



Mrs. Janet Rapensperg, Nursing Assistance instructor, demonstrates to students the correct procedure for bandaging an ankle. The Nursing Program is located at the Lebanon Community Medical Center.

## LBCC's nursing assistants program serves community

By JANET KOCH

Most of the students at LBCC are aware of at least some of the recent innovations about the college, such as evening counselling and the newly offered mini-courses. But these are new innovations. What about some of the things that have been going on for years? To be more specific; how many students are aware of the "Nursing Assistant" program? It takes place completely off campus, and many of the people who are students of the program do not attend any classes on campus. Various locations have been, and are being, used in their training. At the moment, the twelve students (eleven of

which are girls) and their instructor, Mrs. Raffensperg, are into their sixth week at the Lebanon Community Medical Center. Until they became too full, hospitals in Albany and Corvallis were also utilized as training grounds for the would-be aides and orderlies. But now, only the Medical Center has space to offer and, due to limited facilities, only twelve of the twenty-five to thirty applicants can be accepted for the program. All applicants are thoroughly screened by counselors and nurses to determine if they are suitable. This screening is very important as so few can be taken.

The interviewers look for more than just a desire to help people, but for the signs of genuine interest and capabilities. Even after the final decision is made, the chosen students are carefully watched during the first three weeks of training. This is the crucial period in which a student shows his potentiality. Out of the original twelve, ten to eleven usually survive to the end.

The requirements of anyone (male or female) who cares to become involved in this program are few. The person must be from seventeen to sixty-two years of age, and have a (continued on page 4, column 3)

## Oregon college — high school students plan for vote registration confab

Student representatives from Oregon high schools and colleges will meet in Portland November 26 and 27 to hammer out final strategy for a campaign to get potential young voters to registration tables.

The wholly student-organized and administered convention will be held in Smith Memorial Center on the Portland State University campus, according to Earl Blumenauer, interim chairman of Vote Coalition. Vote Coalition is a non-partisan non-issue oriented group of citizens of all ages who were active in fall term registration drives on Oregon campuses.

Blumenauer said the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon AFL-CIO, Portland State and Vote Coalition are sponsoring the convention.

A major purpose of the convention, he added, is to alter the registration trend of men and women under 30, who always have had the poorest registration turnout of all age brackets.

"The 26th Amendment has enfranchised the 18 to 20-year olds, and these citizens must be acquainted with registration procedures and motivated to register for either political party in order to be eligible for Oregon's May primary," Mr. Blumenauer said.

The conference will feature a general introduction to the political process and problems on the state and local level. Panels will deal specifically

with the rights and responsibilities of students and the politics of education. Leading spokesmen for Oregon's Republican and Democratic parties will be on hand to acquaint participants with the ideals of each party.

Twelve caucuses, representing high school, college and junior college delegates in each of the state's four congressional districts, will develop local and state-wide strategies to facilitate voter registration for the under-30 citizens. Final business will be to elect a state-wide chairman and executive board.

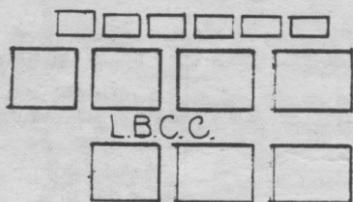
Registration for the convention is now open. A maximum of 200 participants will be allowed, Blumenauer said, so interested schools and individuals are urged to reserve positions as soon as possible. Observers also are welcome at all of the sessions.

The registration fee is five dollars per school and one dollar per person, or two dollars per person, whichever is less. The observer fee is two dollars.

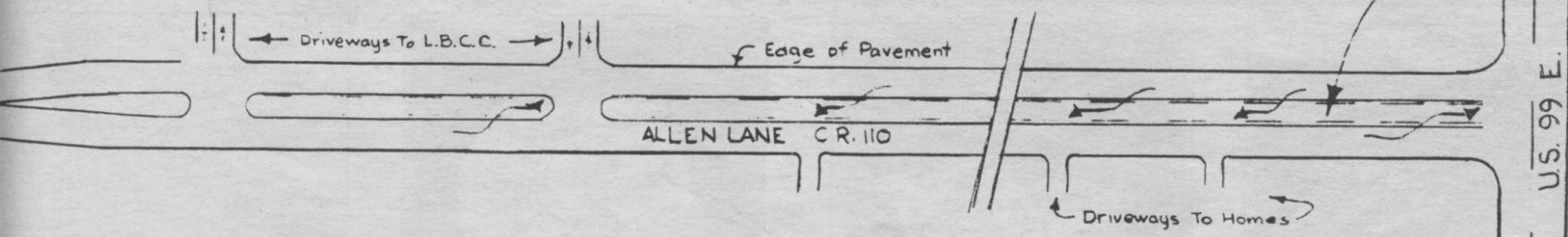
Students wishing to participate in the convention, or who will need help in securing housing accommodations, are asked to write: Earl Blumenauer, Assistant to the President for Student Affairs, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207, or call: 229-4469.

In response to Allen Lane confusion

## County clarifies use of middle lane



Note: This area is a median, and not for driving or passing. It is used only for making left turns.



Freshman Senator Tom Gilbert provided THE COMMUTER with the drawing above illustrating the proper use of the middle lane of Allen Lane. According to Gilbert,

the county will paint turn strips in the lane sometime in the near future. Until then, drivers should use the middle lane only as a turn lane.

# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

### Phantom thief causes distrust



The disappearance of LBCC's American flag has caused a great deal of controversy. It is not necessarily a question of patriotism but a question of general principal and maturity. It is not a matter of personal respect (or lack of it) for our symbol of nationalism to be considered in this situation. More, it is the disappointing fact that nothing is safe left alone to the whimsy of this particular or any other phantom thief.

If the flag was stolen because of a personal gripe against America then the thief's immaturity is showing.

That flag meant something to some of the people in this school. Moreover, it was a special gift to LBCC students. By stealing that flag, the thief is showing that he was thinking of no one but himself.

It is really sad that a college student, with all of his professed maturity, can't abide with a difference of opinion.

If it was stolen merely for a personal possession, then again it is a case of selfishness.

After all these ifs and conjectures, it is still sad to realize that we can't trust one another.

J.H.

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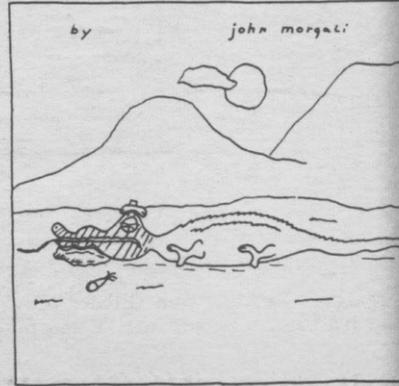
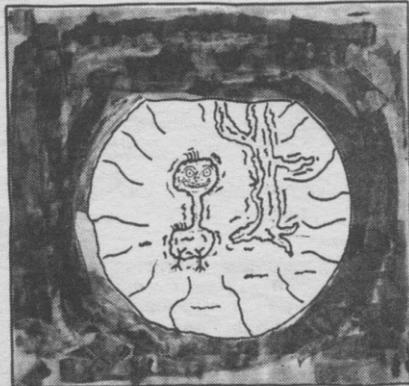
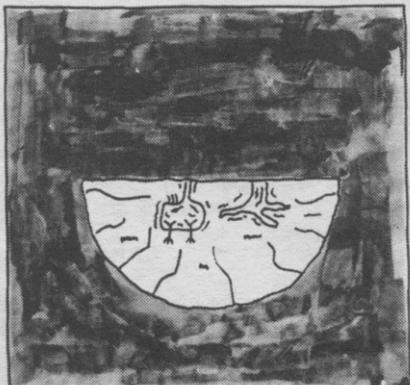
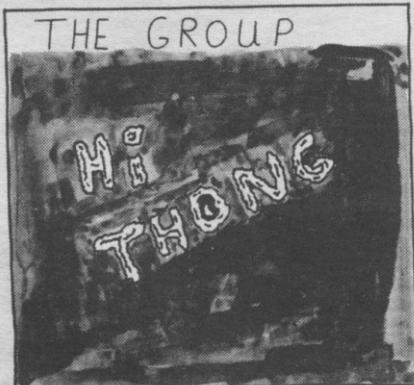
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## Feed back

By GARRY W. MORSE

It seems that LBCC is plagued with a thief—a patriotic one it seems, but still a thief. On Monday, November 8, LBCC's American flag was stolen. The theft of the flag is bad enough as is but it is compounded by the fact that it was a gift. In the words of Harvey Scott, ASB President, "This is kind of a special flag. It was donated by Senator Bob Packwood. It has flown over the nation's capitol."

An offer has been made by Harvey Scott, "If the person that took the flag would return it, there would be no questions asked." All that the responsible person need do is return the flag either to the Student Government Office or place it in Schafer Lounge.

In this writer's opinion, Harvey Scott's action is too lenient. Action should be taken against the offender. On the other hand if the sole desire is to regain our flag, perhaps this will facilitate its return.

Other action in the Senate was the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the LBCC Constitution. It has been three years since it has been adopted. The purpose of the committee will be to review the Constitution to see if there is any need for revision. Tom Coon has been appointed to be Chairman of the committee.

## Faculty column Students should learn to accept responsibility

By DICK McCLAIN

Many students do not realize the responsibility they have to themselves regarding education. Students fall into many categories when they enroll at Linn-Benton. There is the individual who has done well academically in the past and wants quality education for the least amount of money, as well as the student who needs and deserves a second chance. Students possess many varieties of these two characteristics.

Most students are aware of the academic offerings at Linn-Benton. They are told by counselors what courses they should take to qualify themselves to accept a particular job. Too many students at Linn-Benton fail to realize the many other learning experiences at Linn-Benton.

I feel Linn-Benton students tie themselves to their High School past. It has been proven in the past that college associations can be the most meaningful and lasting associations that a person can establish. Students owe it to themselves to allow themselves to make these lasting friendships at Linn-Benton.

Students should also get educated out of the classroom. Join activities such as student government, sports clubs, interest groups and other activities. These associations with extra curricular activities can allow individuals to gain a sense of self worth and accomplishment. This contribution is built along the old adage that a person gains more from giving than receiving. To some, this may sound trite, but it is true. If you haven't tried it, you should!

It must be rather frustrating at times to find oneself going through the motion of life and not being able to see the end. Perhaps I can list a few ways to alleviate the problem. Take pride in what you are doing and associated with. Believe you are in the best school in the nation and help it to become just that! When you graduate, continue to sell Linn-Benton so new students can have the opportunity that you have had.

Look in the mirror, students!! Don't let yourself say tomorrow, "I wish I had listened yesterday, but today it is too late." Accept responsibility and take pride in yourselves and you will find life much more rewarding and enjoyable.

## Staff column

By ELLEN K. HILLEMANN

Signs should be placed on the LBCC campus parking lot establishing a speed zone with a speed limit of not more than 8 miles per hour.

Cars should drive into the parking space in the direction of the arrows and not back into a parking space which adds to the congestion.

Please use cans for cigarettes, cigars, wrappers and so

on. It is a poor judgement of courtesy to throw these items on the ground and it is difficult to clean up.

Allen Lane should be made into a four lane highway with proper turn lanes. I propose that this change be looked into.

People that have their horses, dogs, and other pets on campus should please pick up their fertilizer before they go home. It is unhealthy and unsightly. The pets' place is at home and

they should be banned from campus.

A courtesy notice sign should be placed on campus indicating the meaning of the symbols that are painted on the parking spaces.

Signs should be placed on Allen Lane designating for what purpose the center lane is to be used.

Student Government and others should submit suggestions to shape up the campus.



### YOUR CAR is parked in a restricted zone!

### Symbols on pavement indicate areas of emergency parking only.

# Features

## Art Pearl slams grass, McCall

By JAMIE KILBURN

With only a handful of students around, Dr. Arthur Pearl gave a one hour convocation on the topic "Ecology and Education," at 2 p.m., Nov. 10 in the Center Commons.

During the lecture, Dr. Pearl mentioned six major threats to our country and the world. The three he feels are the main threats are: war, racism, and poverty. The additional three are: our problem of living out of harmony with nature, that is exhausting our natural resources; the population problem; and the pollution problem. Dr. Pearl feels we are burying ourselves in our own garbage.

"We talk about the problems but we never think through the solution," says Dr. Pearl.

All these problems are inter-related in Dr. Pearl's opinion. "Earth is finite. People will outgrow the Earth's resources—how long can the Earth sustain and accommodate these people?" questioned Dr. Pearl.

"At least two out of three people in the world are under-nourished. In the U.S. alone 15 million people suffer from malnutrition."

A startling fact brought up by Dr. Pearl was that last year the government spent more on the import of food stuffs which go into the making of dog and cat food than they spent on our own poor people.

"Some people would be better off being adopted as somebody's pet," Dr. Pearl concluded.

Switching the conversation between students and himself, Dr. Pearl talked of our technological problems.

"We have almost become prisoners of our own technology," Dr. Pearl stated.

Along with the problem of fuel pollution which comes with the automobile, Dr. Pearl says more land is being used for the automobile than for food growth as it should be.

## Calendar of events

November 15 - Film, "Son of the Shiek," Schafer Lounge, continuous.  
November 17 - OSU Convocation, Dick Gregory, Gill Coliseum, 8 p.m.

November 19 - International Club sponsors a potluck dinner, 6 p.m. All foreign and American students are invited. At the home of Mrs. Janet Brem, 1133 Northview Lane, North Albany.

November 20 - Football, OSU vs Oregon, Autzen Stadium, Eugene, 1:30 p.m.

November 22 - Association Concert, Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, Gill Coliseum, 8 p.m.

November 22 - Film, "Early Diagnosis and Management of Breast Cancer", followed by a question and answer session with nursing students Edith Meyers, Linda Howes, and Emily Chaput. Schafer Lounge, 11:30 & 12:30. Brochures will be available.

We're concreting over the land for parking lots and highways instead of using it for food growth. A possible solution proposed by Dr. Pearl would be a Rapid Transit system. This would save land by having planned space to navigate and store cars while not in use. This would also cut down on the pollution factor.

Dr. Pearl doesn't advocate the total elimination of cars — only privately owned vehicles.

For a few minutes the conversation touched on the Grass Seed growers.

"There may be more important things than grass," and then looking at the students sitting in the front Dr. Pearl smiled and continued, "depending on who you are."

Dr. Arthur Pearl is currently Professor of Education at the University of Oregon. He is head of the Disadvantaged Youth Education component of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the U of O. Dr. Pearl is also involved with many of the minority programs on the university campus. He has co-authored two books, "Mental Health of the Poor" and "New Careers for the Poor." His recently finished book, called "The Atrocities of Education," was out in the Spring of 1971. At the present time he is working on a book titled "How to Take the Gross Out of the National Product."

Inevitably the subject of politics cropped up during the last part of the convocation. Not too long ago Arthur Pearl ran against Tom McCall for Governor of Oregon. McCall won the race. Dr. Pearl feels he did as well as he could for not being a well known public figure.

He is currently backing Wayne Morse for the Senate, but has no definite plans for himself.

Dr. Pearl had one last thought-provoking statement before he left.

"When I ran against McCall for Governor, I didn't lose the election — Oregon did."

## Chintimini offers hope

# Albany halfway house for mental patients proposed

Once upon a time, there was a little Indian maiden called Chintimini. Her people, menaced by surrounding tribes, decided that something had to be done in order to save themselves from impending disaster. Chintimini climbed a nearby mountain and set a blazing bonfire. Her tribe scattered into the woods in the confusion that ensued. The advancing hostiles, each thinking that they were battling Chintimini's people, savagely attacked each other.

After the battle, Chintimini could not be found. In her honor, the tribe's chief named that mountain "Chintimini's Peak." Today it is known as Mary's Peak.

But the people concerned with planning a mental health halfway house have not forgotten the great sacrifice Chintimini made for her tribe—the hope that she had in her heart for a brighter future.

It is the hope of many individuals in Linn and Benton counties that a halfway house be initiated for residents suffering from mental strains.

An 18-member board of directors from the two counties is planning the facility and will call it Chintimini House.

Fund raising is the biggest task to be undertaken during November. To qualify for federal funds, project organizers must show local support.

Cost of one year's operation will be \$17,000, says Charlotte Poehlman, who is in charge of informing organizations and the public about the halfway house.

A member of the board and of Albany Junior Woman's Club which is helping to raise funds, Mrs. Poehlman says Teledyne Wah Chang Albany Corporation already has donated \$100.

Vern Davis, director of the Northwest Mental Health Association, is looking into possible foundation grants.

Mrs. Merle Taylor is contacting clubs to arrange a visit to the state hospital. Call her for information.

The state hospital has a limited amount of space so that patients are sent home as soon as possible, says Mrs. Poehlman. The halfway house will help to cushion the return, planners hope.

Perhaps individuals who feel on the verge of mental collapse will be able to find help at the halfway house, Mrs. Poehlman says.

In five years there have been 277 first admission to the state hospital from Linn County and 407 readmissions.

Mrs. Poehlman believes that group therapy with professional guidance may be an answer to helping area teen-agers.

The house would be big enough to accommodate a day-care center and to be a temporary residence for eight to 10 adults released from the Oregon State Hospital in Salem.

Sam Fratto, Linn County Mental Health Clinic director, said the recidivism figure in the county is a high one. It shows a need for more "reentrance" methods for state hospital patients returning to the outside world.

Such things as halfway houses and more complete hospital follow-up programs would fit under the "reentry" category.

At present Linn County does not have any halfway house programs where returning patients can adjust to society before leaving at least partial supervision.

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A spaghetti feed is set from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., November 19, at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Fifth and Lyon, Albany, to raise funds for the Chintimini House.

Junior Woman's Club members will serve. Tickets are available from Fairmount Bluebirds, at Ginther Realty, in the Activities Office at LBCC, and will be available at the door.

## To appear on television LBCC choir wins local recognition

Climaxing weeks of arduous practice the Linn-Benton Choir has several events on its agenda for this term.

Under the auspices of the Albany Merchants Association, the choir will perform in the annual Santa Claus parade on November 26.

The 28 member troop will travel to Salem and appear on television December 8. KVDO, the station broadcasting the Christmas special featuring the LBCC choir, will beam the program locally via channel 3.

The next day, the singing group will appear in conjunction

with the Albany Civic Choir at the United Presbyterian church in Albany. Those wishing to view this program may do so at 8:00 p.m., December 9.

The Music Department is in the process of drumming up support for a Pep Band to play during half-time at basketball games. Dick West said, "We can have a Pep Band IF enough people are interested."

Endlessly recruiting new members for his singing class, West emphasized "The only requirement is that they want to sing."



## Board ideas implemented

At the monthly meeting of the LBCC Board of Education meeting Thursday, November 11, the implementation of a student proposal to seat persons from the faculty, classified staff, and student sections serving the Board as resource persons. These individuals were; Harvey Scott, student; Jim Barnes, faculty; Arlene O'Leary, classified staff.

The Board approved the use of BankAmericard and Master Charge for use in registration and use in the campus bookstore. The new charge card policy will be in effect for registration by November 29, the first day of registration for Winter Term. Any limitations on the new service will be announced at a later date. At the present time, no discussion has been made as to when the bookstore will begin using the charge card system.

A new policy on "talent grants" was adopted by the Board. It will now be the policy of LBCC not to award grants for specific talents. Such grants have been awarded in the past for such talents as sports, music, drama, etc. The new policy reflects the philosophy of the college to provide grant monies to students on a need basis.

The LBCC Board of Education meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month. The meetings are open to interested individuals.

# News

## Student gov't establishes LBCC vet club

The student senate ratified a request put before the body November 9, by Larry Ferrell to establish a veterans club on campus. The club at present is known as the LBCC Oregon Collegiate Veterans Club. Final action on the club's name will be a matter for discussion at the club's first meeting, Thursday, November 18. This meeting is scheduled for 12 noon in the conference room. The club is open to membership of all honorably discharged servicemen and women, age 18 or over, and persons interested in the betterment of veterans' affairs.

Larry Ferrell stated at the senate meeting, "We want to provide an opportunity for all

veterans to know his or her benefits and obligations."

The club also requested permission to circulate a petition to support the promotion of state benefits of \$50.00 a month for Oregon G.I.s. The money would run concurrently with the present Federal G.I. benefits for education. The petition is now being circulated for signatures of interested Oregon veterans on campus. A copy of the petition is posted on the bulletin board in the College Center Foyer. The petition was originated by the Oregon Collegiate Veterans Association and is being circulated state-wide with hopes of being on the next State Legislature's docket.

## LBCC growth continues

Enrollment is up again this year as LBCC continues to expand facilities and offer new courses.

The growth trend is in excess of 15 per cent and is expected to remain at that rate over the next few years. As LBCC reaches its full potential, with the new campus completed, and expanded course offerings, the estimated enrollment figures will be between 5,000 - 6,000 by the year 1975.

Presently, enrollment figures for credit classes, totaling 2,143, indicates men are in the majority. Dean of Admissions Lee Archibald said Monday that 58 per cent of the credit students are men and 42 per cent are women. Slightly more men, 27 per cent, are enrolled as part-time students. About 25 per cent of the women are part-time.

Most members of the student body are not right out of high school. The average age of students ranges from 24 to 26. About one quarter of the men are returning veterans.

The total enrollment now stands at 3,793, including 1,679

students enrolled in continuing education classes. The figure is expected to rise as enrollment gets under way for 20 mini-courses being offered starting this month. The courses are about five weeks long and range from candle making to a course for real estate salesmen.

So far, the college's "survival rate" (students who stay in school) is about 94 per cent. Comparative survival rate figures from other community colleges were not available, but Archibald said LBCC's ability to keep its students is among the highest in the state.

Last year total enrollment at LBCC was 3,470 on December 1. The addition of mini-course enrollment to this year's figures could push the total beyond 4,000.

About half of LBCC's credit students are enrolled in vocational education courses, Archibald said. It was in these courses that the greatest growth increase, 33 per cent, occurred.

The Oregon Board of Education full-time equivalent (FTE) projection is 1,615 this year

## LBCC nursing assistants program (con.)

high school diploma, or be able to pass the G.E.D. (an equivalency test). After this comes the interview with the nurses and counselors.

Once accepted, the student begins at the Medical Center where he or she works a five hour day. The schedule for the twelve weeks is as follows: The first five weeks are devoted to the learning of the proper methods concerning the care of patients. This includes their bathing and feeding, and general bedside care, and how one deals with the diabetic or elderly patient. The trainees practice on each other, also utilizing a life-like dummy known more familiarly as "Mrs. Chase," in their classroom-lab, which contains a number of regulation hospital beds, and other necessary pieces of equipment. If a student makes it through these first few weeks, he or she will go on to two weeks of clinical work in the hospital itself with actual patients. They abandon the classroom except for short morning discussions. Then follows two weeks in the Corvallis Manor Nursing Home,

where they apply the instruction they received in lab towards the delicate handling of elderly patients. The next, the tenth week, is finals week, and the last two weeks are optional; if a student wishes to, he or she may work with the Public Health Department. If, for example, four students expressed a desire to do this, two would be sent to Linn County and two to Benton. After being stationed, they become a part of the Home Health Aid program, which means that they go along with nurses to the homes of those who are not ill enough to be hospitalized, but who are ill enough to require someone to look in on them a few times a week.

As Mrs. Raffensperg explained, there are many reasons why people wish to take this course. One reason — and not always an adequate one — is the desire to help people. Another is the security of being able to find a job. Hospitals are full to over-flowing these days, and the need for properly trained assistants is fantastic. This little ten to twelve week

course provides enough education and direction to make the graduate valuable to a hospital — any hospital. A third reason for an interest in this course is that it can lead to other areas of health, such as physical therapy or to the gaining the title of licensed practical nurse.

This class is taught in two terms. The second, winter term, will be instructed by Ann Mills, who coordinated the class for LBCC in the first place.

The graduation ceremonies are to be held on December 6, 1971. For those who graduate, a Nursing Assistant Certificate will be given by someone from our vocational department. It may be done by Bob Adams or Mr. Jordan.

Once they have received that certificate, they are permitted to care for the moderately ill or convalescent patient under the supervision of a professionally trained nurse.

Should you want further information, contact Ray Miller at the counselling office.

## Nursing to sponsor Bloodmobile

For the first time in Linn-Benton Community college's history, the Red Cross will seek donors on campus.

The bloodmobile, with regular Red Cross personnel who will be assisted by the LBCC student nurses, will be at the college in early December.

Nursing student Edith Myers is coordinating arrangements with the Red Cross.

## PBL plans directory

Linn-Benton's Phi Beta Lambda is in the process of preparing student directories. They will have all LBCC student's names, addresses and phone numbers. These valuable booklets can be purchased for the nominal sum of ten cents. All proceeds are to go into the club's treasury.

## L A philharmonic booked at OSU

Free tickets to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra concert to be held in Gill Coliseum, November 22, at 8 p.m., will be available in the Activities office.

## Scouts need leaders

Former Girl Scouts interested in being Junior leaders for the Cadette program should call Mrs. Orris Carnegie at 928-9130. Your help is needed.

## McGovern rep to arrive on campus

Don Judson, State Coordinator of Students for McGovern, will have a booth set up in the College Center Foyer, Monday, November 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to hand out pamphlets and answer student questions on Senator McGovern's presidential platform and policies.

Mr. Judson, an OSU grad, will be soliciting for names of students who would be interested in forming a campus committee of Students for McGovern. Interested students are asked to contact Mr. Judson, who will arrange for a meeting later in the week to form the committee.

## OSU hosts Gregory

Order forms for tickets to the OSU Dick Gregory Convocation, November 17 at 8 p.m. in Gill Coliseum, are available in the Activities office in the College Center.

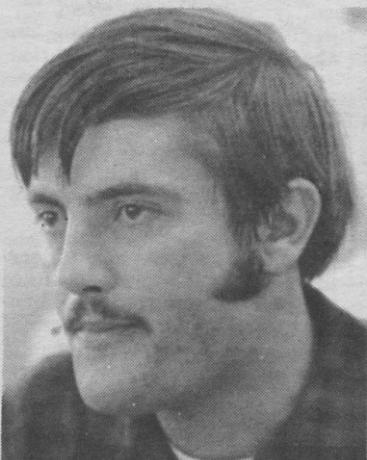
## Notice

The last fall term issue of THE COMMUTER will be a special literary issue.

All students and faculty are welcome to submit poems, short stories, or writings of any other kind for publication. All writing submitted should be no longer than two pages, typewritten. All material should be turned into T12 by November 24.

## Inquiring reporter:

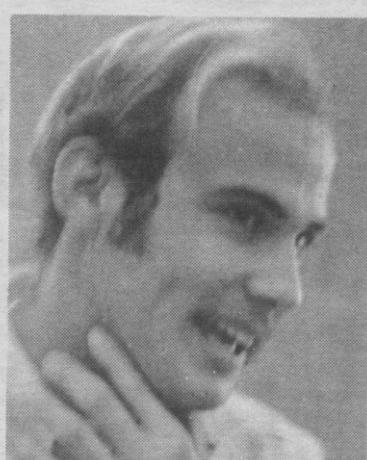
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF SERVICE RECRUITERS COMING TO THE LINN-BENTON CAMPUS TO DO THEIR WORK?



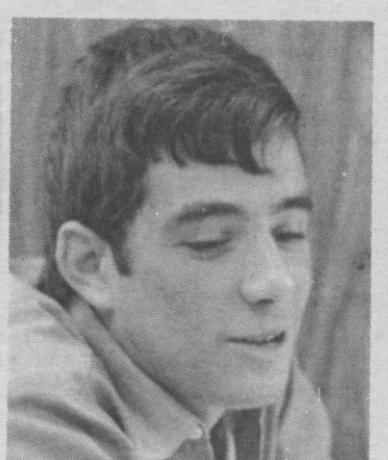
Mike Curtis: "As long as they don't try to rip you off for four years on a bum rap and as long as they're honest with the students it's okay."



Robin Morgan: "I'm all for it. They're picked for the job. They have no reason to give you a bum steer. For them it's like a vacation."



Bill Clough: "It's a good idea if they just give information about their branch of the service, but they shouldn't recruit on campus."



Al Martino: "I think it's okay. I find most recruiters in California aren't truthful. I don't mind as long as they don't feed you a lot of bull."