

# The Commuter

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Art Bervin, Dr. Raymond Needham, and Marv Clemmons, seated above, took note of the returns as they came in last Tuesday evening. Topic of conversation: New budget revisions, tally results, and registration.

## 'yes' Budget bites dust

Last Tuesday found the voters at the polls, not too many though. Turn out for March 26 election was far below expectations held throughout both Linn and Benton Counties.

Percentages around the two counties showed the true interests of the voting public. In Albany, the turn out was slightly above fair. With eleven polling places spread around the town, six out of the eleven closed with above 50 percent in favor of the Linn-Benton Budget and the remaining five units showing less than 43 percent in favor.

The better part of Linn county closed the polls with only two units totalling out with a better than 50 percent yes count. Sweet Home ended the days voting with an overall yes percentage of 37.2. Lebanon closed out at 43.5 with Central Linn falling just .9 lower with a 42.6. In

all Linn county, ended with a total vote count of 5811, 2633 votes for and 3178 against. Final percentage 45.4.

Benton county voters left the polls in somewhat of a better shape than those across the county line. Final percentage for Benton county was 53.1, just 7.7 higher than Linn county. Twenty-three polling places out of the 40 scheduled showed an above 50 percent yes vote total.

With the defeat of last Tuesday's election, the voting public will be presented with a revised budget. May 7 has been stated as the date for the next election. The voters will be asked to approve a modified version of the defeated budget at that time.

Registration for the May election will be conducted through the Office of Student Activities, Room CC-214 in the Commons area.

Try again

## Vote on reduced budget, May 7

Changes have been made in the Linn-Benton Community College budget for the next year which will reduce the amount of local tax support required to balance the proposed operating budget.

The alterations, which will reduce the local tax support by \$55,000, were made Thursday by the Board of Education in response to the budget defeat at the polls March 26.

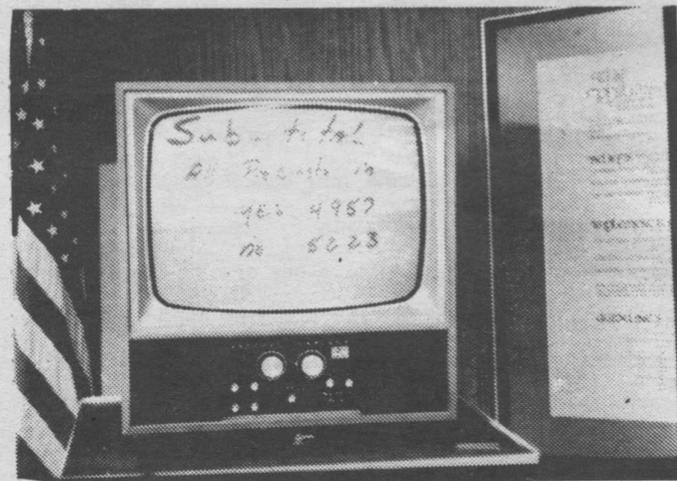
The Board also set May 7 as the date for resubmitting the local tax support portion of the budget to the voters. The new budget would require \$1,794,879 in local taxes to

balance the budget. The estimated tax rate for this amount would be \$1.37 per \$1,000 true cash property value — a four cents per thousand decrease from the figure voted for on March 26. With the addition of an amount to be paid for retirement of the construction bonds approved by the voters in 1970, the total proposed tax rate for 1974-75 would be \$1.68 per thousand.

The changes made in the budget include an increase in enrollment projections for next year based on the higher than anticipated enrollment during this winter and spring terms.

The higher projections for next year will produce an additional income of \$45,390 in tuition and state support which will allow a reduction in the amount of local tax support by the same amount.

The Board also cut from the budget \$10,000 which had been included for capital projects planning fees. Because the campus construction is coming to an end with the exception of a few small completion projects to be supported with state funds, the Board felt the planning funds could be deleted from the operating budget and provided for through the state construction funding.



Sub-total shows unofficial count of over 200 votes against, as the LBCC Budget fails.

## 'Asylum' to be shown

R. D. Laing, renowned psychiatrist, author, and poet, believes that much "aberrant" behavior, particularly schizophrenia, is a human being's response to an increasingly suffocating and inhuman society. The documentary film "ASYLUM" is a record of the seeking, exploring and discovering of a very special community embodying his concepts. The film will be shown by the Benton County Mental Health Association on Friday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Linn-Benton Community College's Forum Room. General admission is \$2.00; students are admitted for \$1.50.

Beginning as a dramatic succession of glimpses of aberrant behavior, the film's structure reflects the growing involvement of the production crew with the residents of the community and culminates in their participation in the community's confrontation with violence and the threat which it poses to the

survival of the group as a whole.

A shorter film, "Psychiatry and Violence" opens the program. In this film, a personal interview with Laing, he explains his approach to psychiatry and life and presents some of the ideas which made Kingsley Hall (the locus of "Asylum") possible.

A panel discussion, including participation of the audience, closes the program. Featured on the panel is Carol Custer, coordinator of KAIROS House, Benton County's Day Treatment Center; Victor Bogart, psychiatric social worker from Benton County Mental Health Clinic who is familiar with Laing's work; Vern Faatz, Director of the Linn County Mental Health Clinic; and Dr. Ronald L. Hofeldt, resident at Oregon State Hospital.

For additional information, call Debbie Matlack at 752-6281 or Stanley Morris 753-1211.



On March 16, the Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars, in conjunction with LBCC facilities and the Forest Service, planted a small plot of Douglas fir on campus for future enjoyment.

# Opinion

## Editorial

### Let's play 'bomb the budget'

Three weeks ago it was streakers; two weeks ago it was spring; last week yet another and even more impressive happening occurred. This colossal event starred every Archie Bomber for miles around. (That's you Jack, yea you know. You didn't make it, did you?) There's still not a complete count yet, but one is being tallied. No telling how many last Tuesday were found playing "Bomb the Budget."

I can just see some of the neighborhood sweeties all getting together about 10:00 a.m. "Say Marge, where's the chips? You know I really like getting up in the morning and having such a delightful day to look forward to." Then Marge snaps back with, "Sally, when you and I and all those other darlings out there get together there's not one world event that we can't handle." And sure enough, the only biggie around that day was the local election.

Now I don't want anybody thinking that someone would purposely want to do the budget in or anything. No indeed. And I do think that those individuals of voting age, who don't vote should just stop for one moment and take into consideration some of the aspects involved in what voting means.

Choice. Would you want to have one or not? It's that clear. Without Choice some might say life would be better. Choice for another might mean the chance to be heard. Either way it still remains a basic.

Quite a few people told me things like, "I had to go over to some such place or another and won't be able to vote." To me they chose to go and not vote. Others too had their own little short story and from where I sit the normal flood at the poll turned out to be just another version of "Bomb the Budget."

Wes Hofferber

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## A different drummer

# 7 o'clock news—makes or breaks

Phillip Gill

Do you remember 10 years ago when the baseball press was arguing whether Mickey Mantle or Willie Mays was the best outfielder in baseball? Recently, it seems, they've changed their minds and are saying, "Wait! It was really Hammerin' Hank Aaron all along." Hank is going to break Babe Ruth's long cherished home run record and the people want to hear about him. This year he's news.

Aaron was just as good 10 years ago, but the press glamorized Mays and Mantle because they were more colorful. The news media does that, blows up the sensational topics to sell their product. After all, they're like any other highly competitive business, doing what they can to sell their product. The true perspective may become distorted, but that's a secondary concern compared to enticing people to listen to their news show, or read their paper.

Dick Nixon suffers from the same problem in reverse. Through the years he's been no worse than any successful politician, but his fiasco with Watergate has made him much more interesting. The public is enthralled with Watergate and every day the news is certain to cover the subject. Nixon and his associates are villains the public is loving to watch get destroyed little by little, day by day.

## Mailbag

To the Editor:

While waiting in line to pay for my lunch last Monday, my attention was drawn to a sign on the cash register which read "water, hot or cold, 5 cents a cup." I find this practice to be way out of line with respect to student finances. I may be misinformed, but my understanding of this institution's food services facilities are meant to be used as an aid to instruction, not to bilk the students.

There are four cups of water per quart or sixteen cups per gallon, at 5 cents per cup, the total is 80 cents per gallon. Our gasoline prices aren't that high, and I don't think we should have to pay that much for water. I haven't been to any private operations in our immediate business community that con-

Richard Nixon will be the last president of the United States who isn't expert at understanding and dealing with the news media. Another man could have stepped around the Watergate issue, but Nixon was too concerned with his office and apparently unable to forecast how the media and the public would react.

Being unable to manipulate the news media has ruined Nixon. Television's dramatic news presentations, with their stop-action photography and other Hollywood effects, are capable of presenting a completely different perspective than what is really going on. The viewer has to be doubly alert to see the true action through all the special effects.

Every politician in the country has learned from Nixon's misadventure, but unfortunately it hasn't changed the way the game is played.

In South Dakota George McGovern is up for re-election. Gone are the liberal positions of 1972, they're better left unsaid in South Dakota. Half of his campaign will be financed with out-of-state money, including \$3,000,000 which he managed to have left over from his 1972 presidential campaign.

South Dakota Republicans estimate McGovern will put 1 million dollars into his re-election drive and they are livid about it. They won't be able to raise half that amount. Mc-

Govern isn't nearly so concerned with the sources of campaign money in this election.

Alan Cranston, incumbent senator from California, recently sent a government financed letter to registered voters in California stating in part that "Gulf Oil reported a 153 percent profit margin in the final quarter of last year. Yet it paid only 2 percent of its income in federal income taxes". This is an extremely misleading statement, distorting the figures far beyond any responsible representation of the truth.

In 1973 Gulf Oil had approximately a 14 percent profit margin and paid half of their profit in taxes, at least when calculated by accounting practices.

Cranston's statement was meant to enrage voters and get him votes, with little regard for accuracy. Cranston has often spoken out for truth-in-advertising, but when up for re-election the truth becomes much more flexible for him.

No doubt there's lots more going on that we don't hear about. The media is much too busy covering every possible aspect of the Nixon downfall to present a wide picture of today's happenings.

Whatever else happens this year, you can bet Hank Aaron will be the winner and Dick Nixon the loser on the 7 o'clock news.

Pop, Flags, firemen, etc. It was a grand day.

Some time later, in a bit of quiet, the hero was talking to his old coach. Comes it now! "Yah know, Coach. One thing yah told me I NEVER forgot." Oh boy, sez the coach, oh boy—here's where I get my BIG pat on the head. "Yah know, Coach,—you once told me to always dry between my toes and I'd never get atheletes foot. Well, I always have, and I never did get atheletes foot.

So help me—true! Related to me in person by the ex-coach who was then an aging elementary school principal in Eugene—naturally.

Walter James Brick

## RHIP OFFS

# Writers left in spring daze

Doug McLeod

Writing a journalistic column after attending LBCC's Spring Creative Writers Conference, is tougher than trying to get rid of Nixon.

Four solid days and nights of nothing but poets, poetry and poets wives, literally left everyone who attended the conference in a poetic trance. It's like the little boy who grabbed a balloon, went up in May and didn't come down till June. This can be a problem because students have to get down by Monday, because they have to "get back to normal" so they can "think about schoolwork."

Bill Sweet, Director of the conference, and a poet himself, has been through it before. Bill is an LBCC instructor, and he also has to "get down." When interviewed last Monday,

Bill's eyeballs still looked like roadmaps. He was chain-smoking Pall Malls, and he told the reporter he saw a cloud that looked like a whale. "You can't live like that," said Bill. "You'll burn out." Then Bill said, "I had to watch television all day Sunday so I could purge my mind."

According to Wes Hofferber, who taped the conversation, the conference this year affected Bill more than usual.

"It's because two days after William Stafford was at LBCC, he was named as Poet Laureate of Oregon," said Wes. "And Bill & Bill are good friends."

(Oregon hasn't had a Poet Laureate for twenty-nine years because there hasn't been anyone who could qualify.)

"He'll be alright in a week

or two," Wes added. "Myrna will straighten him out."

Yours truly has it just about as bad. This morning I wrote a poem about an empty tuna-fish can that had fallen off a garbage truck and was run over by an oil tanker.

SPORTS—Debbie Conrad, LBCC's streaking coach, was asked for a comment after her crack streaking team failed to show. The team was scheduled to streak the Commons on Wednesday, but according to Debbie, (who maintains she is not a player-coach) the entire team came down with pneumonia and will be out of action indefinitely.

Susan Haines said if she had one wish, she would like to see Larry Tannebaum, alias "El Grosso," streak through LBCC in his bowling shoes.

# Writers Conference held

Doug McLeod

Seminars and Conferences are special because they are held for people who want a concentrated learning experience in one particular area. During Spring break, LBCC was lucky enough to play host (thanks to Bill Sweet) to such a conference, "The Writer and The Real World." This year's writer's conference was unique because each evening poetry reading involved participation by both the Poet and the Poetess; "The He & The She Of It."

The first evening Bill Sweet and Myrna Peña-Reyes, who is Bill's wife and a Poet herself, gave their readings. Bill and Myrna are fairly-newly weds, and as they took turns reading their different poems, their togetherness was reflected by their black and white look-alike dress.

Thursday, Ralph Salisbury and Ingrid Wendt, another husband and wife team, gave their readings. The Eugene couple didn't have the look-alike look, but their likeness came out in many of their poems, which centered around their romance, and the birth and growing of their young daughter, Erin Marie. After their reading, Ralph and Ingrid discussed with the audience the pros and cons of writers being married to writers.

Friday, Anthony and Miriam Ostroff literally took the floor. Tony's poetry, backed by his philosophy, was sometimes humorous but the supercharged beauty of his poem about a dolphin, left more than one person in tears. Though not a writer herself, Miriam has a great understanding of the writing process, and the Ostroff's marriage is based on a mutual respect for each other's privacy. When asked if Miriam helped him write his poetry, Tony said she didn't help him write his lines, but she did have the ability to point out weak parts of a poem. Tony then said, "and Miriam has impeccable taste."

Saturday night William and Dorothy Stafford, and an unexpected surprise, their son Kim, gave their presentation. This was a first, because Dorothy has never appeared on stage before as participant in a poetry reading. Bill and Kim took turns reading their poems, and Dorothy read her collection of sayings from their children, and the sayings hinted at the essence of the Staffords themselves. Their readings filled the room with their love of life and their close family love. The Staffords are a real family of Poets, and Kim, a student at the U of O, is almost as good as "the ol' man" already.

# Dr. Astro will present Steinbeck 'Slide-talk'

On April 18 (a week from next Thursday) Dr. Richard Astro will present a "slide-talk" on "John Steinbeck and The Sea". Dr. Astro is an Associate Professor of English and assistant to the Vice President at O.S.U. He is the author of "John Steinbeck and Edward F. Ricketts" and has co-edited other books on Steinbeck and Hemingway. His articles have appeared in "Modern Fiction Studies", "Twentieth Century Literature", "Western American Literature" and others.

Professor Astro's presentation will act as a preparation for a conference entitled "John Steinbeck and the Sea". The conference is sponsored by the Sea Grant College Program at O.S.U. and will be held May

4, 1974 in Newport. Registration fee for the Newport conference is \$10.00 and should be sent to Professor Astro no later than April 20.

Professor Astro's "slide-talk" will center around two of Steinbeck's works, "Cannery Row" and "The Log from the Sea of Cortez". Participants in the lecture at LBCC are urged to read the two books in order to fully benefit from the presentation.

The lecture is being hosted on the LBCC campus by the LBCC Creative Writers Club through the office of Continuing Education.

Refreshments will be served and a 50 cent fee will be charged. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. The lecture will begin at 7:30.

## THE COMMUTER

# Features

## Old-time Fiddlers 'get it on'



The McKenzie River Boys, shown above, stomped out fine bluegrass sounds while the many fine fiddlers took a break at the 7th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention.

Bob Byington

The last Friday night of Spring vacation Sandy (my wife) and I had the pleasure of hearing some of the finest fiddle music in Oregon.

It was old time fiddle music and the occasion was the Oregon 7th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention, held at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene.

The fiddlers put on a great show. They played waltzes, hoedowns and bluegrass music. Some standards like the "Orange Blossom Special" and "Turkey in the Straw" were played and there was a beautiful duet by Linda Danielson and Wayne Holmes of Eugene, who played the "Swedish Wedding March."

Cliff Buker of Walport is the founder of the association. It was his 81st birthday and he



Cliff Buker, with his singing string fiddle headlighted the 7th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention.

is still playing. From the original twelve in 1964, official membership is now over 500.

At the other end of the ladder is Billy Warwick of Williams, 17, who is the state junior champ.

Between the fiddlers came the McKenzie River Boys and their fine bluegrass. They had a man that played a fantastic steel-slide guitar.

The show lasted about two hours but that wasn't the end of the music. The members staying for the business meeting Saturday stayed up until the wee hours, going from camper to trailer jamming away the hours, making perhaps the best music of the night.

## Actor-Poet to perform

Roger Steffens

This Wednesday, April 3, LBCC brings actor-poet Roger Steffens to Albany.

His topic is "Living Poetry" and will include performances of popular and underground American poetic works as well as stories about the poems' authors and accounts of his travels around the world.

Mr. Steffens is not only an accomplished actor-poet in many fields (contemporary as well as classical) but he also has accomplished much in other areas. He organized a mas-

sive aid campaign for Vietnamese refugees, is an artist-in-residence at several eastern universities and has presented talents on a weekly TV show, reading poetry to combat troops in Vietnam.

The lecture of "Living Poetry" has been given at over 600 schools in 43 states and on five continents.

Tickets will be on sale in the College Center, Frenches Jewlers, or at the door. Adults: \$1.50, Students: \$1.00, LBCC Students: 75 cents.

All veterans receiving G.I. benefits will be getting a blue-bordered, computer card in their April or May checks. These cards MUST be returned to the Veteran's Administration in Portland in order to insure continued receipt of benefits. REPEAT! Failure to return cards will mean no more payments. Contact LBCC Veteran's Office for assistance. The office will also mail the cards to Portland.

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## Presidents Corner

Dr. Ray Needham

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, March 8, to make decisions as to the future of the special levy election. In that the college does not have a tax base to operate next year, we have to pass an operating budget election. It was decided to present to the voters again on May 7, which is a common voting date for the state. We will be joining several other school districts.

The Board decided to increase the projected enrollment for next year based upon the higher enrollment results of spring quarter. The Board also decided to remove the construction planning money for next year. These two items will decrease the special levy by \$62,943. The tax cost will be reduced from the estimated \$1.41 to \$1.37 per thousand dollars of true cash value of property.

The Board discussed the possibility of increasing tuition, and decided that they would not at this time increase student tuition.

I would like to be able to respond in this President's Corner column to questions that students have, and would encourage students to express their concerns.

Chemeketa

Condolences offered

LBCC joins with the rest of the community colleges throughout the state in offering condolences to the family, friends, staff and students of President Paul Wilnethe, Chemeketa Community College.

President Wilnethe personally developed the college transfer program changing Chemeketa from a voc-tech to a community college.

President Wilnethe died a week ago Sunday. Funeral services were held last Thursday and were attended by most of the community college presidents from throughout the state.

Dean Al Ringo is the interim president.

NROTC Scholarships available

Applications for the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program are now being accepted.

This program offers financial aid for four years in college. The Navy pays tuition and educational fees, books, uniforms and \$100.00 per month subsistence allowance.

The purpose of the program is to provide civilian-educated career officers to serve the American people in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Upon successfully completing baccalaureate degree requirements and completing summer training periods, students are commissioned officers in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

Applicants for the program will be considered based on scores obtained on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), Princeton, New Jersey, or the American College Test (ACT) of the American College Testing Program, Iowa City, Iowa.

Applicants for the 1975 NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program must:

Need aid?

If you plan on returning to LBCC for summer school or fall, 1974, you must reapply for financial aid soon. Application forms are available in the Financial Aids Office.

If you plan to transfer to another college, contact Rita Lambert, Financial Aids Office, for information for financial assistance.

APPLY IMMEDIATELY BUT NO LATER THAN APRIL 19, 1974 FOR BEST CONSIDERATION.

Apply for and take either test specified above at their own expense by November 1974.

Arrange with the appropriate testing agency for the submission of their scores to the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program, Iowa City, Iowa. Scores must be released by 3 November in order to insure receipt by the score receipt deadline date of 15 December.

Apply for the NROTC Navy-Marine Scholarship Program between 1 March 1974 and 15 November 1974 in accordance with the 1975 NROTC bulletin.

The 1975 NROTC bulletins containing the eligibility requirements and applications are available from Mr. Mike Patrick, The Financial Aids Office, LBCC or the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps Recruiting Station listed in your telephone directory or from the Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (Code 314), 4015 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22203.

Personal Ads

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Club news  
Creative writers organize

The Creative Writers Club held its organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. Officers were elec-

ted to serve until such time that the constitution could be drawn up, then permanent officers will be elected.

The purpose of the club is to raise money to bring writers to LBCC, to share the work of the writers of LBCC and to help each writer to find their own style.

Bowling league begins April 4

The winter term bowling league ended March 11 with the presentation of trophies. First place team trophies went to Tom Skeele, who bowled with a blind score as the league was short one woman bowler. Second place team trophies went to Stan Roth and Pam Jackson. Individual high average trophy was won by Stan Roth for the men and Jan Zurmely for the women. High game trophies were taken by Lou Reigard and Pam Jackson. The high series trophy went to Larry Johnson and Jan Zurmely.

The spring term league will start on April 4 and will continue each Thursday through May 30. The league will meet at 3:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Lanes. Students and staff are welcome to participate in this mixed doubles league. There is a cost of \$4.00 to each bowler.

The next meeting is to be held in the third week of the spring term. If you are interested in the Creative Writers Club, see Bill Sweet, Advisor, Greg Robin Smith, President, or Chris Dawkins, Secretary.

The Creative Writers Club took an active part in helping with the Creative Writers Conference during Spring vacation.

Forum club

A former club at LBCC, the Forum, will be revitalized beginning Wednesday, April 3, at noon, in the Willamette Room. The primary objective of the Forum is to provide an open forum for discussion and analysis of ideas which are of concern to thinking people. We may discuss Marxian principles, Taoism, realism, genetics, or whatever you wish. Jim Barnes is the advisor for the group and he encourages both interested students and interested faculty to attend and participate.

Christians on Campus

The Christians on Campus Club have started their spring term with a meeting Wednesday noon in the Santiam Room. The meetings will be held each Wednesday noon in the Santiam Room.

There are many events coming up in the near future for the Christians on Campus including fellowships, Bible studies, films, and bake sales. The big moment of the term will be May 15 when Barry McQuire will sing for the student body in the Commons at noon.

Parking Notice

Parkers beware! You may find it cheaper to take a taxi than to park in the Northeast parking lot. The lot is now open to general parking EXCEPT there are some very firm exceptions. Park only in designated areas (between those white lines on the pavement). DO NOT park along the yellow curb anywhere there are no white lines. If you do, it will cost five bucks. I should know, I parked there. DO NOT park in the handicapped areas. We do have handicapped students. Inconvenience to you may be an impossibility to them. Thanks for helping solve this problem.

Start walking

Due to lack of interest, the LBCC new improved car pool has been cancelled. Students without transportation are urged to either quit school or start walking.

As an alternative to car pools, Dr. Sherman Schwartzworth, Dean of The International Academy of Non-Transportable People, has suggested enrolling in his correspondence school this term.

Some of the studies offered at the IA of NTP are Introduction to Auto Thefts, Basic Bus Travel and Creative Walking.

Tuition fees are expected to be increased from the present \$95.99 per term to \$225.89, if the LBCC Budget isn't passed in the next election.

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