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Photo by Leon Tovey

## In Line Over Online

Last week, the lines at the bookstore, though longer than some may have wished, were shorter than they have been in past terms due to online book buying. The LB Bookstore has offered online buying since last year.

## Jackson reports all not quite quiet on the parking front

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

As the sun rises on another term at LBCC, the lines at the bookstore are long, the people in the financial aid office are harried and the spaces in the parking lots are full.

As anyone who has arrived on campus between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. can tell you, parking at LB is a cutthroat affair, and according to Vern Jackson, head of Campus Security, the early-morning race for parking spaces is becoming a danger that people would do well to avoid.

"We had two accidents on Monday," he said last week. "We've never had that many accidents on campus in one day before."

Jackson pointed out the fact that people get so wrapped up in trying to find a "good" parking spot that they don't follow posted signs—a fact that seems to have accounted for last week's accidents.

"One of the wrecks happened when a person was trying to get to a good spot and he came down the row the wrong way," Jackson said. "At the same time another person was backing out and the one going the

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## Student Ambassadors seek volunteers for children's literacy project

by Crystal A. Huff  
of The Commuter

The Student Ambassadors are looking for volunteers to read children's books to local second and third graders for Project Page Turner.

Project Page Turner, which takes place on April 23 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside and Siletz Rooms, is part of the Service

Learning Program designed to give students experience in volunteering. The Ambassadors are looking for 100 volunteers to assist coordinators Jami Hamilton, Linnea Smetana, Diana Barnhart and Nora Webb in facilitating the expected 195 elementary school students.

Interested volunteers will be reading

to the children in small groups and leading activities such as making bookmarks.

The Student Ambassadors oversee student recruitment, campus tours, orientations and the Student Contact Center—a program in which the Ambassadors keep in touch with new students at LBCC.

Project Page Turner is part of an illit-

eracy awareness program that the Ambassadors are creating and is, thus far, one of the biggest events on their Community Event calendar.

"We're trying to encourage children to read since it's really important and illiteracy rates are still high," said Hamilton. "We want to get them excited about reading."

## LB delegation wins top honors at Model Arab League conference

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

If LB's Model Arab League delegation had been running the show in Kuwait 10 years ago, the U.S. might never have gone to war with Iraq.

Okay, maybe that's a little far-fetched, but the five students from LB who represented Kuwait at the 2001 MAL conference this past weekend at Pacific University in Forest Grove did come away with top honors.

According to Tom Broxson, the delegation's advisor and an LB geography instructor, the delegation—which consists of Stephanie Hampton, Theresa Champ, Summer Beanland-Southgate, Tina George and Diane Hale—gave an impressive performance for a rookie team.

"People were a little nervous because Portland State was representing Iraq," Broxson said on Monday. "They have a full-year Arab Study Class, so they always have a lot of time to prep—but we were really well prepared and we went right after them."

The Model Arab League consists of teams from colleges throughout Oregon representing various Arab countries in a mock-UN situation. The delegations debate a variety of political, territorial and economic

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issues important to each of the countries they represent. Because the delegations are expected to research and accurately represent their countries, they can be penalized for "stepping out of character."

"One of the things that made the whole event really interesting was the large number of people who were actually Arab students—particularly from PSU," Broxson said. "One of the students representing the United Arab Emirates actually has a cousin who is being held prisoner in Iraq."

The issue of Kuwaiti POWs being held in Iraq more than 10 years after the war was one of the LB delegation's principle concerns. The delegation worked extensively to get those POWs released, Broxson said.

The other main issue debated at the conference was the issue of support for Palestine. Although there was

no Israeli delegation, many of the delegates adopted resolutions and gave speeches condemning the Jewish state, which most members of the Arab community consider oppressive toward Palestinians.

LB's success representing Kuwait was reflected not only in the delegation's receipt of top honors, but in the recognition of individual members by their respective committees. Hampton, Hale and Champ were each recognized in this way.

Tammi Paul-Bryant, director of Student Life & Leadership—which oversees projects like the MAL—was among a number of faculty members offering congratulations to the delegation earlier this week.

"We're ecstatic," she said, speaking for SL&L. "This is only the third year we've sent a delegation to the Model Arab League and to have them do so well has been wonderful."

The success of the delegation and Broxson as its advisor has even spurred discussion of sending two teams to next year's MAL.

"It's a great program," Paul-Bryant said. "People can really learn a lot from it and we're definitely interested in continuing it."

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The founder of a national anti-racist group talks about racism in education from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on April 17 in the Fireside Room.

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LB track squad rebuilds  
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troubles

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## OFF BEAT

### A cosmetic disability

A California woman lost her job as a medical transcriber at a hospital because she took too much time getting ready for work. Some days, she would groom herself from 8 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon, missing work entirely. She is suing to get her job back under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

### Four cows don't buy much

Cecil Hicks, an Alabama farmer who didn't like the way his best buddy was being treated by his ex-wife, hired a hit man to kill her, police say. The hit man, who turned out to be an undercover cop, asked for \$1,000 to do the job, but Hicks, 64, offered \$300 and four cows. He was arrested once the deal was made.

### Feline felon fouls up

An 85-year-old Oregon woman apparently took in the cat of a neighbor who lived down the street ten years ago, because she felt the animal was being abused. But she didn't tell the neighbor, who assumed the cat had run away. That would have been the end of the matter, but, when the cat became ill, the old woman made the mistake of going to the rightful owner and demanding money to put it to sleep. The neighbor had her hauled into court on theft charges, but the grand jury declined to prosecute.

### Reports of death premature

Steve Schulte wrote a very touching obituary for his dear wife, Diana, and had it published in the Lincoln, Neb., Journal Star. Trouble is, she's still alive. Legions of sobbing friends and neighbors, who didn't know this, descended on their home or called offering help and consolation only to be told that it was really just a joke. The husband said he hadn't thought about the ramifications of his act.

### High speed hats

A company rule that cannot be broken states that the driver of Japan's high-speed bullet train must wear his hat at all times. So when one driver realized he didn't have his hat on, he put the train on autopilot and went to look for it. A spokesman for the Central Japan Railway company has since notified all personnel that they should wait until the train arrives at a station before conducting such searches.

—From the TMS News Service

## Industrial students win at state competition

by Jason Amberg  
of The Commuter

Three of LBCC's industrial technology students won first place in the state competition in their field and qualified for nationals to be held at the end of the year.

Several students from LB's industrial programs participated and placed in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) Oregon State Championship contest on March 16-17. The students were

competing against other community colleges and vocational schools to advance to the national contest in Kansas City, Mo. which will be held in June.

The winners were Ben Rickel, of Albany, who took first in the Collision Repair Technology field; Seth Isaacs, of Corvallis, who won in the Machining Technology competition; and Josh Meuli, of Lebanon, who finished ahead of the field in Welding Technology.

Other LB students placing were Jeff

Helvie, of Albany, who scored third in Automotive Technology, Trinh Le, Linn Syrovong, and Andrew Bower, all of Albany, who took second, third, and fourth respectively in Collision Repair Technology; Jason Rowell, of Albany, who nabbed second in the Heavy Equipment/Diesel field, Scott Whitacre, of Albany who received second in the Machining Technology arena, and Marcellus Angellford, of Sheridan who took second in Welding Technology.



Photo by Chris Spence

### Survey Says

Students in David Kidd's Plane Surveying class take advantage of a break in the weather to practice surveying techniques outside the Activity Center last Wednesday.

## Parking: No plans for expansion, officials say

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They are also concerned about drivers not obeying traffic control devices and posted speed limits on campus.

With enrollment at LB on the rise this year, parking has become an increasing source of frustration to students and staff alike.

"It's a pain, because there are never any spaces open close to the buildings," says Theresa Champ, a sophomore majoring in pre-law. "I mean, by a quarter to nine there's no parking."

Not all students have complaints about LB's parking, however. Leslie Charles, a freshman majoring in elementary education who is dual-enrolled at OSU, feels LB's parking is more than ample.

"I have my classes here in the afternoons," she says. "And I never have any trouble finding a space. It's not nearly as bad as it is at OSU. Over there you can never find a place to park."

That sentiment seems to be echoed by LB administrators, who feel that the issue is not availability of spaces, but proximity of spaces to the school's facilities.

They are also concerned about drivers not obeying traffic control devices and posted speed limits on campus.

"Even in peak parking hours, there are spaces available in the corners of the parking lots," says Mike Holland, vice president of administrative and student services. "As long as that continues, we have no plans for expansion."

LB's current parking facilities have changed very little in recent years. The last major work was done in the summer of 1996, when the school overlaid parking lots and driveways, according to Director of Facilities Kevin Nicholson.

"Since the overlay the only changes have been things like speed bumps and stop signs," he says. "The talk right now is focusing on slowing traffic—particularly on the north roadway."

Toward the end of winter term a flashing light was installed at the corner where the north roadway and the northwest parking lot meet. The intention, according to Jackson, was to get people to pay attention to the existing stop sign, but

like many other solutions, the light seems to have been only moderately successful.

"A lot of the time it's like trying to put your finger in a crack in a dam that's crumbling around you," Jackson said. "We have issued citations for speeding and other violations, but it's hard to get them to stick if the student really wants to argue the point. It's to the point now where if I see a violator and get their license plate number, I just mail the ticket to them."

However, Jackson is quick to point out that tickets are only after-the-fact measures; a citation won't help someone whose car has just been hit by a reckless or inattentive driver.

"People out there have a real tunnel vision," he said. "The important thing to remember is to drive defensively, not offensively."

As for finding a parking spot, Jackson had this advice: "Just park as far away as you can and walk in. You'll avoid a lot of hassles and even get a little exercise."

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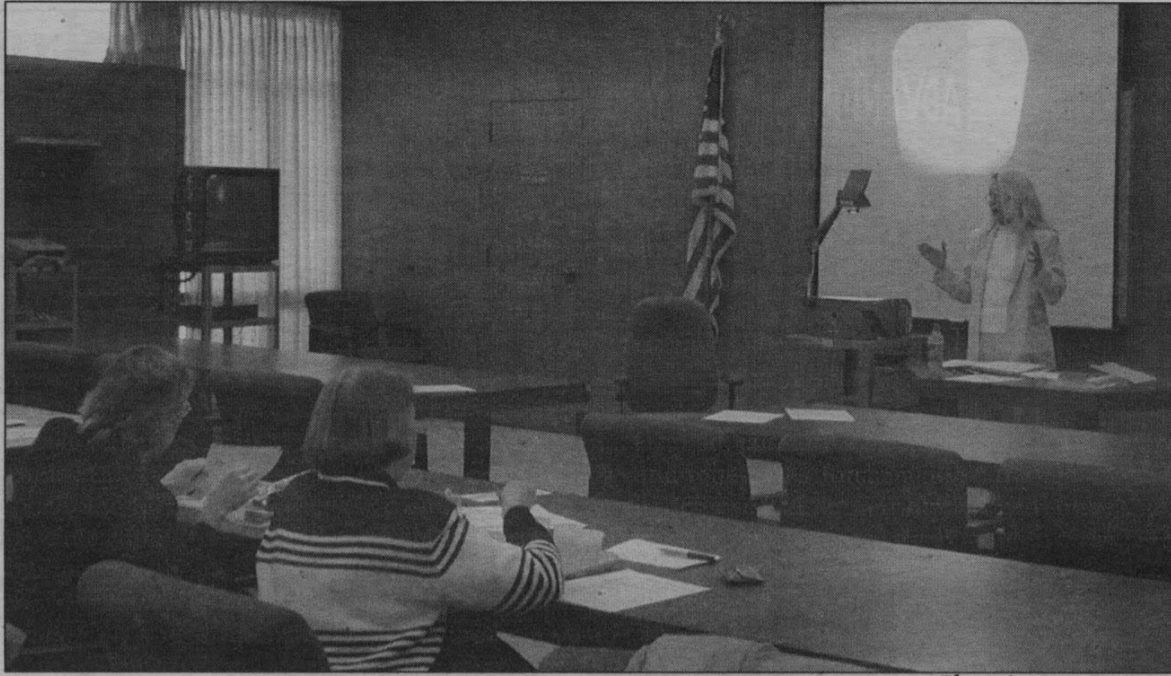
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# CAMPUS NEWS



Donna Peterson addresses a small audience on the myths that American society has about the elderly at last Monday's seminar on the "Changing Faces of Our Parents."

Photo by Lisa Jimenez

## Aging expert says elderly have much to contribute

by Michelle Mayo  
of The Commuter

Donna Peterson, a gerontologist and the president of 2nd Half Dynamics "Solutions For An Aging World," gave a small group presentation to help dispell the myths American society has about the elderly on Monday in the Boardrooms.

The presentation was the second half of a seminar entitled "The Changing Faces of Our Parents" and was designed to teach successful aging and to address the myths about the elderly.

The first half of the seminar was held last Monday.

Peterson started the discussion by discussing how growing old has been viewed since the 1950s, and how it was once thought that when people reached 50 or 60 years old they were going down hill. It is now thought to be a continuum, and that the elderly remain valuable to their communities no matter their age.

"Many people still see the United States as a country of youth, when we are a country about maturity," said Peterson.

Peterson said many people are in what is called a "Sandwich Generation" where they are in the middle of dealing with their elderly parents, their children and aging themselves.

She said to never forget the Aging Golden Rule: Never treat your parent

like a child—they need to be treated with dignity and with respect.

Peterson gave a brief description of agism, which is prevalent in many societies, and explained how people still look at the elderly in a erroneous ways—the first being that genetics is a major factor in disease. Peterson said that only 30 percent of the elderly population's health decline is due to disease and that family habits like diet, exercise and medication have a bigger impact in the end.

Another myth is that the elderly are sexless and inadequate in that area due to a lack of interest. In fact, 25 percent of 75-year-old men are active, she said, adding that the problem isn't lack of interest

but the lack of available partners.

The third myth is the elderly don't pull their own weight, Peterson said. "This is unjust and wrong," she said. One-third of the elderly volunteers are being paid and one third help in their family.

She added that the key to successful aging is active engagement, avoidance of disease and life-long learning.

"It is important to get them in programs where they can connect with other people," she said. "Lifetime learning—even if it is just a small book club or crossword puzzles—anything to get them to use their mind and to get them to exercise. It is never to late to start."

## Chamber Choir earns top honors at music festival

By Michelle Mayo  
of The Commuter

LBCC's Chamber Choir received the highest scores ever at last weekend's ACDA choral festival.

LBCC hosted 18 choirs from all over the state which included high schools, colleges and adult choir's and were judged non-competitively.

The 16 person choir received scores of 97, 99, and 100 points and took gold all around.

The Chamber Choir's director Hal Eastburn said the festival was a special moment for his choir. Eastburn added that the judges found that the choir was well-rounded and gave a spectacular performance.



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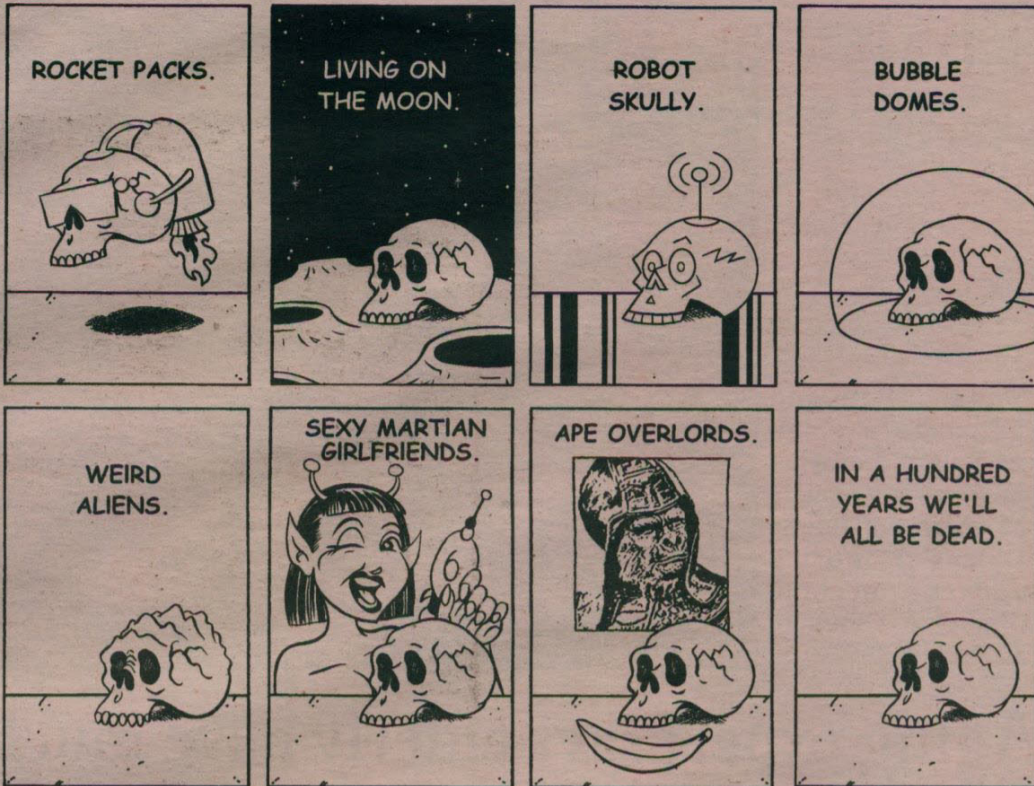
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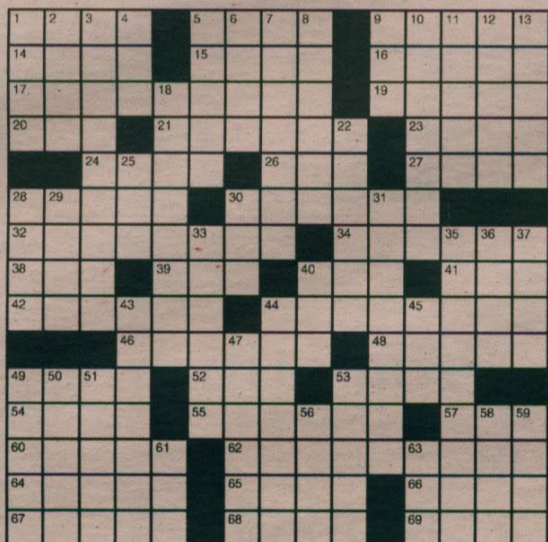
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## SCHOLARSHIPS

**Attention Female Students Over 25:** Salem Chapter for American Women's Association has funds available for Spring, Summer & Fall term scholarships. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center (LRC 212). Applications must be received no later than 30 days before the start for each term.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Thais Perkins' music warms up cafe on drizzly Friday

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Free Music Fridays got off to a good start last Friday when the Courtyard Cafe hosted local singer/songwriter Thais Perkins.

The impromptu change of venue from the courtyard to the cafe was necessary due to inclement weather. Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership, said, "This is very exciting. We're very appreciative of Food Service," for providing space in the cafe for the show at the last minute.

As the show started, the cafe took on the air of a bohemian coffeehouse, and an instructor waiting in line at the counter said, "This is feeling like a real campus."

Perkins commented on the subdued attitude of the cafe patrons as she began her set and joked about how students are already studying so hard and so early in the term. But by the time Perkins got a few songs into her show the crowd warmed up to her original blend of folk and alternative rock and showed their appreciation with robust applause.

The series of events was organized by Adam Pierce, series event specialist for the Student Programming Board, and is a takeoff on what used to be called Rhythm on Rye—which was held in the



Photo by James Bauerle

**Thais Perkins performs before a lunch-time crowd in the Courtyard Cafe last Friday after rains forced her outdoor concert inside. The Student Programming Board is offering free music every Friday this term.**

Commons in past years. Now that the center of campus life at LBCC has shifted to the courtyard area, Free Music Fridays will be entertaining students outdoors when the weather permits.

Performances were originally re-

located to the courtyard where there were fewer noise complaints from instructors who were teaching in adjacent classrooms. This has been accommodated by limiting shows to the noon hour and offering instructors the option of relocat-

ing to other classrooms. According to Jan Husky, scheduling coordinator for Academic Affairs, students who want to put on a show usually make a presentation before the Council of Academic Affairs and then notify instructors who may be affected.

Perkins, meanwhile, sang about the coming of spring as raindrops fell on the plexiglass roof of the cafe—"I keep waiting for the spring, to take away this gray..."

Perkins' music seemed ideally suited for the venue, more soothing than raucous, more upbeat than heavy. Her lyrics denote a range of experience, from American beer to Parisian wine. She has a deft touch with her guitar and her voice is delicately controlled.

The timing of the noon show was comparable to the crack of dawn for a musician and was unusual for Perkins, who is used to later gigs. Her stage persona is an endearing mix of sexy songstress and innocent country girl combined with an occasional lyrical bite that gives a glimpse of a soul that has weathered storms and has somehow escaped being lost or becoming too jaded.

Future shows in the series include Babes With Axes on May 27, and Sattie Clark on June 1.

## 'All in the Timing' comes to life in May

by Ben Hughes  
of The Commuter

Although spring term just started, George Lauris and the Department of Performing Arts are already working hard towards the completion of their version of David Ives' "All in the Timing," which will come to life later this term.

Lauris, who is not only the chair of the Arts Department but an instructor in speech and theater, said that "All in the Timing" is all about playing with language. "The guy (Ives) is a wordsmith. He plays with words and language and it's very funny."

The play consists of six short one-act plays. One of the scenes is about timing in life, in which a man and a woman attempt to pick up each other in a cafe and have to keep on trying over and over again until they succeed, which is similar to the theme in the movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray.

One of the other acts is titled "Words, Words, Words" and has a theme similar to saying, "If you throw three monkeys into a cage with a typewriter eventually they will write Hamlet," according to Lauris.

Lauris said he picked this play because he was looking for a comedy. Ives' play, besides being a comedy, "has some nice things to say about human beings. It's sort of a satire about all of us."

Along with performing in local theaters Lauris has been on the board of a professional theater company in Eugene



Photo by Christopher Spence

**Glen Kitelinger and Melissa Weintraub run through their lines rehearsing for the play "All in the Timing," which opens May 25 in Takena Theater.**

and has been a LBCC staff member for 13 years.

The cast of "All in the Timing" consists of Glen Kitelinger, Crystal Huff, David Nicholas, Ajai Tripathi and Melissa R. Weintraub.

Tickets go on sale May 1 and opening day is May 25. General admission tickets sell for \$8, student and senior tickets \$7. On the second Thursday after the show opens there will be a special discounted show where students can see the show for \$4.

### BEHIND THE MIC

#### Wednesday, April 11

D.O.A., Streetwalkin' Cheetahs, D.I. at the WOW Hall (291 W. Eighth Ave., Eugene) at 7:30 p.m. \$10 adv./door

Cryptopsy Candiria, Origin, Poison the Well at the Pine Street Theater (215 SE 9th, Portland) at 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 12

Dropkick Murphys, Lars Fredricksen & the Bastards, Reach the Sky, Thug Murder at the Pine Street Theater (291 SE 9th, Portland) at 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, April 13

Merl Saunders and His Funky Friends at the WOW Hall (291 W. Eighth Ave., Eugene) at 8 p.m. \$12.50 adv./\$15 door

#### Saturday, April 14

Kustem, Downfallen at the Venetian Theater (241 W. First Ave. Albany) at 8 p.m. \$8 adv./\$11 door

#### Sunday, April 15

U2, PJ Harvey at the Rose Garden (Portland) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Ticketmaster and SFX.com

#### Monday, April 16

The Psychedelic Furs, Tinfed at the Roseland Theater (6th and Burnside, Portland) at 8 p.m. \$22.50 adv.

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# SPORTS PAGE

## Track team gets off to fast start as league season begins

by Jason Amberg  
of The Commuter

The track season is young, yet the Roadrunners are already qualifying athletes for the NWAACC Championships in May.

"We're a small team, but we're talented," explained Coach Brad Carman. "I hope that everybody will qualify."

Spring break was a busy week for LB's track athletes, as the team competed in the Lane Open on March 23 and performed well.

In the meet, pole vaulter T.J. Vetkos cleared 14-6, good for second and Ed Hoffman made 6-3 to claim third in the high jump. Daniel Kerr also placed in the meet, taking sixth in the 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200. Cassidy Beaver also finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles. Liz Lowe placed fifth in the hammer throw with a toss of 102-3.

While the rest of the team was busy in Eugene, Coach Brad Carman was with pole vaulters Christine Smith and Eric Konzelman in San Diego at the National



Photo by James Bauerle

Eric Konzelman practices the long jump for this weekend's meet at University of Oregon.

Junior College All-America Invitational on March 24.

Despite technical difficulties with the poles, Smith cleared 10 feet and Konzelman reached 13-6.

The Roadrunners were also represented in the Linfield Multi-Event on March 26-27 by Konzelman, who managed a fifth place finish in the decathlon with 5,252 points. His 21-7 long jump, along with his finish in the decathlon, qualified him for the NWAACC Championships.

"He did well on the first day, but the rain caused problems for the pole vault on the 27th," lamented Carman.

Last Saturday, the Roadrunners were in action again, and once again there were good individual performances. This time around the team was in Coos Bay for the Southern Region Preview Meet. Vetkos reached 14-6 in the pole vault to qualify for the NWAACC Championships.

Konzelman finished second in the long jump with a season outdoor best, of 21-9.75 inches and grabbed third in the pole vault clearing 13-6. Beaver finished fifth in the 400 hurdles with a time of 58.6 seconds.

LB will compete in the Mt. Hood relays this Saturday in Gresham.

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# SPORTS PAGE

## Runners defeat Lane; Stand 1-4 in league

Kris Lloyd leads the Runners at the plate, batting .417 as LB struggles in League

by Christina Laramore  
of The Commuter

After going 4-5 in the preseason, the Roadrunner baseball team opened the league season losing four out of five, dropping doubleheaders at Chemeketa and Southwestern Oregon last week while beating Lane in their third league game.

LBCC won the Lane game by coming from two runs down to beat the Titans 6-4. The Roadrunners went scoreless through the first five innings and found themselves down 2-0 despite five strikeouts from starting pitcher Paul Collins and strong defense behind him.

But Colin Kaneshiro ignited a five-run rally in the sixth with a single, followed by another single from Sam Kirby. With runners on first and second, Justin Pratt flew out to the shortstop, but advanced both runners.

Andy Narver, LB's No. 2 hitter, then chipped one to the first baseman, giving the Runners their second out of the inning but leaving Kaneshiro and Kirby in scoring position.

Then Lane started to kick the ball around. One error put Josh Thompson on base and scored Kaneshiro, and another put Lloyd on first and brought Kirby in, tying the game. Ben Anderson followed with a single to drive in Thompson putting Runners at the corners and setting the stage for Andy Campbell, who stepped up to the plate and cranked a two-run triple that gave the Roadrunners a 5-2 lead. Campbell was left on third, however, when Korey Kanaeholo grounded out to end the inning.

"Campbell was the man," baseball coach Greg Hawk said after the game. "He made some big plays offensively. The two-run triple was the key to that inning."

The damage had been done, and although the Titans came up with two more runs, the Runners scored one more in the ninth, to take home the 6-4 road win.

Campbell went 3-for-4 against Lane with two triples, scoring once and grabbed three RBIs.

"It was a nail-biter," Hawk said. "We have folded with close games before but the guys wanted it bad. Our mental concentration and focus was the difference; the guys were intense."

Hawk said the team was motivated by its doubleheader loss to Chemeketa two days earlier. "Sometimes a big piece of humble pie can help," he said.

The two-game sweep by Chemeketa

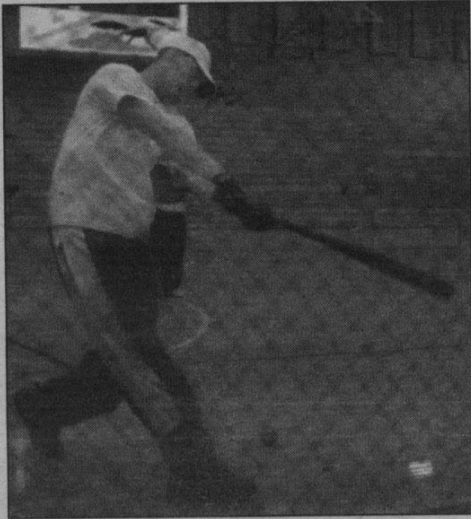


Photo by Christopher Spence

**Andy Campbell works on his swing in practice last week in the gym. Campbell went 2-for-4 against Lane in LB's 6-4 win last Thursday, with two triples and two RBIs.**

was the season opener for LB, which lost the first game 6-1 and the second 8-4. In the first game, LB held the Storm to just one run until the seventh, when Chemeketa scored three, putting the Runners down 4-0.

The Roadrunner's only run of the game came in the eighth inning, when Pratt singled and Campbell walked, advancing Pratt to second. Pratt then stole third and scored on a single from Josh Thompson. With one out and runners on first and second, the Roadrunners' offense looked like it was starting to kick into gear. But the rally was snuffed when Kris Lloyd hit into a double play to end the inning.

The second game started off much better for the Runners, as they built a 3-1 lead through the first five innings. Unfortunately, LB shut down offensively and defensively, allowing the Storm to score seven runs in the bottom of the sixth.

"It was the strangest inning in baseball that I have ever been around," commented Hawk. "There were two walks, five errors, four hits and seven runs."

According to Hawk, the inning opened with pitcher Andrew Larson getting a tough 2-2 call on the Storm's leadoff batter and eventually walking him.

That's when things fell apart for the Runners.

Chemeketa started hitting singles and the Runners started committing errors. After the Storm scored their fourth run in the sixth, Hawk brought in relief pitcher Matt Nesbitt, who then turned around and gave up three runs. Hawk then relieved Nesbitt, bringing in Watchman with two outs. Watchman ended the disaster by striking out the cleanup

batter to close the inning.

"We broke down defensively and on the mound," Hawk said. "We lost our composure. It's evident we have not been very good offensively—we have spurts of good pitching and defensive play, but it hasn't been very consistent. We had our split and didn't capitalize."

With one win and two losses in league, the Runners went down to Coos Bay to play SWOCC last Saturday, hoping to turn around their league record. It didn't happen, however, as they dropped both ends of another doubleheader, 5-4 and 3-2.

The Runners once more had a lead for a short time, leading 3-1 going into the bottom of the third, but again broke down and allowed SWOCC to score four in the bottom of the inning. LB came up with one more run in the fifth but couldn't regain the lead. The Runners gave up 10 hits to SWOCC while only managing four of their own.

In the second game, the Runners again played SWOCC tight but lost the lead when SWOCC scored three in the first six innings and kept LB scoreless. The Roadrunners finally managed to score two runs in the seventh inning, but it was not enough and they again fell by one run.

"We have not played with real good consistency this spring," Hawk commented. "As a team, you need an even keel consistency and that's what we are looking for."

The Runners will host Chemeketa on Thursday for a double header and travel to Mt. Hood on Saturday.

### LINE SCORES

#### Baseball

At Salem  
Game One

CHEMEKETA 6, LINN-BENTON 1

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Quaempts, Nesbitt (7) and Kirby; Hilberg and Palmer, Litzer (8). W—Hilberg. L—Quaempts, 1-2. 2B—LBCC, Hadley.

Game Two

CHEMEKETA 8, LINN-BENTON 4

LBCC 210 000 1 — 4 4 5

Chem 001 007 x — 8 7 0

Larson, Nesbitt (6), Watchman (6) and Tenney; Lockett and Litzer, Lee (3), Palmer (7). W—Lockett. L—Larson, 1-2. 2B—LBCC, Hadley.

At Eugene

LINN-BENTON 6, LANE 4

LBCC 000 005 001 — 6 7 2

Lane 002 000 200 — 4 11 2

Collins, Watchman (8) and Kirby; Williams, Mills, Simmons (9) and Kimbrough. W—Collins, 1-0. L—Williams. 2B—LCC, Walle, Kimbrough. 3B—LBCC, Campbell 2; LCC, Sheppard. HR—LCC, Wright.

At Coos Bay

Game One

Southwestern Oregon 5, LINN-BENTON 4

LBCC 201 010 000 — 4 4 0

SWOCC 104 010 00x — 5 10 0

Newmann, Watchman (5) and Tenney; Kuitert and Southerland. W—Kuitert. L—Newmann, 1-2. 2B—LBCC, Thompson; SWOCC, Southerland, Mead, Olinger 2.

Game Two

Southwestern Oregon 3, LINN-BENTON 2

LBCC 000 000 2 — 2 5 2

SWOCC 010 002 x — 3 2 0

Quaempts and Kirby; Kozloski, Knight and Southerland. W—Kozloski. L—Quaempts, 1-3.

### STANDINGS

	League	Overall
Mt. Hood	4-0	8-4
SW Oregon	4-1	6-12
Chemeketa	4-2	12-10
Lane	1-2	9-10
Linn-Benton	1-4	5-9
Clackamas	0-5	4-11

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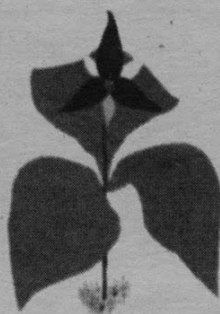
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# OPINION



## I AM NOT A LIBERAL

### Homebirth celebrates women's gift

by Angus McBrian  
of The Commuter

Two months ago our second child was born. Like Griffin, Molly was born at home. It wasn't an accident, we weren't snowed in, and the baby *did not* come too fast to get to the hospital.

My wife Jennifer and I decided that she would labor and deliver our children at home, with a midwife in attendance, rather than in a hospital with a doctor.



Angus McBrian

We are not religious fundamentalists or survivalists. We chose homebirth because we believe that pregnancy and childbirth are normal, healthy processes. Hospitals are for medical treatment of diseases and injuries—abnormal human conditions. Doctors are trained to cure and to heal. Pregnancy and birth are not medical conditions requiring "treatment."

The arguments against having a birth in a hospital are numerous. Most revolve around medical treatment of women as machines rather than human beings. Drugs, surgery and other interventions are most often invoked to "keep the labor schedule on track" or other reasons not directly related to the well being of the mother and child.

The good example is the use of Caesarean section; surgical removal of the child from the mother's uterus. Caesarean rates have skyrocketed since the 1970s. Women have been having healthy vaginal births for centuries. They certainly haven't evolved past that capacity in the last few decades, so what changed?

The answer: malpractice insurance. A doctor is less liable for mistakes in delivery if she or he is perceived by the court as having taken every precaution. The result is a "better safe than sorry" attitude, and a Caesarean rate that beats every other western industrial nation on the planet.

A mountain of examples similar to this one led me to believe that the corporate, mechanistic model of treatment was not appropriate for childbirth. But I didn't fully understand the reality of this choice until I wit-

nessed it for the second time.

When Griffin was born, I was still scared. I was prey to our society's terror of the female body, of labor and birth. I had joined Jennifer in the choice to birth at home, but I did so negatively. I was really turning away from the hospital experience more than I was turning towards homebirth.

Because of this, my energy and focus was on our midwife. Lisa was the expert. She replaced the doctor. It all depended on her. I had refused the medical model, but I still clung to a need for security in an expert. My praise of Lisa was only surpassed by my joy at Griffin's arrival.

I'm not sure what, if anything, changed since then. I've spent time with other families who chose homebirth. I've read a bit more. Maybe the success of Griffin's birth just made me less scared and more comfortable.

In any case, Molly's birth had an entirely different effect on me. Lisa attended the birth again; but looking back, I hardly remember her presence at all.

All I can see in my mind is Jennifer laboring. I can see the energy and strength she drew from deep inside herself. I can see the work, and pain, of childbirth. And I can see the fantastic capacity of the female body, without the aid of drugs or mechanical contraptions, to produce the miracle of a newborn child.

I was lucky enough this time to catch Molly. As I held her for the first time, awe and respect for the miracle of birth overcame me.

I feel like I really get it this time. Homebirth is not about choosing the right care provider, or circumventing the corporate status quo. It's about supporting and honoring the beauty that is women's gift of childbirth.

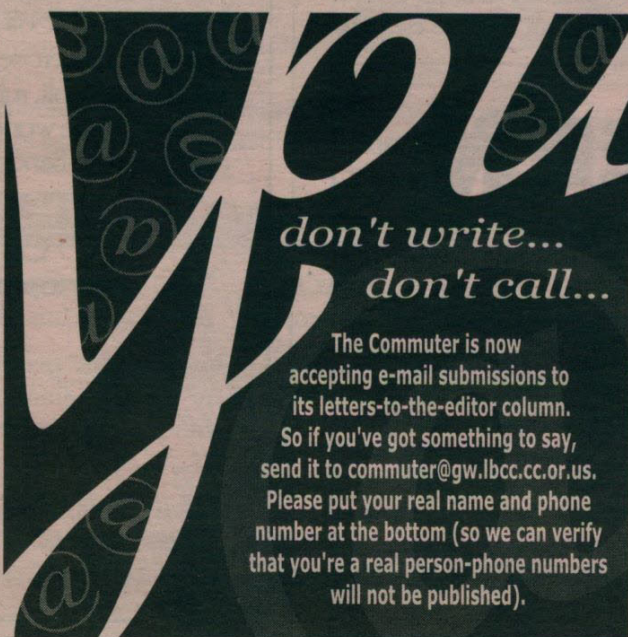
Parents should explore the option to birth at home. It is the healthy choice. It is also the choice that fully honors our mothers.

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### WHAT STUDENTS THINK

## How do you think President Bush has handled the spy plane crisis in China?

Commuter reporters asked students about President Bush's refusal to apologize for the collision of an American surveillance plane and a Chinese fighter jet two weeks ago. The pilot of the Chinese plane has been missing and the crew of the American plane have been held by Chinese authorities since the crash.

*"If it were any other country that we weren't interested in economically, we would've bombed the shit out of them."*

—Derek Stith



*"We need to send a SEAL team in there and blow the hell out of all those Chinese communists."*

—Ryan Spellings, Criminal justice



*"I think China is doing the same thing the United States would have done considering the circumstances."*

—Jon Reddicks, Computer user support



*"Bush should just apologize."*

—Jeanie Arnold, Education



*"I think he (Bush) is a complete and total jackass."*

—Katie Newton, Culinary



*"He's a very illiterate person with no diplomacy and he's a real waste of space."*

—Maria Church, Liberal Studies



*"We would do the same thing as them (Chinese). He (Bush) is trying to start a war."*

—Jenn Sunderg, Undecided



—Compiled by Ben Hughes and Chad Richins