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Water softener added to save campus pipes

By Pam Kuri
Editor

The entire campus water system was shut down Friday to enable workers to install an \$8,000 polyphosphate injection system on the campus water main.

The system, which is expected to be operating within 30 days, was initiated because "we are losing all of our galvanized pipe on campus," said Ray Jean, director of facilities.

While monitoring the campus water system for 13 years, LBCC's plant services has recorded an abnormal amount of leaks which led to the awareness of the problem, Jean said.

Water by nature wants to carry minerals. But, "LBCC's water is too pure and has a low mineral content," Jean said. "Therefore, water picks up its minerals from the pipes and causes them to deteriorate. This is true in the entire Pacific Power and Light (PPL) water system"

The primary usage of the polyphosphate—sodium hexametaphosphate—is to soften water, according to Mike Long of the Hazardous Materials Assessment Department for Northrop Services Inc., a contractor for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"The chemical was designed to soften water so it will slow down the degradation of pipes," Long said. "It ties up metallic ions such as zinc that are in the water system already." Injecting polyphosphates will help the water system. And as near as he can tell, "there should be no hazard to human health."

The polyphosphate will neutralize the water and slowly coat the insides of the pipes, according to Jean, who said he felt assured that there would be no health problems resulting from adding the organic chemical to LBCC's drinking water.

"I've cleared it with the EPA, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of the Environmental Quality, the state Board of Health

and the local Board of Health," Jean said. "We will never exceed seven parts per million, which is the recommended level to do the job."

Gary Clark of Vestal Laboratories, the company supplying LBCC with the polyphosphates and injection system, said Jean has researched the system thoroughly. "Ray is the most conscientious buyer I've ever encountered," Clark said. "He spent more than six months researching and verifying safety regulations."

Clark added that he felt it was less harmful to inject non-toxic chemicals into the water than to have people drinking water containing excessive amounts of zinc.

"Sodium hexametaphosphates are not listed as toxic chemicals," Clark said.

George Kurtz, vice-president of business affairs, said he feels satisfied with the investment. "I look at it as preventative investment," Kurtz said. "It's the best first step and has been proven effective in other areas."

Lt. Bob Galloway of the Albany Fire Department said they installed an injection system "about a year ago and thus far it has corrected our problem." The fire station pipes were corroding, particulate matter was "fouling up faucets" and the water was rust colored, Galloway said.

Jim Grossnicklaus, physical plant director for Greater Albany Schools, said GAPS has had the system for four years and it "has been working satisfactorily."

The check valves and apparatus for the system are installed at the north end of the rose garden. A vault needs to be built around the valves to eliminate the chance of contamination and then the chemicals will be injected.

Without the system, Jean said LBCC would have to consider re-piping the campus. "It would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to replace the piping not to mention the inconvenience."

LB tax base booksale relocated

By Katie Davenport
Staff Writer

The booksale to raise money for the tax base campaign has been moved. The sale, sponsored by the Associated Students of LBCC and the Concerned Students of LBCC will be at the Albany Spring Arts Festival in Monteith Riverfront Park, downtown Albany, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29.

So far about 900 books, 500 magazines and 200 records and tapes have been donated, according to Betty Vandepas, secretary in the student organization office. "We have

everything from children's books to a complete set of the "Harvard Classics," Vandepas said, "and there is an autographed copy of John Houseman's book 'Front and Center.'"

Vandepas said that items will be priced from 10 cents to \$40. There will also be a sealed bid auction for some antique records including music by Enrico Caruso and Galli Curci. "There will be something for everyone," Vandepas said.

The deadline for donations is this Friday, April 27, said Blaine Nisson, director of student programs. "We'll take anything and everything," Nisson said.

Student elections end today

Today is the last day of the Associated Students of LBCC election of representatives. Two students from each division will be elected to represent their areas. Polls in the College Center commons will close at 5 p.m., and the Takena Hall poll will remain open until 9 p.m.

According to Blaine Nisson, director of student programs, 330 students had voted as of 3:30 yesterday. "The highest voter turnout we ever have had was a couple of years ago when

425 voted. That was the year we gave ice cream to everyone," Nisson said.

There are 25 students running for 13 positions, with races in all areas except Science and Technology. Last year there were no races at all, Nisson said, just enough students to fill all of the seats.

Newly elected representatives will meet with this year's council Tuesday May 1, and take office May 8.



Photo by Katherine Davenport

An \$8,000 polyphosphate injection system will fill this hole at the north end of LBCC's rose garden. The system is being installed to retard excessive corrosion inside campus water pipes. The injection system valves will be protected from contamination by a concrete vault. Construction Technology students will form the slabs for the system's vault floor this week. Vault walls and final hook-up for the chemical's introduction are expected to be completed in three weeks.

Editorial

Water systems problems should be fixed at source

Three large consumers of water in the city of Albany have invested more than \$34,500 to add polyphosphate injection equipment onto their water systems to retard excessive corrosion inside pipes.

LBCC, the Greater Albany Public Schools and the Albany Fire Department Station 2 installed these systems because Albany's water, supplied through the Pacific Power and Light Co. (PP&L), is too pure. It collects minerals from the pipes, thus causing corrosion. Unfortunately, PP&L doesn't consider installing an injection system to correct the problem at the city's distribution area to be "cost effective."

Glen Keski, PP&L water superintendent, said Albany doesn't have any problems with water mains. He said rust is going to occur in any pipe that has water running through it and PP&L doesn't consider it a proven problem. He said polyphosphate systems are a capital expenditure that would have to be passed on to the consumer.

I think PP&L has already passed the buck on to the consumer.

According to Gary Clark, Vestal Laboratories representative, it would cost \$200,000 for the city of Portland to install a system that would service the entire city and nearby metropolitan areas. LBCC, GAPS and the fire department have already invested more than 17 percent of Portland's expected expense, which would be much larger than Albany's.

If efforts were pooled and PP&L were interested in reconsidering the injection systems for the entire community then every individual would not have to tackle their water pipe problems alone.

According to Ralph Shaw, Albany plumbing expert, close to 90 percent of the city's plumbing consists of galvanized piping and corrodes faster than copper or plastic pipes. To his knowledge, PP&L has no galvanized pipe in the distribution system, which could account for them having fewer problems. The pipes from the meters into individual properties, however, consist primarily of galvanized and copper pipes because plastic has only been approved for five years.

Jim Grossnicklaus, GAPS physical plant director, said he thinks PP&L is taking the easy way out. He thinks PP&L is more concerned with the political aspects of adding chemicals to the water system than they are the money. Grossnicklaus said people are more health-conscious these days and he's glad. However, lead and particulate matter in drinking water can be more harmful to human health than treating the water. He added that the GAPS injection system, which serves 30 schools, could feed much larger facilities and he is disappointed that PP&L hasn't seriously considered the system's potential for Albany.

Ray Jean, LBCC facilities director, said PP&L is a huge company and they're not going to admit there's a problem because they don't want the extra cost. He added that PP&L has been trying to sell the water system to the city and that they don't want to open up a "can of worms." When Jean went to PP&L with LBCC's water pipe problem, PP&L told him, "we don't have a problem—you do."

Albany's water, which comes from the North Santiam River into the power canal owned and operated by PP&L at Third Ave. and Vine St., is too low in mineral content. Therefore, the water breaks down the pipes' composition by picking-up and carrying the pipes' minerals.

Injecting the polyphosphate, sodium hexametaphosphate, into water systems neutralizes the water and over time coats the pipes to impede deterioration.

The injection systems are safe and working effectively according to users. I think PP&L should reevaluate their role as water suppliers to this community and seriously consider the long-term benefits of this system.

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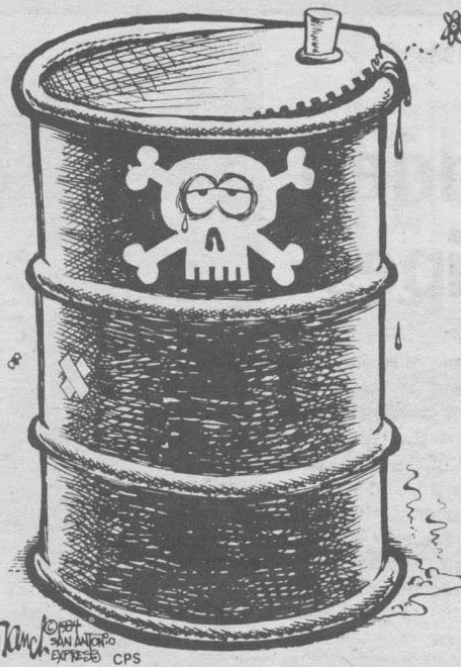
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WON'T YOU HELP?



It seems that no matter how many people want nuclear power, no one wants nuclear waste. As a result, there are many homeless barrels out there waiting for a dumpsite. If you or your community have a few acres to spare, won't you fill out the form below? It's a gesture that you, your children, their children, and their children will be able to point to with pride forever.

YES! I want to adopt _____ barrels of nuclear waste!

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

FOSTER POISON PROGRAM

Letters

Brown can get moderate support

To the Editor:

If LBCC students and faculty are interested in retiring your ultra-right wing Congressman Denny Smith, may I suggest that the strongest Democratic candidate would be State Senator Walt Brown.

Senator Brown has shown consistent abilities to obtain moderate Republican and Independent votes at election time. This is needed to beat Smith.

Senator Brown has demonstrated that he is independent of the special interests. This is needed more than anything else today.

Senator Brown has a record as a friend of higher education. He has been an instructor at Lewis and Clark Law School in recent years and is a member of the Oregon State Bar.

Senator Brown is committed to peace and nuclear arms control, yet his long service as a U.S. Navy officer will appeal to the many veterans who are voters—especially those concerned about reductions in their hard earned benefits.

The economy must improve if students will have the chance at jobs that utilize their training and ability. Senator Brown knows this. He is not

a captive of the special interests that have destroyed the economy.

In 1982 Ruth McFarland lost to Denny Smith when most observers believed the Democrat should win. Why go with a proven loser? Denny Smith's sophisticated campaign machine has learned a lot about campaigning against McFarland. We can't afford this gamble!

Please consider the alternatives and then I am sure that you will support Senator Walt Brown for Congress.

John Silvertooth-Stewart
Eugene, Oregon

Landry praised for Annie article

To the Editor:

I've just read Sheila Landry's article on Annie Farrington. Congratulations, Sheila. You've beautifully cap-

tured the essence of Annie's character, and Annie well deserves your written tribute to her.

This campus is blessed with a number of outstanding secretaries and other devoted classified staff members, all over-worked and under-paid. We rely upon them daily to keep the college operating smoothly for the benefit of our students. Unfortunately, we do not always take the time to thank them adequately for their unselfish dedication.

Annie has been particularly special to all of us. Her smile is a beacon of warmth to anyone who knows her, and she has taught us all the importance of the human touch in working together.

Thanks Annie, for your years of devoted services to our college, for brightening our lives, and most of all, for being my friend. We'll miss you.

Dave Perkins
Professor of
Science and
Mathematics

Etcetera

Regional candidates will visit campus

A "Coffee with the Candidates" will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. May 2, in the Alosea/Calapooia Room. More than 11 regional candidates will attend. Free coffee and cake will be served.

Corrections practicums available

Washington County Department of Community Corrections is looking for students at this time who want practicum placement in the following areas: probation/parole aide, community service aide, G.E.D. tutor, resource developer, public relations specialist.

This is the nation's only accredited county probation and parole department. Those interested in acquiring work experience through practicum work should contact Dr. Margrit A. Jay at 503-640-3101 or write to her at: Department of Community Corrections, Washington County, 330 NE Lincoln St., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123.

LB parking decals being distributed

LBCC's Security division will be distributing free parking decals in the Commons between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today. Anyone interested in obtaining an LBCC parking sticker should bring their license plate number to the commons April 25, or anytime to Security in CC 109.

Letters Policy

The Commuter editorial staff encourages students, staff and community members to submit letters to the editor. Letters must be typed or written legibly and signed, with a phone number and address included. Letters should be no longer than 250 words. Editors reserve the right to edit for length. No potentially libelous or obscene material will be accepted.

Clerical Update training offered**Benton Center opening new computer lab to public**

By Sheila Landry
Staff Writer

Student and public demand for access to computers was the basis for establishing a new computer lab at the Benton Center, according to Community Education Director Mike Patrick.

"Current statistics are indicating that 85 to 95 percent of all jobs on the market will require some knowledge of computer applications. Methods to insure computer literacy for our students and the public has become a high priority," Patrick said.

The Benton Center's upstairs dining room has been converted into a lab equipped with four printers, two disk drives and a combination of new Apple III's and TRS 80's to accommodate 20 computer stations.

According to Patrick, plans for the lab had been in the making since fall 1983, but a limited budget made it necessary to "do a little scrounging" to supply the equipment needed. "As is typical of any big project in a tight financial situation, we had to be very creative in finding sources for money," he added.

Some available equipment was located on the main campus for use in the lab, but all of the Apple III's and most of the accessories were acquired by the LBCC Training and Economic Development (TED) center director's assistant, Anna Kircher.

The TED Center began utilizing the computer lab this term for Clerical Update Training Program, which provides intensive office skill-building with strong emphasis in Word Processing applications using Wordstar and Superscript software.

When the program was first offered last summer in the Benton Center Office Lab, computer accessibility was so limited people had to double up at each station or wait in line, according to Kircher.

"We had anticipated at most that 80 percent of the trainees would get office jobs after the course was complete, but instead the program was 100 percent successful. Everyone got a job," she added.

"Current knowledge in computer applications for word processing is the cutting edge in the job market for clerical positions and greater computer access allows us the opportunity to help more students meet those

demands," Kircher said.

Another Clerical Update Program will begin at the Benton Center May 7. It's a 12-credit, letter grade course requiring six 40-hour weeks. Trainees must be able to type 40 wpm and be enrolled at LBCC with a CGP test score indicating they are ready to take business math and writing 115.

Tuition for the course is \$204. CGP testing for program enrollment is open to the public beginning April 26. Enrollment forms are available in the admissions office and completed forms must be brought to the TED center office CC 121. Students will be accepted in the order in which applications are received.

You do not need to have completed the typing and CGP tests to turn in your enrollment form. The Community Services Consortium in Corvallis offers funding for eligible, low-income, unemployed people wanting to enter the Clerical Training Program. The TED center hopes to offer this course every year at the Benton Center as long as the demand remains, Kircher said.

Beginning summer term, the Benton Center will open the computer lab to students and the public in the afternoons and evenings, according to Computer Lab Coordinator Ann Mills, who also runs the math lab and teaches microcomputers at the Benton Center.

Students will be able to work in the lab on a self-study basis styled much like the math lab, or they can enroll in a variety of courses involving lectures and hands-on experience in a wide range of computer applications, Mills added.

Virginia Daily, computer lab instructional assistant will be available during open lab hours for guidance, Mills said.

The general public and students not enrolled in Benton Center courses involving computer usage will be required to buy access time. Prices will range from \$5 for five hours to \$48 for 60 hours.

"We'd like to see Benton Center instructors in all areas make use of the lab in their coursework if it applies, such as in accounting, business management and writing courses," Mills said.

"Once the lab opens to the student body and public this summer, we'll be able to evaluate its potential and formalize our future goals according to the demands of its users," Mills added.

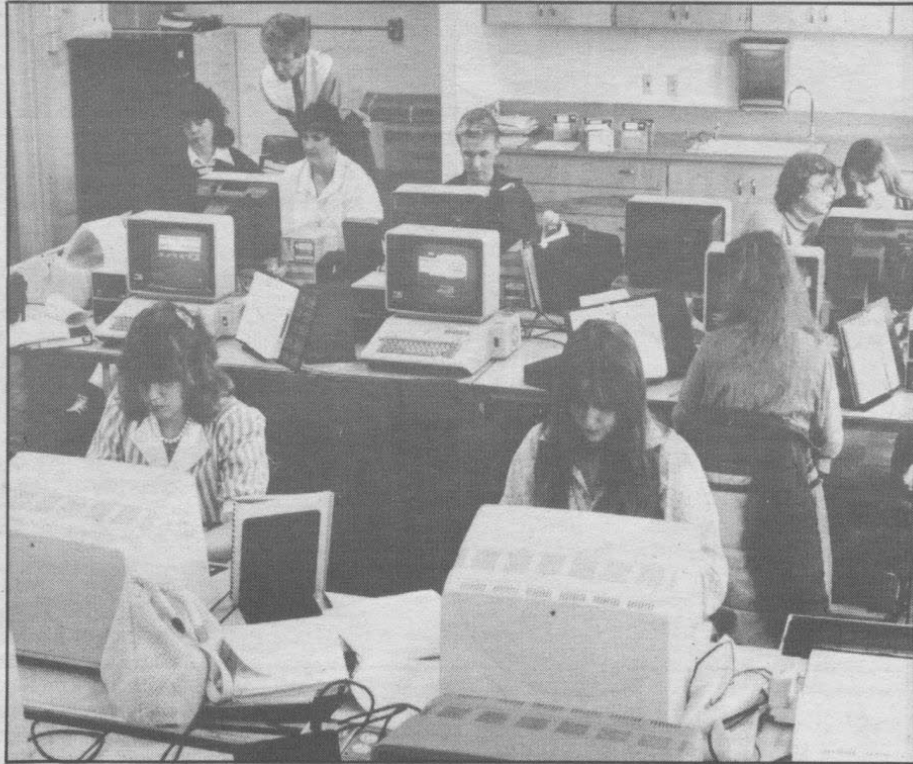


Photo by Diane Eubank

Word Processing instructor, Ann Field, (far left in background) assists Clerical Update Training students with their programs in the Benton Center's new computer lab.

Community education tries to meet changing needs

By John Chilvers
Staff Writer

The pendulum that is Community Education swings in as many directions as the community itself. It is the flexible educational branch of LBCC that seeks out and implements courses that the community wants and needs.

Mike Patrick, community education director, said, "There are three significant things that community education provides—lower division transfer classes for those people wishing to work toward a degree; vocational tech programs for those already employed and wish to expand their skills, or for those who are unemployed and need a skill to help them become more employable; and Adult Continuing Education that grows and changes as the needs of the community grow and change."

It is this latter part of Community Education that is the least static.

In the 1970s people in the community were concerned with interpersonal relationships. Community ed responded by offering numerous classes in transactional analysis of the "I'm OK, You're OK" genre.

Mona Waibel, coordinator of the Sweet Home Center said, "People were working on their human relation skills because employers told people it wasn't just their skills that got them a job, it was their attitude toward the job and the people they dealt with that would help them find work."

Community interest has diminished in that area in the 1980s, but there are still some classes in self-awareness offered.

The current trend in adult education has swung toward more pragmatic interests—health in the form of physical fitness, and a focus on the operation and use of the micro-computer.

"It went from the idea that your attitude is important to the realization that your body is

important, too," Waibel said.

"Aquatic fitness is currently one of our larger classes," she added.

Al Barrios, director of the Albany Center, agreed, saying "People now in their late 30s and 40s are stuck with the realization that they aren't going to live forever, and are more concerned with health and physical fitness than ever before. We want to meet the needs of the community."

A professional man in his mid-thirties who wished not to be identified, attends dance classes at one of the community ed centers. "I took the class to build my self-confidence. It was something I'd never done before. I wanted to challenge myself," he said.

He discovered the class through the schedule of classes catalog mailed by LBCC to all county residents. He is not overweight, but because of his desk job he felt he was somewhat out of shape.

Ideas for what the community needs and wants usually come directly from members of the community.

"I get people in here every day asking for things we don't have," Waibel said.

Microcomputer application and training is something the community has been inquiring about and community ed has been responding by offering more classes of this type.

Director of the Benton Center, Ann Crisp, noted that by summer the center would be getting some new HP 86's, Apple micros, and TRS 80's to meet community demands, with more courses offered in computer application and operation. Courses are tentatively scheduled to be offered as four afternoon and two night classes.

Patrick said, "I see this trend continuing through the 80s."

To illustrate his concern for the community educational needs, Barrios commented, "I want to put the community back in community college."

Livestock judging team takes third in Great Western contest

By Scott Heynderickx
Staff Writer

LBCC livestock judging teams finished third and fifth in competition at the Great Western Livestock Show in Ponoma, Ca. Monday, April 16, ending their hopes for a second consecutive first place finish.

Seven schools entered the competition—five from California, and one each from Oregon and Wyoming. The competition is open to teams comprised of first and second year students majoring in animal technology.

LBCC was allowed to enter two teams in this year's competition, a purple team, and a gold team. The purple team finished third overall and also won first place trophies in swine judging, swine reasons and Duroc (a particular swine breed) judging. Team members were Brad Cox, Angel Brewton, Mike Moore, Rachel Blake, and Carrie Owen.

The gold team finished fifth overall. Members were Lance Waldren, Blaine

Hlebechuk, Brad Borlin, Vicki Richardson and Rich Knowles.

Bruce Moos, coach and advisor for the LBCC teams, said he was pleased with both teams. "This was the third consecutive year we won the swine trophy, so we had to retire it by rules of the competition. We had our problems in the beef competition...we're going to have to work on that."

This was the first major competition for the LBCC judging team members, all of whom will be back next year.

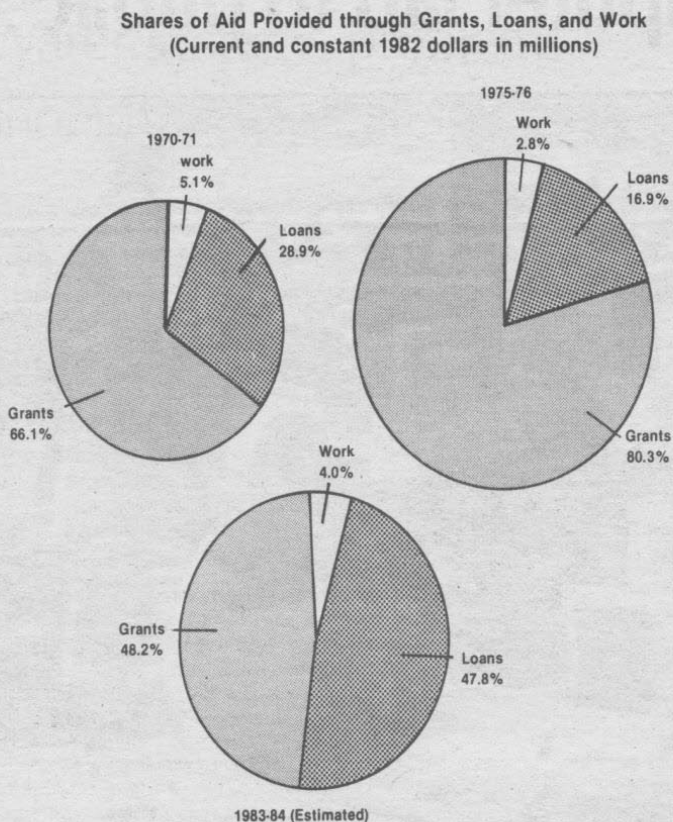
Team member Carrie Owen said that there was some disappointment among the LBCC delegation over the third and fifth place finishes. "We were all hyped up, and concerned about LBCC's winning reputation in livestock judging. I have a feeling, however, that we're going to come on strong as we go along."

The team's next meet is May 12, at the OSU invitational.



Financial aid resources declining despite climbing education costs

By Steve Nash
Staff Writer



Financial aid is undergoing major changes, according to the report "Trends in Student Aid: 1963-1983" done by the College Board, a non-profit educational organization. Aid will be more difficult to keep when stiffer regulations on financial aid go into effect July 1, 1984.

The amount of aid per student and how the money is given have changed, and these are two of the major shifts reported by the authors of the report, Donald A. Gillespie and Nancy Carlson.

College has become more difficult to afford, the report said. "The early 1980s have seen a major change in the relationship of costs, income, and aid," said the report. "Adjusted for inflation costs have increased, but income and aid per full time-equivalent student have not."

The report attributed the decline primarily to the 1981 decision of the Reagan administration and Congress to phase out Social Security benefits for college students, restrictions on Guaranteed Student Loan eligibility and a decline in the use of veterans benefits.

According to figures reported by the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, Terrance H. Bell, the declining trend will likely continue.

In a letter from Bell about the proposed 1985 federal budget, he stated one of their goals was to "restore the traditional role of the student and the student's family in meeting the costs" of education. This includes the self help concept. "Students would be expected to provide a minimum of \$500 or 40 percent (whichever is greater) of their education expenses as a condition for receiving a Pell Grant," he said.

The trends up to the time of the Reagan administration had been for increased support through federal monies. Bell said that their proposals were a reversal of those trends.

Another of Reagan's budget proposals would eliminate Cooperative Work Experience, while adding \$290 million to college work study.

Rita Lambert, LBCC financial aid director said she thought it was a good proposal. "I'd support it," she said.

She explained that CWE received its money from unused work study funds. When the government loosened work study restrictions it allowed up to 20 percent of funds to be forwarded to the next year, leaving very little money for CWE.

"I think part of it is political," she said. Its an election year and people support the idea of work, she said. "It's a good political move."

While costs have grown and aid has shrunk, the proportions of aid have changed too. Talking about the dollar value of aid, the College Board report said that, "...grant aid per FTE student peaked in 1975-76 and has

declined steadily since then."

They estimated that the average grant awarded per student this year to be less than half the amount of those awarded in 1975-76. "Over the same time period, the average loan per FTE student grew by 123 percent." In 1975-76 grant provided 80 percent of aid. Today grants and loans provide the equivalent of 48 percent each.

The trend is being felt at LBCC. Lambert said that while grants are still the largest total amount of aid at Linn-Benton, loans are the fastest growing. Students with grants usually have other types of aid she said, but that those with loans usually don't.

She estimated that 30-40 percent of full time students at LBCC received financial aid. Those figures are lower than the national average. A survey by the American Council on Education showed that 51 percent of all full time undergraduate students received aid last year.

But keeping that aid will become harder when new federal regulations go into effect July 1. Schools will stop awarding funds unless students show "satisfactory progress," said Lambert.

Previously that meant meeting a minimum GPA and number credits completed per term. The new regulation requires that each school must define a percent of credits completed, the number of terms to complete a degree, the number of major changes, and how to deal with repeated courses and incompletes. There is no national standard.

"What's coming is the federal government is tightening on the length of time allowed and the number of major changes," said Lambert.

Students will have to stay closer to their majors and be limited in what they can experiment with she said.

"In the past, schools have had more flexibility and this will help students understand it's the government's intent that students get through their programs. It's a step towards tightening up," Lambert said.

She felt that students abused the system at many other schools. "I heard of a story in California where a student wasn't taking underwater basket weaving, but it was almost as good," she said. "LBCC hasn't been in that instance. We've monitored really closely."

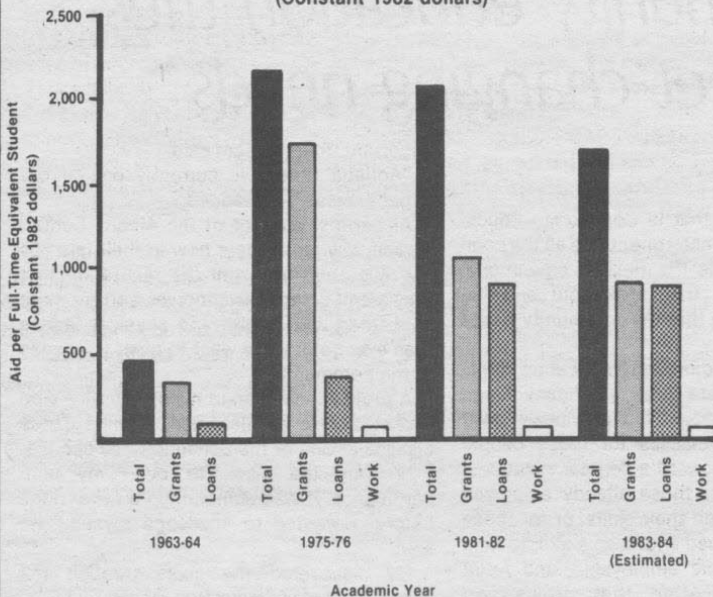
New standards will be set for LBCC by the end of spring term with an appeal process should a student fall below them, she said.

Even with financial aid, affording school is getting tougher. Adjusting for inflation, attendance costs at community colleges have risen 19 percent nationally since 1963-64, reported the College Board.

Tuition and room and board expenses for LBCC students are slightly lower than the national average—but according to Lambert, these students who commute to school face higher costs.

"If looked at from the number of students it's serving, federal dollars have not kept pace with inflation," said Lambert.

Aid per Full-Time-Equivalent Student:
Total, Grants, Loans, Work
(Constant 1982 dollars)



Reagan wants aid to help students help themselves

Proposal increases work-study but eliminates 4 other aid programs

WASHINGTON (SPS)—The President is seeking substantial changes in student financial aid programs, requesting a \$295 million increase in College Work-Study programs and the elimination of four other student aid programs totaling \$630 million.

In keeping with an administration belief that increasing student aid programs have reduced the sense of responsibility students feel toward funding their college educations, the President's budget proposed in February calls for the renewal of a self help program. The self help proposal would increase College Work-Study programs by \$295 million, bringing the overall budget to

\$850 million. However, the President is also requesting that about \$630 million worth of other aid programs be eliminated from the federal budget. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, last year funded at \$370 million; National Direct Student Loans, last year funded at \$184 million; State Incentive Student Grants, last year funded at \$76 million; and Cooperative Education programs, last year funded at \$14.4 million, would all be phased out.

In further keeping with the idea of self help the administration hopes to increase the maximum Pell grant a student can receive from \$1,900 to \$3,000, so that needy students can attend more expensive col-

leges. However, 290,000 fewer Pell grants will be awarded overall.

The administration also intends to set aside 80 percent of all Pell grants for students whose family income is \$12,000 or less. And eligibility requirements for Guaranteed Student Loans, which make almost half of all financial aid programs, would be tightened up under the proposed budget, requiring all applicants to pass a needs test. Currently, only families with incomes above \$30,000 must demonstrate need when applying for a loan.

President Reagan is also renewing efforts to cut in half the federal funds spent on encouraging minority and disadvantaged

students to attend college. The President's budget calls for minority recruitment programs to be cut from last year's \$164.7 million to \$82.3 million in fiscal 1985.

Current & Proposed Spending for Student Aid*

	1984	1985	+/-
Pell Self-help Grants			
Supplemental Grants	2,800	2,800	-
Work-Study/Cooperative Education	375	-	-375
Direct Loans	555	850	+295
State Incentive Grants	181	4	-177
Guaranteed Student Loans	76	-	-76
Total	2,255	2,841	+586
*Figures in millions	6,244	6,495	+251

Diggs enjoys versatility in job as LBCC reference librarian

By Teresa Deal
Staff Writer

Ever needed to find the ratio of ethnic groups in a given area or the name of the 18th governor of this state?

Carol Diggs knows where to find this information and much more. Diggs has been the reference librarian at LBCC for the past two years.

Her main job is to be available to answer questions ranging from, "Where's the pencil sharpener?" to "Where do I find statistics on drunk driving?"

In addition to answering questions, Diggs also books exhibits for the library and sends out press announcements to local papers. She can also stand in at the circulation desk or help catalog new books. Being versatile is part of her job, one she does quite well.

"It's a good job and I really like it," Diggs said. "I'm not so busy that I can't spend time in depth with the students."

Diggs was trained to be a public librarian and did her graduate work at the University of Arizona after finishing at OSU.

Even though this library is not exactly where she planned to work, she finds working with LBCC students a rewarding experience.

"There are several people who are constantly entertaining," she said

smilingly. "They tell me their latest jokes so I can tell the other librarians. Some also bring me treats and are quite friendly." This all helps make her job enjoyable and gives her the feeling of really belonging here at LBCC.

"The only real problem in the library is the noise level," she said. It's a relaxed, small school atmosphere and people tend to get together with friends and talk instead of studying. "I have become a cross between a control cop and a nurserymaid," she said. Diggs feels this hasn't worked, leading to some bad feeling. So far, no one has been thrown out of the library, although she has been forced to threaten a few students. "It's a real annoyance to the students who are trying to study and makes me out to be the bad guy," she said.

Outside the library, her interests are numerous and varied.

One of her biggest hobbies is collecting figurine horses. She started when she was nine years old and has been slowly adding more over the years. "I guess I have about 80 different ones now, ranging from little fabric ones to porcelain and plastic ones," she said. She collects them as she travels and receives them from relatives and friends.

She also does volunteer work at the Corvallis Library. This gives her a wider range in her field and helps keep her up to date with the latest



Photo by Pat Wappes

Reference librarian Carol Diggs assists psychology major Alette Nelson.

changes in her field.

Some of her goals for the future are to work at a public library and to travel to Brazil. But for right now, she would love to become a full-time

librarian instead of part-time at LBCC.

She is also engaged to be married in the next two years. "We want to wait until he's finished with his work at OSU," she said. Diggs helps about

600 to 700 students a month. About 25 percent of this is actual reference work. "It helps keep the job from being boring since I have such a wide range of things to do," she said.

Arts & Entertainment

By Sheila Landry
Feature Editor

The night life must be passing me by somehow if I have to resort to drinking coffee to keep up with it. I couldn't possibly be getting any older, so things must be getting faster.

I refuse to believe that my true major at LB is in "old fuddy-duddy techniques" such as getting enough sleep to be caffeine free and coherent in class the next day. I'm going to plug in my dreaded coffee pot, give myself a boost, and see what's happening this week.

At least I won't have to pull out my toothpick eyeprops to catch a couple of highlight events this weekend. Daytime festivities will be featured at the Albany Creative Arts Festival and at the Hoolyeh Folk Festival in Corvallis.

"Articipation" will be the theme for Albany's 15th annual Spring Arts Festival, April 28-9. Over 30 craft and food booths will be open in Monteith



Photo by Katherine Davenport

Cast members enact a scene from "Rain," Albany Civic Theatre's current production which opened last Friday. The play is an intense drama about a prostitute and a fanatic preacher who meet on a monsoon-swept Pacific Isle. "Rain" will continue weekends through May 5. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Albany's French's Jewelers for \$4.50 (general) and \$4 (students and seniors.) Showtime is 8:15 p.m. Cast members pictured from left are: Bruce Eldredge, Bonnie Ohling, Darwin Gerig, Bill Bush and Mike Long.

Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featured on the park's mainstage will be a variety of performers including poetry reading, clowning, juggling acts and the West Albany String Ensemble. Pancake breakfasts will be available in the park each day from 8-11 a.m. under a tent provided by griddle cake cooks from East Albany Lions Club.

Various artworks and photography will be on display in the downtown area including a large collection of Albany School District student projects to be displayed in the Broadway basement. Workshops with hands-on experience in crafts will be featured for children up to 12 years old. A schedule of activities is posted in the Gazebo Information Booth next to the Senior Citizen Center in downtown Albany.

International folk art and folk dancing along with traditional costumes and music will be featured at the 18th annual Hoolyeh Folk Festival, April 27-9. Folk art workshops will be featured Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon at the senior center. Hands-on experience will be available in skills such as Ukrainian egg decorating, Romanian mosaic plates and Macedonian candle dipping. International folk dance workshops will also be featured on both days beginnings at 1 p.m.

With the lineup of nighttime events also scheduled for the Corvallis Festival, it looks like I'll have to prime my pump with a little java to stay up for the festivities. After a Friday dance workshop beginning 5:30 p.m. at Corvallis High Gym (CHG), a post dance party will begin in the senior center at 11:15 p.m. (if they can do it so can I.) Saturday night's festivities begin 7:30 p.m. at CHG with a variety of ethnic dance ensembles performing in costume to music provided by the Zivo Folk Orchestra of Portland. A mid-night after-dance party will be featured again at the senior center (some people never give up). If you'd like more information about the festival contact it's coordinator Jay Thatcher at 758-9333.

Jazz-fusion combined with traditional African music will be featured in two separate Corvallis concerts this week. The Old World Center will have Obo Addy and Kukruda on stage April 26 for a 8 p.m. performance of Ghanaian rhythms and contemporary music played in traditional African costume. Tickets will be \$4 at the door or they can be purchased in advance at Troubadour Music.

Ancient Future, a San Francisco-based instrumental ensemble combining the traditional music of Africa, India and Bali, will be performing at 8 p.m. April 28 at the First United Presbyterian Church. The ensemble label themselves as "world-fusion musicians" using a wide range of instruments including wooden flutes, sitars, cellos, harps, gongs and bamboo percussion instruments. Tickets will be \$5.50 at the door and \$5 in advance at the Grassroots Bookstore.

It looks like I won't be able to blame LBCC's activities for keeping me up at night this week. The library will be featuring another daytime noon Lunch Bunch book talk in the Alesia/Calapooia room May 1. Media specialist, Paul Snyder, will be giving a discussion on computerized graphics and have some demonstrations to share.

Blood drive slated for May

By Katherine Davenport
Staff Writer

The LBCC spring term blood drive will be held Tuesday, May 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the College Center, board rooms A and B.

O and A positive, which are the most common blood types, are in the greatest demand, according to the Albany Red Cross office

"For the last two years, three times a year," said Blaine Nisson, director of student programs. "We have met our quota of 140 pints." That means 175 to 180 people coming through, Nisson said.

The event, sponsored by the Associated Students of LBCC and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program has been held once a term for the past two years.

"Next year," said Nisson, "We're going to go back to two, one in the fall and one in the spring. It's just too much work, and we're already over-committed."

Sign ups for specific donation times will be held this Wednesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commons lobby.

The advantages of signing up are being able to select your own time and less waiting, said Nisson, and it helps insure a steady flow of donors, however walk ins are welcome, Nisson said.

According to the Albany Red Cross office most are repeat donors. Three to four percent of the population donates 100 percent of the blood, said a representative from the Red Cross.

Welders build spiral stairs for backstage

By Francis Dairy
Staff Writer

Many won't see or even notice this work of art. Some will take it for granted, but others will remember how it was and always be grateful.

Two students from welding technology have saved LBCC approximately \$1,700 by making a spiral staircase as a class project.

The staircase was made to replace a straight up and down steel ladder leading to speech instructor Tim Bryson's office backstage of Takena Theatre.

If the job had been contracted to a private business it would have cost LBCC about \$2,200, said welding instructor Seaton McLennan, adding that the total cost for the staircase was only \$500 due to student involvement.

Welding students Steve Yeager and Tom Suing worked as a team for about 120 hours to complete the project, said McLennan. The students put a lot of overtime and pride into the project, he added.

"We left most of the decision making up to the students," said McLennan, adding that they took parts of three designs and incorporated some of their own ideas to create the staircase to fit their situation.

The steps for the staircase were put together in the welding shop using an assembly line technique. PVC with steel round stock in the center was used for hand railing, and the center column consisted of six-inch pipe. Seven-inch pipe was cut into



Photo by Tom Suing

Welding student Steve Yeager welds a step into place on a spiral staircase he and Tom Suing completed recently. Located behind Takena Theatre, the staircase replaces a steel ladder leading to speech instructor Tim Bryson's office.

pieces and used to slide over the center column to attach the steps.

The center pole was erected first, then they slid the steps on one by one so they could be arranged for easy access. A portable welder was rented from a local business for two days while the steps were welded into place, said McLennan.

"It's terrific," said Bryson, adding that it has made a real difference.

There should be more projects like this around campus. It is easier to carry things down from the office, and it is faster to respond to student needs, he explained. "Now I don't have to worry about safety."

"Steve Yeager and Tom Suing deserve all the credit. They put a part of themselves into it," said McLennan.

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Calendar

Wednesday, April 25

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Blood Drive Sign Up, Commons Lobby.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wood Give-Away Ticket Sales, Commons Lobby.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Sign Up For Bumper Parking Stickers, Commons Lobby.

Thursday, April 26

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Blood Drive Sign Up, Commons Lobby.

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Eastern Oregon State College Visitation, Commons Lobby.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wood Give-Away Tickets Sales, Commons Lobby

Friday, April 27

8 a.m.-2 p.m., Blood Drive Sign Up, Commons Lobby

5-10 p.m., Dinner Theatre, Alsea/Calapooia Rms.

Sunday April 29

12-4 p.m., Tape, Book & Record Sale, Takena Concourse/Alsea/Calapooia Rms.

Monday, April 30

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tape, Book & Record Sale, Takena Concourse/Alsea/Calapooia Rms.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wood Give Away Ticket Sales, Commons Lobby.

Tuesday, May 1

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Blood Drive, Board Rooms A & B.

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Wood Giveaway Ticket Sales, Commons Lobby.

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Library Book Talks, Alsea Rm

12-1:30 p.m., LDS Student Association, Willamette Room.

3-6 p.m., Council of Representatives, Alsea Rm.

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Diamondmen split double with Mt. Hood

By Linda Hahn
Staff Writer

The Roadrunners will be in the thick of league play until the end of the season, according to baseball coach Greg Hawk. "We're gonna keep getting better. Those ball clubs at the bottom of the schedule better watch out," Hawk said confidently Tuesday morning. But that confidence didn't carry the team Tuesday afternoon when they lost the double-header to Clackamas by 5-4 each game.

The first game went into an extra inning to break a 4-4 tie. Steve Stansbury relieved pitcher Ryan Case after seven and one third innings, then continued to pitch the first five innings of the second game. He threw five strike-outs in those five innings. Stansbury was relieved by Greg Lessard who threw two strike-outs in the final two innings.

The team split a double-header on Saturday, April 21 with Mt. Hood—top team in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges Region 4. The Roadrunners took the first game from their hosts, 9-4.

"We played awful good baseball," Hawk said. "We came out hitting with men in the scoring positions from the beginning." The Roadrunners amassed a 4-0 lead in the second inning and scored a big five runs in the fourth inning.

"Then we coasted to a 9-4 win," Hawk said. He credited the victory to an outstanding performance by pitcher Pete Stansbury. "Stansbury was fantastic. He pitched seven innings—double-headers only have seven innings—and only gave up eight hits," Hawk said.

Other players who towed the line were outfielder Mike Caldwell who got on base twice for four times at bat and hit in two runs, catcher Steve Contreras who was two for three with two RBIs and infielder Dave Garwood who was one for four with two RBIs.

However, the second game fell to Mt. Hood, 25-4.

"Our pitching fell apart," Hawk said. He explained that earlier in the season Stansbury's pitching was inconsistent. Stansbury has improved, Hawk said, but his progress has been accompanied by a decline in quality from the rest of the pitching staff.

"We gave up a lot of hits and walks," Hawk said. He echoed a similar complaint for the 16-9 loss to Western Oregon State JV on Tuesday, April 24.

Quality pitching will play a big part in the Roadrunners final tally at the end of league play, according to Hawk. "If pitching holds out we'll be in the middle of things. If the pitching doesn't, we're gonna be in trouble," he said.

Last year LB men's baseball finished 12-0 at the top of the league. So far this year, the men are 6-4 in league play and 11-14 overall. Hawk expects to finish either first or second in the league and the team to beat is Mt. Hood. LB is two for two with them.

"All we gotta do it take care of Lane and Umpqua and hope someone else can knock out Mt. Hood," Hawk said. "Baseball is a funny game. We have a chance when it is all wrapped up."

The Roadrunners will host Linfield JVs today at 3 p.m. Then for the rest of the season the men will play league games exclusively. Umpqua will visit LB Saturday, April 28 for a double-header at 1 p.m. Then next Tuesday, May 1, the Roadrunners will play another double-header at Lane.

"We'd like to see everyone come out to the ballgames," Hawk said. "We're an exciting club."

LB runners take 2nd in meet

By Dave Walters
Staff Writer

Lane Community College cruised by Linn-Benton Saturday in a five-way track meet to capture first place.

Lane's men's squad scored 111 points to LB's 74½ at Linn-Benton. The Roadrunners placed second.

"I thought the weather held out good for us," said Roadrunner men's coach Dave Bakley, "but the wind had an effect on everyone's time."

Roadrunner Rod Kilgore tossed two first place positions, winning the shot put (46'5") and the discus (146'5") and LB's Kurt Stone placed second in the hammer throw at (118'5").

There was a vault-off for first place in the pole vault against Clif McMillan of LB and Roadrunner Tim Canfield. Neither contender made the 11'7" jump, but when the bar was lowered back down to 11'4", McMillan made the elimination vault. Canfield placed second at 11'4".

Devin Seeger took second in the 5000 meter with 15 minutes, 56.5 seconds, and Jason Sele placed third with a 16:01.8 time.

The Roadrunner's women's squad placed third with Lane taking first and Mt. Hood landing second at the meet.

"Lane and Mt. Hood are two of the toughest teams in the league," said Roadrunner women's coach Debbie Prince.

Mt. Hood squeezed by Lane with a two point lead winning the meet.

The 3000 meter decided the win as Mt. Hood's Stephanie Carey broke the ribbon in 10:37.4 and Lane's Dawn Ray crossed the line second in 10:49.1. There were no LB runners in the event.

"We've never competed in all of the events," said Prince. "We just don't have the numbers to do that."

Joyce Klein of LB placed second in the women's javelin at 97'8" and second in the long jump with a 16'3¼" jump. She also placed third in the high jump at 4'6".

Niva Putzar of LB ran the 1500 in 4:49.9 taking first and the 800 in 2:27.7 for a strong second place.

Roadrunner Toni Ormsby placed second in the women's shot put throwing the shot 49'4¼".

The Roadrunner's next track meet is on the road against Lane and Southwestern April 28, at Lane Community College.

Diabetes seminar planned Saturday

The all day program will start at 9 a.m. There will be a brown bag lunch with beverages provided. Subjects to be covered are: "Fiber—The Hull Truth," a realistic look at fiber in the diet. Recipes and cooking hints will be given; "Dealing with Stress," a talk relating to stress, especially in the life of the diabetic and their family, and "Exercise and Its Role in the Life of the Diabetic."

"Diabetes, How Sweet It Is," a free annual symposium to help people learn to live with diabetes will be held at LBCC April 28. Pre-registration is encouraged for purposes of planning, but you may register between 8:30 and 9 that morning.

There will also be a movie from the FOCUS series, "Focus on Family," followed by a discussion and feedback. Other highlights will include displays of diabetic foods and supplies, free samples, handouts, and drawings for door prizes including a blood glucose monitoring machine. For more information call 928-2361, ext. 236.

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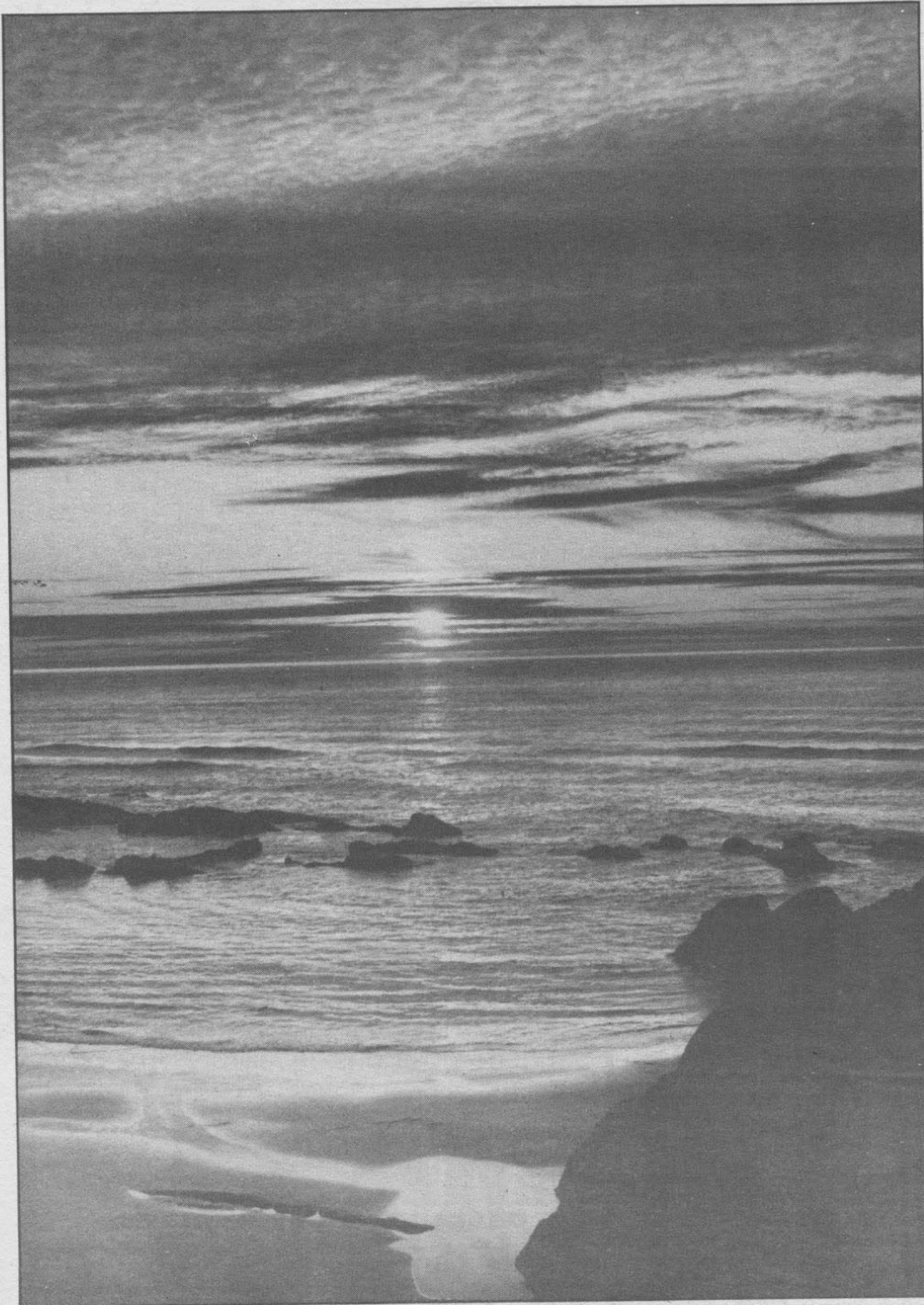
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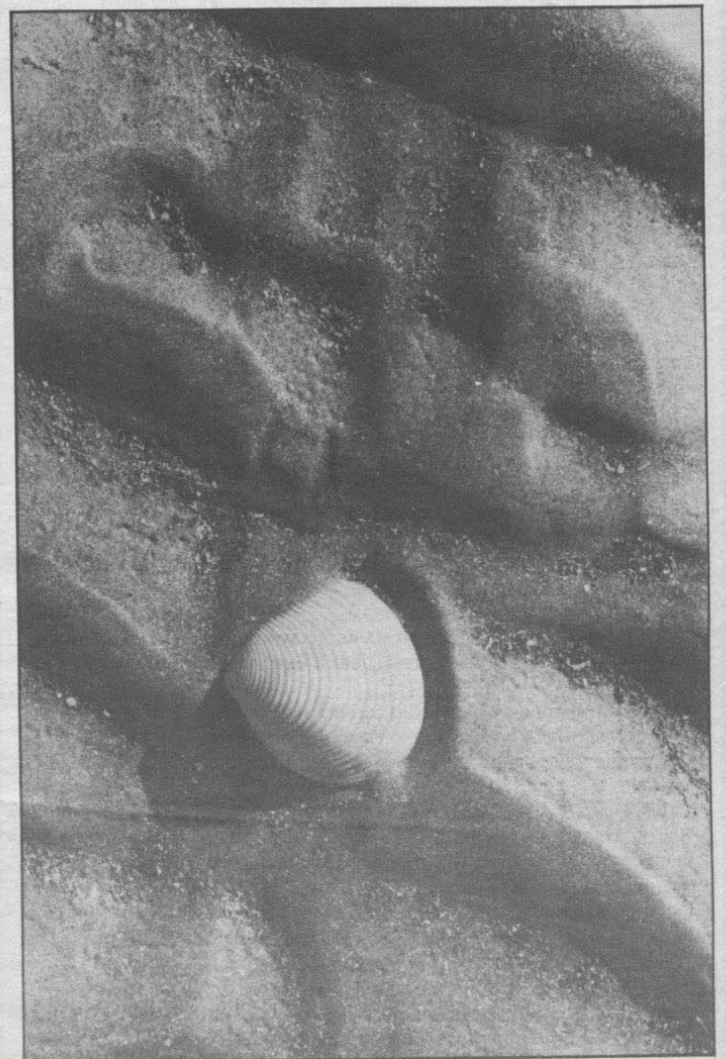
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Sherry Oliver



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