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Lambing Season

Robert Klinger, shepherd of the OSU flock, has his hands full this time of year. Here he administers a shot of vitamins A, D and E to one of a set of triplet lambs born eight hours earlier at the OSU Sheep Barns. Each of the lambs will get a check-up that includes shots, banding of their tails and a weigh-in. Klinger expects to deliver more than 1,000 lambs before the spring lambing season is over sometime in early March. The sheep barns, located on Campus Way just west of 35th Street in Corvallis, are open to the public during lambing season. About 1,000 visitors a day stop in to see the newborns, Klinger said. The flock, which includes about 600 ewes expected to deliver an average of 1.7 lambs each this year, are part of ongoing studies in animal health, breed comparisons and grazing management conducted by the OSU Agricultural Experiment Station. Orphan or "bummer" lambs will be offered for sale.

DOT to hear safety arguments

By Dale Owen
Staff Writer

A contingent of LBCC representatives plans to present arguments for safety improvement to Pacific Boulevard at the State Department of Transportation hearing March 3. "I would like to get other students to go," to the meeting, said Bill Baze, ASLBCC representative. He said that it will be an excellent opportunity for them to present their case for support of the proposal to place a traffic light on Pacific Boulevard by the north campus entrance.

A committee from the LBCC Board of Education, Baze, and Ray Jean, director of Facilities at LBCC will form a team to represent the school at a state Department of Transportation (DOT) highway development meeting at OSU's East Forum, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

According to Jean, the group will support the widening of Pacific Boulevard and make a proposal for installing a traffic light where the campus' north entrance intersects with the highway.

A number of accidents have occurred at the intersection in the past few years; including an accident in which a LBCC student was seriously injured and another one killed.

The best thing for the school would be incorporating a bike lane with the plan to widen the highway, Jean said. Combined with a traffic light, "it would make a nice thoroughfare and a safer one."

The light issue, a long-time concern of LBCC students and staff, was hampered when a petition circulated and signed last year by 570 people was lost.

New satellite dish to go atop LRC; promises to pull in more telecourses

By Jamie Putney
Staff Writer

Teleconferencing capabilities and more telecourses will be available to LBCC staff and students soon because a satellite dish is being installed on top of the library.

According to Paul Snyder, Media Services specialist, the dish should be operating within two weeks. The base that the dish will be mounted on is being welded, and as soon as it is finished the dish will be installed.

Snyder said the dish was purchased for \$5,000 from CASECO, who manufactures the fiberglass dishes in Millersburg, Ore.

The dish is 4 meters in diameter

and weights 400 pounds. It is much lighter than some stainless steel models, so it is easier to move it to receive different frequencies. It is moved by an industrial grade motor.

Snyder said the dish will provide Linn-Benton with more telecourses and better quality shows. It will enable foreign language instructors to receive different perspectives on international issues, which may benefit their students. The satellite dish will also contribute much to the college by bringing it more information from all over the world, live, rather than receiving dubbed tapings normally used for telecourses.

More uses for the dish will be established after the school becomes

more familiar with its capabilities.

The shape of the dish has a narrow hyperbolic range, which will decrease microwave interference from sources other than satellites, said Snyder. Some flatter dishes experience more noise by picking up too many unwanted signals. For the money, Snyder said he feels the school is getting an excellent quality dish.

Rooms which will be connected by cable to the dish are F 104, F 113, F 115, Boardrooms A and B and T 207. In addition, the media television studio will use the dish.

As soon as the dish is in operation, instructors will be notified as to what kinds of things they can use it for.

Tuition increases 'only' 7% nationally Proposed LBCC hike lower than national average

(CPS)—Stanford's trustees last week said they were raising tuition next year by "only" seven percent.

Iowa's tuition, regents announced last month, will rise by 6.5 percent. Duke students will shoulder an 11 percent hike, while California public college students will pay 7.5 percent more next year.

Here at LBCC officials have proposed a 5.6 percent tuition hike which drew little opposition at a hearing Monday that drew only four students.

In coming weeks, colleges from coast to coast will be announcing tuition hikes for next year.

And in spite of a booming economy and a low general inflation rate, the increases apparently won't be minor.

In all, students' total college costs are due to rise an average five-to-six percent next year, an American Council on Education (ACE) report released last week forecasts.

And a group of economists studying what makes tuition go up or down says students are in for more of the same big tuition hikes beyond next

school year, regardless of how healthy the national economy may be.

College costs for the 1985-86 school year are an average of seven percent higher than last year, while the Consumer Price Index—the national inflation rate—is only 3.8 percent higher.

Perhaps most consequential for students, experts agree, is that students—not governments or aid programs—will pay a bigger share of those higher costs.

"State legislatures would rather have students pay higher tuition than raise taxes" to help colleges meet their higher costs, says Cathy Henderson, an education consultant who authored the new ACE report.

"College costs aren't like roads, where everyone pays and everyone uses," she says. "People see the student as the primary beneficiary."

"Some states have explicitly decided to shift more of the burden onto the student," adds Terry Hartel of the American Enterprise Institute, a

Washington, D.C., think tank.

Experts concede they don't fully understand why tuition keeps rising faster than the general inflation rate, but most agree colleges need money from somewhere to make overdue building repairs and raise staff salaries.

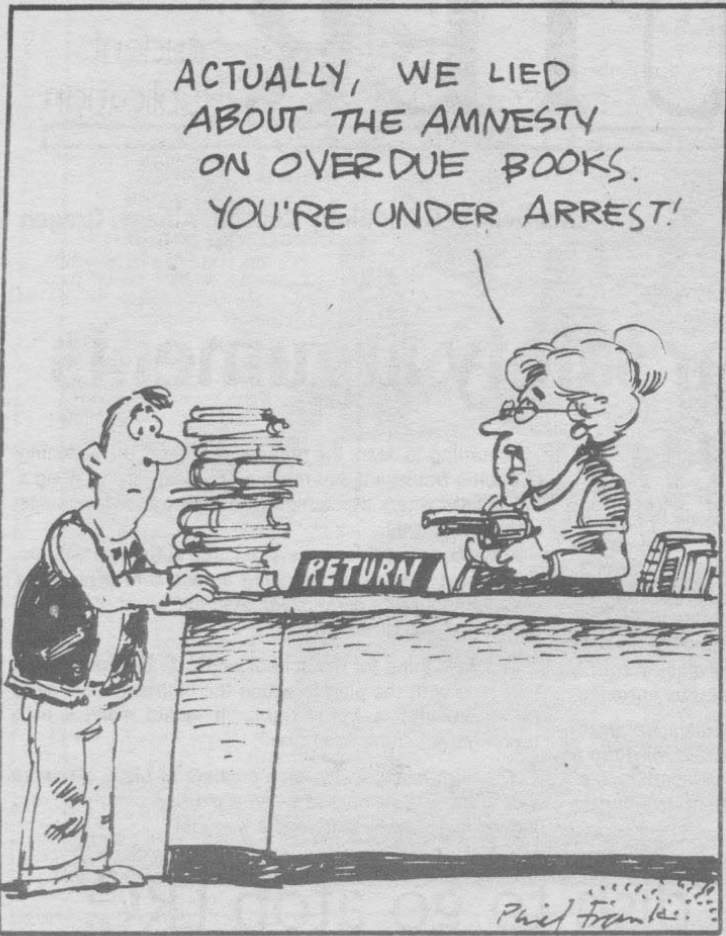
While most other industries managed to maintain their buildings and salaries during the economy's wild swings of the last 16 years, higher education is too bureaucratic either to keep up with inflation or adjust to its aftermath very quickly, other observers note.

Colleges, in fact, always have been slow to adjust to economic swings, says Patrick Melia, a public policy specialist at Georgetown University.

The dramatic increases of the early 1980s—when tuition jumped as much as 14 percent in a year on some campuses—are probably best understood as responses to the economic realities of the late seventies, he notes.

Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank



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Survey results released

By Diane Hood

Do you recall finding a questionnaire concerning LBCC in your mailbox? It was a survey conducted by the Board of Education and the Board of Trustees. The results were released last week.

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Ten Years Ago This Week

February 25, 1976

According to the College Press Service, "about \$2,200 worth of rock music went up in smoke recently in the name of God and morality in Tallahassee, FL."

"Rev. Charles Boykin, youth director and organizer of the record-fueled bonfire said he had been shown statistics claiming that 'of 1,000 girls who became pregnant out of wedlock, 984 committed fornication while rock music was being played.' He couldn't remember the source of those statistics, however."

"Boykin arranged the bonfire after prayer services at the Baptist church. He asked teen-agers to bring along records they felt unleashed carnal urges."

"A new club, 'Students for Dialectical Socialism' was organized "to promote a better understanding of socialism... in its many forms around the world, and to promote dialectical communication (discussion and reasoning by dialogue as a method of intellectual investigation."

"From 'Far Afield,' Bill Lanham's topic this week was the categories society puts people into.

"We have right-wingers and left-wingers, hawks and doves, radicals and conservatives.

"Between the radical and the conservative, probably the scariest is the radical and the most dangerous, the conservative.

"Thoreau 'the Brick' Wahl is a radical, or a left-winger..."

"I remember how Thoreau used to break things in the house," his mother remembered fondly and then went on to explain, 'he never could make a right turn, always to the left.'

"Thoreau's problem stayed with him throughout most of his school days and, for that matter, his turning ability is still not all that it should be.

"I can do it now," Thoreau said, of making right-hand turns, 'but I don't like it...'"

"According to Thoreau, new items and rules are coming in every day. As the times change, so do the radical's tactics.

"'What was outrageous yesterday is on TV today,' the 'Brick' said mournfully. 'My God! What is the world coming to? I wish things could remain the same for a while.'

Letters

Men suffer stress; need support group

To the Editor:

I have been composing this letter for several weeks now, and it's about time I got it off my chest and out in the open.

I have never considered myself to be sexist or chauvinistic, but in the last few months I have found myself being on the negative side of the Women's Center. I have been rude to people and very loud in my opinion that the Women's Center is nothing more than an organization or club on campus, and as such deserves no special treatment.

I have repeatedly made the remark that there isn't any other organization that has a permanent office that is open every day. Also, I don't know of any other organization that doesn't have to make concessions for the administration at one time or another. But when the Women's Center had to make some concessions for the

veterans (a rather large group, and a large financial supporter of this school) it was called harassment.

Now all of this has been on my mind to the point of some real stress and anger. As I said I haven't ever considered myself sexist, so I have had to take a real look at this. What I found is not that there is any anger at the Women's Center or the women that use or staff it, but anger at those of my own sex.

I'm very angry at the men in this and all communities. Men are abused just like women, men go through the psychological stress because of relationships, little boys are sexually molested, men have emotional breakdowns, and yes, believe it or not, men cry and need someone to talk to.

The only problem seems to be that the majority of men can't or won't admit that they need a life line every now and then. We as a whole, and I mean men, have to get our heads out of the sand, and face up to the reality of the situation.

It is a proven fact that the repression of emotion is detrimental to

health. It causes high blood pressure, stress, heart disease, and at times deep-rooted depression.

So why can't we reach out to each other? In any given community there are several support groups of various kinds for women, but few or no groups for men. This is the 1980s and I've got news for you men. Women are not equal to us, they are superior.

They are superior in that they have the ability to band together to support each other. They are also free to show their emotions. We as a whole do none of this.

I'm willing to admit publicly that I have problems coping, that I cry, and that I would love to have someone to talk to from time to time.

There is, however, no place or organization, as such, that I can turn to unless I have some money to put out. This is a travesty. I would be very interested in starting some kind of group for our mutual support and betterment.

I have already talked to a member of the faculty and was told that we could possibly set it up as a club. We also have a faculty member who said he would be interested in being an advisor. The only thing that we need is to admit the need, and get together.

If you are interested please contact me at 926-3872, or look for a bald-headed guy with a beard in the Commons that goes by the name of Steve.

space on campus, I must admit that I failed to understand what the controversy was about.

As an Honorably Discharged Veteran and also as a woman student who has been attending LBCC on my Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) benefits since spring term '84, I have, through necessity, always been very aware that the Veteran's office on campus is located at a window next to the Financial Aid office window.

It is not now, nor has it ever in the two years that I have been enrolled here, been located across the hall. That office was setting vacant until the Women's Center began working out of it.

Due to the fact that all Veterans on campus who are attending school on V.A. benefits are not allowed to register without first visiting the V.A. window and having the personnel there initial their course choices, I'm sure they're aware of the location of this window. Therefore, there can be no reason why any Veteran should object to the Women's Center using the old V.A. office which has been empty for the past two or more years.

Evidently, there has been some confusion on this point, so let me reiterate. The office that the Women's Center is now using has been setting empty for at least two years. Veterans attending LBCC use the Veteran's window located next to the Financial Aid window. All Veterans receiving V.A. scholastic benefits are well aware of the actual location of the Veterans window.

Center personnel have been forced to use the hall as their office. Since these visits of this V.A. agent are so rare, it seems only fair and reasonable to me that the Women's Center be given permanent use of this office.

A glance at my property tax statement assures me that Linn and Benton county taxpayers are providing adequate amounts of money to this institution to surely provide a temporary office space for that V.A. agent from Portland on his rare and few visits to our campus.

As a Veteran and as a woman, I feel that both the V.A. and the Women's Center provide vital services for students here at LBCC. I fail to understand why anyone, Veteran or otherwise, would object to the Women's Center using the old V.A. office.

I do not understand why anyone should be attacking Ms. Morelli for her editorial in which she clearly explained why the Women's Center needs a permanent home. Perhaps if people would take the time to get their facts straight before going off half-cocked, ill-founded criticism, without any basis in fact or reality, could be avoided?

May I suggest that those people who misinterpreted Ms. Morelli's editorial take the time to go back and read it again, carefully, in order to clear their confusion?

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion in this forum. By the way, I have never been to the Women's Center, so I have no vested interest in speaking out on their behalf.

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Vets not ousted; office was empty

To the Editor:

When I read Diane Morelli's editorial about the LBCC Women's Center's search for a permanent

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Roberts: Government not spectator sport

By Louisa Christensen
Staff Writer

With a sparkle in her eye and a dimple in her cheek, Barbara Roberts, Oregon secretary of state, addressed President Thomas Gonzales, a boardroom full of LBCC staff, and several students Wednesday, Feb. 19, on the importance of voter registration.

"Government is not a spectator sport," explained Roberts during her speech honoring Voter Registration Week. "You just don't make a difference sitting out," she said.

And "sitting out" is exactly what students at LBCC did during the last election for a school levy, Roberts said. Many people on campus are not registering to vote and those that are registered are not voting, she said. That's why Roberts is speaking at community colleges all over the state—to encourage students voting in the March 25 election which presents proposed levies for community schools.

"In every community college setting there is an opportunity to make that difference," said Roberts, explaining how a single vote can make a difference in the outcome of an election. "Kennedy became president by just one vote," she said, "and almost every tax bill passes or fails by one vote...it really does make a difference."

Roberts explained that almost everything that touches a person's life comes out of the Oregon Legislature. The Legislature controls the veto or passing of many laws that affect issues such as how tax money is spent, how schools are run, divorce laws and the selling of drugs and



Photo by George Petroccione

Barbara Roberts, Oregon secretary of state, makes a point during her talk to LBCC students and staff last week. Roberts was on campus to promote Voter Registration Week. She blamed non-voting students for the

failure of community college levies, pointing out that many LBCC students are not registered and many who are registered didn't vote in the last election.

alcohol, she said. If students don't vote they have no control over things that have an impact on their lives.

"Don't let someone else be the captain of the team," Roberts suggested to students who haven't established their voice in government. With 25 years of political experience behind her, Roberts explained that she's "never been a believer that you can't make a difference in the system."

Robert has been secretary of state since 1985 and was Oregon's first woman majority leader of the House of Representatives in 1983. She served on the Mt. Hood Community College School Board for four years and won a special recognition award from Community Colleges of Oregon Students Association in 1981.

Because of her experience with community colleges Roberts feels that many school boards are not in-

forming students about levies, but are just "hoping it works out," she said. She encourages school board members to improve student voting by showing students how budget cuts will affect their education and special programs.

"People will vote for personal good," Roberts said. She emphasized that for successfully passing school levies, "voter registration is where it all begins."

LB's disabled students find ways to cope

By Linda Canoy
Staff Writer

Most of us attending college at LBCC have little trouble getting to school, finding our classrooms and buying the required textbooks. But just how different would it be if we were disabled in some way?

It has been two years since a car accident left Pam Mohni, a second-year LBCC student from Lebanon, paralyzed from the waist down and in a wheelchair.

Mohni needs no help getting to school because she can drive and she needs no special textbooks, but she does need help getting to her second-story classrooms.

"Everything goes fine as long as the elevators work," Mohni said.

But one day both of them were broken and she had to be carried up and down the stairs. Since then she has learned about a third elevator in the cafeteria in the College Center.

"LBCC is very accessible; the parking, the telephones and the bathrooms are great," Mohni said.

Mohni, who wants to do some type of medical social work, doesn't mind it when people offer to help her.

"I'm not offended if someone wants to open doors for me, because I know I can do it myself," she said.

While it's possible for Mohni to drive to school,

it is physically impossible for Rhoda Madison, an LBCC transfer student from Albany, to drive. That's because diabetes has caused her to lose her sight.

I rely entirely on the bus and on friends to get me to school," Madison said.

She also relies on her two-year-old guide dog, Barbi, to get her up and down the stairs at LBCC.

"Barbie has yet to cause any disturbance in a classroom," Madison said, "but extremely loud noises bother her."

Madison asked that students ignore Barbie. They should not call her by name or pet her.

"The reason for that is because she has been trained to be attentive to my every need and she can't do that if she is paying attention to other people," Madison said. "It detrains her and I have to punish her for their actions."

Madison's textbooks have to be recorded on tape and the college makes enlarged copies of all her texts.

"All my teachers have been marvelous, very willing to make it easier for me, very concerned," she said. "And they always give me extra time for tests."

It doesn't bother Madison if people offer to help her or even ask what's wrong with her.

"I feel good. I feel that they care and I think that's important," she said. "The students on campus allow me to do for myself and they also allow me to ask for help if I need it."

Madison, who was a bookkeeper for 20 years,

wants to be some type of counselor.

While Madison relies on tapes to help her with her school work, they would be of little use for LBCC student Mary "Bobbi" Lucas, because disease of the auditory nerves has made her totally deaf.

Lucas, who wants to be a primary teacher, is able to drive to school and has no trouble getting to her classrooms. She is also able to read her textbooks, but she does need a notetaker or an interpreter in most of her classes.

"It's really hard. It takes me a long time because I have to rely on what I read and try and understand it," Lucas said.

Lucas's tuition and books are paid for by vocational rehabilitation and the college furnishes her with an interpreter.

"People at LBCC have been really nice, but some people react differently to the deaf and would just as soon not bother with you unless you have someone with you that can talk," Lucas said.

According to Denzil Peck, LBCC sign language instructor, there are five full and part-time deaf students at LBCC.

Peck also mentioned that there is only one phone on campus that has a special device for the deaf, and it's only available during the day.

"People that are deaf tend to hibernate. If they would only go to school a whole new world would open up for them," Lucas said. "I really enjoy it here, in fact I spend more time here than I do at home," she said.

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"Absent Friends"

The play "Absent Friends" is holding a special matinee for students, Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 3 p.m. Other performances are Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 at 8:15 p.m. in Takena 205. General admission is \$2.

Leadership Seminar

Learn how to expand your leadership techniques at a seminar offered by Linn-Benton Community College's Training and Economic Development Center. "Situational Leadership" will meet two days, Friday, February 28 and Thursday, March 6 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B on the main campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany. Registration deadline for this seminar is Wednesday, February 26.

Labs Closed

The Saturday Craft Labs at Linn-Benton Community College will be closed to the public on Saturday, March 1 due to the Annual Regional High School Skills Contest. The labs will be open Saturday, March 8 for their regular hours of 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information on LBCC's Saturday Craft Labs, call 967-6108.

Concert

The culminating even in the Amadeus Festival, a performance of Mozart's Requiem, takes place on Wednesday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the LaSells Stewart Center.

Tickets are available at The Inkwell, Everybody's, Music West, Stone's Piano Company, and the OSU Center for the Humanities. In Albany tickets may be obtained at French's Jewelers, and at John Dalen State Farm Insurance. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, and \$2 for students.

Auditions

Auditions for "The Dresser" will be at 7:30 p.m. March 9, 10 and 11 at the Regina Fraser Theater. The story revolves around an aging actor-manager of a small English troupe in 1942. The play will be directed by Robert Moore, who last year directed "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Children's Theater

"James and the Giant Peach," Linn-Benton Community College's children's theater production on the Mainstage in LBCC's Takena Hall, 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8.

Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children, students through high school, LBCC students and senior citizens. Advance tickets are available at French's Jewelers, 140 W. First, Albany; Rice's Pharmacy, 945 NW Kings Blvd., Corvallis; and LBCC's College Center Office.

Lunch Bunch

The next Lunch Bunch will feature Al Barrios, Director of the Albany Center, with a slide show, "Egypt: Past and Present." Al's talk will explore several different aspects of Egyptian life and culture. The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon Wed. Feb. 26 in our old home ground, Board Room B, so...Bring Your Lunch and Join the Bunch!

Communications

Oregon State University's Women in Communications chapter has scheduled "Backpacks to Briefcases"—Career Day '86—on Saturday, March 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on OSU's Memorial Union.

News anchor Tracy Barry, from KGW-TV in Portland and Dean Osterman, OSU director of instructional and faculty development are the scheduled keynote speakers.

Career Day '86 is free. Participants should bring a sack lunch or plan to buy lunch in the Memorial Union. For more information, please contact: Susan Moday at 752-1019 or Elise Hargreaves at 753-3054.

College Visitation

A representative from Portland State University will be on the LBCC campus to talk with students who may be interested in transferring to that school.

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, March 3, 1986.
Room: Commons Lobby.
Bldg.: College Center.

College Visitation

A representative from Eastern Oregon State College will be on the LBCC campus to talk with students who may be interested in transferring to that school.

Time: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Date: February 28, 1986.
Room: Commons Lobby.
Bldg.: College Center.

LB hosts skills contest for area high schools

The 11th annual Regional High School Skills Conference will be held at Linn-Benton Community College on Saturday, March 1. Last year, more than 850 students from 17 high schools in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties participated in the competition.

Contests in more than 50 vocational and academic areas will be held 8 a.m.-2 p.m., with the awards ceremony set for 2:30 p.m. General categories for the contests include art, auto mechanics, business, office skills, cabinetmaking, child development, clothing and textiles, computers, construction, culinary arts, basic food and nutrition, drafting, electronics, graphic communications, job interviewing, machine shop, mathematics, music, science and welding.

The Regional Skills Conference is sponsored by LBCC, the Linn-Benton Education Service District (ESD) and area businesses. The conference requires nearly 150 volunteers from LBCC, local schools and businesses to administer and judge the contest.

A juried student art and photography show will be on display 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in LBCC's Humanities Gallery, while a cabinetmaking exhibit will be on display 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Takena Hall. The art and photography show also may be viewed 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through March 14.

A buffet will be served 11 a.m.-1 p.m. by LBCC's Culinary Arts program and fast-food service also will be available. The buffet is \$3.50, while a hamburger, fries and a medium drink will cost \$2.25 from the fast-foods counter.

The LBCC library also will be open to the public 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All Linn and Benton County residents are eligible to use the LBCC library and may apply for a library card.

The 2:30 p.m. awards ceremony will be held in LBCC's Activity Center. First, second and third place students in each category will receive medallions. Team awards are presented to the top three schools in most skill areas. In addition, schools are split into divisions based on enrollment, and awards are given for (1) highest percentage of the school's total student body participation, (2) the highest number of individual/team awards and (3) the most contests entered. Overall participation winners last year were Lebanon Union High School, Division I, for the fifth straight year; Philomath High School, Division II; and Alsea High School, Division III.

All area residents are invited to visit the LBCC campus, 6500 N.W. Pacific Blvd., Albany, and support their local students in the Regional High School Skills competition.

Committee fails to back smoking ban

By Kay Sams
Staff Writer

Heavy smoke concentrated in the Camas Room in Takena Hall presents a health hazard to non-smoking students, yet the room affords sanctuary from the weather to those who want to have a cigarette with their coffee in the morning.

These were the opinions of several people interviewed in the Camas Room on the proposal to ban smoking there.

The Camas Room is a primary target for the smoking ban proposed on Jan. 7 by the Faculty Association, in an effort to limit smoking campus-wide, except in the Commons.

The Facilities Users Committee, one of the four groups chosen to settle the issue, is "not in favor of closing smoking to the entire campus," reports Ray Jean, chairman of the committee.

A trial period that would eliminate smokers from the Camas Room and provide the overflow with tables in the Takena concourse was recom-

mended during the committee's last meeting, Feb. 16.

"We would hope to try our modifications first," said Jean. "They wouldn't be as severe as those proposed by the Faculty Association."

Poor ventilation is often cited as the reason for smoke concentration, Jean said, "but the school's heating system circulates the air every three minutes, except in the Camas Room, where ventilation can't match the smoke output.

One of the principal issues is the shortage of student study areas for smokers.

"What are we going to do, drive them out in the rain to study?" Jean asked.

Students interviewed in the Camas Room were both for and against the ban. "It's taking away our rights as an individual," said one student seated in the Camas Room, surrounded by a wispy coil of smoke rising from her ash tray. "I do agree with the segregation, but you should be able to have a

cigarette with your coffee in the morning."

Supporting the ban, another student avoids the Camas Room, arguing that "it's too smoky for such a small place—it's just not healthy."

What about the business lost from the Camas Room from smoking customers? The clerk behind the counter seemed unworried. "We won't lose any business," she replied. "There's a lot of people that won't come in here because of the smoke."

Recommendations on the smoking problem will be forwarded to LBCC President, Dr. Thomas Gonzales, by March 7, not only by the Faculty Association and the Facilities Users Committee (a recommending body to the President's Council) but by three other groups whose input will be used for consideration. The other groups are the Management and Exempt Staff Association (MESA), the Classified Association and the ASLBCC.

Majority of 'Bucks' receive action, response

LBCC was the first community college to adopt a suggestion/complaint system like 'pass-the-buck.' It allows anyone on campus to direct a complaint, compliment or suggestion to any department in the college.

A person simply fills out a-buck and sends it to Student Services Chairperson Jackie Cherry, via the numerous suggestion boxes on campus, the campus mail, or personal delivery. After review by Cherry, a copy is made of the buck and it is sent to the appropriate department for a reply. The original is then posted on the bulletin board outside of CC 213.

In most cases, the department at which the buck is aimed, does their best to remedy the situation, if possible, said Cherry.

Occasionally, nothing can be done to solve the problem. Such is the case for buck #148. The complaint was

that the hot water in the bathrooms is too hot. A higher temperature is required, however, for the kitchen, and thus, cannot be changed, according to Custodial Services.

Recently, the majority of 'bucks' have been complaints and compliments aimed at the Food Services Department. Suggestions for the installation of a microwave, and complaints on poor quality of food were dominant.

"The board seems to get quite a bit of use. About 99 percent of the bucks turned in are posted. The remaining 1 percent are withheld because a few people don't realize that the purpose of the buck is not to be profane, discriminatory, or to give non-constructive criticism," said Mary Coleman, Student Programs coordinator.

Oregon State University is now looking at LBCC's 'pass-the-buck' system, contemplating the adoption of a similar program, said Coleman.

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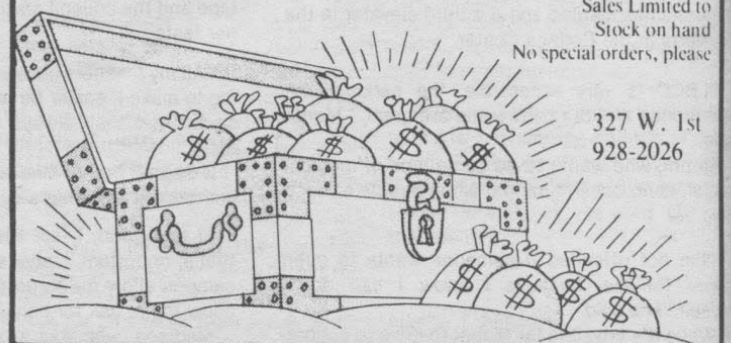
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Heavy rains in recent days have swelled local creeks and rivers, including normally quiet Oak Creek, which runs through the northeast corner of the campus. Forecasts call for a little more rain and alot more warm weather, which means the valley's rivers will stay high as snow melts in the Cascades.

Teamwork, high goals produce superior nurses

By Todd Powell
Staff Writer

It's extremely tough, but the toughness eventually creates effective nurses.

LBCC's nursing program consistently produces qualified and experienced nurses, according to national statistics. Last year the LB nursing test scores (NCLEX) ranked eighth out of 1,386 two and four-year programs across the nation. This year they placed 22nd out of 1,413. They have led the state with the highest scores, three of the last four years.

"I think one of the key reasons why our students are successful is due to our excellent team of faculty," said Evon Wilson, department chair and coordinator of the Nursing Program.

Wilson explained that the "team," which consists of five full-time and three part-time employees, "work excellently together, as well as with the students."

The nursing program takes two years to finish because, "there's a lot of information to cover in a short period of time, which makes it extremely difficult," she said.

Wilson said that they only allow 42 people into the program each fall term. "Sometimes there's

more (than the allotted amount) and sometimes less, it runs in cycles," she said. There are presently 29 freshman and 38 sophomores in the program.

There is an important reason why LB students do so well on the NCLEX—the National Council Licensure Examination, which all nursing school graduates throughout the country must pass. According to Wilson, the reason is that "our expectations are very high. Nobody would want a mediocre nurse taking care of them in the hospital, so we're very demanding."

All of the studying and work accomplished by the students throughout the program is to prepare them for the final test, NCLEX. Some of that preparation includes five hours of lecture a week, tests every two weeks, and practicing nursing techniques such as bedcare while participating in on-the-job training at local hospitals.

Wilson claims that if students challenge the program they will be successful. "Most of our students do challenge the program; that's why we're the best program in the state," she said.

One of the 29 first-year students, David Larsell, said, "I find the program to be extremely challeng-

ing. It keeps you real busy. I would definitely recommend this program, it's the best."

Mary McAlpen, one of the 38 sophomores, said, "It's the hardest thing that I've ever done. It's the hardest program you're going to find at LB, as well as the best one. It takes 101 percent, and if you're not prepared to give that, you simply won't make it. I'll be glad when it's done." She has plans to work somewhere in Bend after graduation. All 33 graduates of 1985 are presently working.

Kathryn Messer, a 1983 graduate who is now assistant director of nurses at Linn-Care Center said, "LB produces many quality nurses."

"Almost always when we hire Linn-Benton nurses, their performance has been incomparable compared with other two-year programs. The technical skills that I've learned out there are absolutely excellent, although the administrative skills need some working on," Messer said.

She said that she hopes the program will continue to increase in excellence and strength.

Wilson acknowledged that the administrative skills section of the program had weaknesses, but said, "I think our weaknesses are still pretty good strengths. Not to boast, but our national records prove it."

Council members discuss smoking, parking, traffic light

By Cindy Lowther
Staff Writer

The ASLBCC council of representatives heard progress reports at their last meeting on proposals to ban smoking on campus except in the Commons, install a traffic light at the north entrance and reduce the number of handicapped parking spaces.

Petitions concerning smoking and non-smoking areas must be submitted to Dr. Gonzales by March 7, accord-

ing to Bill Baze, Science/Technology representative.

Baze also said that a survey polling people's feelings on the proposed smoking ban is being conducted by Larry Schuetz's Business Quantitatives class. Results will be tallied soon and sent to Gonzales.

He encouraged students and staff to attend the public meeting in Corvallis with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to support the need for a traffic light on Pacific Boulevard.

If the DOT feels on-coming traffic doesn't warrant a stop light at the north entrance of LBCC, a blinking light is a possibility. But "speed reduction should be initiated," Baze said.

The open public meeting with the DOT is scheduled for March 3 in OSU's East Forum at 7:30 p.m.

Baze also reported that the Facilities Users Committee agreed to reduce the number of handicapped parking spaces. The present number exceeds the required quota.

Also discussed was the Bookstore Task Force, created to explore new purchasing methods and other bookstore policies. Baze will represent students at their next meeting on Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m.

In other action, Joyce Quinnett, Humanities representative, said the Valentine's Day Flower Sale made \$800 compared to \$600 last year. If there were any problems with delivery, people should talk to her, she said.

Students learn survey skills on campus

By Annette Krussov
Staff Writer

Students in Larry Shuetz's business quantitative methods class conducted surveys in randomly selected classes to see how students felt about LBCC's academic advising, the book buy-back program, Libya and shopping in Albany.

The four surveys are not scientific, but according to Shuetz, they are representative of the student population density.

Of the 110 students surveyed, 40 percent have never been in contact with an academic advisor, and 51 percent aren't aware of changes in major requirements in some programs.

Marie Collett, one of the surveyors, said it was sad that only 7.27 percent of the surveyed students put high school counselors as more helpful; 40.63 percent said high school counselors were least helpful.

Students rated LBCC advisors just above high school advisors, with parents as their number one source of help in career decision making.

"We didn't feel in any way that this made the counseling less valuable," Collett said. "Students using outside sources is 'logical,'" she said.

Students surveyed on Albany consumer habits said they prefer shopping at Fred Meyer, with 66 percent classifying themselves as economical shoppers.

Most of the 109 students surveyed said the disadvantages of shopping downtown were parking problems and inconvenience, rating Sears as least convenient.

Of the 152 students surveyed on Libya, 140 feared terrorist attacks happening in the United States; 93 said striking out against Khadafi would do more harm than good.

The survey showed that most students felt President Reagan is doing an average job handling problems with Libya and terrorism.

Bill Baze, student and ASLBCC council representative, said he was impressed with how informed the younger students were. He said they were more vocal in wanting to take actions against Libya.

Baze said health occupations students seemed "mellow" and business students were "very vocal" when commenting on Libya.

The big surprise from the book buy-back survey was that 56 percent of the students surveyed have never participated in the program, said surveyor Jeanetta Lamb.

Out of 117 people only 22 percent knew of the book swap board outside the Student Activities Office.

Although 30 percent said the book buy back policy is average, Lamb, Connie Lunski, and Nasath Mam (business students) found that students are upset with how it's run.

Students felt it was "ill-timed" and that they should receive more money for sold back books.

From doing the surveys, Baze said they learned how to deal with the public. Dave Koons said they learned not to over-emphasize questions and that people tend not to follow directions.

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Grant Writing

Organizations and agencies seeking funding from Northwest foundations will be interested in a workshop to be held at Linn-Benton Community College in March. "Successful Grant Writing," sponsored by LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, will meet from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in Boardrooms A and B on the main Albany campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd. Deadline for registration is Monday, March 3.

Cost of the one-day seminar is \$30, which include lunch. For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

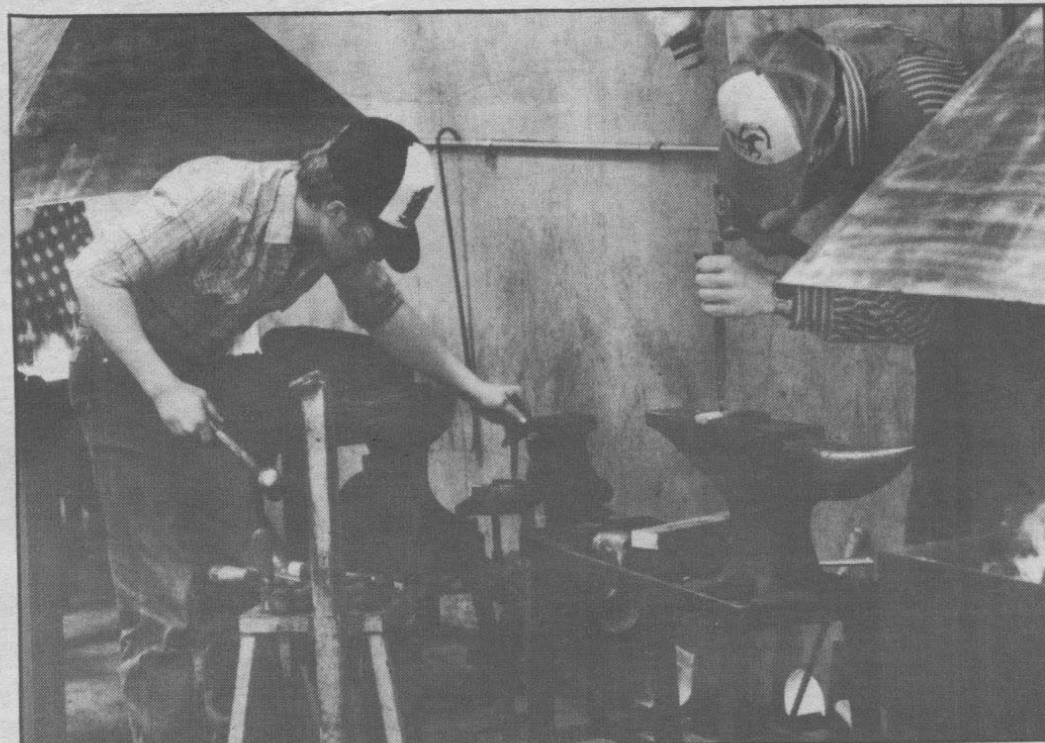


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Village Smithy

Farrier School students James Pruitt and Ken Larson demonstrate the craft of forging horseshoes at Tuesday's open house for LBCC's new Farrier School facility in OSU's Manchester Arena.

Counselors reach fraction of students on probation

By George Petroccione
Staff Writer

In the fall of 1983 a program known as "Intrusive Advising" began for some people on probation. Aside from the first quarter when grade point averages (GPA) rose one half point, there are no numbers available to show how the program has gone, or whether the students chosen for the program have been helped.

New students whose GPA falls below 1.7, and continuing students whose cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 are placed on probation. A student who is on probation three consecutive quarters is subject to suspension.

When intrusive advising began about 50 students on probation were chosen to participate in the new program. The purpose of the program was to force those students to use the advising process that they sorely needed, according to Blair Osterlund, counseling psychologist.

While in the program, students may not register without their advisors approval, and their progress is followed. The counselor checks periodically with the student's instructors to see how they are progressing.

Osterlund said that many students take classes that they are not prepared for in the areas of math and writing. But it seems the biggest problem is with student reading levels not being at a level that is needed for the classes they are taking.

He said that there is also a problem with the timing between registration and the end of the term. By the time students receive their grades, they have been registered for at least a couple of weeks. This puts counseling in a bind as far as advising for the next term.

A survey taken by the Counseling Center work study students during a recent registration showed that two-thirds of those polled had received no counseling, or counseling from someone other than a qualified advisor such as a friend, or a friend of a friend.

Since 1983 the number of people going on probation has increased. During 1984's fall term 186 students were placed on probation, and at the end of 1985's fall term 300 students went on probation. That is an increase of 62 percent. The number of students on probation can only be given accurately on a quarterly basis.

According to Registrar Sue Cripe, "It's hard to say how many people are on probation." At the end of each quarter the new probationers are added to an ever-growing list. Once in a while some names are removed from the probation rolls, but not enough to keep a tally of the total number of probationers accurate.

This is a problem with community colleges said Osterlund, "Students tend to come and go. They may be here for a couple of terms, gone for five years and then be back again."

Although the number of people going on probation has gone up dramatically, there are still only 50 students participating in intrusive advising.

Bob Talbott, director of the Student Development Division, said he feels there is a real problem with the increase in the number of people going on probation. "We are not meeting the need, but we are limited by what we can do," he said. The large number of students and the shortage of personnel seem to be the limiting factor.

The program started with the Counseling Center and Student Development faculty working as advisors, but due to coordinating problems, today only the Counseling Center is involv-

ed in intrusive advising. There are six advisors to handle the 50 students chosen for the program. Osterlund, himself, is handling 10 of those students.

Each term 50 new students are chosen to participate. Sometimes there are a few holdovers that counselors feel need a little more help.

The philosophy now is to change the students in the program every term, whether or not they have gotten off probation. This way they feel they can reach more students.

Osterlund said that "although the student is no longer in intrusive advising, they may come in for advice because they have already made the initial contact."

What happens to those that aren't chosen for the program? The Committee on Assessment, Placement and Advising (CAPA) is trying to address this problem and that of students who drop out of school because they get into classes that they aren't ready for. The committee is considering 21 specific recommendations for reading, writing and math. Of the 21 recommendations 11 have been given priority.

One requirement would be for all full-time and part-time students who have accumulated more than 25 credits at LBCC to take the CGP—Comparative Guidance Placement Test. These tests can help place students in the right classes.

Another recommendation would have students advised as to whether their reading levels were adequate for the classes they want to take.

Also being considered is the mandatory placement of students in math and writing classes, according to their test results.

The one solution that might help keep a student off probation was offered by Osterlund.

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Barrett named to coach men's basketball team

By Robert Hood
Sports Editor

Linn-Benton Athletic Director Dick McClain was smiling from ear to ear last Friday as he announced that Duane Barrett would take over as head coach of the Roadrunner men's basketball team.

"Duane comes to the college with a lot of outstanding recommendations," said McClain. "He brings with him a lot of contacts, as he is heavily involved in Oregon prep basketball."

Barrett will resign his current job as the West Albany High School athletic director and go back to teaching social studies at the high school. The 47-year-old Barrett brings with him 25 years of experience and a true love for the game. "I missed coaching a lot," said Barrett, who retired from his post as West Albany's boy's basketball head coach at the end of the 1984-85 season. "I look at his as a coaching promotion and a real challenge."

Barrett spent 13 seasons with West Albany, taking four teams to the Oregon Class AAA State Championships. Barrett's 1982-83 team finished third at the tournament and four players from the team went on to play division I college ball. The third place finish, highest ever by a West Albany team, was done with a fast-breaking style.

"I won't change my style," said Barrett. "I like the run-and-gun style and I think the fans like it. The players enjoy the up-tempo game, so that's the way we'll play."

With Barrett's local reputation he should have an advantage in the recruiting wars.

"I'm not going to come in here and revolutionize recruiting in one year," said Barrett. "We do have a good geographical area to draw from and the facilities at the college are also good. This, along with the competitive league, should encourage lots of players to play here."

Lebanon High School Coach Tom Johnson believes the college made an excellent decision.

"Duane is simply a class act. I've coached against him and I've always been impressed with his teams. He'll really help the LB program."

"I'd like to be able to bring in a little more local talent to go along with the other players," said Barrett. "There are a lot of kids in the Valley League who can play basketball at this level. We'd like to see them here at LB."

Barrett may also bring in the fans. His running style of play produced sellout crowds at West Albany and made the Bulldogs the darlings of the Portland media at tournament time.

"We'd like to create some interest in the program, and generate some crowd support," Barrett added. "With the mixture of local talent and out-of-state players we should have an exciting ball club."

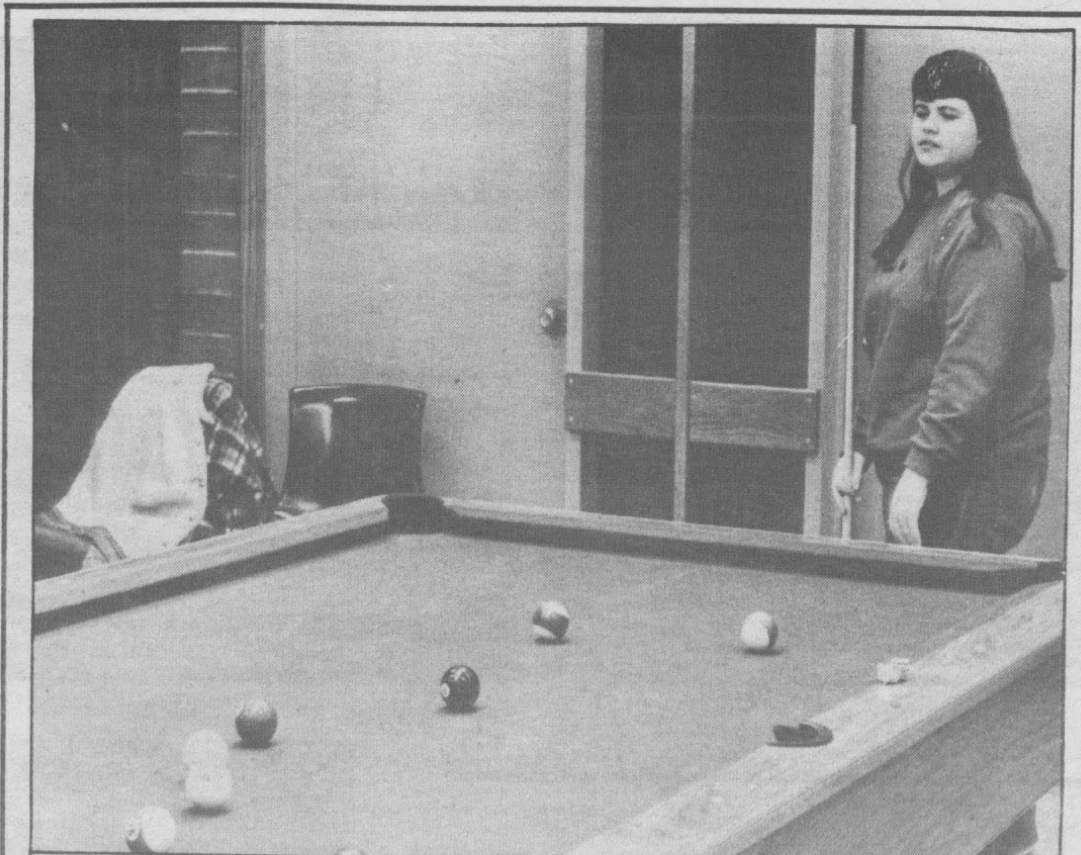
"Our goal for next season is to be competitive. I don't see any reason why we can't compete for the league title. I watched this team play during the season and they've got some good talent. It's a different level of ball for me, but there's no reason we should have a losing season."

Business of art to be topic of seminar

Artists can learn the specialized skills, such as legal, marketing and financial, needed to support themselves through their art at a two-day conference March 7 and 8 on the Oregon State University campus.

The conference is geared to artists who want to start a business or to those who are already selling their art and would like to sharpen their business skills. Participants will have a choice between two workshops at each of the five sessions held during the two-day conference. The final session on Friday is a panel discussion on what sales options are available on individual artists and how to locate them.

For more information, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.



Billiards Boss

Photo by George Petroccione

Jane Ross, LBCC's billiards representative to the ACUI recreational tournament, took first place in Regionals last weekend and on April 18-20 in Athens, Ga. Nineteen schools took part in the Region 14 session in Pullman, Wash., LBCC students Ron Rutherford and David Thornton took third and fourth place, respectively, in chess.

Women lose playoff chance

Linn-Benton's Lady Roadrunners suffered a playoff-ending loss in the LB Activities Center Saturday night as Clark Community College downed the Roadrunners 67-56.

Clark forward Tami Hendrickson poured in 24 points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds leading the Penguins into the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's Women's Tournament. The 15-10 Penguins will face 25-1 Yakima Valley on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 9 p.m.

"I was disappointed with the last five minutes," said LB Coach Greg Hawk. "We didn't play well with the lead. We became tentative and wouldn't shoot."

With 7:15 remaining in the second half LB forward Debbie Legg hit a lay-

in, giving the Roadrunners a 51-43 lead. It would be the last LB field goal until Lana Shike hit with 1:48 left in the contest.

Clark outscored the Roadrunners 22-5 down the stretch and physically took control of the game. Hendrickson scored nine points in the last seven-and-a-half minutes, most of them coming from the free throw line. Hendrickson nailed 14 of 18 free throws and was 5 of 8 from the field.

"This was a big victory for us," said Hendrickson. "We had heard about the crowd down here and it gave us extra incentive. Some of the Chemeketa players warned us about how hard it was to play here. I think our mental preparation was the difference."

Many of the Chemeketa players were in attendance as they prepared for the tournament.

"Experience showed down the stretch," said Hawk. "We've got one starting sophomore and they've got three. It makes a big difference."

Clark had three players score in double figures as Karla Haddock and Shelly Stufflebean each scored 12 points. The Penguins only turned the ball over 10 times compared to 21 LB miscues. Both teams had 31 rebounds.

Shike led LB in scoring with 14 points while Kim Phillips chipped in 11. Dianna Erickson and Judy Barnhart each grabbed five rebounds.

The Roadrunners end the season at 20-7.

Women's History Week events set

Tickets are still available for the luncheon Monday, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Alesia/Calapooia Room that will kickoff LBCC's celebration of National Women's History Week.

The keynote address will be, "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams," presented by Dr. Nancy Wilgenbusch, president of Marylhurst College in Portland.

Tickets for the luncheon cost \$3.95, and are available through LBCC's College Center Office, the LBCC Women's Center, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis or French's Jewelers in Albany.

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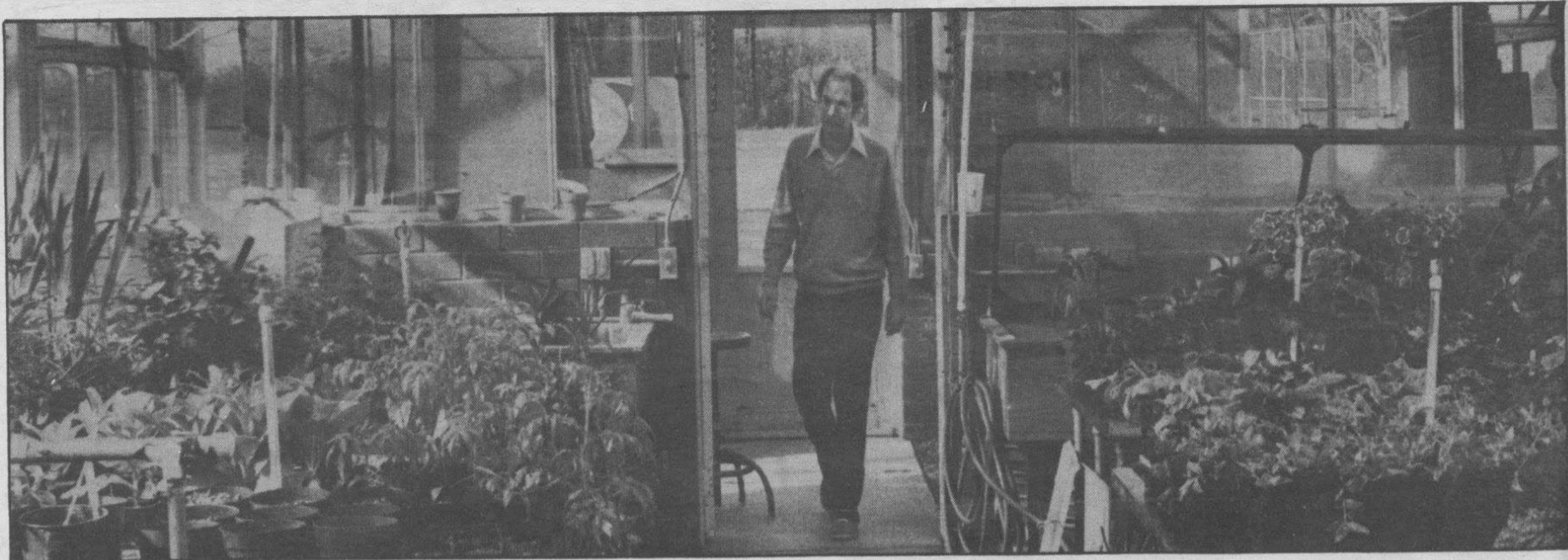
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Focus On:

Greg Paulson

By Margaret Denison
Staff Writer

Greg Paulson has been teaching in LBCC's Agriculture/Horticulture Department for ten years.

A native of Colorado, Paulson had no agricultural background when he signed up for an elective in ornamental horticulture at Colorado State. "I was a city boy," he explained, "but it fit my schedule." He soon discovered that he liked it, and has been involved with landscape horticulture ever since.

After college, Paulson worked for four years at a large retail nursery in Seattle, where he learned techniques for propagating "just about everything" from broad leaved evergreens (like azaleas and rhododendrons) to bedding plants.

"Most of my students have been somewhere else in between high school and college," says Paulson. "That was true when I came here in 1976, and it's even more true today. It tends to make them a very diverse group."

A handful of Paulson's students have been in high school vocational agriculture programs, and occasional ones already own their own landscaping or nursery businesses. For most, however, ornamental horticulture is a new field.

Graduates of the program work in greenhouses and nurseries, or managing lawns and ornamental plantings for golf courses, institutions and park departments. A few start their own businesses.

Paulson speaks enthusiastically of his working relationship with Kevin Nicholson, supervisor of Maintenance and Grounds. "We decided last year to get together once a week and talk about problems and solutions. We get a lot done."

When a root-rot problem developed in LBCC's oak grove, Paulson's students designed and installed a drip irrigation system; Nicholson's department provided the supplies, and his crew does the maintenance. Everyone benefited, he said.

Horticulture students are involved with other campus landscaping projects, too, Paulson said. "Every other year, they prune the magnolias in the courtyard."

Maintenance and Grounds helps when students need experience on basic equipment. "If I want students to learn to run a tractor," Paulson explains, "the grounds crew provides it."

Paulson is advisor for the active Hort Club. Members work on individual projects in the LBCC greenhouse.

"The students are highly motivated," Paulson says. They propagate a wide variety of bedding plants, vegetables, trees, shrubs and indoor plants.

What do they do with them? The plants will be sold in the courtyard during the club's annual plant sale on May 9.

Paulson declines to predict exactly what plants will be available. "It's a smorgasboard of horticultural delights," he smiles, "...or a way of cleaning out the greenhouse."

