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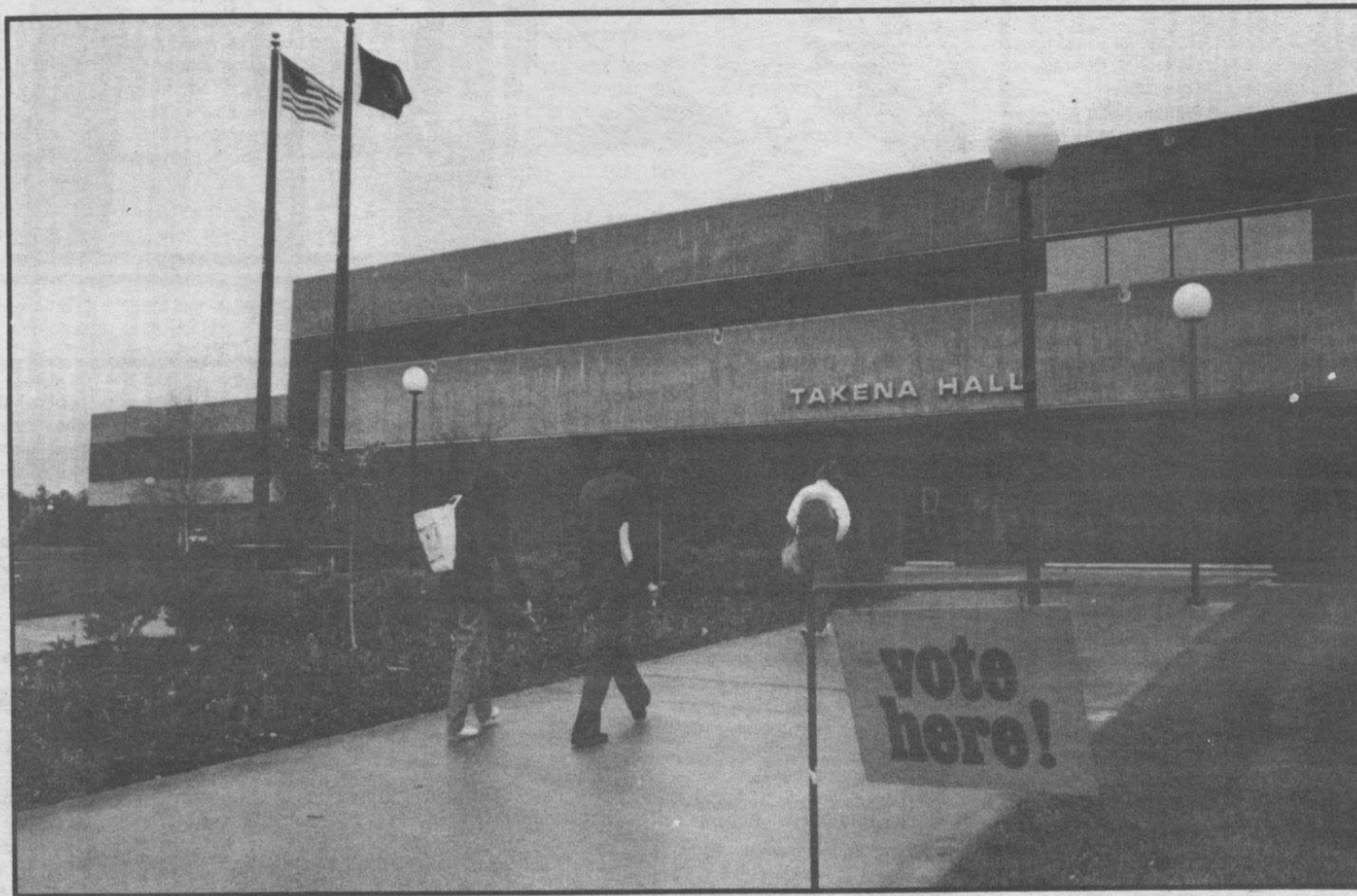


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Voters who went to the polls yesterday decided the fate of LBCC's A and B levies and three Board of Director positions.

Student drop-outs spark merger decision

By Sheila Landry
Staff Writer

The faculty's growing concern over student drop-outs has helped inspire an administrative decision to merge all related student services into one department, The Division of Student Development, according to Bob Talbot, counseling director, who will manage this new department.

"I've heard so many teachers express concern over drop-outs that I couldn't possibly name all of them. I'm afraid I'd leave someone out who was just as concerned as everyone else," Talbot said.

The goal of this merger, according to Talbot, is to provide maximum efficiency in services to students in need of academic help by combining:

- *Special Services/handicapped
- *ABE-GED-High School Completion-High School Diploma
- *Testing
- *Counseling
- *Developmental Center
- *Student Placement-Career Information
- *Cooperative Work Experience

All of these will be combined into one department that will be located in what is presently the Learning Resource Center as of July 1, 1983, when the merger becomes official.

"It's been typical over the past two years to have between 400-500 drop-outs and suspensions each term," said John Carnahan, director of admissions and registrar. "About 50 percent of the students on campus are averaging 2.0 in their courses, which isn't academically falling, but it is an indication that those students need help," he said.

A task force committee, comprised of teachers, administrators and representatives from all the departments involved in the merger, will be meeting throughout spring term to decide on the best procedures for aiding students who have difficulties, said Talbot, the committee chairman.

"The committee is presented with quite a challenging problem," Talbot said, "We have our own perspectives, and we need to put our perceptive abilities together to tackle this huge problem."

"We're strictly an advisory committee though," Talbot added. Any plans developed must be finalized by the new department's supervisor, John Keyser, vice president of instruction, Talbot said. Keyser said, "The students will be the big winners at the end of this."

Committee member and English instructor, Art Bervin, feels that developmental instructors need to work closer with English and mathematics instructors to gain a clear understanding of what is expected from students entering college level courses to prevent any duplications.

"The merger is a potentially good idea which could develop continuity within student related services and eliminate overlap," Bervin said.

"We need to figure out some way to put the whole alphabet soup, ABE-GED and all the rest of the programs together without duplicity," said Mel Gilson, co-ordinator of special programs.

Talbot elaborated by saying that programs with similar content such as counseling, tutoring and testing can be intertwined providing better coordination of student services. "If we're more organized we may get earlier warning of students having academic difficulties," Talbot said, "Then we can intervene before the problems become unsolvable and students drop-out."

Talbot also hopes to utilize the colleges computer facilities as a tool for providing warning of students having academic difficulties. "This will allow us to intercede before it's too late," he added.

Talbot is also looking at a more authoritative stance with student counseling, "I've been counseling for 15 years, and I've always stuck-up for students by merely advising them. Now, I'm beginning to see that I need to be stern when students begin flunking-out, otherwise most of them won't take my advice and take the courses they need for help."

"One idea I have is to provide intensive counseling to students flunking-out and prescribe specific developmental courses the student must take in order to continue at LBCC," Talbot said.

"These are merely my ideas," Talbot added, "I want to hear all the committee members' ideas before we decide anything."

Talbot stressed that this merger has no financial gains behind it. No jobs will be lost, although there will be some shifting of authoritative positions because the department will have only one manager.

No! Voters deny LBCC levies

By Kevin Shilts
Staff Writer

Disappointment was the word last night as LBCC supporters watched the numbers mount against the college's two levy requests.

By midnight college officials conceded defeat after a close vote on the A levy failed to turn in their favor. The \$1.3 million levy to balance the General Fund was being defeated 8,386 to 8,232—a margin of about 1 percent.

The fate of the \$930,857 Plant Fund levy, on the other hand, was never in doubt as it was soundly defeated, 8,837 to 7,273.

Although the levies easily passed in Benton County, voters in Linn County rejected both by nearly a 2-1 margin.

President Thomas Gonzales said the board would have to reconsider the General Fund request for further cuts.

He said the next opportunity to submit a levy request would be May 17.

Regarding the Plant Fund, the president said, "We have to keep it in front of the people because it's been set aside so long."

Without revenue from such a fund, much of which was earmarked for new instructional equipment, the college "can't guarantee good quality instruction," Gonzales said.

Facilities Director Ray Jean said he was "very disappointed" in the Plant Fund defeat because it means the college would have to continue to defer major maintenance costs. The next step, he said, may be to ask the voters to support a serial levy to finance the Plant Fund.

Student representative Mark Nestlen said he expected to see "drastic cuts" in some instructional programs in the wake of the General Fund levy defeat.

Besides voting on the levy requests, district voters also elected three members to the LBCC Board of Directors.

In the only contested race, incumbent Kenneth Haevernick defeated William J. Orleman by a vote of 748-478 for the zone 1 seat representing Lebanon.

Joseph Novak, who ran uncontested for the zone 2-3 seat representing Albany, was reelected with 780 votes.

The only new board member will be Philomath veterinarian Alan Terrell, who received 1,661 votes to represent zone 5, rural Benton County.

Editorial

Recent board decisions fail to exhibit leadership

Captain Grace Hooper of the US Navy, the oldest working officer in the armed services, has experienced many of this country's problems. She said that one of the biggest problems this country has now is that it no longer has leaders, it has business managers.

She sure hit the nail on the head when you look at the recent performance of LBCC leaders. They act like they are running a business when they should be leading people.

One example of poor leadership is the decision to ban national travel for athletes. That decision allegedly was made in July 1982 by President Gonzales at a meeting of the presidents of Oregon's 13 community colleges.

It should have gone through the ACCP committee as money which would have funded national travel comes from the ACCP budget. Supposedly they make recommendations about how ACCP funds should be spent. Granted, Gonzales has the final say, but he did not even consult the committee. He arbitrarily made the decision himself.

Then, when it was obvious that decision was being challenged, why did the board get involved? If Gonzales made the decision, then why was he asking the board for a ruling on a question he decided eight months ago? Just who is making the decisions and on what basis of information?

ASLBCC representative Mark Nestlen's presentation to the board asking that the women's basketball team be allowed to compete nationally was well documented and made four valid points. They are: 1. no money from LBCC would be spent to send the team to the competition; 2. he cited league inconsistency with rules; 3. he questioned sticking to a commitment when other schools were not; and 4. he questioned the ratification of the national travel ban proposal.

When Nestlen alleged that the ban was never ratified, Gonzales called Nestlen's facts undebatable technicalities not worth pursuing.

The controversy concerning "What About the Russians?" is another example of wishy-wash leadership. Both Gonzales and Vice President Keyser supported the program—Gonzales even wrote a letter to the Oregon Committee for the Humanities praising the symposium. But when the program came under fire, neither showed any public support. Not once did they publically argue for the program's worth when the board was considering sponsorship. Gonzales' only comment to this paper about the controversy was, "The board made its decision."

At the time the statement said nothing so it was not included in any stories. However, one rule of journalism is often what is not said is just as important as what is said. And what he said is very telling—he said nothing.

That is a safe tactic which shows little leadership. There is safety in saying nothing, but leaders are leaders because they dare to take stands.

The board exhibited the same leadership failings. There was no acknowledgement of the Faculty Association petition. Except for board member Larry Coady, none had seen the petition although it had been mailed two weeks earlier.

Questions were left unanswered. Chairman Wayne Chambers closed the meeting before questions could be asked, although answers had been promised earlier in the meeting.

Another unanswered question concerned board accountability. Coady and board member Herb Hammond said they are accountable to voters who can vote them in and out of office.

And what is said in-between time doesn't count?

If over 2,000 people signed petitions saying they want their elected representatives to reconsider their decisions, why doesn't the board consider these requests worthy of discussion?

But if a select few put a bug in the ear of board members saying that the Russian program is controversial and may jeopardize the levy election, why are these statements listened to?

Donna Gentzler, a member of the women's basketball team, made a very insightful observation about this board meeting. "It was a bare-facts look at LB. We all learned a lot about the way it is run."

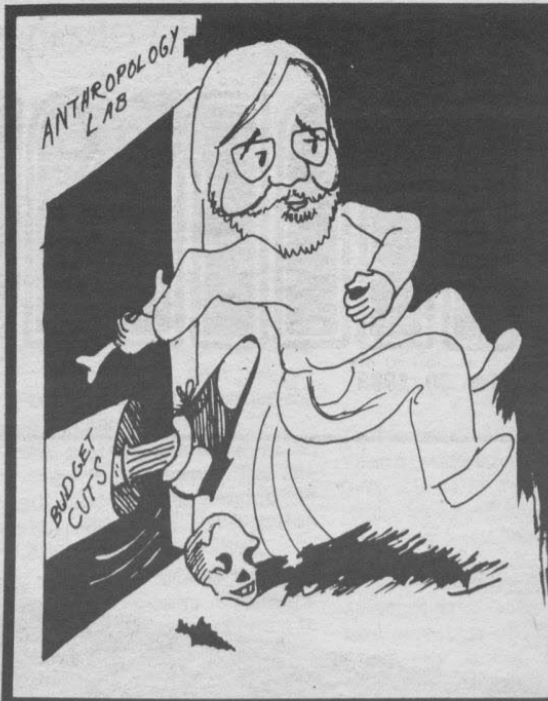
And the way it has been run shows little respect for the people the board is representing. They should try being leaders instead of business managers.

Linda Hahn, Editor

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Letters

Cheney lauds student paper

To the Editor:

The most recent edition of the Commuter (but by no means the only issue published this year) prompts me to tell you what a consistently terrific job you and your staff do. The women's basketball team isn't the only activity at the college this year that is nationally ranked. Your paper can compete effectively with the best of them.

Congratulations and thanks.

Ken Cheney
HSS Division Director

Khrushchev quote misunderstood

To the Editor:

I was busy last week with midterms, and merely scanned the Commuter. Therefore consternation was compounded with chagrin when I read the March 2 issue in detail, and found Randall G. West's letter. I thought, "Well, someone will set this fellow straight." Then I read the March 9 issue and learned we all let his assertion pass like bacon through a duck.

It may well be that in Russia "we will bury you" means "we will take care of you," and that its utterance is a sign of fellowship. I wouldn't know about that, because the LBCC board doesn't want me to study Russian culture, (although I would like very much to do it). However, this little bit of ethnica does not apply to what N. Khrushchev said some 20 years ago at the United Nations General Assembly. When the General Secretary said, "we will bury you," his face was florid, and he was pounding his shoe on the table in front of him. One can hardly derive his words in this context as a token of esteem, and fellowship. I saw this happen, live on NBC television, and the film was shown many times thereafter.

Perhaps Mr. West is too young to recall the strange events of the "Cold War" in the early 1960's; how the Soviets made a significant threat to the sanctity of the United States, by placing missiles with nuclear warheads in Cuba, and we came

within a hairs-breadth of fiery death, in late 1962. The anti-nuke activists haven't forgotten. The right-wing (anti-seminar) groups haven't become senile about it. And this non-conformist writer remembers it well.

James D. Hancock
Albany

Russian native criticizes series

To the Editor:

Because of its appealing name, the "What About the Russians?" conference led many of us to believe that it was an event that would expose local residents to the Russians and their culture. For me, this is important because I was born in the USSR and spent most of my life there. I was educated as a Russian linguist and philologist, and I love and appreciate Russian literature and culture.

However, most of those at the January 13 conference planning meeting showed little concern for the Russian people, their culture or what their lives are like. The main idea behind the conference, as spelled out in the preliminary application to the Oregon Committee for the Humanities (OCH) for conference funding, is that Americans hold "negative stereotypes" about the Russians, so that the Russians can be viewed as "faceless" and "dehumanized" enemies, which results in Americans feeling "fear" and "hostility."

Life under the Soviet government, not "American government propaganda" or "press distortions," is why Russians appear to be faceless and dehumanized. The outside world hears only what the Soviet government wishes, and this makes the Russians appear still more faceless. Because of censorship, even my own family is afraid to tell me the full story about their lives in Russia. How can a one-week conference, put on by people who don't care to know, overcome this barrier?

I did not find Americans to be overly "fearful" or "hostile" about the Russians. The Russian people,

however, are fed a constant stream of disaster, crime and disturbance in America, and are told everything to make them fear and hate the United States.

The Linn-Benton area public has been told that the part of the "What About the Russians?" conference funded by OCH will be cultural and not political or pro-freeze. If so, then why is OCH paying for these:

1. Frank Unger: "Anti-Communism: State Religion of The United States."
2. Albert Syzmanski: "The History of Dissidence and Tolerance in the United States and USSR."
3. Valentin Bereshzhov: "The Cold War and Beyond."
4. Norman Birnbaum: "The Uses of Religion."
5. Murray Wolfson: "Marx: Economist, Philosopher, Jew."
6. Knud Larsen: "The Ugly Reflection: Societies and Mirror Images."
7. William Appleman Williams/Vladimir Trofimenko: "The Prospects for Peace: Beyond the Cold War."

Paraphrasing Marx: "Americans are paying these speakers to spit at them."

I doubt if the speakers of the several legitimate cultural presentations of the conference are aware of the overall nature of the conference, or the legitimizing role their presentations will provide to the rest of the conference. Because it is so slanted, the conference attendees will get only a grossly distorted picture of Russian society. Americans should not fund this kind of show.

However, I can think of another source of funding. Its an inexhaustible source who would find little in the conference objectionable, and they would be happy to support it. Try it, comrades—the government of the USSR!

Valentina Gurarie
Corvallis

(Editor's note—Some of the information in this letter is incorrect. According to the confirmed list of speakers, Frank Unger's topic is "The Roots of Current American Patriotism"; Valentin Bereshzhov is not involved in the April 25-29 Humanities perspective, but is participating with five others in the separately funded April 23-24 weekend discussion; Murray Wolfson, Knud Larsen and Vladimir Trofimenko are not participating in either conference; and Norman Birnbaum will speak with William Appleman on "What About the U.S.? American Views on the Soviet Threat.")

Spectators crowd meeting

Decisions unchanged on Russians, travel

By Linda Hahn
Staff Writer

An unprecedented sixty spectators attended the March 10 board meeting expecting discussion and reconsideration of two previous decisions—board refusal to accept a grant to sponsor the lecture series "What About the Russians?", and refusal to allow the women's basketball team to attend national competition.

Many of the sixty left in disappointment, anger and tears because, despite signatures on three petitions from 2,065 staff, students and community members asking the board to reconsider both issues, the six present board members refused to consider any change of mind.

NATIONAL TRAVEL

"We are disappointed in the board," said sophomore Donna Gentzler, a member of the women's basketball team. "They turned their backs on us. We went to a lot of hard work for nothing. They wouldn't even discuss it. It's a bummer they closed the door. They knew we had a good point and they were afraid to talk. It was a good strategy for them. We got the shaft."

Gentzler referred to the question of a vote by Oregon's 13 community colleges on the proposal to ban national travel in athletics. ASLBCC representative Mark Nestlen uncovered evidence that the proposal was not

actually approved by the council of presidents.

"Hammil (secretary to the president's council) could not find any minutes which document acceptance of the resolution," Nestlen said. He asserted that the proposal was made in July 1982 but was not formally voted on until either September 1982, January 1983 or not at all.

However President Gonzales said the presidents at the first meeting (in July 1982) had an "understanding" and he was "not here to debate a technical error whether it has been approved or not approved. We have taken a position to uphold that decision, realizing it may not be in the best interests of some students."

Gonzales referred to an agreement among the 13 Oregon community colleges to ban national travel for athletics because of a lack of monetary resources confining participation to the Oregon league.

According to Nestlen, expenses for the team were taken care of by gate receipts from regionals amounting to \$1,365, a donation from the host college amounting to \$1,200 and \$1,000 from the athletes pockets.

"This goes beyond a monetary decision," Nestlen said.

In an earlier interview with Vice President John Keyser, he said the decision was during election time to attempt to please a community that

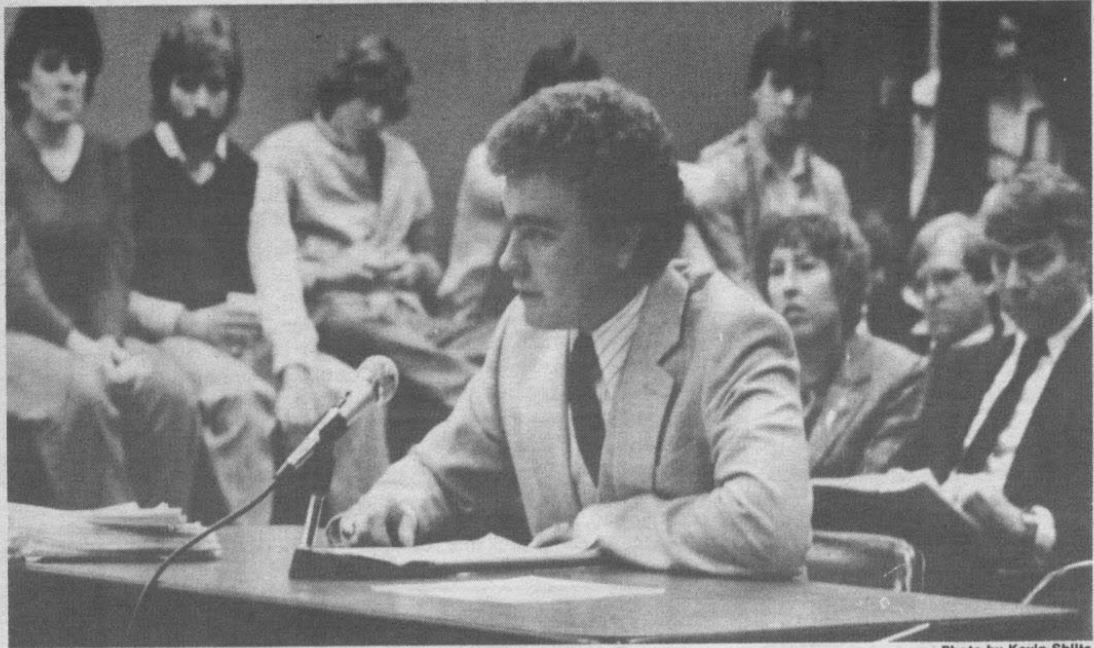


Photo by Kevin Shlits

Mark Nestlen presents a petition to the LBCC Board of Directors at the March 10 meeting. The petition was signed by over 1,500 people who objected to denying the women's basketball team to travel nationally to compete.

does not like the sports program at the college.

Nestlen also noted that other Oregon community colleges were not abiding with the agreement to maintain an Oregon League. Of the 13 Oregon community colleges, only seven have a participating sports program, and of those seven, four had decided to join the Washington league, breaking the commitments made previously.

"I am disappointed in the board's lack of response to the issues," Nestlen said. "Their refusal to consider and discuss upsets me the most."

"Chambers said at the beginning of the meeting that questions would be

allowed at the end of the meeting. When one was asked, he gave the meeting closed.

"For a second time they show they don't care what students think," Nestlen added.

WHAT ABOUT THE RUSSIANS

When discussion turned to "What About the Russians?", answers came too late for a question posed by Jonni Hudgens asking about board accountability.

"Concerning the seminar for the Soviets, I want to find out why the board voted as they did, who they are accountable to and would they consider reversing their decision," Hudgens asked.

Chairman Wayne Chambers said this was a time for comment, not dialogue. The questions which had been posed at the beginning of the meeting, were not answered until the end, after Hudgens had left.

"I am sorry that the person who asked the question left," board member Herb Hammond said. "By statute the board is elected by citizens to serve a representative function, not a town hall."

Board member Larry Coady agreed. "Our accountability is to the citizens. Certainly, the majority has the right to vote someone else in."

"I've seen and heard nothing to cause me to reconsider. I see no basis for changing our minds," he said.

Federal judge blocks financial aid law requiring proof of draft registration

MINNEAPOLIS, MN (CPS)—Minnesota students—and perhaps students nationwide—have gotten a temporary reprieve from a federal law that would make all male students prove they've registered for the draft before they could get federal financial aid.

Judge Donald Alsop of the Federal District Court of Minnesota last week temporarily enjoined the government from enforcing the law, which is supposed to become effective on July 1, 1983.

Alsop, ruling in a case brought by the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG) and the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union on behalf of six local students, said Congress may have interfered with court duties and required students to incriminate themselves in passing the law.

The temporary injunction will last until Alsop makes a final ruling on the constitutionality of the law. Observers expect the ruling sometime this spring.

Other observers aren't sure if the injunction applies nationwide or just to Minnesota aid applicants.

"We believe (the injunction) is in force nationwide," said MPIRG attorney James Miller. "But that is a matter of dispute right now."

The U.S. Department of Justice, which argued the case on behalf of the U.S. Dept. of Education and the

Selective Service System, "has no comment on our position right now," a spokesman said.

But Boston University, the only school in the country to say it would voluntarily withhold both federal and university aid from non-registrants, believes the injunction's scope is limited.

"As far as we're concerned, the temporary injunction only affects Minnesota," said BU spokesman Bob O'Rourke.

Since the law doesn't formally go into effect until the summer, though, students don't have to show proof of registration now anyway.

Though a number of other schools have begun to prepare for enforcing the law when it goes into effect, a great many financial aid officers are opposed to the law.

They complain it forces them to discriminate against male aid applicants, that it makes them into police agencies, and that it puts an added paperwork burden on them.

A few colleges—Earlham College, Haverford College, and Swarthmore among them—have announced they'll make private aid available to male students denied federal aid because of reasons of conscience.

The University of Minnesota originally filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Minnesota case, but school officials say they probably couldn't afford to provide private aid to nonregistrants.

The suit was filed for six Minnesota students. "Each of the six students receives financial aid currently, needs to continue receiving it, and can't certify that they have complied with the draft registration requirements," Miller said.

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Strength, determination overcome handicap

Faith guides Heagy through life

By Suzanne Germanelli
Staff Writer

In life everyone is handed their trials to bear.

When a young, athletic man with so much to live for is struck down in the prime of his life, unable to move from the neck down, it is indeed a tragedy. A man in this situation would justifiably be bitter, maybe even lose his desire to live.

Not Ron Heagy.

His strength is an inspiration.

His great faith in God, his love for life and family and his strength of character helped him overcome a tragedy that could destroy even the strongest among us.

Before his accident, Ron had a passion for sports. On the coffee table in the living room of the family's log home, which Ron and his father had just finished building before the accident, sits an album full of photographs and newspaper clippings which bear witness to Ron's great gift of athletics.

"Sports really became one of my top priorities in high school. I really enjoyed weight-lifting," he smiles as he continues, "Wrestling was my favorite sport, I was really good at it."

Before his accident, Ron was very active in other sports like skiing. He even went to California to do some surfing.

"I couldn't figure out why I was so interested in doing everything—why I was so active," Ron explained as a thoughtful expression crossed his face. "Now that I look back on it, it was like God said enjoy all this before—get all this down and do all you can because pretty soon you're not going to be able to do much."

It was when he was doing what he loved most, actively enjoying life when the cataclysm struck.

The day of his accident, one day before his 18 birthday, he and his brother, Mike, went to a Southern California beach to do some surfing. The waves were short and flat, not conducive to surfing, so Ron decided to go for a swim.

He dove into the surf, hit the bottom and his neck cracked—it was broken.

"I was floating—no movement at all and I couldn't feel anything. I was just thinking, man, I pinched a nerve. It's going to come back (the feeling).

ing to die."

"I took a breath and as soon as I took it, right then my head came up out of the water," he said.

Mike pulled his head up just in time so Ron took in air instead of water.

Ron didn't know his brother was around, let alone trying to get him out of the water because he couldn't feel anything.

Ron's ordeal had just begun.

He lay unable to move on the sand while his brother tried desperately, but unsuccessfully to get help. Finally a woman ran out from her beach house to help. Mike screamed at her

'At that point I realized how bad it was. I realized—hey, I'm paralyzed.'

It wasn't a nerve. It didn't come back. Ron was floating in the water, the undertow pulling him out to sea.

"I thought I'd just hold my breath," he continued, "But pretty soon the reality hit me." He realized that there was something deadly wrong. "I started to get a panicky feeling—like I was going to drown," he said.

He tried to yell for help but let out a lot of air. He realized that was a mistake. He said his only chance was to hold his breath and to hope that someone saw him dive in.

As he was floating, he remembers rolling around, seeing the sun and then scraping his face on the sand.

"I was out pretty deep," he said, "I got to the point where I couldn't hold my breath any longer."

As he was gasping for air, he thought, "Well Lord, I guess I'm go-

that his brother was dying.

The ambulance arrived on the scene just as Ron was beginning to go into shock. Ron's lungs were paralyzed.

"It's a miracle I'm breathing. I should be on a respirator," he explained proudly, "In fact, I was on a respirator."

Ron is able to breathe because his diaphragm is lower than his lungs and still functions.

"That's a total miracle, I mean I'm a walking ...," he laughs at the irony of his statement, "I couldn't say I'm a walking miracle," more laughter, "I'm a rolling miracle."

Ron's faith in God grew because of his ordeal.

"There's just so many things you know, I'm a Christian, I have to admit that right now. That's the only reason I'm here. It made my faith so much stronger," he said.

His feelings were evident in his face. "Before my accident, I had a lot of pride in me, and that's one of the things that probably was my downfall. The Bible says pride comes before the fall."

When Ron regained consciousness in the hospital, he was in tremendous pain and suffering and had a temporary case of amnesia.

The painful hardships he suffered in the California hospital and later at the Portland Good Samaritan, testify to his great strength and determination to live.

In order to put Ron's neck back in place, he was put in traction. He had a bolt screwed into his skull on both sides of his head. Attached to the bolts were 50 pounds of weight.

He underwent surgery to wire four of his vertebrae together. He also had a tracheostomy to enable him to breathe—it impaired his ability to speak.

Ron's parents arrived from Oregon just before the doctors did the tracheostomy. When they walked into his room, Ron could tell they had both been crying.

"Mom, hug me," he asked, "She came over and hugged me and I couldn't even feel her. My heart just about—I don't know, that was hard."

He went on, "At that point I realized how bad it was. I realized—hey, I'm paralyzed."

As Ron lay in his hospital bed, he had dreams of walking.

"I remember waking up one night," he relates, "Because I was under so much medication, I was having an hallucination. I woke up and my legs were in the air. They weren't really,

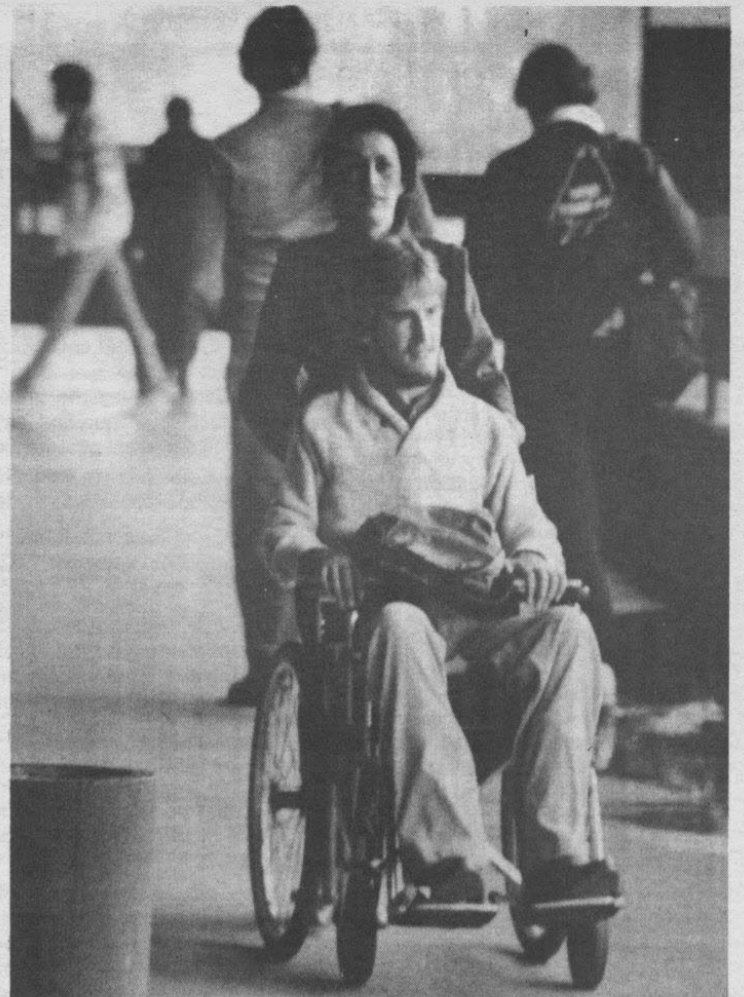


Photo by Steve Wilson

Companion Paula Davidson accompanies Ron Heagy, LBCC counseling major, who has been confined to a wheelchair since he was 18.

but I saw them up there and I was moving them and I started freaking out. I got the nurse in there and I was trying to tell her, 'let me loose, let me out of here, I'm all right.' But really I was laying there just as paralyzed as I am now."

They discovered Ron had a severe bleeding ulcer. A bag of blood was being pumped into each arm, but he was still losing too much blood—a total of 14 pints. A third operation was required to save his life.

minutes.

"Finally I made it five minutes on my own," he exclaimed proudly, "it was a great accomplishment."

"Everybody takes things for granted, you know, breathing, movement, the little movements. You just never think about them and here five minutes was the greatest thing."

With great perseverance he was able to stay off for 10 minutes, then 15 minutes and then a half an hour. At night he would stay awake because if he went to sleep he would

'You can't go help somebody rake their leaves or something, but if you can sit and talk to them and share your feelings with somebody else I think that's more important.'

Ron overheard the doctors tell his father that he would have to be on a respirator the rest of his life.

"No way," he said, "I can't live on a machine the rest of my life, I won't do it. I'll just give up now."

"You've just got to have a will to live," he emphasizes.

Ron thought about giving up if he had to live on a respirator but he realized, "that's the wrong attitude to have so I said, o.k. Lord, you've helped me through this whole situation I believe you can help me get off this respirator."

"I told them (the nurses) to take me off of it but they wouldn't do it. They asked the doctor and he said to go ahead and prove it to me."

The nurses went ahead and took Ron off the respirator. He was only off for two minutes before he started turning blue. He was not discouraged though. He asked them to take it off again and again.

He worked hard on getting the breathing rhythm down and was able to increase his time off of the respirator from two minutes to five

stop breathing and die. With hard work and determination he overcame the need for the respirator within one week and hasn't been on one since.

Ron firmly believes the only reason he is able to make it through everything and still maintain his sanity is his belief in God.

"I believe in the Bible," he stated. "I've just seen God work in my life ever since that point in time (of the accident). This has made my faith increase in God—very much so—it's real."

"A lot of people don't stop to think about it," he said, "I really believe that God was right there with me. I wouldn't have the attitude I have now without any belief in God."

Ron doesn't believe he was ever bitter after his accident.

When he came home his main problem he explained was "accepting the idea that I was paralyzed. And my hardest thing was the idea of how other people were going to accept me."

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Tobey displays sculpture art in Eugene

A show featuring six cast bronze sculptures by Corvallis artist Gene Tobey opened Saturday at the Designworks Gallery in Eugene. The show, at 1877 Willamette, will run through April 16. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday-Saturday.

Tobey has exhibited throughout the west since earning a Master of Fine Arts degree in 1969 from Utah State University at Logan and is currently an instructor of sculpture and pottery at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany.

The six bronze statues in the show were cast last summer while Tobey was working as a sculptor-in-residence at the Shidoni Bronze Foundry in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The works which include five bronze horses and one bust, show the influence of the southwest and have a textured or impressionistic effect, according to Tobey.

Tobey's works have been collected by numerous private individuals, as well as by several western museums. One of his latest works was commissioned last fall by Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis.

Another exhibit in May at Gallery West in Portland will feature Tobey's raku pottery and works by a Seattle watercolorist. Raku pottery is a specialty of Tobey's that is characterized by a smokey grey or earth-toned glaze produced by taking the pot out of the kiln while it is still hot and placing it into a bucket of leaves.

Club to gamble with 'funny' money

The Delta Epsilon Chi marketing club at LBCC is sponsoring a "Casino Night and Auction" Friday, April 8, to raise funds for club activities.

The evening's activities begin at 7 p.m. in the Commons. The exchange rate for "funny" money to use at the casino tables is ten to one, with a \$5 minimum. In other words, for each \$5 real money, the "gambler" gets \$50 "funny" money to use at the gaming tables.

The tables will close at 9:30 p.m. and participants will use their accumulated "funny" money to bid on prizes donated by local businesses. Over 100 prizes will be available, ranging from a \$500 metal detector to soft sculpture mobiles. The auction begins at 9:45 p.m.

No exchange for "funny" money to real dollars will be made, so all participants are encouraged to get their money's worth at the auction.

Snacks and soft drinks will be sold by club members.

LBCC Auto Show to feature classic cars

Antique and custom cars from all over the Willamette Valley will be on display Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, at the Linn County Fairgrounds.

Car clubs from Portland, Salem, Eugene, Albany and Corvallis, as well as individual owners, are participating in the first LBCC Auto Show sponsored by LBCC's Auto Body Club, a student chapter of the Industrial Technical Society.

Trophies will be awarded in two categories, Best Original and Best Modified, with the public judging the cars.

Some parts tables for car renovators will be available and concession stands will be open. Show hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets for the Auto Show are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the gate. Advance tickets are available from LBCC Auto Body Club members and the following auto parts stores: Hollywood Auto, Ply's Auto Parts, Tornows, Albany Auto Parts in Albany, and Hollywood Auto Supply in Corvallis.

The club will use the proceeds from the show to update department tools and to fund club activities.

Musicians sought for Community Band

Linn and Benton County musicians are invited to join a new "Community Big Band" at LBCC.

Any musician 16 years of age or older can join, according to Gary Ruppert, a pianist and LBCC music instructor since 1975. "We want to provide more opportunity for the community to be involved in the quality performance of band music," Ruppert said. "We'll emphasize the traditional 'big band sound' as well as modern and progressive jazz."

The band will present concerts in LBCC's Takena Hall Theatre and other locations in the Albany-Corvallis-Lebanon area. Funding will be through concert ticket sales and no other costs are involved unless the band member would like to earn college credit; then, one hour of college-transfer credit (M 295E) would cost \$17 tuition, Ruppert said.

The band will rehearse 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. each Monday during the school term in LBCC's music rehearsal hall, room 213, Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

If auditions are necessary, they will be done in private with Ruppert. To have your name put on a mailing list for more information, call the Humanities Division, 928-2361, ext. 225 or call Gary Ruppert directly, 928-2361, ext. 217.

Tryouts held for Renaissance

Open tryouts will be held for a Renaissance dinner theatre production, 4-6:30 p.m., Monday, April 4, and Tuesday April 5, in the Alsea/Calapooia Room.

Parts are available for three men and three women and one court jester. The production features a Renaissance feast by LBCC's Culinary Arts Department and scenes from Shakespeare's plays, including "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "Twelfth Night," "Taming of the Shrew" and "As You Like It."

Directed by Jane Donovan, the dinner theatre will be held Monday through Wednesday, May 25-27.

Scripts are available in LBCC's Humanities Office, room 108 in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building. For more information, call Donovan, 928-2361, ext. 219 (days) or 928-0931 (evenings).



Photo by Kathy Bumgarner

Marv Seeman, director of Industrial/Apprenticeship Division, and Dale Reed, director of Purchasing/Campus Services, look over

samples of petroleum products recently purchased for LBCC.

Officials search for surplus items

By Kathy Jelen
Staff Writer

Two LBCC administrators have been searching through surplus military items in California this winter looking for low-cost supplies and equipment for the campus.

Dale Reed, purchasing agent, and Marv Seeman, industrial/apprentice director, have screened items such as engines for student projects; electronic supplies for project trouble-shooting; sterilizers for nursing and science technology; vehicles for auto body and auto technology; tractors for heavy-equipment projects; and consumables such as office supplies and petroleum products, Reed said.

Both Reed and Seeman think the dollar savings for the campus is worth their time and trouble. The cost, including expenses and freight, comes to about 10 percent of market price, they said.

Reed and Seeman went on their first screening trip to California last January, covering 13 military installations.

"Tom Bradley, chairperson for auto body/auto technology at the Oregon Institute of Technology was our host and guide," Reed said. "We were up by 5 a.m. and at the first base by 7 a.m." They visited two installations each day, working late into the night on paperwork.

They searched through long rows of shelves holding plain-label boxes that contained anything from nuts and bolts to office supplies. They visited storage yards to screen trucks and heavy equipment. Each item they wanted had to be identified on paper by several code numbers, Seeman said, and there was no way to know if the item was even available at the time of screening.

Everything is run through a computer, Seeman said, so even if an item is available for screening, it might already be spoken for by a priority agency.

"We get about 70 percent of the items we screen," Seeman said.

According to Reed, there are a lot of rules and red tape involved with screening military surplus. Screeners must obtain a card from the Oregon Federal Surplus Property Coordinator listing the states they may screen in. Then they must tell the agency which bases they intend to screen four weeks prior to a visit and must wait for official clearance.

Reed said surplus items go through three cycles before being offered to the general public at auction by sealed bid. For three weeks they are offered to other Department of Defense activities, then to other federal agencies for another three weeks. The last three-week cycle is called the "donee cycle" and includes schools such as LBCC with precedence given to in-state agencies.

All items must be screened with a specific use in mind, such as student projects or campus maintenance, Seeman said. They can't get something just because the price is good and it might be useful someday.

After a screening trip, Reed and Seeman's work is still not finished. They must arrange for shipment, and after delivery they must sort out the items for each campus department to receive. Then Neva Shepherd, LBCC's inventory clerk specialist, records each item and what it is used for. These records are very important, said Reed, because it is mandatory to hold any supplies from military surplus for at least 12 months, unless consumed, which must also be recorded. Vehicles must be kept at least 18 months. Permission must be obtained before disposing of anything and the inventory can be audited at any time.

Reed said they will screen for items needed by individual campus divisions if division directors submit the items' model number, specific description, a photograph if available, and the condition of the item that would be acceptable.

Graduates to participate in Linn-Benton's June Ceremony

By Kevin Shilts
Staff Writer

The 1983 graduation ceremony will take place June 9 at 7 p.m. in the Activities Center.

Students planning to take part in the ceremony should fill out a graduation application no later than April 11, according to Jon Carnahan, director of admissions and registrar.

Participation in the ceremony is open to anyone who finished their degree requirements since the end of 1982 summer term Carnahan said, explaining that the college has graduates every term, but only a spring ceremony. Carnahan also explained that people who may be a few courses short of fulfilling requirements at the time of graduation

can still go through the line.

No actual diplomas are handed out at the ceremony, just the diploma covers, Carnahan said. Spring term graduates will receive their diplomas in the mail toward the end of June.

According to Carnahan, Activities and Co-Curricular Programs (ACCP) picks up half the cost of both the caps and gowns and the graduation ceremony. The cost to students should then be about \$5 for the cap and gown, Carnahan said, adding that the caps will be the keepsake type. The attire, along with announcements, will be available in the bookstore May 2.

There will be no limit on the number of family and friends that can attend the ceremony, Carnahan said. Last year's total attendance was

around 2,000 with 200 of the year's 600 graduates going through the ceremony.

This year's special address will be given by Robert C. Ingalls, former editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times newspaper and an Oregon State Legislator from 1969-1975. Other addresses will be given by the Board of Education and the Associated Students of Linn-Benton Community College, Carnahan said.

The processional and recessional will be led by the Albany Scottish Pipes and Drums with a reception following in Takena Hall.

Carnahan said graduation is the biggest program that the college puts on and is a good time for students to show off the school to their family and friends.

Busy office offers evidence of Perkins' far-flung interests

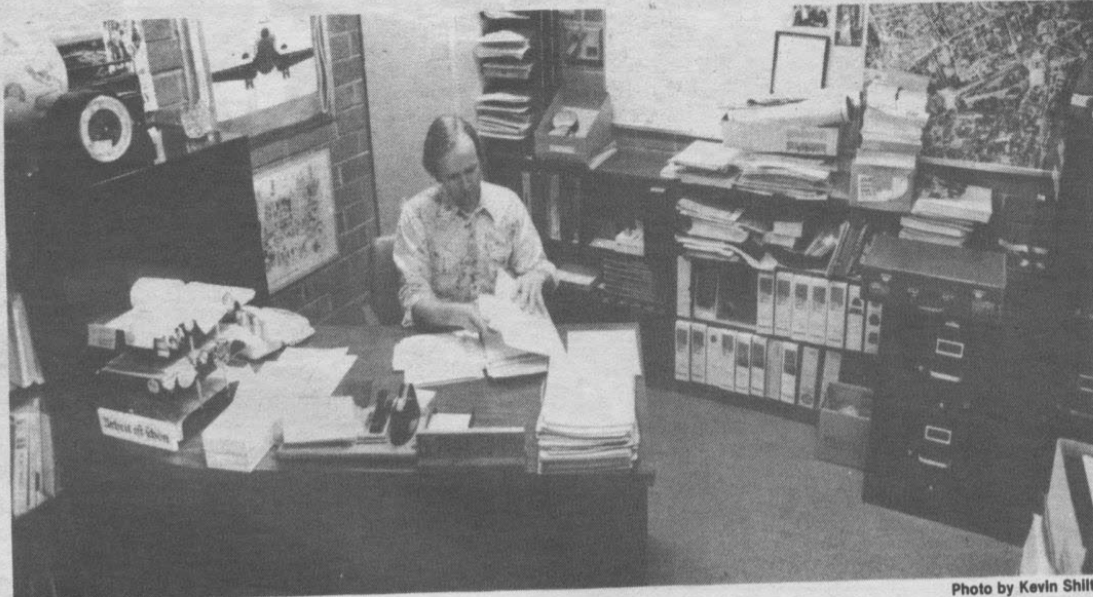


Photo by Kevin Shilts

Evidence of a full life fills the office of Dave Perkins, LBCC math and science instructor.

Board okays tuition waivers

Unemployed get special free classes

By Kevin Shilts
Staff Writer

The LBCC Board of Education in their March 10 meeting approved the spending of \$4000 to fund tuition-free classes to be offered spring term to unemployed residents in the college district.

During the February 19 Moving Ahead Workshop for unemployed workers, a questionnaire was distributed to those attending to gain

information on how people liked the workshop and how the college could be of help to people in the future with their unemployment needs. According to Mike Patrick, director of community education, the results of this followup effort showed that of the 68 percent of the workshop participants who responded to the questionnaire, 59 percent said they were interested in other training, yet 83 percent said tuition was a barrier to getting this

training.

In an effort to address both of these issues, the board's \$4000 funding approval will allow tuition-free classes to be conducted spring term as a followup to the needs expressed by participants in the Moving Ahead Workshop, Patrick explained. He stressed that these tuition-free classes are only open to unemployed residents of the college district and they need not have attended the Moving Ahead Workshop. Only 500 of the two counties 8,800 unemployed residents attended the workshop.

The classes will basically expand on the subjects addressed in the Moving Ahead Workshop, Patrick said, giving in-depth instruction in such subjects as: dealing with stress, personal budgeting, resume writing, and how to start a small business.

He explained that the community education center directors are currently putting together rough drafts of class proposals to represent the special needs of the unemployed people of their areas.

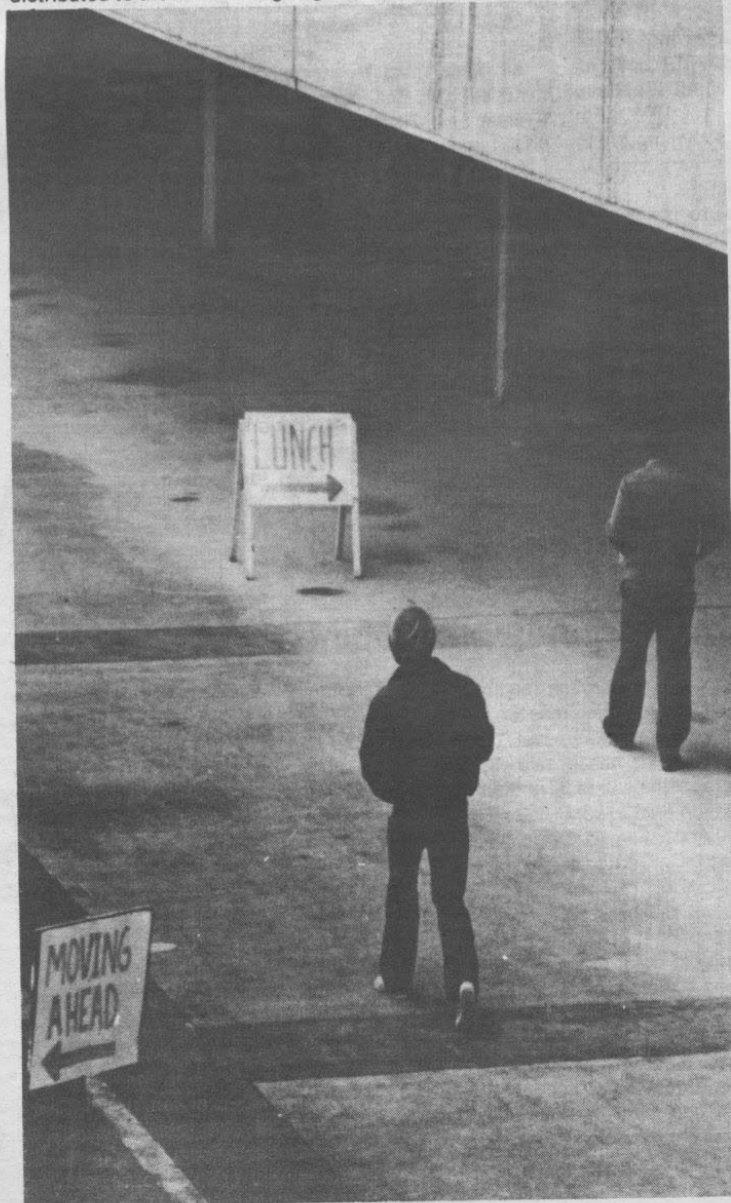
Registration for the classes will begin either the first or second week of spring term. The majority of the classes will be held through the Albany Center because of the high percentage of Albany residents who attended the Moving Ahead Workshop, Patrick said.

Over the next six months the college will focus on non-skill related needs of unemployed people. "These are hurdles (stress, resume writing, etc.) people have to get through in order to get back to work," Patrick said.

The college will look into short-term training programs (seven to ten weeks) to increase people's "occupational versatility." For example, the college would train a roofer how to work with sheet metal so that in times of low demand in roofing, he could apply his skills in another area.

Patrick said also that the college is seeking financial assistance for short-term training programs in steady demand areas like pesticide application and septic system maintenance.

"The people built the college, now it's our responsibility to help them when they have need," Patrick said.



By Lisa Odam
Staff Writer

Maps of far away places and pictures and poster of English people cover most of the walls. Yet the office is not cluttered. It's busy with shelves and stacks everywhere, yet everything seems to be in its proper place. Dave Perkins' personality seems to be shown quite vividly in this cubicle, with the shelves of travel slides hiding a little more of it.

He has now been teaching science and math for LBCC for 13 years, the former being his mission in life. "Science is intrinsically interesting. Kids love science. It's not until they get a little older that they (other people) build a fear in them somehow or another."

He doesn't have a problem of students not being interested in science, but he does have a problem with students being afraid of it. So what he tries to do is show them that they "can be successful" in it.

He said, with the proper enthusiasm in the class and step-by-step instructions people can succeed. He also pointed out that a student does have to have a little math background for some of the science courses but not for all of them. Physical science and astronomy are just a couple of the courses where very little math background is needed.

Perkins does 'chemistry magic' shows for grade school children. When asked about these shows he started into a routine with pulling his hand out of his sweater and finished by standing on his hands, literally bending down and stepping on his hand with his shoes. "But seriously folks," he said, "In chemistry there are a lot of interesting demonstrations a person can do, color changes and things blow up." He has put together a number of these demonstrations into a one-hour show.

Originally the show was a science seminar, then he started doing them for schools. Now each year school kids come out and he does his 'chemistry magic' show for them.

Besides doing his shows, he's the coordinator for the tour to England. He worked together with LBCC's Jane White on the tour last year. He's going solo this year. The class is a three-week tour of England where students will explore the literature, science, art and history of England. "It's such a marvelous experience," he added.

In his own travels, he's been all over western Europe, Thailand, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, Canada, Mexico, Morocco, Egypt, Jordan, Syria and other countries.

Originally from Centralia, Washington, Perkins went to high school in Winlock, Washington and did his undergraduate work at Central Washington University where he earned a degree in education. He then spent five years in the air force as a community relations officer. Much of this time was spent in England, with side trips to Europe.

After the air force he took his first of several jobs teaching in Washington during which time he earned his masters in education. He then received a grant to attend OSU for a year and earned his second degree in general science. He didn't earn his Ph.D. until he started teaching at LBCC.

"Sometimes you think of a chemistry teacher as an ivory tower, never did a day's work in his life, that's not true of Dave Perkins," he said. His work doesn't stop when classes end, when he goes home he gets on his boots and goes out to feed the cows.

Besides teaching, his hobbies include photography and gardening a five-acre farm. He is also married and has two grown children.

"When you have a lot of interests, it makes life enjoyable," he said. "I'd like to have another lifetime to pursue some other interests."

First 3 weeks of spring term best time to apply for summer internship positions

Students interested in summer internships should begin applying now in the Student Employment Center in Takena Hall.

The first three weeks of spring term are the best time to begin searching for summer internship possibilities, according to Rich Horton, LBCC Cooperative Work Experience coordinator.

The first step, Horton said, is to fill out a Student Employment Center application. This puts the student on file so the center has the information it needs to match the student with an employer and vice versa.

The center will set up an initial contact between the student and the employer, once they are matched, Horton said. Students also can initiate "direct employer contact," Horton said. The student should follow up on leads they get themselves.

Students who find internships in the area of their major can earn Cooperative Work Experience credit according to Horton, in which case, financial aid is also available.

Horton added that about 75 percent of the summer internships are paid and even if they are not, most offer some assistance to help the student meet tuition and transportation costs.

Last summer LBCC had 60 students on internships, most in Oregon. Horton said one girl interned on an archaeological dig in Louisiana. Other internships were in the areas of farming, data processing, culinary arts, landscape architecture, education, welding and drafting.

Cloning club to display awards, photos

After completing a successful 1982-83 season, the LBCC Cloning Club will be sharing their awards and club photos in a display across the hall from ST207 beginning Friday and continuing for one week.

Club members Mary Taylor, David Jarvis, Sarah Billum, Tammy Hand and Robin Stalcup are advised by Richard Liebaert and Stephen Lebsack. The club was awarded the Honorable mention at the Western Regional Clone-Off and third place in gene splicing at the Asilomar Genetic Engineering Conference in California.

Street Beat Year-round football draws varied opinions

By Stan Talbott
Staff Writer

The United States Football League completed its first month of competition last Sunday. This initial season is scheduled to be completed in the last week of July. If successful, this new league will transform professional football into a year-round sport.

The Commuter's roving reporter questioned LB students on their feelings about the new league.

Joseph Ware, business major, explained that having football in the spring is definitely a change. "Many people that I've talked to feel that it will be successful this year because the National Basketball Association players are probably going to go on strike," Ware said.

Ware feels also that for this league to be successful, it will need more big-name players like Herschel Walker. "Right now, I don't know any of the players. I do in the National Football League. After I get more familiar with them, then I'll enjoy it more," Ware explained.

Neil Sheffiell, electrical engineer-

ing major, agrees with Ware in that the USFL will eventually need more quality players to compete with the NFL. "They (the USFL) have a good idea in that their season does not coincide with the NFL season. When the old, World Football League was playing games, it was during the NFL season. That was the main reason that the WFL folded," Sheffiell said.

Sheffiell feels that major league baseball might take away fans from the USFL. "It will totally depend on the person," Sheffiell said.

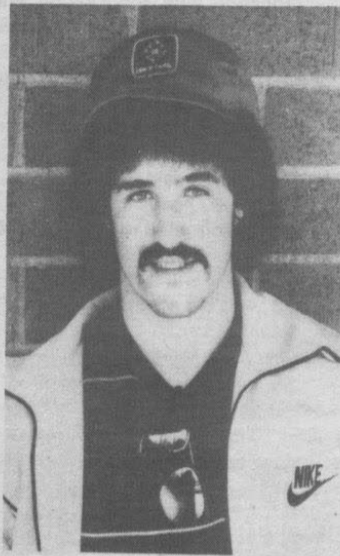
One aspect of the game that has scarred the USFL was the signing of underclassmen, particularly Herschel Walker. "I don't think that it is right to take someone out of college early, but if I was Herschel, I would have taken the mega-bucks," Sheffiell explained.

Keri Phipps, criminal justice major, is a diehard Washington Redskin fan. "Since it is in the spring, this new league doesn't seem like football at all. I don't think that it can make it while trying to compete with baseball," Phipps said.

Phipps feels that people have bet-

ter things to do in the spring. "I haven't watched any of their games and I probably won't," Phipps added.

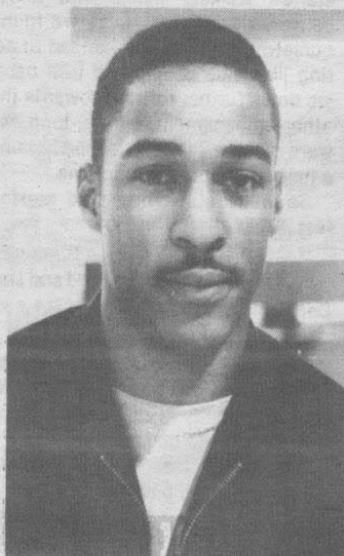
Dan Pennington, auto body major, feels the league will eventually be up to par with the NFL.



Dan Pennington

"I watched it just the other day and some of the teams like the (Chicago) Blitz and LA (Express) looked pretty tough," Pennington said.

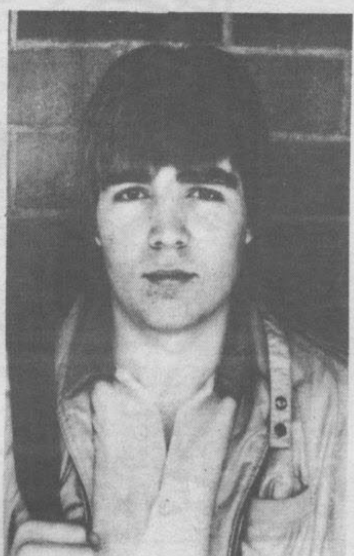
Pennington feels the new league won't affect baseball fan attendance or vice versa. "There will be an equal



Joseph Ware

amount of people that will want to watch both," Pennington said.

After the USFL gets stable, Pennington said, "I eventually want to see a championship game between the NFL and the USFL champs."



Neil Sheffiell

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"Everything was so physical and now I had no physical ability. I didn't want people coming around because I didn't think they could accept me," he said.

What helped him overcome this feeling of not being accepted was "well, people started coming to me. Against my will they came over—and just forced me to talk. It just proved to me that people loved me regardless of how I walked or how much weight I could lift. I was still me—Ron Heagy, and people loved me regardless of me being in a wheelchair. It's not your body that people love, it's who you are."

Ron started opening up to people more and more. He was invited to speak to a group of kids and he realized "hey, I'm still somebody. I can still do things in life. I can help people out."

"You can't go help somebody rake

their leaves or something," he explained, "but if you can sit and talk to them and share your feelings with somebody else I think that's more important."

Ron wanted to start living as normal a life as possible. He went through some therapy in order to learn some basic functions.

"The first thing I had to learn to do was to sit up again," he relates. "I'd been laying for so long that as soon as I'd sit up, the blood would run right to my feet and I'd pass out, I've passed out a good thousand times."

He later learned how to write with his mouth. "Man!" he exclaimed, "the first word I wrote with my mouth took me 10 minutes."

He has also learned to paint with his mouth. A very professional looking painting of an old pickup truck done by Ron hangs in the family living room.

Paula Davidson is one of the women who helps him get around at school and helps with his school work. She is a good friend of Ron's and his family and was a great help to Ron in overcoming some of his problems of adjusting.

Paula said that Ron is a real inspiration to her. "I couldn't do this for anybody else but Ron," she said.

Paula spent the summer after the accident with Ron "trying to pull this person out." The relationship they had over that summer is the basis for them being together now.

LBCC students react to Ron in many different ways. "I watch it," said Paula. "It's like a show."

Ron knows that a lot of people are really curious about him. "A guy came up to me, I had him in class for two terms and one day he was just shaking like a leaf. He said 'Ron—what happened to you? You

don't have to talk about it, you don't have to tell me, I'll understand.' But I said, 'Now wait a minute, I'm glad you asked.'"

Ron doesn't have a problem telling people what happened to him. If someone wants to know, he'll tell them. He thinks the reason people don't come around him is because they're afraid of the unknown.

He says of the people who make the effort to talk to him, "I know that they're concerned in me and they want to maybe get to know me. A person needs to know that people care about them even if they're in a wheelchair. That's the thing that's really hard for me sometimes, I'm just as normal as anybody else. I've just broken my neck. There's one little spot in my neck I busted, the rest of my body is perfectly normal but yet I can't be treated as somebody with the same kind of feelings."

People walk by Ron on campus, stare at him and walk away. Sometimes it makes him feel like a nobody, that nobody cares about him. Ron realizes that a lot of times he has to make the first move.

Ron is a firm believer in goals. "I've got goals," he said, "If a person is having a hard time in life it's probably because they don't have any goals. A person's got to set goals and strive to reach them. My goal in life is to finish school and get a counselling degree so I can professionally help people."

"My other goal is to become as knowledgeable as I can about the Bible because the Bible has most every answer for life situations. The more you know about the Bible the more you can help people."

"I want to prove to people I can make it in life. I can get married and have kids and I can make it and I can be happy doing it."

Ex-Blazers to play local All-Stars

The Portland TrailBlazers Alumni Basketball squad will take on the Benton-Linn All-Stars on Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m. in the LBCC Activities Center.

Both squads will be offering an autograph session at halftime.

Tickets are priced at \$5 and can be obtained at LBCC.

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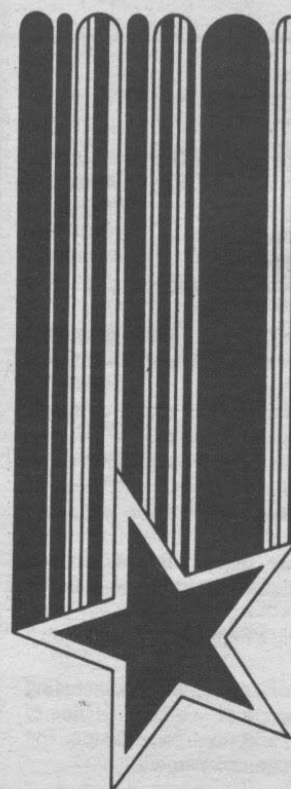
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Dear Crabby,

I'm in a fix and I need some help, quick.

Two days ago my dad and I were clamming on the coast at Nastucca Bay. We had gathered about half a bucketful of clams and decided to move to greener pastures. So we started walking inland and about halfway through an inlet, we found ourselves sinking. And instead of acting like wise people and turn back, we drove further forward towards the other embankment. Before long, we were stuck waist-deep in mud holding a half empty bucket of clams.

So we're stuck here and sinking fast. What should we do?

Sincerely,
Foolish Fred and Dad

Dear Folks,

Ah yes, the old Clam Flat Incident. What you need to do is appease the ancient clam god by simply dumping back your slimy bucket of clams and the suction will be released.

And if that doesn't work, you can always try small clams court.

Sincerely,
Crabby.

Orwell novel is subject of discussion

ANN ARBOR, MI (CPS)—It's almost the year 1984, and Big Brother may be watching us all already.

But whatever Big Brother might be, a lot of people are watching the late author George Orwell. He's the hottest property on campus since Herschel Walker.

There are numerous special college conferences and academic convention panels scheduled over the next year and a half, devoted to heavyweight academic ponderings of how close we are to fulfilling Orwell's frightening vision of totalitarian society.

Two Michigan men will soon deliver to campus bookstores nationwide 1984 calendars which identify dates on which the U.S. government infringed on individual liberties and privacy.

The Village Voice will soon devote an entire issue to "a preview of 1984 and Beyond."

Neoconservative Norman Podhoretz, editor of Commentary magazine, says Orwell belongs in his camp. Former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy claims him for the liberals.

And The New American Library, anticipating more classes devoted to the book, is stepping up production of the paperback version.

And last week the first of what promises to be more than a dozen academic conferences at various campuses on Orwell and 1984 occurred at the University of Michigan.

In what may become the pattern, English professors spent the three-day symposium analyzing Orwell's literary talents while historians explained his political aims.

"My prescription for avoiding Orwell's nightmare society," offered Michigan history Prof. Alfred Meyer, "is that (the American) people will have to get used to the notion of less resources and less power. If not, we'll

have a state that might seek tighter control, and justify that it's necessary in a time of emergency."

Orwell "is a great peg to hang all our worries around," agrees Bernard Crick, Orwell's biographer.

After that, the agreement ended as conference participants debated whether the book's vision resembles modern regimes, both communist and democratic.

Former Senator and presidential candidate McCarthy feared the worst. Borrowing a phrase from football coach George Allen, known for trading future draft choices for players who could perform immediately, McCarthy warned, "The future is now."

"The extent of corporate and government control over American life has come without reflection to us," he said.

"The federal National Security Agency is capable of intercepting all radio messages, transferring them to its computer, and decoding them," echoed Michigan law Prof. Francis Allen.



Tableau art now being accepted

Artist submissions are being accepted for the Commuter's spring tableau. The theme is open this term in an effort to better reflect the variety of creative abilities among students and faculty at LBCC.

Poems, short stories, black and white photographs, ink, pencil and charcoal drawings, and graphic designs will be accepted in the Commuter office, CC 210, until the May 23 deadline.

The Tableau will be published in the Commuter's final spring term issue June 1.

For further information contact Sheila Landry, tableau editor, CC 210, ext. 130 or 373.

Faculty votes on union affiliation

By Pam Kurl
Staff Writer

The LBCC Faculty Association will vote in mid-May to decide whether or not to affiliate with a union.

A new Employee Relations Board rule that allows a local bargaining unit to affiliate on a State or National level could provide the LBCC Faculty Association with professional negotiators if a majority faculty vote is cast in a May election.

Affiliation with the Oregon Education Association (OEA) or the National Education Association (NEA) could provide resources to teachers who are amateurs at collective bargaining, said Jim Lucas, former faculty association president.

"Faculty members have just come out of a tough year of bargaining and are looking for a cushion to absorb the shock," Lucas said.

The faculty needs more political clout behind them as they are confronted with a six per cent pay reduction and more contract changes, according to Lucas.

"I think it will help improve relations" between the faculty and the administration, Lucas said. The hostility and animosity can be taken by the union, he said. This will free both faculty and administrators of bad feelings.

John Keyser, vice president of instruction, on the other hand, said union affiliation typically makes it more difficult to build healthy cooperative relationships.

Many organizations have found alternatives outside of unions that provide members with the same legal protection, said Keyser. "The same avenues are open regardless of affiliation," he added.

It becomes more difficult to solve local problems when state and federal agencies get involved, according to Keyser. He said, "Unions are for faculty interests and not for the students."

Faculty members usually turn to the union because of a lack of sensitivity from the administration, according to Keyser. "With a new administration we should be able to solve our own problems," he said.

But, "teachers don't feel secure," Lucas said. Programs and faculty are threatened with more budget reductions and the struggle to maintain a good tax base. "The time has come," Lucas said. "I'm confident it will pass." At the March 10 Faculty Association meeting 40 of the 133 members were present to discuss the idea of affiliation. The majority of those present were in favor and moved that an election by secret ballot for all contracted teachers, working half-time or more, be held in May. The May date will give the faculty time for conferences to debate the issue, Lucas said.

"This issue affects everyone," Keyser said. Union affiliation poses the ultimate threat of a strike. The public's reaction to strikes is negative, according to Keyser. "Strikes have hurt education generally and the students are the ones who lose."

This is not the first attempt by the LBCC Faculty Association to gain union affiliation. An election was held March 1977 and failed by a narrow margin, according to Lucas who says "the climate has changed."

Six years ago the majority of the faculty didn't want to "rock the boat" during a good economic and political time, Lucas said. But, times are different now.

Campus Calendar

Wed. Mar. 30

Sanitary Workshop (W/WW), 8-5 p.m., Board Room A & B.

Western Oregon State College Visitation, 10-2 p.m., Commons Lobby.

Christians on Campus Club Meeting, noon-1 p.m., Willamette.

Overeaters Anonymous Club Meeting, 1-2 p.m., Willamette.

Thurs. Mar. 31

Sanitary Workshop (W/WW), 8-5, Board Room A & B.

ESL Program, 9-3, Alsea.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, 1-3 p.m., Commons Alcove.

Classified Collective Bargaining, 2-5 p.m., Calapooia.

Baseball Game: Oregon State JV's, 3 p.m., Baseball.

Introduction to Statistics Class (Linfield College), 5-9 p.m., T-207.

Small Farm Management Class, 7-10 p.m., Willamette.

Men's Barbershop Chorus Class, 7:30-10 p.m., HSS-213.

Fri. April 1

Lewis and Clark State College Visitation, 8:30-noon, Commons Lobby.

Parent Education Advisory Committee, 11-1 p.m., Willamette.

Tennis Match: Linfield, 2 p.m., Linfield, McMinnville.

Food Service/Culinary Arts Task Force, 3-5 p.m., Board Room A.

Sat. April 4

Toastmistress Club Meeting, 7-5 p.m., Alsea/Calapooia.

Toastmistresses Club Luncheon, Commons.

Baseball Game: PSU JV's, 1 p.m., Baseball Field.

Track Meet: Mt. Hood, Lane, 1 p.m., Mt. Hood C.C., Gresham.

Mon. April 4

Hostile Client Training, 8-5, Board Rm. A & B.

Dinner Theatre Tryouts, 4-6 p.m., Alsea/Calapooia.

Tues. April 5

Management II, Water/Wastewater, 8-5, Board Rm. A & B.

LDSSA Club Meeting, noon-1:30, Willamette.

Rep. for Disabled Vets Opportunity Program, 1-3 p.m., Commons Alcove.

ASLBCC Council of Rep. Meeting, 3-5 p.m., Willamette.

General Education Committee, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Alsea Rm.

Dinner Theatre Tryouts, 4:30-6 p.m., Alsea/Calapooia.

Bible Study Group, 6-10 p.m., Board Rm. B.

Commuter wins award

For the second year in a row the student newspaper The Commuter at Linn-Benton Community College has been awarded the All-American rating by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The rating is the highest of five awards granted by the ACP, an association of 2- and 4-year college newspapers.

The paper's co-editors are Linda Hahn of Corvallis, and Kevin Shilts of Sweet Home.

"I'm very proud of the paper," said Hahn. "I think it looks great too. We have a terrific staff this year—their dedication and hard work always amazes me. It's really been a lot of fun."

The Commuter earned marks of distinction in four areas: coverage and content; writing and editing; opinion content; and design.

"The Commuter demonstrated consistent care and careful planning," wrote ACP judge Florence Reynolds, "as well as a balanced selection of topics and events for coverage. Your staff seemed to grow in talent and commitment as the semester progressed."

Rich Bergeman, the newspaper's advisor, echoed Reynold's comments and said he has seen a marked professionalism develop as the year has progressed.

"The award signifies that the staff is doing a highly professional job," Bergeman said.

The Commuter received 3,820 points out of a possible 4,000, including bonus points for a rating of superior in: scope of sources; balance of sources; timeliness and vitality of content; and front page design. The paper was graded against other 2-year college newspapers.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1969 VW BUG, Baja. 1974 rebuilt Super Beetle engine, Weber carb, new radials, new shocks, AM/FM cass. \$1995. Doug, 754-3083 (Rm 308)

OLDIE but goodie, '74 14x68 Kirkwood. Appliances, all elect. China cabinet stays. 758-9128 or 757-1953.

LIKE NEW 45 watt Pioneer SX-6 stereo receiver still under warranty, \$250/offer. Jay, 926-5044.

MISC.

CALAPOOIA Toastmistress' Club is having a speech contest in the Alsea/Calapooia Rm April 2, 9 a.m. Public invited, lunch \$9. Reserv. 928-4867, Joan Meyer.

ENGLAND—Still time to register for LBCC's 1983 Heritage of England travel course, June 19-July 7. Six credits available. Registration deadline is Fri., April 8. See Dave Perkins, course director (ST 103) or Comm. Ed. office in Takana Hall for details.

WANTED

CUSTOM OR ANTIQUE cars for car show April 2 & 3. Trophies awarded. To register your car or for more info, contact LBCC auto body shop.

MEXICAN JAZZ BAND wanted. Student Organization needs a Mexican type band to play at Cinco de Mayo celebration, Contact Betty, CC 213 or 928-2361 ext. 150

PERSONALS

DEAR FRIENDS: The fear of the word is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Now, therefore, hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Forsake the foolish, and live, and go in the way of understanding. Pr. 14:27, 8:32, 9:6—Evangelist.

LOVELY LOUISE—your hair bare lost his fuzz but still would like to tickle your fancy. Hairless Bear. 79: You and I, sharing our love together. And I know in time, we'll uld the dreams we treasure, and we'll be all right. Just you and I. 92.