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U of O signs credit transfer agreement with LBCC



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U of O Vice Provost Paul Holbo, left, LBCC President Tom Gonzales, center, and U of O President Paul Olum meet on campus to negotiate, compile and sign a block transfer agreement.

New pact guarantees block transfer of general ed credits for students graduating with Associate of Arts degrees

By Todd Powell
News Editor

LBCC and University of Oregon officials gathered Monday on campus to negotiate and compile a memorandum of agreement between the school facilities for "block transfer."

"What we signed," explained LBCC President Tom Gonzales, "was a transfer agreement for a block transfer with the University of Oregon." The term "block transfer" simply means the basic "core of courses," Gonzales said.

The written joint agreement that the U of O will accept LBCC's courses is a guarantee only to LBCC transfer students who hold an Associate of Arts degree, according to Gonzales.

"It (agreement) just provides a better mechanism for assuring students of the courses that they take here at LBCC," he said. "It's been in our (LBCC's) interest for years to do a better job of assuring students easy transfer to universities," he added, "but we have to have the cooperation of the four-year sector to do that."

Besides the agreement with LBCC, U of O has made written ties with nine other community colleges, according to Gonzales.

Students who take upper division courses at LBCC, such as higher math levels, might have problems transferring. "Those departments still have the right to question transfer abilities," he said.

According to Gonzales, LBCC's relationship with OSU in terms of transferring has generally been successful "although we don't have a written agreement," he said. The OSU "transfer guide" has generally been the only way to measure transfer abilities by LBCC students.

Jon Carnahan, LBCC's vice president of instruction, confirmed that the agreement was made to better facilitate easier access to the university level. "As long as it makes it easier for our transfer students—we're all in favor of it," he said.

The signing of the document took place in Gonzales' office including Paul Olum, U of O president; Paul Holbo, U of O vice-provost; Jon Carnahan, LBCC vice president of instruction and LBCC President Tom Gonzales.

"The agreement," explained Gonzales "is one more step we've (LBCC) made to try and provide better service for our students."

Seven new programs may be adopted by LB

By Keith Rude
Staff Writer

If school officials have their way, seven new programs may be adopted into the college curriculum, some of which could be accepted as early as fall of 1987.

The proposed programs, which were discussed at a recent president's council meeting include: medical receptionist—dental option; animal technology—horse management option; nondestructive testing; industrial mechanics; electrical mechanical technician; horse and mule packing; and an advanced farrier certificate.

Most of the new programs can be created by "taking currently offered classes and combining them into a different matrix with other classes," said Barb Dixon, vice president of instruction.

Dixon explained that there is a process to having a new program instituted which requires a minimum of six months.

One of the steps is providing evidence of occupational need for the program in the school district for the next three to five years, she said.

Next the program has to meet school board approval, a curriculum has to be developed, and it must meet admissions requirements, Dixon said. It (the program) cannot compete for students in another community college district, she added.

Final approval is granted by the Oregon Department of Education in Salem, before a budget can be obtained, she said.

The conference and resort management option, a branch of the culinary arts and hospitality management program, was the last program added, about three years ago, to LBCC's curriculum, she said.

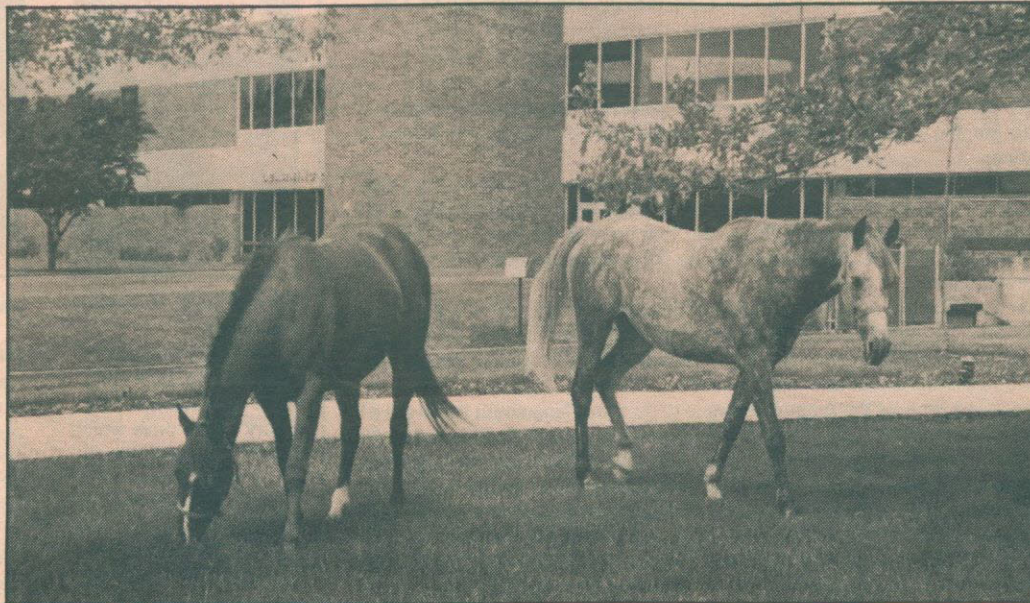
Mike Patrick, director of the industrial division, who is helping promote these new programs said, "The new programs should increase people opportunities for employment potential at a relatively low cost to the school."

LBCC is the only school in Oregon capable of providing nondestructive testing, a branch of the metallurgy program, said Patrick.

The new farrier program, if accepted, will provide more specialized horse shoeing, nutrition, disease, health, and business courses, he said.

Since the farrier program is designed to be taught for an entire year, students will be eligible for financial aid, as opposed to the current 14-week program in which financial aid is not possible, he said.

As for the proposed horse and mule packing program, Patrick feels the training (180 hours) will provide seasonal employment opportunities at recreational facilities for students that want to work with horses as sort of a spin-off from the farrier program. A possible three-day pack trip could be implemented as a final exam, he noted.



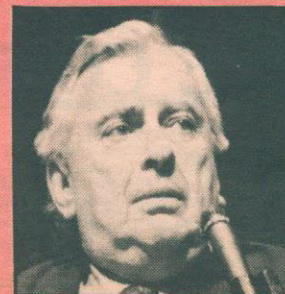
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Horse Play

Two horses escaped from a ranch south of campus last Sunday and helped themselves to the LBCC landscape. The horses munched on rhododendrons and other campus flora until a security officer summoned the owner, who herded them home.

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Editorial

Future holds hope, frustration

As spring term nears the end, LBCC students may be experiencing mixed feelings about it.

In addition to well deserved emotions of pride and celebration for the graduating class of '87, there is frustration and disappointment of students who set goals of graduating this spring but have been less successful at earning the required credits.

Furthermore, there may be some sadness as growing friendships made during the pursuit of education at LBCC are interrupted when people go their separate ways.

Some nostalgia may also become conscious as students planning to leave LBCC look back at good times and rewarding accomplishments of college experiences.

And new anxieties are likely to replace those felt during midterms and finals when students test their education in an occupational setting and are pressured to succeed. Moreover, coping with life's nuances ranging from basic survival needs of food, clothing and shelter to social communication and personal relationships continue.

Knowledge gained by students at LBCC will be helpful in understanding and reacting to different emotions and situations. However ambition, determination, fortitude and patience will also be needed to achieve the plans and goals that are made. Good Luck.

— Dale Owen

Guest Column

Constitution needs rewriting

By Allen R. Anderson
Staff Writer

"We the people, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice..." These are the opening words to the Constitution of the United States of America.

It's the year 1987 and we are celebrating the bicentennial of this nation's Constitution. A document that our forefathers created in a matter of days to get King George off their backs. A document that created the very laws that this nation operates on. A document that we have twisted until it has lost its original meaning.

Our Constitution is now a patchwork of laws that are, as George Orwell would say, "prose (that) consists less and less of 'words' chosen for the sake of their meaning and more and more of 'phrases' tacked together like the sections of a prefabricated apartment house."

Now is the time for the American people to do something about these out-of-date pieces of paper. As author Gore Vidal said in a speech at OSU last week, it's time for a new Constitutional Convention. Out of 50 states, 34 have voted for a new convention. If two more vote, such a convention will be held.

A new constitution must be concise. We have no need for a mass of Latin words falling upon the facts like snow, blurring the outlines and covering up all the details. Now the Constitution is a bunch of doublespeak that lets the government grow like a cancerous sore—a government that defines murder as "an arbitrary deprivation of existence" just to shield its people from the cruelty of the real world.

As the comedian Gallagher said, "If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of progress?"

We are not a nation of naive children. We must take charge of our own lives. We must reassess our values.

A church should not be able to claim tax exemption when its leaders are able to take home \$1.3 million to buy frivolous things like air conditioned dog houses, as Jim and Tammy Baker have done.

The time for a new set of rules is here. Let's dump some of the dead weight.

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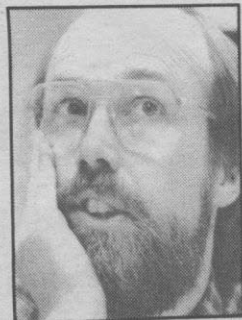
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Street Beat

What were the highlights and lowpoints of your year at LBCC?



Rich Bergeman, journalism instructor

"It was a pretty quiet year. Several issues of the Commuter were highlights. One highlight for me was getting picked to participate in a five-person show at the Corvallis Art Center. Our photography program grew this year and a lot more students were exposed. But I didn't get attacked by sex starved co-eds this year. Another lowpoint was The Commuter party I held. Only three or four measly students showed up. Dale had to eat all the hors d'oeuvres, which he did willingly."



Jeanne Knight, fine arts

"Spring Daze was a highlight. The Mr. Legs contest was fun because the guys' legs were great. I like my art classes and drawing classes which promote creativity and self awareness and things like that. I love aerobic dance and body toning. All my teachers are helpful. Finals weeks and stress are a dislike. Dissecting unborn baby pigs in Bob Ross's class was terrible."



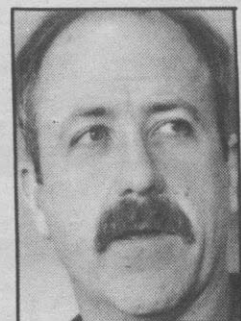
Patti Crump, political science

"My highlights are my classes. I have some really great classes that are making me a lot more politically aware. I was sceptical about community colleges until I came here. I'm really happy about LBCC. I like the size and the teachers are more concerned and personal. I was really disappointed when I couldn't get into U of O this year though. Now I have to go to school in the summer and this school doesn't really offer much summer term."



Asher Royce, undecided

"The positive points at LBCC are the really different people. There are not all the little kids like at the highschool. There is an older crowd with a friendly atmosphere. If you are looking like a mess people don't care. The studying here is more serious and I learn more when I study. The student population is not as large as I would like. No matter what time I get on the bus the same people are always on it."



Barney Craig, secondary education

"Well, my dislikes were driving back and forth from Newport. I'm weary of the drive which is 60 miles each way. I got a 4.0 last term which was great. I'm intimidated because I don't think it will happen again. I've enjoyed science and math. I've met a lot of good friends and study mates here."



Karen Susuki, education

"I think this term was pretty boring. Classes were not as exciting as I was expecting. Probably because summer is coming soon. There are too many exams for such a short term. I liked my Marine Biology class. We went to Newport which was very interesting but it was so cold there. For someone from Hawaii it's something I'll remember forever."



Julie Malone, nursing

"My dislikes here are chemistry 104, 105 and 106. I'll tell you chemistry is my lowlight. My highlights are passing 104, 105 and 106 and living through the year. There were a lot less parking problems here than at OSU. I liked the play 'My Fair Lady' but it was too long. My husband fell asleep."



Audrey Perkins, theatre department

"I liked the philosophy, the visions and the goals of LBCC as a community. I appreciate the collection of people that have come to work here. I have struggled with the difficulty of maintaining good communication in an institution and the lack of time available to work out the interpersonal dynamics related to our work situation."

Compiled by Louisa Christensen and Keith Rude

Letters

Students thankful for project success

Dear Editors:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who helped to make our project on the Form and Function of Student Council

a success. We appreciate the contribution of time and thoughtful consideration that was given to our interview questions and surveys. From Dr. Gonzales to the school board to the students and staff and to the student council itself, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the candidness in which we were received.

Through our study of the form and function of the student council, we

came to a sincere appreciation of the work of the members of the student council. The work they do is often unrecognized by the general student population, but we want them to know that we recognize it and them and commend them for a job well done.

Carol Ford
Linda Canoy
Mike Rowe

LB's 20th birthday celebrated next year

By Annette Krussow
Managing Editor

During the early 60s, major national history was being made.

In 1963, John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

In 1964, the Beatles made their first American appearance and later influenced American culture.

In 1965, the U.S. sent combat troops to Vietnam.

Locally, community leaders began developing an idea that would benefit the communities of Linn and Benton counties—the formation of a community college.

The 1987-88 school year will mark the 20th anniversary of LBCC, and college officials are making plans for a celebration.

The history of the college goes back to 1963, when the idea to establish LBCC was being discussed and evaluated by the Linn County Chamber of Commerce and community leaders of Benton County.

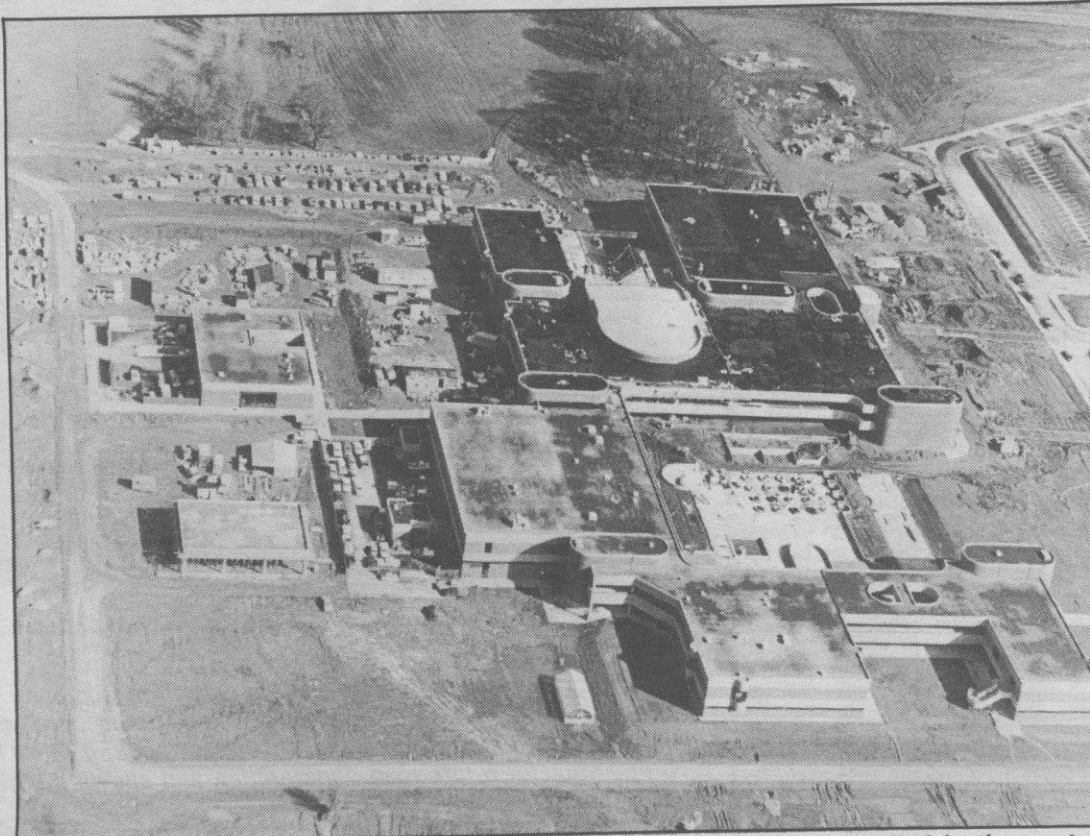
In 1964, a study produced by the University of Oregon Bureau of Education Research documented the need for a community college in Linn and Benton counties.

Voters elected to pass the formation of LBCC in 1966, and one year later 2,800 students enrolled in the college. Classes were held in rented buildings in downtown Albany.

According to Gretchen Schuette, director of Community Relations, LBCC was formed in about the time period when community colleges gained popularity. The early 1960s began "the heyday of the development of community colleges."

Land for the school was purchased in 1970 and temporary, rented facilities were brought to the site while construction for the permanent buildings went under way.

"We rented what we could get our hands on," until classes could be held in the present buildings in 1972, said Pete Boyse, assistant to the president. Takena Hall, the last built,



LBCC is still under construction in this early 1970s aerial shot looking eastward. The Science and Technology and the Health Occupations buildings are in the foreground

and the courtyard is located in the center. Takena Hall and the Industrial C building were not constructed yet. Takena Hall was added to the campus in 1978.

was finished in 1979.

Boyse said the biggest change that LBCC went through over the years was its growth. "During the 1970s, we just grew like crazy," leveling off in 1980. That growth was typical of community colleges around the country, he added.

The emphasis was probably a lot more vocational, Boyse added, but due to changes in the economy the shift has been towards the service sector. More general education courses are offered now than 20 years ago with "a shift more in the

academic transfer area."

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of LBCC, Schuette said old photographs and student newspapers may be used to commemorate the occasion. The Community Relations office also plans to use an anniversary logo for every publication printed out of the office.

The Friends of LBCC also have an idea to develop a display that can be taken to various locations and show the history of the college, what is happening now and what the future of

the college holds, Dee Deems, director of the Albany Center, said.

Also, all media information will contain a note or some kind of symbol showing LBCC's 20th anniversary celebration. "Everything we send out (from the college) will have something" to honor LBCC, Boyse said.

Instead of creating a lot of events to celebrate the anniversary, Boyse said the college would do something extra in annual events like Spring Daze and the fall fruit show to say "we've been around for 20 years."

Officers seek student hitchhikers

By Todd Powell
News Editor

Information from two unidentified LBCC students concerning a murder suspect from Seattle, Wash., is being sought by the Eugene Police Department.

Posters seeking the identity of the students, who were picked up as hitchhikers by the murder suspect, have been placed around campus by LBCC Justice Services.

The case began May 26 when police from the King County, Wash., area began a search for Bruce Kevin Watson, 20, who was wanted in the brutal stabbing death of his grandmother and the wounding of her male companion, who is listed in critical condition.

Watson fled south and eventually picked up two hitchhikers between Seattle and Salem—Robert Wilbur, 33, and Judy Bridgewater, 47, of Chicago, according to Eugene police detectives.

At approximately 7 p.m., as the three were traveling south, Watson stopped to pick up two more hitchhikers near a Salem freeway ramp. The hitchhikers, male and female Caucasians, told the other passengers that they were students at LBCC, and requested they be let off at the college in Albany.

After the students were dropped off at the college, the car, a 1981 Buick Regal, continued to Eugene, where Watson was identified by city police and pursued in a high-speed chase.

Eugene police eventually stopped the vehicle, only to discover the two hitchhikers, they said.

Upon questioning Wilbur and Bridgewater, Eugene detectives learned about the two unidentified LBCC students.

Two homicide detectives from Seattle, Wash., visited LBCC's Justice Services office last week to

seek assistance in the case. LBCC officers then compiled information as well as a picture of Watson and posted flyers on campus bulletin boards.

"They (Seattle homicide detectives) were telling me they would like my help on getting information about the LBCC students," explained LBCC's Security Supervisor Louise Stearns. "I told them I was willing to do whatever I could possible."

After Eugene police failed to apprehend Watson during the high-speed car chase, they eventually caught him about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday after a private security guard saw him in a residential area, according to Fred Piquette, a Eugene detective.

According to Piquette, Watson was held in the Lane County jail overnight and was taken back by Seattle homicide detectives Wednesday where he'll face murder charges.

"Our work is still not done," stated Piquette. "We're still looking for the two students that they dropped off at the Linn-Benton dorm," he added. Stearns said she suspects the "dorm" Piquette referred to is the Cascade apartments, located north of the college.

"They're in no trouble," Piquette said of the students. "We just want to know where they got picked up and what time—what may have been said in the way of conversation, and that's about it."

Stearns confirmed that the students are wanted "more than ever now (that Watson has been apprehended). They're not in any danger whatsoever. He's (Watson) in custody, but the students might be used as court witnesses," she said.

Anyone having information concerning the two LBCC students can contact LBCC's Security office located in the College Center or by calling 928-2361, ext. 362.

Student photos, ceramics displayed

Photography and ceramics by LBCC students will be on display Monday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 9, in the Humanities Gallery.

Photography instructor Rich Bergeman said that the show represents work done over the course of the school year by introductory, intermediate and Zone photography students.

"There are about 40 to 50 prints, mostly black and white, but a few color. They range from portraits and landscapes to symbolic and abstract work," Bergeman said.

Jay Widmer, ceramic instructor, said the items on display from the ceramic classes represent a wide variety of styles, from functional to expressive pieces.

The student display, titled "Silver and Clay," may be viewed for 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is free and open to the public.

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Creativity Workshop

"The Creative Challenge," sponsored by the TED Center, will be held on Friday, June 5, from 8 a.m. to noon in Forum 104. Cost of the workshop is \$30 and preregistration is not required, but is advised. For more information, call the TED Center, 967-6112.

Ceramics & Photography

Photography and ceramics by LBCC students will be on display Monday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Humanities Gallery. For more information on the free showing, call LBCC's AHSS department, 928-2361, ext. 404.

Free Performance

LBCC's Concert and Chamber choirs will present a free performance Thursday, June 4 at 8 p.m. in Tadena Theatre. Selections for the performances will include "On God and Not on Human Trust," "Lacrymosa," "Weep, O Mine Eyes" and "Donne Hay." For more information, call 928-2361, ext. 404.

Volunteers Needed

The Wellness Committee needs volunteers to spread bark dust on the Wellness Trail June 8 and 9 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LB Board

The Linn-Benton Board of Education and Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. regarding the 1987-88 Budget on June 2.

Pops Concert

The LBCC Community Chorale will present their annual Pops Concert Sunday, June 7, at 3 p.m. on the LBCC Mainstage in Tadena Hall. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens and are available at The Inkwell, Corvallis; French's Jewelers, Albany and the LBCC College Center Office. Featured soloists include soprano, Marta Vanderburg; alto, Marian Ely and tenor, Fred Adams all from Corvallis and bass, Warren Good from Albany.

Sunflower House

Sunflower House, a community outreach program, will be offering a training, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. for people who would like to work in the food bank. Scheduling is flexible. No particular background is required. For more information, call 758-3000 or stop by community outreach, 128 SW 9th, Corvallis.

Mid-Willamette Growers

The Mid-Willamette Valley Growers Map tells where to go for U-Pick, canning orders and on-the-farm produce sales in Linn and Benton counties. Free copies can be picked up at county extension offices, libraries, stores and outside the student programs office at LBCC.

Craft Center

The MU Craft Center will be open Summer Term from June 22-August 14. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Member ship is \$15 for students and \$17 for non-students. Registration for all classes begin June 2 at the center only. Classes offered include Woodworking, Calligraphy, Photography; Color and Black and White, Stained Glass and Ceramics.

Exhibit Opening

The opening of "The Finishing Room" on June 6 will exhibit the restored machinery that has been in place in the basement first floor since the early 1900's in the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. The dedication will be at 1:30 p.m. with ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. followed by free museum tours and an ice cream social.

Business Financing

Detailed information on ways to secure business financing will be presented at a workshop, "Securing Business Financing," on June 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Boardrooms. Cost of the one-day seminar is \$35, which includes lunch. Deadline for registration is Monday, June 22. For more information, call the TED Center, 967-6112.

Collection of life's memories published by senior writers

"Sharing Memories," a collection of stories about laughter, love, heartache and tears, is being published by members of the Write Your Life Story classes offered through LBCC's Benton Center.

The 185-page book is the fifth book published by the class in seven years. The class was started to offer older people a way to give a legacy of family history to their sons, daughters and grandchildren, according to instructor Edna Wiese. Wiese says that she emphasizes having the students tell their stories in their own words and styles. "The emphasis of the Write Your Own Story is definitely not on grammar or punctuation."

For the most part, Wiese's students are in their 60s, 70s and 80s, but younger people have discovered the class, too. This past year, her students ranged from in their 50s to her oldest student of 87.

Many of her students have taken the class each term since it began, continuing to enlarge their own life story or moving on to the history of other family members. "Genealogy is great; in fact, I'm a genealogy buff myself; but it doesn't really tell you anything about the people. And, you learn a lot from history books, but here again, you don't know how your ancestors were affected, how they lived, what experiences they had. So much history is lost from generation to generation, but these people are preserving it for their families," Wiese said.

The 8½" by 11", spiral-bound book costs \$11.75 and must be prepaid by July 12. Anyone interested in ordering "Sharing Memories" should send a check made out to LBCC for \$11.75 to Edna Wiese, 277 N.E. Conifer, No. 12, Corvallis, OR 97330. To learn more about the project, call Wiese at 753-7085.



Eight feet under

The Commuter/KEITH RUDE

Rick Korhage of Emery and Sons Construction Company from Stayton, Oregon digs 8 feet down to uncover a sewer pipe. The company is relocating the water and sewer lines west of Pacific Boulevard to 500 feet beyond Allen Road. The relocation is in preparation for future road construction and allows the industrial park south of the road to use the lines.

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RSVP receives community service award

By Colleen Witham
Staff Writer

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Linn County (RSVP) was presented with the Outstanding Community Service Award at a ceremony, May 30.

The award, which was presented by the Oregon Human Development Corporation, recognizes individuals who have "diligently given of themselves in volunteer community activities that contribute to improve interrelations and overall betterment of citizens in their community."

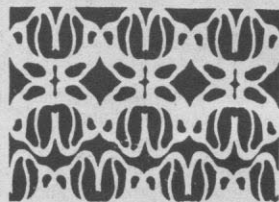
In Linn County, there are 525 active members in the RSVP program, serving in 50 volunteer stations

throughout the county. According to RSVP Director Peg Hatfield, senior volunteers contributed almost 80,000 hours of volunteer services last year for non-profit organizations throughout the county.

Although the volunteers provide much needed services, Hatfield stressed that the program's primary goal is to improve the quality of life of the volunteers. By becoming involved in area schools, libraries, museums and county programs, the volunteers remain active, build friendships and regain their self-esteem, Hatfield said.

Linn-Benton Community College sponsors RSVP programs in Linn and Benton Counties.

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Vidal backs effort to call constitutional convention

By Keith Rude
Staff Writer

"This year, 1987, we are being urged to celebrate our Constitution's 200th anniversary. I see nothing at all to celebrate," Gore Vidal, noted author of 22 novels, told the crowd. "Rather, let us save our platitudes for 1991, when the Bill of Rights will have its bicentennial."

Approximately 1,000 people filled OSU's Austin Auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Center last week to hear a free lecture by Vidal on the U.S. Constitution.

Vidal referred to Thomas Jefferson as a spiritual Darwinian, a sad, civilized, unheeded voice from the past, a man that could not foresee that we, his heirs, would be barbarians. "Two centuries later, we maintain reverently our rotten institutions, while addressing ourselves with ever greater ingenuity to the destruction of the Bill of Rights," he said.

"Although I am not entirely persuaded that a written constitution is a good idea, I am entirely opposed to the current bit of patchwork that provides us with so much injustice and simple corruption at home, and mindless imperial adventure abroad," he added.

Vidal mentioned that he would like to see a new Constitutional Convention. To date, 32 state legislatures have voted for such a convention—if two more states are in favor, such a convention will be unavoidable, he said.

He said conservatives can take credit for some fundamental and radical constitutional upheavals in order to balance the budget, put prayer in schools, and forbid abortion, pornography and drugs. Each of these are itemized in what Vidal called a "bill of wrongs."

"I can look with a certain serenity at the restructuring of our political institution—certainly they don't work as they are now," said Vidal.

But Vidal questioned where such a constitutional convention will convene and under what offices; who will be eligible to attend; whether it will be restricted to a single issue; and whether the courts will be able to review rewritten portions.

Currently, the House Judiciary Committee is trying to derail the movement. After all, such a convention could and probably would supersede Congress," said Vidal. "On the other hand, the American Bar Association sees no legal or constitutional objections to such a convention."

"In any case, if there is to be a battle over our freedoms, let it be in the open, not in the attorney general's office or backstage at the Supreme Court," added Vidal.

Vidal recalled the years 1945 to 1950 as the "Golden Age" when the arts flourished and the American people believed there was no social problem which could not be solved by a nation that defeated fascism and depression.

"Some of us thought that nuclear energy would be so cheap that electricity would be free," he said.

"We believed that any problem could, and would, be solved. Now, more than a third of a century later, I am still here somewhat changed, but that country where I once lived is no longer anywhere but in one's aging memory."

"With the Korean War in 1950 we became what we have been ever since—a garrison state at war, hot or cold, with just about everyone. In the process our liberties at home erode and we anxiously spy on one another in the name of security," he said.

"Gradually, the United States is becoming irrelevant to the world's economy," Vidal said, adding that in the next century Japan will be No. 1, the United States will be our farm, and Western Europe will be our boutique.

Vidal feels an alliance between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. is necessary, since the combined populations between the two countries will be about one-sixth of the world's total population by the end of the century.

"Separately, we (the white race) are too small, and I'm afraid too incompetent to compete economically with the one-and-a-half billion Sino-Japanese," he said.

Nuclear reactors should be phased out, and as for nuclear weapons, they must certainly be gotten rid of, said Vidal. The fallout from one defective missile would be worse than a thousand Chernobyls, he said.

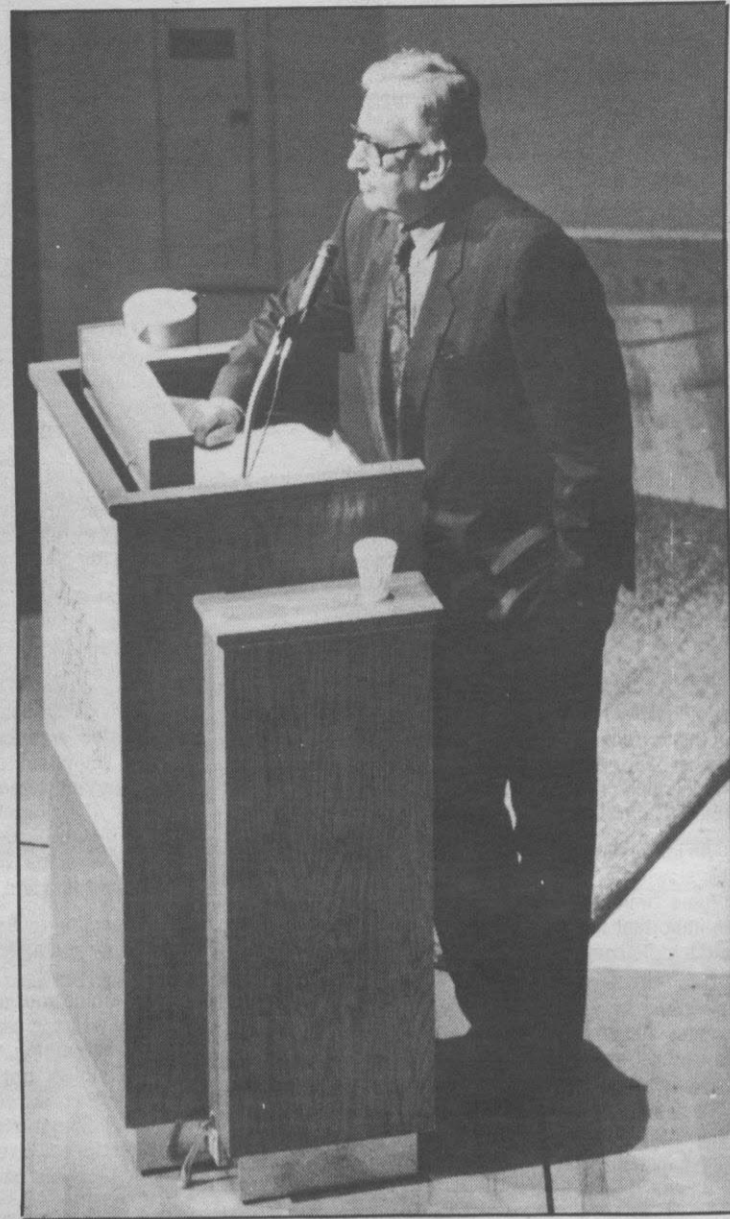
"You know, if you factor out Social Security, you will find that two-thirds of our federal budget is for war. Yet there is no war, that I know of, and there is no enemy, that I know of—externally, that is," said Vidal. "Internally, the Pentagon, the CIA, new lobbies, and paid-for politicians are the real enemy."

As for religion, Vidal spoke of TV evangelicals who seem to prefer adultery and simony to sodomy, and money to all else. He went on to say that one simple way to get them off the airways is to tax them. "Any fundamentalist Christian who believes Armageddon and nuclear war are now at hand will become three-fifths of a person," he said.

Vidal also offered his views on drug legislation, and said it's not the government's place to tell you what to eat or drink. In his opinion, all drugs should be legalized.

In closing, Vidal mentioned that all of the intrusions, and usurpations have got to be confronted quite soon, with or without a constitutional convention, otherwise the federal government will have its dream—total control of the private and public lives of its citizens.

As patriots, we should put the tyrants in their place, we must set them right, somehow or other, so that we can pardon them, and pacify them—ideally within the frame of a new constitution."



The Commuter/KEITH RUDE

Gore Vidal, author of 22 novels, speaks on the Constitution to approximately 1,000 people in LaSells Stewart Center last Thursday.

Barr to address graduates

By Tami Wilson
Staff Writer

Over 200 of the more than 700 graduating LBCC students will hear Dr. Robert Barr, Dean of Oregon State University/Western Oregon State College of Education, deliver the 1987 commencement address at the Activities Center next week.

The theme of the speech will be "The Future Is Not What It Used To Be." Barr said he will focus on how skills and jobs are changing with technological advancements, and how graduates can grow with them.

Barr has headed OSU's College of Education since 1982. Prior to that, he was interim director of the Center for Urban and Multi-Cultural Education and director of the Office of Teacher Education and Extended Services at Indiana University.

During the past seven years, Barr has provided consulting or technical assistance to over 30 public school districts in over a dozen states and in two Canadian districts. As a direct result of this work, over 20 new alternative schools have been established, where students with special talents, or those with academic problems can get special attention through different learning opportunities.

One of Barr's ambitions includes writing. He has co-authored several books on social studies and alternatives in education, and has had numerous reports, monographs and articles published in leading educational journals.

Barr said he enjoys speaking at graduations. He feels community colleges are valuable because, as fields change, they can develop programs accordingly.

"A good example of this is LBCC, where graduates do very well when they continue their education here at OSU," stated Barr.

According to Blaine Nisson, director of admissions, "Students will enjoy Dr. Barr's commencement because his speeches are very positive and upbeat."

The commencement ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with a processional from Tadena Hall to the Activities Center, led by the Albany Bagpipers. A reception in the courtyard will follow the ceremony.

Student survey shows Albany's downtown needs department store

By Marco Coleman
Staff Writer

A strong "anchor store" is the most needed addition to downtown Albany, according to a survey recently conducted by LBCC's marketing class.

"What would help downtown Albany the most is an anchor store like Nordstrom's or Meier and Frank's," said marketing instructor Larry Schuetz.

Schuetz explained that an anchor store would bring more business to downtown Albany, which would help support other specialty shops. "When the Post Office is the most popularly patronized store in downtown Albany, you know something is missing," said Schuetz.

The study showed that the Post Office is easily the most popularly patronized store of all downtown establishments, with banks coming in a distant second. It also showed that 56 percent of Albany's residents would shop downtown more often if there were a greater variety of stores, including a large department store or mall.

More promotion and diversification would also help the downtown area according to Schuetz.

"It would help if downtown businesses stayed open later than 5:30 p.m., and if they were open on Saturdays, which is by far the most popular shopping day," said Schuetz. He added that a drug store that delivers to people who are too elderly or ill to drive would do well downtown.

LBCC's Research and Marketing Class will suggest these improvements to the Albany Chamber of Commerce on June 5 at 5 p.m. They are the results of a research project which started at the beginning of Spring Term.

The 30 class members were involved in every aspect of data collection and assessment. They began by developing a questionnaire—in cooperation with the Albany Chamber of Commerce—designed to reveal the general characteristics of Albany inhabitants and their attitudes about the downtown area. After assigning survey areas, the students dealt with public relations. When they were certain that the public would be receptive to their door-to-door questioning, the students began to collect data.

Data from the 600 homes surveyed was then put in a computer, and analyzed by the class. The final step will be the presentation of the data and its marketing implications to the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

"Some of the information was very surprising," said Schuetz.

Survey results showed the median household income of Albany inhabitants is \$27,000 per year, and the median age is 39 years old. Both figures are higher than they were in 1983, the last time such a survey took place.

A higher percentage of married couples (64 percent) and high school graduates (89 percent) were also recorded in Albany this year.

Newspaper ads were the No. 1 influence on Albany shoppers with 83 percent of Albany residents doing their shopping from them.

Only 34 percent of Albany's residents shop inside Albany for items other than food. Of those residents who leave town to shop, 25 percent of them go to Salem.

The median amount of money spent per trip in Albany is about the same as that spent outside Albany—\$35 compared to \$38.



Health-Wise

By Diane Morelli

What exactly causes aging? "Aging occurs as the result of accumulated damage or faulty repairs of cellular and biochemical mechanisms." Once scientists figure out the "hows" and "whys", then it is feasible to believe a slowing or reversing of the process may be found.

I mentioned in part one of this three-part series on aging, that our biological limit seems to be set between 110 and 120 years of age. These figures were derived from the cellular longevity theory. According to the theory, normal cells are able to divide and replicate themselves a limited number of times. When the cells of an organ have reached their limit, the organ dies because it has been genetically programmed to do so.

But, most people never have to worry about reaching their biological limit because they are usually struck down with age-related diseases.

One theory holds the body's immune system responsible for premature aging as it loses the battle in defending the body against disease. For some unknown reason, a system breakdown causes confusion in distinguishing between foreign and friendly agents and the immune system begins to attack the body's tissues, which speeds up the aging process.

This breakdown leads to many age-related diseases like cancer and arthritis. But if the decline of our immunological systems could be arrested or delayed, it could lead to longer and healthier lives.

An interesting sidenote under investigation, concerning the slowing of the aging process is again found in the "Prime Time" newsletter. "Scientists have already found an important key that could one day add years to youth and middle age, instead of adding years to old age."

The key? Severely restricted calorie intake has doubled the life span of laboratory rats. This process apparently creates a state of undernutrition that slows aging, at the same time improving immune response and reducing the onset of certain age-related diseases.

I hesitate to share this information with my readers, least they develop the foolish notion that they should starve themselves to look young forever. I guarantee you

that if you starve your body of the important nutrients, you will age immensely. These are only studies under investigation that may produce some beneficial information later. But it does bear repeating that overnourishing your body will definitely not lead you to the path of the fountain of youth. And undernutrition is not the same thing as malnutrition.

The condition of our minds and bodies will be greatly determined by the care we give them over the years. Regular exercise needs to be a way of life if you want your body to function well. Even low-impact aerobic exercise will strengthen hearts and lungs. And if your aerobic activity is of the weight-bearing kind, such as walking or jogging, you can slow the rate of bone loss that leads to osteoporosis. Exercise also helps to lower blood pressure and lower the level of blood cholesterol and blood fats, which reduces the risk of heart disease.

Good nutrition is equally important. America's diet is too high in fats, cholesterol and refined carbohydrates. It remains the leading factor in coronary heart disease and many kinds of cancer.

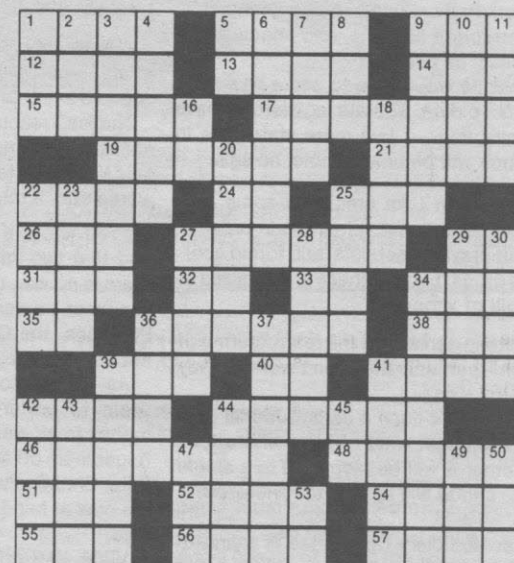
Many of the debilitating conditions of old age could be prevented or reduced by eating a well-balanced diet. I know, you've heard this before, but if you want your car to work properly, you can't put regular gasoline in a Diesel engine. If you want your body to work, you have to put in some fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, some protein and some dairy products. Limit your intake of saturated fats and cholesterol.

Remember these tips for adding years to your life:

- Enjoy yourself
- Stay physically active
- Exercise your mind
- Eat well and wisely
- Do something, volunteer your services
- Be a joiner, not a loner
- Stay involved and connected
- Keep an optimistic outlook
- Live for tomorrow
- Protect your health with regular physical exams

The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mischievous child: pl.
 - 5 Home of the Mets
 - 9 Health resort
 - 12 Civil injury
 - 13 Nobleman
 - 14 Decimal base
 - 15 European ermine
 - 17 Forestall
 - 19 Slumbers
 - 21 Comfort
 - 22 Reliance
 - 24 Football pos.
 - 25 Male sheep
 - 26 Imitate
 - 27 Heelless shoe
 - 29 Either
 - 31 Sticky substance
 - 32 Article
 - 33 Latin conjunction
 - 34 In favor of
 - 35 Spanish article
 - 36 Bogs down
 - 38 Once around track
 - 39 Pedal digit
 - 40 Diphthong
 - 41 Transaction
 - 42 Mast
 - 44 Capsizes
 - 46 Authors
 - 48 Partners
 - 51 Electrified particle
 - 52 Chinese weight
 - 54 Roman tyrant
 - 55 Small rug
 - 56 In addition
 - 57 Attract
- DOWN**
- 1 Possessive pronoun
 - 2 Witty remark
 - 3 Thrive
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 - 6 Occur



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- 7 Sins
- 8 Sudsy brew
- 9 Vapor
- 10 Writes
- 11 Poker stake
- 16 Symbol for tellurium
- 18 Meat of the calf
- 20 Babylonian hero
- 22 Detest
- 23 Semi-precious stone
- 25 Rodents
- 27 Surfeit
- 28 Eras: printing
- 29 Spoken
- 30 Lasso
- 34 Wall covering
- 36 Classify
- 37 Falls into disuse
- 39 Blemish
- 41 Remain erect
- 42 Propel oneself through water
- 43 Malay canoe
- 44 Mountains of Europe
- 45 Printer's measure
- 47 Greek letter
- 49 Period of time
- 50 Seed
- 53 Behold!

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The Commuter is looking for writers, photographers and advertising designers to fill Work Study positions for the 1987-88 year. If you're approved for Work Study funds this fall and want to get paid experience in a field related to your major, contact Rich Bergeman, ext. 218, 130, or 225.



Typewriters, computers, televisions among equipment to be auctioned

LBCC will hold a silent surplus auction on Saturday morning, June 6, from 10-12.

Items for sale include typewriters, calculators, computer equipment, televisions, projectors and miscellaneous office equipment.

Previously, according to Purchasing Supervisor Greg Shultz, all of LBCC's surplus items have been sold at an all day open auction. This year, however, the purchasing department is trying the two-hour silent auction in order to save the expense of an auctioneer. Shultz also said that because only office and media equipment is being sold, the auction should attract customers with specific items in mind.

The auction will be held in Boardroom A in the College Center. There will be minimum bids set on some items and most items will be set up so they can be tested, Shultz said.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Returning students or new students entering LBCC for Fall Term 1987 are wanted to accomplish grounds work NOW. Not only is there an opportunity to earn money, the program is set up to teach workers all phases of grounds care and the proper use of equipment. Please contact Kevin Nicholson at the Service Center ext. 103.

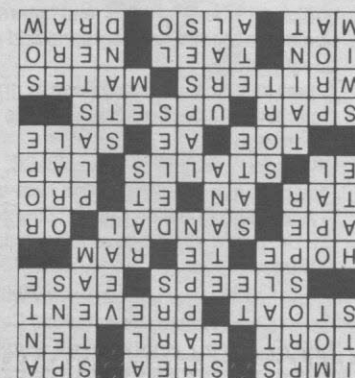
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Out-of-Bounds

By Matt Rasmussen

Sell the car...sell the house...sell the children! I'm movin' on up to page two.

That's right kids it's now official. Soon I shall lead my flocks from the barren wasteland of the Wellness Trail, and deliver myself unto the editor's chair.

I trust those are shrieks of joy I hear out there! Now, now. We'll have none of that mob action, (at least not until I declare it an official Albino sport.)

There was no coup, no bloodshed, no violence and no opposition. I'm either doing something right, or there is something very wrong with this job. At any rate, there's a new squid in town, with more ideas than you can shake at a stick.

Bad Craziess descends on Commuter!

People have been asking, (with very good reason) if the paper will look like this column next year?

That's a good question, and one I'm sure you would like me to answer before you decide to enroll here next fall. But all I can say on the subject is this: Same bat time, same bat channel.

Darth gave me his aging copy of the AP Stylebook, the one with the center-fold containing all 48 torture devices sportswriters and terrorists fear most.

Fear and Loathing replace work ethic Newspaper staff holds campus at bay

Dale and I settled most of our differences last week before the Intramural Softball championships. (Well most of our differences, I still say less filling and he still thinks calories aren't important.)

There are a few late-breaking stories that I didn't fit into this gala year-end spectacular. One is the hiring of Kevin Robbins as next years volleyball coach. Although I have yet to meet him, I wish him luck.

Another story is the presentation of \$1,000 for a scoreboard, donated to the school by Mario Pastega. Instrumental in this donation had to be friend of the Sports Desk, Fred Nesbit. Fred sold me on the idea a long time ago. I'm not sure if Fred wanted it for the program, or just so he wouldn't have to keep telling me the score all the time.

Fred, and a likeness of the scoreboard appear within this column. The Sports Desk spares nothing to bring you the news.

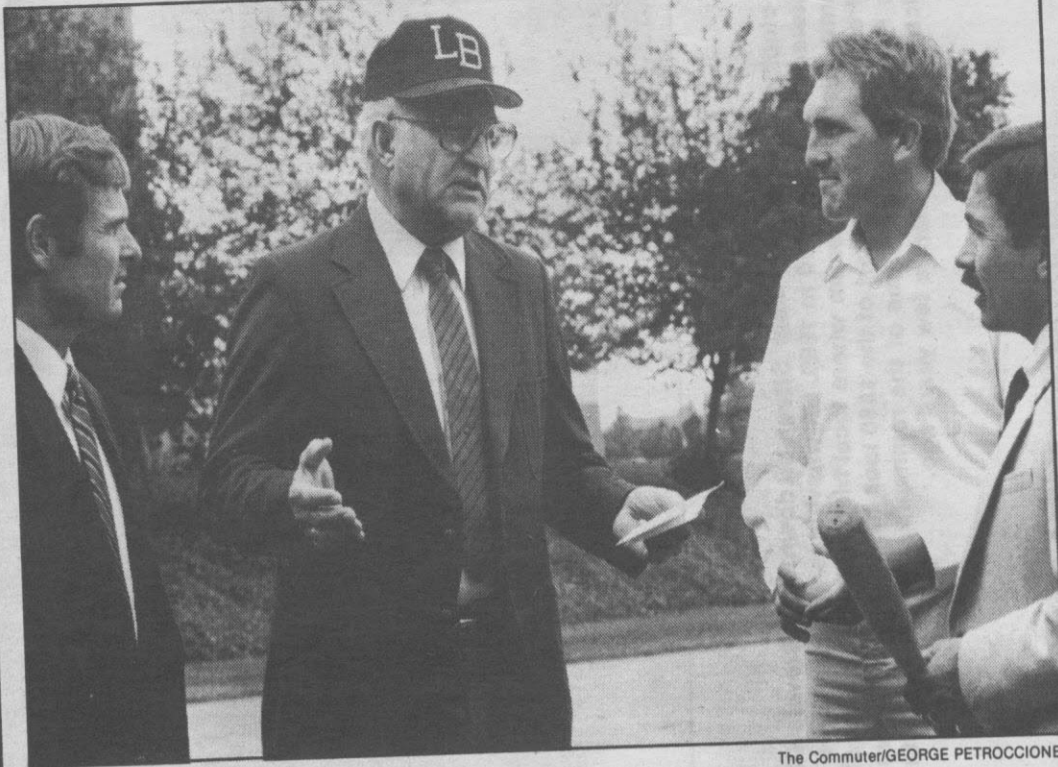
Albino sports bring squash to LB Vegetable surplus attracts concern

I'm putting together an interim committee that will help me decide on a few issues concerning next years paper. Our first meeting is scheduled for July 19, on the 50 yardline of Autzen Stadium in Eugene. There's a rumor going around that the Greatful Dead are going to be playing there at that time, but we won't let that bother us.

And so, the final chapter of Out of Bounds is being fed into the press. The horizon looks as bright as a thermonuclear explosion. I'm eager to explore the strange new galaxies that are unfolding in front of me.

Join me again next year, for the continuing saga of "Pigs in the Press."

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Good Score

Mario Pastega, center, of Pastega Bottling Company, gives LBCC a \$1,000 check towards the purchase of a baseball scoreboard. Chatting with Pastega are Athletic Director Dick McClain, left, Baseball Coach Greg Hawk and President Tom Gonzales.

McMorris leads spikers to 4th place

By Matt Rasmussen
Sports Editor

Second effort, determination and two first place finishes from Shawn McMorris propelled Linn-Benton's track team to a fourth place finish in the Northwest Track and Field Championships.

McMorris paced the Roadrunners with 20 points, as LB edged out Southern division rivals Lane, Mt. Hood and Clackamas. LB was the top scoring Oregon school in the meet with 62. Spokane won with 151.

"I was thrilled with the way our people competed and the way we finished in the meet," says coach Dave Bakely. "I thought this team competed as well as any team I've been associated with in championship competition."

McMorris took the ribbon in both the 5000 and 10,000 meter races, the exact feat he accomplished two weeks ago in the Southern Regionals.

"Shawn didn't get it put together until mid-season," says Bakely, "then he shows up at the Northwest and dominates. That's a tribute to him. I'm extremely pleased

and proud of his performance."

In the pole vault, Billy Fields and Wade Bakely took third and fourth. Eric Moen took third in the high jump, while Jay Havel added sixth place. Jim Cole took third in the hammer.

In the hurdle events, Kent Pauly turned in two personal bests for a third in the high hurdles and fifth in the intermediates. Kerry Smith, who got to the meet with a near-qualifying mark, finished sixth in the 110 highs.

"The guys who placed obviously competed very well," Bakely stated, "but a lot of the guys that didn't place had lifetime, or season best efforts. You really couldn't ask for any more from a team."

"This will be a team I remember for a long time because of the nature of the way they competed. Just a tough group of guys," Bakely added.

LB's women's team finished in 11th place with five points. Myra McGarry turned in fourth and sixth place finishes in the distance events to score the lady Roadrunners only points.

Coaches fit recruiting into tight teaching schedule

By Matt Rasmussen
Sports Editor

Recruiting is a major part of college sports. Be it Linn-Benton or Southern Methodist, the importance of securing would-be-champions cannot be overlooked.

Though Linn-Benton isn't in the kind of hot water SMU finds itself in over its recruiting program, LB has a different set of problems. Recruiting at LBCC is done without a budget, by coaches without assistants, on a one-to-one basis with prospective students.

LB coaches spend hours meeting athletes and parents, watching games and reviewing stats in search of hurdlers, power forwards and pitchers.

Recruiting begins with each new season. As coaches prepare their own teams for competition, they must also begin identifying candidates for next year's club.

"I watch a lot of games and begin to identify the athletes," says Alan Wellman.

Wellman, who was appointed coach earlier this year, said he's been beating the bushes in Linn and Benton counties for local hoop talent this spring. He has commitments from leading players from Philomath, AA champions last year, and LaSalle, which is north of Salem.

As the season progresses, the coaches follow potential Roadrunners, contacting athletes by the dozen to find those

who can fit their program.

"If they don't fit your program," says Cross Country and Track Coach Dave Bakely. "They end up taking more away from it than they put in."

"Once you identify those people you try to get them to visit the campus. Then sell them on the idea that this is an institution that can fulfill their needs, if they know what those needs are."

Bakely says he sells the school to the student first, and caters to the athlete second. "It's silly to try and convince someone that you can meet their needs if they want something we don't offer. They're not going to be happy here, and I'm not going to be happy having them looking over their shoulder."

"You have to go out and recruit with the idea of finding people who are successful as students first, and then hope that they can contribute to your program," Bakely said.

The track coach says besides being time consuming, the job can also be very frustrating because LBCC doesn't have the same "ammunition" other community colleges have. Bakely has 10 quarter tuition-talent grants for both cross-country and track. "I don't give anybody everything," said Bakely.

Baseball Coach Greg Hawk agreed. "Nobody gets a full ride. It's rare that anyone comes in owning one. They have to earn it."

Hawk says he owes a good deal of his recruiting to word-of-mouth.

"When you're top dog, people want to play for you," Hawk said. "High school coaches and scouts know where the winning programs are, and they talk to the kids."

Coach Hawk doesn't hesitate to help four-year schools and other scouts recruit his players. "When a player comes in here dedicated to our program for a year or two, I'm going to do everything I can to help them. I get paid back two-for-one on new recruits if they make it."

All the coaches agreed that a large amount of the reimbursement for the time and effort involved in recruiting is returned in personal involvement and self-value.

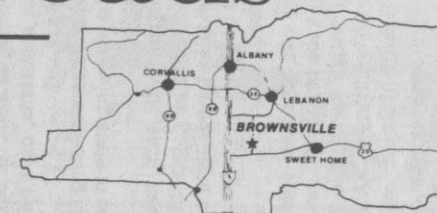
"It would be nice if the Board of Education were to realize the financial impact athletics has to the benefit of LBCC in terms of state reimbursement monies by the FTE generated from the people we attract," said Bakely.

"We do get a lot of mileage out of what we've done," he added.

Bakely added that his role is often misunderstood, even by his colleagues. "A lot of the faculty have the assumption that I'm Dave Bakely—Coach," he said. "I'm not. I'm an instructor first and a coach on the side."



Backroads



Brownsville

For over 140 years Brownsville has been the sight of many historic firsts, including the county's first school and church, and two years ago it was used for the filming of the movie "Stand By Me." Local historian Floyd C. Mullen in his book "Land of Linn" says, "the town of Brownsville means history." The following history of Brownsville is taken from Mullen's book:

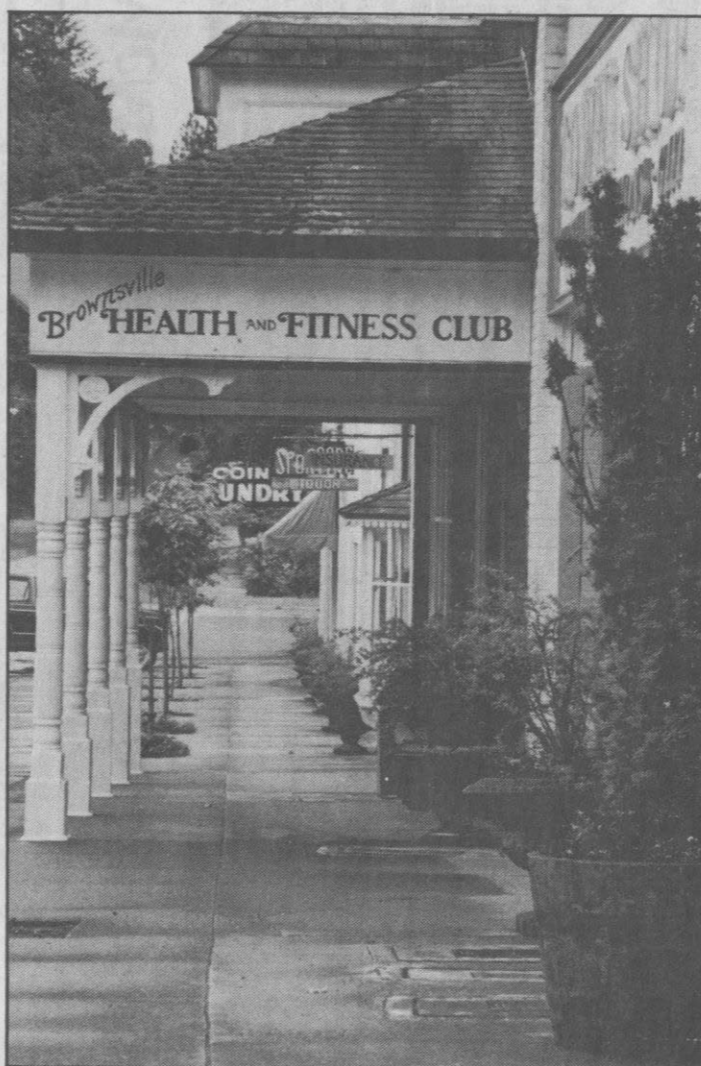
"There are so many chapters that can be written about this historic town. Brownsville was on the highway of immigrants. Its main street was the 1849 highway connecting Hudson's Bay Company at Vancouver with Sutters Fort in California.

Linn County's government started near Brownsville; the first sawmill operated near-by; the United Presbyterian church was organized in the area. It is the resting place of Aunt Eliza, the last of the Calapooia Indians. In this community Rev. H. H. Spalding started Linn County's first school, and Rev. McKinney built the county's first church.

The woolen mills were the center of wool manufacturing for the Mid-Willamette Valley and Central Oregon. Over the years the Linn county Pioneer Association has kept the spirit of history alive, and today history is being preserved in the Linn County Historical Museum.

In the beginning, 1846, present Brownsville was known as Kirk's Ferry. Alexander Kirk established a ferry on the Calapooia River to serve immigrants travelling into the southern valley, and the community became known as Kirk's Landing. This same area later became known as Calapoya, named after the Indian tribe that inhabited the country. In 1859, the name was changed to Brownsville in honor of Hugh Brown, who with other settlers, had arrived in 1846 to form the infant city. On each side of the Calapooia River a town was planned—North Brownsville and South Brownsville. Both were incorporated October 19, 1876 by an act of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. North Brownsville, located upon the claim of Rev. Spalding, developed more rapidly and soon became the most important of the twin towns. The post office was established January 8, 1850 and was known as Callapoya, with Rev. Spalding the first postmaster.

With the establishment of the Museum, Brownsville now becomes a new point of historical interest in Linn County. The architecture of the town's buildings is now reverting to the 1890 era."



Counter-clockwise from top: Main Street of downtown Brownsville has been restored to look as it did in 1890. Brownsville is also the home of the Linn County Historical Museum where local history is being kept alive. A tranquil tree-lined street is part of the 1890 look that is part of Brownsville. The Blue Point Diner sign is one of the remnants of the movie "Stand By Me", which was filmed there a few years ago.

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