

## Pared budget to return for vote

The tax levy to support the 1975-1976 operating budget for LB-CC, was defeated at the polls a second time, on March 18. As a result of that defeat the tax levy has been reduced by \$100,746, to facilitate its approval when it appears on the ballot again on May 6.

This action, taken by the college Board of Directors during a meeting Tuesday, reduces the tax levy by 4½%, from \$2.38 million to \$2.28 million. This will reduce the total package for Linn and Benton county property owners by six cents per thousand dollars assessed valuation, from \$1.54 per thousand to \$1.48 per thousand.

The tax levy reduction was accomplished by increasing out-of-district tuition by \$1.00 per credit and

reducing the operating budget in several areas. Specifically, action taken and amount of reduction are as follows:

- 1) Reduced data processing program by \$15,300;
- 2) Reduced career information system by \$1,100;
- 3) Eliminated one new van from budget, \$6,400;
- 4) reduced rent paid to bowling alley and golf course, \$6,050;
- 5) Reduced paving and small campus projects by \$15,000;
- 6) Cut purchase of additional trees and plants for landscaping campus by \$4,100;
- 7) Eliminated instructional in-service program, \$1,000;
- 8) Eliminated one new half-time counselor, \$6,000;

9) Eliminated one new learning resource instructional assistant, \$5,000;

10) Eliminated new adult basic education programs, \$9,667;

11) Reduced Humanities and Social Services Division instructional program by \$8,500;

12) Reduced Science-Technology Division instructional programs by \$5,500.

What all this means to students, according to LBCC President Raymond J. Needham, is that next year there will be "larger classes, one less van for field trips, less counseling time per student, increased tuition to out-of-state and out-of-district students, less instructor time per student and no new computer terminal for engineering students."

The new tax levy will cover only 36% of the cost of education as opposed to the tax levy for the present school year, which covered 41.5% of educational costs. Student tuition will continue to cover the same 17% of educational costs as it did this year. The 5.5% decrease in costs covered by the tax levy will be offset by an increase in state funding.

Needham said that he felt the new tax levy would "definitely" pass on its third time at the polls, May 6th. "Failure of the levy a third time would seriously interfere with operation of the school next year," said Needham. "Our summer programs are in real trouble if it doesn't pass this time," he added. □

## Western dance tonight

Bobby Mills and the Mills Brothers are appearing tonight in the Commons from 9-12. The music style is Western with tunes from Merle Haggard and Charlie Rich as well as

many others.

The band is from the Albany area and consists of four members. A lead guitar, bass guitar, drums, and a steel guitar. It has been appearing

three times a week at the Keyboard Lounge in Lebanon. Chairman of Special Events Randy Arnold previewed the band and said, "they are of top quality, one of the better

Western bands in the valley."

Admission is \$1.00 for singles and \$1.50 couples. □

## Nose contest in progress

Sign yourself up or volunteer a friend with a nose. A nose contest will be held in Chatauqua Wednesday at noon.

Prizes will be awarded in four categories: biggest, smallest, cutest, and most distinguished. Prizes will be appropriate for the category

entered and winning students will be required to be present to collect their awards. Judges for the contest will be Coordinator of Student Activities Judy Green and Dean of Students Lee Archibald.

The idea for the contest came from ASLBCC Senator Keith Daily who

thought it would be "a fun thing to do."

Entry blanks for the contest are available at the Student Government Office or participants can sign up Wednesday before noon at Chatauqua. □

## Candidates sought for ASLBCC election

Student government elections for the 75-76 year will be held on the 16 and 17 of this month. Candidates for offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President or Business Manager must be full time students (12 or more credit hours). Candidates for Senate positions must be enrolled for eight or more credit hours.

According to ASLBCC President

Ralph Fisher, candidates are asked to check out petitions in the Student Government Office. The petitions must be signed by a minimum of 25 full-time students and returned to the office at or before 1pm on April 9. In addition to the petitions, candidates are required to submit a biographical sketch outlining background and qualifications for the office desired. Student campaign posters should

be approved by the election committee before distribution or display on campus.

Fisher said that five petitions for office have been turned in. There are ten openings between executive and senate positions. Students desiring more information on the election or positions open can contact either the Student Government of Activities Center Office. □

## Financial aid available

New information on a number of scholarships is now available. The scholarships are for fulltime students attending Linn-Benton. There are applications for students in welding, automotive repair, small engine

maintainance, work technology, nursing, and second year forestry.

Interested students will find information on the bulletin board outside of the Financial Aid Office. Also, anyone in the Financial Aid

Office can provide information.

According to a spokesman for the office deadlines for special women student applications are near and students interested in applying should do so as soon as possible. □



Photo by Bob Byington

Last Wednesdays Chatauqua featured Guy Carawan performing folk and contemporary music for this terms first coffee house session. Carawan played a variety of instruments and involved students in songs and dances.



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## University reps on campus

Representatives from the University of Oregon and Oregon College of Education will be on campus this month to talk with students interested in transferring.

OCE representatives will be in the Commons Alcove on Wednesday, April 9 from 10am to 2pm.

Representatives from U of O will be on campus Thursday, April 10 from 10am to 1:30pm in the Commons Alcove.

Students having questions concerning the visitations can contact Director of Admissions Jon Carnahan in the Admissions Office. □

## Art Guild proposed

A club to "create and nourish cultural impact at LBCC and in the community," will hold its organizational meeting Monday April 7, 12-1pm in H-103.

The club, to be called LBCC's Art Guild will be open to any student interested in the arts or craft areas.

According to co-organizers Doug Hill and Bob Myers the guild could

offer students the opportunity to display their work both on campus and in surrounding communities, possibly evolving to a permanent gallery. The club would offer "a common ground for students to share discoveries and techniques with other artists and the opportunity to hear critiques of their art work," Meyers said. □

## OEPBS to air 'The Thin Edge'

"The Thin Edge", a major television series on mental health, will be aired over Oregon Educational and Public Broadcasting Service (OEPBS) starting March 31.

Produced through the cooperation of the National Association for Mental Health and the American Psychological Association, the five-part series is designed to institute a nation-wide examination of mental

health.

The "thin edge" of the title is the fine line which many psychiatrists believe exists between mental health and mental illness. Everyone, they believe, crosses that edge and comes back; some people, however, cross over too frequently or at some time may fail to come back. The series forms a springboard for a locally-prepared, magazine-format program,

"Being Human", which will follow each of the nationally-released telecasts.

Depression, anxiety, guilt, aggression and sexuality are the topics to be explored on the shows. The followup programs, which are being prepared by OEPBS in conjunction with the Mental Health Association of Oregon, will feature Lawrence A. Siebert and will take a look at how Ore-

gonians deal with mental health challenges. Dr. Siebert is a Portland psychologist, lecturer and clinician.

Channel 10 in Portland and Channel 7 in Corvallis will release the programs at 8pm on March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12 and May 26, with repeat showings at 8pm on Saturdays following the initial telecasts. □

## Programming Council

# Operating procedures to change

Changes concerning the operating procedures of the Programming Council were introduced at their meeting held Tuesday.

The Programming Council is the body which allocates the funds that will be given to each club and supervises entertainment on campus. It consists of one representative from each of the recognized clubs on campus and its Chairman is 2nd Vice-President Greg Robin Smith. These recognized clubs are allowed to use all campus facilities free of charge and were given \$25.00 each at

the beginning of the year. They are also eligible for more funds should the need arise.

One of the proposed changes will make it mandatory that all funded clubs attend Programming Council sessions. Programming Council meets two times monthly, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. If a club did not wish to attend meetings it could still be a non-voting and non-funded member. This would allow it to use campus facilities without charge.

The new rule is being instituted to

make sure that those who profit from the club reserve will also participate in the Programming Council.

The revision was debated but due to a lack of allotted time the change will be voted on at the next meeting.

In a later interview, Coordinator of Student Activities Judy Green had this to say about student handling of the club reserve; "The experience I have had here is that the students are very conservative and very responsible about spending money." She also stated, "I think as far as students deciding on where and how

the money is spent is excellent experience for those involved."

Green emphasized that all monetary authorizations must be signed by herself or Director of Student Activities Bob Miller. Also all money transactions made by the clubs must go through the College Center Office.

Also discussed at the meeting was the subject of an autocross and the allocation of \$50.00 towards its funding. □

## Darrell Laffoon

### Veteran's voice

Now is the time for you as a veteran to act on your own behalf!!! Your energy is urgently needed in a letter writing campaign.

There are now two bills before the Oregon State Legislatures' Joint Ways & Means committee which relate directly to you as a vet. In effect these bills could mean more money for you. I am referring to Senate Bill 232 and Senate Bill 233.

If the members of the Joint Ways

& Means committee are not made aware of the number of people in favor of these bills, the bills may (and probably will) die in committee. This would mean that we would not see these benefits for at least another year, if at all.

As I mentioned in a previous column, this is the "year of the Vet" as far as our state Legislature is concerned, and we stand a better chance of getting these bills through

the Legislature this year than ever before. That is why *your* participation in this letter writing campaign is crucial.

Senate Bill 232 would establish the 1975 Education Act. This Act would provide for the state of Oregon to pay all or part of the mandatory tuition and fees of Oregon veterans attending two or four year public and/or private colleges within the state. The amount this bill would pay would depend on what school you were going to attend.

Senate Bill 233 would amend present Oregon law and provide for the state to pay \$50.00 per month to Oregon vets attending college. This would be in addition to your GI Bill benefits.

Both of these bills would apply to Oregon vets who served more than 90 days on active duty between June 30, 1958 and December 31, 1974 and who received other than a dishonorable discharge.

It should be unrealistic to expect passage of both bills during this legislative session. However, if we let our legislators know we're here, and let them know that we are aware of what they are doing, I think

it is quite possible that they will pass one or the other of the bills this year.

If we don't make our presence known to the members of the Joint Ways & Means committee NOW however, we'll probably never see these bills on a ballot or get to vote on them. At least, not *this* year.

So if you've been looking for something that you could do, to help *you*, here it is! The addresses to write to are as follows:

Honorable Jason Boe  
Senate Chambers  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Honorable Philip Lang  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Joint Ways and Means Committee  
Room 115  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310

Your letters should be hand written, but need not be long. All you need to say is that you are a vet and in favor of SB 232 and SB 233. Of course if you *want* to elaborate, it's cool. Just refrain from using profanity, please. Nothing turns them off faster.

Well, that's all I wanted to say this week. If you want to help others and yourself, DO IT NOW!!! Thanks. □

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First annual rodeo

# Fouts Allaround Champion

Linn-Benton's first annual Rodeo ended in victory for a member of LBCC's Rodeo Club. Sharon Fouts emerged as a winner in the womens division, insuring her the continued claim to the title of, "Allaround Champ" for the Northwest. Fouts won first place in the goat tying contest and placed second to Janie Curcio of Eastern Oregon State College in the barrel races. In the mens division, Bud Knowles of Walla Walla Community College earned the points to make him allaround champion for the meet.

The teams, representing 18 colleges from the states of Oregon, Washington, and the northern part of Idaho met this past weekend at the Linn County Fairgrounds. When the dust settled and the points were counted, the scoring, individually and by teams read like this;

## RODEO SCORES

Mens Division	
Allaround Champions	Points
1. B. Knowles WWCC	247.5
2. L. Patterson BMCC	142.5
3. B. Ruda OSU	115.0
4. S. Thompson U of I	110.0

Womens Division	
Allaround Champions	Points
1. Sharon Fouts LBCC	270.0
2. Janie Curcio EOSC	145.0
3. Shannon Maddox WWCC	100.0
4. Rene Ranner OSU	90.0

Womens Division	
Team Champions	Points
1. LBCC	270
2. EOSC	215
3. WWCC	160
4. osu	100

Mens Division	
Teams Champions	Points
1. BMCC	462.5
2. WWCC	435.0
3. OSU	310.0
4. U of I	135.0

For children attending the rodeo an Easter Bunny Scramble was held. Ten rabbits were turned loose and any child could lay claim to the pets that were caught. The apparent winners in the contest were the elusive rabbits.

LBCC Rodeo Club adviser John Fouts commenting on the Easter weekend said, "I feel especially proud over the effort made by the team and proud of Sharon's win." He also remarked, "Thanks to the help of the staff, the community, and the Linn County Sheriff's Posse for making it possible to get together. Without their help or support our first meeting in Linn County would not have been possible."

The next college rodeo for the Northwest area is scheduled to be held at Central Oregon Community College on April 11, 12, 13. □

## Gymnasts at nationals

The two members representing LBCC in the Womens National Gymnastics Meet will be competing today in the preliminary rounds of that meet, which is being held in Hayward, California.

Joy Peterson and Donna Karling are Linn Benton's entrants in the meet. The third member of the team, hopefully this will help the girls to

score well." Crosman went on to explain earlier in the week, "What will score well in the Northwest won't necessarily score well nationally."

While not over confident Crosman is optimistic, "They're ready to do a good job, we'll just have to wait and see though." □  
freshman that's tough," Crosman explained.

Peterson will compete in the vaulting exercise, while Karling will represent LBCC in the allaround. Both girls will be using different routines than the ones they used during the season. "We're working on new routines for the meet, Linda Schultz, didn't make the trip due mainly to an elbow injury that occurred in the latter part of the

season.

Peterson and Karling are of national caliber according to their coach Arlene Crosman, but are not used to this type of competition. "This is their first national meet. For a


## Amos throws no hitter

Pitcher Layne Amos led the lbcc baseball team to a 2-1 victory over Clark College when he flipped a no hitter in the first game of a double header Tuesday afternoon. The second game was won by Clark with the same 2-1 margin, despite a one hitter thrown by lbcc's John McLaughlin.


This is the first year LBCC has been able to play on their own diamond. Before this year they have played at one of the local high schools. The record shows that LBCC has a winning baseball program and to win the first home game seemed fitting. The no hitter pitched by Amos was the frosting on the cake.

The hitting on the team has not fared fo well, due mainly to the fact that the team has been hitting very little in practice. "We're capable of hitting the ball pretty well, we just haven't had the practice." "We're capable of hitting the ball pretty well, we just haven't had the practice," stated coach Dick McClain. "Our pitching depth is real good," he added.

This Saturday LBCC opens its league season with a double header at Clackamas Community College, starting at 1pm. According to McClain, Clackamas and LBCC are the favorites, with Lane Community College as a dark horse. "It'll be a real dog fight," he predicted. □

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