

Committee resolves to drop F's and NP's

By LINDA FOX

The Admissions and Grade Standards Committee met November 14th. The Grading System subcommittee presented a proposal for the removal of the "F" grade. After some discussion, the Committee decided to circulate this resolution, as presented, to the student body, Student Senate, and faculty, and then hold a series of open hearings on the resolution. The Resolution is as follows:

POLICY RECOMMENDATION FROM GRADE STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

WHEREAS The trend has been to abandon the "F" letter grade on our campus and other campuses.

WHEREAS This change would constitute a move to the record of achievement as opposed to a record of activities. The record of activity includes the positive and negative indicators (grades) of a student's academic participation in the LBCC curriculum. On the other hand, the record of achievement allows only the positive indicators (grades) to be recorded on the student's transcript. The record of achievement, therefore, implies that

the "F" and "NP" will not be included in the student's transcript.

WHEREAS The philosophy of LBCC reflects a primary concern with student achievement, it would be consistent with that philosophy to remove negative incentives and the theory that punishment can encourage learning. Recent research in learning theory suggests that punishment in the form of failing grades does not produce

learning behavior but, in fact, produces avoidance behavior. In other words, the "F" or "NP" grade does little more than turn students away from learning.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Linn-Benton's grade policy be changed to implement the record of achievement grading which would constitute a drop of the "F" and "NP" letter grade.

Realizing that the implementation of a record of achievement over a record of activity would have a radical impact upon the present grading system, it is necessary to examine specific questions before this change can be made. The following are some questions that must be examined:

1. How is this change going to affect the students who transfer to four-year colleges or universities?

2. How is this change going to affect the vocational and occupational students applying for job positions.

3. How will this change affect the GPA system as a whole since the "F" grade is an integral part of the four-point system?

4. How would this affect past transcripts?

5. How will this affect instructional and institutional systems?

Open hearings will be held Tuesday, January 16th at noon, Wednesday, January 17th at noon, and Thursday, January 18th at 4:00 p.m. at a general faculty-student senate meeting. If you have comments on the above resolution, please attend one of the open hearings.

Ecology-outdoor club "bake sale" helps prepare Thanksgiving feast



Gary Wilborn cautiously glances at the camera as threatening Bob Canaga (right) looks on. Teri Strickland's (center) obvious enthusiasm illustrates the vibrant enthusiasm of a hard working ecologist. The LBCC Ecology-Outdoor Club would like to commend and thank the following for their hard work: Ron Hamlet, David Schwartz, Don Christiansen, Ellen Hillemann, Brian Parker, Teri Strickland, and Bob Canaga.

Johnson refers to LBCC's ag. dept. as "unique in state"

In response to changing employment trends in the agriculture industry, Linn-Benton Community College has initiated three new vocational programs in the areas of agribusiness and off-farm occupations.

The three new programs, Turf Management, Fertilizer and Chemical Technology, and Turf and Forage Seed Management, are offered in one and two-year curriculums to train persons for employment in marketing, sales, service, processing, management and distribution functions related to agriculture.

Hal Johnson, coordinator of the programs, said that LBCC is the only community college in Oregon offering these particular kinds of vocational training programs, and that students may begin this Winter Term.

Speaking of the Turf Management program, Johnson said that production and maintenance of good lawn areas is emerging

as an important agricultural science. Private citizens, small and large businesses, and public areas such as parks and golf courses, are in need of competent personnel trained in the intricacies of turf grass management.

He said that Oregon alone has more than 100 golf courses and new courses being built are experiencing a shortage of turf grass management technicians.

Johnson said that typical job opportunities in this field include sod salesmen, grounds foremen, landscape construction, research technician and golf course superintendent.

The introduction of a chemical and fertilizer technology program is aimed at meeting employment needs that have arisen with the increasing concern about the quality of the environment and the possible effects of agricultural chemicals on the environment, Johnson explained.

The LBCC program will train persons for employment as research and quality control technicians, pesticide, fertilizer and equipment salesmen, formulators and applicators of chemicals.

The third agricultural program being offered by LBCC is designed to cope with the increasing technical complexity of the seed industry. Johnson said that demands being placed on the seed industry necessitate additional specially trained persons in fields such as improved seed development and use, processing, testing and inspection of seeds, farm production of seeds, and the advertising, packaging, wholesaling and retailing of seed products.

Johnson added that an agreement exists between LBCC and Chemeketa Community College in Salem which allows persons residing in the Chemeketa area district to enroll in LBCC's agriculture programs at the LBCC district rates for tuition.

OSU loan applications available for '72-'73

By LINDA FOX

All students who plan to attend OSU next year and who need financial aid should apply as soon as possible. All applications for financial aid are available from the OSU Financial Aids Office and all except the Guaranteed Student Loan Program require only one application.

The deadline for financial aid application for all programs except Guaranteed Student Loans is March 1, 1973. Parents' Confidential Statements, which are required for all dependent students, should be turned in to the College Scholarship Service no later than January 15th.

Any applications received after March 1st will not be considered for scholarships, but will be considered for other financial aid depending on availability of funds.

Notification of scholarships and awards will be made by the OSU Financial Aid Office with Federal funding determining the mailing date of the award letters.

Guaranteed Student Loan applications require a different application which can be mailed anytime during the year; all will be processed after July 1, 1973.

For any additional information about financial aid for future OSU students, contact the OSU Financial Aids Office.

Opinion

Editorial

Legislating morality

Isn't it interesting how our government is so concerned with others? How they lay down laws to keep the citizens of this nation from doing things that might defame their characters? How they have "legally and justifiably" stuck their legislation into business that is obviously none of their concern?

Recently, in Albany, the owner of the "Adult Shop" book store and theater was arrested, following a live sex show, for promoting prostitution. The performers were arrested for prostitution. This act on behalf of Albany officials and the extreme amount of public criticism toward the shop lead this writer to wonder what business any of these critics had in relation to the sex lives of the performers or the owner of the shop, or for that matter, any person's sex life!

A person's sexual relations should be their own, right down to the decision of whether or not it will be private, for personal profit or for public exhibition.

A person's body is what they make it, not only to themselves, but to others and if there are people who prefer to live in a certain way which is not considered "moral" in the light of a 1915 child.

Let's hope and pray that people are changing in respect to sex. Whispering behind locked doors is not only ridiculous, but childish. If the people of this nation aren't ready to accept sexual truth, then how in God's name can we honestly call ourselves civilized.

Frankly, a person's attitude toward publicly promoted sex should not be "stamp it out because I don't like it!" It should be, "If I don't like it, I won't go and pay to see it, and if someone else likes it, go ahead, they aren't hurting me," or "I'll go see it, if I like it, and I won't, if I don't." It's amazingly simple how closed minded a person can get.

It isn't the responsibility of people to legislate other people's morality. It is the responsibility for people to legislate their own morality to the dictates of their own conscience.

Skip Collins

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Chess for champions

The Fischer mania has struck. Chess is crawling across the country at tremendous speeds. Not wanting to be completely "out of it," I decided to take up the game. The first reaction I got from male players was — "What? Girls can't play chess!" Then I knew I wanted to learn for sure.

I finally cornered someone willing to teach me the game. I have since found that chess is quite simple and I would like, here, to present the basics of the game for any others who might be interested in learning.

Chess is a very racial game; it is black vs. white. White always gets to play first — The inventor was a bigot. There are 16 pieces on each side which are as follows: a king, a queen, two horses, two towers, two priests, and eight little guys with round heads. The round-heads are all lined up in a row in front of the other pieces. At the start of the game, the round-heads battle against each other and when they are all dead, the bigger pieces take over.

There are many different chess attacks and defenses to use such as king-pawn opening, English opening, forked attack, pin, and discovered check. But,

the most important thing is to psyche out your opponent. Some major "psyche out" techniques are: be late for the game, look confident, refuse an audience, say check very loudly, and snicker when the other player makes a mistake.

It also helps if you make distracting noises or actions while your opponent is trying to concentrate. You may try tapping your toe, popping your knuckles, or munching fritos. If your opponent tries distracting you, complain loudly. It is good to complain that he's distracting you even if he isn't. Object about his heavy breathing, his bad breath, and the noise he makes setting down his pieces.

If none of these tactics work and you lose anyway, accuse your opponent of cheating, call his win a lucky break, or announce that you must really be getting back to the hospital — the doctor would have a fit if he knew you were out. If your opponent still insists on claiming the win, demand a replay or tell him it'll be two out of three.

With the above tactics, you can't lose. Just remember that it's not how you play the game that counts, it's whether you win or lose.

Club news

LBCC chess masters to attempt tournament

The chess club is going to try once more this January to have a chess tournament, according to a member of that organization, Travis Paulson.

A tournament earlier this year failed to materialize due to a lack of interest. "But this time we'll have a little bit more time to work with it and get it going," said Paulson, "and we'll probably also have trophies and money prizes."

The sixteen-member club has been or will be involved in several projects this year. They've sent a letter to eleven different schools near LBCC, challenging them to a tournament. Also, they have issued a challenge to the Albany Chess Club and this one has already been accepted. They will go there for one tournament and play host for the other.

The club meets every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference room. They usually

discuss things that they plan to do or have already planned. Recently they went through the ICC and purchased four much needed chess sets.

Some of the players are just beginners with one having never played before but joined the club because he wanted to learn how. Some are quite experienced and rather good.

Asked what Bobby Fischer had done for the game, Paulson pointed out that Fischer has brought to the spotlight the importance of the psychological aspects of the game.

"You have to realize that chess is not only the ability to outmaneuver another man," he pointed out, "but there is a great psychological thing involved, which I've even seen used in high school. He (Fischer) used this very effectively."

Doug Clark is the club's advisor and Wayne Pruitt is the representative.

Rehab. counselor on campus Dec. 7

Rebecca Wilson from the Corvallis Vocational Rehabilitation Office will be on the LBCC campus December 7, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located in the College Center. It is very important that the students from the Corvallis Office come in and see Miss Wilson on this date.

Commuter Calendar of events

- Dec. 4 — Art Exhibit, Children's Christmas Art Exhibit in College Center. (Through Dec. 15)
- Dec. 5 — Basketball, LBCC vs. Pacific, South Albany High School. 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 — Deadline for COMMUTER Literary Issue, material to be turned in to room D-2.
- Dec. 7 — Christmas Concert, LBCC — Albany Concert Choir, United Presbyterian Church, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 8 — Last day to drop a class with a "W." Basketball, Mt. Hood Invitational, Portland.
- Dec. 9 — LBCC Dames Gathering.
- Dec. 11 - 13 — Final Exams.
- Dec. 16 - Jan. 1 — Christmas Vacation.

Tailfeathers Thanks

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Student Government or whomever was responsible for fixing the music system in the Student Commons. Even though there was a years delay, it is nice to see that the wheels of government can move.

Ed Kelley

Christmas gig

Wheatstraw — former band of the Blue Ox will be playing in the LBCC Commons Friday, December 8, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. All LBCC students, faculty, and staff are invited.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR will only be printed when they comply to the following simple guidelines:

1. No letters will be printed that contain personal attacks on individuals. Issues can be made clear without using mud-slinging to make points.
 2. No letters will be printed anonymously. All letters must contain a full signature of the author.
 3. All letters selected for publication must be submitted to spelling and grammatical correction. This editing will not apply to the content of the material.
- As long as letters comply to the above guidelines they will be printed.

The Editor



Features

Fashion fair coming up

A Fashion Fair, co-ordinated by Mary Koza, will be held Wednesday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m., at the cafetorium of South Albany High School. Simplicity Pattern Company will put on a fashion show for seamstresses. Slides, showing the handling of details on garments, will accompany the presentation.

Also at the show, Albany Adult Education classes for winter term will have a display as a preview of class work in photography, sewing, toile painting, and water colors.

Perkins made film producer

By LEWIS CHAMNESS

Ray Perkins' physical science class, GS 104, is not having a final test this term; instead, they're going to see a movie, with themselves as the stars.

"Basically, what we're doing," said Perkins, "is that I've procured an eight millimeter movie camera and we're giving it to teams of students who are each going out and photographing a 30-second segment of something which illustrates a physics principle which we've discussed in class."

"On the day of the final," he continued, "we're going to meet and watch a movie composed of all of those little segments of film, letting each team narrate and describe his portion of the movie."

The idea, which Perkins secured from reading some physics or science teacher's magazine, has never been tried before by him.

"We're doing it for two reasons," Perkins said, dipping into the philosophy of the experiment; "One, because it might be kind of fun to see what we get; it is a kind of enjoyable pastime and a little bit different than the usual. Secondly, I hope it is going to make people start thinking about physics outside of the classroom. After they've done the photographing, maybe a year later, they'll see something that will make them say, 'Gosh, I wish I had the camera when I saw that.'"

One of the physics principles that undoubtedly will get lots of attention will be gravity as many students have been throwing rocks into the air and photographing them to illustrate this principle.

For identification purposes, Perkins had each team enlist the services of a third party for about five seconds of film to photograph themselves.

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"We need a local salesman"

Winter registration is now in full swing

By ROSA MARIA ALVAREZ

For those students who are enrolling in 8 or more credit hours may preregister between November 27 and December 29, 1972, or they may register during the first week of winter term classes but will have to pay a late fee of \$1.00 per day.

For those students who are enrolling for fewer than 7 credit hours may preregister also between November 27 and December 29, 1972, or may register during the first three weeks of winter term classes. There is a \$1.00 late fee during the third week.

The Registration Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from November 27 through December 29 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from January 2 through January 12, 1973.

Remember to do the following before registering:

1. Complete all admission requirements. If you are registering for a vocational program you will need special admission procedures and will need a special admission card in order to register.

2. See a counselor for approval of your program when required.

3. If you are expecting to receive an Associate Degree or departmental certificate from LBCC in June of 1973, you must complete a "Request to Graduate" form. This form is included in the registration packets. Also complete a Graduation Checklist if you are in doubt about your graduation requirements.

4. When filling out your registration packet, make sure all copies are legible.

5. Full tuition must be made at time of registration. Remember you may use your BankAmericard and MasterCharge to pay tuition, fees and bookstore items. If you would like a Deferred Payment plan, make your application with the Financial Aids Office before registering.

6. If you have any outstanding debts from previous term, get in touch with the Financial Aids Office before registering to discuss payment.



Bruce and Bob, comrades in crime? Not really, but Bruce is certainly Bob's comrade in ice cream and hot dog consumption. Bruce is now sort of an honorary LBCC student, even though his registration hasn't been finalized . . . or has it?

Bruce's monkey business drives students bananas

By LEWIS CHAMNESS

Bruce has a diet consisting of ice cream, milk, lettuce, an occasional hot dog, candy, popcorn, peanuts, sunflower seeds, and he goes absolutely bananas over bananas. He sits like a squirrel, sleeps on a towel rack, and like any other young male, he likes girls.

Except for the last point, you might say, "Well, Bruce is a very unusual young man and probably needs to see his local psychiatrist." But Bruce isn't a young man at all, but a young Capuchin monkey, the property of Bob Allison, an education major at LBCC.

Actually, "Bruce" might not be his name for long "if I can get something better" says Bob. He is about seven months old and has been the property of Bob for about two weeks. He came from South America where most Capuchins are found, although some can be found in Africa. The Capuchin is the type of monkey which has been used much in the past for organ grinding purposes.

Bob purchased him from an animal exchange in Monroe, paying \$75. for the little banana burner. His desire for such an unusual pet originated while serving in Viet Nam where quite a few of his buddies had monkeys for pets.

"He is taking a little while getting used to me," said Bob, "and is still a little wary of strangers." For some reason he likes girls more than boys and will hop to them before he will the other.

He prefers to sleep on a towel rack, although sometimes he does sleep next to Bob in bed. When he sleeps on the rack, Bob makes it comfortable for him by padding it with three towels. He sleeps much like a squirrel, putting his paws in front of himself, wrapping his tail around this, and ducking his head between his shoulders.

Needless to say, wherever Bruce accompanies Bob, quite a crowd gathers. So if during the next few weeks, you see a crowd gathering on campus, grab a banana or if you're a girl you can just go empty-handed!

Christmas party for LBCC kids

A Christmas party for kids of all ages will be held in the Student Center Saturday, December 9, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Santa will be there and refreshments will be provided.



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Sports

Lightning flashes

from Lewis Chamness

"Introducing..."

"Lightning Flashes!?! Where in the world did he get a name like that for a sports column?"

Well, I'm real glad that you asked and since you did, I'll tell you in this introductory column.

"Lightning Lew" is a nickname that one of my friends dubbed me with a couple of years ago and it sort of stuck. You might think, "Well, the sports editor of the COMMUTER must be a fine athlete who possesses blinding speed since he was given a nickname like that!" Well, please don't flatter me with thought like that as actually the name was given in a good-natured jest, poking fun at my athletic inability.

Although I've been a sports fanatic ever since I was twelve years old, I've never been able to cut the mustard on any team. In fact, I've never played on an organized team in my life although I've played many hours of neighborhood-bunch-of-boys type of ball.

So in this column, "Lightning" is going to flash or as I thought of saying, "strike." Some of it will be factual but most of it will be opinion in nature; I hope you enjoy it.

By the time you read this, the Roadrunners should be 2-0 on the basketball court; we hope so, anyway. From all indications, they will have one of the finest teams in the history of LBCC and should be a powerhouse in the OCCAA. Therefore, I urge you to go out and watch them play, lending them your support. I urge this because I understand that in the past, attendance has been rather poor at their games. Change things this year!

"Anybody is welcome..."

Karate Club organizing looks promising

A meeting for all those interested in helping get the Karate Club underway will be held Tuesday, December 5, in Schafer Lounge, according to that organization's student representative, John Allen.

The club isn't really organized yet as the turnout has been very poor. Glen Sweeney, a second-degree black belt who is also the instructor, has been serving as president. He and Allen are the only two officers at the present moment.

"The turnout has been so poor that we've had to cancel the meetings in Albany and go over to OSU and practice with their karate club," said Allen. "This is our first year and we're a little bit disappointed with the turnout. I don't know but what it is that some people consider karate a sport for animals or brutes."

"It isn't an anti-social sport, however," Allen contended. High degrees of sportsmanship are exhibited in the matches. This is a necessity as when two contestants face each other in freestyle matches, each has the ability to kill the other. "You have to have a high degree of sportsmanship," Allen emphasized.

"Anybody is welcome, whether they have had any experience or not," said Allen. "We even have five or six girls over at Corvallis and there is no contact with them, eliminating their chances of getting hurt."

Allen believes that the sport is good for one's health, also. "It strengthens your body and makes you more limber," he said.

Anyone in reasonably good health with no heart trouble or asthma would find it profitable. He felt that anyone with a gross heart disease or any other disabling illness should refrain.

"However, we have one boy over at OSU who has only one finger on his left hand and after a month he is doing real good," said Allen.

Karate efficiency is measured in belts. A beginner is a white belt; yellow comes after two months of instruction; green after four or five months of instruction; purple after about nine months of instruction; and after a year you are able to take your brown belt contest. The highest degree series comes one year later — the first degree black belt. From then on every two years

Eliseus would like to be pharmacist

Eliseus C. Onurah is currently enrolled in the Pharmacy Program at Linn-Benton Community College. He has been a resident of Corvallis since January of 1972.

Eliseus was born October 24, 1950, in Nigeria. Since there is no age requirement to start school, Eliseus started at the age of 4. He attended grade school from 1954 until 1960.

He then attended what in the United States is called high school from 1961 until 1965. Both of Eliseus parents are dead, but he has two married sisters and two brothers. One of his brothers was attending Oregon State.

Eliseus worked as a file clerk for an insurance company right out of high school. He helped the Red Cross during their

civil war in 1967 and during 1968 through 1970 he was a



Barker hangin' round campus



Steve Barker, advertising manager for the COMMUTER, has just been hangin' around lately, with no apparent business to engage himself in. Steve does do his job as ad manager, though. Some people say he'll go to any height to sell an ad.

member of the infantry in their regular army and in the air force.

At the end of the war in 1970 he worked as a sales representative of A. G. Leventis & Company (Nig.) LTD until December of 1971.

The only thing he says he's not accustomed to is the cold and rainy weather that we have. Eliseus likes Oregon but plans to go back to Nigeria after finishing his Pharmacy Program.

'Runners go to bout in invite

The Roadrunners with their season only two games old will open their tournament action for the season Friday night when the travel to Gresham for the Mt. Hood tournament. They will play Centralia on Friday night and, if they win, will play again Saturday night for the championship. Assuming that they do win, their probable opponent will be Mt. Hood since they are featuring the best team in their history.

This tournament, usually featuring the two top small colleges in Oregon and Washington, has been dominated in past years by the Washington teams. This is due primarily to their recruiting policies which permit them to recruit nationally.

LBCC, who was beaten in the finals of the tourney last year by Mt. Hood, will hope to set a new precedent this year.

The 'Runners also have a game Tuesday night, hosting Pacific University in Lebanon. They opened their season last Friday night against the OSU JV's in good physical health, according to Coach Butch Kimpton. They had been set back somewhat by Craig Martin's sprained ankle but he had recovered in time for the game.

opinion about what we're doing."

"I think people who take up karate have more confidence in their life because it gives them an inner peace as they know how to handle themselves in certain situations," said Allen, touching on their philosophy.

"I don't have to put on a front to show what kind of a man I am," he said. "I know I'm a man but I don't have to show it by hurting someone. I think that when you get into this you don't really care what other people think as long as you believe in yourself."

you go up in degrees until you reach the nine-degree level of black belt, that being as far as you can go.

Sweeney, who is 27 years old and hails from New York, has been studying karate about four years now. A couple of years ago, he placed either first or second on the east coast in his first year of black belt. He took his black belt instructions from Sung Duk Son, a ninth year black belt and the president of the Taekwondo Association. (Taekwondo means "a study of kicks and punches.") He is a student in business administration over at OSU and he came to Albany with the hope of getting a karate club started at Linn-Benton.

Allen and Sweeney agree that as a rule the super athlete isn't found in karate ranks. Allen feels that the super athlete many times wants to show off his talents but "we don't like to show off in front of people; we don't even like to draw a crowd unless it is for a demonstration because we might feel nervous. This is because they might not understand some of the things that are going on and they possibly could get a totally different or biased

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