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Students want later drop deadline

By Patricia MacDougall
Of The Commuter Staff

Students upset by the seventh week drop deadline are invited by ASLBCC representatives to stand up and speak out at the next meeting.

The committee will convene at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 11 in T-111.

Julie Grizzel, Community Education representative, plans to provide as many student witnesses as possible to counter what she regards as faculty apathy.

At the last meeting, on Feb. 19, Grizzel presented a petition bearing the names of over 200 students in favor of switching the drop date back to the end of the term. "They ignored it completely," said Grizzel. "It meant nothing to them."

"We were responsive," acting chairman Steve Lebsack asserted Monday. "It would have been irresponsible to act at that moment," he said, and suggested instead that the committee reinvestigate the issue. However, he stated that the "standards of an institution should not revolve around public sentiment."

Admitting the date was chosen arbitrarily, Lebsack said the committee "will examine it in view of the petition." However, he maintained that "to be responsible, we need

to have some deadline before the last day of the term."

Lebsack explained the committee's main reasons for moving up the deadline: to be consistent with other institutions, prevent "grade inflation," and to present an accurate reflection of student work.

"LB had the most liberal (drop) policy of any higher education institution in the state," said Lebsack. "I was personally appalled to learn that students could wait until the end of the term to drop their classes."

Anita Brooks, an LBCC student who teaches Supplemental Instruction recitations for Lebsack's anatomy classes, feels that LB officials are responding to "pressure from other schools to jump on the bandwagon." Brooks and another Supplemental instructor spoke in favor of restoring the old policy at the last meeting. "All the other sheep are going to go, too?" Brooks queried in an interview Tuesday.

Distribution of letter grades earned college-wide last term showed little or no change from those of Fall Term 1986. Conceding that such data disputes the policy's ability to combat grade inflation, Lebsack countered that the policy wasn't hurting students' grades. "If it's done no harm, then let's keep it," he said.

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Air-conditioner to be fixed by summer

By Elwin Price
Of The Commuter Staff

LBCC will not have to sweat out another summer without air conditioning if all goes according to plan.

At last month's meeting, LBCC's Board of Education gave the chiller problem emergency priority, allowing Vice President of Business Affairs George Kurtz to "speed up the bidding process in order to get a new chiller installed by the end of May."

Normally it takes 60 days to draw up engineering specifications, publish legal advertisements for contracts, open bids and award contracts, Kurtz explained. Under the emergency procedure, engineering consultants from CH2M Hill in Corvallis will have the specifications for the new chiller done by the end of the week. Bidding and negotiations with prospective suppliers will begin March 7, and a contract is expected to be awarded at the March 16 board meeting.

After awarding a contract about 60 days will be allowed for delivery of materials. Installation should take about 15 more days.

The aging chiller, installed in 1972, has been plagued with numerous breakdowns over the last three years. Friedrich Temperature Controls of Oregon City was contracted to repair the chiller because the company that originally installed the chiller is out of business. Repairs have been difficult and ineffective, however, because some of the parts were not of standard specifications.

More than \$40,000 has been spent on attempted repairs, and the cost of a new chiller is estimated to be around \$500,000, Kurtz said.

Some students have voiced concern that the new chiller will be financed by increasing student fees, but Kurtz said using student fee monies "is not an option we are considering."

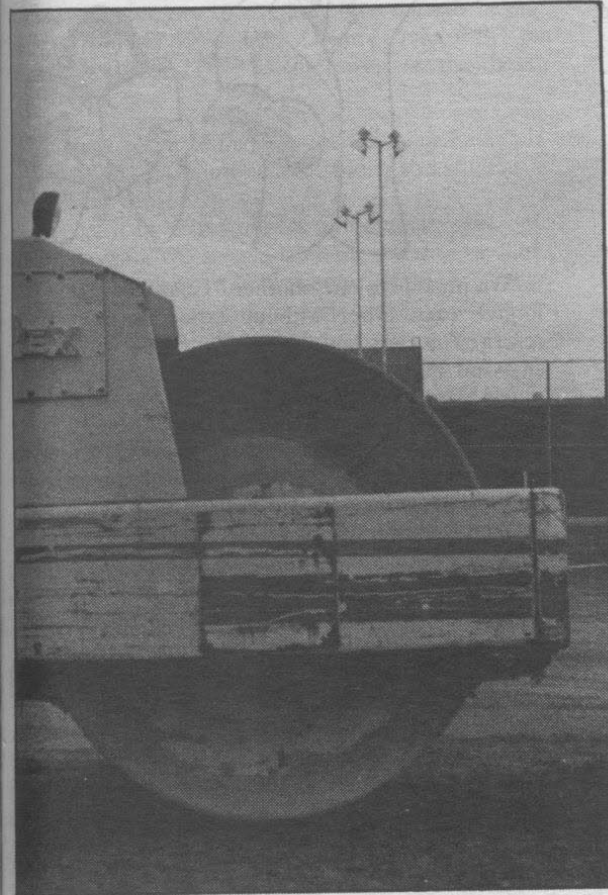
What LBCC is considering are four different ways to finance the project. "We could borrow from the roof reserve funds, obtain a bank loan, apply for a loan from the Oregon Department of Energy, or appeal to the Legislative Emergency Board for a loan," said Kurtz. A final decision has yet to be made by the board on which

funding method to pursue.

Although Kurtz seemed confident the chiller would be operating by summer, he warned that there might be some uncomfortably warm days at the end of spring term. Doors will be left open in the morning to cool things down and prevent classrooms from getting too hot in the afternoon, he said.

"We take this problem very seriously because if students and staff are uncomfortable then the learning environment is not very good," Kurtz said.

He knows from personal experience how uncomfortable it can be. "Last summer when the chiller was down I tried to work in my office when it was 96 degrees outside," he said. "Believe me, it was not comfortable."

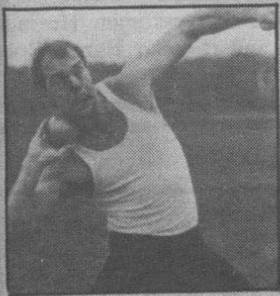


The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Heavy Roller

Construction workers brought out the heavy equipment this week to prepare the site of the new Child Care Center, which is being built north of the tennis courts.

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Editorial

Panamanians should be left to settle their own affairs

Panama. On the map, you'll find it stretched between Costa Rica and Columbia. In the dictionary, you'll find it wedged between panache and panatela. In the news, you'll find it on the front page and the TV screen. It's a hat, a canal and a country all rolled up in one. And right now it's hot.

Panama is a 480 mile isthmus ranging from 120 miles to 30 miles in width with series of American built locks and canals slicing it in half at its narrowest point. Only roughly 30 percent of it's land is habitable as the climate and mountainous terrain combine to make it a volcanic jungle. Of the arable land, only 16 percent is farmed; most of the land is owned by relatively few people; and the country has no real exports to speak of. So how does this country survive?

The most obvious answer would be the Panama Canal and indeed the canal provides the majority of the Panamanian economy. However, the U.S. Attorney General's office alleges that Panama has become a powerful "middle-man" in the drug trade, and has indicted that country's military commander, Gen. Manuel Noriega, for drug trafficking.

Last week the President of Panama, Eric Arturo Delvalle, attempted to remove Noriega from his post. Many say that Delvalle, who had been in office only two years, was a "figurehead" president, and that if you wanted results, Noriega was your man. The general wasted no time proving this theory right, within a days time Delvalle was fired and Noriega found a new puppet. Delvalle, who is now in hiding, has stated that he will petition the Supreme Court of Panama to reinstate him as president.

This is where the cavalry are supposed to ride in and save the day and this is what many Americans both want and fear. Since the Panamanian cavalry is controlled by Noriega, Delvalle will have to appeal elsewhere for help. Cue the helicopters Col. North.

The Reagan administration has been monitoring events, but has not yet talked openly of any plans for intervention. Since American troops are already in Panama and have been for several years, action would be swift.

In recent years the Reagan policy for Central America has been muddied at best, and black as night at it's worst.

The canal itself is getting old, but still has valuable military and economical applications. It's these applications and the canal itself that most Americans identify with when you talk about Panama.

"It's ours, we stole it fair and square," says Johnny Q. Public. In fact, however, it's not and we leased it fair and square. The day will come when we have agreed to give the canal back to the people of Panama and I'm sure advisors on both sides are taking that into consideration as they plot their next moves.

As Americans, we owe it to the rest of the world to at least try to get a better understanding of the problems of all the little "Panama's" of the world, not just the business facts and media hype we see on the tube.

So perhaps this Noriega fella really is a bad dude, do we know that Dulvalle is any better? Afterall, he went along with the general this far. Who's to say he doesn't spend his weekends flying loads of Panama Red into Miami?

It sure would be wonderful if all the facts of every critical issue could fit into the 120 seconds network news broadcasts devote to them.

The media and the government can't claim all the blame though, every American must share the blame of her actions.

Let's just hope the answers to Panama's internal problems can be solved by Panamanians and not by the outdated big stick policy of these United States.

Matt Rasmussen

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Razz & Chaz

The call came at midnight. Razz grabbed the screaming phone and mumbled "hello" into the receiver. The voice on the other end was desperate. After all, they were calling Razz and Chaz for a favor. That's pretty desperate.

"Mr. Razz," the voice gasped, "we need you, both of you, to take over the ministry."

Razz was still groggy. He could barely comprehend what he was hearing. "What are you talking about?" he said, "What ministry?"

"Louisiana's Assembly of God," said the voice, "Jimmy's in trouble, big trouble, and he's being suspended, but the show must go on."

"The show?" asked Razz.

"What show?" said Chaz from the top bunk.

"His TV evangelist show," explained the voice.

"There's some guy wanting us to go on TV," Razz told Chaz.

"I can play anything," Chaz said as he bounded from his mattress. He was wearing his Garfield jammies.

"Can you play a minister?" asked Razz, one hand cupped over the mouthpiece.

Chaz put on a somber face. "Dearly beloved . . ."

"When do we start?" Razz asked the voice.

Soon they were packing their belongings. There wasn't much time so they practiced their sermon on the plane. In Louisiana they were rushed from the airport, frisked, sprayed with deodorant, smeared with makeup and pushed onto a stage in front of a giant audience.

"Keep 'em busy," whispered Razz, "I'll get the projector ready." He took out a cannister marked "Razz and Chaz: Olympic Highlights."

Chaz picked up a microphone and cleared his throat. "Dearly beloved," he began, "we are gathered here, in the presence of our Lord to worship Him as He would want us to. Or at least I think that's why we're here."

The crowd responded with an inspired ovation.

"Now I know this ministry has fallen upon hard times and some of you might have let your faith slip."

"Where's Swaggart?" an angry voice bellowed, "Where's that lying crook? I want my donations back!"

"Amen!" chorused the audience.

"My friends," Chaz continued, "You cannot serve two masters. Let it be."

"Write me a check and I'll let it be!" fumed the faceless voice. Meanwhile Razz fumbled with the reel of film, dropped it, and watched as it rolled off the edge of the stage.

"Keep talking, Chaz," he said, "I'll see if I can find another movie." With that, he disappeared backstage. The TV cameras kept rolling and Chaz knew the show must go on.

Letters

CCOSAC opposes semester system

To the Editor:

The Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions (CCOSAC), which represents a full-time student equivalency of 51,641, voted to oppose the semester conversion by the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) and community colleges.

Reasons cited for opposing the semester conversion included: lack of planning and prior public notice of conversion plan by OSSHE; negative impact on the community college curriculum; and cost to individual colleges and taxpayers.

The overall opinion of CCOSAC is that further consideration and public hearing needs to be given to this issue before a conversion to a semester system is made. Until such further consideration is given, CCOSAC will remain in opposition to the proposed semester conversion.

Metta Fredrick
Executive Secretary

Express Yourself

The Commuter encourages readers to use the Editorial Page to express their opinions. Commentaries and observations on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics which require deeper analysis,



"We must love one another," Chaz told them, "and forgive each other without expecting anything in return. You can't buy your way into heaven, and after all, God doesn't owe us anything, considering how much blame we put on Him."

Razz returned and gave Chaz an OK sign. In his hand was an 8mm reel which he began to thread through the projector.

"Who among us doesn't have something we'd rather not make public, and who among us has never lied or been a hypocrite?"

Chaz was suddenly pelted with at least a hundred stones. Some of the spectators who were sitting farther back couldn't throw that far. The first five rows were knocked cold.

Chaz crawled to the piano and played while a team of candy strippers tended the wounded. The network went to a commercial and Razz approached the bleeding Chaz.

"All set," said Razz, "Just give me the signal and it's showtime!"

"What's the movie?" asked Chaz.

"Zippy the Clown Does the West Coast," said Razz. "I think it's a comedy."

"OK," Chaz said and the red lights went on. The director counted down from three and pointed to Chaz. "My friends," said Chaz, "I know you are bitter. I know you must feel betrayed and as the media has said, you would like a stiffer punishment for our friend Jimbo, but I ask you again to swallow your pride and turn the other cheek."

The crowd moaned.

"All right," said Chaz. "What do you think we should do with Mr. Swaggart?"

"Crucify him!" roared the crowd.

Chaz sighed. It was a timeless sign. He looked skyward for a second and then to Razz. "Roll it, Razz," he said. "I'll get the lights."

guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous, obscene or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

All submissions must be signed, with phone number and address. Please limit letters to 250 words. Editors reserve the right to edit for length, grammar and spelling.

Etcetera Column

The Commuter invites staff and students to submit announcements of upcoming events and activities to its Etcetera column, which appears weekly on Page 7.

Job outlook bright for LB grads

By Wini Hughes
Of The Commuter Staff

Local employment looks bright for LBCC graduates and for students looking for summer work.

Marlene Propst, student employment coordinator at LBCC, said "the unemployment rate is wonderful". Benton county's jobless rate of 3.5 percent tied with 1968's as the lowest for any December since records began keeping tracks in 1958. Linn County's rate of 8.1 percent tied with the 1977's as the lowest for the month since 1969.

One direct result of these unemployment figures is the increase of job descriptions available at the student employment center.

"Our goal is to help students find employment," explained Propst. "We always have the good old job of helping (the student) stay in school." Now there is an emphasis on summer and graduate employment.

The employment outlook in Corvallis is bleak for the summer. The college loses enrollment and the service industries suffer. There are jobs available with the Corvallis Parks and Recreation. They need sport coaches, playground supervisors etc. Contact the student employment services in Tadena for more information.

The biggest summer employers in the Albany Salem and Stayton areas are the canneries. Other jobs expected to be available are service oriented positions, such as gas attendants and restaurant workers. But Propst warned, "students need to aggressively apply—going in person to

fill out an application."

If you are a woman or another minority, a heavy equipment company is looking for people to operate their machinery. It is a summer job, the pay is competitive and its full time. Contact the employment service for details.

Some interesting places to apply for summer work outside of our area are seafood processing jobs in Alaska, maid agencies on the East Coast, jobs on the Columbia Gorge sternwheeler and counselors for a computer camp.

You can still apply for jobs with the Federal Government. The deadline is April 15. They have positions for summer employment such as: firefighter, park ranger, clerical aide and recreational aid.

According to Propst, LBCC graduates have a "good chance of finding a job. Her office has tracked graduates for the last three years, receiving data from 91 percent of those surveyed—most of whom are employed. Since there doesn't appear to be a surplus in any program, she believes placement prospects for graduates in coming years should be good.

The student employment office is located in Tadena Hall and is open weekdays from 8-5. There is a resume workshop everyday at 3 p.m. A videotape on interviewing and resume skills is also available.

The annual LBCC Career Fair on May 25 will offer students the chance to meet prospective employers from local areas and across the state.

Students planning on graduating this spring should start getting their files and resumes current and begin checking out possible future employers, added Propst.

Curry County attempts to get a CC service district

Efforts by a group of Curry County citizens to create a community college service district in their county cleared another hurdle Friday when the State Board of Education accepted a feasibility study on the proposed formation.

Public hearings will be held in the county before the board decides in April whether to approve a formation election. If the board okays a vote, the Emergency Board must approve funds for an election. If county voters approve the formation and funding for a new district, it could begin as early as July of 1989. The process began in November when a Curry County residents submitted a petition to the board requesting a district.

Oregon has three community college service districts—Treaty Oak in Wasco County, Tillamook Bay in Tillamook, and Oregon Coast in Lincoln County. These districts are much like community colleges, except they may not purchase property and must contract with regular community colleges for certain educational services.

"There's a significant need for expanded community college services in Curry County," said Bob Kelly, who conducted the feasibility study. Kelly is a former dean of instruction at Blue Mountain Community College.

Community colleges drag feet on semester switch

By Todd Powell
For The Commuter

When OSU converts from the quarter system to the semester system in the fall of 1990, only three of Oregon's 13 community colleges will have committed to making the same transition.

These schools include Portland Community College, Treasure Valley Community College and Central Oregon Community College.

Most of the other 10 community colleges, including LBCC, harbor mixed feelings on the semester conversion, citing poor schedule flexibility as the major problem.

According to Wil Post, vice chancellor for public affairs, when the Oregon State Board of Higher Education made the decision to convert to an "early semester" calendar last year, it wasn't intended to adversely affect the community college operation.

"It was thought by board members that the university mandate wouldn't place a demand on Oregon community colleges to make the same semester switch," he said.

However, three of the community colleges have already made the decision in favor of the semester switch.

Portland Community College is "full speed ahead" in favor of the semester system, according to Alice Jacobson, PCC's assistant to the president.

According to Jacobson, over 50 percent of PCC's student population is transfer students. Therefore, "we're going to switch because it will make it easier for our transfer students."

Although PCC is concretely favoring the switch, the decision would have never been made if the OSBHE

hadn't mandated it for the four-year universities, she said.

Another Oregon community college which adamantly favors the semester switch is Treasure Valley Community College.

"I firmly believe that the semester system allows the same flexibility as the quarter system does but allows the student to get in more depth in those particular classes being studied," explained TVCC President Glenn E. Mayle.

At LBCC, officials in January reversed an earlier decision to switch to semesters when the board voted to put the decision on hold until 1990. Citing the high cost of converting and the loss of access to programs for non-traditional students, LBCC officials said they would stick with the quarter system until they had a chance to see what impact the universities' conversion had on LBCC transfer students.

"We (LB board of education) didn't make the decision not to convert, but we made the decision to postpone indefinitely any conversion," said LBCC Vice President for Instruction Jon Carnahan.

According to Carnahan, LBCC had originally planned to make the semester switch at the time of the OSBHE's ruling to force four-year institutions to change their schedules.

However, LBCC began to explore the concept and decided they had other options and "we're not controlled by the State System of Higher Ed," he said.

He explained that 40 percent of LB students are transfer students while the other 60 would be stuck with inflexible schedules.

"The other 60 percent would be coming and going all

the time, which would be even a greater expense to the community college," Carnahan said.

Mayle's semester philosophy, which largely differs from the majority of community colleges, maintains that under the quarter system operating costs would be higher and students' schedules would remain just as flexible.

"The semester system will allow the community colleges to continue with their open-entry and open-exit policy," he said.

Mayle predicts that within a number of years, all of the community colleges will make the switch because they will see it as advantageous.

"It's hard for me to comprehend a community college not following suit," Mayle said.

Regardless of how many community colleges decide to convert, community college students that remain under the quarter system and eventually make the transfer to a four year school will receive equal treatment.

According to Larry Pierce, vice chancellor for academic affairs, "we would be able to have students transfer from community colleges to any of our (Oregon) institutions with equal ease, whether they were on the semester system or the quarter system."

Pierce explained when the OSBHE decided in favor of the semester conversion by a 7-3 vote last year mandating the four-year universities to comply, community colleges felt as if they should follow too.

Nationally, over 65 percent of the colleges and universities are on the semester system. Presently, he said, Oregon colleges and universities are taking more students in from the semester system than from the quarter.

However, the choice of community colleges to switch to the semester system is still at the discretion of each individual institution, he said.



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Feet Prints

Steve Handy works on a silk screen project in a special graphic arts class offered for OSU industrial education teachers at LBCC. Printing tech instructor Jim Tolbert is teaching the class because cutbacks in OSU's College of Education have left its program there with insufficient lab facilities.



Sleeping Beauty

The Commuter/MARY BETH BRASSILL

A student who gave his name as Joe Junk takes advantage of the elusive Oregon sun to bask in the courtyard.

Seminars now available to relieve stresses from career and family life

By Farris Beatty
Of The Commuter Staff

If the rat race is running you ragged, Pam Dunn may have just the answer.

Dunn, an LBCC work and family specialist, coordinates seminars for local firms who want to help their employees resolve the stresses of their careers and home lives. The Work and Family Seminars are sponsored by the Oregon Community College Home Economics Consortium (OCCHEC), which started the program after a 1986 survey of employers and employees.

OCCHEC conducted a study of 1,500 randomly selected Oregon companies in an effort to ascertain the issues employers and employees needed to address. The responses came from companies ranging in size from 50 to more than 1,000 employees. The businesses were widely varied ranging from manufacturing, agriculture and construction to transportation, public administration and government. The problem employers most often cited were absenteeism, tardiness, low productivity, low morale and poor health. Employees were concerned mostly with financial worries, too much stress, scheduling time and marriage problems.

Also noted in the survey was a sincere concern by employers for the welfare of their employees. Ninety-

eight percent of the employers responding said they would finance the seminars, and 81 percent indicated they would either allow their employees to attend during work hours or negotiate working late.

To meet the needs of the community, the program offers seminars on: Building Self Esteem; Managing the Dual Career Family; Handling Guilt as a Parent With a Career; Setting Family Goals; Choosing and Using Child Care; Stress Management; Living with Aging Parents; Time Management; Latchkey Children; and Problem Solving.

Seminar participants seem enthusiastic about the program. Val Smith, of the Safeway Bread plant in Clackamas, was a seminar participant who said "My work productivity increased extensively after completing the seminar. This gave me more time for my home life which created a positive attitude in me towards both my work and family life."

The OCCHEC currently offers workshops in 13 college districts in the state.

Coordinators and instructors have been selected for their expertise in topics of balancing work and family and the seminars provide quality education at reasonable rates.

If you have any questions regarding these seminars contact Dunn at 928-2361 ext. 380.

Lebanon High retains trophy at Regional Skills

Over 900 students from 18 high schools in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties gathered at LBCC Saturday, Feb. 27, for the 13th annual Regional High School Skills Conference.

The students competed in more than 50 different vocational and academic contest areas, including welding, math, auto mechanics, drafting, business, computer skills, art, clothing and textiles, journalism, science and photography.

The annual event is jointly sponsored by LBCC, the Linn-Benton Education Service District and area businesses.

Lebanon Union High School retained the overall par-

ticipation trophy in Division I. Lebanon has garnered the overall trophy six of the last seven years. West Albany placed second and South Albany was third. The participation awards are divided into three categories based on school enrollment.

In Division II, Sweet Home High School placed first, followed by Philomath High School, second, and Taft, third. Division III overall winner was Santiam Christian High School, with Alsea placing second and Harrisburg earning third place.

Individual winners in the contest categories received medallions, and team awards also were presented to the top three schools in most contest areas.

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New drop deadline target of criticism

Statistics also showed an increase in Y's (no basis for grade), a slight increase in incompletes, and half as many withdrawals as Fall 1986.

Because of faculty and student unfamiliarity with the new policy, Lebsack suspects that students unable to withdraw ask their instructor for "Y" grades, rather than discussing how "to develop a strategy for success with the instructor."

Sue Cripe, Registrar, could not say how many students drop during the term, but commented that drops increase as any deadline approaches. "A lot of them are people who haven't gone all term and come in at the last minute," Cripe said Friday.

Last spring, while the issue was under consideration, committee member Blaine Nisson estimated that roughly 200 people drop classes during the eighth week of the term, another 200 drop during the ninth week, and 300 during the tenth.

Further addressing the committee's concerns, Lebsack stated that "A transcript should be a reflection of activity, not something that students pick and choose what they want to appear on it. (That) would be a violation of the concept of a transcript, and not an accurate picture."

Brooks called that "a speed bump mentally, just because a few people abuse the system, we're going to punish everybody."

Lebsack also feels that with the old policy, "students were under no incentive to do better." The new deadline forces responsibility on the student, and encourages them to take a more active role, he said.

"The school is saying 'We're going to be Mr. Policeman,'" said Brooks. "We're old enough. We don't need policemen."

LB gets new instructor for refrigeration classes

The LBCC Refrigeration/Heating/Air Conditioning Program has a new instructor.

Peter Martens, a Salem resident, has 11 years journeyman-level experience in the trade and 18 years teaching experience. He also holds an Oregon Steamfitters card and has extensive experience in the sheetmetal trade. His education includes a bachelor's degree in Industrial Education from Bethel College in Kansas and commercial refrigeration training from West Coast Training in Portland, Oregon. Martens replaces Jim Frank who resigned to engage in a business venture in the Linn County area.

The two-year Refrigeration/Heating/Air Conditioning program prepares graduates for employment in the service, repair and installation of domestic and commercial heating, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment and systems.



LBCC's DECA club, made up of marketing-management students, returned from regional competition in with a trunk-load full of awards. In the back row are (l-r) advisor Jay Brooks, Rick Younger, Franklin Harris, Dianne Hurley, Roger Fritz, and Scott Rosumny. In the front row are Mike Peterson, Matt Steinauer, Tracy Dertalotto and Jeff Pelo.

Spotlight

Local storyteller to perform today

Corvallis dramatist and storyteller Vik LightSmith will perform the works of contemporary women writers today at noon as part of the continuing celebration of Women's History Week at LBCC.

LightSmith has entertained audiences throughout the state with her self-styled "urbanized storytelling." With a hard-driving, provocative style, her modern fables address contemporary cultural concerns. Described as satirical, intellectual—and sometimes cynical—her stories include the adventures of "Alouitta," a space travelling monkey, and "The Neon Palmtree."

LightSmith's performance will be followed by poetry readings from students and two songs by Corvallis vocalist Audrey Perkins. Music will be provided by Fred Child, also of Corvallis. The noon-1 p.m. program, "Through Music and the Literary Arts," will be held in the College Center Boardrooms.

On Thursday, Margaret Gratton, assistant to the president of Mt. Hood Community College will discuss the history of the women's movement at noon in the Boardrooms. The week of events concludes Friday with a speech by Debbie Murdock, associate director of the Oregon Community College Association, on women's political action in Oregon. That event will also take place between noon and 1 p.m. in the Boardrooms.



Corvallis dramatist Vik LightSmith will spin a few fables for Women's Week today at noon.

Opera Guild presents free 'Chenier' preview

The Linn-Benton Opera Guild will present a free preview of "Andrea Chenier" on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m., in the downstairs activity room of the Corvallis Public Library, 645 NW Monroe St., Corvallis.

Ralph Wells will sing selections from the opera, play recorded excerpts of the music and narrate the story. The preview is free and open to the public.

In addition to his many operatic rolls, Wells was named first place winner of the San Francisco Opera Auditions in Seattle in January 1986 and was a Regional Finalist for the 1986 Metropolitan Opera Auditions.

James de Priest will conduct "Andrea Chenier" on Saturday, March 26, with Robert Bailey serving as stage director. Bailey is the general director of the Portland Opera.

The Opera Guild will provide two buses to attend the opera on Saturday, March 26. One will leave LBCC's Benton Center, 630 NW 7th St., in Corvallis, at 3:30 p.m. and stop in Albany at Key Bank on 3rd and Ellsworth Streets at 4 p.m. Dinner in Portland is not included in the cost of the bus ticket. The second bus will leave the center at 5:30 p.m. and stop in Albany at the Key Bank at 6 p.m. Both buses will return immediately after the performance. Bus tickets are \$15.75 per person. Reservations must be made in advance.

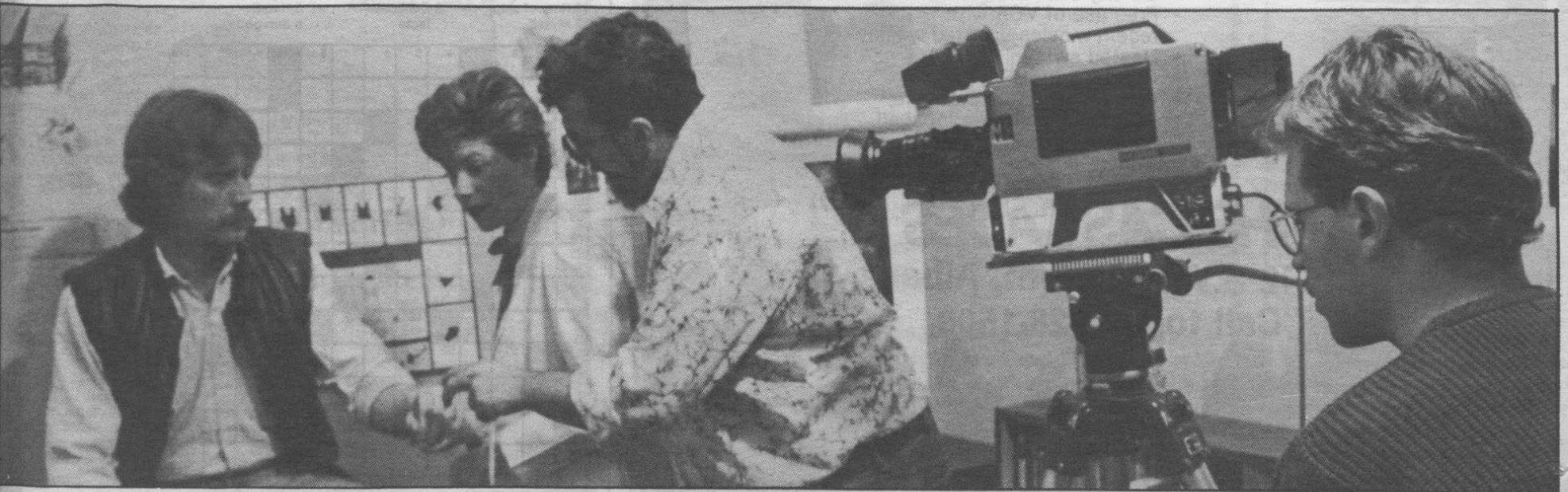
For more information call Betty Miner, Opera Guild Coordinator, 757-8949.

LB scene of video production

Assisted by a small technical crew, Sound Concepts producer-director Bill Hill, a former LBCC drama student, uses an office in the Health Occupations Building to shoot a scene for a video project. The Corvallis video company needed a setting that "looked like a doctor's office" for part of a video on a local company's line of medical products. Hill (second from the left at bottom) worked with actors Chris Gorrell and Sandy Smith, who are shown at right busting out with laughter when they blow a line.



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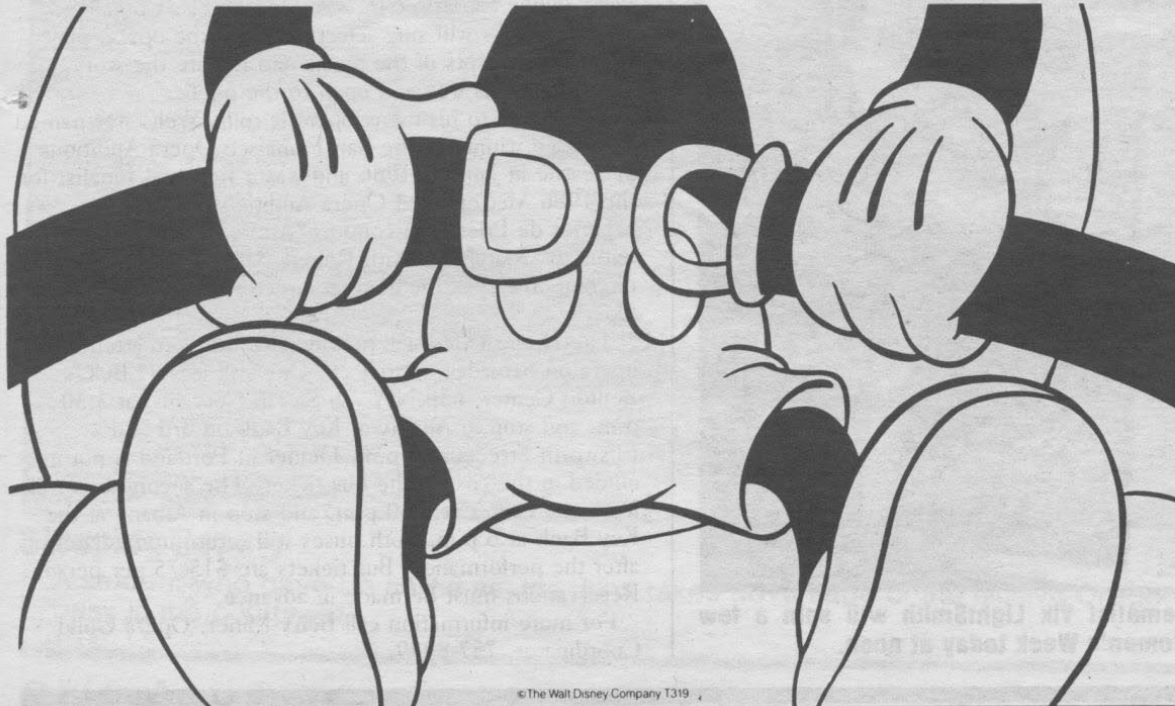
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- 15 Commemorative march
- 17 Worn away
- 19 Mental images
- 21 Label
- 22 Lump of earth
- 24 Hindu cymbals
- 26 Fixed period of time
- 29 The underworld
- 31 Sign of zodiac
- 33 Regret
- 34 Hebrew month
- 35 Outfit
- 37 Rear of ship
- 39 Myself
- 40 Land measure
- 42 Short sleep
- 44 Bundle of sticks
- 46 Snare
- 48 Insane
- 50 Planet
- 51 Church bench
- 53 Puzzle
- 55 Mend
- 58 Kill
- 61 Southwestern Indian
- 62 Unqualified
- 64 Pitching stat.
- 65 Long, slender fish
- 66 Quadruped
- 67 Recent

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The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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- 10 Anger
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- 18 Grain
- 20 Sodium chloride
- 22 Map
- 23 Toil
- 25 Meadow
- 27 Report
- 28 Encounters
- 30 Transgress
- 32 Away
- 36 School of whales
- 38 More domesticated
- 41 Spruce
- 43 Soft food
- 45 Flower bed
- 47 Edible seed
- 49 Cupolas
- 52 Fond desire
- 54 Certain
- 55 Carpet
- 56 Japanese outcast
- 57 Greek letter
- 59 Before
- 60 Uncooked
- 63 Teutonic deity

MARKETSPACE

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Students Surveyed

In order to better meet the needs of LBCC students the Financial Aid Office will conduct a telephone survey to determine students' employment needs, attitudes, and opportunities.

The results of the survey will be used to determine how the college can best serve the employment needs of LBCC students.

Participants have been randomly selected and will be contacted on one of the following evenings between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday March 7, Tuesday March 8 or Wednesday March 9. The survey will take about five minutes to complete.

Persons surveyed will remain completely anonymous. Names, addresses, and phone numbers will be kept confidential, according to LBCC's Financial Aid Office.

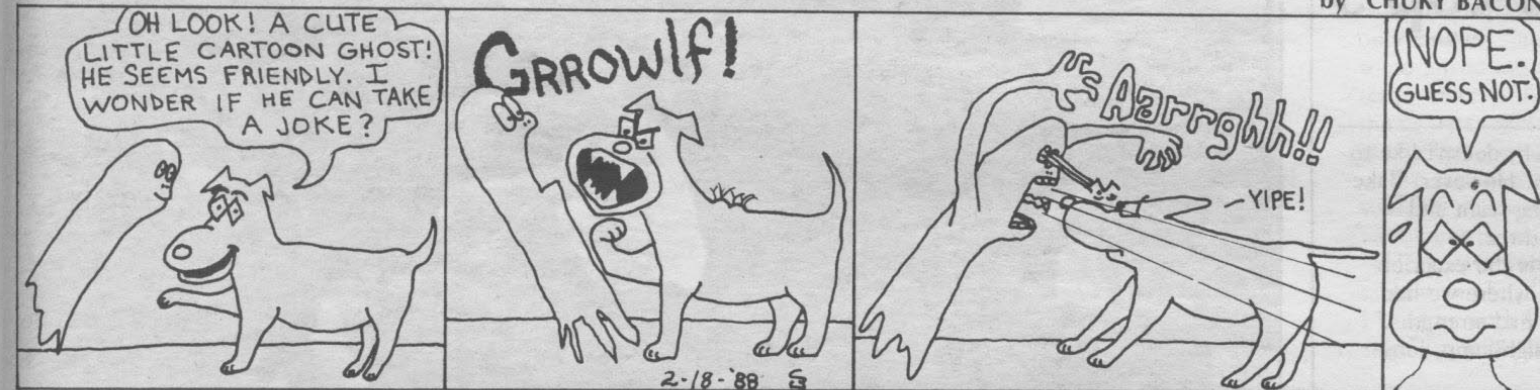
Family Coop Meets

The Campus Family Coop will sponsor a special noon meeting for campus staff and students who are interested in learning more about the new Child Care Resource and

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POOTER



by CHUKY BACON

Referral Service available to families in Linn and Benton Counties.

Pam Dunn, the work and family coordinator for LBCC Parent Education Program, will be the guest speaker. The meeting will be held in IA 201 A and B at noon this

Wednesday, March 2.

Forties Feted

The Albany regional Museum invites the public to attend a special meeting Thursday,

March 3, at 7 p.m. to discuss and remember the 1940s in Albany.

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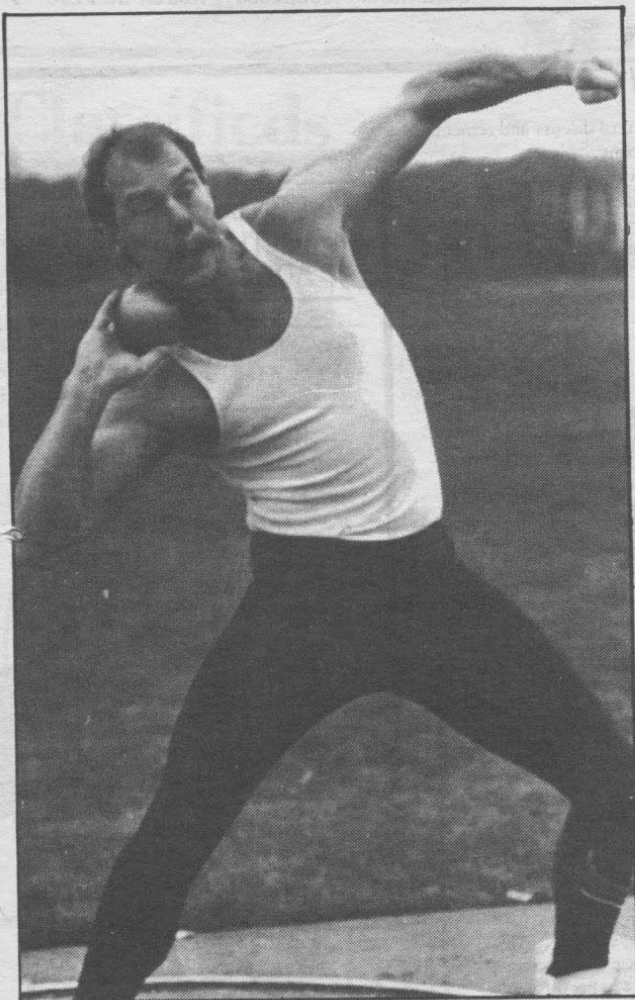
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The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Frank Slinger grimaces as he prepares to put the shot.

LB coach predicts men's track team could finish in top 3

By Mitch Martin
Of The Commuter Staff

Dave Bakely, LBCC men's track coach, doesn't like to speculate on the upcoming track season. However, Bakely is looking at a very talented and strong team and predicts that they will finish in the top three.

According to Bakely, this year's team is the exact opposite of last years. "We have strengths where we had weaknesses, and weaknesses where we had strengths."

The men's strengths are in hurdles, high-jump, long-jump and pole vault.

Bakely is looking at a smorgasboard of talented men. Sophomore decathlete Ken Weinberg will lead LB in sprints, shot put, discus and javelin. Sophomore Kent Pauly will compete in hurdles and sophomore Eric Moen will compete in the high-jump.

According to Bakely, Moen placed high in the Northwest Championships last season with a jump of 6' 8". Rounding out the team will be freshman Jim Millager, who was intermediate high hurdles state champion for West Albany and freshman Rick Madsen will compete in the pole vault and long-jump.

In Bakely's estimation, Lane, Clackamas, Mt. Hood, and Linn-Benton will be competitively strong "Most track meets are won by 6 or 8 points," Bakely said. "There's not much margin for error."

Bakely is looking forward to a very competitive and challenging season. "We can have a fine and successful season if we stay healthy and work hard," Bakely said. "All we need to do now is prove ourselves in the distance events."

LB's track teams will kick-off the pre-season in McMinnville on March 5. The regular season starts March 25 with the Willamette Decathlon/Heptathlon, in Salem. LB will compete at home on April 2 against Southwestern Oregon, Blue Mountain, and Mt. Hood Community Colleges.

On May 3-4 LB hosts the NWAACC Multi-Event Championships.

Women finish season dead even

By Kaline Miller
Of The Commuter Staff

Linn-Benton's Lady Roadrunners ended their season last Friday night with a 61-74 loss to Clackamas in the first round of the NWACC Southern conference play-off tournament in Salem.

The loss finished LB's season at .500, with an even 14-14 overall and a 6-6 league mark.

Clackamas went on to beat Umpqua, who had edged Mt. Hood in the first round, to advance to the NWAACC Championships as the top seed in the Southern conference. Umpqua picks up the second seed heading into the championships this weekend at Clark College in Washington.

"Overall I was generally pleased with the outcome of the season. We were where I thought we'd be—right about in the middle of the pack," said coach Debbie Prince.

Clackamas increased a three-point halftime lead to ten before the final buzzer ended LB's shortest playoff stint in several years.

"We played real well. The girls play real hard but we just couldn't hold onto the lead long enough to pull it out. But they gave it one heck of an effort," said Prince.

Tracy Turner led all scorers with 15, hitting 4-14 from the field and 4-12 from the three-point range. Kris Keister

followed with 13 and Cheryl Kundert led the team with 10 rebounds.

"In this game I was more concerned with the girls playing hard," said Prince, "and in playing hard," seem to have a difficult time letting the pressure get to us. We've had a problem with that lately," she said.

Andrea Powell played despite a knee injury. "It hurt to play on," said Powell, "sometime this week I'm going in to have arthroscopic surgery on it."

Another starter, Denise Schumacher, missed the game due to a back injury and Layle Billings suffered from an injured arm.

Powell was named to the league First Team as well as the Southern Conference All-Star squad. Cheryl Kundert also named to the All-Star team and earned a spot on the league's Second Team. Freshman guard Lori Kennedy was named by league coach to the All-League Freshman team and made the Honorable Mention list.

Powell and Kundert will participate in the All-Star game tomorrow at Lower Columbia Community College, in Washington.

"As far as next season goes," says Prince, "it depends on recruiting. I hope to have a real good recruiting season for next year and we have talented people coming back. If we receive some talent we should be real strong."

Prince is also offering an all-womens basketball class in the spring. The class is for women who enjoy basketball and want to have some fun.

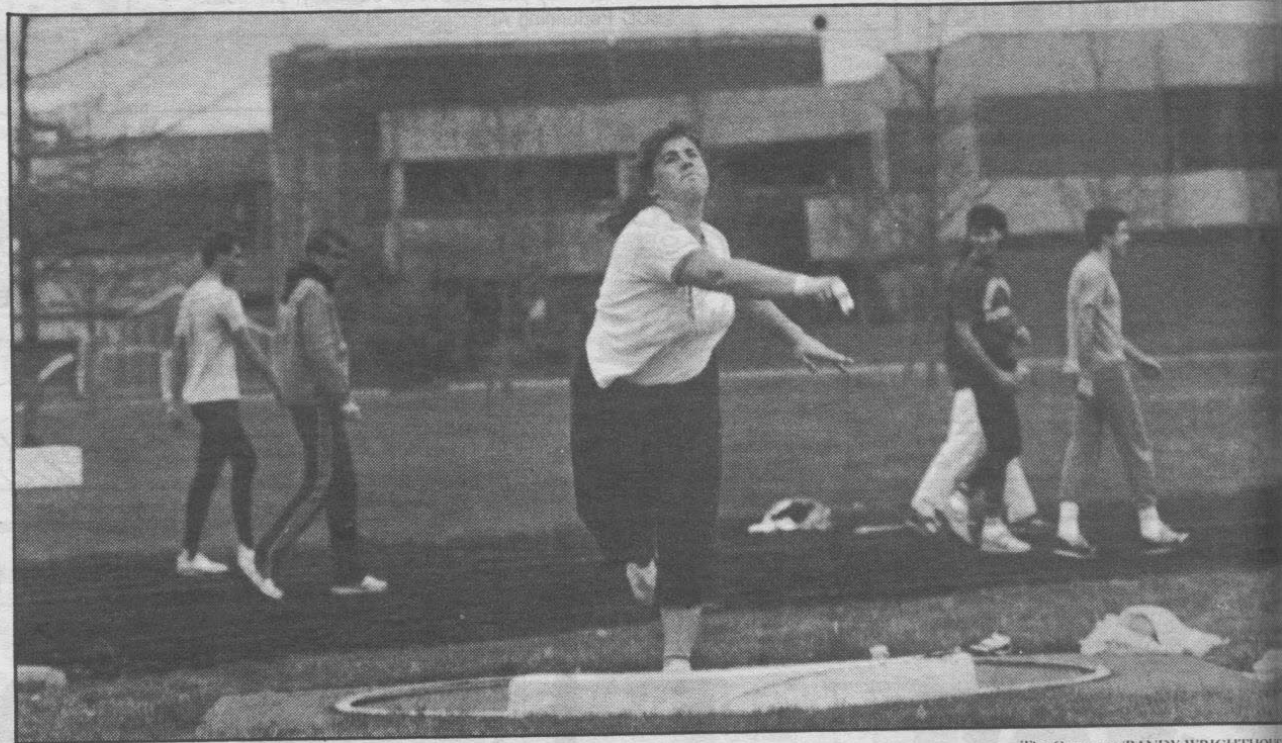
Doscher named honorable mention hoop all-star

Roadrunner Chris Doscher has been named an honorable mention all-star by the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges for his standout season for the LBCC basketball team.

Doscher, a 6-6 freshman forward from Elmira, averaged 14 points and 7.5 rebounds in his first season as a Roadrunner. Coach Al Wellman said he expects Doscher

to be back to help lead next year's squad. This year's team ended its season with a 9-14 record.

"Chris was certainly our most consistent player all year long," Wellman said. "He was our best defender and one of our hardest workers. He's certainly deserving of the award."



The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Sheri Cook practices her form on the shot put during afternoon practice on the LBCC track.

Women's track team needs athletes

By Mitch Martin
Of The Commuter Staff

LBCC women's track team is lacking people and "needs to attract as many athletes as possible," says coach Dave Bakely.

"We've had number problems in the last couple of years," said Bakely. "If we can get numbers, quality athletes will surface and we can be successful."

Presently, Bakely is looking at only 8 to 12 women who will compete for Linn Benton.

Bakely has high hopes in freshman Sedonia

Washington. "Washington is the most naturally gifted triple-jumper that I've ever seen," Bakely says.

Another hopeful is the "multi-talented" Cheryl Kundert. Kundert will compete in the long-jump, shot put, discus and sprints.

"Our women have a chance to do some really good things," Bakely said. "They just need to make a commitment."

If anyone is interested in competing in track and feel that they can make a contribution, they are encouraged to see coach Bakely.