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Loss of lab buildings forces OSU industrial students to attend LBCC

By Allie Harper
Staff Writer

Vocational-technical courses at LBCC are being modified as a result of funding cuts at OSU.

Confused? So were OSU industrial education students when, according to Larry Kenneke, chairman of the department of Vocational-Technical Education at OSU, they returned this fall and discovered that the technical part of their training had been cut from OSU's curriculum.

Buildings that house shops for industrial education students are being torn down and replaced with a new engineering building, said Robert Barr, dean of the School of Education. As a result, industrial education students at OSU have to take their lower division courses such as industrial concepts, at LBCC.

Currently, there are seven OSU students in the industrial concepts class, and three others who are planning on adding it this term.

Kenneke feels that having the industrial education students take courses at LBCC will combine the best of LBCC with the best of OSU.

"LBCC has very fine facilities, equipment and instructors," Kenneke said. "Eventually all lower division technical courses will be taught at community colleges."

"I have not received one complaint about the program (at LBCC)," Kenneke added. "The students are pleased with the quality."

But, Kenneke said students are upset because the courses they are taking at LBCC stress the technical rather than the vocational aspects of industrial education.

Barr said that students are also upset because they have to commute between OSU and LBCC, and because they had to pay tuition at both institutions fall term. Barr added, "The state system is exploring a tuition refund."

LBCC President Thomas Gonzales met with Barr fall term to discuss tuition and changes in LBCC's technical curriculum.

Gonzales said that the courses will be modified to include teaching skills as well as technical skills.



From Classical to Jazz

The New World Brass Quintet will perform Thursday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. in the Takena Theater as part of this year's Performing Arts Series, sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College and the Creative Arts Guild. The quintet—Walter J. Blanton and Thomas D. Gause on trumpet, Kurt Snyder on horn, James T. Firkins on trombone and Garry Russell on tuba—was formed in 1976 as a creative outlet for the five highly successful commercial musicians. All members of the quintet are on the faculty of the Nevada School of the Arts as well as performing throughout the United States. During their performance Thursday they will play works from "Art of the Fugue" by J.S. Bach, "Partitus" by Vaclav Knezek, Four Spanish Renaissance Villacicos from the 16th century, "Sonata Eight, 'deta del Nero'" by Girolamo Fantini, "Images I" by Walter J. Blanton and "Images II" by Thomas Gause. Tickets are available for \$6 at French's Jewelers, Albany; Rice's Pharmacy, Corvallis; Creative Arts Guild Gallery, Albany and the LBCC College Center Office.

Lambert leaves LBCC 'family'

By Jon Taylor
Staff Writer

Financial Aid director Rita Lambert leaves LBCC Jan. 17, after almost 15 years here. She will become Financial Aid Director of the University of Portland.

Lambert started at LBCC in 1971, part-time, doing GED testing and advising in the evenings as she finished her masters degree in Student Personnel Administration from Oregon State. She explained that the degree is more closely related to student services than to college administration.

She later became a full-time financial aid counselor, then coordinator, and in 1975 Financial Aid Director through what she called "a change of title."

Lambert's career move to the University of Portland, she said, is partially because she wanted a change.

"I've been here 15 years, mostly doing the same job." She said the job has changed a lot, going from almost pure student assistance gradually into a watchdog-type of function.

Working in financial aid once meant helping students with money problems, doing things for individual people, Lambert said.

"Watching students progress, sharing their difficulties and successes, just doesn't happen any more. Now we scrutinize files, validate information from students—it's not a supportive situation now."

Financial aid services differ from many other aspects of college administration in that the biggest impact is not

from changes in enrollment but from changes in the economy.

"Every year I've been here LB has shown an increase in the number of financial aid applications," she noted. "As the local economy gets tighter, more students need more financial help to stay in school, but the available programs have not kept pace with the growth of educational institutions."

This was particularly true during the years of rapid growth for community colleges, she added, because explosive growth in enrollment occurred when annual financial aid funding was equal to or lower than the funding available the previous year.

"Back in the good old days, we never would run out of money from somewhere to help a student stay in college," she said.

"Then, in the growth years, we had the excitement of creating legal new ways, adapting, adjusting, inventing, creating new ways to make financial aid less cumbersome and most helpful to the community college student."

Today, Lambert says she is frustrated with the change in her role from ally to adversary of the student, comparing herself to an unwelcome auditor at tax time and from innovator in the early years to her current role in documentation maintenance.

"The staff in Financial Aid do a super job of keeping the student's needs first and the funding sources' paperwork second," Lambert said. "The current direction of federal



Financial Aid Director Rita Lambert is accepting a new post at the University of Portland after 15 years with LBCC.

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ASLBCC Senate positions open

by Jeff Feyerherm

There are five openings in the ASLBCC Senate this quarter due to resignations and transfers. Applications are being taken in the Student Government Office for four of the five positions. The fifth position is to be filled by Programming Council.

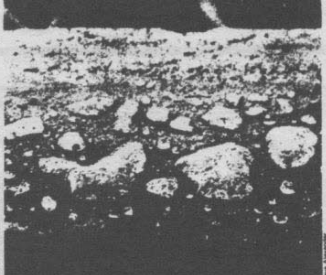
Applications are on the information table in front of the Student Government Office. They consist of a platform statement, biography and GPA. The applications are being taken until noon, Friday Jan. 16.

All applicants will be interviewed by the ASLBCC Executive Council, which

will make recommendations to the senate at its regular meeting, for approval or disapproval. "Usually two to five resign per term," stated Phyllis Williams, president of ASLBCC. "Especially the term after the election."

"A couple senators found out it was work," Williams explained. "One quit school and the others just didn't have time."

The appointed senators would hold office only until spring elections (mid-April) when they would have to run for the offices. □



A few drops of Oregon Sunshine found their way to a starwell ledge at LBCC during the recent storms.

Tuition increase and budget levy topics of meeting

by Jim Perrone

An 8% increase in tuition fees was part of the proposed LBCC 1986-87 budget totaling \$6.8 million. The increase in tuition, if approved, will raise the cost per credit hour from \$8.75 to \$9.00. This will generate an additional \$65,000 and reduce the amount asked of the taxpayers in the budget levy election.

The tuition increase was asked for by

Headman to keep student financing at 17% of the total budget. This is the same as this year's. A public meeting will be held on Feb. 3, from 5-7 p.m. in the Sanitium Room for discussion on the proposed tuition increase.

The proposed budget, which was presented to the Board of Directors last

Thursday at the regular meeting, is 21% higher than last year's budget of \$5.4 million. If accepted and passed by the voters on April 20, it would increase the local property tax rate by 10 to 15 cents.

Depending on the passage of the tuition increase, next year's tax rate could be either \$1.43 or \$1.38 per

\$1,000. This compares with this year's tax rate of \$1.30. It would increase the taxes on a \$30,000 home by about \$3.00.

Work on the budget will begin under the newly appointed chairmanship of Ken Noteboom of Albany. The first meeting will be held this Thursday at the college's Labanon Center, 1715 Fifth Street. □

ACCF Budget

Activities cut; student senate gets 82% increase

by Jeff Feyerherm

What will the incidental money we pay in our tuition be spent on next year? The decision is pending. During the last week of fall term the ACCF (Activities and Co-Curricular Fund) Budget Committee held two long sessions and came up with a tentative budget for the student activities for the '76-77 school year.

Only a few cuts in proposed budgets were made, the largest being the entire program for rodeo and the proposed wrestling programs.

Most proposed budgets were higher than this year's amounts and were tentatively passed with little or no cuts.

The Programming Council (financial overseer of clubs) asked for a \$1,000 cut in its budget.

The largest increase requested was from Student Government. An 82% increase, from \$5,530 to \$10,415 was tentatively approved. The item of

greatest increase was for Special Projects/Specific Expenses (from \$250 to \$3,500).

The increase would allow the senate to provide services for students that it cannot do presently due to lack of funds," said ASLBCC President Phyllis Williams.

During the discussion of Intercollegiate Athletics, Steve Mankie, a member of the ACCF Budget Committee and an ASLBCC Senator, submitted a petition with 125 signatures asking for a decrease in the budget for Intercollegiate Athletics in order to provide money for other programs.

However, this petition seemed to have little effect, as most Intercollegiate Athletics were tentatively passed. The greatest controversy was concerned with the gymnastic's budget for travel expenses (the gymnastic's budget was tentatively approved).

The next step in deciding the ACCF budget will take place tomorrow, Jan. 15, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Willamette Room. Bob Miller, director of College Center and Student Activities will submit the proposed balanced budget to the ACCF Budget Committee.

The ACCF Budget Committee is advisory to Miller, and he has received its proposed budget and balanced it since the last meeting.

To balance the budget the revenue available for next year was first determined. This year's total revenue is \$130,833, with increases coming in all areas. The largest increase is from the Bookstore, jumping from \$15,288 to \$28,000 next year. Enrollment revenue is expected to increase from \$78,012 to \$85,133.

Miller changed only a few things on the budget to balance it. He added

rodeo, stating, "I would like to try to continue rodeo, we are here to offer a variety of activities for students."

Miller also added \$500 to Programming Council's budget bringing its total to \$500.

As it stands now, the proposed budget is 3% over the expected revenue. Either the budget will be cut or the revenue increased 3%. However, the possible reserves left in the budget from this year have not been taken into account and this amount could cover the 3% difference.

After approval of the budget by the ACCF Budget Committee it must be approved by the ASLBCC Senate and two days of public hearings must be held on it. "Hardly anyone comes to the hearings unless they are affected adversely by something in the budget," said Miller. □

Guest Columns

Celebrity 'experts' tarnish hearings

By Mike Larson
First year engineering transfer student

Last summer, while you and I paid taxes to keep them in Washington, some of our congressmen met in a certain subcommittee, to discuss (and hopefully solve) some of the problems facing farmers, who can feed the world but have to go into debt to do so. This was a noble deed, and at these meetings one might expect to find, besides congressmen and reporters, farmers and bankers, people directly involved in the farmer's indebtedness.

The farmers and bankers were strangely absent, having been replaced by "expert witnesses," those who have the real inside track on the farmer's problems. Now you guess who those experts were. They were famous actresses, of course. Who else would know so much about agricultural economics? Especially when you realize that every one of those actresses filled roles portraying farmer's wives.

Perhaps the more suspicious, perceptive of you are wondering if reality should be confused with a starring role beside Sam Shepard or Mel Gibson. For you, the venerable rural Jane Fonda provides the clincher: She said, "My father often portrayed roles in which he was a farmer so I have a special empathy for them." "Oh, Jane, we're sorry for doubting your qualifications, please accept this honorary doctorate degree in animal husbandry, small compensation indeed for the problems caused by our unbiased suspicions."

Based on these meetings we can project a pattern for the future. Sylvester Stallone, having gained limitless expertise in foreign rescue operations, will no doubt be pressed

into service to solve our problem of MIAs being held prisoner by the evil Vietnamese, who cannot afford to feed their own people. Stallone starred also as a boxer, and could be called on to speak on brutality in sports. Stallone's expertise as a boxer would be unmatched. Remember he wasn't just any boxer, he was Rocky, a world champion.

John Wayne, who is dead, could not be called upon to speak, but could any true patriot withhold from him the posthumous Medal of Honor, having once seen his heroic performance in the movie, The Green Beret? Perish the thought!

We mustn't forget Al Pacino, whose characters have committed at least half of the felonies in the law books of America. "Bad Al" is a veritable encyclopedia of criminal information, having the knowledge to eradicate drug racketeering and murder, along with the problems that a company these crimes. Even Al Pacino couldn't cure the criminals; some are so bad the only actor for the role would be Charles Bronson, who could teach police force all across the country what a permanent solution "really is."

Getting back to reality, why do these elected, very well paid leaders waste taxpayers dollars with these silly games? Two answers to this question come to mind; they are groupies or they want to get their pictures taken with a movie star. Neither one of these answers is going to get any farmers out of debt; at most they will reap a few more votes for the congressmen involved, but only from the more light minded constituents. If these congressmen were representing my district, they would not get my vote.

Council plans open house Tuesday

By Joyce Quinnett
ASLBCC Representative

Winter term started off with a lot of activity for student council. Kevin Day, one of the Business Division representatives, tendered his resignation at the first meeting on Jan. 7.

Day was Activities chairman on council last year. This year he was president of Ski Club, as well as a council member.

Because council works as a team, Kevin will be missed. But due to monetary reasons and the fact that he got a job elsewhere, he had to leave. We all wish him well and hope he is successful in his new endeavor.

The day Kevin resigned, his position was opened up to anyone on campus who is qualified to run.

Anyone interested in the position may pick up a petition in the Student Activities office, CC 213. Petitions must be signed by 40 ASLBCC students and turned back into the office before Jan. 20.

If you are interested in running for the position, but

aren't sure you qualify, here are some of the guidelines for candidates.

* Candidates need to be a member of ASLBCC and in good standing with LBCC.

* All candidates must have a GPA of 2.0 or better.

* Candidates who wish to represent one of the instructional divisions must have a declared major in that division and must be enrolled in one credit class in that division.

If you are still not sure whether you qualify or not, feel free to stop by CC 213 and ask questions of any council member. We will be more than happy to help anyone. That's why we are here.

The council is busy planning several upcoming events. The first event is the Council Open House on Jan. 22, will be held in and around the office from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A "Jeopardy" game is planned between a student team and a staff and faculty members team. Anyone who wants to be on the student team can come into the office and sign up. There are quite a few spaces available.

This term will be busy and fun so plan on participating in at least one of the activities that will be going on.

Fifteen Years Ago This Week

January 18, 1971

Registration is once again near completion as 1,459 students register at LBCC for winter term classes.

FILM: "Raisin in the Sun" with Sidney Portier to be run continuously 2-7 p.m. in Schafer Lounge.

One of the problems now facing the students is the problem of a smoke-filled student center.

Ten Years Ago This Week

January 14, 1976

An increase in tuition, if approved, will raise the cost per credit hour from \$8.75 to \$9.

There are five openings in the ASLBCC senate this quarter due to resignations and transfers.

Tom and Theresa, "contemporary folk artists," along with Gary Sanders on bass and Jerry Gates on drums (and train whistle) entertained student in the Alosea/Calapooia Room last Friday in Chautauqua.

An advertisement from Looney Tunes record store: "We have incense, T-shirts, posters and smoking accessories. On sale: Bob Dylan—Mr. Rolling Thunder. His new album, "Desire," \$4.98 LPS, \$5.75 8 track, \$5.98 cassette."

Five Years Ago This Week

January 14, 1981

Many people worked hard to get Ballot Measure 7 passed in an effort to keep new nuclear plants out of Oregon. The two plants proposed for Pebble Springs will merely be moved from the border to the Hanford, Washington site, and we Oregonians will ultimately pay for their construction operation and failures.

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Letters

Step-parents have no rights in court

To the Editor:

Step-parents and kids have no rights in a court of law in most states. The real parents have all the say, which is not always in the best interest of the kids. The oath that is taken means nothing, because they won't prosecute if you lie.

Step-parents are responsible for the kids when you're married. What the courts are saying is that any step-parent is a fool to get attached to these step-children, because if the real parent decides you are not to see them, you don't. They can lie and get away with it, and not a thing will be done.

They can put a restraining order on you for any reason, even after they give permission for things. There's not a thing you can do.

They can send someone over to the

place you work and try to get you fired, and there is nothing you can do.

The law works for the ones that lie and cheat and steal. If there is anybody out there that would like to try to change these laws, please contact me.

Billy J. Christopher
Albany, Oregon

Be on lookout for parking lot thefts

To the Editor:

I am remembering now, a time last term when I talked with an upset student. Someone had broken the window in her car, and stolen her back pack full of books, and this fact compounded her feelings of anger, invasion and powerlessness.

At 4:30 p.m. on January 9, I walked through the south parking lot to my car. I first noticed the broken window.

I then noticed bare, dangling wires coming out of a compartment that only that morning, housed an expensive new AM/FM cassette player. The job was done hastily, so there were lots of other damage to my six-week old car.

I returned to my office to call the police. The dispatcher said the minutes before my car, another student member reported a duplicate incident to his car.

How could this theft go unnoticed? Either the thief is very fast, passersby were not suspicious of person removing a stereo system from a car that has a broken window.

If you see a questionable activity on campus, you need not get involved directly. Simply go to the phone and call Campus Security. You may prevent the theft you've just witnessed, but the presence of security officers may prevent the thievery of another vehicle. Maybe even your own.

Ann Marie Etheridge
Counseling Center

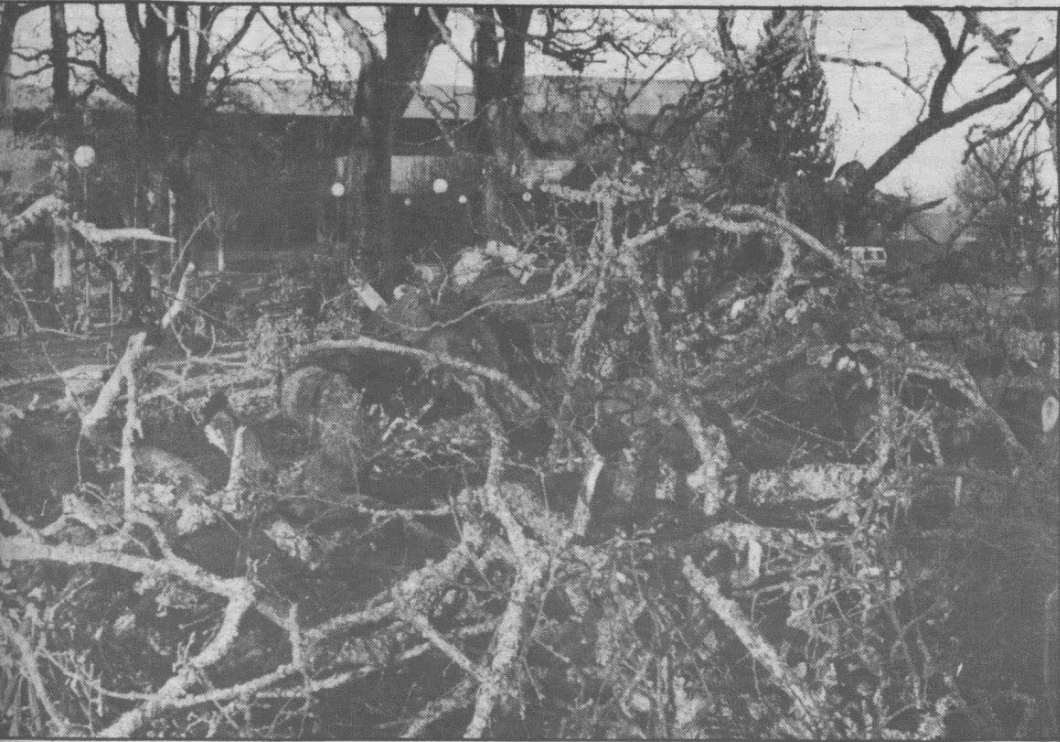


Photo by George Petroccione

A fallen oak lies in the northeast corner of the Rhododendron garden, a victim of root fungus.

B oak trees threatened by root rot

By Anette Krussow
Staff Writer

A fungus is threatening trees in LBCC's oak grove, with one tree falling during finals week last term. According to horticulture instructor Greg Paulson, the Oregon White oak suffered from oak root rot fungus.

The fungus lives in the wet soil, killing the roots of trees, leaving nothing to keep them up, Paulson said. Although other oaks in the grove are probably infected, Paulson said there is no way to predict their fate.

"They could stay there another hundred years," he said.

According to Ray Jean, Facilities director, oak trees naturally spend the summer drying their roots. Because the rhododendrons in the oak grove need continuous watering to survive, the oak roots weren't allowed to dry.

Horticulture students, working with the Grounds Department to help dry the ground around the oaks, replaced the sprinklers in the grove with a drip irrigation system. The new system releases enough

water to nourish the shallow roots of the rhododendrons without over-watering the oaks, Jean said.

"We think we are getting a handle on it (the root rot)," he said.

According to Jean, the oaks, most of which are over 200 years old, lived through pit scale disease (which ruins the crown of the trees) and the construction of LBCC.

When LBCC was built, a concrete plant had to be set up on the south side of the oak grove. The trees were almost killed off when wind blew lime used for the concrete onto the trees, Jean said.

Perkins: Look for Halley this week

By Todd Powell
Staff Writer

People interested in the chance to view a once-in-a-lifetime event, Halley's Comet, should dig out their binoculars from the closet and start searching for the faint snowball just as soon as it starts to get dark.

Dr. Dave Perkins, chairman of LBCC's Physical Science Department said, "You don't need to go out and buy a telescope when viewing the comet because binoculars work easier," during his free Comet Halley talk last Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

Perkins repeatedly stressed that this week will be the best time for viewing the comet. He further stated that people interested in seeing the comet, should do so this week because of the comet's location in comparison with the earth.

He said that in a couple of weeks the comet will be fully covered by the sun, with slight possibility of it being visible again.

"However there is a dim hope of the comet's visibility in a few months," said Perkins.

He said if the comet does reappear comet watchers should be ready April 11, which will be the best evening for viewing (weather permitting).

Perkins gave some history on how the comet got its name and gained popularity.

During the 1700s in England fortune tellers and astronomers were popular at the royal courts. Their beliefs and predictions were listened to, said Perkins. Among these wise men was a man named Edmund Halley, born in 1656.

The astronomers of the day did not fully understand some of the mysteries of the universe, but Edmund Halley made some discoveries about a certain comet. Halley noticed, by looking through past historical records, that a certain comet seemed to reappear every 77 years.

Halley put two and two together, did some simple mathematics and predicted that the comet would return again in 1758.

Halley went before the kings and queens of England, astounding them, with his confident prediction of the comet's return, withholding the secrets he had discovered.

In 1742 Halley died at the age of 86 never to see if his prediction would be fulfilled.

Was it fulfilled? In 1758, as he predicted, the comet returned. The people of England were amazed that his prediction came true, so they honored him by naming the comet after him, Halley's Comet. Since the 18th century people have watched and waited for Halley's Comet as it makes its loop every 77 years or so.

Perkins also added that the frequent reoccurrence of the comet makes it popular. He mentioned that some comets return about every 76,000,000 years, which makes it a little difficult for many to see.

He said the certainty of the formation of comets is questionable. Perkins said that astronomy, "is all a big fairytale, nobody really knows for sure, no matter how much they 'think' they know." He said that when remarkable events like the return of Halley's comet happen that people become inquisitive and want answers.

Perkins smiled and said, "When things like this happen (Halley's return) people want answers. Frankly, all they (remarkable events) do is introduce new questions about other questions. Nobody knows for sure?"

Etcetera

Seminar

The Training and Economic Development Center is offering a full-day seminar Friday, January 17 from 9-4:30 p.m. in the Alsea-Catapooia Rooms on the Albany campus.

This seminar explores current theories and applications which can bring about progressive improvement in the performance of a team.

Managers, supervisors, chairpersons of associations or civic groups are encouraged to attend or anyone who wants to improve the performance and interactions of a team.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 14th. The cost of the seminar is \$30 and includes lunch.

World Travel

Linn-Benton Community College offers a world travel class winter term. The three-credit International Tourism II class emphasizes non-European countries and gives students valuable travel tips, including information on food, housing, currency and tourist sites. The course is taught by Dr. David Perkins, leader of LBCC's annual summer Heritage of England travel course.

The International Tourism class meets 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays in room 102, LBCC's Science and Technology Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, beginning Jan. 8. Tuition for the class is \$54.

For more information on the International Tourism class, call Dr. David Perkins, 928-2361, ext. 350, or LBCC's Albany Center, 967-6108.

High performance team

Sponsored by LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, "Developing the High Performance Team" will meet Friday, Jan. 17 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on the main Albany campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd.

The seminar will explore current teamwork theories and applications to bring about immediate and progressive improvement in the performance of a team.

Cost of the workshop is \$30, which includes lunch. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 15. For more information on "Developing the High Performance Team," call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

Free Seminar

Linn-Benton Community College's Lebanon Center is offering area residents three different series of free seminars during winter term.

A Brown Bag Book Review series will be held noon-1 p.m. on Mondays at Lebanon Public Library, 620 Second Street.

The free Luncheon Seminars held noon-1 p.m. Thursdays at the Pizza King, 1188 S. Main, will be led by Lebanon family counselor Linda Menely. Menely will provide an in-depth discussion of M. Scott's book "The Road Less Traveled." The Luncheon Seminars start Thursday, Jan. 9, and meet for six weeks.

The "Health and Wellness After 60" seminars will meet 9-11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Lebanon Senior Citizen Center, Ash and Park Streets. The series has special emphasis for those over 60, but is open to any area resident.

For more information on any of these free seminars, call the Lebanon Center, 451-1014.

Telecourse added

Linn-Benton Community College has added a new business class to its slate of winter term telecourses.

Offered for four college transfer credits, "Marketing" provides an essential key to the success of every business organization, large or small.

LBCC's telecourses are broadcast over Oregon Public Broadcasting Channels 7 and 10 and on cable television in Lebanon and Corvallis. In addition to the marketing class, LBCC is offering the following telecourses during winter term: "Computer Concepts," "Anthropology Today," "Personal Finance," "General Sociology," "Spoonful of Lovin'," "Principles of Management," "Contemporary Health Issues" and "Understanding Human Behavior."

Classes begin Monday, Jan. 6. For more information on winter term telecourses, call Paul Snyder, LBCC media specialist, 928-2361, ext. 332.

Chorale rehearsals

The Community Chorale, sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College, will begin rehearsals for winter term on Tuesday, Jan. 7. The Chorale, directed by Hal Eastburn, LBCC vocal instructor, is open to all singers in the mid-Willamette Valley.

Rehearsals for LBCC's Community Chorale are each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in room 213 of LBCC's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany. For more information, call director Hal Eastburn, 928-2361, ext. 217.

Student memberships

The Salem Area Chapter of the National Association of Accountants offers student memberships to accounting students in the Salem-Albany-Corvallis area. The membership, which includes professors, management accountants, governmental accountants, and C.P.A.'s, provides opportunities for students to learn about career options in the field of accounting.

The monthly meetings take place at The Black Angus Restaurant, 220 Commercial St. SE in Salem. The next two meetings will be held on January 16 and February 20, 1986. For more information, please call Membership Director, Rich Goward at 581-7788 in Salem.

Visitation day

The University of Portland will offer students a Visitation Day January 18, 1986. This day is designed for students who are considering studies in engineering or related fields, and their families.

Visitation Day activities will enable the students to gain an awareness and some perspective about engineering as a quality profession.

For more information, call the University of Portland at 503-283-7314.

Program accredited

Linn-Benton Community College's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program is now fully accredited by the Oregon Department of Education.

In the accreditation report, team members mentioned faculty commitment, citing their hard work and professionalism; support services available to students, including orientation, testing and counseling services; and a commitment to student progress and accountability.

Lovin spoonful

A workshop combining five television sessions and three classroom sessions will help area residents select and provide quality child care.

The workshop is co-sponsored by LBCC's Parent Education Program and the Council for Children. Tuition is \$18 and includes many take-home handouts. The course can be taken for one college credit and may be tax deductible for child-care providers.

For more information, call LBCC's Parent Education Program, 928-2361, ext. 382.

Soups on

The Campus Child Care Center is sponsoring a noon seminar on parenting teenagers, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 12-1 p.m. in room 1201B. The guest speaker will be Helen Nissani, coordinator of the P.E.G. support groups for parents of teenagers.

Soup will be served for a small fee. The class is open to interested staff and students.

Support group

The LBCC's Women's Support Group meets every Wed. from noon to 1. This is an opportunity for women to congregate and share ideas, feelings and concerns.

The group will have a general meeting on Wed., Jan 15 at noon in Boardroom A.

Slide show

Mike McCracken will present slides of Chad and Sudan, Africa on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1910 SE 34th, Albany.

For more information call 451-1144 this afternoon or 928-7776 this weekend.

Shakespeare presentation

A free two-hour program on the life and works of William Shakespeare will be held noon - 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at LBCC.

The two-hour presentation will be performed in room 104, LBCC's Forum Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

The show is sponsored by LBCC's Humanities Department and the Associated Students of LBCC and funded by the Oregon Committee for the Humanities. For more information, call LBCC's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, 967-6504.

Free seminars

This winter's free Brown Bag Seminars at the Benton Center, 630 NW 7th St., will cover the skills needed to balance the work/family lifestyle.

The six-week series will meet 12:15 - 12:50 p.m. Tuesdays in room 107 at the Benton Center. Dates and topics include Jan. 21—Good Riddance to Guilt, Jan. 28—Balancing Work and Family, Feb. 4—Who's Minding the Children, Feb. 11—Feeling Loveable and Capable, Feb. 18—Superwoman, Supermom and Feb. 25—Prime Time/Family Time.

Participants are welcome to bring their lunches. For more information, call LBCC's Parent Education Program, 928-2361, ext. 384, or the Benton Center, 757-8944.

Area crisis centers seek volunteers

By Katherine Marsh
Staff Writer

Students interested in helping others and earning credit at the same time can take advantage of the Cooperative Work Experience (CWE) program in sociology and psychology.

Applications for CWE placement at the Sunflower House and the Center Against Rape And Domestic Violence (CARDVA) training programs are being taken.

Deadlines for the Sunflower House is Jan. 21. Training sessions will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and runs seven weeks.

The CARDVA training program will be covered in a 40-hour course over four weeks. It begins Jan. 25 and will also be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. following a Saturday and Sunday workshop weekend.

Those interested in either program should contact Gina Vee, Coordinator for Social Sciences, at 928-2361 Ext. 504.

Vee said that no specific experience or curriculum major is required to apply, but that students interested in participating in the program must commit themselves to a minimum of four credit hours for Sunflower House or three for CARDVA. The maximum amount of credits possible is 14. She added that one of the credits would be a seminar with her, in which she tries to assist the student individually on gathering information in the student's chosen area and understanding its specific problems.

Areas of placement range widely between the programs offered at each center, such as suicide prevention or mental illness programs.

She said CARDVA wants to establish a hotline service for rape,

domestic and child abuse. They also want to train volunteers to work with victims, to know how to maintain a shelter or a support group.

Vee said the placement programs "give the student a 'hands-on' training opportunity they wouldn't be able to get elsewhere." CWE also allows the student to see if they like that kind of work, she added.

In the two years that Vee has been coordinator for the CWE sociology and psychology program, she says she's averaged about five or six students in the program at a time and that is has been very successful. She said students come back with a greater understanding.

In an unrelated development, the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence has announced a permanent part-time job opening for the post of Children's Services Coordinator. Interested persons can contact the center at 758-0219.

Council studies lockers; business seat opens

By George Petroccione
Staff Writer

ASLBCC started winter term with one member resigning, and the council deciding to look into the possible purchase of additional lockers as their special project.

Kevin Day, Business Division representative resigned for personal reasons. This leaves a vacancy that must be filled within ten days.

Mary Coleman, coordinator for Student Activities said the filing deadline is 5 p.m. on Jan. 20. "Each candidate will be interviewed individually at the Jan. 21st meeting. The council will then vote on a successor to Day," she said.

The other major issue of the day was brought up by Bill Baze, Science/Tech representative. The Facility Users

Committee had asked Baze to bring up at the next ASLBCC meeting the possibility of the council doing a study on the purchase of additional lockers for students.

There have been numerous complaints about not having enough lockers for students that want them. Baze felt that the student council should not be responsible for the study or lockers.

Joyce Quinnett, representative from the Humanities Division said, "As representatives of the students, if there is a need, maybe it's something we should do. After some discussion Wayne Palmquist, the Industrial/Apprenticeship Division, volunteered to look into lockers as a possible special project. The ASLBCC would like to have student input on this issue, according to Coleman.

Representatives can be contacted in the Student Programs Office, CC 213.

Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



State seeks reports on transfer problems

The Oregon Department of Education will be holding a special meeting Jan. 27 to address problems related to transfer students.

All students who have experienced problems or anticipate some conflict with transferring to a state college or university are asked to contact student programs CC 213 or ext. 150 or contact the student representative of their department.

The declaration by the Deans of

Student Services that there are unresolved transfer problems need to be backed with precise references.

The forms to be filled out by student programs must be completed by Jan. 20.

According to the Department of Education, "If we don't hear from you, we are likely to assume the problems of transfer are not bothersome to you or detrimental to your students."

Volunteers sought to tutor LB students

By Allie Harper
Staff Writer

How many tutees could a tutor tute if a tutor could tute tutees?

The answer to this question lies in LBCC's Volunteer Tutoring program.

According to Tutor Advisor, Carolyn Miller, LBCC's Student Development Division is looking for volunteers who would like to learn

how to tutor in writing, math, reading, spelling and science, or work with learning disabled people.

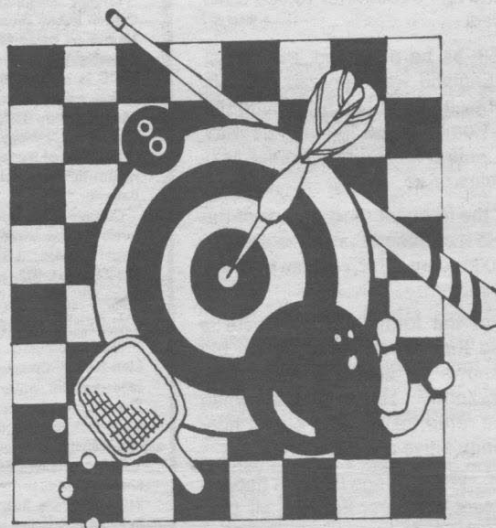
Eight people attended a workshop held Saturday, to introduce volunteers to the program. Miller said that they will probably all be placed within a week.

For more information, contact Carolyn Miller at 928-2361, ext. 293.

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Participants must sign up by 5 pm, Jan. 17

For further information and registration contact student programs—CC213

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Faculty group proposes campus smoking ban

By Quonieta D. Murphy
Managing Editor

The LBCC Faculty Association, at its Dec. 11 meeting, voted 17 to 10, with several abstentions, to support a policy of no smoking on campus except in designated areas in the Commons, and the prohibition of selling tobacco products on campus, said Paul Snyder, Faculty Association president.

The resolution, dated Jan. 7, was sent to the office of Dr. Thomas Gonzales, LBCC's president.

Gonzales said that he has asked both the student and staff associations to discuss the issue and get back to him with their opinions. He said at this point the resolution does not affect the present smoking policy.

Snyder, a nonsmoker, said he brought the subject up for discussion because of comments from several people about excess smoke in the Camas Room and Takena Hall. Smoking is allowed in part of the Camas Room, the Takena concourse and the upstairs study area of Takena.

According to Snyder he thinks the problem is caused by the architecture of the building (high ceilings where smoke collects), poor ventilation and a high concentration of smokers in this area.

He thinks that many people who are prohibited from smoking in the Science/Technology and Industrial buildings come over to the Camas Room for coffee and a cigarette.

He said in the memo to Dr. Gonzales that "the practice of designated areas for smokers may in fact contribute to the problem; having no where else on campus to go, people collect at these locations and actually generate more smoke which then pollutes nearby restricted areas."

"I originally brought the subject up to find out how our members felt about the subject," he said. "Personally, I'm not usually bothered by cigarette smoke because all the people I work around are nonsmokers."

Snyder said that he was surprised that the issue was as divisive as it turned out to be for association members.

"We were definitely divided on the issue," he said.

The division came about on the issue of personal rights of both the smoker and nonsmoker. Most members agreed on the negative health aspects of smoking.

Snyder said he thinks people are paying more attention to their health days; exercising more, watching what they eat, drink and put into their bodies in general.

He said he sees the resolution as a "natural outgrowth of the increased health awareness of staff and faculty of the past several years."

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policies is to reverse that."

About her years at LBCC, Lambert said, "I've enjoyed working here. It's an excellent place to work and the

staff has been very supportive and forward-thinking, especially in the student services area."

Lambert said she enjoyed working with the administration's attitude toward bureaucratic inertia.

"One of the easiest aspects of life in financial aid here has been the adaptability of the system we developed to accomplish the job at hand. I was given the authority to modify things as I saw ways to improve service to students."

"Sometimes the process of change is so cumbersome. The administration has always been open to adjustments in the program. That's important in financial aid because every year the feds radically change something."

When the subject turned to her

new position at the University of Portland, Lambert became pensive, thinking a moment longer on each answer.

"I'm not sure what it will mean to me when I get there. It's not as big a change as it seems."

After 15 years at a two-year college,

Lambert said she wanted to "change the environment. I like community colleges and I believe in what they are designed to do, but I want to move to a four-year liberal arts school for the sake of a change."

She noted that most financial aid applicants are new students, not returning ones. She expects longer,

more personal relationships with students over their four years at the University of Portland.

Lambert listed another aspect of financial aid work which differs from many other facets of college administration.

"Financial aid people provide a service directly to the student, but in dealing with the larger issue, philosophical issues, we aren't caught up in the segmental wars."

"The advice I give on financial aid is applicable whether the student is

going to our community college or another one, a state university or a private college, a vocational school or a liberal arts college. I want what's best for the Oregon student in a broader sense. I don't think that will change after I leave here."

About the people she has worked with over the last 15 years, she had only good things to say.

"There is a closeness between staff and student body here that you don't see in every school."

"Linn-Benton has been like a family to me, the staff as well as the students."

She also mentioned the presence of "so much encouragement, support, help and assistance when requested."

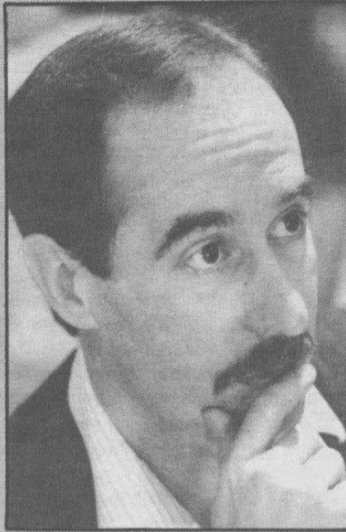
"I will miss it," she said. "It's been a super-neat place to work."

Street Beat

The Commuter hit the streets this week to find out what students thought of the faculty association's resolution asking for a ban on smoking on campus, except for a section in the Commons, and for a ban on the sale of tobacco.

Most of the people polled didn't think it necessary to ban the sale of tobacco while almost everyone felt there should be a designated place for smokers.

A number of smokers said they try to respect the rights of non-smokers by staying out of their space.

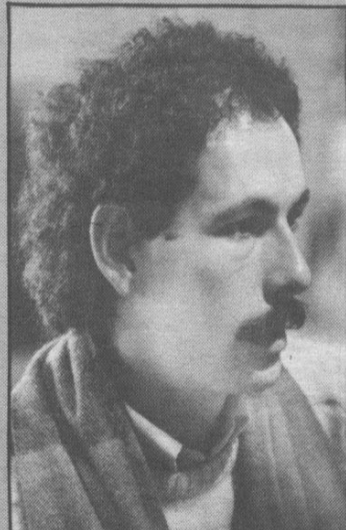


Richard Bayers, business major

"Sure, I wouldn't have any problem with a ban. I think it should be moved outside. They should call an environmental engineer in to monitor the other side of the cafeteria and see what the smoke is like over there (on the non-smoking side)."

Carla Alexander, special education major

"I think it stinks. I think the smoking area should be over there (the east side of the Commons). I have respect for non-smokers. If the smoking area is changed around, non-smokers won't have to pass through the smoke. I'm tired of non-smokers sitting in the smoking section and complaining. When they complain in my area I complain back."



Steve Handy, education major

"I don't think they should stop selling tobacco, it's a free society. I think it's wrong and I don't think they have the legal right. They should be able to sell magazines or anything else. It's like selling sweets, just because they're bad for you and some people are addicted to them doesn't mean they'll stop selling them."

Jim Landers, sociology major

"I like it the way it is. I don't think there should be a ban, just designate the smoking areas. Smokers should have a place to smoke where we won't bother other people. The Camas room is a restaurant and they should be able to sell tobacco."



Missy Black, nursing faculty

"Smoking should be allowed (where it is now) because students are under so much stress but they should have a wellness program and a fitness center so they will be motivated to quit smoking. That motivation comes from inside."

Study shows males dominate class discussions

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. (CPS)—Male students tend to dominate classroom conversations even when the instructor is female, a new Harvard study says.

Previously, much education research blamed women's classroom reticence on discomfort with having male professors.

The report is the second in as many weeks indicating colleges aren't always as hospitable to women as they are to men.

Two weeks ago Congress' Office of Technology Assessment found college teachers often steer women away from high-paying science and engineering careers with subtly discouraging classroom behavior.

In the new Harvard study, Education Prof. Catherine Krupnick videotaped Harvard courses taught by 24 different instructors, and then calculated how often—and how long—male and female students participated in classroom discussions.

Krupnick, who conducts workshops on other campuses, says men dominate classroom discussions at colleges around the country.

While Krupnick notes men's and women's grades and aptitude test scores are about the same, she says male dominance in the classroom is important because "liberal arts schools are set up to imply participation is important."

She adds the same problems show up later in the workplace.

Krupnick began studying classroom speaking habits to help her figure out why women who do as well as men in college don't seem to be keeping up in their careers ten years after graduation.

Studies show that marriage and childbearing are not the main obstacles to career success, she adds.

Women's career problems, Krupnick now believes, are at least partially related to both their restraint in participating in the classroom and instructors' acceptance of what they have to say.

"In the real world, the ability to express ideas forcefully is important. It's highly correlated with how you do in your career," Krupnick asserts.

"It confirms our findings," says Bernice Sandler of the Project on the Education and Status of Women.

Sandler and colleague Roberta Hall have released numerous summary studies documenting differences in the way men and women go to—and are treated in—college.

Female instructors themselves often were raised in homes that considered men's views as more valuable, Sandler observes.

Their upbringing, she says, may explain why women teachers might allow men to dominate class discussions.

"Many of the different expectations for men and women are carried over from the large social situation into the college classroom," Hall says.

In another study, University of California researchers Candice West and Donald Zimmerman found men

interrupt classroom conversations three times more often than women. Also, women wait twice as long to interrupt.

However, they also found that women are just as likely as men to gain the floor when they do interrupt.

Previous research also indicated women's classroom language is not as "assertive" as men's. But Krupnick's study differed.

Krupnick compares female students' classroom problems to the plight of immigrants being introduced into the public school system in New York City around the turn of the century. "They did not speak up as much in class because of language barriers."

Women, she says, are unfamiliar with the type of assertiveness associated with success.

"College experience can reinforce old expectations, or can help women to overcome them," Hall says.



Board supports Albany Enterprise Zone

The LBCC Board of Education last week agreed to send a letter in support of a City of Albany proposal that could result in a state designation of Albany as an Enterprise Zone.

Businesses meeting the criteria established by state law could then apply for property tax exemptions on the value of new buildings or additions. George Kurtz, vice-president for Business Affairs, stated that theoretically, after the exemptions expire in the fifth year, the tax rates

would go down because the entire valuation of the improvements would be included in the district valuation.

In other action, the board approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for management and exempt staff retroactive to Jan. 1.

Final fall term enrollment figures show numbers of students up 1 percent over last fall, primarily due to part-time credit enrollment. Reimbursable in-district FTE was up 5 percent over last fall term.

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PERSONALS

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Runnin' Roadrunners to battle Chiefs

By Robert Hood
Sports Editor

After last weekend's disaster Linn-Benton's Men's Basketball team will try to regroup tonight at 8 p.m. as they travel to Salem for a crucial Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Southern Division game with Chemeketa.

The Roadrunners, who enter the contest with a 1-3 league record and an 8-7 overall mark, will need to pick up the defensive intensity and stop Chemeketa's 6-foot-9 center Ed Briggs if they wish to avoid the lower echelon of the division standings.

"Chemeketa has the best inside game we'll see all season," said LB

Head Coach Brian Smith. "But, if we do the right things, we can play with anyone in this league."

After a good start the Roadrunners have lost five of their last seven games, and, according to Smith, will have to dig down deep to reverse the current trend.

"It all comes down to good defensive intensity," Smith said. "There's not a big difference between winning and losing. We have to do the little things right and we'll be back on track."

The Chiefs, who enter the game with an impressive 11-5 overall record and a 2-2 league record, have themselves fallen on hard times lately.

Chemeketa lost 54-52 to Clackamas when the Cougars' Ron Livingston converted a three-point play with just 34 seconds left. Chemeketa then lost the ball with three seconds remaining, ending any hope of a game-tying shot.

The Chiefs also fell to Southwestern Oregon, 80-73, as the Lakers remained undefeated at home. Briggs, who scored 12 points and gathered 11 rebounds against the Cougars, had a team-high 20 points against the Lakers.

For the Roadrunners to stop Briggs center Nick Klungel will have to play an aggressive game on both ends of the floor. After being eaten alive by SWOCC's Robert Enge and Art

Hopkins in the league opener Klungel has become more physical.

"Nick has improved little by little each game," said Smith. "He'll have to have a good game for us to be competitive against Chemeketa."

This will be Klungel's first matchup with a physical center since his trip to SWOCC so the game will be a good measuring stick to gauge Klungel's improvement.

Questions about the heart of the Roadrunners were asked after consecutive losses to Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College this weekend. Smith dismissed the questions by pointing to the team.

"We're competitors. These kids have worked their butts off from the first day of practice and if anyone wants to question that then come out and watch. Our attitude hasn't changed a bit and Chemeketa will see that we're a tough team. . .win or lose."

The Roadrunners do hold a trump card over the Chiefs—quickness. LB has the most feared running game in the division, and, with good defense setting it up, they are capable of blowing by the bigger but slower Chiefs.

"We're looking for one game to spark us," said point guard Jeff Vinson. "If we get hot we'll go a long way."

Women test Chiefs for division lead

By Pat Wilson
Staff Writer

The first place standings in Region 4 women's basketball will be on the line tonight when LBCC visits Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

The Roadrunners, who are 3-0 in league and 11-3 overall, will be led by Kim Phillip's 13-points per game average. Two other key players for LB will be Dianne Erickson, who averages 11 points per game, and Jamie Moberg, who is shooting 60 percent from the field.

The Chiefs, 2-0 league and 13-2 overall, will be led by Belinda Jackson's 14.8 points per game

average and Sharla O'Riley's 9.8. The Chiefs have been giving up an average of 53 points per game while LBCC has been giving up an average of 57 points.

LBCC's Head Coach Greg Hawk feels this game is going to be a quick one with many turnovers. He said the team that will win will be the team who executes the best and who wants to win the most. "We have to rely on getting into good position and we have to execute our lay-ups and make them count," said Hawk.

Hawk said his team will play a man-to-man defense against the Chiefs, whereas the Chiefs' head coach, Dennis Melcher, said his team will play a zone defense to shut down LB's inside players.

Melcher doesn't think there will be any home court advantage. He thinks "it will be a very close game and either team could win."

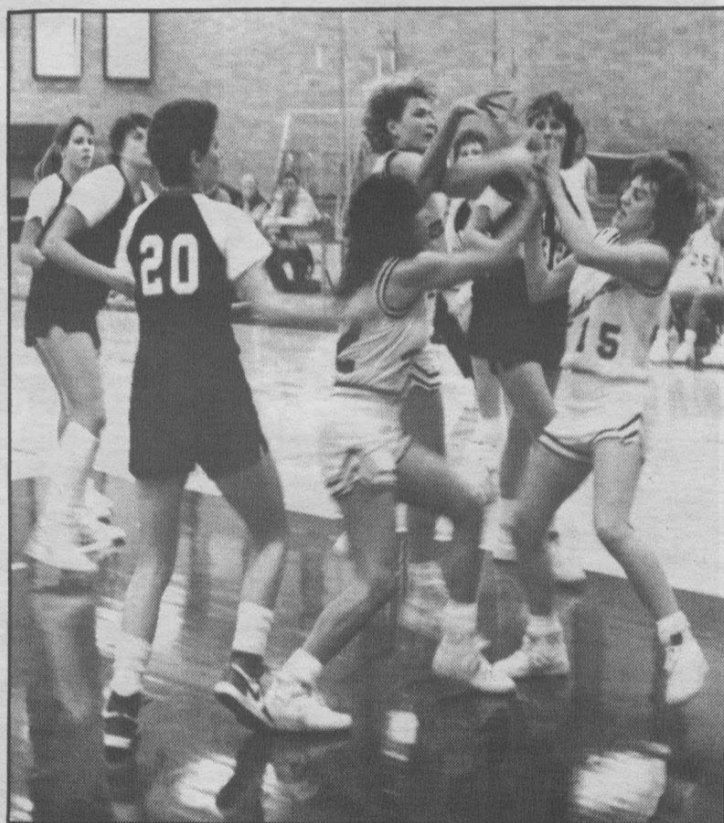


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LB's Women fight for a rebound in last Saturday's game against Mt. Hood.

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Extra Innings

By Robert Hood



For most people the idea of starting school goes over about as well as the state's hepatitis epidemic. Most of my friends think I have some strange disease as I count the days off of the calendar waiting anxiously to go back to school. Actually, I don't want school to start but I do want the community college basketball season to get under way.

Again, my friends look at me with a worried glance and check for a fever. "What in the world is so great about junior college basketball?" they ask. "You can watch the beasts from the Big East or the Pac-10 on television every night, why do you get excited about small college ball?"

I just smile and keep my mouth shut. I realize that if I start telling everyone about the high caliber of basketball at JC's then I'm liable to lose my front row seats at the Linn-Benton games. Don't bother giving me tickets to Ralph Miller's yawn ball, if I want to go to sleep I'll go to bed.

Pac-10 teams score 100 points in a game about as often as Halley's Comet visits the earth. A good dunk is even rarer. Come to think about it, I've seen Pac-10 games where the combined score of both teams doesn't reach 100 points.

I enjoy games like the Jan. 4 matchup between the LB Men's team and Southwestern Oregon. Nobody held more than a nine point lead the whole game and the Lakers finally prevailed 86-83. Who cares if the team I was cheering for didn't win, I got something I hardly ever get while watching college basketball—entertainment. None of this slow down business, the 45-second clock barely ticked down to 20 before somebody tossed up a shot. The problem was there wasn't a dunk. . .there were three dunks. I was afraid to turn away for fear of missing something.

I'm about to go into cardiac arrest thinking about next weeks schedule. Two home games with two of the best teams in the division. Wednesday night Lane Community College comes to town featuring guard-forward Jerome Johnson. During Johnson's last visit, at the LB Tournament, the slick-passing Johnson shot one between his legs to a breaking teammate who scored easily. For an encore Johnson powered over an opponent for a mighty one-handed slam dunk. I'll be there early next Wednesday.

Saturday may be even better. SWOCC comes up for what should be another dogfight. Center Robert Enge and guard Courtney Cellestine bring their dunk-mad team for what will be a pivotal Southern Division game.

Between then we have Chemeketa tonight and second-place Clackamas on Saturday. Clackamas likes to run a slow paced game so LB should introduce them to Runnin' Roadrunner basketball.

Don't forget to come early each night. The women start at 6 p.m. and provide everything but the dunks. Don't laugh. Guard Kim Phillips whipped a behind-the-back pass to a driving teammate that hasn't been equaled, even in men's basketball. Jamie Moberg has the sweetest hanging jumper you've ever seen and, if you like the rugged game, Debbie Legg is a bruising rebounder who would bring a smile to the face of Patrick Ewing.

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Focus On:

Bob Ross

by George Petroccione
Staff Writer

In 1968 Bob Ross came to LBCC, as the first full-time faculty member and also became the Biology Department. His first classroom and lab was a second floor room of the Baptist Church on Railroad Street.

He came to LBCC with a bachelors and masters degree in biology. The early years were frantic. His first biology class had 80 people and he also taught agriculture classes.

Ross also spent the first year working with the architects designing temporary quarters for the school. Modular buildings were set up at Swanson Park between the pool and the railroad tracks. Ross has stories of how board meetings and classes were disrupted as slow moving freight trains lumbered past.

When the modular buildings were moved to the present site of the school, they were set up on what is now the parking lot in front of the Activity Center. None of the buildings were marked, so Ross would parade back and forth by his building with a sign raised high that read, "biology here."

In 1975, due to popular demand, Ross started teaching nature photography. He said it was natural for him to combine his love of photography with his life's work in biology. That first class was made up of what Ross calls, "true Oregonians," because they endured rain on all their field trips.

Ross went on to say, "their cameras weren't as mosseybacked as the people, but we learned how to wrap our cameras in plastic and protect them."

Ross was surprised that the students were elated with the class and wanted him to teach it again, so that they could take it again. The following year 30 to 40 percent of the first class returned and almost every time he has offered the class, he has had repeating students.

Ross spends his spare time with his family, church and working on literary endeavors. Ross and his wife have three children, a daughter who attends LBCC, a daughter who is a senior at West Albany High School and a son who is about to turn eight, who is involved in sports. He is also an elder and Sunday School teacher at the First Christian Church in Albany.

Ross also is working on writing six books, which are all long term projects. One, *Wildflowers of Iron Mountain* has been in the making for 20 years. Along with botany teacher Henrietta Chambers, they hope to have it out in 1987. Ross figures he may have \$20,000 invested in *Wildflowers of Iron Mountain*, just in film, processing and trips to the mountain. But, he feels it's worth it.

"Iron Mountain is my teacher. Iron Mountain has taught me how to see, and has taught me biology in ways that really, very directly and strongly affect my classes," he said.

