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State universities go to semester system *Switch catches LBCC by surprise; could create problems*

By Perry Koontz
Staff Writer

The Oregon State Board of Higher Education has voted to switch state universities from a quarter system to a semester system effective in the fall of 1990.

Although the proposal has been on the state's agenda since 1980, LBCC officials were surprised by the sudden resubmission to the board and the subsequent next-day 7 to 3 vote favoring the change.

"I think it caught everybody in the community college family by surprise," said Jon Carnahan, LBCC vice president for instruction. Pete Boyse, assistant to the president, said

"Until I read about it in the newspaper, I thought it was a dead issue."

Precisely how the change will affect state community colleges and whether they will follow suit has not been decided by community college leaders. LBCC President, Tom Gonzales said that the next step will be for community college presidents to get together and discuss options. "It forces us to consider adopting that system," said Gonzales.

Carnahan sighted obvious advantages to the change as reduced admission costs for the schools due to fewer registration periods, fewer books required for students to purchase and more in-depth learning time.

While all three LBCC officials agree that

there are advantages, most felt that disadvantages at the community college level outweighed the benefits.

Carnahan pointed out that if LBCC were to adopt the semester program, it would reduce flexibility in programs, reduce the number of times per year students could transfer and reduce the number of courses offered. "I would rather have seen it remain a quarter system (for four-year colleges)," added Carnahan. "But I'm looking at it strictly from a community college student's perspective."

"Our primary mission is to serve the adult needs of the local community," said Boyse. "We need to tailor our courses to fit their work schedules, to fit their personal

schedules... and I think we can do a better job of that in shorter blocks of time than allowed in a semester system. In some cases, even a quarter system is too long."

Carnahan stated that the strengths of community colleges are that they meet the needs of the local businesses and industries. Boyse agreed, stating, "People need to be retrained and upgraded as quickly as they possibly can. They can't afford to take 15 weeks when they can do it in five."

Boyse doesn't believe the change beneficial for four-year colleges either, stating "I think they are making a big mistake. I think they are going to hurt themselves by going to the longer time period."

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High court protects women's jobs; workers guaranteed maternity leave

By Annette Krussow
Managing Editor

The U.S. Supreme Court decision that states it is constitutional to require employers to provide special job protection to pregnant employees will have little effect on LBCC and local businesses.

The court's ruling up held a California law requiring employers to grant pregnant workers leave of absence upon request.

According to Carroyl Kleine, assistant director of Human Resources, the ruling will have little effect on LBCC because pregnant employees at the college may be granted up to one year "leave of absence for maternity."

The Supreme Court made the decision after the law, stating employers are required to grant pregnant employees up to four months of unpaid disability leave and reinstate them when they return, was challenged by California Federal Savings and Loan. The savings and loan was sued by a pregnant employee after her job was filled while she was on pregnancy disability leave.

Although Oregon does not have a law like the California law, the state has laws prohibiting employment discrimination on grounds of pregnancy. According to Doug Sweetland, manager of Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, employers "can't not hire someone in a position of needing maternity leave" if they would otherwise hire that person.

Sweetland said that this is basically a small business area, and the court ruling will have a varied effect depending on the size of the employer. "In some instances it will have a financial impact," he said.

If the employee is in a minimum wage position it will be easier to find part time help, Sweetland said, but if

the position requires technical expertise the position will be harder to fill temporarily.

"We (LBCC) treat maternity like any other disabling condition" in granting medical leaves of absence, Kleine stated.

At LBCC the female employee is assured a job back when she returns from her maternity leave, according to Brian Brown, director of Human Resources.

In addition to the leave of absence, employees at LBCC may also choose to use their paid vacation and sick leave time to take off for maternity. According to Kleine it is common for an employee to have a couple months vacation time saved up.

She said usually the employee can plan when they need off for maternity and plan their vacation then so they can still get paid for that time.

"I think that it (the ruling) effects smaller employers," Brown said. "Looking around, we have a pretty liberal leave of absence policy" for pregnant employees, Brown said.

Kleine said generally she is "delighted with the law." There are some employers that provide no leave for pregnancy. "It will have an effect on our students," she said.

Sweetland said the Oregon laws will probably be amended to the California law. "I feel that it would stand a very good chance of passing in legislature," he said. "It'll be interesting to see what happens."



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Wizardry

Oscar Hult, shop foreman for Takeda Theatre, checks the wizard's throne in preparation for the opening of the Mainstage production of "The Wizard of Oz." Guest director Gray Eubank's interpretation of the children's classic is more closely tied to the original book than the popular musical. See story on page three.

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Editorial

King's dream of equality influences modern society

Has anybody here seen my good friend Martin, can you tell me where he's gone? He's freed a lot of people but the good die young.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man, not only for what he accomplished for blacks in his time, but also because his work continues to be significant and valuable to society in the U.S. today.

King's patriotic and unselfish beliefs has symbolized hope for the future, and the strength and desire of people to pursue and uphold those basic constitutional rights that the country was founded on.

His influence has been an inspiration to the citizens of this nation—that they speak out against injustice, oppose oppression and defend the freedoms of opportunity.

King's dream of equality has realized little progress, however, as social conditions for the poor has eroded, especially for blacks who have historically suffered from poverty. Blacks continue to suffer the unfair consequences of hardships, including unemployment, inadequate housing and other economic and social stresses.

Cutbacks in federal and state spending have forced millions of blacks off welfare, food stamps, health programs and other government subsidies such as business and education loans.

Because unemployment rates have reached over 20 percent for blacks, many have migrated to ghettos where crime rates, drug and alcohol abuse and suicide rates have increased.

Racial prejudices have also resurfaced in current American attitudes, although sometimes more indirectly towards blacks as a result of King's efforts. Recent fears, anger and biases are being vented towards nationalities whose economic and political emergences have contributed to the unemployment of many middle-class whites.

As income levels continue to drop for unemployed whites, they begin to feel the frustrations of inequalities. They are also unable to turn to government for assistance. Civil rights, working and living conditions are compromised or sacrificed as the powerful take advantage.

If Martin Luther King Jr. was alive today, he would probably be sickened and saddened over America's social condition today. After the great strides gained by the King led movement of the 60s, it is puzzling that society has allowed itself not to continue to grow in the direction that was part of King's vision.

Dale Owen

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SLAVES NOW SIT
AT THE TABLE OF
BROTHERHOOD WITH
THE SONS OF FORMER
SLAVEOWNERS?

Well,
No.

ARE PEOPLE JUDGED
NOT BY THE COLOR OF
THEIR SKINS, BUT
BY THE CONDUCT
OF THEIR
CHARACTERS?



NOT
Really.



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AND GiRLS HOLD HANDS
WITH LiTTle WHITE
BOYS AND GiRLS AS
BROTHER AND
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COME BACK
LATER. I'M
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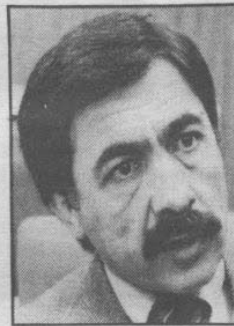
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Street Beat

Should colleges switch to semesters?



Dr. Tom Gonzales, LBCC president

"The colleges probably will be forced into having the semester system. That doesn't mean we endorse it at this point. We've got to look at what's fair for the students transferring to the universities, which the majority of our students do. My guess is that down the road you'll see the community colleges follow the pace."



Melody Peterman, history

"I guess so. It would be easier for LBCC students to switch over to the major colleges—if they're on the same type of system. If major colleges are changing, then community colleges don't really have a choice."



Ron Anderson, pre-engineering

"Definitely. The main reason is so that students here can transfer over (to four-year universities). If the state is making OSU do this, then LBCC should definitely follow."



Jeff Link, business

"No. Because a lot of people that go to community colleges have different schedules. The average age here (at LBCC) is 35 and I don't think it would work for them time-wise. I don't think the major universities should change because it will be harder to keep your grades up."

Compiled by Todd Powell and Dave Carson

Officials discuss expanding Camas Room

By Keith Rude
Staff Writer

College officials are considering an expansion of the Camas Room, the snack bar in Takena Hall to create additional seating and smoking section. According to Bob Miller, director of

Auxiliary Services, the expansion is "merely a concept for discussion at this point" with no estimate of cost yet available.

The Camas Room currently seats 40 people at full capacity. Expansion would create approximately 120 additional seats, including a designated

area for smokers. It would also add value to the school, said Miller.

The Camas Room, the Bookstore, and the school cafeteria are "self supporting services" that Miller described as small businesses on campus. According to Miller, the

Camas Room alone generated \$60,000 in gross revenue last year.

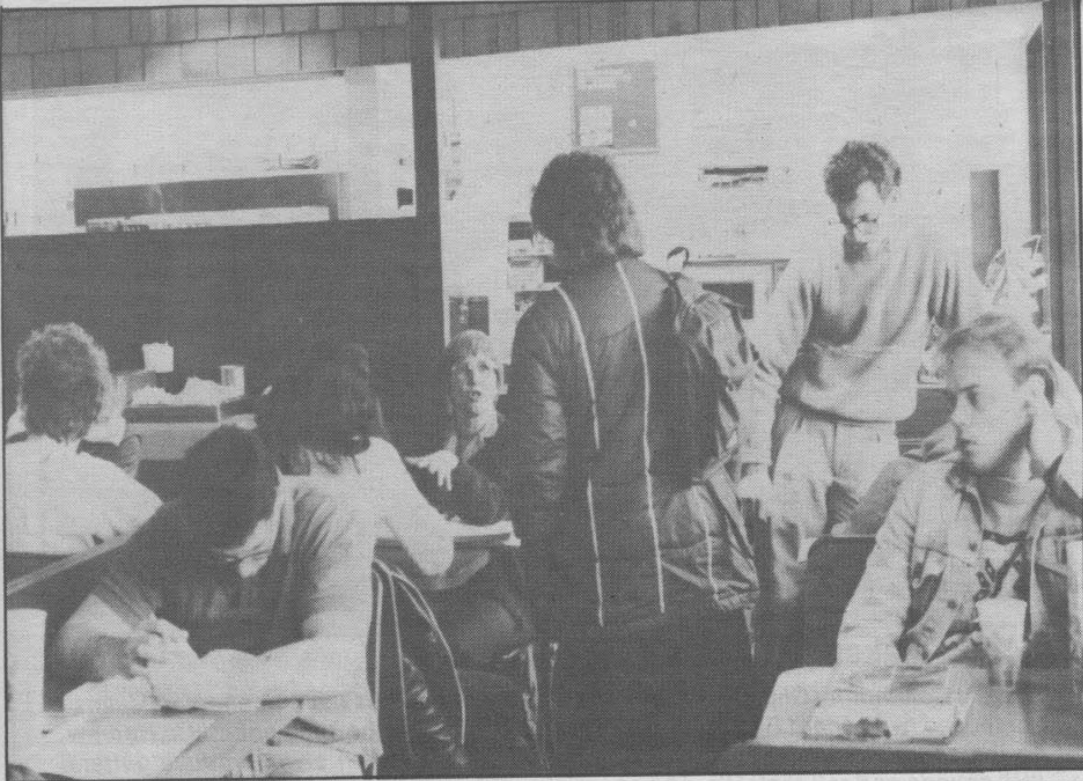
The Auxiliary Services Budget Committee establishes the manner in which money will be allocated for creating services on campus. This year \$26,000 of the money already generated could be used for the expansion, Miller said.

Two separate expansion proposals are under discussion.

The first proposes moving the location of the Camas Room to the west end of the Forum Building, and east of the courtyard. This area already has a ceiling, so plumbing, heating, walls, cabinets and seating would be the primary expenditures. One benefit to this arrangement would be an all-glass front where lounging students could view the courtyard, said Miller.

The other proposal is to keep the Camas Room in its present location, but to enlarge it to the north with an addition that would extend across the walkway on the south end of the courtyard. Other features would include a balcony, more restroom facilities, and an enclosed elevator to allow handicapped access upstairs.

The recommendation to expand the Camas Room was made by the LBCC Facilities User Committee. The President's Council decided last month to forward the recommendation to the budget committees that are now planning the college's 1987-88 budget. If funds are available, the decision to proceed with the expansion could come as early as this summer.



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College officials are considering expanding the Camas Room, a popular and often crowded snack bar in Takena Hall, to add more seats and a smoking section.

'Oz' opens Jan. 30

Director gives new heart to 'Wizard' in play adapted from original book

"The Wizard of Oz" will get a different interpretation in the LBCC winter term production in Takena Hall.

Gray Eubank, guest director for this classic children's play, bases the play on the original book, and is using a 1922 script. Eubank said his objective is to capture the authentic nature of the book, and "not to merely rehash the glorified movie adaptation."

Eubank said the Judy Garland version is based upon a dream, while the book uses magic as the power to counteract and change a bleak reality. He added that some individuals in the audience may be offended by other changes from the movie version. He explained that Dorothy will be wearing silver slippers, not ruby slippers because that is how it happened in the book.

Eubank said that children, ages four and older, should enjoy the production, especially the liberal dose of actor-audience interaction.

His adaptation originated from Eubank's great love of the book that he read as a child.

He said he has really enjoyed working with the heterogeneous group of people cast for the play. He said the group ranges in ages from 20 to 60 and that alone adds great robust and strength to the characters.

Eubank has acted extensively in the Mitchell Playhouse in Corvallis and in 1976 spent a year studying acting in London. He recently finished his Master of Fine Arts degree through the University of Oregon, where he directed "Animal Farm." He also directed the play "Female Transport" at Oregon State University.

The "Wizard" sets are based on drawings by Roger Dean and feature many special effects, which Eubank said should be of special interest to children. Eubank is assisted by Robyn Olson. Marti Calson designed the costumes and Dean Bourland is the stage manager.

The cast is made up of Amelia Kinnison, Matt Howard, Oscar Hult, Alan Nessel, Michael Ehart, Jean Peterman, Cliff Werks, Kim Honeycut, Don "Taco" Austin, Connie Owston, Theresa Bromm and Susan Craig.

The production opens Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Takena Hall Mainstage. There will be a matinee Feb. 1 at 2:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the Box Office in Takena Hall, French's Jewelry in Albany and The Inkwell in Corvallis. Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for LBCC students, senior citizens and children.

1987 June graduates should schedule credit evaluations

By Marty Endicott
Staff Writer

Wouldn't it be surprisingly disappointing if students expecting to graduate discovered too late that they were just a few credits shy of that accomplishment?

Students planning to graduate this June should apply for a credit evaluation by Feb. 13 according to Blaine Nisson, LBCC director of admissions. The evaluation is an official record of the classes that need to be taken before graduating, he explained.

"The deadline seems early, but it's really not. It takes about two weeks for the applications to be processed, so that only leaves one week until spring term registration begins," said Nisson.

Wellness Committee plans week on cancer awareness

By Carrie Cox
Staff Writer

LBCC students and faculty will have the opportunity to speak with American Cancer Society representatives, and attend discussions, movies and tests concerning cancer during Cancer Awareness Week, Feb. 23-27.

Arlene Crosman and Jean Irvin, co-chairpersons of the Wellness Committee, said the event is being held to inform students and faculty of cancer and its risks:

Students can apply for credit evaluations at the admissions desk, in Takena Hall. Graduation applications can be requested on the same form. Both are free.

Students who have received credits from other colleges are responsible for having official transcripts sent to Linn-Benton before an evaluation can be completed.

The results of the evaluation will not be mailed, so students will have to return to the admissions desk to receive their results, said Nisson.

Applications will be accepted after the deadline. However, there is no guarantee the results will be available before spring term registration, added Nisson.

Individualized testing for breast and testicular cancer will be offered. An apple computer program will also be provided for personal use to analyze your risks of lung, prostate, colon and breast cancer.

Lectures and group discussions will be held on campus and will focus on specific forms of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society.

Specific dates, places, and times will be available at a later time. "We are anticipating a large turnout," said Irvin.

Etcetera

Music Trio

Jeeper!, a musical trio from Corvallis, will give a special concert at the Old Town Center (formerly Old World Center) on Saturday, January 24 from 8-10:30 p.m.

A special guest appearance by washtub bass virtuoso Don Taco of Austin & Ehart will be featured in Saturday's concert.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. at the Old Town Center on 2nd and Adams St. in Corvallis; cover charge is \$2 at the door.

College Visitation

A representative from University of Oregon will be on the LBCC campus to talk with students at 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Jan. 28, in the Commons Lobby area, College Center Building.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International is having its big information day! Come on January 30, noon to 4:30 in Boardrooms A & B and join our efforts to promote human rights. Jack Rendler from the Los Angeles Regional Office will be here loaded with pamphlets, readings, campus projects and the ability to answer any questions.

Technical Communicators

Students interested in working in technical fields or in technical communications are invited to attend Dave Sanz' presentation at the monthly session of the Mid-Valley Society for Technical Communication on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30. The presentation will be held in Hewlett-Packard, McFadden Meeting Room B. For more information call Beth Camp at LBCC, ext. 208.

Heartclub

Pharmacist Donna Price, will be guest speaker at the Linn County Heartclub this month. The club meets every fourth Tuesday of the month alternating meeting places between Albany General Hospital and Lebanon Community Hospital. This month the meeting will be at the Lebanon Hospital Conference room at 7 to 9 p.m.

Caring for Baby

Caring for Your New Baby will be held at the Albany General Hospital Conference Room at 7 p.m. The class will include a demonstration on how to bathe your baby and a film "Falling in Love with Your Baby." The free class meets Jan. 27.

Dance

The ASLBCC will sponsor a dance in the Commons from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Seminar

A full-day seminar in self-managed work teams will be held Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Aisea-Calapooia rooms. Deadline for registration is Monday, Jan. 26. The cost of \$30 includes lunch.

Workshop

The one-day small business workshop will feature topics such as "How to manage your money," "success and failure factors," and "how to get customers in your door." The workshop will be held Monday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Aisea-Calapooia room. Registration deadline is Feb. 7. A \$15 fee includes lunch.

Reading Series

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is participating in the national Let's Talk About It book reading discussion series. There will be five programs, one every two weeks, starting Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Books can now be obtained at the library. For more information call 757-6927.

Volunteers Needed

Five to ten volunteers are needed for a new project to provide each female patient at Albany General Hospital with self breast exam information and demonstrations. Volunteer training will be Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. at the hospital. For more information, call Jan Shea at 926-2244, ext 703.



Cheap Thrills

by Perry Koontz

Cold weather the last few weeks has turned that wet, sloppy, white stuff into powdery, fluffy fun and those glacial nightmares have been transformed into smooth runs and placid trails.

If you don't ski, don't despair. While your ski bum friends are tending their bumps and bruises from a day on the slopes, you can head on over to the lodge or one of the many "hot spots" that offer live entertainment to which you can exercise a variety of underworked body parts.

Remember last week when you and your friends rented that beach condo with the fireplace, hot tub and great view? Well, let's do it again. Sun River, Black Butte, The Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Camp Sherman, Blue Lake Resort, Metolius River Lodges, Timberline Lodge, and Rippling Rivers all have group rates and are close to both downhill and cross-country recreation areas. Look in the want ads of your local paper under resort rentals or call the resorts.

For those of you who would like to try skiing but don't yet have the equipment, you can either rent gear at the ski lodge or you can find a variety of places in the phone book. If you decide to rent locally, do so at least one week in advance.

Unless you don't care about saving up for next month's rent, eating out is out of the question. Potluck is one solution. Beer and wine are sure to top many lists. Most rentals have full kitchens, so either pool your pocket change and get a couple "you-bake" pizzas or make up your own.

For you daredevil winter sports jocks, this weekend is full of opportunity. Hoodoo Ski Bowl is offering cross-country nordic and telemark races complete with medals for the winners. All participants will either receive a t-shirt or a water bottle. Both races require a \$5 entry fee and for the telemark series, you need a lift ticket. To sign up, go to the Nordic Center in Sisters or call Hoodoo at 342-5540. Races start at 10 a.m.

Downhill at Hoodoo will feature the Emerald League slalom race, and offers snowboard lessons (\$12 for group and \$20 for private).

Mt. Bachelor will hold the Sun Cup race from Jan. 21 through 25. This race is for the "big league" ski teams, but it still should be fun to watch. Jan. 24 Bachelor will sponsor the Cascade telemarking series. For details call 382-8334. Then on Jan. 31, Bachelor will hold its Winter Festival which includes the Governor's Cup race (\$3 entry fee) sponsored by Hamms Beer, and a cross-country scavenger hunt sponsored by Pepsi.

Mt. Hood Meadows will hold their Ski Ball '87 on Jan. 26, featuring races, contests, door prizes, a buffet style dinner and a dance. All community colleges are invited and tickets are available in CC 213 or by calling ext. 150.

So gather up those friends, chain up those tires and go play in the snow.



Practice Makes Perfect

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Lbcc's Community Chorale, led by Hal Eastburn, rehearses the "Chichester Psalms" composed by Leonard Bernstein. The 43-page piece must be sung entirely in Hebrew, so the chorale must learn to pronounce their vowels Italian style, produce guttural "H" sounds and roll their R's. The chorale's next performance is March 8 at 8 p.m. in the Lasells Stewart Center at OSU.

1986 weather warm and wonderful

By Eric M. Snow
Staff Writer

The year 1986 was warmer than average for the Albany/Corvallis area. Forty-six percent of the days had precipitation, ranking 1986 as the 32nd wettest in 97 years but with only one inch of snow. The year ended with no records being set. The low for the year was 26° and the high was 97°. So far, the crop year, which begins Sept. 1, ranks the 45th wettest in 98 years.

Comparably, 1985 was one of the coldest, driest and sunniest on record with 12" of snow, according to Kelly

Redmond, state climatologist at OSU's Climate Research Center in Corvallis. Kelly compiles weather data from 220 weather stations that are spread across the state. The state weather station for this area is located at Hyslop Crop Science Field Laboratory, Corvallis.

For campus a "rainwise" weather station was installed on December 17, 1984 on top of the Science and Technology building. The weather station is maintained by science lab aide Jean Rasor, and the data bank, which has by the minute reading of temperature, rainfall, etc., can be found in the hall across from Jean's office, ST 113.

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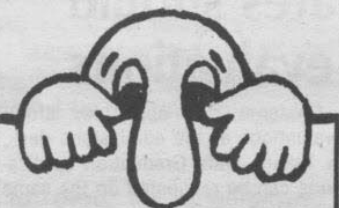
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Timber!

Jack Minnick of the grounds crew balances himself between branches of a tree on the northeast end of the College Center while reaching up to do some pruning. The crews have been pruning the many varieties of trees around campus in the past few weeks, taking advantage of the cool, dry weather.

LB may train silicon plant workers

By Cynthia Dettman
Staff Writer

LBCC's Training and Economic Development (TED) Center probably will provide training for employees of a \$60 million silicon plant that may open in Millersburg in 1988.

Nippon Kokan K.K., a Japanese company, announced recently that it had chosen Millersburg as the potential site for a plant that may employ 100-225 workers.

The TED Center's training packages were one of the attractions which lured the company to Linn County, said Mary Spilde, the center's director.

It is not known what type of training will be provided, said Spilde, because no specific discussions with the company have taken place yet.

The center provides a wide variety of employee and management training programs tailored to meet the specific needs of local businesses.

Training of N.K.K. employees will be designed after the company makes specific requests and may involve several different types of programs, said Spilde.

The company's board will probably decide by the end of February whether to go ahead with the proposed plant, said Frank Hemenway, president of the Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corporation.

Construction may begin in May, said Hemenway, and plant operation is anticipated to begin in the second-half of 1988.

Production workers will be hired and trained in the first-half of 1988.

The plant will produce 1,000 tons of polycrystalline silicon per year, a material used to make semiconductors used in computers, telecommunications equipment and other electronic products.

King Remembered

Civil rights activist says dream lives on in non-violent acts

By Louisa Christensen
Feature Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. gave America "the means to the method," said C.T. Vivian in his speech "Martin Luther King Jr. 21st century man," on January 15 in honor of King's birthday.

Vivian, a leading activist in the civil rights movement, spoke to a moderately full house in OSU's LaSells Stewart Center about his work on King's executive staff as national director of affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his work with King as a friend.

"It's impossible to live today without having been influenced by Martin King," Vivian's southern accented voice boomed around the silent audience. "What happened in the 1960's molds our thinking of who we are and why we think what we think," he said.

King realized that there were many injustices and problems of oppression in the nation and around the world. Through the idea of non-violence, King gave the people a way to solve the program, Vivian said.

"As a prophet of our time, he showed us what we are going to have to be like if we are going to deal realistically with the world we find ourselves in," Vivian explained. King opened the nation's eyes to the problems and showed them what to do to solve them. "We had the method," Vivian said, "but we didn't know what to do with it."

"King became the symbol to people everywhere that they did not have to live lowly lives without the things they needed," Vivian said. With non-violent political pressure King created a movement that solved the "black dilemma" and created every other movement in America following the black movement. "He freed more people on social issues than anybody in our time," because he gave people faith in the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, Vivian said.

Vivian called King "a symbol that there was a new world coming." He described that world as a world where the common people could express themselves to overturn tyranny and end oppression. King taught people that "they didn't have to have anything in their hands to kill, but something within their hearts in which to redeem." Through this means, change could come, Vivian said.

King believed that people must be involved in the political process, Vivian said. People must be a part of making decisions and "have control over their lives, the lives of the community and the lives of their brothers and sisters across the world," he said.

King taught the oppressed to gain control through non-violence. "If we fought with violence we would be destroyed physically by violence. If we didn't move against it we would be destroyed psychologically and spiritually," Vivian explained.

Non-violent actions "removed the cancer of the nation...and freed the South," Vivian said. As more opportunities and power became available to blacks, the South began to heal itself. As the South healed, education began to improve and industry began to develop, he said.

Then King was shot and killed in the April of 1968 in Memphis, Tenn.

He sacrificed his life to ensure a better future, Vivian said. "He had a great deal of trouble so we would not have as many troubled nights and troubled days."

"If we survive the 21st century it's because of Martin...if we don't it's because we failed to listen," Vivian said. The nation cannot live without the presence of King in their lives. King gave us "a vision and a dream...that defines what it means to be human in our own sense," he said.

Before King, blacks couldn't say "black is beautiful" or believe in "black power" because, "we didn't believe in ourselves," Vivian said.

King was a mystical man, whispered Vivian, not sure he could tell the audience his secret. "Once Martin was stabbed in the chest," he said, "and when they took out the knife they cut it out on each side."

When King was shot in Memphis, he was taken to the hospital and stripped down. "There was a cross over his heart, the scar from the knife wound had become a cross over his heart...yes, there was something mystical about him."

Remembering this mystical man on his birthday, Vivian said, "is not to look back on something that happened but to be able to look back in order to look forward."

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Drug testing, fewer jobs face 1987 college graduates

By Susan Skorupa
CPS

Thanks to the merger mania that swept through corporate America in 1986, student job prospects for this spring seem dimmer than last spring's, two recent national surveys of company hiring plans indicate.

And grads this year are likely to be tested for drug use or even AIDS before getting a job.

Michigan State's annual survey, released in late December, found that big companies in particular have cut back their plans for hiring new college grads.

A Northwestern University study released at the same time predicts demand for 1987 grads will mirror 1986 hiring, but employers say they will screen applicants more closely than before, and starting salaries—while increasing an average of 2.1 percent—will lag behind inflation.

Both Michigan State and Northwestern observers blame the unprecedented wave of corporate mergers and acquisitions that reached record levels last year.

"Downsizing, consolidations, mergers and acquisitions have cost the country jobs in some of our biggest and best paying corporations," says Victor Lindquist, Northwestern's placement director and author of the annual Endicott-Lindquist Report.

About 56 percent of companies Lindquist surveyed said they'd intentionally reduced their managerial staffs during the last year through reorganization, hiring freezes, termina-

tion without severance or early retirement incentives.

Michigan State's annual survey of 700 businesses also found the biggest companies are the ones cutting back the most, reports MSU survey co-author Patrick Scheetz.

For example, companies with more than 10,000 employees said they'd hire 9.3 percent fewer new college grads this spring, Scheetz says. Firms with 5,000 to 10,000 employees will cut new grad hiring by 1.5 percent.

General Motors, for one, faced with falling profits, announced in late December it will halt college recruiting efforts altogether.

In response, area colleges are trying to bring smaller firms to campus to recruit. "We're expanding our job days to small and medium-sized companies," says Janis Chabica, director of Cooperative Education at the University of Michigan-Flint.

But, while hiring will increase among smaller companies—as much as 6.7 percent in companies with 500 to 1,000 employees—overall hiring will slip 2.4 percent nationally, Scheetz says.

"This year, the demand will be in mid-sized and small companies," he explains. "Many larger organizations are merging and downsizing. If they can't make a product they need themselves, they're farming the job out to smaller companies. Hence the growth of smaller operations."

Better technology also is making it easier for companies to increase productivity without adding staff, Scheetz notes.

"There's an element of global competition now so companies are looking to do more with fewer employees."

Firms also are cutting hiring plans because they're unsure what 1987's economy will be like, Lindquist agrees.

"Only three percent (of the firms surveyed) expect a (business) downturn, but some employers are still cautious about 1987 because of concerns about the economy, the continuing exportation of American jobs, the deficits in foreign trade and our national debt."

Nevertheless, hotel and restaurant management, marketing and sales, education, electrical engineering, computer science, retail and accounting majors should get a lot of job offers, Scheetz says.

The surveys show overall demand has shifted from manufacturing to service jobs. Engineering opportunities are down nine percent and non-engineering opportunities are up five percent, Lindquist adds.

Students majoring in civil and mechanical engineering, home economics, agriculture, geology and advertising will probably have the hardest time getting jobs, the surveys suggest.

Top starting salaries will go to electrical, mechanical and chemical engineers, all breaking the \$29,000 per year mark.

But the flat demand and the large number of graduates mean higher salaries will go to students with the best grades and internship experience, Lindquist says.

Geographically, the southwestern states will offer the most opportunities, followed by the

Northeast, the Southeast, north central, south central and northwest regions.

"Two years ago the south central area had one of the highest hiring rates in the country," Scheetz recalls. "Now it places fifth out of six, and you can probably blame the drop on the energy industry."

One-third of Lindquist's 230 respondents now test job applicants for drug use, a 136 percent increase in the number of testers. An additional 19 percent say they'll start testing in the next year.

The College Placement Council (CPC) reports that nearly 30 percent of the firms that recruit on campuses now screen applicants for drug use. Another 20 percent plan to adopt the practice within two years.

"The data found in our survey (of 497 national employers) corroborate other reports that drug screening programs are on the rise," says CPC spokesman Warren Kauffman. "Clearly the study shows this is a major employment issue."

Nearly 90 percent of employers who use drug screening tests say they won't hire applicants who fail the tests. Most rank safety as the top reason for demanding such testing, followed by security, quality and reliability of products and services, productivity, health cost control and noncompany or government regulations.

Two percent of firms in Lindquist's survey also now test employees for AIDS, while another five percent plan to begin such testing in 1987.



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The new simplified tax form: Before & After

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New tax law requires students to file W-4 forms

By Ron Vearrier
Staff Writer

Many student workers at LBCC may find the new W-4 tax-withholding form harder to fill out than their advanced chemistry final.

With the new federal tax law, anyone working for an employer must fill out the new four-

page W-4 form, including work study students. If not, the employee could face fines from the Internal Revenue Service for not withholding enough taxes during the year.

Many of the 200 student workers here at LBCC do not realize they have until Oct. 1, 1987 to comply. The Financial Aid Office has been trying to contact these students by placing a list of their names outside the business office,

CC 130. All of the students planning to work in 1987 will be affected by the new tax law, according to Joyce Ellis, Payroll Coordinator.

The new form, which is twice the size of the old one and has four pages of instructions, is basically the same as the older form, however, the most important step when filling out the new form is to carefully read it all the way through. "The main thing is not to make it more

complicated than it is," stated Ellis.

If students do need help filing the W-4, they can contact Pauline Marler in the business office or Sally Wojahn in the Financial Aid office. Even though they cannot fill the W-4 out for the students, they can guide them through it.

If there are questions, the IRS has a toll-free number to call, 1-800-424-1040. Telephone hours are 7 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Transfer courses lead the way

Enrollment continues slow climb

Preliminary returns from winter term registration show LBCC's enrollment continuing a slow climb, with liberal arts transfer courses leading the way.

Fall Term enrollment increased slightly, with the final tally showing a 5.06 percent increase in full-time equivalent from the year before.

The head count for fall term was up 10,831 to 10,933 (an increase of 102 students) according to Blaine Nisson, director of admissions.

There is a general movement in enrollment from vocational areas into lower division transfer programs, according to Nisson.

Jon Carnahan, vice president of instruction, explained the difference between FTE and head count. "FTE figures are based on registered credits for lower division transfer courses and clock hours for vocational courses; 45 credits or 680 clock hours equals 1 FTE. The FTE is applied to a state formula that determines revenues targeted for school budgets and is more useful than head count, which simply reflects the number of credits they take."

When asked about why the shift in vocational programs to lower division transfer programs is occurring, Nisson said, "I think one of the things that is happening is that our economy is getting better. A lot of our vocational division students are returning to the work force."

The other factor causing our lower division programs to grow a little bit is that the state system of education has adopted some additional entry requirements. For example, the University of Oregon is requiring a 3.0 GPA and some of those students may opt to go here and complete a year or a couple of terms and then transfer, Nisson said. Also, there has been a lot of national publicity in terms of liberal arts; suggesting that students that have a strong

background in liberal arts coupled with some technical skills in business will make a good manager that can deal effectively with people.

Final figures for Fall Term FTE show humanities up from 210.3 to 226.81, a net increase of 7.8 percent. The Business Division was down by 6.6 percent; culinary arts was down almost 28 percent; Health Occupations and PE showed a 6.3 percent decrease; and the Industrial/Apprenticeship Division showed a 5.9 percent increase. Science Technology showed a 3.7 percent decrease.

Almost all the losses in FTE for fall term were in vocational types of programs while most of the lower division programs increased a little.

Winter Term enrollment showed a significant change in the Culinary Arts program, showing an increase of 57.4 percent.

The business program is down by 7 percent, HO & PE shows a decrease of 1 percent, humanities is experiencing an increase of 5.7 percent; Industrial/Apprenticeship increased by 23 percent; and Science Technology is down by 2 percent.

"I don't think that you are going to see a major enrollment increase over all in FTE," Nisson said. "You may see some additional head count but it's not going to be a major increase in any significant way, and some of that has to do with the way you generate FTE in vocational vs. lower division. I think you're going to see humanities as the division that shows the most significant increase because they have the most lower division transfer programs."

Jan. 23 is the last day to officially withdraw and qualify for a refund for full-term classes. Jan. 23 is also the last day to register part time or add to part time.

Weak spirit kills spirit week; Toga Dance still on Friday

The Student Activities Committee decided to cancel spirit week which was scheduled to take place during the week of Jan. 19-23 because of lack of involvement. Spirit week was initiated by the activities committee in an effort to increase interest in student events.

"LBCC has a great deal to offer to its students. But we need their input in order to give them what they want," Mitch Coleman, student activities chairman, said.

Despite the cancellation of spirit week, the toga dance will occur as scheduled on Jan. 23, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Commons. Admission is \$1 with a toga and \$1.50 without.

Winter activities planned for lunch hour crowds

Jugglers, a singer, jazz musicians, Eddie Murphy films, and other entertainment is planned for students on the LBCC campus this term. The events are funded from SAP (student activities programs), using \$1.10 per credit hour of a \$127,000 budget. The activities budget is allocated \$1,500 a year or about 11.8% of the SAP budget.

Mitch Coleman, activities chairman, said trying to get more activities is his goal. Coleman said, "The student programs office are increasing their programming, and are more active this term."

An event underway is a three-part Eddie Murphy film festival to be shown each Friday starting Jan. 16, in the Forum 2:15 and 5 p.m. Cost is \$1 with student body card and \$1.50 without.

On Jan. 29, jugglers will perform and a singer will perform on Feb. 29. Both shows will be at noon in the cafeteria.

Later in the term, Coleman has a jazz group lined up. He is also working on music videos from Rock World. These will be shown in the fireside room, and will pay for themselves with advertising slots in the tapes.

Livestock judging team places 6th in national meet

By Todd Powell
News Editor

The LBCC Livestock Judging Team ended their season Friday placing sixth among community colleges across the country in their national meet in Denver.

"We've brought back a lot of hard-

ware this year," explained livestock judging member Lynn Davidson of the 65 trophies they've accumulated throughout the year.

"The Denver meet was a big time contest. They had some of the top animals in the nation there," she said.

The contest yielded the best 25 judging teams throughout the coun-

try's community colleges. LBCC's judging team was termed "the best in the west (coast)," according to Davidson.

The six-member team placed second in sheep and fifth in the swine category.

"We weren't really surprised because we're holding a rather large

reputation," she said of the victory. "Our coaches are real happy both what with we've done in Denver, and throughout the year," she said.

Coaches Bruce Moos and Jim Lucas have been exceptionally pleased with the team's accomplishments.

"The team this year has dominated the west coast judging contest like no school has ever done," said jubilant coach Moos. He added that "there is no second place on the west coast because they've been that overpowering."

Coach Lucas said "we were really tough this year." He agreed with Moos and confirmed that "this has been our most prolific team."

Besides livestock judge Davidson, other team members include Mitch Coleman, Scott Wallace, Weddy Russell, Lisa Charpiloz and Rod Dowse. All but Charpiloz and Dowse are also also ASLBCC members.

Coleman placed sixth overall; fifth in swine and sixth in the sheep category. Davidson was awarded 12th overall and received fourth in sheep.

Davidson said the one-day meet was highly competitive as well as stressful. "Tired wasn't even an accurate word. It was a real mental drain," she said.

According to Davidson, most of the teams that beat LBCC were schools that were located closer, geographically, to Denver. "Like Oklahoma and Texas," she added "they're closer to more contests, so obviously they don't have to travel as far."

Close or not, LBCC's team ended their season winners.

Fresno—first overall, first sheep, first beef and first in the reasons category. Also, Mitch Coleman placed "high individual."

Chico—first overall, first sheep, first beef and first in reasons.

Portland—first in overall, first sheep, first beef and first in reasons.

Cal-Poly—first overall, first sheep, first beef, first swine and first in reasons.

Phoenix—fifth overall, first sheep, fifth beef and fifth in reasons.

Denver—sixth overall, second sheep and fifth in swine.

Contests consist of assessing sheep, swine and beef, and ranking them according to good and bad characteristics. The student judges then give an oral justification for their placements to the contest judges.

Students' scores are compared with the expert livestock judges, and scored on how closely they match. The experts scores each team member based on his or her oral reasons. Those scores are added together to determine the winning team.

The team's large trophy collection are on display in LB's Takena Hall.

All of this year's victorious team plan to move on to the university level, after finishing at LB this year.

Coaches are anticipating another strong team next year. "We've got 10 freshman which seem to have the talent to be successful," said coach Lucas.



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Matthew Prutch and Tammy Railbach play foosball in the recreation room.

Recreation tournament starts Jan. 31

By Gary Heltrick
Staff Writer

Annual campus competition begins next week at the 1987 ACUI (Association of College Unions International) recreation tournaments at LBCC.

The events include bowling and billiards for men and women, foosball, pingpong, darts, backgammon and chess. Winner of all events will be invited to regional competition, except for darts. Events will take place on campus with the exception of the bowling tournament, which will be held Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Albany Bowling Center.

Entry fees are \$3 for bowling or billiards and \$1 for all other events. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 23.

Prizes include T-shirts, hats and cups with the LBCC logo on them for first, second and third prizes.

The ACUI sponsors the events. People from community and four-year colleges can enter and will be competing

against each other in regionals. The winners of the tournament will be sent to regionals held at the University of Oregon on Feb. 21 and 22.

The Chairman of Student Activities, Mitch Coleman, says he expects to see 50 to 100 people sign up this year due to early tournament publicity.

Last year Jane Ross took first place in women's billiards and went to nationals. Dave Rutherford and Dave Thorndike took third and fourth place in chess. Coleman said, "The women's bowling team should look good this year with Jesse Lyons competing again after winning regionals two years ago."

All events are open to students with a 2.0 GPA and carrying at least seven hours this term. All new students are waived if the current term is the first date of college enrollment.

Event times are flexible and can be worked around class schedules.

China's women writers

Career women battle for equality within system that retards their progress

By Michele Warren
Staff Writer

Women writers were not recognized in China until 1911, according to Wendy Larson, University of Oregon professor of Chinese and East Asian languages who has lived and studied in China.

Larson spoke to a small group in Albany last Thursday on the topic, "China after Mao as Seen by Women."

According to Larson, the first women writers usually became known through a relative or spouse who was already a known writer.

"In 1915 the first women's magazine discussed foot binding, child care and arranged marriages," Larson said. Other magazines wrote about women's rights in education and society."

One of the most famous Chinese women writers is Ding Ling. In 1928 she wrote "Diary of Ms. Sophie." The fictional story is about a woman who has confined herself to her house to avoid the problems women must face in society.

During the 1950s and 60s stories were more about the family, said Larson. The family consisted of a mother, her son and his wife. In the stories, such as "Southeast Flies the Peacock," there is a conflict between the mother and daughter-in-law. The daughter-in-law usually holds a political view and in the end the mother changes her mind.

"After the death of the Chinese leader Mao tse-tung in 1976, literature by and about women emphasized three topics," said Larson. The first topic is love and the denial of love. Love was not discussed in China until now because of thirty years of Marxism which did not encourage thought of the self, she said.

The second new topic is the demands of work vs. family life. A story by Shen Rong portrays a woman doctor who is married. By taking on her practice and a family she almost dies.

The third topic is the psychological burdens put on women in China. The Chinese writers association, with 170 women members, wrote a story in 1983 attacking the government on issues of equality in education and society, said Larson. Most universities in China do not consider women as equal, she explained.

Jon Shin Shin wrote about women's psychological unhappiness in fictional writings about dreams and myths vs. reality. In "Dreams of Our Generation" a woman had to decide between giving up her childish ways or giving up her dreams, Larson said.

Since 1983 writers have been criticized for causing anti-spiritual pollution and changing the way people think, Larson said. But writers don't feel responsible.

Switchboxes solve printer problem

By Dale Owen
Commuter Editor

In response to complaints by students and faculty about untimely delays while waiting for computer print-outs at the campus computer lab, LBCC purchased and implemented the use of new mechanical switchboxes.

The results of a survey given last year to users of the computer lab helped determine the need to increase the number of terminal stations in which printing would be available, according to Anna Kircher, computer lab director.

Kircher explained that because only two stations were hooked up to printers, there was long waits for print-outs, especially when most or all of the terminals were being used. She noted that the busiest times at the open lab were during 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The problem was compounded at mid-terms and finals week when lab users were cranking out papers for classes, she added.

Kircher enlisted the help of Jon Carnahan, LBCC vice-president of instruction, to help resolve the problem, she said. Carnahan examined the survey and after discussions with Kircher, it was decided that the "quickest and most economical solution was to purchase switchboxes to add to the lab's equipment," Kircher explained.

Carnahan said that he approved the purchase because available money was budgeted for it and "it didn't take too much genius" to figure out that \$900 was a good

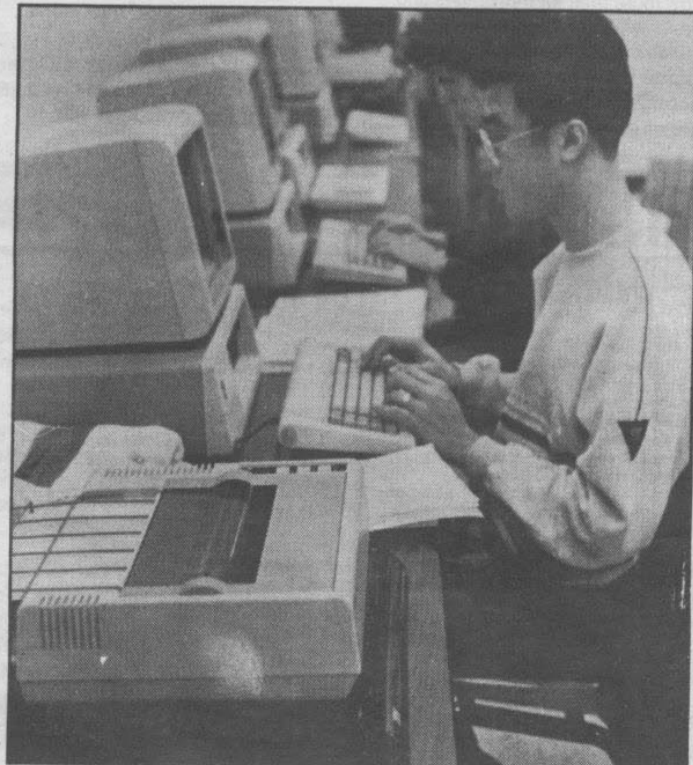
deal to resolve the problem. Money for the purchase came partly from the general fund and partly from the budget of the Instructional Services Division in which the computer lab was recently incorporated for administrative support, he explained.

The switchboxes increased the total number of stations hooked up to printers in the entire lab from four to 17, Kircher pointed out. The open lab gained seven stations with printing and the instructional lab gained 10. "It effectively gave us more stations for people to work at as well as relieving the problem of having to wait," she said.

Although pleased with the results of the additional equipment, Kircher called the switchboxes a "quick-fix solution." "The lab will need more terminals," she stated. The department will have to begin looking for sources of funds, "maybe external dollars," because the recent approved levy didn't increase the department's budget.

In addition to new equipment, the computer lab also increased its resource materials for lab use, Kircher said. Besides books on "permanent check-out" from the library, Kircher said the lab is collecting copies of shareware, software programs "designed (and legal) to copy and share all you want."

The lab is open for use seven days a week. The hours are: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m.-8 p.m.



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Thy-Cheng Juang, computer science major, works on an IBM-PC in the Computer Center lab for his Pascal class.



Health-Wise

by Diane Morelli

I know many of you have heard cholesterol mentioned often, but what do you really know about it? Is it all bad? Do we need it at all? How much? I'd like to take the next few weeks and explore the facts and fallacies concerning this fundamental component of all animal cells.

Dr. Peter Wood of Stanford's Center for Research in Disease Prevention says, "Life can really be defined as things going in and out of cells. This process is controlled to some extent by the cell wall. One of the most important components of the cell wall is cholesterol."

Cholesterol is responsible for about 25 percent of the make up of the cell wall. Not only does it hold cells together, it also performs many other important functions within our bodies. It's used as a building block in the production of several hormones including cortisol, which helps to combat stress and plays a major role in metabolizing carbohydrates, fats and proteins. In addition, it helps to produce the sex hormones. In the liver, cholesterol is converted to bile acids to help digest fat.

Too much cholesterol can adversely affect your health, even leading to early death. Researchers have published persuasive data linking elevated blood cholesterol of a certain type with increased risk of heart disease.

The good news is that every one-percent reduction in cholesterol, translates into a two-percent reduction in risk of heart attack or cardiac death.

There is a great deal of study currently under way to determine whether lifestyle factors such as diet and exercise influence blood cholesterol levels and, likewise, the health of the heart.

It helps to understand the biochemical and molecular activity going on that control these processes.

Cholesterol looks like a harmless white powder when it's in pure form. It's a saturated fat. Our bodies need a

certain amount of fat to function properly. Like other nutrients, fats are carried to all the body cells through the bloodstream.

But because oil and water don't mix, the fats, called lipids, are carried through the blood in a piggyback fashion by various proteins.

There are five major types of these proteins, called lipoproteins. So called because of their jobs in transporting fats. Each type contains differing amounts of cholesterol and fats. Our main interest is in the two called high density lipoproteins (HDL) and low density lipoproteins (LDL). These seem to have the greatest effect on the heart.

HDL is the so-called "good cholesterol." The lipoproteins seems to somehow rid the arteries of cholesterol. So, they in turn, help the heart. LDL, however, has the opposite effect. The LDL transport cholesterol to the arteries, clogging them with fatty deposits.

The condition, known as atherosclerosis, can prevent oxygen-rich blood from reaching vital organs such as the heart. Atherosclerosis is the leading cause of death in the United States.

Wood says that all the lipoproteins have their jobs to do. The way to a healthy heart is to keep the composition of different types—and the cholesterol they contain—in proper balance.

"There is a mechanism for balancing the cholesterol you eat with the cholesterol you make," says Wood. "This keeps the amount going into the blood at a consistent level. But it's not a perfect system. If you overwhelm the balancing mechanism by eating enormous amounts of cholesterol, it can fall apart. You can get an elevation in your blood cholesterol level, and that leads to disease."

Intramurals open with low turnouts

By Scott Rosummy
Staff Writer

The LBCC Intramurals Program has had its problems attracting participants in the past and this term is no different.

The deadline for winter term intramurals registration was extended from Friday, Jan. 9 to Friday, Jan. 16 to allow more time for individuals and teams to organize and register. The extension did little good, however, as one of two major events were cancelled according to Steve Hyre, coordinator of intramural activities.

Coed volleyball was cancelled due to a lack of interested participants, Hyre explained. Four-on-four basketball survived cancellation because a minimal four teams signed up, Hyre added.

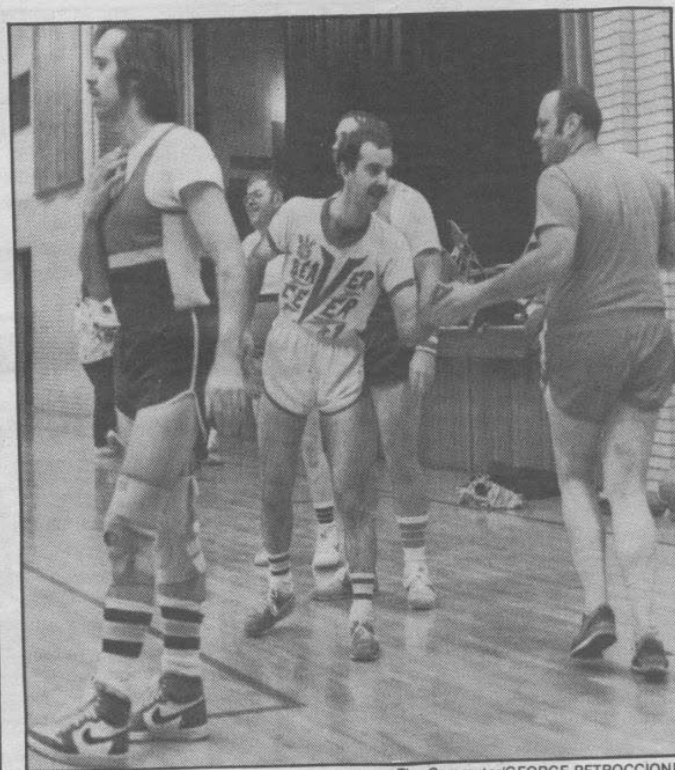
Other events scheduled are a singles and doubles badminton tournament, a three-point shot contest and a free-throw shooting contest.

Hyre said he understands most students attending LBCC just don't have time after school for intramurals. But, if any do have the time, he says it's well spent. He feels physical exercise is a good way to

relieve classroom tensions, referring to it as a "release time."

"It's a chance for students to participate in an activity and have fun," said Hyre. "It's a good break from studies and helps clear your mind to study better."

There is still time to sign up for the one day events. Entries for the Jan. 30 free-throw contest should be in by Jan. 29. For the Feb. 4 three-point shot contest, the deadline is Feb. 3. Information and sign-up sheets can be obtained from the bulletin board in the Activities Center.



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Two members of the Benton County Sun Devils slap low fives during a recent practice for the Special Olympics, which begin this month.

Olympics dreams come true for handicapped athletes

By Todd Powell
News Editor

Have you ever dreamed about competing in the U.S. Olympics?

For most people it's only a fantasy, but for the 300 mentally handicapped athletes in Linn and Benton counties, that dream has become a physical reality because of the Special Olympics Programs.

"We try to run a program just like the U.S. Olympics," stated Special Olympics Coordinator and Boardmember Dala Stewert.

The sports program is designed so that the special athletes, also known as developmentally disabled, get the chance to use their athletic ability against peers at the same level.

"This program gives them a chance to utilize their athletic abilities to the best they know how," Stewert said. According to Stewert, the athletes train and compete year-round as long as the individual feels the motivation. "When they're done with one sport, they're into another," she said.

There are presently 300 people participating in the Special Olympics Program, Stewert said. "The majority of those," she explained, "comes out of Linn county." Over 250 of the athletes come from Sweet Home, Lebanon and Albany and the other 50 come from Corvallis and surrounding areas.

Special Olympics competition includes five seasonal sports which an individual can choose. They are bowling in Jan.; basketball in Feb.; skiing (at Mt. Bachelor) in April; softball in the spring and summer and track and field in the spring and summer.

In each sport, the handicapped athletes compete against seven other people. "They never come out a loser, they're always a winner," Stewert said. The top three winners of an event receive Olympic style medals—gold, bronze, and silver. The other four competitors are awarded ribbons in the order that they place.

Rob "Moose" West, one of the Corvallis participants and LBCC student, has been involved with the Special Olympics program for over five years. "It means a lot to me because I like playing my sports," he added. "The best part is winning."

25-year-old West knows what it's like to be a winner. "I've got about 1,000 good ones," he said with an ear-to-ear grin as he described his trophy collection.

Although West is talented in many sports he enjoys basketball the best. "I like it because my team needs me to be the center. Our basketball team is the best there is," he says.

Besides participating as an athlete with the Special Olympics Program, West takes five different classes through LBCC's Developmental Center. This term he's taking courses in money management, household skills, job search skills, interpersonal skills and adult basic education (ABE). "These classes are helping me to get a good job so I can make money," West said.

West's basketball team, the "Sun Devils," is coached by Mark Wooley of Philomath. Wooley's been a Special Olympics volunteer for over eight years. Wooley said the team has been practicing twice a week in preparation for upcoming tournaments—Monmouth, Jan. 24; Woodburn, Feb. 7 and 8; and Ashland, March 7 and 8.

According to Stewert, the program desperately needs volunteers. Anyone interested in coaching or assisting can contact Dala Stewert by phone at her Lebanon number 258-6771, or by writing for further information—3111 Main Street, Lebanon, 97335.

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Out-of-Bounds

by Matt Rasmussen

In the beginning God created man and earth. . .
Man created football, woman invented the headache. Man did not notice until February, by then it was too late.

Super Sunday is upon us and all across America fathers are donning their Vince Lombardi attitudes and whipping the family into shape for Super Bowl XXI. Just as the Denver Broncos and the New York Giants are fine tuning their offensive and defensive units, fans are honing their sofa-skills in anticipation for the biggest game of the year.

Since September, daddies everywhere have seemingly become couch potatoes. Mothers have long since given up ranting and raving, knowing that if the house was to catch fire the vegetable on the sofa wouldn't leave until the reception was gone.

This is far from the truth—that man on the couch is studying. Yes, you heard me correctly, studying. For 16 weeks that turnip hooked on the tube has been observing the subtle nuances of football coverage and the tendencies of all the coaching staffs. All in preparation for this Sunday—the game of the year not only for the players, but for the fans as well.

He knows exactly how much time CBS takes for a commercial time-out. He is aware (to the split second) that there is enough time to hit the refrigerator and the bathroom when the refs bring out the chains.

Fathers everywhere are getting the families up early, and keeping them up late to practice for Super Sunday. Furniture is rearranged for easier kitchen and bathroom access. Children are lectured on proper conduct. Those too young to remember last year are warned of "daddies temper," (daddy was a Patriot fan last year!)

Surprise quizzes are launched by anxious fathers at 2 a.m. Daddy rushes into Juniors room with a mag-light and announces that "Super Scenario 182 will begin in the living room in two minutes." For the next hour Junior will shuttle chips, dips and beer from the kitchen until he completes the loop in an acceptable time. During the course of the actual game Junior will be sacked six times, tackled 23 times and be knocked out of bounds 12 times for a net loss of 136 yards, three teeth and a severe concussion. If per chance his father's team loses by 36 points again this year, Junior will probably be punted thru the front window again this year. (Dad can't figure out why Junior doesn't like football.)

Mothers also prepare for Super Sunday (although most married females refer to it as "Sunday Bloody Sunday"). They spend Saturday covering the furniture with sheets, stocking the fridge and cupboards with beer and snacks, and generally preparing the house to withstand the possible complete mental breakdown that may ensue. One thing mothers can't stand is the dreaded overtime. It throws their precious timetable off. For the entire 16 week season these women have been biding their time by writing precious work lists with more exact timing than a John Elway pass.

Point spreads across the nation still take New York by 9.5, but I'll put my money on Denver. Stranger things have happened.

Women's 'nuclear' power to explode at Lane tonight

by Matt Rasmussen
Sports Editor

Linn Benton's women's basketball team is on the road tonight preparing to face the Titans of Lane, in Eugene.

Although this is the first league meeting for the two teams, Linn Benton holds a 2-0 advantage over Lane on the season, including a win over the Titans in the Linn Benton Tournament championship game.

Coach Hawk is keying his game plan on shutting down Lanes' two perennial scorers—Sheryl Jones and Maryanne Graham. Containment of those two and "adequate" defense on the rest of the team, Hawk feels will give them a win.

"We have more 'nuclear' power than they have," says Hawk, "but playing on the road you never know—anything can happen. We're just going to have to go out there, play consistently and get the job done," he says.

Friday night the lady Roadrunners will do battle with Southwestern Oregon Community College; the team Linn Benton has been tied with for first place in the NWAACC. SWOCC at 3-1 lost their league opener to LB by 14, here at Linn Benton.

Hawk is experimenting with the defense in an attempt to alter the ap-

pearance of the team for the second half of the season. "We've been running a 1-3-1 defense here of late and we've been real successful. We're predominately a 2-1-2 zone or a 2-3, now we have to change for the second half."

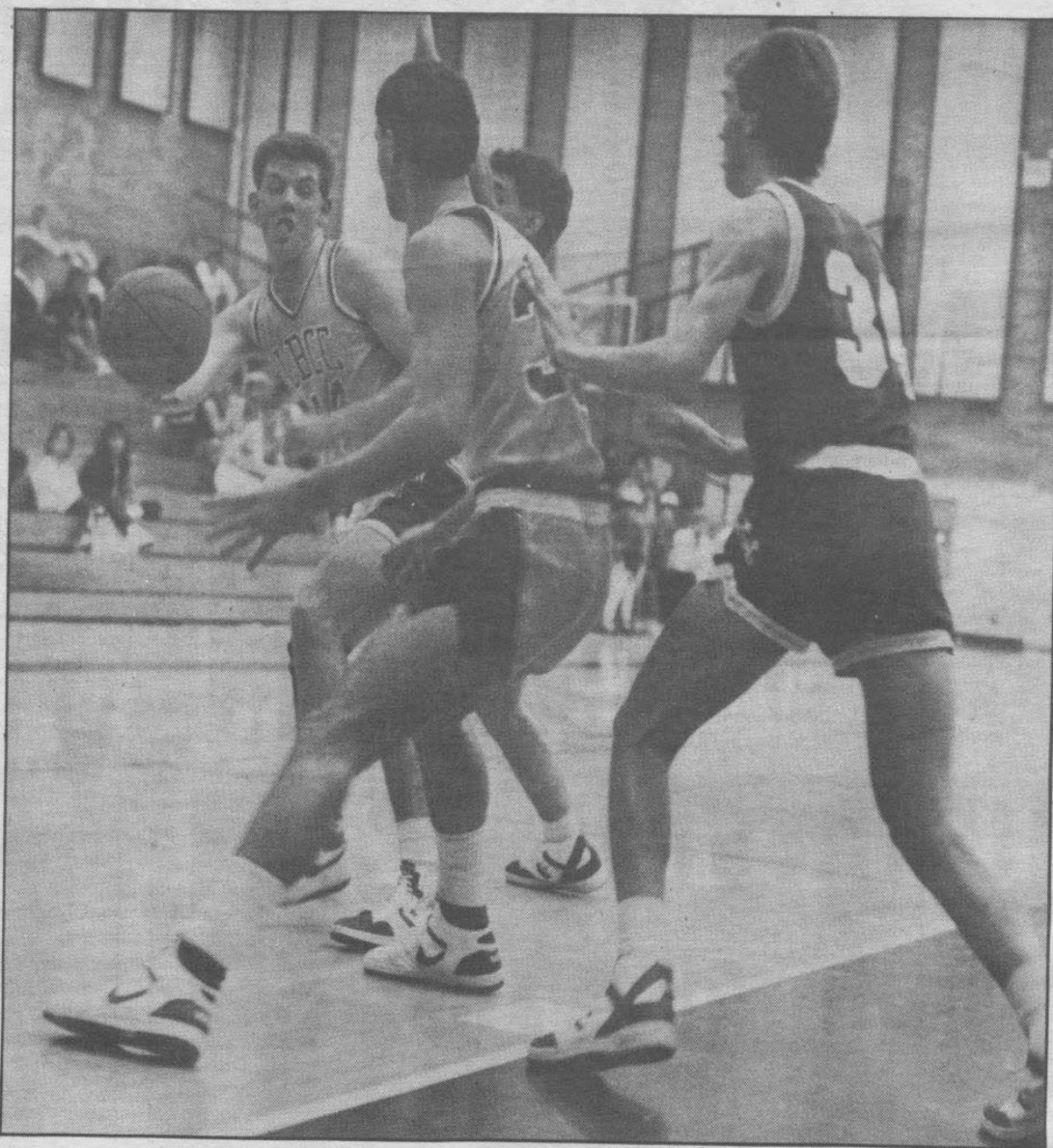
LB played a scrimmage match against the Western Oregon JV team on Monday night. Diane Erickson and Jami Moberg turned the first half into a shooting clinic as the lady Roadrunners ran up the score to 11-0 in the first three minutes. LB led by as many as 16 and never fewer than five throughout the game.

Erickson and Moberg paced the team with 16 each, while Andrea Powell followed with 10.

LB beat Clackamas in a league game last Saturday night in Portland, 62-48. Erickson again led the team with 18 points, Moberg followed with 11.

The lady Roadrunners also topped Chemeketa in a league contest last Wednesday at Hawaiian night, 56-51.

"Diane (Erickson) is coming along really strong offensively and rebounding defensively. Jami Moberg is shooting the ball more, and as a 50 percent shooter that's helping us out," said Hawk as the team nears the halfway point of the season.



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Roadrunner Chris Denker dishes a pass inside to teammate Scott Montgomery in last week's contest against Chemeketa Community College. After holding a 10-point lead in the second half, the Roadrunners lost by 21 points in front of a larger than usual crowd on the se-

cond annual Hawaiian Night in the LBCC Activities Center. Jeff Vincent's 23 points led the LBCC team. In a contest played prior to the men's game, the lady Roadrunners were victorious over the Chiefs, with Diane Erickson leading the way with 18 points.

'Runners clash with Titans in replay

by Matt Rasmussen
Sports Editor

Linn Benton mens' team will be looking for revenge tonight as they travel to Eugene to take on Lane Community College.

Lane beat the Roadrunners by two points in the championship game of the Linn Benton Tournament back in December. This is the first NWAACC league meeting between the two teams this season. The Titans sit in fifth place with a 1-2 record while the 'Runners hold in seventh at 1-5.

"We need to pay them back for the way they beat us here," says sophomore forward Scott Montgomery. "We're looking up for the game. We kind of owe them a favor."

On Friday night, the Roadrunners travel to Coos Bay to take on Southwestern Oregon Community College. The matchup with the Lakers will start the second half of the season for LB. SWOCC won the first meeting of the two teams earlier this year, 81-65, here at Linn Benton.

"I think we can play at both of those ball clubs if we play well," says mens basketball Coach Duane Barrett. "Playing down at SWOCC we know will be tough. I think that our guys ought to be motivated going in there. That's one of the places in this league where they get excited about their basketball."

Looking back, Linn Benton had a tough week losing to both the third and first place teams in the Southern Division. Last Saturday, LB dropped a game to third place Clackamas, 91-68, in Portland. Jeff Stevens led the 'Runners scoring with 16 and hauled in 4 rebounds. Montgomery fell off his 20 point average with 15 points, but led LB in rebounds with 8 and dished out six assists.

Clackamas outrebounded LB by 21, 49-28; and although the Roadrunners took two more shots than the Cougars, the percentages spelled doom for LB who hit a mere 42 percent as compared to CCC's 57.

One week ago LB hosted league leading Chemeketa in a game nobody gave the 'Runners a chance to win. However, Linn Benton played strong and led the Chiefs through most of the first 30 minutes of play, including a four point lead at the half.

Aggressive play was the price LB had to pay to stay in the game. And for the first half the game plan worked. But the Roadrunners three big men—Montgomery, Stevens and Pat Herbert—all went into the lockerroom at the half with three fouls.

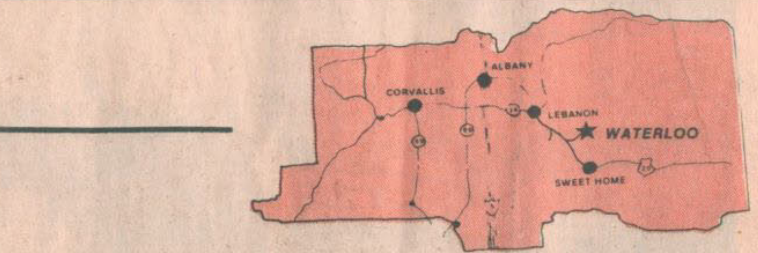
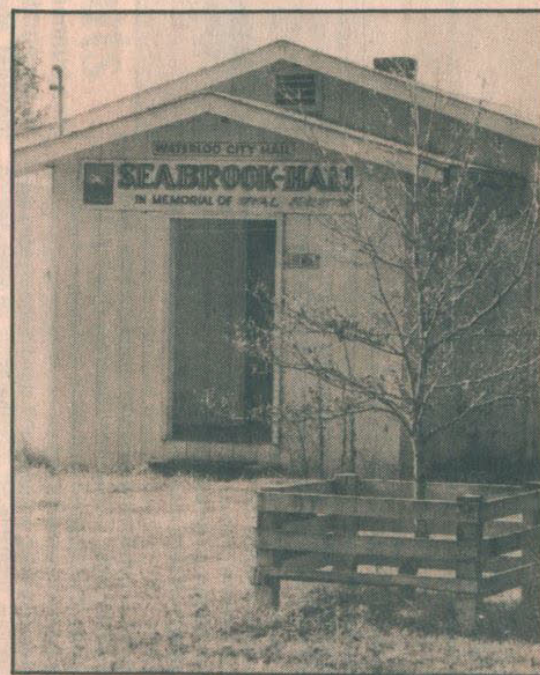
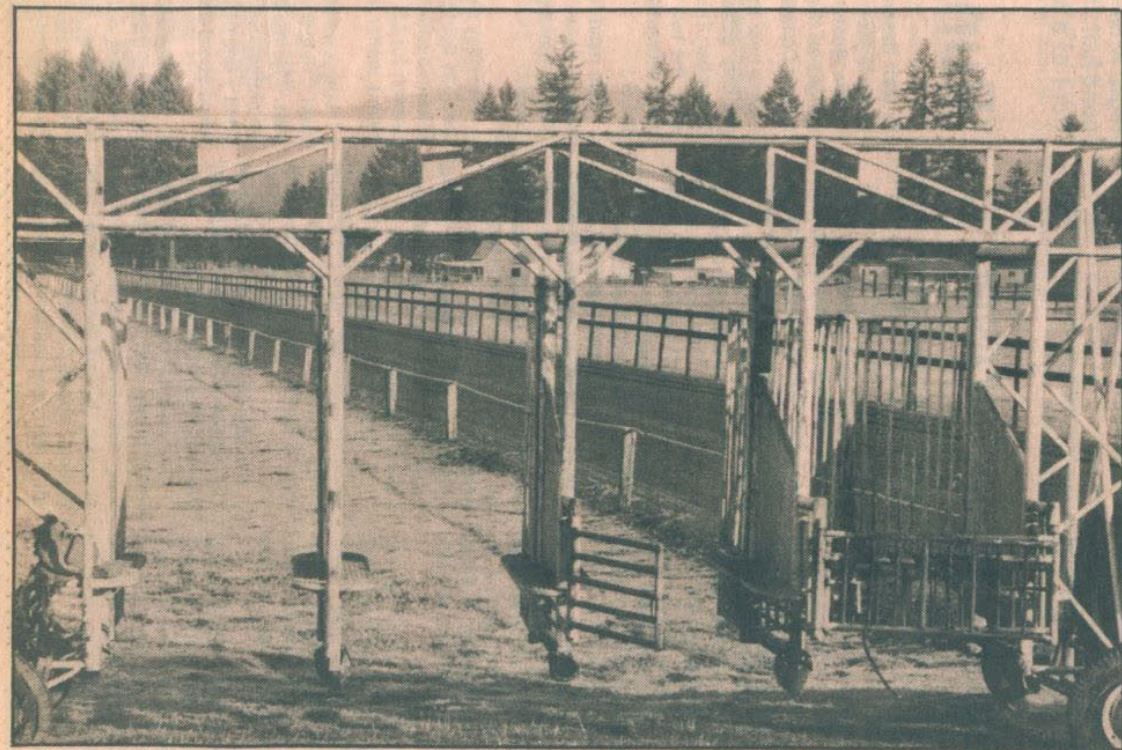
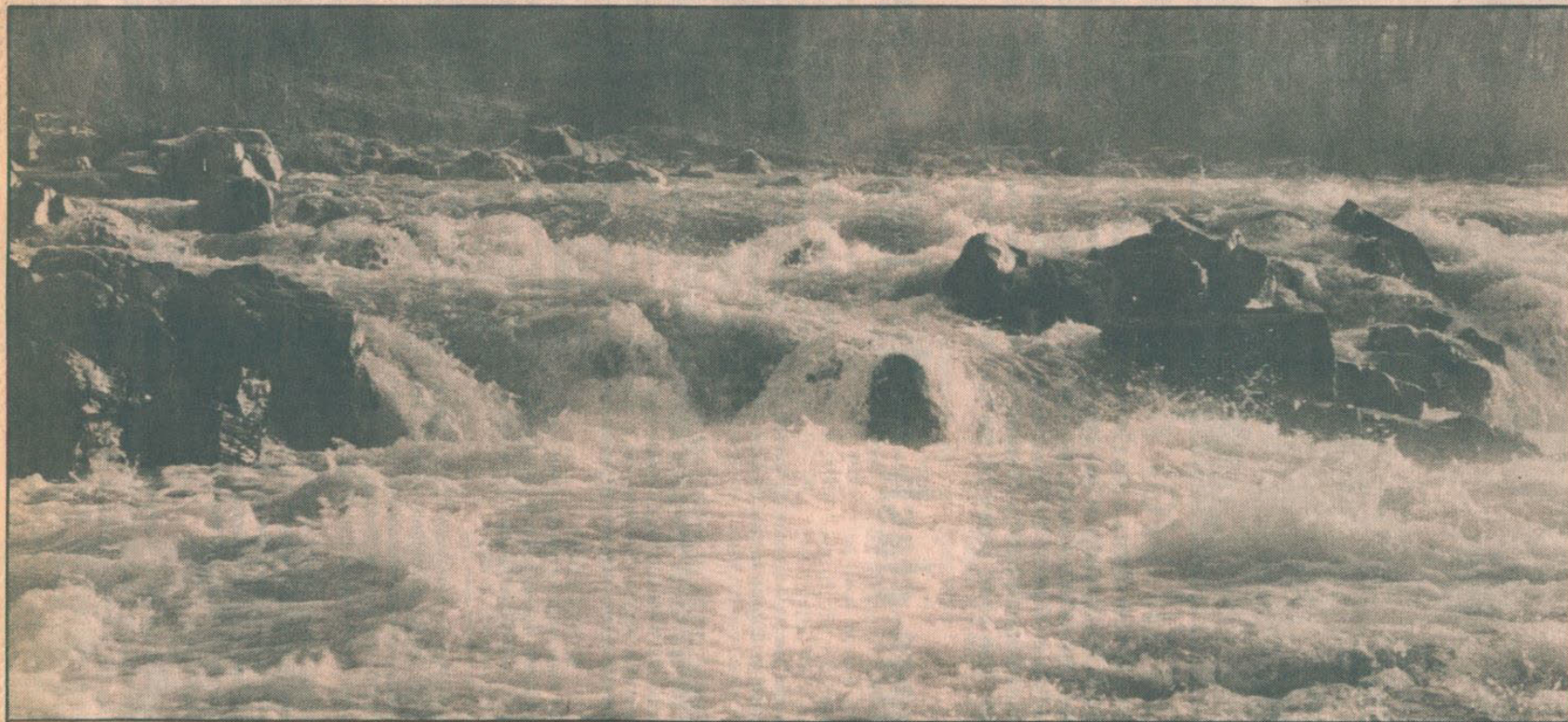
Chemeketa tied the score at 53 on two foul shots resulting from Herbert's fourth foul. The Chiefs then let the three pointers fly—hitting two in a row and outscoring LB 17-2 in the next five minutes.

Because all of Linn Bentons' height had four fouls at this time, Chemeketa had a field day once the ball got anywhere inside. Stevens, Montgomery and Herbert could only stand and watch bucket after bucket over their head. On the offensive end they were tentative in their shooting, and wouldn't go strong to the hoop—fearing their fifth foul.

Jeff Vinson hit 9 of 15 from the field to lead all scorers with 23. He was followed by Stevens with 10, Kleinschmidt and Denker both with nine. Stevens also pulled down eight rebound for the Roadrunners.

Linn Benton lead by as many as ten in the second half, but the wheels went out from underneath them on a 31 point swing. The Roadrunners lost the game by 21, 62-83.

Backroads



Waterloo

By Mike Gaines
Staff Writer

In 1848 Elmore Kees moved from Brownsville to a claim he filed on the South Santiam River to build a mill.

The claim was situated between present-day Lebanon and Sweet Home and included all the land west of the Santiam to what is now Highway 20.

Because the area was ideal for industry due to the power that could be generated from the river, Kees built a flouring mill and a sawmill—and around these industries developed stores, a blacksmith shop, a woolen mill, livery stable and a hotel.

Originally called Kees Mill, the town was renamed after property litigation arose upon Kees' death. John Ambler, a local citizen at the time, suggested the name "Waterloo"—after the French Revolutionary War battle.

Waterloo then built a trading post that provided a significant contribution to the town's economy, as well as to other outlying areas.

During its boom in the early 1890s, the Waterloo Developing Company planned to build a "sister city"—Concordia—but the plan never materialized.

At one time land developers planned to build a dam where the falls are located, upstream from where the present-day bridge spans the Santiam, but only a dike was ever completed. Another landmark found in Waterloo is the soda springs, where people would gather before the soda springs in nearby Sodaville became more popular.

In 1962, Crown Zellerbach donated 27 acres to Linn County. That land is now Waterloo Park.

Now a peaceful residential town of 200 people, Waterloo features a church, Waterloo Store, Sharry's Beauty Shop, and The Burger Hut—a hamburger stand.



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