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Financial aid now taxable, thanks to new reforms

By Paula Knutson
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As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, for the first time ever students will be required to report financial aid as taxable income.

Until this year grants and scholarships were exempt from taxes. Now, under the new reforms, students will have to add their grant and scholarship monies to any earned income they report to the IRS. Loans aren't considered income, but Pell Grants, State Need Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and scholarships are, according to the IRS.

Financial aid offices expect the new rules will catch many students by surprise, and despite IRS statements to the contrary, aid officials may not be equipped to help them with advice.

According to LBCC Financial Aid Office figures, nearly 2,000 students here received financial aid in 1987 and will need to determine whether they will be required to file forms this year.

The Financial Aid Office advises students to go through their personal files for award letters, check stubs, and other documentation to ascertain the amount of funds received during the 1987 year that will be taxable. This is particularly important for students planning to apply for financial assistance for the 1988-89 school year because they will need figures from their 1987 tax forms.

Taxable financial aid is defined by the IRS as "any grant or scholarship monies awarded after AUG. 16, 1986, and received during 1987 after deducting direct educational costs (tuition, books, supplies, special uniforms)."

The specific tax forms a student must use depend on whether the individual has a tax liability, according to the IRS. If there is no liability, the financial aid recipient need not file. For a single person with an income under

\$4,440, there will be no liability. The liability limits for a person with dependents vary.

If there is a tax liability, or if students with no liability want withheld taxes refunded, they must use a 1040 form. Neither the 1040EZ nor the 1040A forms may be

used by aid recipients. Both these forms cover only income earned from wages, salaries, tips and taxable interest; they do not cover "other income" such as grants and scholarships.

The IRS does have a toll free number you can call for answers—1-800-424-1040—but LB aid Officials dispute the accuracy of some of the information. An IRS spokesperson at that number told The Commuter that "Your school's financial aid department will be able to assist you with tax questions concerning financial aid," and that "Schools will be sending out 1099 forms stating funds received."

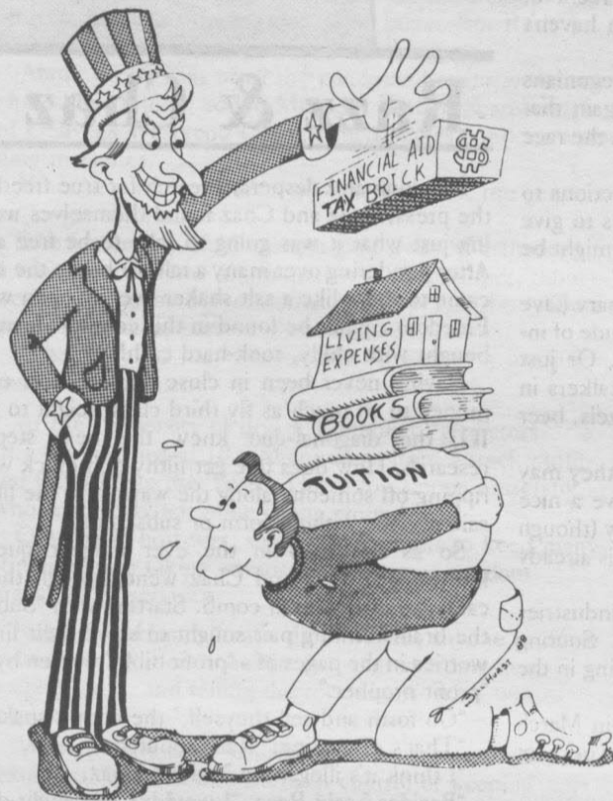
Sally Wojhan, LBCC financial aid officer stressed that these statements are incorrect." She said students should not look to them for tax assistance.

"If you need brain surgery you don't go to an auto mechanic, you go to a brain surgeon," Wojahn said. "The aid department is not qualified as a tax consultant."

Wojhan and Lance Popoff, LBCC Financial Aid director, are now researching if and how they can help students who are having problems locating such information.

Another source of advice is the tax assistance program offered each year for students by the TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly). Peg Hatfield, director of the Linn County RVSP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program), says members of the RSVP have undergone a six-week training session instructed by local tax counselors and will be able to answer routine questions.

Volunteers will be at LBCC Thursday Feb. 4 and will offer advice up to April 15, the federal tax deadline. Students can call the Student Programs Office for appointments, ext. 150.



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Snow Blind

Snow has temporarily cooled the engines of these LBCC vans, which have been the subject of recent complaints to the state. See "Citizens" page 3.

Editorial

State primary needs pumping

Mother nature has just supplied the entire Northwest with a healthy supply of hydrogen hydroxide, commonly referred to as water and a key ingredient in the making of mud.

Mud: a blessing to children and a pain to mothers, is also a key ingredient in the making of politics. It's especially good for slinging.

Too bad the Northwest doesn't seem to merit a visit from any of the slingers this primary season. The closest we've come is a visit by a hopeful future first lady who probably never touched a glob of humus in her life.

While presidential hopefuls are busy wooing the voters in a handful of Northeast and Midwestern states, those of us west of the Rockies must be content to watch cable news coverage of debates concerning corn subsidies and clam chowder.

We watch and wait, being careful not to make up our minds too quickly, as the candidate of our choice (if we have one) may be out of the running before we get the chance to exercise democracy.

A recent Oregonian Newspaper poll determined that 27 percent of Democrats and 25 percent of Republicans surveyed in Oregon haven't decided who to vote for in their respective party primaries.

Perhaps these citizens end up as the roughly 40 percent of Oregonians who routinely do not cast their votes in the primaries. Then again that percentage may come from those whose candidate is no longer in the race when the state's May 17 primary finally rolls around.

A quick remedy might be to move future Oregon primary elections to the first of February. But without a Northwest coalition of states to give support, leverage and credibility, the best Oregon could hope for might be a telegram or a videotaped message from a candidate or two.

Serious efforts by Northwest politicians to hold a regional primary have met with apathy and mixed emotions. It seems the western attitude of individuality transcends the need for a unified Western agenda. Or just maybe all us loggers can't stand the thought of too many slick talkers in their three-piece suits hangin' out at the local saloon buying pretzels, beer and votes.

Some may argue that there is no need for a "Western agenda," they may echo famous Oregonians of the past: "Welcome to Oregon, have a nice VISIT." We don't necessarily need an agenda to start new industry (though it probably wouldn't hurt) we need a voice to protect that which is already ours and that which we've got coming.

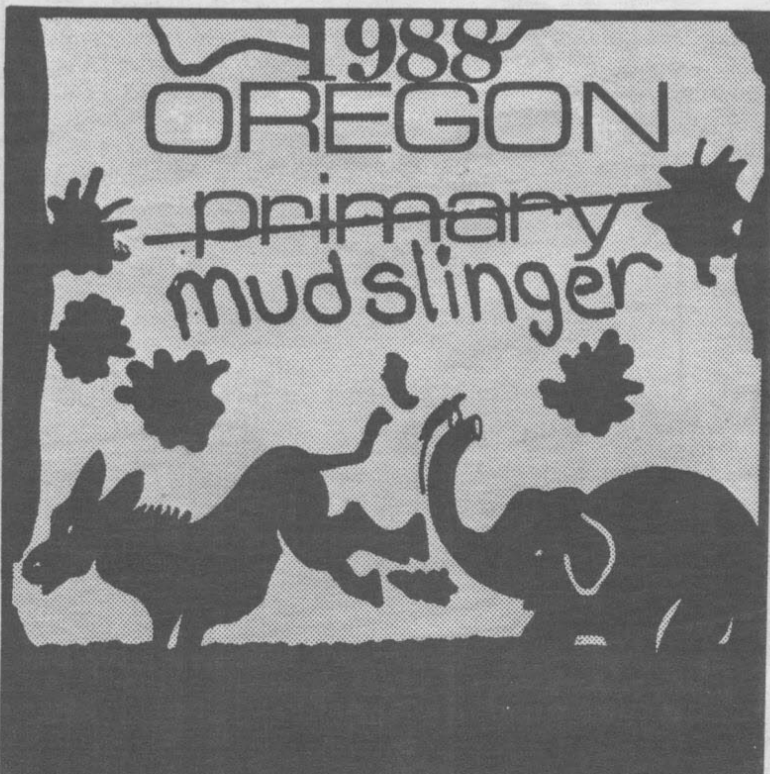
For example, trade laws and tariffs designed to help textile industries back East could cripple our relations with the Pacific Rim. Souring diplomatic ties to China could ruin Northwest companies, resulting in the loss of both jobs and federal income.

The South has come up with "Super Tuesday," a single day in March when 12 Southern states will hold primaries. If this experiment works for the South, perhaps the Northwest will follow.

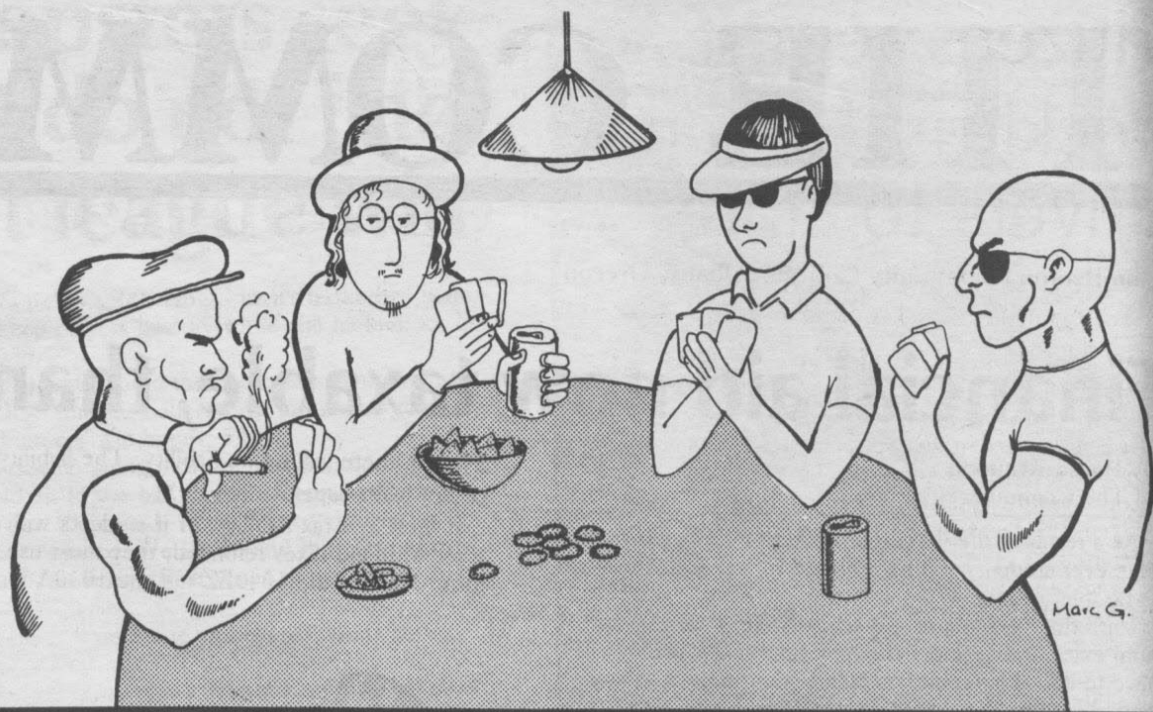
At any rate, Oregonians will again cast mere token ballots in primary races that will have been all but decided by May 17.

Until then, we'll keep one eye on the races and the other on the horizon—our favorite candidates may or may not survive until May, but it's a fair bet the rain will.

—Matt Rasmussen



The Commuter/PATRICK GAMMEL



Razz & Chaz

In a long and desperate search for true freedom of the press, Razz and Chaz found themselves wondering just what it was going to take to be free at last. After pondering over many a tall bar bottle the answer came to them like a salt shaker over an open wound. Freedom cannot be found in this country. It must be bought with chilly, rook-hard cash!

Having never been in close contact with enough money to so much as fly third class freight to Boise, ID, the diagonal-duo knew the next step was research. How does one get filthy-rich quick without ripping off someone along the way? "Try the library," said a voice without form or substance.

So as do many in the ever diligent quest for knowledge, Razz and Chaz went through the card catalog with a rat-tail comb. Starting with "Subjects," the brainstorming pair sought to solve their financial worries in the pages of a "profit bible" written by some "profit prophet."

"Go forth and sell theyselves," the author spake.

"That's disgusting!" Razz spouted.

"I think it's illegal too," added Chaz.

"Besides," said Razz, "I wouldn't be caught dead in fake pearls."

And so they read on: Book after miserable book. Until...

"Here's one," said Chaz. "Poker Playing with Funny Money."

"Do we need a license?" Razz asked, poking his crooked nose between the moldy pages.

"All we need is a deck of cards, some green ink and a printing press," Chaz answered with an elfish gleam in his eye that would send chills up a grandmother's spine.

"I've got a deck of 3-D girlie cards from Reno," said

Razz, his Robert Redford "let-it-be look" hairdo frozen in time against the exuberant bouncing of his greed-possessed frame.

"My uncle has an old printing press in his basement," said Chaz, his unkept yellow teeth clashing like a fashion statement with the purple glaze of filth on his colabottle eyeglasses.

"What are we waiting for?" asked Razz rhetorically, and without so much as a rude belch to establish their dominance, they set out to make the cash to buy their freedom.

The scam went as well as could be expected. The phoney bills looked almost good enough to pass if the teller was blind and you did your banking at night. Once the ink had dried, Razz and Chaz were ready for phase two of the plan: Win At Poker.

They were a seedy bunch. Most of them had done time for murder or worse, like calling the governor a ninny. They sat around a dim-lit table in a smoke-filled room in some basement dive on the waterfront. You get the picture. Chaz was appointed the banker because he had the most honest face. Razz dealt the cards.

One hour later, time-out was called.

"Razz, we're down to 20 bucks and the ink is starting to run,"

Razz gulped. "Gentlemen," he sputtered, "we're just about tapped out. One of you fellows wouldn't happen to have change for a 20?"

"Here you go," said One-eyed Lefty, tossing over two fives, ten ones and a ten spot. "Keep da tip. Let's do dis again when yooz feel lucky."

Chaz's eyes lit up. "I told you it'd work," he whispered as they left in haste. "Yeah," said Razz, "but next time you deal."

Letters

State rep. unhappy with fuel tax hike

To the Editor:

Yes, the 1987 legislature passed an increased fuels tax (gas tax) but the votes were far from being unanimous. We voted and revoted. In the end eight Senators voted "no" and 24 of the 60 of us in The House voted "no".

For years I've been concerned about the growth of bureaucracy and the increased cost to the taxpayers. Research last spring by my staff showed that The State Highway Division alone—not counting the rest of The Department of

Transportation—has the equivalent of one full-time employee for every 2.18 miles of state road (3,489 people to manage 7,534 miles of highway). That may not sound like too many until you realize that all or almost all of the construction and repair work is done by others—contractors and their employees.

Oregonians already pay a 12 cent a gallon state fuel tax. Under the new legislation that increases 50 percent by January 1990. We also pay a 9 cent Federal fuel tax (and there's strong talk in Congress of raising that by 5 cents).

Under the state's new law the weight-mile fuel's tax rate will not

increase for two years, but then jumps by 16.6 percent for the truckers.

Cities and counties get a bit more of the first added 4 cents—state 50 percent, county 30 percent, cities 20 percent—but after that the proportion reverts back to the old 68-20-12 formula. I maintain that local governments, especially cities, need a bigger portion of even the previous tax.

One thing, maybe, accomplished by all of my testimony and figures is the requirement that a performance audit be done on the Department of Transportation during this interim.

Liz Van Leeuwen
State Rep, District 37

Citizens report 'reckless' LB van drivers to state

By Patricia McDougall
Of The Commuter Staff

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's office received three complaints against drivers of LBCC vans from private citizens last term, two of them for reckless driving.

Disciplinary action was not taken against the drivers, according to Ray Jean, director of facilities, as both incidents were the first offenses committed by the drivers involved. Privileges can be revoked if a second incident is reported.

Private motorists may do "a little exaggerating" when describing the conduct of van drivers, commented Jean. "You have to take everything with a little grain of salt," he said.

Jean declined to provide the identity of the drivers, nor would he say if they were staff members or students.

The first incident, which occurred at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26, involved two vans that made illegal lane changes and exceeded the speed limit in order to maintain a dangerously close caravaning distance according to reports. The vehicles were headed northbound on Interstate 5, approximately 15 miles north of Roseberg.

Another van was reported proceeding at 75 m.p.h. north on I-5 near Charbonneau on Nov. 11.

In a third episode, a citizen suspected that a van was being used for personal purposes when it was spotted parked near a Salem restaurant on Oct. 26. School officials later confirmed that the van was being used by a group of students on a field trip to the state hospital.

After receiving memos from the state Department of General Services, Jean said he reminded the drivers cited in the reports to "be very careful and drive safely." He went on to say that the public scrutinizes the behavior of state vehicles much closer than that of private automobiles.

"The governor has a very high value for response to citizens," a spokesman for the state's Fleet Administration said Friday. Jean Gore, an administrative assistant in charge of citizen complaints, believes that since taxpayers are the collective owners of state vehicles, "We owe citizens the courtesy of a response."

Initially, when a person signs up to drive a school vehicle at LBCC, Jean reviews their driving record. Applicants can be refused if they've had a moving violation within the last three years or an accident within the last five years. Jean stated that for liability insurance reasons, anyone convicted of driving while intoxicated is denied approval.

Currently, 42 students and 46 staff members have permission to drive the college's vehicles.

LBCC does not require drivers to have a chauffeur's license or any additional certification.

"People are allowed to drive who've had no training in driving vans. It's a whole other world from driving a sedan," maintained state official Gore.

Ross to show slides; autograph new book

The public is invited to attend a free Linn County Historical Society program and autograph party featuring LBCC biology instructor Bob Ross. The event will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, at the Albany United Presbyterian Church, 330 5th SW.

Ross will show slides of the Iron Mountain-Tombstone Prairie area along the South Santiam Highway and discuss the history and various changes of the region since the ice ages. Following the program, the book, "Flowers of the Western Cascades," co-authored by Bob Ross and botany instructor Henrietta Chambers, recently published by Timber Press, will be available for autographing.

AIDS: Condoms come to campus

Colleges find women are better customers than male students

By College Press Service

Women students reportedly are a lot more interested in the campus condom craze than men, according to a variety of college sources across the country.

The University of Nebraska at Omaha's health center, for example, has sold only 12 condoms since August, and all have been to women, said nurse Supervisor Ruth Hanon.

About 65 percent of all the condoms bought are purchased by women, added Margaret Whited Scarborough, of Denver's Westvend Corp., which makes condom vending machines.

When it comes to free condoms, however, the genders no longer discriminate.

The University of Minnesota gave away as estimated 3,000 free condoms at orientation in September, though freshman Eugene Mayer said as many as half the rubbers given away at his session were taken by women, too.

"That shocked me," Mayer said. "I thought it was just something for men."

At the University of British Columbia, "gladiators" threw an estimated 10,000 condoms from a truck outfitted to look like the Trojan Horse to campus passersby, who reportedly left none laying around.

Otherwise, however, shyness still seems to keep many students from taking advantage of campus condom machines or services.

Nebraska's Hanon "really didn't expect anyone to come in and ask for them" because it meant standing in a waiting room, and telling the receptionist what was wanted.

"Women," she said, "usually take the responsibility for sexual activity, whether it's birth control or keeping themselves safe. Women take AIDS more seriously than men."

Fifty-five percent of the people who use the University of Florida's Protection Connection—which delivers condoms to buyers' doors in plain brown bags—are women, reported Scott Bluestein, a partner in the business.

Still another Protection Connection, offering a similar service, has franchises on 10 campuses in Virginia, Texas and California.

Protek at the University of California at Davis delivers pamphlets about sexually communicable diseases along with condoms and contraceptive sponges, and has spawned franchises as far away as Purdue and Penn State.

The Mercury Protection Service, founded by University of New Mexico students, also delivers, though only on weekends.

Such services were frowned on just a short time ago.

AIDS changing sex habits

Madison, Wis.— Students just aren't pursuing the opposite sex the way they used to, University of Wisconsin journalism students have found.

In response to a journalism department survey, a majority of Wisconsin-Madison students said fear of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) had convinced them to change their sexual habits.

Fifty-six percent of the students said they used condoms more than they used to, and two-thirds of the students who said they'd had multiple sexual partners during the last year said they'd decrease the number, Prof. Sharon Dunwoody, who supervised the survey of 438 undergrads, reported.



Condoms are available in eight campus restrooms.

LB stocks restrooms with condom machines

By Matt Rasmussen
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In step with nationwide AIDS prevention programs, Linn-Benton now has condom dispensers in several campus restrooms.

According to Director of Student Development Bob Talbott, who proposed the concept of condoms on campus, everyone concerned with the project thought it was a good idea.

"I wrote a proposal to the President's Council," Talbott said, "and they agreed with it in spirit. They asked me to take it to the Wellness Committee because they are working on AIDS awareness."

The Wellness Committee responded with a memo to the Presidents Council stating, "There was a general consensus from the committee that condom dispensers should be available on campus." Talbott then contacted the Ideal Vending Company of Portland and the machines were installed over Christmas break.

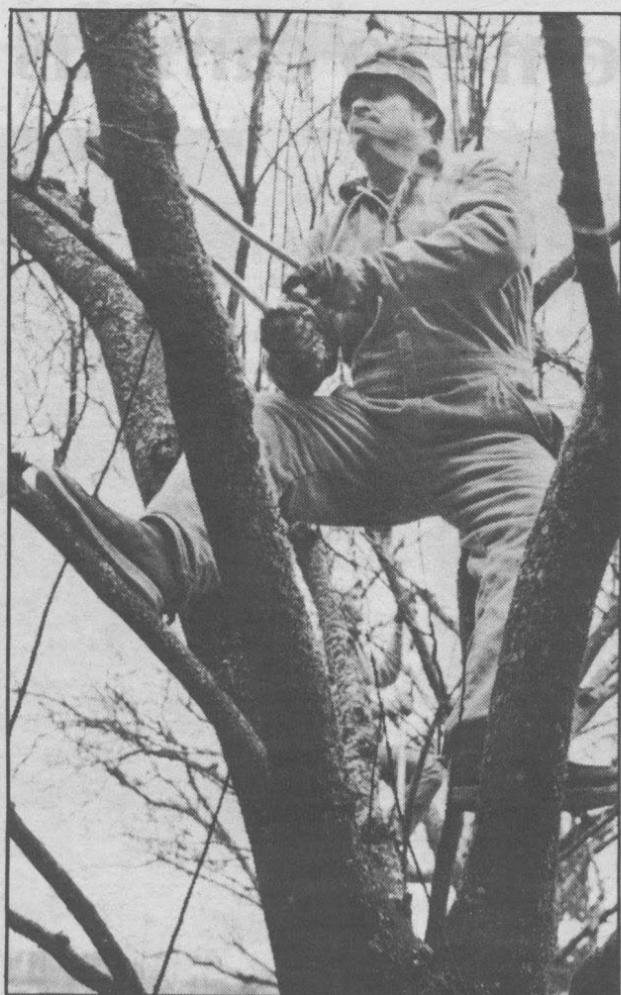
"We tried to pick spots that were heavy traffic areas," said Talbott, "with a fairly even access across campus."

A total of eight machines were installed in men's and women's restrooms; four in College Center restrooms, two in Science Tech restrooms and the final two in the Activity Center locker rooms.

According to Talbott, LBCC didn't "spend a nickel" on installation of the dispensers, and actually stands to make money off sales. The vender will return 25 percent of his gross sales to LBCC, which has earmarked the money for AIDS awareness and education.

Talbott says he brought up the proposal after a meeting with fellow Oregon Community College Deans of Students. "This is something we discussed. Some people said that they've had them on campus for years, and I thought to myself 'Hey I better get on the bandwagon'."

In related news, both Student Programs and the AIDS Awareness Task Force are planning "AIDS Awareness Week," beginning Feb. 1. Highlights of the week include speeches, discussions, video presentations and condom-grams.



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Just a Trim

Taking a wide stance, a groundskeeper plants his feet securely and concentrates on pruning one of the trees on campus. This is the time of year to thin out unwanted branches that might hinder healthy horticulture.

Santiam Room plans special buffet Feb. 2

The Santiam Room staff will hold a buffet luncheon in the Alsea/Calapooia Room on Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The all-you-can eat buffet will feature an array of appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts with all the trimmings. All are welcome to attend. Reservations are appreciated. Call ext. 203. The Santiam Room will be closed on the day.

State group names Scott administrator of the year

By Chuk Bacon
Of The Commuter Staff

Among the more personable members of LBCC's staff, Dr. Pete Scott, director of the Science and Technology Division since 1971, has been named Vocational Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Vocational Association, OVA.

Dr. Scott has shown he has what it takes to be a successful administrator. He described two qualifying criteria on which the OVA might have made its decision: Serving for a number of years in vocational education and having an active impact on a number of people outside the district. Scott then explained his personal formula.

"Hire the best people you can, have a willingness to listen, and try your best to support them," he said.

Administering is more involved still, according to Scott. In addition to personnel management, much equip-

LB helps fight illiteracy epidemic

Adult Basic Education program schedules tutor workshops

By Shirely Price
Of The Commuter Staff

According to the Ad Council and the U.S. Census Bureau, functional illiteracy is an epidemic larger than AIDS. Twenty-seven million American adults can't read a newspaper, job application, prescription label or road signs. Twenty-nine thousand of these people live in Linn and Benton counties.

They are your neighbors, perhaps even members of your own family.

AIDS kills its victims in two to five years, but illiterate adults suffer through a lifetime of frustration, shame and low self-esteem.

"Our society equates illiteracy with stupidity—a refusal to learn," says Carolyn Miller, coordinator for the volunteer tutor program at LBCC. "But the fact is, illiterate people develop much better memorization skills than literate people. It's a means of compensating for what they can't read."

Research on the problem shows that the reasons for illiteracy vary according to each individual. Several of the more common reasons are sociological, having to do with poverty, lack of opportunity, non-English language skills and un-diagnosed learning disabilities. Some people cannot learn in the typical classroom setting because of emotional problems.

In the Adult Basic Education program at LBCC, illiterate students are in the same room with students who are studying for their high-school diplomas. Since the illiterate student does not look or dress differently from the ones who can already read, and since each student has a tutor, no one except the teacher and tutor know who is illiterate. Learning programs and lessons are individualized for each student. Every person works at their own rate of speed, said Miller.

Miller has scheduled volunteer tutor training workshops for Jan. 27 and Feb. 6. These three-hour workshops are to prepare volunteers to work with students, one-to-one in a classroom. Many more volunteers are needed, Miller said. If you have a desire to help others and basic reading, writing and spelling skills, call 967-6114.

The biggest need is for students. Unfortunately, Miller said, reaching people who don't read is not an easy task. Posters are up in many places, and public service messages are carried on local radio and television stations. A group called the Linn-Benton Literacy Coalition, composed of supportive people in local industry, education and the general public work to raise funds for on-going literacy projects.

If you know someone who is illiterate, you might read this article to them. Reassure them they are not stupid just because they can't read. And let them know that it's never too late to learn.

Mixed reactions meet collider bid loss

By Winnie Hughes
Of The Commuter Staff

Despite their initial disappointment at losing their bid for the superconducting supercollider, Lebanon community leaders feel the process was "incredibly positive" for the town.

Charlie Eads, owner of KGAL radio and a member of the chamber's collider subcommittee, felt it "was a good effort for the community down the road," because other government projects might be possible in the future.

Members of the SSC subcommittee had mixed reactions after learning that Oregon was not one of the eight finalists for the \$4.4 billion project. Jack Thomas, owner of Jack Thomas Ford in Lebanon, told the Democrat Herald "I'm very disappointed." Thomas had told The Commuter in December he felt positive Lebanon would be on the final list. However, Eads said he was not surprised by the decision because he didn't have real high hopes for a positive decision but felt it was a long shot.

Oregon heard in late December the U.S. Department of Energy had rejected the Lebanon and Hermiston proposals for the project, which calls for building a 53-mile underground tunnel for proton studies.

Several reasons could have kept Lebanon from getting the supercollider, including the area's geological make-up. The active volcano, St. Helens, was seen by site selectors as a threat, and the high water table in the mid-valley may also have been a problem.

Eads said every place considered by the Department of Energy had some problems. The reason Lebanon wasn't a finalist was "more political than anything else," he added. "Oregon doesn't have much political clout."

Lebanon lost out on the chance to attract billions of dollars and thousands of jobs because it wasn't picked for the collider site. But Eads said the town is now better prepared to land future projects because of the Chamber Committee's work. Although the supercollider committee has quit meeting, Thomas told the Democrat Herald that if "anything comes up in the future, it'll be very easy to get a committee together to promote it."

ment and supplies must be purchased and distributed. Assistants and other secondary personnel provide what Scott calls the support system.

Prior to 1968 Dr. Scott made Plant Bio-Chemistry his career. His educational home-bases include Purdue, Oregon State, and the University of California. At some point Scott did what he described as "government type work" involving pesticide/plant research. "Nothing that could be called a major breakthrough," he added.

In the 1968-69 school year Scott began teaching chemistry at LBCC. At that time the college was located in a rented facility in downtown Albany. LBCC was rapidly expanding and many faculty members were given the opportunity for advancement to administrative positions.

"The most rewarding thing is seeing a successful student five or ten years later," Scott said. In future years he would like to see two general things happen. "We already

have a close relationship with OSU. We send more business, engineering and science students there than any other school in the state," said Scott. "I would like to establish a closer relationship with Oregon Institute of Technology. We have some bright students in electronics and civil engineering who could benefit from OIT."

"The other goal would be to improve relations with local high schools. We need to let upcoming students know what options they have," said Scott.

In his spare time, Pete Scott enjoys cultivating various fruits on his small farm. "My personal interests are mainly horticultural," he said, "We've got blueberries, apples and nuts." One of his proudest crops are dwarf apple trees which he described as "no taller than the arms of a chair."

Pete Scott doesn't see retirement or a change of occupation in the near future but says the farm is a lifetime goal. He is a member of the Home Orchard Society, an amateur fruit growers group and would like to establish a branch chapter in the area, with other local members.

Spotlight

Musicians should tune out drugs, turn on creativity

You see a lot of dirt from my point of view. When you're involved in the business of acting or making music you meet a lot of different kinds of people.

Some of these are what I call "real" folks who know themselves and have come to grips with their limitations as well as their strong points. Because they are honest with themselves, they are more apt to be straight with other people. In such a confusing world it is no wonder that these precious individuals are few and far between.

Then there are those who are not so in tune with themselves. Somewhere along the line they have equated the use of drugs with creativity. They hold to the notion that only when in a state of artificial euphoria can they truly tap their artistic energies.

In truth they do not need the chemicals to be creative. Instead it is confidence which they lack. The consumption of drugs only serves to free them temporarily from a learned attitude of self-conscious inferiority.

I call these people "blockers" because they have the potential but are afraid to admit it is up to them. Instead they externalize, giving the credit (or blame) to the

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finished product to the effect of drugs. The actual effect blocks creativity. It doesn't enhance, it inhibits. Try to tell them that.

There is another type which I call the "posers." These types have heard rumors of instant stardom through repeated doses of mind altering substances and seek to achieve fame via the shortcut of drugs. Sadly they find no boost of talent or divine inspiration, but at least they were able to fool some of the people for a time. Mostly they just fool themselves. You can't squeeze ability out of a turnip.

"Blockers" are a sensitive breed. Ask them why they need to get high before they perform and they'll answer, "I don't need to get high, it just helps me relax," or "it gets me in the right mood."

This is just the kind of garbage that breeds a "poser." The kind of information that should be related comes from a "real" person, but who wants to hear about hard work, dedication, dues and drive?

At times an artist must achieve a natural euphoric state in order to tap the rivers of creativity. There is no shortcut. It has to do with capturing a feeling and transferring it to a graspable medium; i.e. painting, sculpting, music or characterization.

The goal is to give the consumer of art, music or theater an honest representation of an emotion; one with which they can readily identify.

Many "drug inspired" artworks fail to make this fragile contact. The results are usually confused, unclear and in some cases not what the artist had intended.

Many forms of meditation (including bio-rhythm exercises) exist which can relax an artist, making them more receptive to sensory input. It is an awareness of one's surroundings which stimulates creativity and helps the artist better understand "self."

One drawback of drugs is that they open the doors to self-absorption. An artist of any kind must draw from sources outside themselves or become stagnant. They must be open for criticism as well as praise and know how to deal with both.

Self-absorption blocks the ability to look at oneself from an objective point of view and usually invites cruel attacks from within. The opposite effect is an overblown ego.

The bottom line is this. Creativity comes from honesty and no amount of chemical substance will make you a "real" person. Word.

—Chuk Bacon



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From the Top

Dave Clem (at right) puckers up and blows his own horn. The Community Big Band has been holding evening practices in preparation for their upcoming concert March 14 on the Mainstage in Takena Hall. The band is conducted by Gary Rupert. Other musical events in March include Chorale performances conducted by Hal Eastburn.

Mt. Hood to sponsor annual ski ball Jan. 25

Hot wax your skis and leave your boots at home—it's time once again for Mt. Hood's annual ski ball.

Every year on Jan. 25, Mt. Hood Meadows ski resort sponsors an event-filled evening of skiing for all of Oregon's community colleges.

According to Bryan Miller, at large representative for ASLBCC, over 3,000 college students attend the annual event. Last year, 40 LBCC students hit the slopes. So far this year only 12 students have signed up, but Miller hopes to get at least 40 again.

The cost for the ski ball is \$20 and includes transportation and a lift ticket. The bus will leave the LBCC campus at 2:30 p.m. Monday and leave the mountain at 11 p.m.

If skiing isn't enough to fill your evening, you can compete in events with other schools. All events are free and include a race course, Coke drinking relay, keg toss, bingo and a dance sponsored by Mt. Hood Community College.

Tickets are still available at College Center Room 213. Further information is available by calling ext. 150.

McCormick turns old 'rags' into book

By Farris Beatty
Of The Commuter Staff

A love of old "rags" has brought unexpected riches to LBCC board chairwoman Terry McCormick.

After years of scavenging through the cast-offs of other people's closets, McCormick last October published "The Consumer's Guide to Vintage Clothing." It's not only about clothing history, McCormick says, but also offers "practical, working information on vintage clothing," like fabric care, mending and altering.

A Corvallis resident, McCormick has written magazine articles for "Sew News," "Collectors News," and "Threads." She also taught vintage clothing classes at OSU's Experimental College and at LBCC. Since 1984, McCormick has offered information, ideas and advice as editor of the bi-monthly "Vintage Clothing Newsletter."

When asked what's current in collectible clothing, Mc-

Cormick predicts 1950s evening wear, all kinds of jewelry, and hats—hats are hot!

Her love for old clothing is apparent when visiting her home. At first glance you feel you've stepped into a huge walk-in closet. Tables tower with old hat boxes, and fashion books and magazines line the walls. When two of her daughters wander in, she excitedly shares her new "finds" with them. In her attempt to clean out her office for a scheduled meeting with "Threads" magazine, boxes are piled high creating a living room maze.

But, in spite of the clutter and chaos, you feel McCormick is one of the fortunate few who has made their passion pay off.

Subscriptions to McCormick's newsletter are \$12 for a one year subscription or \$2 for a sample copy. Write to: Vintage Clothing Newsletter Box 1422 Corvallis, 97339. Her book is available locally at Grass Roots Bookstore and Corl's Bookstore, both in Corvallis.

International club offers films on Latin America

A foreign film series focusing on Latin American issues, is being presented on campus this term.

Sponsored by the International Students Club, the films will be shown every Thursday at 5 p.m. in Takena 207.

The film for Thursday, Jan. 21, is from Argentina and is titled "The Official Story." The film for next Thursday, Jan. 28, is from Brazil and is titled "Black Ortheus." The titles for the rest of the films will be announced later after they have been scheduled.

Admission is free, but small donations will be accepted to defray the costs.

According to newly elected club president Kim Gifford, the purpose of the series is to promote the club and attract new members. She stressed that you do not have to be a foreign student and encouraged everyone to join. She thinks the club is a great cultural experience for all and "it's a lot of fun."

Students interested in the club can contact them through their mailbox located in the Student Programs office, CC-213.

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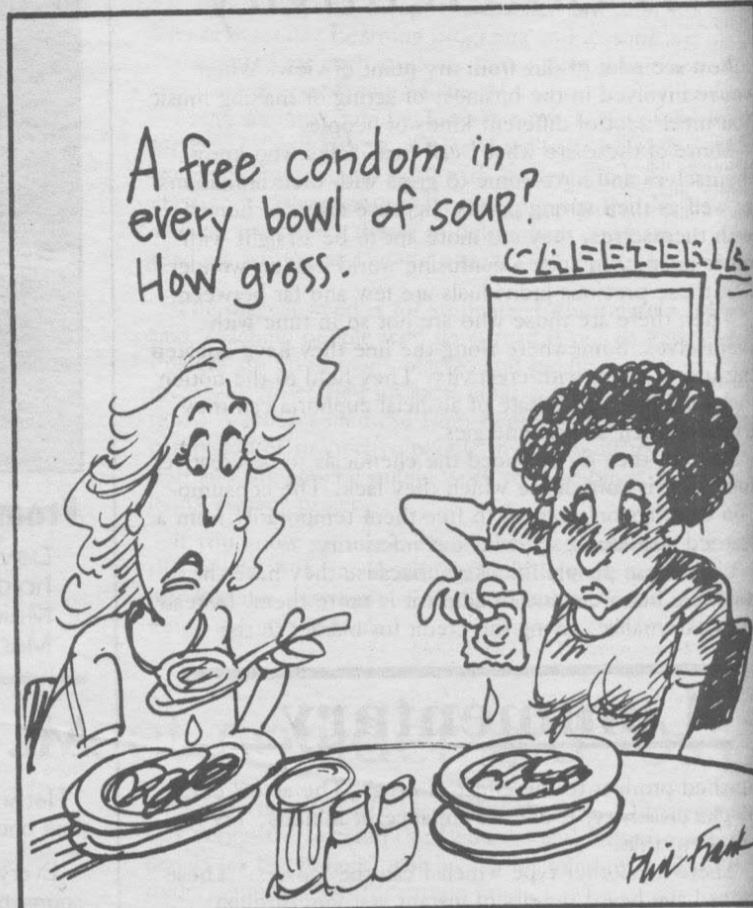
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Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



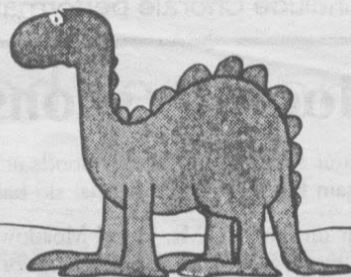
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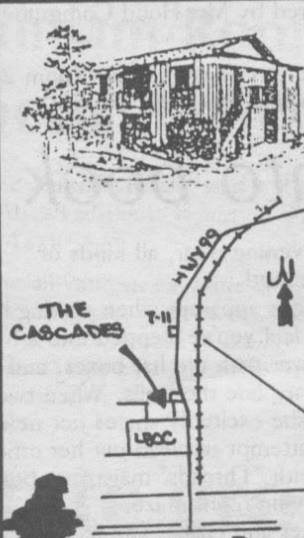
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Stepparenting Class

Exploring the anatomy of the step family is the subject of a Linn-Benton Community College winter term class called Stepparenting: Putting and Keeping the Pieces Together.

The five-week class meets from 7-9 p.m. beginning Jan. 20 at Western View Middle School Library, 1435 SW 35th Street in Corvallis, and will discuss the myths of stepparenting, the resources available to stepparents and problem solving and communication techniques. The cost is \$11 per person or \$16.50 per couple if taken as a non-credit class, or \$21 if taken as a one-credit class.

For more information, contact the LBCC Benton Center at 757-8944.

Guard Visit

A representative of the Oregon National Guard will be in the College Center lobby to talk with students from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20.

Tax Phone

Taxpayers can use toll-free numbers to contact the Oregon Department of Revenue during the 1988 tax filing season.

The toll-free numbers will be available from Jan. 4, 1988 through April 30, 1988 and again in the first four months of 1989. The numbers are listed in the 1987 income tax booklets which will be mailed to taxpayers in January.

The numbers are: from Portland, 43-2833; from Salem, 371-2244; elsewhere Oregon, 1-800-356-4222.

College Board

The Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education will hold its regular board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Help Yourself

This winter would you be interested in learning marketable skills like chashiering, merchandising, and customer service. People who volunteer at First Alternative Coop Grocery do just that, while receiving other benefits as well. Call 753-3115 or stop by at 1007 SE 3rd Street. Corvallis for details.



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College Visit

A representative of Northwestern Christian College will be on campus to speak with students interested in transferring to that school.

Students may see the representative between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 in the College Center lobby.

Opinion Forums

The United Way of Linn County has scheduled two public forums at LBCC in the coming month.

Participants need not be United Way supporters or volunteers.

Forums will be held in the college Board Room on Feb. 4 from 7:30-9:30 a.m., and on Feb. 11 from 7-9 p.m.

For more information, call the United way office at 926-5432.

Open House

The Willamette National Forest will sponsor an open house for persons interested in the future management of forest resources.

The information session will be held on Jan. 20 from 3-9 p.m. at Takeda Lodge at 1212 S.E. Price Road.

Call 687-6745 for more information.

Dolls on Display

A free Eskimo Doll exhibit in the LBCC Library, will run from Feb. 1 through Feb. 26. Hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and Fridays 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Look At WOSC

Western Oregon State College will host its annual Preview Day Saturday, Jan. 23, from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sessions on financial aid, admissions, student services and housing, as well as a campus tour and lunch in the Residence Dining Hall will be included.

Faculty will be available to meet with students, and students can attend special sessions offered for minority, adult and transfer students, and gain information if they are interested in participating in the

honors program, student government, Army ROTC, intercollegiate athletics or the performing arts.

One of the highlights of the day's events is the academic fair, which includes exhibits of extra-curricular groups and activities available on campus. The Western Parent's Club will sponsor a hospitality room for parents attending.

Preregistration is encouraged by Jan. 15. A fee of \$6 per person covers lunch and materials. Additional information is available through Western's Admissions Office, telephone (503) 838-1220, ext. 211, or toll free at 1-800-232-9653 (1-800-Be-A-Wolf).

Etcetera Column

The Commuter invites staff and students to submit announcements of upcoming events and activities to its Etcetera column, which appears weekly on Page 7.

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

THE COMMUTER

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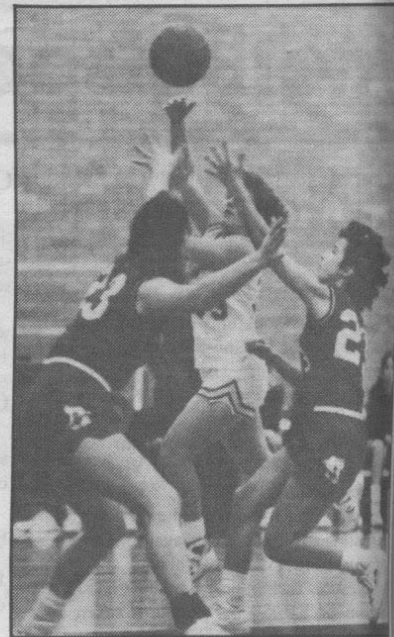
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The Commuter/DAVID GRUBBS

Key rebounds and scrappy play kept the Lady Roadrunners undefeated in league play.

Women scramble to beat Mt. Hood by 3 points

By Richard Meek
Of The Commuter Staff

LB's Cheryl Kundert hit two clutch free-throws with two seconds left in last Saturday's home game against Mt. Hood to clinch the women's third straight win, 47-44, and keep them undefeated in league play at 3-0.

LB outscored Mt. Hood in the second half after going in at half-time behind by a 22-18 score.

"Coach (Debbie) Prince told us we were getting out-hustled and not blocking out," said starter Lori Kennedy. "I think we really pulled together and played good

defense in the second half."

Coach Prince feels the team did things good and bad.

"We handled the ball well. Denise Schumacher did a good job of bringing the ball up the court. We played harder defense than Mt. Hood, which is an aggressive and scrappy team. We played better defense and more aggressive than our previous game," said Prince.

The Roadrunners were 5 for 11 from the free-throw line and had 25 turnovers. The women out-rebounded Mt. Hood, collecting 49 rebounds. Lori Denny led the team with 15 points and 10 rebounds. She was 7-12

from the field.

Cheryl Kundert and Andrea Powell each had eight points, and Kundert led the team with 11 rebounds. Schumacher led the team with seven assists.

LB plays Chemeketa Friday in Salem and Clackamas on Saturday at the LBCC Activities Center at 6 p.m.

"This is the toughest week we've ever had," Prince said. "Chemeketa has excellent perimeter players. I think these two teams have the best four guards in the league. To win we have to play smart, take care of the ball, have good intensity and play tough defense."

Roadrunner basketball lets Mt. Hood 'get away' with win

By Kaline Miller
Of The Commuter Staff

Mt. Hood pulled a 29-point turn around to erase Linn-Benton's five-point lead last Saturday, blowing out the Roadrunners 56-71 at home.

"We just let it get away from us. We had the lead but went to sleep and became very impatient with the ball. Trying to catch-up put us farther behind, which led to the loss," said Coach Al Wellman.

The loss to the Saints leaves the men still in search of their first league win. They are 0-3 and a 7-9 overall.

Chris Doscher hit two of five shots from the field but scored an outstanding 13-13 from the line to lead LB with 17 points, followed by Jeff VanBlishler with nine. Center Jeff Stevens pulled down 15 rebounds for the Roadrunners.

LB failed to stop Mt. Hood's 6-1 guard Rodney Jackson, who gunned 31 points, including five of seven from the three-point range.

"We shot real poorly from the field and Hood did a real good job of forcing us into the bad shots. He (Jackson) was not guarded well enough in the second half. We either pulled out on his defense or Hood set him up real well for the shot," said Wellman.

LB should have been up for the game after Friday's second-half come-back, in which they downed Cascade PCC, 78-70 in non-league play in Portland.

"Friday we played real good ball, especially in the second-half," Wellman said. "We came out and played the finest extended play thus far this season."

Doug Phillips led the team with 18 points Friday, followed by Doscher with 16.

"I think we had much better shots and have been getting the better shots for the last few games. I think we rebounded real well and with that our outside shots are more intense and confident. If we can just be patient and work the ball we should improve," said Wellman.

LB faces a challenging week ahead, meeting Chemeketa in Salem on Friday and Clackamas on Saturday at home.

Clackamas has posted a 3-1 league record and is 14-2 overall. Not far behind is Chemeketa, who is 2-2 in league and 13-3 overall.

"There is going to be a real challenge this week. They aren't big teams but are quick and do what they do best. My hope is that we can play real well to boost our moral and pick up a win or maybe two in the process," said Wellman.

Intramural basketball underway; badminton sign-ups sought

By Kaline Miller
Of The Commuter Staff

It's Intramural time again and intramural coordinator Steve Hyre has filled Linn-Benton's Activity calendar with a wide variety of events.

With winter's snow and rain making their appearance, activities are focused indoors. Already underway is the only league competition, 4-on-4-basketball. The next scheduled contest was to be 3-on-3-volleyball, but due to the lack of entries, was cancelled. But Hyre feels confident that basketball and the several single event days will be popular.

"So far basketball is going well. We just got started and have four teams participating. My main concern is to

keep enough teams competing," said Hyre.

Four-on-four is the only long term league type play this quarter—running into mid-February. But until then there are three single-event contests set for those who would like to participate but can only fit in one day.

Offered will be a free-throw shot contest Jan. 22 from 3-5 p.m. The last day to sign up is the day before the event.

Next on the agenda is the single badminton tourney scheduled for Jan. 27 from 2-4 p.m.

February will hold the ever popular three-point shot competition on Feb. 12 from 2-4 p.m.

"Most of our problem this year is either the lack of participation or no gym availability," Hyre said. "Our time

frames may not be the best but during this time of year with men's and women's basketball and aerobics it's hard to accommodate everyone.

Rounding out this term's events are the H.O.R.S.E. competition on Feb. 19 from 3-5 p.m. and the doubles badminton tourney before dead-week on March 7 from 3-5 p.m. in the Activities Center. The final day to sign up will be March 4.

If your term is just too busy this time around look for upcoming outdoor activities in the spring—coed softball and tennis.

Information and sign up sheets for the activities are available on the intramural information board located in the Activities Center hallway.