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Work study shortage hits LB, nation

College Press Service
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Several campuses across the country say they can't find enough students willing to take their work-study jobs. Officials at the schools say, would rather work on campus in jobs that pay higher wages and don't require them to meet burdensome new federal College Work-Study program regulations.

At Penn State, for example, a drastic shortage of work-study students crippled the university library system, forcing the school to reduce services.

The University of Washington, moreover, found that many of the work-study students it hired last fall recently have left to take higher-paying jobs off campus.

Many academic departments at Northern Illinois University also are finding themselves understaffed.

Closer to home, Linn-Benton officials are facing much the same dilemma. "We've had a problem all year long filling all the work study positions available," said Financial Aid Coordinator Sally Wojahn.

Work-study programs, funded by the federal and state governments, provide a lion's share of wages for students working on campus. The college pays the remainder.

Besides providing financial aid to students, work-study programs also provide campuses with subsidized source of cheap labor. Penn State library official Rod Henshaw said hiring part-time and full-time employees to fill the vacant positions would cost his department an additional \$50,000. LB Food Service Manager Gene Neville, whose department is feeling the brunt of the work-study shortage, has already been forced to hire part-time help out of the departments budget.

"We've had to hire part-time help since November to take the place of unfilled work-study positions," Neville said, "I have a part-time position open right now."

Food Service currently employs 17 work-study students who work a total of 185.5 hours per week. The department's budget calls for 29 work-study positions to fill a weekly schedule of 406 hours. Neville said the hours were made up by either not doing the work, hiring extra part-time help or adding the work onto existing employee workloads.

Many students are opting not to take work-study jobs because of changes in federal student aid qualifications.

"Often a student now has a choice of a guaranteed student loan or a work-study award, instead of receiving both," said Nick Rengler, the associate director of student financial aid at Northern Illinois University.

"Students who need money for tuition or residence hall payments up front choose the loan," said Rengler. "I wish I could convince more students to borrow less."

Other students are eschewing work-study jobs for higher-paying off-campus positions. Washington, in fact, may pay bonuses to students who work 100 hours or more per quarter to keep those employees on campus.

"We have never had those restrictions" said Wojahn, "students have always had a choice at LB." Although Lance Popoff, director of financial aid, said some on-campus employers wanted to see work-study a mandatory part of financial aid—no work-study, no grant—neither Popoff nor Wojahn expects the school to adopt such a policy.

LB's Financial Aid office has attempted to promote awareness of the work-study openings by sending mailers to every student eligible for financial aid. "We've been successful to a point, but departments are still struggling," Wojahn said.

"We're doing a full blown research project on the shortage," said Popoff, "I don't want to fix the symptom with a band-aid solution, so we conducted three surveys with LBCC students to identify patterns and problems concerning both employees and employers."

Candidates sought for student council

by Patricia Fax
of The Commuter Staff

Students interested in running for student council positions may pick up petitions in CC210, according to Anne Gonzales, student programs director.

"They need to get forty signatures to be on the ballot," she stated. Petitions must be turned in to the activities office by 5 p.m. April 12.

Gonzales encouraged students to get their petitions in early, because candidates appear on the ballot in the order in which their petitions are received. "If a student doesn't know anyone in that division, they tend to vote for whomever is first on the list," she said.

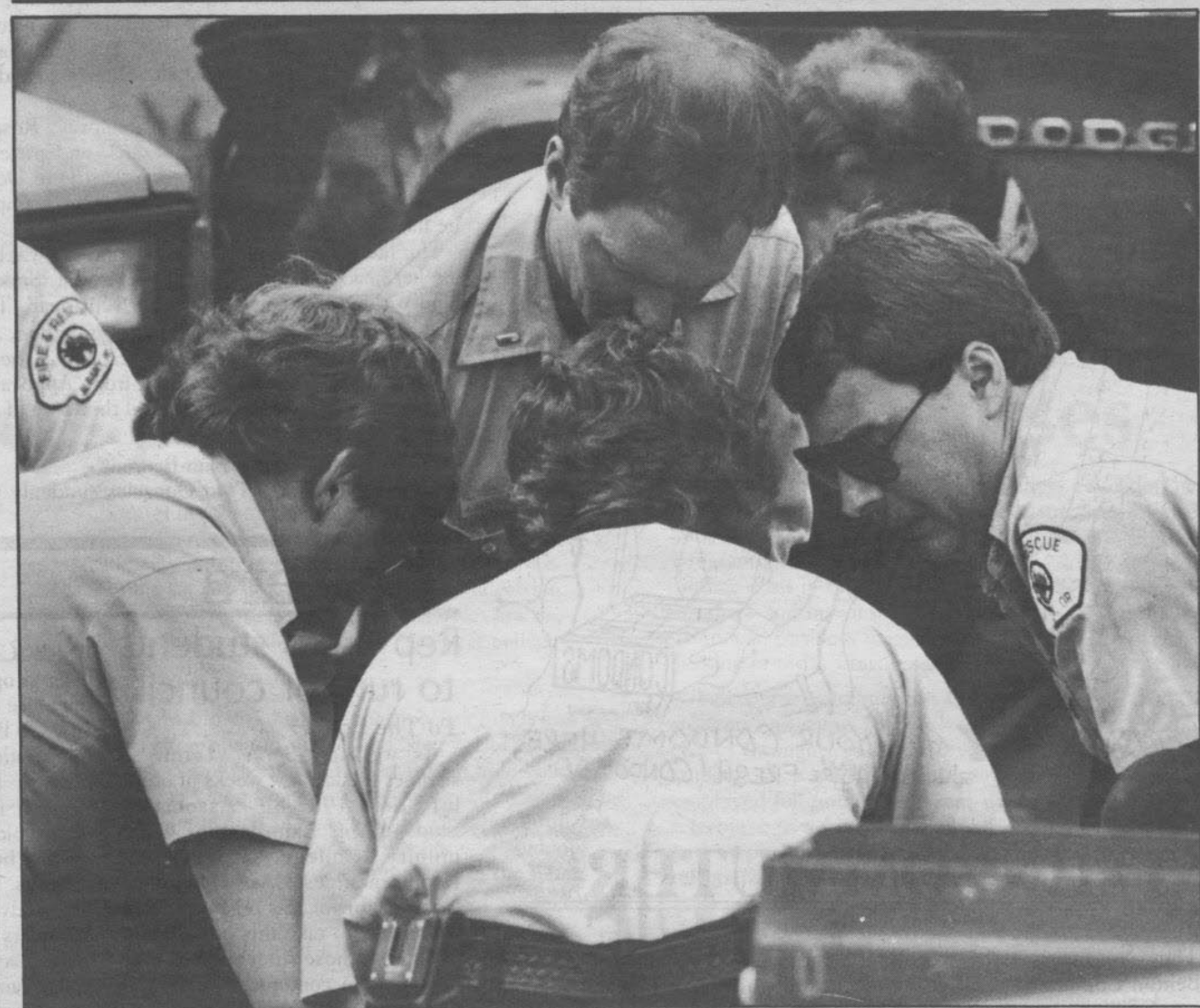
"When they come in, we give them a packet of information and let them know what's expected of council members in terms of their time," she said.

Council members must attend weekly meetings, join at least two campus committees, and participate in a weekend leadership workshop at Silver Creek Falls in October.

Students need to take at least one credit hour per term, and receive a spring term "talent grant" tuition waiver for that term. "What we're trying to get is a broad representation," Gonzales explained.

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Tragic Ending

EMT's from Albany Fire and Rescue attempt without success to revive man found unconscious in a truck in LBCC's parking lot Tuesday. Story on page 3.

Commentary

Condom instructions provide comic opinion for author

Some things in life are simply evident. Nobody had to tell me as a youngster to chew first and swallow later. I guess I knew it intuitively, or else figured it out through trial and error. My point is that some things go without saying, why waste time and money belaboring the obvious.

Take the case of condom ads. The AIDS education campaign is a ridiculous farce. It reminds me of those films I watched in elementary school where crew-cut, thick-eyeglass-clad instructors spoke with a constipated straight face about different aspects of puberty to that funky jazz beat.

The other day I happened upon a "safe sex brochure." On the cover was a crude drawing of a smiling, unraveled condom wearing tennis shoes. Boy, he sure looked like a happy little bugger with that big grin and those snappy looking sneakers.

The brochure included the benefits of wearing a condom, and step-by-step instructions showing how to slip on the life-saving device. Of course, the step by step section was illustrated with plenty of pleasant prophylactics. I couldn't believe some of the things that were actually written in this pamphlet.

One important fact it pointed out was that the condom should be in place before the act of sexual intercourse. What a valuable gem of knowledge that is. Are there some people out there who have sex and then put their condom on just to be safe?

The author also urged that the condom should not simply be an "interrupter," it should be a fun part of the love-making process. What am I supposed to gather from this? Should we make it like a game show or something?—"Well Chuck, I can wrap that rascal in 10 seconds!"

I think it is safe to assume that anyone who is ready to use a condom is well aware of what it does and how to use it. Education is not the answer because the point of education is to teach something which we don't already know. It is our attitude, and not our knowledge which needs to be changed.

I think that the prevailing attitude concerning condoms is that they make sex about as pleasurable as bowling and as romantic as Ozzy Osbourne serenading Oprah Winfrey.

I say lose the "Sammy Safe Sex" approach. We've got the basic idea. After all, it's just condom sense.

—Marco Coleman



CONDOMS! GET YOUR CONDOMS HERE,
GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE FRESH! CONDOMS!

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Razz & Chaz

Chaz had a nice bowl of olives on his lap and a toothpick in his hand. This would not be so unusual if he were not talking to his food. On top of it all, he was trying out a new voice. He liked to call it his good ol' boy, prison guard drawl.

"Now y'all just keep reecal still," he told his helpless, pitted victims, "cos I'm gonna spear you lak a fat tick!"

Chaz zeroed in on a helpless individual, one eye closed, tongue sticking out to one side, and was preparing to harpoon it when Razz entered carrying a box of wires and circuit boards.

"Look at all this stuff!" said a very excited Razz.

"What's it all for?" said Chaz.

"Broadcasting," said Razz, dumping the contents on the floor. Chaz went back to his power trip with the olives while Razz tinkered with his pile of electronic junk.

"Here," said Razz, "Plug this in."

Chaz searched for a free outlet but could not find one.

"Unplug the bug zapper," suggested Razz.

"No way," said Chaz, "I'm right in the middle of a tournament."

"Ok. How about the stereo?" said Razz.

"Fine," said Chaz, "I'll get an extention cord." Razz chewed the plastic insulation from the power cord, exposing two bare wires which he wrapped around the pinchers of some needle-nose pliers. Chaz returned and plugged the extention cord into the wall where the stereo usually drained electricity from their wallets.

"Here goes," said Razz, and a shower of sparks filled the room as Razz and Chaz connected the juice. Razz's contraption hummed like a swarm of killer bees and then began to smoke.

"I smell ozone," said Razz.

"That thing sucks up too much power!" exclaimed Chaz.

"I know," said Razz, unplugging his new toy, "we'll hook it up out at the school. I know just the place, on the roof, next to the satalite dish. We can broadcast all over the world!" Razz and Chaz laughed like gremlins and packed up the gear.

On a long stretch of winding highway, Rose the handwriting analyst put her foot down and gritted her teeth. She was late for a meeting with Pete Defazio who had become so used to using a rubber stamp that he had forgotten how to sign his own name.

Her radio was tuned to Z-ROCK and she was banging her head on the dashboard to the beat. Suddenly (and without warning) the station went dead. There was a moment of annoying static and then, even though the volume now was fixed on 2, her car speakers exploded with the theme from "Appocalypse Now." Shortly thereafter she heard the voice of Razz screaming.

"Gooooooodmorning Linn-Benton!"

Many miles away, Tom Gonzales suddenly woke up in a cold sweat.

Letters

Rep urges students to run for council

To The Editor:

As we start Spring Term, so signifies the last few weeks of office for the 1987-88 Associated Students of Linn-Benton Community College, Council of Representatives. As Operations Coordinator for this organization, I would like to take this opportunity to address those students returning next year to continue their education at our institution.

During the third week in April, elections will be held to choose next year's Council of Representatives. I would like to encourage you to be a part of this prestigious and energetic group of individuals.

ASLBCC plays an important role in campus operations: foremost, being the voice of the student population. LBCC's Board of education and administration realize that their purpose is for and about students. Council members serve as student voices on various decision-making bodies that affect how the campus is operating, which ultimately affects you, the student. Members of ASLBCC plan and instigate activities and functions to make campus life a more comfortable and enjoyable experience. Council members also attend leadership workshops and seminars to learn how to better serve the students.

There are 13 positions available, two from each major division and



Rose cringed and tried to change the dial. It was good. Razz's high powered transmitter was put out 52 billion gigawatts and had in effect washed every station in the western hemisphere.

"Like to play an old song for you now folks, the voice of Chaz, "Outside the temperature re is a moderate 56 degrees, and like it or not, listening to KBFD where we really don't care you think."

Rose pounded on the dash. Tom took a shower and got on the horn.

"Hello FCC? This is the president. No not R of the United States, Gonzales of LBCC. Right. No need to apologize. Listen, We've got a ple of yahoos up here transmitting a pirate radio from the school grounds. How do I know? Let say I had a dream. Send your best man, or your woman, or drive down here yourself, just somebody here fast!" Click.

Razz cleared his throat, "Ahem. That was Loaded Blanks with their live version of W Woman With An Axe."

Just then, FCC agent Will Audit burst into hidden studio, flashing a badge. "Freeze!" he "Not you again," said Razz, "I though you were ving for the IRS."

"I'm moonlighting," said Audit as he drew his p "Drop the microphone!" Razz and Chaz knew th as they say (whoever they are) was up (how far left to the imagination).

Chaz made a daring move and in desperate h blurred over the airwaves, "This is Razz and C calling anyone. Mayday, mayday! We are in dist Repeat, Help!"

Audit grabbed the power cord and ripped it the wall. Razz's radio transmitter exploded in a of fire and disintegrated.

"Bummer," said Razz, hanging his head.

"You're coming with me," said Audit, "but clean up this junk."

While Razz and Chaz bent over their ru monster, two visitors from another world listened playback of Chaz's distress signal.

"What do you think?" said the one called Lom

"We must assist," answered the one named Z

"I have the coordinates," said Lomax.

"Begin landing procedure," said Zotar.

Next week: Here Comes the Alien Cavalry.

one At-Large. With weekly cou meetings, and a leadership retr the council members form a ti knit bond, and lasting friendsh Besides a talent grant, the rew council members receive organizational and leadership sk learning how to function in a pro sional type setting, and how to c with differnt types of people.

I invite, and challenge, you become involved in one of Oreg most successful Student Gove ment programs, and make a ference in your school—In your l For more information, contact S dent Programs in CC-213, or ext. 150.

Bryan Mil
At-Large Representat
ASLBCC

Former student dies in pickup parked in LB lot

By Patricia Fax
Of The Commuter Staff

Thomas Earl Bishop, a former student, died yesterday after being found in LBCC's north parking lot sitting in his pickup with the motor running and the windows rolled up.

Sheila Calloway, a first-year student in elementary education, reported the incident to LBCC Justice Services. She said she first saw Bishop sitting in his vehicle at 11 a.m. Tuesday while she was walking from class to her residence at 1042 S.W. Belmont behind the parking lot. "The engine was running. He rolled up his coat and put it behind his head," Calloway said. "I didn't think anything of it. I just thought he was trying to catch some Zs between classes."

Calloway, 19, became concerned when the truck was still parked and running in the parking lot when she returned to campus at 12:45 p.m., so she notified campus authorities.

"He had the windows rolled up and the heat on full blast," Calloway said, adding that she also saw a large note on the dashboard. Bishop's large black long-haired dog was also found dead in the cab.

Authorities declined to speculate on the cause of death or the contents of the note.

Doug Ericson, the LB Security officer who responded to Calloway's report, refused to provide any information on the incident.

Albany Police Officer Roger Hansen said the department received the call from LB Security at 12:55 p.m., and that Bishop was taken to Albany General Hospital at 1:15 p.m. after revival attempts by paramedics. Dr. Gary Goby, a Linn County medical examiner, confirmed Bishop's death later that afternoon, following notification of the victim's wife. He said the cause of death was under investigation. The Linn County District Attorney's office is expected to issue a statement today.

Blaine Nisson, director of admissions, confirmed that Bishop last attended LB part time spring term 1986 as an undeclared major, and listed his address as 6295 S.W. Weldon Court in Albany.

Officer Hansen reported that Bishop had apparently been living in the vehicle for some time.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Close Call

Lyle Emet Utt inspects the windshield of his Nova that rolled on Looney Lane the morning of Monday, March 27, when Utt fell asleep driving to school. "It's nice to see that there are good samaritans in Oregon," he said, "Thanks to all those people who stopped to help out."

Britain's Webb sees pros and cons in telecourses

This is the sixth year LBCC has offered telecourses, but it's the first year one of the courses has been taught by a British instructor. Yvonne Webb, Fulbright Exchange instructor from London, England finds both television education and business education to be handled differently here than in her homeland.

Telecourses differ from regular college courses because they are broadcast over the state's television system and local cable into the student's home as an alternative to attending classes on campus. By reducing the number of on-campus meetings, telecourse college courses can reach a more diverse group of students, such as the elderly, home-bound, disabled and adults with jobs and family obligations.

Webb is teaching an 11-week television course called "Principles of Management," a three-credit business transfer course that looks into how businesses plan, organize, staff, direct and control their operations. During winter term, Webb's students included graduate students, business managers, company owners and a lawyer, in addition to the traditional degree-bound LBCC student. The course consists of an orientation meeting and exam review sessions held on the LBCC campus, 21 one-half-hour television programs shown on Oregon Public Broadcasting and reading and homework from required textbooks. Compared to a traditional college course, television courses require students to come to campus, on the average, only four times during the term.

Britain also has television education, but unlike the American educational system, Britain does not have community colleges to host them. Instead, Webb explains, an educational institution called the Open University is responsible for the broadcasting of college television courses. The Open University not only televises individual college courses, but entire four-year college degree programs.

Webb said Britain's higher education is a much less accessible system than in the United States, and as a result, only 6 percent of the population in Britain hold college degrees. The Open University was designed to allow the rest of the population to work toward a degree through a non-traditional television format. But because students must enroll in complete college programs in the Open University, Webb said it does not offer the flexibility of LBCC telecourses, which can be taken by anyone for whatever reason—whether it be to upgrade job skills or for personal enrichment.

There are, of course, drawbacks to television instruction, Webb admits. One such drawback is that the course relies too much on the text for subject understanding, consequently, students do not have the advantage in-class discussion with other students and the instructor to clarify the material. Also, because students are almost completely on their own, they must be highly self-motivated.

The differences in American business education have also caught the eye of Webb. She is surprised by the lack of a liberal arts background in American college business programs. In her telecourse, she swayed from the course outline a bit in order to include a section on multinational business and business ethics, two areas she said that American business magazines are recognizing as elements lacking in today's business education.

Telecourse enrollment in Oregon annually is 10,000 students and some 780 of those students take telecourse classes through LBCC. A survey of LBCC telecourse students show that 70 percent are female, 47 percent are employed full-time, 85 percent would recommend a telecourse to a friend, 50 percent are part-time students and 89 percent were satisfied with educational value of a telecourse.

Spring term LBCC telecourse offerings include: "Computer Concepts," "Principles of Management," "Here's to Your Health," "Introduction to Business," "Principles of Marketing," "Medical Terminology I," "Medical Terminology II," "GED Test Preparation," "Understanding Human Behavior," "Growing Years," "General Sociology," "Oceanography," "Economies USA" and "Crime File." LBCC plans to offer six telecourses summer term as well.

For more information about telecourses, call LBCC's Telecourse Hotline, 928-2361, ext. 332.



Why Don't I Get a Mask?

Graphics student Richard Larson tastes a rubber glove as Gary W. Boehne DMD and assistant Debbie Bloom prepare to implant a crown.

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Graduation sign-up deadline is Friday

By Pete Kozak
Of The Commuter Staff

Graduating Linn-Benton students wishing to have their names published in the graduation program and in area newspapers must apply at the Admissions Office in Tadena Hall by Friday.

Failure to do so won't affect a student's graduation status, but it will keep their names out of commencement materials and announcements. Participation in the June 9 commencement activities is strongly encouraged by college officials.

"It's a nice recognition of their accomplishments," said Blaine Nisson, director of admissions and records. "I think every student should take part in the ceremonies."

Russel Tripp, an Albany realtor, former mayor and one of LBCC's original board members, will be the main speaker at the ceremony. "He's one of the Founding fathers of the college," Nisson said of Tripp.

Nisson said a student to be selected by ASLBCC will also address the audience.

"This is kind of a special graduation," said Nisson, noting that LBCC is celebrating its 20th year of existence. While specific plans for the graduation ceremony have not been finalized, Nisson said there will be extra activities scheduled to commemorate the school's anniversary. "This should be a fun and festive occasion," he said.

According to Nisson, about one third of the 650 to 750 students who graduate each year from LBCC participate in the commencement exercises. He expects about 250 students at this year's ceremony.

The event, held in the activities Center, is open to the public. He added that there is no limit to how many people students may invite. "They may invite the entire town if they like," he said.

Student turns instructor of mechanics

By Elwyn Price
Of The Commuter Staff

An LBCC student is reversing roles from student to teacher this term.

Rich McDougald will be teaching "Roadside Emergency Management" and "How Does My Car Work?" offered through the Community Education Program and the Albany Center.

McDougald can trace his desire to learn and teach about cars to an incident that happened over 13 years ago. "Back then I didn't know anything about cars," he said. His car broke down on a deserted stretch of highway in the middle of the night and he didn't know how to fix it. A passing motorist stopped to help and fixed the problem quickly. After thanking him the man said, "Do yourself a favor, buy a maintenance manual and learn how your car works and then pass the knowledge on."

Following that advice McDougald has earned two FAA mechanics licences in airframe and power plant mechanics. He has been repairing and maintaining his own cars for 13 years and has been teaching basic car maintenance on an individual basis for 10 years. He is majoring in mechanical engineering.

McDougald got interested in teaching these classes when he was doing research for a speech on car maintenance last year. He found out that these classes had been offered in the past but were not being offered now because there were no instructors to teach it. He contacted Community Education Coordinator Jim Carter and volunteered to teach the classes.

"Roadside Emergency Management" is a one-day, six-hour weekend course offered on April 9 and again on May 28. The course teaches how to handle common problems that can develop on the road. The course combines theory with some hands-on experience.

"How Does My Car Work?" is a four-week course that meets once a week for two hours. The course teaches light maintenance, repair, emergency repair and troubleshooting. It also covers how to spot a dishonest repair shop. According to McDougald this class "allows you to see what you are getting into without getting your hands dirty." The course starts on April 30.

McDougald recommends both classes for people who are interested in saving money and want a better understanding of their cars. Each class has a small lab fee and both classes are ungraded.

LBCC to get new chiller by June

By Elwyn Price
Of The Commuter Staff

Summer school will be cool for LBCC students and staff.

Last month the LBCC Board of education awarded a contract to a firm which promises to replace the ailing air-conditioning system by early June.

The board awarded the contract to the higher of the two bidders, Trane Oregon Service Co., which submitted a bid of \$208,000 to provide, test and install two three-stage direct-drive units.

Carrier Airefco submitted a lower bid of \$136,354 for two single-stage gear-driven chiller units, but the proposal did not include installation or testing fees, estimated at \$53,000 and \$5,000 respectively, which brings the total cost to about \$194,500.

According to George Kurtz, vice president of business affairs, both bids were well below the original cost estimate of \$650,000.

The two new units will replace the original single-stage unit that was installed in 1972 and began malfunctioning in 1985, breaking down twice during the 1986-87 school year. The unit broke down again during summer term last year, causing some uncomfortable days for students and staff because all of the college's windows are sealed, preventing natural ventilation.

The company that originally installed the chiller is out of business and various parts in the system were not of standard specifications, making repairs difficult, according to Kurtz. About \$43,000 in unappropriated funds had been spent in attempted repairs before it was decided to replace the unit.

Kurtz said the higher bid was accepted on recommendation of the Chiller Committee—a group of board members, faculty and staff—because "each unit has three operating stages so you can more accurately adjust cooling output to cooling demand." The company has a large market share, currently selling and servicing about 80 percent of the large centrifugal chillers in Oregon, and appears to have a more comprehensive service capability he added.

The Trane proposal includes additional capacity to provide cooling for campus expansions like the proposed Parent Education Child Care Lab. From a mechanical standpoint, less maintenance would be required for the Trane machinery because the direct drive requires fewer revolutions per minute, which should cut down on wear, Kurtz said. The chillers have an expected lifetime of more than 20 years.

The board will discuss how to finance the chiller at its April 20 meeting, said Kurtz. The college could borrow from a bank or other lending institution; apply for a loan from the Oregon Department of Energy; borrow from its roof reserve funds; or approach the Legislative Emergency Board for a loan.



Rich McDougald will teach mechanical know-how.

Once upon a time....

There was a blonde, a war, a green '56 Chevy and a new college

Editors Note: In commemoration of LBCC's 10th Anniversary, writer Wini Hughes takes a nostalgic trip back to the days of Simon and Garfunkle, the Vietnam War, and Twiggy.

Wini Hughes
The Commuter Staff

A finger punched the button on the car radio and the young man behind the wheel twisted the volume knob higher. Simon and Garfunkle's "Sounds of Silence" played, reminding him of the movie he'd seen the night before—"The Graduate," starring Dustin Hoffman. He was 18 years old. His shoulder-length hair blew in the breeze from the open car window as he drove his '56 green-tone Chevy toward class. His green army jacket lay on the back seat.

His passenger in the front seat was skinny—dressed in a punk tapered body shirt that was tucked into a short mini skirt. Her blonde hair was ratted on top and fell to the middle of her back. She liked to think she resembled Twiggy—the utmost in current fashion.

The driver was anxious this morning. His birthday last week made him eligible for the military draft. Student deferments had ended, and several of his friends were in uniform or had fled to Canada.

Luckily, the current protests over the Vietnam War that had erupted across the U.S. had not included his small community in Oregon's lush and peaceful Willamette Valley. Ironically, the sounds of the times weren't at all silent. North Korean patrol boats had seized a U.S. intelligence ship, The Pueblo, in January. Dr. Martin Luther King had been assassinated in April; Robert F. Kennedy in June.

At least, thought the young man, Oregon State University's football team had come through. He remembered seeing the play-by-play on his car radio several times. The Beavers had played well all season and were ranked No. 7 nationally in the final wire service college ratings.

Yet, the sounds of the times seemed increasingly significant. Dr. Christian Barnard had performed the world's first heart transplant in Cape Town, South Africa. Saturn 5, the booster rocket for the manned Apollo moon mission, was tested successfully. And futurists were

National group rates Commuter First Class; cites graphics, photos

The Commuter was awarded a First Class rank last week by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), one of the nation's largest college press rating organizations. The student-managed weekly received 3,170 points of a possible 3,800, and earned a "Mark of Distinction" in photography, art and graphics, which recognizes the publication for "lively, appealing and distinctive work" in those areas.

Other categories in which the newspaper received high scores were writing, editing and content. Categories receiving low scores were overall design, opinion content and sports coverage.

Commuter Editor Matt Rasmussen, a Corvallis resident, said the Mark of Distinction was particularly rewarding because art and graphics were areas the newspaper had hoped to expand and improve this year with the addition of graphic artists to the staff. In his critique of fall term issues of The Commuter, ACP judge Larry Riesman specifically commended the work of Photo Editor Dave Grubbs, Graphics Editor Patrick Gammell, and illustrator Marc Gonzales.

In his summary, Riesman said, "Overall you have a pretty good paper for a community college. Photos are a strong point; headlines, sports and editorials are weak. Writing by several reporters is very good and you have good feature ideas."



warning Americans about the population explosion. It was hard for the young couple to fathom the fact that they were just two people out of 200,000,000 in the U.S. It made sense to reject the idea of having children—if they married, of course.

The young man and his blonde friend were on their way to Albany, where they had enrolled in a small, brand new community college in the fall. They were half way through their first term. It was a hectic time. The new college had no campus, so classes met in rented rooms throughout Albany and Lebanon.

The students had voted the Roadrunner as the school mascot because they had to drive so much from class to class. Even so, the couple often talked about the refreshing attitudes toward education of their new-found college friends and teachers.

He wanted a liberal arts education—a broad base of learning—and he had found the college's psychology and sociology classes interesting. She was interested in nursing and had found her classes in the vocational cur-

riculum. Both appreciated the low cost of their education, and they liked the small student-to-teacher ratio. They were two of 2,800 students taking classes through Linn-Benton Community College's first year of operation.

According to the radio news broadcast, the sounds of the economy were good. The bass voice of the broadcaster reported personal income had its biggest jump in 2½ years, and that unemployment was well below 4 percent. Part-time work had been easy to find in the fall, and if the economy held in two to four years, a career should be available for both students.

The driver let his passenger out of the car. She had volunteered to help with an experimental college on campus, teaching a free class in first aid. The young man continued on into downtown Albany. It was dark. He rolled the window, flipped off the radio. He didn't bother to lock the car. He felt safe in this town. The lyrics to "Sounds of Silence" filled the back of his mind as he walked to class. Were people really "talking without speaking, hearing without listening?"

The year was 1968.

WRITER'S BLOCK



For three years I have worked at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. My job is statistics. I count adults and children. I get a good chance to see first-hand the people that President Reagan says don't exist. The last four years we have served over 100,000 meals. No bad for a loosely put-together operation whose main goal is to be put out of business.

The average count is about 200 meals each of the three nights we are open. The statistic that is the hardest for me to record is the children count. We average 70 kids a night. It's one thing to be a poor, hungry adult. But to be a poor, hungry kid in 1988, the decade of the yuppie, is a special kind of hunger. It's a hunger of want that breeds a slow boiling anger at an system the values a BMW more than a kid.

When I first started work at the soup kitchen, I was scared. I was afraid I'd say the wrong thing to someone, or that I'd be too friendly to the wrong person. After learning the names of some of the regulars and hearing their day-to-day trials and joys, I started to relax. That's when I realized my fear was the fear of association. I was scared I would catch Poverty!

The soup kitchen offers more than food. In fact, I would say its main function is giving emotional support. I have learned that the hardest part of poverty is isolation. Being poor doesn't allow for shows, dinner-out, friends dropping by, or even sharing a cup of

coffee. The kitchen doors don't open until 5:00, and yet the line outside starts forming at 2:00. The soup kitchen has created a community; a rare commodity even in the suburbs, but nearly extinct among the invisible poor.

Single mothers and their children that break my heart. It hurts to see these worn out moms in their teens or early 20s towing two or three dirty and tired kids with them. When they sit down to eat, they appear as frightened animals with their eyes down, speaking to no one. The humiliation of their poverty and the hopelessness that comes from their exhaustion is spoken without words.

I realize a majority of the people using the soup kitchen could have once been my neighbors. They weren't always poor and in need. Many were self-supporting and lived "normal" lives. For a long time I asked myself, "What happened? Why them?" Why was it they who took a job that ended in unemployment; or they who married the alcoholic; or they who had the lengthy illness? I realized the only difference between the people who eat in the soup kitchen and me is LUCK.

Patty Merrill
WR 121

Farrier School graduates 9

14 week program teaches how to shoe horses

By Wini Hughes
Of The Commuter Staff

On Tuesday nine people graduated from LBCC's Farrier School in a ceremony at Oregon State's Equestrian Center.

The graduates participated in informal exercises at noon followed by a potluck and social activity at 1:30 p.m. in the Corl House, 3975 N.W. Witham Hill Drive, Corvallis.

The Farrier School is a regional training program for blacksmiths and teaches students to build and shape standard horseshoes. The school is specialized and in high demand. LBCC works with the OSU Animal Science

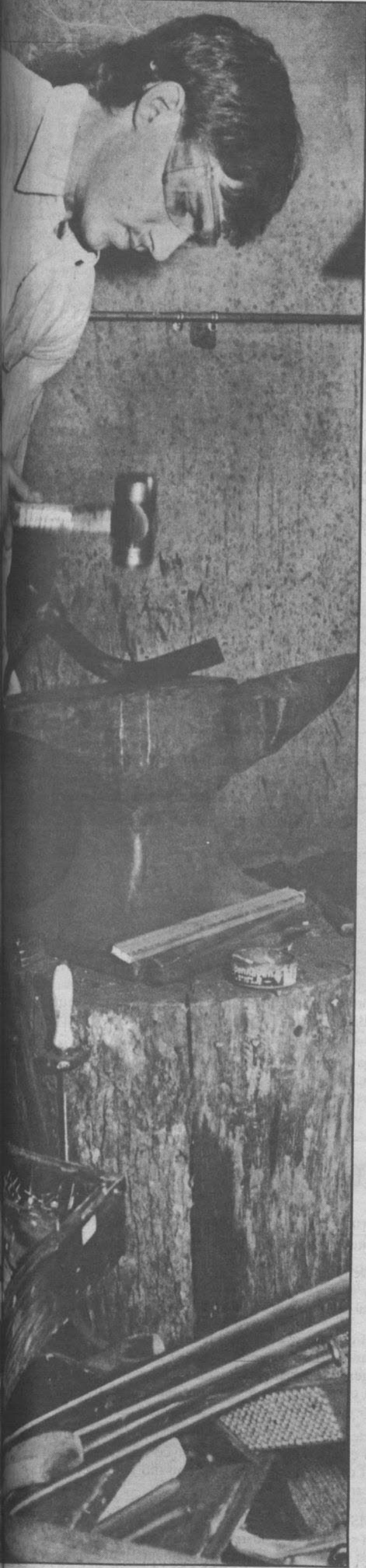
and Veterinarian programs to teach the students to make corrective horse shoes for lame horses. Larry Bewley is the instructor.

The school has three 14-week programs a year. The next program begins Monday April 18. Tuition is \$315 and tools run between \$500 to \$550. Contact the college administration office for more information. The following are Farrier School graduates for the winter term:

Wayne Brown of Aumsville; Pete Engelstad and Veronica Grabowski of Pleasant Hill; Mark Olson of Cottage Grove; Eric Pettibone of Myrtle Creek; Wesley Picard of Pendleton; and Gary Witt of Langlois.

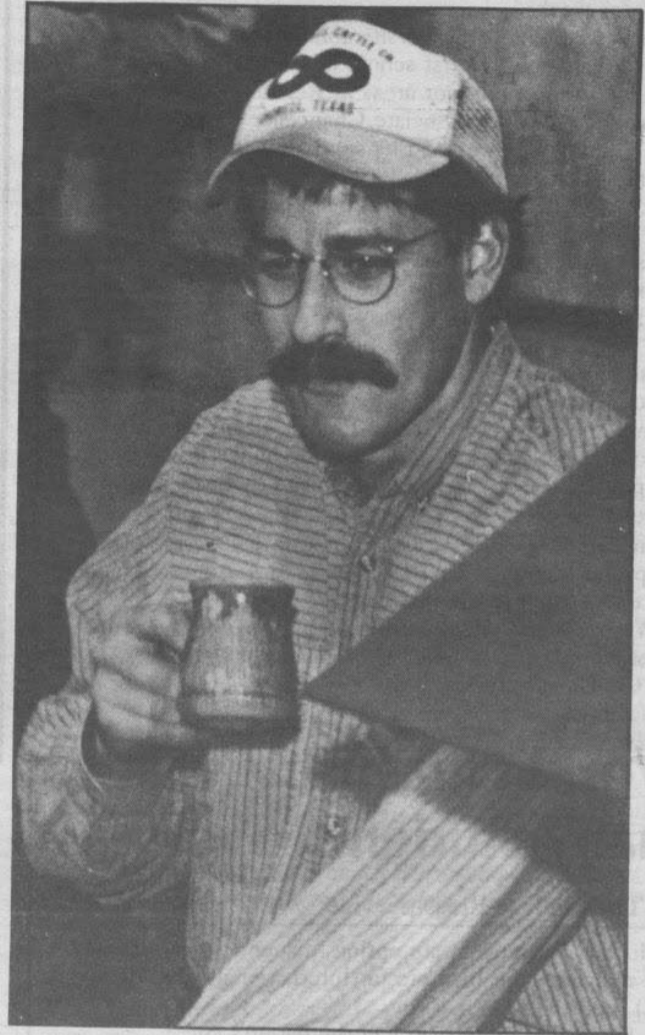
Farrier students who graduated Tuesday learned the fine arts of fitting and shaping shoes of many sizes in Linn-Benton's Farrier School in Manchester Arena on the Oregon State campus. Below, Butch Brown watches Mark Olson remove old shoes from a horse; middle, Eric Pettibone shapes a new shoe for fitting; top right, Furd Halsell sits and relaxes with a cup of coffee; bottom right, Wes Picard files the shoe edge smooth.





National College
Campuses toughen
smoking rules

Photos by Dave Grubbs



National College News

Campuses toughen smoking rules

By The College Press Service

A few more campuses adopted tougher smoking rules in recent weeks.

Just after Stanford University announced in early March it would become the first school in the country to ban smoking in most outdoor areas as well as in classrooms, University of Illinois associate Chancellor Richard Wilson said UI might soon extend its smoking bans to all office and reception areas.

Here at LBCC, smoking has been banned in most indoor gathering areas—including Takena Hall, the Commons Lobby and the Fireside Room—since the beginning of the school year. Smoking is allowed in offices and in a small designated section of the Commons.

In New Orleans, Tulane University's new policy banning smoking in all indoor public areas as well as campus vehicles went into effect in March.

And University of Nebraska-Lincoln deans met March 14 to propose adopting a no-smoking policy for all campus public areas as well as offices used by more than one person.

On Feb. 25, University of California at Davis students lit up in a Memorial Union protest of a no-smoking policy in a coffee shop in the building.

"We (smokers) pay the same (union) fees as the rest of the student body," smoker Matt Gallagher told *The Aggie*, Cal-Davis's student paper. "We deserve equal use of the facilities."

World citizenship takes many students overseas

By The College Press Service

More U.S. students are opting to spend a year of college overseas, the Institute for International Education (IIE) reported March 1.

It found that more than half the nation's colleges—1,898—had students earning academic credit abroad in 1985-86, the year the IIE's study covered.

In all, 48,483 students were enrolled in classes overseas, a 79 percent increase from the 27,145 students in foreign study programs during 1982-83, when the institute—which coordinates academic exchange programs for hundreds of U.S. campuses—did its last census.

While the study did not ask why more students were spending time abroad, the IIE's Edrice Howard speculated it was because of a growing sense of "world citizenship" and because, at least until the U.S. dollar's recent slide in value, foreign tuition was cheaper than tuition at many schools at home.

Most of the students—63.8 percent—studying abroad were female.

Western Europe, in turn, was the most popular place to study, attracting 76.8 percent of the students in foreign programs.

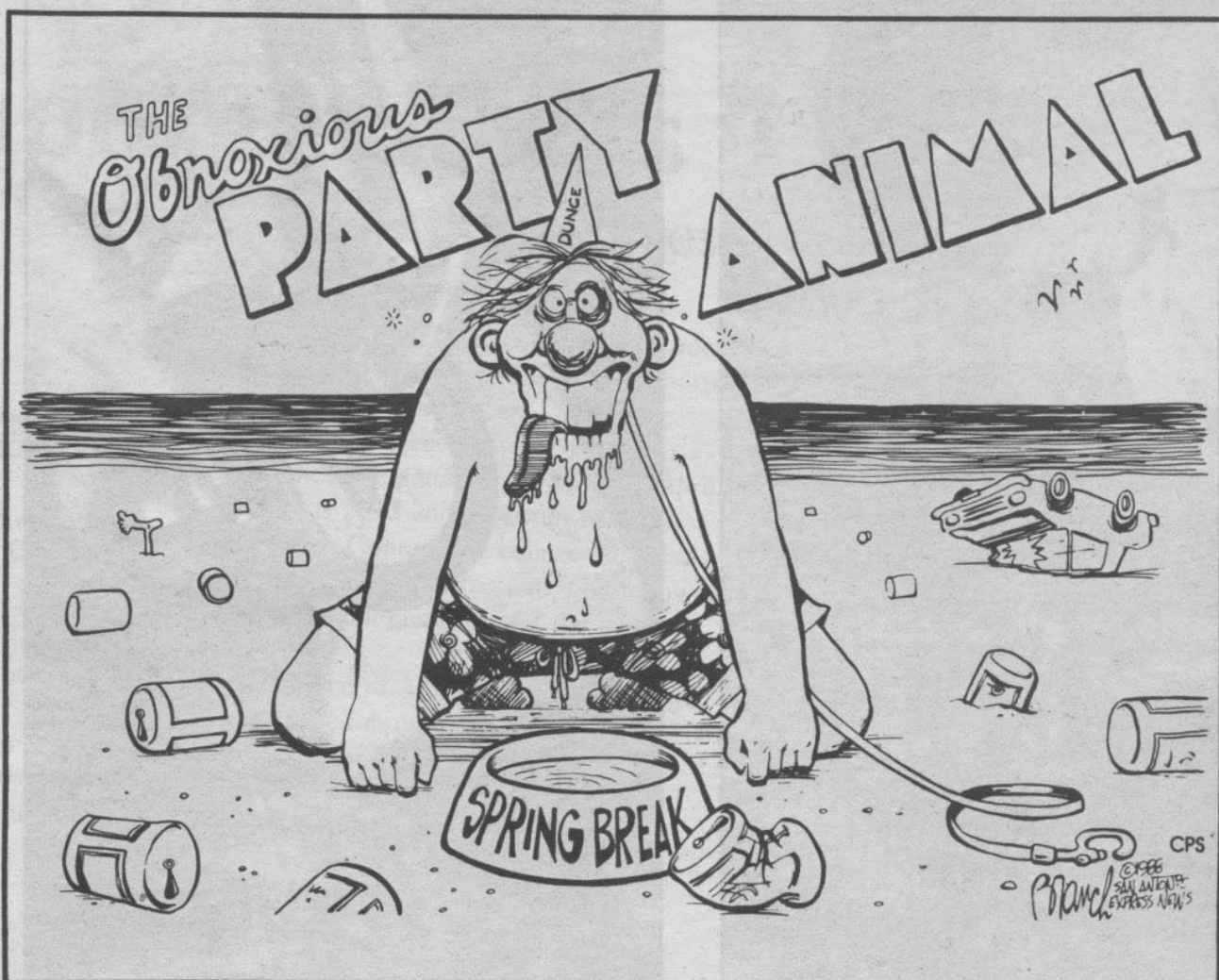
Only 7 percent of the college migrants enrolled in Latin American colleges.

Colleges encouraged to recruit minorities

By The College Press Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Community college leaders urged their colleagues from large urban areas Feb. 1 to try harder to recruit and train minority students.

Community colleges and other two-year institutions, the Urban Community Colleges Commission said, can play an important role in elevating the status of Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities. The commission also said the colleges should hire more minority faculty members and administrators, who can serve as important role models to minority youth.



Violence erupts over spring break

By The College Press Service

PORT ARANSAS, TEX.—In the worst spring break rioting since 1986, four people were stabbed and two police officers hurt as an estimated 3,000 vacationing students rioted on Mustang Island March 20.

No one is sure how the midnight beach riot on the island, just offshore from Corpus Christi, began, although policeman Jim Kaelin noted, "There is a tremendous amount of intoxication going on. All it takes is for someone to bump into someone else to start a riot."

Other witnesses reported the violence began when a 26-year-old man hit a 16-year-old girl with his car, which was then overturned and trashed by angry bystanders.

Though the girl subsequently was treated for minor abrasions at a local hospital, it took 100 police officers using helicopters and tear gas to break up the ensuing riot, in which a car was run into the Gulf of Mexico off a pier, a portable toilet was burned and rocks were thrown.

Police arrested eight people.

The incident was the worst since April, 1986, when hundreds of high school and college students threw rocks and bottles at police and ripped the clothes off women at Palm Beach, Calif. Police arrested more than 500 people during a week of drinking and vandalism.

Since then, the Texas Gulf Coast, Jamaica and Daytona Beach, Fla., have been the only areas still advertising to encourage college students to visit them for spring break.

Good paper shufflers perform better in college

By The College Press Service

It pays to be good at shuffling paper, at least if you are enrolled at a big campus.

The faster and more accurately students at large schools can complete paperwork tasks, the better grades they get, a new study by a Dallas market research firm has found.

On the other hand, it suggested students who lack paperwork skills should attend smaller colleges, carry a light course load, learn to use computers, word processors and calculators, seek assistance from professors and teaching assistants, and be prepared to work harder than other students.

At least those are the conclusions of Dallas-based Aptitude Inventory Measurement Service (AIMS), which tracked the academic performance of 115 students attending universities with 20,000 or more undergraduates

from 1981 until last year. The participants took a series of aptitude tests that gauged their clerical skills.

Students lacking clerical talent, the study reports, made sloppy errors such as transposing numbers and misplacing decimal points, especially under deadline pressure.

Half of those who scored poorly on the AIMS's test graduated from college with 2.0 or lower grade point averages. More than half the ex-students who scored high marks on the clerical tests graduated with 3.0 averages or better.

Students with poor clerical skills who were tutored by AIMS counselors, however, received higher grades in school than their counterparts who did not receive additional training.

AIMS suggests students with poor paperwork skills attend a small college instead of a university, since classes tend to be smaller and faculty members more accessible.

Spotlight

Eugene Ballet performs in Tadena

The Associated Students of LBCC is co-sponsoring a performance of Igor Stravinsky's "Petrouchka" by the Eugene Ballet on Sunday, April 17, at 3 p.m. on the Mainstage in Tadena Hall.

The ballet is the story of a puppet, Petrushka, who is granted the passionate feelings of the human heart and falls in love. The role of Petrushka will be danced by Doug Zalud-Mackie, who is in his fourth season with the Eugene Ballet Company.

Petrushka's love, the Ballerina, will be performed by a new Eugene Ballet Company dancer, Maricar Drilon from the Philippines. She had the title role of Beauty in the Eugene Ballet Company's "Beauty And The Beast."

The part of The Moor will be played by Marc Hughes, who appeared as the Prince in "Cinderella."

In addition to "Petrouchka," this performance will include a contemporary piece, "Sticks of It," choreographed by Lynda Martha of the Lynda Martha Dance Company, Chicago, and "Lark Ascending," choreographed by Bruce Marks, artistic director with the Boston Ballet.

The audience is invited to meet the dancers at a reception to be held in the lobby following the performance.

Tickets are available from The Inkwell in Corvallis, French's Jewelers in Albany and LBCC's Albany Center in Tadena Hall. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call LBCC's Student Programs Office, 928-2361, ext. 150, during regular business hours.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

To the Highest Vidder

Now, in addition to pool and foosball, the Rec Room offers a new assortment of video games. The machines were added just before spring break in response to student requests. Hit Parade Music Company of Albany won the bid to provide the machines and splits the profits equally with Student Programs. Student Programs is currently contemplating what to do with their profits.

Unruly Thompson vetoed in Arizona

By The College Press Service

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Flamboyant writer Hunter S. Thompson, as noted for being late to campus speaking engagements as for his "gonzo journalism" portraits of the 1972 presidential campaign, was stood up by the University of Arizona student government last week.

Student President Reuben A. Carranza vetoed a funding measure March 10 that would have brought Thompson to speak on campus, and the student associated upheld the veto by 1 vote.

Carranza said he would have approved of Thompson's visit if it had been cosponsored by another campus group, but that Thompson's behavior at other campuses left him unwilling to let the student government be solely liable for the event.

Thompson has been notoriously late for campus lectures around the country, and reportedly has shown up drunk for some.

Carranza noted the writer dropped his pants during and Arizona State University speech.

Thompson once threw an ice bucket at his audience at Duke University and was "incoherent" at a Brown University program, Carranza argued.

For his Arizona visit, Thompson's model contract stipulated students supply him with a 12-pack of beer upon his arrival and a bottle of Chivas Regal scotch while he was onstage.

Thompson, however, may not take no for an answer. "We will be there. There will be fear and loathing in Tucson," swore Thompson's agent Greg Werckman of the Greater Talent Network.

"They sent a contract; we signed it, so we will be there," emphasized Werckman, who did not consider the speaking date officially cancelled.

Werckman chalked the problems up to "campus infighting." He speculated that when the engagement is over, "they'll wonder why they made such a fuss."

Thompson, who has about 30 campus speaking dates yearly, will give "an excellent show, the highlight of their year," Werckman said.

4/7 High School Choral Festival

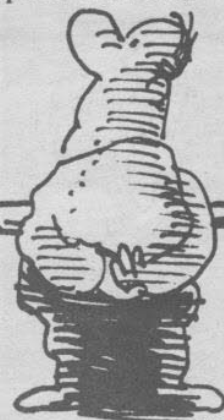
4/10-16 International Week

4/14 La Tuna-Singers
from Madrid

4/15 Part time faculty banquet

4/17 Petruska 3 p.m. Tadena

4/22 Secretary's
Breakfast
7 a.m.



Exhibits

LBCC staff highlight gallery

The artwork of two LBCC staff members and the wife of a Fulbright Exchange instructor are being exhibited in the Humanities gallery until April 15.

Dori Nelson, assistant to the Benton Center director, is displaying hollow-ware enamel works. Shelly Curtis, instructional assistant in the photo lab, is showing a series of 4-by-5 inch color contact prints called the "Aqua Jane Series."

Viesia Calvell, wife of biology instructor Richard Greenhalgh and a citizen of Great Britain, is exhibiting large Chibachrome prints of English landscapes associated with legends.

The gallery, located on the first floor of the AHSS Building on the Albany Campus, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Library shows drawings

"West Coast Drawing," an exhibition featuring work by 29 artists from Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and California, will be on display through April 29 in the Linn-Benton Community College Library.

The Salem Art Association, wanting to recognize contemporary drawing with an exhibition devoted to current approaches to this oldest of media, sponsored the Pacific Coastline Drawing Competition in January 1986.

The drawings in the traveling exhibit were selected from the original competition's exhibition. The landscape, figure and architectural drawings range in style from the realistic to the abstract and are executed in a variety of media, including acrylic, chalk, conte crayon, oil stick, pastel, prisma-color and watercolor.

The LBCC exhibition is sponsored by the Associated Students of Linn-Benton Community College and LBCC's Learning Resource Center. The exhibit is open to the public at no charge.

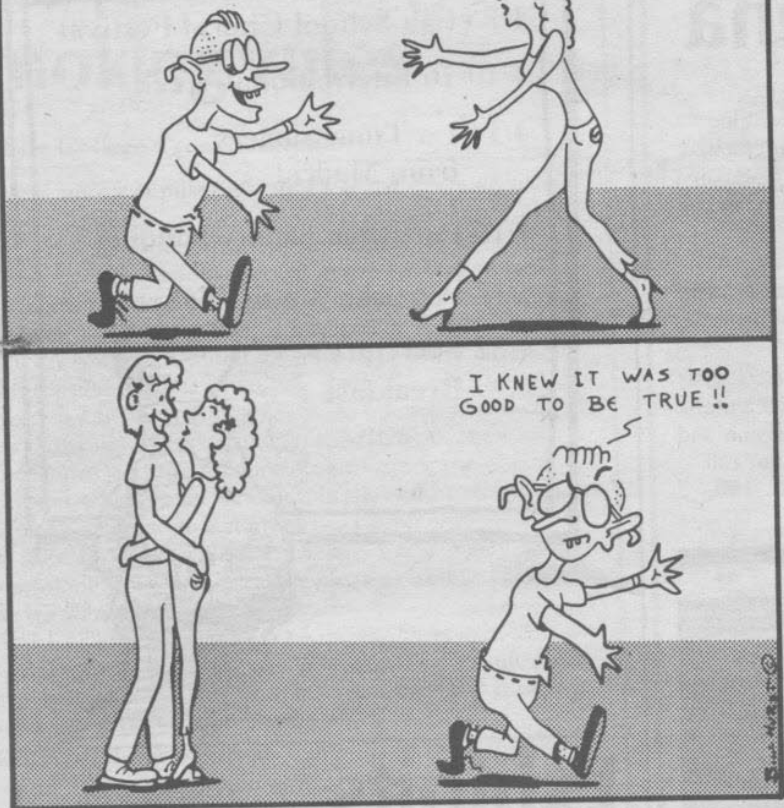
Fiber exhibit opens in Corvallis

The Corvallis Arts Center April exhibit features the All Oregon Juried Fiber Show in the Theatre Gallery, ceramic work by Randy and Lisa Lloyd and calligraphy by Jean Rothacher in the Guild Galler, and ceramics by Eric Kenagy in the Gift Gallery.

The exhibition will open on Wed. April 6 and run through April 28. The opening reception will be held Friday from 7-10 p.m. Music and refreshments will be provided. The center is open from 12-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. For additional information call 754-1551.

MARKETSPACE

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Ross, Chambers to autograph book today

The LBCC Bookstore will host an autograph party today with Bob Ross and Henrietta Chambers, authors of the new book, "Wildflowers of the Western Cascades."

Ross, a biology instructor at LBCC and photographer for the book, and Chambers, an LBCC botanist, will be on hand from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The two will be signing copies of their 200-page guide describing some 271 species of wildflowers.

The book, intended for the average person with some science background, is the result of four years' collaboration between the two LBCC educators. Ross also teaches nature photography courses through the Biology Department.

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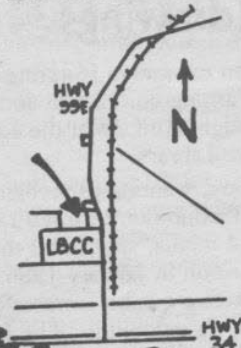
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MISCELLANEOUS

Attention Spanish Speakers: A reminder that the Spanish Conversation table will be held this term, which will be an informal way to help improve our vocabulary. This is accomplished by means of playing Spanish Scrabble and conversing in Spanish. We will meet in the cafeteria at 12:00 noon each Tuesday. We hope to see you there.

April 14
When: 12-1 p.m.
Where: F 104

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Starting April 14, 1988 from 12 to 1 p.m. there will be an Overeaters Anonymous meeting to be held in the Willamette Room. If you have or think you might have a problem with food OA could possibly have an answer for you. If you have any questions, please call Jackie at x327. See you in the Willamette Room on Thursday, April 14.

PERSONALS

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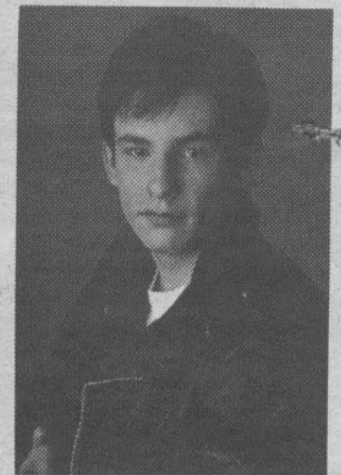
International Club meeting Wed. 1:30 in CC 213. All welcome. Planning of international week 2nd week of April. Make posters for Madrigal Singers from Spain.

LOST & FOUND

Here it is again, a new term and things are still being lost and things are still being found. The Lost & Found department has a large accumulation of items from Fall and Winter terms plus, the following items which have been turned in since the beginning of March: One glove; a pair of prescription glasses; a calculator; two different earrings; a photograph and ruler (found in Library); a necklace; a coin purse; an umbrella; a tweed cap; a dog leash; misc textbooks, notebooks, papers, and a "Friend of the library" coffee cup. If you have lost anything since Fall term 1987, we may have it. If you lose anything on campus, let the Lost and Found department know about it. We are located in College Center 123, telephone extension 322. We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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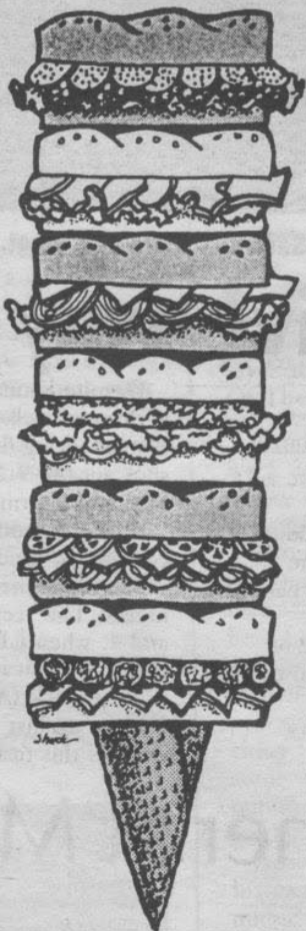
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The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

R.E. Giffin, owner of R.E. Giffin masonry, carefully shapes a brick with a mason's hammer. Giffin is a subcontractor working on LB's new dugouts.

Concrete dugouts to replace wooden ones destroyed by winds

By Randy Wriighthouse
Of The Commuter Staff

A \$9,200 construction project that will provide LBCC's baseball team with new dugouts is expected to be completed in time for Saturday's scheduled home game, according to Paul Brawn, owner of the construction company in charge of the project.

The Paul Brawn Construction Company began work on the two cinder-block dugouts during spring break.

The Company was chosen because it placed the lowest bid to build the structures, said Ray Jean, director of facilities at LBCC.

Jean said LBCC's contingency fund will cover most of the \$9,200 tab for the project.

The cinder block dugouts are replacing wooden structures that were blown down by heavy winds Jan. 10. Because that was the second time the dugouts blew down in the past few years, Jean said he decided to use cinderblock construction this time.

Jean also said that maintenance and appearance of the new dugouts will benefit from the sturdier material used.

Baseball team splits league opener at Mt. Hood

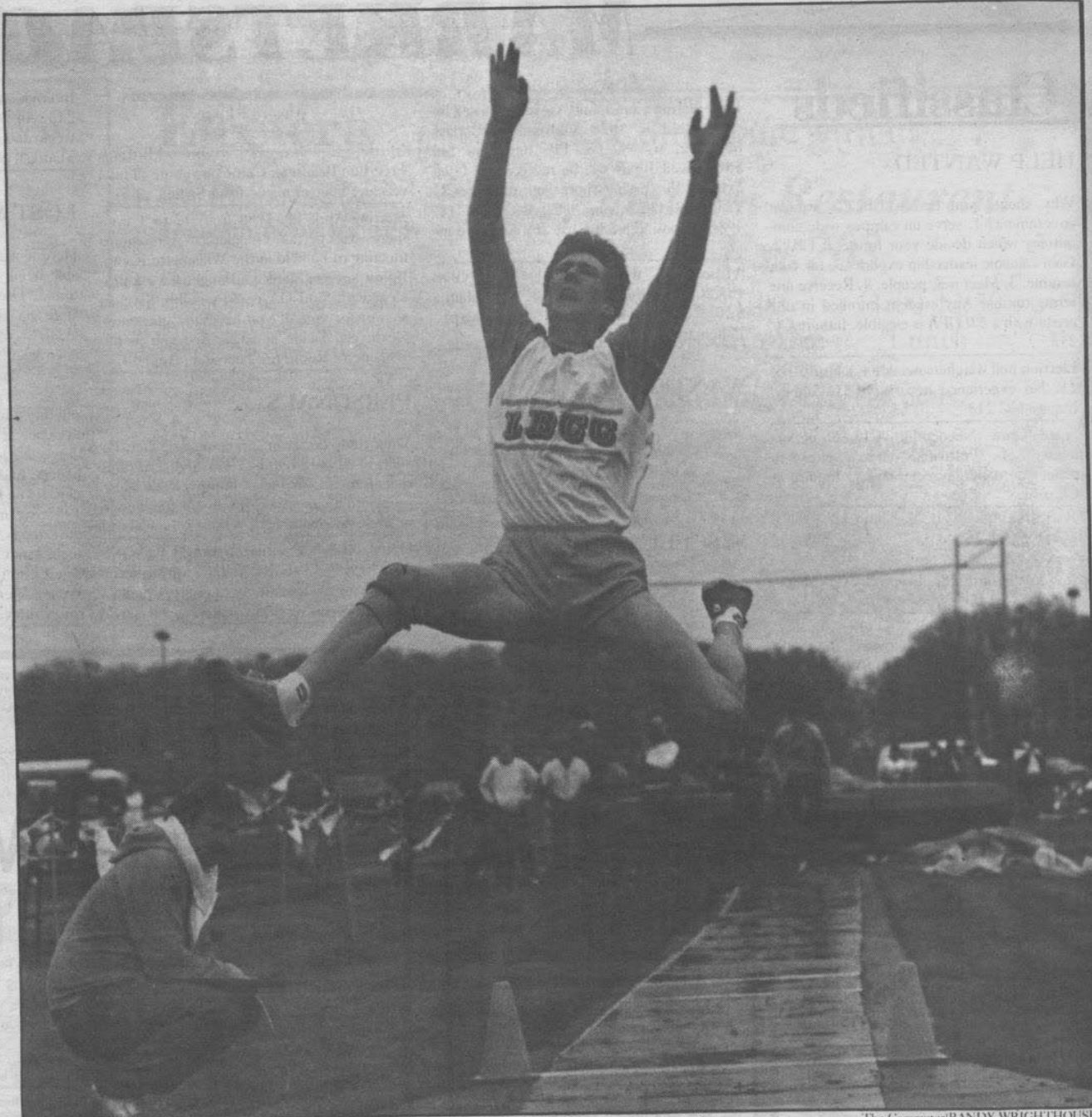
By Richard Meek
Of The Commuter Staff

Linn-Benton's baseball team opened NWAACC league play on the road last night, splitting a doubleheader against Mt. Hood, in Gresham.

The Roadrunners took the opener, 11-5, after jumping out to a four lead in the first inning. Mt. Hood battled back for the split in the twilight game, beating LB 8-3.

"I'll take the split up here," said coach Greg Hawk, "but come Thursday I'll be looking for a sweep down in Eugene against Lane.

Ken Nielson went the distance on the mound for the Roadrunners in the first game, upping his season record to 3-0.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Eric Moen stretches to a fourth place finish in Saturday's five-way meet.

Men capture five-way track meet

By Paula Knutson
Of The Commuter Staff

LBCC men's track team bested four teams to take an overall win at Saturday's five-way track meet.

In a competition Saturday with Mt. Hood, Blue Mountain, Treasure Valley and Southwestern Oregon, the men's team won 11 of 19 track and field events to earn a team score of 130. Mt. Hood was second at 77.

The women Roadrunners took third with a score of 21. Mt. Hood took first with a score of 88 followed by Blue Mountain with 45.

Layle Billings was the only winner in the women's event, taking the javelin with a throw of 127-3 1/2.

Despite Saturday's adverse weather the Roadrunners performed well. LB had two double winners with Frank Slinger taking first in the hammer throw (122-10) and the shot put (40-9 1/2), and Jim Millager taking both the high and intermediate hurdles (15.0 and 1:02.3).

"We had good performances considering (the weather) conditions," said Coach Dave Bakley.

Saturday's meet was the first of this year's two home meets. The second home meet is scheduled for May 3 and 4, when LB hosts the NWAACC multi-event championship.

Next week (April 9) LB tracksters will be competing in Eugene against Clackamas and Mt. Hood. Coach Bakley expects this to be an exceptionally tough meet.

LB had not played since coming back from the spring break trip to Northern California.

The Roadrunners were 4-4 on the trip. The team started slowly, winning only one of the first five games, but poured it on in the end to capture three victories.

"In the beginning, we were not intense and didn't play a complete ballgame. We were tentative," said Hawk. "After the morning practice (held after the team lost four games) I felt we played with more intensity."

That morning practice turned out to be a good call as the team came back with a respectable record, considering that the California teams are already half-way through their season.

"I felt we established team unity on the trip," said

Hawk. "A few players really showed me some things. Kluss and Boyer got off to good starts with the bat and Nielson and Reed showed me a couple of consistent outings."

The team plays at Lane on Thursday, then comes home for Saturday's doubleheader. After that it's back to Eugene to play Lassen Community College on Sunday. LB will host Clark Community College on Tuesday in a league doubleheader.

Coach Hawk is taking each game as one step to the ultimate goal of reaching the regional tournament. "I want to gradually improve with each game. If we give a good effort and be consistent we can obtain our goal to win the Northwest regionals," he said.