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Students face financial aid delays due to government

By Todd Powell
News Editor

Government policy changes and improperly filled out applications are delaying financial aid to many LBCC students, according to Lance Popoff, director of LBCC's Financial Aid Department.

Despite the alterations that the U.S. Department of Education is still creating, Popoff said students should do their part by filling out their application forms accurately.

"You wouldn't believe the little errors being made on the forms," said Popoff.

He encourages students to fill out their financial aid forms precisely and promptly "because the little errors cause big problems."

Some of those little errors, he explained, included inaccurate information such as wrong income status and living conditions. "Students should take their time when filling their forms out. It could be costly if they don't," he added.

So far this year, LBCC financial aid officials have been swamped with lines of people and paperwork. "That's mainly due to the increase of applications," he said.

According to Popoff, the national average of students receiving government aid is close to

50 percent. LBCC exceeds the national average and reaches near 70 percent and "that's counting the full-time people only," he stated.

Popoff strongly advised students to make a budget of the necessary income needed for the year and then apply for aid as soon as possible. He said if students plan to go to school fall term, the best time to apply for aid would be months in advance. "The earlier, the better it is for the student," he said.

The earliest a student can apply for aid for the following year is January. "If the student is

smart, he'll do it then instead of waiting," he said.

This is Popoff's first year at LBCC as Financial Aid Director so Popoff feels it's difficult to measure success against previous years. He has had over 16 years of experience with financial aid throughout a handful of colleges. Last year he worked at Western Oregon State College (WOSC).

The five types of financial aid offered at LBCC are Pell Grants; Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants; College Work-Study; National Direct Student Loans and Guaranteed Student Loans.

DRUGS

Nation's colleges eye testing as one way to curb drug use

By Karen L. Ziebell
College Press Service
and Dale Owen
Commuter Editor

Administrators at Duke University may soon ask students to prove, through testing, they don't use drugs.

In Texas, a school district announced it would test students involved in extracurricular activities for the presence of illicit drugs.

In Washington, D.C., the U.S. House of Representatives voted to empower the Department of Education to withhold federal funds from colleges that don't have drug abuse prevention programs.

Across the nation, colleges have been adopting tough new sanctions to discipline students caught using illicit drugs, and looking into ways to prevent drug abuse.

Freshmen at Mount St. Mary College in New York, for example, are being greeted by a drug education program at orientation, while the presidents of Ohio Wesleyan,

Newberry College and Westminster College (Mo.) sent letters to their students warning of tough new drug policies this year.

LBCC Student Development Director Robert Talbott said LBCC does not have what would be considered a preventive program of any kind. Talbott explained that drug testing may not be necessary at LBCC. "There may be an overreaction here with all the drug testing. How much of a role can a college play in terms of intruding into the lives of the students, especially when you're a community college, and students don't live here on campus?" Talbott asked.

LBCC does address problems with controlled substances in the "Student Rights, Freedoms, Responsibilities and Due Process" handbook he pointed out. Section B, article 2, paragraph 8, prohibits:

"Use, possession, or distribution

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Photo by Dave Grubbs

On The Wellness Trail

Students Mark Christiansen and Todd Cadby jog along the new wellness trail constructed over the summer. The 1.8 mile trail cuts through the oak trees and around the campus for a scenic view of LBCC. Open to the public, the trail also offers a shorter route for those who prefer a shorter pace. Willamette Industries donated the wood chips that were trucked in by Timber By-Products. LBCC staff volunteered their time and labor to spread the chips along the trail route. See story page 5.

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Editorial

Mandatory drug testing seen as ineffective, temporary

What began as a warranted community concern has escalated into a national hysteria against drug use.

Champions of the recently popularized movement towards drug testing are invoking patriotism and morality in their calls for mandatory drug testing and other severe prohibitive measures against narcotic and alcohol use.

Politicians have jumped on the bandwagon with many followers who are eager to hear how increased legislation and enforcement is going to eradicate the diverse problems of drugs.

Earlier this month, President Reagan signed an executive order requiring drug tests for law enforcement personnel, political administration appointees and civil service workers entrusted with government secrets or protection of public safety.

There is also a multibillion dollar drug bill proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives that would permit the death penalty and allow illegally obtained evidence in trials.

And some people are trying to outdo others in proving their earnestness to express contempt for drugs and those that use them by purposing overzealous and reactionary methods of controls and punishments such as vigilantes assisting in arrests.

Drugs and alcohol abuse is a complex problem, and something no doubt must be done to curb its debilitating effect on society. However, the solutions to drug-related problems should be approached with conscientious and comprehensive rationale, not tunnel-visioned vengeance and condemnations.

Furthermore, the accuracy of drug testing and the feasibility of restrictive laws and policies cannot be determined or guaranteed.

Certain foods and prescription drugs can result in false-positive drug tests, according to scientists at Oregon Health Sciences University. And civil right advocates are challenging drug tests in appeal courts.

There are important questions to be answered before implementing laws to regulate and control the habits and behavior of people: Will the tests be fair? Will they be accurate? Will they reduce drug use? Fired workers have already been making strong claims that their constitutional and civil rights have been violated by testing by their employers.

Drug testing could even lead to witch-hunts and defamation of character by suspicion or association.

Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions to drug problems.

The reasons as to why drug and alcohol use is so prevalent in society today should be evaluated. The origins and factors that cause drug and alcohol use may be alleviated to help diminish these problems instead of spending billions of dollars on laws and enforcement that may only be a band-aid remedy.

Dale Owen

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Commuter named 'Best in Nation'

The Commuter has won two top awards for journalistic excellence in competition with other college newspapers from across the country.

The 1984-85 Commuter was named "Best in the Nation" by the National Challenge, a contest headquartered in Palatine, Ill.; and the 1985-86 Commuter was awarded a First Class rating by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), one of the country's largest college press critique services.

Henry Roepken, director of the National Challenge, said the final judging panel of newspaper editors "agreed The Commuter excelled" in comparing it with the other five regional winners. The Commuter had been named "Best in the West" earlier in the year. Editor of the 1984-85 newspaper was Sue Buhler, now a student at Oregon State University.

The ACP's First Class rating for the 1985-86 Commuter, edited by Diane Morelli, came with Marks of Distinction in three of five categories: writing and editing, coverage, and design.

The Commuter was credited with providing "great campus coverage in a neat, clean package" by ACP judge Paulette Heidebreder, who praised the 1985-86 staff for covering a wide variety of topics and maintaining a "good balance" of both on and off campus news. News and

feature articles were clear, interesting and "always well-researched," she wrote.

"You cover your campus extremely well," she added. "Your paper offered the most extensive coverage of women's issues I've ever seen. Keep up the good work."

Areas in which The Commuter could improve, according to Heidebreder, are in sports coverage, opinion writing and photographic reproduction. She observed that the sports and opinion pages were inconsistent, and that photographs often don't show off the photographers' best work.

Morelli, editor of the 1985-86 Commuter, is now a corporate assistant in public relations for Cascade West Health Systems, Inc., the parent holding company for Albany General Hospital. She will be attending LBCC part-time this year to complete her Associate of Arts in journalism.

Editor of the Commuter for the 1986-87 school year, Dale Owen, commented on the awards. "These merits may be regarded as evidence of the quality of the program," he said. "However," he added, "this year's staff will not sit back on past laurels." He explained that the staff is working hard to make improvements and to continue a tradition of excellence.

Street Beat

Do you favor drug testing in the workplace?



Danielle Priddy
"I think that it could be beneficial. Well, because the drug problem that we have, you know. We need to know who's under the influence, if they're making decisions that affecting other people."



Brian Pearson
"Not unless someone's obviously having problems with their job. I think it should be done on an individual basis. If somebody's really slacking off and having problems functioning on the job then maybe someone should see what's at the root of the problem. It should be situational."



Christa Shell
"No. As long as it doesn't affect their work then I don't think it really matters whether they use drugs or not. I think it's invading someone's privacy. It's like asking them if they're having sex every night."



Lory Covey
"No. Well, if it doesn't make a problem with your work then they shouldn't worry about your personal problems, your personal life."

Several campus offices change places this fall

By Todd Powell
News Editor

While students were away this summer enjoying their time off, LBCC facilities' crews were working to move several offices and shops on campus, as well as rearranging and recarpeting the library.

"We've been working our tails off to try to get it all completed before school starts," LBCC Facility Director Ray Jean said.

Jean stated that facility changes were made to better enhance "student access," and that when one facility change is made, it triggers a domino style moving pattern.

Jean explained:

- "We consolidated the media area to a smaller area in the same building (inside library)."
- "We moved the printing services to LRC (Learning Resource Center, 105). Students will not have better access to printing."
- "As soon as printing services moved out, Human Resources moved in (College Center, 110 H)."
- "After that move took place, the Justice Services Department moved to the location of Human Resources (College Center, 123)."
- "RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) then falls into the old space of the Justice Department (College Center, 109)."

Other moves that occurred was the Women's Center, which moved from Takena Hall, 112 to Health Occupations. Printing technology moved from the Forum, 109 to the Humanities building (AHSS) room 120.

Jean added that the initial move in this process seems to be the most expensive. "After the first one goes, the other dominos that fall get less and less costly," he said. The total cost of the facility changes reaches between \$26-28,000.

Besides some of the facilities receiving new locations, the library gained a new look when the library was both recarpeted and rearranged. "that was a huge undertaking!" exclaimed Jean.

According to Jean, the library project cost \$12,000 and started just as soon as spring term ended. "That was no small task," he said referring to the moving of every one of the 48,068 books that the library stores.

The hard part, Jean said, was the fact that the entire project had to be completed before summer school started, which left roughly 10 days to do the job.

Jean said he feels the facility changes made this summer are definitely beneficial because "it's going to accommodate the students a lot better, and that's what we're in the business of doing."



Photo by Dale Owen

Bill Woods, of Crescent Valley Builders climbs to put a lid on darkroom in AHSS 120.

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Officials say drug testing unlikely at LB campus

of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or dangerous drugs as described by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs on campus, except as expressly permitted by law."

According to Talbott, "These violations may be difficult to detect, but if we notice it, or somebody brings it to our attention, then we vigorously prosecute that person, both through the student conduct code and through the legal process, utilizing the Justice Services and Security office."

The role in the student discipline function by Justice Services is one that a normal police agency would be involved in, according to Jerald Phillips, Justice Services supervisor. "Our particular application is to those offenses which are illegal, unlawful and violent," Phillips said. Justice Services will react to violations that are obvious or because of complaints, he explained. "As far as sitting in a tree and watching for somebody to do something, we're not going to do that."

Although LBCC does not mandate drug testing or other formal drug prevention programs, about 100 colleges now regularly screen their athletes for drug use, the American Council on Education (ACE) estimated last August.

Dick McClain, LBCC athletic director, said some community colleges have looked into drug testing, and at this point there needs to be more consensus on what the liabilities of drug testing are. "It's an issue that needs to be addressed on a broader basis than just one department," he said.

Close scrutiny of students now may spread beyond athletic depart-

ments into the general student body too, thanks to a recent House Education and Labor Committee vote to send 350 million to states to help fight student drug abuse.

While federal officials swear they won't start testing the entire American student body, Duke's flirta-

tion with a campus-wide drug program affecting all students started with the same kind of athletic department program scores of schools have adopted.

In mid-August, Duke Athletic Director Tom Butters called on the school to treat all students the way athletes are treated.

Duke doesn't test its athletes, Butters explains, but requires those who fear they have a problem to report it "to someone who will make sure that student is cared for."

"The coach will not know. The team will not know. The parents will not know. But, if the program is not self-reported, that athlete is gone with no second chance."

Such programs already have taken a radical turn through the general student population in the Hawkins Independent School District in Texas, where all students involved in extracurricular activities started taking mandatory drug tests last week.

Student council members, cheerleaders and athletes are all being tested, says Superintendent Coleman Stanfield.

Stanfield adds testing will be "random, at regular intervals throughout the school year."

Few foresee testing college student government officers, however, and few officials outside athletic departments support applying drug programs to non-athlete students.

"I'm personally not comfortable with it," says Suzanne Wasiolek, Duke's dean for student life.

"We're being asked to solve a problem that may have started in the seventh grade," Butters says.

The publicity and pressure now building to mount anti-drug campaigns tend to create a false impression that schools "can solve the problem alone," adds Robert Atwell, president of the American Council on Education (ACE).

Besides, college officials are unsure such programs are workable.

Drug testing not foolproof, may not even deter abuse

(CPS)—Testing students for the presence of drugs in their systems may not do much to stop students from using illicit drugs, some experts say.

The system, various experts say, is far from foolproof.

The University of Maryland's athletic department made athletes submit to urinalysis tests to catch drug abusers, but testimony taken by the grand jury investigating the cocaine-related death of Maryland basketball star Len Bias allegedly turned up evidence that "dirty" players simply switched urine samples with people who didn't use drugs.

Whether such tests actually deter people from taking drugs remains an open question.

"We have very little research available on that issue," reports Dr. Steve Gust, a research psychologist at the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

But Gust adds that, when the Pentagon started giving military personnel drug tests in 1981, as many as 40 percent of those tested showed traces of illicit drugs in their systems.

After testing for four years, though, the Dept. of Defense says only four percent of the tests are "positive."

"False negative" and "false positive" readings are possible, experts say, but not probable.

"In general, coke (cocaine) stays in the body one to three days. 'Barbs (barbituates) last anywhere from three to five to six days. The opiates are about three to five days," says NIDA's Dr. Michael Walsh.

He adds that prolonged use of marijuana—more than a joint a day—can build up in the tissues of the body. "There have been reports of it lasting two to three weeks."

Etcetera

Career Planning Seminar

A "Career Planning Seminar" will meet two afternoons beginning Monday, Oct. 6 in room 2 at the Lebanon Center.

The free seminar will help students prepare for a new career and recognize potential career strengths. There is a materials charge of \$6. For more information, contact the Lebanon Center at 451-1014.

Activities

Sept. 26 thru Oct. 8, LBCC Bookstore rush hours: Mon. thru Thurs. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Oct. 1, Women's volleyball: Mount Hood at LBCC 7 p.m.

Oct. 3, Last day to register. Livestock judging at University of Calif. Davis.

Women's volleyball: Willamette at LBCC, 7 p.m.

Oct. 4, Adv. Lotus 123 workshop, F204. Beg. and adv. word perfect workshop, F204.

Livestock judging at Chico State.

Oct. 6, Women's volleyball: Western Baptist at LBCC, 7 p.m.

Oct. 7, Presidents Council, 9 a.m.-noon in CC101.

Oct. 8, All Campus Picnic, 11:30-1 p.m. in the courtyard.

Women's volleyball: Umpqua at LBCC 7 p.m.

Guild

LBCC Opera Guild opens its 1986-87 season Oct. 4 with the performance of La Boheme.

Dinner buses will leave the Benton Center at 3:30 p.m. and Albany's Citizen's Valley Bank at 4 p.m. Evening buses will leave the Benton Center at 5:30 p.m. and the bank at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Lee Valentine at 757-7865.

"New Parents"

The fourth in a series of six classes designed for pregnant women and their partners will be offered Oct. 7 in the Albany General Hospital Conference Room, 7 p.m.

To register, call 926-2244, ext. 340. Each class is \$6.

"Mental Health"

A mental health class will be held Oct. 7 at the Kimsey-McClain House 940 6th Ave SW. The class is from 7:30 to 9 p.m. with a \$3 charge at the door.

Children's Tour

Albany General Hospital will offer a tour for children scheduled for surgery, Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m. To register, call 226-2244, ext. 340.

"Peoples Law School"

A series of free legal classes will be offered this term Monday nights 7-10 p.m. in the Science Tech Building, room 119. The next class will be Oct. 6. For more information, call the Albany Center at 967-6108.

"Lofty Levity"

Rehearsal and performance for "Lofty Levity" will be Oct. 1 and 2 at 4 p.m. in Takena 205. For more information call Jane Donovan, 928-2361 or 928-0931.

LaMaze

Two new classes of LaMaze begin this week. Cost is \$38. Call 926-2244, ext. 340 to register. Elm Street entrance, Kimsey-McClain House (940 6th Avenue SW), 7-9 p.m.

"Partners in Control"

A program designed to help diabetic patients achieve better monitoring technique is offered at the Albany General Hospital. Free samples included (\$25 value). For information call 926-2244 ext. 236.

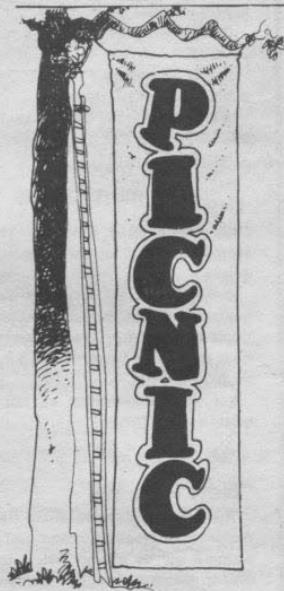
Season tickets for Mainstage plays on sale for first time

Season tickets for LBCC Mainstage productions will be on sale for the first time this fall.

The tickets, \$13 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students, are available by calling the LBCC Mainstage Box Office at 967-6504. To reserve tickets, box office callers may leave their name, address, telephone number and bank card number on a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week recording. The recording also announces tryouts and other theater-related information.

In addition to savings over individual ticket prices, season ticket holders will also have early seating privileges and notification and discounts on other theater-sponsored events, according to Robert Hirsh, LBCC director of speech and theater.

Hirsh said this year's performances include a "musical comedy, children's classical and serious farce," beginning with "My Fair Lady" on Nov. 14-16 and 19-23. Other performances include: "The Wizard of Oz" beginning in late January, "Artichoke" beginning in late February, and "Noises Off" in May.



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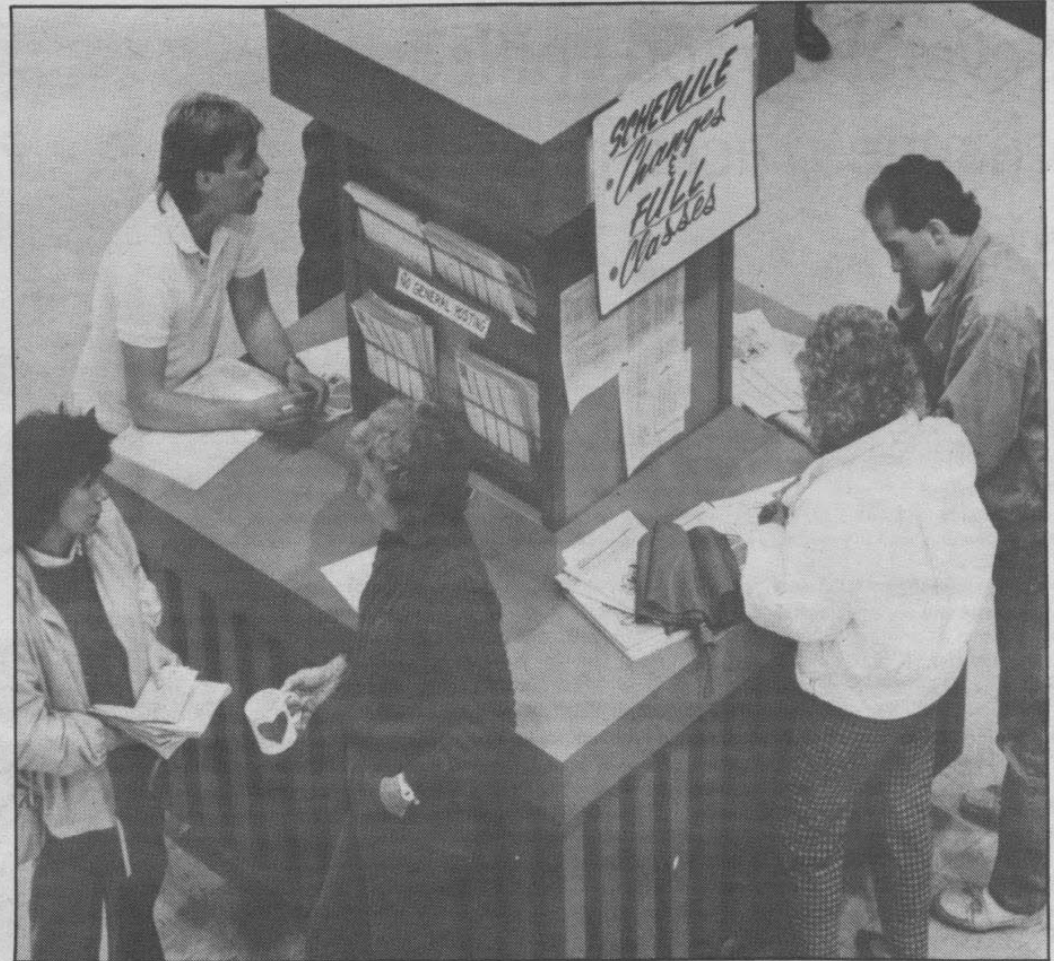


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Class Confusion

Students ponder class scheduling during open registration last week. The process of scheduling, registering and applying for financial aid overwhelmed some students although registration by appointment processed many students a few days before. Registration for full-time students runs through Friday, although a late fee of \$2 will be charged per day for registering after Sept. 29. Full-time students can add classes until Friday, and part-time students can add classes through Oct. 17. Students who change their mind can withdraw through Oct. 10 without getting a "W" on their transcripts.



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Historian to discuss South African woes Thursday in Albany

The University of Oregon's University Forum presents a free public lecture by historian David Anthony, Thursday, October 2, 7:30 p.m., at the Albany School District Administration Building, 718 SW Seventh.

The title of the lecture is The South African Dilemma. Topics of the speech include an historical perspective of the current South African political situation, according to Doug Clark, LBCC political science instructor.

LBCC faculty, staff and students are invited to attend an informal gathering at Doug Clark's house, 724 Ellsworth, Albany, following the speech to discuss the South African crisis.

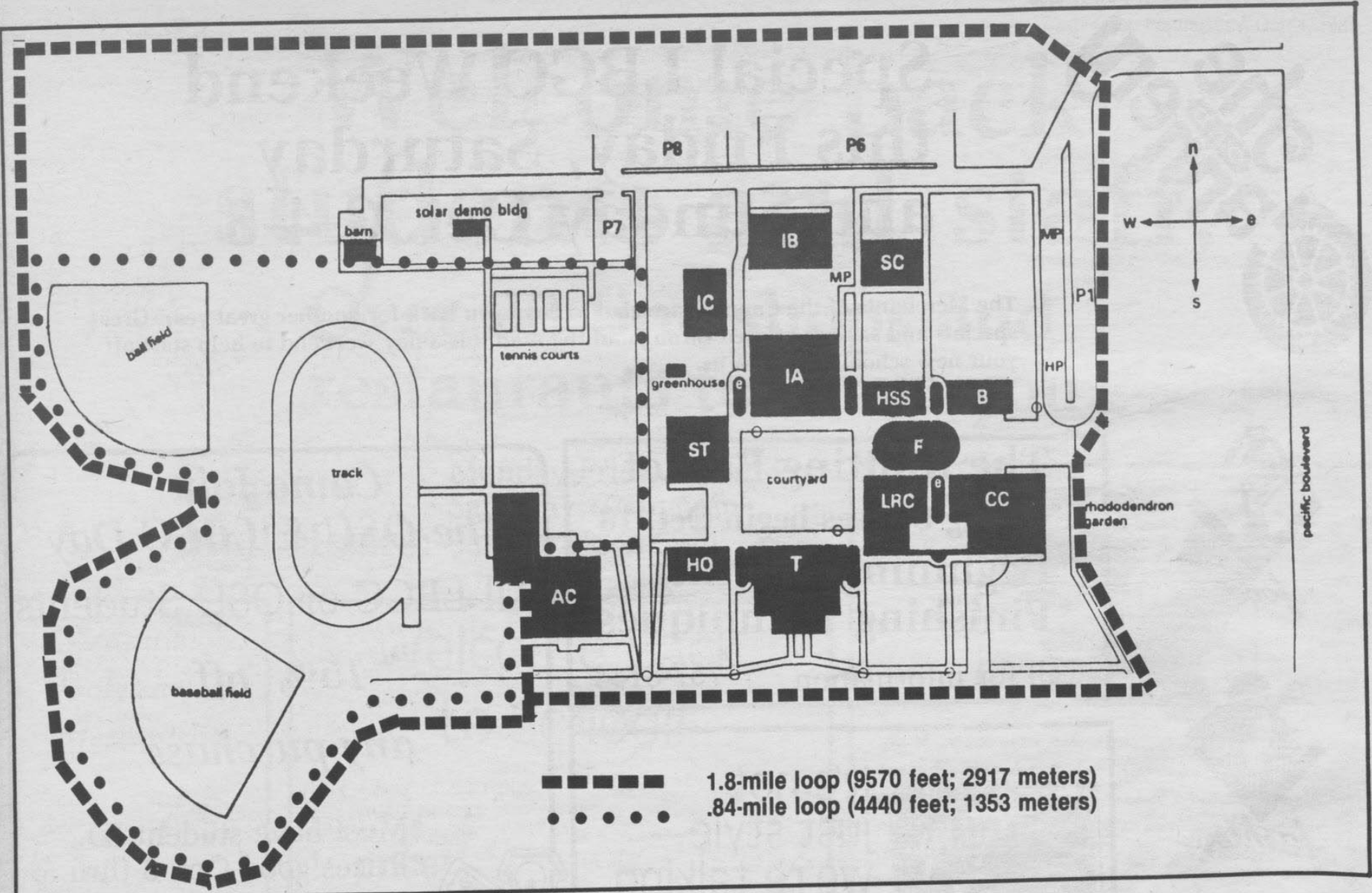
For further information, contact Doug Clark, 928-2361 ext. 176 or Charlene Fella, ext. 395.

Etcetera Column

The Commuter staff welcomes staff and students to submit announcements of upcoming events and activities to its Etcetera column, which appears weekly on Page 3.

Submissions should be no more than 100 words in length to permit publication of as many notices as possible in the space available. Final deadline for submissions to the Etcetera column is noon on the Monday prior to publication.

Submit written notices to: Etcetera, c/o the Editor, The Commuter, CC-210.



Volunteers build 'Wellness Trail' around campus

By Annette Krussow
Managing Editor

Industries and staff pooled their resources over the summer to help construct LBCC's new wellness trail.

With the help of donations, LBCC was able to construct the trail spending less than \$1,000, Ray Jean, director of Facilities, said.

PE staff members volunteered their time to help spread wood chips donated by Willamette Industries and Timber By-Products Inc. assisted by donating trucks to transport the chips to LBCC.

The LBCC Wellness Committee, composed of classified staff, faculty, management and students, worked the proposal of the trail but did not know where to get the money for several years, according to Ann O'Brien-Gonzales, chairperson for the committee.

Although an estimate of the money saved is not available, Jean said it would have cost the college "substantially more"

to build the trail without the donations.

O'Brien-Gonzales said the donations helped save the college "a tremendous amount of money." It's been a "real cooperative effort," she said.

Brian Brown, director of Human Resources, took the idea of the trail to the president's council before receiving any donations. He said it was then approved in concept only. The cost was the biggest obstacle.

According to Brown, the project originated from concepts of trails installed by organizations like Hewlett Packard for employee use.

Brown referred to the trail, which opened to the public last month, as a "community recreation resource" and said he hoped local people would use it.

He added the school needs to see how people will use the path before investing more money into it. "You could put thousands of dollars into a path like this and not have it be used," he said.

The 1.8 mile trail begins at the Activities Center and runs

past the ball field, through the oak trees at the west end of the campus and outside of field behind parking lot six. The trail cuts through the oak grove and southside of Tadena and back to the AC Center.

There is also a short, .84 mile version of the trail which runs past the barn and tennis courts, along service road and back to the Activities Center.

The trail can be used by walkers and joggers alike said O'Brien-Gonzales. She said they didn't want to call it the jogging trail because they were afraid people would think it was only for runners.

The construction of the trail began in July when one man from LBCC's grounds crew prepared the trail with chemicals to kill the grass and built two bridges before the chips could be spread.

Brown said the rain will help settle the trail as people use it. Dick McClain, director of health occupations, said the trail will probably be used on conditioning or jogging classes here at LBCC. Before runners had to use the bike trails on the roads to jog in; now they have a choice, he said.

Terry McCormick elected chairperson by board Bob Adams, Robert Hyland elected to four-year terms

By Dale Owen
Commuter Editor

The LBCC Board of Directors elected a new chairperson and two other people began to serve on board positions this past summer.

Terry McCormick, 10 year resident of Corvallis, was elected to a one-year term of the board's top position at a July meeting.

McCormick has worked on the board for the past three years and has been interested and involved in community politics her entire adult life.

"I'm a real believer in local politics," she said. "I think that it's a place where you can actually have an affect."

She explained her role of board chair as being an official representative of the board.

"Basically, if you are on the school board, you don't have any power as an individual. The board has to vote on something to give you any authority at all."

According to McCormick, the major responsibilities of the board include the school budget and policies.

One of the goals the board is currently working on is selecting someone to fill the position left by Alan Terrill who resigned to work in Oklahoma.

The five people who have applied for the non-paying seat are:
Kim Ruyle, 375 N. 11th St.,

Philomath.
Ed McLain, 30655 Bellfountain Road, Corvallis.
Carole Berg, 344 Robb Place, Philomath.
Lanny Zoeller, 6225 NW Vinyard Drive, Corvallis.
Richard Wendland, 23197 Old Peak Road, Philomath.

One of these five will be elected to represent Zone 5, which covers rural Benton County except N. Albany, Corvallis and Monroe.

According to McCormick, the board is progressing through the election process. The next step will

be interviewing the applicants at a board meeting. Applicants will be asked to talk about their interests in working on the board. At the following meeting the board will vote to decide who will be the next representative of zone 5.

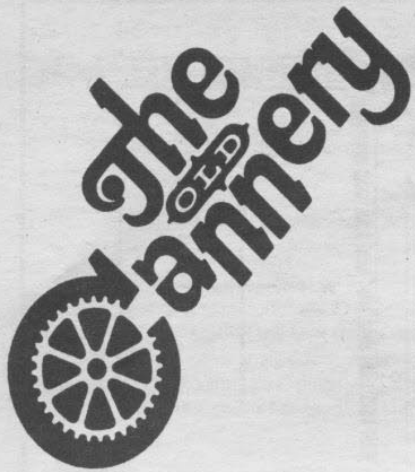
Two others began 4-year terms on the board during the 1986 summer.

Bob Adams, a Corvallis resident, represents Zone 6 and 7, the Corvallis area.

Robert Hyland, a Sweet Home resident, was re-elected to the board and represents Zone 1, south and east Linn County.



Terry McCormick



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Instructor Susan Hawkins. Linguini with white clam sauce, ravioli, tortellini salad, pasta verde.

Nov. 12: 6-8:30pm FOOD PROCESSOR BREAD

Instructor Susan Hawkins. Sour dough, honey whole wheat, whole grain country, cinnamon rolls.

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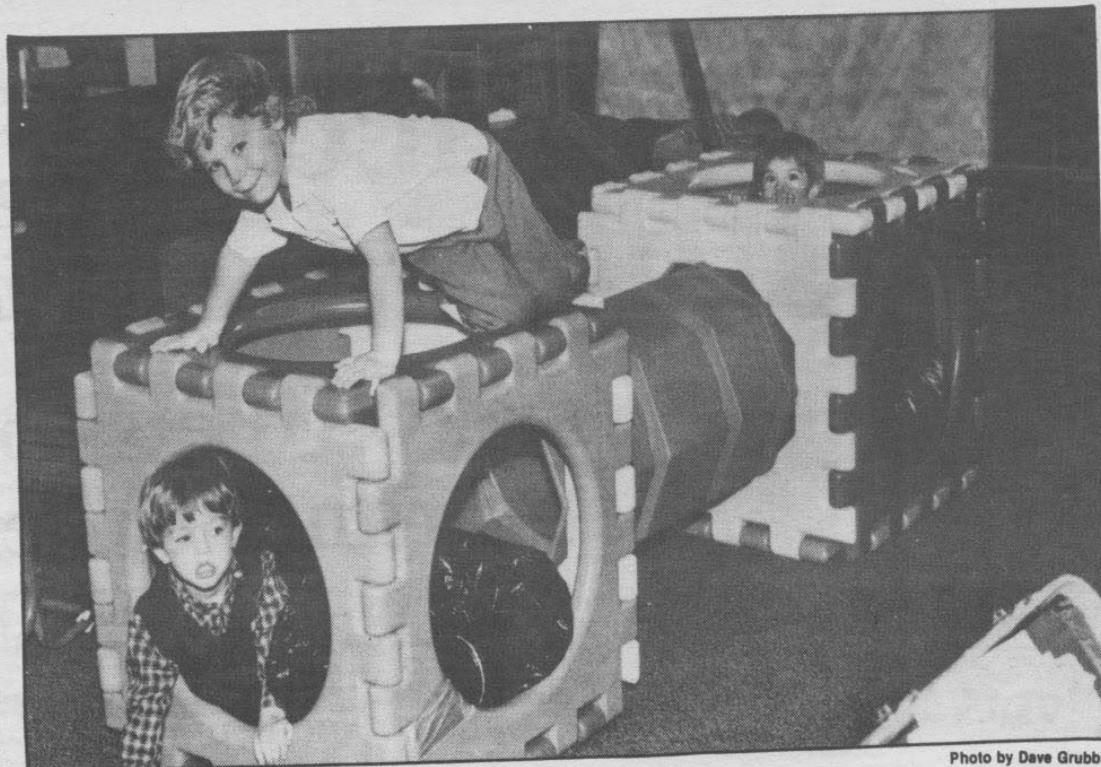


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Pre-schoolers get indoor exercise at Child Care lab.

Parents are taught by preschoolers

By Louisa Christensen
Feature Editor

In room 227 of the Industrial Arts Building, the teachers are three years old.

In this room filled with miniature tables, chairs, sinks and jungle gyms, students learn about parenting—from their own preschoolers.

"It's not just another child care center," said Louise Johnson, instructional assistant in the Parent Education program. "It's a place where students enrolled in parent education classes practice what they've learned."

Enrolled students, college staff or members of the community can join the Child Care Center or "Family Co-op." The parents must enroll in Living and Learning With Your Preschooler, pay \$300 per child every term, and help staff the center by working three hours a week.

Members of the co-op, recognized as a campus club, meet twice a week to make decisions about what is taught in the center and to give each other support, Johnson said. "Everyone can have an input," she said. "We do a lot of sharing."

Each member has a certain job to do in the center such as shopping or editing newsletters, Johnson explained. When working in the center, members meet other parents to share parenting problems and accomplishments. "They learn a lot from each other," she said.

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Razor thinks of four ideas while fishing and wins award

By Louisa Christensen
Feature Editor

When Jean Razor, instructional assistant in Science and Technology, sat fishing on the bank of the Alsea River, he thought of four ideas.

Then he sent the four ideas to the Kimball Glass Company of Owens, Illinois.

"Anybody could have thought of them," Razor explained as he described the scientific ideas that won a Capital Improvement Award (CIA) given to Razor by Kimball Glass last Spring.

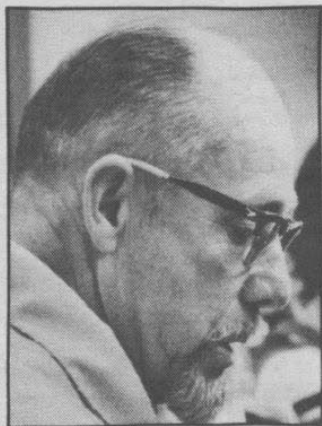
One of the "simple" ideas is a funnel with a notch on the side that lets air out of the bottle it sits on. This keeps the liquid being poured from bubbling over, Razor said.

Another idea is a mercury retriever that sucks up tiny particles of mercury. The retriever picks up drops of mercury from the cracks of floors. If the mercury were to remain it could let off dangerous fumes, Razor said.

The third idea is a measuring device for test tubes. This is a ruler full of holes that aids a scientist looking for a certain size test tube. To find the right size, the tube is placed in every hole until it fits.

The fourth idea cannot be revealed because Razor doesn't want to take any changes on the idea being stolen by another company, he explained.

"These are simple ideas that are helpful to the scientific community," Razor said. The devices are used in the chemistry lab at LBCC



Jean Razor

by Razor's work-study students and many of the science teachers, but he doesn't know when the devices will be available on the market.

Razor received \$250 for his ideas from the glass company but thinks the company will make more money off of the ideas than he did.

"But the rest of the world is getting the benefit of my ideas," he said, "and money isn't everything."

Besides fishing on the Alsea and thinking of other ideas in the back of his mind, Razor will be chairman of the 14th annual National Association of Scientific Materials Managers (NAOSM) conference next summer.

At the conference, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, Razor will receive nominations for new association officers and interview the candidates.

Libraries focus on censorship

By Kay Sams
Staff Writer

National Banned Books Week, Sept. 20-27, is sponsored by the American Society of Journalists and Authors (ASJA).

The campaign celebrates the freedom to read and tries to bring to the attention of the general public the harm censorship causes society.

The theme of this year's event is: "The Worlds of Science and Technology—How Free?" according to Charlie Weyant, department chair of the LBCC library. Weyant said the LBCC bookstore and library both declined participation in this year's event due to a busy fall schedule which "made things too hectic to put a display together."

Banned Books Week displays, however, can be seen at the Albany Public Library, 1390 Waverly Dr., SE Albany, and at the Corvallis Public Library on 6th and Madison streets in Corvallis, during the first week of October.

Three topics focused on by the ASJA are: Suppression of Copernicus' theory of evolution by the church; the controversy of Darwin's theory of evolution; and current government restrictions of access to scientific and technological information.

In 1985-86, 77 books were challenged or banned. This factor launched the campaign to speak out against the rising incident of book censorship by groups such as the ASJA; the American Library Association; the American Booksellers Association; the Association of America Publishers; and the National Association of College Stores.

By demonstrating the waning margins of permissibility allowed in past censorships this event intends to question

current restrictions placed on subjects disputed in "a constant battle fought by organizations on both ends of the spectrum" said Edward House, supervising librarian for Adult Services at the Albany library.

Books like "The Fixer," by Bernard Malamud, winner of the Pulitzer Prize; "Catcher in the Rye," by J.D. Salinger; "Slaughterhouse Five," by Kurt Vonnegut; "1984," by George Orwell; "Catch 22," by Joseph Heller; and children's books like "Are You God?" by Judy Blume and "In The Kitchen," by Maurice Sendek, have been attacked in recent months.

On the other hand, a recent ban imposed on William Faulkner's novel, "As I Lay Dying," by area churches in Mayfield, Ky., was successfully rescinded by the Graves County School Board.

School board chairman, Jeff Howard, reacted to a parents' objections to the profanity and references to abortion in the book. "Certainly we want our children exposed to the genius and ideas of great writers. But," he went on to say, "neither are we so naive as to believe that our children aren't exposed to profanity in our community and among their peers."

The most visible opposition of controversial books comes from religious, right-wing organizations like The Moral Majority. Funding for the "Crusade Against Filth" comes from Reverend Falwell's tax-free ministry, which is estimated to bring in \$46.5 million annually.

The ASJA encourages people who want to participate in this event to wear an "I Read Banned Books" button and to read books that self-appointed censors are trying to keep off the shelves.

For more information, write to ASJA, Suite 1907, 1501 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.

LB helps Oregon rank first in telecourse use

Linn-Benton Community College, along with other Oregon community colleges, have for the third straight year, helped Oregon to rank first in the nation in the per capita use of televised college courses.

Nearly 10,000 students enrolled for courses in Oregon last year, 786 through LBCC's 26 telecourses.

Paul Snyder, LBCC media specialist, and chairman of the Oregon Community College Telecommunications Consortium—a statewide instructional T.V. planning group, credits geography and economics for the popularity of

telecourses.

"Telecourses offer students in remote areas, as well as urban centers, the opportunity to do high-quality, college-level coursework from their home," said Snyder. This convenience, Snyder added, has allowed people, who for various reasons, find it impossible to attend a regular college course, such as mothers and working people. For example, last year 63 percent of the students were female and 40 percent were employed full-time.

Telecourses are much like regular college courses, according to Snyder and include textbooks, study guides,

tests, video tapes of missed sessions and on-campus instructors to answer student questions by phone.

The courses are broadcast on the following stations: Oregon Public Broadcasting channels 7 and 10, and cable channels 20 in Albany, 11 in Corvallis and 14 in Lebanon.

LBCC telecourses offered this fall include: Computer Concepts—an introduction to the expanding world of computing terms, techniques, and publications found in business and the home; Principles of Management—an introduction to management functions and communications; Personal Health Issues—an examination of the critical health questions and issues facing modern society; Introduction to Business—an introduction to the internal functions of a business and the challenges of business on an international scale; Out of the Fiery Furnace—explores how civilization has been shaped by our adaptation to metals and minerals and how it may shape our future; Growing Years—covers human growth from prenatal development through adolescence in terms of biological factors, human interaction, social structure and cultural forces, and Understanding Human Behavior—an introduction to the scientific approach to the study of behavior.

For more information on the telecourse program, contact Paul Snyder, 928-2361, ext. 332, or the LBCC Registration Office at 967-6105.

Women get higher grades in college because of maturity

LOUDONVILLE, NY (CPS)—Women get higher grades than men, and probably do better in college because they mature faster, says a six-year study by a sociology professor at Siena College in upstate New York.

"Women students consistently did better (at college) than did the men students," says Prof. Paul Murray. "During their four years at school, women seem to improve their study habits. The men don't."

Murray, in trying to figure out why some students got better grades than others, examined students' academic and family backgrounds, living arrangements, extracurricular activities and study habits before noticing that gender seemed to influence their grades most of all.

No one is sure why women get better college grades than men, but Dr. Cynthia Secor, director of Higher Education Resources Services Mid America, hypothesizes it may have something to do with the way people become socialized.

"Girls are socialized to be more verbal, more detailed and polite," Secor explains. "Girls are socialized to be not as rambunctious as boys."

Women scored higher in Murray's classes than male students did, and the disparity, he says, "is much wider in upperclassmen."

Although she does not disagree with many of Murray's findings, Secor adds, "The real difference (in performances) is when both get out in the real world."

"Women do better on school gradewise than men, and then don't do as well in the real world," she contends. "Men will achieve more there."

When he started, Murray hoped to find the characteristics that separated students who did well in college from those who didn't.

"My original focus was to make only incidental reference to sex differences," Murray says, "but it began to appear that this was the most significant finding. There is a sex difference on almost every variable."

For example, the study shows the sons of working mothers scored lower than boys whose mothers didn't work outside the home.

But women with working mothers scored higher on Murray's tests than women whose mothers stayed home. Secor believes women emulate working mothers and learn that "it's okay to succeed if you work."

Murray's tests also indicate middle-income families produce high-scoring children, be they male or female. Yet male students from upper-income families achieved the lowest scores of all.

"Well, they have it made in the shade," Secor says, laughing. "If you were single, white, rich and goodlooking, would you work?"

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Health-wise

By Diane Morelli

Summer is over and school has begun. For many of us that means reduced physical activity and longer periods of time sitting in class and studying. But you can take it in stride—"stride-walking," that is.

Striding is a noncompetitive version of racewalking that doesn't just help the heart but flattens the stomach and burns calories faster and with less risk of injury than jogging at the same speed, according to a report in "American Health" magazine.

And now the LBCC community has the perfect place to stride or jog. On Sept. 16 the LBCC Wellness Committee dedicated the new Wellness Trail with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and helium-filled balloons. The trail, which begins and ends outside the Activities Center offers a 1.8 mile version or a .84 mile shorter version.

For all of you potential striders, you'll be happy to note that there aren't any rules for striding, however, the better your technique, the faster you'll shape up your body.

You begin by taking a stroll but after a few minutes, gradually begin to swing your arms. Your legs should automatically keep pace with your arms. Bending your elbows should come naturally to you. Now close your fists

loosely and start pumping your arms across your chest like a sprinter.

Once you really pump your arms, your hips are freed for a longer and faster step. Okay, now you're doing it—you're striding.

To improve your technique, here are some pointers from "American Health":

Keep your back straight and walk tall while leaning slightly forward from the ankles.

Point your feet straight and plant them at about 40° angles to the ground. When the edge of your heel strikes, tilt your foot to the outside edges of the shoe and lock your ankle.

Concentrate on your legs—as you pull slightly forward with one leg, you should be pushing straight back with the other leg until toe-off.

Try to stretch your hips forward and not from side to side. Your hips will sway slightly from side to side to let your trailing leg swing by, but exaggerated hip-wiggling is a poor technique.

Three or four striding sessions a week for about 45 minutes to an hour will provide all the aerobic exercise you need to keep you in good shape if you're not a training athlete.

LB offers students help finding jobs

By Annette Krussow
Managing Editor

With school already starting, there's little time for busy students looking for work to pound the streets filling out applications at every convenience store and fast food place.

LBCC can help students with the time consuming task of looking for jobs that can put to work skills obtained in classes or other work experience.

The Student Employment Center, located in T 101, keeps files of employers in the area, as well as federal and civil service job listings.

Marlene Propst, Placement manager, said 60 percent of the jobs that come into the center are in clerical, sales and other service jobs.

She added there is no big trend now like there is during summer term when local farmers look to the placement center for prospective employees to help with crops.

October and November are the months businesses look for help during the holiday season, Propst said. The flow of jobs coming into the center slows down during December and January and then pick up after the holidays.

Many of the employers who have successfully hired LBCC students regularly check back with the center when they look for new employees. Propst seems pleased with the response from local employers. Propst said if employers don't stay happy, they will quit hiring through the center.

College offers health insurance plan

By Todd Powell
News Editor

LBCC offers a low cost group health plan for students who do not already have accident/illness insurance, or those who wish to supplement the coverage that they already possess.

Student-only coverage of basic and major medical benefits costs \$44 per quarter or \$149 for the entire year.

Family coverage is offered as well, with quarterly rates of \$96 or \$227 for the entire year for a student and one dependent. For a student and two or more dependents it will cost \$134 for the quarter or \$466 for the year.

"The insurance is to benefit the students, and it was at their request that we (the college) purchased it," said Director of Admissions Blaine Nisson. He explained that the coverage will protect seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and it was the most economical among the many

policies researched when looking for an agency to represent the college.

"This was the least expensive and the most comprehensive policy we could come up with and still make it affordable to students," he said.

Each accident or illness claim is subject to a \$50 deductible.

Benefits include coverage up to 80% of ambulance, emergency room treatment, x-rays and hospital confinement costs up to a maximum of \$25,000. Psychiatric or psychological care is also covered up to \$1000 per semester for inpatient and outpatient expenses. Outpatient care is limited to \$25 per day to a maximum of \$500.

The deadline for insurance applications is Oct. 17. Insurance may be purchased each quarter during the registration period. However, students wanting full-year coverage are required to sign up during fall term. "If they don't," Nisson said,

"they will be unable to purchase an entire year of coverage."

A brochure describing the levels of coverage in detail is available outside the Admissions Office in Takana Hall.

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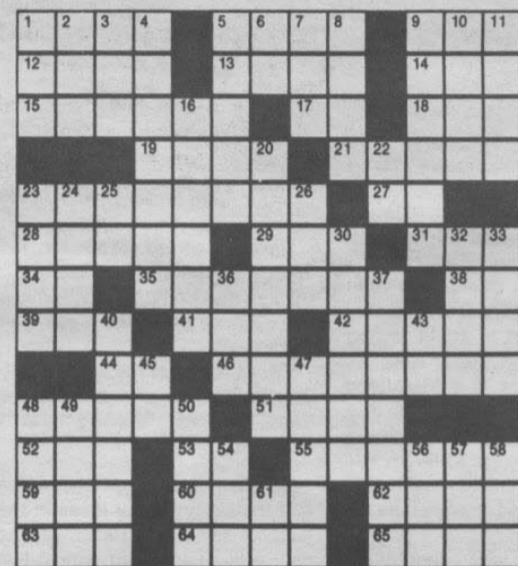
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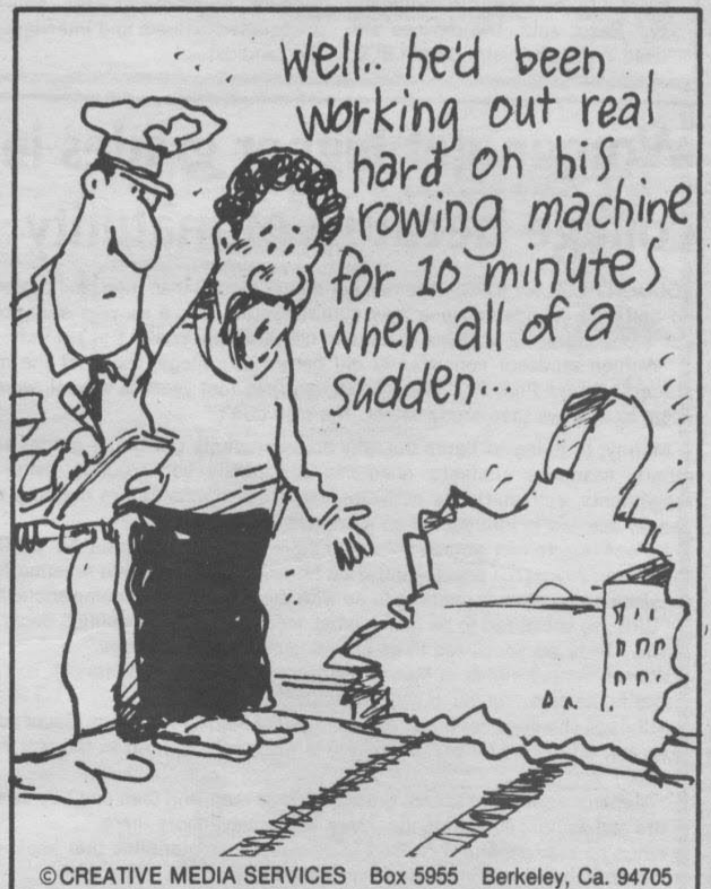
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Track coach urges student interest

By George Petroccione
Photo Editor

"If there's anyone out there, male or female, that would like to get involved in competitive distance running, in a cross country sense, I would certainly love to have them," said cross country coach Dave Bakely.

Because of graduation, transfers, and medical problems, this year's cross country team is quite thin.

The team has lost Eric Nelson, one of last season's best harriers, to OSU. Pat Wilson, "who at times was our number one runner," said Bakely, has decided not to run because of health reasons. And Katherine Bervin who ran last year, was sidelined during track season with stress fractures, which will force her to miss the cross country season.

There is a special need for women runners. Five women are needed to be a team and Bakely just doesn't have the bodies. Women that do come out for cross country, can run the 3.1 miles as individuals if there is no team.

Bakely does have a men's team, although it is dominated by freshmen. Last weekend at the Mt. Hood all-comer meet in Gresham, Bakely was unable to put that

team together, because of a job related injury to one runner, but individual finishes were promising. Shaun McMorris finished 6th with a time of 22:12, Eric Trautwein was 8th at 22:32 and Wade Bakely was 18th at 26:15.

This weekend Bakely hopes to have his team ready for the Willamette Invitational at Bush Park in Salem. The team that Bakely would like to field consists of:

Shaun McMorris, a sophomore who ran last year for LBCC, Bakely said, McMorris, a West Albany H.S. graduate, is the roadrunners number one runner, and is expected to be in the top groups of runners.

Eric Trautwein, a freshman from West Albany, has been impressive in practice, by mid to late season he should be pushing McMorris, Bakely said.

Steve Martinez, a freshman from Sweet Home, was unable to train during the summer, because his job fighting fires didn't allow time running. Perhaps, by the end of the season he will be pushing the other two.

Ray Grossenbach, is a freshman in cross country although he ran track for the roadrunners last year. He is a sprinter in track, and is untested at five miles.

Wade Bakely, a sophomore, is a middle of the pack runner, who is basically a sprinter and pole vaulter in track.

Intramural activities include football, basketball, badminton, poker-walk

By George Petroccione
Photo Editor

Football is coming to LBCC this fall.

Beginning Oct. 11 and running through Nov. 29 there will be three, 8-man flag football games each Saturday morning. The first game will begin at 8 a.m. and the second at noon, allowing participants time to get to an OSU or UO football game in the afternoon.

Teams must be signed-up by 5 p.m. on Oct. 6, and there must be enough

teams registered to start league play.

Other intramural activities include a H.O.R.S.E. contest; 3 on 3 basketball tournament; singles badminton tournament; doubles badminton tournament; slam dunk contest; free throw shooting contest and a Thanksgiving poker fun walk/run.

Fall Term
Intramural Schedule

H.O.R.S.E. Contest: Both Men's and Women's Division, 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, in gymnasium. Last day to sign up is Thursday, Oct. 9, by 5 p.m.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: Both Men's and Women's Division, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in gymnasium. Last day to sign up is Tuesday, Oct. 14, by 5 p.m.

Singles Badminton Tournament: Both Men's and Women's Division, 2 p.m. Friday Oct. 24, in gymnasium. Last day to sign-up is Thursday, Oct. 23, by 5 p.m.

Doubles Badminton Tournament: Men, Women's & Co-Ed Division, 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, in gymnasium. Last day to sign-up is Monday, Nov. 3, by 11 a.m.

Slam-Dunk Contest: Men's Division Only, 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, in gymnasium. Last day to sign-up is Tuesday, Nov. 4, by 5 p.m.

Free-Throw Shooting Contest: Both Men's and Women's Division, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in gymnasium. Last day to sign-up is Tuesday, Nov. 11, by 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Poker Fun Walk/Run, 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 on track or in courtyard if raining. Last day to sign-up is Wednesday, Nov. 19, by 5 p.m.

Flag Football League: Oct. 11 through Nov. 29 on Saturdays. Times: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 11 a.m. to noon. Last day to sign up your team is Monday, Oct. 6, by 5 p.m.

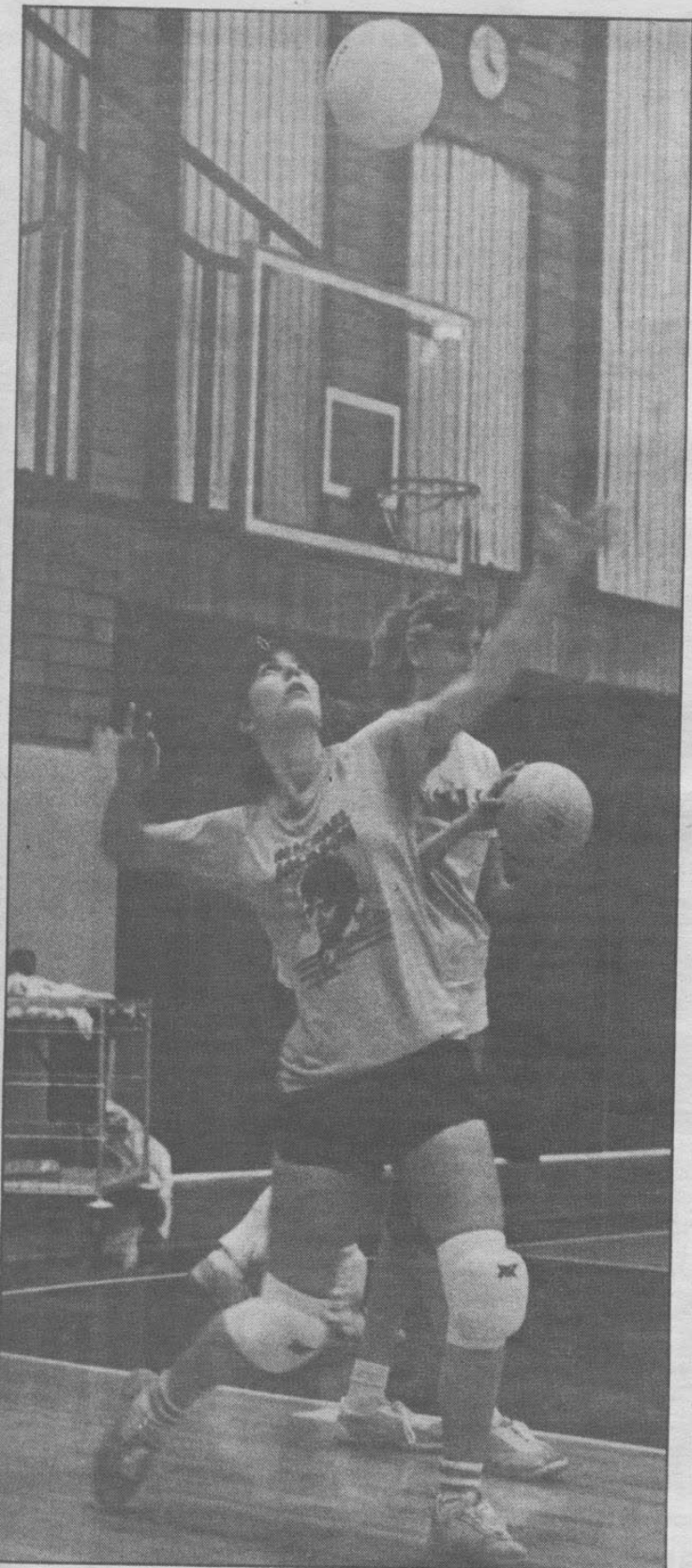
Sports Shorts

Michigan State University students greeted Bubba Smith's homecoming game appearance with chants of "less filling, tastes great," leading Smith to conclude the Miller Lite ads were a bad influence on them.

During his football playing days at MSU, fans often cheered Smith with chants of "Kill, Bubba, Kill."

University of Florida football fans are now sporting "thegator shnozz," a \$4 plastic alligator-esque nose, green and complete with teeth, that attaches to the students' priceless, real-life noses.

A campus swimming pool at the University of Arizona is mysteriously losing about one inch of water per hour. Officials haven't found the leak after a month of trying, and have had to move 15 swimming classes to another pool. "We have no idea where the water is going," says AU aquatics specialist Ronald Sutherland.



Volleyball team works through drills.

Photo by George Petroccione

LB volleyball coach remains optimistic about new season

By George Petroccione
Photo Editor

Although there are only two returning players from last year's 7-8 person volleyball team, LBCC's winningest team in the past three years, Coach Debbie Mason remains optimistic about the '86 season, which began in mid-September.

Not only are the number of returning players down, due to graduation and others not returning to school, but the team as a whole is lacking depth, Mason said. There are only seven players on this year's team, of which six must be on the floor at the same time.

"Having only one sub isn't a very comfortable position," said Mason, "But, the girls are committed and I wouldn't hesitate to say we should be able to do as well as last year, even though we don't have as many people."

In their first match of the season the roadrunner women faced the Western Oregon State College varsity team, which was nationally ranked last year. The roadrunners swept the three game series with identical scores of 3-15. Even though the scores were identical, Mason feels the team played better as they went on.

The women roadrunners then went on to win a two game series from the WOSU J.V.'s, 15-12 and 15-6. Last weekend the women played in the Umpqua tournament, where they came in second in pool play before losing in the consolation bracket.

The next match is tonight in the activity center at 7 p.m. against Southwestern Oregon Community College.

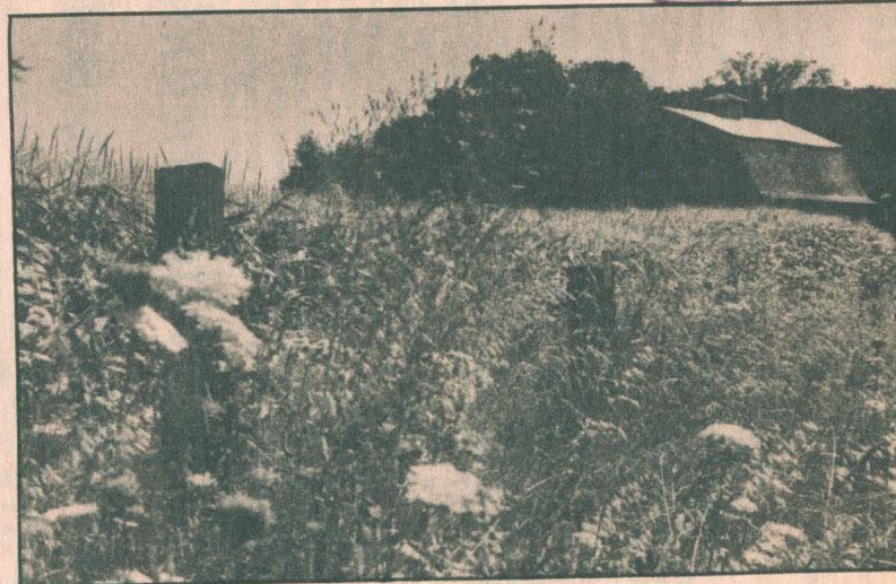
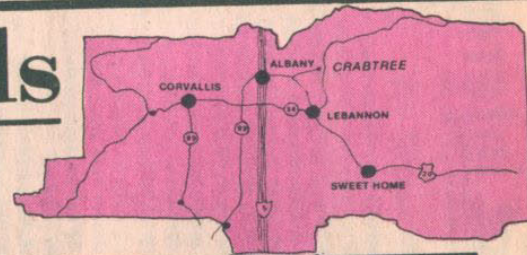
ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES

Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges

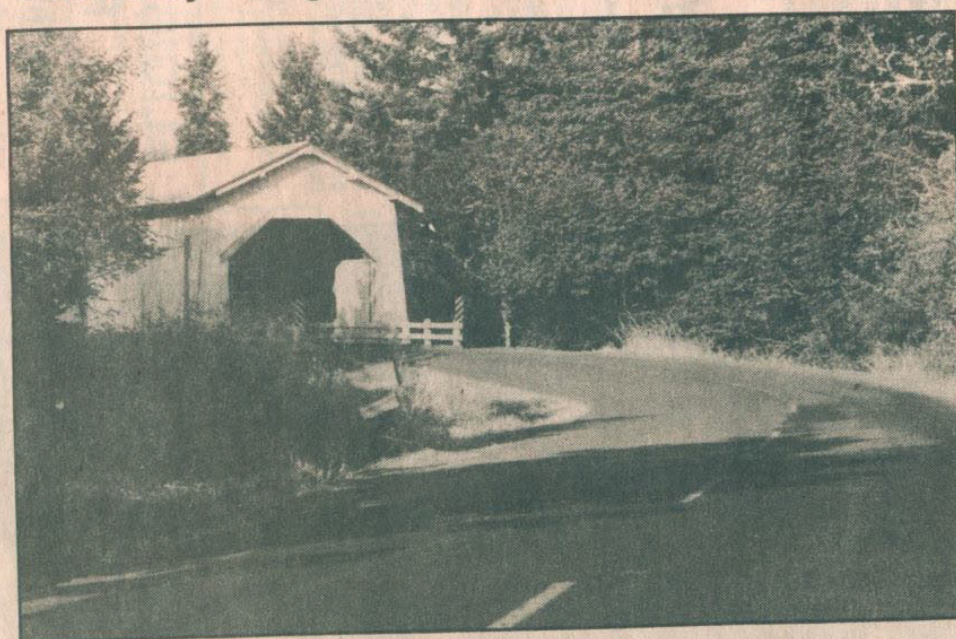
1. You must be registered in a minimum of 12 credit hours.
2. You must have passed a minimum of 12 credit hours the last quarter you were enrolled in college.
3. You may not participate in one sport more than two seasons.
4. You must be registered within 20 days from the beginning of the quarter.
5. To qualify for eligibility to participate in a second (2nd) season of any sport, you must have earned a minimum of 36 credit hours at the member institution from the first quarter of participation.
6. You must be a high school graduate or the class of which you were a member has graduated.
7. Any time you participate in a regularly scheduled game, match or contest, you will be charged with one year of eligibility in that sport.
8. You may be declared ineligible if during the sport season you represent any club, organization or team other than your college team.
9. If you are a transfer from another community college that is a member of the N.W.A.A.C.C., you become eligible for athletic competition after a time lapse of three quarters, exclusive of summer school, after separation from the former college.
10. If you transfer from a 4-year college or non-member community college, you become eligible immediately provided you pass 12 credits the last quarter in attendance and meet all other requirements of the N.W.A.A.C.C. Athletic code.



Backroads



Photos by George Petroccione



(clockwise from upper left) A quiet, sunny, July morning in Downtown Crabtree. This picturesque barn and cornfield are part of the Century farm, just north of town, which belongs to Harold Riley. The Hoffman Bridge was built in 1938 and is one of the few covered bridges that features gothic windows. Billy Farmer stops by the Crabtree Store to fill his innertube before heading to Thomas Creek for a day of swimming.

Crabtree

By Dale Owen
Commuter Editor

Looking for a place to homestead that had convenient access to water and timber for fuel and fencing, John J. Crabtree, a pioneer farmer from Virginia, became one of the first settlers on the forks of the Santiam River.

Settling on property a few miles southwest of Scio, Oregon in 1846, Crabtree's farming endeavors were successful, and a community called Crabtree developed.

According to Marjorie Rogers, a local historian and retired schoolteacher, the coming of the railroad in the late 1800's established Crabtree as a rural trading center. At the time of her arrival at Crabtree in 1918, the town consisted of a railroad depot, hotel, post office, blacksmith shop, a creamery, a church, several schools and stores in addition to the houses and farms in the area.

Although those boom days are in the past, Crabtree remains a point of historical, agricultural and scenic interest.

Outside of town on Hungry Hill Road past Harold Reiley's Century Farm, Hoffman Bridge, one of the few remaining covered bridges in the Willamette Valley, spans Crabtree Creek.

An annual fund raiser, Crabtree Daze, is held in June and has attracted as many as 7,000 people. This year's event, which raised money for a heart monitor to be used by the fire department, featured a parade, pancake breakfast and over 40 garage sales.