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Support sought for signal at north entrance

By Scott Heynderickx
Special Projects Editor

"A lot of people say well, why don't you just hang a signal there? (at LBCC's north entrance at 99E). Well, there's a lot more to it than that."

Facilities Director Ray Jean knows. For the past four years Jean has been working to persuade the state to widen and improve Highway 99E between Albany and Tangent. He was a member of the Albany committee that formed the funding proposal that is now under consideration by the state.

Jean is confident the improvements will be made, but he doesn't know when. He is concerned with what he calls the "increased frequency of accidents" on the highway near LBCC.

Before the Associated Students of LBCC at their Nov. 28 meeting, Jean suggested petitioning the State

Department of Transportation (DOT) to install a light at the college's northern access point, Ellingson Road.

Jean says many students have been injured in the past few years on the stretch of highway between 53rd Avenue and Allen Blvd., including an accident last February that resulted in the death of an LBCC drama student.

Statistics from the Oregon DOT's environmental impact statement back up Jean's claim that the highway is becoming more hazardous.

According to the report, traffic volume on Oregon 99E between Queen Avenue and Tangent Drive has increased from 28 percent to as much as 73 percent at specific locations during the past seven years.

A total of 308 vehicle accidents occurred on the stretch of highway bet-

ween 1977 and 1981 resulting in 288 injuries and one death. This is a higher rate than average for suburban sections of highways statewide, but lower for urban sections.

The state will eventually make the decision that the improvement of the highway is of high enough priority and fund it, Jean said. In the meantime, he continued, "we need to put the pressure on through this petition."

The rough draft of the petition Jean helped create states that "the safety of human lives cannot wait for the priority position where this project has been placed," and calls for the installation of a traffic light at LBCC's northern entrance on 99E.

"If we can go up to the director with a couple of thousand signatures, there is no doubt that the committee would hear of it immediately. It could make the difference," Jean said.

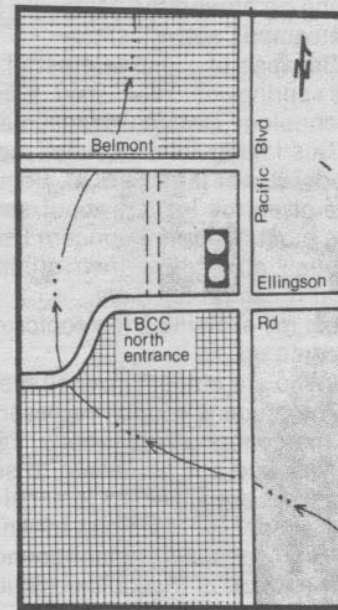
Installation of the light, Jean explained, is just one part of the total plan for improving the four-mile stretch of highway, but it could help alleviate some of the traffic problems now, not later.

Jean isn't bitter about the way that the state is handling the request for improvements.

"They aren't bad guys, they just don't have the money to do all of the requested projects," he explained.

ASLBCC business representative Dave Stroda is also concerned about the hazardous driving conditions on 99E, particularly around 8 a.m. weekday mornings when commuters are streaming to LBCC.

"Petitioning for, and getting this light in place is something we can do to help now," said Stroda. He expects the petition to be circulating early next term.



The proposed changes to LBCC's north entrance include a traffic signal at Ellingson Road and Hwy. 99E, and a bypass road linking the entrance to Belmont Avenue.

Book exchange offered

By Dianne Kuykendall
Staff Writer

It's the end of the term and finals are over. Christmas is ahead, but you've just paid tuition for next term and you're broke.

Do you want to make or save some money? Then buy or sell your textbooks through the student program's book exchange or sell them at the bookstore's book buy-back.

The ASLBCC provides the information cards and the bulletin board outside the student programs office, CC 213. You provide the books. This will be the third year for the service and it has been very successful, according to Blaine Nisson, director of student programs.

The cards ask for book information like title, author and price. Then you put your name, phone number and the best time to be reached. The board has several categories based on subject matter. Prices are usually less than the bookstore's price for a new book. This is because there is no middleman in the exchange.

Now is the best time to put your card on the board. The most trading takes place around the change of terms, Nisson said.

The LBCC Bookstore will start its buyback on Dec. 10 and continue through Dec. 13. It will be in the Willamette Room from 8:30-4:00. Students can expect to receive about half of their original purchase price if the book is to be used again next term. If not, occasionally the book wholesaler will buy it for a reduced price if it is needed at another school.

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Photo by Scott Heynderickx

A Head Above the Crowd

Roadrunner guard Kevin Burton makes a strong move to the basket under pressure from Centralia players in Friday night's action. The fast-breaking team from Washington handed the hoopsters an 82-62 loss in LBCC's first home game of the season. The Roadrunners also lost a pair of forwards during the game when Kimball Waters and Ricky Tanner walked off the court in the second half in a dispute over playing time. Sports editor Robert Hood comments on the situation in his column on page 11.

Guest Column

Council exists to serve; you can help by speaking out

I have been a student at LBCC since September 1983. Ever since I enrolled I have been concerned about what has been going on around the campus. I wanted to play a bigger part in the campus activities.

Because of these interests I ran for the student council in the spring of 1984. You elected me as a Science and Technology Division representative.

This fall my fellow council members appointed me to be the moderator of the ASLBCC. Being moderator for this past term has given me insight about some concerns around campus. The most important concern I see is that students don't know enough about how their student government operates and what it can do for them.

Let me examine a few topics of discussion that have recently come up.

"Who are student council members?"

The student council representatives are 13 people elected by the general student body. Each division has two representatives, and one is elected to serve LBCC "at large." Council members are expected to excel in their studies and represent their respective divisions for an entire year.

"How does the student council work?"

The ASLBCC (Associated Students of LBCC) has a fairly unique organization. Although a constitution and by-laws are followed, the ASLBCC operates in much the same way as the board of directors for a large corporation. As stockholders elect the board, so the students elect the council. Furthermore, as a board of directors choose a board president, the ASLBCC chooses a moderator. These people are here to serve the student's best interests.

The members of the council act as the voice of the student body by serving as a liaison between student, faculty and staff. They serve on campus-wide committees, and in addition they act as a problem solving group for the students in general. If a problem arises that concerns students, and the council is within its bounds to pursue the issue, they will do so as a unified body. Just like any other concerned group, student council does not always gain the upper hand on all issues, but they continue to serve in the student's interest.

"Why do we need a student council?"

To ensure your voice is being heard. Through the correct channels problems can be solved in a clear, concise and organized manner. As a respected organization the council can seek out those channels and pursue them appropriately. That is what the council strives to accomplish.

You have a right to have your voice heard. One way that can be done is through the representative elected to serve your division.

The members of the council meet weekly to voice their concerns and to transact business. At that time you can also have your voice heard. Be present at those meetings to have your opinion heard in an orderly manner, and to hear the opinions of other students on campus issues. Everyone has a right to be heard, and everyone who attends the meeting will be.

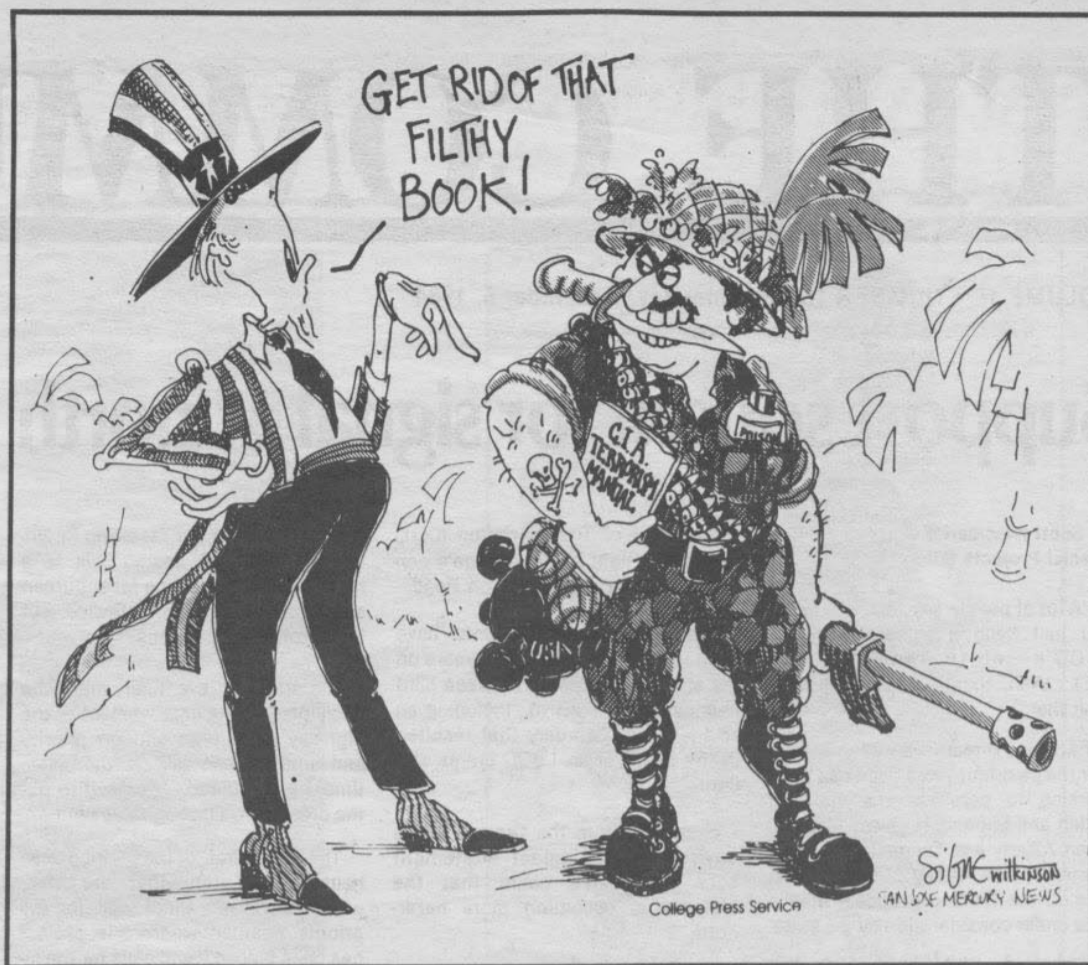
The ASLBCC meetings are held Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Willamette Room.

In closing, I would like to remind you the student council representatives have been elected by the general student body. We are not professional politicians, we do make mistakes, and we are students just like you are! Please work with us, so we can work for you.

Brad Borlin
ASLBCC Moderator

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Letters

Student commends paint job on doors

To the Editor:

Let's face it. We are attending a classy school. I'm sure some would disagree, but the majority of us are proud of the way the school is run and of the way it looks. In my opinion, the new paint job that is being done to the trim and the doors really brightens up the school and gives it a fresh touch. I don't know who is doing all of the work, or who's idea it was, but I would like to commend all of the people involved in the project. They are doing a great job and it need-

ed it. Now, how about painting some murals on some of those blank walls???

J.P. Parks

Writer objects to fear technique

To the Editor:

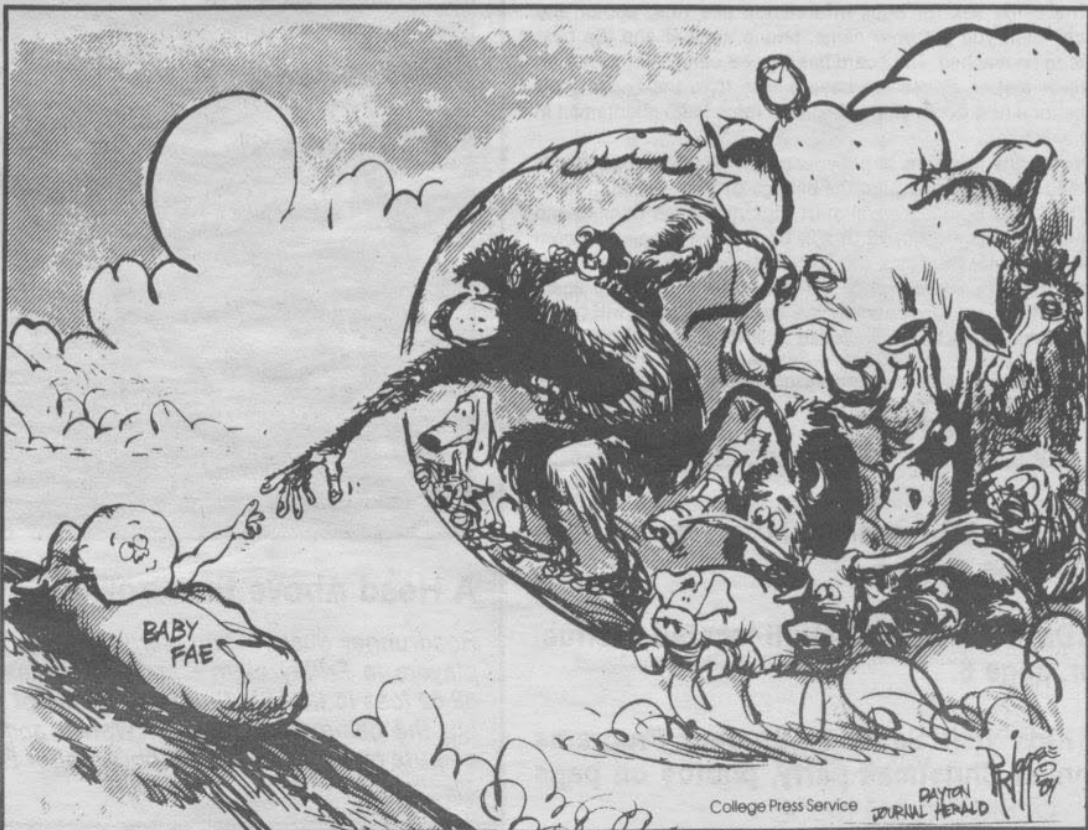
My heart went out to the mother I saw "struggling" with her child last Wednesday. I realize how frustrating and demanding children can be at times. But the mother lost some of my understanding when she began shouting, "I'm going to leave you! Do

you want me to leave you? I will leave you here and you'll be lost!" (Etc.)

LBCC is a massive complex. In a child's eyes it must appear bewildering and immense, with lots of "big" people walking around. What sense is involved in threatening and frightening an already emotional child? We as parents are the adult in the situation, let's act like the adult. Take a deep breath, count to 10 and hug that little one of yours. This is certainly more effective than verbal or psychological abuse.

There is enough sorrow in the world; let's not add to it by instilling fear and mistrust in our children.

Linda Evlandson



SAP committee recommends less money for athletics

By Robert Botts
Staff Writer

It doesn't look like LBCC's division directors will get everything they've asked for in next year's Student Activities and Programs budgets.

The recommendations of the student budget committee include sweeping changes to some programs, including athletics and humanities. The base budgets of four programs received less money than requested, one received more and one remained the same as requested.

The students have submitted their budget recommendations to John Keyser, vice president of instruction, who is reviewing their work. Keyser will meet with the students to suggest alterations to the budget, and expects to submit the final budget to the LBCC budget committee by the first of the year.

"The students have done an excellent job on this budget, but I can't say I agree 100 percent with all of their recommendations," Keyser said.

According to Colleen Bell, an ASLBCC representative and chairman of the student committee, one of the most volatile recommendations was cutting the health occupations/physical education budget by \$10,000, and placing that amount in the SAP general contingency fund.

The money would still be available for regional team travel, Bell explained, but in years that it isn't needed for travel other SAP funded programs could request the money for other uses.

Bell explained that the committee looked at several things before recommending the change, including the number of students involved in

the programs, and the fact that over \$30,000 had gone unspent over the last several years.

In addition to base budget recommendations, the committee made decisions on additional funding requests in the form of decision packages. Most of the decision packages submitted were recommended, including \$875 for student programs to fund the hiring of graphics students for poster design and other graphics projects; \$620 to the Commuter for additional printing expenses and replacement of a camera; partial funding of \$3,500 for student programs to create a graduate assistant position; and \$648 for three additional talent grants in the industrial division.

Decision packages that were rejected included funding of a cooperative work experience position for student programs; an additional staff position for the Commuter; additional funding for travel expenses for the livestock judging team; and one talent grant for the industrial division.

The student committee recommended a cut for the business division base budget because the travel budget for DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) was greater than that for other programs, and the committee felt that DECA has the ability to raise this amount of money, Bell said.

Although the science and technology division budget was reduced, it may be increased if the Livestock Judging Team were to qualify for national competition, according to Bell.

The humanities and social sciences base budget received less, Bell said, because the committee recommended they not increase their

talent grants and the budget committee could not justify rebuilding the jazz program because of the small number of participating students.

Student programs and the club reserve fund were not cut, Bell added.

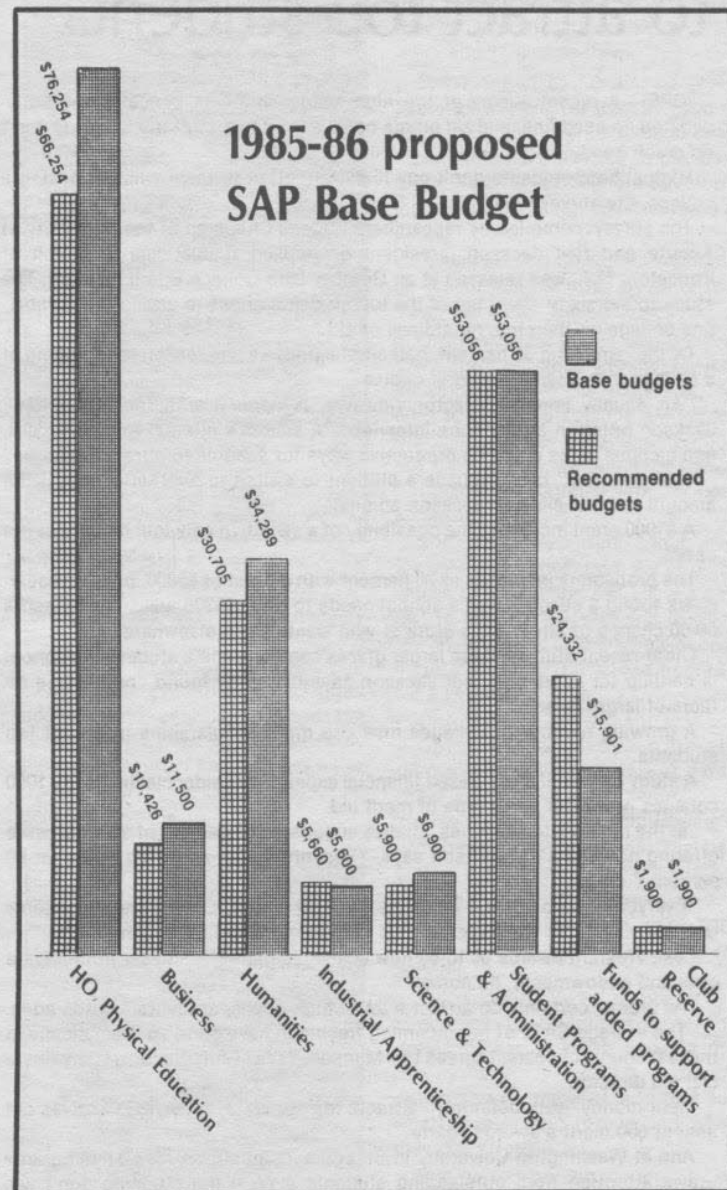
The student program budget remained at \$53,056, because these programs benefit many students, generate revenue and enhance LBCC's image on the campus, and in the community. In addition, the club reserve fund remained the same, \$1,900.

In addition to Bell, members of the SAP budget committee are Glynn Higgins and Brad Borlin, Albany; Mason LeMay, Corvallis, and Brian Follett, Hood River.

Preparing the budget required about 20 hours, according to Bell.

"Please remember this budget is only a recommendation," Bell said. "All committee members were able to attend each hearing and felt the experience was a meaningful one, not only as it relates to our leadership positions on the student council, but may also prove to be valuable for future positions we may hold in our community."

The eleven criteria for making the budgets decisions, according to Bell, were: the cost effectiveness of the program, the number of participants in the program, the amount of travel money to be spent on the program, the amount of money to be earned by the program, the amount of student interest in the program and support for it, the number of people who benefit from the program, the ability of the program to earn revenues, the proportionate share of student fees needed to support the program, the effect of the program on the college, and community images, and whether the program offered college credit.



Bell's report on colleges draws reaction; could begin reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS)—Student and college officials nationwide think a newly released government report on higher education probably has begun a long reform period for the nation's colleges.

They also say it could eventually make students go to school longer and take more liberal arts courses to graduate.

The new study, together with others due to

be released in the next two years, signals that "this will be an important decade for the realignment of higher education and for setting new goals," says Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation, and author of last year's highly acclaimed study, "High Schools," which made secondary education a major political issue.

The report, "Involvement in Learning: Realiz-

ing the Potential of American Higher Education," was prepared by a seven-member panel of higher education experts at the behest of outgoing U.S. Education Secretary Terrel Bell.

The NIE report charges American colleges are plagued by problems. For example, faculty salaries are so low that "the (teaching) profession itself has become less attractive to our brightest students," the report says. In addi-

tion, "increasing numbers of students are majoring in narrow specialities" in which the programs are "isolated from one another." Thus, "many students end up with fragmented and limited knowledge."

The panelists want all students to take at least two years of liberal arts courses—even if it means extending the length of their educations—and pass a series of tests.

LB vocal groups present two Christmas concerts

LBCC's Community Chorale and Concert Choir will present two separate holiday concerts this week, opening with the Concert Choir Thursday at 8 p.m. in Takana Hall.

The choir, under the direction of instructor Hal Eastburn, will sing Christmas music from throughout the centuries. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior citizens.

The LBCC Community Chorale annual holiday concert will be presented in Albany and Corvallis this year.

Under the direction of LBCC vocal music instructor Hal Eastburn, the Chorale will sing choruses from the "Messiah" by G.F. Handel, "Christmas Cantata" by Daniel Pinkham and "Gloria" by John Rutter. Mary Ann Guenther is the Chorale's organist.

Singers from throughout the mid-Willamette Valley make up the 90-member Chorale, which is in its sixth season.

The Corvallis concert is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at the First Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe. The Albany concert is at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at the United Presbyterian Church, 330 5th Street SW.

Tickets for the concert are \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for senior citizens and students, and \$1 for children 13 and under. Advance tickets are available at French's Jewelers, 140 W 1st in Albany; The Inkwell, 234 SW 3rd in Corvallis; and LBCC's College Center Office on the second floor of the College Center Building.

OSU researchers to study obesity

By Denyse Mulligan
Staff Writer

A year-long study on obesity in women will begin in January at OSU. The study will be conducted by Jane Abbott and Bill Oddou, two OSU students working toward doctorate degrees.

Twenty women were chosen as participants in the study from over 200 applicants. Some of the requirements for volunteers included that they be between the ages of 25 and 40, be taking no medications and have good general health. The volunteers are not charged for participating in the study, which is funded by an educational grant.

Abbott and Oddou are interested in discovering the differences between women who were obese as juveniles and those who became obese as adults. Factors that will be studied include amounts of physical activity, how their metabolisms respond to eating meals, blood cholesterol level and glucose tolerance. Abbott said they expect to find differences in the two groups

and want to determine which are genetically based.

Abbott said the reasons for choosing to do the study on women are "females have a greater incidence of obesity" and that women have been less studied, particularly considering the effects of exercise.

The volunteers will meet three times a week for hour-long exercise classes. Walking will be stressed as the major form of exercise.

"Part of what we feel is important is the company of other people," to make walking more of a "social event," Abbott explained.

The women will also attend a weekly nutritional education class, where they'll learn about nutrition and how to choose better foods to eat. Abbott said they'll also learn how to change food habits and new ways of interacting around family and friends in situations involving food, such as holidays and birthdays.

Though weight loss will be a part of the program, no special ideal weight goal will be set for the participants. "People will be focusing on learning to develop new habits," explained Abbott.

'Merit' scholarships fail to attract top students

(CPS)—A recent survey of top high school students indicates the hotly-debated no-need financial aid grants colleges use to attract top students don't do much good.

High school students don't pay much attention to them when choosing a college, the survey concludes.

The survey, compiled by researchers Randall Chapman of the University of Alberta and Rex Jackson, president of Applied Educational Research of Princeton, N.J., was released at an October 29th College Board meeting. The study found six of every ten of the top students chose to attend the number-one college on their list, regardless of aid.

Of the remaining 39 percent, half cited money as one reason for enrolling at a college that wasn't their first choice.

"An equally important factor, however, is contact with the institution," Jackson noted in a telephone interview. "A school's interest in the student, and campus visits could be productive ways for schools to attract students."

"Merit money" can persuade a student to switch to another school if the amount is great enough, Jackson admits.

A \$1000 grant increases the possibility of a switch in only four percent of the cases.

The probability increases to 70 percent with a grant of \$5000, but the researchers found a second-choice school needs to offer \$6300 just to give itself a 50-50 chance of attracting a student who wants to go elsewhere.

Other recent studies claim larger grants can convince a student the school is hard-up for applicants, but Jackson says his study found "no adverse effects of larger awards."

A growing number of colleges now use merit scholarships to attract top students.

A study by Washington-based financial expert Bob Leider claims nearly 1000 colleges now offer some type of merit aid.

"In the mid-to-late seventies, studies suggested 60 percent of colleges were offering no-need aid," Jackson says. "Recent studies show it's now over 80 percent."

"Everybody's doing in," confirms Michael Luton, Case Western reserve University financial aid director. "It's getting more and more competitive."

Case Western awards 50 to 60 new academic grants each year from private gifts and endowments, he notes.

The grants "certainly do attract a lot of high quality students," Luton adds.

"The average SATs of our incoming freshmen have gone up dramatically in the last couple of years," agrees Leo Munson, Texas Christian University financial aid director.

Merit money "very definitely" attracts top students, he says. TCU gives out almost 600 merit awards yearly.

And at Washington University in St. Louis, competition for no-need grants draws attention from outstanding students even if the students don't win scholarships, says Ben Sandler, financial aid director.

"There's a belief among many college people that the purpose of merit scholarships is psychological," researcher Jackson continues. "They indicate recognition of and interest in a student. It's a positive message."

But Jackson speculates merit money may signal students the colleges offering it "aren't competitive academically."

A school's image, he contends, evolves from such things as its students' median SAT scores, student-to-faculty ratio, number of faculty holding Ph.Ds, acceptance rate, and the percentage of students continuing in post graduate studies.

"Colleges need to maintain an image of quality," he stresses. "And after a student is accepted, the school has to show interest in the student and encourage him to visit the campus."



Photo by Diane Morelli

Lining Up

Returning full-time students continue to register this week. Students with last names beginning with A-E register today and those with F-K register tomorrow. Full-time students without an appointment card or who missed their appointment can register Friday. Open registration for any full or part-time student will be held Dec. 10-21, 26-28 and Jan. 2-4. Regular hours for the registration office are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office will be open late Monday, Dec. 10, until 7 p.m.

LB's newest board member brings enthusiasm and interest to job

By Joyce Quinnett
Staff Writer

Sitting down to talk with Terry McCormick, the newest member of LBCC's Board of Education, is like sitting down to a multi-course meal.

She talks with enthusiasm on subjects ranging from the student council's stand on pornography in the bookstore to the newsletter she publishes each month on vintage clothing.

McCormick has lived in Corvallis for eight years. During this time, she has served on the LBCC budget committee and taught classes through LB's Benton Center.

McCormick has strong feelings about community colleges. When

asked why she became involved on the community college level, McCormick said, "If the community college isn't there, there isn't anything. . . It's great for older people or those who didn't have their goals set at the age of 16."

Developmental education is a major part of the community college, according to McCormick. "It is support for the people who need back up. . . and encourages the 'open door' policy." (This policy is one that takes in all students who need extra care, tutoring and special services.)

McCormick feels classes in a community college setting are more personal. "It's what's happening in education today," she said. The instructors are allowed extra time with

the students because classes are smaller.

Not only is McCormick a woman in politics, but she is a mother of three children, the wife of a "wonderful" husband and the collector of "keen junk."

Her keen junk consists of vintage clothing, which she started collecting when her children were small.

McCormick says she has 13 or 14 hat boxes crammed full of hats on her piano and her bedroom is full of clothes racks on which she hangs her "treasures."

This hobby has grown into a monthly publication called "Vintage Clothing Newsletter."

McCormick handles the business end of the letter by herself. She takes care of the bookkeeping and finds the market for her endeavor.

"Edited with love, sweat, tears, a shoestring and a Macintosh computer by Terry McCormick, who sleeps, eats, teaches and writes about vintage clothing," is the way McCormick describes herself in her publication.

She also teaches classes on vintage clothing through the Benton Center.

McCormick recently had an article on her hobby published. "You must write about something you love to be a published writer," she said. Her latest venture is a book on vintage clothing.

When asked what dream she has for her future, she beams and mentions the murder mystery she is writing. "I want to be the American Agatha Christie," she said.

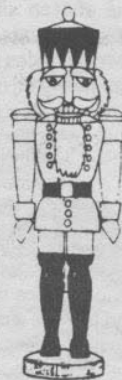
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Rosberg leaves LB theatre for computers and sunshine

By Sharon SeaBrook
Staff Writer

One more time—do it again. Practice, practice and practice some more.

Pouring his heart into hundreds of long, painful hours of rehearsal, Stephen Rossberg has directed more than 30 plays at LBCC in the last 10 years. This will be his last term at LBCC as he steps down from the director's chair to exchange teacher/director role for the role of student.

"I was looking for something different and the opportunity presented itself," said Rossberg.

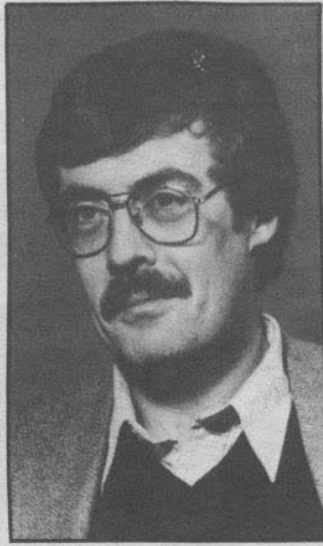
While working on a master's degree in educational technology, he'll be enjoying the winter sunshine at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona. He'll be pursuing his interest in computers and possibly film making.

Rosberg recently received the President's Award of Excellence from LBCC President Tom Gonzales.

With the loss of Tim Bryson and now Rossberg, the speech and drama department is undergoing a re-evaluation.

"We do not expect any significant changes," said Ken Cheney, director of humanities/social sciences and chairman of the theater use committee. "We anticipate a continuing and excellent theatrical program. We will miss Rossberg greatly; he has been an important contributor to LBCC and the community."

Gary Ruppert replaced Rossberg this term as LBCC's Per-



Steve Rossberg

forming Arts Department Chairman. Three instructors have been scheduled to teach Rossberg's classes for winter and spring terms—Jane Donovan, improvisation; Charlotte Headrick, fundamental acting; and Mike Houglum, speech.

Stacy Rowan, computer science major, has taken classes from Rossberg, acted in plays and was his work study for one year.

"He's been one of LBCC's most valuable assets; we hate to see him go but we want him to do what he feels is best," she said.

Rowan asked him how he felt about leaving, and said he replied "No one can take the last 10 years away from me. It's been hard work but fun."

Business manager, PR chief quit LB

By Diane Morelli
Managing Editor

Two LBCC staff members will be ringing in the new year with new positions. Bill Maier, director of accounting and finance and Carol Baker, community relations director, have resigned their positions.

What's LBCC's first accountant like?

Sitting in Maier's office, the atmosphere is relaxed. Green potted plants and soft music give a hint of Maier's character.

Maier's description of his hunting trips tells you something about the man. His only weapons on these excursions are pots and pans. He's the camp cook. The wives of the other hunters say, "When he sees the hunters raise their guns to fire, his job is to yell, 'Run Bambie Run!'"

The weapons he uses on the job at LBCC, however, are pencil and paper. Described as "hard-working" and "committed" by his co-workers, Maier will be ending a fifteen-year career at the college.

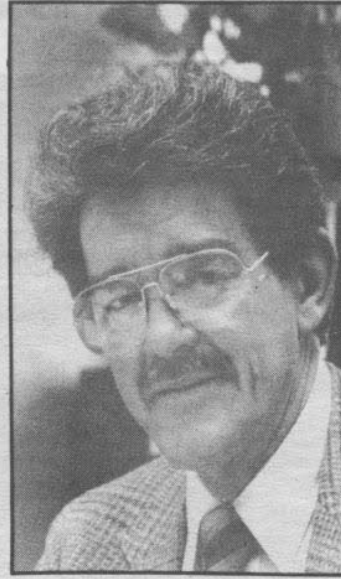
He joined the staff about one year after the school began. Under the supervision of Vern Farnell, then dean of Business Affairs, Maier and two other staff members regulated a budget of about \$330,000. The staff has grown to include eleven and a half full-time clerks and accountants and the budget is in excess of \$18 million, according to Maier.

He said his job at LBCC has been highly technical. Some of his duties have included preparing budgets, enrollment fee distributions, banking, and preparing and reviewing internal controls such as cash handling procedures.

Maier's new job as Dean of Business Affairs at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon will be an administrative position. According to Maier it will require more work in the planning stages of the department and will be less technical.

Maier said, "It's frightening, and kind of scary. I've been here 15 years and to leave the safety and security of friends and family..."

When asked about his accomplishments he said, "Who's in-



Bill Maier

terested in numbers? They're not very exciting."

He went on to say, however, that two other community colleges adopted and slightly modified the budget preparation process used by his department. "I can only hope I've made a significant contribution," he said.



Carol Baker

Both Maier and Baker expressed their appreciation of the people they've worked with, citing a "true team effort" among them.

Baker began at LBCC two years ago after working for the city government in Eugene. Her position in community relations involved in the start of the Hult Center. She will be returning as a marketing director for the center.

"The best of both worlds would be to accept this job offer a year or two down the road," Baker explained.

One reason for this is the pilot program she's currently working on. According to Baker the project is, "A shift to some marketing planning for our instructional programs to look not only to how we publicize things but planning programs with our consumer in mind."

She cited a need in the community for short term education. Six or eight weeks of instruction can allow a person to learn a new skill and re-enter the work force. These same people might not attend if they had to enroll for a two-year course.

One of the objectives is to plan the programs so they promote themselves. Baker feels this new program will improve enrollments.

How does she feel about leaving? "I have mixed emotions. The L.B. staff is special to me and the student body is supportive. The work here is important to this area. I leave here with a little bit of sadness," she explained.

Since she'll only be an hour away she plans to perform one of the duties of her new job back in the Albany area. It's called audience development—the idea is to find out what people want to see and what they can afford.

That part of her job is very similar to the work she's been doing at LBCC.

Baker said she would like to leave a message. The only way people will know how good LBCC is, is through word of mouth.

"Telling friends and neighbors, one on one," she concluded. "That's what a community college means. It's a personal kind of work experience."

Businessmen gather at LB for exporting seminar

A comprehensive overview of the ins and outs of exporting will be covered in a one-day seminar 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, at LBCC.

Seven speakers who specialize in various aspects of exporting will present the seminar and be available at the end of the day for individual discussions.

Topics to be covered are assessing

the export potential of a product; locating and evaluating foreign markets; comparing advantages of direct selling and selling through agents or brokers; preparing and shipping products overseas; pricing, packaging, insuring and documenting; making financial arrangements for payments; and export management companies and the services they provide.

"An Introduction to Exporting for Small Businesses" will be held in the Alsea/Calapooia Room on the second floor of LBCC's College Center Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, Dec. 7. The cost is \$15, including lunch and the registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

Student honored for work with United Way

An LBCC business management and marketing student has been named Loaned Executive of the Year by the Linn County United Way.

Sandie Holstein of Newport was one of three LBCC students who participated in the United Way Fund Drive as the first student loaned executives from the college. The other students were Nick Held, who has transferred to Oregon State University, and Kathy Coddington, an LBCC accounting major. All three will receive college credit for their work.

Holstein, who worked with state agencies throughout Linn County, said, "It was a tremendous experience and I met some wonderful people." Although being a loaned executive took more time than she anticipated, she says

she plans to do it again next year, "wherever I am." She is a second-year student and will graduate in June.

Holstein lives in Albany during the week and returns on weekends to Newport, where she works at the Embarcadero Marina. She and her husband have two grown children.

"I really enjoyed being a loaned executive. I really believe in the United Way and this gave me a chance to actively support the campaign. It also gave me a chance to become better acquainted with Linn County and the mid-valley area. Because of commuting to Newport on weekends, I really hadn't developed a sense of community, belonging here. Now, I feel much more a part of this area."

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Benson has hobbies other than chemistry

By Sue Buhler
Editor

Many of us are caught up in the effort to excel at something, and most of us are attempting to gain expert ability in one or two areas. We're content to let others handle the things that fall outside our own areas.

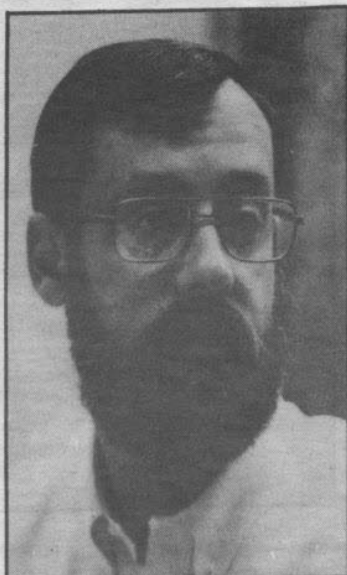
There are a few in the world who would rather do it themselves, and one of them is Dave Benson, an LBCC chemistry instructor.

Benson has a wide variety of skills and hobbies ranging from expert woodworking to glassblowing to repairing antique clocks. Two hobbies that are also a way of life for Benson are music and teaching chemistry.

"When I went to college I had a choice between being a music major and being a chemistry major, and I was really interested in both of them," Benson explained. "I decided it would be easier to pay for things if I were a chemist rather than a musician, and so I decided chemistry was for work and music was for fun."

Benson is quick to add that teaching chemistry is for fun, too, especially at LBCC.

"I enjoy teaching, and for me this is the ideal level," Benson explains. "The people are here for the most part because they want to be here. That's not the case with high school, where you are more or less stuck with whoever walks through the door. On the other hand, I prefer teaching to research, and at the university level they go pretty much together."



Dave Benson

Benson has been at LBCC since 1976, when he started teaching part time. He has taught chemistry 101-102; chemistry 104,5,6; quantitative analysis; chemistry 201,2,3; and scientific glassblowing at LBCC. Currently he is teaching a 50-student chemistry 104 class, and will be adding a chemistry 101 evening course winter term.

"Spring term is when I'll be a bit busy," Benson said. "I'll have chem 106 plus chem 102 plus quant (quantitative analysis) plus lab sections for everything."

In addition to class time and lecture preparation, Benson grades piles

of homework and lab assignments. This term's class produces about 250 pages of homework to grade each week.

"It's not too bad," Benson explained with a smile. "I'll grade 10 homework papers and then as a special reward I get to play the piano for five minutes."

Benson also plays the bagpipes, and has "probably the largest collection of bagpipe music on the West Coast." The 190 books represent about 90 percent of all published bagpipe music, he said.

"I do get quite a few requests for tunes, and I also get to do bagpipe repairs on the side occasionally," Benson said.

Benson believes it's important for instructors to be available for students with problems, and encourages students to call him at any time with questions.

"I feel that people have their own particular paces to learn, and instructors should be sort of like books. You have a question, you just run over to the shelf and grab a book. And while they can't exactly just grab an instructor like a book, I feel the student should be able to call if they have a question."

Benson says few students abuse the privilege, and that it's immediately apparent when a student is calling for the answers to the homework without trying to work out the answer for themselves.

"I don't even mind that," Benson says with a chuckle. "It gives me an opportunity to sort of use the old Socratic method where you ask a bunch of questions and lead the student—dragging them kicking and screaming toward the answer. And since they initiated the call they're sort of stuck with the process. Even if it wasn't their intent, they end up answering the question themselves."

For the most part the students have studied the information and are hung up on one small point, Benson explains.

"It's a lot easier for them to call and spend two or three minutes on the phone than it is to bat their head against a brick wall for two or three hours. If I can just give them a little nudge and point them in the right direction, it's worth it."

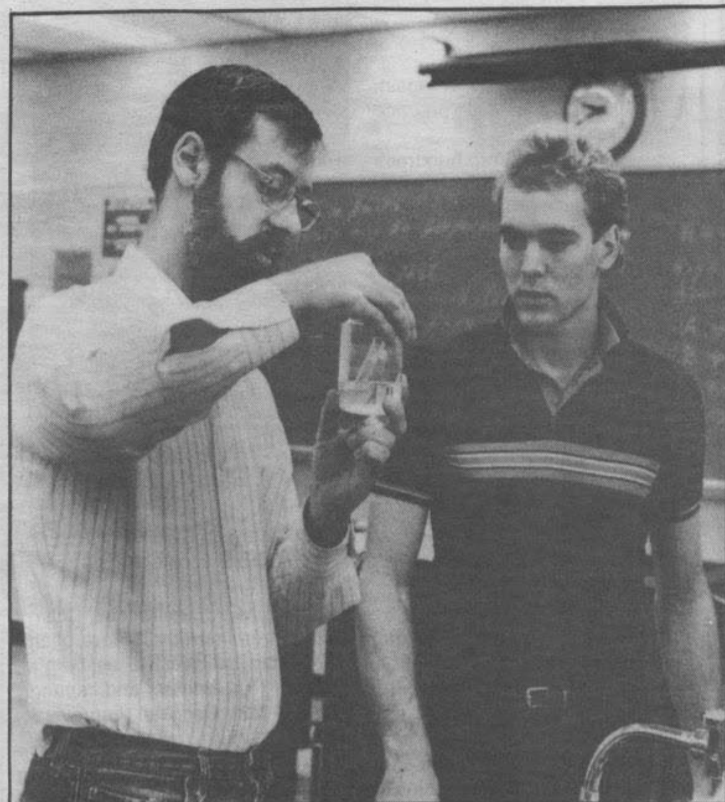
'Lead the student—dragging them kicking and screaming toward the answer.'

Pointing students in the right direction seems to be what Benson's teaching style is all about.

"The most important thing I think you can get out of a chemistry course is the ability to reason synthetically," Benson says. "That's a pretty heavy task, so I like students to be able to see as much as I possibly can show them about how ideas got to be that way, and how they're developed."

Benson is constantly illustrating lecture points with obscure bits of history or humor. The English language is a frequent target.

"I sort of grew up regarding the English language as a big toy," Benson explains. "If you understand the language and have a reasonable command of it, there are all kinds of things you can make it do. If you're going to reason synthetically you have to have a whole bunch of view-



Dave Benson helps chemistry 104 student Alan Horton identify a substance during an experiment.

points, and humor is just one of them."

Sometimes the joking tends to backfire on Benson. In a lecture on electrical charges, Benson explained how to give an electrical charge to an object using a glass rod rubbed with cat fur. Several students received the impression that Benson didn't like cats.

"That's not true—I like cats a lot," Benson says. "I don't have any, but my neighbors do and I have free use of them whenever I want."

He explained, "Well, it was interesting because we talked about the demise of three animals that day, and most of the students only remembered the cats. We started out talking about dogskin, and went on to cat fur, and then finished off with rabbits. Maybe that says something about the people in the class—I think I gave dogs, bunnies and cats equal time."

"I hate having to say 'tough,' but that's about the only fair way to handle it. Otherwise I have to be judge and jury and evaluate excuses for this and that and the other thing. I would prefer not to do that."

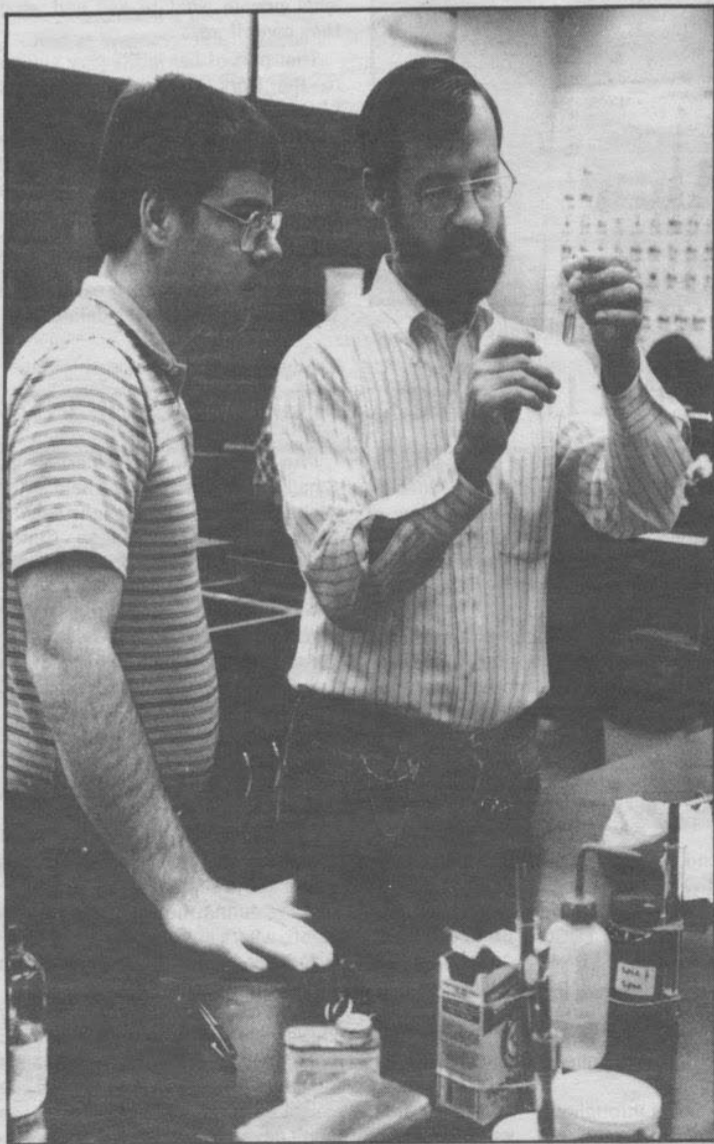
Benson says he enjoys the continuous challenge of education.

"I enjoy what I'm doing and I take a certain amount of pride in it. But, one of the frustrating things about education is that it's kind of a continuous experiment."

"Music is like that, too—a continuous experiment. But with teaching the only problem is that the things that you're experimenting with are people's lives and their minds, so you have to be very cautious. Nonetheless you have to do some experimentation to learn new things and toss out old ones."



Benson models his "much dreaded man-eating Northumbrian smallpipes." He had the small English bagpipes made in Northumbria, and said they cost about \$1,150.



Larry Jordan watches carefully as Dave Benson demonstrates the procedure for detecting chlorine in a sample.

Christmas time is for kids



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About 500 youngsters and adults invaded LBCC this past weekend as the Christmas season got under way through a number of activities sponsored by the Associated Students of LBCC. A Christmas tree decorating party held Friday and the annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday highlighted the spirited weekend. Clockwise from upper right: "Finger lickin good" takes on new meaning as Martin Vanderpas

displays the proper form while decorating cookies; Erin Dalley can't wait to see Santa, but with a little help from Monica Wainwright writing her wish list won't take long; tree decorating is easier when you're tall, but here both Lesa Gothard and her son Matthew get in the act; Santa at last—Colynn Sears (left) and Falecia Willard make their requests of Mr. Claus, student representative Glynn Higgins.



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Sunflower House seeks CWE students as volunteers

By Joyce Quinnett
Staff Writer

If you are planning a career in counseling, teaching, the ministry or even law enforcement read on.

If you are a student and want to get cooperative work study credits, this may be for you.

Sunflower House, a 24-hour multi service community center located at 128 Ninth St. in Corvallis, is looking for volunteers.

Gina Vee, CWE coordinator for the social science department, was contacted by a representative of Sunflower House and asked to provide volunteers for the new training sessions starting Jan. 15.

Sunflower House provides a variety of services to Linn and Benton county residents.

Free or low-cost counseling is provided for low-income people. Individual, family and group counseling as well as Parenting Skills Classes for potential child abusers (COPE) are available.

Many of the programs are aimed at prevention of problems. Self-destructive behavior prevention services are provided in all Benton County school districts.

Other services include nutrition programs for low-income

pregnant women, infants and small children, emergency shelter for men, a food bank and a weekly medical clinic operated by volunteer doctors each Wednesday night.

Approximately 2,000 Linn and Benton county residents receive services from Sunflower House each month.

More than 200 volunteers donate labor valued at \$200,000 a year. This exceeds the total of all funds received from all other sources including government funds, United Way funds, local business and donations.

Volunteers are continually needed for programs such as this because, according to Vee, the "burn out" rate is very high.

The stress factor "gets to people on these kinds of jobs quickly and about 50 percent of the volunteers quit before training is over," said Vee.

The students who volunteer for this program will be given a foundation for continued work in fields such as social work, psychology and counseling. The experience gained on this job may be used on future resumes.

Sunflower House will provide each volunteer who finishes the training with a reference and a certificate of completion. According to Monti Mattioli, the director of crisis, health, information and referral and service director at Sunflower House, the training will include methods and skills of crisis intervention,

information on referral, lectures, discussions and roleplaying. Topics such as the helping relationship, suicide, domestic violence, child abuse, psychosis, drugs and youth and families will be covered.

An interview will be required for interested people. Mattioli will conduct these by appointment. Both men and women are needed at Sunflower House.

Each volunteer will be required to train 42 hours in one quarter. After that, 100 hours of service on the crisis line is required. Five CWE credits will be given to each volunteer.

The crisis line is open 24 hours a day, so volunteers may choose any time of day or night to work.

The Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence in Corvallis is also starting a new training session for volunteers the end of January.

Of the sixteen LBCC students who started the last training session, approximately nine finished.

Both agencies are worthwhile and both provide a "test by fire" for interested students, said Vee.

Individuals who are interested in the Sunflower House program can contact Gina Vee in her office IA 214 on campus or call Sunflower House at 758-3000. For students wishing to help at the Rape Crisis Center contact Vee or call Leslie at 758-0219.

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Nursing students best in state; get top scores in licensing test

Not only did all 37 members of LBCC's 1984 nursing class pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, but they did it with the highest mean score in Oregon, according to information announced in Portland last week at a meeting of the Oregon State Board of Nursing.

The mean score is the halfway point between the highest and lowest test scores. LBCC's combined mean score was 2,270.7, with Portland Community College second at 2,229.3, and Lane Community College in Eugene scoring third with 2,169.0. This is the eleventh year that all LBCC nursing candidates have passed the registered nurses licensing exam.

Nationally, two-year associate degree candidates also surpassed three-year diploma and four-year degree programs on the mean scale, scoring 1,988.7 compared to 1,979.9 and 1,917.6 respectively.

In addition, the statistics show that on the mean scale, Oregon nursing students ranked first in the nation with 2,0994.2 points and Washington second with 2,078.3.

Communications barrier topic of seminar

How to break down the communication barriers when dealing with difficult people is the subject of a one-day seminar 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10 at LBCC.

Whether clients, customers, peers, subordinates, supervisors or friends, stress-causing personalities can affect productivity. Sponsored by LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, this workshop covers listening and response style, dealing with emotional responses, creating a constructive climate, determining what can be done, helping others to "feel heard, be understood," and assessing whether to confront, negotiate or ignore.

Dr. Marcia Shaw, assistant pro-

fessor of speech communications at Oregon State University and president of Intentional Management Systems in Corvallis, will present the workshop. She specializes in organizational interpersonal communication, leadership training, team building, life and career planning, and personal growth. She has conducted workshops and seminars for numerous organizations throughout the Northwest.

The cost for "Dealing with Difficult People" is \$15, which includes lunch and beverages at breaks. Registration deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7.

For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

HOLIDAY

SAMPLER

Linn-Benton Community College's Readers Theatre Presents "Holiday Sampler," a literary exploration of the funny, thoughtful and poignant sides of the holiday season 8:15 p.m. November 30, December 1, 7 and 8, The Loft Theatre, Room 205, LBCC's Takana Hall, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, Oregon All tickets \$2 general admission.

Advance tickets available at French's Jewelers in Albany, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and LBCC's College Center office. Call 967-6101 for ticket information. An LBCC Performing Arts Department presentation.

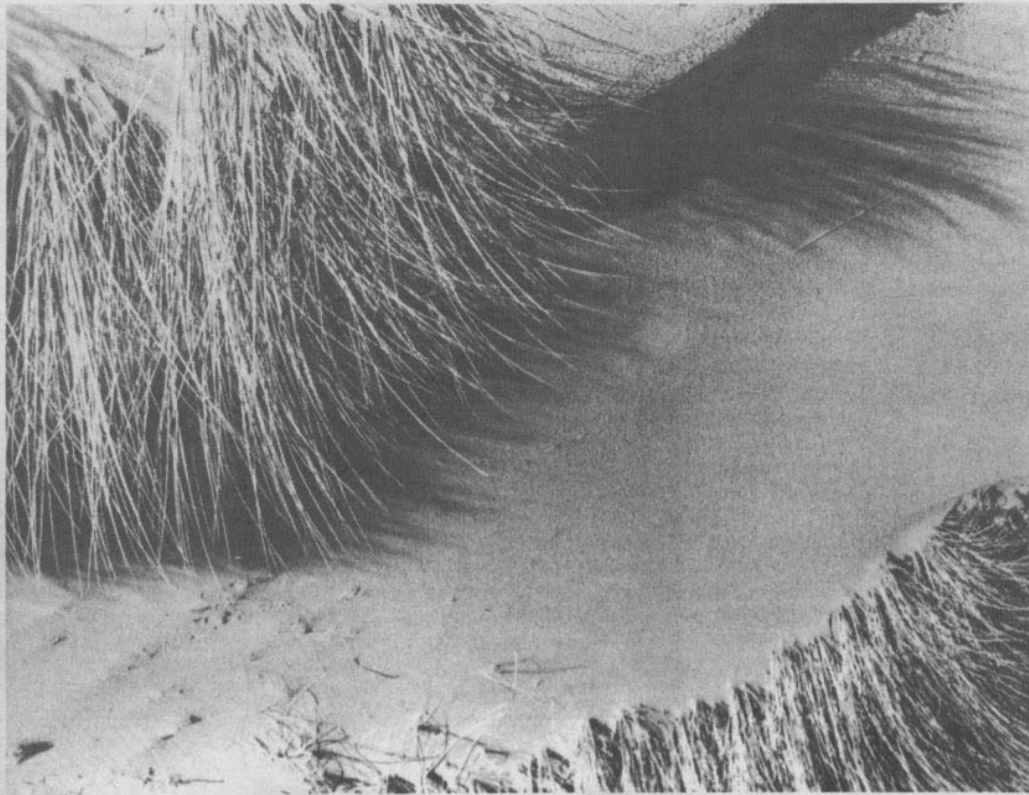


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Those were the days

By Ron Dietrich

I often think of the crisp smell of salt air that can be so clearly recognized, even when I'm out of sight and sometimes miles away from the ocean. The acrid but pleasant odors of tar and decaying seaweed, mingle in the breeze. One day while walking down a long stretch of deserted beach, my friends and I disrupted a flock of seagulls, who took to the air, screeching and clucking as though they were more angry than frightened.

On more than one occasion, while ducking and dodging those rascal birds, one would score a direct hit down the front of my shirt. Their actions seemed almost deliberate and I learned quickly to bring extra shirts on all of my outings.

Scattering a flock of pelicans was a comical sight too. I walked around the point of a cliff and stumbled into the midst of a flock that were resting on the rocks. Watching those poor birds teeter-totter down the beach, wings spread wide and their big awkward beaks swinging back and forth as they looked back to see if I was chasing them, left me laughing for an hour.

But once they were in the air, flying in formation, they were transformed. Skimming across the water, then pulling up to a higher elevation to look for a meal, is really something to see. When a school of fish is spotted, they would peel out of the pack, one by one, and crash-dive, head first into the water. No wonder the Californians called them "The Mighty Mexican Air Force." Of course, it may be that Oregonians have a different nickname for them, like the "Royal Rajneesh Bomber Squadrons," but even a pelican doesn't deserve that.

Another crazy beach dweller is the seal. While skin-diving for lobster that day, I was snorkeling around a huge boulder, the size of a dump truck. The water was swimming pool warm and just as clear, when I spotted a nice sized "bug." I took a deep breath and dove, thinking, "This baby is in the gunnysack." Suddenly I felt a healthy poke in the rear end. Apparently, a seal had been lazily swimming on the other side of the boulder, didn't see me diving and ran smack into me. Imagine the startled look on both our faces! There we were, staring at each other when, I guess, he realized I wasn't one of his kind. His eyes grew wide and he burst out with a loud gurgled "YARGULP," that sounded like a scared dog barking under water. That is when I realized that he wasn't one of my kind, because my friends said I shot up out of the water like a rocket. And when I hit the beach, I dug a trench two feet deep and ten feet long. Meanwhile, the seal had regained his composure and swam about twenty feet off shore, barking at us as if to say, "You no good trespassers, this is my territory!"

Those were the days. Gathering water cress and wild celery from a small stream nearby, to mix in a salad, the smell of the fire and fresh fish sizzling on the grill, and especially the bright red of the lobster, smothered in butter, baking in its shell. Corn on the cob wrapped in the husk, potatoes wrapped in foil, buried in the coals, and to top it off, a fine wine picked just for the occasion. What could be better? A day like that should never end.

But alas. A multicolored sunset snuck up out of nowhere, exhaustion nipped at our heels, and the fire just wouldn't chase away the chill that surrounded us.

It was time to go.

Free Christmas trees available in courtyard

Free Christmas trees are available for low-income LBCC students this holiday season. About 30 trees are piled in the courtyard, and students may help themselves.

According to Blaine Nisson, director of student programs and activities, more trees are expected later in the week.

January 16 will be next issue of Commuter

This will be the last issue of the Commuter for fall term. We will resume publication Jan. 16, the second week of winter term. The deadline for classified and display advertising for that issue is Friday, Jan. 11.

The Commuter welcomes contributions from students and staff. Photographs, guest articles, opinion columns, poetry, prose and artwork are welcome.

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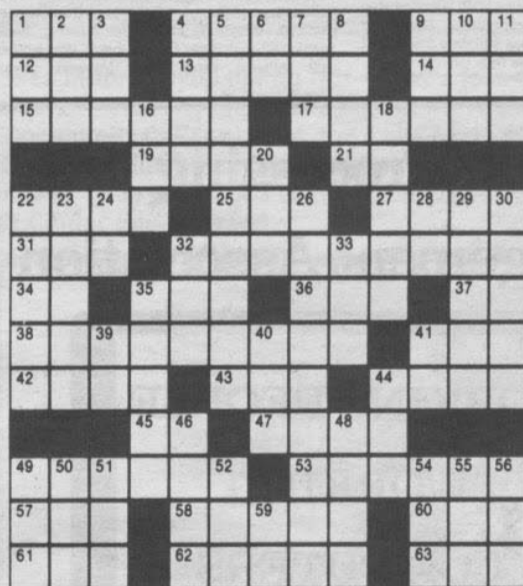
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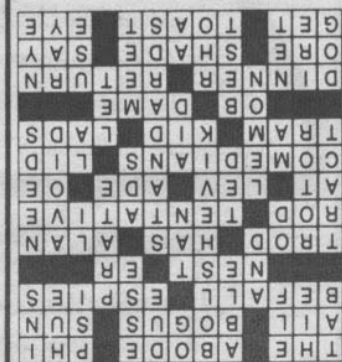


THE FIRST ROUND TAVERN

December 5 "The Chasmen" Male Dancers



Puzzle Answer



Last-second shot sinks Roadrunners

By Jesse Rice
Staff Writer

The last six seconds decided the game between Linfield and the LBCC Roadrunners Monday night at Linfield. LB lost the game 68 to 67.

LB and Linfield swapped the lead for most of the game. In the final seconds LB was ahead by one point with possession of the ball, when forward Dave Queener was fouled. The referees ruled it an unintentional foul which left Queener with a one-and-one freethrow situation. Queener, under pressure, tossed up an airball,

causing a turnover to Linfield. With four seconds left in the game and time running out, Linfield threw up the ball from 25 feet. The ball swished in with the sound of the buzzer.

LB forward Geno Nelson led the Roadrunners with 25 points and nine rebounds.

The LB hoopsters will have a chance to even the score against Linfield when they face them at home on Dec. 14.

LB's men and women cagers will compete against four other northwest schools at a tournament at LBCC. Action starts at 3 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8.

Women open promising hoop season

Friday night the LBCC women's basketball team will tip off their season and the LBCC tournament against Western Oregon State College.

Everett College from Everett, Wash., and Lane Community College will also participate in the tournament.

Coach Greg Hawk said the Roadrunners, defending champions of last year's LBCC tournament, are ready for their first game.

Hawk said going into Friday night's game he's looking for his team to have "good execution, and not make silly mistakes."

Although Hawk is looking for these two factors he added "I know we'll

make early mistakes, but we'll learn from them."

Standout center Casey Cosler said, "If we play up to our potential I feel we will be the team to beat."

The men's tournament will also be held this weekend and the times of both men's and women's games are all TBA.

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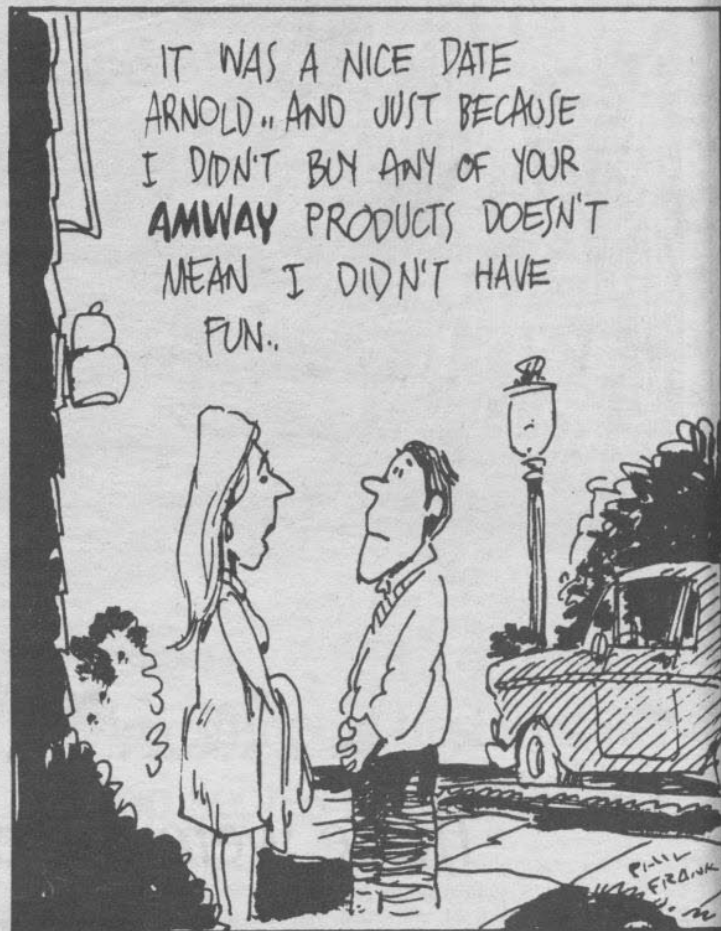
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Productivity workshop

Technology introduced in Japan in the 1950s created such a dramatic transformation in Japanese business, that it has been called the Japanese "Industrial Miracle." Speakers for a one-day seminar at Linn-Benton Community College on Friday, Dec. 7, point out, however, that the only "secret" to Japan's phenomenal business success is that they learned it from American industry.

Sponsored by LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, the "If Japan Can... Why Can't We?" seminar covers the management systems and control techniques that can greatly improve quality and productivity. The techniques apply to service firms, retail businesses and government agencies, as well as manufacturing firms.

Workshop presenters are Maynard Chambers, chairman of LBCC's Business Management Department, and Larry Schuetz, LBCC Business Division instructor. Both Chambers and Schuetz are members of "Transforming American Industry," a national consortium actively involved in training programs designed to improve quality and productivity.

The seminar will be held 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Dec. 7, in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, second floor of LBCC's College Center Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany. The cost is \$15, including lunch, and the registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112, for more information.

Pottery sale today

The annual Christmas pottery sale by the LBCC Potter's Guild will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7.

The sale is open to the public and includes pottery by LBCC art faculty and advanced students. Most of the items for sale are functional pieces and include casseroles, mugs, bowls, plates and teapots.

The pottery sale will be located in the Commons area on the second floor of the College Center Building. For more information, call ext. 212.

Schubert gallery

Schubert gallery is presenting a selection of embossings, monoprints and collages by Susan Johnson and ceramics by Hiroshi Ogawa December 2-31. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends. A reception for the artists will be held Friday, Dec. 7, 7-10 p.m. For information call 928-4103.

Open tryouts

The Albany Civic Theater, 111 W. First, Albany will be holding tryouts December 17-18 at 7:00 p.m. for "Crimes of the Heart." A fun and unusual comedy-drama of three eccentric sisters brought together by a family crisis.

Film and video grants

The Oregon Arts Commission announced today that \$5,000 is available for grants to filmmakers for film and video projects. These grants are to assist outstanding Oregon artists working in the moving image medium, and to advance film and video as significant art forms. Artists may apply for up to \$5,000 toward costs of production. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 18, 1985.

Women's rights coalition

Barbara Roberts, Oregon's newly elected Secretary of State, will be the keynote speaker when the Women's Rights Coalition holds its annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 15, from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus, Portland. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch. Daycare and partial scholarships are available by calling Portland, 254-9518.

Participants will review upcoming legislative issues that will affect women, attend a lobby school with legislators, and take part in a mock legislative hearing. A wine tasting will follow the meeting.

The Women's Rights Coalition is an alliance of 43 women's organizations, representing over 7300 women in Oregon. Its purpose is to lobby the Oregon legislature on issues affecting women.

A Christmas Carol

Albany Civic Theatre proudly presents A Christmas Carol, written by Charles Dickens.

Dates: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8; Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15; Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 20-22.

Special curtain time: 7:30 p.m. evenings, 2:30 p.m. matinee.

111 West First Street, Albany. 928-4603. Tickets on sale at French's Jewelers, Albany and The Inkwell, Corvallis.

Santiam Room to close

The last day to service in the Santiam Room will be Wednesday, Dec. 6. The final week's menu is:

Monday: NY Steak with maderia sauce.

Tuesday: Moussaka.

Wednesday: Sole almondine.

Weekly: Veal scallopini alla marsala.

Sports

Extra Innings

By Robert Hood
Sports Editor

Rumors, rumors, rumors. In one week the Linn-Benton men's basketball team has created more rumors than all of the fall sports combined. I would like to put an end to these rumors so Coach Brian Smith can get on to the business at hand—winning basketball games.

No one likes to sling mud (contrary to popular belief this includes myself) but the basketball team and its fans would be better off if the air were cleared here and now.

It all started last Friday night during the second half of the Roadrunner's third straight loss—an 82-62 whitewashing at the hands of Centralia, Wash. Forward Rick Tanner, Linn-Benton's leading scorer, had been benched by Smith for taking some bad shots. In Smith's offensive scheme of things a bad shot is about as useful as a flat basketball. Tanner, who played his high school ball in the Portland Inner-City League, is used to the relaxed atmosphere of a run-and-gun style of offense.

Tanner did not take the benching lightly.

The high-scoring forward looked to teammate Kimball Waters, another player from Portland, and that seemed to be the cue to leave Smith's disciplined style of basketball. Both left the bench, with the team trailing by 20, and headed for the showers.

"We felt if we took a bad shot or if we made a mistake we were going to get benched," said Waters, one of the team's best rebounders and highest leapers. "We had a hard time playing like that."

"It seemed like Smith had something against us (the kids from Portland)," said Waters. "When he asked us to come down and play he said we would have lots of playing time."

Waters said five players from Portland were asked to play for Smith. Of the five, two were cut before the season started and

Waters and Tanner have quit which leaves only Sean Meyers.

Ironically Meyers had his most productive night after Tanner and Waters quit. Against Ft. Steilacoom Meyers led the team with 19 points and, according to Smith, played his best defense of the year.

"After Waters and Tanner left, the team attitude improved 250 percent overall," said Smith.

The team rebounded after hitting rock-bottom against Centralia and defeated Ft. Steilacoom 68-54 with great defense.

"Our defense won the ball-game for us," said Smith. "We only shot around 40 percent from the field so we had to play good defense."

'We lost some good talent, but the team will get along without them. We now have 11 committed basketball players.'

With Tanner and Waters, offense was the game and defense was secondary. With Smith defense comes first, and offense can wait. Therein lies the problem.

"It hurt us when we lost them (Waters and Tanner), we lost some good talent," Smith said. "But the team will get along without them. We now have 11 committed basketball players."

"It seemed like when they were down the whole team was down," said one team member who did not wish to be identified. With Tanner and Waters the team was 0-3, without them they are 1-1 and the loss to Linfield was by a single point. The team is working well in Smith's system, for better or for worse.

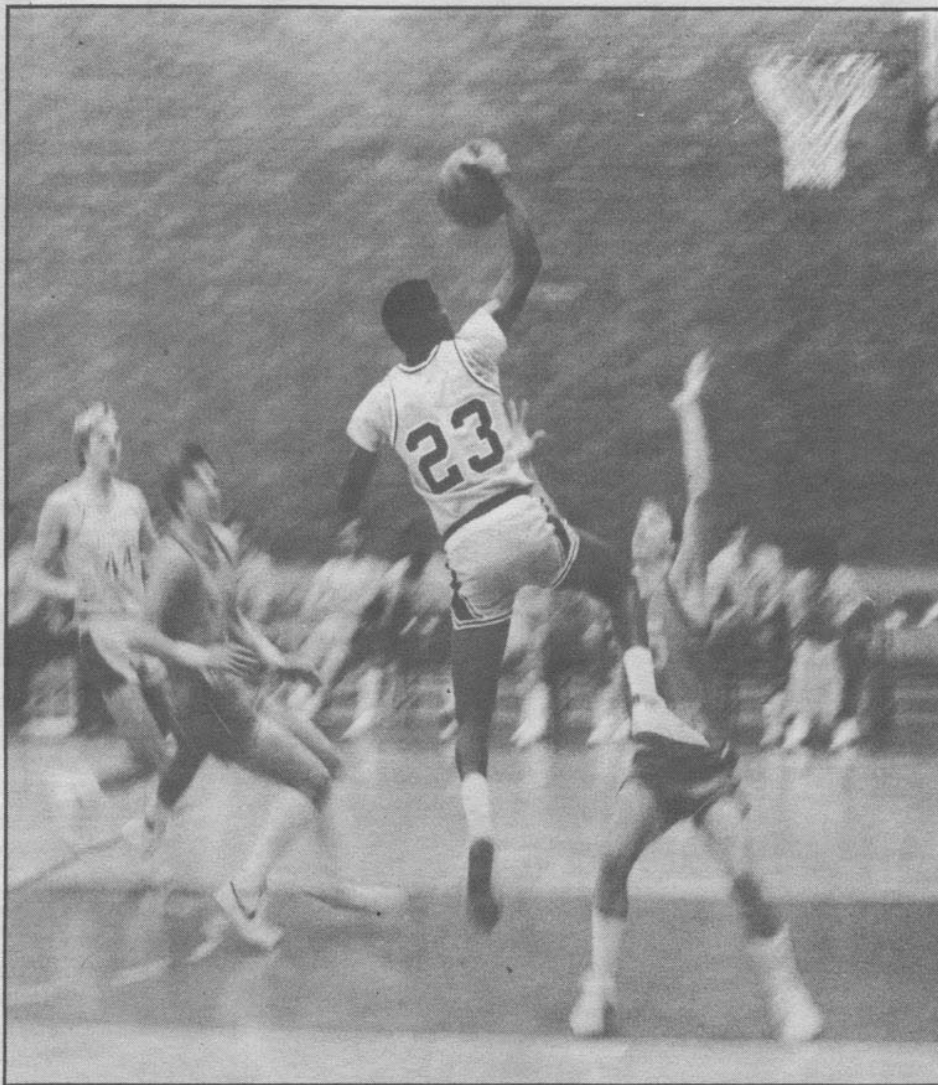


Photo by Scott Heynderickx

Guard Kevin Burton flies in for a layup during last Friday's loss to Centralia. The Roadrunners' season got off to a bang this past weekend with a win at home Saturday over Steilacoom Community College, 68-54, and a 68-67 loss at Linfield College Monday that came down to the final seconds (see story on page 10). The Roadrunners' record now stands at 1-4 in pre-league competition. LBCC will host a tournament in the Activities Center this weekend.

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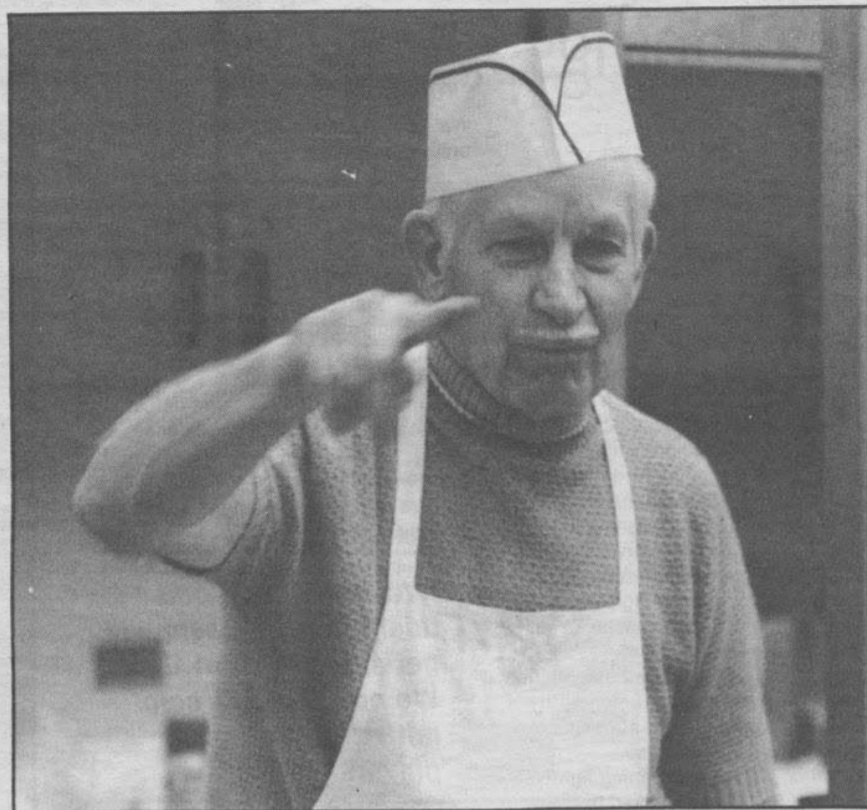


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Perspectives



Chocolate Creations

Homemade candy is a delicious holiday tradition and chocolatier Ralph Bateman reveals many techniques of specialty candies in his popular holiday candy-making class. Foremost among them is the art of making hand-dipped chocolates. Students also learn the secret to creating a variety of centers to go along with the hand-dipping skills. Bateman tailors the class so that the tantalizing sweets can be recreated at home.

At upper left, Edna Halsey looks on while Winnie Rice practices dipping the chocolate centers. Above, Bateman answers questions from students. Below, Norma Rice, Jullene Robbins, Winnie Rice, Bateman and Randy Rice gather around the demonstration area to watch and help prepare the results of the evenings demonstration—Bordeaux (a French chocolate center)—for hand-dipping. Below left, the Bordeaux chocolate is rolled in powdered sugar in preparation for dipping.

Photos by Pat Wappes

