

Phi Theta Kappa needs you

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's chapter of the National Community College Honorary Fraternity desperately needs members! We have been asked to co-host, with the Alumni Association, the Graduation Reception to be held after Graduation on June 7th. We MUST have help from YOU! If you have maintained a 3.50 GPA for two terms consecutively, you are eligible for membership, or associate membership in this Honorary, and you eligible to assist in this graduation function.

If you are interested, please contact Alana LeCompte, acting President, weekdays after 6:00 p.m. at 926-3922, or Bev McNeil, advisor, in the Admissions Office, or ext. 210, Monday - Friday immediately! Help make the Graduation Ceremonies a memorable experience for the Graduates.

Personal Ads

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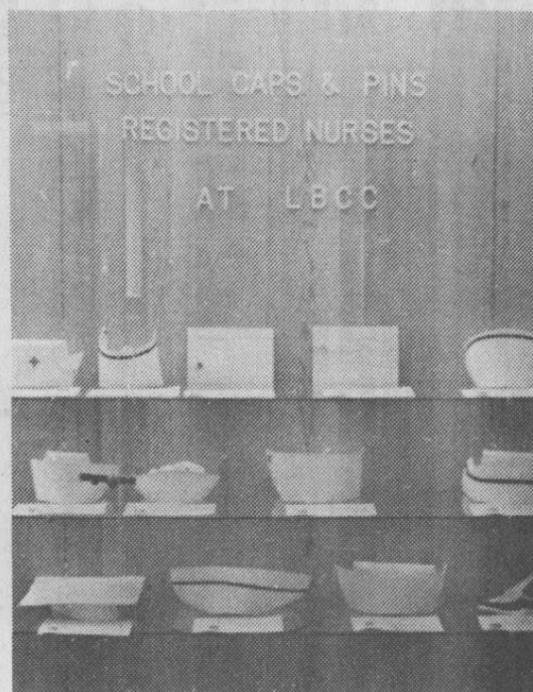
I need a hitching partner or ride to LA the first of June or thereabouts. Will share costs. Call after 6:00 p.m. or before 8:00 a.m. 928-1975.

Part-time employment opportunity for Vietnam Vets ending school full-time. \$2.50 per hour to veterans who are concerned about the plight of fellow veterans. Contact Dave Haugen in Vets Office.

Rep due

A career counselor from the Oregon State Police will be on campus Thursday, May 23, and will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to answer questions pertaining to career opportunities with the Oregon State Police. Information will be available on every aspect of State Police operations. They will be located in the College Center Lobby during this time.

Nurses Week



The display of nursing caps in the LRC celebrate Oregon Nurses' Week. Each unique cap represents a LBCC nursing instructor and the school of nursing attended.

The exhibit was put together by Della Woods, Jackie Paulson and Paulette Eschbaugh, LBCC instructors.

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Rehearsing for this week's presentation of "A Man for All Seasons" are, from left to right, Greg Robin Smith, Ich Meehan, Keith Stevens and Mark Parris.

"Man for All Seasons" Free play starts Thursday

"A Man for All Seasons" will be performed by the LBCC drama class in three performances which the public is invited to attend without charge for admission.

According to Barry Startz, drama and speech instructor at LBCC, the cast is somewhat unusual since try-outs were not held for parts, but the students selected parts they were interested in playing. He said the class distribution of students made the outcome fortunate, and the cast dress rehearsal is scheduled for the first of the week when the costumes arrive.

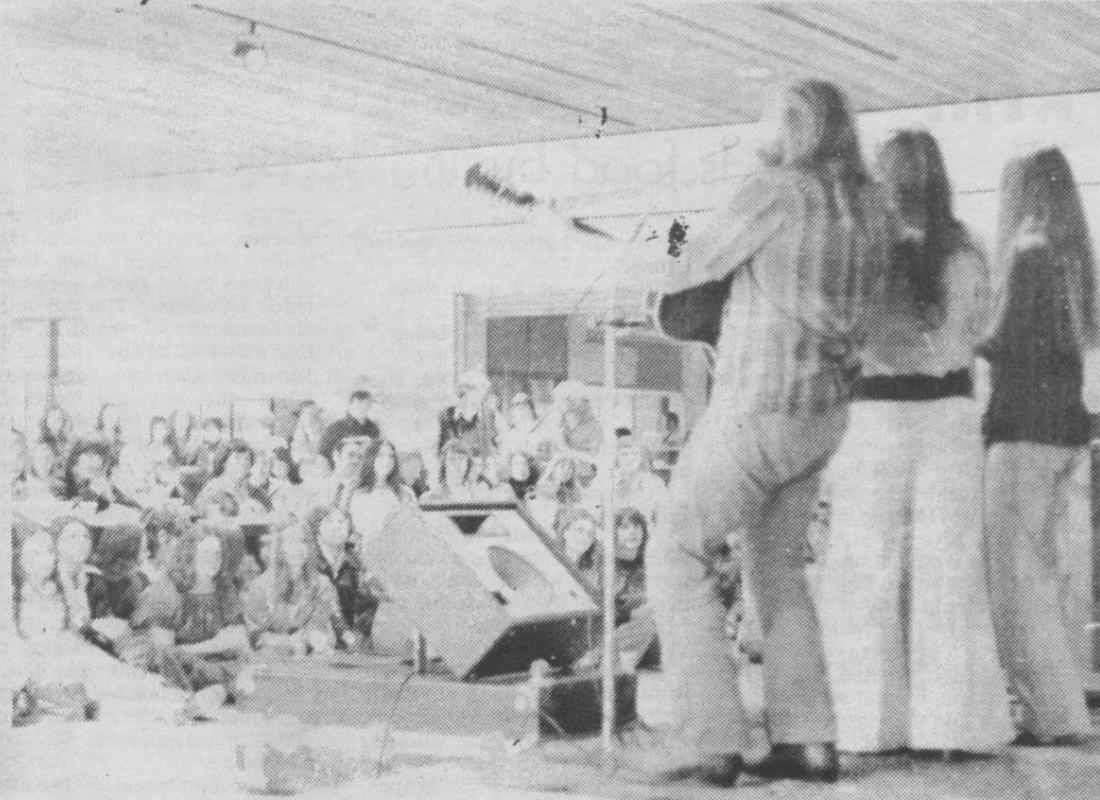
The play is adapted and directed by Barry Neil Startz; assistant directors are Wayne Hartman, and Jon Burch; and

stage managers are Steve Sprague and Garry Abbott. Pete Lawson and Mike Johnson handle the lighting and sound.

The cast includes: Randy Wagner (The Common Man), Keith Stevens (Sir Thomas More), Greg Robin Smith (Master Richard Rich), Mark Parris (Duke of Norfolk), Ich Meehan (Lady Alice More), Lois Price (Lady Margaret More), John A. Hancock (Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas Cromwell), and Jerry Holder (King Henry the Eighth and Jailer).

Performances will be in the LBCC Forum, Thursday, May 23, beginning at noon, a matinee performance, Thursday, 24, and Friday 25, evening performances begin at 8:00p.m.

Barry McGuire entertains lunch crowd



Barry McGuire, writer of such popular songs as "Eve of Destruction" and "Green, Green," entertained LBCC students in a Christian-oriented performance with a group called, "The Second Chapter of Acts," last Wednesday at noon.

Registration begins today

Summer Term and Fall Term pre-registration for continuing students begins today at the Registration Office.

Summer Term registration will continue through June 14 with classes beginning June 17. There are no admissions requirements other than an application for new full-time students planning to attend LBCC during Summer Term only. Students planning to continue on for 8 or more credits Fall Term should file transcripts from previous schools attended and arrangements should also be made at the Guidance Center to take the Comparative Guidance and Placement Exam.

Students who are currently enrolled Spring Term at LBCC will also have an opportunity to pre-register for Fall Term this Spring. Fall Term pre-registration will also begin today and continue through June 7, 1974. All students pre-registering for Fall will be required to pay a minimum of \$15.00 which is a nonrefundable pre-payment of tuition and fees. The remainder of fees must be paid or a deferred payment arranged for by September 6 or registration will be cancelled. The \$15.00 pre-payment may be applied only to Fall Term registration if the student wishes to re-register at a later date during registration.

Fall Term registration for new and continuing students will begin again August 26 and run through September 27. Fall Term classes will begin September 30.

Both summer and fall schedules are now available in the Registration Office.

Any questions about schedule difficulties or conflicts should be talked over with appropriate department advisors.



Proudly displaying their 'blue' first place certificates are left, Paul Gahley and right, James Eston.

Student bakers win honors

Two first semester students in LBCC's Introduction to Professional Cooking Class, recently won two first place awards in an Oregon Community College Food Service Fair Baking Contest held in Eugene at Lane Community College.

The students, Paul Gahley and James Eston, were awarded "blue" certificates in the Apple Pie and Yeast Roll Divisions. They worked jointly in the LBCC kitchens on both projects, and were Linn-Benton's only entrants.

Other schools competing included Rogue C.C., Lane C.C., Portland C.C., and Chemeketa C.C. Bill Burns, Instructor of the cooking class, pointed out that while LBCC students had only a week or two training

in special cooking areas, other schools had whole terms of specialized training.

Bill was a judge at the contest in the Menu Planning Division. Instructors judged areas in which their own students were not entered.

When asked for tips in apple pie baking, the two prize winners replied, "Bake the bottom shell first! Don't ask us why, just do it."

Bill said to learn to bake rolls, "join the class."

Students were not present at the contest. The pie and rolls were baked the Friday before the contest and Bill transported the prize winning goodies to Lane on the Saturday of the judging.

Lettuce boycott strikes LBCC



Jim McGough and Rick Mockler, handing out Lettuce Live fliers, stand together to show their interest in the UFW and AFL-CIO boycott on Teamster lettuce. The efforts of many interested students showed in numbers of bowls eaten. The students ate up the alternative to Teamster lettuce at better than a 10 to 1. Offered as an alternative the first day of the boycott, the potato salad was devoured and additional potato salad had to be mixed up. The second day students found more of the alternative being eaten and even more lettuce left over. Wednesday brought with it a mixture of cole slaw and on Thursday even the sandwiches were being made without lettuce. By Friday the boycott was well on its way. Lettuce Live.

Second election Vote on May 22-23

The 1974-75 Student Elections are being held the 22nd and 23rd of this month. Students will be having the honor of participating in the voting to elect the four main officers and sophomore senate members, which will head up next year's Student Government.

Positions open are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Business Manager, and Sophomore Senators. In line for these offices are: Steve Saxton, Ralph Fisher, and Wes Hofferber, for the office of President; Dave Melsha, for the office of First Vice President; Greg Robin Smith, for the office of Second Vice President; Lori Strauss, for the office of Business Manager; and Anitra Moyer and Ich Meehan, for the office of Sophomore Senator.

Convocations will be held for the purpose of letting the candidates express their views before the general student body on May 20 and 21 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in College Cafeteria.

The polls will be open from 9:00 to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:00 and 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 22 and 23. Voting will be by secret ballot only in the College Center Lobby. There will be absolutely no campaigning in the College Center Lobby during elections. Winning candidates will be posted by noon May 24.

Further information covering the platforms of those individuals running for election may be found on page 5 of this issue.

EDITORIAL

Controversy: COMMUTER invites reaction

The school year is finally coming to an end and like everyone else, The COMMUTER staff is getting ready to draw a breath of relief and look back over a year of activity and accomplishment.

However, in this last term it appears that we have inadvertently hit a couple of raw nerves in the community, causing a controversy, which has aroused some bad feelings, not towards our newspaper as much as towards LBCC itself.

The COMMUTER is a newspaper, and while we are a part of the school we do not even pretend to speak for the administration, especially on our Opinion pages. Every Editorial, Viewpoint, letter To the Editor column or story accompanied by a byline is the opinion of the writer of the article; they speak for themselves, not the school, and not even The COMMUTER.

In printing Doug McLeod's "The Invisible Burn," which deals with his personal reaction to using chemicals as an alternative to field burning, we had no idea what a "hot potato" we had latched onto.

Evidently the field burning issue is practically "taboo" at least in college newspapers, because of fear of antagonizing ryegrass farmers. We did just that.

Doug McLeod is no expert on agriculture. He never pretended to be; his opinion was presented as such, under our "Viewpoint" column. This week after many irate phone calls and visits, since the article was printed, we are happy to present another "Viewpoint," "What Invisible Burn?" written in answer to Doug McLeod's story by a local ryegrass farmer.

We welcome, even delight in such response. We, as a newspaper, do not want to print only one side of any controversial issue. A newspaper, even a small community college weekly, such as The COMMUTER, should serve as a sounding board for all kinds of differing viewpoints.

If Doug is ignorant of the real situation surrounding the complexities and problems of ryegrass operations, he shares that ignorance with many, maybe even a majority of the population. If an issue is kept under wraps, the facts, the perspective of opposing points of view may never be known.

I only wish more of the ryegrass farmers who have reacted would help correct what might be general misconceptions by writing their side, based on solid experience and knowledge, to The COMMUTER. We would be more than happy to print their reactions.

We are truly sorry if we have caused any trouble to the school by our newspaper. But it seems to me that any good journalism involves a certain degree of controversy.

Stepping on toes is easy to do as long as different attitudes and points of view exist, and are aired, in a newspaper.

The COMMUTER, starting the year with a very inexperienced staff, has expanded from a simple school information sheet to a paper that, we hope, is interesting to read beyond the ranges of the LBCC campus. We have made many mistakes, throughout the year, but I do not feel that printing opinions, anyone's opinions, is one of them.

We are a newspaper.

Elane Blanchet

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To the Editor:

I would like to say a vigorous "thank you" for the quality of the food available in our cafeteria.

If those people who complain about the food here had ever lived in larger institutions and eaten the regular run, and repeat of that run, and gotten tired of the same old menu over and over — and I include a high proportion of starchy fillers in that — then there would be no griping from them.

My observation over a long period of time that includes institutional cooking as well as home cooking shows me that it is the person who doesn't even know what good food is who usually does the griping.

Thanks, Bill, it's a joy to be able to get a good meal or a diet salad in our cafeteria

at a more than reasonable price.

Shirley Call

To the Editor:

This was the week that was at LBCC. The People got it together (with a little help from their friends) and made themselves felt. Asked to make a moral decision and boycott the sale of Teamster lettuce, enough of us demonstrated support that the food service management saw the economic handwriting on the wall.

It seems that the administration missed the point of our efforts. It should be clear at this point that the issue is not just to eat or to not eat. It has been put this way by one of the People — the lettuce is the flesh of the migrant worker, Gallo wine is their blood.... Those who refuse to boycott are perpetuating the treatment

that the workers have been subjected to. Because they dare to demand the right to choose their own representatives to negotiate with the grower, they have been beaten and jailed, and two people have been killed. Does the school board condone this treatment, or do they support the UFW boycott? If they are "with us," why do they remain silent? They have the power to establish policy and insure that this institution does not remain a part of the silent majority. The issue will soon be carried beyond the walls of LBCC — will the administration admit to the community that they have no concern for people who are oppressed.... I think the workers deserve an answer.

Yours in Peace,
Eppelwort

A Different Drummer

Indexing: a solution to inflation?

Phil Gill

When it comes to the nation's economy, almost no one agrees on what to do. Economists especially disagree. Recently 2 prominent economists debated whether raising or lowering taxes would ease inflation. It's a little surprising that even the relationship between taxes and inflation is arguable, but that's typical of the inexact science of economics.

While the majority of economists maintain that inflation in itself is not damaging, most people will say that our present 10 percent inflation is bad, although they don't really understand it.

Inflation has become engrained into the American economy, probably more so than most economists appreciate. Just as the gasoline shortage was heightened by the people's panic, inflation is increased when people anticipate it. When businesses and labor unions plan for inflation, it further increases the inflationary spiral.

Stopping inflation is no easy task. One time-honored method is for the government to restrict the supply of money, which will slow down inflation, but will also raise unemployment and probably cause a recession. However, the unde-

sirable side effects make this

The initial cause of inflation is simple enough—the government spends more money than it collects, which results in demand expanding faster than supply. But by now there are many supplemental causes of inflation and the problem is so complex, and the solutions are always unacceptable to the majority, that most people had given up any hope of stopping inflation.

Yet inflation is reaching runaway proportions and many experts worry that it is damaging to the country. Price controls didn't stop inflation, but now there's another politically acceptable alternative that economists are debating. Generally called "indexing". This "new" idea involves putting all prices, wages, rents, taxes, etc. in a sliding index so that as the cost of living increases everything except corporate profits increases proportionally. The mathematics of the price escalation will reportedly be handled by computer according to a complex formula. (I leave the complexity and fairness of such a formula up to the imagination of the reader.)

A major reason for the continuance of inflation is that it serves the purposes of the lead-

ers of the country. It allows corporations to increase wages and still report record profits, which is also acceptable to the labor unions. But more important, inflation serves as a substitute taxation for the government. Everyone is inflated into higher tax brackets, and many things are taxed as profits or capital gains that in reality are mostly inflation. Rather than directly tax the people, which would be unpopular, the government inflates the economy (prints more money) and everyone else is hurt by the decreased purchasing power of their money.

Indexing would serve to eliminate the illusions that inflation causes, and hopefully our leaders would then try to control inflation. In the meantime indexing would be a better way to live with inflation than what we have now.

Probably though, indexing is another economic flim-flam, apparently producing prosperity by a mere change in the accounting system. Hard work and sacrifice (balanced budgets) are what's required to stop inflation, not a new accounting system. Indexing may be better than nothing, but inflation won't stop until we work on the core of the problem.

RHIP OFFS

Staff finds food buying no picnic

Doug McLeod

Being a good citizen can sometimes be quite a hassle. Last week, the Commuter staff found out. With the school term drawing to a close, the staffers decided to have a picnic. After all those gruelling Friday nights around the layout table, they needed one. The cheer "four in the box" finally went up, and the staffers locked the doors, piled into Herbies Hudson, and roared off to the grocery store to purchase their picnic supplies.

"Let's get a big head of lettuce," said Bill.

"Hold it," said Wes.

"There's a boycott you know."

Pat then suggested the staffers buy some potatoes pickles and eggs and make potato salad.

"Oh no," said Elane. "I've had potato salad all week. I'm burnt out."

The staffers then decided to buy a head of non-union lettuce, a package of fresh shrimp, and have a non-union shrimp salad.

"We can't do that either," said Wes.

"Why not," asked Bill.

"We can't afford it," replied Lynne.

"How about a crab salad," Pat suggested.

"We can't afford that either," said Herbie.

One of the staffers then suggested that they just get a bottle of wine, a bag of potato chips and some chicken to fry.

"Can we afford that?" said Bob.

They all finally agreed that the wine, chips and chicken were all within their price range, but then someone said, "Hey, don't you know there's a grape boycott on?"

It was decided to forget the wine when someone else said they heard a rumor that some wineries were using workers who didn't wash their feet before they stomped the grapes.

The staffers then agreed not to buy potato chips because Bill had an ulcer, and Marie couldn't stand that much salt and grease.

"What about the chicken," asked Herbie.

"We better not buy any chicken either," someone else said. "I heard that these chickens in the store were non-union chickens. The non-union chickens were brought in when the union chickens refused to lay more than one egg a day. When the non-union chickens were brought in, the union chickens got scared and boosted their production to an egg and a half a day. The non-union chickens were no longer needed, so they ended up here in the super-market. I think their civil rights were violated."

"This is terrible," said Wes. "Everything we like is either illegal, immoral, fattening, or we just plain can't afford it."

"Looks like we're caught right between the perspiration and the desperation," said Herbie.

Later that evening, the staffers finally reached a decision. They were seen leaving the super-market carrying a pint of pickled pigs-feet, two quarts of beer, and a 49 cent bag of "oinkers."

VET'S POINT

SPN numbers: Source of major concern

On Thursday, May 16, the following information was received from Washington D.C. concerning legislation. The House Veterans Affairs Committee approved a Senate Bill calling for a two year extension of benefits. They amended the bill to include all provisions of House Bill 12628 which was passed by the full House on Feb. 19. Now what?

The bill is now back in the Senate and we are pressuring them to pass the bill on to the President for immediate signing. According to Mr. Oliver Meadows the House Veterans Affairs Committee staff director, the Senate has several schemes for tuition plans and wants time to work them out. We (Natl. Assoc. of Concerned Vets) are now lobbying in the Senate for passage of the extension and a 13.6 percent increase as amended in the House. We are ENCOURAGING the Senate to continue to work on the proposal for tuition payments and pass this as separate legislation later when they get the bugs out.

There will be an extension but no date can be confirmed. Further news will be published as we receive it.

In the past several weeks there has been a great deal of

concern over the issuance of Separation Program Numbers —SPN's or SDN's—which appear in block 11c of veterans DD Form 214. A veteran may have an honorable discharge but his SPN could be very detrimental as to his character of service. For example, a veteran with four years of exemplary service and high efficiency ratings receives an honorable discharge. However, if at anytime during his enlistment he had spoken out against U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, his SPN could "brand" him as "Disloyal or Subversive."

The following information has been provided by Senator Vance Hartke, Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. Follow these procedures if you wish to change your DD214.

Starting on May 1 1974, veterans who wish to have their Separation Program Number (SPN), Reason and Authority for discharge, and Reenlistment Code deleted from their copy of the DD Form 214, "Report of Separation From Active Duty," (or from previous editions of the form) may apply to their former service to have the abbreviated codes deleted from their copy of the form.

Requests should be mailed to the following addresses:

ARMY: Commander, Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center, Box 12479 Olivette Branch, St. Louis, Missouri 63132.

NAVY: Chief, Bureau of Naval Personnel (Pers 38), Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C. 20370.

AIR FORCE: Air Force Military Personnel Center (DP MDR), Randolph AFB, Texas 78148.

MARINE CORPS: Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps (MSRB-10) Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380.

The request should include name, social security number, any military service identification number, dates of service, and a copy of the DD214.

Also, as was previously available on the request of a former service member, a narrative description of the reason for discharge will be provided in response to the veteran's request.

The LBCC Veterans Office has a nearly complete list of SPN's for anyone wishing to know what their number might be. We will not make the list public in order to protect those veterans who may have detrimental SPN's. Contact Dave Haugen, Carol Reid, or Frank Bitterman for further information.

Betty Roberts proposes free vets tuition

How about free college tuition for Oregon's Vietnam era Veterans? That was the proposal made by State Senator Betty Roberts, a candidate for Governor. Ms Roberts, a democrat from Portland, suggested the proposal as an alternative, if Vietnam Vets didn't receive parity with WWII Vets under the GI Bill.

This is not only a boost to vets who really need help, but it's also a boost for Oregon's Institutions of higher education. The enrollment could have a major impact on sagging college enrollment.

Senator Roberts has also spoken up for veterans in asking that the State Bureau of Labor get more representatives out looking for on the job train-

ing for Vets. At present there is only one field representative from the bureau to generate OJT.

It's about time somebody spoke out about the problem, as the US Senate study on the problems of vets shows that only 55 percent of returning VIET VETS were trained while in the service with something that could be applied in the outside world. In addition only 65 percent of returning Oregon Vets coming through project return in Portland had achieved the maximum educational level of high school. "These are men who fought in an unpopular war," Senator Roberts said. "They came home not to welcoming throngs but to protest and disillusionment. And now

we are not even willing to help train them for decent jobs."

Senator Roberts is the only candidate for Governor who has come up with any proposals I've heard to help Vietnam era vets. I feel these are tremendously beneficial and urge you to support them. She also has some excellent programs in the areas of economic development, and environment. She appears to be an honest politician, rare as that is. She's willing to say what she believes right to your face, rather than to someone who wants to hear it across the state. If you get a chance to hear her speak, do it. It might be worth all our time. She really is, as her campaign motto suggests, A GREAT IDEA!

OTHER POINTS

LBCC not only school with invalid election

Elane Blanchet

Linn-Benton isn't the only school in the state to have its student body elections invalidated.

THE VANGUARD reports that Portland State University student body President, Craig Henry, ruled their elections invalid because of unconfirmed reports of faculty interference in the election. Allegedly, members of PSU's controversial football team had been required (under some kind of penalty) to pick up petitions for student senate and "get enough signatures until it was valid."

The matter was referred to a five-member ad hoc committee by PSU's Acting President E. Dean Anderson. The controversy should be settled by now but due to erratic mailing of THE VANGUARD (we received four papers in one day) we don't know until the next paper hits our box.

A rather humorous side to the PSU controversy is Craig Henry's action in calling campus safety and security officers to a senate meeting to quell a supposed "uprising" of student athletes.

According to the VANGUARD PSU athletes dispelled the classic archetype of the "dumb jock" by strategically placing candidates in "power seats" of their senate. Within three weeks time, (presumably by the invalidated election), the number of athletes in the senate had increased from 2 to 30. No wonder Henry feared an uprising!

This hasn't much to do with schools, but did you read about the conference of big-wig scientists which recently concluded that it is possible to establish self sufficient human colonies in space?

The initial goal would be construction of a colony of about 2,000 people at a specific site along the orbital path of the moon. The next step would be a colony, similar in design, set up for 10,000 inhabitants.

According to Dr. Gerald K. O'Neill, the professor of physics at Princeton University who set up the conference, the initial colony could be set up in 15 - 20 years and by the middle of the next century most "dirty" industries could be conducted off the earth using non-polluting technology.

The earth then would have few permanent residents. It would be a "world-wide park, a beautiful place to visit for a vacation," the physicist said.

Incredible! Science fiction doesn't seem quite so impossibly fantastic any more.

VIEWPOINT

What invisible burn?

Michael Curtis

After reading "The Invisible Burn" it seems someone should write to point out some of the errors in this letter (viewpoint). In the first place, 80-90 percent of the ryegrass grown in the Willamette Valley is for forage grass in pasture planting and cover cropping — both of which are very essential for the production of man's food.

The Willamette Valley's unique climate makes it the most suitable place in the United States for growing grass seed for many different uses, including lawn seed. It should also be noted there are both state and federal laws regarding shipping of seed containing certain noxious weed seed, some of which cannot be shipped out of state. This makes it a must for farmers to grow clean crops.

There are reasons for field burning — to dispose of excess straw, reduce weed seed population, disease and insects. It also stimulates yield on most perennial grasses.

As for chemicals used in the production of ryegrass, I use only Atrazine and 2-4-D. In some common ryegrass fields no chemical sprays are necessary. This brings out another point; without the use of chemicals and fertilizers there would be a far greater percent of the world's population starving.

The American Farmer is not only producing food for the United States, but for many other countries.

Give the farmer some credit, Doug, it's his ground, his profits, and your food.

— more mailbag

To the Editor:

In response to the article on the Nullification of Student Elections that appeared in the last issue of the Commuter, I would like to make the following comments.

First of all, my decision to contest the election was not made on a snap judgment, but came after a period of time of thinking and rethinking the Pros and Cons of the issue and considering all involved. As in any other crises, the necessary changes have been made, straightening out the problems that have plagued student elections in previous years at LBCC.

Secondly, I believe that the students of LBCC deserve the right to have representatives in student government that care enough about students, their rights and problems and then doing something to improve them. The amount of new student interest that has been generated by this action has been tremendous.

We all have another chance to elect the student representatives. So most importantly, vote for the candidate that you feel will represent you, the student, not only in student government, but on the Board of Directors and in the community.

I wonder if imitation really is the sincerest form of flattery. It may be a coincidence, but the latest issue of THE HI-LITE, Lebanon Union High School's newspaper, came to us with a format similar to the one adopted this year by THE COMMUTER.

It has a well-done cover photo from the death scene in "Cyrano de Bergerac", which, incidentally, won LUHS the first place trophy in a recent State Thespians Conference. The back page is a graphically attractive Table of Contents for the rest of the paper. The whole issue is very nicely done, with good coverage of school news and well-written stories.

Hopefully, some of their senior journalism students will have a hand in next year's COMMUTER.

Sincerely,
Ralph Fisher

UFW urges nationwide boycott of scab lettuce, grapes and wine

Editor's note: Reprinted from NEWSFRONT, Eugene, Oregon.

Migrant farmworkers have historically been one of the most exploited segments of the American working class. This is mainly because the laws which workers fought for and won in the 1920s and 30s protecting their right to strike never applied to farmworkers. Added to this is the oppression suffered by Chicano and Filipino workers in the U.S. This is even sharper for foreign workers brought into the U.S. as contract laborers without

papers—they have no rights. The immigration service plays a dual role—deporting workers who fight for their rights and looking the other way when the growers import labor to use as scabs.

The working conditions faced by farmworkers have been extremely oppressive. The workers have been housed on the growers' farms in squalid labor camps and had large amounts of their paychecks deducted for rent. There was never any job security, and often

workers had to pay off the boss at the end of the week to guarantee their job on Monday. At the end of the growing season, the workers have been told to get lost, out of work until the next year. In the fields the growers have seldom provided drinking water or any sort of toilets for the workers. No precautions have been taken to protect farmworkers from being poisoned by sprayed pesticides. These conditions reached their worst proportions under the "Bracero Pro-

gram", in which growers went into Mexico and brought back cheap labor under contract.

On Sept. 8, 1965, Filipino farmworkers in the grapefields of Delano, California, walked out on strike. The Bracero Program had been ended one year earlier because of pressure from the labor movement. The growers were trying to pay the Filipinos less than the \$1.40 the Braceros had received. The Filipinos were joined by a new union of Chicano workers led by Cesar Cha-

vez, creating the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee, and the five year Delano Strike began. The growers got injunctions against the strikers and brought in scabs, so the UFW turned to a nationwide boycott of the tablegrapes. The boycott became an important weapon for the farmworkers and for UFW supporters around the country. By 1970 grape growers representing 85 percent of the industry signed contracts with the UFW. The farmworkers won union recognition, a hiring hall, pesticide protection, a medical plan, and higher wages. This was the greatest victory in farmworkers history.

In response to the UFW victory in Delano, growers in the Salinas Valley panicked and went to officials of the Teamsters Union to arrange "sweetheart contracts". Teamster "organizers", many of them growers' relatives or foremen, were sent into the fields to intimidate the workers into signing. But the UFW had been organizing there for two years, and the farmworkers were ready to strike against both the growers and the Teamsters.

In August 1970, 7000 farmworkers in the Salinas and Santa Maria Valleys walked out in the largest farmworkers' strike since the 1930s. Within two months, five growers were forced to sign with the UFW. But other growers were able to get an injunction which ruled that the walkout was a "jurisdictional dispute" between the UFW and the Teamsters—just what the growers were hoping for. In response, the UFW began its national boycott of head lettuce and table grapes to force the major growers to sign with the union.

Because of the victories of the UFW in the 1960s, agribusiness attempted to push through anti-union laws outlawing strikes and boycotts by agricultural workers. This had one purpose—to destroy the UFW. During 1971-72, the growers were able to pass these laws in Arizona, Kansas and Idaho, but in Florida, Oregon and California the UFW mounted successful campaigns against these attacks. In California, the grower-sponsored proposition was defeated by working people all over the state by a 2-1 margin.

After losing at the polls, agribusiness, together with the top leadership of the Teamsters Union, launched a full-scale "organizing campaign" to sign more "sweetheart" contracts behind the farmworkers' backs. The Teamsters are today reported to be spending \$100,000 a month in their effort to steal contracts from the UFW. In the summer of 1973, this dispute resulted in pitched battles in the fields (where two farmworkers were killed) and growing national support for the UFW.

The UFW is currently urging a nationwide consumer boycott of table grapes, head lettuce and Gallo wines in support of striking farmworkers in those industries. On April 8, the AFL-CIO endorsed the lettuce and grape boycotts and called on its membership to support the UFW until the growers recognize it as the "legitimate collective bargaining representative of farmworkers." The AFL-CIO also blasted "the unconscionable raid by the Teamsters" against the UFW and the "collusive relationship between the Teamsters and the growers."

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Father Richard Humphrys, pastor of Our Lady of Soledad Church, Coachella, Calif, has long had a constructive interest in the welfare of the Mexican-American laborers and the growers in the area. He seeks to apply equally the principles of justice and charity to the three parties involved in the dispute; the growers, the United Farm Workers, and the Teamsters, and in the following article he explains his position.

The California farm worker, trapped in controversy between labor groups that seek to control lettuce and grape harvests, has spent the past decade unable to speak for himself, unable to decide through free elections who should represent him. Sharing the worker's dilemma is the produce grower who employs him. While unions fight for control, boycotts threaten the industry. California agriculture has seen 10 years of trouble, some of it violent, that could have been averted by free, secret-ballot labor elections.

Lacking either state or federal election machinery, the industry, the grower and the worker suffer while other groups take sides to apply pressure, nearly all of it in the wrong direction.

If farm workers had been under the National Labor Relations Board, or a state law that provided for labor elections, California agriculture would have been spared the problems of the past ten years. Several bills for free elections have been defeated in the California Legislature. Others are now under consideration.

Supporters of grape-lettuce boycotts, including church groups and students who have taken up the cause, would be better advised to put an equal effort into assuring immediate passage by the California Legislature of a farm election bill. Federal legislation should be sought eventually to supersede the state measure.

For all practical purposes neither Cesar Chavez' United Farm Workers nor the Teamsters, the two unions involved in the struggle, has held a free election.

The UFW did not begin with an election; it started with a boycott designed to force growers to accept the union as the representative of the workers. The worker, himself, had no chance to validate the arrangement by his vote.

The same is true of the Teamsters. Neither union has allowed the Mexican-American to speak for himself. In 1973 the issue came to head when all but two growers of the Coachella Valley in Southern California who previously had UFW contracts, signed with the rival Teamsters.

Unconcerned about elections

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The damage suffered by California produce growers seems particularly unjust since the wages and benefits they pay workers are almost double those

paid in the East, Midwest and South. Yet these areas are supporting the boycotts.

The California farmer is paying the maximum wages he can and stay in business. He is at the mercy of the middleman who makes three to four times the profit of the farmer. While the grower makes from one to two cents profit on a head of lettuce that sells in the market for 49 cents, there is no way to pass on his increased costs to the consumer.

Formation of a farmers union to force wholesalers to boost prices paid for produce would be a violation of federal regulations. He is, therefore, unable to better his own economic condition while, at the same time, he is the victim of general misunderstanding.

While false stories circulate of how the California grower is getting rich by oppressing defenseless Mexican-Americans, the fact is that California farm wages are among the highest paid in the country.

Under terms of recent contracts between growers and the battling unions, the farmers pay a \$2.41 hourly base under the Teamsters' contract and \$2.51 hourly base under the UFW pact. In addition, workers do considerable piecework. Grape and lettuce workers earn on an average more than \$3 an hour.

Also, workers receive 10 cents an hour on a health plan, 10 cents an hour under the Teamsters' contract on a pension plan, unemployment insurance that costs growers 3.9 per cent of gross wages, Social Security and housing. Under UFW contracts workers receive 2 cents per box, averaging 1.5 cents per hour, toward pension funds. UFW contracts have no unemployment insurance.

While housing may not always be the best, it does cost the grower about 50 cents an hour per worker to provide.

A comparison of the two unions involved in the California struggle shows little difference in benefits offered by them. The Teamsters' base pay is a dime less an hour than the base pay of the UFW, but the Teamsters offer the 10-cent pension benefit not in the UFW pact.

The most recent Teamster contract, the one signed with the K. K. Larson ranch, provides a base pay of \$2.52 per hour and the gross cost to the ranch was five per cent higher than any other contract in the state.

Despite national publicity to the contrary, many California farm workers are happy working under the Teamsters union and are offended when a national campaign tells them they must be aligned with a different union. The question could be solved easily if the worker were offered a free, secret-ballot election.

From the start of the struggle Cesar Chavez has been a driving force behind the United Farm Workers. He must be given credit for organizing workers,

Priest sees more than one side

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Baha'i celebrates anniversary

Mrs. Hildred Rice
 On May 23 Baha'is around the world will be observing the Declaration of the Bab and the 131st anniversary of the birth of the Baha'i Faith. On May 23, 1944 in Shiraz, Iran, then Persia, the Bab announced His Mission as a Prophet of God and as heralding the beginning of a new universal cycle and a new age for mankind. He also said that a greater Prophet was coming who would fulfill the prophecies of all the great religions.

Because of His teachings, the Bab which means gate, and His followers were persecuted and imprisoned. The persecutions and imprisonment resulted in His public martyrdom in 1850 in Tabriz, Iran. Some 20,000 of His followers were also martyred, during the early history of the Faith.

The Promised One foretold by the Bab, Baha'is believe is Baha'u'llah, Founder of the Baha'i Faith. Baha'u'llah means Glory of God. He was born on November 12 in Iran. He suffered 40 years of persecution, imprisonment and banishment for his teachings. He was finally exiled to the fortress-city of Akka. His shrine is just outside Akka, across the bay of Haifa from Mt. Carmel in Israel.

Baha'u'llah stated that the world with its conflicting groups, the hostilities of race, nation, and class would have to give way to a new and dawning world civilization. To achieve peace requires a change of human nature—there must be a transformation of moral values and instincts of man.

To achieve unity and peace man must abandon his prejudices and learn to see himself as a world citizen. Baha'u'llah said that the earth is one country and mankind its citizens. After Baha'u'llah's death in 1892, Baha'is turned to His son, Abdul-Baha for guidance as they had been instructed to do. Abdul-Baha had shared his father's years of imprisonment and banishment. After his release from prison he traveled to other countries including visits to France, England and the United States teaching the Baha'i Faith. He died in 1921. He designated Shogi-Effendi, his grandson to carry on as Guardian of the Baha'i Faith.

The Baha'i Faith has now spread around the world and to over 4800 cities and towns in the United States. Its teaching revolves around three basic principles: the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of mankind. Baha'u'llah asserts that all religions come from the same Divine Source, that all Prophets of God proclaim the Word of God, and that religious truth is continuous and relative, not final and absolute.

(Editor's note: there will be Fireside discussions next three Sundays at 8 p.m. at the residence of Susan Canady, 759 Glenwood, Lebanon, to give more information about the religion. Everyone welcome.)

Call 258-3907 for additional information about the Firesides.)

Candidates for studentbody offices present platforms

The second running of the ASLBCC Student Government elections is slated for Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Final results will be posted by noon Friday.

For President:

Ralph Fisher

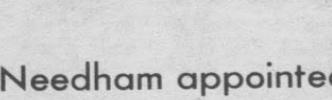
PLATFORM: I believe that an active and involved Student Body can benefit the students, the school and the community. One of the first tasks of our student government is to improve their image. Many students feel that student government is unimportant and doesn't affect them. But, I believe that the purpose of student government is to represent student needs. The only way that this can be carried out is to break down the communication barriers between students and the student government. We also need to get the community more involved and informed about LBCC and



what we have to offer them, thus cutting down the hassle and fight of our yearly budget election. The only way that the above can be accomplished is by involvement, dedication and hardwork, by myself and the other members of the student government. Because of my past experiences I believe that I am qualified to represent the students in student government.

Wes Hofferber

PLATFORM: To say what the students want to hear is not the platform for any candidate to stand behind. To stand behind what the students say may be a part of this plat-



Needham appointed

Dr. Raymond Needham, President of Linn-Benton Community College, has received an appointment from Governor Tom McCall to serve on the newly created Oregon Manpower Services Council.

The members of the Council include representatives from officially prescribed units of general local government that are directly concerned with human resources or manpower. Dr. Needham will represent Oregon community colleges who are considered agencies with a direct interest in manpower planning.

form, but by no means does it define my entire statement of platform.

This institution is somewhat unlike any other that I have attended. LBCC is by far the most apathetic, unresponsive school in Oregon. If I were to state my platform as being able to hear the students, I would only be correct if there was indeed something to hear.



Allow me to hear each and every one of you. It will be your words that will be represented. I will be able to represent you if you represent yourself.

Steve Saxton

PLATFORM: In the initial campaign, one of my major planks was the restructuring of student government. Now, more than before, I feel strongly about this. Had student government been organized and had a working body responsible enough to take on the duties of the election committee, this second go-around wouldn't be necessary.



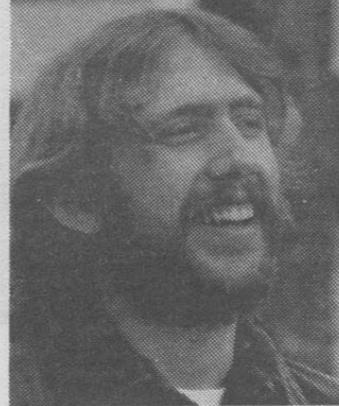
I feel confident in leading a responsive and working group

of student government members. My experience in student government has taught me right ways of getting things done and also ways that I should avoid.

I will work to have Linn-Benton join OSPIRG, a public interest research group. They are a powerful organization working to protect the public. It would benefit you, the student, as well as others, to be an active part of OSPIRG.

For 1st Vice:
Dave Melsha

PLATFORM - I've had experience in government as a Senator and as a chair person



as in the special event committee. As First Vice President, knowledge of being a chair person is necessary.

For 2nd Vice:
Greg Robin Smith

PLATFORM - I wish to continue to give the people in the Linn-Benton area varied and good entertainment. To better the publicity procedures



so people will hear about what we put on. Get people to realize that the school and its activities are here for them so people can experience and learn here.

For Business Manager:

Lori Strauss

PLATFORM - I wish to: 1. make myself available to students having questions concerning the school's finances; 2. to be aware of the school's ex-



penditures and always have them under control; and 3. to post a bulletin board — showing where the money of our school is going and how it is being used.

For Senate:



Ich Meeham



Anitra Moyer

Public invited to nuclear talk

Albany, 15—The public is invited to sit in on a talk to be presented by Dr. Bernard Spinrad, Professor of Nuclear Engineering at OSU, on the "Problems and Prospects of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle." The talk is scheduled for the Linn-Benton Community College chemistry classes, but because of its current significance in relation to the energy crisis will be given in the Science-Technology auditorium class room to permit public attendance, at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, ST-119.

The talk deals with the cycle that radioactive fuel for nuclear power plants goes through, beginning with the uranium ore, techniques for processing nuclear fuels and disposal of radioactive waste products.

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Diane Wakoski: a unique experience

Pat Mittelstaedt

For months prior to Diane Wakoski's visit here at LBCC Bill Sweet was priming his students and the community, preparing us for what appeared to be (according to his praises) "The Poetry Reading" noone could afford to miss. And he was right.

Monday May 13, Diane's visit started at 9 a.m. with a reading of one poem and an open discussion on poetry for each class she visited.

In my class Diane read a poem dealing with discovering and experiencing beauty: How the rapture of these rare finds makes you want to keep this precious experience a sacred secret, because its possible that sharing it with someone who speaks a different beauty might shatter the purity of your vision. How treasonous it would be to express this awesome phenomenon on unconcerned ears, and yet how selfish not to share it.

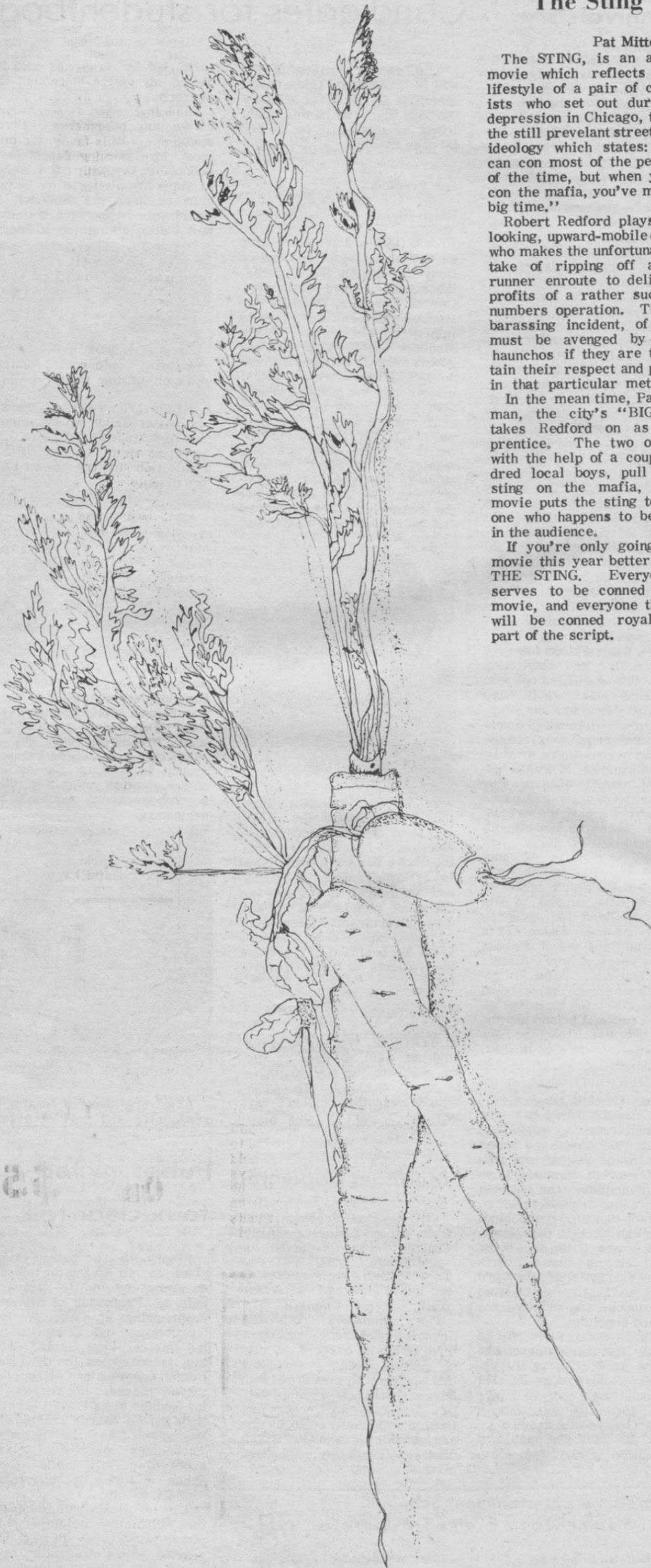
Her beautiful imagery and her supreme control of language not only shows you the magnificence of the three white mushrooms she discovered, but also controls your emotions so that she doesn't have to tell you her special secret because she has let you experience it with her.

One of the questions that was asked in my class was "What advice could you give a student who is still looking for her

voice in her writing?" She answered that even if she knew the formula for finding that voice she wouldn't tell it. Because that's one of those sacred secret awarenesses that have to be experienced and can't be taught. To hasten the experience with a scheduled patterned learning process would virtually render it an unexperience.

At 8:00 Diane gave a reading in the forum. For an hour and a half she controlled my emotions and let me experience her experiences in a unique way. I cringed, cried, loved and laughed in all the right places, (just like someone was holding cue cards on stage) because I was right there with her. And she took me to all the right places and I felt all the right lines. I only missed one cue and that was after the last line of her last poem. When the last word was spoken she turned and briskly walked off the stage. When she was gone, it took me a little bit too long to remember how to work my own emotions, (after Diane had moved them so professionally.)

I eventually came to and started applauding at exactly the same time the rest of the audience regained consciousness and began clapping out their appreciation. My deepest sympathies to anyone who missed her.



The Sting

Pat Mittelstaedt

The STING, is an amazing movie which reflects on the lifestyle of a pair of con artists who set out during the depression in Chicago, to prove the still prevalent street corner ideology which states: "You can con most of the people all of the time, but when you can con the mafia, you've made the big time."

Robert Redford plays a good looking, upward-mobile con man who makes the unfortunate mistake of ripping off a mafia runner enroute to deliver the profits of a rather successful numbers operation. This embarrassing incident, of course must be avenged by mafia haunchos if they are to maintain their respect and prestige in that particular metropolis.

In the mean time, Paul Newman, the city's "BIG CON" takes Redford on as an apprentice. The two of them, with the help of a couple hundred local boys, pull the big sting on the mafia, and the movie puts the sting to everyone who happens to be sitting in the audience.

If you're only going to one movie this year better make it THE STING. Everyone deserves to be conned by this movie, and everyone that goes will be conned royally; it's part of the script.

Cover

This week's cover photo was taken by Bob Byington at Crown Zellerbach's Paper Mill in Lebanon. The mill is the second oldest in the state.

Captain J. C. meets the Teamsters

A satire by John Runkle
 "Heads down! Incoming!" a load of lettuce smashed into the barricades. The barrage kept up for 10 minutes. Iceberg lettuce knocking protesters flying. The wounded were moved to the rear while survivors tried to repair the barricades before the brasseros made their rush.
 "Remember the Alamo!" 500 brasseros wearing teamster buttons and swinging Hallo bottles rushed the barricades.

"Ready ... hold it ... hold it ... fire!" Lettuce saved for two weeks in a warm damp dark place caught the first rank. "Ready...Fire!" 50 gallon drums of Hallo Muscatel rumbled down the stairs to be captured by teams of brasseros who immediately removed themselves and the wine from conflict.
 It looked bad for the pure hearted students. Only 20 or so were left of the school population

of thousands. The barricades to stop teamsters from delivering lettuce to DDCC.
 Suddenly one of the trucks roaring towards the school shatters. Another flies thru the air and lands twitching on the lawn.
 "It's Captain Jr. College and Reubin!"
 Reubin, a former Sweet Ville logger, used his favorite tactics. He was ramming Mack trucks off the road with a douglas fir and then beating the cab into submission with head butts.



Jean Schreiber, Coordinator of LBCC Parent-Child Education, smiles up at John Feldman, last years 4-C's board chairperson.

LBCC loses title to Clackamas

For the first time in four years, Linn-Benton Community College's Baseball team won't be going to the Region 18 tourney as the state champs. The Roadrunners learned that the hard way last weekend as Clackamas Community College claimed the Oregon Community College Championship.

Originally cited for Oregon City, the tournament got off to a shaky start as it was postponed twice, due to rain and finally moved to The Dalles where better weather conditions prevailed.

Previously unbeaten this year in league play, the Roadrunners could not meet the Clackamas challenge to lose twice, 7-1 and 12-10. The Roadrunners weren't able to use the power hitting ability that has given them their winning reputation among other teams in the

league. They connected only three times in the first game out of 30 times at bat, and got five hits in the second encounter of 35 times at bat.

Seven runs were scored in the third inning of the second game by Linn-Benton, without the Roadrunners gathering a single hit. An out, an error, a walk, a hit batter, an out, a walk, an error, and four more runs gave Linn-Benton 7 of their 10 runs.

Coming up next is the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament. LBCC will meet Treasure Valley Community College of Ontario, and Clackamas will challenge Ricks College of Rexburg, Idaho, Friday, in Portland at Sckavone Field.

The Roadrunners lead into the Tournament with a season record of 26-11.

"Quit playing with the trucks and break this next attack," Captain J. College a 147th degree black belt sailed into the dragon and the jet propulsion of three weeks of cabbage cole slaw!

"Gas attack!"
 The brasseros stubbled back retreating before the mighty warrior of the meddle class.

After three rousing cheers by the battered, but still rightously aroused students, Captain J. C. swooped down to the Dean of Institution to try to mediate the dispute.

The Dean was quietly explaining his desire to remain apolitical, and as such he felt he had no right to remove disident people from the community who had come to express legitimate concern about students becoming involved in politics.

Student Art Guild plans sale

The Student Art Guild met for the first time last Wednesday to discuss plans for a Student Art Sale, open to the public, tentatively to be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 31 and Saturday June 1, in the Humanities art gallery.

The newly formed Guild is open to any LBCC student interested in selling his original art work or craft. The sale is open to any kind of original, good quality artwork or craft including: drawings, paintings, photography, pottery, jewelry, silkscreens, leatherwork or whatever else the artist might want.

There was some discussion about setting up a screening panel to weed out submissions that might not be up to par, but it was decided to let the individual artist judge the quality of his own work.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Humanities bulletin board for individuals wanting to sell art work; it will include a place for description of the work and approximate number of items to be sold. Also, by the sign up sheet, there will be memoed slips of paper to be attached to each item at the sale, which will include name of artist, description of article and price. Each person will price his own work.

Persons who sell art at the show should be willing to spend time setting it up and running it.

Artist should sign up by the Monday or Tuesday preceding the sale in order to get an idea of what exactly will be in the sale and how many people involved.

Call Sue Johnston, 926-7245 for more information.

"Sir did you realize that these concerned people are funded by the people who tried to defeat the budget election in order to turn this college into a shopping center?" Captain J. C. said as Reubin went out to the bathroom thru the door. Accidentally he forgot about opening the door.
 "I'm sorry I can't say anything more till after the board luncheon. We're having Crab Louie."

Next Week:
 Boycott possibilities.

Schreiber elected head of 4-C's Board of Directors

On May 13, Jean Schreiber, Coordinator of LBCC's Parent-Child Education Program was elected Chairperson of the 4-C's Council Board of Directors. She took over the position from Jon Feldman, Director of Albany Day Care Center.

The local 4-C's (Community Coordinated Child Care) Council office, at Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties, is located in LBCC's Learning Resource Center, 205B.

The function of the Council is to provide subsidized day care for people who fall under

certain income guidelines.

The Council is presently serving about 80 children in full-time day care. Two kinds of care are available: in certified Day Care Centers and in Family Day Care homes.

Participants have to be students, working, or in training to be eligible.

Anybody interested in finding out about subsidized day care for their children should drop by the office or call Rich Benard, 4-C's Fiscal Officer, at 928-2111.

Electronics program starts

Albany, May 17—The first class in the new Electricity-Electronics career program at Linn-Benton Community College will be offered this spring term.

The class, Electrical Theory LDC, marks the initial entry of the program which will be

developed through the 74-75 school year. It is scheduled to begin June 17 and will be held Mondays through Thursdays from one until three in the afternoon. Instruction will be individualized to suit students requirements based upon background and career plans.

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