

Committee set to propose increasing restrictions on smoking

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

An LBCC committee is considering proposing that the college establish designated smoking areas, ban smoking near doorways and in the outdoor hallways, and possibly even levy fines against violators.

According to Glenda Foster, chairperson of the Smoking on Campus Committee, these ideas are among those the committee is considering as it drafts a proposal to send to the College Council.

The smoking committee is scheduled to present its proposal at the council's June 24 meeting.

The College Council is made up of the president and the deans of the various departments.

The committee is still working out the details. It has yet to decide where the designated smoking areas will be,

whether to ban smoking in outside corridors or whether to propose fines for violations, Foster said.

"We hope smokers will be courteous and move to a designated area if someone asks them to."

—Glenda Foster

She said the committee's purpose is to suggest alternatives and to show the council, which has the final say, what options are available.

She added that the suggestion of fines has raised some eyebrows, especially over

who would enforce such a policy.

"We wanted to suggest it as an option," Foster said, adding that it isn't the only option. Foster contacted officials at Mount Hood Community College, which fines violators of its smoking policy, and found that enforcing such a policy would be difficult.

"You can't withhold grades for something like that, (and) security already has so much to do," she said. "We aren't proposing having smoking monitors

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Photo by Josh Burk

Rock Hounds in the Rain

Members of Greg Mulder's physical science class find the going a bit damp as they check out the geologic features along the Central Coast. The class, which has taken about six off-campus field trips as part of their lab work this term, spent their final outing on a stormy Saturday north of Newport getting wet as well as educated. Mulder is in his first term as an LBCC physical science instructor, replacing Dave Perkins, who retired earlier this year. Forecasters call for more rain during the week. It may be a while before students can look forward to sunnier days to brighten their summer vacations.

ODOT to close off Looney Lane access and add three traffic lights

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

Is trading a few seconds for your life worth it?

Well, the Linn-Benton Community College Administration and ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) officials think so.

Shortly after spring term finishes, Linco Electric of Albany, recently contracted by ODOT, will begin a \$422,000 project to make commuting to and from LBCC safer.

The project includes installation of three sets of traffic signals, a concrete-island barrier on Highway 34 at the Looney Lane junction, and the removal of some surface material on Looney Lane.

ODOT plans to install traffic signals at the Highway 99E and Allen Lane intersection to make the intersection safer for everyone, says LBCC President Jon Carnahan.

"This is going to catch students by surprise. I wanted to remind students; 'Hey, look. When you come back, you're going to see some changes.'"

—Jon Carnahan

Carnahan and ODOT met in August of 1995 to discuss the Allen Lane light. ODOT Project Manager Luis Rodea agreed with the college and committed to the idea.

"We were told that in the spring of '97 we would be getting the light," said Carnahan. "When I called last week, they said that they have gotten the bids and the project would be completed this summer."

"I was really quite pleased" with the way that ODOT handled this, added Carnahan.

In addition to the signal on Allen Lane there will be two more signals put in about two miles south of campus. Both east- and west-bound ramps onto Highway 34 from 99E will be equipped with lights to better manage the extra traffic flow produced when Looney Lane is altered.

The construction on Looney Lane will begin after all other work is complete.

ODOT plans to install two barriers at the Highway 34 and Looney Lane junction. The barriers will turn Looney Lane into a west-bound outlet only. No longer

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Toledo grad named Commuter editor for 1997-98

Melani Whisler, a journalism major from Toledo, has been appointed as editor of The Commuter for the 1997-98 academic year by the Student Publications Committee.

Whisler was appointed last Thursday, after an interview with the committee, which is made up of students, staff and faculty.

The 20-year-old graduate of Toledo High School served as a reporter and arts and entertainment editor of The Commuter during 1995-96. She is returning to school in the fall after spending a year helping with her father's construction



Melani Whisler

business and working as a typesetter at the Newport News Times. She has also worked part-time in the paste-up department of the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

Among her goals as editor, she said, are efforts to increase the weekly newspaper's circulation in surrounding communities and to work more closely with student government.

"I believe that a newspaper holds a responsibility to the campus and community to inform them of events... they would have a hard time hearing about otherwise," she said in her application. She added that she considers feature and human interest stories just as important as news because they "not only let students

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LBCC graduation follows next week's finals

From the LBCC News Service

The 29th annual commencement ceremony for graduates of Linn-Benton Community College will be held Thursday, June 12, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Activities Center.

The ceremonies will begin with the Willamette Valley Pipe Band playing the processional, followed by LBCC President Jon Carnahan giving the welcoming address and introductions for the commencement speakers.

Dr. Sara Ingle, chairperson of the Board of Education, will deliver the board's address to the graduates, then outgoing LBCC Student Association President Sarah Hammelman will

give the student address.

Special awards will be presented by Carnahan, and the presentation of diplomas, degrees and certificates will be performed by Ingle, Carnahan, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Edwin Watson, and Faculty Association President-Elect Ed Knudson.

The Willamette Valley Pipe Band will return to lead the recessional. The Associated Students of LBCC are sponsoring a reception afterwards in the Courtyard.

Video tapes of the graduation ceremony will be available for \$10 from the LBCC Media Center office after June 16.



Courtyard Cut Ups

Two students in Greg Paulson's arboriculture class lop off limbs from two large black pine trees in the northeast corner of the courtyard last week. The trees are considered too large and dangerous for their location, and so were slated to come down. However, the project took longer than anticipated and will be finished sometime before graduation. Plans for replacement trees are being considered by the horticulture program and the grounds department.

Photo by Josh Burk

news briefs

Culinary arts ends year with Santiam brunch

The Culinary Arts Department will be serving their annual end-of-term brunch to a sold-out crowd in the Santiam Restaurant today from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The cost for this brunch is \$6.50 per person. The menu includes coffee, and orange juice or fruit smoothie; breakfast breads; and a choice of one of the following entrees—smoked salmon Benedict, cream cheese raviolis, seafood frittata, smoked chicken and scrambled egg burrito, or croissant Oscar.

Bookstore announces big year-end sale

Starting July 2, the campus bookstore will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The bookstore will be closed on July 1 for inventory, and from Aug. 18 through Aug. 29. In an attempt to finish spring cleaning, the bookstore is holding one final end-of-the-year sale. Shoppers will get 80 percent off the red-tagged clearance-priced merchandise, which includes the fridgepacks and duffle packs. The sale runs through June 20.

Carman raises funds for leukemia run

Track Coach Brad Carman has raised almost \$4,000 for the Leukemia Society, which is sponsoring a fund-raising run June 21 in Anchorage, Alaska. Carman is running with an Oregon team that has together raised more than \$143,587 for the event. Carman expressed thanks for donations, which he said came mostly from LBCC employees.

New editor seeks applicants for positions on student newspaper

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know about interesting new things, but may also spark a creative interest that they didn't know they had."

Whisler has already re-appointed some returning staff members, includ-

ing Shawna Phillips as sports editor, Kate Johnson as advertising manager, Mary Hake as chief copy editor and current editor Josh Burk as photo editor.

Applications remain open for other positions, including design editor, digi-

tal page designer, A & E editor and other assistant editors. She encourages anyone interested in positions with the paper, such as writer, editor or photographer to stop by the office in College Center Room 210 for an application form.

Commuters face changes

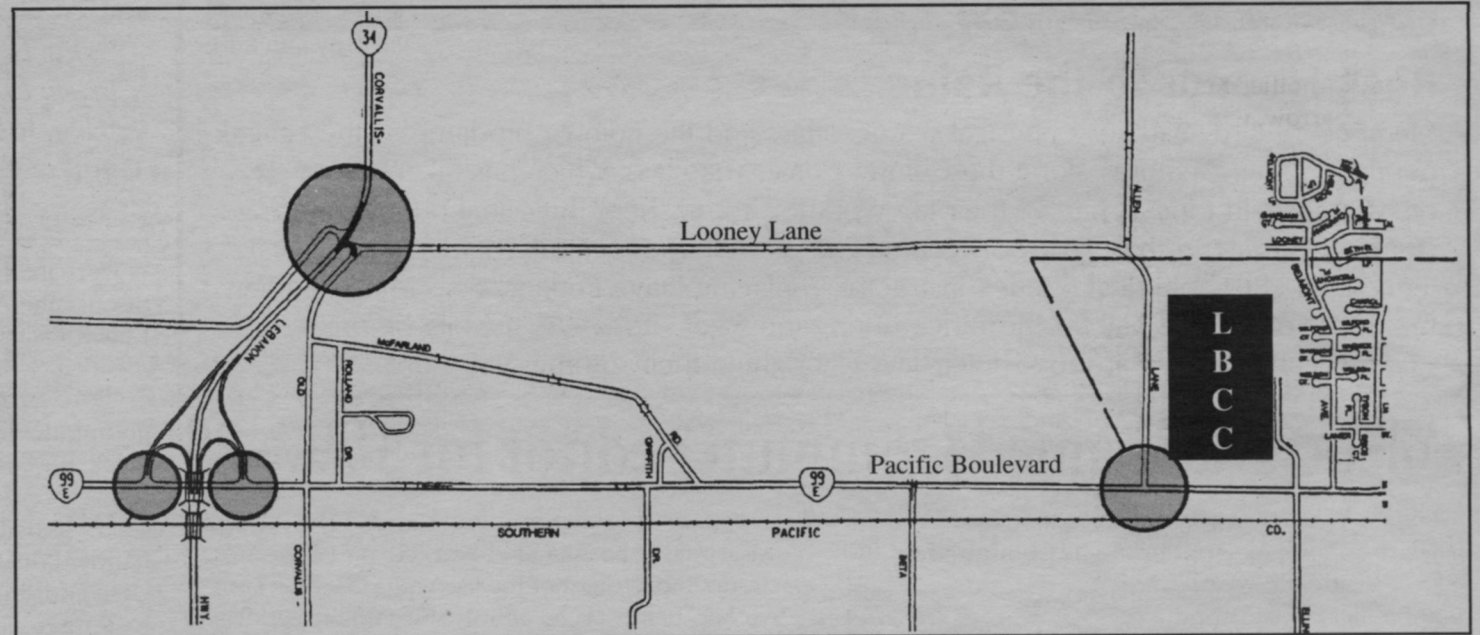
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will commuters be able to turn onto Looney Lane coming from the east or the west. All traffic going to campus must use the offramps onto 99E.

The major rerouting of traffic and the addition of the stop lights is to make it safer for anybody coming to LBCC. The way it is now, to get onto Looney Lane from Highway 34 or onto Allen Lane from 99E, you have to cross two lanes of fast-moving traffic.

According to Rodea, the contract stipulates the project has to be completed by November, but the project could actually be finished in about 60 days.

"This is going to catch students by surprise," said Carnahan. "I wanted to remind students: 'Hey, look when you come back; you're going to see some changes.'"



Map courtesy Oregon Department of Transportation

This summer the Oregon Department of Transportation will permanently block access to Looney Lane from Highway 34 (indicated by the large circle). Traffic lights will then be installed at the Highway 34/99E on-and off-ramps and at the intersection of Allen Lane and Highway 99E (small circles).

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CAMPUS NEWS

Campus offers habitat, staff provides hospitality for variety of birds

Swooping swallows, dive-bombing blackbirds and colorful acorn woodpeckers call campus home

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Singing on the rooftops, chasing strangers in the parking lots, scavenging the garbage around campus, helping eliminate unwanted insects—these are among the activities of LBCC's more colorful residents.

Whom am I describing? The birds of LBCC, of course.

According to Stephen Lebsack, who teaches a class entitled *Wildlife Resources: Birds*, the campus serves as home for a variety of feathered friends. His class counted 20 different birds on the campus grounds in a survey conducted April 11. Every year he observes "almost exactly the same" types of birds around LBCC," he said, "typically birds that do well with people."

LBCC's vast lawns attract robins looking for worms, bird feeders at Takena Hall lure sparrows and finches, the campus oak grove provides a year-round home for several acorn woodpeckers, and the lights attract flying insects, which, in turn, draw a variety of swooping swallows.

Counselor Rosemary Bennett put up bird feeders on the windows outside the Counseling Center at Takena Hall about 10 years ago. Bennett said she is an animal and nature lover, but she has cats so she doesn't feed the birds at home.

"I love to feed the birds here," she said, adding that the feeders attract not only birds, but lots of bird watchers among the staff in Takena Hall.

Molly Staats of the Counseling Center feeds the birds during the summer when Bennett is off. She also added the wooden feeder in the tree, which the birds love, Bennett said. Five years ago Bennett added a bird bath because she read that birds need water when people feed them. She changes the water each day.

Although Bennett pays for the birdseed herself, she said that sometimes other staff members contribute funds. She fills the feeders every day in the spring, but "slacks off" in winter because there aren't as many birds around, and she doesn't want migratory birds dependent on the food provided here.

Biology classes often come by on field trips, said Bennett. Staff members also enjoy observing the birds and often try to identify them. Among the staff favorites are the woodpeckers and the red-winged blackbirds.

House finches also frequent the Takena Hall bird feeders. These red-breasted songsters spend the winter in the area. Another common seed-feeder is the white-crowned sparrow, which has white stripes on its black head and produces a melodious song.



Photo by Josh Burk

Internet Bird Sites

www.audubon.org

The Audubon Society home page includes a virtual tour of the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary.

www.birdguides.co.uk/quiz

This British web site offers a bird identification quiz.

www.Ramphastos.com/bird

Watch a demo of software which will key birds based on their physical appearances and habits.

www.mth.uea.ac.uk/~ho55/headings/birdlinks

This lists internet site links to bird information worldwide.

The common house sparrows, which are actually weavers, can be found nesting in the letters above the south entrance to the College Center. These little brown birds were originally introduced on the East Coast from England and have now spread throughout the continental United States.

Chickadees, another of the resident birds, find winter forage in the big oak trees. Named for their call notes and known for their beautiful song, these little creatures have black crowns and throat patches.

Several types of swallows also call LBCC home. Most of those around the college are violet-green swallows—named for the color of their backs. These white-breasted insect-eaters nest in trees. Barn swallows sport orange breasts and blue backs. They create hanging basket-shaped nests of mud that have open tops. Cliff swallows have a noticeable white spot above their bills. Their hanging mud nests are shaped like gourds with an opening on the side.

Lebsack said that many migratory birds regularly arrive on and depart from campus throughout the spring.

He added that since the "campus is relatively uniform, there is not a lot of habitat variation" for birds. A more natural habitat out by the ball field hosts small songbirds, such as song sparrows and Bewick's wrens.

When asked about hawks, Lebsack said he has never seen any on campus, explaining that they usually hunt mammals, not birds.

"One of the biggest dangers to songbirds is cats," he said, "even more than natural predators." Most birds don't have good day defenses and are tuned into watching the sky for bird predators, he said, so cats can easily sneak up on them.

Although there are few cats on campus, LBCC is not entirely free of hazards for birds. Security Officer Vern Jackson said he occasionally finds dead birds on the east side of the buildings because the large windows reflect the trees and the birds "meet their end slamming into the glass real hard."

Jackson also sometimes finds what he calls "tweety birds" trapped in the halls. He said that these birds once roosted in the bamboo which used to grow near the bookstore entrance and still roost in this inner garden at night. If the birds are disturbed before daylight, he said, they fly down the halls and may become disoriented or lost. When it is light outside, they usually find their way out again, he explained.

A few years ago when he was working graveyard, Jackson said, he unexpectedly came upon an owl sitting on the Forum sign on the east side of the second floor. He went by several times during his shift and the owl was still on its perch, but by morning the bird had disappeared.

Rich Bergeman, LBCC journalism instructor, recalled that about three years ago a small hawk, probably a kestrel or a sharp-shinned hawk, was trapped upstairs by the atrium in the College Center. He said it looked roughed up and had probably come in from the opening above and hit the window trying to get back out. He said a security officer eventually herded the hawk through the opening in the roof.

Not everyone is thrilled by all the birds. Every year there are some complaints about the "kamikaze birds," as Jackson calls them. These scavengers are Brewer's blackbirds, which nest in the trees near the parking lots each spring and dive-bomb unsuspecting people who enter their territory.

Although more of these aggressive blackbirds are found near the Southeast Parking Lot now, Jackson said there had been about 10 to 15 nests in the arborvitae by the motor pool in the North Parking Lot in past years.

Maybe the old saying is correct—college is for the birds.

Volunteers sought to bridge language gap for non-English speaking students

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Most students enter college with a working knowledge of the language in which they are studying and an understanding of the culture in which they are living.

Not so for international students, migrant workers and other non-traditional students. They often find themselves at a disadvantage not only in communicating, but also in finding their way around—whether it is in the library or

on a shopping trip.

Volunteers are being sought to assist such students who will be new to LBCC fall term. Participants will help with the student's orientation to campus before school starts and maintain contact with them for at least their first term.

Kathay Green, advisor for the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP), said she hopes students, staff and faculty will volunteer their time to aid these students. "They could team up with one student a term," she explained—like a

buddy system—and work with that student, have lunch with that student, so that student knows that there is at least one person that student can go to if they have problems."

It is also a good opportunity for people to practice a foreign language, said Green, adding that they can exchange cultures and share knowledge.

This will be the first time such a program has been tried at LBCC, although similar activities have been happening on an informal system.

Green said that they are currently developing a curriculum for a class for non-traditional students with the purpose of helping them feel comfortable and offering support. It is an attempt to get them on equal footing with their American peers. The idea for this class will be presented to the Curriculum Development Committee in June.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Green at 917-4461, Tammi Paul Bryant at 917-4457 or Dee Curwen at 917-4700.

Committee to propose smoking policy changes

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patrolling the campus. We hope smokers will be courteous and move to designated areas if someone asks them to."

Since smokers on campus would need to be informed of a new policy, the committee must include in its proposal an estimate of the cost of having signs made to alert students and staff to the changes.

After receiving the committee's proposal, the College Council could choose to adopt, modify or reject it. The committee's goal is to have a new policy in place and written into the student

handbook by fall term.

The 10-member committee is an offshoot of the college's Wellness Committee. After receiving a number of questions and complaints about smoking on campus earlier this year, Wellness Committee Chairman Richard Gibbs appointed Foster to chair a committee to examine the policy and suggest changes.

The committee gathered opinions on a survey earlier this term, which showed that the majority of respondents wanted to limit smoking on campus to designated areas and away from doorways.

Malaysian students put their butts on the line for smoking

While LBCC's Wellness Committee considers proposing changes in the campus smoking policy, it might want to ponder what's going on in Malaysia.

According to the Associated Press, Malaysia's Education Ministry banned cigarettes from schools earlier this month and said students caught smoking would be flogged, suspended or expelled.

The prime minister, a nonsmoking physician, has banned smoking in

many places in the country in recent months, including all government offices, cinemas, taxis, buses, trains and hospitals.

Education Minister Najib Abdul Razak said students caught smoking will be flogged for a first offense, suspended for a second and expelled for a third.

Teachers who violate the ban would also be punished—whether by flogging or by increased committee assignments was not revealed.

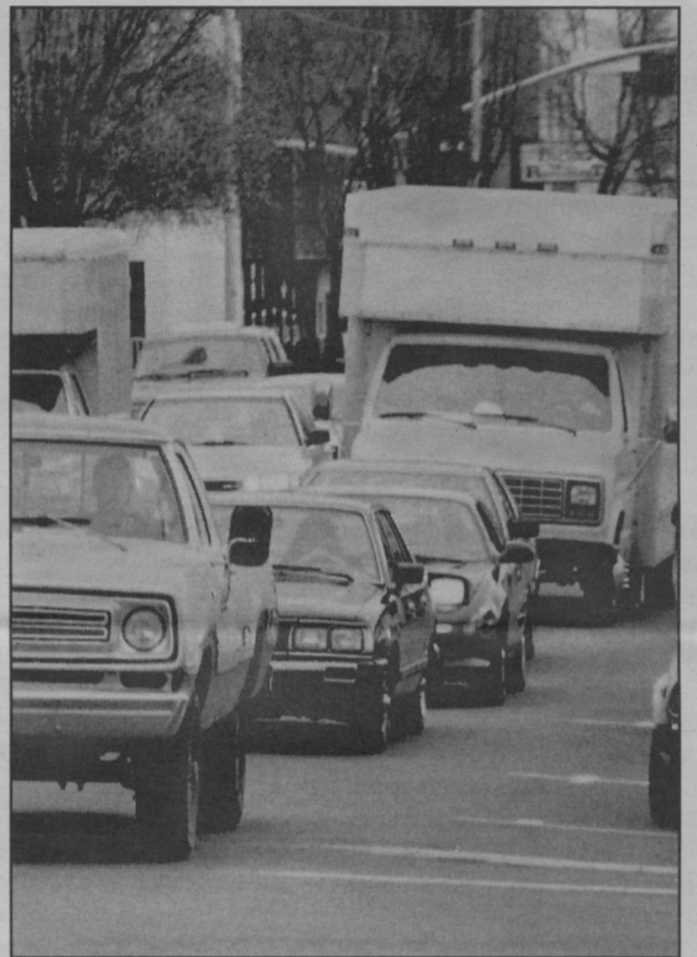
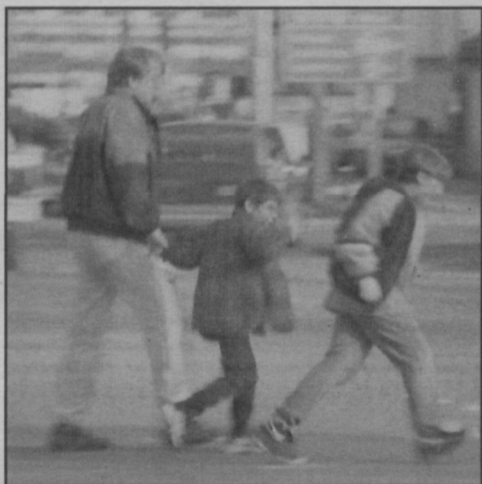
LOCAL NEWS

Corvallis JAMS Up



Business is booming in Corvallis, but elbow room is shrinking

Morning traffic pours over the Harrison Street Bridge into Corvallis, above, beginning the daily grind. Despite completion of the Highway 34 bypass, heavy traffic continues to choke downtown Corvallis during the morning and afternoon rush hours. Cars often race across intersections to make the next light, like those moving north on Third Street at far right. Congestion also affects the intersection of 9th and Circle making it tough for pedestrians, as the man and two children at right are discovering.



Photos by Roger Lebar



Cars maneuver down Third Street trying to anticipate the upcoming red lights. Commuters are finding it more difficult and dangerous to compete with the growing traffic problem as they try to get through downtown Corvallis on their way home from work.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coffee connoisseurs elevate good ol' cup o' Joe to new heights

Fantastic Coffee Facts

- Ugandans snacked on dried coffee berries when they traveled, believing it helped give them stamina. Abyssinians chomped on them to relax.
- Coffee beans were boiled with leaves into a tonic given to Arabian women for their female problems.
- The Turks once considered coffee an aphrodisiac and made sure their women had plenty of the beverage at their disposal, and if they didn't, their wives could legally divorce them over the lack.
- The popularity of coffee in England didn't fade until tea production in the colonies made tea fashionable.
- Coffee is the No. 1 nonalcoholic drink in the U.S. and many other countries.
- Coffee-tree leaves are brewed for the coffee-tea-type beverage called Sumatra.
- The average Arabian drinks 25 cups of coffee a day.
- In Scandinavia eggshells are added to the drink for clarification.
- The Greeks tell fortunes with coffee grounds in the bottom of their cups instead of using tea leaves.
- It takes 2,000 coffee cherries, with two beans per cherry, to make a pound of coffee, and 75 beans for a cup of espresso.
- Latte is Italian for milk, so if you ask for latte in Italy you will get a glass of milk.
- When the coffee beverage was first introduced in Europe it was known as Arabian wine.
- Lloyds of London began as Edward Lloyds Coffee House.

Top Ten Coffees

- Lattes
- Mochas
- House Blends
- French Roast
- Sumatra
- Capuccinos
- Espresso Milkshakes
- Espresso
- Coffee/Espresso mix
- Americano

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

Are you a Java junkie, latte lover or caffeine connoisseur? Then you have plenty of company. Millions of Americans can't seem to start their day without that good ol' cup o' Joe to get their eyes open every morning or make it through the afternoon without a caffeine kick to perk them up.

Coffee is not just about staying awake, however. Many, like OSU horticulture major Liz Harrison, drink coffee just "to take a break." Although drinking coffee on the weekend is a ritual, she added, during the week it's more of a necessity.

Coffee is no longer just a plain cup of French roast—espressos, cappuccinos, lattes and mochas have become popular. In fact, the coffee bean is very versatile and can be enjoyed in everything from chocolate-covered beans to cool, slushy drinks.

Laura Jarvis, a bioscience major, admits that, although she doesn't drink coffee often, she does like to drink it on Fridays for the kick caffeine gives her to help her get through the weekend.

Caffeine, or trimethylxanthine, occurs in a coffee plant during photosynthesis and, once ingested, affects the central nervous system, stimulating attentiveness for those who drink it. Decaffeinated coffees, or Arabica, have about 97 percent of the caffeine removed.

Coffee and caffeine have been blamed for many health problems, like the loss of bone density that brings the onset of osteoporosis. But according to a study

that appeared in the June issue of The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition done by Tom Lloyd of Penn State's College of Medicine in Hershey, Penn., caffeine is not a risk factor for bone density and osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.

Although the coffee plant originated in Ethiopia, present day coffee beans come from around the world, including Central and South America, Indonesia, Hawaii and, of course, Java. Each type has a different flavor easily distinguished by coffee critics, who have become very much like wine connoisseurs.

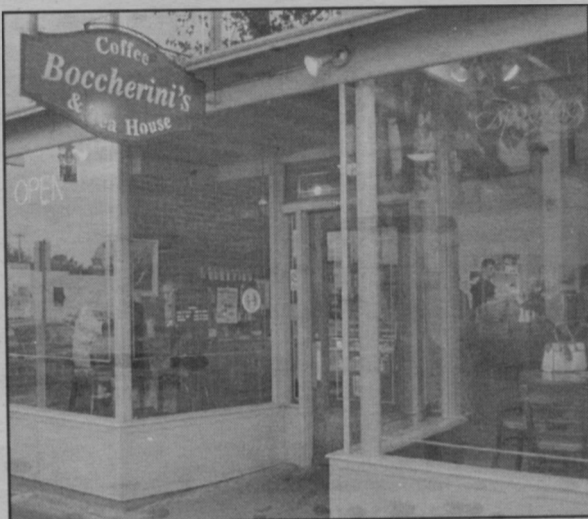
Characteristics such as body, flavor, strength and acidity are what experts look for before they choose the beans used to create the heady beverages enjoyed each day by gourmets at home, in restaurants and coffee shops.

Flavors of coffee are as varied as flavors of wine, from wine-like and pungent to sweet and flowery. There are also coffees that taste nutty, buttery and even chocolatey.

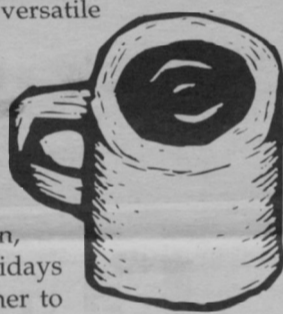
Coffee strength is derived not only from the amount of grounds used to brew a cup, but also from the characteristics of the bean, which contribute to the heaviness, or fullness, of the coffee and the flavor.

Just as there are dry and floral wines, there are also degrees of acidity in coffee that determine its flavor and zip.

"If I don't get my coffee, morning is spelled m-o-u-r-n-i-n-g," said Heather Clendenin, a pre-nursing student.



Boccherini's is Albany's most popular cafe.



Coffee History

- The first coffee tree was discovered around 575 A.D. when an Ethiopian goatherder noticed the friskiness of his flock after they ate the berries that had fallen off the tree, and he decided to try the fruit. Arabs discovered it shortly afterwards and brought beans to Yemen for cultivation.
- The first written account of coffee was made in Africa near Egypt by Doctor Rhazes in 940.
- The cultivation of coffee spread to Ethiopia and southern Arabia, where the practice of roasting the beans began in the 1200s.
- Ethiopians crushed the beans and mixed them with oil and fat, then rolled them into large balls for traveling.
- Whirling dervishes picked up the habit of eating them to help energize them through their high-speed dances.
- Coffee spread to Mecca, the center of the Islam, in the 1400s, where coffeehouses sprang up. Muslims carried reports of this energizing beverage to the entire Islamic empire, which included Turkey, Egypt, Spain and Iran.
- The Arabs enjoyed coffee so much that the Catholic Church considered it sinful until Pope Clement VIII decided he liked its flavor so much that he "converted" the brew to Christianity.
- Coffee became a much-desired war prize, which statesmen, poets and philosophers considered a drink for intellectuals.
- In 1615 coffee was sold in drugstores in Europe. Physicians claimed that coffee could help the eyes, ears and voice; could be used as a decongestant; and even improve body odor.
- Coffee drinking finally spread to Europe where the first coffeehouses were opened in 1648 in Paris, 1650 in Oxford and 1652 in London.
- The first of Vienna's famous coffeehouses was opened by Franz Kulczycki in 1683, with sacks of coffee left behind by the Ottoman Turks.

'Spring Bash' concert proceeds to benefit performing arts scholarship fund

The Linn-Benton Concert and Chamber choirs will present "Spring Bash," a benefit concert, on Thursday, June 5, at 8 p.m. in LBCC's Takena Theatre. Tickets are \$3 at the door. All proceeds will go to the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarship Fund.

The "Spring Bash" will feature LBCC's two student choirs in an evening of choral music.

The first part of the Chamber's three-part performance includes a Renaissance madrigal, "Come again" by John Dowland; two early-American folk songs, one based on "A Gift to be Simple," a Shaker tune arranged by choir director Hal Eastburn and titled, "The Lord of the Dance" and "Johnny Has Gone for a Soldier," arranged by Kirby Shaw.

The choir also will perform Eastburn's original composition based on e.e. cummings' poem, "anyone lived in a pretty how town."

The second part of the performance is entitled "Children's Songs," and it includes a whimsical song about daring to be more than seems possible, "Donna, Donna," arranged by Eastburn; "All the Pretty Little Horses," an Appalachian lullaby arranged by Hal Eastburn; "Pal Pa Haugen (Paul and His Chickens)," a Norwegian folk song; "Sansa Kroma," an African Akan playground song, arranged by Felicia Sandler; and the plaintive "Prayer of the Children," arranged by Andrea Klouse.

The third section of the performance, entitled "Spiri-

tuals and Friends," includes "I Been in the Storm," by Tim Harbold and "Babylon's Falling," arranged by Eastburn. The collection of "Friends" include the jazz ballad, "More I Cannot Wish You," by Frank Loesser, and "Irish Blessing," by Eastburn.

The choir program will include "Santo," by Michael Mendoza; "Laudate Nomen Domini," by Christopher Tye; "Roses I Send to You," by Stephen Chatman; "Love Changes Everything," by Andrew Lloyd Webber; "April Rain Song," by Julie Gardner Bray; a medley from "Sunset Boulevard," by Andrew Lloyd Webber; "Whisperin' Whisperin'," by Steve Kupferschmid; and "Walk Him up the Stairs," from the musical "Purlie," by Gary Geld.

LBCC instructor's collection of photographs from Ireland in Corvallis gallery

Pictures from Ireland, a collection of palladium and Polaroid transfer prints by Corvallis photographer Rich Bergeman, will be on exhibit through June 28 at Pegasus Frame Studio and Gallery, 341 S.W. Second St., Corvallis.

The gallery will host a reception for the artist during the Second Wednesday Art Walk, June 11 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The large-format palladium prints in

the exhibit explore the ruins of ancient abbeys and other Christian sites dating from the 10th to 13th centuries. Most of these structures were damaged by Cromwell's armies in the 1600s and have been left by the Irish as a testament to their tumultuous history.

Bergeman chose the palladium process because the medium's long tonal scale and delicate surface helps reveal

the textural quality and range of light inside the stone ruins.

The process, which is similar to platinum printing, involves hand-coating watercolor paper with a solution of palladium and iron salts and contact printing the enlarged negative under ultraviolet light.

The smaller softly colored Polaroid transfer prints in the show record

Bergeman's impressions of the Irish towns and landscapes he encountered during his search for ruins in Ireland's countryside. All the pictures were made during a three-week visit to Ireland's western, central and southern counties in 1996.

Pegasus Frame Studio and Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:30-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:30-4 p.m.

Lady 'Runners' talented recruits prepared to play

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

After having only eight players this last season, women's basketball Head Coach Craig Jackson did some intensive recruiting and has already signed 10 players for next year's team.

Two of the women are from nearby high schools—Karen Bryan of Lebanon and Melissa Hofman of Stayton. Three are from out of state—Samantha Nedry of Naselle High in Washington, Debi Cain of Lewiston High in Idaho and Beth Carroll of Kentwood High in Washington. The remaining five from Oregon are Lisa Hintermeyer of Yamhill-Carlton, Jenny Gardner of Pleasant Hill, Tiffany Sweat of Thurston High in Springfield, Leslie Boer of Cascade High in Springfield and Talia Cheren of LaGrande.

Hintermeyer, Gardner, Boer, Nedry and Sweat were named first team in their conferences last year, and four of them played in the 3A-4A East-West All-Star game—Hintermeyer, Gardner, Boer and Sweat.

According to Jackson, there are still a few more players that he will be keeping an eye on, although he isn't officially recruiting anyone.

The new players will join the four veterans who are returning to the team, and Jackson expects a few walk-ons to round off the team as well.

LBCC volleyball team signs six for next year

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

After making the regional playoffs last fall, the Linn-Benton volleyball team is hoping to have some strong newcomers join them to complement the three freshmen who will be returning as sophomores next season.

Coach Jayme Frazier has signed six women to the team so far—Jenny Gardner from Pleasant Hill, Elicia McFadden from Eagle Point, Andrea Tedrou from Stayton, Tamara Trier from South Albany, Jody Troyer from East Linn Christian and Amanda Vannice from Sweet Home.

Frazier is also working on signing three more women—a defensive specialist from Eastern Oregon and two from the Willamette Valley who play the middle and outside positions.

The three returning players will be Opal DePue, Melissa Gale and Dondi Schock, all of whom had good seasons last year.

DePue showed a lot of improvement, according to Frazier. "She was very strong in blocking last year and will be a strong asset to the team this year. She may be moving to the right side. She's shown a lot of strength in the right-side hitting."

Gale will have to battle with a nagging shoulder injury, which has plagued her for the past few years, if she wants to

improve on the outstanding numbers that she put up for the team last season.

Schock will be returning to the middle blocking position for the Roadrunners, where she was very strong last year.

All three women have the experience and understand what it takes to win after watching the NWAACC championships last year. Frazier thinks that they have a good feel for what it takes to be leaders and hopes that they will be able to lead the newcomers to the playoffs again.

Frazier predicted that the league will be extremely tough next year, especially since the Lady 'Runners will not be very tall. There's a possibility of a couple of 6-footers, but the average height of the team will be around 5 feet 7 inches.

"It's going to be tough to replace Carrie Surmon, with her height and power on the outside," Frazier commented. "But I think we'll be very strong and quick. We'll be running quicker offenses and we'll be stronger defensively also."

Tryouts have gone on all through the year, but the open tryouts will be held on Aug. 27. According to Frazier, there are five or six walk-ons who will be competitive, and she encourages anyone else who may be interested in playing volleyball at the college level to try out.

First youth volleyball clinic planned by LBCC team

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton Community College volleyball team will be putting on its first boys' and girls' youth volleyball clinic series this summer.

It will be an excellent chance for children in grades 4 through 9 to learn some of the fundamentals of volleyball. The participants will be receiving anywhere from three to nine hours of instruction, a clinic T-shirt, half-time

snacks with juice and also a chance to meet some of the members from the Roadrunner volleyball team.

Both clinics will be held in the Activities Center at LBCC and will last for two days. The first will be held on June 21-22 and the second on Aug. 9-10. Each runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first day and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the second day for grades 7, 8, 9 and will cost \$25. The clinics for grades 4, 5, 6 will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the second day and

costs only \$15.

The clinics will be limited to the first 50 people to sign up. All questions about the clinics need to be directed to Jayme Frazier, the head coach of the 'Runner volleyball team, who can be reached at 917-4243.

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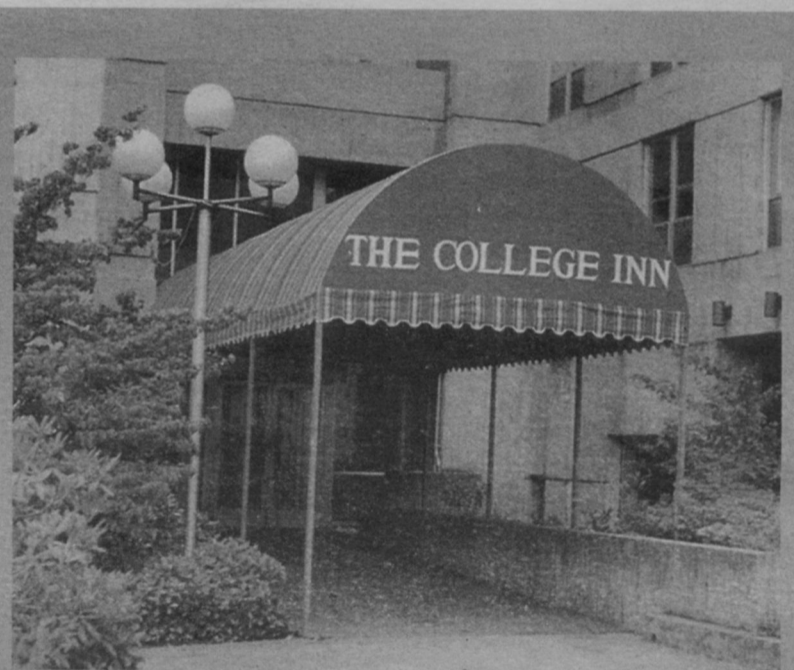
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SPORTS PAGE

Aguiar, Cepeda come a long way, on and off the baseball field

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Can you imagine growing up in a certain setting, with one main language and your own set of customs, and then having all of that swept out from underneath you?

That is the transition that 21-year-old sophomores Omar Cepeda and Neftali Aguiar went through when they moved to Albany from Fajardo, Puerto Rico, to play baseball for LBCC.

"I know a lot of people from other states leave their family, and they miss them," Cepeda said, but added that it was doubly difficult for him because of the language. "It was hard understanding the teachers, trying to pass classes and trying to understand the coach."

They both came to Oregon knowing hardly any English despite the fact that they started taking English classes at a very early age in Puerto Rico. In order to graduate from high school, they had to have taken at least three English classes, but since it was taught to them in Spanish none of it really stuck.

Aguiar experienced the feelings that most people have about foreign language classes in high school. "I never liked any English class. I always got D, D, D on my tests. You don't learn very much."

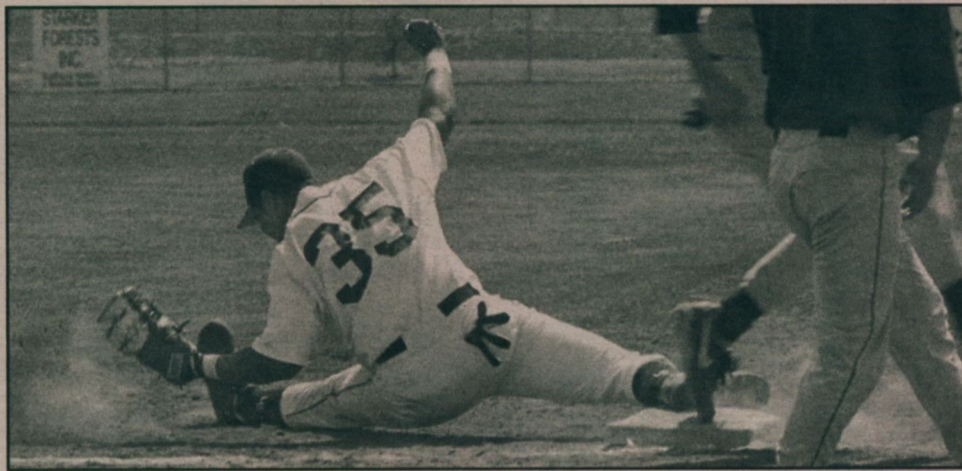
They both admitted, however, that coming to LBCC has been one of the best experiences of their lives. They said they have learned a lot and wouldn't do it differently if they had to do it over again.

They were able to have all of these experiences because of a man named Keke Ayo, who played baseball for Linn-Benton in his college years in the 1980s. He ended up marrying a Puerto Rican woman and made frequent visits there. When some young men asked him about good places to play ball in the States, he praised Linn-Benton's program.

The first group of Puerto Ricans came in 1992, including Omar's older brother Jose Cepeda (who now plays for a minor league team for the Kansas City Royals) and Joel Kercado (who was an assistant coach for the 'Runners this last season).

Ever since that year, there has always been at least one Puerto Rican coming over to play baseball until last year.

Omar Cepeda came over in 1993 because he wanted to play baseball where his brother did. Unfortunately, he was a red-shirt player his first year and didn't even make the team the next year. Then



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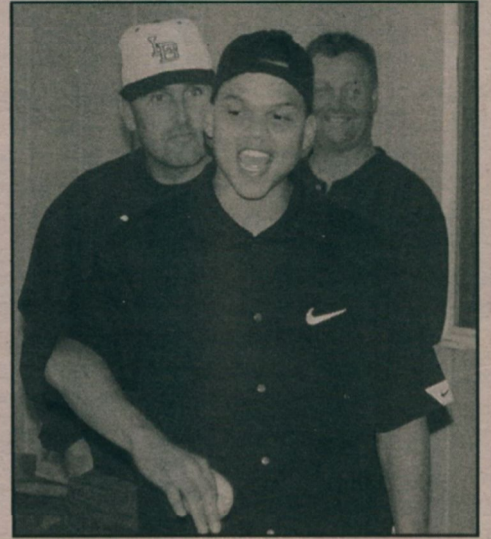


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Omar Cepeda and Neftali Aguiar finished their Linn-Benton baseball careers this year after moving to Albany from Puerto Rico. Above left, Cepeda digs a ball out of the dirt at first base. Above right, Aguiar, LB's catcher, raps for the team at the end-of-the-season barbecue at Coach Greg Hawk's house as Hawk (left) and Assistant Coach Harvey Miller (right) look on. He's rapping his song that is played on the radio frequently in Puerto Rico and had been used to hype the team up before a few games. Cepeda (right) was essential in his childhood friend's, Aguiar (left) decision to play ball for the 'Runners.

in 1995 Cepeda talked a somewhat reluctant Aguiar into coming to play. Aguiar was confident that he would make the team, but, after two years of rejection, Cepeda didn't have that same confidence in himself. However, they both made the team and had decent seasons.

This season they both started most of the games at their positions (Aguiar at catcher, and Cepeda at first base), and put up good numbers from the plate. Cepeda had a .316 batting average, 30 hits, seven doubles, three home runs and 19 runs and RBIs. Aguiar hit .282, had 20 hits, six doubles and 15 RBIs.

"We did good. We helped the team a lot. Support the team, you know, cheer, whatever," Aguiar commented. "We never gave up."

Both men started playing baseball around the age of 8 and were always competing against each other on differ-

ent Little League teams. They had always been friends, but when they stepped onto the field they were rivals. They went on to become teammates in high school and also played on the same city league team before coming to LB.

Cepeda's dad and brother were his two biggest motivators to start playing the game. His dad was the one who taught both him and his brother how to play. He would always coach his sons' teams when he was in Puerto Rico and still has a Little League team that he puts together just for fun.

For Aguiar, it was his uncle, who used to play baseball himself, who was the first one to take him to a ball game.

They both hope to continue to play baseball when they leave Linn-Benton to attend four-year colleges. Cepeda will more than likely be going to Western Oregon University next year so that he

can continue to study criminal justice and minor in computer business.

Aguiar, on the other hand, will be moving farther away. There are a couple of colleges in California and one in Iowa that are interested in him. He is an administrative assistant major at LBCC.

Both of them realize that they couldn't have accomplished all that they did alone and had some people to thank.

"I have to say thanks Coach (Greg) Hawk for giving me the opportunity to play two years back-to-back, and thanks to Omar for bringing me," Aguiar stated. "But I have to say thanks to my mom and dad."

"I thank God, and my family, everybody that helped me—my brother, Coach Hawk for the opportunity and approval that I can play baseball," Cepeda said. "And I dedicate the season to my grandma who passed away."

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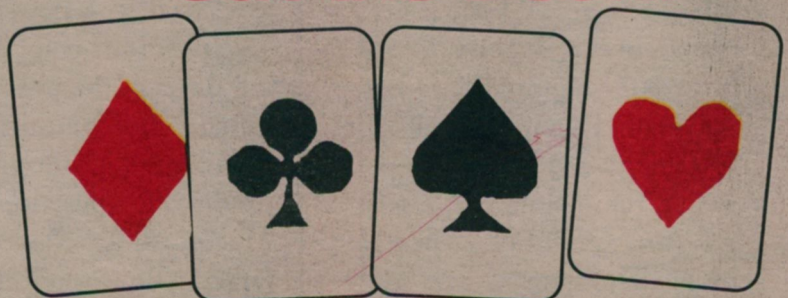
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Fruit tree pollination should not be taken for granted

Stories by Betty Hodges
of The Commuter

Eleven years ago we moved to Lebanon and bought this place we call home. The two acres was dotted with a couple dozen assorted fruit trees. Over the years we improved the landscape by removing trees that seemed to be in odd places. We cut down several trees that bore fruit that we thought was undesirable. We felt in control.

We knew nothing about the process of pollination.

The 30-year-old Bing cherry tree that stands at the edge of the bank of the South Santiam River was our pride and joy. We used to say, "There are some things that money just can't buy, and this cherry tree is one of those things."

The first June we were here we hosted my parents' 50th wedding anniversary. A hundred people came from far and near. They couldn't eat all the cherries the Bing produced that year, although several children went home with stomachaches from trying.

But we didn't care for the fruit from the cherry tree that was planted in the middle of the lawn halfway between the Bing and the Lambert, so we cut it down.

We can tell similar stories about apple trees and the plum trees.

Over the years the big old Gravenstein apples trees have been producing but a handful of apples per tree. The Japanese plums behave the same way. This year there aren't going to be enough Bing cherries to bother to fight for with the robins, cedar waxwings, scrub jays, Stellar's jays, blackheaded and evening grosbeaks, crows, starlings and rufous-sided towhees.

At first we thought maybe the Bing tree was just getting too old. Then for several years we blamed the weather. After that we blamed the shortage of honeybees. We planted a royal Ann cherry tree thinking maybe it would do better. It has grown taller than the barn, but produces only a handful of cherries. Finally we began to develop an interest in the process of pollination.

The big news—our three cherry trees needed another tree for pollination. The only three that will not pollinate each other are Bing, Lambert and royal Ann. We had killed all the pollinators.

So while weather and insects play a role in the process of pollination there is no hope without the proper mix of trees.



Photo by Betty Hodges

After watching the royal Ann in their backyard grow bigger year after year, blossom beautifully in the spring, but still produce no fruit, the Hodges family became painfully aware that no suitable pollinator was close enough to provide the cross pollination needed for this variety of cherry tree. Last year they planted a Stella cherry tree within 10 feet of the royal Ann and also hung Orchard Mason bee houses within 15 feet. As a result, this year they finally have some fruit on the royal Ann.

Orchard Mason Bees perform as urban pollinators

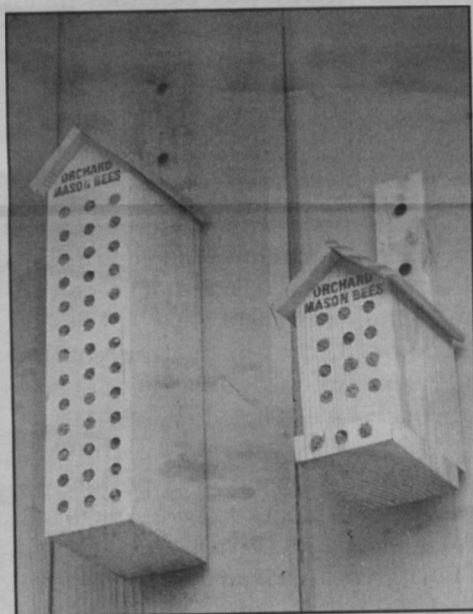


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Two Orchard Mason Bee houses full of eggs wait to emerge as adult bees and engage in pollination. These bees won't be ready to go to work until the spring of 1998. Information about these bees can be obtained from the internet by using a search engine and typing in Orchard Mason Bees.

For the past several years it has been safe to walk barefoot in the clover. When the fruit trees are in blossom, we stand gazing into the trees looking for honeybees. Rarely do we see more than one in a whole tree. We know we have a serious bee shortage.

Several times people suggested, "Why don't you get a honeybee hive?" But the work involved in caring for a hive just didn't interest us.

Then we came across Orchard Mason Bees on the internet. Orchard Masons are native bees, proven to be incredibly better pollinators than honeybees. They can easily be maintained and propagated in yards, are fascinating and fun to watch, according to the information on the web page, www.accessone.com/~knox.clr.

We requested information from Knox Cellars, 1607 Knox Ave., Bellingham, WA, 98225. Then we ordered a kit that contained the book "Orchard Mason Bee," one pollinator house and one nesting block. The pollinator house had three mud-filled holes across the bottom.

We followed the information that came with the kit. Supposedly there were

bees, male and female, in the plugged holes. It seemed a little far-fetched, but we kept the pollinator house in the refrigerator until the middle of March as directed.

In March we hung the house and the block on the south barn wall so that it would get morning sun. We positioned it under the eaves so that it would be protected from rain and wind.

Then we waited. Sure enough, in a few days the holes were empty. Within a few more days we began to see bluish-black bees, about two-thirds the size of a honeybee, going in and out of the holes. Within a few more days the holes began to fill up one by one.

During the unseasonably warm days in May the Mason bees worked even harder. By the end of May, all the available holes in the two blocks were full just as Knox Cellars said they would be.

If the bees from three holes could fill up 50 holes, how many holes can the bees from 50 holes fill up in one year? Enough for us to have developed a fascinating new hobby and to have hope that we have taken a successful step in improving the pollination of our fruit trees.

Honeybee facts

- Honeybees are temperature sensitive. Few honeybees will forage at temperatures below 55 degrees. They prefer 65 degrees.
- Winds greater than 15 mph, slow or stop all bee activity.
- Honeybees may travel three to five miles from their hives, but to insure proper cross-pollination between trees, the trees should be next to each other.
- Pesticide sprays are hazardous to bees and should be avoided during the blooming season. Information from "Bee Pollination of Tree Fruits," distributed by Linn County Extension Service.

For five years disease has seriously diminished the wild honeybee population.

It could still taken a couple of years to recover, said Ross

Penhallegon, horticulturist extension agent for Linn, Benton and Lane counties.



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CAMPUS NEWS

Wheelchairs: Smooth rolling or hell on wheels?



Life in the chair can be an adventure.

People's foresight and consideration, or lack thereof, can determine where wheelchair users can go or what they can do. A trip around town with LBCC business student Mike Rach shed light on some obscure hazards and obstacles.

At one intersection, Rach pointed to the three corners with ramps as he headed over toward the street.

"Here's what can really trip you up," he said as he stopped on the edge of the curb. "There's no ramp here, but if you're not watching really close, you can end up tumbling out of the chair right into the path of oncoming cars. Most folks in chairs can't get up on their own."

Rach went up the ramps backward, explaining: "If I try to go forward up the ramp, it's too steep, and I wind up flipping over backward. If some good Samaritan doesn't risk getting sued in order to help me up, it's a \$65 call to the paramedics to get me back on my wheels."

Travelling down the sidewalk, Rach often stopped to go backward across what appeared to be small bumps and potholes. These, he explained, can snag the front wheels, turn them sideways and throw the person out of the chair.

Crossing the railroad tracks presents the same problem, but with one slight twist. A train can't stop for a wheelchair that is stuck in the tracks.

"I remember one time when a lady was stuck there with a train coming," Rach said. "Her front wheels had turned sideways in the groove just inside the track. She didn't have the strength to wheel out of it, and she couldn't get out of the chair on her own. She just sat there yelling her head off until someone came along and pulled her off the track."

Basic things like going shopping take much longer in a wheelchair. What the average person can do in five minutes may take a half-hour or longer in a wheelchair, but it's much better than the four hours it used to take Rach when he had to walk with a cane.

Often, the automatic doors swing back and catch the wheels. Non-automatic doors can be even more of a problem.

Once inside the store, Rach showed how hard it can be to get down the aisles. Some are exactly the width of his wheelchair, with no way to turn around and a lot of ways to get snagged and stuck.

On the higher shelves, items are rarely spaced widely

enough for a "grabber stick," and many boxes, cans and bottles are too bulky or heavy for the device anyway.

What he could get, he had to carry in his lap, as the store didn't have shopping carts he could use.

Even on LBCC's main campus, with its careful attention to the needs of its students with disabilities, travelling between classes can be difficult and risky, especially if the closest of the campus's two elevators is broken down.

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—Mike Rach

"If they're both out of order, I have to get out of my wheelchair and drag it—along with all my books and gear—up or down the stairs, with my broken hip. Now, I can do that, even though it's really painful. Most wheelchair riders can't. Ever try to move one of those heavy electric wheelchairs?"

Even with cooperative classmates, Rach said, getting in and out of class can be complicated. "In math class this term, I have to be the last one in and the first one out of the class, and they have to set up a table for me. Going out, I have to back out, but then at least I can look and see where I'm going before somebody clobbers me."

"Usually, when I'm coming out of a class, I have to be really careful," Mike said, looking down at his foot rests, which were sticking out the door and into a hallway where he couldn't see what was coming.

"These things are right there at ankle level. At best, I might only make someone have to walk around me. If a big guy isn't looking, he could wind up right on top of me on the ground."

Turning is a problem too, so Rach usually wears a rear-view mirror mounted on his hat. Even with the mirror, he has to watch his blind spot as though he were driving a car.

"Lunch time is whole different matter," he added. "Everything that these wheels roll across winds up on my hands. If I wear long sleeves, it gets all over them. Then I have to take off my jacket before I eat or it can get all over the food counter."

After all the hassles getting around the town and the campus going through a "normal" daily routine, Rach offered to show what it was like on a "rough" day, when it's rainy or icy or when the bus lift stops halfway up because there's a pebble snagged in it.



Mike Rach negotiates the daily frustrations and dangers that are faced by wheelchair users.

Disability Services assists students facing mobility obstacles

Access on the campus for the disabled may be better than in the outside world, but second-floor emergency evacuations still pose problems

The world isn't too kind to those with disabilities, but LBCC might be a little less obstructive than most environments, according to Paula Grigsby, coordinator of Disability Services at LBCC.

At least, if the lack of requests for extra help mean anything, LBCC seems to be serving its students with disabilities in a very competent manner. Disability Services gets very few requests for special help or accommodations, said Grigsby.

The only recent one that she could think of was a request for a special doorknob. Apparently one student needed a lever-type doorknob instead of the standard one. Disabilities Services examined his schedule and facilities and changed the doorknobs on all the doors that he needed to use.

While discussing the time factors in getting across campus and into class on time, she pointed out that many people in wheelchairs can actually move faster than a student on foot and burdened with books.

Unfortunately, when it comes to getting between floors, things are not quite so nice for those with disabilities.

There are only two elevators at LBCC: one at the northwest corner of campus, between the Science and Technology Building and Industrial Building A, and one on the southeast corner between the Learning Resource Center and the College Center, which has broken down several times this year and has been out of service for repairs.

There is a third elevator shaft at LBCC, in Takena Hall, but that is all it is—an empty shaft. There is no car in the shaft. It has never been used.

Finances seem to be the problem. Grigsby said that installing a car was planned, but the passage of Measures 47 and 50 effectively put an end to those plans.

Nowhere on campus is there a ramp by which students with mobility disabilities or wheelchairs can move between the first and second floors. If electrical power goes off or the elevators are somehow shut off, students could be trapped on the second floor.

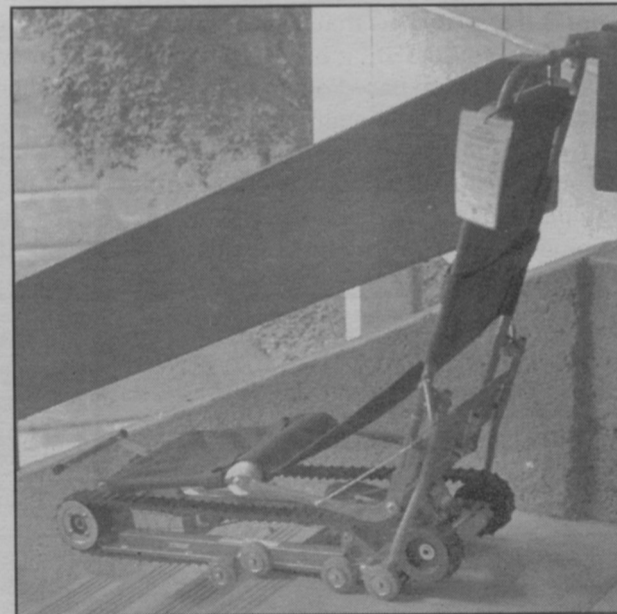
During the emergency evacuation drill on May 15, students in wheelchairs were instructed to meet at the head of the College Center fountain staircase. While no one actually showed up, there was a team of three specially trained people to assist disabled students or staff down the stairs.

The EVAC-U-TRAC, a specialty-built chair that "walks" down stairs, can descend the staircase almost at the pace of a walking person, said Grigsby. The problem is transferring a person from their personal wheelchair into the EVAC-U-TRAC, out again at the bottom of the staircase, and then getting them out of the building. However, the emergency team has special transfer boards to help in getting people from one chair to another.

One of the reasons that there seems to be few requests for extra help, said Grigsby, is that LBCC has always worked very hard to conform to the guidelines laid out by the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is a committee on campus, composed of faculty, staff and students, that exists for the very purpose of working with the provisions of that law.

Grigsby also feels that one of the reasons she gets few requests for extra help is that people with disabilities become very self-reliant. That ability to cope, as well as the modifications at LBCC, makes it unnecessary for them to ask for help.

Three years ago, LBCC conducted a survey of its disabled access in outside areas, checking things such as curb cut-outs, ramps and access routes. This survey



The EVAC-U-TRAC is LBCC's answer to the emergency evacuation needs of the disabled. Eight campus people are trained in its use.

included not only the LBCC campus, but the extended learning centers at Corvallis, Sweet Home and Lebanon. The results, said Grigsby, were very educational. Some problems were discovered and remedied, and some previous changes were confirmed as being very effective.

"The situation is not always convenient, but we are making progress," said Grigsby. "If there are problems, we would like to hear about it." Anyone wishing to contact Grigsby may call her at 917-4690 or find her in the Disabilities Services Office in Room 201 of the Learning Resource Center.

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LOCAL NEWS

Baha'i Faith provides path for millions of seekers

by Dorothy Wilson
of The Commuter

Religion is more than its roots or history. It must help people find answers in today's world. For two local seekers those answers came in the form of the Baha'i Faith.

Terry Kneissler, superintendent of the Philomath School District and a Baha'i member since 1981, talks about his motivation for joining.

"When I was about to become a father, I was seeking a path that would enable me to offer my children a clear sense of the difference between right and wrong. I thought, 'How can I offer them moral guidance when I am puzzling in my own head about moral issues?' What it (the Baha'i Faith) gave me was a way to link my spiritual self to the contemporary issues they would face." Kneissler has three daughters, one of whom, Zoa, attends LBCC.

Kneissler said he had also studied world religions before joining the Baha'is. "I wondered why they couldn't agree; the Baha'i Faith has provided that agreement."

Although the Baha'is claim that their faith fulfills the prophecies of all the major religions, which seems to be a fundamentalist idea, albeit a more inclusive one than most, Kneissler insists that it is not a fundamentalist stance.

"People tend to make judgments be-



Terry Kneissler and Rebecca Berkey are members of the Baha'i Faith.

fore they have investigated the faith," said Kneissler. Baha'is consider the spiritual leaders of all religions to have been messengers of truth for the particular age they represented, he said, adding that Baha'is feel God provides a progressive revelation which continuously expands as time moves on.

Kneissler, who was keynote speaker at LBCC's In-Service Day last April, says his topic that day—The Role of Diversity in Increasing the Quality of Communication—is one of his favorite subjects.

His good friend Rebecca Berkey, a word processing technician at OSU, who

has been a member of the Baha'is for 21 years and serves as secretary for the Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly of Albany, shares that interest. She says it is a big part of the Baha'i philosophy, and it helped cinch her decision to join the movement.

"I came from a very conservative religious environment; the Baha'is taught me that it was OK to be different. Now I have an expanded awareness and appreciation of the diversity of cultures and people," said Berkey. "It was like I had one color—suddenly—I was given a rainbow."

Berkey, mother of a 20-year-old son and an 11-year-old daughter, says the Baha'is encourage members to enable children to recognize the nobility of their characters at a young age.

"It is essential for young people to hold a positive vision of themselves. So many feel like they are not needed. But they are needed; the community, the nation and the world at large depends upon everyone taking their part," said Berkey.

She also said the group is counting on the next generation to guide the Baha'i organization through the coming new era.

For Berkey, the dream of spiritual and social fulfillment has become a reality.

"I used to live in a box, and now I have the universe," she said.

What they believe

Baha'u'llah's writings form the core of the religious practices of the Baha'is. The writings comprise over 100 volumes which have been translated into 802 languages. Some central themes include:

- To know and love God
- The foundation of all religion is one
- Equality between men and women
- Abolition of prejudice

Where they meet

In every city, town and village where there are nine or more adult Baha'is, they gather to consult and decide about the affairs of the Faith in that community. The Baha'is do not have clergy.

Feasts:

Regular meetings held every 19 days in accordance with a lunar calendar established in relation to Baha'u'llah's mission. Meetings usually begin with readings from Baha'u'llah's writings.

Firesides:

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For more information, contact Rebecca Berkey at 926-5198. The Baha'i website: www.bahai.org.

History of little-known Middle-Eastern religion steeped in persecution

by Dorothy Wilson
of The Commuter

The need to understand the meaning of life and death is as old as humankind.

Millions have found this meaning in the Baha'i Faith over the past 150 years.

The Baha'i Faith began in Persia, now Iran, in 1844. The movement emerged from the Moslem religious environment through Siyyid Ali Muhammad (whose name was later changed to "The Bab," meaning "The Door"). He preached that a new spiritual era was at hand that would distinguish itself by an entirely new, independent faith based on the unity of mankind and the underlying truth in all religions.

The Muslim clergy tried to exterminate the new faith in Iran. Over 20,000 people were executed, including The Bab. Before his death in 1850, he prophesied the coming of a new prophet who would lead the faithful

into the new age.

In 1852, a Persian nobleman, known today as Baha'u'llah (meaning "Glory of God") became that prophet. According to their publication, "The Baha'is," while Baha'u'llah was in prison for his faith in the ideals of The Bab, with his feet in stocks and a 100-pound iron chain around his neck, he had a revelation that he was the prophet that The Bab had spoken of. He continued to receive messages of a spiritual nature all his life, the most famous of which is "The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens."

After his release from prison, he was banished from Iran to endure a life-long exile which consisted of 40 years of persecution and imprisonment throughout the Middle East. During this time he began writing down the spiritual messages, which were then handed over to various people who acted as scribes.

Baha'u'llah died in exile in Palestine (Acre, Israel) in

1868. The 350,000-member Baha'i community in Iran continues to suffer persecution today. Since the Islamic revolution in 1979, more than 200 Baha'is have been executed, hundreds imprisoned, and tens of thousands have been denied jobs, pensions, business opportunities and education. Their shrines have been desecrated or destroyed.

The United Nations General Assembly began work in 1985 on a series of resolutions designed to stop the killing and other crimes, and since then the number of Baha'is killed in Iran has dropped sharply. The last officially reported death was in 1992. However, many Baha'is remain in prisons throughout Iran. The organization advises its members to exercise caution in any Moslem country.

Rising above the persecution in the Middle East, the Baha'i Faith now has over 5 million followers in 233 countries.

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OPINION PAGE

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Who has the rights in the ongoing abortion battle?

by James Otto
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Where do human rights begin?

It is possible to affect the development of a child in the womb, and mothers are held responsible for causing birth defects by their behavior during pregnancy.

Women have justly fought for and won the right to maternity leave in many cases, with a significant reason being that there is another life involved.

Why, then, is this developing child reduced to the status of an impersonal lump of tissue, no better than a malignant tumor or a venereal disease, solely for the purposes of "abortion rights?"

Why do pro-choice activists want so badly to have their cake and eat it too?

Abortionists will tell you that it is a simple surgical removal of fetal tissue. They try to downplay or ignore the well-known, well-documented post traumatic stress syndrome suffered by many women who have had abortions.

They fail to mention that our notoriously high crime rate increased greatly after the Roe vs. Wade ruling, at least partially owing to the apparent national view on the value of life. They neglect to mention abortion's correlation with suicide, breast cancer and child abuse. They ignore the fact that the teen birth rate rises dramatically wherever abortion is legal and available.

But don't reduce it to politics. Make it personal. If you don't believe an unborn fetus is a child, ask a woman who has had a miscarriage whether or not she felt she had lost a child. Ask a woman who has had an abortion how she feels on Mother's Day when a young family goes by. See how long it takes her to get defensive and bite your head off.

There's a deep-seated reason for that, and it extends beyond political correctness or any legitimate standard of sensitivity. It's commonly known as a reality slap.

Just a few months into the pregnancy, there are recognizable brain waves, soon followed by a tiny heartbeat. Shocks suffered during the pregnancy can affect the "fetal tissue." Many people are severely deformed because of unsuccessful attempts to abort them.

Where in that process does this lump of tissue become a person? If left to develop, will it not become a living, breathing human being?

The abortion procedure has a variety of methods. The most popular is the insertion of a cutter and a vacuum hose into the baby's cranium, sucking out the brain and cutting its body into pieces small enough to remove.

The body parts have a variety of industrial uses, but common sense and basic parental instinct will tell you that's a baby, not a lump of tissue.

The abortion industry has a vested interest in conditioning people to believe that abortions are just another service, even a basic right. Their 4,000 abortions per day in the U.S. provide plenty of material for research.

Their advocates tell you that every woman should have access to abortive services, and call it family planning. They insist that it is our national duty to expand their market overseas.

The pro-choice lobby is a major force in the fight against the abstinence-based-education grants, which would go far to prevent unwanted pregnancies as well as venereal diseases.

It seems they are afraid a little education would cut into their sponsors' market by reducing the pool of ignorance upon which this macabre infanticide industry thrives.

Throughout history, very few successful societies have tolerated abortion at all. Even the bloodthirsty Roman empire took a very dim view of that practice.

Yet in the U.S. "fetal tissue removal" is hailed as a basic right and even used in lieu of all other forms of birth control—including the much-vilified practice of abstinence.

At a press conference, in which President Clinton was attempting to associate himself with Mother Theresa, she rightly said "No society can call itself civilized" when it permits abortion.

Unfortunately, in our country, it seems that unborn children's right to live is for sale to the highest bidder.

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NATO expansion requires delicate touch, tactful maneuvers

"The Cold War is over," or so people have been saying for the past eight years. Based on recent developments in what was once the Eastern Bloc, however, it would appear that someone had failed to inform Russian President Boris Yeltsin. In fact, the level of tension between the United States and Russia in the past couple of weeks has cast some serious doubt over the validity of that statement.

On the surface, the expansion of NATO to include the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland may look pretty innocuous. The United States, being the "winner" of the Cold War, wishes to invite some of its former communist adversaries into a defensive organization. It is hoped that their inclusion of these three countries into NATO will strengthen their fragile democracies, bolster their economies and help soothe those nations' fears that their territorial integrity may be threatened.

Of course, what the Russians see as the most significant effect of NATO expansion is that it will increase American influence among former Warsaw Pact nations while their own influence among them is at a nadir.

That America is trying to exert more influence over central and eastern Europe would, in itself, be enough to increase tension between the United States and Russia. The fact that the United States is attempting to do so through an organization created to provide a military deterrent to Russian expansion increases the difficulty of the situation tenfold.

With the collapse of the Soviet system, NATO has undergone something of a facelift. Rather than the anti-Russian pact it once was, American diplomats are pushing NATO membership as a tool for governmental stability and economic security. NATO membership appears to place the democratic West's stamp of approval on their infant democracies, and may be a stepping stone for the new members into the European Union.

However, many people in Russia, both in the government and on the street, continue to see NATO as an anti-Russian alliance. In all fairness to them, it should be pointed out that many Poles, Czechs and Hungarians see NATO as an anti-Russian pact as well.

The hostilities between Russians and their neighbors are centuries old and are unlikely to disappear anytime soon. The former Warsaw Pact nations have only recently emerged from what many there consider 50 years of Russian occupation. It is unrealistic to expect those nations to forget their animosity towards their former overlords and adopt a position similar to America's.

When the Berlin Wall came down, NATO faced a huge identity crisis. Its administrators and member nations agonized over the organization's purpose and for a while it looked like we might be witnessing the simultaneous death throes of both alliances.

NATO's members, however, seem to have been able to transform what could have been a terminal infirmity into merely a mid-life crisis. It is clearly in America's interest to keep NATO alive and strong.

First and foremost, NATO provides the United States with an "in" in Europe that allows us the use of our military without requiring United Nations approval.

While our military hierarchy has been appropriately reluctant to get involved in ethnic conflicts in Europe recently, it is easy to see why they would like to maintain an organization that lets us act with the fewest number of strings attached, should the need arise.

Second, there is a militant nationalist element in Russian politics that could certainly impede the progress toward peace and prosperity in central and eastern Europe.

To the average Russian, it would surely seem quite hypocritical for the United States to be moving to expand NATO as insurance against the threat of Russian nationalists when the new members have militant nationalist movements of their own. In fact, our inclusion of these countries into NATO may get us involved in some sticky issues of borders and minority rights that the new members bring with them.

To date, no one has been able to draw a line between Germany and Poland that satisfies everyone in those two countries. The same is true for the border separating Poland and Russia. Germans, Poles and Russians could probably argue for weeks over whether a particular fistful of dirt was German, Polish or Russian. While it might be interesting to listen to them debate the point over beers or coffee, it's nothing we want to be in the middle of should they try to settle it through gunfire and destruction.

Similar issues exist between Germans and Czechs, Hungarians and Romanians, Poles and Slovaks, and even disparate ethnic groups within the nations.

Practically speaking, however, these conflicts are less likely to erupt into violence with the United States getting involved in the region. Our presence in the former Eastern Bloc can be a stabilizing one if we move patiently and tactfully with respect for Russia's concerns. Our agreement to establish a "joint council" where the Russians will be able to voice their reservations about proposed NATO actions appears to be a step in the right direction. The trick is to get both the Russians and our new NATO partners to accept the council as a real instrument for conflict resolution, rather than a sham organization designed to simply give the appearance of multilateralism. Obviously, that is no small task.

Ironically, while NATO's growth gives the impression of continued isolation of Russia, Russia could benefit greatly from amicable relations with its neighbors, as well as a defensive and economic partnership with America. The problems facing the former communist nations of Europe are actually quite similar across the continent. Virtually all the countries there face economic instability, ethnic conflict and the growth of extremist political groups. While NATO membership is by no means a cure-all, the commitment of the nations to some sort of security organization may help to resolve those conflicts. The tragedy of Eastern and Central Europe is that the history of the region may prevent the people there from coming together in such an arrangement.

In some ways, little has changed since 1962. When dealing with Russia, we must continue to conduct ourselves like porcupines making love, and weigh each action very carefully.

Reality intrudes on summer party time

by Jerry Boal
for The Commuter

"Dude! Am I glad finals are over with!" Sauce said, as he leapt up like a gymnast onto the gray concrete embankment wall that defined the perimeter of the college campus's inner courtyard.

His friend, Frito, tried his best to mimic Sauce's leap. But with a cigarette stub smoldering from his mouth, four books and a bag of corn chips under one arm, his free hand slipped as he placed it on the embankment's edge. Both butts—his and the cigarette's—hit the ground. No injury, except for the bag of chips, the contents of which were now more numerous and random in size due to being crushed between his ribs and his books. He gathered himself up, ground out the cigarette with his heel, then placed his books and chips on the flat embankment. Finally, he carefully scaled the short wall and sat next to his agile friend.

"That was about as smooth as your pimply skin, Frito. I keep telling you, you should avoid stunts involving high elevations in excess of your knees," Sauce lectured.

"Thanks for the advice, Tarzan." Frito reached into his shirt pocket and pulled out a semi-straight cigarette, lit it and blew out a couple of lazy smoke rings into the warm spring air. "So, how did Mr. America do on the algebra final?"

Sauce blew hard at the smoke rings, hoping to return them to sender. Instead, they disintegrated.

"I think I passed, man. But, it was a B-I-T-C-H—Squared. I need a 'C' on it to pass the class. I still can't understand why you need so much math for the restaurant management degree."

He adjusted the bill of his Dodger's cap, swinging it around from the catcher's position to the front to shade his eyes from the bright spring sun.

"I suppose The Chipster aced his calculus final. As usual."

Frito sucked long on the bent cigarette. "It wasn't that bad." He reached over and opened up the half-empty bag of ranch-flavored corn chips. "Want some?" he asked Sauce.

Sauce frowned at his friend's offering, then turned his head to look across the courtyard. Some coeds walked by. "Not hungry. Besides, I prefer cooked food, not manufactured."

"Hey, chill down, dude. School's out. Time to party. Here, have some." He pushed the bag up against Sauce's leg. "They're one of the few foods available to us which absolutely meet and/or exceed no known minimal nutritional standards. I've always said, 'If ya gotta eat, then eat for the fun of it.'"

Sauce pushed the bag back. He bounced his heels off the wall, alternating one leg over the other. He fiddled with the bill of his cap again as he looked back at Frito. He was not smiling.

"Party? I don't think so. I gotta find a job for the summer, dude. Lost out on assistant chef at Captain's Table 'cause of finals. Deposits're due for my new apartment. If I don't get work quick, I'll be Dumpster-diving with you for my food."

"Ah, man, it ain't that bad. Maybe your folks can lend you some bucks."

"Your memory's good for calculus maybe; it sucks otherwise. I told you last week, the well's dry. Dad's downsized as of the first of the month. It's Reality 101 for me now, dude."

"Bummer," Frito said.

Silence hung between them like the wispy blue cigarette smoke. Frito took the cigarette from his mouth, and with it clamped between two knuckles, reached into the chip bag. The fragile dead part of the ash brushed off into the broken chips as Frito lifted out a handful of yellow shards with his free fingers. In one motion, he fed his mouth and re-

turned the cigarette to his lips. He chewed, swallowed, took another drag.

Sauce was only partially aware of his friend's feat—and feast. He stared again across the courtyard, tracking another two coeds. He reached up and straightened his cap in case they looked at him.

"Hey, dude, I got it!" Frito said as he dunked his hand again into the bag, cigarette and all. "Why don't we just, like, do summer school?"

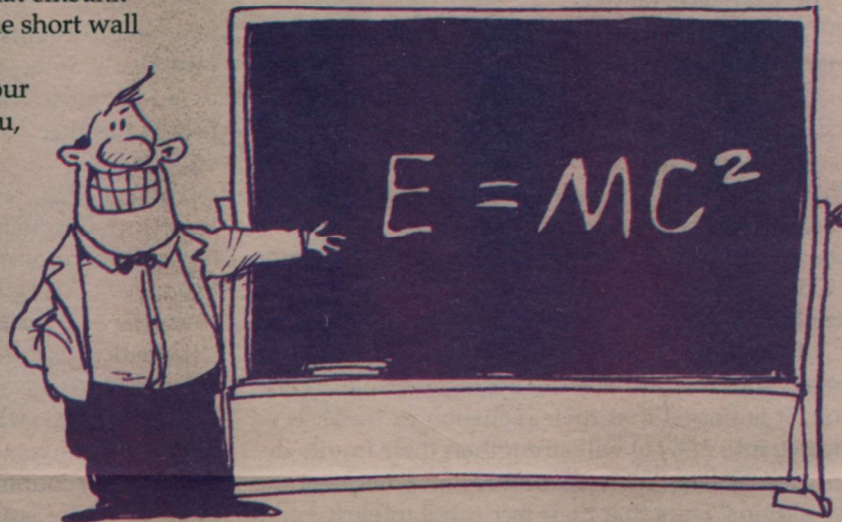
Sauce's babe radar immediately went blank. He turned and looked at Frito. "Yeah, right."

"No, I mean it, dude."

"I thought I just heard you a minute ago say, 'School's out. Time to party.'"

Frito thought for a moment. "I don't know, but maybe your folks'll loan you for some of your expenses if you stay in school over the summer. 'Sides, you can take calculus and get it out of the way. The sooner you get your degree, the sooner you can get a real, full-time job."

Sauce's wall-kicking now stopped. He studied Frito's face hard.



"Excuse me, but how old are those chips you're eating? And who rolled that cigarette for you? I'm tired of school, Frito. Burned out. Brain wants a nap."

"Hey, I understand," Frito said as he repeated his snatch-a-chip-with-cigarette routine. "But here's the gig: I move in with you, split expenses, tutor you in math and other stuff. Whaddya say?"

"Frito, I say you're weirder than I thought."

"Seriously. You need the help."

"You're right: a psychiatrist, if I room with a freak like you. You ever consider circus work?"

"Not enough pimples, they told me."

"So, what would you get out of this deal sharing air with me?" Sauce asked, jumping down off the wall.

"I'd get out of the parents' house and..."

"And what?"

"Enjoy your cooking."

"Hmm. What a concept: the Sauce and Frito Revue. Well, maybe..." His words trailed behind him as he began walking away.

"Hey, wait! Is that 'maybe' a 'yes' in disguise?" Frito asked as he slid off the embankment.

Leaving his cigarette in his mouth, he tucked his books under one arm and impulsively reached into the still-open bag of chips with the other. But his calculus book, with glossy-slick cover, slid like a wet ice cube from the library under his arm, hitting the courtyard ground by his feet with a thump. Instinctively, but too late, Frito reached to stop its fall, sending the chip bag and its broken cargo to crash onto the book.

"Damn!" Frito yelled down at the mess of chips and differentiation formulas.

Sauce stopped and turned. "OK. We room together on one condition."

"What's that?" Frito replied, turning his face up to look at Sauce. Happy that his friend was buying into his idea, Frito smiled, parting his stained teeth slightly, whereupon the cigarette obeyed a basic law of physics and joined the chips and calculus menu.

"The condition is this: I cook, but you eat and smoke on the back porch," Sauce said as he watched the butt's hot ash set the bag smoldering. "Make that the sidewalk."

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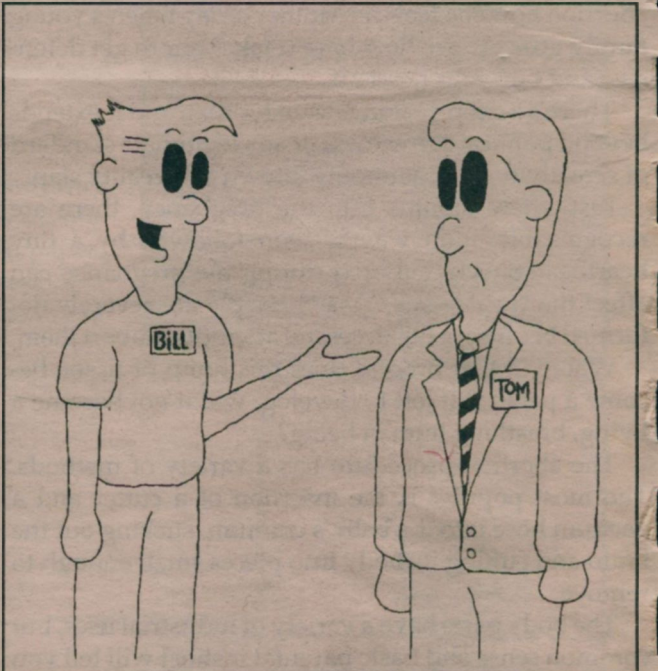
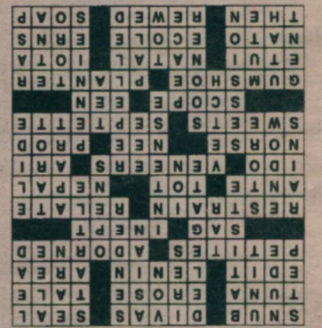
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- Grating sound
- Haul

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Although Tarzan was good at swinging on vines, his sense of direction was not that great.