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Ho! Ho! Ho!

Three-year-old Joslyn Kite is all smiles as she sits atop Santa's lap during last Saturday's annual Children's Christmas Party. Santa is played by Bryan Rees, a Chemeketa Community College student. The party, sponsored by ASLBCC, attracted more than 400 children to the campus for a variety of events.

Hatfield dismayed with lack of qualified teachers

By Elwin Price
Editor

The United States is training fewer qualified teachers, scientists and researchers even while the demand for them is growing, and the problem is producing a crisis in the private sector, Sen. Mark Hatfield said Wednesday at LBCC.

Education, especially America's shortcomings in math and science, was the main focus of his speech to about 45 education and government officials from Linn, Benton and Lane counties.

Fifty percent of high school teachers in math and science are temporarily certified, he said. This means that they are not fully qualified to teach the subject. In thousands of high schools around the country physics, chemistry, and biology are being dropped because there is no one qualified to teach these subjects, he said.

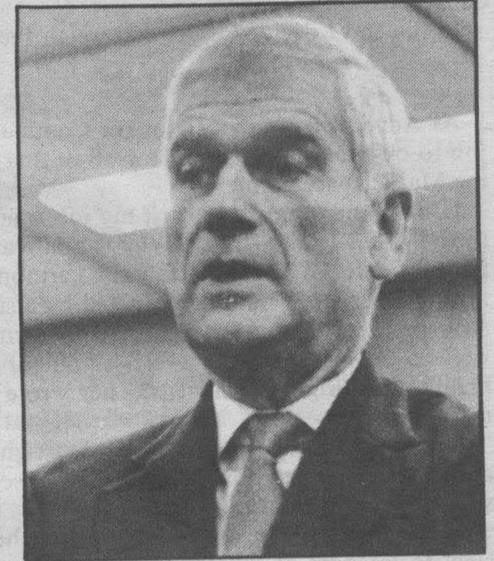
And at one private eastern university, the majority of post-graduate research grants are held by foreigners, Hatfield said.

Improving education requires a huge effort from people in all walks of life, Hatfield said. "We need to revise the interest so the school teacher and the school board are not our sole advocates of education."

He urged the National Education Association—the largest teachers' union in the country—to come up with proposals to improve education.

Hatfield believes that both the private sector and the government have roles in solving education problems.

Because it funds so much research, the



Sen. Mark Hatfield

federal government must do its part for education. Hatfield believes that what President Dwight Eisenhower described as the military-industrial complex has turned into a military-industrial-educational complex that is playing a big role in education.

Hatfield proposed placing a surcharge on military and other research spending to fund education. He would like to see some of this money spent on general education and not just military related subjects.

In education and defense Hatfield believes that the country has fallen victim to a concern for a short-term gain at the expense of long term investment. We have to broaden our base of understanding to plan for the future, he told the audience.

Ex-employee faces theft, forgery charges

By Matthew Rasmussen
Assistant Editor

A former Linn-Benton Community College employee is scheduled to appear in Linn County District Court today to face charges stemming from the misappropriation of more than \$68,000 from LBCC Foundation accounts.

Nancy Lee Mashofsky Widmer, a former secretary and clerk for both the college and the foundation, was charged by the Linn County District Attorney's office last week with first-degree aggravated theft and four counts of first-degree forgery.

According to Linn County records supervisor, Joyce Berry, Widmer has been

advised by Deputy District Attorney Larry Houchin to appear in court on Wednesday Dec. 7, or Monday Dec. 12. Widmer's attorney, Mark Donahue, stated yesterday, "I do believe we will be appearing in court tomorrow (Wednesday). Other than that, I have no comment."

According to a fraud audit ordered by LBCC President Tom Gonzales, at least 120 checks, ranging from \$3.64 to \$1,931.50, and totalling \$50,600.09, were misappropriated from foundation accounts. In addition, the auditors discovered that nearly \$2,000 was never deposited, and that \$15,370 in cash was misappropriated. The earliest check was dated Dec. 31, 1985, about three months after Widmer started on the job.

Widmer is accused of forging the

signature of her former supervisor, Pete Boyse, on checks written out to herself. Boyse, former assistant to the president and foundation liaison, left LBCC last spring for a job in Michigan.

Gonzales ordered the fraud audit in October as a result of irregularities that turned up during a routine audit of the foundation's books, said James Delapoer, the college's attorney.

"The original audit was not done based on suspicion," Delapoer said, "but out of a desire to tighten up the foundation's procedures. As soon as concerns were raised and suspicion turned to an employee, a fraud audit was ordered. Everyone at both the college and foundation were shocked and surprised."

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COMMENTARY

Readers are wise enough to sift advertising claims

Looking through letters from readers this week I was surprised by the strong negative reaction of some readers over an advertisement for Vivarin, an over the counter stimulant made with caffeine.

While I agree that it is potentially dangerous, if used according to the instructions it is as safe as a couple of cups of coffee.

There is a certain danger involved in everything you do. In advertising there is a certain amount of "buyer beware" that you have to deal with. Ultimately my decision, as an editor, is to decide whether this ad was too dangerous to the readers.

In the end I decided to let you weigh the risks.

—Elwin Price

As Advertising Manager for the Commuter, it is my job to oversee the ebb and flow of all that appears under the Marketplace banner.

Usually the toughest part of my job is answering all of the "EB GB" comments; "Why is that trash still in the paper!" and "Where's my favorite cartoon?" I had no idea that readers would be bothered by a stimulant advertisement, and yet at least two concerned students were so alarmed that they exercised one of our most highly prized rights as citizens. They wrote a letter to their editor.

I commend them for exercising their right, and I apologize if my decision to run the ad upset them, but I stand by that decision.

The First Amendment also guarantees the advertiser's right to freedom of speech, something I feel very strongly about.

As for the morality of Vivarin, I leave that to the Food and Drug Administration, who has tested and approved this and many such products.

Censorship is simply an elongated four-letter word in my dictionary, and like any other four-letter word, it has no place in this newspaper.

Aspirin is a drug, cough syrup is loaded with alcohol and sugar, and hot dogs are loaded with nitrates; shall we ban advertisements on all of these American mainstays?

What about poor Mrs. Olson—if we outlaw caffeine products—will she be considered a pusher?

It's my job to fill the pages with the highest quality advertisements I can sell, I leave the censoring up to the reader. If you don't like it, don't read it.

—Matthew Rasmussen

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letters

We are responsible for our own actions

Letter to the Editor:

I very much appreciated your article on sexual abuse. This problem is far more common than most Americans realize.

However, there is one recurrent, subtle, and damaging theme that I often see woven through information given on this subject. It was in your article as well, though I'm sure unintentionally.

The subtle philosophy that troubles me is that women are responsible for the behaviors of men. The article quoted Robson as saying, "He doesn't have that (nurturing) person (the wife) to go to... so he turns to the child."

This reasoning implies to me that some men feel that women and children exist for the primary (if not sole) purpose of meeting male needs and wants. A man may cite his wife's drinking, illness, emotional coldness, etc., as justifiable reason for gratifying his needs through his daughter (or son).

My point is simply that although circumstances and influence must be considered, we are each solely responsible for our own behaviors regardless.

One other aspect needs to be mentioned. It is difficult in our society for a man to express troubles, sorrow or defects in relationships. I believe all forms of abuse from males would be greatly reduced if this "macho" reserve could somehow be diminished.

Though intimidating, men in difficult relationships or other troubles must find the courage to say so. There are appropriate counselors and ministers etc., to confide in that are not surprised by most "shocking" problems.

Men that are brave enough to seek out appropriate help when needed are the "real men" in my opinion. These are also the men who accept responsibility for their own actions and by so doing, spare the world much sorrow.

Linda Banry

A Christmas party thanks to volunteers

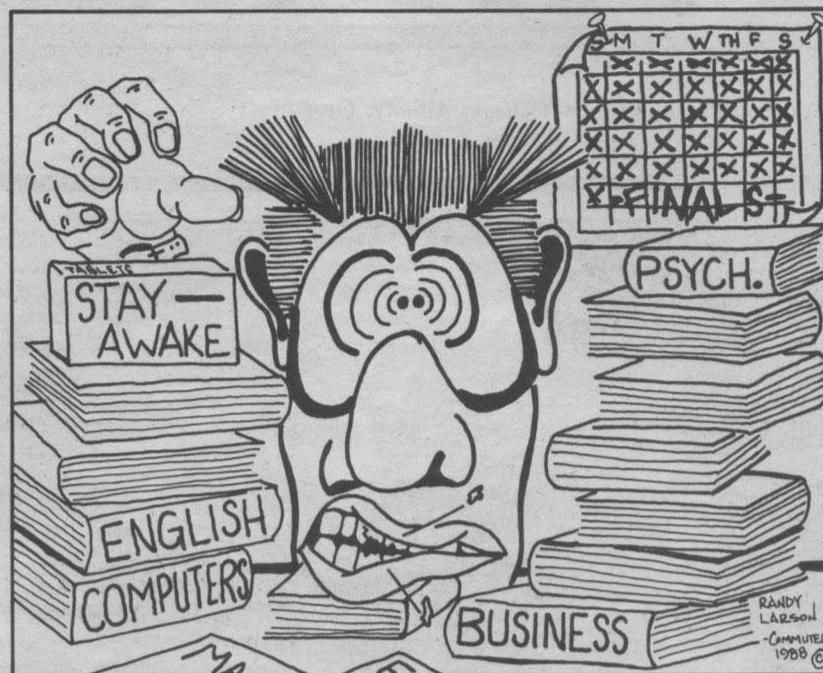
Letter to the Editor:

A warm and heart felt "Thank you" to everyone who put their time and energies into making the Children's Christmas Party the wonderful event that it was. You folks are really "Santa's Little Helpers".

It's people like you that make attending LBCC a special time in my life.

Thank you.

Buzz Ward.



Vivarin ad protest questions ethics

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing to protest the placement of a half-page ad for Vivarin in this week's issue of The Commuter.

Vivarin is an over-the-counter form of "speed" which is an illegal street drug. The only reason Vivarin is legal is that the dosage is lower than the street variety. According to the Physicians Desk Reference for Non-Prescription Drugs, 1986 edition, page 519, the side effects of Vivarin are: nervousness, anxiety, irritability, rapid, irregular heart-beat. Blood sugar levels also rise, making this potentially more harmful to diabetics.

The ad also states that this pill "gives you the definite advantage" and implies that students who take Vivarin will be smarter than Galileo. Since when does reliance on any drug make a person smarter?

Shirley W. Price

Finals prescription: rest, diet, planning

Letter to the Editor:

Finals Week is fast approaching. We students are feeling pressure to meet end of the term deadlines and study for exams. Stressful? Yes. Tiring? Definitely!

But do we need artificial stimulants such as "Vivarin" to make it through this trying time? Absolutely not! We need adequate rest, proper nutrition (maybe some extra protein and a few added carbohydrates), and we need to schedule our time more carefully than usual. Just say NO to Vivarin and other artificial stimulants!

In addition, I would strongly urge the staff of the Commuter to discourage ads like the one on page 11 of the Nov. 30 issue. Not only is this Vivarin ad for a possibly harmful substance, the wording is such to intimate that Vivarin will help make the student smarter. Give me a break! Staying awake all night under the influence of a drug in no way makes anyone smarter. Quite the opposite, in fact!

Bonnie Cooper



LBCC hopes for increased registration

By Brad Gordon
Commuter Writer

As this term comes to a close, gears are already shifting to prepare for the next one. Early winter term registration for continuing full-time students began Monday, Dec. 5, and Blaine Nisson, director of the Office of Admissions and Records, is hoping for another large enrollment.

Fall term enrollment surged about 4 percent this year, and 19 classes were added in response.

"We're certainly hoping for a continuation in terms of continuing students," Nisson said. "In terms of new students, we hope that we see the same type of trend."

He pointed out that LBCC's biggest enrollment is always in the fall, with turnout for other terms being "substantially lower."

Nisson said that if there was another large enrollment, his office again would work closely with the Office of Instruction in providing extra classes to meet the demand.

Nisson attributed the rise in the number of students to specialized attention and hard work.

"I think the college in general has tried to pay more attention to our incoming students," he said. He gave examples of staff letters and evening phone calls to prospective students, making sure the individuals knew what was required for ad-



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Students queue-up in Tadena Hall to register for winter term classes this week. Registration by appointment continues through Dec. 8. Fully admitted students who missed their

appointments can register Dec. 9 and 12. Open registration runs from Dec. 13-20 and 27-30.

mittance and even scheduling Comparative Guidance and Placement exams over the phone.

Nisson added that his office had repeated the strategy for winter term, call-

ing all of the applicants about three weeks ago.

"There's just a real strong emphasis on that individual attention to students," he summarized.

Registration by appointment will con-

clude on Dec. 8. Fully admitted students who either missed an appointment or who are returning after an absence can register Dec. 9 and 12. Open registration runs from Dec. 13-20 and 27-30. Classes begin Jan. 3.

Lebanon Center to move into empty J.C. Penny store

By Dave Wooley
Commuter Writer

LBCC's Lebanon Center may soon move into the old J.C. Penny building in the downtown area.

The present 3,600-square-foot center, acquired in 1981, is made up of three 20-by-60-foot mobile units that are too small for current needs. It's so small, in fact, that the college has been renting 26 extra class spaces downtown.

The college wants to move the center, now located on a 20-acre plot of land on Stoltz Hill Road, into the old J.C. Penny building within the next year.

According to George Kurtz, LBCC vice president for business, the advantages of moving the center into town would be an increase in availability of the center's classes to students, added visibility, and greater atten-

dance. It would also create additional space and be within walking distance of local restaurants.

The J.C. Penny building has space for seven classrooms and a shop in back which could be used by upholstery classes. This increase in size would allow the college to stop renting some of the extra space.

Richard and Gayle Botti of Santa Monica, Calif. who own the building, are donating it to LBCC. Though the donation is not yet final, "We are expecting a transfer of title by Dec. 30," said Kurtz.

The Board has considered the move into town since April 1987, only six years after the present Lebanon Center was acquired. The reason for this, said Kurtz, was at the time the present site was selected, the Oregon economy was booming and officials foresaw the town expanding into that area. Also, Tectronix had planned to build a manufacturing plant in the vicinity of the Lebanon Center.

LBCC has been waiting to sell the present center before moving downtown, but the donation of the Penny building helps remove most financial barriers.

"We haven't, though, a great deal of money currently in our budget that could be reappropriated to do a lot of renovation," said Kurtz, so the college may apply for federal grant funds.

Parking at the downtown location may also be a problem, but LBCC and the city of Lebanon plan to study the parking shortage and come up with a solution.

Though there have been no potential buyers for the Stoltz Hill Road property, several options are still open to the college. The college could lease the property, leave it on the market or use it for additional class space, which may be needed if enrollment keeps increasing, according to Kurtz.

Sawmill closes; LB plans to help unemployed

Out-of-work Sweet Home residents offered assistance through tuition reduction program

By Joe Couey
Commuter Writer

The closure of Sweet Home's Willamette Industries sawmill could mark the beginning, and not the end, for a few of the soon to be unemployed.

For more than 100 employees, Feb. 3, is the date to file for unemployment benefits and start the search for new employment opportunities.

As in the past, LBCC plans on helping to make this search as successful as possible. At a May meeting of the LBCC Board of Education, the tuition reduction program for the unemployed was extended indefinitely. This program as explained by Blaine Nisson, LBCC's admissions director, will allow persons 18 years of age or older who are receiving unemployment compensation to pay one-half the normal tuition, up to eight credits.

Mona Waibel, director of LBCC's Sweet Home Center, said a meeting between her and a spokesman from Willamette is scheduled for Dec. 6.

"The scope of this meeting is to outline the needs of the unemployed workers and develop free training programs in job search skills, vocational assessments and coping skills," said Waibel.

Dave Edwards, manager for the Sweet

Home Chamber of Commerce, said "The overall impact will surely be felt in the local economy, monetarily as well as psychologically."

The Chamber of Commerce met with Sen. Mark Hatfield last week to discuss the mill closure. During the meeting Hatfield promised to bring this to the attention of the federal government whose policies are blamed by Willamette for the cutbacks.

Noon hour videos air life's linkages

By Diane Young
Commuter Writer

LBCC students will have the opportunity to view the worlds of science, art and the humanities through a series of free videos entitled "The Big Picture" starting Wednesday, Jan 4.

Humanities instructor Paul Hagood developed the lunch-time videos as a way for the viewers to take a deeper look at "the big picture."

The title of the series, is a pun on words, explained Hagood, as all the videos will be shown on a big screen and will provide insights into the world and promote global awareness, showing the interrelationship of life.

Viewers can take the videos as seriously as they want. The videos, of a PBS nature, can "provide pleasure of learning without anxiety of performance," stated Hagood. People will be able to experience "learning for joy," he added.

The videos will be shown at noon in the Forum building, Room 104. Each video will be sponsored by a different college department and will be hosted by a different instructor. A short discussion period will follow.

A few samples of upcoming videos include "jungle," which will be hosted by science instructor Rich Liebaert, and will portray the delicate balance of life in the Amazon.

"The Shape of Things" will relate math and geometric patterns of nature with art forms. Judy Rogers, art instructor at LBCC, will provide an introduction to this film.

No registration is necessary, and everyone is welcomed to stop by any time during the series. The only requirement, Hagood pointed out, is to bring a lunch, relax and enjoy the show.

From page one: Theft hurts scholarships

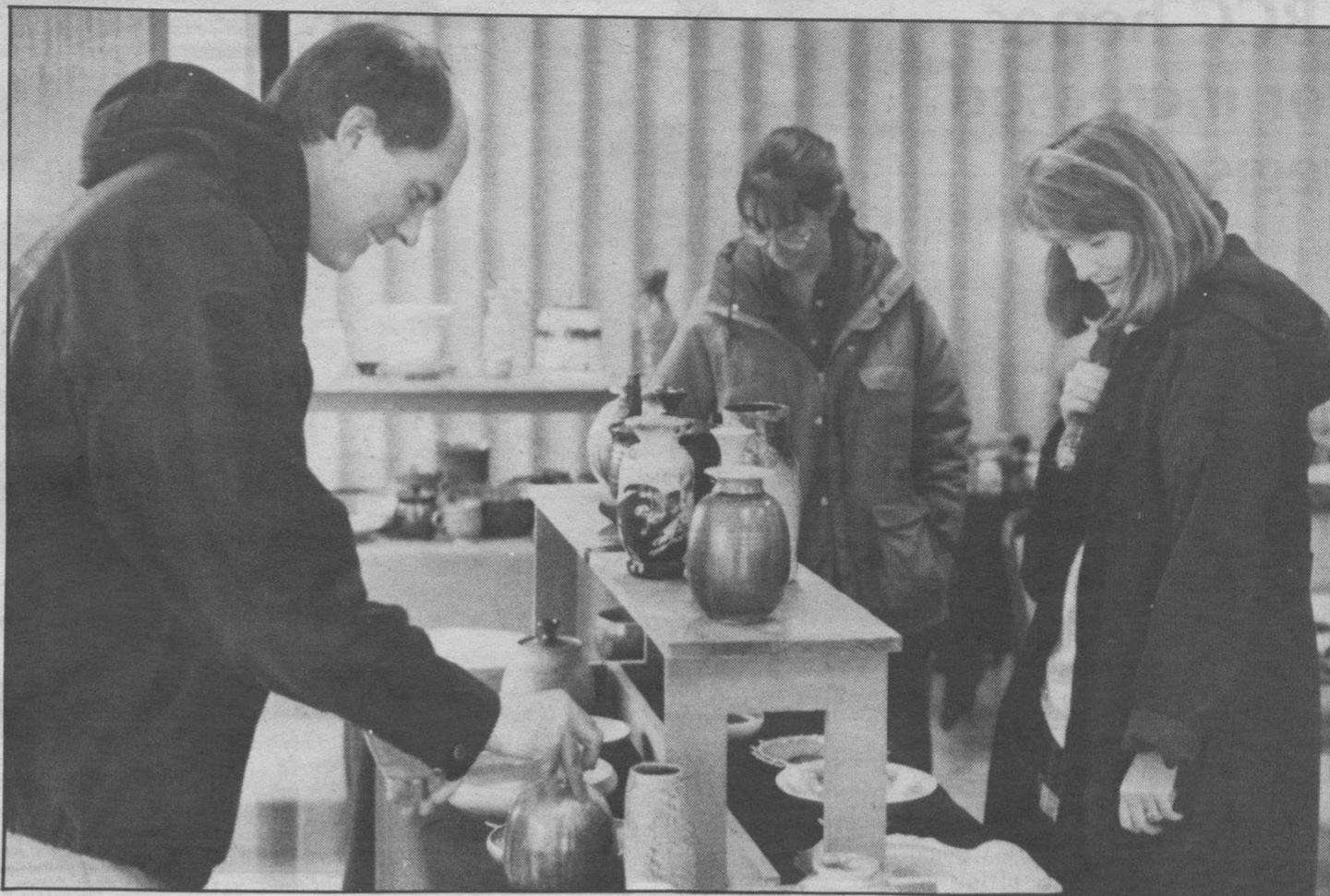
First-degree forgery is a Class C felony, which carries a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine. First-degree aggravated theft is a Class B felony, carrying a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

"This kind of thing is something none of us take any pleasure in," Delapoer said. "I'm sorry for the resulting criminal charges, but the foundation is actually a charity fund to provide help for the college and the students. We have to take this very seriously."

Because the employe was bonded, the foundation expects to recover all lost funds, said Delapoer, who also serves as the foundation's attorney.

George Kurtz, LBCC vice president for business, said on Tuesday that student scholarships through the foundation were affected because financial statements reflected less money than should have been in the accounts. "If we would have had \$50,000 more, we would have had that much more in scholarship money," Kurtz said.

Kurtz added that changes in accounting procedures should safeguard against such problems in the future.



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Perusing Pots

Biology instructors Rich Liebaert (left) and Carolyn Lebsack (right) look over the wares at the Student Potters' Guild sale in the Commons. The sale continues through today.

Program provides child care referrals

By Susan Ryder
Commuter Writer

A new program designed to offer help and information to parents seeking child care is being offered at LBCC through the Family Resource Department.

In 1987, LBCC applied for a \$27,000 grant from the State of Oregon Child Care Commission. This would allow LBCC to offer a program to help parents find quality child care in Linn and Benton counties. Last January LBCC started receiving the funds.

In April, the Child Care Resource and Referral opened with a goal to provide better availability, access, and quality child care for parents. Pam Dunn, work and family coordinator, feels this can be done by offering a one-year subscription which could

allow participants to obtain referrals as necessary and receive consultations. The program also finds and trains qualified child care providers through interviews, inspections, and then a training course conducted by Dunn.

To become a subscriber, parents can call and participate in an in-take interview over the phone. This includes finding out the parents needs and wants, and determines their fee, which is set up on a sliding scale. If you're a student or employee of a business who has contributed to the program, you can participate free.

"The response has been encouraging," commented Susie Nelson, parent consultant. From August-October 270 referrals have been recorded with the amount increasing each month.

If interested, call 967-6501 or drop in at Family Resource Department at Takena Hall.

Peers would ease foreign students' stay

By Tim Vanslyke
Commuter Writer

LBCC has experienced a significant increase in its foreign student population this year.

About 200 international students are enrolled this year, most of these having transferred from OSU which has had an increase of 300 students over last year.

Most of these students have transferred to get more individualized attention in English, so they can be more successful in their University classes

Charlene Fella, coordinator of international services, feels that LBCC could do a better job of making these students feel welcome. She is currently interviewing foreign students to see what kind of problems they are running into here. She says she has met with a lot of homesick people.

Fella is currently trying to get a grant for a "peer mentoring program" in which new foreign students would be paired with a second year student who could help a new-comer to adjust to school in the U.S. Fella would like to see these mentors befriend the new student, and hopefully include them in out of class activities and be "someone to listen when they get homesick."

Vera Harding, a LBCC Spanish teacher, who was herself a foreign student when she attended the University of Oregon, agrees with Fella that more could do done to make these people feel welcome. She would like to see people at the registrars office who speak foreign languages, and wishes there was a community effort to adopt a foreign student for the holidays. She says many of these people are "starving for friendship" with

American students.

Harding is advisor for the International Students Club, which unfortunately has been unable to attract any foreign students as members. Part of the problem lies in the fact that most of these students are so intent on getting good grades so they can stay in the country and continue their education. They are hard to locate because most take larger class loads than most domestic students, and their dedication to their classes keeps them from socializing much, says Harding.

To Harding, it's a shame that more attention isn't given to these students and that "we don't make use of this incredible reservoir of cultural information."

Vera Harding would like to extend an invitation to any students interested in the International Students Club. She can be reached at Takena 214 extention 456.

Migrants helped by contributions

Mano a Mano, a grass roots group formed to assist Linn and Benton counties' migrant workers with food, clothing housing and other necessities, is requesting non-perishable food items, blankets and warm coats from area residents. The International Student Club, the Student Activities Office, and the Office of International Services on the LBCC campus are sponsoring the collection.

Non-perishable food, blankets and warm coats should be brought to the Tadena Hall immigration/Amnesty office, to the College Center Commons lobby, or may be left in the foyer of St. Mary's Church in downtown Albany.

Mano a Mano will accept food, blankets and coats for migrants and will deliver to camps. All work is being done by volunteers. Cash contributions may be made at any Salem-area Commercial Bank.

Culinary Arts buffet showcases LB club

Are you one of those people who goes to Skippers and orders the all you can eat seafood buffet?

If you are one of these people, the Culinary Arts Club has just the thing for you.

On Dec. 16, the club will be serving an all you can eat buffet from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Commons.

The buffet will feature carved leg of lamb, roast beef, and baked ham. Other main dishes include glazed orange chicken, and baked fish with bay shrimp.

Tickets for this smorgasbord will be \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children and under. Tickets are available at French's Jewelers, Albany; Rice's Pharmacy, Corvallis; Happy Cooker, Corvallis; and the Santiam Restaurant on campus.



Sweeping Up

Ellen Hodson, a member of LBCC's grounds crew, sweeps up fallen leaves in the courtyard during a recent foggy afternoon.

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New Corvallis rep only woman on board

By Tom McArt
Commuter Writer

Women may outnumber men in the LBCC student body, but they're a definite minority on the LBCC Board of Education.

The lone woman on the seven member board is Nancy Schary. After five months on the college's governing body she feels she can now represent the views of many students.

Today's students are increasingly involved in single-parent households, and Schary knows that experience first-hand, she was raised solely by her mother.

Schary, the mother of three daughters, two who are in graduate school, said that "although the single-parent arrangement is more common today, it's not new, so I think I can appreciate what many women are going through."

She also brings to the council a good deal of financial experience. Schary was an appointee for the Benton County and City of Corvallis budget committees, and is the state treasurer of the League of Women Voters.

"A lot of what we do is budget related," Schary said, "and budgets don't frighten me." With all this experience,

she was appointed to the audit committee by fellow board member Dave Schmidt.

Schary, representing the Corvallis district, has lived in Corvallis for 22 years, ran unopposed in last July's election. She replaced Terry McCormick.

"I knew Terry, and she suggested that I run for the position" explained Schary.

The orientation in becoming a new member requires a great deal of reading, she commented. While searching for answers in her literature, "every answer leads to three or four more questions." Schary predicted it will take her about a year to get settled in.

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Financial Aid Applicants Ready

Financial Aid Applicants for the 1989-90 school year will be available in the Financial Aid Office beginning Jan. 9. Forms cannot be mailed prior to Jan. 1.

Students planning to attend LBCC should fill out and turn in the forms Feb. 28. Students planning to transfer to private or public four-year colleges should have the forms completed and mailed by the first week in February.

Special help sessions will be scheduled during January and February to assist students in completing the forms. Dates and times for help sessions will be posted outside the Financial Aid Office when classes begin again in January.

The Family Resource Center

The children, parents and staff of the center invite all their friends on campus to come and see the new building.

Punch and cookies will be served, and tours of the facility will be offered.

'Snow Queens' Opens

A new adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale, "The Snow Queen," opens Friday, Dec. 9 at Albany Civic Theater. Curtain time is 8:15 p.m.

Directed by Oscar B. Bult, this children's classic has been cast in a Victorian setting and is a centerpiece of downtown Albany's Victorian Christmas holiday festival. Additional evening performances will be Dec. 10, 15, 16 and 17, and three matinees are scheduled on Dec. 10, 11 and 17. Matinees start at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$4 for students under 18 and senior citizens. They are available at French's Jewelers in Albany and Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, or by calling 926-8855.

Library Open Saturday

The LBCC Library will be open this Saturday, Dec. 10 for students who are studying for finals or working on research or term papers.

Saturday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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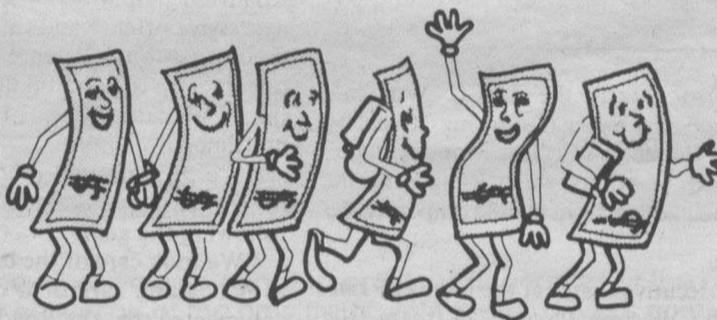
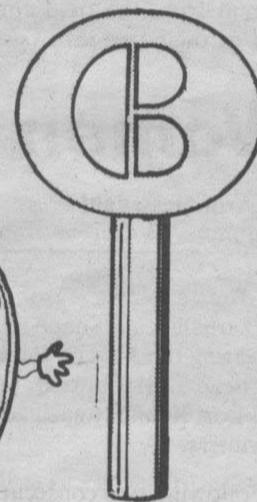
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SPORTS PAGE

Roadrunners finish second in four-team tournament

By Jess Reed
Sports Editor

The LBCC men's basketball team came in second in a four-team, two day, tournament they hosted last weekend.

In Friday's 64-54 victory over the Western Baptist JV team, Chris Doscher, a 6-6 forward, scored 17 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and dished out three assists. Sophomore guard Gamail Goins played strong, contributing 12 points and seven rebounds while Jeff VanBishler also played well adding 11 points and seven rebounds.

The Roadrunners shot a respectable 48 percent from the field and made 75 percent of their free-throws in their victory.

However, LBCC didn't shoot as well during Saturday's championship game against Northwest Christian College. In their 73-93 loss they shot only 40 percent from the line while NWC shot 54 percent from the field and 76 percent from the line.

Eric Gordon, a 6-3 freshman, lead the Roadrunners in scoring with 16 points in thier loss.

With the victory over LBCC, Northwest Christian won the tourney. Lower Columbia came in third with a 83-75 victory over Western Baptist.

LBCC's record is 3-2 with their next game at home against Pacific University JV December 7, at 7:30.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Roadrunner Erick Gordon has the ball stolen by a Western Baptist player in last weekend's tournament.

Women hoopsters snap two-game losing streak

By Arik Hessedahl
Commuter Writer

After a slow season start, the LBCC Women's Basketball team snapped a two-game losing streak by defeating the JV's of Concordia College Monday night. Michelle Derry buried 14 points while Ranaee Elkins and Lori Kennedy each added 13 in 60-43 romp over the Cavaliers.

Following two consecutive losses at the hands of Linfield College and the Western Oregon JV team, the

Roadrunners put together a strong game marked by an aggressive offense and careful ball control coupled with their usual tough defense at the hoop, leading from the opening tip-off and taking a 9-point lead before allowing a Concordia hoop. LB extended it's lead to 31-17 at halftime.

"We concentrated more on correcting our mistakes of the past few games," said coach Debbie Prince following the game.

"We took care of the ball, and that can help as much as not taking care of it can hurt," she added. Prince commented that the Roadrunners main weakness in the

game was in rebounding, but also praised her team for "controlling the tempo of the game."

The LB victory was welcomed following a 74-63 defeat against the WOSC JV's Dec. 3 in which Derry scored 39 points, but 34 LB turn-overs made the difference.

The Roadrunners also dropped their first home game against the Linfield Wildcats in a 60-47 rout. Derry scored 16 points and Michelle DeJong added 9 in that game.

LB's next game is Thursday night against Southern Alberta Institute at Linn-Benton. Game time is 6 p.m.

Basketball teams playing at home

The fall term has nearly come to an end, leaving us with 18 days to enjoy the winter festivities.

Many people battle the winter doldrums by skiing, traveling, or Christmas shopping. But the LBCC men's and women's basketball teams are offering an alternative to the usual winter activities.

The men's basketball team will be playing Wednesday, December 7 against the Pacific University JV team at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8 they will battle Southern Alberta Institute at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, December 29 and Friday December 30 they will play in the Lane Tournament at Lane CC in Eugene, times to be announced. Wednesday, January 4 they will be back home to play the first league game against Umpqua CC at 8:00 p.m., then another league game against Clackamas CC January 7 at 8:00.

The women's team will play two home games. The first will be played Wednesday, January 4 against Umpqua CC at 6:00 p.m. The second will be Saturday January 7 against Clackamas CC also at 6:00 p.m. Students with an LBCC identification card and children under the age of six attend for free.

Get pumped up in LBCC's weight room



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Chris Greig, a second-year business major, works out on the leg press prior to his body toning class. The college's weight room is available for walk-in use during certain afternoon hours. In the winter term, those hours are expected to be 3-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but are subject to change. Check the schedule outside the weight room door in the Activities Center for up-to-date information on hours. The weight room contains two Universals, three stationary bikes, a rowing machine and fixed bars, among other equipment.

Has someone kicked sand in your face lately? Feeling wimpy? The answer to those problems are here in the LB weight room.

Located in the activities center, the weight room is loaded with equipment. For the weightlifter there are two universal gyms, fixed bars from 30 to 120 pounds, dumbbells from three to 65 pounds, and a "pec deck", which works the chest muscles, and two bench presses to assist in working out.

If you are looking for more of an aerobic workout there are three stationary bicycles and a rowing machine.

The free times for lifting are still up in the air for the Winter term, said Steve Hyre, P.E. Facilities Coordinator. "It will most likely be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

For more information there will be a schedule posted on the weight room door or checked at the P.E. office for open times.

Although the lifting room is generally supervised by work study students, Hyre recommends bringing a partner for spotting.