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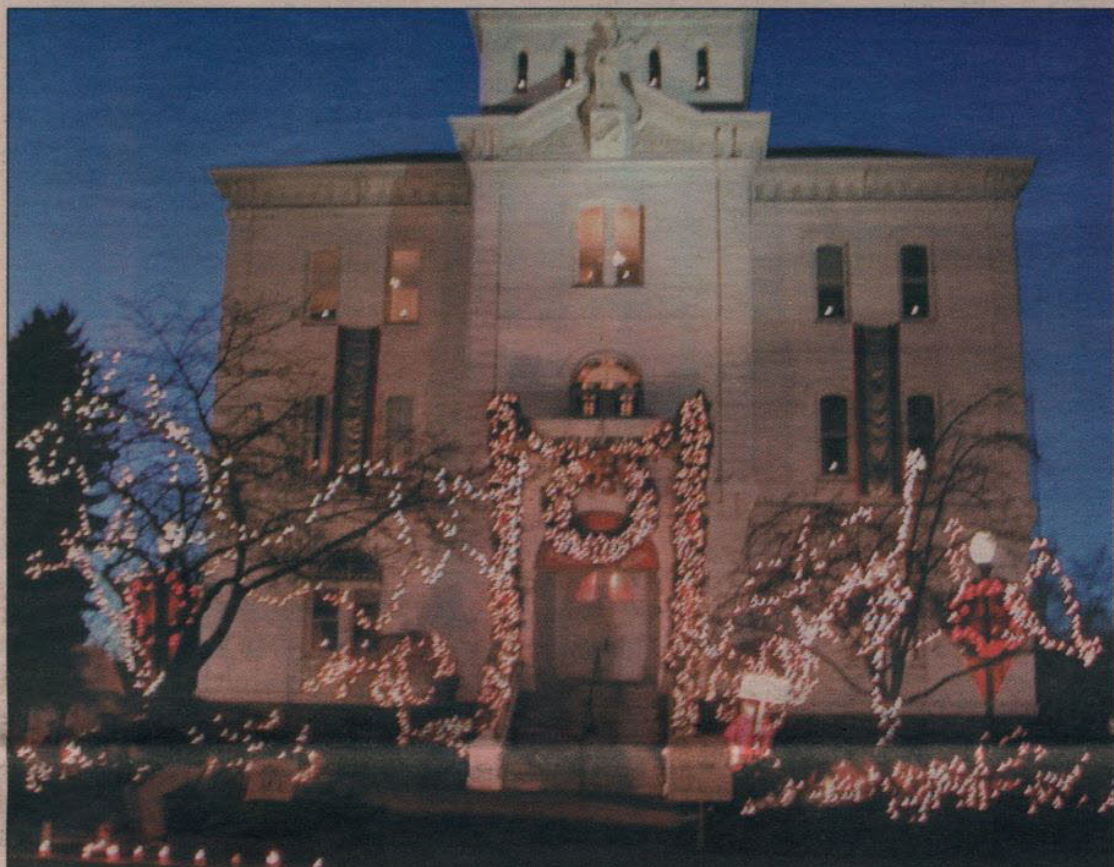


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No Holiday for Protesters

A handful of anti-war protesters are nearly overwhelmed by a holiday-bedecked Courthouse as they continue their daily afternoon vigil in Corvallis on Monday.

Demands on local emergency services climb to new highs

by David Marconi
Of The Commuter

Charitable organizations in Linn and Benton counties say that demands for their services are higher this holiday season than in many years.

Since the Sept. 11 tragedy, donations to the Albany Signs of Victory Mission have been down, but demand for services have been up, according to Maxine Matland, who has run the mission for over two decades. While not all local charities report declining donations, all say demand is on the rise.

"This is the worst I've seen it in the 21 years that I have been here," said Matland. For the last three months, the number of people sleeping at the mission has increased dramatically. Normally, she said, the numbers range from 22 to 25 people a night, but currently an average of 30 or more people stay at the mission, with some having to sleep on couches and pallets.

Signs of Victory also provides food boxes five days a week and has a soup kitchen that serves hot meals for 60-70 people

every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

Matland, the founder and president of the mission, attributes the number of people seeking emergency services to local layoffs and a faltering economy.

Financial contributions and donations of traditional holiday items can be dropped off at 705 Lyon St. S, or mailed gifts to PO Box 186, Albany, OR. 97321.

Although the St. Vincent dePaul Society of Lebanon has not seen a decrease in donations, it has broken records in food handouts. Last month the society gave away 367 food boxes to feed 1,028 people, which was a record, said volunteer Mary Wetherell. Many Russian families who are out of work and need assistance come to St. Vincent's, she said.

"We receive donations from our church, and the people in our community have been very generous," she said.

Contributions to St. Vincent dePaul or requests for aid, can be made at the food pantry at (Turn to "Services" on Pg. 2)

Children invited to free holiday party

From the LBCC News Service

The 31st Annual Children's Winter Festival will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the College Center here on campus.

Santa Claus and Father Claus

will be joined by a Kwanzaa celebration, a Native American storyteller and crafts. Each child will receive a gift and have the chance to have their picture taken with one of the Clauses.

All Linn and Benton county

children 12 and under get in free if accompanied by an adult. Two canned food donations are appreciated. The event is sponsored by the Student Life & Leadership Office. For information, call 917-4457.

Sept. 11 victims honored at ceremony

From the LBCC News Service

A memorial ceremony for the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks will be held today, beginning with a tree planting at 11:30 a.m. in the campus Peace Garden and continuing in the Commons for speeches by LB President Jon Carnahan and student leaders.

The Peace Garden is a small plot on the north side of the campus near North Drive and East Way Loop. It was established six years ago to honor the victims of the 1995 Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing. The site contains a picnic table, a small tree and a plaque in

the ground dedicated to "all the innocent victims of violence."

Today's event is organized by the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and Student Life & Leadership. PTK will plant an evergreen tree and the ceremony will then move to the Commons, where speeches will be delivered by Carnahan, PTK President Theresa Champ and ASG President Jonathan Henderson.

A mobile memorial designed by PTK member Mike Jirges will also be on display there, and T-shirts will be on sale to benefit the Red Cross.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

The Peace Garden gets another tree today during a memorial ceremony for the victims of Sept. 11.

WEATHER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

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What do these three words have in common?

- Santa Ana
- Chinook
- Williwaw

Answer on page 10

Source: weather.com

CAMPUS NEWS

OFF BEAT

Vehicular revenge

A woman, driving along in Raleigh, N.C., spotted the man who had assaulted a young female relative of hers. He had been freed from prison and was walking blithely across a field. Angered, she went after him with her station wagon, driving over the curb and chasing him relentlessly until finally running him down. A judge ordered her to pay \$979 in medical bills and let her go.

It beats tree-sitting

In a protest against the cutting down of redwood trees in Northern California, nine young, attractive women stripped to the waist at a logging camp in the Headwaters Forest. One of them said it was an exhibition of "Goddess-based, nude Buddhist guerrilla poetry" aimed at saving the environment. To their surprise, the lumberjacks were very receptive to the cultural event, shutting down operations for about two hours to chat with the ladies until police finally came and took them away.

Drive-by mooning

A man drove at 60 miles per hour in Germany through a 30-mph tunnel, which is monitored by video cameras to identify speeders. However, a review of the tape did not show the offender's face but his naked rear end, which he had apparently stuck up against the side window to moon the camera as an accomplice held the steering wheel.

Royal screw-up

A woman dropped her politician husband off at the Oslo home of the king of Norway, then took a wrong turn and drove her car down 17 stone steps near the royal square. She drove home without stopping and was later visited by police who brought the grill of her car, which had been jolted free in the incident.

—From KRT News

Failing to apply early can delay graduation

by Becky Pedersen
of The Commuter

As many as one-quarter of LBCC students who apply for graduation in any given quarter are denied, according to the college's transcript and degree evaluator.

Lynn Groshong said one of the biggest reasons for this is that students don't apply soon enough to find out if they have met all the degree requirements.

"The average denial rate for graduation is as much as 20-25 percent," said Groshong. "This number is mainly due to students not having everything complete, missing requirements and an unsigned graduation worksheet. Another reason is also that students don't know when they need to apply for graduation."

Most students don't realize that in order to graduate from LBCC they have to apply and have a credit audit done on their tran-

scripts, she said.

According to college policy, in order to graduate at the end of this fall term, students had to apply by Sept. 28, 2001, which was the end of the second week of the term. Students who want to graduate at the end of winter term must have their applications in no later than Jan 18, 2002.

The spring term application deadline is April 12, 2002.

"Ideally," said Groshong, "we would like to see students applying for graduation as early as possible, even two terms ahead of time. That way if there is a problem the student can be contacted right away and graduate on time."

The first step in applying for graduation is obtaining the Graduation Worksheet either online (www.lbcc.cc.or.us/admissions/formindex.html) or from the Admissions Office. The form can be filled out by

the student independently or with the help of an advisor or counselor.

The student's major advisor must sign the worksheet for it to be evaluated by the Admissions Office. In addition, a graduation application must be completed and both forms turned in to the Admissions Office. The student's forms and transcripts will be evaluated, and if there is a problem they will be contacted by mail.

"Basically, no news is good news," says Groshong.

Graduation applications are required in order for LBCC to keep state accreditation, Groshong explained.

Groshong also said that she can evaluate transcripts from other schools so students can track their process toward a degree and how previous classes will transfer over to LB. Students can apply for this service in the Admissions office in Takena Hall.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

Somalian Splendor

Fatma Ali shows off Somali garb from her homeland, a dress called a diraa, for LBCC's recent International Education Week celebration. One day was set aside for students to dress in the traditional manner of their heritage.

Services: Demand rises as companies downsize

From Page One

233 Second St. on Wednesdays between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Sweet Home Emergency Ministries has given away an average of 200 food boxes per month for the last six months, said volunteer Karen Little. SHEM normally provides rent assistance, but they currently have no funds for this service.

"Yesterday (Nov. 14) we turned down five people in two hours (for rent assistance)," she said sadly. "We just don't have the money."

Christmas box applications are now available at the fire department, Chamber of Commerce and SHEM, she said.

Little says she would like local churches and other organizations to begin taking names of families in need. Anyone wishing to help can bring financial donations or food to 4101 Highway 20 or call 367-6504.

At FISH in Corvallis, the number of calls requesting financial assistance with food or rent has jumped dramatically. The organization received 100 calls in October, but had already taken in 120 calls by the middle of November.

FISH is solely a telephone service that provides financial assistance with food, rent, utilities, gas and even haircuts, Bell said. Donations slowed a little after Sept. 11, she said, but they

have begun to pick up this month.

To donate or request assistance in Corvallis call 752-4688 or 928-4460 in Albany.

Job layoffs at Hewlett-Packard, Wah Chang and other local industries has contributed to a 20 percent increase in demand at Linn-Benton Food Share, said Mike Gibson, director of the Corvallis location. For example, Advance Wood Resources in Brownsville is closing its plant this week, and consequently the Brownsville charity, Helping Hands, has seen a 58 percent increase in demand, he said.

In the year ending July 1, the Linn-Benton Food Share has given away 30,290 food baskets and served 103,036 people.

"Last year we gave away a total of 2.9 million pounds of food," he said. The impact of the Sept. 11 tragedy on donations is uncertain at this time, Gibson said.

"In December we send out letters to all of our regular donors," he said, "and this year I'm a little anxious if donations will be down."

Food donations can be brought to the warehouse at 33747 Looney Lane in Tangent. Call 917-8596 ahead of time to make sure someone's there. Financial donations can be mailed to the organization at 545 SW Second St., Corvallis, OR. 97333.

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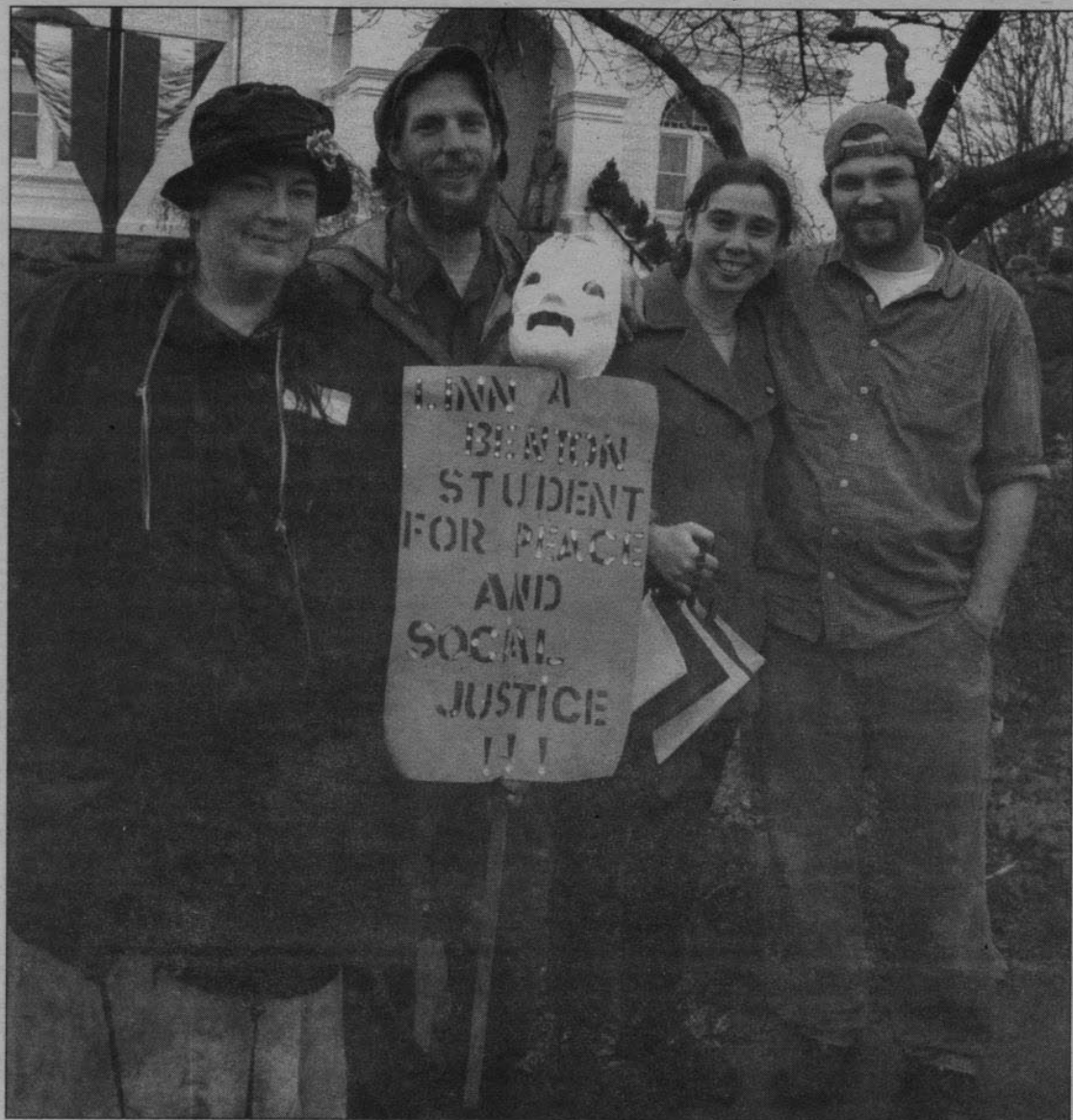


Photo by Steven Adler

LB students (left to right) Tina Empol, David Dorman, Mariana Schatte and Patrick Neidermeyer join a peace demonstration outside the Benton County Courthouse.

Attacks prompt Peace Studies to focus on U.S. foreign policy

by Steven Adler
for The Commuter

"The largest and most difficult dilemma a citizen can deal with is the resolution of conflict and war. This is the central focus of LB's Peace Studies Program," according to Doug Clark, director of the 12-year-old program.

The purpose of Peace Studies at LBCC is to learn ways to manage conflict and respond rationally to violence, according to the program's web site. It stimulates interdisciplinary discussion about conflicts and the sources of war.

The Sept. 11 attacks upon the World Trade Center and Pentagon quickly focused this year's study upon American foreign policy and its response to terrorism.

The goals of this year's study — to examine and understand the current conflict and to investigate the roots of terrorism and violence — have coincided with LBCC's co-sponsorship with OSU of the "Behind the Headlines: The Crisis in Context" series.

This fall's series brought international scholars to both campuses for weekly presentations and discussion about terrorism and the war in Afghanistan. The Peace Studies Program supplemented this series by sponsoring numerous videos and further discussions about the wider conflict in the Middle East.

Ultimately, the purpose of the program is to prepare 8 to 10 LB students to participate in the symposium on Education for Peace, Justice and Human Rights usually held biennially in Europe. Most recently, however, LBCC sponsored the symposium during the summer of 2000.

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—Doug Clark

This summer, LB students will travel for two weeks to Sarajevo, Budapest, Berlin and Amsterdam before crossing the channel to England for the week-long symposium held in York between June 22-29, according to Theresa Champ, Student Coordinator. This conference gives students an opportunity to travel abroad and to meet other students with similar interests.

Details will be forthcoming during winter term for application procedures and requirements.

Beyond issues of peace and war, Peace Studies is a very broad field of study, connected to a number of areas involving human conflict. It could be child abuse, malnutrition, or anything that prevents a person from reaching full potential.

Clark is presently working to identify ways to assist students to reconcile their consciences with their careers. Many students seek careers beyond mere economic interest, he said. We are teaching students to think about human responsibility.

Clark will teach PS 211 Peace and Conflict, for the first time at LBCC winter term 2002. This course examines the general meaning of war, peace and the ideas of "negative" and "positive" peace.

Victim/Witness program seeks student volunteers

by Jason A. Bratsouleas
of The Commuter

The Linn County Victim/Witness Assistance Program is seeking volunteers.

"The spring training sessions should begin in April," said Program Director Cecelia O'Malley. Training sessions last approximately eight to 10 weeks, four to five hours a week, for a total of 35 hours of training.

Students can even earn college credit for interns with this program. O'Malley said, "There are currently three students volunteering from LBCC. To get credit LBCC students must sign up for cooperative work experience in the major field of study. Additional information is available in Takena Hall Counseling Center.

Volunteer and internship opportunities include:

- Victim assistant
- 24-hour Response Line
- Public speaking/public education
- Newsletter editor
- Victim/witness notification
- Office duties
- Court advocacy
- Grand jury assistant
- Telephone specialist

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—Jason Carlile

- Special projects
- Child advocate
- Domestic violence assistant
- Student Intern
- Homicide specialist
- Restitution clerk

The program began in 1994 with only one full-time and one part-time employee. The program currently has 25 volunteers, but more are needed, said O'Malley. "This is a good opportunity for students to become involved in the community."

Linn County District Attorney Jason Carlile said, "We want citizens to have an impact on the criminal justice system. Here is a chance to do something positive and take control of part of our own community."

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Student volunteers sought to help in soup kitchen

by Sherry Majeski
of The Commuter

Student Life & Leadership is searching for five volunteers to help the Albany Soup Kitchen feed the less fortunate on Thursday Nov. 29.

Help is needed between 4:30 to 7 p.m. with food preparation, serving and clean up.

"We do this twice a term now to help students interact with the community and for public relations," said Jason Savedra, a student ambassador and member of the Student Programming Board. "You get a lot of satisfaction knowing that you have helped someone."

Students have been helping out at local soup kitchens for the past six terms, said Carol Wenzel, Student

Activities coordinator.

Thursday's volunteer effort will take place at the soup kitchen run by The Signs of Victory Faith Center in Albany. It offers free dinners to 70 people in need three nights a week—Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6 p.m. at 620 Cleveland Street SE.

Cleveland Street intersects with Pacific Boulevard just south of Geary Street in front of Wendy's. The meals are served family style complete with salad and dessert.

Maxine Matland, who directs the Signs of Victory Center, started this program about 20 years ago, and her son, George Matland, and daughter Gale Caberea have been helping her with this project since the beginning.

"We are also a mission and offer people a place to stay while they look for work and a home. The center has three floors—the top floor is housing for women, the ground floor is the Soup Kitchen and chapel and the basement houses men," said Matland. "We watch to see if the people try to help themselves and if they are, then we will extend their stay as needed."

Fred Meyers donates food every day if they are at the doors early, she said, and Loafers Bread and Bistro of Albany donates fresh baked bread three days a week for dinners.

Ever since the Sept. 11 tragedy, The Soup Kitchen has been in need of funds to help finance this project to keep it going. Anyone interested in making a donation can call Matland at (541) 967-8545.

Women in blue proud to patrol, encourage others

by Jason Bratsouleas
of The Commuter

Last week five female law enforcement officers told a group of 12-15 students about the rewards and challenges of being in law enforcement.

The women represented the Albany Police Department, Oregon State Police and Benton County Sheriff's Department. They also represent less than 25 percent of the work force in law enforcement.

Jenn Williams of the Albany Police Department said "I like it when I go to a call and the person says 'Oh, I never see a female officer!'"

Lynn Henricks of the Albany Police Department is a community policing specialist whose function is crime prevention and policing education. "Probably the biggest reward is working directly with citizens impacting their safety," she said, but added that one of the challenges has been "remaining positive in a negative environment."

Loretta Robinson, a 16-year veteran with the Benton County Sheriff's Department, runs a teen court program for first-time offenders, that has been in place for about six years in Benton

"I like it when I go to a call and the person says 'Oh, I never see a female officer!'"

—Jenn Williams

County. "It's pretty rewarding when you get a call from a parent that's completely freaked out because their kid got popped for the first time for shoplifting, and it's totally out of character for their child, and to put their kid into a system that's going to help get that off their record and give them the opportunity to make it right with the community," she said. However, while there is about a 70 percent success rate with first-time offenders. She said "30 percent fail on the contract that's written up by the jury of their peers."

The officers mention that they did face some prejudices and discrimination but were able to overcome the adversities. "You just have to blend in and become part of the team," said Robinson, "and it just takes time."

The panel was hosted by Jeanne Pitts, Gender Equity Program coordinator.

SL&L offers free chair massages to help students deal with finals

by Mariana Schatte
of The Commuter

Anyone interested in beating finals week stress can sign up for a free massage on Monday Dec. 3 and Wednesday Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. The free 10-minute chair massages are a great way to relax before finals or prepare for the beginning of winter break.

"We do it to reduce stress on students, and we also believe that this is a fun opportunity," said Josh Johnson, a student worker from the Student Union. The cost will be covered by the intramural recreation fund.

Ana Blair, the massage therapist who is going to be working

over students and staff, uses Swedish and deep tissue massage techniques designed to enhance relaxation.

To get an appointment, sign up in the Student Life and Leadership Office Located on the first floor in the Student Union.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

Getting in the Spirit

Christmas Storybook Land opened last weekend at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany, attracting crowds to its annual showcase of fairy tale holiday displays. Among the attractions are Santa's workshop (above), where children can tell Santa what they want for Christmas, and a model of Albany's White Spires Church. The characters from the movie 'Bug's Life' were also featured, along with two large model train sets. Visitors get in free but are encouraged to bring donations of packaged food items. It is open Monday-Friday 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. through Dec. 15.

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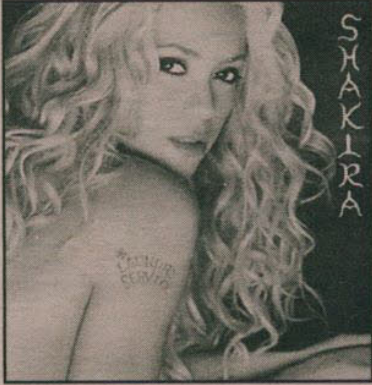
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Shakira released her sixth album earlier this month.

Rising Latin star drawing raves in U.S.

by Mariana Schatte
of The Commuter

Shakira, the self-proclaimed "ultimate Latin sensation," released her new album "Laundry Service" earlier this month. The album is poised to be a major crossover hit in the English-speaking market.

Shakira won a Latin Grammy for Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for "Ojos Asi" at the first annual Latin Grammy Awards in fall 2000. Her new album has 13 songs in English and Spanish that she wrote and produced under the guidance of producer Emilio Estefan (Ricky Martin, Gloria Estefan). On the album, Shakira mixes her Latin roots with rock and pop music well, as she has done in her previous albums.

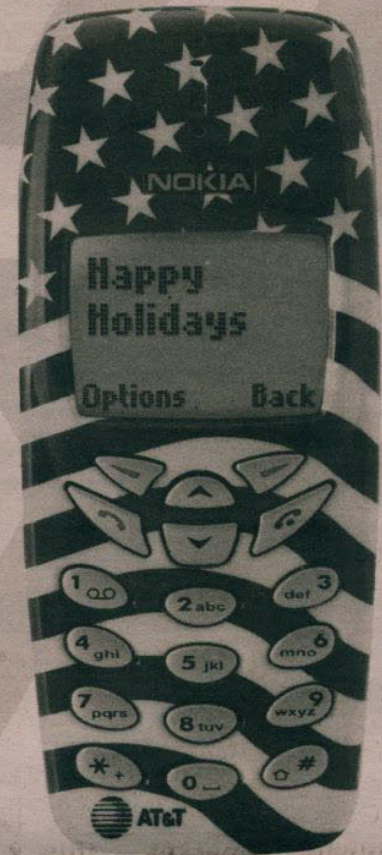
"Whenever, Wherever," the first single from "Laundry Service," was released last month along with a video that was directed by Francis Lawrence (who has worked with Jennifer Lopez and Destiny's Child).

Shakira is already huge in Latin America and Spain, and had a few fans in the United States before this album. At the age of 10 she started to write her own songs and when she was 13, she signed a contract with Sony Music and recorded her first album. But it was with her third album, "Pies Descalzos" in 1996, that she became internationally popular. She got even bigger with her fourth album "Donde estan los ladrones?" in 1998.

"Laundry Service" includes the songs "Suerte," "Objection (Tango)," "Poem to Horse" and "Underneath Your Clothes." Shakira was recently on the Today Show and has made several other appearances to support her newest effort.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Browsers' Bookstore opens for business with positive outlook, sales

Two Albany bookworms fulfill life-long dream of owning, operating business

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

"It has been a lifetime dream," says Scott Givens, co-owner of the newly opened Browsers' Bookstore on Fourth Street in Corvallis.

Givens opened the used bookstore, across from the Benton County Courthouse, along with Bill Henley, long-time friend and fellow fan of literature, on Nov. 15. Givens and Henley are equal partners in the business.

"I've been pretty surprised," said Givens of his first week's business. "We've got a positive outlook on things."

The store has strong cooking and Native American history sections. The history and literature sections are going to grow stronger, commented Givens.

Givens doesn't think the new Borders

bookstore will have an impact on their business. "It will only help because people can buy new books and sell them to me. It's future inventory to me," he said.

Their main competitor is The Book Bin, another used bookstore on Third Street. However, Givens said that he had talked to the owners of The Book Bin and other stores in the area and they are on good terms.

Givens comes from a customer service and bookstore background. He previously worked at No Garbage Books in Albany. Henley was in floor covering and this is more of a hobby to him.

They have seen a lot of interest generated in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy because of the upcoming movie, and the Harry Potter craze has hit them to a degree.

People are welcome to come in and "browse" between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 121 Fourth Street.



Photo by Jenn Geiger

A customer takes advantage of a comfortable chair to look through a book at the newly opened Browsers' Bookstore in downtown Corvallis. The store opened in the former Rainbow Cyclery on Fourth Street.

Microsoft, Sony, Nintendo major players in gaming wars

by Greg Dewar
of The Commuter

Three new video gaming consoles are now available for all would-be Game Gods—PlayStation 2, Nintendo GameCube and the Microsoft Xbox. Which one should you buy this holiday season for yourself or your loved ones?

In terms of computing power, the Xbox is the most powerful, Gamecube is second and Playstation2 (PS2) is last. However overwhelming force does not always win the battle, and maximum megahertz doesn't always mean the best system.

The PS2 has had a year head start over the Xbox and GameCube, with the latter two games being released within a week of each other earlier this month. The second-generation PS2 games look brilliant and while Microsoft's compare, they won't start reaching their full potential for another year or maybe two, when more games hit the market. The same goes for the GameCube.

PS2 has been criticized for its lack of ease of programming controls and its arrogance in the market. PS2 will have a one-up on Nintendo and Microsoft, until it reaches its graphical limit in handling new games. Once at that point, it will stagnate and games will start to lose their edge, and by then Microsoft or Nintendo could rule the market. But that could be four to five years from now and the good folks at Sony will already be producing a 3rd-generation system; as will the other two (if they survive.)

The price of PS2's early launch was computing power—it has substantially less than the GameCube and doesn't really compare to the Xbox in those terms. But it does carry a CD/

PlayStation 2 is proving to be one of the most popular gaming consoles on the market this holiday season, but is being challenged by the Nintendo GameCube.



Photo by Chad Richins

DVD player so you can play original Playstation games and all the original peripherals work.

PlayStation also has some strong titles and series in its line-up: John Madden's NFL game franchise, Final Fantasy (one of the most successful RPG's of all time), Resident Evil, Gran Turismo, Grand Theft Auto,

Tekken, Metal Gear Solid, Crash Bandicoot (Sony's answer to Nintendo's Mario) and numerous others.

Nintendo has classics returning like: Zelda, Mario, and Super Smash Brothers.

Xbox has about 10 games out Dead or Alive 3, and Abe's Oddworld: Munch's Odyssey

look promising, but don't expect a great selection for about a year.

Powerwise, Nintendo offers a 485 Mhz, modified IBM "Gekko" processor, but it uses Mini-Cd's which hold less information. GameCube's limitations are still comparable, because of its \$200 price tag, whereas PS2 and Xbox cost \$300. The PS2 will probably lower its price now that it has competitors.

The Xbox has an Intel 733 Mhz CPU, a built-in, eight-gigabyte hard drive, a DVD player and is broadband enabled. Xboxes have been selling beyond local retailer's expectations.

Katie Hanson, of Albany's Game Crazy, reports \$50,000 worth of Xbox sales, there are no

Gamecubes in stock and PS2s haven't sold for a few weeks.

A fourth choice awaits the frugal gamer. The Sega Dreamcast. Mostly abandoned by Sega, they are \$50 brand new. They offer graphics better than a PS1 and worse than a PS2. They are already dated but are still worthwhile, if you are not rich. The Dreamcast just came out too early. If it had waited until the PS2 release date and enjoyed better technology, it would be a major competitor.

So your choice is basically: Do you want tried and true companies with good game line-ups or an incredibly powerful newcomer that looks promising? Choose well, young Jedi. You only have that much money once.

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LOCAL NEWS

Gifts from In One Place 'give twice' by helping needy

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

"Buy Once—Give Twice—Feel Good" is the kind of Christmas shopping season that most shoppers will be looking for this year. The holiday gift store called In One Place, located at the corner of Second and Van Buren in Corvallis, is the place where to find it.

Shoppers can find gifts for everyone on their lists at In One Place. Plus, all of the profits go to charities that serve children in need and crisis in Linn and Benton counties.

According to Cheri Galvin, president of the board of directors, over 300 community and organization volunteers are involved in the store this year, which is open from Oct. 20 through Dec. 29. Volunteers select the items to be sold, run the store and serve on the board. Corporate sponsors help pay for advertising, store location, bags and tissues.

Twenty-seven organizations, such as the Mid-Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, Benton Habitat for Humanity, Children's Farm Home, Good Samaritan School, Linn Benton Food Share and Quilts from Caring Hands, are participating in the store's eighth year.

"(In One Place) is unusual," explained Galvin, "in that 27 charities supporting children work together for children in



Photo by Stefanie Hessenkemper

Holiday shoppers help local charities when they buy their gifts at In One Place.

need or crisis, not against each other competing for dollars."

Participating organizations contribute money to a general fund, which is used to purchase the items for the store. In

turn, the organizations receive a percentage of the profits that matches the level of their contribution.

This year the store houses all kinds of gifts, many organized into themes. Christ-

"(In One Place) is unusual, in that 27 charities supporting children work together for children . . . not against each other competing for dollars."

—Cheri Galvin

mas music fills the air as shoppers peruse displays of ornaments, stockings, food items, cards, earrings and candleholders.

"The OSU items are very popular," said Debi Toney, sales staff. She also pointed out sections of the store that contain gifts for pet-lovers and cowboy-theme ornaments. A French provincial section is new this year, and the children's room is filled with potential stocking stuffers.

Toney said that customers have commented on how low the prices are for things like ornaments and food items. She explained that In One Place is stocked just for Christmas and needs to sell these items during this limited time frame.

In One Place is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be open everyday, except Christmas, until Dec. 29.

Local recyclers not keeping pace; rates drop below state average

by Katee Cox
of The Commuter

Recycling rates in Linn and Benton counties for the year 2000 are low in comparison to those of the entire state.

Linn County had a 29 percent recycling rate and Benton County had a 35 percent rate, while the state average was a stronger 40 percent rate.

The way the rates are figured is by taking the tons of recycled matter recovered and dividing it by the sum of the tons recovered and the total tons disposed of. These numbers are sometimes hard to not only find but also to calculate, according to Gordon Brown, of the Benton County Solid Waste Management.

Recycled items include metals, motor oil, batteries, paper, glass, plastic containers, yard debris and wood material. The materials, which include both business and home waste, are weighed at the dump site.

Brown said one of the reasons that the numbers are lower for Linn and Benton counties may be that there is a smaller

total of refuse in the first place. The numbers tend to vary year to year, he said, and the counties that lead the state in recycling are those with large metropolitan areas—Lane and Multnomah counties.

"There is an advantage of being in a metro area," he said. "There is more of a market for recycling and that gives you

more of a base to work from." He explained that there has to be someone who will buy the recycled material and therefore there is more of a demand in larger counties.

OSU's Holiday Market offers Northwest gifts

by Wendy Geist
of The Commuter

The 21st annual Holiday Marketplace will take place this weekend at the Memorial Union Ballroom on the campus of OSU.

Artisans will be selling holiday gifts and fine handmade crafts from the Pacific Northwest, including handmade Santas, soaps and wreaths. The event drew a large crowd last year as vendors sold everything from pottery to canned tuna straight from the Oregon Coast.

Live entertainment will be provided. On Friday, The Bentonaire, Beth Rietveld, Philomath Middle School Choir and Inner Strength Gospel Choir with Four Directions will perform. On Saturday, the Mid-Willamette Valley Harpists, Marti Fitzpatrick, OK Chorale and Suzannah Doyle and Friends will perform.

Admission is free. The event takes place on Friday Nov. 30 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Human rights topic of talk

by Mariana Schatte
of The Commuter

LB's Peace Studies is sponsoring a public discussion, Thursday Nov. 29, on human rights issues around the world. The talk will be held from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Siletz Room, located on the second floor of the College Center.


Four international students, from OSU, will be talking about human rights in their native countries. The students will represent

India, Mexico, Germany and Kenya.

One objective of Peace Studies is to provide the opportunity for students to contribute to and be involved in the educational community.

Theresa Champ, Peace Studies member, said, "I am glad that we are able to sponsor this event. I think it will be useful for raising awareness, stimulating debate and encouraging participation on human rights issues."

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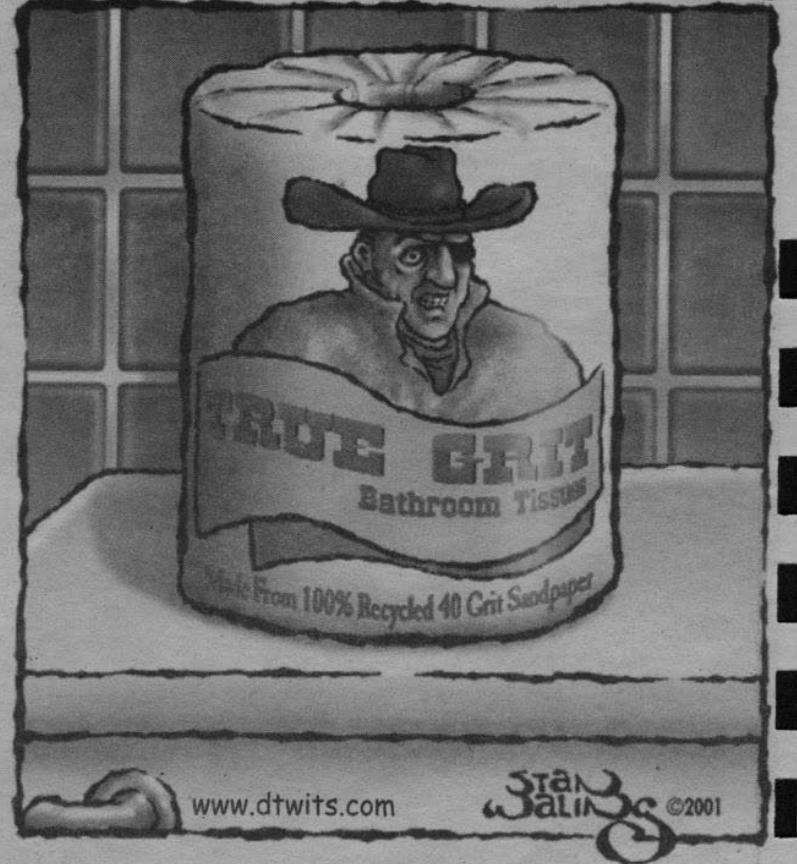
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 - 34 Muscular spasm
 - 35 Touse
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 - 37 Wipe from memory
 - 39 Chip in chips
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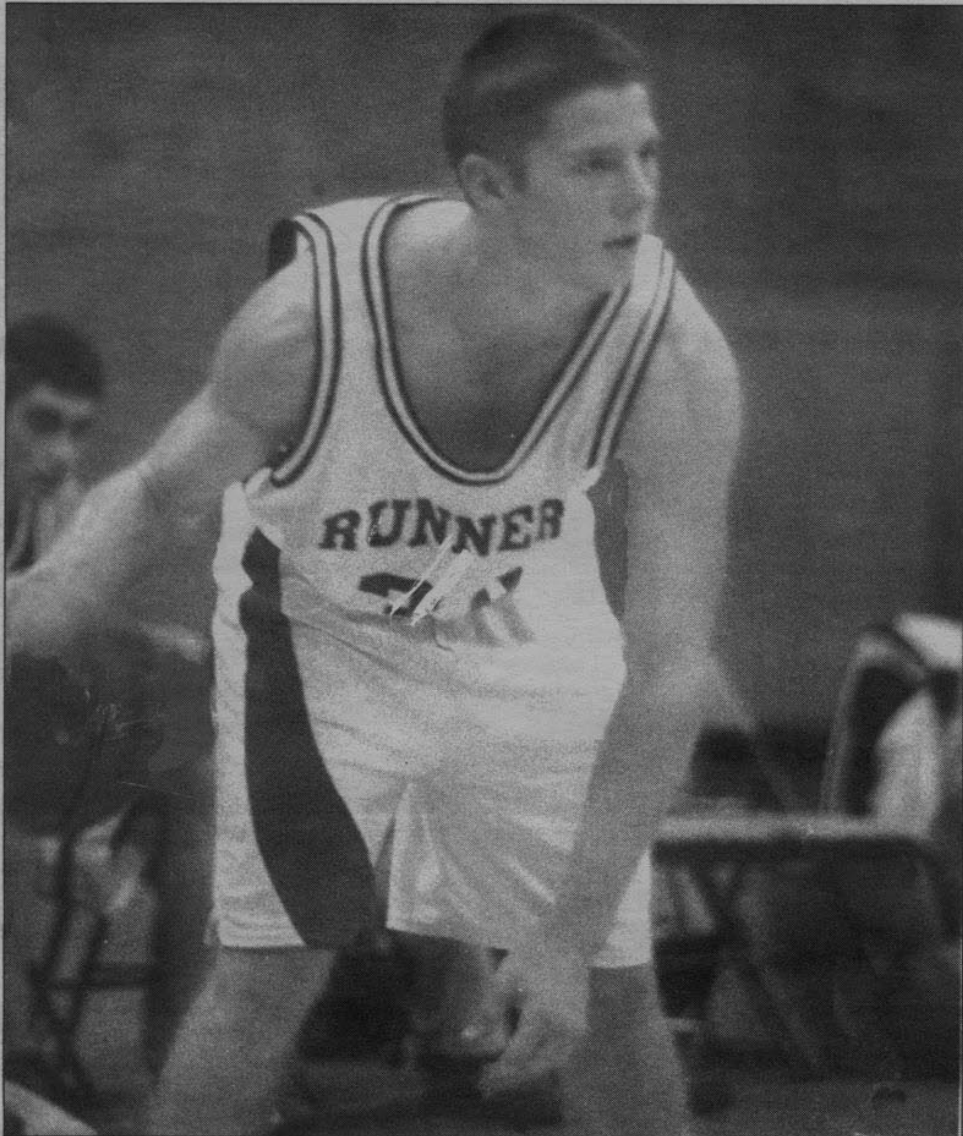


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Blayne Watkins looks to make a pass in the Roadrunner's opening game win against Blue Mountain Community College. Watkins, a walk-on guard from Sweet Home, was one of several players who got in on the action for the team's first victory of the season.

Men open season at home with convincing 86-73 win

by Christina Laramore
of The Commuter

The LBCC men's basketball team started off the preseason in high fashion Nov. 16 as the Runners defeated visiting Blue Mountain 86-73. The Runners outscored Blue Mountain 40-33 in the first half of play.

"I think we did a good job holding them off," said Coach Randy Falk. "We did a real good job holding our composure in the last remaining minutes of the game."

LB will be trying to make up for last year's disappointing preseason, in which they lost 12 out of 13 games; defeating only Linfield's JV squad.

This season looks to be different however, as the Runners switch things up and introduce new players into their roster. "Things are shaping up real well for us so far this year," Falk added. "There are still some things we need to iron out though."

One of those new players is Garrett Hollen, a 6-2 sophomore wing out of Tualatin High School. Hollen led the Runners against Blue Mountain, scoring 23 points, including hitting three of four shots from the three point range. Shooting 4-for-4 from the free-throw line, Hollen added two assists and three steals to his totals to take the Runners speeding past the visitors.

Returning point guard David Michaelis chipped in 12 points to the Runners totals. Michaelis was 5-for-9 from the field and added two assists and two steals.

Also at point guard, Kraig Schuler finished up the game with 11 points, one assist and one steal.

Returning wing Doug Marshall led the team in rebounds, pulling down six, while Schuler added another five.

Blue Mountain grabbed 38 boards while the Runners came up with only 28. But LB led in every other category throughout the game.

The Roadrunners shot 61 percent from field goal range, limiting Blue Mountain to a mere 45 percent from the field. At the line, LB ended shooting 67 percent while Blue Mountain finished up shooting 56 percent.

The Runners then competed in a four-team tournament Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 at Skagit Valley in Mt. Vernon, Wash., where LB again played well, capturing a second place finish. The Runners defeated host Skagit Valley in their first game but lost the championship game to Highline Community College.

"My assessment is that we are on pace to be a pretty good team this year," said Falk.

LB will compete this Friday at home against Cascade's JV team and will face off against Walla Walla on Saturday.

Lady Runners open season on the road with three losses

by Jered Reid
of The Commuter

The Linn-Benton woman's basketball team started its season with a three-day road trip to Pendleton and Washington, a trip that left the Lady Runners coming up short in all three games. "We dug ourselves into too big of a hole to get out of in all three of the games," said head coach AJ Dionne. "We found ourselves having to come back."

In the Lady Runners first game in Pendleton, Blue Mountain jumped to a 15-0 lead to start the game. The Lady Runners tried to comeback throughout the game, but when it was all over Blue Mountain won 70-59.

Point guard Christi Rickert lead the Runners in scoring with 18 points and six steals. Freshman Janine Dionne added nine points and Christin Pass contributed seven. Robyn Ward lead the team in rebounds with nine.

"We lacked energy and intensity. I do not think the girls were ready to play," Dionne added.

The next night the Lady Runners rolled into Walla Walla, Wash., to play the defending NWAACC champions. The Lady Runners once again found themselves down early, as Walla Walla opened the game with a 10-0 lead. Throughout the game the Lady Runners were hampered by sloppy ball handling, turning the ball over 20 times,

"This was our best team effort of the weekend (vs. Columbia Basin)."

-AJ Dionne

and Walla Walla was able to get a 74-54 victory.

Rickert lead the Runners with 12 points and Ward added 10. Breanna Johnson led the team in rebounds with seven.

Despite the final margin, Dionne was encouraged by the team's play.

"We played with a lot more energy in this game compared to what we did against Blue

Mountain," said Dionne, "Walla Walla is a very solid team and is difficult to defeat."

The Lady Runners ended their road trip in Pasco, Wash., against Columbia Basin. Once again, LB fell behind immediately as Columbia went on a 10-0 run, and the Lady Runners were forced to try to make a comeback again. Although the Lady Runners fought back to make the game competitive, they still fell short and lost 67-70.

Rickert lead the team with 22 points and five steals. Robyn Ward and Wendy Starker both had 10 points and Christen Pass grabbed eight rebounds.

"This was our best team ef-

fort of the weekend," said Dionne.

Dionne thinks that her team needs more games in preseason to get better for league games, which begin Jan. 9.

The lady Runners will be playing in the Shasta Tourna-

ment in Redding, California over the weekend before traveling to Eugene for another tournament on Dec. 7-8. The team returns to the Activities Center on Dec. 19 for its first home game against Gray's Harbor Community College

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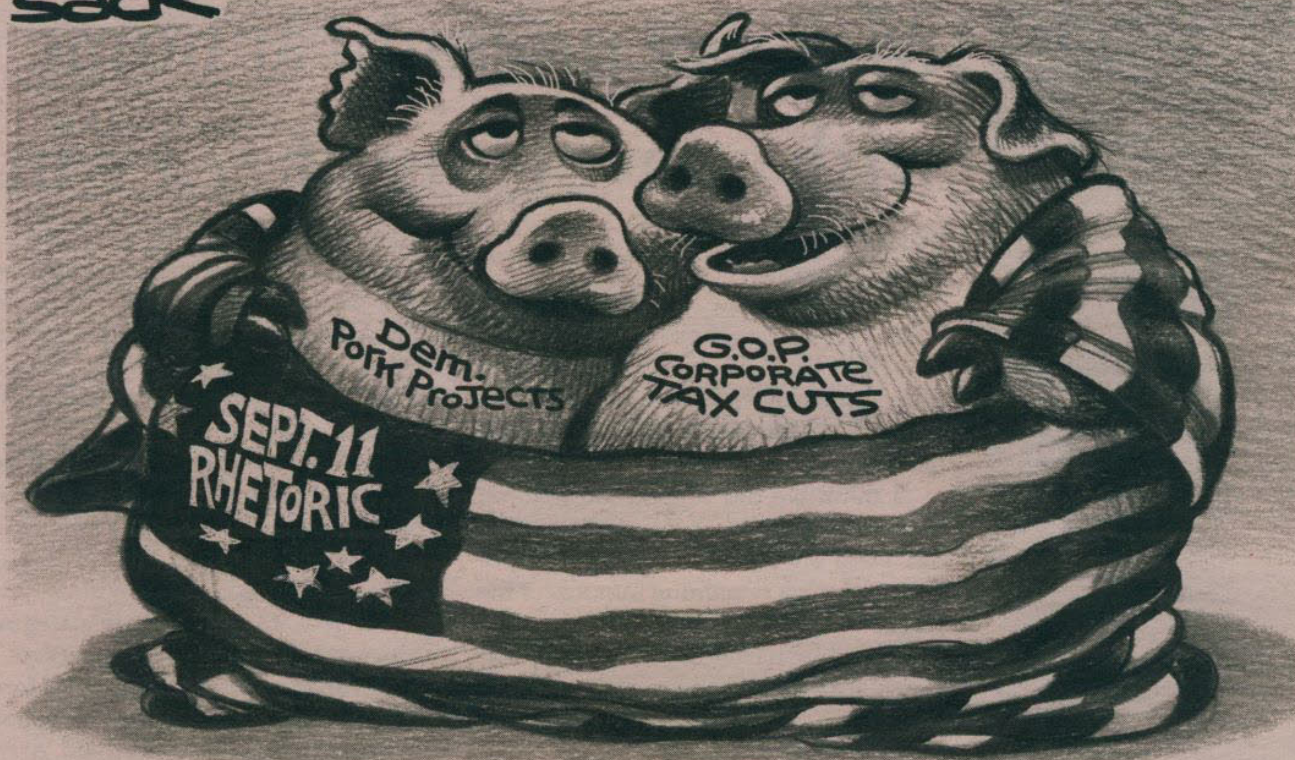
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Humanity united in terror and grief

by Mariana Schatte
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I woke up that day at 10 in the morning. I had to go to LBCC to check out some papers for my student visa. I was wondering what was going to happen in Chile that day because Augusto Pinochet (the ex-Chilean dictator) took over the country on Sept. 11, 1973, in a coup backed by the United States government and the Nixon administration.

It was the first time in my life I wasn't going to be in Chile on that day. I thought that it was going to be like any other year, communists protesting, politicians talking about the meaning of that day, mothers of the disappeared asking for their kids and nobody answering, a black out in the city as other every boring year. I was so wrong.



I went into the bathroom and I turned up the radio, expecting to hear Portland's funniest morning show. But that day there was nothing funny to laugh about.

I started listening to talk about a terrorist attack plane, my first thought was, Oh no God why another incident of terrorism? Then my English started to go wrong. Four planes and the twin towers destroyed. "OK, I am not understanding what is going on." I got out of the bathroom to turn on the TV thinking that if it was what I was understanding, every single channel was going to have this on. Sadly, I was understanding pretty well.

My first thought was to call my mom before she heard the news and started freaking out, but when she got the phone, she yelled my name. I told her about the towers, but she already knew. She had been calling since 7:30 in the morning (Chile has the same time as the East coast). She knew immediately when the second plane crushed the building. She was freaking out. In five minutes the world I knew had totally turned upside down, as naive as it sounds.

"This is a terrible day for humanity," said the president of my country Ricardo Lagos. The Congress of my country started its session with a moment of silence and my whole country was watching the news all day long and probably only five minutes must have been given to the remembering of the Chilean Sept. 11. Probably no Chilean cared that day about their own history, the planet had changed that day for every human being.

Who could ever had thought about such an awful thing. If a film had been like that, it would have had the worst reviews. Who could have imagined it?

People around the world felt that if the USA, the most powerful country on the planet, is vulnerable to this kind of attack, what is left for the rest of the world? People felt scared everywhere.

In the journalism school I attended in Chile, the

attack on the USA is now the topic that dominates the classes. Most of my ex-classmates have used that topic for different communication projects. All the Chilean web sites that I check out have an everyday section about Sept. 11 and Afghanistan. That day will be remembered as a sad day not only for the USA but for humanity.

About 125 Chileans died in the World Trade Center, and people from many other nations were involved in the event.

The world I wanted to change before Sept. 11, is the same one that I want to change now. The difference is that everyone now knows that it has to be changed, immediately. That day was more than just a historical moment, it showed the inequality that this planet has. I think that it did transform the globe in how it makes us see how selfish we are.

The world lost its innocence and now nothing will be the same. What happened let us realize how fragile and vulnerable we are as a planet. You don't have to be American to feel this way. I am not an American but I still have my heart broken, because the people who died were as human as I am.

We cannot forget about this, we should not turn back and cry. NO! We have to open our eyes and see what is going on. It has to hurt us enough to make us realize that we should do something, but we have to be strong enough to do it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fueling the economy really does help the 'little guy'

To the Editor:

The U.S. economy has been on the sick side for a while. It did not suddenly start on Sept. 11. However, the problems have grown since then. While Mr. Richins does not agree with Mr. Cheney's policies or solutions the fact remains that we are in the midst of an economic slowdown. And contrary to what Mr. Richins believes it is often the little guy that suffers the most, NOT the upper class. But how can this hurt students like us?

When I started school, I chose my major based on two things I thought relevant. I tried to find a major in a field that I had an interest in, and a major that had decent employment opportunities when I graduated. Suddenly, I look in the paper and the same jobs I thought would be open for me are the ones being terminated. Sure Mr. Richins, the economy doesn't affect you now, but will you feel the same way in 5 years? I don't live "high on the hog", or have expensive tastes, or big bills and I have the same worries you do. All except one—my future.

You have obviously misunderstood V.P. Cheney's request that the public spend more money. I don't think the message was for everyone to buy cars and houses just to show the terrorists a lesson. I'm sure he wants you to keep buying razor blades, groceries, dog food and clothes though. You may not be thinking about the economy, but with every dollar you spend (no matter where) you contribute somehow.

While other students including Mr. Richins may not care about the economy, I do. I have a friend whose dad works for an airline manufacturer. This one has been hard and is currently laying off thousands of employees. What about his job? What happens if he's laid off? Will they have a Christmas? If he keeps his job, will he have to relocate? Will he have to move to Chicago? Will my friend be able to afford college?

Mr. Richins, you are very lucky you don't have these worries.

—Michael Jirge

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