

# The Commuter

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## Entertainment evaluation creates new fall program

There will be fewer movies, more symposiums and occasional lunch-time concerts on campus this year than in previous years.

A smaller number of movies will be shown because of low turnout in the past. For example, only 10 movies were shown last year, even though costing the college \$30 per student who attended, according to Pete Friedman, coordinator of student entertainment.

Friedman said he thinks not all students will come to movies at night and few students have a two-hour block of time during the day.

The first of the expanded rules for symposiums is "Easy, Fiction, or Fact," a part series of lectures and which will be held Nov. 7, 14, and 15.

Clear physicist Stanton T. Friedman will highlight the symposium with a lecture and a show titled "Flying Saucers are Real." He will appear Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Main Forum.

Friedman is the only space scientist in the world known to be devoting full-time to UFO's. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and children under 12.

Upcoming lunch-time concerts will feature several folksingers and a jazz quintet. They are all free and on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room.

Today's concert will be with Vic Van Deventer, Corvallis performer of folk and popular music.

This Friday, Oct. 20, Steve Cooper, folk musician and singer from Portland, will perform.

Next Wednesday, Oct. 25, lunch-time listeners will hear the LB Jazz Cinq, a jazz quintet from the Albany area.

"The Hobbit," a special feature movie, will be shown in the Alsea/Calapooia Room on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 11:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m.

Tickets for any events with fees are available at the Office of Campus and Community Services, 928-2361, ext. 283 or at the door. □



Photo by Randy West

FRIDAY THE 13TH turned out to be a lucky day for approximately 90 people who enjoyed Bill Moeler's personification of Mark Twain. Next week The Commuter will take a closer look at the basic character of Moeler.

## Editorial

### Editor's wry wit backfires; Commuter's staff panics

Dale Stowell  
Commuter Editor

There are times when I could be convinced that *The Commuter* is a joke every week, but last week's paper had to be the punch line.

Don't misunderstand, *The Commuter* is a fine publication which has received three consecutive First Class ratings, but all you see are the papers in the stands not how they got there. If you knew the time, the place and the conditions that our reporters do their stories in, you'd think it was funny too. (For example, this jewel is being written at 4 a.m. Tuesday and I'm beginning to think that the skull I keep on my desk for inspiration is trying to say something.)

Last week, however, was the climax. Everything that you could expect to go wrong with a college newspaper in a year of publication went wrong last week. Am I exaggerating? Probably. The skull is keeping me honest.

Everything in the Oct. 11 issue of the *The Commuter* looked like flowers and roses until about 8 o'clock Tuesday night (during the time the paper goes together) when our advisor found out her husband was ill and would have to leave early to take care of her little boy.

So, we made a deal. I'd take the paper in to the *Gazette-Times* where it is printed) and she would pick it up in the morning. She was understandably wary of this, since last year the one time that I took the paper in, I set it in the wrong spot and it almost didn't

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## Positions open for new council

Students interested in becoming part of LBCC's new form of student government, the Council of Representatives, should pick up their petitions and applications in the Student Organization Office (CC213).

The official paperwork will be available tomorrow, Thursday, October 25, at 5 p.m. Candidate's names will be listed on the ballot in the order the petitions are submitted.

Two hopefuls will be elected on November 8 and 9 from each academic division, one from the student body at large and two from community centers so anyone who wishes to run is urged to do so.

A mandatory meeting for all candidates is scheduled for

Thursday, Oct. 26, at 4 p.m. in the Student Organization Office. All candidates are required to attend. □

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## Editorial

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get run. But this time I could not fail. Her directions were precise. I was to go in the side door, start going straight, continue going straight and put the paper in the camera room which was straight on my way. I was confident of my competence.

However, while the final touches were being put on the pasted up pages, someone pointed out that there was ulcer food in many of the stories.

I was sure that all my English instructors would call me up and say, "We knew this would happen if you became editor." It was just that time of night.

So errors and all, at about midnight I set out for the G-7. When I got there I had one thing echoing in my mind: "Go straight, young man, go straight." I went straight. I even found a room labeled as the "Camera Room" where I deposited the paper. It didn't look exactly how it had been described to me, but it was straight. I was proud that I hadn't screwed up this time. I skipped out to my car and went home to bed.

I was still gloating over my accomplishment when I came in for my nine o'clock class and jokingly told the managing editor that I didn't take the paper in and didn't plan to. Later on this almost cost me, among other things, my good health.

About halfway through my first class, my bubble was slightly mutilated when I received a note that said, "Dale—Emergency—Commuter Office."

I knew it was a joke, but still my knees wobbled all the way up to the office.

"Kathy, what's this all about?" I said to our managing editor, ready to deal with the perpetrator of such a cruel joke.

"You need to call Jenny (the advisor) at this number," she said, handing me the phone number of the G-7.

When I called, Jenny had already left so she could make it to her 10 o'clock class, but I found out what the problem was. They couldn't find the paper.

"It's in the camera room," I told them. They said they'd already looked.

"What incompetence," I thought, "there's no way I'll be taken for a ride by a bunch of amateurs."

"I'll be right over," I said, slamming down the phone in a manner that made Lou Grant look like David Bowie.

At this point, I didn't realize that the joking remark I made to Kathy about not taking the paper in had been relayed to Jenny, who believed it. She was now in the process of devising two things: a speech on responsibility and a place to hit me where it wouldn't show.

Of course, right then, I was devising the speech I would deliver to the people who could not find a well-placed paper.

When I finally got there, I went storming into the building, knowing that my brown-eyed stare was burning holes in all their expensive equipment.

"Where can I talk to someone about *The Commuter*?" I questioned the first person whose gaze met mine.

"Right in there," she replied, pointing to one of the few rooms in the G-7 that I couldn't remember seeing.

I rumbled into the room.

"I put the damned *Commuter* in the Camera Room," I said to the first person I encountered while looking for a place to slam down my fist.

His reply did subdue my mood.

"This is the camera room," he said.

"This is the camera room?" I questioned.

"This is the camera room" he repeated.

"B-but, but I put it in the camera room," I stammered in disbelief.

After a few more similar exchanges, I showed him where I put it. It was undeniably straight from the door, except it was the dark room.

"Good place to hide it," he said.

"Will it run today?" I said, hoping that I could get out of the building before I had shrunk so much that someone might accidentally step on me.

"Stop back around 11," he said sympathetically.

I found a pay phone and called *The Commuter* so that everyone would know that it was alright, but it was just going to be very late.

I contacted Jenny, who still believed that I actually hadn't taken the paper in. After she finally found out what had really happened, she was much more understanding.

"Irresponsibility I can't handle," she said, "but I can identify with stupidity."

"Thank you, Jenny," I said, having to stand on my tip toes to hang up the phone.

Is there a moral to this story? Sure: If you can tell the difference between a Granada and a Mercedes, a week on the *Commuter* will set you straight, and thank you, Bill. □



## Letters

### Merits of Measure 6 question

To the Editor:

Passage of Ballot Measure 6 would result in unequal property tax assessments and unequal tax reductions.

If Ballot Measure 6 passes, property assessments would be rolled back to the 1975-76 values. Property could be reassessed now to determine what they were worth in 1975-76. Then property value increases would be limited to 2% a year but would be reassessed when sold, ownership changed, or newly constructed.

This would mean that two identical houses in the same neighborhood could be taxed at different rates. Ownership changes not only when a property is sold, but when it is transferred to one partner to another in a divorce settlement, or if a husband or wife dies and it is inherited by the spouse. Similar mobile homes would be taxed at different rates if one is on the owner's property and the other is not.

Ballot Measure 11 would provide equitable assessments. If Ballot Measure 11 passes all property will be valued at January 1, 1979 values and assessments would not be increased for two years.

If Ballot Measure 6 passes many cities, counties, school districts, and special districts would be forced to make major cuts or get money from other sources. The Albany Elementary School District would lose over \$2 million - 42% of its general fund - and couldn't even have an election to increase its income while the Sweet Home School District would lose no money and could even vote to increase property taxes.

Linn-Benton Community College would lose 42.7% of its funding from property taxes. Cuts in faculty and programs are inevitable unless tuition is dramatically increased. Ballot Measure 11 would provide for a

more equitable system supporting services.

Glenn Harrison  
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Albany, OR 97321

### Student applauds Atiyeh

To the Editor:

On November 7, Oregon voters will elect a nominee to serve as governor for the next four years.

I will cast my ballot for Vic Atiyeh, a man I feel is the best choice. Senator Atiyeh has sponsored legislation greatly benefiting Oregon college students and handicapped people. He has also introduced and supported legislation in regard to the environment and tax relief.

At the 32 public institutions of higher education around the state, college students are actively campaigning for Victor Atiyeh for Governor.

On Friday, October 20th at 11:00a.m., The Oregon College Students for Atiyeh will set up a presentation of campaign issues. It will be located in the College Center Lobby. John Becker, Coordinator of the student campaign, and myself, will gladly answer any questions student may have regarding the gubernatorial race.

Senator Atiyeh will be speaking at a question and answer session on the OSU campus. He will be appearing in the Memorial Union Lounge. The session will start at 1:30p.m. on October 24. The OSU Radio Station KBBR and the Barometer's journalist will

be there. Everyone is certainly welcome.

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LBCC Campus Chairman  
Oregon College Students  
Atiyeh. 745-5681

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# election finalizes student government overhaul

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7,200.

representatives will be  
from each of the five

academic divisions, one from the student body at large, and two from the Community Education Centers.

All members will have equal power. However, the representatives will elect a chairman among themselves whose only extra duty will be to keep order during the meetings.

According to Director of Student Development Pete Boyse, this structure should unify students much more because students will have a representative from their own academic background to identify with.

The Council will have advisory responsibility over films, dances, and other student

activities. The Council will also send representatives to express student views at Board of Education meetings and at President Needham's staff meetings.

The Council is also expected to work closely with leaders of

clubs and organizations.

The Council will also appoint student volunteers to LBCC's 10 standing committees.

The Council will also stay in contact with other Junior College campuses to see how they handle common problems.

Student complaints or suggestions can be brought before the council at regular meetings.

Students are encouraged to use this new form of representation and make sure their views are known. □

## LBCC classes vary in structure and location throughout area

by Julie Trower  
Staff Writer

LBCC's impact on the Community reaches far beyond the campus through its Community Education Program. Scattered

from Lincoln City on the coast, throughout Benton County, as far up as Foster, classes take place in every imaginable type of facility, sometimes even private homes.

Because the Community Education Program depends on the use of off-campus facilities, various methods are used to secure classrooms in neighboring cities and towns.

According to Mike Patrick, Dean of Community Education, LBCC has three major centers in the outlying area to work from. The College owns the Benton Center in Corvallis; owns the building for the Lebanon Center,

but not the property on which it stands; and leases a building in three classrooms in Sweet Home.

The majority of classes are conducted in other facilities, usually district classrooms. LBCC pays rent for most of these facilities.

"We use a fairly standard rental agreement contract" Patrick explained, "The main part of the rent covers utilities and custodial charges. The prices are pretty good because what they charge us has to be passed along to the people taking the classes."

Depending on other facilities can sometimes result in problems, like the one caused by the recent threat of a teacher's strike in the Corvallis school district.

"For security reasons we wouldn't be able to use their classrooms during a strike" Patrick recounted, "so we had just a few days to find places for our 84 classes in that area."

The department was able to locate other resources, most of them at Oregon State University, "but fortunately the strike ended soon enough that we didn't have to move."

A similar disruption could occur in Lebanon, since the school district owns the property on which LBCC's building is situated. However, LBCC is putting in an application asking for a donation of land from the Crown Zellerbach Company. The application will cite the uses intended for the land, and the beneficial effects it will have on the community. If the company does choose LBCC as the recipient, the building will be moved to that site, if the school board agrees to the relocation.

Not all school districts charge rent for the use of their facilities. Lincoln County donated their district classrooms for the college's use.

"Some districts feel that it's a function of the schools to open their doors and be available for the community's benefit" Patrick said, "Even those who do charge must have that feeling because the rent is so low."

## Food services on campus offer low-cost meals for every palate

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Writer

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our books and get away to  
Santiam Room Restaurant or  
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Santiam Room Restaurant  
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Santiam Room is open to



Photo by Ruth Tjernlund

**STUDENTS ARE AGAIN ENJOYING the Santiam Room for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.**

students, staff members and anyone else with hunger pains.

If full service isn't what you're after, the cafeteria has been updated, according to Marc Brown, Food Service manager. It can handle hungry crowds from 7:30 a.m. for cereal, fruit, etc. before that first morning class, to a complete grill service for sandwiches and side orders from 10 a.m. until closing at 9 p.m.

New additions to the cafeteria

include the salad bar, snack island, and natural foods.

The salad bar offers the standard tossed green salad at 55 cents. A variety of condiments are available at an additional 55 cents.

The natural foods include entrees, salads, soup and candy bars.

Warren Danielson of the Culinary Arts Program says, "The Santiam Room Restaurant is the most reasonable restaurant in the valley."

Whether it is a quick snack, a complete breakfast, or a leisurely lunch, the Food Service and Culinary Arts Program at LBCC have worked to offer students and staff a wide variety of tastes at reasonable prices.

So, when your stomach roars from hunger, don't panic! Relief is just a swallow away on the second floor of the College Center Building. □



Photo by Ruth Tjernlund

A STUDENT makes use of the new salad bar in the Commons.

## Arts spotlighted

by Lucille Ingram  
Staff Writer

The first issue of Spotlight should have reached the homes of Linn and Benton County residents Thursday, October 12th, according to Bob Miller, director of College Center Activities.

Spotlight, an LBCC publication, is sent as a community service to individuals in the two counties who are interested in the performing arts.

It is also provides an opportunity for organizations such as the Albany Creative Arts Guild and the Corvallis Arts Center to promote their activities. "It will serve as a clearing house," said Miller.

There were about 2500 mailed out, but Miller thinks this number will grow appreciably.

It is the intent of LBCC to mail out an issue of Spotlight six to seven times a year.

The LBCC staff, the Graphics Department, and the College Center Office have helped to put Spotlight together. But, according to Miller, the one primarily responsible for the final production of Spotlight is LBCC student Randy West.

The publication is free. "After two more issues, then I will be approaching groups as to the value of the publication and ask them for funds," said Miller.

"It is expensive to promote," Miller added. □

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**LBCC Book Store**

# LBCC class to discover the delight of truffles

by Retha Bouma  
Staff Writer

At \$27 an ounce, truffles are not a trifling matter.

Yet, all you need is \$10 and a four-tined garden cultivator according to LBCC's Community Education teacher, Tony Walters, who is instructing a course on truffle hunting this fall.

Although more species of truffles are found in the Pacific Northwest than anywhere else in the world, few really know what they really are.

"They are an underground fungus, resembling little potatoes", states Walters. "Many people confuse them with mushrooms," he continued, "but they are entirely different."

Mushrooms grow above ground and have caps on them. The caps contain mycelium spores which are distributed by air currents.



THE PICTURE SHOWS what truffle hunters go mad over. These humped truffles are the most common in the northwest.

Photo courtesy of James Trappe.

Truffles, however, grow underground. Their spores are disbursed by animals who are attracted by the

Europeans have used dogs and the past to aid in the hunt for truffles. However, Walters claims that "trained eye and an alert nose" is easy to detect."

The odor of the truffles, coupled with the tell-tale signs of small animals, is the hunter in locating them. Walters describes the most common variety of true truffles smells similar to a mixture of cheese and garlic.

As old as the Pharaohs, the truffle has been sought for over 5,000 years. According to Walter's friend and truffle associate, Corvallis' James Trappe, the world's leading authority on truffles, Pharaoh Cheops savored the morsels before 3000 BC.

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## LBCC livestock judges take second place

LBCC's livestock judging team has opened its 1979 competition with a second place finish at the Chico (Calif.) Agricultural Field Day.

The Linn-Benton team finished behind Merced (Calif.) Community College in overall points. A field of 18 teams, including schools from California, Oregon, and Washing-

The remaining members of Linn-Benton's first team are Craig Wood of Forest Grove, who finished fifth in swine judging, Andy Walton of Halsey, and Sandy Newkirk of Turner.

Linn-Benton's second team also competed and finished sixth overall.

The Chico Field Day is the

ton, competed in the Oct. 6 livestock judging contest.

Linn-Benton's Marge Flade of Scio and Mike Sanders of Silverton finished third and fourth in overall individual points. Flade was first in sheep judging, third in swine judging and third in oral reasons. Sanders was first in beef judging, fourth in swine judging and fourth in oral reasons.

first of four regional livestock judging meets on consecutive weekends this fall, culminating in the Grand National Livestock Exposition in the Cow Palace in San Francisco Oct. 28. Standout regional teams will then go on to national competition in Louisville, Ky. in November. Last year's Linn-Benton team finished second in the nation at the Louisville exposition. □

## UCLA strikes rich on campus

LOS ANGELES (CPS)—In the wake of the tax-cutting Proposition 13, a number of California colleges are casting about for new sources to offset funding cuts. UCLA is no exception, though, that can't be worried.

UCLA's Westwood campus turns out, is setting atop

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# Open House - This Weekend!



## COLLEGE GREEN

New duplex rental units will be open for your inspection Saturday and Sunday, October 21st and 22nd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All are two bedroom deluxe units with choice of options to you.

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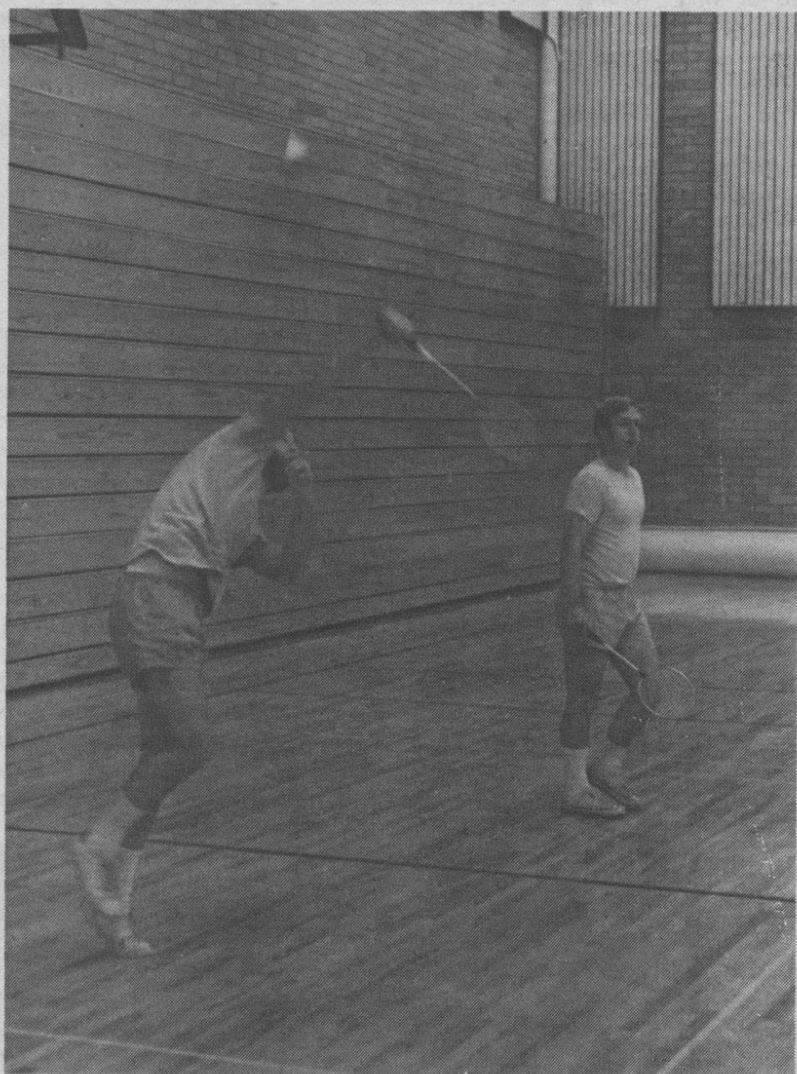
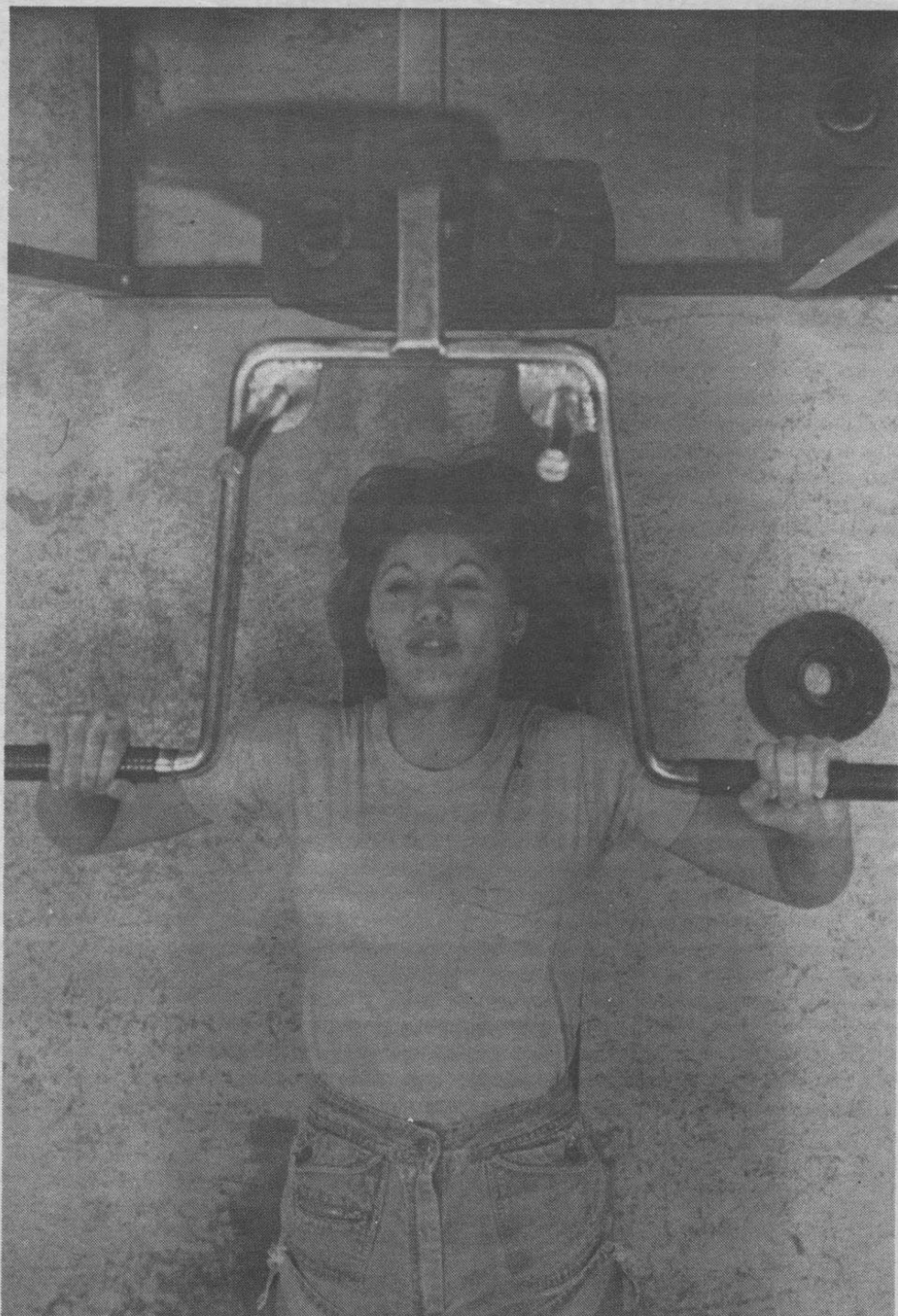
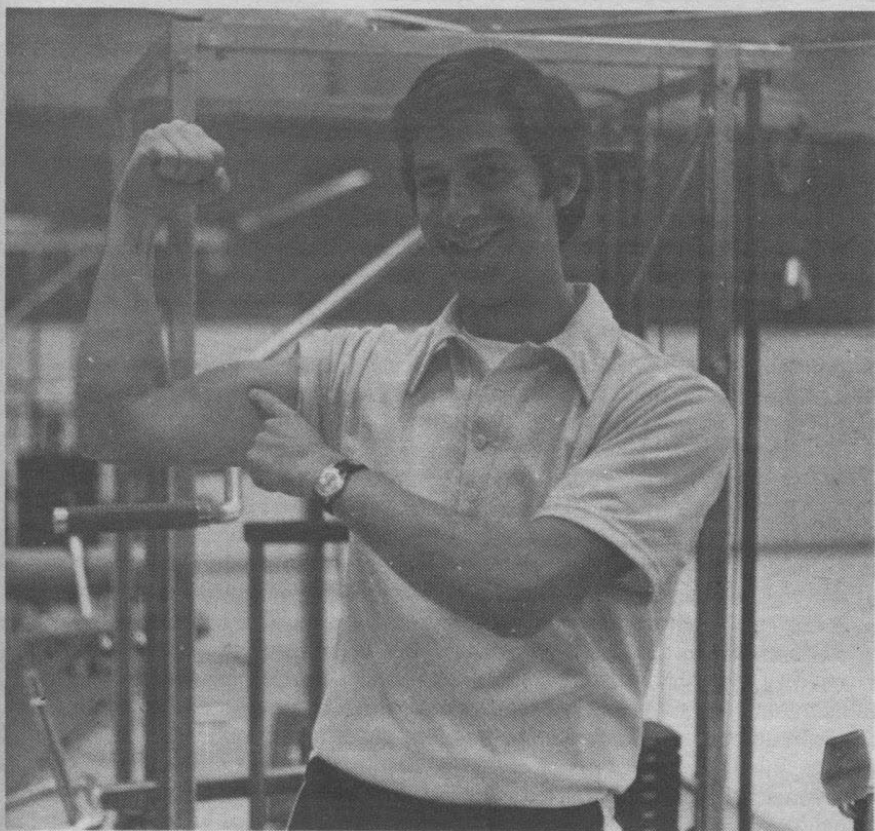
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# Shape up!



Walk (better yet, jog) down to the Activities Center (alias the gym) any noon and you'll hear the huffs and puffs of LBCC's physical fitness buffs.

Both students and staff members give up food and conversation for the masochistic pleasures of pounding the track, straining with weights, jump roping or less strenuous pursuits like batting a badminton birdie.

**Photos: above left:** Dave "Flex" Dangler, PE instructor, shows what results you can get after regular workouts. **above right:** Peggy Reese strains on the bench press. **lower left:** Faculty member Del Swearingen (back) waits for another chance to go for the birdie. **lower right:** Some students prefer jumping rope in the dry inside to jogging in the rain.

Photos by Micheal Bracher

## Confusion reigns over ETS credibility

# Standard tests panned, praised, questioned

by Jay Stevens

College Press Service

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.—Camouflaged in the gently cantilevered hills of Lawrenceville is one of the most influential unknown corporations in America.

Critics like to characterize it as an unchecked monopoly, a gatekeeper, a cradle-to-grave arbiter of social mobility.

*Forbes Magazine*, after noting the 370 acres of prime real estate, the artificial pond, the real ducks, the \$3 million conference center, the tasteful brick buildings, the savvy investments, called it one of the hottest little growth companies around.

Information officer John Smith calls it a very concerned organization, with a lot of integrity.

The IRS calls it non-profit.

Most Americans have little to say about the Educational Testing Service (ETS). They know it only as a multiple choice test that stands between them and college, grad school, law school and now more than 50 professions ranging from podiatrist to CIA agent. Last year over a million students took the ETS-designed Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Another 800,00 sat down to one of a battery of graduate exams. Countless others, from pre-schoolers to auto mechanics, were measured, assessed, and,

say the critics, judged by an ETS test.

These programs, plus grants from government and the private sector, netted ETS \$70 million in 1977, with a profit margin of about \$1 million. ETS, in short is a very successful non-profit company.

"For too many students, the decision to take a standardized admission test creates a statistical shadow which follows them through life, often without their knowledge or control," says Congressman Michael Harrington (D-Mass).

Harrington has introduced a "Truth in Testing" bill designed to open standardized testing to public scrutiny and control. California recently passed a similar bill, and one is now pending before the New York legislature.

This action comes 30 years after the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, the American Council for Education and the College Board Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) established ETS as a separate entity chartered to construct educational tests.

Of this triumvirate, CEEB was and is the most important. An umbrella organization representing over 2500 schools of every character, it contracts with ETS to provide admissions tests. Despite their historical tie, the relationship is supposed to be purely contractual, with CEEB

acting as consumer protector.

"Not so," says Nader researcher Alan Nairns. "The college board is a rubber stamp for ETS, and therefore not accountable to the students who must take and pay for the exams."

"Historical" and "amicable" are the words ETS president William Turnbull uses to describe the relationship. He should also say profitable. Last year CEEB programs accounted for more than 42 percent of ETS revenues.

"ETS is not a gatekeeper," he says, claiming that charge is not only untrue, but a bad metaphor. "ETS is a custom *gatemaker* according to the dictates of the person who want the gate. I do think it's important that someone other than ETS makes those decisions."

Turnbull admits that ETS, as the largest educational research organization in the country, often conducts the studies that validate its own test to clients like CEEB, but he points to the distinguished educators involved in the CEEB-ETS relationship as proof that motives are pure.

"Do you think men of this caliber would be involved in anything like that?" asked John Smith as we examined a list of ETS trustees.

Historical friendliness aside, it was revealed in 1974 that the ETS-CEEB contract contained

two clauses forbidding both parties from doing business with any competitors. Lawyers at the time said that this was probably an illegal restraint of trade, but pointed out that the courts are reluctant to apply anti-trust law to areas involving education.

Whatever the nature of the relationship, their union has produced one controversial monument: the SAT. Objective, simple, practical, graded in milliseconds, a quick study for harried admission officers, it has become a rite of passage for millions of students.

But what exactly does it test?

"The SAT only measures a student's developed ability in a particular area at a given time," says Turnbull.

One-time Einstein collaborator and longtime ETS gadfly Banesh Hoffman disagrees: "They reward superficiality, ignore creativity and penalize the person with a subtle probing mind." Ralph Nader and Harrington echo Hoffman's charge that the tests ignore such vital qualities as creativity, integrity and maturity.

Turnbull agrees: "It's not as if there were an array of things to test, and ETS chose only a couple. We test only what we know how to measure. He adds that if the test has come to influence the allocation of academic opportunity, then the fault lies not with ETS, but with the college.

Still, ETS is not completely blameless. While they hedge on stating exactly what predictive value the tests possess, they wax poetic on their test's rigorous development. Oscar K. Buros, who reviews nearly 1500 tests in his *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, describes the SAT as "highly perfected—possibly reaching the pinnacle of the current state of the art of psychometrics." Is it odd for

people to assume that such a technically-exquisite test ought to have some predictive value?

The question of prediction is a sensitive one at ETS. Correlation between test scores and college grades in only .4. For some reason men consistently score higher than women, although the latter have better academic records coming into the test. Ethnic groups score lower than whites. ETS studies have revealed that there is a standard error of measurement of 30 points. Consequently, the true score of a person receiving a 600 lies somewhere between 570 and 630.

Such revelations prompted the 'Truth in Testing' legislation. Briefly, the bills would require all testing firms to make public all reliability and validity studies; to publish a prominent warning that the allegedly exact score is only an approximation; to provide test applicants with a specific description of what skills are being tested; to publish all test questions after 30 days and to notify students and schools of any irregularities.

Turnbull agrees with the spirit of the legislation, but claims that ETS already fulfills all the criteria except publishing test questions. They could do that, but the cost would have to be passed onto the student.

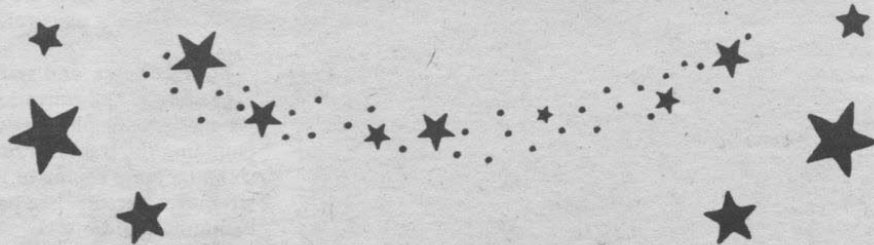
"None of our research is classified," he says. A claim that both Nairns and former *New York Magazine* writer Stephen Brill dispute. Both recount the prevalence of the top secret stamp at ETS.

Regarding ETS errors, Vice President Robert Solomon has testified before HEW's Privacy Commission that they were "to the best of our experience" no problems.

Since then, 95 percent of the takers of the Nov. 5, 1977 GMAT were scored 9 or 10 points too low.

The tests are nationally accepted nonetheless. President Turnbull agrees that certainly "with more tests in use the possibility of misuse increases." So what's on the horizon? In this decade, ETS has moved increasingly away from academic and into testing 'occupational competence'. They are devising tests for pre-schoolers. A long range goal is to perfect a test to discover why people fail tests.

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# Traffic safety programs implemented

More Oregon drivers, perhaps as many as 600 per month, may soon find themselves back in school for at least eight hours under a Motor Vehicles Division administrative rule change which took effect this week.

"What we're trying to do," according to DMV Administrator Harold L. Grover, "is strengthen the driver improvement program by speeding up the re-education process when records show a driver may be headed for serious trouble."

"There is ample evidence," he said, "that drivers with two or more moving convictions a year are far from typical. In Oregon, in fact, more than 80 per cent of the drivers of record have no convictions in a year, and more than 60 per cent have none in four years."

Grover said the amended rule for the state's driver improvement program will put a driver in a safety course if he or she gets one moving conviction within six months or two convictions or two preventable accidents within any 12 month period after a warning letter is received.

Previously, assignment to a school came only after other steps, such as interviews, had failed to bring about improve-

ment and it usually took three years of repeated entries before a driver finally was assigned to an improvement course.

As part of the program change, the division also will evaluate a different type of safety class—one that is being used in other states such as California and Texas—in four Oregon cities—Portland, Salem, Eugene and Corvallis. Drivers from Albany, Cottage Grove and Springfield also may participate in nearby courses.

Errant drivers in these cities will go either to an eight hour course conducted by the National Traffic Safety Institute (NTSI), or a DMV-sponsored Defensive Driving Course. NTSI is incorporated in Oregon and has a Salem office. Their course is taught in one eight hour session; DDC is taught in four two hour classes over a four week period.

Grover said the new course and program will be carefully evaluated to determine its effectiveness in improving driver performance.

Defensive driving courses were developed by the National Safety Council. DMV now sponsors these courses in 27 cities after an earlier research project showed the course to be successful in improving driver

performance in lieu of a license suspension.

A driver assigned to either program must pay \$15 to take the course.

DMV officials say that's a bargain since the alternatives if a bad driving record continues to mount include higher insurance premiums and even difficulty in obtaining insurance, as well as possible license suspension

which, also ultimately means a \$25 fee to get the license reinstated.

Too often, frequent convictions may also lead to involvement in a serious injury or fatal crash that could have been avoided by a change in attitude or driving habit, Grover said. That, he added, is what the driver improvement program is all about—preventing injury or death. □

## Harriers score second place at Bush Park meet

By Rod Rogers  
Staff Writer

While most of us were just waking last Saturday morning, the Linn-Benton cross country team was well into a five-mile run at Bush Park in Salem.

The Roadrunners came in a strong second with 44 points, behind Umpqua Community College (Roseburg) with 33 points.

Led by Lorin Jensen's fourth place and Stu Templeman's fifth place finishes, the Roadrunners out kicked SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College) of Coos Bay (47 points) and Chemeketa CC of Salem.

Finishing out the top five runners for Linn-Benton were Ron Carlson, seventh; Richy Ruiz, twelfth; and Roger McKay, 16th.

"We have the potential of being the best cross country team ever produced at Linn-Benton," said Coach Dave Bakley.

"If we can get past a few illnesses, we should be in the top three at this year's conference regional meet in Coos Bay," he predicted. □

### Food Service hours

Food Service hours fall quarter are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. with the grill closing at 7 p.m. Friday hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it is closed on Saturdays. □

## Biorhythms criticized

MADISON, WI (CPS)—Biorhythms have recently been adopted as a way of predicting the outcomes of sporting events, of individual and group behavior and even of tests. Lately, some industries have even flirted with biorhythm theory as a way of minimizing industrial accidents. Now two University of Wisconsin researchers have conducted some experiments on biorhythms, and found that they can foretell accidents no better than horoscopes can.

Wisconsin professor Frazier Damron and research associate Dan Leetz investigated some 380 on-the-job accident reports, and cross-checked them with the biorhythms of the victims. "We found," Leetz reports, "no evidence that biorhythms had any influence on accident occurrence."

As Damron summarizes it: "Our study shows that the

validity of biorhythms as a means to prevent accidents is highly questionable."

Biorhythm theory, of course, has it that there are three cycles—physical, emotional, and intellectual—that determine our actions. When the three cycles are each in their own "critical period" simultaneously, it's supposed to be a day when it's better not to get out of bed.

But the Wisconsin study suggests the theory isn't valid. Damron speculates that "if biorhythm users claim a lower accident rate, it is probably due to increased safety consciousness rather than the intrinsic value of the theory itself."

Wisconsin's School of Education, meanwhile, happens to offer a course on biorhythm forecasting. No one from the department could be reached for comment. □

## UCLA, new oil tycoons?

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oil and gas field that could mean approximately \$3 million a year to the school, according to oil industry estimates. The UC regents have decided to start the development process. Chancellor Charles Young said that the regents' decision stemmed largely from the realization that the royalties could offset budget cuts from Proposition 13.

Although the university has been planning an oil and gas leasing program for over a year, "the feeling is to explore now," said Young. Of course, UCLA's potential profits have a price.

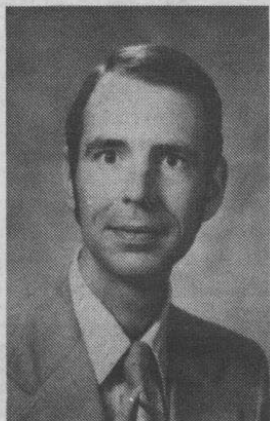
The impending drilling activities will "at best, create problems," Young acknowledged.

For one thing, the recommended site would displace about 330 parking spaces, and the regents expressed concern over the noise and appearance of drilling equipment on the already-congested campus.

According to university plans, though, the parking spaces would be replaced prior to any drilling, and the first proceeds from successful drilling would be used to pay for "any campus inconveniences." □

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# .... LBCC class to examine delightful truffles

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Favored abroad in Southern Europe, truffle recipes are found in French cookbooks dating to 1700.

While teaching classes on truffles, Walters is also gathering data for Trappe so he can

develop location maps. Trappe is also determining the feasibility of commercial production.

Although neither Walters or Trappe have recorded any recipes, each recalled his favorite ways of enjoying the morsels.

Walters enjoys frying them in hot grease because he appreciates their true flavor. He prefers to eat them without masking the flavor as in casseroles and stews.

Trappe, spoke of a cheese soufflé with fresh truffles grated over the top. Another of his favorite recipes calls for fresh grated truffles in chicken or turkey stuffing. He claims this

enhances the flavor of the whole bird.

Both Trappe and Walters agreed that false truffles, which are are bland in taste, opposed to the flavorful true truffle, are best prepared by slicing thin, sprinkling with seasoned salt and allowing them to dry. Prepared in this manner, their taste resembles that of seasoned potato chips.

The truffles class, offered by Walters, begins tonight at 7 p.m. at the Benton Center. The course will include three lectures and two field trips. □

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