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Board narrows presidential search to three

from the LBCC News Service

Linn-Benton Community College has announced the top three candidates in the current presidential search.

Rita Cavin, Michael Holland and James Middleton were selected from a pool of candidates by the LBCC Board of Education, with input from a screening advisory team consisting of representatives from classified staff, management, faculty, student representatives and community members. John Young, executive search director with the Oregon School Board Association, will conduct reference checks and assist with the final

steps of the process.

The Board will conduct final interviews with the candidates Thursday, June 5, and hopes to select the future LBCC president by the June 18 board meeting. Open forums with each candidate are planned for Friday, June 6, at the east end of the Commons Cafeteria. The forum with Michael Holland is 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., James Middleton, is 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. and Rita Cavin is 4 to 5 p.m.

"The Board was very pleased with the quality of the candidates and is looking forward to the final interviewing process," says Board Chair Janice Horner. "We appreciated the valuable input received by the screen-



Rita Cavin



Mike Holland



James Middleton

ing advisory team."

Cavin is vice president of instruction at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif. Her responsibilities include strategic planning for all academic programs

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Photo by Thomas Lin

Getting His Legs

Jenny Strooband, horse management instructor, helps six-day-old Dawson get to his feet in the LBCC Horse Barn, where students greeted three new arrivals this spring. Besides Dawson, a filly named Zoey was born five weeks ago and a colt named Hagan was born four weeks ago. See story on Page 10.

260 of 550 grads to walk at 35th commencement

by Phillip Ruzek
of The Commuter

The degree is called, your name is announced to nearly 1,700 people, you walk to the speaker, the presenter hands over your diploma. This is the day that you worked so hard for: graduation.

The 35th graduation ceremony is June 12, and will be held at 7 p.m. in the activities center, (the gym). Graduation will be an hour-and-a-half long with a reception following in the Courtyard.

Graduates will be classified and called by degree: Adult High School Diplomas, Certificates, Associate of Applied Science, Associate in Science, Associate of Arts and Oregon Transfer.

Graduates will walk to music from the Willamette Valley Bagpipe Band. Main speakers are: the President of LB, Jon Carnahan and Board of Education mem-

ber, Janice Horner and former student body president, Roxanne Savedra.

Janice Horner, Jon Carnahan, Dr. Edwin Watson, John Sweet and Dr. Diane Watson will present the diplomas, degrees and certificates.

Awards will be given to three students. The Distinguished Citizen Award will go to Dave Schmidt and two Phi Theta Kappa Awards are going to Sumartini Krisman and Darrell McGie. The graduation will also announce retirees from LB.

Around 550 students have applied for graduation, but 260 are expected to walk, said Lynn Groshong, the graduation ceremonies coordinator. The crowd is estimated to be between 1,300 and 1,400 people. Candidates who are marching need to be in the Takena Theater at 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the ceremony.

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Students, advisors, clubs honored at second annual awards dinner

by Peggy Isaacs
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton Community College Second Annual Club and Organization Recognition Dinner was held on last Thursday. The theme was "Worth Your Weight In Gold", with blue and gold chocolate coins by Euphoria Chocolates placed around the tables, as souvenirs of the evening. Susan Prock, multicultural advisor, opened the evening ceremony saying, "the awards are for students and teachers who take students beyond the

classroom experience to create opportunities for our students."

Dr. Diane Watson, Dean of Students said this was "a great turnout" and she hopes next year's presentation attendees will be twice as numerous.

The following organizations and individuals were recognized for their contributions to the LBCC community:

Educational Event of the Year—The Student Ambassadors, Joanna Chan's Finals Survival informational campaign; Cultural Event of the Year—The Gay

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WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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WEDNESDAY

High: 89° Low: 57°
THURSDAY

High: 86° Low: 56°
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OPINION

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FROM THE EDITOR

College setting is ideal for budding young journalists

by Wendy Geist
 Editor of The Commuter

Taking on the editor in chief position this year proved to be a challenge.

It meant that with each new week there was a large uncharted territory, which stretched out in front of the staff and I. Questions I pondered over and over were "What are we going to cover in next week's issue, and are we providing readers with the news they need and want to see?" In fact, I often felt like I didn't know what to write about and cover at LBCC.

What do people expect to get out of The Commuter? Like an hourglass or funnel, the world at this community college is full of information and we have to find a way to channel it all down onto a couple pages.

One thing I wrestled with was figuring out which information is most newsworthy? Sure, I attended Board meetings and yes, those meetings were open to the public—although less than a handful of students total attended the meetings all year. But I was there when the Board announced that the college would build new signs. When I look

back at it, the college was in the midst of approving much larger and expensive renovations at its satellite centers, and I could have cared less about looking into the issue of new signs. Once they were built, though, they came back to haunt me.

Students and the public couldn't let it go. "What's up with the signs?" they would ask in classes, hallways and local papers, and "We never know about these things until after they happen." I tried to answer these questions with a follow up story.

The timing explained every-

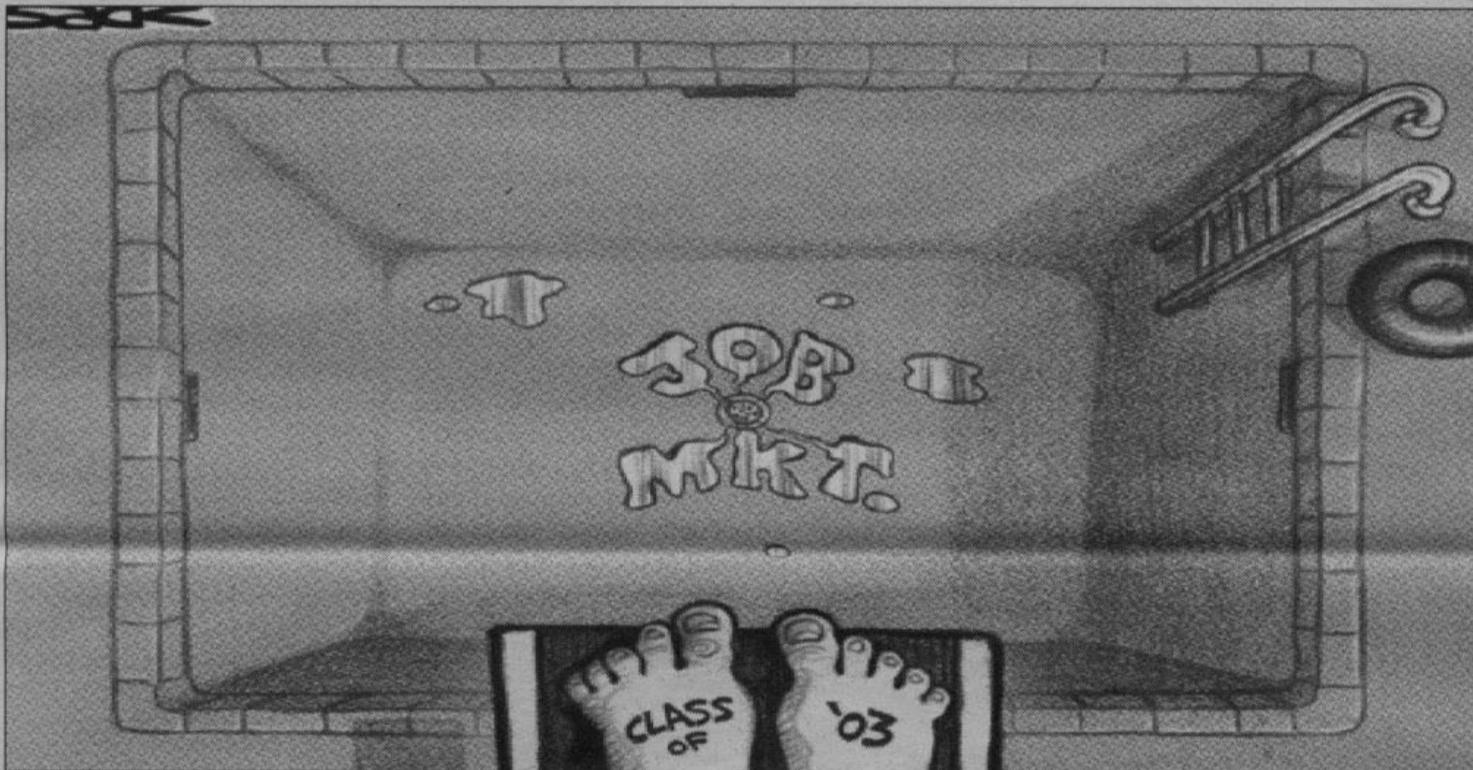
thing. Students were confused as to why their classes were being cut while the college was building new signs. It all had to do with a bond that the voters passed for construction projects on campus. The larger projects, including adding more classroom space, are being planned.

So as this year ends, here is a word of advice to future Commuter staffers. Always stand by a journalistic mission, which is to give your readers the information needed to make informed decisions in a democracy.

Go ahead and cover the diffi-

cult issues. Even though you may agree with what is going on, and might not think something is newsworthy, the readers still need to know. Make sure their questions are answered.

The wonderful thing about practicing journalism in the community college setting is that we are always making mistakes and learning from them. This year's Commuter staff was full of thoughtful and intelligent reporters, photographers and designers. We had our share of successes and occasional failures, and I wish them all the best of luck in the years to come.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

This is the last issue for 2002-03. The Commuter will return Oct. 8, 2003. The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community, regional and national issues.

All letters received are published, space permitting, unless considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste.

Opinions expressed by columnists and letter writers do not necessarily represent the views of The Commuter Staff or LBCC.

Drop letters off at the Commuter office, Forum 222 or email us at commuter@ml.linnbenton.edu.

Goodbye to my readers and a thought-provoking year

I am truly sorry to say that this is my last column. Now don't all of you start jumping for joy at once! I know I have been here long enough, and some of you are tired of my views. Even if I were re-hired to edit the opinion page, I think nine months of my opinion is enough to get my point across.

Once presented with a forum, I found it hard to be light-hearted. There are so many problems pressing the American people that I seized upon the opportunity to discuss them.

I realize that not all of you agreed with me over the months, and many of you have even expressed anger at my views, but many people also enjoyed the columns. Working at The Commuter has been a great experience for me. It enriched my life in many ways. I had the opportunity to provoke thought, learn to work with a diverse team to create something, and I learned that my punctuation

could use some work!

I appreciated all feedback, and I published every letter written to the opinion page. I felt that provoking thought and providing a forum for the varied opinions of the students and community was a very important mission. I also valued the rest of The Commuter team. Everyone in this office was professional, helpful, and fun to work with.

Having to write a column every week taught me discipline and honed my writer's skills. I also learned to be able to take criticism and use it to my own betterment. I learned to read and think critically and analytically, and be more precise with my statements.

It is valuable to me that I provoked enough thought among the student body to get people to read the paper and respond to my columns. I firmly believe this country is stronger because of dissent and the open exchange of ideas.

Adele Kubein



IN MY
 OPINION

I found comments and letters from readers quite valuable. From the angry letters, to the unknown woman that came into the office one day to tell me that she and her friends thanked me for having the courage to write the things I do. I had the chance to be able to put an effort into being heard and do something active about my beliefs. I think that is the most empowering thing one can do: gain a voice and try to change the world in some small way.

If even one person goes on to vote, write their representative, recycle their trash more effectively, or look at people different from themselves with more tolerance, I will have done my job well. My hope is that my readers will give more thought to the future of America, and the world.

The old bumper sticker "America: Love It or Leave It," aroused patriotic feeling among us, but now the world is shrinking. "The World: Love It or Leave It," hardly is a tenable proposition. As I have written many times in the last year, we are all in this world together. I am not going to ever stop reminding people of that. Love and respect your world folks, as you do, you will learn to respect its creatures.

In the future, I hope to once again gain the opportunity to provoke thought and compassion among people, until then: "It's been real. Revere life, and bless you all."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Information about chemicals in river come from 'Hippie' science

To the Editor:

Good column by Maria Arico (Climb On!) in the May 21 issue of The Commuter.

There is a mis-statement regarding the Crooked River. Ms. Arico states that the Crooked "River carries chemicals from farmers' fields so it's best to avoid swimming."

I'm not sure where she gets her information. The Crooked supports 6-10,000 mountain whitefish per mile, as well as crayfish, along with rainbow and Desert Redband trout. All of these species are native, and wild. The whitefish and crayfish are species which require extremely clean (unpolluted) water. They are probably the finest indicators of pollution-free water in our state.

Interestingly, their size and numbers are growing in the river.

I've been fly fishing the Crooked River for over 40 years and it gets better each year. Sounds to me like the information given to Ms. Arico comes by way of liberal "Hippie" science at the Skull Hollow Campground.

Gene L. Stutzman

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COMMENTARY

Looking back on great experiences; moving forward in life

by Heather M Scott
 of The Commuter

The steps are few for many of us, until our hands meet the diploma, for which we have spent the last few years of our lives struggling through deadlines, 8 o'clock classes and sunny days we wish we could spend anywhere but here, to earn.

For approximately 550 students, this is the last term they will enjoy the comfort and value of the LBCC campus, instructors, faculty and other students. It has been a long road for many of us to get where we currently are; overlooking a

world of opportunity thanks to the diploma we will receive this June.

Looking back to my experience on this campus I keep in mind the positive encounter that I have had with my education here at LBCC: instructors who are willing to go above and beyond their job description, the students who are always willing to give their class notes or help with a homework question, the Student Life and Leadership who are constantly working to make LBCC a college where students are always on the top of the list, and the staff in Takena who help get students through the door and on their way to graduation.

Most of all, I look back on my year as The Commuter's editorial assistant and realize what a fine job this paper does for the LBCC community. This has been an experience like no other. Meeting people whom I would have never had the chance to get to know and learning the ropes of a college newspaper has helped me to better understand my career path and my future educational needs.

I want to thank Wendy Geist, Commuter editor-in-chief for all her encouragement and hard work this year and Rich Bergeman, Commuter advisor and journalism/photography instructor for teaching me how to write a news story

and getting me into journalism.

I would also like to send out a congratulations to the 2002/2003 Commuter staff: We have put out an awesome paper this year. I love you guys! I recommend anyone who is interested in the journalism field to get on this staff immediately!

As I continue on my journey to Western Oregon University I can only hope that my experience there will live up to the experience that I have had here at LBCC.

I wish all of this year's graduates the best in their future, whether it be continuing education at a four-year school or venturing into the job market.

COMMENTARY

When it comes to public policy, celebrities are over-stepping their roles

by Emil Rogers
 of The Commuter

Opinions are like feet. Almost everyone has a couple and many of them are offensive. I am no different.

One of the current rocks in my shoe is the need for some celebrities to use every opportunity they can get to express their opinion on how the country should be run and the willingness of the media sharks who give them every opportunity by snapping up each scrap of chum they spew like it was manna from heaven.

Everyone gets to have and express their own opinion in this

wonderful country of ours. I don't question the right of celebrities to participate. I question the weight their opinions are given due to the media exposure they are given. I don't question their sincerity. I question why we should care about how they feel any more than any one else feels.

I do put a bit more stock in the opinions of a few individuals on how the country should be run. Some belong to the three branches of our federal government; Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The rest are journalists of the fourth estate who are the official watchdogs of the Government. This is their job. It's

what they are trained to do.

My Dad always told me to "consider the source." As I watch some actor on a television interview giving their version of how things should be done, I consider the source. The only reason we are listening to these people is because sometime in the past, the general public found them appealing, for whatever reason, and they became popular.

As I listen to a politician giving their version of how things should be done, I consider the source. The reason we are listening to these people is because they have dedicated their life to the formation and execution of

public policies. They spend all their time doing it. They are privy to information the rest of us don't have while they are doing it. We hired them to do it.

Some celebrities are taking advantage of our loving nature. We adore these people and can't get enough of them, or so it seems. The advantage that this gives them is that some media outlet that is vying for ratings will provide them with a powerful venue to express themselves with, because the media knows that we will tune in.

Celebrities have enough advantages over us. Their fame and financial freedom afford them the ability to effect change in

ways that go far beyond that of the average person, but it doesn't make their opinion any more valid than that of the average person.

So, the next time you hear someone give their opinion, consider the source. Is it their job to formulate public policy? Or, is it their job to sing and dance and pretend to be someone who they are not?

ABOUT THIS SOURCE

Emil is an older-than-average student who enjoys taking advantage of the opportunity he gets to express himself by taking journalism classes and writing for The Commuter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hydrogen may be solution to shortage of petroleum

To the Editor:

The article in the May 28 Commuter titled, "Energy budget oil resources may vanish by 2050," is a great start in discussing alternatives to the finite supply of petroleum we now consume fearlessly. The actual date that petroleum reserves will run out is arguable, but the depletion is inevitable, especially given the fact that the U.S.A. consumes one fourth of the world's supply, which is about 81 billion barrels each year, or over 6319 gallons per second.

What I did not read in the article was any reference to the emergence of hydrogen as a viable solution. As students who went on the recent fuel cell event can attest, hydrogen technology is fast becoming the replacement fuel of petroleum. The reality of getting into fuel cell powered cars and SUV's from major auto manufacturers and zipping around the parking lot is testament to the progression of the technology. It's not hypothetical, folks! In southern California, hydrogen fueling stations are being designed and built in anticipation of the forthcoming generation of fuel cell cars and trucks.

On the cold and cloudy northern coast of California, students saw how the use of solar energy and water can produce hydrogen by means of electrolysis. The stored hydrogen was fed through a fuel cell to produce compressor power for the Marine Science Lab. Could this type of technology, perhaps augmented with wind energy, run the future electric needs of a home, office or business? I contend that it is not only possible, but in fact, a business opportunity for anyone seeking to satisfy a pent up demand from consumers wanting autonomy from corporate energy producers.

Hydrogen is the most abundant element on the planet, if not the universe. It seems like a no-brainer to engineer technological advances toward this infinitely

renewable substance for our energy needs. Is it perfect? No, but what is? Like other fuels, hydrogen requires specialized handling. For example, it likes to bond to other materials (like oxygen to produce water) instead of being isolated, and requires high pressurization for containment. But aren't these inherent considerations dwarfed by the massive effort it takes to extract and refine petroleum into energy distillates, or the dilemma of long-term storage and protection of nuclear waste, or the global air pollution and extraction problems caused by burning coal?

I advocate hydrogen/fuel cell technology as a source of clean energy and as an opportunity to jump start the economy, especially Oregon and the northwest region. The production of hydrogen via electrolysis may be the revenue "ace card" Oregon is looking for to escape future economic dilemmas like we face today. It's time to factor the hydrogen option into the "Energy Budget."

Darrell McGie

Mom thanks LB for pointing daughter toward BS degree

To The Editor:

This spring, my daughter, Keirsten Morris, is graduating from Southern Oregon University. I want to thank Linn-Benton Community College and Rich Bergeman for their part in her success.

Keirsten dropped out of school when she was 16 years-old. She immediately earned her GED (through LB) and went to work. At age 20 she decided to go back to school. Although she was intimidated by the idea of going back, Keirsten found the LB environment easy to navigate. The staff and instructors were great. They were friendly, encouraging and always willing to help.

It was her association with Rich Bergeman, however, that was the stand-out experience for Keirsten. When she became involved with The Commuter, in her second year at LB, it was Rich Bergeman who influenced

Keirsten to follow her writing interests. He helped her develop her newspaper skills and encouraged her to pursue a journalism career. With Rich's mentoring, Keirsten advanced from reporter to Editor-in-Chief at The Commuter. In 2001, Keirsten transferred from LB to Southern Oregon University and settled into another nurturing community. And now, a couple years later, she is graduating with honors and a bachelors of science degree in Journalism. She is ready to launch herself into the world with an eye toward making a difference. It is Rich's mentoring abilities and the positive atmosphere at LB that have helped put Keirsten in this position. Thanks LBCC. Thanks Rich.

Lin Olson

It is difficult to leave a home away from home

To The Editor:

Goodbye, goodbye to everything. I am about to graduate. As an OTA (read "over the Andes" which, to those students who will not have the benefit of Tom Broxon's class, are very big hills in South America), this is a momentous occasion for me. I was taking a good look at my second home, the other day. Home, because I have spent most of the last three years here; I have eaten here and even slept here. Even I have missed ten minutes here and there in a warm, cozy, dark room, with the pleasant, familiar voice of the teacher, gently lulling me to zzzzzz's. I am going to miss my campus. I have made many friends here among the staff and students, some who have left the school, some who will stay, and one who has died. I wish I could have taken more classes from Michelle Wilson and Margarita Casas, and classes with Hal Eastburn and Peter Jensen. I can't list all the people I would like to thank, who have befriended, helped and encouraged me. The list is too long. So I'm just going to say, in the words of Robert Louis Stevenson, "Goodbye, goodbye to everything."

Rosalind Young

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CAMPUS NEWS

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

From KRT News



CAMPUS SHORTS

Look At Those Thighs!

Politicians in Swaziland have rushed to the defense of Swazi women's propensity for going around bare-breasted, after a visiting Nigerian priest criticized the custom as indecent. Aside from being insulting and insensitive, the priest's remarks were ignorant as well, said Sen. Masalekhaya Simelane. Everyone knows, he said, that "Swazi men are attracted by women's naked thighs, not their breasts."

Take the Money & Run

More than 100 elite Colombian troops, sent into the jungle in pursuit of Marxist rebels, scored a major coup when they uncovered the guerrillas' war chest of about \$14 million, the proceeds from kidnapping and cocaine operations. But instead of turning in the money, the soldiers immediately resigned from the army and disappeared, taking it with them. The authorities are currently rounding them up.

Oops!

A 17-year-old boy, standing on the side of the main road in Nay-Tah-Waush, Minn., flagged down a passing motorcyclist with an offer to sell him some marijuana. When the rider took off his helmet, the lad became "very upset" as he realized the man was the county sheriff.

Are We There Yet?

Five men stowed away in a cargo ship in Buenaventura, Colombia, in hopes of getting to America to make a new life. They hid in the hold for five days, and then emerged, thinking they were in Miami. But, unbeknownst to them, the ship had developed mechanical problems while at sea, and was docked at Cartagena, Colombia, for repairs.

Give Me Power

A man was arrested for plugging an extension cord into the outside electrical outlet of his neighbor's house in Omaha, Neb., to steal electricity for his refrigerator.

Benton Center Plans Pottery Sale Thursday

On Thursday, June 5, on the Benton Center south lawn, the center's Ceramic Studio will be selling student and instructor works. Pottery for sale will include stoneware, raku, salt glaze and wood fired pieces. Live music will be provided. The sale lasts from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Last Courtyard Lunch to be Served Today

The last Courtyard lunch is today, June 4 from 11:30-1 p.m. Student Ambassadors will be serving chili with cheese and onions, cornbread, dessert and a drink. The cost is \$3 for students, \$4 for employees.

Chinese Garden Focus of Multicultural Club Trip

The Multicultural Club is inviting students on a trip to the Chinese Gardens in Portland on Friday, June 6. The event is for students only.

The club will meet at the Amtrak station at 9:30 a.m. on

Friday June 6 and will travel by train to Portland arriving at approximately 12 noon. The club will tour the garden, eat lunch, and then continue to explore downtown until 8:30 p.m. The club will meet at the Amtrak station in Portland and return by train arriving at the Albany Train Station by approximately 10:30 p.m. The club will provide transportation to and from and admission to the Garden.

Sign-up sheet is in the Multicultural Center. There are only 10 spots available.

Board Sells Old Lebanon Center for \$225,000

The LBCC Board of Education authorized the sale of the "old" Lebanon Center property at 550 Main Street for \$225,000. It is anticipated that the sale will close in August with proceeds going to the capital appreciation fund.

Newly elected Board member, Ann Brodie, will replace Barbara Boudreaux representing Corvallis Zone 6-7.

Graduation: GED ceremony will graduate 175 students

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On Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m. the GED graduation ceremony will be held at the Activities Center with a reception following in the Courtyard. Kristin Jones, Director of Developmental Studies says that the ceremony will have the same format as a regular graduation. There will be about 175 students receiving the G.E.D., says Jones.

Keynote speaker Jennifer Davis and dean of student services Dr. Diane Watson will be

there to comment and present diplomas. Jones said that students write essays about their experience in the program and what getting the diploma means to them. The essays are then combined and portions are read aloud.

The ceremony will recognize 30 honor students. Karen Schaefer, G.E.D. instructor said there will be about 400 people at the ceremony. Faculty and community members are also invited.

Awards: Faculty, clubs celebrated

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Straight Alliance, Poetry Slam/Open Mike for Martin Luther King Jr week 2003; Informational Event of the Year—The Student Ambassadors, Sumartini Krisman, International Student Workshops; Most Active Co-Curricular Program of the Year—The Commuter; Most Active Club of the Year—The Campus Ambassadors for Christ; Club or Co-curricular Program of the Year—The Campus Family Co-operative; Advisor of the Year—Greg Paulson; Club or Co-curricular Member of the Year—Rhiannon Orizaga, Multicultural Club; The ASG

Faculty Member of the Year award was given to John Griffith, of the physics department, and an Honorable Mention was given to Doug Clark.

The Club and Co-curricular Programs Recognition Dinner was sponsored by Student Life & Leadership and The Student Activities Programming Committee.

The Faculty Member of the Year Award was sponsored by the Associated Student Government of LBCC. All award recipients were chosen by a student panel. Nominations for faculty of the year were all student nominations.

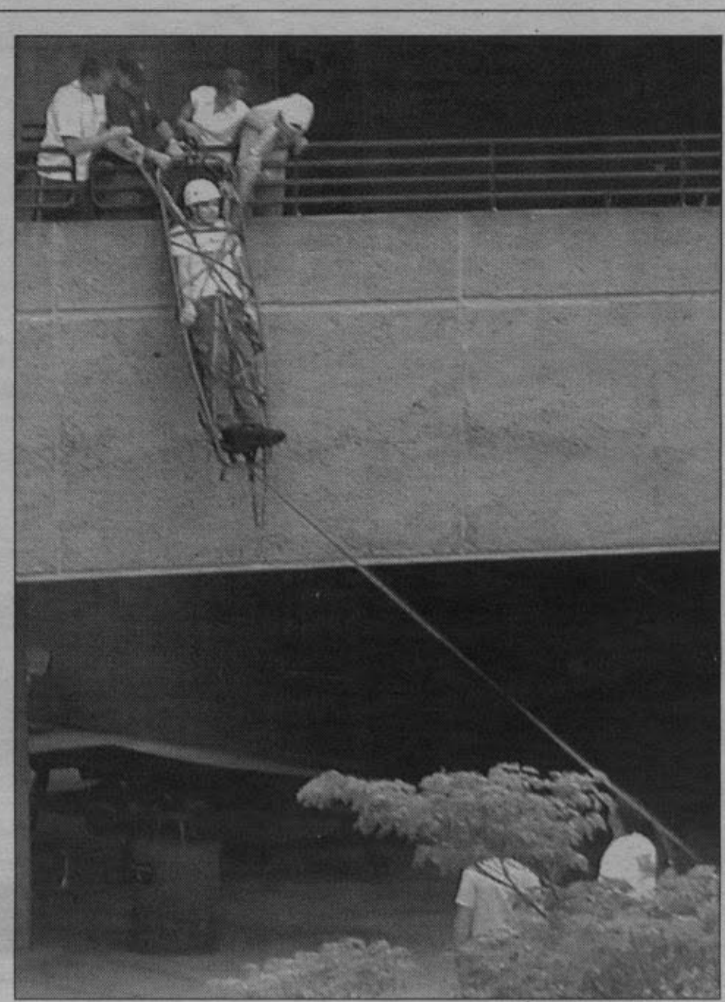


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Punishment for a Late Paper?

No, it's the EMT class practicing use of the Stokes Stretcher in an emergency simulation under the guidance of Mike Kinkade of the Corvallis Fire Department.

President: Candidates appear at forums Friday

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Holland has a doctorate of jurisprudence from Willamette University and is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association. He has also served as president of the Community College of Vermont in Waterbury; commissioner of the Oregon Office of Community College Services; and associate dean of Willamette University School of Law.

At Mt. San Antonio College, Cavin's concern that all students deserve to succeed academically has led to an increase in tutorial services, drop-in labs, learning communities, and service learning. Under her direction, the college has added programs in animation and histotechnology, online classes and geographic information systems.

Cavin has also served as vice president of instruction and dean of administrative and cultural services at Citrus College in Glendora, Calif. She has a doctorate in higher education from Claremont Graduate School.

Holland currently serves as LBCC's vice president of administrative and student affairs, which includes the college's business operations, human resource, student services, facilities, and support services. Holland also oversees instructional programs in developmental education, child and family studies, contracted training with business and industry, and is responsible for the management of the college's collective bargaining, accreditation and in-house legal affairs.

At LB, Holland has led initiatives that include the passage of the college's most recent capital bond measure, and the "design build" process and construction of the East Linn Workforce Development Center.

Middleton is the president of the College of Marin in Marin County, Calif., where he has created flexible planning response systems. He has also assisted the College of Marin Foundation expand its assets from \$400,000 to \$2,500,000.

Middleton's presidency at the College of Marin has included community outreach and development, such as partnerships with San Francisco State University, and area private high schools and businesses, such as attracting external businesses to underused facilities.

At Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Penn., Middleton served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of academic affairs, and was the director of integrated studies at Williamsport Area Community College. He has a doctorate of arts in English language and literature from the University of Michigan.

CAMPUS CALNDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4 TO JUNE 13

11:30-1 p.m. Texas-style chili lunch, Courtyard	1-5 p.m. Open Forum of Presidential candidates, Commons	7 p.m. Graduation, Activities Center	7 p.m. GED Graduation, Activities Center
WEDNESDAY JUNE 4	FRIDAY JUNE 6	THURSDAY JUNE 12	FRIDAY JUNE 13

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Bertalot to be new editor for 2003-04 Commuter

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Michelle Bertalot, a second-year journalism major from Lebanon, Ore., has been named editor-in-chief of The Commuter for the year 2003-04.

Bertalot comes to this position with previous work on three different papers.

Throughout her high school years she worked on her school's paper, the Lebanon High School

Warriorspirit. She was a copy editor and reporter, and spent her senior year co-editing the Warriorspirit. Bertalot also wrote for the Young Voices section of the Albany Democrat-Herald during her senior year. She was a reporter for The Commuter during the fall of 2002 and is currently a contributing editor at the paper.

Bertalot said she wants to "maintain the level of professionalism that The Commuter

has" and to involve the campus and cover all campus events in the paper.

She said she hopes to devote around 25 hours a week to the job, and will give "as much as it takes." Over the summer she will be working at Starbucks in Albany, and in her spare time enjoys hiking and music.

"I'm a concert fiend," says the 19-year-old.

Bertalot has lived in Washington, Tennessee and Califor-

nia before moving to Lebanon in 1994 with her family. She hopes to become a copy editor for a major paper someday and will be taking more writing classes, in addition to journalism, at LBCC next year.

She said she is finding the interviewing and selecting of staff to be difficult and hopes that this will be the "hardest part" about being editor in chief.

"I just want to do a good job," she said.



Michelle Bertalot

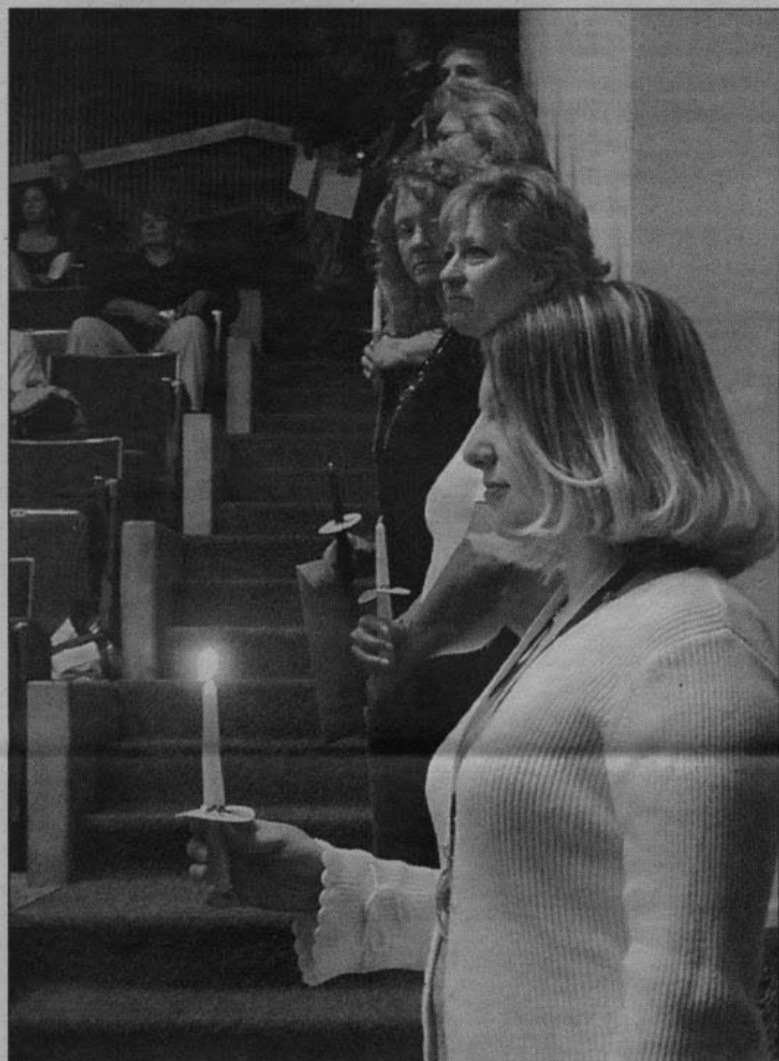


Photo by Wendy Geist

New inductees pass the flame in the Forum during Friday's annual Phi Theta Kappa ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa ends year with new inductees, elects new officers

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Fifty-one new students who have achieved academic excellence were inducted into the college's honor society last Friday.

The students were invited up onto the stage for acceptance into the Alpha Tau Upsilon chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Outgoing officers, including president Carrie Sossie, welcomed the new initiates and explained the meaning behind PTK: The society is devoted to the pursuit of knowledge.

The three letters, PTK, stand for wisdom, aspiration and purity.

Next year's officers also took their oath including president Brandi Hereford, vice president

Joanna Chan, and treasurer Kelly Noland.

Various awards were also presented.

Advisor Rosemary Bennett gave out a brand new award called the Jim Jarrad Outstanding Service Award in honor of Jarrad's "outstanding contribution to our college community." Jarrad, a dual-enrolled student who is majoring in English, was this year's PTK secretary.

The LBCC chapter works on service projects, gains leadership skills and performs fund-raisers throughout the year. 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 will be posted on their transcripts and they will wear a gold colored stole and tassel at commencement.

Business department students receive Conner Scholarship, other awards

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

The Business and Computer Systems Division presented awards and scholarships to their students on May 9.

Five students won Conner scholarships, which provide full tuition awards to students in business administration: Gail McCreedy, the Gerry Conner Scholarship; Laci Gaskey and Erin Corbett, the Janie Conner Scholarship; and Sharon Kroll and Rebecca Lewis, the Hamilton & Dorothy Conner Memorial.

The Conner scholarships were made available by former LBCC economics instructor, Gerald H. Conner. After growing up during the Great Depression, Conner spent 29 years in the U.S. Marine Corps in aviation ordnance.

Conner then started the second half of his career life in 1974 teaching economics at LBCC. While at LB, he became active in advising and the Faculty Association. He also participated in the Fulbright Exchange Program with Leeds Polytechnic in England. Conner officially retired from LBCC in 1994, but continued to teach for four more years with no pay. The tuition paid by students in his classes was used to build the

Conner Scholarship endowment.

Other scholarships include the Bi-Mart Scholarships. The recipients are Rebecca Lewis, Jose Cedeno, Carrie Burkholder, Erika Pedder, Joshua Kesecker and Katie Morford.

Award winners include Billie Chairret, Fastest Typist Award at 104 words per minute; and Joyce Fred, OSU/LBCC Graduate award. Outstanding Alumni Awards winners are Terry Ware, Business Management; Lori Stokes, Business Technology; Bonnie Leggett, Computer Systems. And Marcia Hoover, First Year Business Technology Award; Theresa Elliot, Accounting Technology Award; Mary Hitch, Administrative Assistant Award; Jackie Keeter, Administrative Medical Assistant Award; Derek Holland, Business Administration Award; Brian Shetka, Business & Supervisory Management Award; Johanna Brown and Tina Stahlstedt, Business Computer Systems Award; Twinkle Lettkeman, Computer Science Award; Arnold Goth, Computer User Support Award; Tara Cornett, Legal Administrative Assistant Award; Linda Fowler, Medical Assistant Award; Rob Motley, Principles of Accounting Award; John Boyd, Principles of Economics Award; and Lisa Duke, Special Recognition Award.



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Eloquent Reading

C. Lill Ahrens, the creator of the Eloquent Umbrella's cover art, reads her short story "Cutting The Cord" that was also published in the literary art journal. Her reading took place alongside many other Eloquent Umbrella writers last Wednesday. The annual publication came out this spring and is on sale in the LBCC Bookstore and at Grassroots in Corvallis. It was edited and published by students in Terrance Millet's Literary Publications class, which met Winter Term.

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CAMPUS NEWS

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

Walk for Life receives \$15k

by Peggy Isaacs
 of The Commuter

The Corvallis Pregnancy Care Center's 10th annual Spring Celebration and Walk for Life took place on Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Around 220 people started walking from Central Park to the Courthouse for pictures for the Gazette Times, across the street and through downtown to the skate park. From the skate park, the walk proceeded down around the bridges, up to the street and over to Avery Park.

Once there, the realization that this was a very big event became evident. There was a barbecue, with hamburgers and hot dogs, dessert, drinks, silent auction, raffle, volleyball, soccer, a scavenger hunt, face painting, character drawings, and

best of all, to accompany the festivities, The Jeff Silverman Band.

The "Walk For Life" event has been in production by the Corvallis Pregnancy Care Center for the last ten years. This year the donations amounted to \$15,000 dollars along with \$50 dollars collected from the pledges. The raffle was for the children, in three age groups, who pledged the most amount. Members of the OSU varsity volleyball and soccer team were there to assist in game playing, and anyone could join in. The scavenger hunt was enjoyed by all, along with face painting and character drawings.

For listening pleasure, The Jeff Silverman Band performed Christian Rock Blues for the afternoon. The band members in-

clude: Silverman on acoustic guitar, Deirdre Hixson, percussionist, Grant Lund, drummer, and David Noor on bass. The band has been together for three years and formed right after Silverman produced his first CD, "Cleansed" in 2000. To acquire a copy of the CD, e-mail Silverman at jsilverman@proaxis.com.

Karen Taming, Executive Director of the Corvallis Pregnancy Care Center says that this year's event passed last year's event, "by far." The Care Center is open for free pregnancy tests, information on options, medical and community referrals and most significant, friendship and caring support. The center is located at 867 NW 23 St., Corvallis. Please call the help-line for more information or to donate. The number is 757-9645.



Photo by Dee Denver

Myrna Taylor has found herself in the role of mother for the second time around after adopting her three grandchildren.

Grandmother becomes full-time mom again after adopting three grandkids

by Dee Denver
 of The Commuter

The living room was silent as we sat down to begin the interview. Pictures of children and grandchildren lined the walls. A collage of family pictures sat on the counter with a note attached that read "Happy Mother's Day." It was easy to see that family meant a lot to Myrna Taylor.

Suddenly, the front door burst open and two energetic young boys came racing into the living room—Jackson Taylor, six-years-old, just home from school, and his little brother Jordan, four-years-old, who was waiting outside for him. It was only a matter of time before the boys had the television blasting "Dr. Doolittle 2" and toys were scattered all over the living room.

Welcome to a normal afternoon at the Taylor house.

Myrna Taylor has been raising Jackson, Jordan, and their older sister Jesse, who just turned eight, off and on since they were born and full-time for the last three years. Taylor's oldest daughter Erin was a single mother who suffered from a mental illness and turned to drugs. So, instead of seeing her grandchildren go into a foster program, Taylor decided to adopt them.

Taylor is facing a dilemma that many grandparents are experiencing these days. According to the Census 2000, an estimated 5.6 million grandparents have their grandchildren living with them.

"We're looking at a generation of kids that are irresponsible. They just want to shove their responsibilities off on others," Taylor said. "We gain our grandchildren, but lose getting to be grandparents."

"I'm closer to them. They love me as mom, not grandma."

▶ Myrna Taylor

Taylor enjoys having the children with her. She believes that they keep her grounded and teach her how to stay young. The biggest disadvantage is the kids don't get to have a grandma, because Taylor is forced to play the roll of a parent. She has to set a schedule for the children, discipline them, and make sure that they have a stable home life.

"I'm closer to them. They love me as mom, not grandma," Taylor says.

Raising kids these days isn't cheap either. Taylor points out that day care and baby-sitters are financially draining. Having lost her husband a few years ago, Taylor is a now a single mom.

"If anything happens to me I want the kids to be financially provided for," Taylor states. She even decided to go back to school, so she can better support the kids later in life. Being in her mid-forties, that wasn't an easy decision. She's attended Lane Community College and LBCC, and will know in two weeks if she's been accepted into the nursing program at LBCC.

"The goal I have for these guys is to be happy, loving and balanced adults. I want them to find their passions in life," Taylor said.

For now Taylor has put her own passions on hold. She is a mom again and making the sacrifices she has to.

"At this point in my life I feel I should be doing more introspection and service to the community, but I'm doing the greatest service by raising these kids."

Sun Power

Karl Trickel attempts to fit part of a solar calendar on the Courtyard clock. The calendar is being built by Greg Mulder's physics class. If the project is approved by the college, final installation will take place this summer.



Photo by Thomas Lin

LB Horse Center gets first 3 foals

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Three new arrivals have taken their first breath at the LBCC Horse Center.

Zoey, a buckskin quarter horse filly, was born five weeks ago.

"She loves to be scratched," says Jenny Strooband, faculty in the horse management program, while admiring the horse's "buttery color."

Hagan, a quarter horse colt, was born 4 weeks ago and is already full of playful energy.

The newest arrival is Dawson, a half-Arab chestnut colt, who was 6 days old last Friday.

This is the first time that horses have been born at the center, after it was acquired by the college last year, explains Strooband.

"This is our first opportunity to have our own foals. Now that we have the center we can have as many foals as we want. It is an integral part of the program." She also says the center is planning on having four more next year.

Students in the breeding management class gathered "hands-on" experience as they did everything, including artificially inseminating the mares.

"The students had to spend the night and check on the mares every 2 hours," said Strooband. "Mares give definite signs 3 to 4 days before they are ready to give birth. I think everyone had fun."

"In the wild, horses will nurse for up to a year," she explained, but the center will wean the horses in five to six months. One of the horses is for sale, another might stay, and the newest addition belongs to a student.

The mares who gave birth "are busy, they have many jobs" here at the center, said Strooband. "The center needs them to be both brood horses and to be rideable." Students on the equestrian team also use them for riding.

Visitors are allowed by appointment only. Strooband says the center is flexible with visiting hours but that people need to call first. You can reach the LBCC Horse Center at 928-7686.



Photo by Thomas Lin

Betsie gave birth to Dawson 11 days ago. He is the youngest of three new foals born in the LBCC Horse Barn this spring.

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Summer celebrates music under the sun

by Maria Arico
 for The Commuter

Cool grass slides between your toes as the warm summer breeze caresses your skin. The crowd of people is sprawled across the park like a patchwork quilt, and you're all moving to the beat of the music that pounds inside your chest. The stage lights twinkle in the twilight and the bodies move in the sweet air, intoxicated by the rhythm.

Have you ever enjoyed an outdoor summer concert like this? Well if you never have or would like to again, there are many outdoor entertainment opportunities in Oregon. Many local, and some as far as Portland and Eugene.

Several great outdoor concert events take place right here in Albany. Among them is the annual Monteith Concert Series which runs for six Monday evenings beginning July 7, 2003. Concerts take place at Monteith Riverpark and will feature a variety of music from jazz to opera. All shows are free.

The River Rhythms concert series is also free and held at Monteith Park. This year marks the 20th anniversary season of the concert series, and will feature music from Zimbabwe and South Africa, as well as rock, country, blues and more.

The fourth annual Wah Chang Northwest Art and Air Festival, August 15-17, will feature Oscar, Grammy, and Golden Globe-winning singer-songwriter Christopher Cross on Aug. 16. The perfor-

mance is free of charge and is held at the Oregon Amphitheater in

Timber Linn Park. The festival also includes hot-air balloons, vintage aircraft on display, juried art show and sale, children's hands-on art activities, food and Oregon wines. For more information call 917-7507.

Corvallis offers some great outdoor summer entertainment as well, at events like the Red White and Blues Festival, July 3-5, the Benton County Fair and Rodeo, July 28-Aug. 2. Visit www.bentoncountyfair.com for further information.

The three-day long Da Vinci Days festival begins July 18 and provides a unique festival celebrating creativity and innovation. This charming festival first appeared in 1989 and grows in popularity each year. Some of the activities include a kinetic sculpture race, film and video festival, street performers, theatrical performances, community art

projects, and of course music. This year's lineup includes Celtic rock, jazz, blues, folk, Latin American and many more.

If you're up for a touch of magic, the Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire is a fanciful, educational Elizabethan Living History Creation nestled in Kings Valley near Philomath. This festival features food, displays, merchants, art, and music by the Junction City Brass Ensemble, ManAmerigin's Tales and Sherwood Renaissance Singers, to name a few. There is continuous entertainment on stage and in the streets. Visit www.shrewfaire.com for further information.

Summer Musical Events

Local Events

Monteith Riverpark in Albany

The River Rhythms series holds its concerts on Thursday evenings in the park, while the Monteith Concert Series holds its events on Monday evenings. All events are free.

July 3—Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers (Swing & jump blues band)

July 7—The Linn-Benton Concert Band, directed by Dr. Richard Sorenson. (Fifty-piece community band playing all kinds of music including marches, Broadway show tunes and classical pieces)

July 10—The Subdudes (Rock, blues, folk rock and gospel)

July 14—Black Swan Classic Jazz Band.

July 17—Rosanne Cash (Rock, country)

July 21—Jamie's Rock 'n Roll Legends. (Live band featuring Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis impersonators)

July 24—Suzanne Vega (Contemp. Folk)

July 28—234th Army National Guard Band. (Fifty-piece concert band with smaller groups for rock, blues and jazz)

July 31—Oliver "Tuku" Mtu Kudzi (Music from Zimbabwe and South Africa)

Aug. 4—David Valdez Jazz Latino with Nancy King. (Valdez plays alto saxophone with a Latin quartet and vocalist)

Aug. 7—Robert Earl Keen (Bluegrass, country)

Aug. 11—Artists of the Portland Opera.

(Five singers perform opera selections as well as show tunes and others)

Aug. 14—Cubanismo (Cuban jazz, rhythm and blues, and reggae)

For more information contact the Parks and Recreation office at 917-7777, or visit the City of Albany Web site at www.ci.albany.or.us

Da Vinci Days Festival

The following events are for the Main Stage on the Lower OSU Campus:

Friday July 18
 7 p.m.—The Earthwalkers (Song and stories celebrating America)

8 p.m.—The Nettles (Irish music blended with rock, jazz and blues)

9-11 p.m.—Trout Fishing in America (Humorous folk songs)

Saturday July 19
 5-7 p.m.—The Anomalous Quintet (Funk, rock, soul music, bebop, Afro-Cuban, bossa, reggae and more!)

7-9 p.m.—Ponticello (Features the electric violin and mix of rock, blues, jazz, country, electronic and world music)

9-11 p.m.—Roy Carrier and the Night Rockers (Hard driving, blues-based, authentic Zydeco)

Sunday July 20:
 4 p.m.—Amadan (Celtic rock)

5 p.m.—Portland Taiko (Japanese tradition-derived sounds from religious ceremonies and court music, and choreography)

6-8 p.m.—Orquesta Alto Maiz (Latin musical styles including merengue, samba, cha-cha-cha, salsa, calypso, Afro-Cuban and punta.)

Out-of-Town Events

Many other outdoor music events are located out of town in Portland and Eugene. Here's a preview of what's in store for those willing to do a bit of traveling.

Music Events In Eugene

Oregon Bach Festival June 27-July 13

Great outdoor setting. The L.A. Times called it, "a musical enterprise virtually without equal in America." There are 24 guest artists at this year's festival and several musical performances each day. Visit www.oregonbachfestival.com for information.

Oregon Country Fair July 11, 12, & 13

Enjoy handmade crafts, delectable foods, educational displays, magical surprises, and music, music, music on outdoor stages nestled in the trees 13 miles west of Eugene near Veneta. Go to www.oregoncountryfair.org for details.

Lane County Fair Aug 12-17

Explore over 180 vendor booths, animal exhibits, food booths, carnival rides, art exhibits and concerts. A few of this year's scheduled performers include:

The Beach Boys, Aug. 13 at 7:30 pm
 Rascal Flats, Aug. 15 at 7:30 pm
 Lonestar, Aug. 16 at 7:30 pm

Go to www.atthefair.com for further details.

Eugene Celebration Sept. 19-21

Meander through the marketplace, international food court, parade and

musical performances. Performers have not yet been posted. Visit www.eugenecelebration.com for updates and celebration information.

Music Events In Portland

Portland Rose Festival Now through June 8

More than 500 hours of family-oriented entertainment including thrill rides, the Northwest's best restaurants, concessions, bazaars, Village Marketplace, music and more. Some of this year's performers include the Gin Blossoms, Emerson Drive, Sister Hazel, Rebecca St. James, Smilez and Southstar and Edwin McCain. Visit www.rosefestival.org for more information.

Waterfront Blues Festival July 3-6

Open-air setting along the Willamette River is the setting for this year's blues festival. Enjoy 4 days of nonstop blues on 4 stages. It's the second largest blues festival in the country. A few of this year's musical guests include Grammy-nominated Taj Mahal, legendary R&B diva Etta James, blues-rocker Steve Miller with slide-guitar master Roy Rogers. Visit www.waterfrontbluesfest.com.

These are just some of the major musical activities to keep you busy this summer. Outdoor concerts are a fun way to simultaneously enjoy yourself and the beautiful outdoors.

If you're curious about further concert and summer opportunities in the area, www.traveloregon.com provides easy access to hundreds of festivals, events, concerts and more.

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Albany artist raps his way to fame on Internet sites

by Jacob Espinoza
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A 5'10" white male in an Oregon shirt walks onto the stage at West Albany's 2003 Spring Picnic. It's a local emcee named Stupendous. "What's up West Albany," bumps out the speakers in a voice without treble.

No love is shown. Half of the school's sixteen year olds who have stayed for the picnic bounce around the various water activities, the rest only half listen. It is obvious they don't know exactly what this 2002 graduate of West Albany High School has been doing since his graduation walk.

"Stupendous is a play on words," says Stu Holdren, "but you can look it up in the dictionary and it means astonishing and amazing." A bold statement for an 18-year-old Oregonian trying to make a name in the rap game. However, with a recent victory in an online emcee battle, a Web site, and even a clothing line, promoting his debut album "Underestimated," just know that the man is doing things for real.

Outside of his circle of friends he is an unknown. Well, was an unknown, until he won an online emcee battle hosted by Streetz.org earlier this spring. The victory has given him the opportunity to get a song featured on a Streetz.org album due out this summer. It has also exposed him to a broader range of web browsers attempting to become familiar with the hip-hop communities soon-to-be.

If this is not so much because of the victory, then it's because of a ridiculous 50 cent diss he delivered in the second round of the battle after being given the instructions "50 Cent has just dissed you, come back at him."

The diss to 50 reached as high as No. 4 on Soundclick.com's hip-hop play list. This is no small feat considering Soundclick.com has over a thousand uploaded hip-hop songs from both well known artists and hip-hop hopefuls. "Ever since I put up the 50 diss, my page and my music has seen a lot more attention. Its definitely an eye catcher, and when people come to see that they usually check out my other stuff as well...It has been good for getting my name out there on the net a little bit."

Addicted to the poetic form known as rapping since the fourth grade, Stupendous listened to artists from all regions of hip-hop. "My No. 1 one inspiration lyrically was Big Pun. When I first heard his

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In the summer after his junior year in high school, Stupendous began writing his own rhymes. "I look at it as really an art form. I'm always interested in what I can make and how I can make it better than the last thing I did. Also, it has been a good way for me to vent, express my feelings, and get away from the monotony of my daily routine."

Though Albany, Ore., is not exactly known for its hip-hop scene, Stupendous is not the first rap artist to put out an album and call Albany home. A three-man group named Grinestone has been creating noise through various performances and has an album ready to drop this summer.

Former Albany resident Hollow Tip's record label, Murder Creek Music, has found itself moved into California, where it has numerous albums ready to hit store shelves across America later this year by artists such as Hatchet, Spice 1 and Bad Boy.

While still attending West Albany High School, Stupendous recorded a demo CD consisting of "Coming Up In the World", "Suburban Hoodlum", "World to Me" and "Ballin' Ain't A Game", which he sent to various record labels and handed out to students of his high school. "I got quite a bit of feedback. One label out of San Diego (Stand Alone Records) really liked it and I have stayed in contact with their CEO ever since."

Confident he was ready to put his skills to the test and begin recording his

debut album, Stupendous was in need of funding for his project. "I worked at Red Robin last summer part time, and that helped me with (buying) the beats and whatnot. But to get the whole album pressed up I was going to need to get a substantial loan from somebody."

That was until he attended a U of O women's basketball game last winter and signed up for a half time competition with a grand prize of a computer system worth \$1200. "I ended up winning the competition and I sold the computer to my folks. It opened up a lot of possibilities for me getting my project off the ground independently."

His Web site, designed by Evilwayz, the same cat responsible for his cover art, features links to samples of his music, a message board, as well as a catalog of his Stupendous gear. His apparel features his name and or logo on everything from t-shirts, sweatshirts, and even thongs for his female fans.

But this entrepreneurial shot at the fashion world is not an attempt at competing with Roc-a-wear, Wu-wear, or other hip hop structured clothing lines. He is making next to zero profits off of the sales and says, "They are just a form of promotion." Sales have been going better than he had originally expected up to this point, with most sales being shipped to Eugene and Albany.

With his album's recordings completed, he is finishing mixing, and awaiting the completion of the artwork before the album is sent to press in hopes of a mid July release date. However, those interested in purchasing advance copies can go to cafeexpress.com, mp3.com, or click on the links from his Web page stupendousworld.com.

The album has a different feel to almost every track, from the opening track "Underestimated", where he makes it known he's "the hottest thing to come from Oregon since smoked salmon"; to "Tough Times", where he describes the pain of not knowing his biological mother and the love he feels for his adopted parents; to "How You Like Me Know", where he proclaims "A verbal assassin/ independently rapping/ as I haul the cash in."

The hard-working emcee has consistently gained respect from everyone he works with. "He's a really talented artist who's just waiting to be discovered," said Fobanese, a producer from East Bay, California, who produced two beats for Stupendous's upcoming album, "He has great potential and I'm sure he has big things happening for him in the near future."

Koos, another independent hip-hop artist from West Albany High School currently attending OSU, said of his former classmate, "For a young artist, he is a lot better than most independent artists out there." You can hear a Stupendous-Koos collaboration on a remix of Stupendous's song "Witness", available on Soundclick.com.

But those listening, and not listening, to his performance at the Spring Picnic don't know about any of this. As he draws near his conclusion he gives a shout out to his Web site and walks off of the stage in near silence. It's symbolic. It's why he's on the Internet meeting producers, other emcees, and getting his name out to the world of underground hip-hop. The Internet is making his dream possible without relocation, and he is taking full advantage.

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Concerts to end school year

from the LBCC News Service

The Performing Arts Department is ending the spring term with two concerts.

On Thursday, June 5, at 8 p.m. the Chamber and Concert Choirs will perform in a Scholarship Concert. A portion of the proceeds will go to the scholarship fund of the Performing Arts Department. Admission is \$5.

On Sunday, June 8, at 7 p.m. the Linn-Benton Community Chorale and the LBCC Chamber Choir will perform in the Spring Concert, "It's About Time." Admission is \$8.

At the Scholarship Concert, the Concert Choir will present a historically varied program of choral literature, including the "Missa Secunda" of Hans Leo Hassler, with solos by Krystal Blackman, Molly Reed, Adam Grieve and Tom Troyer. "Abschied vom Walde" by Felix Mendelssohn will be conducted by student conductor, Adam Grieve. The choir will conclude with "April Rain Song" by Julie Gardner Bray, "To the Sky" by Carl Strommen and "Good News, The Chariot's Comin'" arranged by Moses Hogan.

The Chamber Choir, which specializes in a cappella singing, will perform "Trois Chansons" by Maurice Ravel. The Chansons include "Nicolette," "Ronde" and "Trois Beaux Oiseaux du Paradis," with solos by Lucy Watts, Corvallis; Sarah Wiebenson, Corvallis; Adam Grieve, Salem; and Shawn Orange, Portland. The Chamber

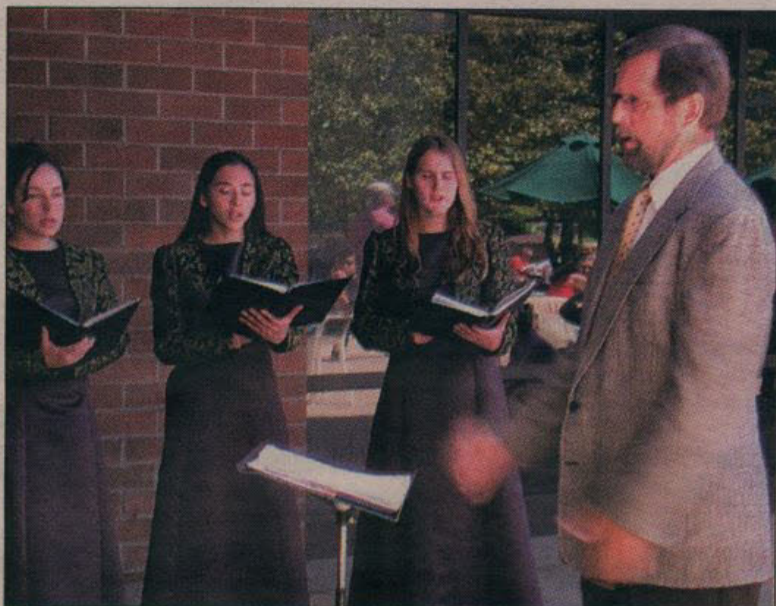


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Hal Eastburn directs his choir in the Courtyard last Thursday. The Choir performed works from upcoming concerts on June 5 and 8.

Choir will also perform "Hear My Prayer" by Moses Hogan, and "I Know I've Been Changed," a spiritual by Damon Dandridge, with solos by Adam Grieve, Salem; Seth McLagan, Corvallis; Danielle Palmer, Portland; and Chelsea Westerfield, Albany.

Additional numbers at Thursday's concert include "Benedicamus Domino" by Brad Printz, "O, Mistress Mine," a poem by William Shakespeare with music by Gyorgy Orban, the spiritual "Rock-A-My Soul" arranged by Uzee Brown, Jr. and a traditional African Xhosa song, "Dubula" arranged by Stephen Hatfield.

At the Sunday Spring Concert, the Chamber Choir will again perform its selected works and the Community Chorale will

present a program that tracks the passage of time from childhood through old age. Featured will be a presentation of seven poems from "A Child's Garden" by Robert Louis Stevenson, set to music by Everett Reed. "Three Hungarian Folk Songs" by Bela Bartok will transition into songs about growing older, "Two Worlds" by Randall Thompson, and "Transmuted" by Eugene Butler.

As a tribute to Moses Hogan, the late great composer and arranger of spirituals and sacred songs, the combined choirs will present a montage of his works including, "Wade in the Water," "I am His Child" and "Ride the Chariot."

Both concerts are in Takena Theater. Tickets are available at the box office, or at the door.

Eastburn elected president of Oregon choral directors group

from the LB NewsService

Linn-Benton Community College's Hal Eastburn was recently elected president-elect of the Oregon chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

The two-year term will begin in September 2003 followed by a two-year term as president.

Eastburn has been the Director of Music at LBCC since 1979. He conducts three ensembles and teaches a variety of music classes including private voice.

Eastburn has been active in ACDA for 35 years and has served as Northwest division repertoire and standards committee chairperson for student chapters. He has served on the Oregon board for the past 18 years and is currently the R&S chair for community college.

The nationally unique Oregon ACDA Ensemble Festival, which includes Children Choirs through Adult, was originated in part by Eastburn. The LBCC Chamber Choir has received gold

medals at this event for 17 years and was selected to perform at the 2002 NW regional ACDA convention in Tacoma, Washington.

Eastburn received his B.S. degree in Music from Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota and a M.M. degree in Choral Conducting from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. He currently resides in Corvallis.

Eastburn has been a frequent adjudicator as well as a well-traveled choral clinician and a church choir director for more than 35 years.

An additional honor for Eastburn was guest conducting his compositions with the Centennial Children's Choir from Fort Collins, Colorado, in Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury, and St. Martins in the Field in London, England. A published composer, Eastburn has more than sixty titles to his credit, including these extended works: "Hodie," "Today," "Christ is Born," "Sing to the Lord," a Psalm cantata, as well as "Songs of the Earth," a cantata based on the poetry of indigenous peoples.

Sequels take over summer big screen

by Jacob Espinoza
 of The Commuter

Summer is here, time for fun in the sun and over-budgeted movie sequels.

Starting this summer's wave of action-packed sequels is "2 Fast 2 Furious," set for release this Friday. This sequel has promised cars even faster than its original, and given Paul Walker's character, Brian O'Connor, the assignment of taking down a drug lord. But first he must break into Miami's street racing circuit.

June 13 will bring the sequel to "Dumb and Dumber," entitled "Dumb and Dumberer: When Harry Met Lloyd." The Jim Carey-less prequel to the classic screwball comedy takes Lloyd and Harry back to their high school days. The two make an attempt at devising a plan with the intentions of getting themselves out of their "special" classes and into normalcy. I can't wait to get the bootleg.

The Hulk is scheduled for release on June 20. This remake of the classic "The Incredible Hulk" stars Eric Bana, from Black Hawk Down, and "Groundbreaking Visual Effects Technology."

June 27 will arrive with the release of "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle." Reuniting Cameron Diaz, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore as the female masters of espionage, martial arts and disguise. Along side the Angel's will be one of "The King's of Comedy," Bernie Mac, and "Striptease" star Demi Moore.

After a break of over a decade, Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Terminator" character will return this summer in "Terminator 3: The Rise of the Machines." In T3 the original Terminator once

again meets up with Sean Connery, this time to take on a new killing machine, the TX.

After a two-week break from releasing a sequel, Hollywood will come with what could be this summer's most anticipated summer release, "Bad Boys II." Will Smith and Martin Lawrence return as their characters Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett. The two are assigned to a task force investigating a drug circuit smuggling 'ecstasy' into Miami. They discover a kingpin attempting to take over the cities drug rackets, but their work relationship is threatened when Mike tries hooking up with Marcus's sister Syd, played by Gabrielle Union.

Both "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" and "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over" are set for a July 27 release date. The Cradle of Life births the return of Angelina Jolie's version of the popular video game character Lara Croft. After retrieving the mythical Pandora's Box, Lara has it stolen and must retrieve it before it is used as a doomsday device.

"Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over," directed by Robert Rodriguez, finds the brother-sister combo of Carmen and Juni going up against the Toymaker, played by Sylvester Stallone. The Toymaker manages to trap Carmen in a virtual reality game leaving it up to Juni to rescue her and the world from the evil Toymaker.

The movie will be the first three dimensional movie to be produced in decades. Viewers of this movie are promised a new level of the 3-D experience.

As it is so commonly goes, sequels commonly suck. But if you like the original you just might find yourself entertained by its successor.

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Instructor Doug Clark is ready to rewire, not retire

by Wendy Geist
 of The Commuter

Doug Clark, political science instructor at LBCC, is retiring. Yes, it's true.

"But how can this be?" the students ask. How can this instructor who we see constantly in the hallways of Takena, greeting and talking to the students, or grabbing his coffee refill in the Courtyard Café, who has become a fixture at LB, just up and quit? How can he retire from the very thing that makes his motor run?

Because, according to Clark, "I'm not retiring from teaching. I am, however, retiring from PERS."

Clark did what many other public employees are doing, and decided that after 32 years, it was time to terminate his active PERS account. He sat down with his financial advisor, who asked him, "Are you ready to stop doing this?"

Clark's adamant answer is "No, I'm not done with this. I'm not ready to retire. So I'm not retiring, I'm simply rewiring. There's a lot of things I want to do and part of the frustration is that I don't have any time. I'm spread too thin."

No need to worry students, because even though Clark is officially retiring, he will continue to teach part-time at LBCC. He will continue to assist the Peace Studies co-curricular program, coordinate internships for political science, sociology and history majors, and to advise pre-law students.

Another item on Clark's agenda next year is an organization called the Peace Institute, which will be funded through the college's Foundation. Its purpose will be to facilitate educational programs, workshops, information and training to the community that promote the nonviolent resolution of conflict. Clark will work as the director of the institute.

Some of Clark's favorite memories come from experiences he's had while traveling with the LBCC Peace Studies group, which grew out of a Fulbright Exchange Clark did in 1988 with a Dutch teacher in the Netherlands. Part of Clark's job while on the exchange was to prepare a group of Dutch students to go to a peace education conference in Berlin. Ever since then, Clark has been taking LB students to this peace conference, which is held every other year and changes location. The group traveled to Hungary in 1990, Poland in 1992, Lithuania in 1994, back to Berlin in 1996, Oslo in 1998, Corvallis, Ore. in 2000, York in 2002; and will head to Poland in 2004.

One memorable experience of Clark's comes from the 1994 trip.

"It was late August in Estonia," Clark recounted. "Estonia was at the stage where the Soviets were in the process of completing their pullout. We happened to be in Tallin in late August and just coincidentally we were there during the week that the last Russian troops were leaving and they prepared to celebrate their independence." Tallin is a big city on the Baltic Sea that looks north to Finland and northeast to St. Petersburg.

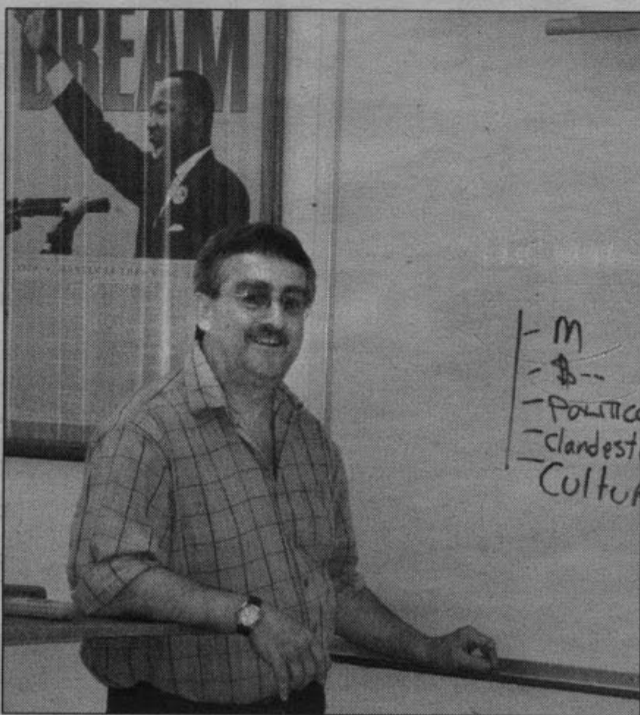


Photo by Peggy Isaacs

Political science instructor Doug Clark is retiring after 32 years at LB but will continue to teach part-time.

"We were walking out on the bay, and after walking for 45 minutes we came to this big stadium, walked in and sat down in the stands. It was in the morning and nobody was there. As we were sitting there looking out on this beautiful scenery, taking it all in. People started coming into the stadium, and before we knew it there was a band, a number of military personnel, and people starting to filter in and sit down in the stadium seats. Pretty soon Mercedes started pulling in with very important looking people getting out of them."

"We didn't speak Estonian. It wasn't like we could turn to the people and ask 'What's going on here?' It turned out that what was going on was that the Estonian government was holding its day of independence, its first independence day right there, right then, and we just happened to be sitting there. The president spoke and they raised the flag for the first time on their Independence Day. It was like being at the first Fourth of July. It was amazing. That maybe is the most riveting of the experiences I've had on these trips."

Another project he said he is rather proud of, and which most people are unaware of, is the radio booth in the first floor of Takena Hall. Before Takena was built, Clark thought that the campus ought to have a radio station. He saw how Lane Community College's KLCC proved how taking to the air could become an "extremely valuable community resource." The president at the time agreed and Clark had everything ready to go, including the FCC application and a program guide, when the Board vetoed the project.

"I have fond memories of this," he said. "It's a great example of the dreaming that this institution lends

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▶ Doug Clark

itself too, all things seem possible."

Clark started teaching political science here in 1972, while trying to finish a Ph.D. at the University of Oregon and says he never imagined he would be at LBCC for 32 years.

"There seemed to be so many opportunities to do things here that I became enthusiastic, motivated, energized and activated by the potential that the college represented." Clark has incorporated active learning strategies in his classrooms, such as trials, debates, simulations, and Supreme Court hearings that keep the students coming back.

Second-year student Jered Reid, has taken seven of Clark's political science and history classes.

"He makes it interesting, he doesn't just lecture. I like the style of teaching he does, it makes you think and raises the bar," Reid said.

Clark says his approach to teaching is to ask, "What can we do inside and outside the classroom setting that gives us some real experience?" Internships at the legislature, earth-day activities and peace education conferences have become his way of getting people "actively thinking about and learning about" the world on a local, state, national and international level.

His fondest memories from the classroom are those times when students developed confidence in discussing politics and history.

The peace education trips also produced opportunities that Clark calls "pretty neat."

"We are out in the world kind of wide-eyed, experiencing things that, it seems to me, stereotypically are reserved for the elite universities. Yet, here we are, this little community college with their rural student body on the other side of the world doing these things."

"The best way for people to get a real sense of what politics is about is to go out and feel it, see it and do it," he said. "This community college is a particularly easy institution to work through these projects. There's a sort of can-do mentality here. If you want to do something that enhances people's education, we'll figure out some way to do it."

Clark says that his teaching developed in tandem with his life. "If there was something I'd like people to think about me, and all of this, is that what I was doing all of this time was having a good time. Like so many people who are teaching here, and in general at community colleges, my vocation is also my avocation. I'm interested in this world, I'm interested in this country, and people taking responsibility for the world they live in, and I'm interested in helping to the extent that it becomes a possibility. What better place to be than here if those are the things you are interested in. Perfect fit."

Gina Vee retires after 30 years of teaching social sciences

by Heather M. Scott
 of The Commuter

Thirty years of hard work and devotion at LBCC has brought Gina Vee, social sciences instructor, to a well-deserved retirement.

Vee began her career at LBCC after graduate school at North Illinois University. She was hired as a part-time faculty member in September of 1970, and was added to the full-time staff only three years later. Now, in 2003, Vee will end her lifetime career as an educator and settle down with her husband George and two daughters, Alexis and Ariel in Corvallis.

"It was a very difficult decision," said Vee of her retirement. "I have been fortunate to have a job I love for a lifetime."

Over the years Vee has made personal friends within the student body and the faculty at LBCC. She says that what she will miss most is the interactions with students and the discussions she has with her colleagues.

"Students were the top priority all along for her," said Doug Clark, political science instructor and friend and colleague of Vee for approximately 31 years. Clark,

who is also retiring this year, says he will remember her dedication to the students.

According to the Board of Education who acknowledged Vee for her "student-centered instruction" and "active role" in the college, Vee was also known to be a favorite among students based on favorable classroom appraisals.

Students made their appreciation known last Thursday at a campus clubs and organizations dinner where Vee was nominated several times for faculty person of the year. "It was a pleasant surprise," said Vee of her nominations.

The Board of Education also recognized Vee for her "active role in the social sciences department" and willingness to teach a "broad range of psychology and sociology classes."

Vee's passion for social sciences has played a large part in her success at LBCC.

"I have been interested in social sciences all my life," said Vee. "I found joy in telling stories, and teaching



Gina Vee

social science lends itself to the telling of stories. Most importantly, I feel that understanding the social and psychological forces at play gives individuals the ability to choose the kind of life they want to live."

Vee will continue her mission to touch the lives of others even after her departure from LBCC, by assisting non-profit organizations.

"I write grants, and assist in any way I can to help those individuals who provide shelter, food and support to the homeless, mentally ill, aged and young among us," said Vee.

Vee says she has also threatened her husband "with the big road trip to every museum in America".

At 59-years of age Vee will begin her new challenge, to leave behind the many years she has spent enriching the lives of LBCC students and creating the atmosphere those who enrolled in her classes had come to know.

"I want to say thank you to all the staff who have helped me over the years. Many classified folks keep teachers on the stage yet go unnoticed. The culture of LBCC is to 'serve the student' and everyone does their part to see that we, the teachers, can do ours. Finally, I hope our paths cross again."

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Carnahan leaves legacy of 'balanced' leadership

by Thomas Lin
 of The Commuter

With a flick of the wrist, he sends the wooden cylinder toward the carpet, spinning. His agile hands swing it around the world and proceed to rock the cradle. The yo-yo whirls in place, centered within the triangle of string constructed to house it. Everything is in dynamic equilibrium.

"There has to be a balance," said Jon Carnahan, Washington's 1958 junior yo-yo champion and Linn-Benton's president the last 14 years.

"If you ask my family, there will be times when they thought it was overbalanced toward work. But there has to be a healthy balance. We've always been involved with our children and their activities. Their life's work is really exciting."

Vice-President of Academic Affairs Ed Watson remembers one of Carnahan's most poignant moments: Before his annual state-of-the-college address, Carnahan got up in front of all college employees and announced he had to leave to watch his son play golf.

"Everyone stood up and applauded," Watson said. "Not to say that school was not a priority. Just that there are other important things in life too." He added that in 15 years as president, Carnahan has missed only one board meeting.

"I've tried to put all of it into perspective," Carnahan said. "You have to have fun in what you do and you have to have joy and humor. I get to my office and start to 'walk the dog' and do 'around the world' with my yo-yo and people get it. They don't expect me to be serious all the time. There can be humor and fun in the workplace."

Carnahan's assistant, Gwen Chandler, who is also retiring, will attest to that.

"It's been an absolute delight working with Jon the last 13 years, and I look forward to coming to work every day," she said, adding that he made Linn-Benton "a fun place to work, a family place to work."

Watson echoed the sentiments of other colleagues, saying, "He established a collaborative, student-centered, service-centered, unselfish culture."

Watson attributes the positive work environment at Linn-Benton to Carnahan's down-to-earth personality. "He accepts responsibility when things don't go right and gives credit to others when things do go right."

Darrell McGie, the outgoing SL&L current events/political activities specialist, said he was impressed with Carnahan's openness with students. "I first worked with Jon on my first SPB event in the fall of 2002.

"Jon was very accommodating and made some very insightful suggestions to help make the event a huge success. All through the planning process Jon gave me an 'open door' to come see him anytime. The openness continues today. I am still surprised at how casual of ac-

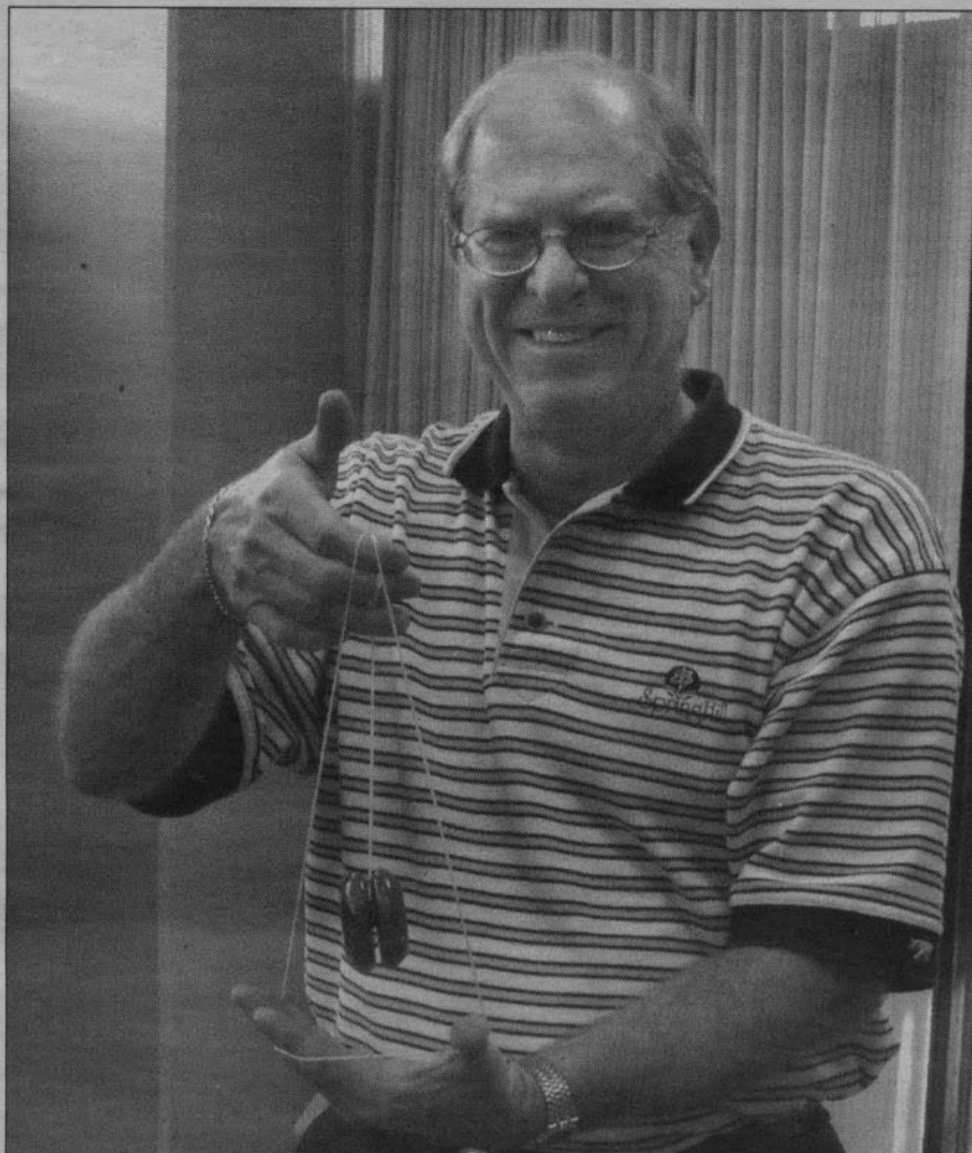


Photo by Thomas Lin

LBCC President Jon Carnahan will have more time to practice his skills on the yo-yo and on the golf course once he steps down from his post later this year.

"He's leaving the college in good position. . . . We're a good institution because of his foresight."

▶ Gwen Chandler

cess students have. It's a testament to Jon's inclusive nature."

Longtime administrator Ann Smart, who has worked alongside Carnahan since 1975, remembers "a period in our careers where we would interview faculty candidates together. I always liked how he would, in an informal interview, ask questions and really find out about the person and communicate to them the culture of Linn-Benton and what was expected of them."

She added that the timing of Carnahan's retirement influenced her own decision to retire. "I want to end my career with him. We've been really strong partners."

For Carnahan, yo-yos, family life and happy students and employees constitute only part of the balancing act. Over the years, he has also had to face the task of balancing the college budget.

"He has positioned this college fiscally to be as sound as it can be given the state financial circumstances," Chandler said. "He's leaving the college in good position. We have good administrators, good systems in place. We're a good institution because of his foresight."

But it hasn't been easy.

"These are some of the most difficult times in the history of the college," Carnahan said. "I've been through three recessions in my career. I've never been through one that has had this lasting an impact without optimism statewide."

"Having said that, I really believe Linn-Benton is in a wonderful place to come out of this recession and continue to serve the community."

He added that financial problems worry him less than the decisions the

state Legislature might make affecting the mission of the college. "The local community created this college and we need to serve the community based on what their needs are, not what the state Legislature thinks its needs are."

Carnahan will be leaving behind some lasting contributions to the school.

"Over the last four or five years," he said, "we've positioned the college hopefully for the next 20 years." He pointed to the bond measure for capital construction and the expansion of the Foundation as reasons for optimism.

While Carnahan feels the college is in good shape, on a personal level, he said the decision to retire was a difficult one.

"I've been at Linn-Benton for 30 years. I have been in education for last 34 years," Carnahan said. "My wife, who was an elementary teacher in Corvallis, retired last year. My son will graduate from college this year. It just seemed like the right time. It was a personal decision made with family."

He added that the changes being made to the PERS system played a role, but was not a major factor in his decision.

"I'm proud of staying in one place for 30 years," Carnahan said. "I've had opportunities over the years to go to other jobs, but this has been a great place to raise a family. It's been a life-changing experience for both me and my family to be able to grow with a community and be part of a community."

Carnahan said his feelings right now are mixed. "On one hand, I'm looking forward to the next chapter of my life. On the other, even though it's been several months since I made this decision, it's been hard coming here everyday thinking that it's almost over. It's my home away from home."

"You walk up the same driveway for 30 years, it's kind of hard thinking you're not going to be doing that someday."

Facing the potential disequilibrium of life after Linn-Benton, Jon Carnahan may still have some balancing to do.

35 leave LB

"Over 539 combined years of experience is being lost in this year's retirees," President Jon Carnahan announced at the May board meeting Carnahan, who is one of those retiring leads a total of 27 faculty, classified and exemptees who will be, or are already retired for the 2002-03 academic year. The retirees, and the year they started at LBCC, are:

Faculty

- David Benson, chemistry, 1977
- Larry Bewley, farrier science, 1979
- Doug Clark, political science and history, 1972
- Sue Cowles, adult literacy and numeracy at the Benton Center, 1991
- Peggy Lind, business technology, 1978
- Ron Mason, mathematics, 1978
- Joyce Moreira, office technology at the Benton Center, over 30 years
- Carla Mundt, office technology at the East Linn Center, over 18 years.
- Greg Paulson, agriculture and horticulture, 1976
- Judith Turner, librarian, 1989
- Bob Ulrich, mathematics, 1978
- Gina Vee, psychology and sociology, 1970
- Betty Westfall, mathematics, 1986

Classified

- Harry Harrington, custodian, 1974
- Nancy Clough, instructional assistant in mathematics, 1984
- Jenny Cook, early childhood associate teacher and trainer for Family Connections, 1990
- Welma Cremer, secretary of EMT/dental, criminal justice and nursing, 1986
- Jim Crotts, LRC lab manager, and internet support technician, over 10 years.
- Laura Lacy, business office, and student loan specialist, over 15 years
- Carolyn Puntney, secretary in mathematics, 1999
- Jan Wetherell, computer specialist in mathematics, and instructional assistant in math and science computer lab, 18 years

Management Staff

- Brian Brown, dean of college services, 1977
- Jon Carnahan, college president, 1973
- Gwen Chandler, executive assistant to the president and secretary to the Board of Education, 1985
- Gene Neville, director of food services, 21.5 years
- Ann Smart, dean of institutional advancement and executive assistant to the president, 1975
- Don Stangel, director of East Linn Center, 1998

Also leaving LBCC, but due to budget cuts rather than retirements are Tom Broxson, geography; Sam Hoskinson, electronics engineering technology; Gregory Hopkins, Training and Business Development Center; Tom Bohmker, instructional assistant in metallurgy; Sandra Heath, clerical specialist at the Benton Center; Kurt Norlin, instructional specialist in photography; and James Allen, instructional specialist in heavy equipment.



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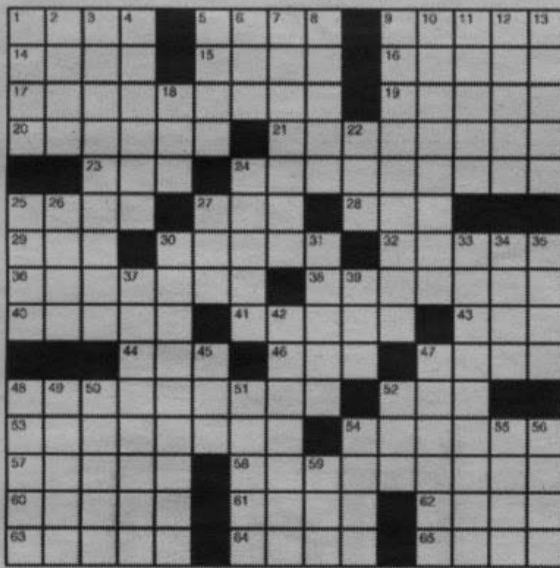
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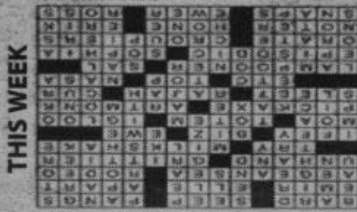
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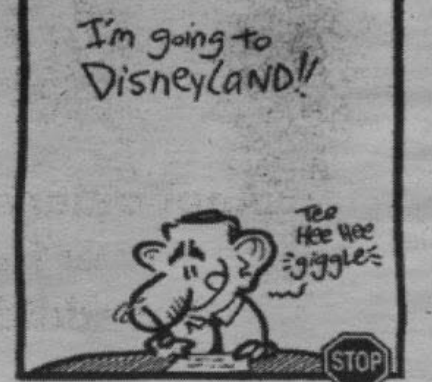


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by Jered Reid
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In the sweltering heat that hit the area last week a football team practices for an upcoming game. They all stand in line, listening intently to their coach give instructions. They take to the line and run through their plays.

The team runs through their drills with great professionalism and it appears that they have played tackle football all their lives.

Practice is tough, but practice makes perfection, and this team is going for an undefeated season. They are the Corvallis Pride of the Independent Women's Football League (IWFL).

The Pride is well into their second season and is currently second in the division with a record of 5-1-1.

Last year was the team's first season in the league, but being an expansion team, did not hamper the Pride in the win column. The team went 7-0 in the regular season, before losing in the playoffs to the Austin Outlaws 42-14.

This year the team has added 15 players to expand its roster to 40 players. They also got a new head coach, Karl Elliot, who has 43 years experience in coaching football.

If the team continues its winning ways it will go to the Western Conference playoffs and have the opportunity to go to New York City for the IWFL Super Bowl.

The IWFL was created in 2000 by the women of the Austin Outlaws and since then has grown to 21 teams. The league has teams in both the United States and Canada, stretching north to south from Montreal to Miami and from east to west, New Hampshire to Oregon.

Oregon actually has three teams, the Eugene Edge, Portland Shockwave, and the Pride. The Boise Xtreme and Tacoma Majestics are the other two teams that make up the Pacific Northwest Division.

Next year the IWFL will grow even larger, six cities have been awarded expansion teams—San Francisco, San Diego, Detroit, Atlanta, Pueblo and Grand Junction.

According to the IWFL Web Site, the league is a "member organization of team owners." The league allows its teams to function independently and concentrate on their own local markets, which the Pride has been able to do in Corvallis.

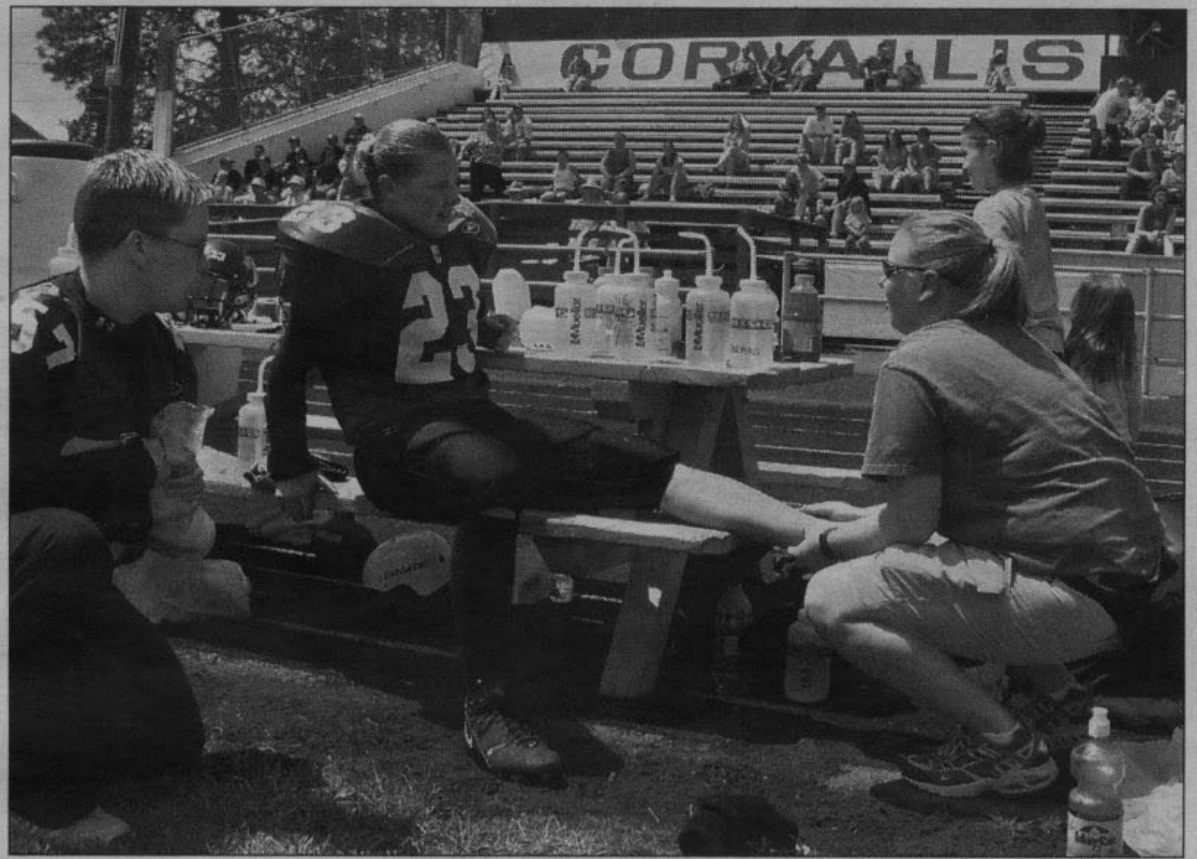
The team relies on local sponsors such as El Tapatio Restaurant, Ramada Inn and Banquet Center, Brian Lundy Insurance Agency, and Emery R. Lundy Insurance Agency.

The team also is quite active within the community. The Pride coached fifth and sixth grade boys football last fall, as well as sponsoring and coaching a seventh-grade girls basketball team last winter. The team also dedicates time and donates money to the Boy's and Girl's Club of Corvallis.

The Pride this year has used their terrific defense to maintain their winning record. The defense has posted two shutouts, and in only two of the six games have they allowed their opponent to score over 10 points.

The team also has a potent running game. Linn-Benton head women's basketball coach A.J. Dionne is one of the running backs for the team and also plays on defense.

If the Pride go on to win the division they will go into the Western playoffs against the champions of the Pacific Southwest, with the best record host-



Photos by Thomas Lin

Corvallis Pride running back and LB women's basketball coach A.J. Dionne gets her leg tended to during last Saturday's IWFL matchup with the Tacoma Majestics at the Corvallis High School field. Dionne went out of the game after being hit on a low tackle. At right, Dionne runs around the right end of the Tacoma defense for a short gain. The Pride suffered its first loss of the season as Tacoma shut them out 12-0.



ing the game. Currently leading the Pacific Southwest is the Sacramento Sirens.

The team normally plays its home games at Corvallis High School, but will be playing its last regular season home game at Cascade Jr. High School in Turner, against the Boise Xtreme this Saturday.

The game is the Pam Emery

Sandlin Memorial Game, which is dedicated to Sandlin, who was the Prides quarterback last season before her tragic death in a horseback riding accident. Memorial donations can be made to the Pam Emery Sandlin Athletic Scholarship Fund in Turner or to a fund in her name at Wells Fargo Bank.

The team is always looking

for volunteers and can be reached on the web at corvallispridefootball@hotmail.com or at (541) 230-0610. To watch the Pride, tickets are sold at the gates for \$7 and children under 13 are allowed in free. Women interested in playing for the team are encouraged to contact the Pride and tryouts are held before the season.

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The number of gray whales sighted off the Oregon Coast during the spring break was much lower than in previous years due to wet and windy weather that not only kept the number of whale spotters down but also forced the whales farther off shore where they were harder to spot.

Stormy weather affects whale sightings, cleanup

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

Spring brings people near and far to the Oregon Coast to whale watch, volunteer their time to clean the beaches or just to get away and have fun. Unfortunately this year, spring never sprung and heavy rains dawned on tourists and shattered the start of whale watching season, and the annual beach clean-up along the Oregon Coast.

Some 4,000 volunteers nominated this year as the worst year ever for the annual clean-up event, held during spring break. It was also the second-worst whale-watching season of the history of the Whale Watching Spoken Here program. The number of whales sighted during the season was 1,123, compared to 5,000-7,000 sightings last year and the year before.

The number of volunteers for the spring clean-up trash removal along the coast was down this year. Although the number of volunteers was lower than last year, they still picked up eight tons more trash than last season. Around 30 tons of trash was estimated to have been cleared from the beaches this year.

"Absolutely the worst," said Fort Stevens team leader, Pat Lines, describing the weather. "It was not only rainy

and windy, it was cold." However, the conditions failed to keep some 763 volunteers near the mouth of the Columbia River from overflowing two large construction dumpsters.

Laura Rhodes, a volunteer clean-up captain for more than 10 years off the southern coast, said that poor weather reduced volunteer numbers, but not the dedication to cleanup efforts.

Items found ranged from items such as a computer monitor and a refrigerator, to thousands of glass and plastic bottles with Oriental labeling left behind by the tides.

The spring whale-watching weeks started in mid-March, a week earlier than the beach clean-up, but the weather was the same: wet. "This supposedly being a drought year, you'd think we'd get a break," said Whale Watching Spoken Here Coordinator Mike Rivers. "As it turned out, the weather was as bad all week as I've ever seen it, winter or spring."

As a result, both whale-watching volunteers and whale-sightings were low. The lowest count for whale sightings was back in 1987, when they had 1,048 sightings. "Gray whales tend to move off shore during stormy weather and stay off shore for a few days," said Rivers. "There is also some evidence that the migration is later than expected this year."

Numbering some 4,000 less than last year; visitors to the official whale watch week sites still reached 19,354, a respectable eighth in 17 years of counting. The record visitors count for spring whale watch week was 32,071 in 1995.

Whale Watching Spoken Here volunteers at the Neahkahnie Mountain Historic Marker reported the seasons largest turnout: 2,447 visitors. The largest number of whale sightings during the first week was 166, which occurred off Cape Ferrelo on the southern coast.

Rivers, who is also a Park Ranger in Waldport, pointed out that the number of whale sightings by visitors and volunteers does not determine the number of gray whales migrating off the Oregon Coast.

The season for whale-watching is over around the start of the summer, when gray whales end their migration from Baja Mexico up to the Bering Strait in Alaska. However, charter boats are still popular in any season to see resident whales off the coast.

Whale Watching Spoken Here is focused on the coincidence of peaks in gray whales migrating past the Oregon coastline during winter and spring breaks in December and March. The migrations are spread out for a few weeks. Many resident gray whales also spend months near the Oregon Coast, especially in sum-

mer and fall.

For year-round whale-watchers, here are some things to remember: gray whales can be seen year round on the Oregon, Washington and California coastlines. All-weather clothing and binoculars are a necessity. It is better to have the sun at your back because it's easier to spot blows first with your eye, then focus more closely with binoculars.

Calmer days are better whale-watching days, by land, sea, or air. Any spot with an ocean view may yield whale sightings. Charter boats and air services are available for modest fees at many locations for a closer whale-watching experience and to enjoy exploring other sea life along the West coast.

Whale Watching Spoken Here is a volunteer whale-watching program that operates during the peak of gray whale migration times during the winter and spring, called the migration-vacation connection by whale biologists. Trained volunteers stationed at 29 locations on or near the Oregon Coast provide information and assist in spotting whales from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. during whale watching weeks, usually during winter and spring breaks.

Last year whale sightings were the fifth highest. One thing is for sure, the weather was a major factor in whale sightings.

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