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Show and Tell

Second-year graphic design student Suzette Pearson presents her portfolio to Jane Buckman, a representative of Otis/Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles. Pearson and a dozen other LBCC students and alumni traveled to

Portland last Sunday for Portfolio Day at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. The day-long open house provided an opportunity for artists and designers to ask questions of instructors and administrators from fourteen top art schools located in cities across the United States.

No \$\$\$, no loans

By Naomi Macauley
Staff Writer

In an effort to restore the emergency loan program, student representative Ken Davidson has written to students urging them to pay back their outstanding loans.

According to Davidson, students now enrolled at Linn-Benton cannot benefit from the Emergency Loan Program as a result of students who neglected payment in the past. Rita Lambert director of the Financial Aid Office said that LBCC discontinued the loans because more than \$7,000 was not repaid.

"We could not continue to run the program any further," she said.

There are no hopes of reinstating the loan program in the near future unless new funds are located, she said. About 65 to 70 students are expected to pay back loans, Lambert said, but more than 150 would still be delinquent. Lambert said students who default on their loans will not be allowed to register, and the school will not release copies of transcripts or grades to them. Unpaid loan accounts will be referred to a collection agency, she added.

Loan funds are made available through student activities and institutions and outside agencies contacted to help students for emergency loans.

The financial Aid Office supports the idea of a loan program since it aids students in buying books, paying utilities, and dealing with emergency needs.

"I would like to be running one (a loan program) I just don't know what to do about the \$7,000 I haven't been able to collect and the business office is trying," Lambert said.

U of O stiffens math requirements for BS

Transfer students advised to take classes here

By Ann Whitlock
Staff Writer

Students planning to transfer to the University of Oregon for a bachelor of science degree will face changing math requirements.

According to Maryann Anderson, associate director of admissions, students transferring with less than 30 hours will need to take a math proficiency test administered by the University of Oregon math department. Those who are transferring with 30 hours or more will not be required to take the test. However, beginning fall term of 1985 all students working for their bachelor of science degree will be required to take three terms of math or the math proficiency test before graduation from the University of Oregon.

The stiffening of math requirements was made

by a vote of the university faculty, and the first change went into effect fall term of 1983. The reason the faculty decided to make these requirements, according to Dick Kock head advisor of the University of Oregon math department, was that people need the technical proficiency in the fields of humanities and the sciences.

The proficiency test is equivalent to the first year of college level math. The test is divided into five areas: college algebra, trigonometry, differential calculus, computer programming, and statistics. Students wanting to take the test choose three of the five areas and may only take the test once.

Koch said that it's a good idea to complete the math requirements before transferring. There are two ways to do this. Students can take the math proficiency test and pass it, instead of taking the

three terms of math. Another approach is open to students who have had college algebra and trigonometry, but no calculus in high school. They need only take one term of calculus to meet the requirements before transferring to the University of Oregon.

Jeānette Scott, LBCC math lab coordinator, said most students preparing to transfer to a four-year institution like the University of Oregon should make sure they have met the requirements and take the math courses at the community college level. Blair Osterlund, LBCC counselor, agreed that students should take their math classes here and suggested they start right away.

On Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 9-2, Wayne Nishimura, assistant director of admissions, will be in the College Center lobby with information on transferring to the University of Oregon.

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Editorial

Proposed tuition tax credits bad news for public schools

Once again President Reagan is eager to spend the public's tax dollars on his pet projects while our basic institutions take the cuts.

For example, approval of a tuition tax credit for parents who choose to send their children to private and/or parochial schools is still pending in Congress, according to a U.S. Senate press release.

If approved this proposal would give credit equal to half of the tuition expense, but would not exceed \$300 for each dependant child attending a non-public elementary or secondary school.

Credit would be limited to families with an adjusted gross income of less than \$60,000 and full benefits of credit would go only to families with an income less than \$40,000.

Reagan, who proposed the tuition tax credits, claims private schools need assistance. I wonder what, besides prayers, the President thinks public schools need?

The idea of spending tax dollars for private schools, which account for only 10 percent of our nation's student population, seems ridiculous in the face of declining funds and school closures for the remaining 90 percent.

Tuition tax credits are needed, supporters say, to provide tax-relief to families trying to meet private education expenses. Private school expenses far exceed the parent's cost to send their children to public schools.

The taxes the people pay to support public schools already are not enough to maintain these institutions. Why not spend our federal monies to improve the quality of education in public schools for the majority of the student population instead of catering to a select few?

Proponents also argue that these credits would give lower income families the educational options available to higher income families.

Well, Mr. Reagan I don't think low income families are going to benefit by giving them \$300 towards half the private school's tuition, when many poor people can barely pay their food, heat and clothing bills. What are we going to give the parents who have to send their kids to underfunded inner-city schools?

In addition, the tuition tax credit supporters claim that parents could select the education most suitable for their children. They say private schools help maintain educational diversity, parental choice and provide competition for the public schools.

How much choice do parents really have if they can't afford to enroll and transport their kids to a private school and the public school in their neighborhood has been closed due to a lack of funds? And how do public schools with bare-bones budgets compete with private schools which receive funds from federal tax breaks, religious and special interest groups?

This tuition tax credit proposal is estimated to cost \$245 million in fiscal 1984, increasing to \$786 million per year by 1988, according to the U.S. Senate press release.

I question the need for this additional public support to private education when I see my friends' children being bussed away from home to schools in other districts. Also, I doubt the constitutionality of the direct and/or indirect public financial support to religious organizations.

People are screaming for better public school teachers, better public schools and lower taxes—and instead, Reagan gives us prayers and private school tuition tax credits.

I strongly urge the public to support their public schools by opposing this proposal and writing your government representatives.

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Letters

Student grounds worker complains of littered lots

To the Editor,

As I go about my daily work-study task of straightening up the LBCC campus grounds, there is evidence of people cleaning out their cars and ash trays wherever they happen to be parked. I wonder if it's laziness or a lack of consideration?

The problem is not a result of no trash cans in the area. In the front parking lot alone there are six large



Reagan's address goes in circles

By Dave Tilton
Political Science Major

In his third State of the Union Address, on Jan. 25th, President Reagan opened by taking credit for the economic recovery and he announced four goals for 1984: continued economic growth, developing the New

Frontier (space), promoting excellence in education and lasting peace. ment is not a liberal or conservative challenge, but common sense." The concern over acid rain was mentioned specifically by Reagan when he stated that we should "develop new technologies to solve the causes of acid rain." Now this is interesting, looking for a technical fix after urging us to use common sense when dealing with environmental problems.

Opinion

Frontier (space), promoting excellence in education and lasting peace.

On the subject of the economy Reagan talked about inflation, saying that it has been "beaten down from 12.3 percent to 3.2 percent," and that "government must never again use inflation to profit at the people's expense." Reagan called on Congress to establish a bipartisan committee to come up with a \$100 million down payment on the federal deficit. Reagan also brought the tax issue into the picture by saying that "increasing taxes is merely a Band-Aid measure which will not stop a problem that has been growing for half a century." On the issue of government spending, Reagan said "I propose that we make structural reforms to stop the built-in increases in spending."

For his second goal, developing the New Frontier, Reagan called on NASA to devise an operational space station within the next decade. The cost of such a venture has been estimated at \$8 billion. Perhaps Reagan merely forgot to mention where this money would come from.

On his third goal, promoting excellence in education, Reagan had little to say except that "we are returning to bedrock values..."

The last goal brought forth by Reagan, lasting peace, was not elaborated on just a vague mention of Central America and Lebanon. The subject of Lebanon received a brief mention by Reagan, who side-stepped the issue by saying, "We are making progress in Lebanon...and we must not be driven from our goals by state supported terrorism."

President Reagan also touched on environmental issues by commenting that "Preservation of our environ-

Overall, the President's speech was given on an upbeat note. However, there was too little substance to support his goals. Also, when examined closely, Reagan's reasoning shows some flaws. There are two major flaws contained in Reagan's address, the first is found in his approach to limiting government spending and the second is in his remarks on Lebanon.

Let's see, Reagan refuses to accept cuts in defense spending. He doesn't want to give the government more money by increasing taxes. He wants NASA to devise a space station, at an estimated cost of \$8 billion. He proposes "structural reforms to stop built-in increases in spending." Did I forget anything? On, yeah, he also wants Congress to come up with a \$100 million down payment on the deficit. Now that we have the basics, let's try to follow the reasoning. We have to cut spending while continuing with the present defense budget, build an \$8 billion space station, make a down payment on the deficit and leave taxes and social spending alone. Aha, that means...wait a minute, we seem to have gone in a circle. I know, I'll write the President a letter and have him explain it to me.

Maybe Lebanon will be easier to understand. Reagan claims that "We are making progress in Lebanon..." What form does this progress take? He can't be referring to the cease-fire agreement, all of those have failed. He isn't talking about our Marines coming home, because he's told us in no uncertain terms his views on that. Maybe he means that the Gemayel government has gained support in Lebanon? This seems unlikely since the last cease-fire broke down with the demand that he resign before peace talks resume.

So far, the only thing I see progressing is the number of peace-keeping personnel being killed. If there is progress in Lebanon it is being kept from the public.

containers for garbage, one located at each walk way.

It seems that a portion of our student body cares little about what our campus looks like. I wonder if they treat their own front yards in a similar fashion?

I am not the only one that is sickened by these actions. Doug Pilant, a first year psychology major, said, "I think it's extremely inconsiderate."

Not only does littering make our

campus ugly, but "it shows a lack of school and community pride!" West Tucker, a second-year business student said.

What can be done about this problem? Marcie Butterworth, first-year secretarial major, suggested "the people that are caught littering the parking lot, should be punished by cleaning it up. Second time offenders should have their names published in the Commuter. I happen to agree with

her.

Gene Kelsey, a part-time computer program student said "I wish there could be some way to put the trash back in their cars."

I propose the student body work together to solve this "accumulating" problem. We should all try to keep our campus clean.

Dave Walters
Journalism Major

Requirements satisfied?

Apply for graduation early

By Steve Nash
Staff Writer

Now is the time to apply for graduation, advises Registrar Jon Carnahan.

Doing so before the April 9, deadline is to the students' benefit, said Carnahan.

The reason for applying now is to insure enough time for the Admissions Office and the various departments to hand-check each student's graduation evaluation. Then if a discrepancy is noticed, the student

will be notified and their transcript can be corrected. If the transcript is correct the student will still have time to take the courses needed to graduate during spring term.

A graduation evaluation must be initiated by the student applying for graduation. The Admissions Office then confirms the general education requirements, grade point average and total credits of each student. The evaluation is then forwarded to the appropriate division director along with the student's transcript and spr-

ing term schedule. The division and department then are responsible to see that program requirements are met.

A final check will be made at the end of spring term to make sure the student has completed courses enrolled in during spring term.

Carnahan hopes to test a computer-assisted program next year to speed up the evaluation process.

Graduation applications are available in the Admissions Office in Takena Hall.

Experimental project puts students in group learning setting for 2 years

By Bob Thompson
Staff Writer

An experimental two-year degree program that will test the advantages of learning and studying in a group situation is being undertaken by 18 LBCC business students.

The program began fall term under the direction of economics instructor Gerry Conner, who brought the idea to LBCC from Leeds Polytechnic School in Great Britain.

"The students will help themselves by helping one another, and hopefully achieve group loyalty," Conner said.

One of the students, Brad Bennett, said that it will take more time to get to know one another. "The group is just developing. Group loyalty will come along in time," he said.

The 18 students are scheduled into the same classes every term, which Conner said should "vastly increase their chances for success."

The students are not bound by the program, and may choose to go back to regular scheduling. No one has left the program so far.

"They may chose to leave the program at any time," Conner said, "but so far the group members have all stayed together."

Student Bill Lazzarini said that there is an advantage to knowing so many people in class. If there is a problem with homework, usually a group member can help. Lazzarini said, "If a student should miss a class, there is always someone to get notes from."

When Conner first set out to organize the group he said he looked for students better than average in math and English skills. He was able to compare student CGP scores in math, reading and language.

There are some drawbacks to the program, Conner said. "Students have no schedule choice because I make up the schedules," he said. "All they have to do is sign their name and go to the prescribed classes."

Conner said that there is one exception to the no-choice scheduling. The students may choose their Physical Education classes.

Conner would like to show a higher success rate for students in the program and continue it in the future.

"I hope to follow up on the students," said Conner, "to see how well they will do at a four-year college."

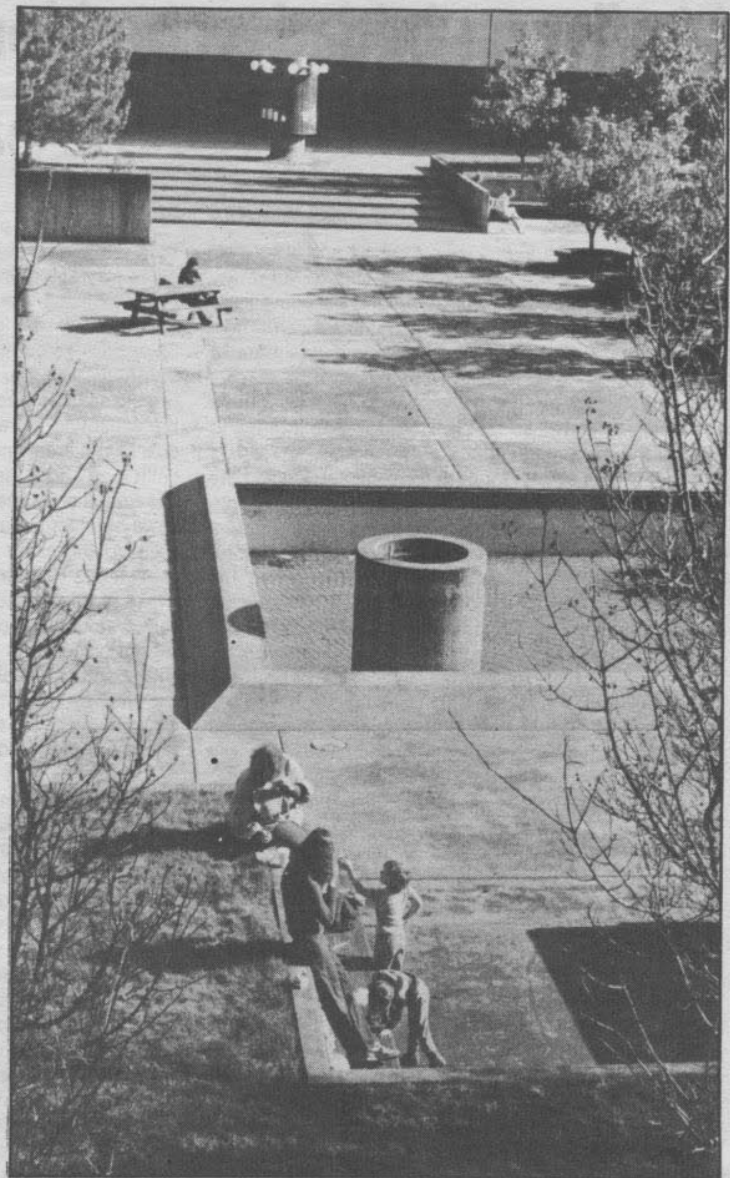


Photo by Sue Buhler

Will it last?

A break in the weather brings students out to the courtyard to enjoy the winter sun.

New Hurco computer keeps machine students updated

Students in John Griffiths' machine-tool class are learning the exacting art of machining with the aid of a new \$37,000 Hurco computer.

Regular meetings with an advisory board of people in local industry who use the skills of LBCC machine-tool graduates, helped convince Griffiths of the need for the computerized milling machine.

LBCC was one of the only two-year colleges in Oregon without a computerized milling machine. In order to compete with the other colleges for students, Griffiths said, the machine was "necessary to enhance the program."

The manufacturer, Hurco of Indianapolis, Indiana, helped LBCC with the decision to purchase their machine by reducing the initial cost by \$8,000. They also gave, at no charge to LBCC, thousands of dollars in computer peripherals and use of one of their technicians for one week.

New honors program to combine humanities, sciences for top students

By Tim Canfield
Staff Writer

A proposal for a humanities and science honors program set to start in the fall has been given the green light by John Keyser, vice-president of instruction.

The honors program will aid the needs of superior students, explained Ken Cheney, director of the humanities and social sciences division.

The main goals of the honors program will be to attract superior students, improve the college image, challenge the faculty and stimulate professional growth. Also, according to the proposal, it will serve as a focal point for development of innovative services, courses and provide recognition and awards for outstanding students.

The requirements to get into the program have not been established yet, explained Rich Liebaert, science instructor. He said the committee responsible for the proposal still has a lot of work and planning to do.

The program will consist of a series of core-oriented courses that will share a common theme and an interdisciplinary approach, according to the proposal.

The core—designed to satisfy the general education requirements for liberal arts and sciences—is an attempt to "build a solid skill base early in the students' careers thereby preparing them for increased success in their major subjects and at the upper-division level," states the proposal.

The costs should not be greater, according to the proposal, than those for other specialized programs that already exist, such as developmental classes or capital-intensive vocational programs.

Esguerra to represent Linn-Benton at conference

By Dave Walters
Staff Writer

Student representative Eugenia Esguerra will attend this year's regional meeting of the Association of College Unions International, March 26-29, St. Louis, Mo.

The Associated Students of LBCC voted in favor of appropriating \$400 out of the student government's budget to pay for Esguerra's plane fare during Thursday's ASLBCC council meeting.

Esguerra, vice chairperson for ACUI Region 14, was invited to attend the conference when the Regional President Jeff Alison was unable to receive funds to participate.

The ACUI allotted \$200 to pay for the registration fee and another \$85 was donated out of Blaine Nisson's travel fund to cover the cost of lodging. Esguerra volunteered to pay for her own meals, which will amount to about \$100.

Nisson said "primarily the issues that they will be dealing with there are student union oriented ACUI regional games and issues related to student leadership development, and student activities programming."

Esguerra said "I am really excited to be able to represent our region, and am hoping to bring back some useful information to use here at LBCC and to the colleges in our region."

In other business: Mike Klapack, health occupation's representative, discussed the General Education Committee's proposal to change Writing 115 from a requirement to an elective for the associate of science degree. The next General Education Committee meeting is on Feb. 14.

A committee of three was appointed to investigate the possibilities of photo identification cards for students, after receiving several "pass the buck" statements on the matter.

The idea of a schedule with all the general classes for the entire year was introduced and discussed.

Also the ASLBCC council reported on upcoming events.

Feb. 1, Ivor Bransford, a billiards trick shot artist, will give two demonstrations of his talents in the student recreation room, CC212, one show at 11:30 a.m. and another at 2 p.m.

Feb. 25, an employee workshop titled "Taking Charge", a take-off of last year's "Moving Ahead" workshop for the unemployed, is scheduled.

On Feb. 27, there will be a career fair. This annual event will host quest speaker Edward J. Rodgers, vice president and director of personnel for N.W. Ayer advertising company.

A regional skills contest will be held March 3 for high school students. They will have a chance to participate in various contests for scholarships to attend college.

Marijuana initiative petition drive rolls along with NORML backing

By Les Wulf
Staff Writer

Nearly half the needed signatures supporting an initiative to vote on the status of Oregon's leading cash crop—marijuana—have been collected, said John Sajo, coordinator at Portland's Oregon Marijuana Initiative (OMI) office.

"About 30,000 (of the necessary 63,000) signatures have been collected so far" leaving over five months to acquire the remaining signatures, said Sajo.

If OMI (which stands for both the organization and the initiative) reaches its goal by July, the initiative will go before the vote of the people in Oregon's Nov. 6 election.

Last month the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) threw its support to the OMI. NORML, which was founded in 1970, has become one of the most effective citizen action lobby groups in Washington, DC, according to "Rolling Stone" magazine.

A 1983-84 "Domestic Marijuana Cultivation Report" released by NORML lists marijuana as Oregon's leading cash-crop worth \$600 million. That's three times the value of Oregon's leading legal crop—hay.

Oregon is ranked third nationally, behind only California and Hawaii, in pot cultivation, the report stated.

Current Oregon law makes it a felony to grow even one marijuana plant. The law provides a maximum penalty of 20 years and/or a \$100,000 fine for cultivation of any amount. The OMI proposal would allow adults to grow pot for personal use. However, sale of any amount of marijuana would remain a felony.

OMI, the organization, has grown from a handful of Portland area volunteers in the fall of 1981, to a statewide organization with representatives in a dozen Oregon towns, said Sajo.

OMI tried unsuccessfully to obtain enough signatures in 1982 to put the initiative on the ballot.

"In '82 we collected 60,000 signatures in 6 months," said Sajo. At that time, 55,000 "good" or "valid" signatures were needed (6 percent of the gubernatorial vote in the 1978 election), but the disqualification percentage left the organization short of its goal.

When the petitions containing the signatures are collected, Sajo explained, they are turned in to the Secretary of State to check for voter registration accuracy.

"They take a random sample of about 5 percent of the signatures" to verify if they're actually and correctly registered to vote, he said. Then, based on the errant percentage in the sampling, that percentage of the total signatures are disqualified.

If there are enough good signatures (63,000) then the bill will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot.

"If passed by the voters, it (the bill) becomes law in 30

days," said Sajo.

"We didn't get petitioning started until January last time," explains Sajo who's confident of obtaining the necessary signatures in the next five months. The present campaign was begun last summer.

"There are petitions in every county" in Oregon, said Sajo of OMI's current campaign. Signature collection in Southern Oregon, where OMI's efforts are "more organized" has been "hot" said Sajo. Petitioners there are collecting more than double what is needed for the size of the area's population.

"It's a hot issue, particularly in Jackson and Josephine counties because marijuana growing there is more established and involves a lot more people," said Sajo. At the same time, Southern Oregon law enforcement tends to be more severe on growers.

"They (the police) use Military State, 1984 tactics" in that area to weed out pot growers, he said.

"In Portland, our biggest battle is with apathy" he said of the petition efforts in the area.

"The threat of arrest is pretty much in the background," in the city, he continued. Therefore, signatures are harder to obtain.

Of the counties not served by OMI representatives (such as Linn and Benton) local people are often recruited to circulate petitions. Some of these locals may be asked to help organize petitions rallies or shopping center "Petition Fairs" to drum up support during springtime signature drives. Then, Sajo or other OMI reps will attend the event to speak and show slides. Among the videos will be one by the Drug Enforcement Administration which takes a "hard line" on pot growers—showing scenes of "armed soldiers" descending from army choppers on the unsuspecting pot farmer, Sajo said. "Another video is of Oregon author Ken Kesey giving a talk on marijuana," he added.

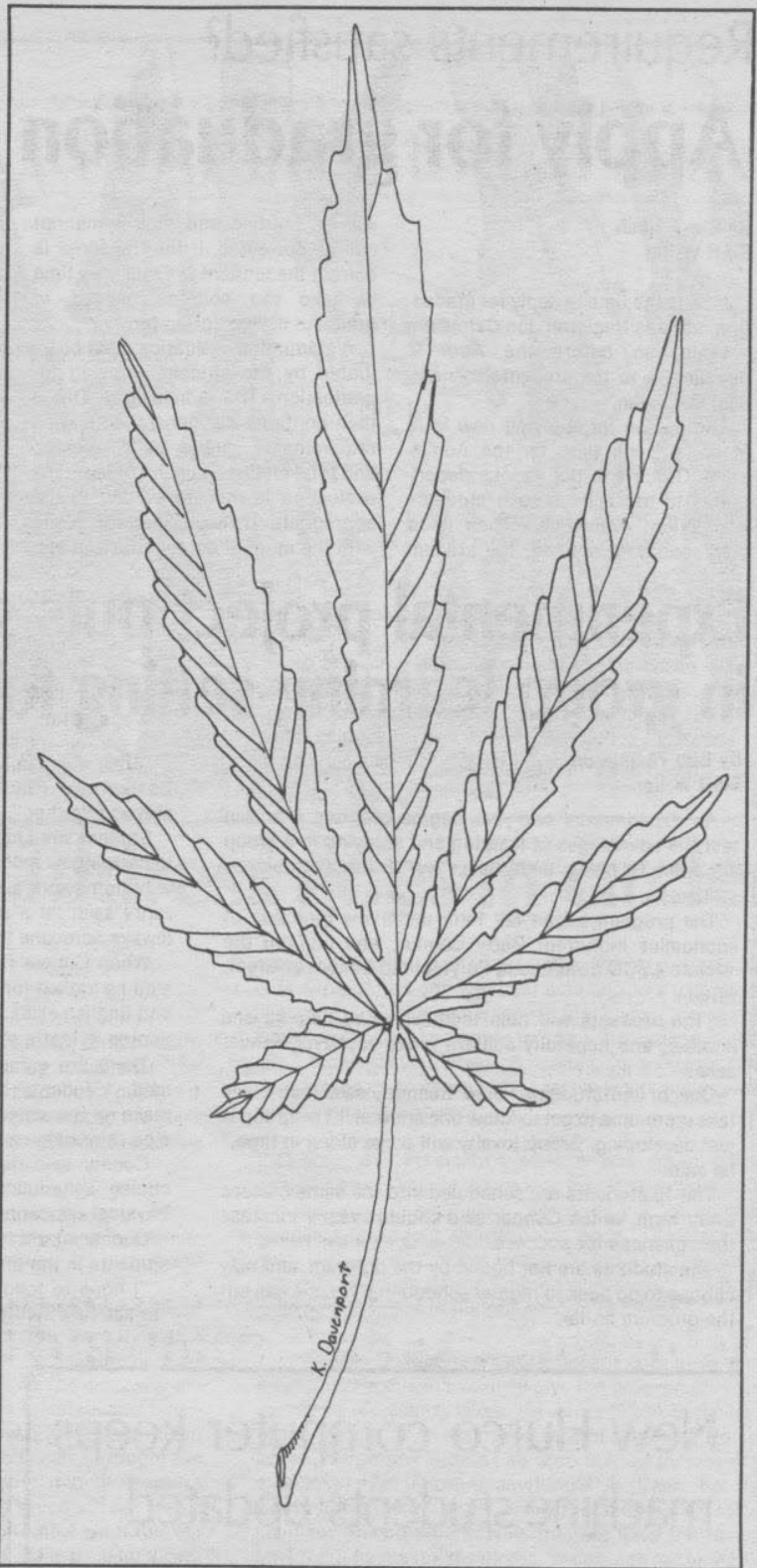
According to Sajo, NORML will be working with OMI and other reform groups in sponsoring a conference on July 28 and 29 in Portland. The program will focus on the marijuana laws and their effects on Oregon and on the health and social aspects of pot use.

Kevin Zeese, national director for NORML, was quoted in a news release as favoring the OMI approach.

"Law enforcement's efforts cannot control marijuana cultivation, in many ways, law enforcement only makes the problem worse," causing increased violence and erosion of the right to privacy, contends Zeese.

"NORML supports the ... Initiative which allow adults to grow their own marijuana. This proposal will limit the commercial cultivation," Zeese stated.

"In creating a legal source for marijuana, Oregonians strike a severe blow against commercial cultivation. OMI will do more to stop commercial cultivation (since a legal supply could eliminate the black market) than a tenfold increase in law enforcement could ever do," Zeese said.



Hatfield leads gratifying life through volunteerism

By Sherry Oliver
Staff Writer



Peg Hatfield

A study done in the late 1960's by the White House Committee on aging proved people who stay active live a longer and happier life than those who retire and don't remain active. Peg Hatfield, the director of Linn County's Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP), located in LBCC's Takena Hall, has worked hard to prove this theory.

Hatfield organized the RSVP program 12 years ago. She said "the mission (of RSVP) is to provide a more meaningful life for persons of retirement age." In 1983 the program had 525 volunteers and combined they put in over 77,000 hours, which means the average amount of time put in by each volunteer was 147 hours.

Hatfield who describes herself as a "life-long volunteer" said, "my goal is to change the image of older people" and she believes that "there is no one who has nothing to offer."

Marv Saxton, an RSVP board member who has known Hatfield for over a decade said, "she proudly wears the badge of being a senior citizen." Many people in this area think of Hatfield as a very warm-hearted and giving person. Larry Coty, who has known her for 10 years and is a member of the RSVP advisory council, said, "Peg is one of the most amazing people I know."

She was Benton County Woman of the Year in 1951, Linn County Woman of the year in 1961, the

first female recognized for the honor of Distinguished Senior Citizen in 1979, the first female ruling elder for the First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon and she has served on the Lebanon city council for 30 years.

She has also helped start and organize several programs in this area. She assisted in organizing the Red Cross program in 1945 and has continued to work with them since that time. She has served as the Chapter Manager of Red Cross for four years in Linn County.

Hatfield started her career in 1924 as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and taught for two years.

After raising her daughter, Hatfield resumed her working career. She owned and operated Peg's Apparel Shop for 15 years, worked at a radio station as an interviewer of various women's groups for 3 years, and worked as a reporter for the Lebanon Express for 10 years.

While working for the Lebanon Express, Hatfield was the editor of the Society page and had her own column "Patter by Peg." She also worked as a stringer for the Statesman, the Oregonian and the Associated Press, reporting on happenings in the Lebanon area.

Hatfield is a supporter of many organizations, one of which is Hobbies for Life, a group for retired hobbyists. She said, "I encourage people to prepare for retirement" and a good way to do that is to "find an interest" and "start developing

hobbies when you are young."

Her hobbies include gardening, sewing, photography, and writing poetry.

Another program Hatfield enjoyed organizing is Write Your Life Story. This is a group of older people who get together and try to spark memories to write about.

Some techniques Hatfield has used to spark these ideas are the "apple box method" and "love apples." What she calls the "apple box method" is reminding her students of when apples were stored in wooden boxes. "Love apples," better known today as tomatoes, have also helped spark memories of some of her students.

Hatfield recommends "free wheel writing," writing about small episodes, is good "recall therapy" and is especially good for senior citizens.

She said that these people are "creating a treasure" for future generations to enjoy and they are "proud of what they write."

Saxton described Hatfield as "a very delightful person." She is "efficient, dedicated, and responsive to people." He added that he knows she must have some bad qualities somewhere but "I don't know where they are...in a crowd she sticks out head and shoulders above everyone else."

Hatfield feels that she has had "a gratifying life" and that her "greatest pleasure is doing things for other people."

Arts & Entertainment

By Sheila Landry
Feature Editor

I realize it's still winter, but I'm already starting to get that fidgety feeling commonly known as "spring fever." I've been searching relentlessly for any sign of nature's rebirth. An ant on the kitchen countertop, two bees in the pantry, the late afternoon sun casting rainbows through the prism in my picture window, these moments have great meaning for me now.

If I manage to keep myself busy enough, my "fever" won't get out of control and make me stir crazy with anticipation.

Dancing is an enjoyable distraction. Student activities has scheduled a **Country Showdown Swing Dance** in the LBCC Commons, Feb. 3, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Local pickers "**Higher Ground**" will provide some dust-kicking music for the dancers. I should say mud-kicking, but let's forget about that for awhile. Tickets for the festivities are on sale in the activities office (CC213) for \$2 a person or \$2.50 a couple. Free punch and cookies will be provided by student activities along with a large selection of baked goodies reasonably priced from the LBCC Ski Club.

History instructor Larry Sult's noon hour discussion on "**Oregon Folklore**," scheduled for the Feb. 7 portion of the Lunch Bunch Book Talk series in Board Room B might help to remind me why I continue to live in this damp, yet beautiful state. Sult has planned an interesting hour of remnants from Oregon's past.

Geography instructor Dan Erlich's **photography show** displayed in the LBCC Humanities Gallery through Feb. 10 is a lovely reminder that there is beauty in everything if seen from the right perspective. Erlich's pictures are a colorful, fascinating look at Albany captured exquisitely through the viewfinder of his camera.

It might be too early for trumpeter swans to return to our swamplands, but **native Oregonian trumpet player Doc Severinsen**, leader of NBC's Tonight Show

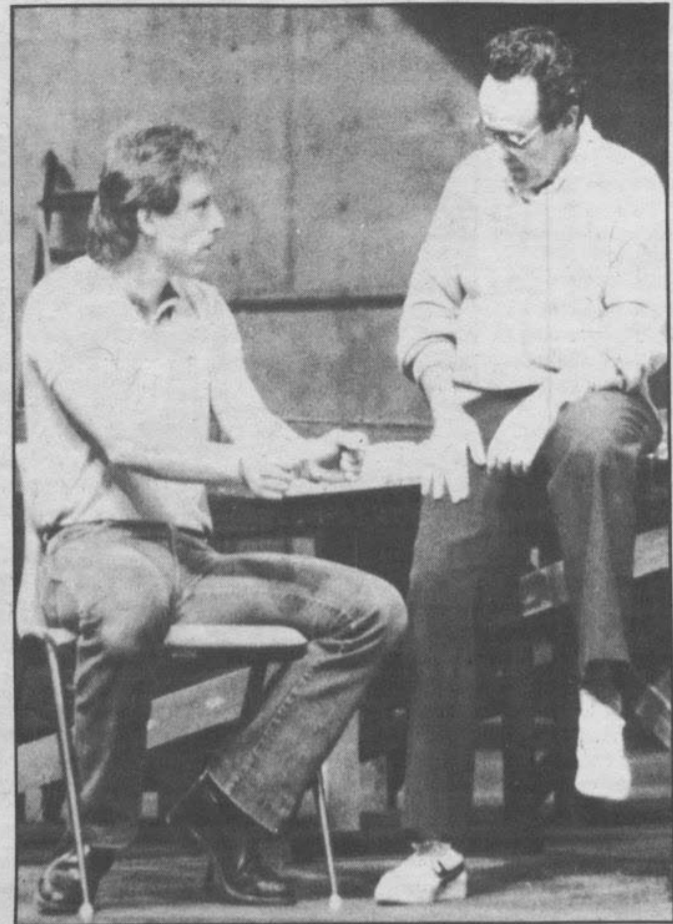
Orchestra, is planning a visit soon. Hmmm...If I try really hard, I could probably twist this event into a sign of spring. Severinsen will join the **OSU Symphonic Band** Feb. 5 at LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis beginning at 8 p.m. Severinsen will start the concert with a trumpet solo followed by a performance from the Symphonic Band. The second part of the show will feature Severinsen and his **jazz fusion band, Xebro**. Tickets are on sale through the OSU Memorial Union ticket office for \$10.

De Organographia, a Renaissance instrumental ensemble, will be the featured performance Feb. 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the OSU Memorial Union Lounge for the free winter series of weekly "Chamber Music a la Carte" concerts.

Ivan Turgenev's "**A Month in the Country**" written in 1850 will be performed by the University Theatre of Oregon State Feb. 2-4 at the OSU Mitchell Playhouse beginning at 8:15 p.m. The play, directed by C.V. Bennet, is a humorous drama on the absurdity of love. The box office opens at 7:30 p.m. on performance nights, and tickets will be \$5 and \$4 with a \$1 discount for OSU students. Reserve tickets by calling 754-2784.

OSU's Horner Museum is sponsoring a four-week film series on "**People of Oregon: Portraits**," beginning Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Engineering Auditorium of The LaSells Stewart Center. "**Freedom Frontier**," a history of blacks in Oregon and the civil rights era will be the first film shown in the series. Tickets are priced at \$2 for each performance or \$6 for the season. Coming films include a look at the Northwest Indians, rodeos, homesteaders and merchants. Tickets will be available at the door and at Horner Museum on the nights of the showings.

We Three, a trio of female a cappella singers and composers from the Seattle area, are returning to the Old World Center in Corvallis for a Feb. 3 concert for \$4 at Troubadour Music Center, and at the door on performance night for \$4.50.



LBCC student Bill Bush and Corvallis actor Paul Santos rehearse a scene from "Deathtrap," a theatre production directed by Jane Donovan. The play opens Feb. 17 at 8:15 p.m. and will run weekends through Feb. 25. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at LBCC's College Center, French's Jewelers, Albany and Mainly Miniatures, Corvallis.

Women's week planned

By Heather Sallee
Staff Writer

For the fifth straight year LBCC will commemorate national Women's History Week with a week long series of events March 4-10.

Barbara McKillip, LBCC librarian in charge of this year's tribute to women, said programs are still in the planning stages. Tentatively scheduled are a reader's theater with short vignettes, poems and selected readings, a book talk discussing women and literature, an orientation on the planned campus women's center and organizational culture.

The events will include a Friday afternoon of guest speakers, a luncheon with entertainment and a reception. All events will be held during the noon hour in either the Alsea/Calapooia room or the board rooms.

This commemoration to women was proclaimed by the U.S. Congress with March 8 being designated as International Women's Day. It was established in recognitions of women's contributions to our culture and the impact their endeavors have had throughout our nation.

This commemoration is open to everyone. McKillip said that she has had several phone calls from community people asking for information and that appreciable interest is being shown.

For more information or to volunteer or assist, McKillip can be reached at the library or call ext. 396.



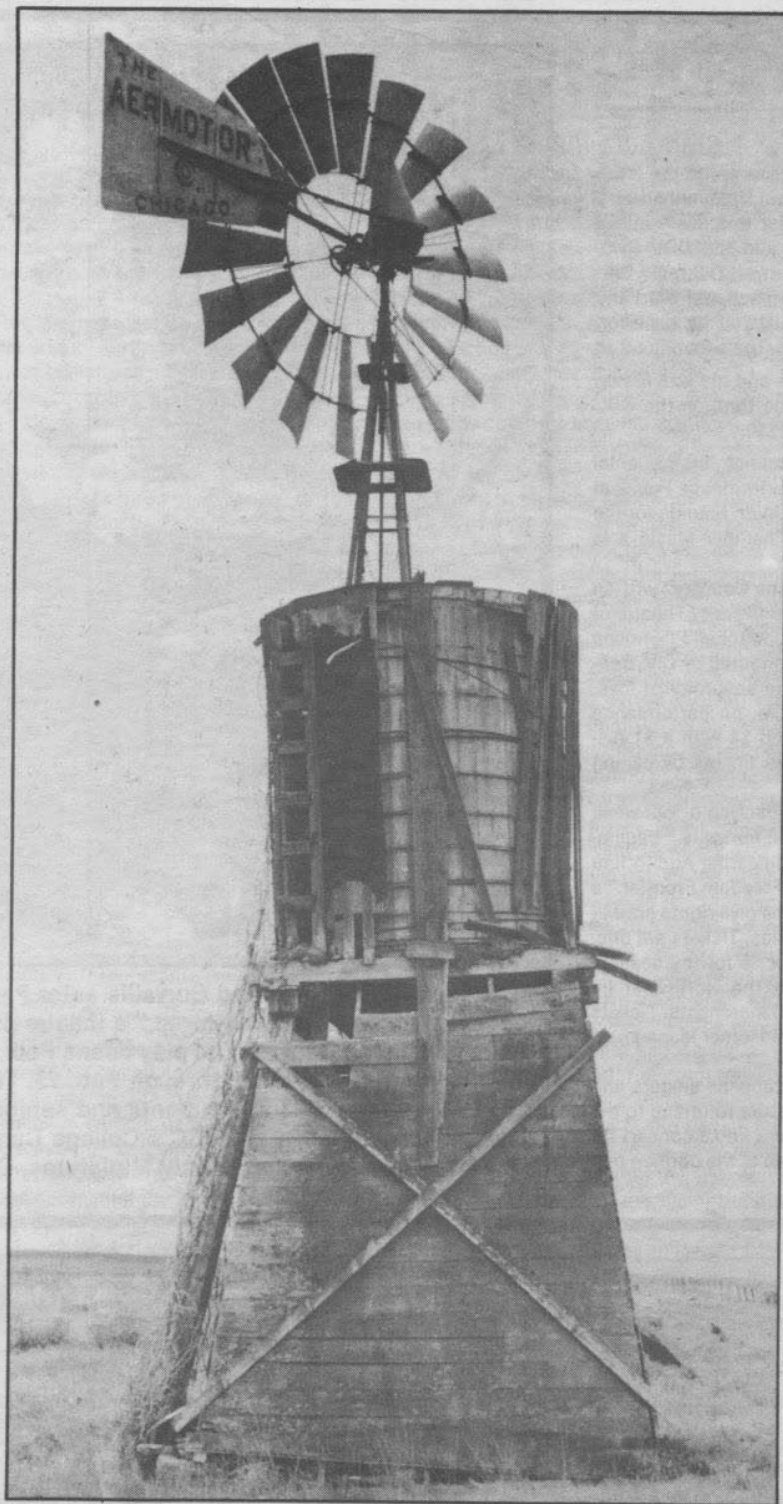
OOPS

Some confusion occurred in last week's Commuter over conflicting scheduling dates for the touring comedy group "The Off The Wall Players." According to Student Programs Director Blaine Nisson, the troupe is definitely planning to put on a show in the Alsea/Calapooia room Feb. 2 from 12-1 p.m. that will have the audience roaring with laughter.



Come on, Jesse, tell me how you really got Lt. Goodman out of Syria.

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Back Roads

Hardman, Oregon



The photography assignment called for Oregon backroads and I found my answer in Hardman, Oregon, a ghost town in northeastern Oregon about 18 miles southeast of Heppner.

Hardman sprang up in the 1860s and was a favorite stopping point for the freight wagon and stage drivers who carried goods to market.

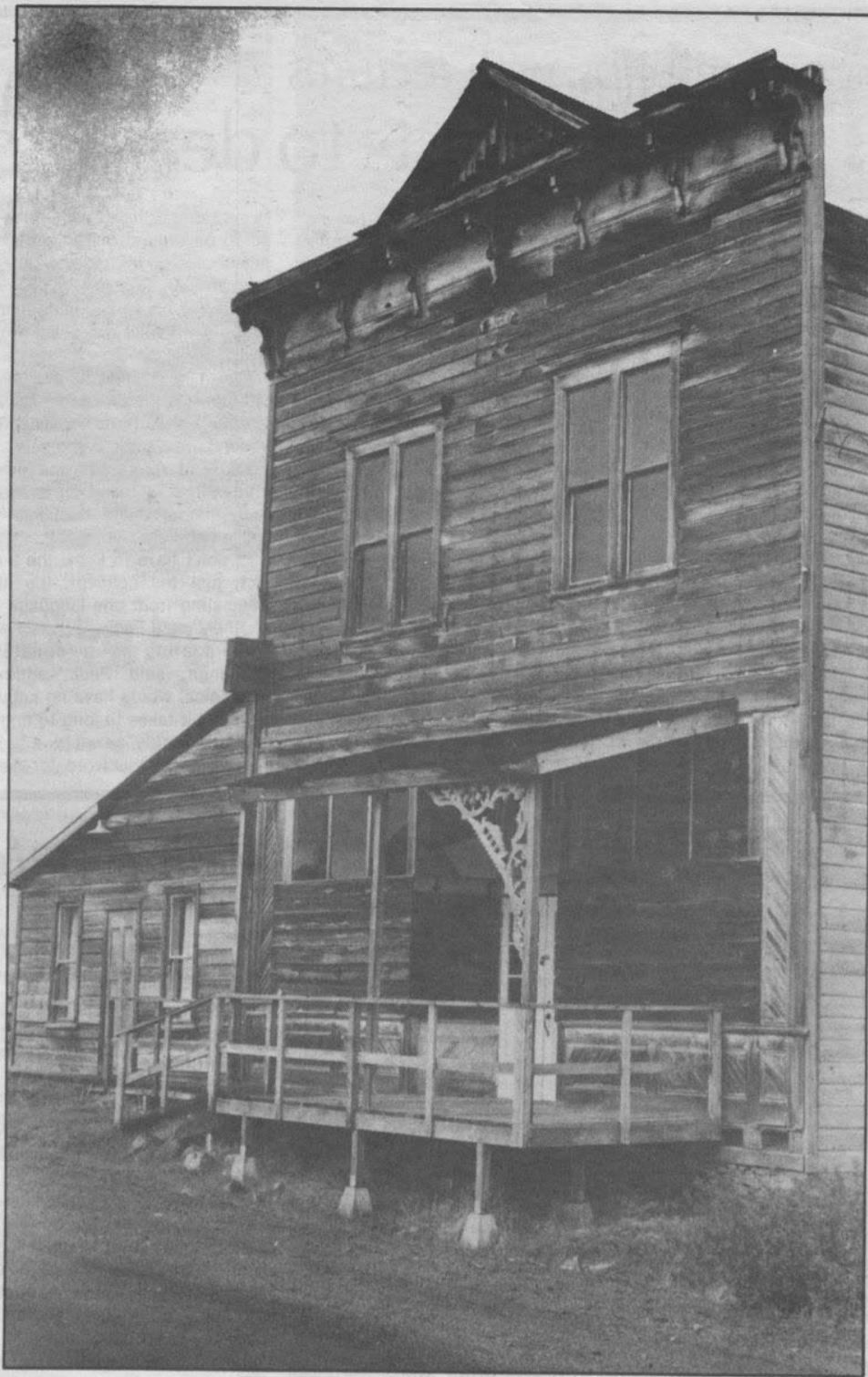
The town was named after David N. Hardman who brought a post office to town. Before that Hardman was called Dairyville, Raw Dog and Dog Town.

A nearby sawmill provided a good supply of lumber enabling the town to build a big wheat grinding mill. Farmers traveled miles to have their wheat ground. Hotels were built to accommodate travelers.

Then the railroad made way through eastern Oregon and bypassed Hardman. The town's population dwindled and the lonely structures were left to deteriorate.

But Hardman's story didn't

photographs by Pam Kuri



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Interpreter helps with lectures LB student adjusts to deafness

By Francis Dairy
Staff Writer

If you want to know what it is like to be a deaf student, stay up late at night. When all is quiet, turn on the TV with no sound and try to lip read and make sense out of what you see. This is what it is like for a deaf student, according to Ron Kitterman, a computer science major.

Kitterman had spent 22 and half years in the Navy before losing his hearing two years ago. There have been many adjustments since his discharge, he said—becoming deaf, unemployed and a student, just to name a few.

"It seems like I study all of the time. I study about five hours every night at home," said Kitterman.

"I have to study ahead of the rest of the class. The hardest

classes are the ones that have a lot of lectures. Such as history, which is all lectures and class participation," said Kitterman. "My whole day is guessing and watching," he continued. "I have to rely on lip reading a great deal. Lip reading is very hard because only 26 percent of speech is visible.

Kitterman, adding, "When people turn their head while talking or when lighting is bad, such as glare, it is hard to figure out what is being said."

Kitterman says he gets frustrated when he can't get the message the first time. "Once I get stuck the pressure is on and I get frustrated because I can't understand what is being said," he explained.

"Most people are surprised when I talk to them and they find out I am deaf. I speak out of mechanics. I don't know how loud

I am talking or how much noise is going on around me, in order to raise or lower my voice," said Kitterman.

Kitterman is able to understand lectures with the aid of an interpreter.

Denzil Peck, sign language instructor/interpreter, goes to all classes with Kitterman to help him understand what is being said.

Peck interprets for one other student. He is called on to interpret in courts and hospitals as well as church.

"I don't have to know the subject, just the concept. It's like translating from one language to another," said Peck.

Translating is a constant challenge, said Peck, adding, "Technical words have no known sign and it takes a long time to finger spell the words, so we have to invent a sign for that word, for class

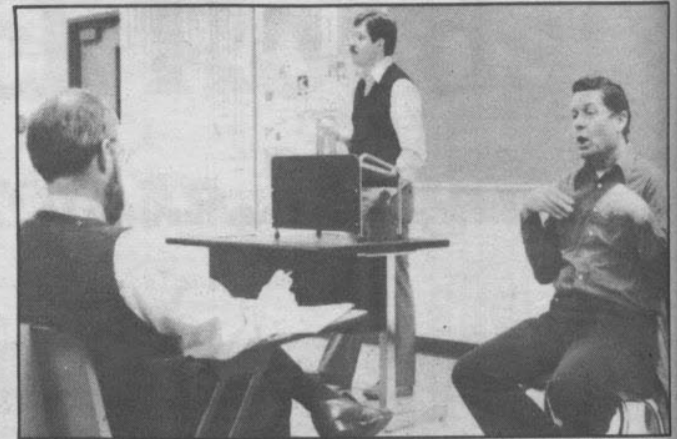


Photo by Sheila Landry

Interpreter Denzil Peck (right) signs a lecture by speech instructor Tim Bryson for deaf student Ron Kitterman (left).

room work only. The student and I will get together before class to create these special signs." "It's a constant challenge to translate the meaning given by the instructor," said Peck, adding, most of the instructors are very helpful.

"I find the misconception peo-

ple have towards the deaf interesting," said Peck.

Hearing people can make it easier on the deaf by speaking slowly, looking at them while talking, using gestures and expressions, enunciating words clearly and rewording what is said, if not understood the first time.



Photo by Sherry Oliver

Kevin Oliver, an LBCC marketing and business management graduate, paints a customized bumper sticker in his South Albany garage-shop. Oliver opened the business in December with the slogan: "You say it, we print it." Oliver, who earlier had organized a business called Balloons Away, said when finding jobs was hard he turned to self-employment.

LB graduate overcomes obstacles by starting bumper sticker business

By John Chilvers
Staff Writer

Tacked to Kevin Oliver's bedroom wall is an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of paper with the handwritten, heavily penned words, "NEVER GIVE UP."

At 25, Oliver is physically limited. He limps, the result of a disease that has left one leg shorter than the other. Though he has never smoked, he has emphysema, caused in part by a congenital blood disorder that weakened his body's capability to fight infection and disease. Monthly trips to a Portland clinic for blood transfusions are necessary to keep him alive.

"I don't think about it," he said.

Although he doesn't think about it, he feels "others may," particularly when it comes to finding a job.

Oliver worked hard preparing himself for job opportunities by attending LBCC from 1976 to 1980 when he graduated with an A.S. in Marketing and an A.S. in Business Management.

"I had two hours' sleep, six days a week, for three solid years. I was carrying 18 credits, and between two and four part-time jobs so I could remain in school," Oliver said.

According to Oliver, the long hours and hard work took their toll. His health worsened. His normally positive attitude became negative. Desperation became his constant companion. He considered suicide.

A self-admitted "workaholic," he became frustrated at not being able to work as long and hard as he would have liked.

"Talking with friends," he said, helped him overcome his depression.

But the thing that helped most was satisfying his work ethic by starting his own business.

From an article in the Wall Street Journal, Oliver got

the idea to start a business selling balloons.

"In the summer of 1980, I covered the Corvallis Area Expo, the Sweet Home Sportsman's Holiday, and the Polk County Fair.

"Balloons Away made me enough money to go to college for two quarters," Oliver said.

But the business slipped away and became "inactive." "Unfortunately, I did not see what was coming. I didn't pay enough attention to what I was doing. I spent all my profits on college. I didn't have anything left to put back into Balloons Away."

His balloon business became inactive without cash to rejuvenate it. "For almost two years," he said, "I couldn't find a job, and for him the situation was 'desperate,' but not impossible.

Using all of his resources, educational, emotional, and native intelligence, Oliver, with a \$100 loan from his uncle, and money of his own, once again created his own job: Kevin's Customized Stickers.


Located at 3209 Columbus in S.E. Albany, Oliver creates bumper stickers for individuals and groups. His slogan is, "you say it, we print it."

The stickers provide people a forum to express their ideas and/or ideals succinctly and inexpensively. Costs range from a minimum of two dollars for two lines, five dollars for a psychedelic birthday greeting.

Kevin's first customer, when he opened December 1983, was a member of the Albany Police force who had him create a sticker that reads, "Be secure all night. Take a cop to bed."

To order a sticker of your own creation, call Kevin at 926-5789 Monday through Friday, between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

If he could drive an automobile, his own sticker would read, "Never give up."



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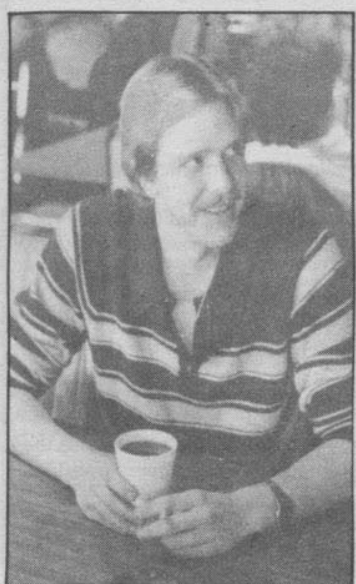
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Students react to smoking law

By Mark Thayer
Staff Writer

Reactions are mixed among smokers and nonsmokers regarding the new Oregon law prohibiting smoking in public facilities except where permission is posted.

At LBCC there are 15 designated smoking areas and under the law smoking is banned elsewhere.

"I obey them (the laws) and appreciate them," said Heather Sallee, first-year journalism major. "I'm a smoker but I don't feel I should intrude on other people's space."

Other smokers are not quite so willing to accept the new laws. "I think it is form of classification or categorization," said first-year education major Edell Richards. "It is just another way of segregating people in different groups."

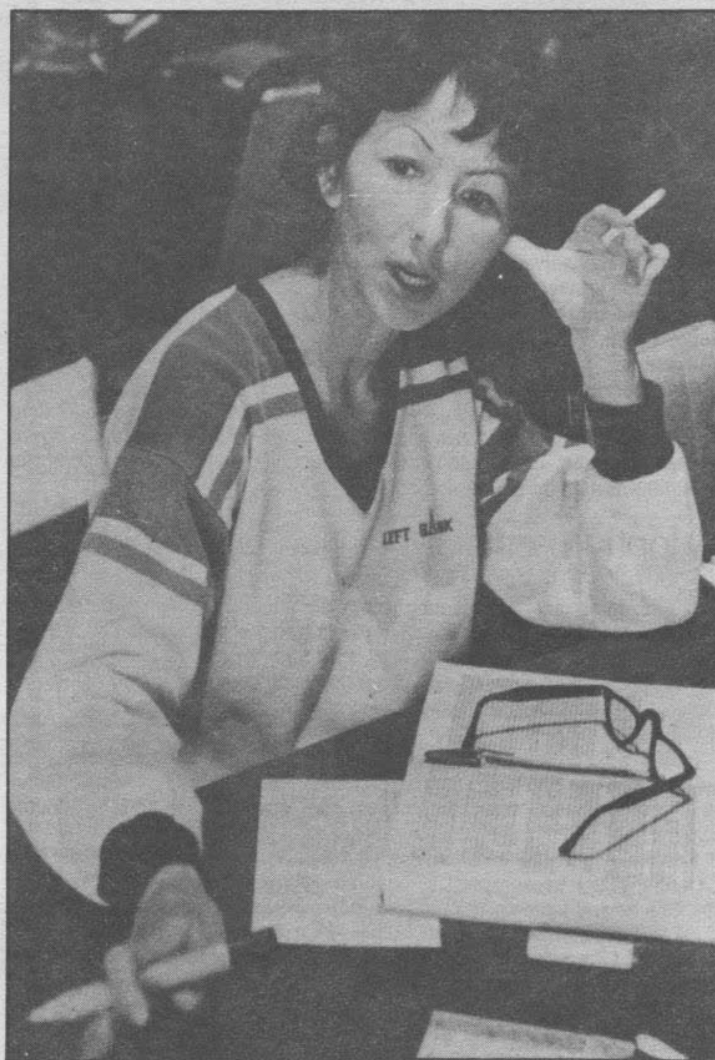
Some smokers like Sandy Chapen, first-year accounting student, agree that smokers are too "isolated." Chapen said, "The nonsmokers have the whole school. If we want to smoke, we can't even watch TV."

People who smoke are not the only ones who have opinions on the new laws. Some nonsmokers are adamant about their feeling.

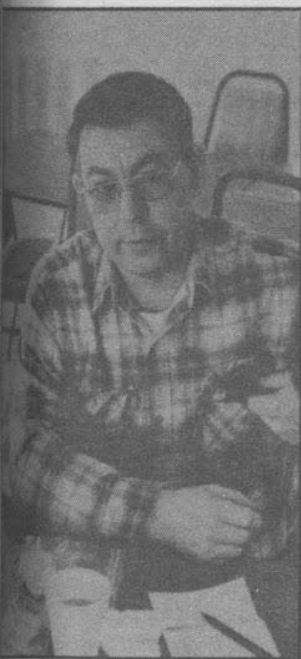
Jesse Rice, a second-year student said, "I'd rather not breathe in their smoke. It's their business if they want to smoke. I'd rather not have to smoke with them."

Elgin Rau, a welding instructor, agrees with Rice. "It's time that we had something like that;(the law) it gives protection to nonsmokers."

Kirk Scott, second-year general science major added, "It's a great way to clean up America! I think it's beneficial to everyone."



Edell Richards



Elgin Rue

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Davenport picked student of month

Katherine Davenport, a first-year student in graphics, journalism and printing technology, has been selected Linn-Benton Community College Student of the Month by the Greater Albany Rotary Club.

Attending LBCC represents a change in career directions for the 29-year-old Albany resident.

A 1976 graduate of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with a bachelor's in ecology and conservation, Davenport has worked the past several years for the U.S.D.A Soil Conservation Service. She resigned her position as soil conservationist for Linn County when she enrolled at LBCC, but still volunteers four hours a week with the agency as the information specialist for the Willamette Valley area.

Davenport is a member and former secretary of the Soil Conservation Society of America. She is a student member of the LBCC Graphics and Journalism Advisory Committee. An active participant in area theater, she works both on and off the stage at LBCC and at the Albany Civic Theater, where she is vice president of the board of directors.

Adoption seminar planned next week

A free, informational meeting about Linn-Benton Community College's "Avenues to Adoption" seminar will be held 7-10 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, room 100 at Corvallis High School, 836 N.W. 11th Street.

The first meeting explores what adoption is all about, including costs, procedures, types of children available and adoption agencies.

Topics for the remaining four weeks include:

Feb. 17 "Parenting and Children": an in-depth examination of the relationship between parents and children, including a discussion on creative parenting, discipline and interaction between the biological child and the adopted child.

Feb. 23 "The Challenge Child -Part I": Adopting an older child or a child from different racial background is explored. Other topics include "survival" techniques and learning to recognize potential problems, prevention techniques and possible solutions.

March 8 "Processing" - A step-by-step guide on how to begin the adoption process, including an explanation of the paperwork involved and hints to facilitate the adoption.

"Avenues to Adoption" is offered through the Benton Center in Corvallis by LBCC's Parent Education Program.

Preregistration is required, but participants are under no obligation to continue after the free, informational meeting. For those who continue, a \$50 seminar fee will be payable to PLAN Adoption Agency.

For more information on the five-week seminar, call LBCC's Parent Education office, 928-2361, ext. 384.

Marketing students conduct survey for Old Cannery

By Bob Thompson
Staff Writer

Marketing students set their books aside to get first-hand experience in a research survey conducted last term.

Students of Larry Schuetz' marketing class conducted the survey for the Old Cannery Mall in Corvallis to aid in the development of marketing plans.

Schuetz had two goals in mind—to provide consumer evaluation of shopping habits in Linn and Benton counties, and to give marketing students an opportunity to conduct and complete a market research survey.

Schuetz said that the survey enabled his students to apply their education in a "real world" setting.

The class used the population density figures from the 1980 census to determine sample sizes. Students collected facts and figures over the phone and by going door to door.

Results of the survey received local media coverage. Schuetz said he anticipated the publicity of the study, but said the main reason for his participation was to give students a chance to learn by doing. Schuetz said that the media coverage was "additional gravy."

Schuetz said he feels further "in-depth" studies could be conducted by future students if there is a demand for it, if resources are available, and if students want to participate in such a study again.

Companies help colleges by donating computers

NEW YORK, NY (CPS)—Thanks largely to a change in tax laws, some new savvy by campus fundraisers, and perhaps even shrewd marketing by computer companies, corporate gifts to colleges amounted to a record high of \$1.3 billion in 1982, the Council for Financial Aid to Education (CFAE) has found.

While CFAE President John Haire attributes the increase—which amounts to \$200 more than what was given in 1981—to corporations' "strong commitment to education," CFAE Vice President Arthur Kammerman adds new tax laws played a large role.

"We know for one thing there was a considerable increase in gifts-in-kind because of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981," he says.

The tax act lets companies deduct more of the value of a gift as a charitable contribution. Consequently, the companies pay less in corporate taxes.

Kammerman adds that colleges may be benefitting from increased competition among computer makers.

Raffle tickets for dinners on sale

In an effort to obtain funds for the LBCC childcare center, a raffle will be held Jan. 31 to Feb. 10.

Funds are needed to provide equipment, field trips and child care scholarships.

Tickets for the raffle can be purchased daily at noon in the Commons lobby for .50 each or three for \$1.

Drawing winners will receive a free dinner at one of these restaurants: Denaro's, Herford Steer and Takena Lodge in Albany; The Night Deposit, Micheal's Landing, Papagayo's and the Class Reunion in Corvallis. Winning tickets will be drawn Feb. 10th at 2:30 in the Fireside Room.

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Calendar

Wed. Feb. 1

Faculty Eval. Comm., noon-1, Board Rm. A
Christians on Campus, Noon-1 p.m., Willamette
Movie "Poltergeist", noon, Fireside Room
Movie "Private Eyes" 7 p.m., Fireside Room

Thursday, Feb. 2

Management Council, 10-noon, Board Rm. A
Hoedown Comm., noon, CC 135
Movie, "Private Eyes" noon, Fireside Room
ASLBCC Council of Rep., 3:30-6 p.m., Willamette
Movie "Poltergeist", 7 p.m. Fireside Room

Friday, Feb. 3

Nursing Conference, 8-5, Board Rm A&B
Marketing Comm. Meet., 8:30-10 a.m., CC 135
Country Dance, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Commons
Women's basketball, 6 p.m. LB Gym
Mens' basketball, 8 p.m. LB Gym

Saturday, Feb. 4

Women's Basketball, 6 p.m., LB Gym
Men's Basketball, 8 p.m., LB Gym

Monday, Feb. 6

RSVP mailing, 8:30-3 p.m. Board Rm A&B
Movie, "48 Hours" noon, Fireside Room
Movie, "Whose Life is it Anyway?" 7 p.m., Fireside Room

Tuesday, Feb. 7

LDS Student Assoc., noon-1:30, Board Rm A
Movie, "Whose Life is it Anyway?" noon, Fireside Room
MESA meet., 3-5 p.m. Calapooia
Faculty Neg. Comm., 4-5 p.m., CC 135
Movie, "48 Hours" 7 p.m., Fireside Room
Monarail Concert, 8-1 a.m., F 104

Kaseburg leads women past Lane, but league lead proves short lived

By Lance Chart
Sports Editor

LBCC's women's basketball team showed Lane Community College who should be leading the league with an impressive, 69-44, win over the lady Titans Friday night, then turned around and lost Saturday to Chemeketa.

Lane came to LBCC with the idea that if they could shut down the Roadrunner's top scorers, Donna Gentler and Casey Cosler, they would have a chance. Not so. Cosler was held to only eleven points by a tough Lane defense that also managed to keep Gentler in check, allowing her only eight points. The rest of Lane's plan failed when LBCC's other players ran up the scoreboard.

Forward Paula Kaseberg put in nine buckets and went for 1 from the charity stripe to add 19 points to the Roadrunners winning effort. Guard Mary Duerr continued her hot streak, scoring 16 points.

Lane coach Sue Thompson said her team had done a "helluva" job in stopping Cosler, and that Lane had shown Roadrunner coach Greg Hawk that he has some other players.

Hawk's reaction was simple. "I knew that I had other players, I think that we showed her (Thompson) that, by using our 'other players,'" he said.

Despite all of their hard work Friday night, the Lady Roadrunners fell back into a tie with Lane by losing to Chemeketa Saturday night, 57-64.

"We were caught a little shorthanded," said Hawk. Duerr had to attend a wedding and could not join the game until the second half.

"We played flat-footed with not much intensity. We had no transition," and were unable to move the ball up and down the floor, commented Hawk.

Cosler had a good night, despite the rest of the team's problems, pouring in 33 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. No other LB players made it into double figures.

The loss broke the Roadrunners' seven game winning streak, putting them at 14 and 7 overall, and 7 and 1 in league play, still tied for first place in the league with Lane.

"We put Lane out, and then we let them right back in," said Hawk, summing it up.

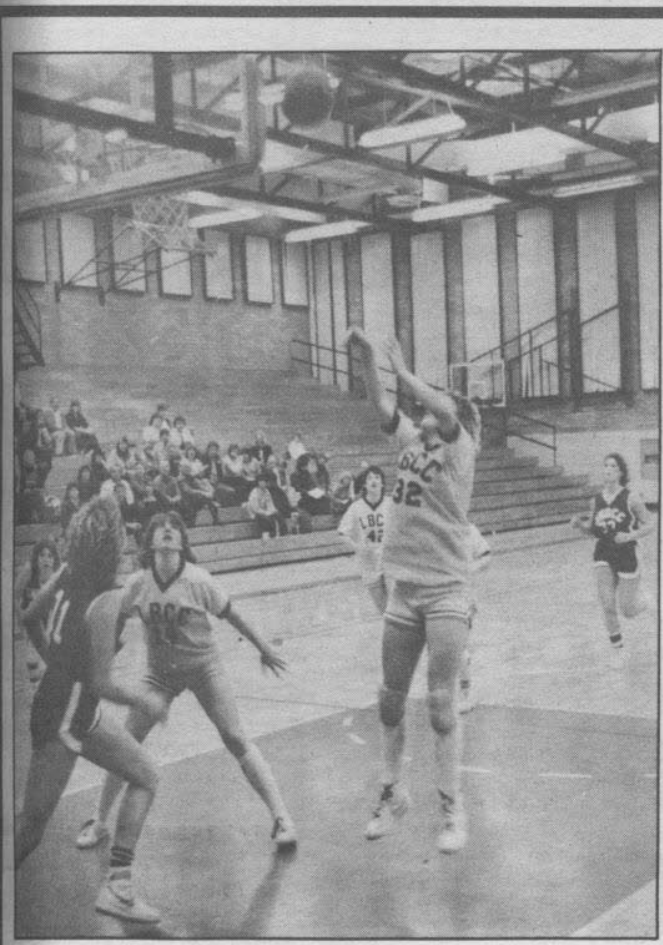


Photo by Lance Chart

Donna Gentler (32) puts a shot up, as Dorthea Edwards (14) and LeeSa King (42) watch during a non-league victory over the SWOCC squad.

Pool shark stalks LB

Ivor Bransford, possibly the oldest touring pool shooter at age 76, is bringing his bag of tricks to LBCC today.

Bransford started playing pool at age 12, and began making money playing the game at age 21. Since then, the billiards artist has accumulated over 350 trick shots.

Bransford, who is considered one of the top trick shot artists in the business, mostly tours the West Coast putting on 30-40 exhibitions a year.

He has played billiards with such greats as Minnesota Fats, "Fast" Eddie Rarrel and Jackie Gleason.

Bransford holds no world titles but he has won or placed in a number of tournaments. He was the West Coast Nine-Ball Champion in 1940, placed second in the Pacific Coast Billiard's Tournament in 1932, and held a high run of 195 balls in Pacific Coast Straight Pool in 1942.

Bransford, the 1980 American Eight-ball champ will put on two shows Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. in the student recreation room.



Photo by Lance Chart

LBCC's women's basketball fans were kept entertained during timeouts by these crazies. (from top, left to right) Brian Follett, Chris Kemp, Barry Hunt, Mike Kirchenwitz, Dave Garwood, Dennis Cook, Pete Stansbury, Scott Moser, Dave Bass, Pat Holliman with Dennis Barnes spotting. It was spectacular indeed, but other members of the baseball team have promised bigger and better things for this Fridays home game.

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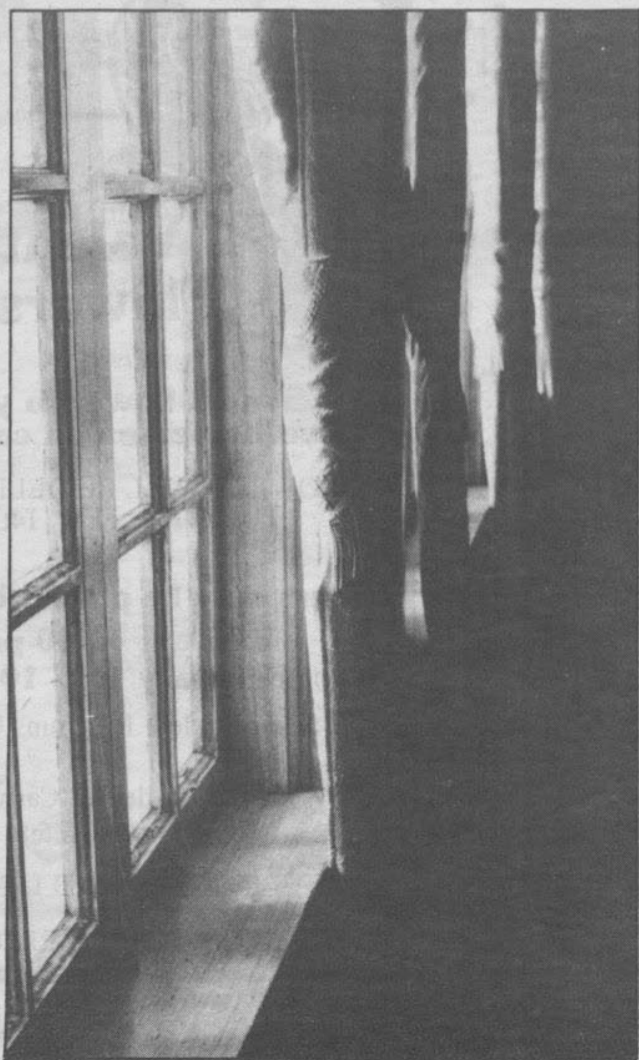
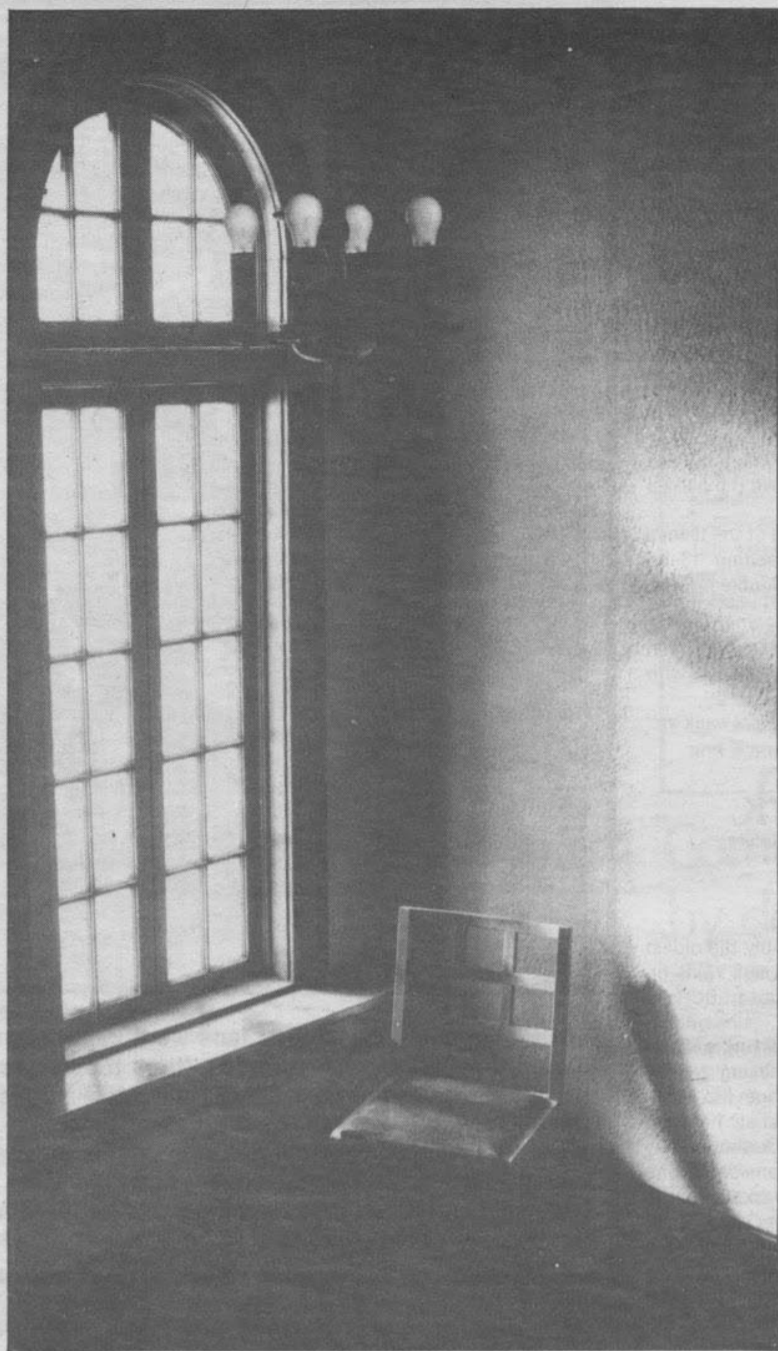
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The Whiteside Theatre



photographs and comments by Leslie York

I have always wanted a forum in which to express my appreciation of the Whiteside Theatre in Corvallis. Photography as afforded me an excellent venue to capture some interesting moods.

Old theaters have long been daydream palaces for me. The Whiteside was built in 1922 as a vaudeville theater. While there I imagined people of decades past living out real life dramas in the lobbies and waiting rooms.

I began shooting the outside of the theater at 10:30 in the morning. Luckily the janitor came by and let me in. Around 11:30 the sun came out brilliantly and I was fascinated by those upstairs rooms illuminated as light poured through the windows. The janitor told me many tales as I shot away rapidly. I ran out of film, bought some more at the corner drug store and shot until 1:30 when the sun mysteriously disappeared.

I chose these pictures because I feel that they have an abundance of texture and mystique. I was very lucky to have been able to express my feelings and catch some of the theater's personality and history on such a brief but sparkling sunny day.