

Barbecue feast caps '71-'72 college year



The race was on! The annual tricycle races were in progress and everyone from six to sixty was involved. Some did better than others though. Above, Marti Tokarski, Speech Instructor; and Dick West, Head of the Music Department, prove that tricycling should be left to the six-year-olds.

Students, many of them bringing their families, flocked to sunny Bryant Park in Albany, May 24th. The happy occasion was the fourth annual Linn-Benton Community College picnic.

The biggest attraction at the park was the fragrant chicken barbecue manned by unpaid volunteers; Dorothy Christman, Dian Osterling, Ms. Helen Boules, Doug Hurst, Harvey Scott, his parents, and his grandmother. In addition, there were many other hard working people. Their efforts produced enough mouth-watering, golden chicken to sate the ravenous appetites of well over six hundred people. It was felt by all that the volunteers did a first-rate job.

The many students, relatives and faculty participated in sports ranging from volleyball, softball and baseball, to Frisbee throwing and in general, having a good time.

Another type of recreation planned by Dorothy Christman (who was in charge) and her "helpers," were the various competitive sports. They were; volleyball game with teams consisting of a mixture of students and faculty, a balloon toss (a smashing success to say the least — pun intended), and the Ecology Club sponsored

child and adult tricycle races. Babysitting services were provided by LBCC, as parents could participate.

Special thanks are in store for Ms. Christman, Bob Miller, and other selfless volunteers who cleaned up the picnic site after the "fun and games" were over.

Some of the "picnic flavor"

will still be around for the children at the Child Day Care Center in Albany, as they enjoy the tricycles. They were purchased by the clubs who then donated them at the conclusion of the festivities.

Like a kaleidoscope, all the various, random activities occurring at once, merged into a complete picture — the picnic's success.

Concert choirs debut

LBCC's concert of Sunday, May 21, at the First Methodist in Albany was declared a success by Dick West; the two choirs, and the audience which numbered around 200. This was the first solo performance by the Concert Choir and only one in a series by the Swing Choir.

The audience appreciated the variety of the Concert Choirs selections which included one in Latin, "O Vas Omnes" to the final trio of songs collected under the title of "Magazine Madrigals." The purpose of these songs was to appeal to peoples humorous memories concerning apartment living, those summer "vacations," and

the joys of dieting. They were well received.

The Swing Choir performed after the short intermission. Their repertoire was comprised of pop songs of both a poignant and happy vein. "Rainy Days and Mondays," and "Traces," were two of the former while their final selection, "Joy To The World," during which they filtered throughout the spectators, encouraging them to clap along with them. Finally, everyone was standing and keeping time with their hands — including our President, Ray Needham.

This was a performance enjoyed by all; those who gave it, and those who received it.

Dale Parnell asks support for tax reform plan

"Isn't it curious public policy to guarantee, without a vote of the people, that public transportation will be available and highways will be built but not guarantee a basic educational opportunity for each young person in our state?"

These were the opening remarks of Dale Parnell, state superintendent of public instruction, in a speech prepared for a Monday luncheon of the Sunnyside Kiwanis in Portland.

Parnell, calling for wide citizen support of a proposal by Governor Tom McCall to provide statewide support of public schools and elimination of homeowner property taxes, said, "The only good tax is one someone else pays. But the fact remains that a democratic society demands an educated citizenry."

"We cannot eliminate school taxes," said Parnell, "but we can work to make the school finance taxes more equitable."

The superintendent told the group that a court decision on school finance in California — the Serrano Case — has been widely misinterpreted by people representing both sides of the issue.

"The only thing the Serrano decision said that has the effect of law," said Parnell, "is that a state denies pupils equal protection under the law when substantial disparities exist among school districts in the amount of revenue available

for each child's education."

Parnell said questions left unanswered by the California court must be considered by Oregonians seeking to bring tax reform to the Oregon school finance system.

"The court did not say, as was widely headlined across the country, that schools were barred from use of the property tax. Rather," he said, "the court condemned the particular mode that California uses to make property taxes available to schools."

"The court did not say that dollars spent per student equates with quality," said Parnell. "The court did not say how support for schooling must be raised or that local control must be sacrificed, or that local control was contingent upon revenue sources."

In his last point, Parnell said, "The court did not say that inequities between states were the business of state constitutions and courts, or that a citizen could quit paying property taxes or get refunds from the past."

"Solution of the knotty school finance problems will require many months' hard work," said Parnell. "I call on Oregonians to put aside regional interests and use a statesman-like approach to finding and supporting a solution — such as Governor McCall's — which will provide an equal educational opportunity for all our young citizens."

Idaho 9 win Region 18



Dennis Coon makes the start of a double play against Treasure Valley. See season rap-up, page 4.

Opinion

Change is constant. This year brought change to many aspects of the Linn-Benton campus. Change not only to the campus but also to some of the policies that governed many of the activities on campus.

This paper only slightly challenged the power of Student Government. Something that was most helpful in maintaining this papers freedom was the Student's Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities Document. This is one of the more recent policies, however, and it is yet too new to see change.

One policy that challenged but not yet changed is the ban on alcohol at Linn-Benton functions. I look for and hope for moderate change or at least a serious look at this older policy.

There has been change in the organization of this newspaper and Student Government. As both organizations grow, they learn and revise, making at least the student part of Linn-Benton a never stagnant part.

The administration has changed too, registration has been revised to speed up the process for the student. Besides old things changing, there are entirely new parts of LBCC.

Jean Schreiber and her child care unit is a perfect example. The Health room in the Counseling Center is another.

Both of these are services for the students. As we change, we become better. In a lot of institutions this is not always true, but LBCC is a fortunate minority, profiting from its experiences.

J.H.

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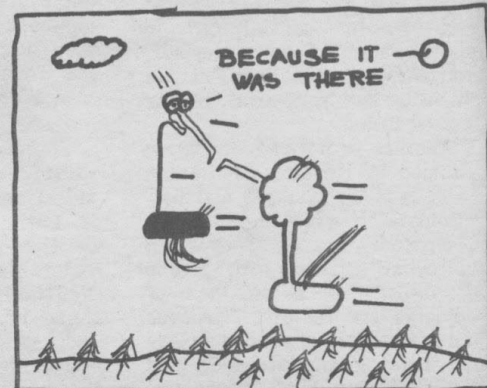
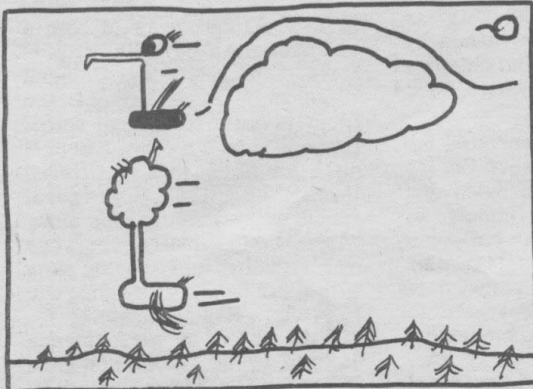
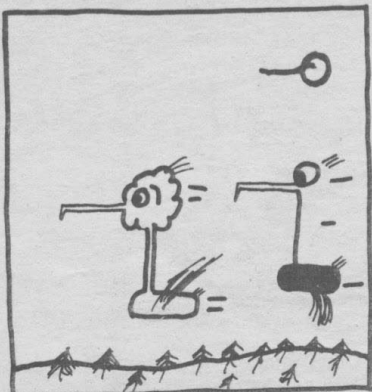
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LONG & SHORT

By S. COLLINS

This column is dedicated to Diane and Kerrie.

Well, spring is here and the nuts are out for three months of absolute silliness.

Love is in the air and men and women alike, no matter what age, are running around like chickens with their heads cut off. What a way to leap into summer.

Personally, though, I can't get that emotionally involved with the fact that the sun is finally making its' appearance.

"This is the season when love dominates all other emotions!" one student and his girlfriend tried to tell me. That's too bad since finals are right around the corner. Now, with me, this time of year

sparks only two emotional outbursts that I am willing to confess to. 1) I have this almost uncontrollable urge to get out of school NOW! 2) I am scared to death of seeing my term report card!

Love is fine when kept in one context, but I detest the couple that uses no emotional logic to overcome their strongly growing case of adolescence.

As is aid in a song:
"What do you get when you fall in love,

You only get lies and pain and sorrow,

So, at least, until tomorrow, I'll never fall in love again."

Tailfeathers

Thanks for help

To the Editor:

Many times in the past I have criticized the Editor of THE COMMUTER on her editorial policy. So in all fairness I must be as loud in her praise when I see something that I am in accord with. I think that her editorial of last week should be preserved and pointed to as an example of editorial perfection. All I can say is: Thank you for a beautiful job well done, Jean; I wish I had said that.

I would say the same to Dr. Robert Miller, Director of Activities. Also, I thank God, Dr. "Bob" that you are on our side.

Steve Parker, it is a sad thing that you don't engage your brain before taking pen in hand. About the only truth in your letter to the Editor was that Dr. Miller's title has had a slight change. It used to be Director of Student Activities and now is Director of Activities. He spends long hours and a great amount of energy in our behalf. His wages do not cover this extra time, yet, he never hesitates to continue working for us and with us, as the need arises.

It is a privilege to have known him. I am proud to count him as my friend. I am grateful for his advice and encouragement.

Helena Minegar

Kudos to editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the people who supported my candidacy for county commissioner, and who helped prepare and hand out literature. Without their help I wouldn't have been able to get out and go door to door. I want to thank the people who have sent me information and their ideas.

The main problem in Linn County is still the high property taxes. Now that the number of politicians is reduced, we should ask them what they are planning to do to change the method of financing schools so it is based on ABILITY TO PAY.

It was good that the vehicle tax was defeated. I helped circulate a petition to give us a chance to vote on it. Last summer when two Linn County Commissioners voted to raise the vehicle tax, Mike Conley of Lebanon and I started a petition for Linn County only to give us a chance to vote on their decision to raise our taxes. Since the state law failed, they cannot raise the tax and we now no longer need to vote separately on it in Linn County.

I'll fight for our right to vote on all new taxes.

Ian L. Timm
Democratic candidate for Linn County Commissioner

The good life

Before the chicken-cookin' fires cool, and while the smokin' savorin' taste buds are still precipitatin' it must be opined that none could have enjoyed the feting of our student body more than I, Belle S. Kiersky. Exhilarating in retrospect is the feelin' and knowin' the much life yet to be lived.

I thank you for being you!

Belle S. Kiersky

Jolly Green Giant

To the Editor:

Mark Twain didn't tell it how it is. The Ecology-Outdoor Club is in the process of setting up their Recycling Center. The Wah Chang Corporation had donated several large barrels and they needed painting.

The weather cooperated beautifully. The sun was bright and warm. Armed with a gallon of green Rustoleum, a brush, and cleaning rags, I set to work. As per the Mark Twain formula, I started out briskly to paint. Two hours later, with a sun-burned nose and a new crop of freckles, the job was finished.

Contrary to the Tom Sawyer story, no one stopped to beg me to let them help me. In fact, no one even stopped to offer any advice or to just be a sidewalk superintendant.

I ended up looking like I had shaken hands with the Jolly Green Giant.

Helena Minegar

Tells it like it is

The Ecology-Outdoor Club has almost completed their Recycling Center, located on the northwest side of the LBCC campus. We would like to thank Bob Plumlee and Gary Amundson, Maintenance Department, for their time, materials, and patience in building the wood pallet and other items too numerous to mention.

Ed Kelley and Gary Keenan, students, thanks for your muscle power in lifting the 55 gallon drums, partially filled with litter, onto the wood pallet.

Helena Minegar, tell it like it is since you are Publicity Chairman of our club and tell each person's part, not just your own. We appreciate very much your expertise on painting the six barrels.

My own part was to use a wire brush, electrically powered, to rough up the black paint on the barrels so the Evergreen colored top coat would not blister. Three barrels did not get wire Three out of seven barrels did not get wire brushed, due to a lack of time. Also, I lent my expert hand on painting one barrel. I can't believe I moved the whole thing — the Recycling Center, that is, from its old location on the north side of the College Center to its new location.

Ellen K. Hillemann

Features

Newlyweds plan to continue "small town college" career

Spring has always been recognized on campus as a time when turning fancies are apt to interrupt the most serious of students. LBCC campus reports a similar phenomena, but, as with honor roll students, Ruth and Gary Keenan, who met last spring on campus and married during the summer, sometimes the results are even better grades and more stable goals.

The Keenans will receive their Associate Degrees after this Spring term. They have both followed lower division transfer programs and will go on to a four-year institution in the Fall. Their experience at LBCC has given them some definite preferences for selecting their next school which is Eastern Oregon College at LaGrande. According to Gary, "We both very definitely want a small school where the atmosphere seems more personal and relaxed. It just makes for effective learning. Being able to see the same familiar faces, know the instructors and feel at home in a classroom is a nice secure situation in which to discover yourself and plan the future."

Ruth, a 1970 graduate of Corvallis High School, is the former Ruth Rush. Her field of study is Sociology. At present she hasn't decided what her future goal in the field is, but she says, "Each year of study brings so much knowledge and change that I don't feel I can say for certain what my final goals are, although at one time they centered around law enforcement study."

Gary, who attends school on the GI Bill, plans a major in psychology and hopes to do clinical work eventually. He is a former employee of Boeing Aircraft in Seattle where his job was the mechanical, high tolerance building of model planes. Finding very little satisfaction in his work, he packed a knapsack and wandered around for two years, finally



Honing their memories for future forays into the mushroom hunting grounds are Gary and Ruth Keenan.

stopping to visit his parents in Albany where he made his decision to attend LBCC. He found his interest in people motivated him to attend school and study, and he finds the study of psychology fascinating.

An outside interest of Gary's may place him soon on the instructor roll at LBCC for a special short course under the Community Service's Division. He is working with Science

Division instructors, Bob Ross and Pete Scott, developing material for the study of edible mushrooms in this area. The class will study mushrooms both in the classroom and field trips, according to Gary, and he says, "If all goes well we will start the course the first week in May and have no trouble finding the mushrooms up. I will reveal some of my favorite hunting places."

LBCC not just for young Grandpa raises curve



Putting aside their daily routines for a moment, Sterling and Wanda Davies plan to continue their academic career at LBCC.

Closer to sixty years than fifty, but still young enough to start a new kind of life, Wanda and Sterling Davies of Albany walk back and forth on the LBCC campus like the younger couples, opening doors for one another and carrying books.

Sterling says, when asked about their grown children's reaction to their schooling, "Well, my grandchildren complain that my grade point average is setting a difficult family precedent." Sterling had a 4.0 last term.

Both Wanda and Sterling say that their schooling is essential to the economic welfare. Sterling was injured on his former job and is retraining in the same field to do work that his disability will not hamper. Wanda feels more secure about their future if

she renews her secretarial skills.

A former employee of Wah Chang and before that an employee with the Bonneville Power Administration for 25 years, Sterling finds the necessity of changing vocations at this time difficult, but meets the challenge in very good spirits. About going to school with younger students he said, "We have found they accept us and include us naturally. We let them come to us to be friendly."

Before beginning the rigors of his rehabilitation program Sterling spent a term with remedial courses to upgrade his study skills. His rehabilitation study is supported by insurance he receives and the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

COMMUTER editors named

A Publications Board meeting was held Thursday, April 25th,

which announced that the Office of Editor of the LBCC paper, THE COMMUTER, for the 1972-

73 school year will be held by Skip Collins. The position as Lay-out Editor will be held by Chung Li. Other positions will be open this summer and the beginning of the year.

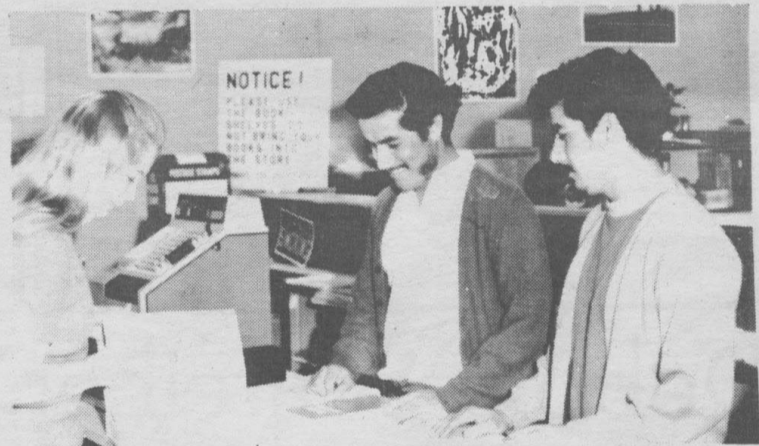
Duo treats Delta music connoisseurs

Delta music lovers were in for a treat on May 24 when the LBCC Commons was visited by the musical team of goodtime Jones and Mississippi George Lee.

The music was typically Delta style with the singing originality of the performers voices. There were a number of duet arrangements performed plus solos by both entertainers. Each performer, in his solos, displayed his own impact and style in the relaxing Delta music. They displayed talent, confidence, and a musical style that each person can identify with. The group attending seemed to be easily pacified by the enticing "down-home" music.

The people in attendance at the "Coffee Concert" received the singers with more than moderate interest. Students called them "very good," "nice atmosphere music," and "very relaxing." A hard-working LBCC student could hardly ask for more in entertainment.

Twins support family



While buying some school supplies at the Linn-Benton Book Store, Juan and Gonzalo DeLeon take a break in their rigorous schedule.

Among the most popular students on the LBCC campus are the handsome Mexican-American identical twins, Juan and Gonzalo DeLeon, who are the major support of a family of 12 children.

The twins became part of the LBCC student body through a welfare program. They first obtained their high school equivalency through special study, working on the campus at the same time through the work-study program as a part of the custodial crew in the evenings. Two years later they obtained their welding certificate. That was last Spring. This year they are

increasing their salable skills by working for a certificate in auto repair. Well into their third year, the twins have never missed a day through illness at either their work or classes.

During the summer last year Juan and Gonzalo worked during the days in the bean fields and at the college during the make a down payment on a home in Albany for the family that had been in a small rented house. The boys father was injured in a bean field accident several years ago and receives only a small monthly check which must be supplemented. As the eldest boys the twins have accepted this responsibility.

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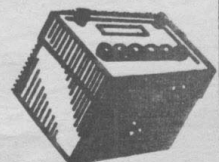
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Coach McClain: "They were all great"

'Runners conclude successful season

By MARK GROVES

Just as in the OCCAA state baseball tournament, the Linn-Benton Roadrunners faced a really tough battle to come out on top in the NJCAA Region 18 Tournament.

But this time the 'Runners fell one game short of their goal. It was a long two days of baseball as Coach Dick McClain's crew had to play 45 innings. Compared to only 27 by Treasure Valley C.C. and College of Southern Idaho, the latter who eventually took the championship from the 'Runners. Those 45 innings showed as an up-hill battle took its toll.

But let's start at the beginning. The first game came Friday morning against favored Treasure Valley C.C. But the 'Runners had very little trouble disposing of the Chukars 18-10.

In the win Tim Faville, Tim Labrousse and Terry Cornutt had homers. Cornutt had two.

The win put McClain's crew up against CSI in a game where "the umpiring had to be the worst of the whole season" said Coach McClain, who was thrown out of the first game.

CSI took a 3-0 lead in the third and held on until the seventh when Winston Tucker and Ron Wolfe walked and Dennis Coon emptied the bases with a homer.

But a homer in the bottom of the ninth by Jack Wilson put CSI in a game where "The



Back row, left to right: Barry Baker, Bill Hambrick, Rick George, Dan Lipsey, Glen Hubert, Jim Davidson, Wayne Zurmley, Terry Cornutt, Ron Wolfe, Coach Dick McClain. Front row, left to right: Ethan Bergman, Tom Nousen, Mike Godfrey, Randy Loeks, Tom Martell, Dennis Coon, Winston Tucker, Tim Faville, Steve Davidson, Tim Labrousse. Missing is Steve Bauer.

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But a homer in the bottom of the ninth by Jack Wilson put CSI at 4-3 to win the game.

So the marathon was yet to come. The Roadrunners felt they could do it, and do it they almost did on one "fantastic effort."

McClain's crew again was matched up against Treasure Valley. Tom Martell pitched a four hitter and doubled home the winning run in the ninth inning. "Martell was fantastic," said an elated McClain after the 3-2 victory. Homers by Coon his second of the tourney and Jim Davidson helped Martell in the victory.

Now came CSI again. Since

Martell finished very strong he started the first championship game but needed help from Davidson and Cornutt, who was the eventual winner.

In the 12-10 victory there were doubles by Wolfe, Faville, and Martell. Tucker ripped a triple. The weather wasn't totally cooperative as the sunshine, cloudiness, and dust storm in the ninth inning almost ended the game prematurely.

The 12-10 win brought up the championship game. Mike Godfrey, the starter, was taken for back to back homers as CSI jumped to 4-1 lead. The 'Runners came back on doubles by Coon and Cornutt and singles by Davidson and Glen Hubert. Then Faville looped a double

to make it. 6-4 'Runners.

Then it was tied at 6-6 as the Roadrunners ran out of gas and finally lost 10-6 as relief pitchers Randy Loeks and Wayne Zurmley couldn't contain the CSI bats.

McClain's crew had six starters who made the regional all-star team. Catcher Dan Lipsey, shortstop Dennis Coon, third baseman Tim Faville, outfielder Jimmy Davidson, pitchers Tom Martell and Terry Cornutt. But most of them felt they would've given up the titles just to make it to Grand Junction.

As Coach McClain felt, "They were all great," and as this reporter feels they were just that and maybe more.

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Sports

Debbie Schreiber wins two golds at "Olympics"



Debra Schreiber, daughter of Mrs. Jean Schreiber, won two gold medals at Oregon State Special Olympics last Saturday in Eugene.

Debra, of Albany, won firsts in mile with a time of 6:58.1 and 300 yard run. The mile win came in the girls nineteen and up age group and her 300 yard win came in the 16 - 18 age group.

She was trained by Mrs. Arlene Crosman, physical education teacher at Linn-Benton C.C. Mrs. Crosman pointed out that special meet gathered nearly 1,200 young kids. The special meet is for the mentally and physically handicapped children, under a program set up by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

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