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Carnahan calls Measure 15 'terrible public policy'

by Marie Oliver
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On the face of it, Measure 15 seems to offer LBCC budget security.

So why doesn't college President Jon Carnahan support it?

Measure 15—the initiative which would constitutionally set minimum state funding for K-12 and community colleges—is “terrible public policy,” said Carnahan. While acknowledging that “it's hard to vote against education,” he sees Measure 15 as a tradeoff that will not benefit Oregon's children or college students in the long run.

“It makes no sense at all to run state government through the initiative process,” he said. “And it is not in the best interests of the State of Oregon in the long run to put a constitutional amendment on how much they are going to fund K-12 and community colleges.”

Carnahan fears that if the measure passes, social service agencies will lose funding and then it will fall

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—Jon Carnahan

to LB to fill in the gap. Where it might seem that the college would be farther ahead financially, there may be an expectation that LB would use that funding to provide more services than they do now.

“We work with the Employment Department and

the Human Resources Division and all those social service agencies that provide services to the same students that we provide services to. Someone's still going to have to do that,” explained Carnahan.

Not that it has been an easy decision for Carnahan to make.

“It's really hard for me to not look at this as an opportunity to kind of get back on track. However, if you look beyond our problems today and tomorrow, it really doesn't make a lot of sense—when you have limited resources—to pass an initiative that limits the resources available to all other state agencies.”

One of the state agencies that would be hurt is higher education. Oregon State University could lose 25 to 30 percent of its funding if the measure is approved by voters, according to Kevin McCann, OSU governmental relations director.

“I value Oregon State University very highly,” said Carnahan. He enjoys an excellent working

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Council launches campaign to register 2,500 student voters

by Erik Bootsma
of The Commuter

ASLBCC Council hopes to get 2,500 students registered to vote in the Nov. election by the Oct. 18 registration deadline.

About 50 faculty members are helping with the effort through Student Programs by passing out about 2,000 registration cards at the beginning of classes, according to Randy Brown, ASLBCC moderator. By last Wednesday Oct. 5, the council and faculty had registered about 120 students.

Registration cards are available in the Student Programs office and at registration tables in the commons and elsewhere around campus.

Brown said he will consider the drive a success if it manages to register at least half of the 2,500 student goal and “makes it more accessible for students to vote.”

Additionally, a voters' information pamphlet from The League of Women Voters will be handed out by the ASLBCC Council as part of a “Get Out the Vote” effort as the election draws near.

The ASLBCC effort is part of an informal state-wide effort by CCOSAC, an association of 16 Oregon community colleges, to register 10,000 students, according to Brown.

The Nov. 8 ballot includes 20 state-wide initiatives, the most in Oregon's history. According to the Oregon Stu-

dent Lobby, a student interest group, Measures 5, 8, 11, 13, and 15 are important to students in Oregon.

Measure 5 prohibits increases in taxes and government fees without voter approval. All extensions of taxes and additions of exemptions are also prohibited without voter approval. Although college tuition will not be controlled by this measure, opponents say it will impact school budgets because of its tax limits.

Measure 8 mandates that state employees, including school employees, contribute 6 percent of their wages to the state pension plan.

Measure 11 sets mandatory sentences for convicted felons and requires juveniles accused of violent crime to be tried as adults, a move which will, according to opponents, take funds from schools to pay for more prisons.

Measure 13 bars state agencies from extending minority status to homosexuals. However, it also prohibits government from denying homosexuals permits or licenses, and prohibits any local or state government from denying any rights given by the Constitution.

Measure 15 sets spending for K-12 public schools and community colleges at current levels with adjustments for inflation and deflation. This measure is important to students, according to Brown, although he said “the measure will not affect the LB budget.”



Photo by Rich Bergeman

Cleaning Up After the Big Kids

Preschoolers from the Family Resource Center help their teacher, Jenny Cook, pick up litter in the East Campus Oak Grove on Monday. David Crane, Jory Monroe and Kirstin Zartman (l-r) were among 16 youngsters who collected two huge bags of cans, bottles and paper waste. In a letter to the editor, the children wrote: “We have seen lots of garbage on the ground at our school. Today, we picked up trash because we didn't like it there. Everyone, please keep our school clean by not putting litter on the ground. Thank you for your help.”

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CAMPUS NEWS

Livestock team places 1st, 2nd in opening meets

by Amy Radie of The Commuter

LBCC's Livestock Judging Team got their season off to a great start, placing first and second at their first two contests of the year.

The team placed first overall at the Los Angeles County Fair held Oct. 1 in Pamona, Calif. They also won first in sheep judging, and second in the beef, swine and oral reasons categories.

In individual placings, Justin Richardson was first in overall and beef, second in swine and reasons, and third in sheep. Scott Jones placed first in sheep and Brenda Tarr was third in beef and swine.

In Medford, the team finished second overall, with second-places in the beef, sheep swine and oral reasons categories. Individual placings had Jeff Green second in swine and Tarr third in overall and sheep, with a fourth in swine.

Although the team "made too many mental mistakes to win" in Medford, coaches Rich Klampe and Bruce Moos are excited about the new year.

"We feel that we have more talent and depth than we have had in several years," said Klampe. There are nine returning sophomores and 19 freshmen, one of the largest freshmen classes ever. The returning sophomores—Shawna Denney, Green, Jones, Todd Koch, Junior Reyes, Richardson, Tarr, Tamar Thompson and Teri Wall—are all from Oregon and are "solid and experienced," according to Klampe.

"We have an outstanding group of freshman from all over Oregon, one from Washington, with a tremendous amount of potential," said Klampe.

Livestock judging contests consist of two parts—placing classes and oral reasons. There are 12 evaluation classes in each contest with four animals per class. Students evaluate and rank the animals based on their conformation and quality.

In a portion of the contest called "oral reasons," competitors are given one-and-a-half minutes to justify their placings of the animals to contest officials. Each placing class and each set of reasons is worth 50 points. Individual's scores are combined and can total up to 5,000 points after five team members judge 12 classes.

Upcoming contests are Oct. 14 at the University of California Davis, Oct. 15 at Chico State University and Oct. 29 at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. If the team places in the top five at the Cow Palace, they will compete in Nov. in Kansas City, Mo. and Louisville, Ky.

Legislative candidates face off in forum

With the upcoming election, voters have chance to see where local candidates stand

by Kristy Wise of The Commuter

Local candidates running for the state Legislature fielded questions posed by LBCC students in the Forum last Thursday.

Competing from Benton County, District 35, are Barbara Ross (D) and Norma Nielson (R). Linn County has four candidates in two different districts. In District 37, Jim Gourley (D), is running against Liz VanLeeuwen (R), and in District 36 Peter Tarzian (D) opposes Carolyn Oakley (R). Present at the Forum were Ross, Nielsen, Gourley, VanLeeuwen and Tarzian.

Among the many positions taken by the candidates the most pertinent were the following:

Measure 13—anti-gay rights: VanLeeuwen is the only candidate in favor of the measure. All others present said they will vote no.

Measure 15—school-first funding: All candidates present said they op-



Photo by Keith McInturff

Candidates Norma Nielson, Liz VanLeeuwen, Peter Tarzian, Barbara Ross and Jim Gourley address questions from students in last Thursday's forum.

pose the measure except Tarzian, who said he was concerned over the instability of Oregon schools.

The timber issue—VanLeeuwen was quick to blame the endangered species act for the lack of work in the timber industry, but the other candidates fo-

cused on solutions. Ross, Nielson and Tarzian spoke of the importance of protecting Oregon's natural resources, and the need to provide training for dislocated timber workers. Gourley said he would like to see more public land opened up for loggers.

Carnahan says sales tax only real solution

✓ From page 1 relationship with the university and doesn't want to be in the position of receiving a stable source of funding "at the expense of Oregon State University."

So what's the answer? How do we fix the continuing problem of underfunded educational institutions in Oregon?

"It's a much larger issue of balanced taxation; a much bigger governance issue," according to Carnahan.

He thinks Oregon missed the boat by not passing the sales tax—that in the tourist industry there's a "source of revenue that could make the state

whole." "It's easy to blame the legislature, because they're the ones who make the laws," he explained.

But no matter what the Legislature does, Carnahan fears that the Oregon initiative process allows voters to undo it.

"It seems to me that in recent years, it's kind of gone haywire," said Carnahan. "I begin to say, 'who's running the place?' Why did we elect the Legislature?"

According to a state-wide poll conducted for The Oregonian newspaper, Measure 15 is favored by more than 50 percent of the voters.

campus briefs

Fine Art Show

The LBCC Art Gallery will be exhibiting serigraphs and screen prints by three local artists, Monday through Friday, Oct. 10 through Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit will take place in AHSS-100. It is free and open to the public. There is also a closing reception Friday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for artists Donna and Don Jepsen-Minard. Call 967-6555 for details.

Newly planted berms being trampled by careless students

by Leigh McCarthy of The Commuter

Students taking short cuts to class from the south campus parking lots "are trampling campus gardens," according to groundskeeper George van Keulen.

Conifer and bark are being stomped by students walking over the top of the berms that separate the south parking lots from Takena Hall and the College Center.

The Conifer was planted about a month ago to try to make the grounds look nice for students.

There are about 27,000 square feet of planters and only three grounds crew members. If the plants needed to be replaced it would take a lot of time and effort.

Students can prevent damage to the grounds by staying on the sidewalks and paths through planters.

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Several items on the November 8 ballot are of importance to education. Make sure you can express your opinion by registering to vote no later than Tuesday, October 18.

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NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Watch your language in this town

RARITAN, N.J. (AP) —In an R-rated world, officials want to keep this tranquil borough rated G by making it illegal to swear in public.

To hell with that, says the American Civil Liberties Union.

"You can't outlaw rudeness half of our society would be in trouble if being rude in public was against the law," said New Jersey ACLU legal director Marsha Wenk. "What someone thinks is rude may not be rude to someone else."

The proposed law would ban "profane, vulgar or indecent language" in public, as well as "insulting remarks or comments to others." The maximum penalty would be a \$500 fine and 90 days in jail.

All six members of the borough council support the proposal and are expected to adopt it Oct. 11. The ACLU swears it will fight the ban if enacted.

Raritan is a 2-square-mile borough about 30 miles west of New York City, with spacious single-family homes and nearly 6,000 residents, many of them senior citizens.

Mayor Anthony DeCicco said there have been no reports of rude behavior recently, and he wants to keep it that way. DeCicco and Councilman Michael Cringoli say they've received overwhelming support for the amendment. But residents and merchants interviewed were split on the wisdom of foiling curses.

"What are we supposed to do if someone curses? Call the police every time?" said Agnes Glova, owner of Valpeck Hotel, Restaurant and Janitorial Supplies, Inc. "In most places there's a shortage of police. I don't think the ban will work."

Bobby Schenck, owner of Uncle Bob's Cookies & Things, believes the ban would be a good idea. Schenck said he has reprimanded people who cursed in his shop.

"I once read something that said 'Obscenity is the feeble mind trying to express itself forcibly,'" Schenck said. "Obscenity is just not needed."

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Student pedals for peace around the world

ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP)—S.R. Nithy peddles peace, cultural understanding and good will. All from the well-worn seat of his bike.

Since 1986, the 27-year-old St. John's University student has rolled half way around the world and back on seven separate biking expeditions. He's ridden across his country, Malaysia, and then tackled all of Southeast Asia on bike.

"I am an ambassador on two wheels. I bring good will to the countries I explore, the people I meet, the sand and soil I pedal through," he explained.

Looking for an education and adventure, he applied for a passport, moved to the U.S., and biked across Minnesota. Then two years ago he tackled on 3,195 more miles, riding from one side of the country to the other.

Now Nithy is planning the expedition to top all others. The Expedition of the Americas. Next winter he and a team of three others will begin biking from the tip of South America to St. John's University, more than 10,000 miles over backbreaking terrain.

Nithy has already started raising the \$100,000 needed to fund his expedition. He will begin searching for team members this January. The team will then spend this spring and summer training for the eight-month journey that begins the winter of 1995 at the Bay of Tierra Del Fuego in Argentina.

So why does he do it?

"Every human being has a dream in this world. I just want to be a simple human being who can understand how to be patient, how to love, how to be kind to other people," Nithy said. "Biking is my way to continue being a servant of this world. It is my continued struggle to share what I have learned with the rest of the world," he reflected.

Nithy has learned a lot since he straddled his first rusty, old 12-speed more than eight years ago, eager to embark on a 600-mile journey in Malaysia to help keep kids off drugs.

He has learned about the generosity of people; the overwhelming kindness and compassion shown to a complete stranger like himself.

He has learned about different cultures and different people but their similar struggles in life. And he has learned he can make a difference.

In 1988, Nithy biked nonstop for 26 hours, pedaling more than 220 miles,

to raise \$17,000 to build a school for mentally handicapped people in Malaysia.

Despite years of planning, Nithy's upcoming journey remains simple. The expedition team will travel light, depending on the goodness of the people they meet to feed them and put a roof over their heads.

"We will ask people, 'Can I stay in your house? Can I get a glass of water? Can I share your evening meal?'" Nithy said. "They can be rich or they can be poor, but we will ask the common question. Can we share what you have?"

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Oregon State Police is now offering summer employment for the 95 season. Employment runs from mid-June through the first week of September. Starting salary is \$8.07 per hour. Applicants must be 18 years of age. Deadline for applications is December 31, 1994. Applications and additional information may be picked up at any Oregon State Police Office, or write: Oregon State Police Personnel Section 400 Public Service Building, Salem, Oregon 97310 or call 378-3720 ext. 4701. EOE

Looking for work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part time, full time, temporary and permanent positions available. If you are eligible for Federal Work Study through Financial Aid we have jobs available at the Benton, Lebanon and Sweet Home Extended Learning Centers and on main campus. Visit us today!!!

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by Jim Eagan
of The Commuter

Ira Levin's psychological thriller "Deathtrap" opens Friday Oct. 14 at Albany Civic Theater.

"Deathtrap" is the longest-running Broadway thriller and has won the Edgar Award given by the Mystery Writers of America.

Directed by Robert Moore, the play is about two playwrights plotting the perfect murder. The play features Don Streeter of Corvallis; H. P. Drake III, Joanne Hamann, and Roger R. Russell of Albany; and Bonnie Ross of Salem.

"This is one of my favorite all-time plays," says Moore. "It's such a well-constructed thriller with so many plot twists." Moore was technical director for this show in California when he first fell in love with it.

Drake, in his second role at ACT, jumped into the show only a few weeks ago. "It's been a lot of hard work," he says. "But it's been a lot of fun at the same time. I really enjoy being devious."

The play runs for four weeks. Performances are Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and Nov. 3, 4 and 5 at 8:15 p. m. with two matinees on Oct. 23 and 30 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 general admission or \$5 for people over 60 or under 18. They may be purchased or reserved at Sid

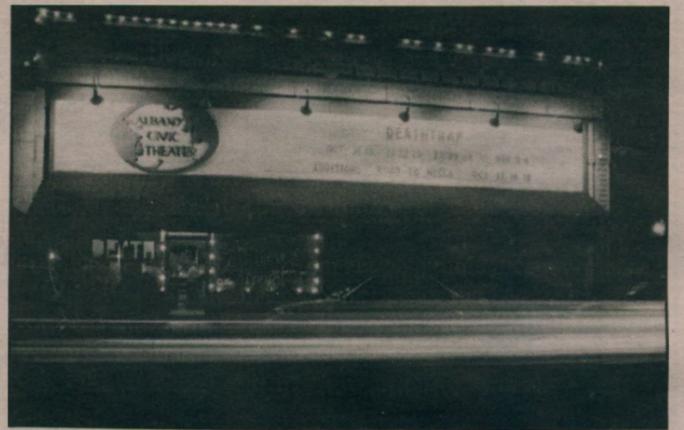


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Albany Civic Theater opens its second play of the season on Friday Oct. 14. "Deathtrap" is psychological thriller about two playwrights plotting the perfect murder.

Stevens Jewelers in Albany, 967-8140 or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, 752-7779. For more information call Albany Civic Theater at 928-4603.

review

Take a quick jog past the movie 'Short Cuts'

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

There are rituals for watching a video—find something cold to drink, nuke up some popcorn, dig the remote from between the sofa cushions, and hit play.

After the previews comes the introduction which offers up the plot. The body of the movie might have something new, and with any luck, an unpredictable ending. However, Robert Altman's "Short Cuts" is more like sitting down with a Diet Coke, low-fat Orvel Redenbacher's, the remote, then finding yourself in sociology class.

"Short Cuts" is more a study of LA humans than a story about people in southern California. It is so clinical in its voyeurism that Altman couldn't find a place for a conventional plot.

In previous works, Robert Altman has shown us the private layers of an Army field hospital in Korea in the classic movie "MASH;" and underbelly of the movie industry in "The Player." Getting intimate with a subject is something Altman does very well.

However, in "Short Cuts" he peels even more layers off the subject. Exposed is how emotionally constipated his characters really are. Every negative stereotype of southern Californians is perpetuated with such accuracy that sealing off our southern border might look pretty good. But, all these observations are so intimate that it is as comfortable as watching a spouse undress for bed.

The characters are a tapestry of lives

woven into a pattern to show life that could be in any part of this country. Americans can be shallow, callous and co-dependent, no matter from what corner of the atlas they hail. The people in "Short Cuts" are just better at it.

The acting is near flawless as we see Lily Tomlin as a Denny's-esque waitress, Tom Robbins as a slutty motorcycle cop, Jack Lemmon as every absent father, and Matthew Modine as an anal-retentive yuppie doctor. Huey Lewis is a fisherman who dangles for our delight into a stream onto a corpse, and Lyle Lovett plays a suppressed baker who pulls off a personality metamorphosis that could only happen in Hollywood—a.k.a. the movies.

"Short Cuts" puts LA under a microscope and focuses on the plastic people who fail to muster any real sympathy from the viewer or each other. But, they are fascinating to watch in their twisted lives. People who need a plot with a pay-off better leave "Short Cuts" on the rental shelf. This film is like real life—nothing ever has complete resolution. Those who need characters

they'd like to do lunch with won't like too many of the people in "Short Cuts."

But, if the first-run tripe is wearing down your ability to expect something different in the video store—"Short Cuts" might be part of the solution.

"Short Cuts" is rated R for a disturbing lack of panties and language that could put most 1-900 numbers out of business. It runs almost three hours.

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SPORTS

Coach looks forward to netting more wins this season

by Jennifer McCloskey
of The Commuter

Volleyball head coach Jayme Frazier is looking forward to a stronger season than last year with more players that are taller and have more experience.

"The team has the potential to be in the mid-to upper-pack," said Frazier. She feels that the team is playing a little inconsistently now, but the players are working on it and playing tough at the same time.

Compared to last year's team, Frazier said, this year's squad has more depth at most positions, more height and more experience.

She explained that having five returners and two transfers is a strong point for the team because it adds more maturity and gives the entire team an idea of what to expect in league play.

There is one thing though, that the returners to the team need to overcome, according to Frazier.

"Last year we didn't do too well at the beginning of the season and that created a kind of mental block that the girls need to get past this year," said Frazier. She feels that the returning players have shown a lot of improvement both mentally and physically.

According to Frazier some of the team's defensive leaders include Jodi Hoskins, Shanna Rosa, Shelly West and Carrie Surmon. Hoskins and Rosa are two defensive specialists who lead the team in digs. West and Surmon are the top shot blockers on the team.

Leaders in offensive statistics are West, Michele Burnett and Amy Gerig. West and Burnett have



Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Coach Jayme Frazier (center) talks to her team.

"This is a very talented group and if they work hard as a unit and become mentally tough, they have the potential to be at the top of the Southern Region."

—Jayme Frazier

collected the most kills so far this year, while Gerig leads in service aces.

Frazier doesn't want to give the impression that a

few players are carrying the team, however.

"All the girls have contributed a great deal to the team in their own positions," Frazier added. "No one member has contributed more than the other because they all play their positions very well."

Frazier said that in her second season here at LBCC she has learned a few things herself. "I have learned a little more about the structure of the season," she said.

"I had the girls playing a lot more practice games in the preseason this year rather than one preseason game and one tournament like we did last year. I think that allowed us to be more prepared and more realistic about what the rest of the league is going to look like this year."

Frazier played for four years at Eastern Oregon State College and graduated from OSU with a master's degree. From there she coached at La Grande High School, Venice High School, and WOSC, where she was assistant coach on the volleyball team.

The league promises to offer stiff competition this year, she said. The two toughest teams are Mt. Hood and Chemeketa.

"This is a very talented group [the Roadrunners] and if they work hard as a unit and become mentally tough, they have the potential to be at the top of the Southern Region," she said.

Tonight the Roadrunners will take on Clackamas Community College in the LBCC Activities Center at 7 p.m.

Students can get involved and in shape during Fitness Week

by Teri Schudel
of The Commuter

Fitness Week is coming Oct. 17-22. Including sports for all ages and abilities, the event will be hosted by Student Programs for the second year in a row.

LB is one of 300 schools participating through the Intramural and Recreational Sports (INREC) program based in New York. Locally, the program is

being implemented by staff and student coordinators Tammi S. Paul Bryant and Greg Larson.

Last year only about 50-75 people participated, but Bryant expects to have anywhere from 100-150 people this year. Bryant's main goal is to "increase student participation in fitness through general sports."

The program features events throughout the week, including flag

football and yoga on Oct. 18 and sand volleyball on Oct. 19. Sand volleyball consists of a clinic for those who wish to learn the game and a tournament afterward.

The events are for everyone. Bryant said she included yoga relaxation because she wanted "to attract people who don't see themselves as being tremendously active."

The events are sponsored by Timex

and Ocean Spray. Prizes such as watches, drinks, gift certificates for Subway, Izzy's, Pizza Hut and other participating restaurants will be awarded.

Both students and staff can participate. Sign-up forms are in Student Programs (CC-213) and in Physical Education (AC-102). When completed, forms can be returned to Student Programs.

Roadrunners drop disappointing league match against Lakers

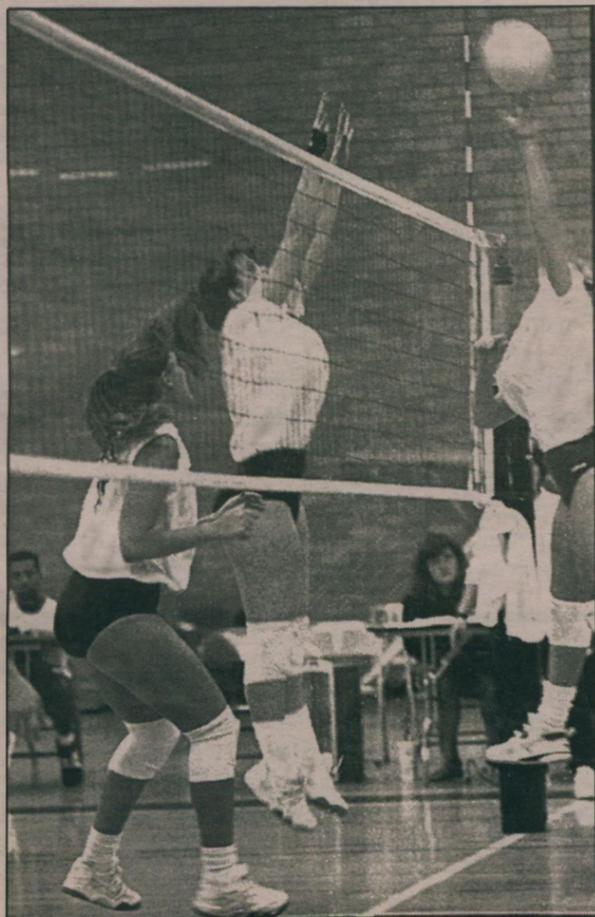


Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Roadrunner Darci Powell climbs the net to block a shot from one of the SWOCC players in last Wednesday's home match. LB lost the match against the Lakers 3-1. The team will host Clackamas tonight at 7 p.m.

Despite West and Burnett combining for 29 kills, the women's volleyball team cannot overcome tough SWOCC squad

by Jessica Sprenger
of The Commuter

The LBCC volleyball team stood toe-to-toe with SWOCC last week, but when the dust settled, The Lakers came out on top, winning the match three games to one.

Down 14-9 in game one, the Roadrunners came storming back to tie the game 14-14 behind a Michele Burnett kill, Shelly West's tip to the gap and two aces from Darci Powell. However, after six side outs SWOCC finished game one with a score of 16-14.

In game two, SWOCC went up 3-1 before West's serving and Burnett's kill helped put LB ahead 4-3. But the Roadrunners didn't score another point until a full rotation later when Burnett and Carrie Surmon teamed up for two kills and two blocks to close SWOCC's lead 11-9. From there, SWOCC went

on to beat LB 15-9.

Game three belonged to the Roadrunners, 15-11. Shanna Rosa started off by serving three straight points. SWOCC got within one point early in the game, but that was as close as they would come. A service ace off of Amy Gerig's jump serve started an LB run that took them up 7-2. Then Powell's serving took the Roadrunners on another run as they raced to a 12-3 lead. The game was decided on a tip by Surmon that was bounced around by SWOCC and eventually dropped.

Unfortunately, LB's comeback effort died in game four, which went to SWOCC 15-9. LB was up 7-3 early in the game and stayed even in an exchange of points until SWOCC went up for good at 11-9.

West led the team with 18 kills in the match. Burnett followed with 11. Samantha Bond led the team in assists with 29. Powell, Gerig and Jodi Hoskins all had 14 digs. Powell also had four aces.

"We're getting more consistent within games," said coach Jayme Frazier. "We just haven't been able to hold the intensity, which hurts." West and Surmon both played tough at the net, she said.

West, Surmon named all-stars as LB takes 3rd in tourney

by Jessica Sprenger
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The Linn-Benton volleyball team defeated Clark Community College 15-7, 15-12 for third place at the Umpqua Crossover Tournament this weekend and placed Shelly West and Carrie Surmon on the All-Star team.

The Roadrunners lost to host Umpqua 7-15, 12-15 to send UCC to the championship game and themselves to the third/fourth place game.

Friday night, Linn-Benton clobbered Centralia 15-9, 15-6 and squeezed past Shoreline 15-13, 17-15,

but lost to Columbia Basin, 15-5, 15-6.

On the weekend Shelly West had 40 kills and 20 blocks. Carrie Surmon had 18 kills and 12 blocks. Michele Burnett chipped in 21 kills, while Darci Powell added 19. Samantha Bond put up 69 assists on the weekend.

"Samantha Bond did a great job setting on Saturday," explained LB coach Jayme Frazier. "Defensively we were more consistent. Serving is still our biggest problem—we would gain momentum and then lose a serve."

The Roadrunners, 13-10, host Clackamas tonight.

OPINION

editor's soapbox

Measure 8
not so greatby Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

As an ex-public employee, I'm dismayed about the proposal that would further cut into our public employee's pocketbooks. On the surface, it seems that Measure 8 is simply asking state workers to make a contribution to their future retirement. But the truth is, they already have.

The Oregon Public Employees Union bargains with the state to establish a fair working relationship between public employees and the state.

Through the bargaining process, public employees gave up their raises several years ago in return for state contributions toward their retirement plan.

They bargained in good faith, and the promise that was made to them should be fulfilled. It was not a matter of state workers getting something for nothing, but a matter of the traditional tradeoff between employee and employer—one works, the other pays a decent wage.

Any savvy employer knows that in order to get and keep competent employees, you must offer competitive wages and benefits.

Further reductions in the rewards public employees receive will work against the goal of increased efficiency by risking losing—or never attracting—those who could do us the most good.

If the state feels that its employees are overpaid (which I believe, for the most part, they are not), that case needs to be argued in bargaining sessions designed for that purpose. It should not be done at the ballot box.

As Measure 5 has proven, trying to put a band-aid on the gaping wound of state budget woes just doesn't work. This case requires major surgery.

It's true that Oregon taxes are too high. It's true that something needs to be done to cut out the waste in state government. But Measure 8 places the blame in the wrong place.

State government in Oregon is top-heavy and drowning in paperwork. There are too many unempowered clerks shuffling paper while the big guys sit around a table trying to figure out what's gone wrong.

This isn't the time for revenge—for finding a scapegoat on which to vent our frustrations—it's time to demand accountability from those in charge of our agencies and those in charge of making our laws. It's time for a responsible citizenry to elect a governor and a legislature that will do the job we've elected them to do, and then let them do it.

And it's time to remember an old saying: you get what you pay for. Vote no on Measure 8—for your own good as an employer.



ellen goodman

Winners are announced for The Equal Rites Awards

BOSTON—Every August 26th, in homage to my foremothers, I celebrate the anniversary of the passage of woman's suffrage by dispensing those honors known far and wide as The Equal Rites Awards. This is a highly competitive event won by those who have done their best over the past 12 months to set back the progress of women.

The past year was particularly challenging for our one-woman jury. So many contestants, so few prizes. Besides, what do you say about a year during which the big advances for women were postmenopausal pregnancies and Wonderbras? How do you assess a year when a second woman got on the Supreme Court but the first lady remained a target for every sleaze thrower?

But enough of this wallowing in the past. On to the main event. The envelopes please.

The Patriarch of the Year Award goes to Bob Young, the Houston Oilers' (very) offensive line coach. Young trashed player David Williams for missing a game merely to see his son born. "It's like World War II," quoth Young, "when guys were going to war and something would come up but they had to go." Young, who was clearly AWOL of his senses, gets an adult-sized pacifier to keep in his mouth til the next NFL D-Day.

The Sleeping with the Enemy Prize belongs to none other than Marta Fitzgerald, the aerobics instructor who just became the third wife of Rush Limbaugh, in a service conducted by Clarence Thomas. Before the honeymoon is over, we rush her a pillow made of a hair shirt, and our profound hope that all Rush needs is the love of a good feminazi-um-woman.

The Blind Justice Award, always suspenseful, goes to Judge Doug Meyer of Tennessee, who released a rape suspect who once heard voices telling him to rape. The suspect doesn't need a guardian, said the judge, "He needs a girlfriend." We send Judge Meyer a question: Would you have said Jeffrey Dahmer needed a good meal?

And while we are talking about blind justice, the Battle of the Sexes Award must be given in joint custody to—who else?—Lorena and John Bobbitt, who are both, alas, back on the streets. A special citation goes to the myriad joke

writers who escalated hostility-thru-humor. We send them sharp instruments for their dull wit: CUT!

The X-Rated Electronics Badge is awarded this year to the video game called Crystal Quest. When the player guides the spaceship through the gate, the computer makes the sound of a woman having an orgasm. We send the manufacturers, who are clearly living in another world, into orbit.

And while we are on the subject of sex and sexism, our annual Raging Hormonal Imbalance Award belongs to Donald C. Winston, a former teacher from Maine who was fired for sexual harassment. Winston claimed that he was being discriminated against as a disabled person. His disability? He's a sex addict. We send him admission to a 12-step program and a home testing kit for testosterone poisoning.

As for the Double-Standard Bearer, this year our award winners came on foot. The prize goes to the makers of Talkables, the talking sneakers. Hit a button and the boy's sneaker says, "VVVRRRRROOOMMM." Hit a button and the girl's sneaker says, "I love you." We send them a first edition copy of "You Just Don't Understand."

The Apple Pie and Non Mom Award—a la mode I am afraid—goes to the state of California which prevented Zoe Lofgren (and every other female candidate) from listing motherhood as her job on the ballot. We have a petit point, suitable for framing, with a new state motto: Every Mother is a Working Mother.

But in the national category, this Backlash belongs to a burgeoning men's movement called Promise Keepers that is fighting the "feminizing" of the American man. As the writer of the "Seven Promises" tells men, "I'm not suggesting that you ask for your role back, I'm urging that you take it back." Back to where? Bangladesh?

Now for a new prize: The Deadbeat Dad Hall of Fame. James E. Brindamour wins this honor. Our prize papa fled the state of Rhode Island to avoid child support charges. But did he return? You bet. He came back to claim his 15-year-old daughter's estate after her sudden death. Come to think of it, he deserves all the prizes.

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EXPRESSIONS

Civilized

by Jana Anderson, LBCC student

Whose
madness was it
that declared the breath
should be taken
from another less
fortunate

Who
upon the eve of their
sanctimonious folly
could slaughter the souls
of the kind-eyed victims
with matchet fists*

Whose
madness was it
that in the indigo realm
of endless evil
would desire that

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the writhing mob
of popular tradition
would long for a taste
of virgin innocence

Whose
blood shall stain
the trails
that a thousand feet
have walked
under
the canopied shade
of timid trees

And whose
spirit shall be appeased
as yet another one falls
the scapegoat
for the sins of
stronger ambitions

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did betray you
sad Rwanda
and the countless others
led deceptively to death
by the obeyers
of madness?

*an African ax

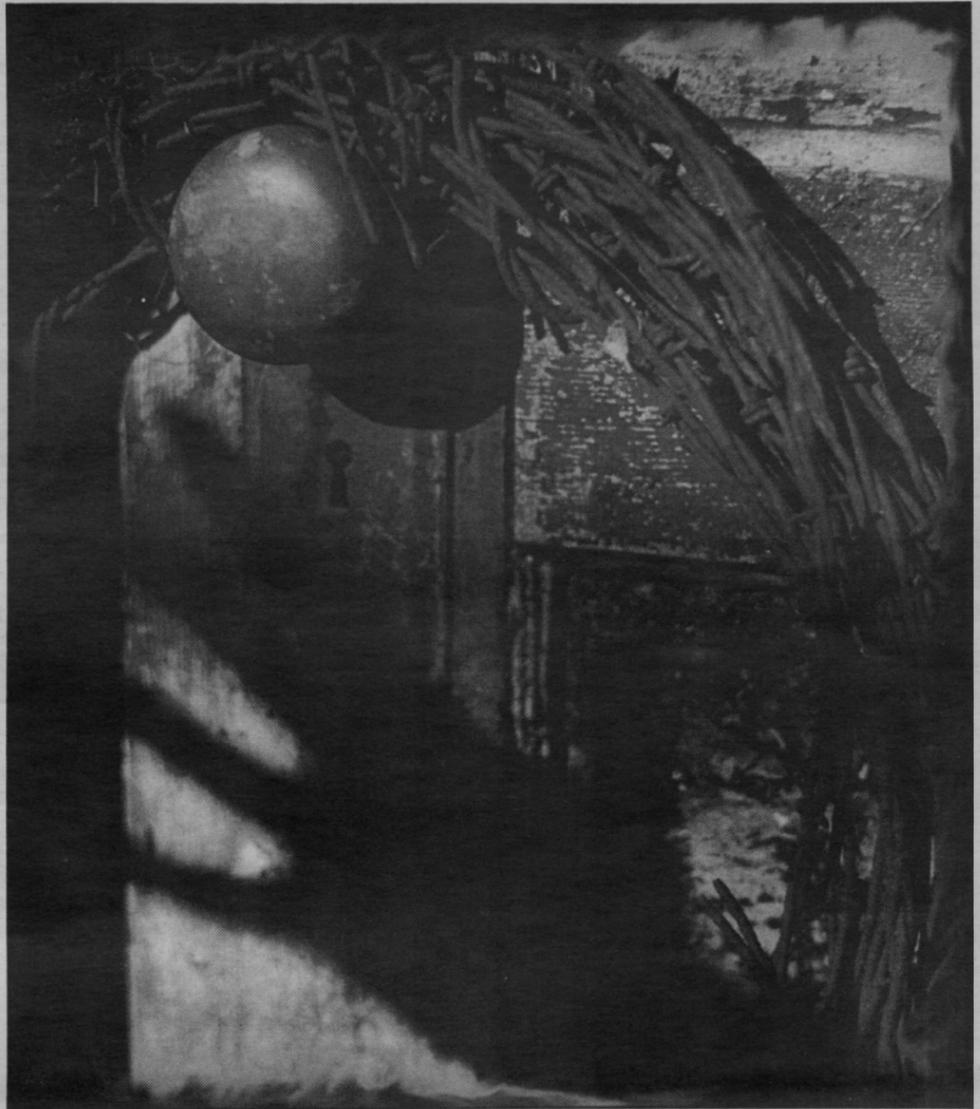


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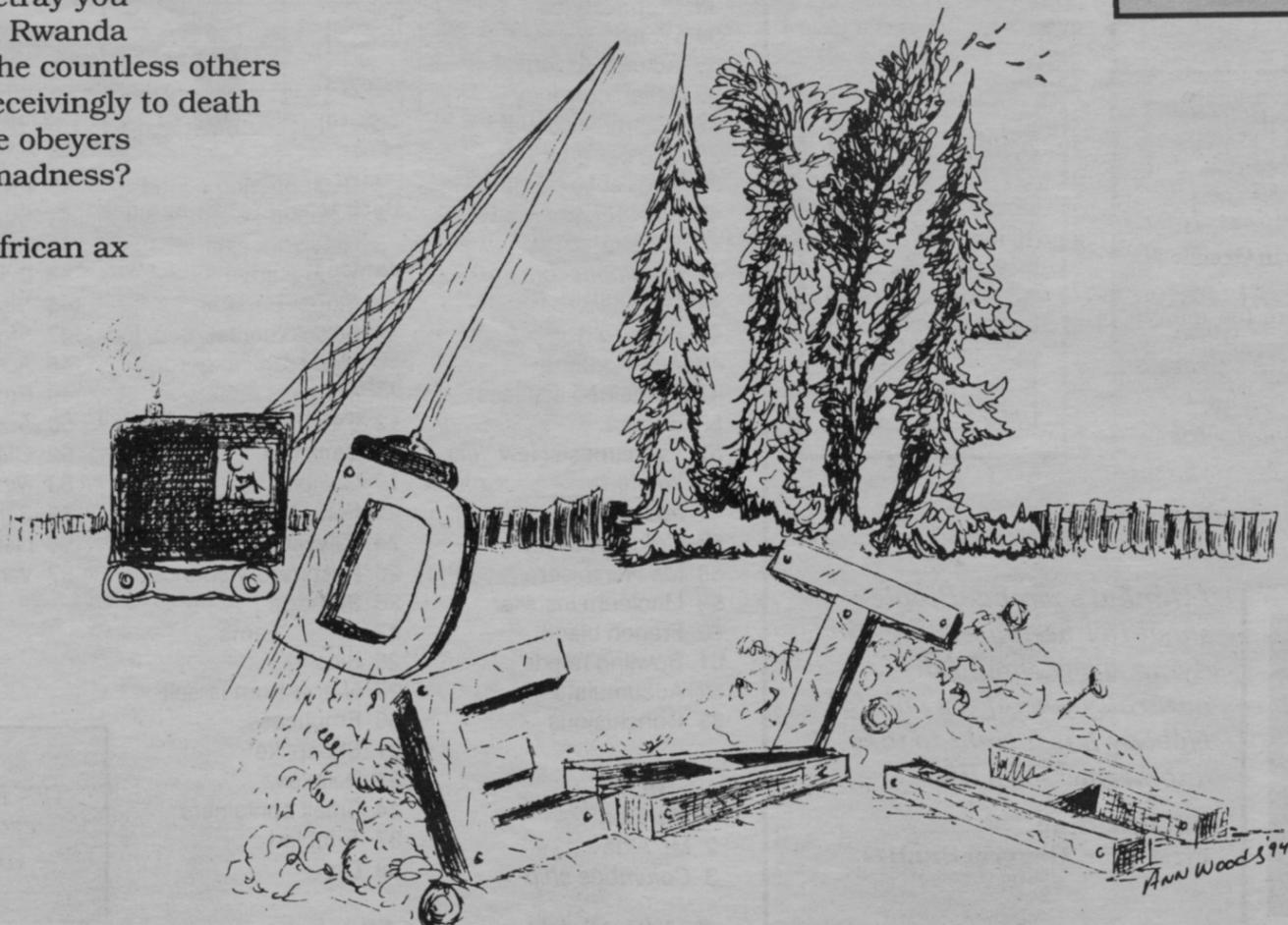


Illustration by Ann Woods

THE LAST WORD

you said it

What are your views on physician-assisted suicide?



I don't think that it should just be a free thing, but if someone is suffering they should have the right to terminate. But there should be some kind of input by psychologists—some kind of counseling, some kind of documentation.

Benjamin Boedigheimer
Third year, Social Science

I don't think they should do it if they can be saved. I don't approve of what Kevorkian does. Suicide is wrong because there is a lot to live for in life. It's up to the family if the person can't decide for themselves. The doctor must always ask for the family's decision.

Maralee Morgan
First year, Culinary Arts



My gut feelings are that any qualified physician that has the stomach to help the terminally ill [commit suicide] is to be admired. Dying right is just as important as living right. My grandfather died last year. It was a slow terrible thing. He probably would have considered it if it had been

legal. His wife lost 75% of their assets to cover the long term care.

Eric Tipword
Third year, Prenursing

I think a person has a right to make his decision if he's critical enough. I think the doctor should verify it. If there's no hope and that's the way the person wants to go, it makes more sense than suffering. I think the decision should be left up to the individual and the doctors.

Eugene McKibben
First year, General Studies



I think it's wrong. People shouldn't need assistance in dying. They should die naturally even if it's painful. Nobody has a right to take another person's life.

Bill Chiaffino
First year, General Studies

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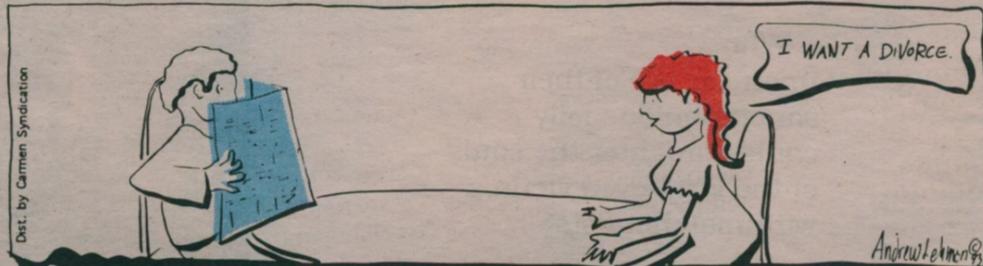
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Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.

—Lucy Stone (1818-1893)

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LEHMAN by Andrew Lehman



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Crossword 101

"Columbus"

By Gerry Frey

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- 5 Prances
- 10 Trendy people
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- 15 Inventor Howe
- 16 Director Kazan
- 17 Sherman _____
- 18 Columbus find
- 20 Social worker
- 21 Cadavers
- 22 Dad's sisters
- 23 Squirrel's quest
- 25 Slugger's quest: Abbrev.
- 27 Insist on
- 29 San _____: Columbus discovery
- 33 Stop: Nautical
- 34 Worth
- 35 Actress Arden
- 36 Italian currency
- 37 Dietary essential
- 38 Use car guarantee
- 39 Pugilist Muhammad
- 40 Sweethearts
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- 42 Columbus backer
- 44 Deceits
- 45 Bros., e.g.
- 46 Actress Jane
- 47 Remained seatless
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- 51 Vietnamese New Year
- 54 Western _____: Columbus quest
- 57 Columbus ship
- 58 Mr. Hershter
- 59 Linoleum installer
- 60 French black
- 61 Bowling needs
- 62 Accumulate
- 63 Conclusions

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- 2 Mr. Alda
- 3 Columbus ship

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- 7 Young lady
- 8 Singer Benatar
- 9 Supplemental Sec. Inc.
- 10 Mythological gorgon
- 11 Actress Lena
- 12 Calorie counting binge
- 13 Back talk
- 19 Gullible
- 21 Forbidding contraction
- 24 Lawyer's work unit
- 25 Respiratory sounds
- 26 Smudge
- 27 _____ Lama
- 28 Sins
- 29 Native-born Israeli
- 30 Emptiness
- 31 Sheeplike
- 32 Relaxes
- 34 Small containers
- 37 Tumbled
- 38 Dry
- 40 Property documents
- 41 Sum of money
- 43 Cooks on a grill
- 44 Doomed ones
- 46 Discharges a gun
- 47 Store
- 48 Actress Garr
- 49 Prophetic sign
- 50 Actor Lugosi
- 52 Oklahoma city
- 53 Nina's crew
- 55 School org.
- 56 Her man
- 57 Vane initials

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