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Students win VICA awards

By Jon Taylor
Staff Writer

LBCC students captured 21 awards—including six first places—at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) state competition held Friday and Saturday in Coos Bay.

First place finishers in each of the categories will advance to the VICA national competitions June 25-29 in Phoenix, Ariz. Prizes from industrial sponsors were awarded to first, second and third place finishers in each area of competition, and LBCC students also earned two money awards.

When Roger Hendricks won first place in the general skills competition for diesel engines, he won an expense-paid trip to the nationals for himself and an advisor. The award was granted by the Mack Truck corporation.

Kirk Marcotte's first place finish in the Welding competition earned him a \$200 scholarship from the James F. Lincoln Foundation of Cleveland.

Other LBCC winners in diesel included Rex Parks, Bob Johnson and Ed Humber, finishing second, third and fourth in job skills. Parks also won first place in the job interview division of leadership skills competition. All four are second year diesel students.

Paul Arnold and Bob Marinos finished second and third in general skills welding competition.

All three LB students competing in automotive technology placed in the competition. Craig Swenson, Chris Broggi and Shawn Vorath placed second, third and fourth respectively.

Five students from LB's heating and refrigeration department took four awards. Richard Cameron and Dave Taylor won first and second place respectively in air condition and refrigeration. Mal Golfetto-Dorr took first place in major appliance repair and Jim McChesney finished second in sheet-metal.

LB finished one-two-three in machine tool competition, with awards going to Eric Horning, Terry Jordan and Jerry Lamb respectively.

Auto body repair winners from LBCC were Lionel Snyder, Bill Garrison and Shawn King, who finished first, second and third respectively.

Roadrunner takes on would-be mascots

By Sharon SeaBrook
Staff Writer

Will the Roadrunner hold its title as LBCC's mascot? Will it lose the race to a competitor on election day?

The student body elections May 1 and 2 will decide the LB mascot. Running against the Roadrunner are the Brave, Osprey, Explorer and Hawk.

Many are in favor of keeping the Roadrunner for tradition's sake; others seem to think it's inappropriate since the Roadrunner is not a native to this area.

"Many students lack knowledge in the tradition of the Roadrunner (as LB's mascot)," said Blaine Nisson, director of student programs.

Nisson explained LBCC's start as a college. He said there was no campus at first—classes were held in many parts of the county. An extra room in a school, church, or grange hall is where instructors and students met. This sometime meant racing from one classroom to another.

Many of LBCC's staff and faculty want the Roadrunner to stay and presented a petition to the student council to demonstrate their feelings.

Also on the upcoming ballot is the election of LBCC's school colors. As it stands, the athletic department does not use the traditional purple and gold but instead use navy blue, white and gold. "The purple presents a fading problem in the sun," Nisson said.



Photo by Scott Heyndrickx

A volunteer from the Corvallis Fire Department waters down the side of a Corvallis home during a "controlled burn" in which several LBCC students participated. For more photos and story, see page 5.

Bookstore tells students that used book may not be best deal



The back room of LBCC's Bookstore is "all booked up."

By Joyce Quinnett
Staff Writer

"THIS IS A USED BOOK. CHECK ITS CONDITION CAREFULLY. RETURN OR RESALE TO THE LBCC BOOKSTORE IS NOT GUARANTEED."

Most students buying a used book may not have thought about what those words mean—except that used books cost less than new ones. What they may not know is that the bookstore does not always buy back books, even if they are being used again next term.

Who decides what books are used and how much will be paid for each copy? What are a student's alternatives when our bookstore won't buy used books?

Bonnie Crossley, a computer science major at LBCC, had a problem buying a used copy of a book that had been in use for several terms.

She had been told that no used copies were available because the bookstore had too many new copies.

Crossley decided to go to Dr. Bob Miller, the director of Auxiliary Services, and find out about the book buyback policy.

During finals week a book broker comes to the campus and buys back all used books that are being used on our campus or elsewhere next term. If it is not being used, the broker goes to a wholesale buying guide and may offer

anything from 5 to 30 percent of the new price.

Each instructor is asked to give an idea of how many books will be needed for the upcoming term. The Bookstore looks at the numbers, then compares these to trends in the classes from the last several years. Then the books are ordered in numbers sufficient for the term, according to Miller.

The publishing companies will not take back all of the unsold new books at one time; so the Bookstore must sell them, said Miller. If the publisher puts out a new edition before the leftover issues are sold, they are stuck with them until they can be sold to another school who is using that particular edition.

If an instructor says thirty books will be needed and the Bookstore has 15 copies in the storeroom, then the broker will buy back 15 copies at half the new price. After those books are purchased, others may be bought back depending on if they will be used elsewhere.

Terry Smith, text book division manager at OSU, said they have a continuous book buyback program. Students from LBCC are welcome to use this service anytime. OSU does have a broker come in at the end of the term, but the prices offered vary little from what is offered at any time.

The ASLBCC book exchange bulletin board is a place to advertise books wanted, or for sale or trade. The board is located outside the student programs office, CC 213.

ASLBCC ballot carries 18 candidates, 7 issues

ARTICLE II:
MASCOT Currently the mascot is the ROADRUNNER.
PROPOSED The choices for the mascot are the ROADRUNNER, EXPLORERS, HAWKS, BRAVES, and the OSPREY.
RATIONALE The well-known Roadrunner character is copyrighted by Warner Bros. It is illegal for us to use this well known character without buying the copyright privileges.

ROADRUNNER	mark 19A
EXPLORERS	mark 20B
HAWKS	mark 21A
BRAVES	mark 22B
OSPREY	mark 23A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE II
COLORS The current colors are ROYAL PURPLE and GOLD.
PROPOSED Change the colors to NAVY BLUE, GOLD and WHITE.
RATIONALE Royal Purple is a color not always available from manufacturers and the shades often vary. Royal Purple is sensitive to sunlight and fades. Therefore most of the outside LBCC sports currently use Navy Blue instead of purple.

ROYAL PURPLE and GOLD	mark 24B
NAVY BLUE, GOLD, and WHITE	mark 25A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE IV
Section A **RESPONSIBILITIES of STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.** Currently one of the responsibilities of the student council is to develop and oversee the ASLBCC budget.
PROPOSED The student council is proposing that the council develop and oversee the Student Activities Programs (S.A.P.) budget, which is derived from student fees.
RATIONALE Since the last revision of the constitution the council has been given the responsibility of developing and overseeing the S.A.P. budget. This proposed change would make the constitution consistent with the current budget process.

FOR THE CHANGE	mark 26B
AGAINST THE CHANGE	mark 27A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE V
Section A **COUNCIL of REPRESENTATIVE: STRUCTURE.** Currently we have two (2) representatives from the Community Education Centers.
PROPOSED The student council proposes to combine the representation for the Community Education Centers and the Student Development Divisions.
RATIONALE Since the formation of the student development division it hasn't had any representation on the student council. Students can't have a major within this division nor can they major in Community Education, therefore it seems reasonable to add the responsibility of representing the Student Development Division to the Community Education representatives.

FOR THE CHANGE	mark 28B
AGAINST THE CHANGE	mark 29A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE V
Section B **COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVE: STRUCTURE.** Currently Student Council representatives are required to have their major in the academic division which they represent.
PROPOSED That a representative not only have their major within their division but also carry over (1) credit within that division.
RATIONALE So they will be in contact with the students in the division which they represent.

FOR THE CHANGE	mark 30B
AGAINST THE CHANGE	mark 31A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE X
Section A **INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, and RECALL.** Before circulating an initiative, referendum, or recall petition to members of the ASLBCC, the originator of the petition must submit to the council a signed and dated copy of the petition and specifying, in writing, the reason(s) for initiating the petition. The petition must be acknowledged by one (1) member of the Council of Representatives and their advisor prior to circulation of the petition.
PROPOSED That the petition must be acknowledged by two (2) members of the Council of Representatives and their advisor prior to circulation of the petition.
RATIONALE So that more council members and the advisor are aware of the petition.

FOR THE CHANGE	mark 32B
AGAINST THE CHANGE	mark 33A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

ARTICLE X
Section B **INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, and RECALL.** A special election shall be called within twenty (20) school days.
PROPOSED That a special election shall be called within twenty (20) school days and no sooner than ten (10) school days.
RATIONALE Students who follow the procedures for requesting a special election for an initiative, referendum or recall would be given at least 10 days to make the voters aware of the issues.

FOR THE CHANGE	34B
AGAINST THE CHANGE	mark 35A

VOTE FOR ONE (1)

The Candidates

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Division

Jackie D. Cherry
Major: General Social Science
Student council goals: "I don't know really. I do want to become involved and know what's going on. I want to help get others involved too."
Creighton Lindsay
Major: Graphics
Student council goals: "I view this as a perfect opportunity to represent the interest of my department, the student body in general and the community at large. Additionally, I hope to develop my own leadership skills through work and cooperation with my fellow officers."
Joyce Guinnett
Major: Journalism/theatre
Student council goals: "I feel it is important for the students at LBCC to start participating in any area they can. I feel that some very important programs will be lost if more students don't get involved. I also want to see the talent we have on campus given priority over people from the community."

Business Division:

Pat Plunkett
Major: Office Occupations
Student council goals: "I would like to see more involvement of the different age groups on campus in student activities. More input from students on school activities and also more information from the student council to the student body."
Nancy Baghdadi
Major: Data Processing
Student council goals: "I would try to and get the students (especially the older ones) more involved and knowledgeable about what LBCC has to offer besides just basic classes (i.e., free tutors, etc.)"
Kevin Day
Major: Advertising
Student council goals: "I would like to use the skills that I've acquired during my present student council position."
Lily Winans
Major: Business Administration
Student council goals: "I want to spend another year on council dealing with the issues that arise and devote special attention to Reagan's financial aid cuts."

Community Education Division

Tim Bauer
Major: Agricultural Technology
Student council goals: "Not only do I have the hopes of every candidate, that being of representing the student body and leading them, but I want to better myself and especially my leadership qualities."
Patsy L. Black
Major: Administrative Secretary/Word Processing
Student council goals: "To represent the mature student on campus in a positive light."

Health Occupations and Physical Education Division:

Patty Gallup
Major: Health/Physical Education
Student council goals: "I wish to represent the student body of Linn-Benton to the best of my ability and to improve my leadership skills."
Rodney Scheckla
Major: Physical Education/Health
Student council goals: "Becoming involved in student activities and understanding how the ASLBCC works. I hope to aid ASLBCC with new ideas."

Industrial/Apprenticeship Division:

Mark A. Marcotte
Major: Welding Technology
Wayne Palmquist
Major: Diesel/Heavy Equipment
Student council goals: "Attend all meetings, listen to suggestions and attempt to act on them. Represent my area, make personal and school changes that will benefit all."

Science/Technology Division:

Bill Baze
Major: Electronics
Student council goals: "At this time it is almost impossible to plan accomplishments until one is elected and finds out the need of the student body."
Pam Cyrus
Major: Animal Technology
Student council goals: "I hope to become more active in the student government and to become more aware of how the college system works. I also hope to represent my fellow students and help make college life more interesting for all."
Lester Sitton
Major: Animal Science
Student council goals: "I would like to help the school in any way possible to make it better. Also, I would like to gain experience in dealing with people."
Representative at large:

Patricia Niemi
Major: Medical Receptionist
Student council goals: "To get to know the students and become more involved in student activities and represent the mature students on campus."
Bryan S. Woodhall
Major: Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management
Student council goals: "I plan to be involved in the school and find out what the student and faculty want and need. I want also to help uphold our school name."

Kurtz wants ASLBCC opposition to billboard

By Marie Parcell
Staff Writer

The ASLBCC council of representatives was informed last Thursday of a possible increase in the dangers of the north campus entrance.

The council discussed what the college's official reaction should be to a proposal to put a billboard near the north entrance. George Kurtz, vice president of business affairs for LBCC, has requested a hearing before the Albany city planning commission to ask that the billboard be banned.

Kurtz requested the ASLBCC to go on record in opposition of the billboard. Kurtz said there is already a traffic hazard at that intersection and the billboard will aggravate it. The owner of the property needs special permission to erect the billboard because of zoning laws.

The discussion centered on whether LBCC should attempt to tell community residents what to do with their land, the rights of the property owner versus the effect on students of the traffic hazard, and if the as-yet-unknown contents of the billboard might reflect a negative image of LBCC. A motion to go on record in opposition of the billboard was defeated by a narrow margin, and a motion was passed requesting that the planning department study the safety factors before granting permission for the billboard.

Printing program wins grant

By Katherine Marsh
Staff Writer

The LBCC graphics and printing technology programs have been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the James A. Brahney Foundation of Chicago.

The grant was established in honor of Brahney, one of the founding members of the N-Plant Printing Management Association, an international company. It has plants based throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The grant is issued annually to a college in either country recognized for having done the most to promote the graphic arts within the printing industry.

LBCC gained recognition by providing assistance to people in the industry experiencing technical problems. In addition, they offered seminars and training students to enter the N-Plant Printing Management Association.

The grant will be used for purchasing and repairing equipment, along with other program priorities as determined by faculty and students.



Photo by Mike Kruskamp

Air flow

Joseph Kruskamp of the LBCC maintenance department does a routine weekly check on air handler units and vent fans at the Activities Center. Kruskamp's son Mike, a graphic design major, shot this photograph as part of an assignment

in an intermediate photography class. Kruskamp said the maintenance staff performs preventative maintenance on a weekly basis to keep all units in tip-top shape to prevent them from breaking down.

Halley's Comet hits home stretch in 76-year circuit of the earth

By Robert Botts
Staff Writer

The track has been freshly groomed for the feature race. A bell rings: the gates fly open and the horses lunge forward. They sprint to the first turn, and pass the half and three-quarter mile poles. They flash past the grandstands and cross the finish line. The race is over in one minute and 42 seconds, and the crowd roars.

The bell rang for Halley's Comet in 1948 when it headed back toward the sun, according to Nigel Calder in "The Comet is Coming." But this is a one-horse race, the starting gate, is 3.26 billion miles from the finish line and the race will last 38 years—some horse, some race.

At the first turn, in 1970 it closed on Neptune, and at the half mile pole it cleared the small-dog-star constellation in 1977. Coming to the three-quarter pole in 1981-84, it passed in front of the Milky Way, Calder said.

The comet should pass the grandstands—that's the earth—twice, according to Dave Perkins, physical sciences department chairman.

The first time on its way toward the sun in late November and early December of 1985, spectators in Oregon should be able to see the comet with binoculars, Perkins said. When it swings around the sun and reappears, they can see the comet again late in March of 1986 in the morning sky, and early April in the evening, Perkins said.

It will not flash, in fact, with the naked eye it may be difficult to see, Perkins said.

The comet last appeared in 1910 and returns every 76 years, according to Perkins.

"It will not put on the same show it gave us in 1910 when the earth passed through the comet's tail," said William Suggs, visiting professor of astronomy at the University of Oregon.

The comet came much closer in 1910. This time it will pass 39 million miles away from the earth, said Mark Littman of the Space Telescope Science Institute of Johns Hopkins University.

Halley's is only one of several comets sighted each year by astronomers. But Halley's has received the most attention because it was the first one known to travel in an orbit around the sun, Calder said.

The comet was named to honor Edmund Halley, an English astronomer, who in the 1680s, applying the laws of motion, predicted the comet would return in 1758, Littman said.

Maurice Dubin of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said, "They (comets) are presently viewed as a third-rate cosmic population lacking any influence on the goings-on of this world..."

Nevertheless, around the state of Oregon, colleges, planetariums and several individuals are making plans to observe the return of Halley's comet.

At LBCC in the fall, Perkins said, "We will have some public

lectures and if the comet is visible we could go out and take a look."

The physics department of OSU will have two 8-inch telescopes setup in the fall at Weniger Hall for public viewing, said Dave Griffiths, physics professor.

The Lane County Education District Planetarium in Eugene, starting in November will have a program for the public. "We will show what the comet looks like and where it will appear in Oregon," Suggs said.

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) also plans several programs for the public, according to Jan Dabrowski, a planetarium manager. OMSI has a phone number to call, 24-comet—information is given about the comet. In addition, OMSI plans, starting in August and September, to have slide shows, lectures and exhibits for the public and schools, Dabrowski added.

The University of Oregon's Pine Mountain Observatory near Bend has a 32-inch scope and according to James Kemp, professor of astronomy, he plans to photograph the comet in July and August of 1985. The observatory is open to the public, he added.

That great horse with the flowing tail approaches the stands and has the crowd buzzing with excitement. The race will be over in mid-1986, and he will be led back to the stalls to wait for the starter's bell again in the 2020s. Some of those who see the present race may see the start in the 2020s, but few will hang around long enough to see the end in the 2060s.

Commuter wins first place award; staff collects nine individual honors

The LBCC Commuter received a first place award in general excellence from the American Scholastic Press Association and nine individual awards from both ASPA and Women in Communications this month.

ASPA, a national organization of university, community college and high school media, awarded The Commuter 945 points of a possible 1,000 in judging of its content, design, photography and editing. In addition, ASPA recognized Commuter Managing Editor Diane Morelli for "outstanding investigative reporting" for her article on LBCC's intrusive advising program.

Two other Commuter staffers and two

former staff members also were honored by the Women in Communications Inc. of the Northwest region. Editor Sue Buhler won second place in editorial writing with her opinion piece opposing abortion. Special Projects Editor Scott Heynderickx won third place in editorial writing with a piece on the growing conservative trend in college students, as well as honorable mentions in three photography categories—feature photography, spot news photography, and photo page layout.

Pamela Kuri, last year's Commuter editor, won first place in the photo page layout category with her two page photo essay on Boardman, an Eastern Oregon ghost town, that

appeared in a spring 1984 Commuter issue. Kuri is now a student at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash.

Diane Tarter-Eubank, last year's Commuter photography editor, won second place in the photo page layout category for her essay last spring on architectural geometry on the LBCC campus, and third place for feature photography.

The Women in Communications competition included universities and colleges from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Awards will be presented at a luncheon April 27 at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird.

Writing desk may return with students as tutors

By Katherine Marsh
Staff Writer

The Writing Desk program that has failed twice since its beginning in fall 1983 is now being reintroduced for fall term 1985.

The Writing Desk, located in the library, reopened in November 1984, but closed again in January 1985. It failed to get enough volunteer faculty to staff the program, according to Bob Talbott, director of student development. He added that after teachers work a full schedule of classes it is difficult and draining for them to manage the needed hours to operate the program.

The new proposal for the program is to use student tutors rather than faculty. Tutors will be selected and trained, then supervised by volunteer faculty.

In addition, the program may eventually hire someone for screening applicants and coordinating the program.

Talbott added that he anticipates the Writing Desk will merge into the tutoring programs already offered at LBCC.

Originally the Writing Desk was established to help students who were having trouble with their writing. Since its opening, it has helped more than 700 students write more effectively.

"We know people need help, so if they don't get help they won't do as well," said Vice President of Instructor John Keyser.

The estimated budget necessary for operating the tutoring program is \$18,000. The program is dependent on the LBCC levy being passed.

"It will be difficult to offer if we don't pass the budget," Keyser said.

Crisis center strives to help despite stressful atmosphere

By Joyce Quinnett
Staff Writer

Cindy, an LBCC psychology major, has been volunteering time at the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence in Corvallis for the past six months.

Cindy began with the center in September, with the largest group of students recruited from LBCC at the same time.

The center is one of over 500 working against domestic violence in the United States. Volunteers are trained to help women and children who are involved in rape, incest, mental abuse and all other forms of domestic violence.

Cindy is receiving CWE credits for her work each term on the crisis line, a 24-hour hotline for women in immediate need of help. Cindy mans the phone several nights a week from midnight to 8 a.m.

Because of the possibility of retaliation by angry abusers, the volunteers are not permitted to reveal their last names.

The work is "very stressful," according to Cindy. "You must learn to be your own person before you can help others," she says.

When an individual calls in to the center and asks for help, the volunteers are trained to talk with the people over the phone or go to the person and help them face-to-face.

When volunteers feel there is a possibility of a threat to their safety, the police are put on standby.

One call came at three in the morning and Cindy and a co-worker went to talk with a woman who was under an extreme threat of physical violence. After sitting in the restaurant for over two hours, the woman chose to go back to the same environment.

"The hardest thing of all is that you must let them make their own decisions," says Cindy.

"It's a totally different world out there," she says. Because of pressure, many of the volunteers who started with the center when Cindy started, have not continued.

"It is hard to handle everyone else's problems when you are a growing, changing person with problems of your own," Cindy states.

Cindy is re-evaluating her feelings on the program. She knows she wants to stay in psychology, but the specific area is still not certain. She wants to go into the management end or go into the institutional end which deals with the legally insane.

Cindy feels this is a worthwhile way to find out how interested you are in a chosen field. Anyone interested in helping on the hotline, contact Gina Vee, the CWE coordinator for the Social Science Department on campus, or contact Jerry, the volunteer coordinator for the center by calling 758-0219.

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Get high; ride a hot air balloon

By Quonieta Murphy
Staff Writer

Mention ballooning and the vision that comes to mind is one of adventure, excitement and danger, like that experienced by the crew of the Double Eagle II during their successful trans-Atlantic crossing in 1978.

"Ballooning is often thought of as a bigger-than-life, macho, physical experience," said Ron Purdam.

But that isn't necessarily so in recreational hot air ballooning. He said that the first balloon he went up in was piloted by a five-foot-three-inch, 105 pound woman.

Purdum is president of Albany General Hospital and co-instructor of the "Ballooning with Hot Air" course being offered by LBCC's Albany Center, which runs from May 7-June 1. Rod, his son, will be doing the majority of the teaching.

Recreational ballooning isn't as complex or dangerous as going for a world record.

According to Donald Dale Jackson in the book "The Aeronauts," the Double Eagle II had to take off in front of a cold front which travels from west to east across the Atlantic Ocean in the form of a wedge.

By flying in front of and above the wedge the Golden Eagle II was able to take advantage of the westerly air currents and ride them across the ocean.

If they had descended into the front they would have encountered thunderstorms and cyclonic winds that could have torn them apart. But they didn't, although there were several close calls.

They flew at heights up to 25,000 feet to take advantage of favorable air currents that kept them above the front.

According to Jackson the crew suffered through cold and rain, and felt fear before they reached the end of their journey seven days after they took off.

In comparison, recreational ballooning is a warm weather sport. And it's relatively safe when done with a trained pilot.



Photos courtesy of Ron Purdam.

"Who wants to take off or land in a muddy field," said Purdam.

He said a normal recreational flight lasts three to five hours and may cover 15-20 miles. The usual altitude attained is 2,000 feet or less above ground level. Most launches and landings take place at wind speeds of no more than 8-10 miles per hour.

And because recreational balloonists fly at relatively low altitudes there are no flight plans or official paperwork that has to be filed.

"So it's simple, more of a laid-back experience," Purdam said.

The ascetics of ballooning are what appeal to him. He enjoys the slow quiet movement of the balloon as it floats through the air. Except for burner noise approximately one-third of the time, the only noise is the wind. Movement is relatively slow, usually no faster than 8-10 miles per hour.

He likes the appointments of the balloon, the feel of the wicker and leather of the gondola and the sight of the brilliantly colored, rip-stop nylon balloon.

The sight of a balloon often draws onlookers who will sometimes follow it from launch to landing in their cars, he said.

Purdum said that they offer the

course to acquaint people with this type of flying and to enable them to function as crew members.

Students will learn about the legal requirements of flying, and about equipment and balloon inspection. They'll also see a demonstration of balloon inflation and flight on June 1 (weather permitting), although they won't be going up in the balloon.

Both instructors are commercially licensed balloon pilots.

Balloonists are licensed in much the same way as other pilots, said Purdam, who is also a licensed multi-engine aircraft pilot.

Private and commercial licensing procedures require the student to pass a written test administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

A private pilot must pass the written test and have approximately 10 hours of actual flight time. Part of that time is supervised flight, the other part is solo flying.

Commercial pilots (those pilots who teach or offer rides) must have 35 hours of flight time.

Purdum said that the balloons are also certified and licensed by the FAA.

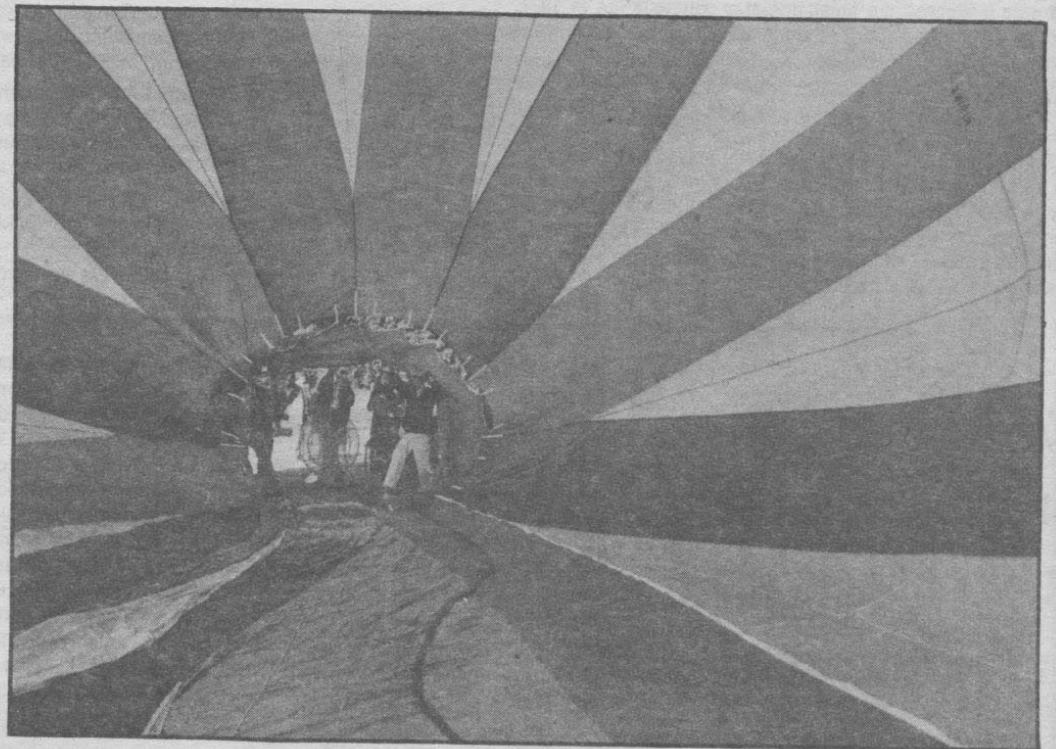
Private balloons are safety inspected annually, while commercial balloons are inspected after every 100 hours of flight time.

Getting into ballooning initially can be rather expensive, said Purdam.

Private instruction costs approximately \$20 an hour, with balloon rental fees running approximately \$150 an hour.

A new balloon sells for \$10-\$14,000, while a used one can be bought for around \$5,000. But several people can go in together on a balloon, thereby making the cost easier to handle, said Purdam.

Even though it sounds like a very expensive hobby, Purdam says that many people over the long run put as much money into other hobbies such as cars, boats or ham radio.





Corvallis firemen and volunteers gather outside the burning house.



House-burning helps initiate fireman

The fire spread quickly through the older home on Third Street in Corvallis, billowing smoke into the blue and gray late-winter sky. A crowd of onlookers gathered to watch the blaze as firefighters sought to control the flames engulfing the house. It burned to the ground.

It was planned that way. The house was in the way of construction for new exits and on-ramps between the third street (99W) and Highway 20. The cost of

moving the small, older house was too high, so the Corvallis Fire Department decided to use the structure for a "controlled burn."

Dave Artz said the department usually has two controlled burns per year to train volunteers and interested persons.

"A house burning gives actual fire-fighting experience in a controlled situation that is not an emergency. It's basically the same thing as when you have to go out on a call at 3 a.m. to fight a blaze, but for these people it won't be the first time they experience it," said Artz.

About 16 volunteers and five paid personnel from the department participated in the burn. Topics covered included forcible entry, ventilation and the use of ladders, water nozzles and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Artz said some of the volunteers in previous controlled burns had suffered minor injuries such as burns and cuts, but no one was injured during this burn.

Gene Nelson, LBCC fire suppression major, is one of 24 resident volunteers for the Corvallis fire department and was a participant in the burn. In exchange for his living quarters at the station, he is on duty for one 12 hour shift every third day.

Nelson said he likes firefighting because of the physical nature of the work and the element of danger or excitement he feels when he's out on the job. "You just never know what's going to happen next," said Nelson.

Being able to handle stress and possessing good communication skills with both your co-workers and the public are some of the qualities Nelson says make a good firefighter. He plans to attend Chemeketa Community College next year to get an associates degree in fire science, a degree not offered at LBCC.

Written and photographed
by Scott Heynderickx
Special Projects Editor



Wally Fordham of the Corvallis Fire Department takes a breather.



Volunteer Andy Loudon sends a stream of water upward.

Classifieds

PERSONALS

Hablas Espanol? Spring Term Spanish Table will continue on Thursdays at noon in the NE corner of the Commons where the windows meet through the end of the term. Students and staff who can speak even a minimum level of Spanish are urged to come and converse with Latin American students from OSU. For more information, call Vera Harding, ext. 201.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Thursday noon to 1:00 in CC 135. New members are welcome.

Happy 30th B-Day Georgia Edwards.

Do you know where you are going? If you are having difficulty choosing a career direction, come see us in Career Information. We want to help. We're located in T-103 next to counseling.

I would like to thank the students and faculty for their kind expressions of sympathy and love shown to me in the sudden passing of my mother on April 7. Shirley Call.

Dear "Friends," Your invitation means more than any nomination could. I accept with pleasure! KIT.

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WANTED: Pollsters for the ASLBCC elections May 1st and 2nd, \$3.38/hr. Information contact CC 213.

MISC.

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Play

The Puffin Players (Corvallis Children's Theatre) will perform the play "My Father's Dragon" May 3 at 7 p.m. and May 4 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 for families, \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children. The play will be held at Western View Intermediate School, 1435 SW 35th, Corvallis.

For more information, call 754-6610.

Fund Raiser

LBCC's Parent Education program will hold a "Family Fun Raiser" on May 4, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Benton Center gym to raise money for the Parent Education Scholarship fund.

Activities will include games, snacks and a silent auction. There will be a scholastic book sale. So bring the kids and have some fun.

Award Nominations

Names of individuals and community organizations to be nominated for "outstanding volunteer service" awards are now being sought by Oregon Human Development Corporation.

Awards will be presented at the Fifth Annual Recognition Dinner on June 1st, 1985 at the Red Lion Motor Inn, Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island Drive in Portland.

Nomination forms and information are available by contacting Sylvia Estrada, Banquet Coordinator, PO Box 23937, Tigard, OR 97223 or at any OHDC office.

Ms. Estrada will accept telephone calls regarding nominations and suggestions for awards at 620-9317.

Deadlines for nominations is 5 p.m. on May 1st.

Family Concert

The OSU-Corvallis Symphony Orchestra will present a family concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 28th in Austin Auditorium of the LaSells Stewart Center.

Tickets go on sale April 15, at the following locations: Stones Piano Co., Music West, Everybody's Records, Tapes and Video, OSU Memorial Union Ticket Office and in Albany, French's Jewelry.

For further information call Stones Piano Co. at 753-5988.

Monte Carlo Night

The LBCC Foundation is sponsoring the first annual Monte Carlo Fund Raiser, 8 p.m. - midnight, Saturday, May 4, at Springhill Country Club. Profits from this event will be used to help LBCC students in need of financial assistance. The evening's activities will include musical entertainment by our own Gary Ruppert, casino games and a silent auction. Cocktails will be available from a no-host bar. Auction items include vacations, clothing, wine, personal services and a variety of other exciting items. The evening will be capped off with a drawing for a fabulous grand prize.

The cost is \$10 per person and buys you admission, free entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and \$15 worth of script to play the casino games. Additional script may be purchased at a value of \$1 for every \$2 worth of script.

PTS

The one session class "Post traumatic stress and Vietnam vets" will be offered tonight from 7-10 p.m., in CC 127.

Instructor Michael Sun will present a review of literature on post traumatic stress disorders and the resources that are available

to combat veterans and their families.

Exhibit

Five artists from Southern Oregon are displaying works in acrylic, oil and watercolor painting, ceramic, wood, and mixed media sculpture in the exhibit "The Southern Oregon Special," at the Benton County Historical Museum.

"The Southern Oregon Special" opens April 9, and runs through April 28. The Benton County Museum is located at 1101 Main Street in Philomath, about 6 miles west of Corvallis on Highway 20. Exhibit hours are 10-4:30, Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-4:30 on Sunday.

Seminars

LBCC's Lebanon Center is continuing its free "Lunch and Learn" Seminars this spring at the Pizza King Restaurant, 1188 S. Main Street.

The series of one-hour enrichment classes will meet noon - 1 p.m. Wednesdays, April 24-May 29. Linda Menely, volunteer instructor for the seminars, holds a master's degree in counseling from Oregon State University and has a private counseling practice in Lebanon.

Seminar dates and topics:
April 24 - Depression
May 1 - Eating Disorders: Too Fat, Too Slim
May 8 - Coping with Transitions
May 15 - Self Concepts
May 22 - Grief and Bereavement
May 29 - Making Relationships Work

For more information about these free "Lunch and Learn" Seminars or other classes offered by LBCC, call LBCC's Lebanon Center, 451-1014, or stop by 2600 Stoltz Hill Road.

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Each editorship carries an annual position grant ranging from \$486 for assistant editors to \$1,080 for editor. Experience and/or training in journalism preferred. Interested students are also encouraged to apply for positions as reporters, photographers and advertising sales representatives.

Applications are available from The Commuter Office, CC-210. Call ext. 373 or 218 for information.

THE COMMUTER

Deadline, Friday May 3

Extra Innings

By Robert Hood
Sports Editor

There has been a burning question just waiting to explode from within me onto this small section of newsprint. Just how much money should an individual be entitled to make playing a professional sport? Should he be entitled to make a million dollars if an owner will pay him that or should he be forced to make "only" six figures a year? This is a question I have but I'm afraid I don't have an answer for it.

The average salary for a major-league baseball player is \$329,408 a year. A teacher could only dream of pulling in that kind of money in one year. Mike Schmidt, the Philadelphia Phillies third baseman, will make \$2,130,000 for playing baseball this year. He will undoubtedly be asked to make a commercial for a big-business which will earn him another six figures. The teacher, who will be subjected to untold horrors in the classroom, will not be asked to do any commercials but will be assigned the task of teaching our children to read and write. Somehow everything ended up ass-backwards during the course of history.

The United States Football League, that last bastion of pure sports capitalism, has finally done America justice. The USFL, which should fail before the end of this spring season, may have shown us the future of all the big-league sports franchise. With the idea of spending money to make money the USFL has signed its own death warrant. Currently three teams are supported by the league itself. Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Houston are receiving \$500,000 a week from the rest of the league owners to stay afloat. Coincidentally, each of these teams have signed big-name players to large contracts. L.A. signed Steve Young, Birmingham signed Joe Cribbs and Cliff Stoudt and Houston signed Jim Kelly. Donald Trump, the owner of the New Jersey Generals, has asked the rest of the league to help him pay Doug Flutie's \$8.3 million dollar contract. Donald Dizney, who owns the Orlando Renegades, wants the league to shell out some money so he can sign Bernie Kosar. LA Coach John Hadl said in "The Sporting News" that some of his players weren't playing hard to avoid injury in case the league-owned team collapsed. This may be the way of all major sports leagues in the future.

Baseball, America's sport, lost \$80-120 million last year. The league will go bankrupt if it continues that way. Along with the monetary loss the league also put eight franchises up for sale. Who would buy a business that was guaranteed over a million dollars in losses?

Greater minds than mine will have to get together to figure out a solution to this problem. And, if they have any love for lazy afternoons at the ballpark, they better get with it.

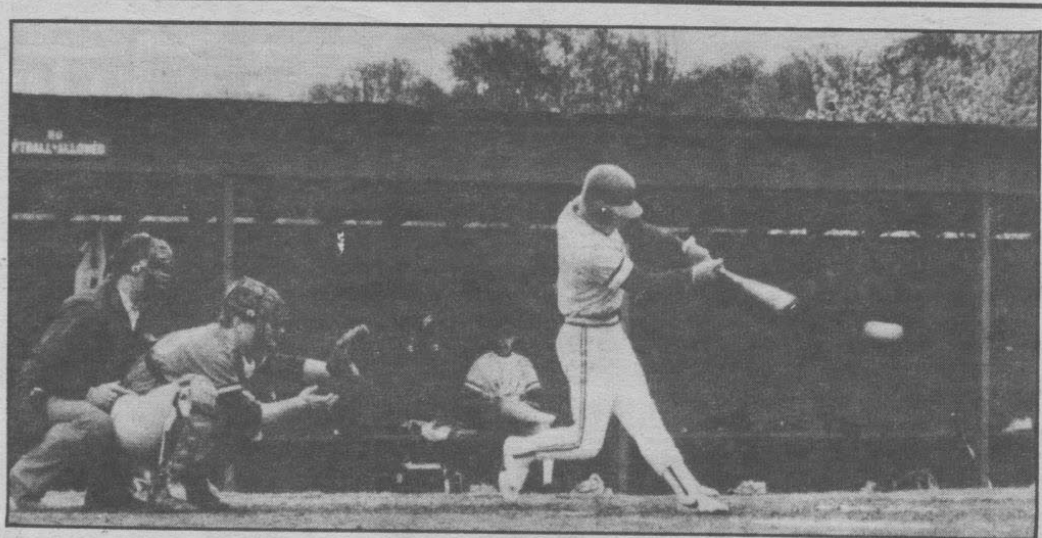


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Batter Up

Alex Sheckla helped bring the Roadrunner bats back to life last week and as a result Linn Benton was 3-2 on the week. After a disappointing twin-bill loss to league rival Lane the Roadrunners crushed Linfield's

JV team 19-3 and then took two from Mt. Hood. Linn Benton defeated Mt. Hood 3-0 and 6-0 with Ryan Jennings pitching the shutout in the first game and Rich Grow winning game two. The Roadrunners are now 4-8 in league play and 8-10 overall.

Track teams finish well at Umpqua

Devin Seeger, Daryl Stickle and Jeff Keuter came away with two first places each to lead LBCC to a men's track team win over Chemeketa and Umpqua Saturday in Roseburg.

Seeger won both the 800 and 1,500 meter runs while Stickle hurdled his way through the 110 high's and 400

intermediates. Keuter jumped his way to first in the high and triple jumps.

"We did a good job of putting it together," said men's coach Dave Bakley. "Our guys competed really well. I was pleased with the effort."

Kurt Stone threw a personal best 141'5" in the hammer to win his

event. "He came as close as anybody to dominating his event," said Bakley.

"We've got a really cohesive group that works well together," he said. "They compete extremely hard. They get a lot out of themselves. They have a lot of pride in themselves and their team."

Linda Dodge was the women's team leader, winning both the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 13.1 and 27.2. Other top finishers for LBCC were Bobbi Jo Krals taking the long jump with a 16'2" leap and Rachel Heisler triple jumped 32'2 1/2". The 1,600 meter relay team also won with a time of 4:20.63.

Team results for the women were Umpqua 80, LBCC 65, and Chemeketa 17.

Saturday the track teams will face Chemeketa and Lane in Eugene.

AHSS secretary wins typing award

Cindy Epps, division secretary for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at LBCC, was recently named as the fastest typist in Albany.

Cindy won the title, along with a prize of \$100 in The First Annual "Fast Fingers" typing contest April 10 at West Albany High School.

The contest was sponsored by Action Aides.

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Talk on BULIMIA

Cynthia Rowland, the author of the recently published book "The Monster Within", will be speaking on **Bulimia**, an eating disorder, **Monday, April 29th** at noon in the **Takena Theater**. For further info. contact Colleen Bell in **CC-213**

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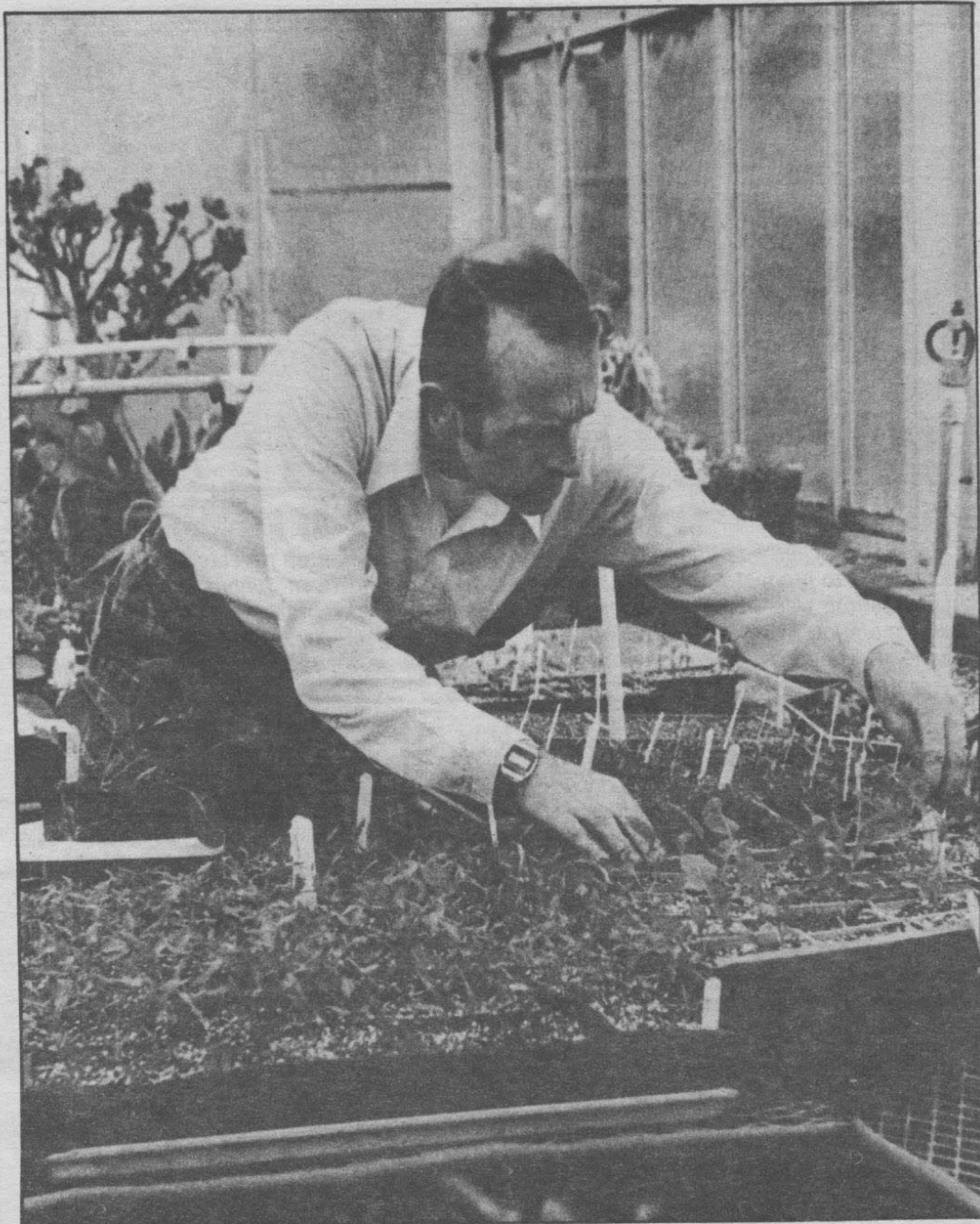
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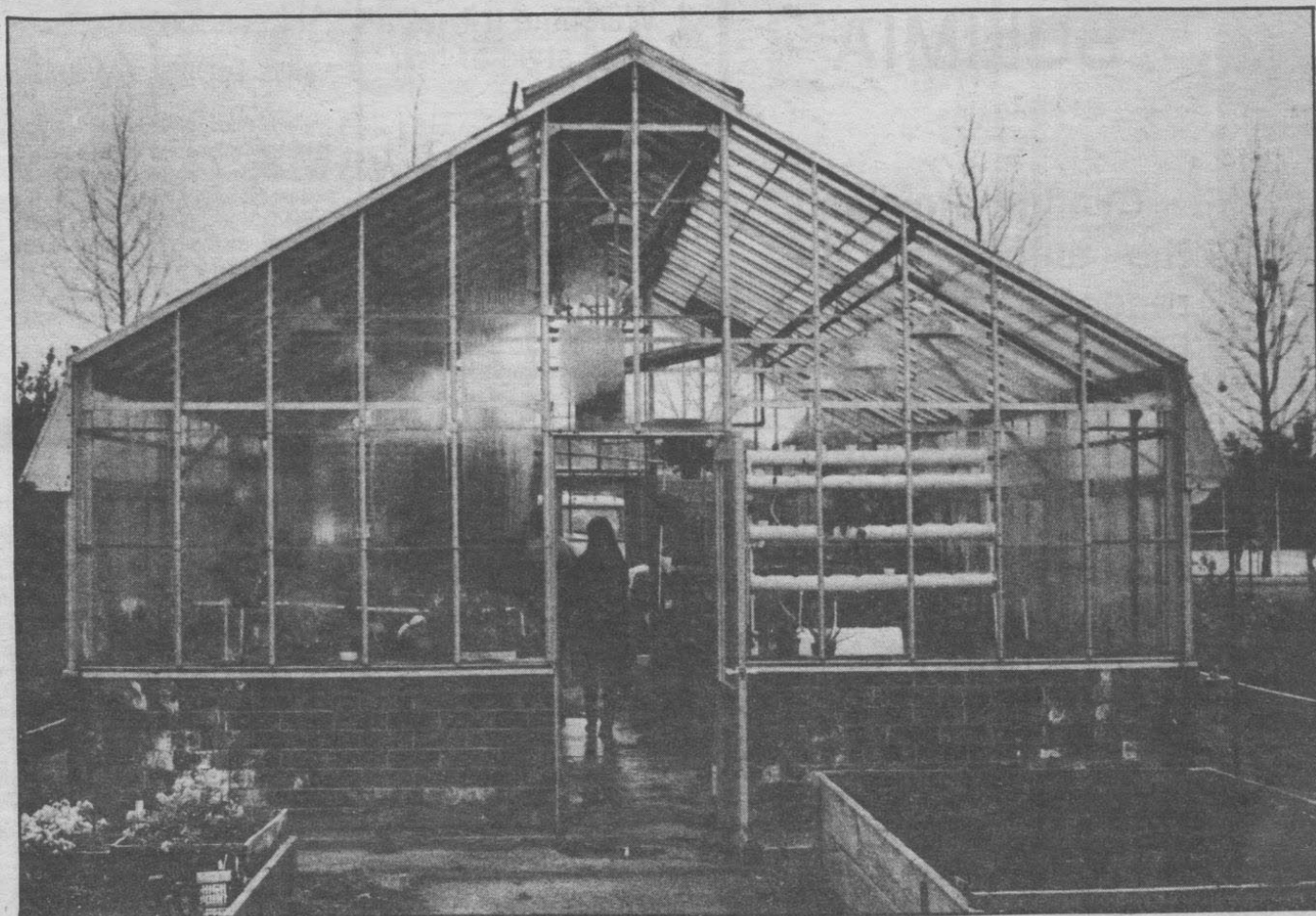


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Perspectives



Garden Spot

LBCC's greenhouse becomes a busy place during spring term as Greg Paulson's plant propagation class and Bob Ross' (above, left) vegetable gardening class get the growing season started. The greenhouse, located on the northwest side of campus, also houses horticulture club projects. The club holds a plant sale each year around Mother's Day.

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