



Photo by Roger Lebar

Except for a couple of fallen trees, the LBCC campus escaped serious damage from the wind and rain storms that battered Western Oregon in late December.

Budget debate delays cuts due to Measure 47

LB awaits legislative action before deciding on budget

by Allison Ross
of The Commuter

Although many of Oregon's community colleges have already begun to make cuts due to measure 47, LBCC is postponing any major decisions until the fate of the state's "2 percent kicker" is known, according to President Jon Carnahan.

The 2 percent kicker amounts to \$383 million—revenue the state collected from income taxes that was more than 2 percent over the amount actually budgeted for the past two years. Such excess revenue, by law, would normally go back to the local taxpayers in the form of refunds.

Gov. Kitzhaber has proposed using the kicker and part of the state's General Fund to replace lost revenue due to Measure 47. But Carnahan said Monday that the House and the Senate will have to agree on this decision.

There are still two more revenue projections to come in April or May and the Legislature is likely to wait until then to make its final decision. Until then, Carnahan plans to try to save resources and limit expenditures as much as possible.

"I don't want to make any decisions that would reshape the way we do business," he said Monday. Considering this debate may not be settled until May or June, he said he doesn't want to make cuts now and then find out later that the college didn't need to make them.

Last week Portland Community College announced several thousand dollars in cuts in their 1997-98 budget, which

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Storms cause locals to see visions of arks

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

Ever since December of 1995, people in the Willamette Valley have been a little more conscientious about Mother Nature and have learned to expect the worst.

From the torrential winds that battered us just before Christmas a year ago to the extreme flooding that dampened everyone in February. Just when we began to think that there was no relief in sight, out came the sun, and boy did it burn.

The scorching weather beared down on everyone for months. Then, just when some were actually praying for more rain, our calls were answered once again.

By Halloween the surrounding mountains were already being masked by snow and the valleys were starting to fill up with water. Once November rolled around the locals were expecting the worst once again, and boy did they get it. In two

months the valley was hit by another set of weather disasters. It flooded again in November, causing many roads to be, once again, closed due to high water. But that was just the beginning.

Between Thanksgiving and the new year, residents had been compromised again by gale-force winds, icy road conditions and rising river levels.

Now that winter term has started at LBCC, students have been able to get together to tell their horror stories. Some had been trapped at their homes, the conditions leaving them isolated from the rest of civilization; others were stranded far away from their homes.

Matt Garnet, a Kiger Island resident, was stuck at his house for the better part of three days because of severe flooding of the Willamette near Corvallis. "I was getting up one morning thinking that I should pack some stuff up and leave. I knew that I was going to get trapped if I hung around much longer. But

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"Living near the river has its advantages, but lately I definitely have noticed the disadvantages."

—Gregg McKastle

Student frustrated by repeated tire-slashing incidents at LBCC

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

One student's winter term got off to a miserable start when she walked out to the parking lot last Tuesday and saw that her tires had been slashed.

Marguerite Hoffman, 46, a computer science major from Lebanon, found four flat, punctured tires on her 1975 Dodge Dart as she prepared to leave campus at 4:45 p.m. This is not the first time she had a problem with someone vandalizing her car.

"I know who did it," Hoffman said. "He slashed two of my tires on Christmas Eve and did the same thing about a year ago." Unfortunately, without any witnesses, the police say there is little they can do.

Hoffman notified campus security, who then called the Albany Police, who took a telephone report of the incident but can do little else unless someone who saw

the crime comes forward with a description of the culprit. If there are no witnesses, the report will be filed, possibly to be used if the culprit targets her again and is caught.

Campus Security officer Vern Jackson said certain students have been the victims of repeat vandalism in the past.

"We had a problem with it (tire slashing) about two years ago," Jackson said. "It's usually individuals who are targeted. It isn't a random thing."

Hoffman agrees. "Isn't it a little unlikely for one person to have six tires slashed within 14 days in two different towns?"

The repeated damage has taken its toll financially. "I'm on financial aid. I'm not working, and I don't have much cash," Hoffman said. "I'm not sure how I'm going to replace them."



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Off-Season Workout

Roadrunner Mickey Lydic pitches to Domingo Amaya in a baseball class held in the Activities Center last week. The class is set up for the team to stay in shape and get in some practice during the wet winter months.

Winter storms give residents Christmas they'll remember

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by time I was ready to take off, it was too late. The river was already too high. I ended up staying at home for the next three days, and part of those days I had no power."

"Living near the river has its advantages, but lately I definitely have noticed the disadvantages," said Gregg McKastle, a Corvallis resident. "I love being right on the river—it's beautiful. I can fish whenever I want. But in the past year, I have had the basement of my house flooded twice. I didn't have any real damage done other than some erosion, but it is still a little frustrating."

"Getting this much rain every year is ridiculous," said Beverly Holmes of Sweet Home. "I love Oregon because we get a little bit of everything (weather). I like the summers because it doesn't get too hot; the fall is beautiful. I love the winter, too. But this year was a different case. I couldn't believe how much rain we got. I was one step away from building an ark."

The rains were not the only thing that kept the locals at bay. The high winds that hit on New Year's Eve also presented a problem for many.

"I was sitting in my house listening to music when all of the sudden I heard an explosion."

—Marry Glanville

Kris Lisen spent most of his break cleaning up after the many storms that blew through the region. "I live up on the hill behind Timberhill Athletic Club in Corvallis. I spent most of my time dragging debris from here to there. Everywhere I looked there was a downed tree or fallen branches. I must have put in a 40-hour week just cleaning up after Mother Nature.

"This is the first year in quite awhile that I didn't get to enjoy my Christmas," said Tina Creswell of Philomath. "Just before Christmas I had a big fir tree get uprooted by the wind. It came down in my kitchen and den. When I got home and saw the damage, all I could do was cry. I couldn't help but feel that God had something to do with me not being home. I feel very lucky that I or nobody else was hurt in the accident."

"I was sitting in my house listening to music when all of the sudden I heard an explosion," explained Marry Glanville of Corvallis. "It must have been a transformer blowing up. At that moment I lost power. It kind of made my night a disaster, but I guess that you have to roll with the punches if you want to live in the Northwest."

Doug Clark finds C-SPAN workshop helpful

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Students in Doug Clark's political science classes received a letter from him the first day of class which opened: "As you receive this packet, I am in Washington, D.C."

Clark, attended C-SPAN's Winter 1997 Seminar for Professors Jan. 6-7 at C-SPAN headquarters in the nation's capital.

He joined 35 other college and university professors from across the country in workshops and panel discussions on creative ways to use C-SPAN's public affairs programming in the college classroom and in research.

The seminar brought together professors from disciplines

as diverse as political science, journalism, speech, communications and public policy to develop class curricula that can be used in conjunction with C-SPAN.

Clark was selected through a competitive application process open to all 4,900 college faculty members of C-SPAN in the Classroom, the cable television network's free national membership service for educators. Eligibility to attend the seminar is one of the benefits provided to C-SPAN in the Classroom members.

Clark has used some of C-SPAN's videotaped speeches in his classroom and assigned students to watch the cable network's program "America and the Courts."

PTK announces induction, encourages prospective members to get involved

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's honor society, will hold its monthly members' meetings today, Jan. 15, and tomorrow, Jan. 16, at noon in IC-105, near the greenhouse.

All members and interested students are encouraged to attend. Topics to be discussed include the spring study topic program on the arts, nomination of new officers and the induction of new members.

Nearly 700 letters were mailed out Jan. 3 inviting qualified LBCC students to join this international honor society. Anyone who has earned a 3.5 or higher GPA for 12 or more credits is eligible to join.

Prospective members may attend any

of the four orientation meetings scheduled for Monday, Jan. 20 and Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 12 noon and 3 p.m. each day in IC-105.

Even though LBCC will be closed Monday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the meetings will be held. The closest parking is near the Family Resource Center. From there, walk between the greenhouse and the Industrial C building to Room 105.

Induction of new members will be on Friday Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Forum with a candle lighting ceremony and special speaker LBCC President Jon Carnahan.

Anyone unable to attend the meetings or desiring more information may contact advisor Rosemary Bennett at ext. 4780 or stop by Takena Room 101.

Tuition hikes, bond issues also limited

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it said were needed to prepare for Measure 47. Mt. Hood, Clackamas and Rogue also announced cuts.

Carnahan said he is also concerned with some other effects of Measure 47, which will impact the college in the future. One is a provision that makes it nearly impossible to raise tuition (it must be voted on by the district with a 50 percent turnout). Another provision prohibits using bond measures for technology, equipment and maintenance. Carnahan said these will affect future resources more than lost property taxes.

An e-mail box has been set up for suggestions from staff or students. The address on the college-wide GroupWise system is: 47ideas. The Internet address is 47ideas@gw.lbcc.cc.or.us.

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The Quarterly Shuffle

Students line up at the Registration counter to add and drop classes. According to Teresa Patterson in Admissions, overall numbers were down 1.75 percent at the end of the first week of classes.

Candidates file for LBCC's Board of Education

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Candidates for four of the seven positions on LBCC's Board of Education will be listed on the March 11 mail ballot.

Those who filed by the Jan. 9 deadline are: Zone 2-3, Albany, Ed House, current member, and Marshall Johnson; Zone 4, Lebanon, a two-year unexpired term, Hal Brayton, current (appointed) mem-

ber; Zone 5, rural Benton County, Richard Wendland, current member, and John Claxton; and Zone 6-7, Corvallis, Tom Wogaman, current member.

Oregon state law now requires that all school board elections be held only in odd-numbered years, beginning in 1997, rather than every year as in the past. To accommodate this new law, LBCC Board positions that would have become va-

cant in 1996 and 1998 had one year added to their four-year terms. Four positions will be open in 1998, including Zone 4, which will return to its regular four-year term.

The remaining Board of Education members for Linn-Benton Community College are Shirley Buttonhoff, Sweet Home; Sara Ingle, Corvallis; and Joseph Novak, Albany.

Albany's Karate Kid claims World Championship

At the age of six, Corey Tucker of Albany began his martial arts career. Although he was smaller than the other children and lacked self-confidence at first, near the end of his first year of training Tucker gained enough confidence to enter his first karate tournament. He placed second in sparring and third in forms in this small inter-school competition.

By the time he was nine years old, Tucker had gained the skills and points to receive an invitation to the World Championships in Hollywood, Calif. where the top 10 in each region compete.

Tucker came away with fifth in fighting and seventh in weapons against stiff competition. Tucker expressed disappointment with his placement because he usually won in all his divisions in the Northwest. He said he didn't think he could compete successfully at this level.

Eventually, Tucker decided he wanted to try again, so he changed his fighting

style and increased his level of difficulty on forms and weapons. He received his black belt in August 1996, after six years of training.

When the 1996 ratings came out, Tucker was rated number one for his age division in Oregon, sixth in the United States, and seventh in the world. Along with his coach, James Butler, and his family, Tucker decided it was time for him to enter the Super Grand Championships which were held Nov. 26 through Dec. 1 in Washington, D.C.

Five thousand competitors from fifty countries attended, representing all styles. Tucker competed in three different divisions, placing ninth, twelfth and twelfth.

The final day, his last division was

scheduled—advanced fighting. After five fights, only Tucker and a boy from North Carolina remained.

The match ended in a 6-to-6 tie, putting it in sudden death overtime, with the first point to win. Tucker's successful strategy brought him the victory, and he was declared the World Champion of the 10- and 11-year-old advanced fighting class.

Coach Butler was given an award for Northwest promoter of the year at the awards banquet.

Participating in this event would not have been possible without the support of many Albany-area businesses and individuals who donated time and money, for which Butler and Tucker are very grateful.

Emergency Evacuation of People with Disabilities

Elevators should not be used as a means of emergency evacuation. During an emergency evacuation, persons who require assistance moving from the 2nd floor to the ground level should meet at the top of the stairs between the Cafeteria and Business Building, right above the fountain. Should a fire or other hazardous condition occur in that area, persons requiring assistance should go to the enclosed staircase between Takena Hall and the Health Occupations Building. Trained LBCC staff will be available at one of these locations to assist in evacuation.

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Deadline to submit writing for Eloquent Umbrella extended

by Anthony Pinto
of The Commuter

The Eloquent Umbrella has a new, later deadline.

The last day you can submit writing or visual arts for LBCC's student creative arts journal has been moved to Jan. 21.

So, if you thought that you were going to be late, you still have a chance to make the deadline. Linda Smith hopes for a great turnout for this year's edition, which is due out in spring.

To submit your poetry, fiction, essays, art work, photographs, or design work to The Eloquent Umbrella contact Linda Smith at home at 753-3335 or drop off entries at the office in AHSS-108.

Health Van changes day to Wednesdays

The Linn County Health Van will now be on the LBCC campus on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays.

This is a mobile clinic, but most medical services are available, such as physical exams, immunizations, women's health care services, sexual transmitted disease screening and treatment, and sports physicals. Although there will be a sliding fee charged to users of the service, no one will be turned away. You may call to make an appointment, but drop-ins are welcome, too.

The clinic is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and will be located immediately south of the College Center.

Appointments can be made by calling 967-3888 or 1-800-304-7468.

The Eloquent Umbrella, LBCC's literary and art magazine, is taking submissions for the 1997 edition. The deadline is 1-21-97.

Please send for consideration your:

- Poetry - typed or word processed, single-spaced.
- Prose - fiction or non-fiction up to 1500 words. Typewritten or word processed, double spaced.
- Art - black and white, unframed. No larger than 16 x 16.
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Please write your name and address on each submission. Include a SASE or arrange to pick up your submission personally. The Eloquent Umbrella requires one-time rights only. Previously published or subsequent submissions are fine. Mail or deliver all submissions to:
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Sprucing Up

Groundskeepers were out in force cleaning up campus last week as students began pouring in for winter term. At left, Spencer Morgan, a work study student, helps groundskeeper Mick Clark rake leaves along the edge of the courtyard. The two were among several on the grounds crew who were tidying up the campus for the beginning of a new term. Below, grounds worker Jerry Boaz adds steam to a foggy day as he uses a power washer to clean the fountain in the courtyard.



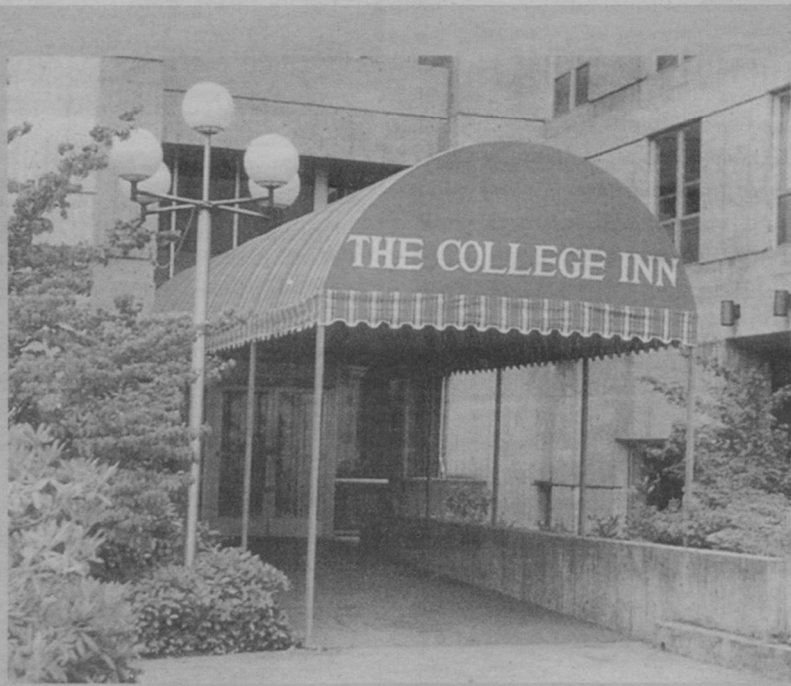
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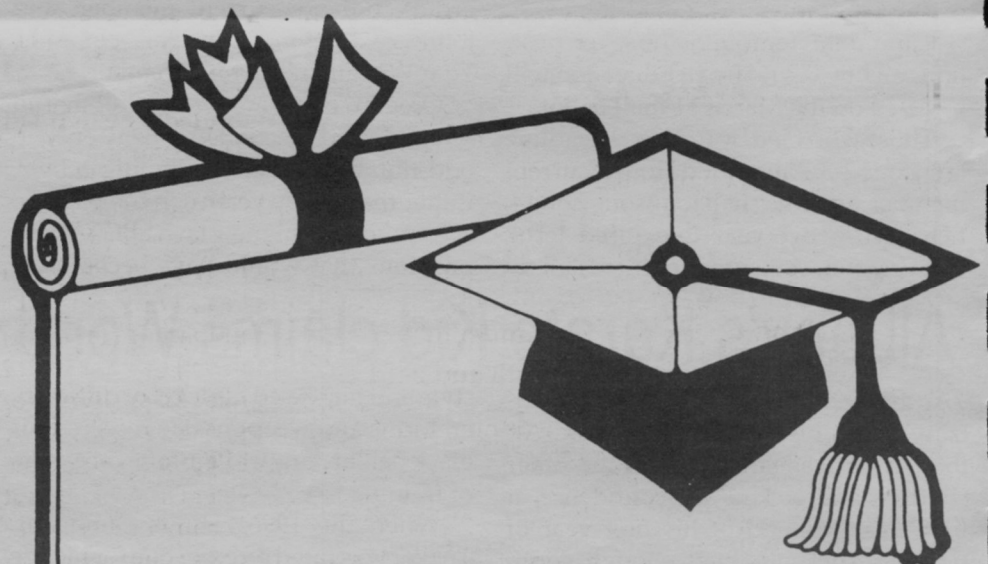
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Portland Art Museum worth taking time to explore

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

The historic old buildings and park square setting in downtown Portland gives one a small flavor of what to expect at the Portland Art Museum. With wonder and excitement you walk up the stone steps. Will you see a Monet or Picasso? The answer is yes, you will see a Monet and much, much more.

There are three floors of priceless treasures extending through two old buildings that have high open ceilings and great white pillars like in the Roman days. The rooms are empty and the walls are flat white except for the smorgasbord of beauty that sparkles upon the walls. People speak in low whispers while they stand in amazement before each item they see. They study it with eagerness as if they seek to discover the method used by the artist so that they, too, will become part of the beauty and elegance they see before them.

There are five exhibitions currently on display at the museum. Discovering Ellis Ruley, David Humes Kennerly, In The American Grain and Andrew Wyeth—The Helga Pictures, and the Electric Mind and Recent Works of Diana Thater.

Discovering Ellis Ruley is in the North Wing Grand Exhibition Hall. Ruley is a unique part of a long American art tradition. Ruley began painting around 1939-40 at the age of 57 using house paints and posterboard. Ruley died in 1957 and soon after a fire destroyed his home and most of his paintings. His art remained unknown until a California art collector, Glenn Smith, discovered them in 1989 in a New England flea market. Smith's continued search and discoveries led to the 60 paintings on display. Ruley expresses himself in primitive scenes of characters in popular culture and nature complimented by bright color combinations. The exhibition will be on display until Jan 26.

Andrew Wyeth—The Helga Pictures. Wyeth's series of Helga Testorf, a German woman who lived on a nearby farm, covered a 15-year time frame from 1971-85. Few artists, if any have covered one model for such a long time period. Wyeth began his series of Helga when she was 38 years old and finished the series when she was 53. It is enchanting to watch the transformation of biological changes that occur in Helga and the artistic growth of Wyeth by viewing the complete

series.

David Humes Kennerly (a Photojournalist who served as a White House photographer under Gerald Ford) offers a powerful exhibit of time and history that is amplified visually through photographs displaying unforgettable moments captured for future generations. Kennerly began his career working for the Oregon Journal in 1966, and his exhibit covers 30 years of memories, including emotionally explosive pictures of Vietnam, Cambodia and past University demonstrations. The dramatic collection has unique pictures of Senator Robert Kennedy, Steven Spielberg, and Fidel Castro.

The "In The American Grain" exhibition includes the paintings of five artists: Arthur Dove, Marsden Hartley, John Marin, Georgia O'Keeffe and Alfred Stieglitz of the famous Gallery 291. The collection marks the era of early American Contemporary Modernists. Arthur Dove's paintings included the "Red Sun" and "Me and the Moon" which are rich in color and mystery. Georgia O'Keeffe, well known for her pictures of the western world and Mexico catches the eye immediately. Marsden Hartley has breathtaking paintings of realism like "Sea View" and "Wood lot". John Marins' paintings of the busy bright lights of New York City life fill you with excitement. Alfred Stieglitz's collection called "equivalent series" was spellbinding. His photography of the sky and clouds in unfamiliar formations was magnificent.

Electric Mind and Recent Works, an exhibit by California artist Diana Thater, uses video to create hypnotic installations that explore the panorama of the American West and formal issues of video.

The beauty of the masterpieces and artists leaves a significant impression that you take home with you. The talent surrounds you and seems to become engraved in your experience.

The Portland Art Museum has a rotating schedule of exhibitions that are world-known. Future exhibitions include the Venetian Paintings from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation, International Print Exhibition; Munch and Women—Image and Myth, Gold, Jade and Forests the Pre-Columbian Treasures of Costa Rica and Being & Time—The Emergence of Video Projection. Located at 1219 S.W. Park Ave, Portland. For more information call 503-226-2811.

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96-97 Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program is offering tuition awards to students who meet scholarship eligibility requirements. Scholarships available in Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1997.

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The Door

What would you be
when you were a door?
When I would be a door,
I would be made from oak
with woodcarving nice and old.
Maybe I would look a little dull and bold.

When I would be a door
and the times goes by.
The seasons would come and go;
the heat of the summer and also the snow.
They would knock on me the door,
but I wouldn't let them in,
they have to stay before.

When I would be a door.
I would be stable, strong and wise.

I could tell you
the life's highest prize.

When I would be a door.
I would know everything
about love and tears.

I could tell you
about all the people fears.

When I would be a door,
people move in and move out.
I would hear their laughter
and their shout.

When I would be a door,
I would have two sides,
and inside and an outside
like two faces in one.

I could see in both sides,
the good and the wrong.

by Rebecca Davenport

A&E News and Notes

compiled by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Acting in Albany

Albany Civic Theater presents "Spokesong" directed by Robert Leff. The musical play follows the lives and loves of two couples in Belfast, Northern Ireland: Frank and Daisy in the 1970s and his grandparents, Francis and Kitty in the 1890s. Performances are at 8:15 p.m. on Jan. 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and Feb. 1, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday Jan. 26. All performances will be at ACT's Regina Frager Theater, 111 First Ave., Albany. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for those over 60 and under 18. Tickets may be purchased at Sid Stevens' Jewelers in Albany or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis.

Albany Civic Theater is also seeking a large, ethnically diverse cast of singers and actors for its spring production of the classic American musical "Showboat." Open auditions will be held at 7:30 p.m., Jan 20 and 21, at ACT's Regina Frager Theater. For more information contact director Ross Jackson at 737-8767, or send e-mail to (jackson@ccmail.orst.edu).

Poetry in Portland

The Portland Poetry Slam is held on Wednesdays of each month at Berbati's Pan located at 10 S.W. 3rd Ave. (corner of 3rd and Ankeny) in downtown Portland. Showtime starts at 8 p.m., sign-up for both the open mic and Slam is at 7:30 p.m. admission is \$3.

The Bard in Ashland

Oregon Shakespeare Festival begins in February with 11 different plays. Laugh through "Rough Crossing," weep with "King Lear," puzzle over the mysteries of "Pentecost." For information contact the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, P.O. Box 158, Ashland, Oregon, 97520.

A & E Trivia: Did you know??

- The fastest guitar playing was by Rick Raven (b. Gary Clarke), who played 5,400 notes in a minute at the Jacobean Nite Club, Stockport, Great Britain, on April 27, 1989.

- The slowest-selling book belongs to David Wilkins' translation of the New Testament from Coptic into Latin, published by Oxford University Press in 1716 in a printing of 500 copies. Selling an average of one book each 20 weeks, it remained in print for 191 years.

- The largest and most expensive industrial camera ever built is the 30-ton Rolls-Royce camera now owned by BPCC Graphics Ltd. of Derby, commissioned in 1956. It measures 8 feet 10 inches high, 8 1/4 feet wide and 46 feet in length. The lens is a 63 inch f16 Cooke Achromatic, and the bellows were made by Camera Bellows Ltd. of Birmingham, Great Britain.

Roadrunners open season with two losses

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The men's basketball team opened up their regular season with two losses after going 7-5 in the preseason, dropping their first league game at home last Wednesday against Mt. Hood and then losing on the road Saturday at Chemeketa.

On Wednesday the Roadrunners managed to keep the score close all the way through the first half, leaving them down by three, but when the second half started they had problems handling the ball and let the Saints build an 11-point lead.

The 'Runners regained their composure, however, and went on a 18-9 run behind Nick Matsler and Mike Graves, who combined for 13 points, to pull back within two.

With less than a minute left, Brian Csergei hit two free throws to put Linn Benton Community College within two. After a missed shot by Graves, LB got the

ball back when the referee called a jump ball and the arrow favored the Roadrunners.

Brian Fauth received the inbound pass with 1.6 seconds left and shot a 15-foot fade-away jumper that bounced off the rim as time expired.

"We were very competitive in that game," said head coach Randy Falk. "Our guys played extremely hard and we were basically one play away from turning that loss into a win."

Two Linn-Benton players ended up with double-doubles. Matsler led the team with 21 points and had 10 rebounds, and Csergei had 17 points and 15 rebounds. Graves and Fauth added 14 and 10 points respectively.

Saturday's game was a challenging loss for LBCC, according to Falk. The Roadrunners led the Chiefs for about three quarters of the game, but gave up that lead in the last few minutes and ended in a score of 85-76.

Graves led this game with 18 points and five assists. Fauth had 12 points and Kirch, Matsler and Csergei each added 11. Csergei also had 13 rebounds.

The Roadrunners managed to out-rebound Chemeketa 42-34, but in the end it was the turnovers that really hurt them. LB committed 19 turnovers, which contributed to 20 of the Chiefs' points.

"Obviously, every time you turn the ball over against a good team like Chemeketa, that makes it harder on us. But on the flip side, the first three quarters of the game we felt like we were very in control and did a lot of things right," Falk said. "I think the difference is our needing to understand that we need to step it up a notch down the stretch."

The Roadrunners are now 7-7 overall and 0-2 in league.

They face Lane Community College, whom they beat by 10 points in their preseason meeting, at home tonight at 8 p.m.

Lady Roadrunners fall short

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Despite getting 38 points in two games from Martha Williams, the Lady Roadrunners came up short in their first two league games.

The game at home on Wednesday started out well for LBCC. After scoring the first two points of the game, Mt. Hood was held scoreless for about five minutes while Linn-Benton took advantage of turnovers to build a quick nine-point lead that eventually grew to 12. But things started to crumble in the last two minutes when the Saints went on a 12-2 run to cut the score to 34-33 at the half. In the second half LB struggled to get good shots and let the lead slip away.

Williams and Melinda MacLean contributed 18 points to the 56-79 loss. Shellie Leonard added 11 points and eight assists, and Dondi Schock had seven rebounds.

"We played a good first half. The second half we just came out and fell apart. They came out and made a nice little run and we didn't respond," Assistant Coach Craig Jackson said.

LBCC had a tougher time on Saturday against Chemeketa, which could be the best team in their conference, according to Jackson. Linn-Benton was clinging to a slim 24-23 lead six minutes into the game, but during the last 14 minutes the Chiefs went on an 18-2 run. From that point on Chemeketa never looked back and went on to win 79-50.

Williams had a double-double, leading in both scoring and rebounds with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Schock, the only other Roadrunner in double figures, had 15 points. "They're big and physical. They out rebounded us. Their big kids ran real well so that kind of hurt us," stated Jackson.

The Lady 'Runners are now 5-9 overall and 0-2 in league. They play at home against Lane at 6 p.m. tonight.



Photo by Amanda Miller
Dondi Schock shoots over a Mt. Hood defender in a losing effort at home last week.

scoreboard

Men

LBCC 79, Willamette JV 90
Graves 15, Fauth 13.
LBCC 74, Northwest 85
Graves 17, Fauth 15.
LBCC 90, Western Baptist 79
Fauth 21, Jones 16.
LBCC 89, Centralia 78
Graves 23, Kirch 17.
LBCC 65, Highline 79
Fauth 15, Csergei 14.
LBCC 72, Umpqua 61
Matsler 17, Graves 16.
LBCC 83, Fraser Valley 78
Kirch 26, Matsler 16.
LBCC 77, Lane 60
Graves 22, Fauth 18.

Women

LBCC 51, Blue Mountain 65
Leonard 15, Williams 9
LBCC 68, Western Baptist 39
Schock 21, MacLean 14
LBCC 56, Western Baptists 73
MacLean 22, Williams 14
LBCC 55, Linfield JV 50
Williams 16, MacLean 12
LBCC 63, Pierce 62
MacLean 23, Leonard 14
LBCC 73, Big Bend 85
Williams 22, MacLean 19
LBCC 53, Centralia 86
Sedlacek 16, MacLean 9
LBCC 53, Grays Harbor 54
Leonard 16, Williams 13
LBCC 76, Bellevue 77
MacLean 23, Williams 22
LBCC 59, Grays Harbor 60
Williams 18, MacLean 17

Upcoming Games

Wednesday, Jan. 15
Women's and Men's basketball
Lane, 6 p.m./ 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18
Women's and Men's basketball
@ Clackamas, 6 p.m./ 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
Women's and Men's basketball
@ Umpqua, 6 p.m./ 8 p.m.



LBCC Intramural/Recreation Programs Presents

Schick 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Wed. Jan. 22, 1997
4 - 7 pm in the LBCC gym

- Sign up in CC 213 Student Life & Leadership before Mon. Jan. 20th.
- Participants *must not* be currently playing on a college basketball team.
- Winners of double elimination will advance to regional tournament at the University of Washington!

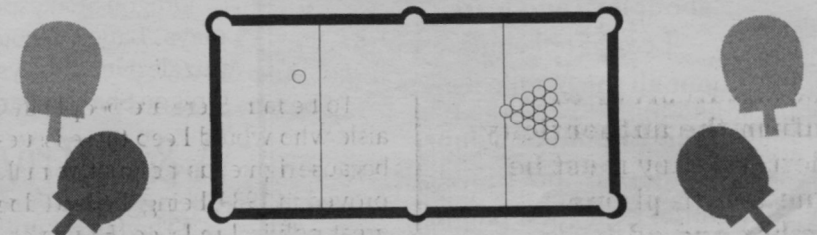
For more information, contact Naikia Benjamin in CC-213 or call ext. 4463.



ACU-I Tournament

Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997

Ping Pong & Billiards



Tournament is held in the rec room.
Practice from 9 am to 9:30 am.
Competition from 9:30 to 4 pm. Round robin race to 3.
Top 2 men and women from each event will go to Seattle for regionals on Feb. 21-22

Important! You must be registered no later than Friday, January 17th. Register in CC-213, Student Life and Leadership Office

For mor information, contact Dan Hidenbrand, CC-213 or ext. 4463

letters

Act of kindness will not be forgotten

To the Editor:

"A girl called Jamey"

Or maybe it's Jamie. I did not get her last name, but one Thursday evening, December 5, the night of the Albany General Hospital gala at LBCC, my husband let me off at the entrance to what turned out to be the wrong building, and went to park the car.

It was a cold, stormy, windy, rainy evening, typical of what we've been having in the way of weather recently.

When I got inside and asked directions of a student sitting there as to where the cafeteria was, she began telling me when she realized it was a circuitous, complicated route and said, "I'll take you there."

I demurred, but not too strenuously I must admit. It turned out we had to go outdoors, down long corridors, around corners, etc., and while I had an umbrella, she did not, and, without coat or hat, led me all the way to the stairs leading to the cafeteria.

It was an act of kindness I will not forget.

May I add, the dinner was delicious and the Culinary Class who prepared it are to be commended.

Barbara Lowry



pete petryszak

Clinton Versus Gingrich: Both fall short

It's amazing how fast election-night promises evaporate.

Both President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich promised to work together to reform Social Security, find middle ground on spending and taxes, and to handle the country's other business in a more bipartisan way than in the past term. Now, the ethical clouds hanging over Clinton and Gingrich have cast doubt on the possibility that they will accomplish any of the work they pledged to do over the next two years.

A lot has been made about the similarities between Clinton and Gingrich. They're about the same age. They were both college professors. They both own 1967 Mustangs.

Here's another similarity that has been overlooked: they both have pretty muddied financial dealings and don't like to tell the whole truth when their legality is questioned.

Their aversion to the truth is strange, because, to me at least, neither appears to have done anything that should force them to leave office. Clinton took a bath on a failed real estate venture and, in the process, secured some improper loans. Gingrich used a political action committee to fund a college course.

These financial blunders don't seem to represent any serious betrayal of the public trust or contradict their positions on policy. It wasn't public money they were spending. It was raised through voluntary loans and donations and the people who provided it knew where the money was going.

They got into trouble when, for one reason or another, they couldn't provide accurate information to Congress. The committees investigating both Clinton and Gingrich stated that the official in question gave the committees "inaccurate, incomplete and misleading information." Outside of the beltway that's known as lying, Gingrich may not have realized that since he's been in Washington for the past 18 years, Clinton, meanwhile, has been said to be "honest by Arkansas standards." However, it should be noted that Clinton is also thin by Arkansas standards.

Clinton and Gingrich have also tried to dodge their responsibility for improper acts by blaming their lawyers, accountants, bankers, wives, etc. In short, they blame their shady finances and truth impairment on anyone other than the people who are truly responsible: Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich.

To be fair, there are people in Congress on both sides of the aisle who would keep these issues alive for as long as possible, because righteous indignation makes good copy, and, as Gingrich proved in 1989, being the lead dog in an ethics attack gives you great political mileage. However, coming clean would rob the president's and speaker's detractors of any further chance to expand the accusations against them. The focus would be on punishment, and Rep. David Bonior doesn't have the votes to remove Newt as speaker, and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato doesn't have the votes in the Senate to impeach Clinton. The issues would eventually die.

In the latest flap in the Gingrich investigators involves a couple from Jacksonville, Fla. who listened in on a phone call between Gingrich and some of the Republican higher-ups discussing plans to refute the ethics charges against the speaker. This is embarrassing for Newt because he had earlier told the ethics

committee that he wouldn't speak publicly about the charges until the committee had completed its investigation, and here he was trying to coordinate his fellow Republicans into being his mouthpieces.

That Newt could get caught with his pants down like this surprises me. He knew he was being investigated. He knew that the press wanted information on him and would try to get it by hook or by crook. He also knew that this conversation would look bad if word of it got out, so why on earth did he handle such a sensitive matter with a 50-person conference call? Newt should take a tip from John Gotti—if you want to keep something secret, meet face-to-face. Big Brother's always on the phone.

Granted, what John and Alice Martin did is illegal and punishable by a \$500 fine. But the cries of Republican leaders for the FBI to investigate the incident and to prosecute the Martins do more harm than good, both to Newt's reputation and for the Republicans' agenda.

The Republicans have long been promising to get the government off our backs and return power to the citizens of this country. Their demands that the federal government prosecute two individuals, radio buffs, who happened to overhear government officials discussing political strategy make their pledges to fight Big Brother sound hollow. It reinforces the perception that the Republicans really only want to get Big Government off the back of Big Business and that any citizen with a problem will have to take a number.

If they want to investigate Jim McDermott, the representative from Washington who turned the tapes of the conversation over to the New York Times, or sue the Times for libel, that's their right. To go after two people who overheard something and did what they felt was best as concerned citizens is ridiculous.

In addition, it bothers me that learning what our elected officials are talking about behind closed doors is illegal. We don't need a Congress that is concerned about hiding secrets from us. If the police (ie. the government) can monitor cellular phone calls when investigating wrongdoing, why shouldn't citizens be allowed to do the same thing when they want to know about possible wrongdoing in government?

As amusing as all this double-talk can be at times, Congress is losing valuable time as it investigates nickel-and-dime offenses among its own members and the president, who seem bent on making things worse by not telling the truth. Rather than spending time pursuing their political enemies for not being the perfect men for the job, the president, the speaker and the rest of Congress should get to work doing the things they said they would work on while asking for our votes. Doing so might help rebuild voter confidence in both the electoral system and the government it elects.

Listening to the two parties hammer each other on ethics charges reminds me of something a fellow who lived 2,000 years ago said about not trying to pick a splinter out of your buddy's eye when you've got a log stuck in your own.

EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

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Students recover from a long break to get back in groove



Photo by Shawna Phillips

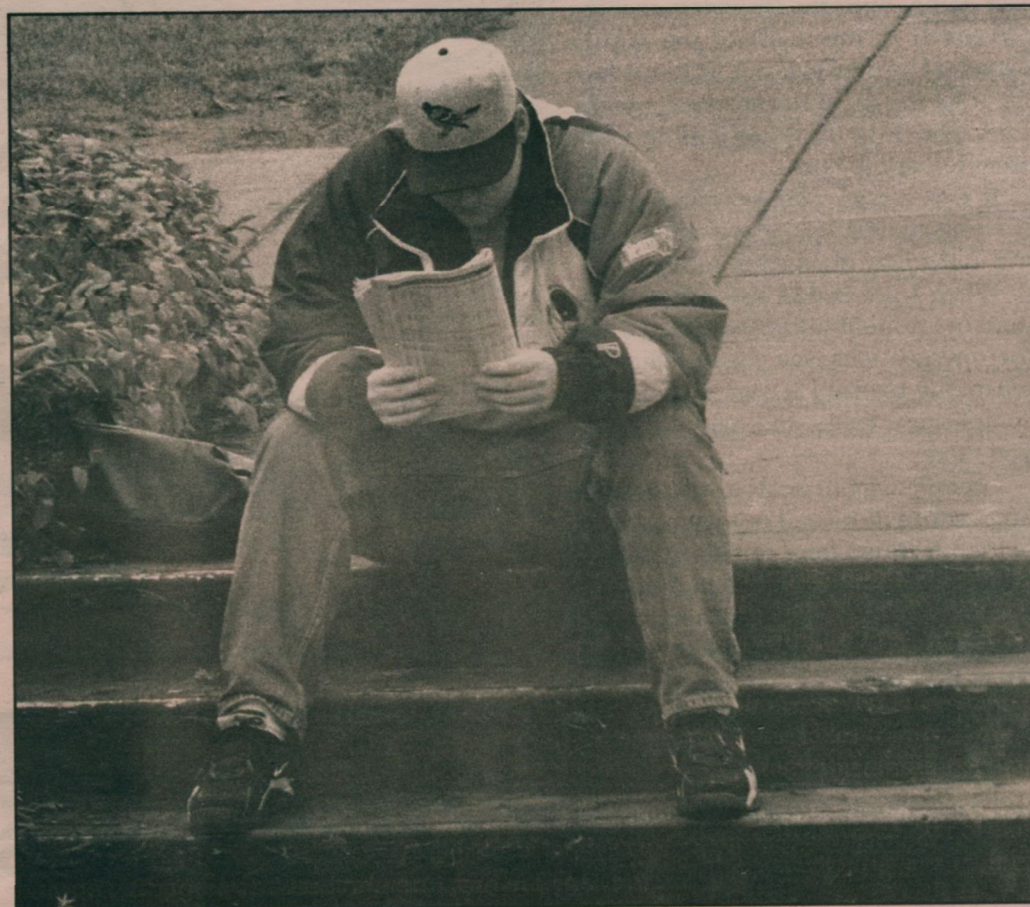


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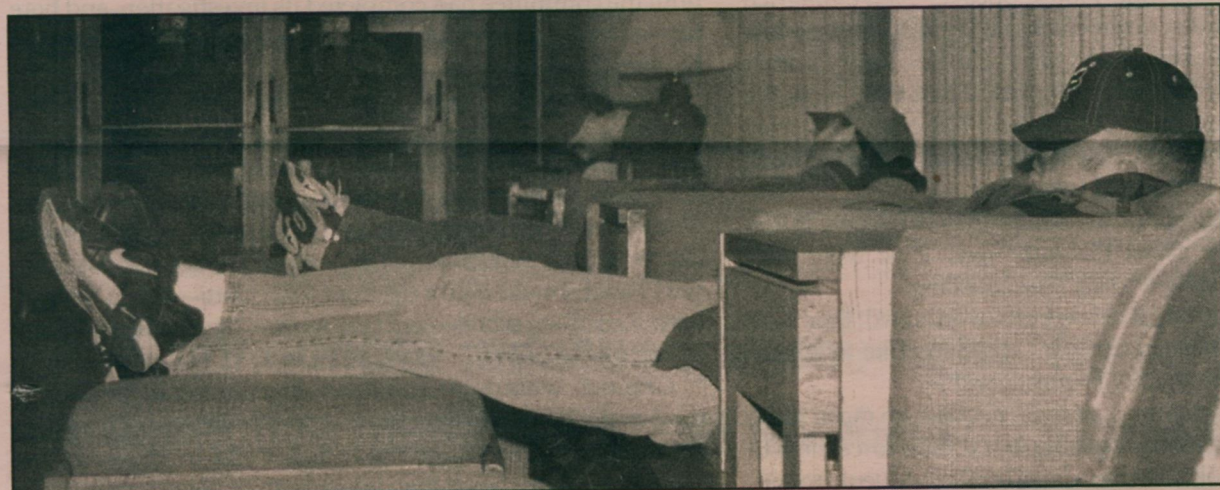


Photo by Errin Gamache

As students swarmed back onto campus last week, filling the halls with activity after the three-week holiday break, members of Rich Bergeman's Introduction to Photojournalism class fanned out to capture some of the action—and inaction. They found Nathan Sowa, at center right, looking over textbooks for his classes in the Bookstore, while Justin Kemp, above, took a few minutes to check out the Winter Term Schedule of Classes. Many students were busy adding and dropping courses—but some, like the two Fireside loungers at left, managed to find time for a little shut-eye between classes.

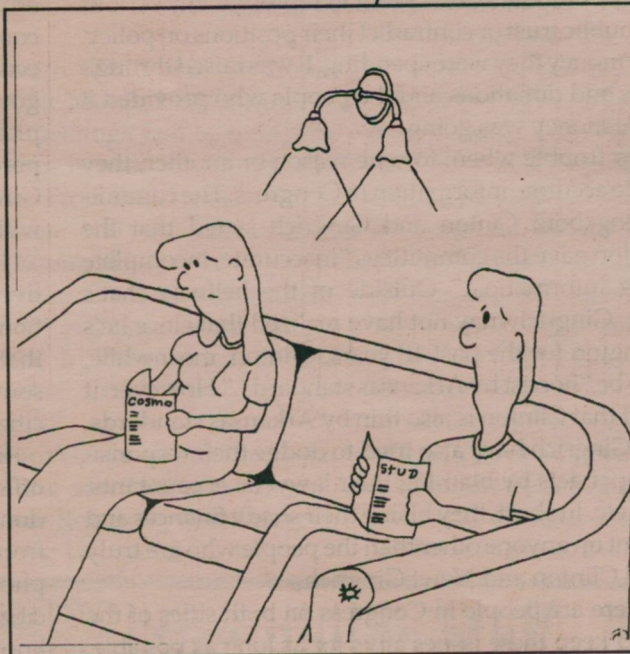
Reality Bites

by Lance Dunn

Weekly Crossword



Don't hit your sister.



Why do you read that junk?



Yikes! They raised the rent!?



No, that's the phone bill.

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- 1 Serious play
 - 6 Droop
 - 10 Pawn
 - 14 Stream
 - 15 Assert as a fact
 - 16 Hurt
 - 17 Scientist Asimov
 - 18 Evanesce
 - 20 Bombard
 - 21 — whiz!
 - 22 Type of fabric
 - 23 Spanning
 - 26 Kind of goat
 - 27 Sea eagle
 - 29 Charged particle
 - 30 Polish city
 - 32 Grasshopper
 - 34 Pillage
 - 37 Madeline of film
 - 38 Council of —
 - 40 Hollywood's Barrett
 - 42 Revolutionary War soldier
 - 44 Befuddled
 - 46 Formerly, once
 - 47 A Gershwin
 - 48 Part of an IOU
 - 49 "We hold — truths to be..."
 - 52 Fan
 - 55 Live
 - 57 Soldier's address
 - 58 Steak choice
 - 61 Sports arena
 - 63 Tag
 - 64 Words of understanding
 - 65 Age or horse start
 - 66 The Moslem world
 - 67 Social flop
 - 68 Take care of
 - 69 Looks searchingly
- DOWN
- 1 Plumbing problem
 - 2 Face the day
 - 3 Snow catastrophe
 - 4 Butcher offerings
 - 5 Circle section
 - 6 Begin resolutely
 - 7 Like some walls
 - 8 "— Miserables"
 - 9 Cable car
 - 10 Unstructured
 - 11 Indian, e.g.
 - 12 Series of links
 - 13 Irish county
 - 19 Places for ducks
 - 21 Small caverns
 - 24 "My country, — of..."
 - 25 Dash
 - 27 Large deer
 - 28 Leonine sound
 - 31 A Great Lake
 - 33 Not welcome
 - 34 Soak flax
 - 35 Plausible
 - 36 Was cognizant
 - 39 Pro —
 - 41 Summer cooler
 - 43 Philosophy
 - 45 Patriotic gp.
 - 47 Loom
 - 49 Prepare
 - 50 Nobelist in literature
 - 51 Organic compound
 - 53 Pythias' partner
 - 54 Expunge
 - 56 Wield the blue pencil
 - 59 Bring up
 - 60 Shade givers
 - 62 Galena, e.g.
 - 63 Impertinence

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