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President's Council bans smoking in the Commons

Student survey shows support for smoke-free campus dining areas

By Arik Hesseldahl
Commuter Writer

Following a student survey of views on smoking, the President's Council decided last week to ban smoking in eating areas in the LB Commons.

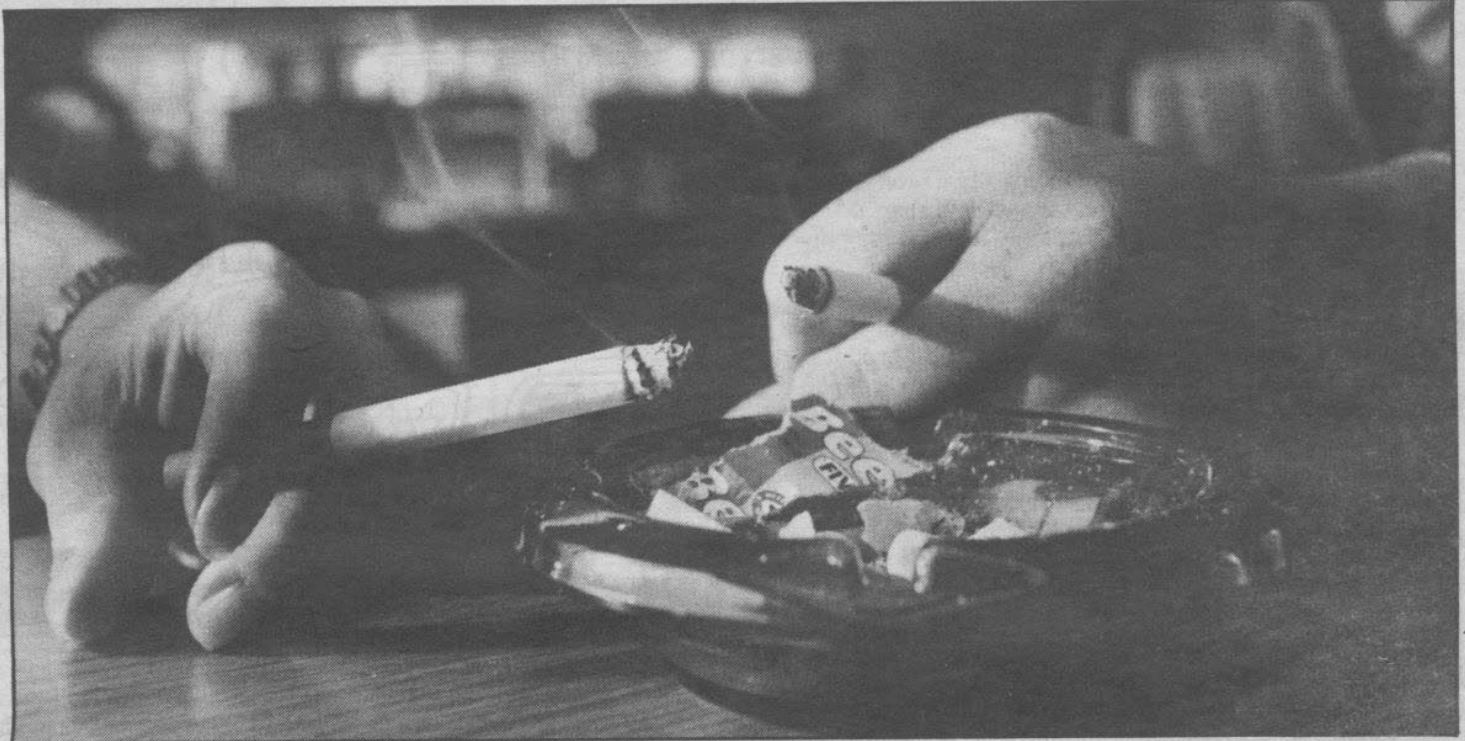
The ban, set to go into effect May 1, will prohibit smoking in the cafeteria area and other eating areas in the Commons, with the exception of the Recreation Room, according to Executive Assistant to the President Mary Spilde.

According to an ASLBCC memo, students surveyed favored 452-267 a ban on smoking in eating areas, but recommended 309-231 the provision of a heated outdoor area for smokers.

The current proposal being considered would provide tables and chairs in the Recreation Room, where smoking is still permitted, as well as picnic tables outside the Commons.

Spilde said the provision of a room designated for smoking is not possible because of space shortages for other needs.

"We tried to make a reasonable provision for smokers so they can exercise their right to smoke, but no decision will satisfy everyone," said Spilde.



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

The ashtrays will be missing from the tables in the Commons next week when a recently imposed ban on smoking goes into effect. College officials said picnic tables will be set up for smokers on the patio outside the Commons north exit. The ban was imposed by the President's Council

following a survey of students during spring term registration, which revealed a 2-1 majority favored the move. Although the ASLBCC student council recommended a separate smoking room be established, the council decided no rooms were available.

Spilde also cited health concerns as influences on the decision, such as affects of second-hand cigarette smoke on non-smokers, but emphasized that it was not designed to pass judgment on smoking as an individual choice.

Current policy allows smoking in the outer areas of the cafeteria, but following repeated complaints by students, of smoke in the area, the student council prepared a survey to gauge student opinions on the matter.

Options suggested by the survey included moving the smoking area to the northeast corner of the cafeteria, a ban on smoking in eating areas, and the provision of a heated outdoor smoking area.

Of the 744 students surveyed, 610 were non-smokers.

New plant services director named

Assistant director at Lane to replace Ray Jean on July 1

By Patti Baker
Commuter Writer

On July 1, David Wienecke will step into the position of Plant Services Director at LBCC, filling the shoes left vacant since April 1 by the retirement of Ray Jean, who had held the job since the college was built in 1971.

Currently the assistant director of plant services at Lane Community College, Wienecke has an MA from the University of Oregon. He has worked at LCC for nine years, including a portion of that time as the interim director of facilities.

Chosen by a nine-person selection committee, Wienecke cites the strong group problem-solving abilities of LBCC staff as one of the school's outstanding characteristics.

"People are refreshingly open and honest here. They have clear expectations for improvements over what is already a solid groundwork," says Wienecke. He said he was initially concerned about replacing Jean, who had "literally built the institution," but added that those thoughts have all but disappeared because of the positive reaction he has encountered at LBCC.

"Tom Gonzales has worked at cultivating an open atmosphere of communication and I'm sorry to see that he will be leaving," Wienecke said of the departing LBCC president.

While the college is approximately two-thirds the size of LCC, Wienecke hopes to use that difference to advantage by increasing communications so the custodial staff can more efficiently meet the needs of campus users. Another goal is to inventory and plan maintenance needs before crises develop, which will help eliminate user frustrations.

Wienecke's job requires a variety of skills, from grounds, motor pool and building maintenance to mail service and energy management.

"I'm more excited each day to begin," he said. "One of my immediate concerns will be correcting the heating and air conditioning problems."

"I hope," he continues, "to operate the physical plant and facilities to the high standards Ray had. They're big shoes to fill, but I'll try to do him proud."

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COMMENTARY

Exxon made scapegoat for gas price increases

Maybe now that we've been slapped where it hurts us the most—the wallet—we'll wake up and smell the exhaust.

I'm one of many Oregonians who hasn't seen a fuel gauge pointing to "F" in the weeks since the Alaskan oil spill, the various refinery fires and other supply problems that have driven up gas prices to 1986 levels. So I've come to realize we've been spoiled the last few years.

I recently bought \$5 worth of regular gasoline at a station in Corvallis that had only 4 weeks before charged 89 cents a gallon. My \$5 now buys much less at \$1.09 a gallon.

So what is it that caused this 20-cent price hike? We all know the oil companies are blaming the Exxon-Valdez spill. But it seems unlikely that a spill that amounted to only 1 percent of US daily needs is the only reason behind this highway robbery.

So apparently not all the blame can be pinned on the spill, or Exxon's chest. OPEC (The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) recently cut oil production by 3 million barrels (42 gallons) a day. This, coupled with a rising demand had driven prices up since November.

Increasing demand and sudden supply and transport problems seem to be key factors in this sudden burden to our credit cards. And so we take it out on gas station attendants, loudly complaining as if it were their fault. In reality, we're paying for our own recent decadence.

In the late 1970's Americans used 19 million barrels a day of oil and oil products.

As prices skyrocketed in the early 80's, we became fuel conscious, and made a national effort to conserve. We bought fuel-efficient cars, and oiled up our bicycles. We rode the bus more and battled with traffic less. When all was said and done, we cut our daily national oil needs to 15 million barrels. Since then we've slacked off. We're up to 17 million barrels daily, and climbing steadily.

In 1988, California, which ranks first in population also ranked first in annual oil consumption. Californians even outdid the Texans by gobbling up 12.4 billion gallons of oil products last year. Oregonians ranked 29th, using 1.2 billion gallons. This is no reason to stop conserving. We can do even better.

Take this as a personal challenge. Keep track of your personal oil product use for one month. This includes gasoline and motor oil. Do it again the following month with conservation in mind. Make a serious effort to decrease your use of oil products and compare the results at the end of the second month. You may be surprised at your savings.

You've just done your part to keep gasprices down.

By Arik Hesseldahl
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WRITER'S BLOCK

Mankind has always had one basic problem, where to dispose of its "waste" matter.

Our early primitives used a convenient bush or rock. The Orient uses a benjo (rhymes with banjo) and early in the morning you often pass the sweet smelling honey buckets on their way to be unloaded for fertilizer.

In a study of the Minoan Crete civilization, we find the use of flush toilets a thousand years before Christ. When I was enlightened about this fact by a professor of history at Central Missouri State College, I was living ten miles out of town and we were using an old fashioned outhouse.

The outhouse has played a very important part in history. At Rochester Castle, in the times of William the Conqueror, a Saxon archer crept up to an enviable position beneath the toilet tower and proceeded to hit a bullseye on an unwary Norman soldier. This event took place a few years after the building of the marble seat on a road south of Rome in 1044 A.D.

At Erfurt, Germany, Emperor Frederick I wanted to strengthen alliances and held a council of his lords in the Great Hall. A group of scheming noblemen were holding a conference in the corner of the room when the floor caved in, drowning thirteen in the cesspool.

Charles of Spain, the Holy Roman Emperor, was born in a toilet. Louis XIV, the "Grand Monarque," frequently held court while sitting on the royal commode, perhaps giving rise to the term "Privy Council." The life of King Henry IV was twice spared by persons who thwarted would-be assassins that wanted to knife the king on the "throne." Henry III, James I of Scotland and Edmund Ironsides were all murdered in their "biffies."

In fact, in the days of Dr. Samuel Johnson, the outhouse was constructed of heavy timbers and braced with cast iron angles, and was called Ironsides. It may also have been a reference to their patron saint, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England.

Thomas Carlyle, in "Fraser's Magazine," 1866, described his first flush toilet experience as being on one elaborately decorated: "The stars and the sky,

and all the zodiac of heaven shone up at me from the bowl on which I sat. And when I pulled the handle I watched with awe as the whole surged to the brink of the Milky Way and was gone."

An Englishman, John Crapper, invented one of the first modern flush toilets, and from him we get the name "crapper" for a modern flush toilet.

Political sentiments have often been expressed by means of the porcelain bowl. In the American Revolution, Benjamin P. Ainsworth of Philadelphia sold thousands of bedroom pots, the bottom of which had the glazed countenance of King George III. The Frenchman, Therat, in 1871, after Bismark had crushed France and seized Alsace-Lorraine, made a fortune peddling the same kind of sanitary pot with the likeness of Bismark smiling inside.

Next time you are sitting in six below weather on an inch of snow or ice in a rickety outhouse, with the chilling wind blowing through the inch wide cracks, just remember, my friend, you are sitting on a little bit of history.

By Sherman Lee Pompey



Burglars preying on lockers in Activities Center

By Dan Abernathy
Editorial Assistant

Eight locker break-ins have occurred in the Activities Center over the past few weeks. With the exception of one, all occurred in the men's locker rooms.

According to Earl Liverman, supervisor of the security department, several of the lockers were "forcibly entered," while some had been left open. Articles of clothing, cash, wallets, credit cards, checkbooks, and "various pieces of identification" were taken from the lockers.

A VTR (video tape recorder), valued at \$500, was

stolen from a classroom in the Activities Center the weekend of April 15-16. "It was forcibly removed from the stand it was stored on," stated Liverman.

The Security Office reported the burglaries to the police. "They came out and conducted an investigation," said Liverman, continuing that none of the stolen items have been recovered.

"We are also in a position to offer a reward for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of any of these people," said Liverman. "The amount hasn't been established as of yet," explaining it is a new concept and the amount is to be worked out at a later date.

Anybody with information about the incidents can contact Earl Liverman at the Security Office in CC-123 or at ext. 552. "That information would most certainly be kept in confidence." Liverman also recommended that if you use the facilities of the Activities Center, lock your valuables elsewhere. In the trunk of your car or leave them with a friend. "Any secure place other than a wall locker in the Activities Center!"

Although the recent string of car burglaries have stopped with the start of the locker break-ins, Liverman said, "I can't draw a parallel between the two."

Cousteau Society speaker warns of oceans' demise

By Peter Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

David Brown, spokesperson for the Cousteau Society, said in a speech at OSU April 19 that the world's oceans are being seriously threatened on a global scale by three major factors: large-scale dumping of wastes, the conversion of complex ecosystems to altered environments, and over-fishing.

Brown said this is the result of humankind's misconceptions about the oceans' capacity for replenishment. "We need to get rid of the notion that the ocean simply separates countries," he said. "We use it as a fundamental food source, a sewer, and as a dump. It can only assimilate certain types of waste. A major threat is seeing the poisons we dispose of coming back in the foods we eat."

In his speech "Threats to the Ocean," Brown said the most dangerous misconception we have is that the ocean can be parcelled off into discrete sections for specific purposes, such as containing industrial poisons, while maintaining other essential ecological world functions.

The most nutrient-rich regions of the oceans are those offshore, which are directly affected by land runoff, he said. This constant flow of organic material is carried by streams and rivers, and supports a complex network of marine organisms in established communities. Plankton and algae further mix these essential nutrients along with the currents.

A major portion of the world's population now lies clustered along offshore land masses, and is accompanied by a marked decline in the vitality of those water areas.

"Too often we wait and debate while irreversible damage is being done," Brown said, referring to the lack of national and international guidelines governing hazardous waste, sewage treatment, dumping, dangerous-cargo transport, and sustained-harvest fishing. He pointed to the recent oil spill in Prince Rupert Sound as an incidence in which currents and small organisms move poisons beyond immediate areas to contaminate far-lying regions.

He said the Exxon spill also illustrates the danger of expecting failsafe systems to be foolproof, since they cannot guard against human error.

Brown said that the principle of biomagnification, in which biological toxins

become concentrated among discrete populations, is not well understood, and this is taken as a license for companies to dump industrial pollutants with impunity. He said that in Japan, widespread mercury contamination was not curtailed until the hazard was manifested in serious health problems.

He said that poisonous toxins are stored in the fat cells of marine animals and humans alike. They are also often reconstituted naturally from trace amount of hazardous waste chemicals in food and water to create dangerous, life-threatening compounds which remain in the body indefinitely.

Brown said over the last several years, the Mediterranean has become dangerously polluted. He said it doesn't make sense to wait until there is irrevocable proof of serious environmental damage before changing current practices.

"Ten billion tons of waste is dumped into the Mediterranean every year. It must have an adverse effect!"

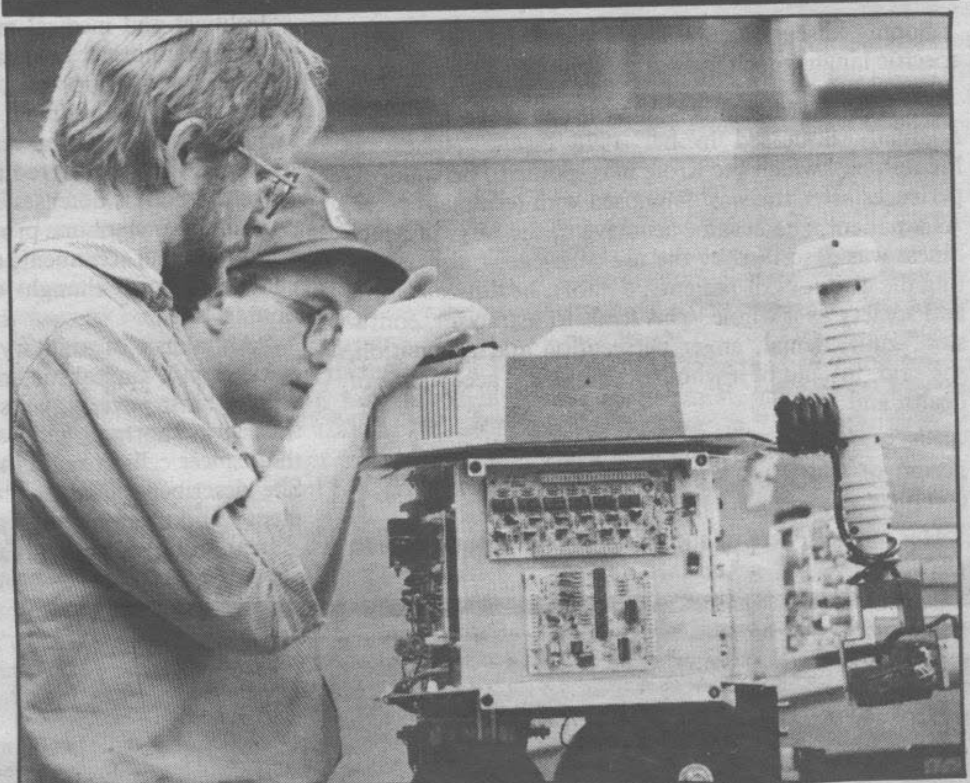
He also cited Santa Monica Bay as a classic example of an abused ecosystem, where primary-treated sewage is dumped right offshore. No fish can be found that are free of heavy metal contamination.

Brown also elaborated on the damage being done to fish populations by over-fishing and the ruthless exploitation of aggressive harvest techniques. He recounted how, as a member on a society research ship, he followed one net for seven miles to a Korean vessel.

"Instead of trying to understand how to apply technology to better manage the resources of the oceans, we're using technology to vacuum-clean it all," he said. "The increasing use of gill nets are turning into a huge problem, responsible for crash after crash of population species. As the size of the catch is declining, smaller nets are used to catch smaller fish. Even as we're over-exploiting, we're destroying resources and damaging the environment."

Brown concluded the speech by saying that the 300,000 members of the Cousteau Society believe an active, motivated public concern can have a profound effect on creating the social attitudes to effect a positive change.

"The ocean is part of the biosphere—no one can own it. No one has the right to make it polluted," he said. "All life has a role to play in the living sea."



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Wiring the Robot

Electronics students Kevin Hackstedt (left) and Chris Foster practice programming one of the department's Heath-Kit Hero I robots for Friday's High Tech Fair. Hundreds of high school students and other visitors are expected for the annual event, which is sponsored by the Science/Technology Division.

New LBCC history instructor gets Fulbright grant to study in Egypt

By Rose Kenneke
For the Commuter

Jay Mullen, Linn-Benton Community College history instructor, recently received a Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad award to study in Egypt this summer.

Mullen was one of seven community college instructors nationwide to receive an award. This year, a total of 152 awardees were selected from 595 applicants from high schools and four-year colleges as well as community colleges.

Mullen, who spent five years in Africa—two of them teaching at a university in Uganda, will participate in a seminar titled "Egypt: Transition to Modern Times" administered by The American University in Cairo.

"The seminar is designed to enhance the instructional capabilities of people teaching courses on Africa and the Mideast," said Mullen, who this winter will be teaching a class on that subject at LBCC.

In operation since 1961, the seminar

abroad program "encourages community college applicants, because they don't have the same facilities and funding for research as large universities. This was designed to remedy that," Mullen said.

While in Africa, Mullen became fluent in Swahili and learned to speak a "colloquial" form of Arabic, one of the languages spoken in Egypt.

Mullen said that although he is "delighted at the prospect" of continuing his study of the language, he is more interested in the "increased awareness of the Islamic culture" he will pass on to his students when he returns.

After the seminar concludes on July 31, Mullen will "take the occasion to ramble through other parts of the Mideast," before returning to the United States and his teaching duties at LBCC in the fall.

Mullen, of Eugene, came to LBCC in September 1988. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Kentucky.

Sontag warns that medical metaphors injure the ill

By Peter Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

"The body is imbedded in a highly metaphoric discourse which influences personal attitudes and concepts about society, self-awareness, sexuality, health, personal relationships and political ideas," said Susan Sontag at the OSU LaSells Stewart Center April 20.

The noted novelist, critical essayist, intellectual scholar and lecturer was sponsored by the OSU Convocations and Lecture Series, "The Way We Live Now." She spoke on the subject of her latest book, "AIDS As Metaphor" before an audience of 350.

Sontag discussed the implications of ambiguously specific language in terms of its ability to limit thinking.

"AIDS as Metaphor" developed from ideas she originally discussed in her 1978 essay, "Illness as Metaphor," which she wrote in response to personal experiences after she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. As a patient, she became sensitive to the ways in which illness was described by the use of allegory, thus affecting the attitudes of patients, doctors, health-care staff, and society as a whole. This leads to ostracism, confusion, guilt, denial, anger persecution and resignation, she said, instead of a wholistic, emphatic acceptance of health and life.

She said she wrote "Illness as Metaphor" over a short period of time, not knowing if she would be able to complete it.

Her motives were to encourage people with disease to

seek medical help, readjust their thinking about themselves and their illness, and to increase their self-determinism.

She said that Aristotle first defined the concept of metaphor as giving a name to something that belongs to something else.

"We can't think or write without using metaphors," she said. "To what extent they are false, they cannot be ignored."

Sontag said that to give something a name is not description. It is not definitive or conditional. There is always a fictional element in metaphorical thinking which is often critical and inaccurate.

Political and medical metaphors are applied to two main metaphorical concepts of the body: a kingdom, absolute and inviolable, ruled by an authoritarian monarchy; and a building, an architectural whole whose symbology suggests the body is a "fortress." She said disease is always referred to as a corruption, which attacks the body's defenses, like a building under siege.

Military metaphors provide descriptions of disease pathology and treatment, and throughout history have channeled much thought and treatment, according to Sontag.

"An abuse of military metaphors is perhaps inevitable in a capitalistic society," she said. "We have wars against poverty, wars against drugs, wars against the energy shortage, and wars against disease." She said that cancer cells are said to "invade," and "colonize." She described radiation therapy as "aerial bombardment" and chemotherapy as "chemical warfare."

In addition, diseases are regularly demonized, she ad-

ded, with an insidious association of patients as victims. "Patients are subtly blamed for being sick. Victims suggest innocence, and innocence suggests guilt."

She said cancer is regularly used as a metaphor for evil, as when John Dean said "Watergate is a cancer on the presidency," and now with the nation's drug problem, which is seen as "a cancer on society." She said that this metaphorical tendency has deep roots in our society.

"The point here is to emphasize that the name given to a disease establishes its reputation, everything from punishment to scandalous attitudes," she explained. "This can lead to irrational fear and dread."

Since 1981, she has been told by numerous AIDS patients and those who care for them that her book, "Illness As Metaphor," is prophetic, in that it chronicles much of the same stereotypical attitudes and reactions once provoked by cancer now extended to AIDS. This has provided new argument for the idea of disease as metaphor. "Society seems to need to have one disease that is evil, to be avoided," Sontag said.

She said the mythology of AIDS is such that most clinicians believe it is what cancer was once thought to be. It has caused us to redefine our medical definition of disease as not being a finite entity.

"The language describing AIDS is very metaphoric—like a phenomenon of imminent collapse." She said it contains elements of military and science fiction, and is seen as a form of pollution.

"In some ways, it's seen as the opposite of cancer—which is viewed as a denial of sex," she said. "AIDS seems to represent an excess indulgence of sex."



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It Was a Dark And Stormy Night

Lightening crackles over a home on 13th Street in Albany during Monday night's thunderstorm. The skies let loose with hail and heavy rains, temporarily flooding several intersections about 9 p.m. Lightening struck some trees and buildings in the valley and caused alarms to sound, including the one here at LBCC.

arts & entertainment

Russian trio delights audience with virtuosity and sensitivity

By Peter Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

The Chamber Concert at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center by the Borodin Trio brilliantly concluded the Corvallis-OSU Friends of Chamber Music series for the 1988-89 season.

Organized in 1976 following their emigration from Russia, the group consists of Rostislav Dubinsky on violin, Yuli Turovsky on cello, and Luba Edlina on piano.

The April 18 concert audience of 275 were treated to a delightful performance which combined the repertorial talents of the musicians with a high degree of feeling and sensitivity.

They played together like old friends, comfortably aware of and subtly anticipating each other. The selections provided a nice blend of contrast and complement which demonstrated much of the range and expression of the three composers, as well as giving the musicians an opportunity for minor virtuosos.

Edlina's playing was absolutely delightful, exhibiting a graceful, almost effortless fluidity that never overpowered the stringed instruments. Her bearing at the piano was that of a proud and proper matron, outwardly reserved and aloof, but actually tender and compassionate.

Dubinsky sat draped on the edge of his seat, his apparent casual posture belying the rapturous concentration he gave to the playing of his violin. He sought and captured the majestic moods of delight, love, pathos, happiness, mystery, anguish, sorrow, hope and romance with an intensity and honesty that suggested a wonderful, almost tragic, wisdom.

Turovsky, in contrast, sat with a dignified and stately propriety, acquiescing to the particular demands of posture and form which the cello makes on those who play it.

His bow and fingers drew from the regal instrument a profound statement of delicate intent, piecing together a common thread of feeling which provided the woof and weave of a textural landscape for the ears and heart.

Playing together, they comprised a delicious harmony of soaring beauty, touching at points and drifting apart, like myriad constellations separately gleaming, but forming a consistent whole.

Their poise and rapport lent their performance a power and captivating splendour, they brought moments of abstract expression to vivid, potent life.

The next concert presented by the Friends of Chamber Music will be the Tokyo String Quartet on Sept. 30, 1989.

Bird feeders of Takena Hall keep feathered friends full

By Diane Young
Commuter Writer

There were no bird feeders on the Takena Hall windows five years ago. Students walking to class didn't see the flocks of Starlings nonchalantly gathering on the roof. Nor did they glimpse the occasional shot of red as the male house finch zoomed by. All they saw was their own reflection from the mirror like windows.

Thanks to Rosemary Bennett, LBCC counselor, many species of birds flutter and flap their way to the feeders each day. The word is getting around, for the menu of millet, cracked corn and sunflower seeds disappears quite rapidly.

"It's my favorite place for breakfast and an afternoon snack," quipped Ms. Black-Capped Chickadee. "During my yearly migration, I find it pleasant to stop at LBCC for a wholesome and accessible snack."

A U.S. Fish and Wildlife study showed that white proso millet and black oil-type sunflower seeds attract most seed eating birds. However, sunflower seeds appear to be the preferred food at LBCC. The ground is littered with fallen non-eaten seeds, yet only empty sunflower hulls lie under the six feeders.

This variety of sunflower seed is high in oil and nutritive content. It provides a big source of energy with the least expenditure of effort. This is a primary concern of birds.

Bennett puts out 20 pounds of food per week, yet she describes herself as an "animal feeder not a bird watcher."

"I've created a monster," she said. "During the February snow storm I drove out here to feed the birds. I put 20 pounds by Takena's main door, for there they had a little protection from the snow."

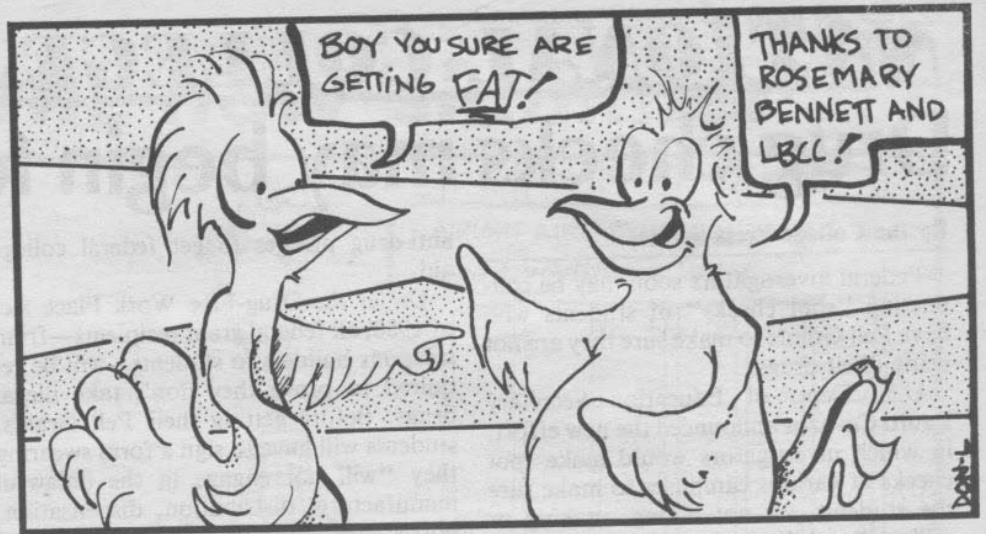
Over the years Bennett has identified numerous species not realizing the subtle process of becoming a bird watcher.

Her favorite bird is the red-winged blackbird. "Its wings are startlingly beautiful," said Bennett. "They always come in a big flurry, it's like they're trying to get my attention."

Another favorite of Bennett's is the acorn woodpecker. It isn't necessary for her to see the red head, speckled belly and yellow breast for identification. "I always know it's him, because of the loud pecking sounds he makes at the feeder," explained Bennett. "I always feel visited when he comes."

The woodpecker, Bennett thinks, lives in the oak grove east of campus. According to "Bird Behavior" by Robert Burton a woodpecker starts to hoard food when it's in abundance. They drill numerous holes in tree bark and store acorns and seeds for later feasts. They also feed on insects and tree sap.

Bennett has grown used to the delicate acoustics of birds. "If the feeder wasn't here," she said, "I would really miss the sounds of the tweetering, warbling and



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singing."

Jane French, administrative assistant to Bob Talbot has noticed the "distinctive walk and manner" of starlings as they flock to the feeder outside her window. "They're very rude and aggressive—even more than the blue jays," explained French. "They scare the other birds away and eat and scatter the food." But it works out pretty well, added French, for Oregon Juncos, who are ground feeders, come and clean up after them.

Another bird watcher is Jan Krabbe, instructor of vocational training. Krabbe has been observing birds at her home in rural Benton County and LBCC for about 10 years.

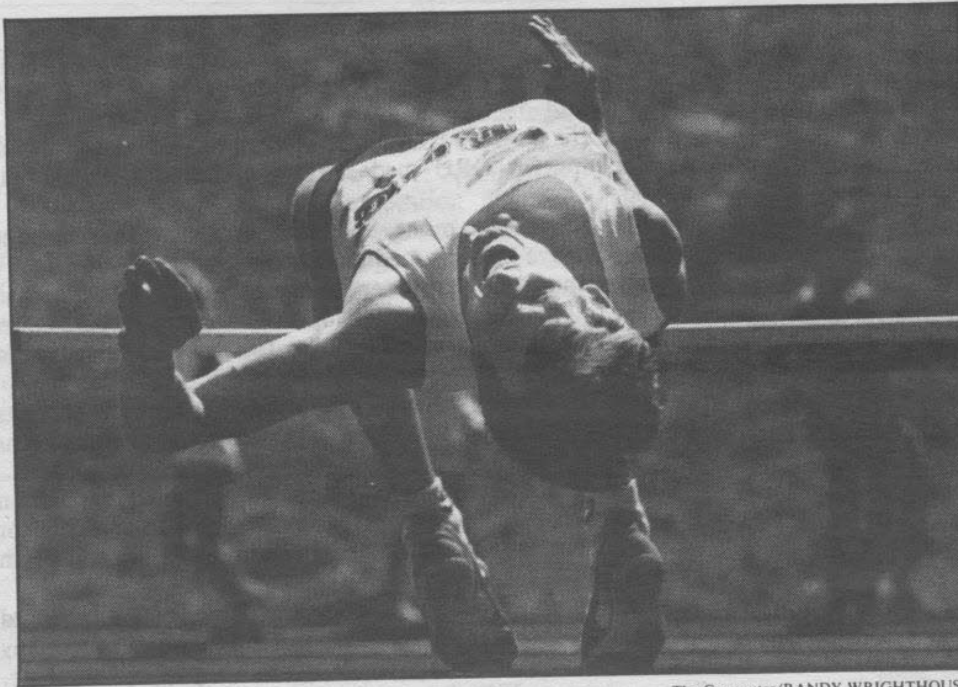
The sentinels of the LBCC feeders, according to Krabbe, are the sharp-shinned and Copper's hawk. They watch the feeders hoping to snatch an unsuspecting bird, pointed out Krabbe. When they do they quickly carry it away to eat.

Krabbe observed house sparrows and finches roosting in the atrium outside the bookstore this winter. "If you were on campus real early you would hear and see them in the tops of the trees," explained Krabbe. They liked it there for it provided them with protection from the rain and cold.

Now the house sparrows are nesting in the letter A at Takena Hall. "A's are really nice letters for the birds," pointed out Krabbe. They use the bar in the A for the base of their nest. "The birds like A's a lot for that reason," she elaborated.

The current bird population is surely to rise, for species usually return to a familiar place and introduce their young to the area.

"Poor Rosemary Bennett," chattered Ms. Chickadee. "The monster has only begun. . .she doesn't know that I've told my friends in New York, Detroit, Minneapolis. . ."



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Roadrunner Eric Moen goes over the high-bar in this photo taken last year by Commuter Photo Editor Randy Wriighthouse. It first appeared last spring in a photo essay that recently won a second place award.



The Commuter/DAVID GRUBBS

This photograph of an LBCC farrier student was one of several pictures included in a photo essay that appeared in last year's Commuter. The essay earned third place in a recent contest for photographer David Grubbs.

Commuter photographers win awards with photo essays

Commuter photographers Randy Wriighthouse and David Grubbs captured all three places in the "Photo Essay" competition sponsored by the Northwest Region of Women in Communication this month.

Wriighthouse, who is serving as photo editor of The Commuter this year, won first place for a two-page photo spread covering the annual Veterans Day Parade in downtown Albany last November. The photographs appeared in the Nov. 16 issue of The Commuter.

The second-place award was shared by Wriighthouse

and Grubbs, who collaborated on a photo essay of a track meet held at LBCC in the spring term of 1988.

Grubbs, who served as Commuter photo editor in 1987-88, was awarded third place honors for his photo essay on LBCC's Farrier School. Those pictures appeared in The Commuter last spring term.

Wriighthouse, an Albany resident and father of two, is a journalism major who also works for the circulation department of the Salem Statesman-Journal. Besides The Commuter, his photographs have appeared in the

Albany Democrat-Herald and the Corvallis Gazette-Times. Grubbs lives in Corvallis, where he now attends classes at OSU and works as a part-time advertising photographer and pasteup artist for the Gazette-Times.

Women in Communication, Inc. (WICI) is an organization of professionals in a variety of communications fields, such as business publications, public relations and the news media. Its photography and writing contests are open to students in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

NATIONAL COLLEGE NEWS

Drug checks may begin for Pell Grant recipients

By the College Press Service

Federal investigators soon may be conducting "spot checks" of students who have Pell Grants to make sure they are not using illicit drugs.

U.S. Dept. of Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos announced the new effort, in which investigators would make spot checks at various campuses to make sure the students are not taking, making or selling illegal drugs, in mid-April.

He also said he would rely on anonymous tips to determine whom to investigate.

"That's some scary stuff," observed Scott Afleck, executive director of the Philadelphia-based American Association of University Students, a coalition of private campus student leaders.

Education Dept. officials immediately began backing off Cavazos' statement, refusing to elaborate on what a "spot check" might involve—a urinalysis? a broad questioning of an accused student's friends?—or how the department might field anonymous tips.

"We are still working out the details of enforcement, including spot audits and spot checks," said department spokesman Jim Bradshaw, cautioning that nothing is final. "We are discussing the options."

Starting for their fall, 1989, term, students already will be required to sign

anti-drug pledges to get federal college aid.

Under the Drug-Free Work Place Act of 1988, all federal grant recipients—from weapons builders to students—will be required to prove they don't take illegal drugs. Before getting their Pell Grants, students will have to sign a form swearing they "will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance. . ."

Cavazos' new spot checks, the secretary said at the Conference on Drug Free Schools and Communities held in Baltimore, are to help the department enforce the Drug-Free Work Place law, and make sure students are telling the truth when they sign the anti-drug form.

The secretary added he expects members of the public to tell the Education Dept., which administers most federal college programs, about their suspicions of their classmates.

"When there's someone who thinks they have information on grants being improperly used, we welcome hearing from the public on that," Bradshaw confirmed.

Bradshaw also left open the possibility that the department would yank a Pell Grant from a student who it had found to be using drugs, but who had not yet been convicted of anything in a court of law.

"That sounds like it would deprive them of their due process rights," said



American Civil Liberties Union attorney Nina Pollard.

Aside from the individual privacy issues involved, campus aid officials saw Cavazos' proposal as still another string attached to student aid.

"It's totally unrelated to financial aid," said Karen Fooks, financial aid

director at the University of Florida.

Financial aid offices are already unfairly burdened with making sure students are U.S. citizens and, if eligible, are registered for the draft. Making sure Pell Grant recipients aren't using illegal drugs mean more paper work. "It's a whole new document for us to track," she complained.

U.S. throws away 1.3 million potential barrels of oil a day

Oregonians can help preserve fossil fuel, oil reserves and the fragile ecosystem whenever they change the oil in their cars, according to David Rozell, Waste Reduction Section Manager, the Department of Environmental Quality.

"Recycling could save 1.3 million barrels of oil every day in this country," he says. "One gallon of recycled motor oil can make two and one-half quarts of lubrication oil."

Currently, Oregonians recycle six million gallons of motor oil out of a potential 11-15 million gallons available each year. Oil which is not recycled often is thrown in the garbage, poured on the ground or into storm sewers and poses environmental problems to groundwater, lakes, and streams. One pint of oil, improperly disposed of, can produce a slick approximately one acre in diameter on surface water.

Over 100 communities across the state provide curbside pickup of used motor oil, as well as other materials including newspaper, glass, tin, aluminum, and cardboard. Materials also may be taken to a local recycling center.

Students respond to another plea from Oral Roberts

By College Press Service

Oral Roberts University student took money from their own pockets—again—to help the evangelist and founder of their school.

ORU students attending a chapel service at the Tulsa, Oklahoma, campus on March 29 rushed to the stage to leave \$8,500 in checks, change and bills at the feet of preacher Oral Roberts after he told them the school and ministry would be dismantled by creditors unless he raised \$11 million by May 6.

Declining contributions to the ministry led to what Richard Roberts, Oral's son and executive vice president of the university, termed the greatest financial crisis in the 41-year-old ministry.

Oral Roberts vowed to keep the school going "until Jesus comes."

No one at the university would comment on the situation. A secretary in ORU's public relations office said officials there "were not answering or returning calls."

ORU's fundraising efforts have gone awry in the past.

In March, 1987, Roberts said on his tv show that God would

end his life unless he raised \$8 million—to be used for full scholarships for ORU med students—within a certain time period.

Roberts raised the money, but attached strings to it when he ultimately gave it to his med students.

At an emotional chapel service, he told the students he had decided to consider the scholarships as loans to be repaid either at 18 percent interest or by working for Roberts' ministry for free for four years after graduation.

When the med students grumbled in protest, Roberts reportedly told them to "Keep your cotton-picking mouths shut!"

This time, Roberts made no scholarship promises, though on his television show before his personal appeal to students for money he did call ORU's financial condition "a life and death matter."

A secretary in the school's student activities office explained the money the students gave "was just a donation like (to) any church. They (students) weren't asked to give up anything. Those who were led to (donate) made the donation of their own free will."

Feds soften stand on student loan defaults

By the College Press Service

The U.S. Department of Education, which oversees most federal college programs, apparently is relaxing its campaign to keep students at campuses with high default rates from getting Stafford Loans.

On April 11, Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos said he was dropping efforts to cut off loans automatically to students at colleges where the default rate is higher than 25 percent.

Congress, however, still is weighing a bill mandating automatic cutoffs.

College lobbyists in Washington, D.C., were encouraged.

"We're very happy to hear that Secretary Cavazos will not sign on with (the prior) punitive approach" to solving the default crisis, which could cost the government as much as \$2 billion this year, said Janet Lieberman of the U.S. Student Association, which represents campus student presidents from across the nation.

"We will not have an automatic cutoff" of loans, Cavazos, formerly

president at Texas Tech University, said at a press conference in Washington, D.C.

Cavazos said he "will go after those schools that have very, very high loan defaults, and try to work with them, find out what the problem is. If they don't resolve their issues after a period of time, then we will get into the issue of cutoff."

Trade schools, community colleges and historically black colleges tend to have the highest default rates.

Volunteers do time in the new 'slammer'

By Carolyn Puntney
Commuter Writer

Editor's note: The new Linn County Jail opened early for volunteer inmates the nights of April 21 and 22. The training exercise gave corrections officers experience with routines and systems in the new facility. The volunteers, which included Commuter writer Carolyn Puntney, got a look and a feel for "life on the inside."

Slam! My cell block's main door opened downstairs. It's the sound it makes when it's automatically unlocked from "control tower" in the middle of the jail. A moment later it opened noisily and the now-familiar footfalls entered. It was the same female corrections officer who came in earlier. She crossed the cement floor and started up the metal stairway.

In another moment she would be looking in at me through the narrow vertical slit in my cell door. I kept my eyes closed. When she was back on the stairs, I looked at my watch. It was just about 2 a.m.

They hadn't told us about the hourly rounds. I wondered if they would keep them up the rest of the night.

The door downstairs slammed again. Somewhere another door slammed—open or shut, I couldn't tell. Slams and crashes

resounded throughout the place.

It wasn't for real. I wasn't really a criminal. I was only taking part in the second night of Sheriff Art Martinak's "Public Night in Jail." I was finding out why they call it "the slammer."

It's more than the sound of the door to the outside world slamming on you. It's the doors inside that slam and keep on slamming until your body reverberates with the message: "You are in jail. You are a prisoner here."

Other things slam you silently. Like the light being left on in your cell all night. Or like not being able to have a cup of coffee at lights out but being able to look across the way at guards drinking something from cups. It's things like the phony room search.

Not long before lights out I had been lying on my bed reading the sheriff's welcoming "Dear Inmate" letter. It read: "I would like to stress that this is a training opportunity for the staff, and your patience will be appreciated as we carry out our activities," when, as if on cue, a female officer entered my cell and said, "I'd like to ask you to stand over there. . ."

She searched the area. She lifted my blankets and the sheets. She took the case



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off the pillow. She lifted and looked under the mattress. When she was done, my bed was unmade, the blankets a jumble. She left. Slam!

In the morning my fellow cell block residents and I waited and listened for the slam of doors that would signal the approach of breakfast. After breakfast we listened again, this time for the slams that

would mean our clothes were on the way. When we get them we could be released.

We waited and finally were escorted through processing. Back in our own clothes, returned to ourselves, we were free again. We got into our cars and slammed the doors, locking the memory forever in my mind, and drove away.

Printing students expect big things from donated press

By Pete Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

The Printing Technology Department has recently added a large-format, single-color offset-lithography printing press to its stable of equipment.

The Harris LTW, a 4000 lb. press, was donated by the Gandee Co. of Medford, and is capable of reproducing high-quality graphics up to 23x30 inches.

Jim Tolbert, graphics communication instructor and head of the printing dept., said that one of the things both he and Graphics Design Instructor John Aikman were looking for was a way of showing their students how their work will look when printed to poster size. He is quite pleased with the department's receipt of the press, which is capable of precision printing.

Tolbert said the press was 32 years old and in good

condition. It was originally owned by Trade Litho in Portland.

He said the school didn't have the funds to move it up from Medford and install it, so the Printing Dept. paid \$420 for the move, and the Graphics Club absorbed the cost of \$800 to remove the door and window of the printshop so the large press could be maneuvered into place.

The Graphics Club also contributed \$130 for the use of an additional forklift which, together with the unit from the school's Maintenance Dept., succeeded in getting the press to the door of the shop.

Tolbert said the department is still waiting for a press erector to level the unit, check it out, and go over the operating procedures with him, as he hasn't operated such a large press since his days in the Army at Fort Benning, Ga., 35 years ago.

Cost for the set-up will be about \$1000. Since LB does not have the equipment necessary to mark the larger plates which the Harris press requires, Tolbert said he expects to seek the use of local printshop platemakers.

He is quick to make a distinction between the Harris press and the equipment the program has been using, disdaining to even grace them with the term "presses," insisting that they are really just "two-ink form roller duplicators."

His enthusiasm for the LB graphics communication program is quite natural, since it has grown to be extremely well-regarded by the industry.

"Without a doubt, it's one of the best programs west of Denver," Tolbert said, lacking even a hint of false modesty. "It might even be the best program west of the Mississippi, too."

Vonnegut throws out a few ideas in search of the truth

By Tim Van Slyke
Commuter Writer

Kurt Vonnegut, noted science-fiction author and speaker from Indiana—"The state that produced Dan Quayle, Charles Manson and Cole Porter"—spoke last week at the Smith Auditorium on the Willamette University campus in Salem.

He speaks like he writes.

He enables his listeners and readers to embrace concepts and issues that are impossibly depressing or infuriating with a sense of humor.

During the course of the lecture Vonnegut led the audience through a field of current issues which could have easily sent the audience into a deep depression.

Vonnegut spoke about conservatives:

"You want to go on buying weapons that don't work with our grandchildren's money."

He spoke about the government: "I'm for Ollie North and against the conservatives who took that low-ranking soldier and gave him orders from the very top of the government and then left him turning slowly, slowly in the wind. . . what dishonorable behavior."

He discussed Abbie Hoffman: "All he had was a sense of justice and a sense of humor, and he took on the military-industrial complex with nothing but whimsy and courage and decency."

"The least you can do is join the Civil Liberties Union," he said. "Right now it's almost 250,000 people in this country who make sure to force our government to adhere to the bill of rights. . . to obey the law of the land. . . it's very inconve-

nient for a government to have to obey the law."

And he talked about Civil Liberty: "Only in my lifetime has there been serious talk of giving women and racial minorities anything like economic, legal and social equality. Let liberty be born at last. . . not in Jefferson's time but in the time of the youngest people in this room tonight."

And he suggested what a list of surrender terms from nature might be: 1. Reduce and stabilize your population; 2. Stop poisoning the air and the water and the top soil; 3. Stop preparing for war and start dealing with your real problems; 4. Teach your kids, "and yourselves too while you're at it," how to inhabit a small plant without having to kill it; 5. Stop thinking science can fix anything if you give it a trillion dollars; 6. Stop thinking

your grandchildren will be OK no matter how wasteful or destructive you may be.

He gave an epitaph for the world which he thought should be left behind: "We could have saved ourselves but we were too damn lazy and we could add this, we were too damn cheap."

The speech seemed to wander in an erratic manner, yet on closer inspection there was a sense of careful planning—a sense that beneath the light-hearted commentary were well thought out words intended to impress the audience with the seriousness of the situation of the country and of the world.

A few people may have been offended—a few even left—but the rest stayed and responded with laughter and loud applause.

"We are so grateful when someone tells us the truth about life," he said. "We hear it so seldom."

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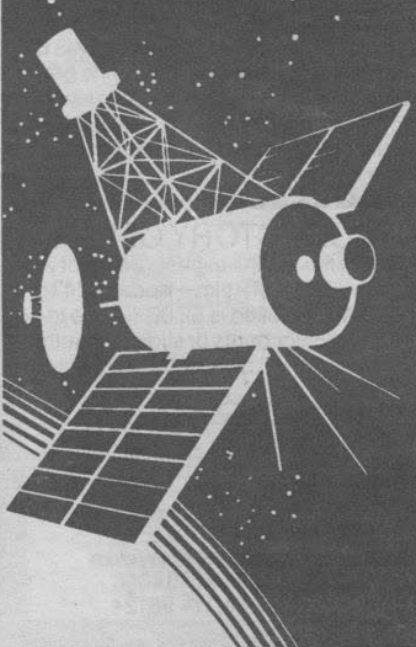
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The Future of Diabetes: How Sweet It Is

A free community workshop, The Future of Diabetes: How Sweet It Is, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

The workshop features short, educational sessions led by educators, physicians and others specializing

in diabetes treatment. A day-long Products Fair containing exhibits from major manufacturers of diabetic equipment also is planned. The Fair will be held in the Commons on the second floor of the College Center Building.

Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the Commons. A movie, "Diabetes: The Journey and the Dream," will be shown from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Room 104 of the Forum Building.

For transportation to the workshop, call two weeks in advance to the Corvallis Volunteer Interfaith Care Givers, 757-0980, or the Albany

Volunteer Care Givers, 928-2173.

The workshop is sponsored by the Linn-Benton Diabetes Association, LBCC, Albany General Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis and Lebanon Community Hospital.

Preregistration is encouraged. For more information or to receive a registration form, call 967-6107.

Scholarship Announcement

The Albany Branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a \$500 scholarship for use at LBCC during the 89-90 school year. Applicants should be women who have experienced an absence from education since leaving high school.

Applicants should be involved in a program that will transfer to a four year college or university. Selection will be based on financial need, academic performance, and future plans. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, Takena 105. Applications are due in the Financial Aid Office by 5 p.m. Friday, May 12.

High Tech Career Fair

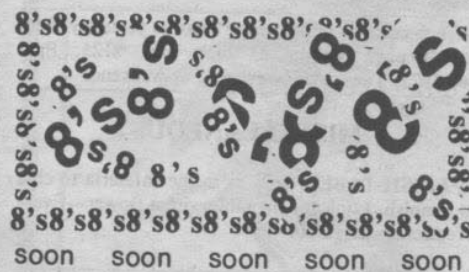
Technical demonstrations, visits to school laboratories and career counseling are some of the activities planned for High Tech Career Day, Friday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Linn-Benton Community College's main campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

The purpose of Career Day, which is free and open to the public, is to provide information about LBCC's technical programs to interested students, displaced workers and prospective employers, said Pete Scott, organizer of the event and director of LBCC's Science and Technology Division.

Career Day begins with registration in Takena Hall, where participants will receive programs and maps to start them on their self-guided tour. After completing the tour, they can return to Takena Hall (on the second floor) for a free career assessment inventory and math aptitude test.

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BY JOHNNY HART



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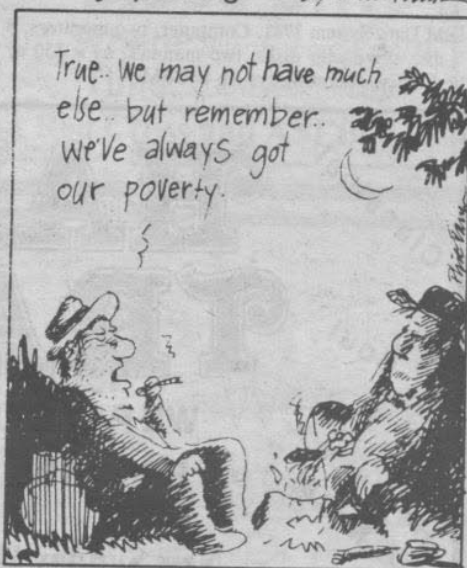
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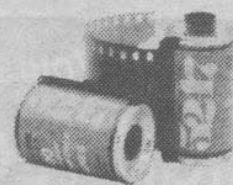
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Couples in Business

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Deborah Holmes, a business counselor with LBCC's Small Business Development Center, will discuss attitudes about living and working together, money and power issues, and making decisions and resolving conflicts as a team.

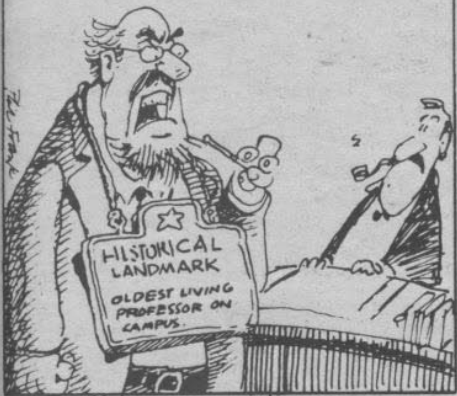
Holmes will work with couples attending the seminar to solve specific business-related problems.

Cost of the seminar is \$35, including lunch. For more information or to register, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

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by Phil Frank

You may think it's an honor but I refuse to wear it.



Adoption Seminar

A five-week course on adoption begins Tuesday, May 2, at Albany General Hospital, 1046 6th Ave. SW in Albany. The class meets from 7-10 p.m. in the Women's Center.

Avenues to Adoption is cosponsored by Linn-Benton Community College's Department of Family Resources and the PLAN Adoption Agency of McMinnville. The first class is free and includes information on adoption agencies in Oregon, ages of children available for adoption, fees, and international and interstate adoption processes.

While the information session is free, a \$50 fee is charged for the remaining four sessions. These sessions provide information related to parenting, adopting children from the United States and internationally, adopting older children and children

with special needs, and how to begin the adoption process.

Loni Gill, an adoptive parent, teaches the course. For more information call LBCC's Department of Family Resources, 928-2361, ext. 384.

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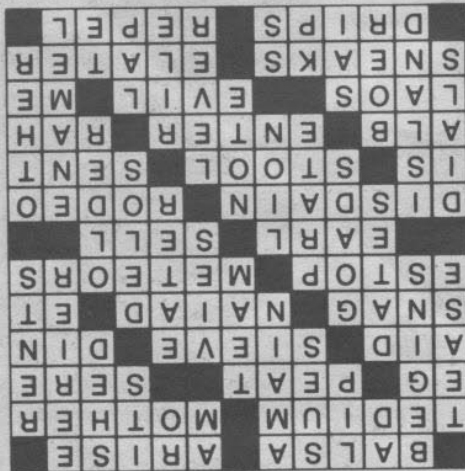
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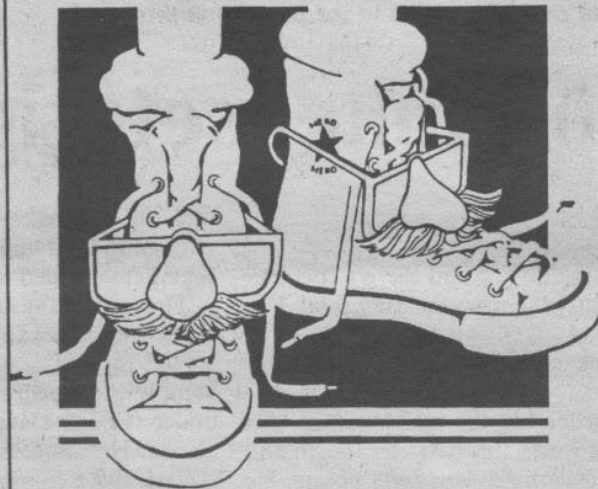
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Another year has passed and the AGH Women's Center is planning its second anniversary events. Can you remember the last time you had an old-fashioned belly laugh? Has it been too long? Then you won't want to miss our fun.

This year the Greater Albany Public Schools Wellness Team and the Heritage Mall are joining us to bring you a three-day health fair and a night of laughter.

A special evening is planned with the presentation of three "unsung hero" awards; guest speaker, Mark Potuck, who has audiences laughing till their cheeks hurt, shares the value of humor and playfulness to physical and mental health, education, communication and life in general; followed by delicious refreshments.



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Men collect five seconds at Pendleton

LBCC's men's and women's track teams finished at the back of the pack in last weekend's four-way track meet at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, even though the men earned five second-place finishes.

The men's team picked up most of their 25 points in field events. LB's Ken France placed second in the hammer throw (139-1); Kevin Akers was second in the long jump (20-7.5) and third in the pole vault (14-6); and Kelly Wechter came in second in the high jump (5-10) and second in the triple jump (34-7).

In the running events, Marcus Anderson finished second in the 110-hurdles (15.5); Brent Moldowan came in third in the 200 (24.1); and the 1600-meter relay team came in third (3:36.3).

For the women, Laura Wisner finished third in the discus with a toss of 102-5.



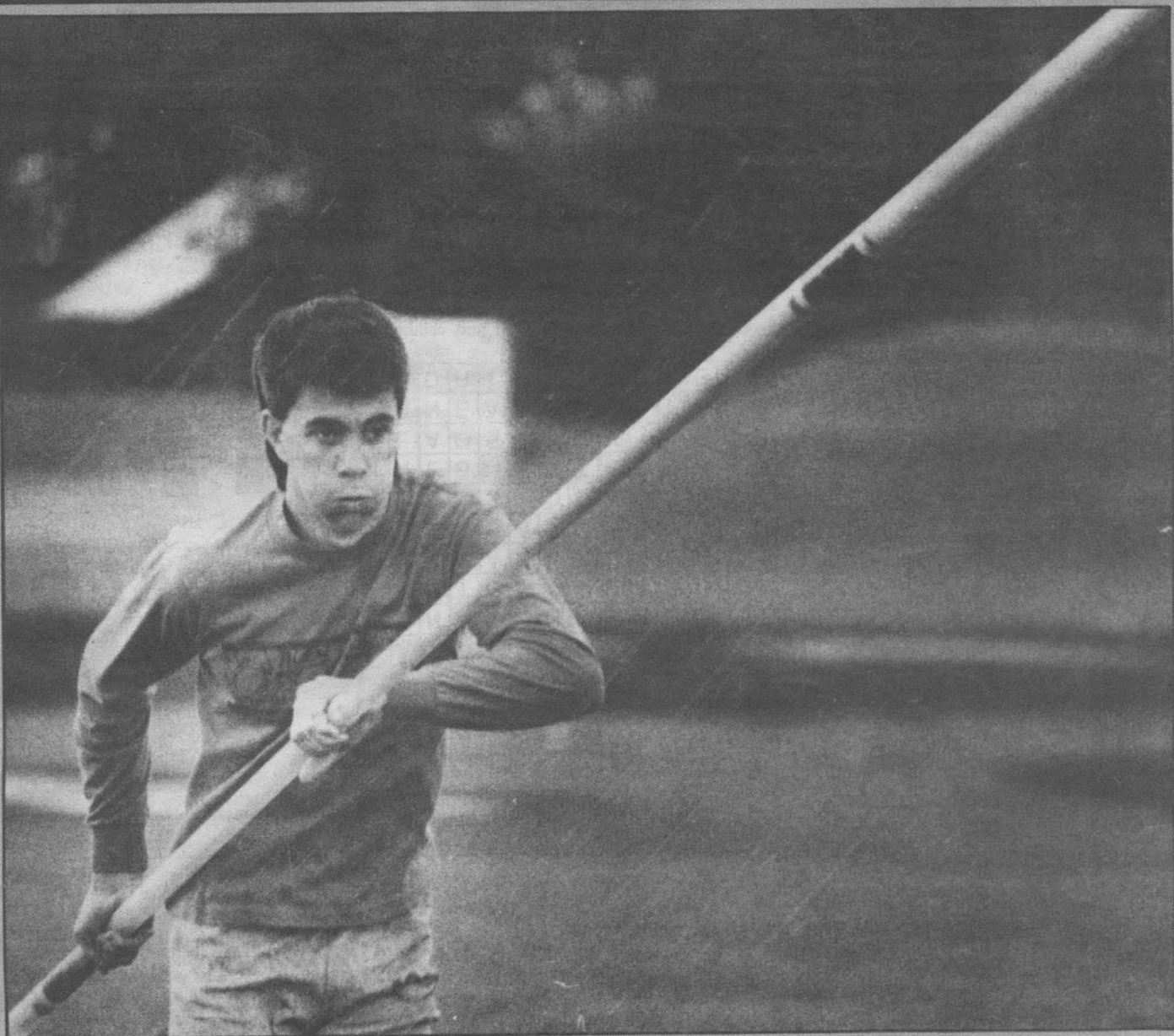
Roadrunners split twinbill at Lane

LBCC's Roadrunners ran their league record to 5-4 this weekend with a doubleheader split with Lane Community College in Eugene Saturday.

J.R. Cock's five-hit shutout won the opener for LBCC, but the Roadrunners could manage only six hits of their own in the second game and lost 6-1.

In the first game, Cock, now 3-1, struck out 10 batters and went the distance in one of his best performances of the season. Offensively, the Roadrunners struck for two runs in the first inning on RBI singles by Jim Rosso and Lonnie Keenon, and rallied for four more in the fifth. Ken Kaveny collected a double for LBCC in that inning. Thad Holman and Rob Merritt finished the game with two hits apiece.

The second game saw Dimitri Kalamiris go 2-4 for LBCC, but it was not enough as the Roadrunners scored only once, and that came in the top of the third. Lane chipped away at Roadrunner pitchers Derek Atwood and Erick Dimmick, scoring two in the first, one in the third, one in the fifth and two more in the sixth. Atwood took the loss.



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Kevin Akers races for the bar during practice in the pole vault this week.

Freshman vaulter sets sights high

By Jess Reed
Sports Editor

"You're up there and looking down, and there's this bar, then when you make it over, it's the most exciting thing I've ever done. It's a rush."

That's how freshman track star Kevin Akers views his favorite event, the pole vault.

Akers is currently ranked second in the Northwest at 15-4 in the vault, while his ranking fluctuates between fourth and fifth in the Northwest in the decathlon with 5498 points. He also ranges between tenth and twelfth in the long jump at 21-8. Akers credits his current success to his active childhood and the good coaching he's received in high school and college.

"Since I was in grade school, sports has been a big thing. I was a physical kid." Akers had dreams of playing football, and started playing organized football in middle school. His liking for it spurred him to take up other sports such as basketball, wrestling and track. "(In those years) sports became a big part of my life," he said.

When he entered Oregon City High School he focused on football and track. He started for two seasons as an outside linebacker for varsity football, but realized that being only 5'10" and 145 pounds wasn't going to get him a football scholarship. So he decided to take track into his college career.

Training under his high school coach Dave Lee, whom he considers to be one of the best coaches he'll ever have, Akers eventually achieved a vault of 15 feet. He was also district champion two years in a row in events such as the long jump

and the 400 meter relay. But as well as he did, it wasn't enough to land him a track scholarship at a four-year school. So Akers decided to come to LBCC.

The reasoning behind wanting to attend LBCC over hometown Clackamas CC or Mt. Hood CC was the coaching.

"As far as I'm concerned, there's two places to go to pole vault in the Northwest, that's either the U of O or here at LB under (Coach Dave) Bakley. This school has an impressive record. He's had six 16 footers (in the vault) come out of this school. For a community college, that's real amazing," stated Akers.

Akers had nothing but good to say about coach Bakley, and Bakley gave equal consideration to Akers.

"Kevin is a top notch athlete, and a top notch human being," commented Bakley. "He has enormous potential, potential to be the best in the Northwest. Nobody has worked harder."

Kevin is currently majoring in fish and wildlife because he likes to hunt and fish. "If you narrow it down to the two things I do, I hunt and I pole vault," he said. "If I'm not in a gym I'm outside."

One reason Akers is so good at so many events is he has incredible competitiveness on the field. "It comes along with wanting to win, wanting to win kinda grows on you. The more you want to win the more competitive you can get in anything."

After completing another year here at LB, Kevin eventually wants to compete for a team in the Pac Ten and go to the NCAA finals. "That's long term and you gotta take each step at a time. I gotta see what happens and take it from there."