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Bookbuyers can now go on-line to get out of line

by Lori Weedmark
of The Commuter

Are you tired of the lines, the waiting, the narrow aisles, the hassle you go through each term to buy your books at the Bookstore?

If so, check out LBCC's new Internet Bookstore. There are no lines, no waiting, no aisles—it's shopping right at your fingertips.

The LBCC Bookstore Web site is located at: www.lbcc.cc.or.us:80/bookstore.

Brenda Pace, LBCC Bookstore manager, says 18 students took advantage of the site to purchase books after the service became available this term. Some classes are linked to allow students to order art supplies for art classes, calculators for math classes and other supplies as well. Pace said the Bookstore plans to add more products on-line later, such as clothing and school supplies.

"We are hoping for everything to be added by winter term," Pace said. Other items the Bookstore plans to offer in the future for purchase on-line will include electronics, such as personal cd players. Gen-



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Students can bypass the long lines at the Bookstore every start of term by buying books on-line instead.

eral interest books or trade books will eventually be offered as well.

The site is designed with an easy-to-follow format. Students can place their order on-line and pick up their purchase at the Bookstore at their convenience. If the order is placed before noon, it should be ready for pick up later that same day. If it's placed after noon, it will

be available to pick up the next day.

Beginning winter term, books or other items ordered on-line can be picked up and paid for at the customer service window, eliminating the need to go inside the bookstore.

Sandy Lovelady, mother of LBCC student Jennifer Lovelady, ordered books through the new on-line service for her daughter.

"It was very easy to do. I like the idea of going by class to find the books needed. The set-up was similar to Amazon.com," she said. Lovelady works at OSU and says they offer a similar set-up as well.

Shopping on-line also allows a student to figure out the cost of books ahead of time, before ordering. There's no guessing what your books might cost. Jennifer Lovelady said she liked the ease of just going in and picking up her books and paying. "There was no running around up and down aisles looking for what she needed," her mom said.

Items can also be shipped to students via UPS. Payment for books to be shipped must be done by

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Annual Welcome Back BBQ serves up food and entertainment

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

There's no better way to say good-bye to summer than with an afternoon barbecue filled with plenty of food, free gifts and music.

The annual Welcome Back BBQ, today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. is sponsored by the Student Programming Board as a kick-off event for the year. The BBQ is an opportunity for students to check out local clubs and businesses while grubbing on burgers and soda with peers in the courtyard.

Last year's BBQ brought in approximately 400 students, and this year it will attract at least the same, if not more, weather permitting, said Derek Wakefield, Student Life and Leadership

ambassador.

This year's music attraction, Meridian, a three-member classic rock and pop band is comprised of LBCC faculty members Ian Priestman on vocals and guitar, Larry Schuetz on keyboards and Sam Lambert on bass. Lambert will not make the event today, but occasional member and LBCC alumni John Alex will play drums.

"We tend to play on campus," said Priestman, an LB business teacher and former professional musician. "It's nice to give a little bit back." The band was formed 18 months ago after the trio met in the LBCC music club.

The BBQ fare includes a burger or veggie burger, chips, veggie sticks, cookies and soda for \$2.

Livestock Judging Team takes second place in Los Angeles

From the LBCC News Service

Shannon Jensen of Silverton helped lead LBCC's livestock judging team to second place against five junior and community college teams at the Los Angeles County Fair in California on Sept. 25.

Jensen took first place overall in the individual rankings, as well as first place in sheep judging, third in swine and seventh in beef.

As a team, LBCC earned its second place overall finish by taking first place in sheep, second in both swine and oral reasoning, and third in beef. The LBCC

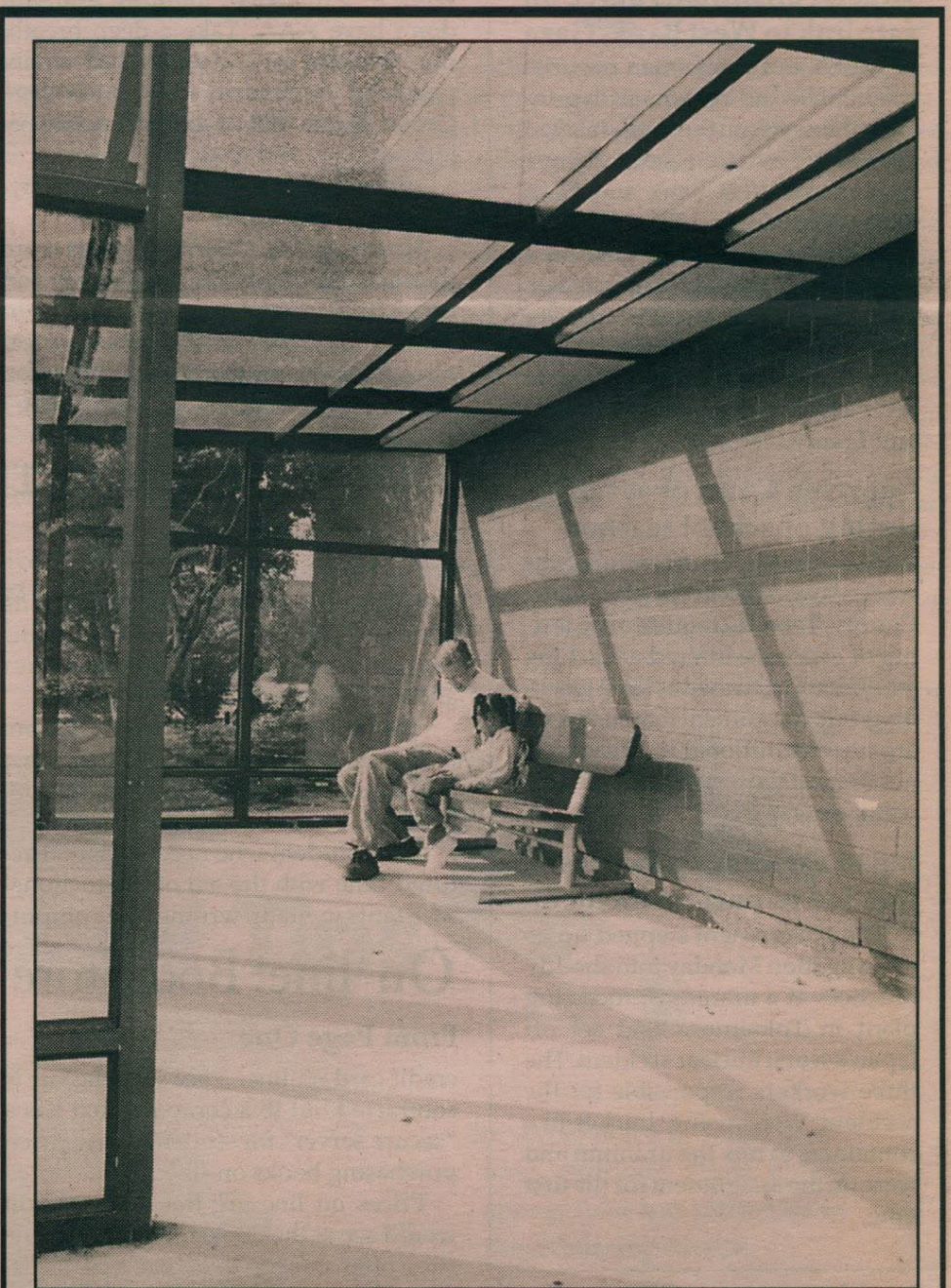
team of six students is coached by animal science instructors Rick Klampe and Cara Ayres.

Other top individual students were:
•Justin Reed of LaPine—eighth place overall, second in swine, seventh in oral reasoning and 13th in beef.

•Jake Wilson of Canby—11th overall, second in sheep and sixth in reasoning.

•Ryan Coffman of Prineville—13th overall, 10th in beef, 11th in reasoning and 12th in both sheep and swine.

First place in final team standings went to Delta College in Stockton, Calif.



Waiting for a Free Ride

Photo by A.J. Wright

Annie Gentsler waits under the new bus shelter in front of Tadena Hall Monday for a free ride aboard the Loop Bus. The free rides are available in Linn and Benton counties through Oct. 8.

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Flu got you down? Drop by the Health Van today on South Drive. It's here every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Young Lady Runners overpower Umpqua for first league win

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NEWS BRIEFS

High school student shoots his vice-principal

A vice-principal was shot in the leg at Philadelphia's Bartram High School Monday morning and a 17-year-old student was taken into custody five minutes after the shooting. Officers confiscated a gun they believed was used in the incident, police said. A hospital spokesman says that 61-year-old William Burke's wound was not life-threatening.

Jury hits State Farm with \$456 million for cheating

A jury Monday ordered the nation's largest auto insurer, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., to pay \$456 million for allegedly cheating customers by ordering body shops to use substandard repair parts. Lawyers for State Farm policyholders complaining about "aftermarket parts" had asked for more than \$5.4 billion in damages in the class-action lawsuit. A decision on parts of the suit was still pending.

Israel, Palistinians agree on safe link to West Bank, Gaza

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators clinched an agreement in principle this week on the long-delayed opening of a "safe passage" route linking the West Bank and Gaza Strip, officials said. The safe passage route, which was to have been inaugurated Sunday under a Sept. 5 peace deal, is meant to answer years of complaints that Israel prevents Palestinians in the separate self-rule areas from seeing friends and family.

Supreme Court okays drug testing of school teachers

A Supreme Court ruling this week allows school officials in Knox County, Tenn., to require drug testing of everyone offered a teaching job. The court turned away a teachers group's argument that such tests are unconstitutional if officials do not suspect the tested individual of using drugs.

Japan examines practices that led to nuclear incident

The government stepped up its investigation Monday into shoddy practices at a uranium-processing plant in Tokaimura that set off Japan's worst nuclear accident. The three workers responsible for the accident were using bucket-like containers to mix the uranium and were on the assignment for the first time.

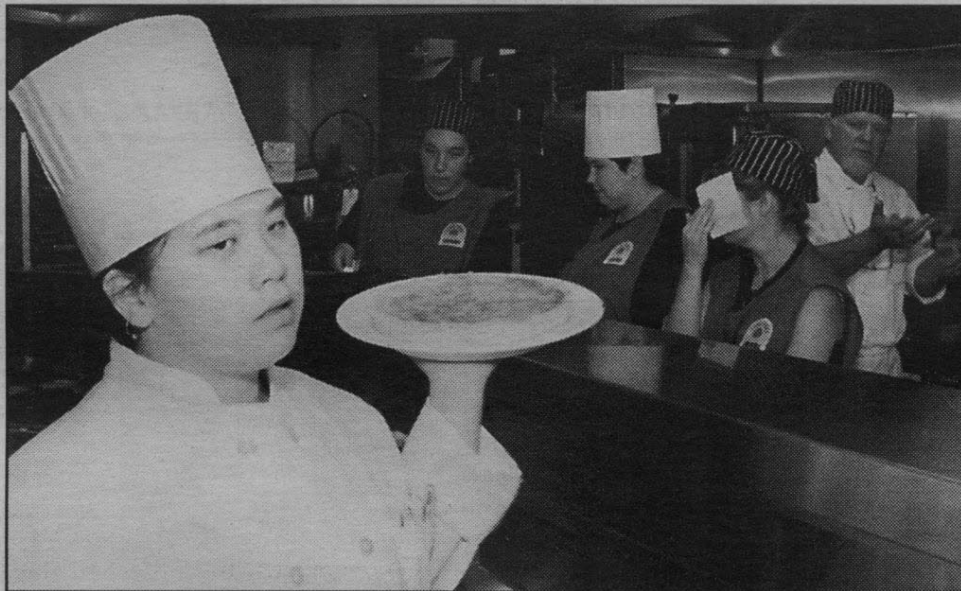


photo by A.J. Wright

Quick Quiche?

Second-year student Erin Friel-Seid delivers a quiche to the Courtyard Cafe this week. The cafe has begun featuring a wider variety of specials, appetizers and desserts now that the culinary arts students are back on campus. Cafe Manager Gary Snyder (far right) says to look for seasonal specials. Working behind the counter are (left to right) Sarah George, Rosa McMechem, and a shy Denise Nix.

Addition of more personnel allows Security Office to offer 24-hour assistance to campus

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

So you left your lights on again.

The battery is dead, you have to be at work in a matter of minutes and you don't have AAA. Take a deep breath, don't kick the car and go see the friendly people in the Security Office in College Center Room 123 to borrow a battery jumper.

When most people think of security, they think of guards.

However, LBCC Security offers more than just patrols of campus; they offer an array of services, including escorts to vehicles at night for students who feel uncomfortable in the dark parking lot, emergency first aid, "basic life support,"

and even emergency message delivery to students.

They also provide directions to new students and answer questions.

"We are the answer people. If we don't have the answer we will try to find it," said Security Chief Vern Jackson. The department will soon have the ability to increase its patrols due to a federal grant which will pay for another full time and one three-quarter time officer.

The grant from the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services helps Jackson come closer to accomplishing his goal of having "two officers on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year."

Among their other tasks, campus se-

curity officers are working to set up a neighborhood watch, and to find a way to make the intersection of East Way Loop and North Drive safer following several "near misses," he said.

The primary traffic problem on campus, according to Jackson, is the failure by many people to obey the posted 15 mph speed limit, despite the recent additions of the new speed bumps, and the failure to obey stop signs.

This year campus security plans on increasing patrols by a minimum of 10 percent, using a grant from the Transportation Research Institute of OSU to make intersections safe, and creating a manual for the training of Campus Security personnel.

Learning Center opens evenings and Saturdays

by Leda Webster
of The Commuter

The Learning Center has extended its hours of operation this year so students can make use of its services on Saturdays and two additional evenings a week.

The center is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

"Any student who needs quiet structured time with the aid of instructional assistants in math, writing and comput-

ers could benefit by working in this excellent academic environment," said LRC Coordinator Audrey Perkins.

The Learning Center is located on the second floor above the library in Room LRC-212. The entry is on the west side of the building, overlooking the courtyard.

The LRC contains a math study lab, the Writing Desk and an Internet-connected computer lab, all staffed by instructional assistants whose job is to help students with questions on their courses and assignments.

While most services are available whenever the LRC is open, the Writing Desk is staffed for fewer hours—from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The LRC also offers testing services and instruction in college-level reading and study skills.

With its large tables and quiet atmosphere, the LRC is also a good place for study groups, Perkins said.

On-line: Bookstore boasts fingertip convenience

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credit card on-line. Pace says the site is contracted out to a company that has a "secure server" for student safety when purchasing books on-line.

Prices on line are the same as you would see at the Bookstore. While some sites offer college text books at a dis-

count, the LBCC site was set up primarily as a convenience for LBCC students. According to Pace, some promotional items may be offered as the site grows.

"The biggest point of the site is so students don't have to stand in line so long," Pace said. "Their time is valuable and we're hoping this is a step in the

right direction for them."

OSU also offers a student-run on-line book buying service—OSUbooks at osubooks.thepayne.com, lets students search for books and sell books to one another.

Students place an ad to sell their books and choose their own selling price.

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IN FOCUS

Bug Off

Unwelcome yellow jackets join students for lunch in courtyard

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

A cold dry spring and a hot summer added up to an abundance of yellow jackets swarming around students trying to enjoy their lunches in the courtyard this fall.

The reason that yellow jackets are so thick right now lies in the lack of rainfall in April and May, according to Jim DiGiulio, a local entomologist.

Since the spring weather was cool, the yellow jackets didn't hatch from their nests until later in the season. That's why their numbers are now so concentrated in August and September, he said.

Kevin Lacey, facilities manager at LBCC, said this is always the worst time of year for the pests on campus, but the increased use of the courtyard this fall is a contributing factor.

"The yellow jackets are around because they are looking for food and water and we provide that with our sodas and food," said Lacey.

George van Keulen, lead groundskeeper at LBCC said that "it's not as bad as last week or the week before. This last couple of weeks we've sprayed a number of yellow jackets nests," adding that last week a woman had to ask for help when a number of yellow jackets swarmed around her books and she was afraid to get them.

Other than that, said van Keulen, there haven't really been any complaints, except to see people waving the yellow jackets away with notebooks and paper. He said that they are attracted to the food left out in the courtyard as well as the garbage cans, which normally they only have to empty once a month, but recently to control the swarms of yellow jackets, they've had to empty them every day.

To get rid of them the nests are marked and either destroyed by the custodial crew who spray it at night or the groundskeepers who spray the nest in the morning. Van Keulen feels that there is no point in putting up traps since the populations seem to have been going

down in the last few days with the cooler weather.

Unfortunately, according to DiGiulio, these pests will be bugging us until the heavy rains come in late October or early November, when "the wet ground will do them in."

DiGiulio collects yellow jackets for pharmaceutical companies. The venom is then used to help desensitize people who are severely allergic to hornet stings.

"I would call this a pretty bad year," he said adding that yellow jacket abundance appears to happen about every other year. "'94 was the worst year I've seen and I've been collecting since '89."

Ground nesters, commonly called yellow jackets, are far more abundant than aerial hornets and they are much more of a nuisance. Aerial hornets are the type that nest in exposed places. According to DiGiulio, the differences between yellow jackets and aerial hornets are that "hornets don't come for dead meat, they only take live insects for prey."

Yellow jackets usually nest in the ground or in peoples' homes, in cracks in the walls, or under eaves. He says their nests are usually more abundant and bigger than other hornets. Yellow jackets will hunt for their prey, but they are also attracted to garbage and will scavenge for food.

All hornets are social paper wasps, said Michael Burgett, professor of entomology at OSU. "We do have a good habitat for yellow jackets. We've gotten a lot this year. I was frankly surprised," he said adding that if the queens have not already gone off to hibernate, they will soon, and "in another four to six weeks all the hornets will be dead."

Hornets and yellow jackets, unlike bees that can only sting once, can sting several times, but yellow jackets are more aggressive and far more likely to sting. There are eight species of hornets that can be found

in this area, five of which DiGiulio can collect. So far he has gotten stung about 30 times this year. "That's not too bad though," he said considering that he "collected an awful lot of nests this summer and I usually get stung 30 to 40 times a season." He admits that he isn't "sensitive" to the stings.

DiGiulio got the job collecting for pharmaceutical companies when he was working in the entomology department at OSU. He said that his job is that of a field collector, the first in a three-step process to desensitizing people allergic to yellow jacket stings. The next step is in the lab, where the venom is collected and processed, then to the doctor's office where it is given to the patient in small doses over a long period of time, enabling an allergic person to eventually become immune to the venom.

"I collect the yellow jackets and hornets whose venom will end up in the shots."

Yellow jacket stings cause localized itching and pain in most people due to the histamine released into the wound. A sting kit releases epinephrine in the wound, stopping the production of histamine.

However, when people who are sensitive to yellow jacket stings and who are not desensitized get stung, the histamine released will dilate the blood vessels, cause the blood pressure to drop and unconsciousness will result. This is called anaphalactic shock and can kill. From 50 to 150 people die from bee and hornet stings each year, and millions are admitted to the hospital for treatment. Every person who has an allergic reaction to bee or hornet stings will be 60 percent more likely to have a more severe reaction the next time they are stung.

DiGiulio said that people who are sensitive to stings should go to a doctor and get an antihistamine shot, or "use the sting kit and take their chances."

Yellow Jacket Survival Tips

➤ Hornets often nest in trees and bushes so avoiding them if there appears to be a population of the insects nearby is a good idea.

➤ Move slowly. Jerky movements only aggravate these insects more and make them more apt to sting.

➤ Check tall grass for nests if you plan to mow, especially this time of year, when yellow jackets are aggressive.

➤ Don't apply meat tenderizer to the wound. Even though it can make the area less itchy and reduces swelling, the enzymes in meat tenderizer may cause tissue damage. Use ice instead to reduce swelling.

➤ Yellow jackets like strong smells, so avoid using cologne, hair spray and perfume.

➤ Wear long sleeved shirts, long pants and shoes, especially when gardening.

➤ Avoid black or bright-colored clothing. Light colors appear to be less attractive to these buzzing insects.

➤ Don't remove a stinger with your fingernails or tweezers. Instead use a credit card or a dull knife blade. The venom will be less likely to get into the wound that way.

➤ Don't leave open beer and soda cans sitting around. They are very attractive to bees and hornets. Also, check your beverages, even water, in case a yellow jacket has decided to take a sip.

Japanese student finds love and a new life in America

World traveler, She Ho gets ready for her career and wedding in Oregon

by Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

At first glance, She Ho seems much like any other young woman.

She takes off her glasses to get her picture taken, talks about her boyfriend and says French fries and ice cream are her favorite American foods.

But Ho's life hardly follows a traditional American path. Ho is from Kyoto, Japan. Before coming here to study, Ho tutored middle school students in math, social studies and English to earn money for travel. Her earnings have taken her to the United States, Canada, China, Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Australia, France and Belgium.

During a train ride through the United States, Ho met a member of her current host family, who invited her to visit the next time she was in the country. So, with the support of her family, she returned here to the Willamette Valley.

And in the six months she has been in the country, she began the pre-nursing program at LB and met her future husband, Travis. The host family has since moved to Eugene, leaving her with use of their house while she studies and plans her wedding for next September.

Yet, even as the universe lavishes gifts upon her, Ho struggles with the normal stresses of living in another country. Language is her biggest hurdle, and her boyfriend is her greatest resource when it comes to learning English.

"I learn a lot of slang," she says with a smile.

Although she studied English for six years in Japan (three in middle school, three in high school), she was not prepared for the spoken aspect. Japanese students study only English grammar and reading; there is no conversation.

So, in addition to learning a subject in every class, Ho also has to use her dictionary to learn the words with which the topic is being taught.

She is grateful for the help provided by the staff at the LRC, Jan Fraser-Hevlin at the Career Center and Dee Curwen of the Multicultural Center. While there are resources designed to help foreign students, she said gaps still exist.

Study groups are hard to find because of her language limitations. She receives the most assistance and support from other international students who are experiencing the same problems.

Along with this added challenge, Ho says that American colleges are more difficult to begin with, belying the prevailing belief in this country. Ho explained that it is true that Japanese middle and high schools are more difficult than their American equivalents, but once students get to college level, the intensity level goes way down.

"I didn't study much at all," says Ho, who has a BA in architecture and house design from a Japanese university. "Sometimes just a day or two before a test."

But before you drop your classes at LBCC and catch the next flight to Japan, there is a catch. First of all, you need a declared major to even apply. Then, to

get into college, all students must pass an extremely comprehensive and difficult entrance exam, which is given only once a year, and the pressure to pass is so great that students who fail sometimes commit suicide, she said.

This societal importance of conforming and meeting group expectations is one of the greatest differences Ho sees between American and Japanese culture. She loves the opportunity for individual freedom that this country offers. There is no need here for two separate forms of address (formal and informal), and there is no rigid age stratification as there is in Japan, where college students are all young men and women. There is no mix of ages as there is here at LB.



She Ho

Food is another challenge, she said. Although Ho admits to liking fries and ice cream, she is not used to the large amounts of sugar and salt that are routinely used in American foods. In order to stick to a healthier diet, she prepares traditional Japanese food for herself most of the time.

Ho plans to finish her four-year nursing degree at OHSU in Portland and then specialize in pediatric nursing.

Although she already holds a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field, she decided to pursue nursing after attending a class in bioethics taught by Dr. Hoshimo of Yale. His class reminded her of her high school goal.

"I wanted to be a doctor or welfare (worker) or teacher," she said. "I like people very much and I want to help them."



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Photo by Lizanne Southgate
Director Dee Curwen serves coffee to Mam Njaimh Jack at last Wednesday's open house at the Multicultural Center on the second level of the Forum. (Editor's Note: A caption in last week's Commuter misspelled the name of international student Hoa Hong. The Commuter regrets the error.)

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Internet movies compete with video chains

by Josh Ransom
of The Commuter

Once upon a time, not so long ago, if you wanted to enjoy the latest movie there were only two options. Either fork over half your paycheck for an admission ticket, popcorn and goobers or drop into Hollywood video for that new release that's "guaranteed to be there."

Now, due to the wonders of technology, there is a third option that is appealing to more and more people. Simply log on to a web site such as sightsound.com, download the movie of your choice, grab your microwave popcorn and settle in for an evening in front of your PC.

That's right, your PC. You can enjoy a new movie without leaving the comfort of your own living room. If "South Park" is something you enjoy then check out "Cannibals... The Musical" from the creators of "South Park." It is available for \$2.95 per day at sightsound.com. Prefer Adam Sandler? Surf on over to warnerbrothers.com where he provides the voice of the lead in "The Peeper," a free Net-only cartoon premiering later this month. Metafilms is planning to release the "Quantum Project" on the Internet first, bypassing the silver screen and video store.

The "Quantum Project" is unique in that it will be the first big budget picture released in this way, but

according to Mark Cuban, founder of broadcast.com, it's the wave of the future. "Blockbuster should be afraid. Not this year or next year, but three to five years from now, we will have a significant impact on their rental business."

There are still some bugs to be worked out before this type of entertainment becomes really popular. Most movies take a long time to download and use up more memory than most computers have available. For example "Cannibals... The Musical" is 211 megabytes, a large amount of space for a movie. Another problem is selection, although this should change shortly as Cuban's broadcast.com recently signed a contract with a production company to produce 13,000 hours of original programming available only on the Internet.

Advocates of movies over the Internet are quick to point out that internet is open twenty-four hours a day, unlike your local multiplex. So, if you get a craving for Adam Sandler at 3 a.m., his latest offering is nothing more than a click away. Producing a movie digitally is cheaper, providing more opportunities for beginning producers and directors.

No matter which way you choose to view the latest movies, whether it be at the local multiplex, from the video store or on the Internet, technology is changing the way we do things and the way we live our lives.



Photo by Lizanne Southgate

Belly Dancin'

LB bellydance instructor Vicki Swing poses before a show at the Majestic Theater recently, featuring internationally renowned dancer Shahrazad.

Simpsons' trivia stumps viewers

How well do you know America's favorite family?

1. What kind of car does Apu drive?
2. What fridge in the Kwik-E-Mart is a secret passage to the roof?
3. What didn't Homer know how to do before he met Marge?
4. What is Ned Flanders' auto dial number for Reverend Lovejoy?
5. What is the phone number of Moe's Tavern?
6. What is the name of the BSharps manager?
7. How many federal marshals did it take to stop Bart's Uncle Arthur?
8. What is Bart's twin brothers name?

Answers:

1. a yellow or red firebird
2. the nonalcoholic drink cooler
3. how to dial a touch tone phone 4.3
5. 764-8437
6. Nigel
7. 75 Marshals
8. Hugo

ARTrageous leads coast millennium trip

by Josh Ransom
of The Commuter

OSU's ARTrageous Adventures is leading a trip to Lincoln City Nov. 6 to celebrate "The Oregon Coast Festival of Glass and the Millennium," highlighted by the release of 2000 hand-blown floats onto Oregon beaches.

The "Millennium Floats," created by Waldport artist Bryan Duncan, await discovery by beachcombers this winter along the Central Coast.

The brilliantly colored and patterned globes, inspired by traditional Japanese glass floats, are reminiscent of a time when fishing floats could be found in Oregon's water. Artist Duncan notes "the 2000 floats are designed to welcome in

the millennium with the symphony, power, and surprise of the North Pacific Ocean."

The trip, "2000 Floats: A Coastal Celebration of Glass," is offered by the OSU Craft Center and Corvallis Art Center. It includes many art-related activities, including "First Saturday" gallery receptions.

Highlighting the trip will be the opportunity to travel with the artist, and place the first set of glass floats on the beach to welcome in the new year. Also included is the viewing of the 2000 floats on display at Chinook Winds, glass blowing demonstrations and gallery visits.

As part of the Festival of Glass Float Team, all participants will walk the beach

with Duncan to place floats along the shoreline, out to sea, and among the driftwood and seagrass for discovery later. In addition each person will receive a signed "Duncan 2000" Millennium float.

The cost for the tour is \$135 per person and includes a pre-tour program, charter bus transportation, tour demonstrations and receptions, luncheon and a "Duncan 2000" float.

The reservation deadline is Oct. 13. Trip brochures with mail-in reservations are available at Albany and Corvallis Public Libraries, Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau or by calling tour leader Barbra Sobo Gast at 541-456-4331 or e-mailing her at bgast@cybrline.com.

OSU concert series hosts Portland jazz trio tomorrow

by Josh Ransom
of The Commuter

Tomorrow the "Music a la carte" concert series at OSU will host "Primal Mates," an acoustic chamber jazz trio from Portland. The informal public concert begins at noon in OSU's Memorial Lounge.

Primal Mates include Chris Lee on the vibraphone and drums, Colleen O'Brien

on cello and vocals and Gary Versace on accordion. The trio draws from its vast experience with jazz, folk and improvised music to create a sound that is both "passionate and playful."

Lee is active as the group's composer, vibraphonist, drummer and teacher. Vocalist and cellist O'Brien previously led her own groups and performed as a solo artist. O'Brien was featured at the

Mt. Hood and Westcliffe jazz festivals and on Denver's PBS series "Artists Profile." Versace began playing the accordion as a child and was once a featured soloist with the Greenwich Symphony. As a jazz pianist, he received several awards and performed with many notable jazz musicians

For more information contact Marge Victor at 737-5592.

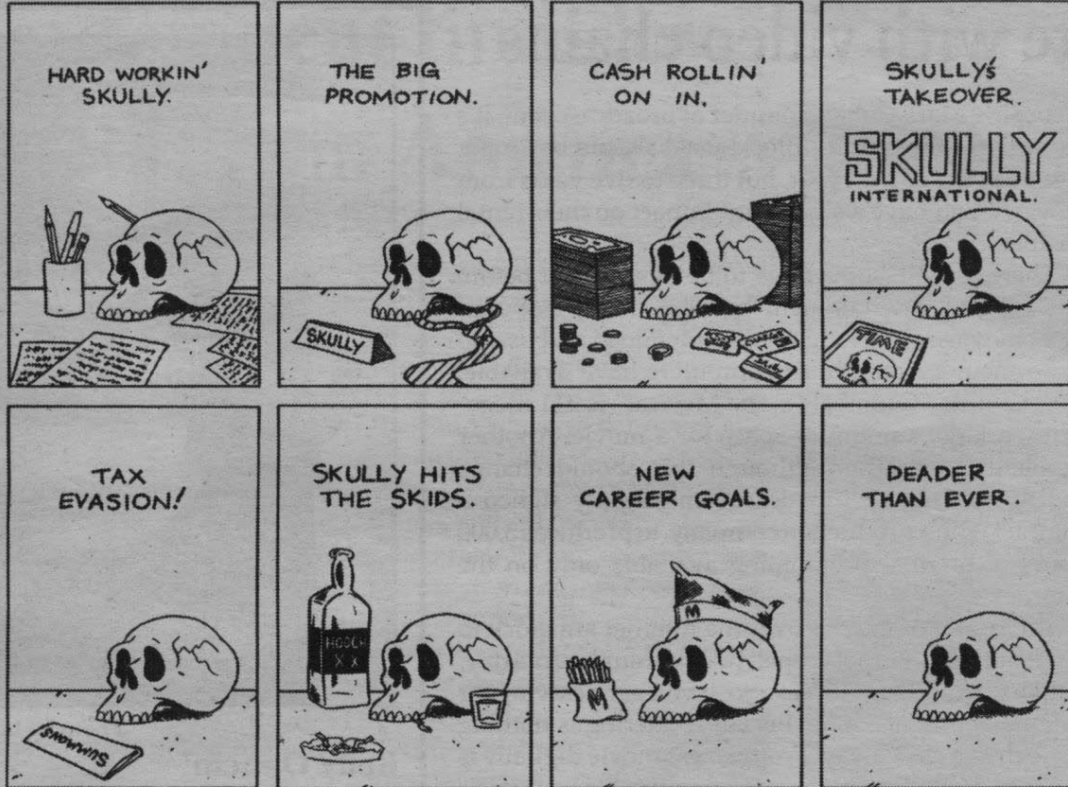
COMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	Cost
Film, "Do the Right Thing"	Friday Oct. 8 at 8:30 p.m.	OSU MU Lounge, Corvallis	free
Writers on Writing IV	Tues. Oct. 12 at 12:15 p.m.	Corvallis Public Library, for info. call 753-3335	free
Mostly Mozart	Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.	First Presbyterian, Corvallis, for info. 737-5592	\$6-14
Corrine Woodman Gallery Exhibit	through Nov. 6	Corvallis Art Center, for info. call 754-1551	free
Willamette Valley Juries Exhibition	through Nov. 5	Corvallis Art Center, for info. call 754-1551	free
Film, "Color of Fear"	Thursday Oct. 7, 2:30 p.m.	MulticulturalCenter, LBCC	free
Richmond Fontaine concert	Sat. Oct. 9 at 9 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene, 503-687-2746	\$6
The Mighty Diamonds	Fri. Oct. 8 at 9 p.m.	WOW Hall, Eugene for info. call 503-687-2746	\$14
Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition	Sat. Oct 16	Newport Art Center, for info. call 765-2212	\$10
"Creation" musical concert	Sat. Oct. 9 or Sun Oct. 10	1925 N.E. Pacific, Portland 503-224-TIXX	varies
Melinda Thorsnes art show	Oct. 11-Nov. 3, open 8-5	Fairbanks Art Gallery, Corvallis, call 737-5009	free
"Crimes of the Heart" play	Oct. 9, 14, 15 at 8 p.m.	Willamette University, tickets call 503-370-6221	\$6-\$8

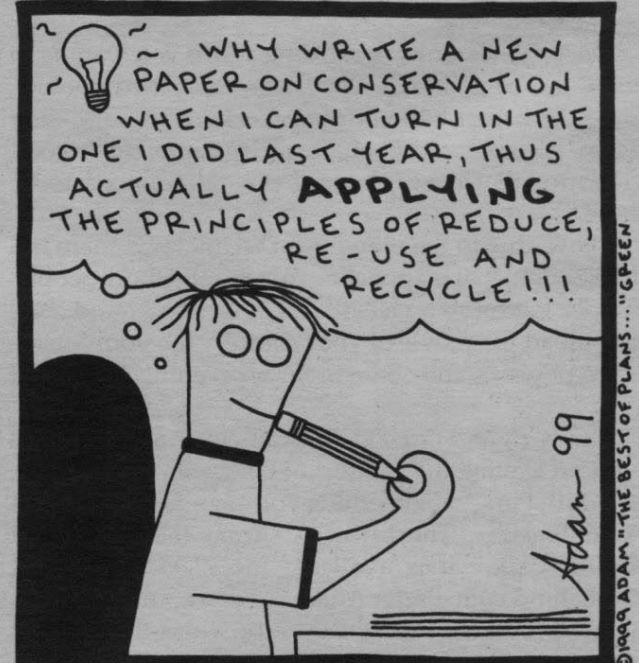
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MISCELLANEOUS

Corvallis Macintosh User's Group meets October 13th at the LaSells Stewart Center, OSU. Meeting times are: 6:30 pm, question and answer period with Phil Russell; the main program begins at 7p.m. Three part program will be: Creating your holiday newsletter, speech recognition and our first look at the iBook. We will also entertain a special guest from Apple. More info at cmug.com.

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PC Support Specialist and Research & Development Technician (Albany)--These Cooperative Work Experience jobs are with titanium companies, but you have to be a current student and have completed two terms in a related degree field. They pay well and provide excellent on-the-job experience. Talk with Carla, Molly, Janeen, or Stacie in the Career Center (T101).

Two Administrative Assistant full-time positions (Albany)-- One job is permanent and one is temporary through the end of December. They would like a high level of Excel experience and the ability to multi-task. See us in the Student Employment office in the Career Center, T101 today!



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SPORTS PAGE

Lady Runners serve up defeat for Umpqua C.C.

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

Starting the season 0-2 is hard for a young team to overcome, but the Lady Runners did it easily last Saturday when they defeated the Timberwomen of Umpqua Community College in straight sets, 15-8, 15-9 and 15-3.

In the first game, the Timberwomen jumped out to a fast 4-0 lead, but the Lady Runners quickly came back with three points to make it 4-3. Umpqua then increased the lead to 8-5 before Linn-Benton regained their momentum and scored the last 10 points win 15-8.

The second game went back and forth between one- and two-point deficits until LB sprinted ahead to a 13-8 lead and then held Umpqua to only one more point to eventually win 15-9.

The third game proved to be all LBCC, as the Lady Runners jumped out to leads of 4-0 and 8-0, forcing Umpqua to call a succession of timeouts to try to slow down the Lady Runners. The Timberwomen were able to score only three points, however, while the Lady Runners poured it on to win 15-3.

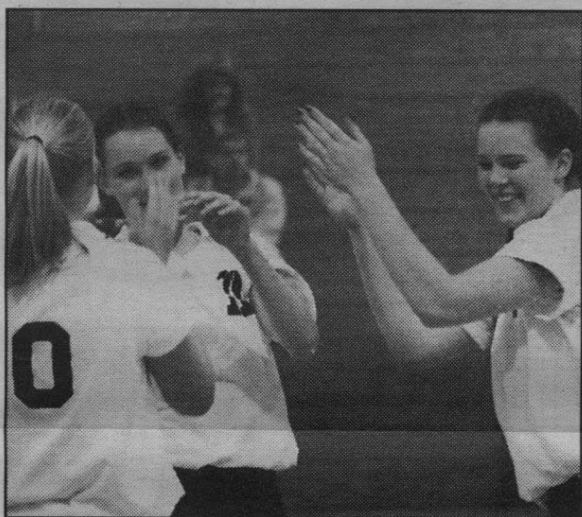
Assistant Coach Seth Elliott believes that this team has finally molded together.

"After a week of no competition, we saw that this team was coming together in practice," said Elliott, adding that the team seemed to be hitting

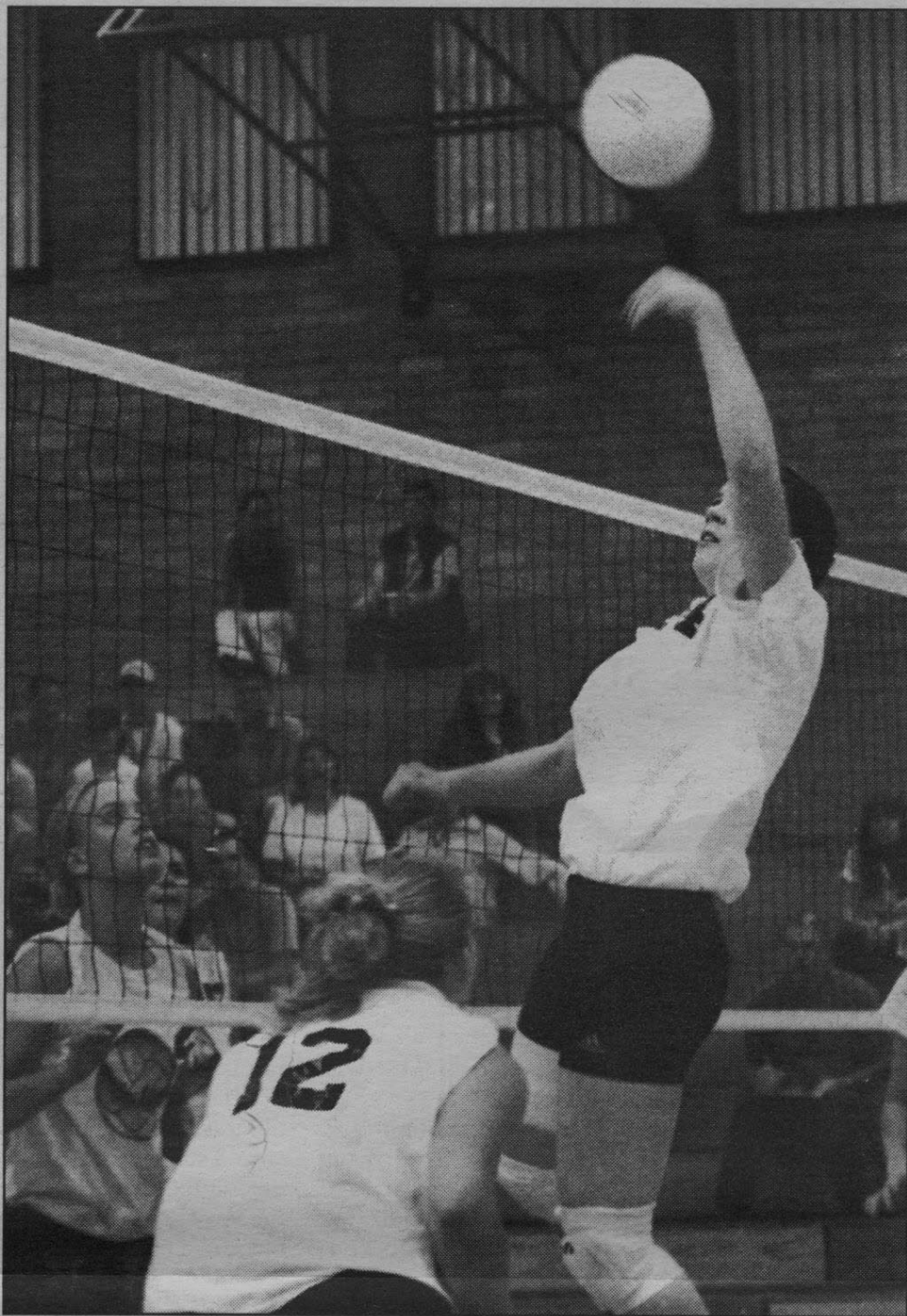
on all cylinders against Umpqua. The serving efficiency was the best aspect of the game for the Lady Runners, Elliott said. "Our serves were great. It freed up our offense and defense to perform other options on the court."

Nancy Drake led the Lady Runners with nine kills, with Jamie Caster and Kristyn Kohler finishing behind Drake with six and five kills. Amy Chase, Kim Wyatt and Kohler led the way for LB with two service aces, while Drake and Shannon Gerding finished with one apiece. Caster and Drake both led the Lady Runners with four blocked shots.

The Lady Runners next match is tomorrow against the Southwestern Oregon Community College Lady Loggers at the Linn-Benton Activities Center at 7 p.m.



Kohler, Sarah Whisler and Jenni White congratulate each other after LBCC's victory.



Photos by Robin Camp

Kristyn Kohler (above) sets the ball for Nancy Drake who attempts to score at last Saturday's match against Umpqua.

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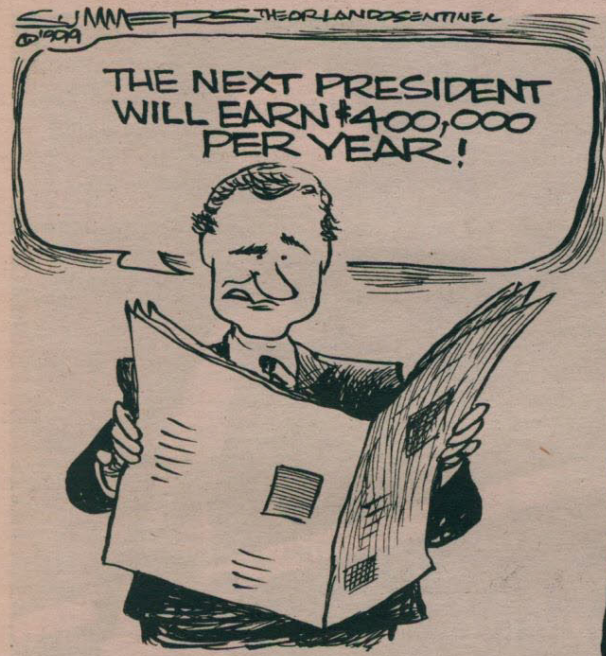


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OPINION



Gulf war starves children, raises gas prices

by Robin Camp
of The Commuter

According to our U.S. Constitution, "all men are created equal" with "certain inalienable rights," including the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Note that it doesn't say "all American men" or "only the men the United States has financial interest in."

I personally see the phrase "all men" as including every man, woman and child in the world. Therefore, if the United States is truly living up to these ideals, we have an unquestionable obligation to help those who are denied those rights.

Thus, I think our foreign policy needs work, and we are betraying the lofty and noble ideals set forth in our very own Constitution.

As some of us know, Iraq was leveled, and now, hundreds of Iraqi children are dying of treatable diseases and starvation. More are born deformed due to bombing by U.S. forces with depleted uranium, a previously unused weapon, which has a half life of 125,000 years. One million years from now, Iraqi people will still be paying for political brinkmanship with increased rates of cancer, deformed babies and fields that no longer grow crops.

By 1995, 560,000 Iraqi children (not including the 250,000 civilians killed during the bombings, which included 2.5 civilians for every Iraqi soldier) had died from the economic sanctions imposed by the United States; a child dies every six minutes in Iraq of starvation, the flu and other treatable diseases. This price said Secretary of State Madeline Albright "is worth it," in the December issue of *Drugs, Law Enforcement and Foreign Policy*.

So, the big question, what good has it done? Saddam Hussein, the alleged reason we started the war, is still in power. And you can bet that he isn't suffering from malnutrition. So, why are we killing children while the cause of it all remains unaffected?

Meanwhile the United States continues to bomb Iraq an average of four times a week.

Until recently, the U.S. government said Hussein

never was an actual threat to U.S. Security (not to say he isn't a nut). In fact, it was felt that his "iron fist" (1996 New York Times) was the best solution for Iraq, so the U.S. government assisted in arresting all of his serious opposition.

Instead, he threatened the American oil market by deciding to sell petroleum from the vast oil reserves of Iraq, undercutting the Saudi Arabian oil prices in which the United States had financial interest in according to Covert Action-Summer 1995.

According to author Phyllis Bennis "If Iraq were to resume oil exports, analysts expect it would soon be producing three million barrels a day and within a decade perhaps as many as six million. Oil prices would soon drop." And Washington is determined to defend the kingdom's economy, largely to safeguard the West's unfettered access to the Saudi's 25 per cent of known oil reserves. This does not even include the \$30 billion in weapons we sold the Saudis in 1990.

Saudi Arabia invests \$10 million a day, sometimes \$50 million a day in U.S. arms says Furedi in *New Ideology of Imperialism*, which contributes to the arms race between the Isreal the Arab world, thus making money for U.S. arms manufacturers.

The impact on the average person would be to lower gas prices in the United States. To forestall this possibility, despite assurances by the CIA, the United Nations and its weapons inspectors (including American inspectors) that Hussein was no real threat to the United States, we bombed Iraq to protect oil company profits.

And it worked out swell! American gas prices stayed up, the American public is paying inflated gas prices, defense contractors got new contracts and the threat to American oil companies was eliminated.

And, to add insult to injury, our government betrayed the American men and women who served in the Gulf. While the Pentagon recently admitted the Gulf War Syndrome "might" be related to the radioactive depleted uranium shells used by tanks, artillery and fighter jets, the bottom line is money. Weapons and oil are profitable. Thus soldiers, children and the Constitution are expendable.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ban the leaf blowers and let nature take over

To the Editor:

While sitting out in LBCC inner courtyard Monday enjoying a late lunch (1:30), a whorling gas-powered leaf blower erupted, sending plumes of dust and smoke (indirectly) into the tables.

I have been eating lunch outside daily and have noticed plenty of similar activity--most of it understandable in light of the president's wise directive to make the campus more student-friendly. I'm glad to see the expanded eatery and the student activity center.

But as I read *The Commuter* about how these and other improvements are being made to our campus, I didn't understand why the few leaves here and there had to be removed by force of a loud-blowing nuisance machine.

My study time was hampered by the droning dis-

ruption; I felt closed in like an animal in a cage, and the fact that the wind was blowing hard made the whole attempt to corral nature ludicrous.

But it was when the dust came flying my way that I had had enough. I rose to escape to another haven of quiet and comfort, though I found none. On the way, however, I decided to say something to the blower operator who I found to be so kind, and sorry "for the inconvenience" that I nearly forgot my need to question the bigger picture.

Which is: If this is a campus of higher learning, can't we live with a few leaves on the ground, take inspiration from the sound of the wind through the magnolias, and above all, respect quiet and calm? In such a monastic and calm climate, learning took root in western civilization. In the blaring drone of an engine, I fear we become insensitive to those things we are here to attune to.

Is anyone but me listening? Can't we live with a few leaves? I say, ban the blowers!

Joel Southern

WHAT STUDENTS THINK

Are you ready for on-line book buying?

Students at LBCC were asked whether they would use the Bookstore on-line service, and if they did, what the greatest benefit would be.

"Probably would if I had a chance to look at it, so I could get the books I need quicker and the books I want before they sold out."

—David Dominy, music education



"Yeah, I've heard of it, it would make it easier to get the books; you wouldn't even have to go to school."

—Cameron Eaton, heavy equipment-diesel

"Maybe, sure, because it would be faster and so that I wouldn't have to stand in line. Lines (at the bookstore) were horrible this year."

—Heidi Russell, nursing

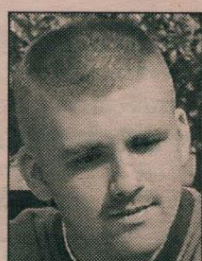


"I've heard of it; I don't really know much about it though. It would be great so I didn't have to stand in line at the Bookstore, it's so crowded in there, it's ridiculous. There are too many students in there."

—Twila Skelley, education

"Yeah, it's probably faster and there's not such a big wait in the Bookstore line. It's a lot of waiting, it's (the line) pretty bad."

—Kristy Clock, elementary education



"It would probably be easier and save time. You don't have to wait in line, and it would be more convenient."

—Brad Pardom, criminal justice

Compiled by Schellene Pils and Kevin Blount