countries such as Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Morocco, Algeria, Tun-

sia and elsewhere are leaders in business and politics, sometimes wear western garb, attend universities and live a life similar to American women.

The oppression of women is the exception rather than the rule. Such oppression takes hold when social and economic conditions have degraded to the point where power hungry tyrants seize control over uneducated populations.

Islam teaches non-violence. As many Islamic scholars will state, it is a corruption of Muhammad's teachings to use Islam as an excuse to wage war. Just as Christianity has been used as an excuse for war by power hungry leaders, so has Islam. Islam, Hebrew and Christianity are all Abrahamic religions, closer in dogma and belief than many people realize.

They all claim descent from the same line of Prophets. Muhammad taught the Muslims to respect the followers of Moses and Jesus. He said that Muslims and other faiths all came from the same branch of God's tree and should be respected.

In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict Christians and women play a large role in the peace process. One of the main spokespersons for the Palestinian people is Hanan Ashwari, an extraordinary Christian woman, and some of the activists for peace on the Palestinian side belong to Orthodox Christian faiths. Christians in the Middle East are often a bridge for peace between Arabs and Jews.

My own family is Jordanian Catholic. My aunt was a well-known and respected Catholic nun that fought tirelessly to aid in the Middle Eastern peace process. Though we were raised in a traditional Arab household, we lived just like other kids; loved by our family, running around the neighborhood, attending school and playing the same games as other kids.

Our family comes from a mountainous area that gets snow in winter, not what most people think of as an Arab setting. Most of them now live in the capitol of Jordan: Amman. People from the Middle East want the same things that all of us do; freedom from hunger and oppression and the opportunity to enrich our lives with education and work. Please do not let a minority of radicals obscure the great culture and contributions of the Middle East. With knowledge comes understanding and compassion.

Adele
Kubein



IN MY
OPINION



EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome and should be limited to 250 words. Drop letters off at the Commuter office, F222 or: commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.

CORRECTION

The Commuter apologizes for the misspelled word "lexx" (less) that appeared in Tamara Smith's letter that ran last week. The Commuter edits opinions for grammar and spelling and made a mistake editing this letter for grammar.

COMMENTARY

Criticism of HIV-infected Playmate called unwarranted and unfair

by Thomas McGeary
for The Commuter

I am writing this opinion to speak against the Opinion column, "Playmate capitalizing, not educating, on AIDS." As a Commuter staff member, I would like to reiterate that all staff members do not share this columnist's views. Further, I would like to apologize if any readers took offense to the shockingly biased presentation of this opinion. Granted it is an Opinion column, but a writer's duty to readers is to present clear support for subjective material, not propagate slander and bias.

The credibility of the column first came into question when reading the first two columns, which detailed the writer's preconceived notions of Ms. Armstrong. From the outset, I learned of the columnist's disdain for nudity by her declaration that all men have a keen ability to detect "small and random nude pictures". The writer's sanctimony was obvious as she described the source of her heightened interest in HIV and AIDS, to be the result of her having close friends "whom I [she] consider[s] at a much greater risk than average."

The columnist then assured readers of her determi-

nation to remain open-minded as she viewed Ms. Armstrong's Web page. However, this claim fell short as she described Ms. Armstrong responding to AIDS related questions with "typical common-knowledge." I would argue that there is no knowledge that is common when it comes to AIDS education. The columnist's other point, that Ms. Armstrong failed to respond in some cases, was not founded with clear examples.

I was further delayed from learning facts about Ms. Armstrong's experience with HIV and AIDS as the writer rampaged for a full column about problems with Armstrong's publicist when running an ad in the Commuter. Again, I was reminded of how little I was learning about the event and supposed topic of the opinion.

Finally, I arrived upon the one column (of the four-column opinion) that detailed Ms. Armstrong's speech. The columnist immediately discounted Ms. Armstrong's opening 15 minutes because it detailed her career as a Playboy model, which the columnist obviously considered scornful because Playboy modeling was placed in quotes.

The writer followed by expressing her disgust as she learned of the tragic side effects of AIDS medication and her disapproval of "overt sexual behavior" and the

"objectification of women promoted" by Playboy. What was not discussed here was the importance of learning about the side effects of AIDS medication because of the recent misconception among many youths that AIDS is livable through medication, thus freeing society from the burden of prevention.

Important facts that I did not learn from the opinion were whether Ms. Armstrong actually had AIDS, or just HIV. Also, only one of the four organizations that sponsored Ms. Armstrong's appearance on campus was mentioned (Student Life & Leadership), when Oregon Campus and Community Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking, Linn County Public Health and LBCC Family Connections also supported her. This very relevant information was readily available in advertisements printed in the previous week's newspapers detailing the event.

In summary, I found it appalling that this columnist would accuse Ms. Armstrong of capitalizing from a disease as devastating as AIDS. Especially in light of the fact that the columnist's primary support of this statement arose from her apparent preconception that HIV and AIDS is an affliction of those practicing high-risk behavior, for example, former Playboy drug addicts.

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Oregon Spotlight speaker encourages humanity to fight hate with love, respect and compassion

Last Thursday, Oregon Spotlight, a hate crime watch nonprofit out of Portland, visited the LBCC campus. Director and Ex-skinhead, Steven Stroud, and co-founder Dr. Randy Blazak spent the day sharing their knowledge about skinheads and related hate groups in the Pacific Northwest. Stroud and Blazak first gave us information that underscores the threat of hate groups in the Pacific Northwest. They also gave us a lot of information and resources to help us identify and prevent hate crime activity in our communities.

Then Stroud went on to speak in Corvallis the same evening. Together, Steven Stroud and Dr. Blazak donated a total of twelve hours to our communities to help us grasp the problems and the solutions.

I appreciated the information and the resources that will help me identify subterranean hate activity in my community, but what really sticks with me is

the understanding and compassion Steven Stroud demonstrates towards all individuals, including those who hate.

His message to us all is that you can't fight hate with hate and that we need to be there for our youth, particularly for those youth that come from loveless and often abusive homes.

And we need to be there with love and compassion. Steven pointed out that the reason he

left the skinheads is because he finally was placed in a foster family that loved it right out of him. Stroud's message was that every young person in our schools today needs to know that their community loves and cares about them.

He also demonstrated how to show love and compassion to everyone, re-

gardless of whom they are. You see there were some homeless folks sitting in the front row at the evening session and they had things to say. Even though they smelled bad and one of them was under the influence of something, Stroud listened to them with the same respect and compassion that he listened to everyone with.

Halfway through the evening talk, I walked to the back of the room to watch the crowd. After listening to Stroud and Blazak all day, it was not difficult to notice that a gang was in attendance. But this gang was not making noise, nor were they showing any indication of disagreement.

This was a gang of SHARPS, skinheads against racial prejudice. They came to see

what Stroud had to say and when they left, they thanked him for his talk and quietly melted away. I wondered if the people who asked Stroud to give them some pointers on differentiating between racist and non-racist skinheads had noticed.

I asked Stroud how he felt about their attendance. He shared that he was touched and thrilled that they attended. He noted that they typically do not attend those types of events and he was honored that they chose to attend his talk. He went on to say how much he respects the SHARPS for their anti-racist stance and talked about how they are the ones on the streets that are fighting the war against racism. In fact, he called them "the foot soldiers" fighting the war against racism. Then he sighed and said, "I just wish they wouldn't use violence to do it."

Thank you, Steven Stroud for sharing your love and compassion with us.

Susan Prock



MULTICULTURAL CENTER

GUEST COMMENTARY

Money should not be the issue when threats exist

by Jeffery Dodson
 for The Commuter

In response to the Opinion column by Adelle Kubein from The Commuter (Feb. 12):

It's correct that we don't have the resources to invade and occupy every country that poses a threat to the United States, and while it's regrettable that we can't do all the good in the world that we would like, we owe it to our children to do all we can to make the world safe for democracy.

Also, we aren't talking about invading several countries, just one, with the likely outcome of the coalition forces kicking some totalitarian backside. It's not just going to be us in this fight, not us in the occupation.

You referred to Iraq as a hypothetical threat. I'm a little confused. Since when is a mass murderer with chemical and biological weapons a hypothetical threat? That's like saying there is a hypothetical threat of get-

ting cancer if you smoke, or a hypothetical threat of shark attack if you're swimming in a shark tank while wearing a steak tartar swimsuit.

Do we really have the money to free another nation? I'd like to say that we are freeing Iraq just because the country is ruled by a tin-plated dictator with delusions of godhood. We are freeing the people of Iraq because Saddam Hussein has chemical and biological weapons, some of which he has already used on innocent people.

While we don't have the money to fight this war, we really don't have the lives or the money not to fight it now. The cancer of terrorism will only spread to fill our world given time, costing more lives and money.

Our schools are failing; our roads and bridges need repair. Money isn't the answer to the school problem; it's not an accident that private and home schooling popularity is rising.



Our roads and bridges are failing with many of our bridges approaching 60 years old. These problems haven't come on us without warning. If an economic recovery is this administration's goal, a crumbling infrastructure won't support it.

Imagine an America without the things that give us true security and pride in our country. An America where we value our parks and scenic attractions more than helping the oppressed gain their freedom from the threat of terror and death. A land

where we fail to do what is right in favor of what is merely easy and expedient.

We truly lose our security when we become a people with nothing to be proud of, when we stop caring about the freedom of others.

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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

Off Beat

Public Affair

When the mayor of Ipatinga, Brazil, suddenly disappeared, police feared he was the victim of one of the nation's many political kidnappings and began a frantic search. It turns out that the man had gone to a brothel, where he engaged the services of two ladies of the evening and then went on a three-day drinking binge. He was finally spotted at the swimming pool of a nearby hotel. Police contacted his wife, who came and took him home.

Principal Breaks the Cork

The principal of a NY school was arrested for drunk driving while she was supposed to be at work. Police found the woman after she had pulled over to the side of the road and was urinating beside her car.

Viagra Works!

After schoolgirls in Lanciano, Italy, spotted a rocking car with fogged-up windows, they alerted authorities, who arrested the couple inside for making love in public and charged them with indecency. The man was 85, the woman, 74.

Caught Red Handed

Three young men were about to begin an evening of burglarizing cars in Merced, Calif. To make sure their handgun was in good working order, one of them fired a shot in the air. But that caught the attention of a nearby policeman, who arrested them.

Cat-Nap Burglar

A burglar broke into a shop in Fort Worth, Texas, late at night, and, instead of collecting his loot and leaving, he took a nap.

He was still sleeping when an employee opened for business the next morning. She called the police who woke him up.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's story, "ASG makes plans for graduation ceremony," it was incorrectly stated that ASG had approved funding to purchase awnings for the graduates in case of rain and peace poles for the main campus. ASG did not approve these actions; they only discussed the matters.

Yu-Ping Hung, a candidate featured in last week's issue, is no longer running for ASG Public Relations/Secretary, but is instead applying to the Student Programming Board.

CAMPUS SHORTS

Gender Film Series

The last film showing of the Gender Equity Film Series will be from 12 to 1 p.m. in room ST 109 on Wed. Feb. 26. The films being shown are:

60 Minutes @ Title IX

Title IX was passed 30 years ago to provide females equal access to education including athletics. This film debates some of the issues around this legislation. Has Title IX outlived its benefits to society? Sexual Harassment: Is it or Isn't It?

Are you experiencing sexual harassment? This video explains the law. Often what we might perceive as sexual harassment doesn't meet the legal standard. Learn how to discern real harassment from annoying behavior and what action steps you can take to stop it.

Women's History Month

Films on Women's History Month topics will be shown in the Fireside room from noon to 2 p.m.

On Tues., March 4, the film is: "One Woman, One Vote." See historical photos and movie footage of the suffrage movement in this film narrated by Susan Sarandon.

The following will show Wed., March 12: "A Fine and Long Tradition"—Sing along with this 7-minute tour of Women's History. "Dreams of Equality: Women's Rights"—See a historical reenactment of the events in Seneca Falls in 1848.

"There's No Such Thing as Women's Work"—Lots of con-

temporary cartoon art, historical photographs and newsreel footage produced by the Women's Bureau to show women's participation in the labor force including issues and concerns of women workers. "Take the Power" How many famous women do you know?—How many women do you recognize in this film? Check yourself at the end to see how many you got right. "One Fine Day"—A quick sing along and discussion of famous women in history.

Seeking Peace

The Albany Peace Seekers in cooperation with the LBCC Peace Institute will host an informational meeting and U.S. foreign policy discussion at the Albany Main Branch Library, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

OSU Political Science Professor Richard Clinton will provide the keynote address and will lead a discussion of US foreign policy and the prospect of war in Iraq.

For information, call Sharon Gisler, 928-7013 or LBCC Peace Institute, 917-4557.

AAUW Scholarship

The Corvallis branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a one-time scholarship of \$400 to a female student 25 years or older who resides in Benton County or Corvallis School District 509j.

Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office, and the deadline is April 15.

PTK inducts record number of students

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

One hundred and eight new students will be inducted into the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, at a ceremony on campus this Friday, Feb. 28.

The number of inductees this year is the highest the chapter has ever seen since it began at LBCC in 1990. Last year, 65 new members joined PTK.

Rosemary Bennett, advisor to the chapter, contributes the considerable increase to the PTK executive board. "They have worked at spreading the word around about PTK," she said.

The inductees will become members for life in the international PTK organization. In order to join the honor society, students must have a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

The student's membership in the organization

is posted on their transcripts. Members also wear a gold colored stole and tassel at commencement.

The LBCC chapter works on service projects, gains leadership skills, and performs fund-raisers throughout the year. An executive board of eight people organizes most of the events.

Student members are told they can be as active as they want, by joining in on events or volunteering with fund raising.

This year, the group held the Great American Smokeout, helped publicize the Rebekka Armstrong AIDS/HIV talk, informed students about available student health services, and did a valentine fund raiser.

In the spring, high school students will be invited to spend a day with PTK members participating in a shadow program.

The PTK induction ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in Forum 104.

Five water/wastewater students get awards

by Kimberly Nelson
of The Commuter

Five second-year Water/Waste Water Technology students received scholarships to help them finish their degrees.

Students selected for the scholarship are Heather Beaty, Dennis Schlegal, Craig Prosser, Jeromie Fields and Joe Mitchell. They each received a \$650 tu-

ition grant for their last term, which is spring term.

Students were selected on a combination of financial need, their contribution to the Water and Waste Water Technology Program and anticipated employment success after graduation, according to Ron Sharman, water/waste water instructor.

Funds were donated by local operators groups associated

with the professional organizations in Water/Waste water Technology, including American Water Works Association, a drinking water group and the Water Environment Federation, a worldwide waste water treatment group. These groups donated their dollars with the hope that these students will be the new employees in their treatment systems, said Sharman.

In Memoriam

The LBCC community would like to pay their respects to the family and friends of Jared Stait. An LBCC student who took his life in the early morning of Sunday, Feb. 16. He was a thoughtful man who was a value to the community.

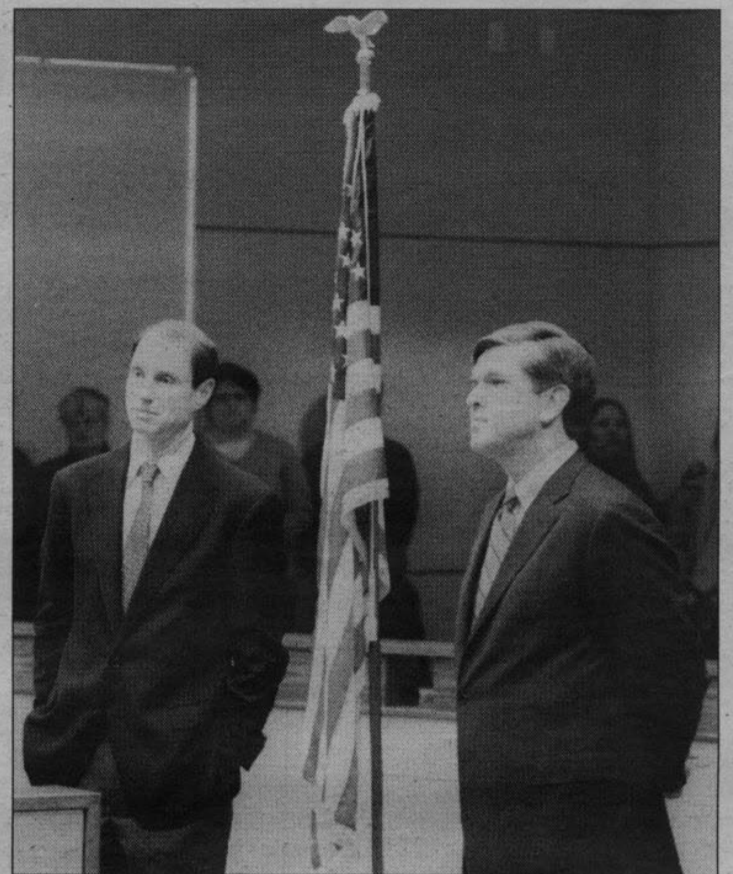


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Senators Take Stand

Oregon's two U.S. Senators, Democrat Ron Wyden (left) and Republican Gordon Smith, met with more than 300 local residents in Albany City Hall last Tuesday in a town hall style meeting. They were asked questions about health care, transportation and the threatened attack on Iraq. Smith said he favored President Bush's position to go to war, but Wyden cautioned that the U.N. should be involved and that a debate should be held before deciding what consequences should ensue if Iraq fails to disarm.

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year. If the grant gets cut then the center will receive nothing. With this grant the FRC can offer scholarships to 20 students.

Beth Hogeland, director of the FRC has sent out letters and e-mails to people on campus and in the community asking for help.

The college foundation has agreed to give \$50,000 in scholarships to help parents pay for school and childcare at LB.

Hogeland said the thing that means so much to her is that people are helping and giving what they can to support the FRC.

Hogeland also suggests the community write letters to our senators and congressmen, encouraging them not to cut the childcare PELL grant money.

"Student families know and can register before the community, because they know and the community doesn't know about it.

The question is how many will be able to afford it," said Hogeland.

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LOCAL NEWS

News on happenings around the county including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Philomath, Tangent and Sweet Home

Oregon is hotbed for hate groups

by Heather James
 of The Commuter

"Oregon is a pivotal merging point for hate groups," two experts on the subject told a small crowd in the Forum on Feb. 20.

In a presentation titled "Skinheads and Related Hate Groups in the Pacific Northwest," ex-skinhead Steven Stroud, currently director of Oregon Spotlight, and Dr. Randy Blazak professor of Sociology at Portland State University, said hate group activity is a concern in the Northwest.

Dr. Blazak explained that there are 12 hate crimes a month reported in Portland alone and even more go unreported.

There are many different sects of hate groups. Among them: Neo-Nazi's, Skinheads, Ku Klux Klan and the European Kindred, which is the largest group in our prison system.

Dr. Blazak explained that the more seasoned groups have turned to using the Internet to get their views across to a larger group of people and to recruit new members. This tool allows the hate groups to keep a low profile in the community.

"Their goal is to change America," said Dr. Blazak. "The internet is a powerful tool."

He explained that these hate groups target

young white males who are seeking an identity to back them up and they are often drawn in by the conspiracy theories these clans use to drive their propaganda.

Young start-up gangs are some of the most dangerous groups popping up. They are usually started by young males desiring to foster their own agenda. These groups splinter off of the more seasoned groups.

"These young start-up groups are the most violent and heinous," says Stroud.

He explains that these groups are more radical because of the age of the members. The splinter groups want to do immediate damage and are unrestrained by more conservative groups.

Things to look for in your community, that may show the beginning signs of "young start-up groups," are graffiti, fliers posted on telephone poles, burnt crosses and an increase in violence.

"Most kids who get into this grow out of it," explains Dr. Blazak, who sympathized with white supremacy when he was growing up.

The speakers point out that the only way to ensure that these groups won't corrupt our community is to educate the public about what is going on in their own neighborhoods and to educate our children to be tolerant of others.



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Candidates for this week's ASG election line up to share their views at last Wednesday's debate in the Commons. The event was hosted by current ASG President Roxanne Allen, far right.

College sets standards for petitioners

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

After a lengthy discussion, LBCC's Board of Education adopted, last Wednesday, elements that will be used to build new rules regarding petitioners and pamphleteers on campus.

The board consulted its college counsel in order to produce a rule that falls under the guidelines of the U.S. Constitution. Mike Holland, vice president of administrative and student affairs, presented the resolution.

According to the proposed elements, the college won't be allowed to discriminate against visitors based on the content of their messages. The rule will also have to be narrowly tailored, to impose the smallest amount of necessary burden on free speech possible.

Under the new rule, visitors will be encouraged, but not re-

quired, to register with the college. Once registered, the campus will provide a table and chairs to be used in designated locations. Because of LBCC's limited indoor areas, the college will provide high-traffic outside spots, that don't obstruct doorways, for the visitors to use. Whether registered or not, the people will be handed a paper regarding campus litter, cleanup and noise policies. If the visitors don't register, they may lose their spot to a registered party.

Board member Richard Wendland disagreed with the idea that registered visitors would be able to bump unregistered visitors off of spots.

This means that someone else is getting preferential treatment because they did what you had a right to chose not to do, argued Wendland. At LBCC's extended learning centers, directors will be allowed to request, but not

require, that visitors provide a 24-hour advance notice of their arrival. This was determined by limited staffing at the centers, and the fact that tables and chairs may not be available.

Vice President Holland said it is important to produce a rule like this during a neutral time when there are no visitors or petitioners on campus.

"This bullet-proofs our later strategy," said Holland, referring to the idea that the college's main concern is to be able to manage situations while not being accused of controlling access to the college or the content of speech.

The board agreed that the college would retain the right to step in if conditions present a serious and imminent threat to the health and safety of any person, substantially disrupts educational programming, or endangers college property.

Candidates: Election continues today until midnight online

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held many times in various clubs and organizations. She feels she could be the communication link between students and ASG officials, and wants to see students more involved in the school.

Another candidate for PR secretary, Daniel Tibbits, said he wants to promote unity within the student body. He says it is important for students to vote and to choose who represents them, because decisions the ASG makes directly affect the students.

Journalism major Danielle Bryant is running for at-large representative, and said she plans to "represent her school to the best of her ability." She said she wants to set an example, especially to African-Americans and younger students, to add diversity to the different roles in leadership.

She plans to make herself available to students by intermingling, and plans to take time to see where students are coming from.

Also running for at-large representative is Donna Schaffer, an automotive major who would like to see more women involved in her field.

She said she will be a representative both in and out of school, and thinks a main project for student government in the coming year is properly taking care of the budget to keep all the classes that students want.

Science & Industry representative candidate and pre-pharmacy major David Villeneuve thinks that the Science and Technology program needs more activities incorporated into it.

He said he has spoken to some teachers that would be willing to use their capabilities to do more for the program, such as giving lectures on topics not rel-

evant to courses offered. He plans on working with students and being the "intermediary between students and teachers/department heads."

Jared Harding, a dually enrolled pre-med student, is running for Business/Health Occupations representative. He feels he will be able to provide students with strong information in these fields due to his experience as a business and pre-med student, firefighter and EMT.

He strongly suggests the use of the Pass the Buck drop-boxes by students to get their opinions heard, so the ASG can "better assess what the students needs are."

Other candidates who are running in the election but who were not at the debate were D. Troy Kemper, Science/Industry rep; and Mark Pluard (at-large rep).

No candidates have filed for the Liberal Arts/ Human Performances and the Extended Learning/ Student Services representative positions, so they can be filled by write-in votes.

Write-in candidates must have 40 percent of the votes cast to win.

If the positions are not filled through write-ins, the positions will be reopened once voting is over. Interested students can fill out an application and will then be interviewed by the ASG board members.

These applications will be available in the Student Life & Leadership office, located in Student Union Building.

All voting is done online and voting is underway today until midnight.

The election Web site can be reached at www.linnbenton.edu/election, or by going to the LBCC Web site and click on "election."

ASG puts hold on peace poles, canopies for graduation

by Monica Gizowski
 of The Commuter

Last week, the Associated Student Government learned that their plan to purchase canopies to keep graduates dry on Commencement Day was not supported by the Facilities Department.

Advisor Tammi Paul-Bryant, announced that the facilities department did not support the canopy proposal because it would introduce additional work. However, a forecast of rain on Commencement Day may cause the facilities department to change its position, Paul-Bryant said.

The student government also decided not to approve the installation of wooden "peace poles" around the Courtyard. Officers did say there was enough money in the budget to pay the \$1,200 cost of placing the poles in the Courtyard, but they wanted to wait and see if any other ideas come up for using the money.

The poles would have been paid for from a



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ASG officers discuss issues at their regular weekly meeting on Wednesday.

special-project fund that has over \$4,000 earmarked for projects that benefit students. ASG decided to use part of the money to purchase and place recycling bins around campus. The recycling bins would cost around \$3,000.

ASG meetings are held every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Life & Leadership office. All students are welcome to attend and voice their opinions.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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Chocolate Heaven

Culinary arts student Jay Garrison (right) sets out more petit fours at LBCC's table at last Saturday's annual Chocolate Fantasy in Corvallis, while Josh Atchley, Katie Newton and Lynette Hickman (below) watch customers snatch goodies from their table. The students made a traditional Italian dessert with lady fingers and marsala custard for the event, which was well received but did not win one of the top two prizes. Other students who participated were Neal Schaub, Mike Wolodkewitsch and Katie Newton.



Photos by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Current society lacks direction of traditional tribal cultures

by Gina Mackey
for The Commuter

Native Americans once said that it takes an entire village to raise a child. We seem to have forgotten the wisdom of this statement. Our youth have been left to their own devices to determine their place among society. Generations search in vain for meaning to their lives.

In ancient tribal cultures, tattoos and body piercing served many purposes including a coming-of-age celebration. By adopting ancient tribal traditions, our youth have begun to define their own place in society and have perhaps begun to make a change in how we raise our children and live our lives.

Body markings were introduced to the West by sailors that had encountered the arts while traveling in the Orient and island regions. Facial tattoos were found among the Maori people of New Zealand. Intricate full-body tattoos called Irezumi were worn by the Japanese.

Scarification was found in several cultures including Africa. Ear and lip plugs were worn by peoples in Borneo, China and Mexico. Until relatively recently in this country, these arts have been associated only with military personnel and members of an unsavory subculture, but as more ordinary people seek out this form of expression it has become almost mainstream.

Americans have no significant rite of passage to welcome children into adulthood, other than acquiring the legal right to drink alcohol, use tobacco products, and fight and die in wars. In contrast, ancient tribal cultures clearly communicated their children's entry into adulthood through elaborate celebrations that usually involved some form of body marking. At that time they were honored and

valued as productive adult members of society.

Most state laws do not allow tattoos or body piercing for anyone under the age of eighteen. Perhaps coincidentally, today's youth have begun to use these same methods of marking the body as an indication of their own adult status.

Sometimes this is the first independent, adult decision that they will make. Rev. Ford D. Bond states that body mutilations are not simply a trend, but a symptom of a larger issue that signals a moral shift in our culture away from Christianity.

The outdated opinions of Rev. Bond and others only serve to ostracize youth, and further reject adult status and the contributions that they should be allowed to make to their families and their communities.

A member of The Tribe, based

in San Francisco, says that they believe body markings and other tribal traditions help reconnect them to the world and emphasize their own identity.

Today modern humans have attempted to raise their children, using vastly different techniques than were used in tribal communities. Over the years we have watched our society deteriorate and our children grow more distant from the family unit.

Recently our children have begun to seek out traditions and forms of self-expression that have been lost. In doing so they have opened the doorway for much needed improvements.

They have reclaimed the tribal traditions of celebrating a child's metamorphosis into an adult and honoring their community and family. Imagine the world that we would live in if the entire village raised children.

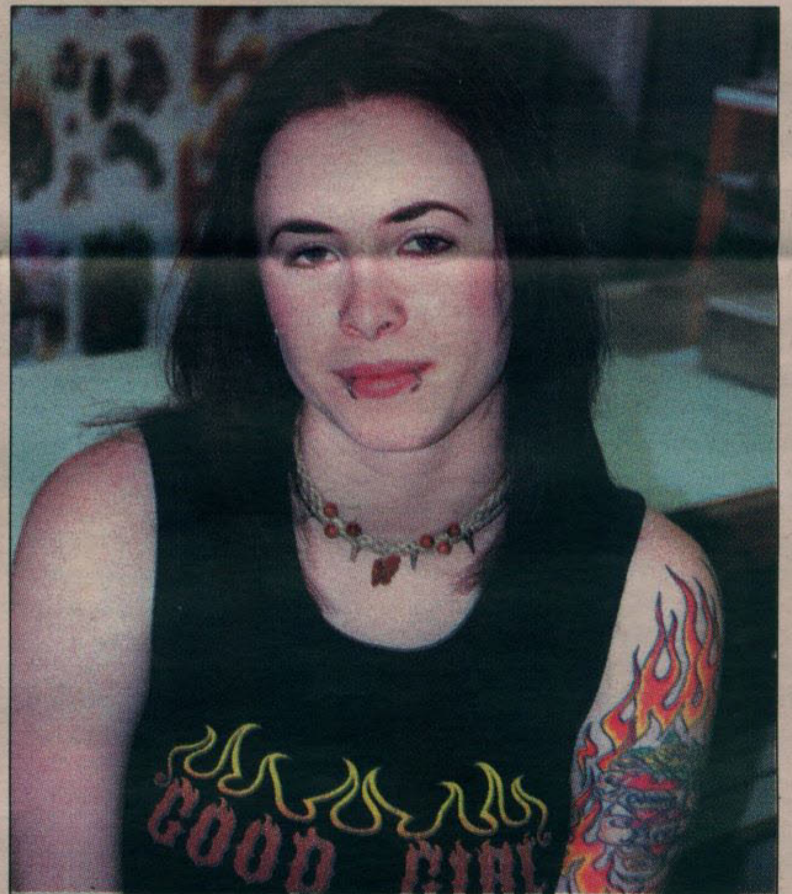


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National anti-war group seeks peace with Ancient Greek comedic play 'Lysistrata'

for the Commuter

The LBCC Peace Institute is sponsoring a reading of the 2,300 year-old Greek anti-war comedy "Lysistrata" on March 3 in Education Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th Street, Corvallis at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"Everyone is welcome to read," says Jane White, organizer of the event. "I'll have scripts available."

The local play reading is part of the international "Lysistrata" Project, in which theater artists from all over the world are raising their collective voice in protest against possible war with Iraq by producing readings of the anti-war classic on the same day. The readings have become the first-ever worldwide theater event for peace.

To date, 694 play readings are scheduled in 41 countries and in all 50 states to voice opposition to the war on Iraq; those numbers increase hourly.

The projects will raise money for charities working for peace and humanitarian aid in the Middle East.

Written by the ancient Greek dramatist Aristophanes (c. 447 - c. 385 b.c.e.), "Lysistrata" tells the story of a group of women from opposing city-states who unite in Athens to end the Peloponnesian War.

After matronly "storm troopers" take over the building where

public funds are kept, the women rise up to end the war by withholding sex from their mates until; desperate for intimacy; the men agree to lay down their swords and find a way to achieve peace through diplomacy.

The "Lysistrata" Project was conceived just six weeks ago by New York actors Kathryn Blume and Sharron Bower.

"Before we started the 'Lysistrata' Project, we could do nothing but sit and watch in horror as the Bush Administration drove us toward a unilateral attack on Iraq," says Blume.

"I wanted to organize a reading of 'Lysistrata' in New York as a benefit for humanitarian organizations working in Iraq."

"As I shared the idea with friends, it snowballed. Before I knew it, we were producing an international grassroots peace movement by uniting the voices of theater artists throughout the world," Blume continued.

"Many people have e-mailed us to say they now feel empowered to do something, and foster dialogue in their own communities about the dangers of this war," added Bower.

"The response from those in politically unstable countries has been very moving. Some of them will have to hold their readings in the privacy of their living rooms to avoid danger. But they tell us it's worth the risk to be a part of this movement of hope."

Nationally, the 'Lysistrata' Project has four major goals:

1. To make the Bush Administration aware of the growing opposition to war on Iraq.

2. To provide events where citizens can unite to enjoy an evening of spirited, comedic theater while raising public awareness about the rising volume of the war opposition.

3. To provide a humorous entree into a healthy community dialogue: What CAN we do on a local level to stop "diplomacy by violence" in our world?

4. To raise money to benefit organizations working for peace.

The script White has chosen for the local reading is an adaptation by Drue Robinson Hagan, titled "Aristophanes' 'Lysistrata': A Woman's Translation."

"[This] translation was highly recommended by the project creators," White said. "I chose it because of its lilting meter and up-to-date language." White said she hopes the local presentation will help the project "send a strong message of peace to the current U.S. administration [by showing] the outrageous costs of war and the priceless benefits of peace."

ART HAPPENINGS

Folk at the Bakery

John Maddy will perform acoustic folk at New Morning Bakery in Corvallis on Friday, Feb. 28.

Bandathon

Three local acts sponsored by local businesses will present "Moonlight in Velvet" Thurs., Feb. 27 at 9 p.m. at Iovino's Ristorante, located at 126 SW First St. in Corvallis. Skarlet9 will perform cabaret and original songs in operatic, jazz and tribal styles. Top Dead Center presents improvisations in free jazz, hip-hop, ambient, experimental and electronica music styles. The duo "kid quiz" mixes vocals with piano, guitar and surprising sounds. \$6 cover charge.

Art in the Cafe

Students in Analee Fuentes Drawing II class are exhibiting pencil drawing of plants in the Courtyard Cafe for the next few weeks. The drawings were done about two

weeks. The drawings were done about two weeks ago when the class visited the LBCC Greenhouse at the invitation of horticulture instructor Greg Paulson. Students were experimenting with the teachings of cross-hatching, cross-contours and line technique.

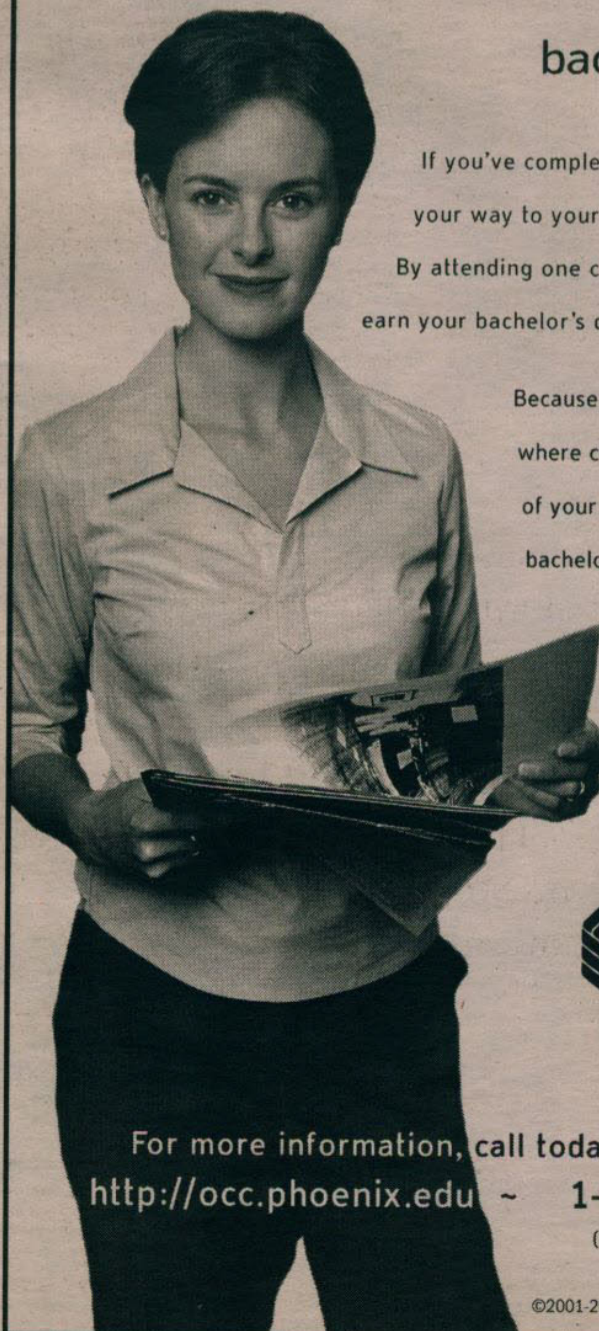
Valley Writers Series

Presents Ellen Beier, children's book illustrator, will present a 40-minute slide show titled "Anne of Green Gables: from Story to Book" Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Library.

ACT Presents 'King Lear'

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Volunteers help save injured wildlife at Chintimini

"It's not just about wildlife. It's caring about how we humans impact the environment, the world that supports us all, and how each and every one of us can make a difference."

▶ Jeff Picton

by Thomas Lin
 of The Commuter

Monday morning, Presidents' Day: A varied thrush arrives at Chintimini's reception area in a large white cardboard box. It had been left on the doorstep at a vet clinic. But vets don't take wild animals.

Jeff Picton opens the box, surveying the damage. It looks like the work of an outdoor cat. Volunteers Allison Walker and Stacy Couch take the thrush to a converted mobile office that serves as onsite clinic.

The clinic has four rooms: a treatment center, complete with x-ray and anesthesia machines, surgical equipment and a pharmacy; an office with a telephone and computer; a kitchen with a refrigerator and tubs of animal feed; and a waiting room stacked with homemade cages. Walker and Couch clean the wound, then cage the bird in the back room where a duck, barn owl and two red-tailed hawks also await treatment.

"It's not just about wildlife," said Picton, 46, who founded Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (CWRC) in 1989. "It's caring about how we humans impact the environment, the world that supports us all, and how each and every one of us can make a difference."

Walker, who has volunteered here for five and a half years and is now also the board president, said she heard about CWRC from a pre-vet friend. "At first, I didn't know if I had enough time to do it. But now I spend almost 20 hours a week here."

In the kitchen, Walker and Couch begin preparing food for their patients. Walker takes out a bowl filled with dead chicks and cuts them into bite-sized pieces. Couch, in her third week of volunteer training, mixes mealworms with grass and cat food.

With a biology degree and extensive fieldwork with seabirds under her belt, Couch is no newcomer to wildlife. She said she learned about CWRC on the Internet and decided to volunteer.

As a nonprofit organization, Chintimini depends on volunteers and donations. "At any given time, we have about 60 volunteers working at CWRC," Picton said. "Together, they put in approximately 10,000 hours a year. Eighty percent of our funding comes from individual donations; the rest is from grants, merchandise sales and special fund-raising events."

Most of the volunteers take turns working animal care shifts every morning and evening. This involves feeding the animals as well as cleaning up after them. Volunteers also keep daily records and perform basic treatment procedures.

"We have some people who come in and all they do is clean," Walker said. "One woman came in and autoclaved every single one of the syringes and put them all in containers. Everything was cleaned out." She added that Chintimini also needs people to man booths at community events like Da Vinci Days.

The work here is not glamorous. But for the volunteers who give up hours of

their time, it has its rewards. "It's neat when we get to release an animal, because that's our main goal," Walker said. "It's also great because I get to see the people who bring the animals in, and they're so grateful that someone is out there to help them. I keep thinking of communities that don't have anything like this. What do they do? They see this injured animal around. They don't know what to do. Vets won't take them. The Humane Society won't take them."

It's 10 a.m. and the food is ready. Walker and Couch take out one of the red-tailed hawks and inspect its injured wing. They clean its wound and its cage before putting it back in. They get the other hawk, the one that won't eat, and put it on a scale. It has lost weight. Taking pieces of chick meat, they force-feed it.

Picton walks into the office and listens to the messages on the answering machine. One is from a man with an injured wild turkey near his home. Picton calls the man and they discuss how to get the animal to the center.

Walker has just finished washing the animal bowls. Couch begins to mop the floor as Walker gets more chick parts to feed Junior, a turkey vulture.

Junior has been here seven years. Unable to be released, he has become one of the nine birds in the CWRC education program. At the request of schools, clubs and other groups, the education team uses these birds to teach about wildlife behavior and natural history.

"The vast majority of the animals that come to us are victims of encounters with humans or their technology," Picton explained. "There is no question that we humans have the potential to influence everything around us. History has shown that mostly we end up screwing up when it comes to the environment. We need to be responsible for our actions and realize that if we don't change the trend, future generations will suffer the consequences."

Chintimini also has an internship program with OSU and Linn-Benton where students can learn about wildlife care while earning credits for biology, zoology and pre-vet classes.

It's now 5:30 in the evening. Picton and two other volunteers, Lindsay Starr and April Harding, stand around the operating table in the treatment center. Their first patient is the turkey, which had been brought in earlier that afternoon.

Harding, an OSU graduate with a zoology degree, clasps the turkey's legs to keep them from kicking. The anesthesia machine sends isoflurine through a corrugated plastic tube that has a cup at the other end. Holding the cup over the turkey's beak, Starr, a second year LB student, gets the bird to sleep.

Picton starts by cleaning out the large open gash in the turkey's hindquarters. He wipes away dirt, removing larger debris with metal tweezers. Harding has her hands full when the turkey wakes and kicks its feet. Fortunately, it quickly goes back to sleep.

After much effort, Picton is able to close the wide opening with sutures. He applies antibiotic ointment and a big



Jeff Picton and Lindsay Starr tend to the injured wing of a red-tailed hawk (above) at the Chintimini Center. Starr, at right, who is a second-year LBCC student, gives a wild turkey an anesthetic before treatment. Picton founded the wildlife rehabilitation center in Corvallis about 14 years ago. Students from LBCC's pre-vet and biology programs can intern at the center under the Cooperative Work Experience Program.

Photos by Thomas Lin



adhesive bandage. He turns off the gas, but the turkey's neck hangs limply as he weighs the bird. It wakes and puts up a fight before being force-fed its medicine and going back in its cage.

"For the past few years," Picton said, "we have averaged 800 to 850 animals per year. Our overall release rate is somewhere around 40 percent, which is about average for rehab centers. This doesn't seem very high, so let me clarify; many of the animals we take in have to be euthanized immediately because their injuries are so severe we cannot repair them. If you look at the release rate for the animals that we treat and keep for a while, it's quite a bit higher."

But nonprofits like Chintimini are not immune to the economic downturn. "Our annual expenses to run CWRC, minus salaries, is approximately \$45,000," Picton said. "Depending on the level of donations each year, the rest of our budget goes to salaried positions. If we have a good year, we hire several veterinary technicians for the summer and a part-time administrative assistant throughout the year. I am the only year-round employee, and my salary is also dependent upon the level of donations."

"During the past year, I have only been paid half-time, we have not been able to hire an administrative assistant, and I don't know at this point if we will

have the funds to hire any vet techs this summer, which could have a definite impact on our ability to provide adequate care for the injured and orphaned wild animals."

CWRC takes donations in the form of money, materials, equipment and volunteer hours. Useful materials range from AstroTurf to dog and cat food. Old phonebooks come in handy too as toys for Junior to tear up.

The turkey has taken almost an hour and a half. Picton, Starr and Harding work on the duck's infected eye, clean and wrap up the red-tailed hawk's injured wing, and amputate the barn owl's infected toe. It's 8 p.m. when the volunteers get in their cars and drive away. Picton stays a while to clean up, then walks up the gravel drive and he is home.

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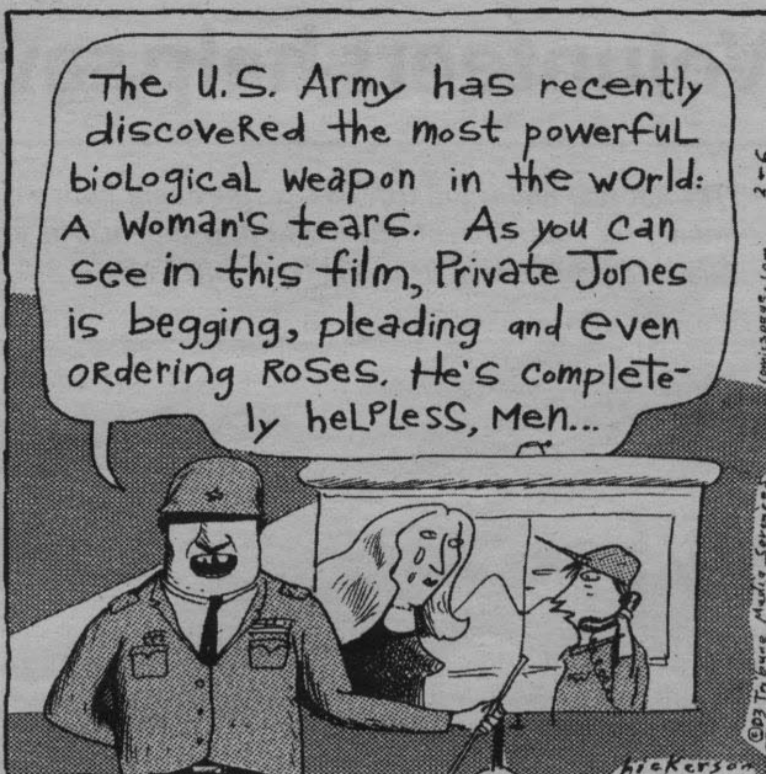
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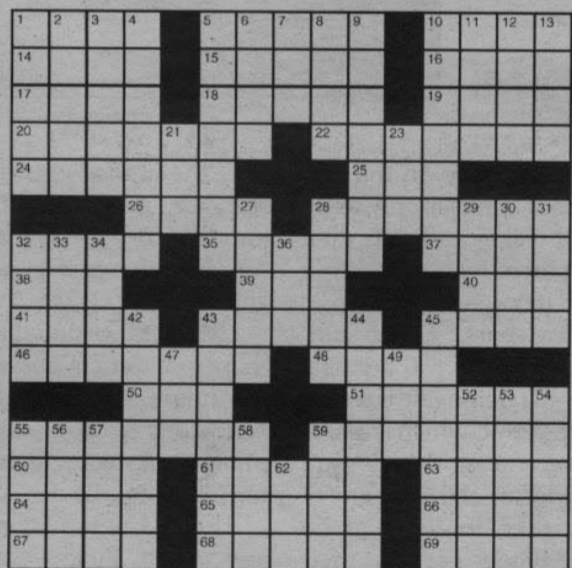
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SPORTS

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Spread thinner, the ladies drop two on road

by Thomas M'Geary
 of The Commuter

The Lady Roadrunners dropped two games on the road last week, traveling south to Coos Bay where they lost to the Lakers 60-73 on Wednesday and then heading north to Portland, where they dropped another game to the Panthers 77-90.

The team was stretched even thinner when two players were dismissed from the team on Friday for disciplinary reasons.

The inside attack of Kimberlie West fueled the Runner's only chance for victory against the Lakers, as she had a double-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and five steals. Janine Dionne followed with two steals, five assists, three rebounds and six points.

Her sister Jennifer came off the bench to contribute five points, three rebounds and one steal. Marissa Higgins also had a strong game, leading the team with 21 points, and also collecting six assists and two steals.

With this loss, the Lady Runners fell two games behind the Lakers and landed in sixth place in the league standings.

Things only got worse for the Lady Runners on Saturday when they took on the Panthers in Portland. PCC was still looking for its first win of the season and the down-and-out Runners were easy prey for the hungry Panthers.

Not to be completely devoured, the Lady Runners fought hard. Higgins scored 34 points, Jennifer Dionne 10 and Janine Dionne 16.

The loss brings LBCC to 3-10 in the regular season and 7-17 overall.

The women travel to Eugene to play Lane tonight. The game is going to be tough, as Lane is tied for second in the South Division and already thinking of the post season.

Jesse Ziegler, a freshman who is returning next year, said the returning players are looking forward to a better season next year.

"We know what we have to work on—quicker feet, starting a game strong and (finding) some bigger players," she said.

"With Portland we were overconfident and we were manhandled. We are able to step up to tough teams like Umpqua and Chemeketa, but slow starts have hurt us all year."



Photo by Thomas Lin

Coach A.J. Dionne huddles with her team during a time out in a recent game. Players (top left moving clockwise) Jennifer Dionne, Jessie Ziegler, Kandice McGlung, Coach A.J., Marisa Higgins, Janine Dionne and Kimberlie West.

SPORTS LETTER

Writer needs to resolve issues

It must be pretty obvious that "Mr." Reid has not had his sleep and was a little bit cranky when he submitted his latest piece (Feb. 12) to The Commuter in "Sports Rant."

He must have fell pretty hard off the Tyson Chandler bandwagon, because he has no sense of respect at all for LeBron James' game. This guy drops 50 on a whim against the top competition. Inside, outside, wherever on the court, he's hot. And to top it all off he has superior court vision.

And you wonder why Kobe has been puttin' up 40 like it was nothing, 'cause he knows that Lebron is coming up and will be in the house soon.

Yes, Jered admits that he is great, but then goes on to knock on the most respected basketball platform in the world for collegiate sports.

I am thinking there must be a few underlying issues in Jered's childhood that haven't been resolved.

▶ Abraham Mross
 Computer User Support Major

Runners light up scoreboard to capture 102-98 victory

by Thomas M'Geary
 of The Commuter

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the Roadrunner men's basketball team traveled to Coos Bay to take on the Southwest Community College Lakers, who were a game ahead in the standings.

The men lost 93-70 and lost any play-off hopes. They followed with a tough win on Saturday against Portland Community College, 102-98.

Against Southwest Oregon, SWOCC's Perkins registered a triple double with 24 points, 13 rebounds, 11 assists and seven steals.

With two other SWOCC players putting up double digits, the attack from the Runners was mightily thwarted.

Ryan Schmidt contributed with 17 points, Byron Orth with 13, and Peter Nunn with 12 points, seven rebounds.

Facing the Portland Panthers, Linn-Benton's fierce attack met defiance from a tough Panther team that did not want to go out of the season with only a single win.

The Panther's John Pete led his team with 35 impressive points. The Runners spread the floor and Schmidt and Orth both registered a game high of 28

points and nine and eight rebounds, respectively.

The game was full of intensity, similar to the Jan. 25 match at home where Linn-Benton was finally able to pull away from the resistant Panther team in the final five minutes. Tyler Steinke scored 10 points and put in an important seven assists. Kyler Shinn also had 10 points.

Tonight the Roadrunners will travel to Eugene to take on Lane, which will be a rematch of the home loss the Roadrunners suffered in the final seconds on Jan. 15.

A win will give the team a big ego booster to end the season.

STANDINGS

TEAM	MEN LEAGUE - OVERALL		TEAM	WOMEN LEAGUE - OVERALL	
	LEAGUE	OVERALL		LEAGUE	OVERALL
Clackamas	10-3	19-7	Chemeketa	11-2	22-3
Lane	9-4	19-6	Clackamas	10-3	21-4
Mt. Hood	9-4	13-10	Lane	10-3	20-6
Umpqua	7-6	13-12	Umpqua	10-3	19-7
SW Oregon	7-6	15-10	SW Oregon	5-8	10-15
Linn-Benton	5-8	10-15	Linn-Benton	3-10	7-17
Chemeketa	4-9	10-15	Mt. Hood	2-11	3-21
Portland	1-12	7-17	Portland	1-12	2-21

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME:
Wed Feb 26	Lane C.C.	Eugene	5:30 & 7:30
Fri Mar 7-10	NWAACC	Tri-Cities, WA	TBA
Sun Mar 16	All Star	Gresham	TBA

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Supreme Court hears case on police search rights

by Stephen Henderson
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

Naked, wet and covered in soap, Lashawn Banks walked out of his bathroom one day in 1998 to find masked officers of the North Las Vegas police and the FBI rummaging through his stuff, searching for drugs.

The authorities had bashed in his front door while Banks was showering, after knocking, then waiting 15 or 20 seconds with no response.

Banks was surprised, to say the least. The cops were quick to accommodate him with underwear to cover himself — and just as fast to arrest him for the crack cocaine and the gun they found in his home.

On Monday, the Supreme Court agreed to rule whether the authorities over-stepped their bounds, violating the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable search and seizure. Banks says he never had a chance to grant or deny entry to the police. The government says police need leeway to make judgment calls about the swiftness with which they forcibly enter the homes of suspected criminals.

The court will hear arguments from both sides in the fall.

"This may really come down to quibbling over a

question of time," said Sam Dash, a professor of law at Georgetown University and a former district attorney from Philadelphia. "I mean, if they had waited 10 minutes, would he still have been in the shower? The court historically has looked for ways to establish reasonable rules that let the police do their jobs without scaring the hell out of people in their houses."

The case turns on the so-called "knock and announce" requirements, which have their roots in old English prohibitions against the king's sheriffs barging in unannounced to people's homes to issue writs.

The rules say that even if they have a search warrant — as the police in Banks' case did — officers are required to first knock on someone's door, say who they are and demand entrance. They can use force to gain entry only if they are refused admittance, if they believe their lives are in danger or if they have reason to suspect that evidence is being destroyed.

The rules exist for two reasons: to protect citizens from Gestapolike home invasions, and to protect officers, who could be shot by citizens who haven't been assured that it's the police — and not burglars — who are kicking in the door.

In Banks' case, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decided that his circumstances presented no such ex-

trema case. The officers who knocked at his door had no reason to believe he was destroying evidence, and Banks' lack of response didn't amount to a refusal of entry. Plus, the court said, 15 to 20 seconds aren't long enough to wait before breaking down a door.

But in briefs filed at the Supreme Court, U.S. Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson, arguing on behalf of the authorities, said the 9th Circuit opinion left too much uncertainty about how police should conduct searches.

Charles Weisselberg, professor of law at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, said a 2002 Supreme Court decision (U.S. v. Arvizu) about proper police procedures for searching a car might impact Banks' case.

"In that case, the court said you shouldn't look at just one factor in deciding whether a search was appropriate, but at all of the factors involved," Weisselberg said. "That would seem in conflict with what the 9th Circuit is doing here, because they seem particularly focused on the amount of time the officers waited."

Dash said it's not difficult to predict what the Supreme Court will do in this case — and they may have taken the case simply to shoot down the opinion issued by the 9th Circuit, one of the country's most liberal — and most overturned — federal courts.

New style grad schools become leaders in degrees granted

by Susan C. Thomson
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Graduate school is looking less and less like a musty library or cluttered laboratory and more and more like no-frills space in a suburban office building.

No quad. No dorms. No student union. Just classrooms, teachers and perhaps a small support staff.

This is graduate school University of Phoenix- and Webster University-style. Since its founding just 27 years ago, Phoenix has risen rapidly and now awards by far more master's degrees than any other college or university in the United States.

St. Louis-based Webster comes in third nationally in the number of master's degrees granted. In the master's sweepstakes, these two nimble, entrepreneurial universities leave in their dust such universities as Harvard, Columbia and Michigan.

The high volume comes largely from multiple, far-flung sites. Webster, which began in 1915 as a traditional bricks-and-mortar, four-year college, has remained one of those while evolving into a global system with 100 locations in North America, Europe and Asia.

Phoenix, named for the city where its main "campus" is a cluster of three office buildings, has blossomed into a network of 125 locations in 25 U.S. states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including one on the LBCC campus in Room IA-225.

Their market — for both their graduate and undergraduate degrees — is working adults over age 25.

There are thousands of learners like Bob Huffman of Orlando, Fla., and Roger Windell of St. Louis. Both were looking for advanced degrees they could put to

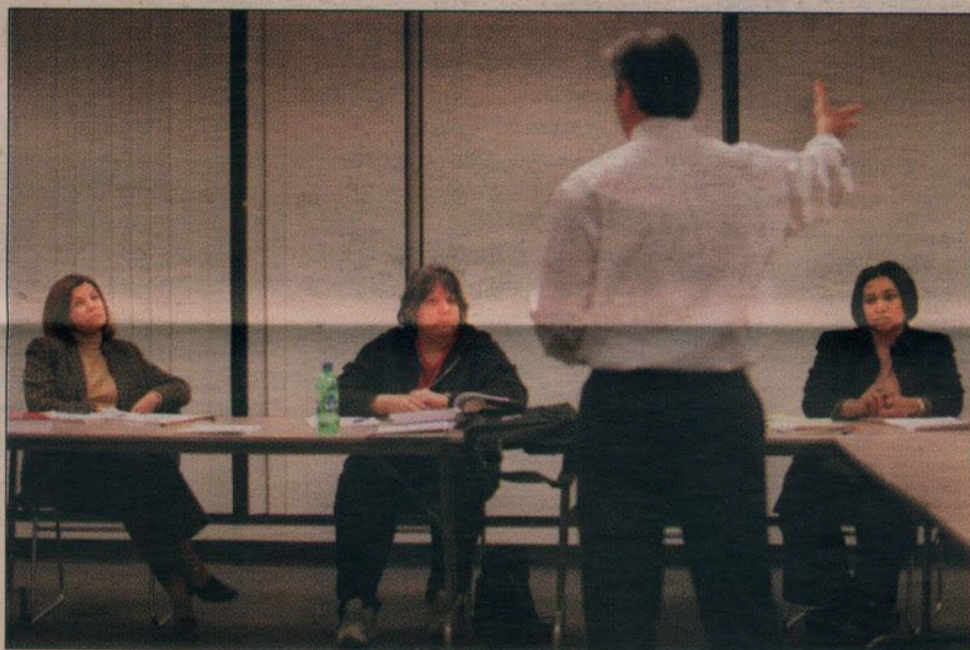


Photo by Karen Elshout
Lawyer Dave Fahrenkamp, an instructor at the University of Phoenix St. Louis Campus, illustrates a point about law education in the workplace during his class.

work — Huffman as customer service manager for the national AAA, Windell as assistant administrator at the Salvation Army's Hope Center for Children.

In a credentials-conscious age, master's degrees have become a growth industry. Between 1989-90 and 1999-2000, the number awarded nationally ballooned 41 percent to 457,056, the fastest rate of increase for any kind of college degree, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

The most popular master's were in education and business, which together accounted for slightly more than half the total. Health professions, with a little less than one-tenth, came in third.

Public appetite for advanced career-enhancing, postgraduate education in

these disciplines has grown faster than the capacity of campus-bound, traditional universities to satisfy it.

Enter Webster and Phoenix.

They're graduate schools for people who don't want a liberal arts education. They want relevance, says Webster provost Neil George. And Robert Thach, dean of the graduate school of arts and sciences at Washington University, is all for such students and the schools that serve them.

"I think we can't have too many well-educated people, and the Webster and Phoenix universities of this world are doing an excellent job of increasing the number of master's degree holders," Thach said. "It's good for the country and I applaud it."

A traditional graduate school would have been almost impossible for Huffman or Windell, each with a job, a wife, children and many commitments. They needed part-time study, evening classes and no runaround—exactly what customer-oriented Webster and Phoenix provide.

When he got interested in a master's, Windell called Phoenix and another university, seeking details about their programs. The other university never called back. Phoenix put him right through to a counselor who invited him to an informational meeting that very night. He arrived with all of his transcripts, ready to apply. "That was on Monday, and I started class on Thursday," he said.

No standardized tests such as the Graduate Record Examination or Graduate Management Aptitude Test are required for admission to Phoenix and Webster graduate programs. Webster requires only a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Beyond that, Phoenix insists that students have a 2.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and three years of "significant" work experience, and that they be employed.

Graduate courses at both universities cost about \$400 a credit hour—about twice as much as at a state school and anywhere from two-thirds to less than half the cost of graduate courses at an elite private university.

Subscribing to that basic real estate principle of "location, location, location," Webster and Phoenix pointedly set up in places easy for students to get to — suburban office buildings, often near major highways, with ample parking right outside the door, and also at community college campuses, such as LBCC.

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