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BALLOT MEASURES

Measure #17

Lowers the age requirement for state legislators from 21 to 18 years.

yes no

Measure #23

Creates state-funded comprehensive health care plan for Oregon residents.

yes no

Measure #25

Increases minimum wage in Oregon from \$6.50 to \$6.90 an hour and adjusts for inflation in future years.

yes no

Measure #26

Bans practice of paying initiative petition circulators by the signature.

yes no

Measure #27

Requires all foods that carry genetically engineered ingredients to be labeled.

yes no

Measure #02-25

Annexes land on the north side of Western Boulevard in Corvallis to be used for student housing.

yes no

CANDIDATES

U.S. Senate/Oregon

Gordon Smith (R)
Bill Bradbury (D)

Governor of Oregon

Kevin Mannix (R) 48%
Ted Kulongoski (D) 47%
 undecided

State Sen 8th District

Frank Morse (R) 55%
Barbara Ross (D) 45%
 undecided

State Rep 15th District

Betsy Close (R) 51%
Joe Novak (D) 49%
 undecided

Voters OK wage hike, nix health plan

Race for governor tightens as Mannix overtakes Kulongoski's early lead

by Adele Kubein
of The Commuter

The weather warmed Tuesday and so did the Oregon voters. Analysts speculate that Oregonians miss the camaraderie at the polls and that's why so many waited until the last hours to personally place their ballots into the drop boxes.

Ballots were being deposited as late as Tuesday night at 8 p.m., and the free parking spaces in front of the Benton County Courthouse got plenty of use Tuesday evening.

The Democratic Party's regular gathering at The Old World Deli was attended by former LBCC student Tina Empol, who was leading in her race for a seat on the Corvallis City Council, as well as Democrat Barbara Ross, who was slightly behind in her race for the State Senate 8th District. Everyone was glued to the computers keeping track of the races, most of which were still too close to call late Tuesday evening.

In one race that was decided early, GOP Sen. Gordon Smith handily beat his Democratic challenger Bill Bradbury, but the race for Oregon governor between Republican Kevin Mannix and Democrat Ted Kulongoski was too close to call at 10 p.m. Kulongoski's early lead had evaporated and late returns had Mannix slightly ahead.

Several measures important to students



Photos by Jeremy Hennig

State Senate candidate Barbara Ross chats with a supporter (left) at the election return party in the Old World Deli Tuesday night. Also in attendance was Tina Empol (center, right) a former LB student who was leading in her race for seat on the Corvallis City Council.

were on the ballot—some passed, including the increase in the minimum wage, but others that had the potential to greatly impact students' lives failed.

Measure 17 would have lowered the age requirement for Oregon legislators to 18, but it failed by quite a majority, as the voters apparently did not trust their own judg-

ment to evaluate young politicians on a case-by-case basis.

Oregon voters also did not take the chance to institute comprehensive health care for all Oregonians, as fears of budgetary woes led to the demise of Measure 23. This measure drew attention from the whole country. The

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Student aid grants to be cut

by Heather M Scott
of The Commuter

First-year-student Sherri Lewis is one of nearly 800 students who rely on the Oregon Opportunity grant to attend LBCC. In addition to other financial aid, the \$1,044 grant helps her afford not only tuition, books and school supplies but also other necessities like her car payment.

But Lewis, along with every other Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient, is about to lose up to \$190 when the grants get cut next term.

"It's going to affect a significant amount of students," Fi-

nancial Aid Director Lance Popoff said, "and there's always a small number of students where \$190 will make a big difference."

The Oregon Opportunity Grant is Oregon's only need-based grant, and has about 18,000-19,000 recipients at Oregon colleges. The money comes from the state's general fund, a percentage of interest from the Education Endowment Fund and some federal funds.

"The budget which the Legislature approved when added together was \$44.1 million," said Oregon Student Assistance Commission's Opportunity Grant Coordinator, Jim Beyer,

"Reductions that have occurred and reductions that could occur takes that total to \$38 million. In essence we have about six million fewer dollars than we thought."

Consequently, the Oregon Opportunity Grant does not have enough funding to serve students like Lewis who are currently receiving the grant, so the OSAC will be reducing individual award amounts next term.

"The commission had no alternatives than to reduce everyone's award," said Beyer.

Around 786 students at LBCC are receiving the \$348 grant this

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Campus closed for Veterans Day

LBCC will be closed Monday Nov. 11 to observe the Veterans Day Holiday.

Students with extra time on their hands may want to catch the "America Stands United" parade in downtown Albany, which gets underway after a jet flyover at 10 a.m. More than 200 entries are expected to be in the parade, which is just over a mile in length and ends at the Linn County Courthouse, where an awards ceremony will be held.

Weather through the Weekend

Source: www.weather.com

High: 55° Low: 47°
WEDNESDAY

High: 54° Low: 42°
THURSDAY

High: 54° Low: 37°
FRIDAY

High: 56° Low: 38°
SATURDAY

High: 56° Low: 37°
SUNDAY

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What People Think

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What results did you hope to see from this election?

Laura Sailor
Nursing

"I want lots of changes in health care and education and I'm hoping that with this new election we can bump up our economy so that we're not in such a recession that we've been in."



Matthew Jacobs
Psychology

"I hope to see Bradbury get in, I'm tired of Smith being in there. I'd really like to see the minimum wage go up just because I'm a poor starving college student and I need the extra money."



Cash Lunsford
Art

"I don't know, I didn't vote. I don't believe in the system enough."



Brandi Heward
Social Science

"More independent people. I really like Gordon Smith, I think he does a really good job for Oregon"



Mary Ann Stone
Nursing

"A lot of change. I think this state has been run by democrats for so long that we're in this little slump and I think that it needs to change."



Cheri Kidwell
Nursing

"Sales tax. No sales tax. I don't think we need one and I don't think we need another tax on top of our income taxes, property taxes and everything else."



A great loss to America

The following editorial appeared in the Detroit Free Press on Monday, Oct. 28:

Twice in two years, a popular politician has died seeking the votes of the people he chose to serve.

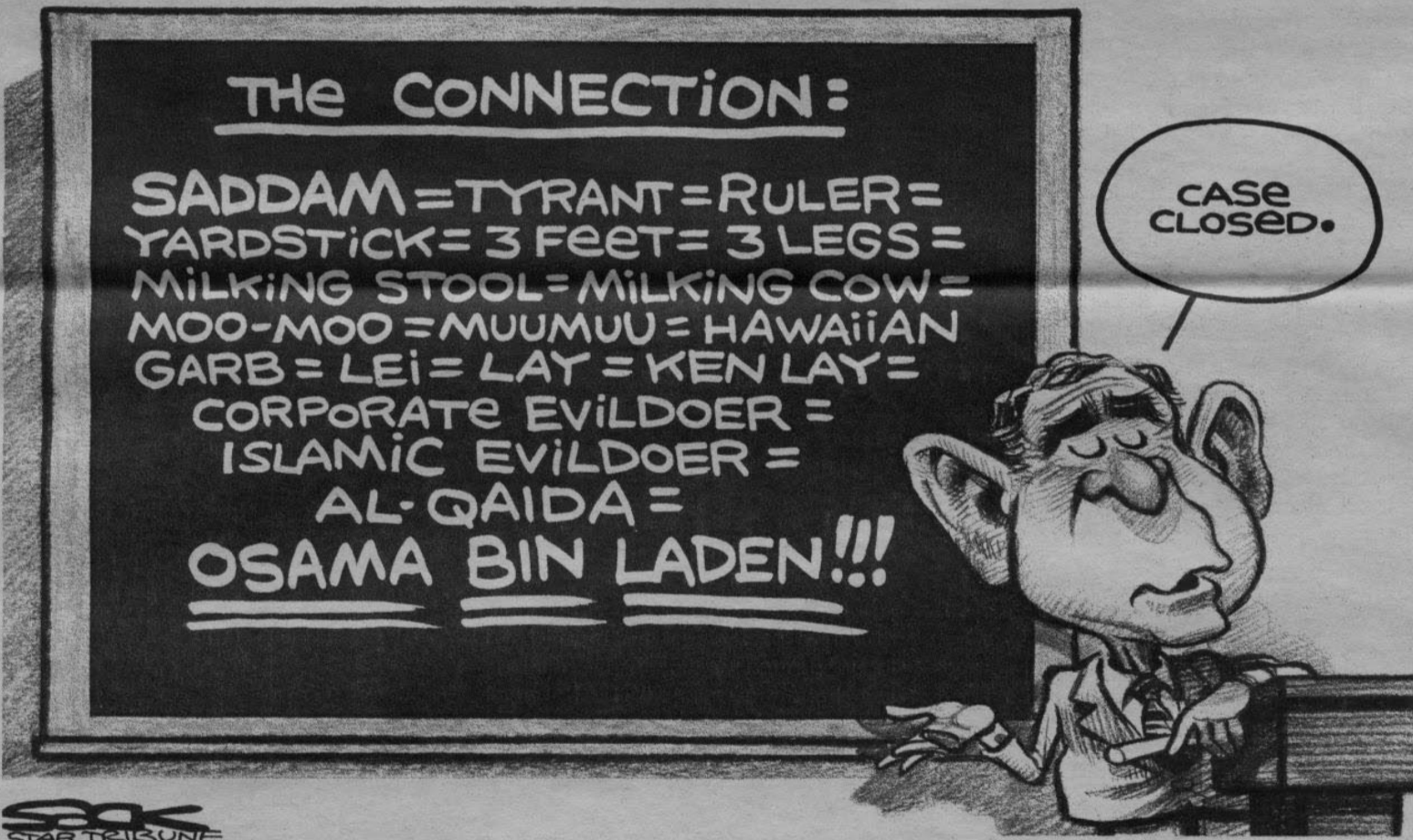
U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, a maverick Democrat, died with his wife and daughter just 11 days before the Nov. 5 election.

Wellstone's death Friday heightens the fight for Senate power, where one person can tip the Democratic majority; Republicans had targeted his Minnesota seat as vulnerable. Behind the scenes, scrambling may already have begun, but publicly, at least, all either party focused on Friday was the nation's great loss.

At 5-foot-5, the former college wrestler never stopped fighting for the little guy. He campaigned passionately for mental health care, human rights, workplace protections, veterans and the environment.

Self-deprecating and genuinely likable, Wellstone worked to build relationships while sticking to his heartfelt beliefs and fighting good fights. He was the only Democrat in a competitive race to vote against war in Iraq.

This time of year, as election politics grow so ugly, it's easy to become cynical and lose sight of the hours and miles politicians log. Paul Wellstone made those sacrifices tirelessly because he believed in the service part of being a public servant. It shouldn't have taken his death to remember what champions of the people politicians can be.



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Non-voters could have changed the course of history

I hear it all of the time: "Why should I vote? My vote doesn't count any way. It makes no difference who I vote for; nothing will change. The government will do what it wants to."

Well, you and I, we are the government. Congress gave 18-year-olds the right to vote because they went to Vietnam and other countries to fight wars. If you are old enough to die then you are old enough to vote. But many young adults take their right and responsibility to vote lightly.

If you think that your vote doesn't count, the 2000 election between Gore and Bush should have convinced you otherwise. In one of the closest elections in United States history, Gore received 50,996,582 votes and Bush 50,456,062. The only reason Bush won was because some of those votes were from states with more representatives in the Electoral College.

Regardless of your political beliefs, it is easy to see that you non-voters could

have swayed that election. Either of those candidates could have won by just a few thousand votes.

Ronald Regan won the Presidency with only 26 percent of the vote. Nearly 48 percent of eligible voters did not bother to turn out. The legacy that the Reagan Administration left us is staggering: the national debt rose to \$3 trillion. Between 1981 and 1988 \$2.2 trillion was spent on weapons when we already had enough bombs to blow the world up many times over. The weapons were pork-barrel projects that benefited no one except for fat cats in industry. The jobs created did not last. The legacy of the Regan era will haunt us and our children for generations to come. If all of the people who were talking and writing about how bad

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the administration was had gotten out there and campaigned, the change in voter demographics might have led the United States down an entirely different, far more

beneficial path.

Historically there have been very close elections that changed the course of America. Thomas Jefferson almost lost to Aaron Burr in 1800, in 1960 Nixon would have beaten Kennedy if not for a little over 100,000 votes. This may seem like a lot, but when it comes to Electoral College votes it wasn't. A mere 8,000 votes carried that election in Illinois.

The fact that so few people vote now actually means that an informed and active minority can make a difference. As anthropologist Margaret Mead once said,

"Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world."

Rachel Carson, an American author from Pennsylvania wrote "Silent Spring," in 1962. She changed the whole world with one book by writing about the effects of DDT on the food chain. If she hadn't put the effort out to educate us, the whole human race might be on the decline right now.

What you do does make a difference. When so few vote, every vote counts. Just think, in an election year with low voter turnout, a united group of individuals could actually make those in power pay attention. Look at the votes Nader garnered in the 2000 election. True, he did not win, but ironically he did change the whole outcome of the election and the future of America for years to come. That was an example of a minority swaying a major political issue. Be heard, not herded!

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CAMPUS NEWS

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Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive gets underway

by Darrell McGie
 of The Commuter

The annual campaign to provide local families with Thanksgiving dinner is underway, with drop-off containers popping up around the LBCC campus for people to donate canned food.

The food drive is co-sponsored by the Association of American Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC), a service organization promoting women, and the Independent Association of Classified Employees, which represent the support staff at LBCC.

"It's a way for us to be kind to each other," said Marilyn Hill, last year's president of AAWCC.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive has been an LBCC tradition for many years. This is the third year both organizations have been involved together. Last year, the drive supplied about 40 baskets (boxes of food) and over 70 in each of the previous two years. Hill anticipates a big demand for food baskets this

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▶ Tammi Paul Bryant

year but added, "It's really hard to say how much because of the slow economy and with LBCC enrollment being up."

Besides helping coordinate the canned food drive, the AAWCC had a fund-raiser last Friday night at the Albany Senior Center where people play "Bunco," a dice game contestants play to earn points and redeem for small prizes. The yearly fund raiser usually earns over \$100 dollars.

The Independent Association of Classified Employees solicits money from its members to purchase food items not otherwise donated. "We help fill in the gaps," said Jackie Grenz, spoke person for the organization. The collected money is pooled with that from other sources and Welma Cremer, representing the

Employees Association, purchases the food from Albany Fred Meyer, which gives the organization a discount on their large purchase.

Other campus organizations also help contribute donations to the food drive. Last week on Halloween night, the Associated Student Government contributed by collecting over 100 cans of food by trick-or-treating in Albany.

Also, Student Life and Leadership sponsor the cost of feeding four families. Students from the organization do the food shopping. "The students really enjoy helping out, and have a lot of fun selecting different kinds of foods," said Tammi Paul Bryant, director.

The food drive is a campus-wide event and anyone who

wishes to contribute money or other services may call Janet Newton at 917-4206. Students are especially encouraged to participate.

After all the food is purchased by the organizations, it is combined with donated food and divided up. Because of storage and potential spoilage problems with giving an actual turkey, a redeemable certificate is given instead.

Recipients will be contacted by Nov. 22 and be able to pick up their food basket Sunday, Nov. 24 from about 2-4p.m. at the College Center, CC-135 which is near the Security office.

Anyone who needs a food basket, or knows of someone who does, may contact Roxy Putman at 917-4811 or Welma Cremer at 917-4488. All names are kept confidential. According to Cathy Edmonston, this year's co-president of AAWCC, "No one, especially students, should be intimidated by turning in their own name."

Food items needed

- Canned vegetables / fruit
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Graham cracker piecrusts
- Canned evaporated milk
- Canned pumpkin pie
- Jell-O puddings
- Marshmallows
- Stuffing mixes
- Cans of olives
- Sugar / flour
- Cake mixes
- Frosting
- Potatoes

Drop-off box locations:

- Human Resources
- Takana Hall
- Health Occupations
- Family Resource Center
- Industrial
- Science Tech
- Activity Center
- Business Office
- Arts & Humanities
- Student Life & Leadership
- Benton Center
- East Linn Center

Gym's future uncertain as Benton Center preps for remodeling



Photo by Jeremy Hennig

Ted Ernst works with the salt kiln at the Benton Center's ceramics facility, which will get a facelift when construction starts next term.

by Melissa Friend
 of The Commuter

The Benton Center gym may still see the wrecking ball if a bidder who's willing to pay \$3 million to move it isn't found by Dec 17.

"There is a local business who is interested in the gym," said Gary Feuerstein, the founder of Endex Engineering who has offered to move the structure. "We've been working with them for a month now and hope to have an announcement soon."

If the gym is not moved it will be demolished as part of the \$3 million renovation and construction of the Benton Center, which is slated to start in February and is estimated to be completed by January 2004.

Some of the remodeling will include the addition of 10 faculty offices, two new classrooms with four more coming later, and a computer and media room where ITV classes will originate and

be broadcasted to other centers and high schools.

Classes will continue during the remodeling. The only classes that will be affected are the ones usually held in the gym.

"Classes currently in the gym—PE, fitness and ballet—will be moving to other locations in the community, which include the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club, Franklin School and the School of Ballet," said Penny York, center director.

In addition, parking will be increased for vehicles and bicycles. The new entry for the parking lot will be from Ninth Street via Polk, rather than through the residential neighborhood around Seventh Street. Also, the two areas of Washington Park will be connected through the Benton Center property by grass areas and walkways.

The renovation is being paid for from the \$19.1 million capital bond that district voters approved in November 2000. The bond was also used to pay for the new East Linn Center in Lebanon, which opened last spring.

Drafting program gets state-of-the-art 3D printer

by Matt Boase
 of The Commuter

Second-year students in the Drafting and Engineering Graphics course will soon be among a select group of college students who have the opportunity to work with a Dimension 3-D printer.

This isn't your average printer, as its \$40,000 price would suggest, because it prints three-dimensional objects out of ABS plastic. LBCC will be the only college in Oregon to have one on campus when it arrives on Nov. 12.

Anything you can draw can be turned into a touchable object with the aid of a computer and the printer according to Perry Carmichael, the drafting and engineering graphics instructor.

"This will help students to

"This will help students to conceptualize designs. It will emphasize teamwork and aid in improving designs."

▶ Perry Carmichael

conceptualize designs," Carmichael said. "It will emphasize teamwork and aid in improving designs."

The printer gives students a real feel for why there are problems with their designs, or it can prove that what they've envisioned is feasible.

Carmichael submitted the idea as a "pipe dream" last year, hoping to see results within the next two to three years, but was pleasantly surprised during spring term finals week when he received approval. Carmichael said that his division director, Fred Haynes, supported him all the way.

The printer was paid for by the Federal Perkins Grant, which helps pay for equipment in vocational programs.

It's possible the printer could actually make money for the school. "It has the potential to bring more students in," Carmichael said. "This puts us on the cutting edge of engineering design."

The three-dimensional printer places .33 mm layers of ABS plastic on top of each other until the final result is achieved. This particular printer isn't the only one available, but it best suits LBCC's needs, Carmichael said. Other printers of a similar

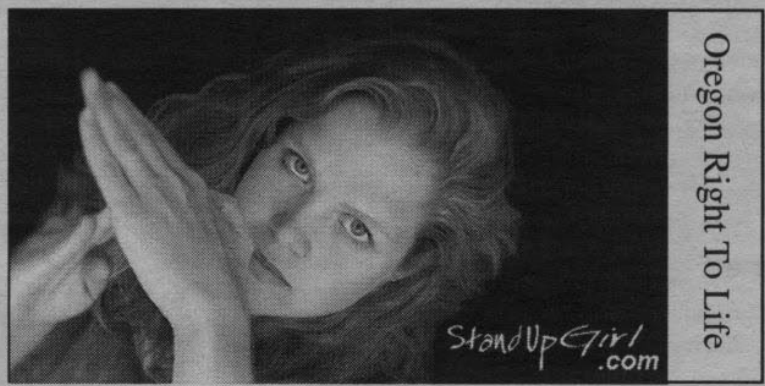
type use wax or corn starch instead of the ABS plastic and produce a less durable product.

"This plastic is very tough stuff," Carmichael said, while slamming an example of what the printer will produce on the floor. "It doesn't crack easily."

The printer was purchased through North West Tech Inc. of Corvallis, and the actual supplier is Stratisys, a company based in Minnesota.

When it is delivered on Nov. 12, it will come in on two 800-pound pallets. Getting it up the stairs to its desired destination of Lab ST-219 on the second floor of the Industrial Arts building could be quite the spectacle to behold.

Students interested in working with the printer can enroll in the Rapid Prototyping class. If you would just like to see it and how it works, stop by the lab.



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Off Beat

From KRT News

"Hot" Date

A German police woman obtained the mobile phone number of a fugitive, from justice, called him up, flirted with him and arranged a blind date.

The man, who was wanted in the town of Recklinghausen, came to a bar in downtown Berlin "all dressed up" and unaware not only that his date was a cop, but that all the men at surrounding tables were undercover police officers, too. The date ended in his arrest.

Who'da Thought

A man met an Australian woman who called herself Bergittia von Buelow de Rothschild over the Internet, brought her to Philadelphia and conducted a whirlwind courtship, culminating in his purchase of a diamond engagement ring worth more than \$12,000. She took the ring, returned to Australia and stopped answering his e-mails. A private detective he hired found out she is a con artist.

Say What?

A man going up an escalator to work in a Brisbane, Australia, shopping mall was squirted on the back of his pants with two packets of soy sauce by the man behind him. The victim told police he did not know the man, but, incredibly, it was not the first time the guy had done this to him. The squirter was arrested, but refused to explain why he did it.

Good to be King

Swaziland's King Mswati III noticed an 18-year-old girl named Zena Dlamini at the traditional reed dance of Swazi maidens, liked what he saw, and decreed that she would become his 12th wife. But Zena's mother has demanded that he return her daughter, and has gone to court to force him to do so.

The nation's attorney general said the case will be settled in the traditional way: "The king will decide whether to keep the girl ... in which case the matter is at an end."

Moms Can Dream

A woman went to her bank in Stockholm to see if her federal child-care allowance had been deposited into her account. She discovered that the Swedish government had mistakenly given her \$10 billion, same as the nation's defense budget. She had been expecting \$322.

'Tis the season for holiday classes

from the LB News Service

LBCC's Extended Learning program has scheduled a wide variety of holiday classes that start this month.

To register, log on to the Student Information System at sis.linnbenton.edu, call the Voice Registration System at 917-4991, or stop by the center offering the class you wish to take.

Late registration may be available, if class enrollment permits. Some classes require registration prior to the first day of class.

Needle Felt Holiday Ornaments

Pat Spark leads this class on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center. The course costs \$20 with a \$7 lab fee.

Using sheep's wool, a special needle borrowed from the textile industry and your hands, create personal felt ornaments for the holidays. Co-sponsored with Albany Parks and Recreation.

Angels—Angels

Joyce Kelm leads this class on Tuesday,

Nov. 19 and 26, from 6 to 8:20 p.m. at 7-Mile School, 33740 Seven Mile Lane SE, Albany. The course costs \$20 with a \$20 lab fee.

Students will learn to construct a variety of little angels. The standing angel is 9 inches tall, body of cloth with wire legs and arms with rusty tin wings and a garland of rusty tin stars. Also included are 7-inch ornaments or a garland of similar angels. This is a project that requires little sewing. The cost of materials is covered in the lab fee.

Holiday Floral Workshops

Cheryl Williams leads one class on Monday, Dec. 2 and 9, from 6 to 8:20 p.m. at the Benton Center, Room 109, 630 NW Seventh, Corvallis.

James Somppi leads another class on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. also at the Benton Center in Room 109, 630 NW Seventh, Corvallis.

Each course costs \$20 with a \$35 lab fee.

Students will learn to create holiday floral arrangements, wreaths, swags and garlands and leave this workshop with three completed projects. All materials included

in lab fee. Registration two days prior to class is required.

Holiday Favorites: Mexican Style

This cooking class takes a multicultural approach to holiday traditions.

Frank Garcia leads this class on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. at the Benton Center, Room 109, 630 NW 7th, Corvallis. The course costs \$20 with a \$10 lab fee.

Learn how to prepare all your favorite Mexican munchies—nachos, taquitos, dips and more. Register by Thursday, Nov. 7.

Stained Glass

Mira Alexy leads this class on Saturday Nov. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center. The course costs \$30 with \$20 a lab fee.

Students will learn to cut patterns and glass, solder and assemble a stained glass sun-catcher. Bring a glasscutter, if you have one, and a piece of 1/2" plywood (approximately 15" x 20"). Registration before the class date is required. Co-sponsored with Albany Parks and Recreation.

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United States is the only industrialized nation that does not have a national health care plan and many hoped this would be a benchmark turning point in that direction.

Also defeated was Measure 27, the genetically engineered food labeling initiative, which lost by a wide margin. The huge sums of money spent by the food

industry to defeat this measure apparently paid off.

Passing by slim majority was Measure 25, which will increase the Oregon minimum wage to \$ 6.90 in 2003, with increases for inflation in future years. Because many students must survive on minimum wage jobs, this may be one of this election's more positive results.

Passing by a overwhelming

majority was Measure 26, which prohibits paying initiative petition circulators by the signature. This should change signature gathering tactics by petitioners and level the playing field in the Oregon referendum process.

Locally, Corvallis Measure 02-25, the Oak Creek annexation that was supposed to provide land for more student housing, failed to gain the votes needed

to pass.

In local state legislative races, it appeared that Democrat Kelley Wirth would retain her House District 16 seat, and that Republican Jeff Kropf would return to represent the 17th District.

The race between Joseph Novak and Betsy Close was tight, however, with Close maintaining a slight lead late into the night.

Reduced Grant: Budget problems affect students

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term. Oregon Opportunity Grant recipients are generally awarded \$1044 a year. Both Beyer and Popoff agree that awards will probably be reduced in the \$85-\$95 range, per term.

"We've never had to reduce awards to this magnitude, ever," said Beyer.

Schools in Oregon will be notified by mid-November of the final decision by OSAC. The schools will then notify students with a revised financial aid award letter. The amount of

money already dispersed by Oregon colleges this term will affect the amount of money taken back in the coming terms.

At LBCC alone, approximately \$149,340 will be cut from student grants. Popoff forewarns that there is nothing that can be done for students who will lose grant money other than to replace the funds with loans or picking up a job on the side.

"Where there's a will there's a way. Most of the students will find a way to stay in school," said Popoff.

TJ Moore, a second-year LBCC student would do just that. "It [a reduction in grants] would really affect me a lot. With the grants I have now I don't have to work and it allows me to concentrate on school. If my grants were reduced I would probably have to work."

The combination of grants in most student's financial aid is enough for tuition, said Popoff, "Where they get pinched is living expenses." LBCC's Financial Aid Office does offer a one-time only emergency grant of

\$100, but the funds are very limited and will only be dispersed in the event of an emergency.

"We'll do whatever we can to keep people in school," said Popoff.

Lewis and other LBCC students have the rest of fall term to make plans to deal with the Oregon Opportunity Grant decrease. "I probably will not be able to take as many classes. There's usually not very much [money] left over after tuition. I might have to take out a loan," Lewis said.

Student Government IS HIRING!

Are you a student interested in LBCC Associated Student Government? If so now is your opportunity to apply for a position! ASG is hiring!

LIBERAL ARTS/HUMAN PERFORMANCE POSITION

Applications are available in the Student Life & Leadership office beginning Oct. 31, 2002. Applications will not be accepted after 4:30 on Friday November 15, 2002.

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New class promises to take computer students into future

by Michelle Bertalot
 of The Commuter

A new class began this week at LBCC that promises to take computer users into the 21st century.

The Voice Recognition class is offered through the business division and allows the user to talk to the computer and have it perform tasks by verbally directing it.

Some of the tasks students can teach their computer to perform include word processing, opening and closing programs, even sending e-mail, according to instructor Nancy Noe.

The class teaches students to train their computer to recognize voice patterns.

People have their own way of speaking and little quirks in their speech pattern, she said, so it takes time for a student to train the computer to recognize all of these quirks.

The program students will be using is called Dragon Naturally Speaking 6 which can cost any-

where from \$100-150. New and improved versions of this program are even more costly.

Voice recognition software has been in use for about 10 years. Assistive Technologies, a retailer that supplies Dragon Naturally Speaking products boasts that the program has won "over 140 major awards worldwide for accuracy and ease of use."

An advantage to using a voice recognition program is that it "takes the dredger away from the fingers," said Noe. Typing incorrectly or performing repetitive tasks may lead to carpal tunnel syndrome.

The class is a two-credit course and lasts five weeks. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday 2-4:30 p.m.

Classes will also be offered in winter term on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10-12 p.m.

"We hope within the near future to have the class online so students can train at home with their personal computer," said Noe.



Photo by Bonnie Quinnes

Suggestion by The Slice

About 200 students showed up to trade their ideas for a slice of free pizza Tuesday in the Commons, where student government was soliciting suggestions on how to spend more than \$4,000 it has reserved for a special project. Among the ideas suggested were more benches around campus, TVs in the cafeteria and cafe, more parking spaces and more money for child care. In past years the money has paid for the Courtyard clock and the international flags.

Got a problem? Pass the Buck for the solution

by Chris Ross
 of The Commuter

Everyone has a problem at some time or another, and if your gripe has to do with something at the LBCC campus, there's a way to complain that you may not be aware of.

Pass the Buck is the name of the system. It's a very simple method of dealing with problems. All you have to do is locate a box with "Pass the Buck" written on it. There are 15 boxes, one in every building on campus. At the top of the paper are categories for compliments, suggestions, or complaints. Just circle which one applies to you and start writing.

When you're done filling it out, drop it in the box. A response should only take about two weeks. The bucks are posted on a bulletin board located to the south side of the Student Life and Leadership office.

The student ambassadors, who are in charge of the system, check the boxes every other week. Your complaint, suggestion, or compliment gets sent to the department in which it applies. The student ambassadors have had no problem getting responses from the various departments.

If you forget to write your name or use profanity or make a

complaint about a specific instructor, it probably won't get posted.

Did you pass a buck and never saw a response? Just walk into the Student Life & Leadership office and ask to see your buck. They have all of them on file.

Most of the bucks that are posted are complaints. Some of the recent complaints dealt with the rooms being too hot. Unfortunately for those people, they didn't specify which building or classroom was too hot so a response was impossible. Another was about the benches and tables being dirty. This brought up another issue—the lack of funds for a cleaning crew during the summer.

Some of the suggestions are actually being considered for use. One student recommended that the applications to various offices be color coded to correspond to a sign above the office it goes to. It is being passed on by Diane Watson, the dean of student services, to the Enrollment Management Team for further discussion.

Is the Pass the Buck system, really that effective?

"It's very effective," says Joanna Chan, student ambassador. It's "good for students to see that their complaints matter," to the people that read and respond to them.

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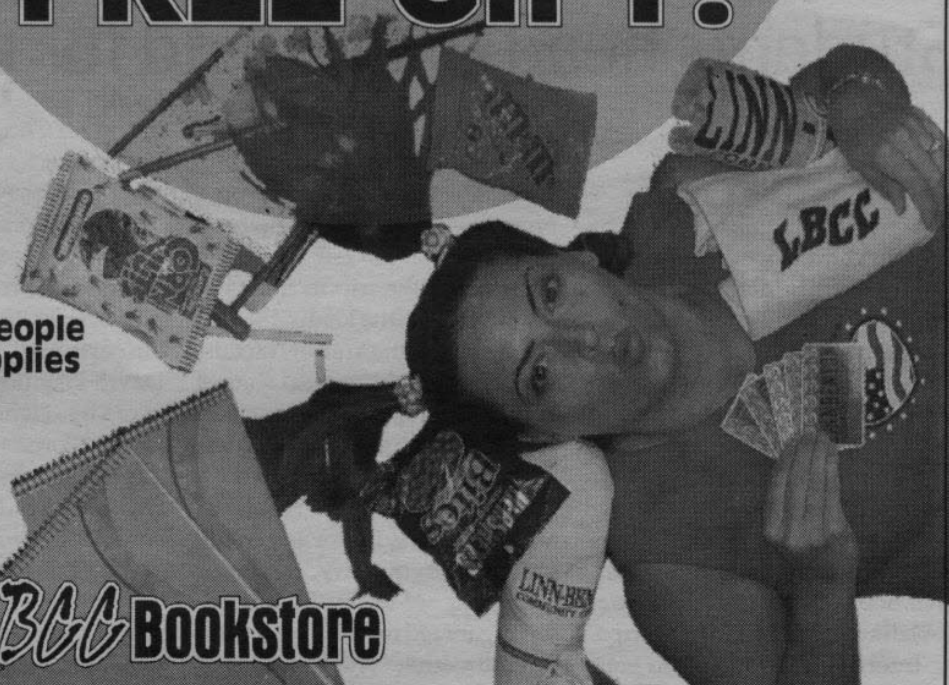
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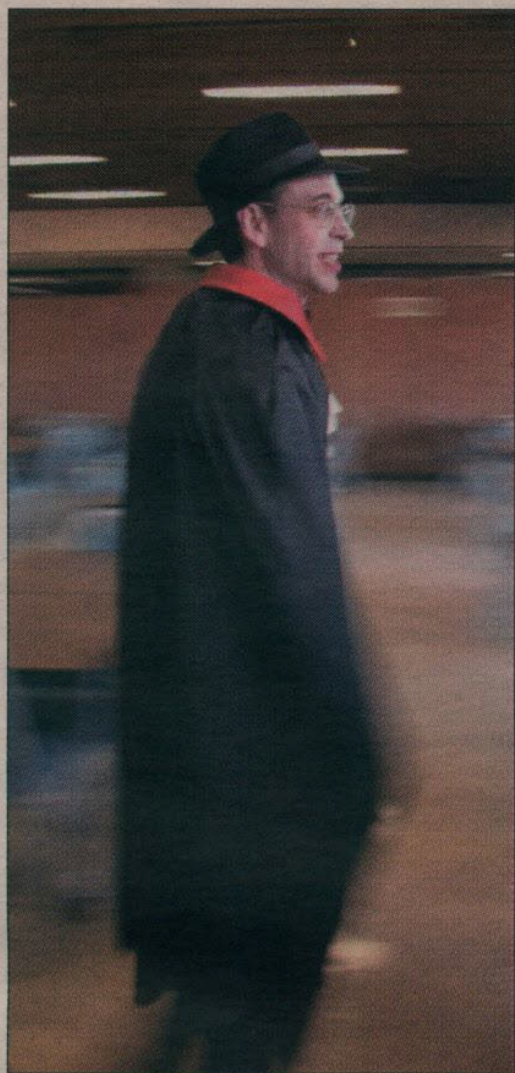


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Feature Blurb

Gary Ruppert, director of the Arts & Communication Division (left), dressed as a the Phantom of the Opera for last Thursday's Halloween costume contest, but it was Laura Lacy dressed as Mae West who sashayed away with the first prize. Charlie Weyant took second place as the Budget Chopper and Tammi Wright was third as a zombie. AHSS, Foundation/ Marketing, and the Learning Resource Center won the office decorating contest.

Shakespeare players invade Takena Theater

from the LBCC news service

The LBCC Student Programming Board will host a pair of actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on Tuesday, Nov. 12 from noon to 12:45 p.m. in Takena Theater.

Rebecca Clark and Jos Viramontes will perform excerpts from Shakespeare as well as classic and contemporary literature and conduct an interactive workshop that is free and open to the public.

The School Visit Program is part of the Festival's commitment to bringing theater to young people and young people to theater. After the Festival closed its 2001 season, teams of actors visited 162 schools and organizations, reaching nearly 100,000 students in five states and Canada.

Clark grew up in Seattle. Her studies in theater have taken her all over the world, from Massachusetts, to Los Angeles, to London, England.

"I love performing and teaching Shakespeare and look forward to sharing his wonderful words with you," she says.

Viramontes is originally from the Southwest, and before joining the festival spent the last five years in Seattle. This is his first time on the road for the Festival.

"I look forward to teaching you guys about this guy they call Bill," he says. "I've been doing his plays for sometime now and I'm sure I can show you something interesting about all those weird words he uses."

Clark and Viramontes will share a program titled "The Story of Love."

They will select from pieces such as "Sein Language" by Jerry Seinfeld, "The Taming of the Shrew" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, "Sonnet #14" by Pablo Neruda, "The Red Coat" by John Patrick Shanley, "Les Liaisons Dangeruses" by Christopher Hampton, or other works as they choose.

OSU student ventures into the film industry with Camelot Entertainment

by Alaina Jones Richardson
of The Commuter

A recently established local production company has been making its way into the business world as well as making movies this past year.

The originator and owner of Camelot Entertainment is Andy Foster, an OSU sophomore and Political Science major. This young entrepreneur is a 2001 graduate of Crescent Valley High school in Corvallis. He has written the screenplays for all of the current prospective films for his company.

The roots of Camelot Entertainment can be traced back to a spare room in Foster's home. From there it has matured and grown into its own office located in Corvallis. Though making films is the main goal for the company it also contracts to film performances, such as plays, dance recitals, concerts, and even televised classes. This is how the film making and the company are

funded. However, Foster says, "the focus isn't on turning profit" it is about getting their own movies completed. They do the contracted filming as a necessary means and are kept quite busy with that.

Two movies so far, are near completion, "Stranger by the Bay" and "Galahad." The first movie, "Stranger by the Bay," is directed by Mary Jeanne Reynales, who has varied directing experience. Recently she directed "The Wizard of Oz" at the Majestic and "Magdalena."

"Stranger by the Bay," is about a writer in Seattle who encounters writer's block. The story takes you through a writer's process of "finding inspiration by closely examining day to day experiences," explains Foster. He compared the style of the movie to Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo." Filming is complete and it is now being edited.

The second movie "Galahad," is directed by Robert Olen, an active director in the Corvallis, Albany and Salem areas. It is still

being filmed and is expected to be completed soon. "Galahad" explores a concept that many people deal with, faith. It is about a group of people that are looking for and questioning faith itself. Foster says, "It speaks to what a lot of people are grappling with."

Jonathan Pederson, media technician for LBCC, plays the character of Tristian. He says it is an "interesting experience." Pederson has acted in plays before and he said that acting in a movie production is different in the aspect that there is "less rehearsal and it is more focused."

Foster expects both movies to be completed and ready for viewing by February 2003. He hopes to premier them at the Majestic Theater in Corvallis. He also anticipates entering the films into the independent film festival circuit. Eventually the movies will be available for purchase in stores and once the Camelot Entertainment web site is up, online.

Students head to Portland for science lectures

by Justin Sitton
of the Commuter

Science students are going to the Portland Science and Technology Institute to hear talks given by nationally famous speakers this year.

Admission is \$10 for students, which is a large break from the \$55 general admission price.

There have been approximately 20 to 60 students going each month and the reactions have been overwhelmingly positive, according to the instructors who have been leading the trips.

Interested students can sign up with individual instructors

for each talk.

Coming up this Friday, Nov. 8, is "The Fractal Revolution," presented by Benoit Mandelbrot. LBCC instructor Jeff Crabill is sponsoring the trip to this talk.

Mandelbrot is the leading world researcher in the area of fractals, which are mathematical shapes that have all sorts of unique and sometimes chaotic properties. (Remember "Jurassic Park"). This talk would be enjoyable for anyone who is interested in geometry or symmetry.

A vanpool to Portland is being organized for folks who want to go together. The lecture is at 1037 SW Broadway at the

Schnitzer Concert Hall at 7 p.m. Let instructor Crabill know by Wednesday Nov. 6 if you are interested in attending. He can be reached at 917-4627.

The other remaining talks for fall term is "From Certainty to Uncertainty," presented by David Peat on Dec. 6, and sponsored by science instructor Melissa Kilgore.

During winter term there are two talks that do not have a sponsor yet. They are "Journey into Wonder," presented by Oliver Saks on Jan. 17 and "The Super Renaissance—Scaled Composites," presented by Burt Rutan on Feb. 21.

Three lectures are coming up in spring term:

- "Origins: Search for our Cosmic Roots," presented by Anne Kinney on March 14, and sponsored by physics instructor Greg Mulder;

- "How/When We Became Human," presented by Ian Tattersall on April 11, and sponsored by Jenny Strooband;

- "Technology and Social Justice," presented by Freeman Dyson on May 9.

The science talk trips are also in need of van drivers. Contact Greg Mulder in ST 103 to volunteer. Van drivers get free admission.

COMMONS Menu Nov. 6 - Nov. 12

Wednesday:

Pot Roast
Chicken Burrito w/Pinto Beans
Spicy tofu Satay w/Peanut Sauce
Soup: Tomato Rice
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Salad: Beef Taco

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Liver w/Bacon & Onions
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Remembering the Dead

Several offrendas (altars to the dead) have popped up on campus since Nov. 1, the Day of the Dead, including one honoring Ona Lebtose, a former LBCC student who died over the summer (right). Another honors the burial of abandoned dead babies.

U2, the biggest band of the 80s, releases its best of 90s album

by Mariana Schatte
 of The Commuter

Everything started on Nov. 2, 1998, with the release of "The Best of 1980-1990" and the announcement of a second album of the best songs between 1990 and 2000. Well, finally that album is here. On Nov. 5, U2's "The Best of 1990-2000" became available for anyone who fell in love with any U2 song during the 90s.

Just like the previous "Best," there will be also a limited edition with "B Sides." The biggest difference is this time the limited edition has a bonus DVD on the history of the band and two video clips.

As a U2 album it is another piece of art that's a must for everyone's collection, but as a compilation CD it is a tiny bit less than it could have been. In a CD of this nature there is inevitably a song that is not included, and in this case there are more than one—"Who's Going to Ride Your Wild Horses" (that will break more than one heart), "Last Night on Earth," the very popular "Please" and "Lemon." Instead there are songs that were never singles, like "The First Time" and "Gone," which, though very good songs, don't deserve to be in a compilation album.

The "B Sides" is also a very good CD but is missing one song—"Two Shut of Happy and One Shut of Sad."

The 90's--A Time of Evolution

"The nineties was about taking the idea of a rock 'n' roll band, abstracting it as far as you possibly could - and then reconstructing it again," says U2 guitar player Edge.

And music became a game that sometimes seemed to get out of U2 hands for the fans but it never did. It was all part of the plan.

During the 80s U2 became one of the biggest bands of the world and during the 90s they decided to make fun of that fact.

With "Achtung Baby" everything was different. U2 got new fans, disappointed fans and others who signed a loyalty contract for ever.

Why? U2 was no longer what they used to be.

Technology came to U2 or U2 brought technology. New sounds, a new image and a new concept of performing made the Irish band to be one of the most interesting bands in concert.

The beginning of the 90s was a time for changes. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the New Europe took U2 out of their native Ireland for the first time to record their first album of the decade in Hanover, Germany. However this was not the only thing going on in their life.

U2 was in the middle of an existential crisis. They didn't know where to go with their life or with the band. The "Achtung Baby" was not only the hardest album to make but also the most controversial. It became the phoenix that dies and is born again from its ashes, to dream it all over again.

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▶ Edge

Bono: Musician or politician?

"Can Bono save the world?" said Time magazine early this year.

No, he can't, but certainly he does have the power to get the right people to do it. Involved with Third World debt and battling the AIDS epidemic in Africa since the beginning of his U2 career,

Bono has been in one way or another trying to help people.

Recently we saw his journey through Africa on MTV. Bono is interested in Africa because the debt owed to nations in the developed world contributes to the the lack of most basic human necessities like clean water, education and medicine.

His passion for human rights and other causes have taken him to meet people from the Pope to American presidents, Clinton and Bush Jr.

Bono makes U2 more than a rock-and-roll band. He makes music that means something, connecting his feelings with what is going on around the world and using his fame to help other people.

Why is Bono and U2 involved in so many things not related to rock-and-roll? Well, activism came to the band as part of the process of being a big band. Success made them feel that they have gained some kind of responsibility. They think that as much power as you have, that's how much you should be able to achieve.

ART HAPPENINGS

Two writers read

Poet Jessica Lamb will present a reading and discussion of her work Friday Nov. 15 from 1-1:50 p.m. in Takena Hall Room 205. Lamb, who has lived in Oregon for six years, teaches poetry workshops to adults and children around the valley. Her poems have appeared in national journals such as Poetry, Carolina Quarterly, Willow

Springs, and The Southern Review. The event is part of LB's Valley Writers Series.

Widely published author Eileen Pollack will read from "Woman Walking Ahead: In Search of Catherine Weldon and Sitting Bull," Thursday Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Union Room 208 at OSU. The event is part of OSU's Visiting Writers Series.

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MISCELLANEOUS

There will be a meeting of students to form a Gender Equity Club Tuesday, November 12th from 12-1 at the Multicultural Center. All students interested in promoting gender equity on campus are invited! Call Nancy at 541-917-4786 for more information.

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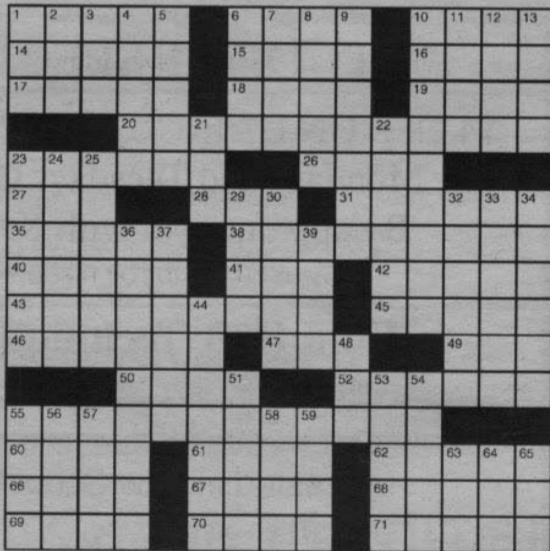
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 - 15 Vega's constellation
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 - 17 Hebrew text
 - 18 Impersonator
 - 19 Access road
 - 20 Chinese food choice
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 - 27 Color property
 - 28 Urban RRs
 - 31 Molten rocks
 - 35 Invalidate
 - 38 Cross
 - 40 Act division
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 - 61 First name in mysteries
 - 62 Deep ravine
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- 30 Scornful look
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- 44 Pitcher's opponents
- 48 Cable channel
- 51 Insectivorous mammal
- 53 Sound judgment
- 54 Shell rival
- 55 Ships' records
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- 59 Defeat
- 63 Grave letters?
- 64 Turn right!
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"Before we can sell you this thong, we need to do a background check. Turn around."

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 - 3 Televiser
 - 4 Postage
 - 5 Lake in the Sierra Nevada
 - 6 Scoria
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LOCAL NEWS

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

Mountain bikers find plenty of local trails

by Mitch Powell
 of the Commuter

The mid-valley is a great place for mountain bikers to go out and ride numerous challenging trails ranging from beginning to advanced.

There are 11 mountain biking trails within one hour of LBCC that are accessible to all levels of mountain bikers. Most of the trails are located on OSU property near Corvallis, some are outside of Eugene and there also some trails located in the Salem area.

Riders can find info on all of these trails at www.trails.com.

Glen Eppick, a bike technician from Cyclotopia bike shop in Corvallis, explained that some of the best riding could be found just outside of Corvallis in the McDonald Research Forest and the Paul M. Dunn Forest.

There are four separate trails located in the McDonald Forest and three located in the Paul M. Dunn Forest, each offering its own challenges.

The seven trails vary in length from 5.3 miles to 9.6 miles and offer hill climbing, fast downhill runs and some very technical trails.

OSU owns this forest; the university conducts research in the forest, but it has also opened the 12,000 acres to the public for hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking.

The school asks that people stay on the designated trails and not disturb research equipment. Both forests are located six miles outside of Corvallis. Information packets on these two forests can be picked up in any local bike shop in Corvallis.

Eppick also recommended two trails



Sara Dye of Corvallis takes her mountain bike up a trail on Bald Hill Park, which is located just west of Corvallis. It is one of many popular trails within an hour's drive of the LBCC campus.

Photo by Joleane Sharp

on Mary's Peak. Both trails offer different things to riders.

The two trails are called the Eastridge Trail and the Northridge Trail. The Eastridge Trail is shorter and offers less technical riding. The Northridge Trail is longer and very technical. The Northridge Trail offers very challenging

terrain that requires even the best riders to be at their best. The Eastridge Trail is suited more for riders who are looking to have a good time and relax out on the trail.

Four other good locations for mountain biking can be found at www.trails.com. Two are located east of

Salem and two are located outside Eugene.

The trails near Salem are in Silver Falls State Park, which offers gorgeous hiking among waterfalls. The second trail is located in Willamette Mission State Park near the Willamette River. This trail is 7.4 miles, which is longer than the one in Silver Falls, which is only 4.3 miles long.

Two good trails in the Eugene area are the Goodman Trail and South Hills Ridgeline Trail. The Goodman Trail offers a moderate climb up gravel and then a downhill stretch down a single track. The South Hill Ridgeline Trail comes highly recommended by most of the locals. It is described as a short trail packed with lots of challenges.

All these trails offer great riding to anyone willing to go out and try them. I've ridden many of these trails and have yet to be disappointed.

Anyone interested in going mountain biking should also be aware of few helpful tips. Always bring a spare tube and pump. If you go mountain biking it's only a matter of time before you get a flat and if you think you're really unlucky bring and extra patch kit.

I recommend bringing water and some food, being out on the trail hungry and thirsty is no fun. Also wearing gloves and a helmet are crucial for riding on the trails—I strongly recommend at least wearing a helmet.

And finally, a small set of allen wrenches can be worth their weight in gold on the trails. Most bike parts are setup for allen wrenches and if something goes wrong on the trails you'll be cursing yourself if you forgot them. Be safe and enjoy yourself on the trails.

Flu shots not scarce this season; available for \$15

by Tim Paulson
 of The Commuter

It seems that every year when the leaves begin to fall down that some of us do as well, and not due to the uneven concrete at LBCC. Folks, I'm talking about the dreaded influenza.

The flu looks to knock anyone and everyone out with no discretion. Every winter there are students missing class and losing wages due to influenza. Luckily there is a shot available that can prevent the severe symptoms of the flu.

Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, chills, and muscle aches. Some people recover from these symptoms after only a few short days, while others get severely ill and need hospitalization. Each year, influenza causes thousands of deaths mainly among the elderly.

Everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot, with two exceptions. People who are allergic to eggs, which are used to make the vaccination, and ill people with a high fever, and people who experienced a bad reaction to the flu shot in previous years.

In previous years the flu shot was scarce, but physicians don't predict that to be a problem for

this flu season. Shipments of the flu shot will be delivered to local physicians steadily throughout the flu season, as opposed to one bulk shipment.

If you are medically insured then there is no problem receiving your shot. Simply head down to your local primary care physician or a shot clinic that is associated with your primary care physician. If you're uninsured or underinsured then you could run into some stumbling blocks.

Your best case scenario would be to call Linn County Health Department (541-976-3888) to attend a shot clinic or Benton County Health Department (541-766-6835) for an appointment.

Don't be discouraged if your insurance happens to not cover the flu shot because it's available for a cost of \$15 at the Linn County shot clinic. Clinic schedules are available online at www.co.linn.or.us/shots.

For additional information regarding the flu shot contact Good Samaritan Hospital, The

Corvallis Clinic patients, or your Linn and Benton County Health Departments.

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SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation



Photo by Phillip Ruzek

Mount Jefferson, which rises 10,495 feet above Oregon's Cascade Range, is one of several peaks popular with mountain climbers. The increased popularity of the sport has attracted more novices to the mountains, resulting in an increase in the danger of accidents.

Being on top of the world can come with a big price tag

by Phillip Ruzek
 of The Commuter

A rapidly growing sport has been receiving a lot of attention in recent months for causing injuries and deaths of people whose drive takes them to the top of the world.

It's been a recent trend that mountain climbers have been getting in trouble. Weather, altitude and inexperience are key factors in most mishaps.

Steven Sackmann, fitness director at Timberhill Athletic Club and an avid mountain climber, says that he has seen an upward trend in mountain climbing injuries and deaths as the popularity of the dangerous sport has increased.

There's "not a lot of checks and balances" in force to curb over-eager but under-trained climbers, he said. Companies often take clients up for a large fee even though only a small percentage of clients will get to the top, so the pressure is high to press on even if conditions suggest caution.

However, there are some people who don't think injuries or deaths are on the rise on the mountains. Mark Reed, an instructional media specialist at OSU who has 35 years of climbing experience, is one of them. He has climbed Mount McKinley (20,320 feet) in Alaska, Mount Kilimanjaro (19,321 feet) in Tanzania, and the majority of the Cascade volcanoes in Washington, Oregon and Northern California. He's also climbed large peaks in Asia and Central America.

He said the only accidents he's seen are minor, often involving self-arresting, which is a term used to describe when climbers slip and fall on an ice field or glacier and dig their ice axes in the snow to make them stop.

Lloyd Ahearn, an American Alpine Club staff member in Golden, Colo., said he has not seen an upward trend in climbing accidents, but he has seen more people head up to the mountains. He says that better technology and more education is a main factor in safety and success.

On average, since 1991, there have been 28.5 climbing fatalities in the United States and 7.4 in Canada, according to the American Alpine Club. Ahearn says that he has not seen a recent increase in climbing accidents, adding that "climbing is safe; it's far less hazardous" than driving or flying.

Reed said he has also seen a growth in the popularity of mountain climbing. He said that if

you have "a desire to be self-reliant" and you're responsible for yourself and a good "decision-maker," mountain climbing is wonderful. However, he warns climbers: "Don't get in over your head." He advises climbers to go out with organized groups with qualified organizations; to be in good physical condition; to find route on a map; to talk to people who have made the climb perviously; to forecast the weather; and to know your equipment.

Allen Throop, LBCC geology instructor, agrees with Reed, stressing that to become a good mountaineer, you need to start off by going with organized groups, such as clubs or school outings, so you are accompanied by experienced climbers. Mountain climbing is a buddy-sport, he says.

Throop has 20 years of experience and has climbed all the major mountains in the Northwest. He says that with the growth in the popularity of mountain climbing, more climbers are running into environmental side-effects, such as water quality fouled by human waste. It's now mandatory in some wilderness areas that hikers and climbers bring plastic bags with them at all times.

Climbers should be trained by experienced professionals in first aid and have the skills, experience, and equipment necessary to administer first aid before attempting any mountain climb. Always carry a first aid kit as well as personal medications.

Dehydration affects most climbers and is a huge contributing factor to hypothermia and mountain sickness. Symptoms of dehydration can be prevented by drinking a minimum of four to six quarts of water per day and managing your clothing level and level of physical exertion to minimize sweating. Watch yourself and others in your group for the most common symptoms of dehydration—fatigue, thirst, irritability, dizziness, headache and darkly colored urine.

Acute mountain sickness (AMS) affects most climbers over a two-to-four day period. Factors affecting the incidence and severity of AMS include the susceptibility of the individual, how fast you ascend, level of physical activity, hydration and diet. The most common symptoms of AMS are headache, dizziness, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of appetite and nausea.

You can receive more information on mountain climbing by going to Climbers' Guide and American Alpine club web sites.

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Last weekend brings even more confusion

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Upset Saturday? Let's call it upset weekend. This weekend we saw the BCS get a boost, and once again the parity of the NFL shined through.

Number 1 priority, Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals romped the Houston Texans this weekend 38-3, winning their first game of the season. They looked like a championship football team on Sunday, as John Kitna threw four touchdowns. Other upsets included the New York Jets, a team that looked worse than the Bengals. They went to San Diego and beat up the Chargers, who were 6-1.

Tom Brady and the slumping New England Patriots dominated the red-hot Buffalo Bills. The Rams have won three in a row, and the Marshall Plan seems to be the answer to the Rams sneaking into the playoffs.

The magic in Chicago is officially gone, and the Raiders' 4-0 start has gone south.

The bottom line in the NFL is no one knows what the hell is going on. The only thing that is evident right now is the Eagles, Packers and Steelers all look to be dominating, while the Colts and Vikings are terrible. Of course, next week, the Colts and Vikings will look great and the dominant teams will lose.

Notre Dame, Georgia, Virginia Tech and NC State all lost last week. So the BCS now can only leave one team out.

Sorry Ohio, both of your undefeated teams look like they will not be going to Tempe. Bowling Green really should not ever get that nod, the Falcons are still having a terrific season.

That leaves the Buckeyes, who now have to pray for either an Oklahoma or Miami defeat. Let's not forget, Ohio State has a long history of choking against Michigan, kind of like Georgia against Florida. Miami seemed to have troubles against Rutgers, enough trouble for the AP to rank Oklahoma No. 1 nonetheless. Maybe now since the Bengals won, people will stop saying that Miami could actually beat them. Texas also still has an outside chance and might be able to do what Nebraska did last year, not win the conference, but still play for the national title.

I want to praise Marla Runyun, Eugene resident, who finished eighth in the New York Marathon. Now here's the amazing part, Runyun is legally blind. This was her first NY marathon and she is a five-time para-olympic gold medalist.

I hope all of you enjoyed these weekend games. Both the Ducks and Beavers stomped inferior Pac-10 opponents, and the Civil War once again is shaping up to be an outstanding game.

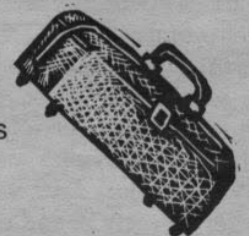
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Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation

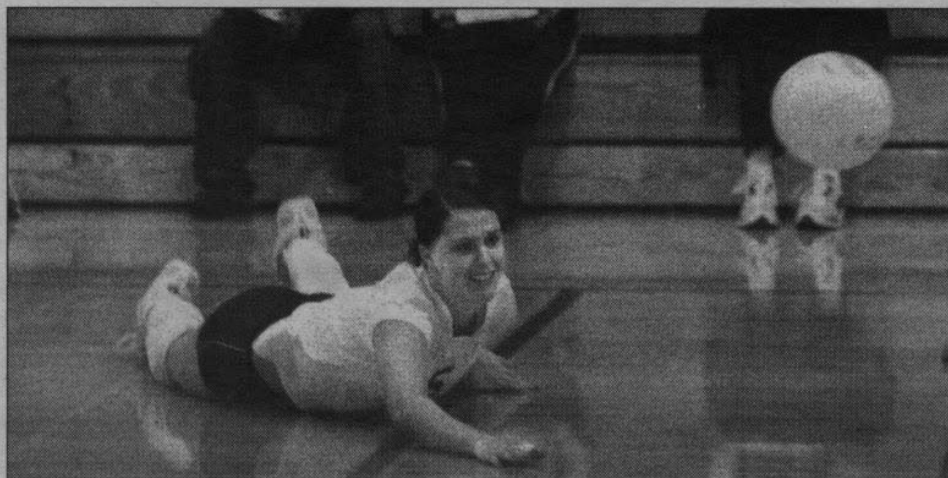


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Rebecca Buhl dives for a shot during last weekend's LBCC Crossover Tournament, in which the Runners finished third.

Runners play strong but slip to third in tourney

by Thomas McGeary
 of The Commuter

The Lady Runners came up short last Wednesday when they traveled to Gresham for a match against No. 1 Mt. Hood Community College.

A lot was at stake in that match due to the up-coming playoffs. Mt. Hood had a good chance to go undefeated in the regular season and get a high seed in the playoffs.

The Saints also beat LBCC two times in six straight games. When they last met on Oct. 6 at LBCC, Mt. Hood beat the runners 30-16, 30-23, 30-16.

Last Wednesday's match went much the same way, as LB played strong but still lost 30-22, 30-21, 30-20.

"We had good ball control, but were never able to rise up to Mt. Hood's level—they are that good," stated Coach Jayme Frazier.

Over the weekend, the Lady Runners hosted five schools from the NWAACC Conference in LB's second crossover tournament. Teams participating included two Washington schools from the Northern Division—Bellevue Community College (9-0) and Whatcom Community College (7-0); two more Washington schools from the Western Division—Centralia College (1-10) and Lower Columbia (8-3); and one Oregon school from the Southern Division—Umpqua Community College (1-9) from Roseburg.

The teams were set up into two pools and LBCC opened against Centralia. The match opened tight with the score 11-8. Kim West's hard spike kept LB up, as teammate Kellie Kettles rallied for kills and two blocks.

West's soft touch kill put LB in charge

of the game and in control of the momentum. Amanda Burcham placed a nice serve for an ace and Leslea Brown, West and Marhria Zook combined for kill after kill, which put Brown serving for game point at 30-15.

Game 2 opened with LB in control after Amber Opoien's great soft touch kill. LB was ahead 13-4. After a missed opportunity, Centralia rallied to put the score at 29-26. After Janine Dionne came up with a great save on a volley LB won the game.

In Game 3 LB was too much for Centralia. Brown, Opoien, and West, put the runners up and Rebecca Buhl, who had six kills in a row, put the score at 17-11. Danielle Palmer then had 3 service aces, which gave LB the match.

In the Runners' second match the Runners came out with momentum against Whatcom and took Game 1 at 30-22. Game 2 proved tougher, however, as the score went back and forth until Whatcom was serving for game point. But LB maintained their poise and Buhl had a great save and then served for game point and the game.

Game 3 started with LB down and looking tired. Buhl, Kettles, Brown, and Burcham kept the score close, as Buhl hit perfectly placed kills and Kettles put down a clutch spike. But Whatcom again had great floor movement and came within three points until Dionne placed a hard volley from the back court and Buhl came alive with harsh spikes that Whatcom could not answer.

The two wins in pool play set LB up against Lower Columbia, a highly ranked team in its division. LB was unable to withstand their strong attack, losing three straight games 30-26, 30-17, 30-26.

"We had good mental focus," said the

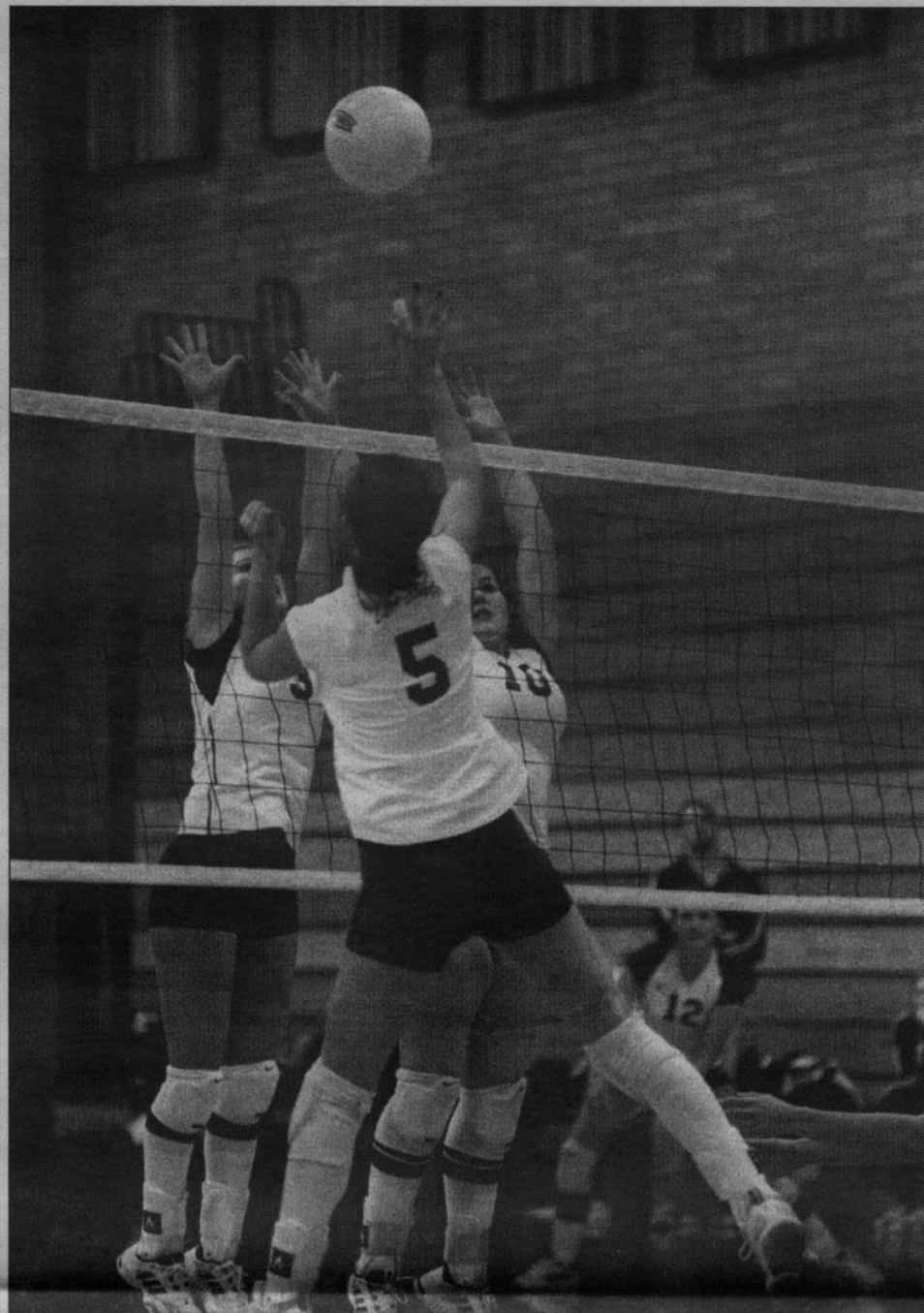


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Rebecca Buhl (above) places another spike during the Whatcom match, while Kelly Kettles joins her in a block (below). Kettles was named to the tournament All-Star team.

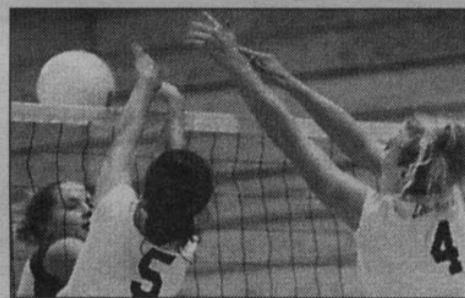
Runners' assistant coach. "We fought and did not back down. They are a good team."

LB again faced Whatcom in the Consolation Bracket after the Saturday morning loss to Lower Columbia. In Game 1 Burcham, Palmer, West and Buhl led the Runners to victory, but in Game 2 Whatcom held tough. Janine Dionne delivered a kill from the back court and Opoien served an ace to bring the Runners back to tie the game, and the score went back and forth until a spike went out on West, giving Whatcom the game.

The deciding Game 3, which went to 15, started close. After a West ace, a Jenny Lawrence spike, and a Buhl ace, LB served for match point, which they won on Brown's spike.

The Runners came in third overall and were consolation champs.

In the winner's bracket, Bellevue and Lower Columbia battled for first in a highly competitive match that showed



the crowd they were the best of the tournament.

The match went 30-21, 31-29, 20-30, 30-28 with Lower Columbia taking first and Bellevue taking second.

MVP for the tournament was Lisa Lovingfoss of Lower Columbia.

Named to the All Star Team were Kellie Kettles, Linn-Benton; Lisa Dettaan, Whatcom; Lina Pecoli and Raven Northrop, Lower Columbia; and Nicole Taylor and Cristina Null, Bellevue.

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Chemeketa.....	8-2			
Linn-Benton.....	7-3			
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SW Oregon.....	2-7			
Umpqua.....	1-9			

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Florida students rally to show they are voting constituency

by David Twiddy
 Knight Ridder Newspapers

Don't tell Keneshia Grant that college students don't vote.

The Florida A&M University freshman stood in line at the Leon County Courthouse on Thursday with a couple hundred other students, waiting for her turn to cast an early ballot for Tuesday's elections — her first ever.

At times, the diminutive Grant had to force friends back into line who were thinking of going home.

"My relatives, my people, my ancestors sacrificed for the right to vote," said Grant, 19, of Fort Lauderdale. "The least I can do is fill in a bubble."

The students participated in a rally at the Old Capitol designed to both encourage more people to vote early and get more students to the polls.

Chanting "Count the Votes" and carrying signs that said "We won't be tricked again," the crowd gave off a 2000 presidential election vibe.

But the students who

"We're breaking records left and right."

▶ Ion Sancho

marched downtown Thursday said they also were concerned with what happened during the Sept. 10 primary, when human mistakes and mechanical errors prevented thousands from voting in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

"I'm trying not to give up. It means a lot to me," said Reginald Wesley, 20, a FAMU junior from Louisville, Ky.

By the end of the day, about 1,060 absentee ballots were cast at the courthouse. Supervisor of Elections Ion Sancho said he couldn't determine how many of those were cast by students but noted that his office accepted 850 ballots Wednesday.

"We're breaking records left and right," said Sancho, who briefly addressed the young crowd, explaining the absentee ballot process and extolling students' patriotic duty to vote.

The event, which featured its own deejay, was sponsored by People for the American Way as

part of its "Arrive with 5" campaign, designed to increase voter turnout. Organizers described the rally as nonpartisan, although there was a smattering of signs supporting Gov. Jeb Bush's Democratic opponent, Bill McBride, as well as the ballot initiative to reduce class sizes.

Once across the street, the students stood in line, looking over sample ballots and debating issues such as the class size amendment and a proposed county half-percent sales tax for school construction.

Not all students got to participate, however. Several students were turned away because they were still registered in their home counties.

"They were telling us on campus that we'd be able to vote," said Rod Owens, 20, who is registered in Duval County.

"I might just go home this weekend and get an absentee ballot."

"It's that extra hurdle many



Photo by Gabriel B. Tait / St. Louis Post-Dispatch

President Bush campaigned across the country over the weekend in an effort to energize voters. In Florida, however, past voting irregularities proved enough motivation to bring students to polls.

college students face that helps make them one of the lowest-participating groups in the country," said Jeffrey Mondak, a political scientist at Florida State University. He said students also tend to be apathetic about local politics because they live in a town for a only few years and never develop roots.

"Somewhere in their mid-20s, as they get jobs and especially if they have kids, they start to pay attention to what's going on," he said.

That certainly applies to the two voter precincts on the FSU campus, which generally lag

behind the rest of the county on voter turnout.

But Sancho said the FAMU campus precincts generally mirror the overall county turnout figures. He said that might be because those students are inundated with the campus's civil rights history.

Andre Hammel, FAMU's student body president, said it's a question of being politically savvy.

"If we want to get better services from state government," he said, "we need to let them know we're a constituency that does vote, not just complains."

'Grand Theft Auto' release date offends public

by Liz Boch
 Capital News Service

Less than a week after two suspects were arrested in connection with the sniper attacks that killed 10 people and wounded three, a video game with eerily similar sniper capabilities is flying off the shelves of local stores.

Crowds of people waited outside area stores Tuesday for the release of "Grand Theft Auto: Vice City," a video game that includes a sniper rifle with a scope that lets players kill people in parks, on street corners and at gas stations.

"That game is very hot. It's flying off our shelves," said Bill Cimino, a spokesman for Circuit City stores. "There was a lot of anticipation for the game and we're very happy with the sales."

But some parents and activists said releasing the game only days after the arrest of two sniper suspects was inappropriate.

"It's a video game simulator that trains snipers. It's sick," said Martha Kleder, policy analyst for the Culture and Family Institute.

Kleder said the game could cause children to relive memories about the sniper.

She noted that producers of the movie "Phonebooth" — which centers on a sniper — postponed its release because of the attacks in this area, and that the producers of the video game should have done the same.

"They probably didn't even think of holding the game," Kleder said. "The video game industry is the industry least concerned about citizen reaction."

Rockstar Games, which publishes the "Grand Theft Auto" series of video games, would not say whether it had received any complaints about the game's release date. But the company's attorney, Bill Linn, said the game is clearly marked with a "mature" rating from the Entertainment Software Rating Board and that the company "makes every effort to market its games responsibly."

The board rated the game "mature" for blood and gore, strong language, strong sexual content and violence.

This is the fourth in the Grand Theft Auto series of games, all of which have been noted for their graphic violence. Rockstar Games said Grand Theft Auto 3 sold more than 6 million copies since its October 2001 release, earning more than \$250 million and making it the highest-

grossing game for PlayStation 2.

The new game revolves around Tommy Vercetti, a fictional gangster who tries to re-establish his reputation in 1980s Miami after his release from jail by running drugs and then hunting down men who cross him. In addition to traditional mob assignments, players can roam the city shooting police officers, picking up prostitutes and getting into high-speed car chases.

The new game adds brass knuckles, machetes and chainsaws to the handguns, sniper rifles and flame-throwers available to players in version 3. New vehicles were also added, including motorcycles, helicopters and boats.

When the player uses the sniper rifle, the screen image becomes a working scope with crosshairs, allowing the player to target people from hundreds of yards away. The rifle recoils as the shot rings out, and the target falls to the ground or has body parts blown off.

Middletown, Md., resident William Smith, 16, said he planned to buy a copy after testing it out at the Best Buy in Frederick, Md.

"I just love the game. I try to run people over," he said. "You can steal

helicopters and push people off their motorcycles."

Smith's mother, Teresa, said she did not plan to stop her son from buying the game. But she said Rockstar Games should have delayed the release of the game out of respect for families of the sniper victims.

"There are people who lost their family. They probably should have held it," she said. "There are people who are really sensitive to that type of thing."

David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family, called Rockstar Games "insensitive" and said the game "glamorizes the kind of predator" that haunted the area for nearly a month.

"To be released within days of the sniper trauma is disrespectful," Walsh said. "They're putting profits ahead of respect and responsibility. For this game to so closely mimic the type of trauma millions of people just went through and make light of it is horrific."

William Smith said that although the game "could bring out the worst in people," he would continue to play and is already hoping for a fifth version next year.

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