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Photo by Diane Morelli

## Ante Up

The LBCC Foundation's Monte Carlo Night netted more than \$6,000 last weekend, which is twice the figure raised last year. Proceeds go to the student loan fund. Doug Eriksen, LBCC security officer, won a trip for two to Hawaii, which he gave to his parents.

## Employers to attend fair

By Annette Krussow  
Staff Writer

Hewlett Packard, Teledyne Wah Chang and The Corvallis Clinic are just a few of the employers that will send representatives to LBCC's annual Career Fair on May 14, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Alsea/Calapooia Room.

According to Marlene Propst, placement manager at LBCC's Student Placement Office, students will be able to look into what special training is needed for certain jobs in the industries represented; as well as ask questions that are usually taboo at a job interview, such as "What are the fringe benefits available?"

The fair is an "information event," she said. It is part of an on-going job development process at LBCC to help students find out about employment opportunities in their fields of study.

The Placement Office tries to get as wide a variety of employers as possible to cover the many different

majors that are offered at LBCC.

She said it is also a way for students to "do their homework on the companies" before applying for a job.

It is important for students to ask informed, intelligent questions to get the most out of the event, Propst said. If students are unsure of what to ask employers, they can pick up a list of ready-made questions in the Placement Center, T 101.

She also encourages students to attend the fair. She said that employers are reluctant to send representatives or look to LBCC for employees if they feel there is a lack of interest.

Besides Hewlett Packard, Teledyne Wah Chang and The Corvallis Clinic, some of the other companies represented at the fair will be the Corvallis Gazette Times, the Linn County Sheriff's Office, plus a wide variety of banks and companies from the timber industry.

## Philosophy of auto mechanics?

(CPS)—All community college students will have to take humanities courses such as philosophy and art in order to graduate if the leading association of two-year college presidents has its way. While most two-year colleges already require transfer students to take the courses, the new plan would make the courses part of vocational and technical programs as well.

Specifically, the AACJC proposal recommends all two-year colleges require a minimum of two courses in humanities (art, philosophy, foreign language and literature courses) for associate degrees in applied science, three courses for associate of science degrees and four courses for associate of arts degrees.

## Cause, content of IA odor continues to baffle officials

By Allie Harper  
and Dale Owen  
Staff Writers

College administrators are still trying to determine what is causing the odors on the second floor of the IA building.

In spite of earlier suspicions that the odors are caused by nitrogen dioxide, (a poisonous gas that causes eye irritation and obstruction of the air passages) officials are now not sure what is creating the smells that students and faculty have been complaining about.

Several theories have been raised as to the source of the odors, but none of them have been proven yet.

According to Director of Facilities Ray Jean, a scientific study of the air quality in the IA building has not been conducted because the odors are intermittent, and by the time someone can get out to LBCC to check on them they are gone.

Originally, Jean said that he would welcome an air quality study, but that it might take three to four weeks to complete, and "would cost us a fortune." Recently though, Jean said he has been in contact with LBCC's insurance company, who will keep air quality experts on standby in case the odors occur again.

According to Eric Peppard of the Oregon State Health Division, a preliminary study can be conducted by hanging absorption tubes (glass cylinders with chemical absorbing paper inside) in the hallways for a week, and then sending them to a lab to be tested. The whole process, Peppard said, would cost \$2 each for the tubes and \$7-12 each for the lab tests.

Although tests of this type would not be as conclusive as more expensive tests, Peppard said, "It would at least be a

start."

Students and faculty have been complaining about the odors since the beginning of the year, prompting a number of theories to be made about their source.

Previously, it was assumed that the odors came from a combination of fumes from the Service Center and fumes from the auto shop, which were reportedly found to form nitrogen dioxide.

The source of nitrogen dioxide, according to John Potts of the Environmental Health Department, is fuel combustion from stationary sources such as power plants, and from fossil fuel combustion.

Another theory is that the odor is caused by carbon monoxide.

Instructional Assistant for the Water/Wastewater program, LeRoy Heaton said that from personal experience, his opinion is that the odor smells like carbon monoxide, and attributes the source to the auto shop. Heaton added that carbon monoxide, by itself, is odorless, but hydrocarbons that follow carbon monoxide can be smelled.

To help detect what gasses may be causing the odor, Heaton has ordered several badges that monitor gasses and vapors by a chemical reaction. The badges produce color changes which represent an accumulation of gasses the wearer has been exposed to.

Director of the Industrial/Apprenticeship Division, Mike Patrick, said, "My suspicion is that once the engine exhaust has been vented into the exhaust system from the auto shop, it may be finding its way back into the second story intakes."

Patrick also listed the metallurgy lab as a possible source of the odor.

Jean backed up Patrick's theory, saying that students in the metallurgy lab cut metals with an abrasive saw, which makes a pungent smell.

Jean said that he "feels very confident" that the odors are coming from the lab.

Maps of the air venting system in the metallurgy lab show that there is no vent near the place where the abrasive saw is now located.

When asked where the odors from the abrasive saw would go if they were not vented right away, Supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds Kevin Nicholson said that they would dissipate through the building. Metallurgy instructor Seaton McLennon said, "at no time have any students suffered any ill effects" from using the abrasive saw.

Social Psychology instructor Gina Vee, whose office and classroom are on the second floor of the IA building said that not knowing the source of the odors bothers her.

Vee feels that administrators should put in a monitoring device, and if the devices find something toxic, the administration should "pull out all the stops" to get the problem fixed.

According to Jean, this is the first year that there have been complaints about odors in the IA building.

This poses the question: What has changed in the past year that could cause these odors?

According to Jean, the only change in the IA building this year has been the fact that Metallurgy instructor Carl Love has retired, and McLennon has taken his place.

McLennon said that the metallurgy program that is in use right now is the same one Love used for eight years.

Also, McLennon said, the abrasive saw has been in the same location since it was installed.



## Guest Column

### LBCC Spring Days offers students fun, food, bargains

By Joyce Quinnett  
ASLBCC Representative

Next week is Spring Days at LBCC. The week will be full of music, good things to eat, sales of all kinds and lots of fun for all students who want to get involved.

Monday starts with the blue-grass band, Goldrush, in the courtyard. Four clubs will also hold sales that day. FSA will sell sausages, Deca will sell their famous Deca burgers; the Graphic Arts club will sell posters, notepads and designer cards. LBCC's Horticulture Club will have a plant sale.

The courtyard will be full of so many good things. This is the week for all students who want to enjoy spring to come out and sample all that is offered.

Tuesday, May 13, is the day scheduled for the second annual car show. Classic cars will be on display most of the day. If you have a classic it isn't too late to enter. ITS will also be selling ice cream and yogurt that day. The Deca, FSA and Horticulture clubs will continue their sales as well. The International Students club, one of the newest clubs on campus, will have a dunk tank. If you want to get even with a specific faculty or staff member, come out and try your pitching arm on them. You never know, you might get even in a hurry.

Wednesday, Dave Wopat a nationally known country singer, will perform. That is also the day of the all-campus picnic. The new ASLBCC student council will be serving. Be sure to come out and get acquainted with them, and let them know about your ideas for next year. It's never too soon to start preparing for the future.

The bookstore will hold a sale that day, as well as the Potter's Guild. This will be a great day to get all those little things you have wanted and couldn't afford.

Women on campus will be treated to the annual Mr. Leggs contest on Thursday. Everyone will be able to see those legs that have been under cover all winter. Be sure to come out and root for your favorite pair of legs. If you don't have a favorite maybe you'll see something that interests you.

Christians on Campus will hold a book sale. A local store is providing the books, but the proceeds will go to the club.

PRN (Prospective Registered Nurses), will hold a health fair in the courtyard. If you want to make sure you're healthy and ready for all the activities spring holds, come and find out what you need to do to get in shape.

Friday is the last and biggest day of Spring Days. Suspense, a top 40s band from Portland, will perform in the courtyard during the noon hour and will be at the free dance that evening from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for lunch.

If it happens to rain, which it wouldn't dare do, all events will be held in the Commons.

These events will be the last activities your 1985-86 student council will be bringing to you. We tried to bring something for everyone. We hope you will be in the courtyard next week and participate in at least one of the events.

Please come out and have a great time. This is our last gift to you, the students. We wish you the best spring has to offer!

## THE COMMUTER

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## Letters

### Chemistry teacher calls chemical toxic

To the Editor:

George Kurtz's assertion in The Commuter for April 30, 1986, that nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) "has a pungent odor, but is not dangerous," is both disappointing, and wrong.

The tenth edition of the Merck Index, a standard chemical reference manual, states that even short exposure to 100 ppm (parts per million) of NO<sub>2</sub> is dangerous, and exposure to 200 ppm may be fatal. Death generally results from pulmonary edema. Information from NIOSH (National In-

stitute for Occupational Safety and Health), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), and AIHA (American Industrial Hygiene Association) indicates that longer exposure to much lower levels can cause permanent eye and lung

damage, and exposure to levels as low as 1 ppm to 5 ppm can be irritating. Based on the known effects of exposure to NO<sub>2</sub>, the current maximum allowable exposure under OSHA guidelines is only 5 ppm, while NIOSH recommends a maximum exposure level of just 1 ppm averaged over a period of 15 minutes.

It must also be realized that exposure level study results are projected statistically for groups of people. The reaction of any given in-

dividual may be far more severe than the reaction of the group as a whole. Such severe individual reactions should never be discounted or minimized as Mr. Kurtz has done when he states (with an obvious contradiction) that "We have no reason to believe that the level of toxicity could be hazardous to individual's health." A substance which is "toxic" must be classified as "hazardous" at any level of concentration.

In failing to recognize, or to investigate, the known properties of NO<sub>2</sub>, George Kurtz has, at least, done a disservice to both students and staff and, at worst, may be endangering their health and safety.

David Benson  
Faculty, Physical Science

### LB student quotes Mahatma Gandhi

To the Editor:

In response to the attack on Libya, I quote Mahatma Gandhi: "One should forgive under any injury. It has been said that the continuation of the species is due

to man's being forgiving. Forgiveness is holiness; by forgiveness the universe is held together. Forgiveness is the might of the mighty; forgiveness is sacrifice; forgiveness is quiet of mind. Forgiveness and gentleness are the qualities of the self-possessed. They represent eternal love.

Nonviolence is the natural

outgrowth of the law of forgiveness and love. If loss of life becomes necessary in a righteous battle one should be prepared like Jesus, to shed his own, not others' blood. Eventually there will be less blood spilt in the world. The Bible warns us: 'All that take with the sword shall perish with the sword.'

Lisa Cardamon

## Express Yourself

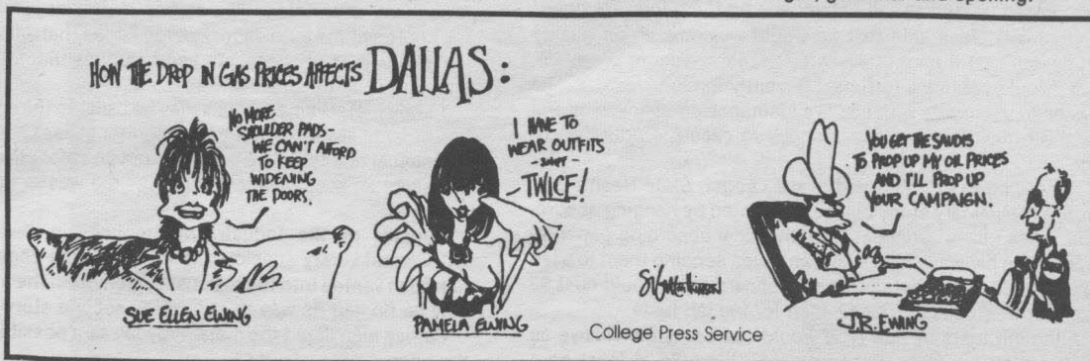
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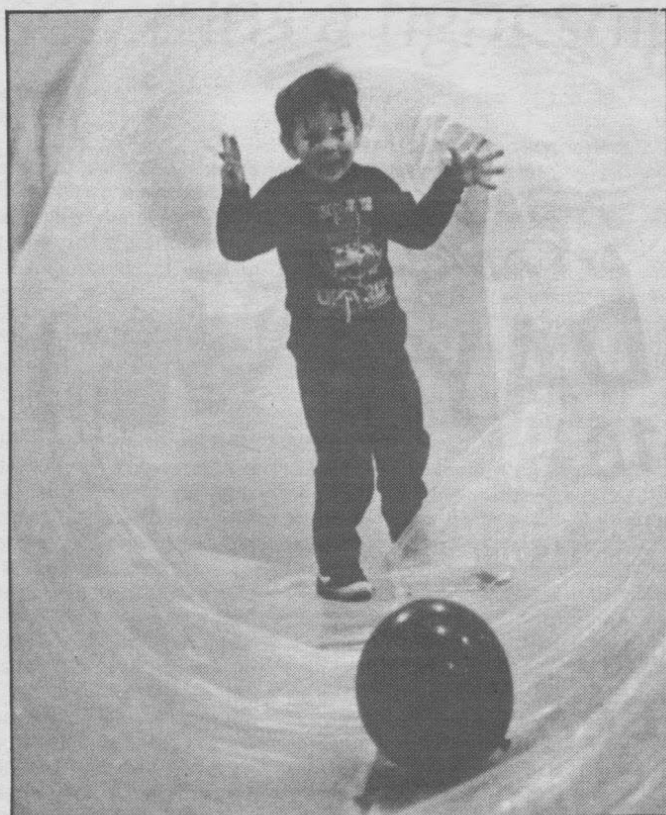
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umns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

All submissions must be signed, with phone number and address. Please limit letters to 250 words. Editors reserve the right to edit for length, grammar and spelling.







### Where am I?

Photo by George Petroccione

Running through a wind tunnel was one of the many activities offered at last Saturday's LBCC Parent Education Family Fun Raiser. Money raised goes into a scholarship fund for parent ed courses.

## LB Horticulture Club holds spring plant sale

By Louisa Christensen  
Staff Writer

LBCC's Horticulture Club will hold its spring term plant sale Friday, (May 9) from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the courtyard.

The club will sell several kinds of plants, such as aloe vera, geraniums, ferns and several annuals, said horticulture major and club member, Renee Bolen.

White oak trees, grown from acorns gathered by the club from the LBCC oak grove, will be at the sale. The distribution of the oak trees throughout the mid-Willamette Valley is a club effort to save the white oak from extinction, Bolen said. Beech trees and Norway maples will also be available.

Profits from the sale will help the Horticulture Club buy supplies such as soil mix and pots for the greenhouse. Profits will also help pay for field trips, she said.

Most of the plants have been grown and cared for by LBCC landscape and plant propagation classes. In these classes students experiment with different types of soils and with several ways of grafting plants, Bolen said.

The club will also be selling plants during "Spring Days," May 12-16, on campus. On May 10 plants will be sold at LBCC's Store Front College at the Cannery Mall on Northwest Ninth Street in Corvallis.

## Event simulates nuclear arsenal

Educators for Social Responsibility (ERS) is sponsoring an exhibit of simulated U.S. and U.S.S.R. strategic nuclear weapons that will be displayed at Avery Park in Corvallis on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 1986.

According to Elizabeth Berry, a spokeswoman for the local ERS

chapter, approximately 25,000 small white plastic cones resembling nuclear missiles will be arranged so people can walk through the exhibit or view it from a road that curves past the site.

Berry said the display is intended to help people gain a graphic understanding of the arithmetic of the nuclear arms race.

# Smoking: Burning issue still smoldering

By George Petroccione  
Photo Editor

A possible ban on smoking in Takena Hall and the creation of a smoking lounge in the Willamette Room were two related topics discussed at the May 1 meeting of the ASLBCC.

Bill Baze, Science and Technology representative and a member of the

Facility Users Committee, introduced a proposal at the last meeting of that committee that would change the Willamette Room from a meeting room to a smoking lounge. Although there wasn't a quorum, the idea was well received by those that were present. The proposal will be put on the agenda for the June 5 meeting.

When questioned about the possibility of the lounge becoming a

reality Baze said, "They will have to find someplace new, since as of this summer, Takena will be an out-of-bounds smoking area." At this point the meeting was sidetracked from the Willamette Room issue, and centered on whether there would be smoking in Takena Hall. Most council members felt that only a portion of Takena Hall would be off-limits to smokers.

Pete Boyse, assistant to the president, was contacted later to clarify what will or will not be taking place in Takena Hall. "No final decision has been made, but after reviewing all of the recommendations and memos we've received, there's a strong possibility smoking will be banned in Takena Hall. It will probably be a couple of months before the final decision is made," Boyse said.

## LBCC students select reps for 86-87 student council

By George Petroccione  
Photo Editor

Three members of the 1986 ASLBCC student council will return next year to serve a second term, as a result of last week's elections. Representative Joyce Quinnett, Humanities; Bill Baze, Business; and Bryan Woodhall, at large, were all re-elected by substantial margins.

Mary Coleman, ASLBCC advisor, says that the three returning representatives will "add an element of experience and a knowledge of administrative structure that will help the council do a better job."

Returning council member Bill Baze said, "I feel I will be able to do a more effective job during my second term; half of my first term was spent as a learning experience."

Other races were much closer. In the Business Division, Kila Mayton edged Mike Coleman by two votes; and in the Industrial/Apprenticeship Division, Allen Spiker won the second position by eight votes over Kenneth K. Becker, Jr.

Other newly-elected representatives are Kathy Huft, Humanities;

Mitch Coleman, Community Education; Cristelle L. Deines, Health Occupations/PE; Fred Nesbit, Health Occupations/PE; Mark Tomlin, Industrial/Apprenticeship; Lynn Davidson, Science & Technology; and Weddy Russell, Science and Technology.

The results are:

### Humanities

Joyce Quinnett, 232; Kathy Huft, 195; Velma Lemco, 119.

### Business

Scotty Ritter, 57; Bill Baze, 146; Joe Kleinschmit, 60; Steve Heuvel, 85; Mike Coleman, 101; Kila Mayton, 103.

### Community Education

Rich Halsted, 116; Rod Dowse, 83; Mitch Coleman, 165; Kay Osborn, 147; Patsy Black, 36.

### Health Occupations/PE

Cristelle L. Deines, 247; Fred Nesbit, 225; Tim Smith, 41.

### Industrial/Apprenticeship

Kenneth K. Becker, Jr., 141; Mark Tomlin, 201; Allen Spiker, 149.

### Science & Technology

Lynn Davidson, 180; Gary Brumbaugh, 147; Weddy Russell, 159; Bill Sohn, 75;

### At-Large

Bryan Woodhall, 166; Scott Wallace, 119.

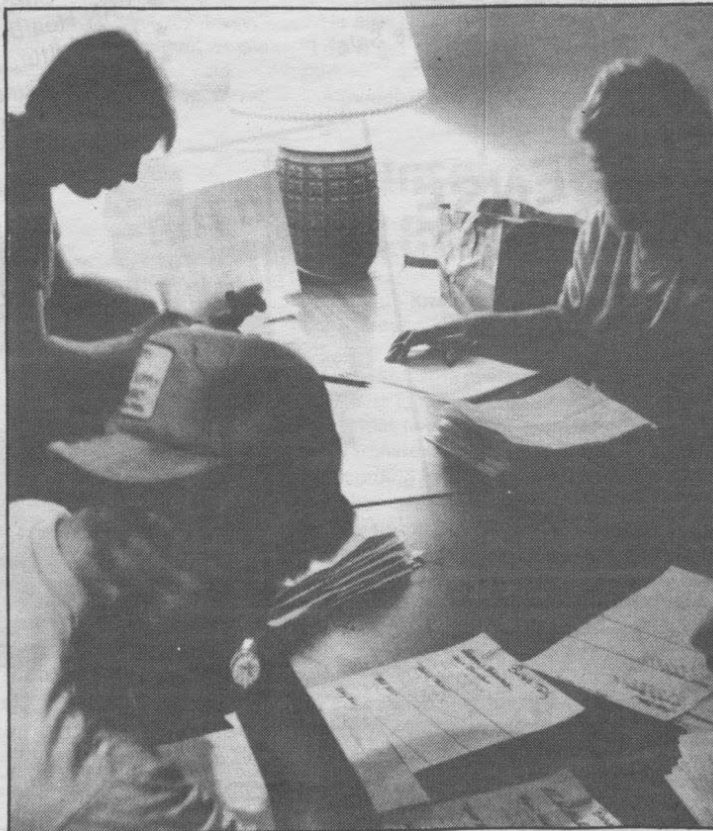


Photo by George Petroccione

Student Council members stay late Wednesday evening in the Fireside Room to count the ASLBCC election returns. The election, held April 29-30, attracted 334 voters, the lowest turnout in the last three years.

## Etcetera

### Karate Competition

Gray's Tae-kwon-do will sponsor a colored belt karate tournament at LBCC on Saturday, May 10, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon. Students from all over the valley will compete in forms and fighting competition.

David Gray, PE instructor at LBCC, expects between fifty and one hundred competitors for the thirty-three awards. Admission costs \$2 at the door. Competitors can contact Gray in the PE department for more information.

### Direct Mail

"Direct Mail Fund Raising," sponsored by LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, will be presented Thursday, May 15, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Aisea/Calapooia Rooms on the main LBCC campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

Topics included in the workshop are: current perspectives on philanthropy, generating ideas, mailing development and management, frequency of mailings, and letter composition.

Cost of the workshop is \$30, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 13. For more information on "Direct Mail Fund Raising," call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

Linn-Benton Community College's Small Business Development Center will present a half-day workshop, "Recordkeeping Made Simple" on Tuesday, May 13. The workshop will meet from 1-5 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B, first floor of the College Center Building on the main LBCC campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., in Albany.

Deadline for registration is Friday, May 9. Registration is limited, so early registration is advised. Cost of the workshop is \$10.

For more information on "Recordkeeping Made Simple" call LBCC's Small Business Development Center, 967-6112.

### Open House

Linn-Benton Community College's cooperative preschool for two-year-old children will hold an open house 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, in room 108 at the Benton Center, 630 NW 7th Street, Corvallis.

Openings are available for this fall. Children must be two years old by Sept. 1. The class meets two days a week, with three sessions times available: 8:30-10:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or 3-5 p.m. Enrollment is limited to 16 children per session.

Registration for fall will be held 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, in room 109 at the Benton Center. A \$4 deposit is required with preregistration. Parents should bring the child's immunization records for filling out medical forms.

For more information, call Mary Anne Sellers, 752-7560.

### Hospitality Workshop

Global culture relationships and successful hosting of foreign guests will be discussed in a workshop to be held Thursday, May 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Takeena Lodge, 1212 Price Road, SE, Albany.

Cost of "International Hospitality" is \$15, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Tuesday, May 6.

Topics to be discussed include cultural awareness when conducting cross-cultural business relationships, how to make a foreign guest feel welcome, a Chinese perspective, a Japanese perspective, resources for traveling abroad while conducting international business, and what can be done to promote international relationships.

For more information on "International Hospitality," call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

### College Visitation

A representative from Portland State University will be on the LBCC campus to talk with students who may be interested in transferring to that school. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., May 12, 1986 (Monday), Commons Lobby, College Center.

### Silent Lunch

Your're invited to: Silent Lunch, every Thursday 12:00-1:00, Spring Term 1986. No voice allowed, sign language only. All welcome, bring your lunch and a friend. OSU Women's Center, Benton Annex.

For more information call Patty, 754-3186.



# SPRING DAYS

May 12-16

LBCC Courtyard (Commons if it rains)

Monday:

## GOLDRUSH

A Bluegrass Band  
(noon-1 p.m.)

### Mid-Day Activities:

- ★ FSA Sausage Sale
- ★ DECA Burgers
- ★ Graphic Arts Club Sale  
Fine Arts, Posters, Notepads & Cards
- ★ Horticulture Club Sale

Tuesday:

## LBCC CAR SHOW

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Mid-Day Activities

- ★ FSA Sausage Sale
- ★ RHAC Ice Cream/Yogurt
- ★ DECA Burgers
- ★ Graphic Arts Club Sale
- ★ Horticulture Club Sale
- ★ International Club Dunk Tank

Wednesday:

## DAVE WOPAT

Country Singer  
noon-1 p.m.

plus...

## ALL CAMPUS PICNIC

served by the 1986-87  
ASLBCC Student Council  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Mid-Day Activities

- ★ LBCC Bookstore Sale
- ★ Graphic Arts Club Bake Sale
- ★ Horticulture Club Sale
- ★ Potters' Guild Sale

Thursday:

## MR. LEGGS CONTEST

noon-1 p.m.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

### Mid-Day Activities

- ★ Graphic Arts Club Sale
- ★ DECA Burgers
- ★ PRN Health Fair
- ★ Horticulture Club Sale
- ★ Potters' Guild Sale
- ★ Christians on Campus Book Sale

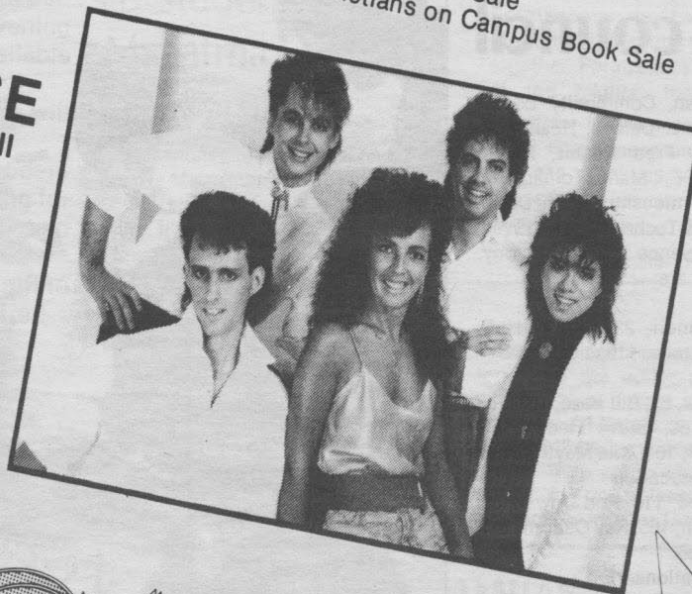
Friday:

## SUSPENSE

Top 40's Rock & Roll  
noon-1 p.m.  
& Courtyard Dance  
9 p.m.-1 a.m.

### Mid-Day Activities

- ★ DECA Burgers
- ★ Graphic Arts Club Sale
- ★ Horticulture Club Sale
- ★ Potters' Guild Sale
- ★ Christians on Campus Hot Dog Sale





# Rasor 'runs a tight ship' to ensure safety of students

By Louisa Christensen  
Staff Writer

Closets full of chemicals, shelves crammed with thick chemistry books, and drawers filled with every kind of funnel, stopper and glass tubing imaginable, fill the office of Jean F. Rasor, instructional assistant in the Science and Technology Division.

"Here," Rasor explained, while gazing around the laboratory, "the student is king."

And in this chemical kingdom, Rasor's four work study students learn how to handle hazardous chemicals, set up classroom labs, clean fragile glassware and use machinery that most colleges forbid students to use, Rasor said.

"You're not in here to work; you're here to learn," he always tells us," said Billy Fields, a business major who works in the lab. Rasor gives the students two weeks to learn the names and uses of everything in the laboratory; then he "watches over us like a mother," Fields said.

"He teaches us to memorize," Fields explained, "and if I pick up a bottle of Dinitrohydronitrophenylzene I have to know what that means."

To keep the lab running smoothly and to ensure student safety Rasor must keep strict rules. Signs demanding the use of aprons and safety glasses constantly remind students of the rules.

"He runs a tight ship," said work study student Donna Crabtree, but safety is important because there are "millions and millions of dangerous chemicals to mix."

"Once, when I was working with an acid, I forgot to wear my goggles," remembered Fields with a sheepish grin. "And he came unglued at me!" he said.

The students are responsible for many hazardous chemicals and for fragile equipment; he only supervises, Rasor said.

"Some students break enough glass to fill a pick-up truck," Rasor said with a chuckle, "and we get some cut fingers and withered hands, but I tell them the person who doesn't

break (like me) is the person who doesn't do anything."

But Rasor's students claim he does more than just guide them.

"He always makes us feel comfortable in our working atmosphere," Fields said.

Fields said he was amazed when Rasor put copies of a newspaper article about Fields' track accomplishments "all over the building."

"There's a lot more than putting labs together here," said Crabtree. "He's a friend to all of us."

Rasor, who lives in Corvallis, was originally from Indianapolis, Indiana. He came to Oregon in 1930 with his father to homestead near Cottage Grove. "It was quite a trip (for a boy of eight) in a new 1930 Chevrolet," Rasor said.

"This is my father," Rasor said pointing to a pudgy-cheeked baby in a yellowed picture. "This is my aunt," he said, pulling out more aged photos. "And when I was a little tiny kid I used to go fishing with my great grandma," he said.

After finishing high school back in Indianapolis, Rasor joined the Navy and served for five years. A Pearl Harbor survivor, he was a motor machinist mate in charge of the Hawaiian Sea Frontier during the war.

"I was sitting on the beach. What a Navy!" he said.

After the war Rasor worked in a construction quarry, for the Corps of Engineers building dams, was a labor foreman and also "got married a couple of times," he said.

When he was unable to work in construction-type jobs because of an illness, he decided to go to school again.

"I got educated in a hurry," he said describing his two years at LBCC. "I studied long hours and pumped information out of people."

Rasor attended LBCC in 1968 when the Chemistry Department was just starting and all the classes were downtown in a trailer. He took classes from Pete Scott, now Division Director of Science and Technology. Then he worked on a research project with Scott at OSU for a year, he said.

While attending LBCC, Rasor learned a lot from Scott and Bob Ross, biology instructor, he said.

"I had Bob for an instructor, now he has to ask me for advice," Rasor said. "I have to kid him about that," he added.

During his fifteen years as an instructional assistant at LBCC, Rasor has been a member of NAOSMM, the National Association of Scientific Material Managers. In this organization Rasor has learned new safety methods and "made acquaintances from all over," he said.

Setting up a weather station has been one of Rasor's projects at LBCC. He set up a station on the roof of the Science and Technology building in 1984. The station displays the time, temperature, wind speed, wind direction and rainfall in a glass case outside Rasor's office.

In March of this year, Rasor received four Capital Idea Awards from Kimble Glass Company, he said. The awards were given to him because he sent the company four ideas that may improve their products, he explained.

One of the ideas was a funnel with a notch on the side that lets air out of the bottle it sits on. This keeps the liquid being poured from bubbling over, explained Rasor.

Another idea was the development of mercury retriever that sucks up tiny particles of mercury.

"I have the only one in captivity," said Rasor as he brought out an instrument that looked like a turkey baster. The retriever picks up drops of mercury from the cracks of floors; if the mercury remained, it could let off dangerous fumes, he said.

But the ideas are simple, he claimed. "It takes the people who are using the lab equipment to pass these ideas on."

Rasor, who was married for the third time in August and has five children and eleven grandchildren, is looking forward to spending time with his family after retirement.

"It's time I moved on and let somebody younger take my place," he said about his retirement at the end of next year.

Rasor is ready to go fishing, travel,

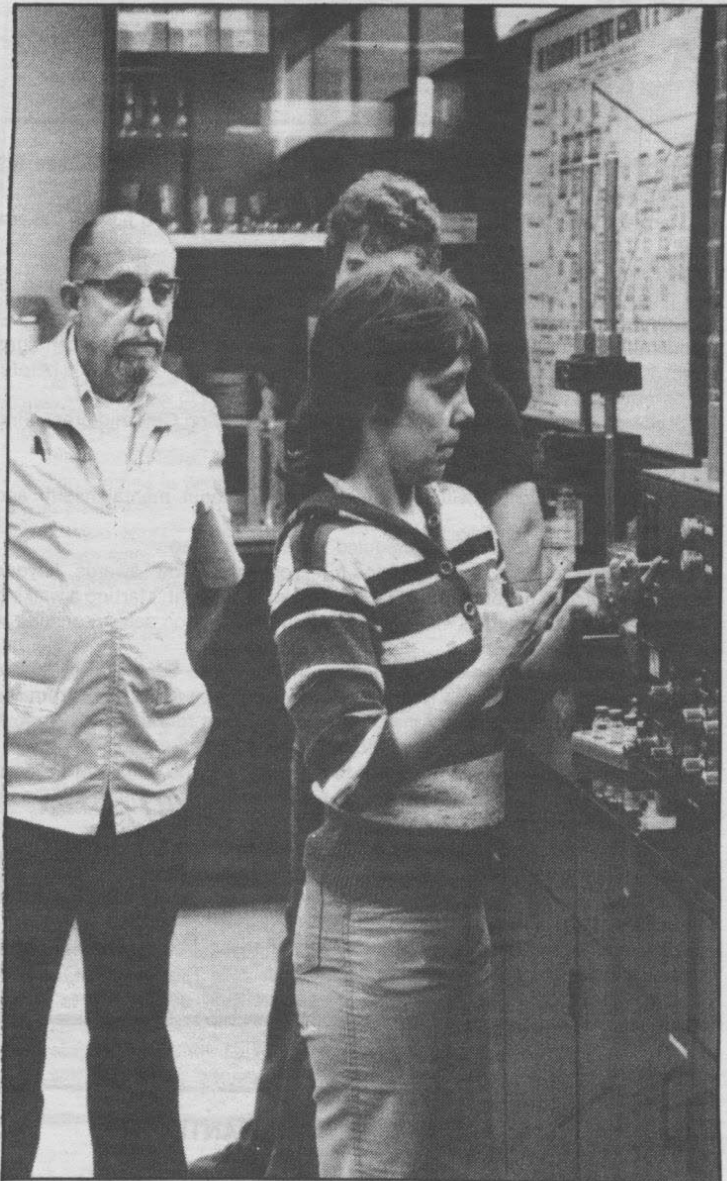


Photo by George Petroccione

Jean Rasor keeps a watchful eye on a work study student as she injects a sample into the gas chromatograph.

start a garden, and do some "put-terin' around," he said.

He also enjoys hunting with a bow "I don't get anything, but I hunt," he said.

Although Rasor is "ready to go"

after next year, he will miss his job.

"You can't hang a monetary value on this job," he said, because when a former student comes back with a success story, "It sure can pop the bottoms on your vest," he said.

## Counselors offer seminar for LBCC transfer students

By Annette Krussow  
Staff Writer

LBCC students contemplating transfer to a four-year university are invited to a Transfer Seminar in HO 207 from 12-2 p.m. on Tuesday (May 13). Students will learn what to expect at four-year schools, thus reducing the "culture shock" many transfer students experience.

According to Blair Osterlund, LBCC counselor, the seminar will focus on OSU, but can help students transferring to any college. One or two former LBCC students now attending OSU will describe their experiences.

Osterlund along with OSU's Assistant Counseling Director Les Dunnington will also be on hand to answer students' questions on transferring.

Research has shown that the grade point average of junior college students who transfer to a university declines by one-half point the first term, Osterlund said. "Students who have never been to a university don't recognize the structure."

Four-year institutions differ from two-year colleges in many ways. Osterlund said more reading is required at universities than at LBCC which is more "informal."

At four-year colleges, students' grades are based on mid-terms, final exams, and research papers.

Another problem transfer students run into is larger class size. This gives students less individual attention, and professors are less accessible.

Osterlund said that, since help is less likely to be offered, students will need to be more assertive about seeking help.

Changing majors and dropping and adding classes generally involve more red tape. Although there are many things to be aware of when transferring, Osterlund said, students with good GPA's at LBCC will have good GPA's at a four-year institution.

## Someone Cared

LBCC's Blood Drive was "very successful," according to the Local American Red Cross chapter, even though they fell 21 pints short of their 140-pint goal. The blood will be used to make platelets for cancer victims. Of the 170 people who signed up, 140 showed, with fewer deferrals than during last fall's drive. This indicates that people are healthier now than they were during the last drive. The drive was co-sponsored by Student Programs and RSVP.

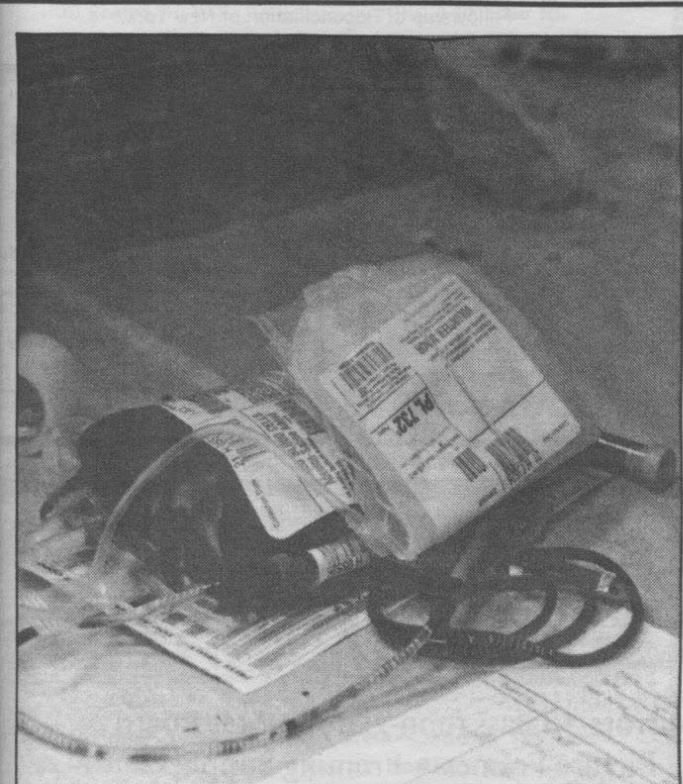


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## Health-Wise

By Diane Morelli

Student Wellness Day is a new addition to the activities scheduled for Spring Daze this year.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Takena Hall.

Students from the nursing program will be taking blood pressure and testing for blood sugar and anemia.

Computerized health age and stress tests will be conducted by staff and students from the PE department. They will also test for body fat percentages from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Whether you can pinch an inch or not, this test is helpful in determining how much of you is you and how much is extra.

Students from the EMT program will be demonstrating CPR and presenting a slide presentation about their program.

Dental students will be ready to talk teeth.

The Women's Center will provide information about mental health and breast exams.

A cancer prevention film is scheduled to be shown also.

Don't forget to hand in nominations for "You Done Good" awards. Anyone who has improved his or her health status by losing weight, starting a walking program, etc., or someone who has helped another person achieve results is eligible.

Nomination blanks can be picked up in the Activities Center office, at the transcript window in Takena Hall, The Commuter office (CC 210) or from the new "health bulletin board" by the business office next to the payroll window. If all else fails, just put the information on a blank sheet of paper.

All nominations should be turned in to Suzie Clark at the transcript window.

Names of award holders and where to pick up the awards will be posted on the bulletin board for students.

Get in the habit of checking the board weekly for news.

Be sure to sign up for the Spring Daze Poker Fun Walk/Run to be held Wednesday, May 14. Entry forms can be picked up in the AC building or the Commuter office (CC 210).

I encourage everyone to take advantage of these free services. Bring a friend, or bring an enemy, but bring someone!

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Male-Female live models needed for OSU Art Department classes. M & W, 8:30-11:20, 1:30-4:20. \$5.38/hr. Apply in Fairbanks Hall #106.

### LOST AND FOUND

REWARD! Lost sequined coin purse Mon. night, somewhere around the Service Center (or) upstairs betw. I.A. and Takena Hall. Of GREAT sentimental value! Call 928-2361 ext. 130 or 928-3996—Bobbi Jo.

## News from the Centers

# Variety of adult ed courses starting

By Linda Canoy  
Staff Writer

Interested in learning to knit, paint with oils or design your own wedding? LBCC's Community Education Centers are offering these late starting classes, as well as motorcycle safety, modeling and poise, and sewing old-fashioned teddy bears.

### Lebanon Center

The Lebanon Center will be offering several five-week knitting workshops starting May 12, 13 and 14. The workshops will be taught by Mary Ann Earls at the Country-Shepherd in the Lebanon Plaza and carry a \$5 fee.

If you would like to learn oil painting or try your hand at painting a portrait, the center is starting two new five-week painting classes on May 8. Mildred Hedge will teach "Oil Painting" at the Senior Center in Lebanon from 1-4 p.m. and Leona Wollom will be teaching "Oil Portraits" from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lebanon Center. According to Wollom, the class is for beginners, intermediates and experts. Students are asked to bring to class a 5 by 7 or larger photograph of the person they want to paint.

"This is my fifth term of teaching portraits," Wollom said, "and I just love it. Everyone has such a good time."

The center is also offering "Professional Dressing," May 14, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Lebanon High School Room 12.

### Benton Center

If you would like to make a 12-inch old-fashioned teddy bear the Benton Center is starting a three-week class, May 12, from 7-9 p.m. at Corvallis High School.

Thomas Wogaman, superintendent of the Corvallis School District will present a free one-hour slide talk May 14, at the center from 12:15-1:15 p.m. Wogaman participated in the People to People Goodwill Tour of China and Russia in October 1985.

Want to create a do-it-yourself wedding? The center is also offering a free four-week class on "How to Design Your Own Wedding," May 8, from 7-9:30 p.m., in Room 10.

The center's last free Brown Bag Seminar will be May 13, from 12:15-1:15 p.m., in Room 107. Bill Lewis will present "Local Reflections/Places and Programs."

### Sweet Home

A free "Modeling and Poise" class will be taught May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Central Linn High School. The class teaches basic modeling skills, with practice in walking and in public speaking.

According to Mona Waibel, Sweet Home Center coordinator, Dan Merzenich will present "Wills: Who Needs Them and What Should They

Include," May 14. The free Brown Bag Seminar will be at the center from 12-1 p.m.

### Albany Center

If you or a member of your family enjoys motorcycling, the Albany Center is offering a two-week safety class starting May 8, from 6-9:30 p.m. The free class will provide both beginners and those who currently ride with safe riding skills. It is co-sponsored by the Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety program of Oregon State University, and supported by the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

Albany Center and LBCC's Parent Education Program is sponsoring a free seminar, "Reuniting More Peacefully," May 13, from 12-1 p.m., at the Two Rivers Market in downtown Albany.

"Shadow Embroidery," will be taught May 14, from 7-10 p.m. Students will complete a sachet sample. No experience is necessary.

The center is also offering a business class for managers and supervisors, entitled "Turning Problems Into Opportunities," May 14, from 7-10 p.m.

For more information on any of the new classes call the center where the classes are to be held: Albany, 967-6108; Benton, 757-8944; Lebanon, 451-1014; Sweet Home, 367-6901.

## International Club sponsors event

# Peruvian human rights leader to speak today

By Todd Powell  
Staff Writer

Anatolia Liceta, head of Peru's principal human rights and non-violent education organization, will speak today in LB's Takena 229 at 2 p.m.

Liceta's talk, entitled "Human Rights and the Debt in Peru," is being sponsored by the International Club of LBCC.

He represents the group SERPAJ-PERU (Peace and Justice Service of Peru) which is a branch of the Latin American Servicio de Paz y Justicia, a continent-wide network of nonviolent Christian human rights and community development groups.

His tour throughout Oregon started Monday and will continue until Thursday. The state visit is sponsored by Linfield College and the Council for Human Rights in Latin America. His U.S. visit was made possible by the Fellowship of Reconciliation of New York.



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# Women place second in Fruit Bowl



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Toni Lindberg lines up for the 800-meter run which was a part of the annual NWACC Multi-Event Championship held at LB last Tuesday and Wednesday. The run was part of the Hep-athlon, in which Lindberg finished ninth.

Linn-Benton's women's track team finished second at the Fruit Bowl Invitational Saturday at Yakima, Washington, as they scored 60 points.

Toni Lindberg had a first in the shot put for LB with a throw of 39-3 and another victory in the discus with a throw of 124-7.

"This was a good meet for the team," said LB Coach Wayne Fisk. "Mt. Hood finished ahead of us with quite a few more points, but they are a much stronger squad. The ladies went out and participated hard, which is all I ask."

Patty Gallup posted a first in the 10,000 meters and finished second in the 3,000. Kris Newton jumped 5 feet in the high jump but had to settle for fourth due to the number of attempts.

"This meet will help us prepare for the coming league meet, which is Saturday," Fisk said. Linn-Benton will travel to Gresham this Friday and Saturday to participate in the Southern Region Championships.

Roadrunner Sandi Ragan ran 2:32.2 in the 800 which is good enough to qualify her for the Regional Championships.

Lindberg added a fourth in the javelin with a toss of 111-10 and a fifth in the hurdles and a sixth in the long jump. Melanie Bruce added a fifth in the intermediate hurdles and Katherine Bervin had a sixth in the 3,000.

Qualifying for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Championships, to be held May 16-17 in Spokane, Washington, will begin at the Southern Region Championships this weekend.

# Roadrunners fall short

By Robert Hood  
Sports Editor

Linn-Benton Baseball Coach Greg Hawk and his team were busy looking at the sky for clearing patches instead of fly balls last week as most of the baseball games were rained out.

The Roadrunners were hoping to make up a game with Clackamas and play a double-header with Lane. Neither took place as the rains washed out all of the planned league contests.

"We're hoping for some better weather this week so we can get back into the groove we were in before this weather hit," said Hawk. The Roadrunners had been winning and were sitting in second place when the wet stuff fell.

The Roadrunners did get in a non-league contest with Linfield's JV team, but the results were anything but sensational.

LB pitcher Joe Audrich gave up five hits and struck out six in a little over six innings' worth of work, but the Roadrunners didn't help him out offensively, and they lost 5-3.

Jim Jones scored for LB in the first on a throwing error, while Don Brown singled in Sean Sena in second. Jones scored the final run on a wild pitch.

Linfield scored twice in the fourth and twice in the seventh. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the eighth.

"It wasn't a good game for us, but it added some playing time which we lacked this week," said Hawk. "The best thing for the team would be some clear weather so we could play some baseball."

# Men's track team places 6th, heads for regional competition

By Pat Wilson  
Staff Writer

The LBCC men's track team finished in sixth place out of a field of eleven at the Yakima Fruit Bowl Invitational on Saturday.

Mt. Hood Community College ran away with the team honors with a

score of 140 points. The Roadrunners finished with 45 points.

LB was led by Ken Weinberg's first and third place finishes. His first came with a toss of 185-5 in the javelin, and he finished third in the pole vault as he cleared 13-0.

The Roadrunners also had 5 fourth place finishes that contributed to the team's placing. Gary Long tied for fourth place in the pole vault as he cleared 12-0. Craig Yon tossed the shot 39-10 and hurled the discus 127-0 for fourth place in both events.

In the running events, Shawn McMorris ran to a 4:11.7 fourth place finish in the 1500-meter run, while the 1600-meter relay team finished fourth with a time of 4:38.7.

Dave Bakley, LB's Head Coach, said not all of the athletes competed in their usual events. "I just allowed them to compete in their specialties," he said.

The Roadrunner's next meet is the NWAACC Region IV Championships on Friday and Saturday (May 9-10) at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

# EDITOR WANTED

The Commuter is seeking an editor-in-chief for the 1986-87 year. Appointment carries an annual position grant of \$1,080 and provides valuable experience and training towards careers in journalism and communications. Previous experience and/or training in journalism preferred but not required. Applicants must be enrolled as students during the 1986-87 year. Appointment to be made by the LBCC Publications Committee.

## Application Deadline is May 9

Applications are also being accepted for positions as managing editor, photo editor, assistant editor and sports editor. These appointments carrying annual position grants of \$486 for assistant editors to \$648 for managing editor and photo editor. In addition, students interested in contributing as staff writers or photographers are urged to apply. Appointments are made by the editor.

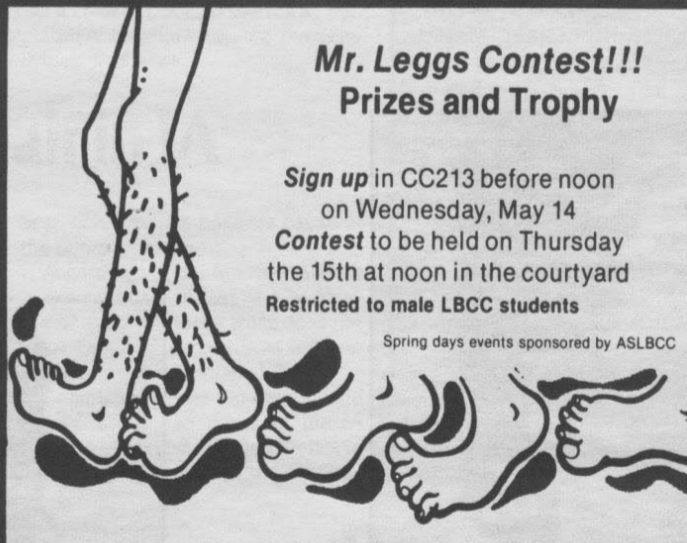
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# Focus On:

By Lisa Hall  
Staff Writer

It is Kevin Shilts' second day on the job as staff writer for LBCC's Community Relations department. The typewriter is clicking away, the walls are bare except for a lone poster; the desk top contains some of the necessities: stapler, tape dispenser, phone book, dictionary, and... a roll of film.

"He is the ideal candidate for our staff writer," said Gretchen Schuette, director of Instructional Services and Community Relations.

Schuette explains the job was needed when she took on an additional position as director of Instructional Services. Kevin will "fill in and help out" and bring the office "a lot of extras" explained Schuette.

When interviewed Shilts leaned back in his chair and laughed. "That's a switch; I never imagined I would be interviewed by The Commuter. I've always been the reporter."

The staff writer's duties include gathering information for the news media, professional journals, and the VIP newsletters. Shilts will work on any publication that comes out of the Community Relations office. He will also work with production and photography.

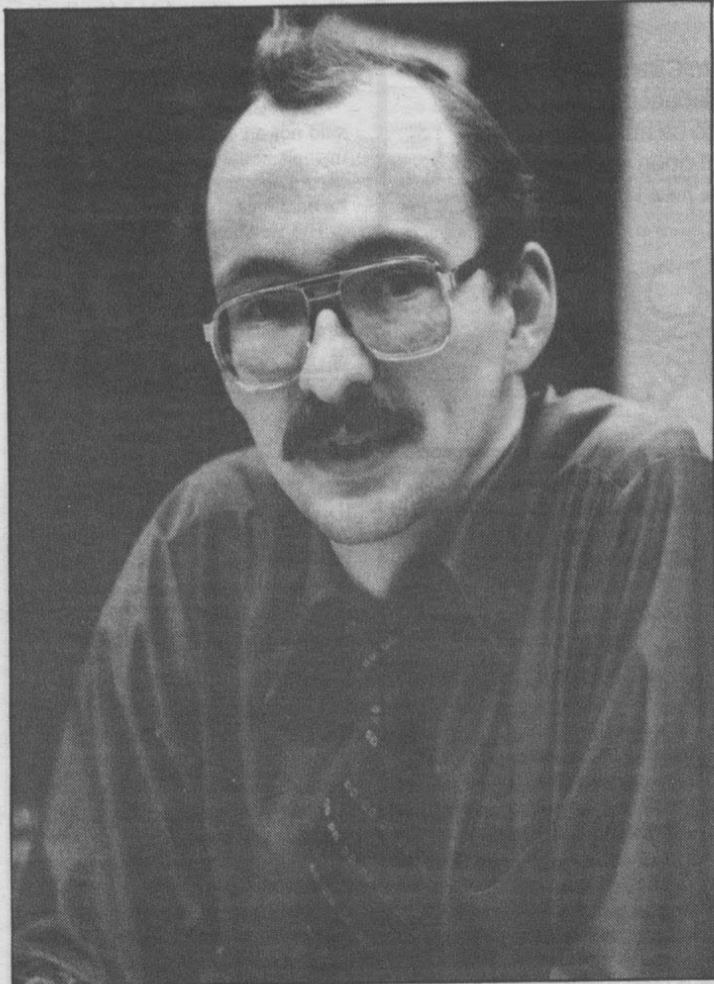
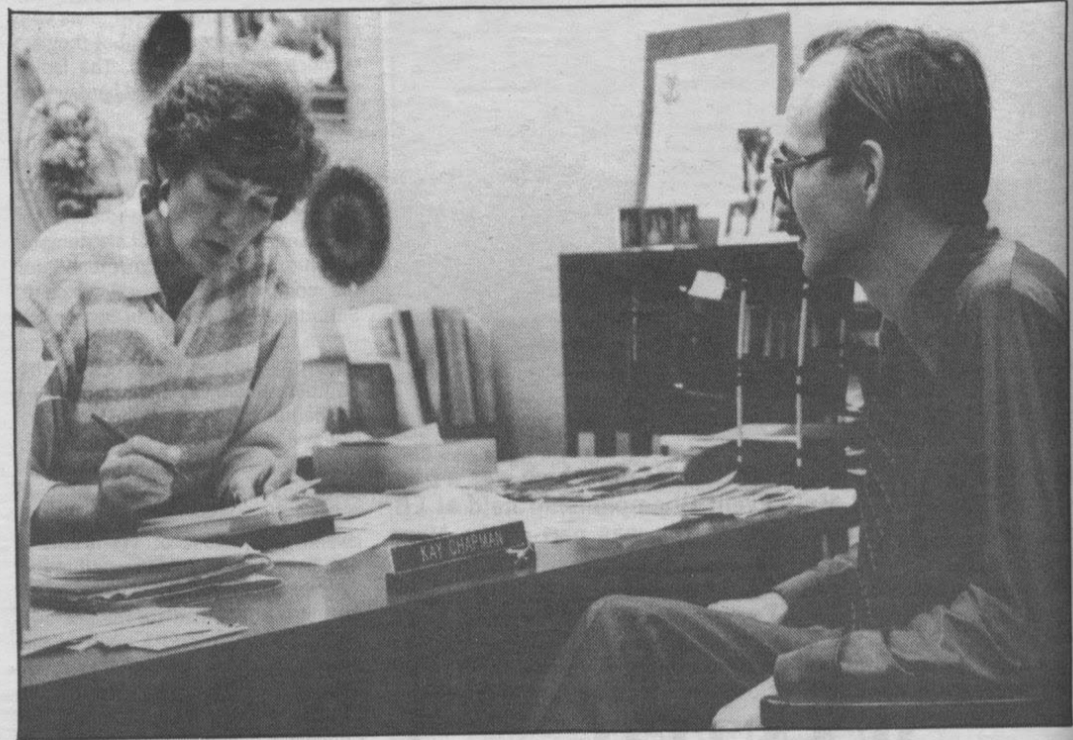
Shilts' experience as staff writer started here at LBCC as editor of The Commuter in 1982-83. He graduated from OSU last summer with his bachelor's degree in journalism. This is Shilts' first full-time job in his field. He has been working part-time with Oregon businesses designing and writing brochures and putting together advertisements.

Shilts became interested in computers in college, although it was out of his field. This led to work on computerized publication design. He owns his own MacIntosh computer now and does free-lance advertising work in his spare time.

Another spare time activity is photography. "He is an excellent photographer," said Schuette. Shilts won a \$1,000 prize in a recent photography contest run by Science 86 magazine, which published his photo of a Central Oregon lava tube in its current issue.

Shilts frequently enters these contests, and sends his photos to greeting card companies as well.

## Kevin Shilts, media writer



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