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LBCC students face tuition hikes

Board of Directors to determine increase April 17

By Kathe Nielsen
Of The Commuter

As early as summer term, LBCC students may be paying \$26 per credit, up from the current \$24-per-credit charge.

The 8.4 percent increase was proposed at last week's budget committee meeting by the budget team assigned to study the impact of tuition on LB students and the possibility of establishing class fees.

A final decision on whether to increase tuition will be made by LBCC's Board of Directors at its monthly meeting scheduled for April 17, on the Sweet Home campus.

Prior to that meeting, tuition hearings have been planned so students can give their input. Those hearings will be held on April 12, from 1-2 p.m. and from 3-4 p.m. in F113.

"It's the only formal time we have," said Ann Smart, dean of students services and member of the budget team, "but if students aren't able to be there during those times they can certainly come in and talk to me or George Kurtz."

A \$1-per-credit increase had already been built into the 1991-92 budget plans. That increase was expected to generate \$135,000 in revenue, but even with that additional income, LBCC was still faced with a \$500,000 deficit for the upcoming school year.

It was at that point that budget committee members asked budget team two to look into the possibility of charging fees by class. According to Smart, LB is the only Oregon community college that does not already charge lab fees for credit classes. While LBCC's tuition costs are comparable, Smart said lab fees have always been included in tuition here.

"At the other schools you'd find that when you'd go to pay

your bill it wouldn't just be the number of credits times the dollars—there would be a \$10 fee on this class and a \$20 fee on this class. The dollar total would be much more than you'd expected—we've never done that except in the non-credit classes which are self-supporting."

The budget team looked at that concept and the fee schedules from other community colleges and started figuring how much money would be generated by charging fees to students. But the budget committee quickly realized that it would "just become an administrative nightmare," said Smart.

"It was a lot more budgeting than we needed to do," Smart said, "and we could bring in the same amount of money by increasing tuition another dollar."

So the proposal was made to the full budget committee to increase tuition by \$2 instead of the \$1 hike already planned.

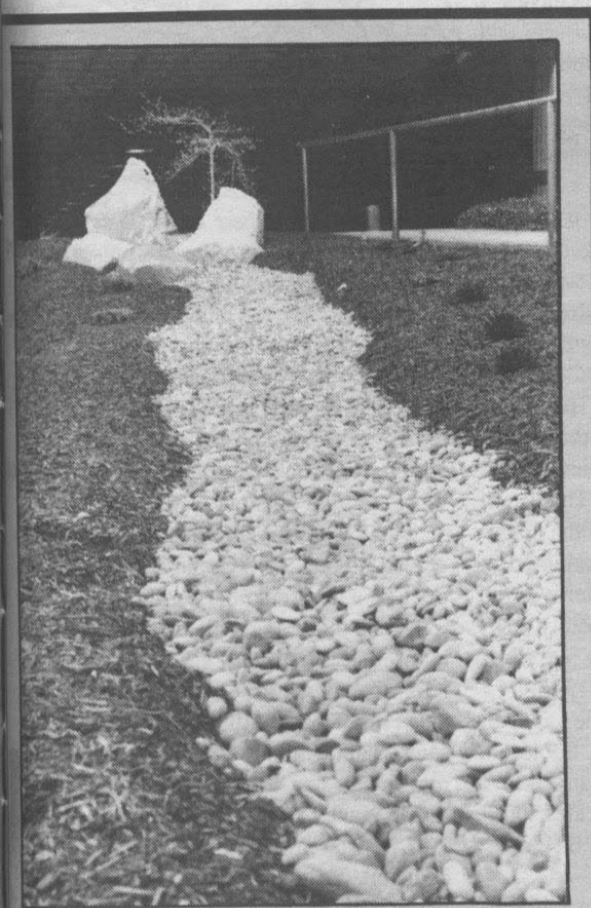
The proposal before the board calls for the second dollar to be used totally for instructional programs, not for operational costs of the college. Fifty percent of the second dollar earmarked will be for supplies and equipment, said Smart.

"It's been four or five years since tuition increases have been designated for instructional supplies. This is a time that we're recognizing again that our supply increases have been pretty heavy and we have not put any money into these areas," she said.

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Ann Smart



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Bone Dry

The latest addition to the campus landscape is a dry creek bed with plantings located west of the Business Building, which was planned by horticulture and landscaping students and installed by the LB ground's crew.

LBCC students to join college funding rally in Salem Thursday

By Sheryl Baird
Of The Commuter

Mary Grace, LBCC business major, will be one of four students from three community colleges in Oregon who will argue for increased education funding in speeches on the steps of the Capitol in Salem Thursday.

The speeches are part of a rally sponsored by Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions (CCOSAC) to show support for community college funding before the legislators who are responsible for cutting the state educational budget under Measure 5.

Representatives from community colleges in Oregon will be gathering on the front steps of the Capitol in Salem at 1 p.m. The largest group is coming from Chemeketa and will

number about 1,200, according to Reba Lancaster, LBCC legislative liaison.

The purpose of the the rally is to ask Oregon legislators to support the basic community college budget of \$148 million. CCOSAC also wants to show student support of the proposed funding and to find out how students and concerned citizens can help legislators help community colleges.

CCOSAC is stressing that those attending the rally should concentrate on positive aspects. Kathi Wall-Meyer, legislative liaison for Chemeketa Community College, says, "This is a supportive rally. CCOSAC wants to show their support of the legislators and has two themes for this rally, 'Community colleges: The key to Oregon's future;' and 'How can we help you?'

Grace says, "The state Legislature and education boards don't realize how important community colleges are to the future of the state of Oregon. There is an expression around today, 'We have to think smarter and harder.' Oregon had been known for logging. Oregon has to start thinking progressively. People are needed with skills to take on new things. Community colleges are where the education will be received by ordinary people with ordinary skills. Oregon has got to find a way to get funding to help these people get this education."

Grace wants the legislators to know what LB has done for her, adding that she doesn't know what her life would have been like without LB. She earned her GED through the college and then was able to continue in col-

lege courses.

Mike Holland, commissioner of Oregon Community Colleges, will be one of the scheduled speakers. Other student speakers besides Grace from LB will be Michael Omogrosso, Lane Community College, Mike Edmundes, Lane Community College and Nanette Buck, Oregon Coast Community College. Each speech is expected to be brief.

ASLBCC members will be attending and invite any interested parties to join them. Space is available on a bus leaving LB at 8 a.m. on Thursday. People providing their own transportation should plan on meeting with the bus-riders at 9:30 a.m. on the Capitol steps in downtown Salem.

For details contact the ASLBCC office in CC-213.

POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

It's time for the community college constituency to flex its political muscle

Over 300,000 people during 1989-90 chose to attend one of Oregon's 16 community colleges for at least one class.

A pretty significant number, wouldn't you agree? A pretty powerful coalition by sheer numbers...agreed? A pretty broad base by age, experience and political clout...also agreed?

Then why are we not a powerful political force to be reckoned with? Why is our economic plight caused by the voter's decisions on Measure 5 not more center stage in the media, in the legislature and in the minds of the majority of Oregonians?

Years ago, community colleges were considered "junior colleges," little more than high schools with ashtrays. While most of the ashtrays have been removed, for many people the old mindset that community colleges are the "poor relations" of universities and four-year colleges remains.

But take a look around you. Our college's administration takes our education seriously; so do our instructors. In our community, our college is held in high regard. Maybe it's us—the LBCC students—who need to, finally, take ourselves seriously.

Well, why don't we? For some of us, maybe it's because we know that this is just the first step—a preliminary baby step—toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree and that, for us, the road will wind on for quite awhile yet. Or maybe, in the case of technical/vocational students, we realize that we are simply going through the motions of attaining a job lucrative enough to support our families once we get into the "real world."

But now is the time to begin to take ourselves seriously. We can be a decisive force. Right now there are several opportunities to channel our collective power, use our influence and claim the responsibility of our own education and the fate of the community college system.

Rep. Les AuCoin and Sen. Mark Hatfield have introduced a bill to upgrade the status of community colleges. The legislation calls for an Office of Community Colleges within the Department of Education. We think that this is long overdue. If you agree, write a letter of support.

Community Colleges of Oregon Student Association and Commissions (CCOSAC) is sponsoring a rally on the State Capitol steps tomorrow to voice concerns about the state's method of funding community colleges. We think this is a much needed show of concern for our current economic dilemma. If you agree, please take time to attend.

LBCC's budget committee continues to meet regularly to map out a fiscal plan for next year. Meetings are open to all. Hearings will be held on proposed tuition increases on April 12, F113, at 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. We believe student participation in any and all of these meetings is as much a responsibility as a right. If you agree, call the President's office for times, let your instructor know why you'll be missing class and start taking the future of your education seriously.

After all, without the involvement of us—those most directly affected by recent far reaching decisions—the dream of the recognition of community colleges as being viable centers of learning may just all go up in smoke.

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COMMENTARY

Euthanasia--Is it merciful or is it criminal?

By Richard Prince

USA TODAY/Apple Information Network

If public policy was made by letter-writers, Dr. Timothy Quill would be a happier man.

Caring for a dying patient who did not want either the treatment or the pain, Quill helped her kill herself. He wrote a prescription for enough barbiturates for her to commit suicide.

Over the centuries, many doctors have acted as Quill did—quietly.

But Quill went public, detailing the gripping story of "Diane's" death in the March 7 issue of The England Journal of Medicine.

The repercussions have yet to run their course. They could include Quill being sent to prison and-or being censured nationally.

But Quill, of Rochester, N.Y., already has achieved one victory for which we can be thankful. He has forced the medical community to re-examine its stand on the issue.

Just as Quill's article appeared, the bioethics committee of the Medical Society of the State of New York was meeting. "The use of euthanasia is not in the province of the physician," reads the policy the group adopted in 1976. Somewhere on the back burner was the intention to re-examine that, the society's Dr. Peter Farnsworth told me. "Now we'll be forced to. A lot has changed since 1976."

On a national level, Quill's article has been referred to the American Medical Society's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs. AMA policy, too, bars doctor-assisted suicides. Quill could be kicked out of the AMA if the AMA decides not to change its policy.

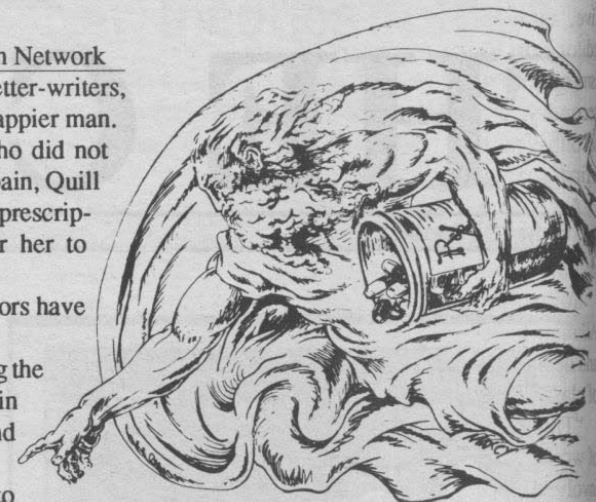
That, too, is a possibility. As technology progresses and right-to-die movements gain strength, more Dr. Quills will go public.

You have only to read Quill's article to know how emotional an issue this can be-or to read some of the 200 to 300 letters of support Quill says he's received.

Quill cared for his patient, a 45-year-old woman he called "Diane," for eight years. When he diagnosed her with a severe form of leukemia, he agonized for months over her decision not to risk painful chemotherapy and its one-in-four chance of long-term cure.

He consulted with members of her family, who told him they "wished she would choose treatment, but sadly accepted her decision."

So, after making sure she understood all of



her options and their consequences, he acceded to her request to write a prescription for enough barbiturates to commit suicide. And he made sure she knew how to use them.

The district attorney, Howard Relin, is investigating whether to present Quill's case to a grand jury. In New York, a conviction for aiding in a suicide can mean four years in prison. Relin says he's received more mail on this case than on almost any other.

The New England Journal says it's received about 20 sympathetic letters from doctors—a large number for that publication.

When the state medical society's bioethics committee read Quill's article, "most members were appalled and are strongly opposed," Dr. Fred Rosner, the committee chairman said. "Taking and giving a life is a divine prerogative."

Dr. Nancy Dickey of Richmond, Texas, an AMA trustee, also thinks Quill made the wrong decision. It's not always clear whether patients really want to die or simply are frightened of being left to die alone or without a way to control their pain, she said.

She says she hopes Quill's action will mean that doctors and patients will talk openly about their real concerns "and how we can meet those needs without stepping over the line."

In the abstract, Dickey is right about doctors not always knowing a patient's true intentions. Still it seems clear that after eight years Quill knew what "Diane" wanted. What he did was merciful, not criminal.

Yet you can't make that determination about every doctor. The subject cries out for more realistic guidelines.

As Dickey says, that has been a slow process. Slow, painful and in need of speeding up.

LETTERS

Lack of college nurse puts pressure on students, staff

To the Editor:

Something happened in the cafeteria 5 March 1991 that leaves much to be desired. A student was having an obvious medical emergency. When we tried to get help we were told that for the past fifteen years there has been no nurse on staff duty on this campus.

Security said they would be there in a couple of minutes, which they were. About five minutes later someone called 911 and the student was eventually transported to the hospital.

The student happened to be a diabetic. When a person is having a diabetic crisis, time is of the essence. If you see anyone in obvious distress, please call 911 and then notify security. It might save a life.

Sherman Lee Pom...

Annual edition of 'The Eloquent Umbrella' to be released in May

The 1991 edition of "The Eloquent Umbrella," LBCC's creative arts publication, will be released in May, according to Jamie Luckman-Dye, editor-in-chief.

The student-produced journal has a staff of five, including Luckman-Dye and literary editor Lori Robertson, a second-year journalism major. Also assisting are Jan Wardle, a second-year transfer student, Karen Tyler, a second-year transfer student, and Dan Dodge, a first-year student.

According to Luckman-Dye, the journal will be printed by instructor Jim Tolbert's printing technology class during spring term.

Students of graphics design instructor John Berkman have worked on cover illustrations and design formats for the publication as part of class projects.

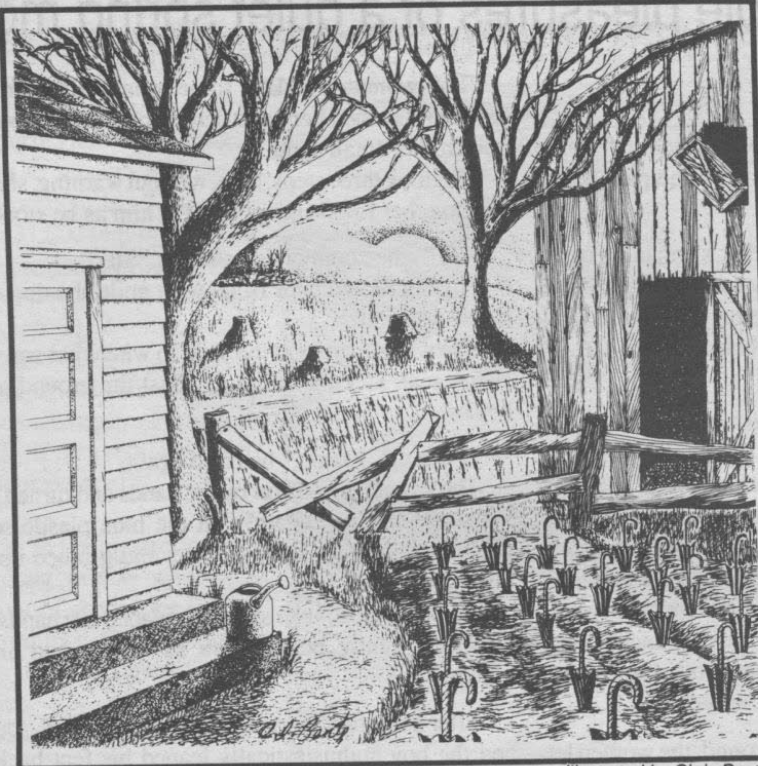
"This is definitely a student-produced piece of work, where many classes and people are involved, especially this year, and yet people will ask me what 'The Eloquent Umbrella' is. Some even think it's a new concept, which is not true at all," said Luckman-Dye.

She said that 'The Eloquent Umbrella' operates under the guidelines of the Student Publications Committee and is an annual anthology of the creative works of writers, designers, photographers and other artists at LBCC and in the community.

"I am pleased with the quality of both literary and art submissions that were received this year," Luckman-Dye said. "However, the number of submissions was not as high as last year."

For many years, creative writing at LBCC was published erratically as an insert in the school newspaper, The Commuter. Some years, between two and four pages of student work, primarily poetry, appeared each quarter. In other years, no work was published at all, depending on the priorities of each year's Commuter editor.

In 1987, the English faculty concurred that a creative arts publication should be made a priority, Luckman-Dye said. Linda Eastburn,



Illustrated by Chris Bentz

an LBCC composition and literature teacher, volunteered to advise the publication in addition to her full-time teaching position. Rich Bergeman, a journalism and photography instructor, and Jim Tolbert, a graphics arts

instructor, were available as consultants.

The 1987-88 publication was an eight-page tabloid produced on newsprint. Authors objected to the throwaway nature of a newspaper publication, however, and the 1988-89 issue was published in a 32-page magazine format. This improvement was made possible by a slightly increased budget from Student Activities and Programs Committee.

With the help of a grant from Willamette Industries, last year's publication was expanded to 50 pages, with definite improvement in quality and format. For the first time, a desktop publishing program was introduced and an editorial staff was created, with each student holding a specific position and receiving cooperative work experience credit.

Luckman-Dye said she "hopes that by spreading the word, 'The Eloquent Umbrella' will reach more readers, and perhaps a few will realize their own creative talents for possible publication in the next edition. After all, its purpose is to provide local artists with a forum for the publication of their works, and to provide the LBCC community with a literary journal that broadens and enlightens their views of the world around them."

The 1991 edition of the publication will be distributed on the main campus in late May and will cost \$1.

Author of 'A View From Panama' criticizes Central American conflict

By Michael Scheiman
of The Commuter

A Corvallis resident and author on Central American affairs told an LBCC audience last Friday that the United States violated international law by invading Panama last year.

J.P. Murray addressed about 50 people in a speech that began with a video in Forum 113 and continued in the LB courtyard as about 10 people followed him outside for a question-and-answer session.

A Harvard Law School graduate, Murray is an educator and author of several books on Central and South America. His talk was sponsored by the LBCC Peace Studies and Linn-Benton PeaceWorks. Murray, a former professor at the University of Havana, lived in Paraguay for two years while in the Navy. In 1973 he and another Oregon lawyer went to Chile to help political prisoners captured during a military coupe. Some of the prisoners were acquaintances of Murray's.

In his discussion Friday Murray focused on the motivations for the U.S. invasion of Panama and the amount of damage done to the country. Murray began by showing a video containing eyewitness accounts of Panamanians during the invasion.

The video showed that the eyewitness accounts contradicted the official reports shown in interviews conducted with U.S. government officials and broadcast in America. In one such case a Panamanian eyewitness spoke of U.S. soldiers assassinating civilians and Panamanian military personnel in the

street. When asked about this, Pete Williams, a Pentagon spokesperson, stated that he had heard nothing about such reports.

Murray also questioned President Bush's motive for invading Panama.

Right before the invasion an American soldier in civilian clothes was shot and killed when he and a friend, neither of whom spoke Spanish, tried to run away when commanded to halt at a Panamanian blockade. According to Murray, President Bush used this event to argue that self-defense was a reason for invading Panama.

Murray contended, however, that the soldiers should not have not been walking around in civilian clothing and that this incident should not have been a reason for invading the country.

Little time was spent discussing Panamanian ruler Manuel Noreiga. However, Murray did say it was clear that the U.S. was tired of Noreiga putting his "thumb and nose up at the U.S."

Another part of the discussion was supposed to have been dealt with the similarities between the invasion of Panama and the War in the Gulf. However, except for Murray's mention that the two were very different, it was not really discussed.

Murray is the author of several books, such as, "A View From Panama," and "A Second Revolution," a book about the political struggles in Cuba. He is currently working on his eighth novel, which will involve Nicaragua and its political problems.

Graduation application deadlines due by Friday

The deadline to apply for graduation and/or a credit evaluation for spring term is April 5. Evaluations will be available to students on April 26.

Applications received after the deadline will be processed for the following term and will be available to students by the fifth week of that term. Applications for evaluation may be picked up at the Admissions Office in Takena Hall. For more information call extension 106 or stop by the Admissions Office.

LBCC to host Career Fair on April 10

The annual Career Fair at LBCC will be from 12-3 p.m. April 10 in the Activities Center. The local Vocational Rehabilitation Office is co-sponsoring the event with the LBCC Student Employment Center this year, and more than 65 employers, including state and federal agencies, have reserved tables at the fair, according to Marlene Propst, manager of the Student Employment Center. The fair is open to the public as well as LBCC students.

Some employers will be actively recruiting new employees for part-time, permanent full-time and temporary positions, while others will primarily provide information about their

specific business, service or agency or about the industry as a whole.

A partial list of participants includes Action Business Services; American Cemwood; Army Recruiting Station; Bi-Mart Corporation; cities of Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Lebanon and Salem; Environmental Protection Agency; Executive Department/State of Oregon; Federal Aviation Administration; Federal Bureau of Prisons;

First Interstate Bank of Oregon; Gazette Times; The Halton Company, Hewlett Packard; II Morrow; IBM; Intel Corporation; Internal Revenue Service; James River; Linn County Sheriff's Office.

Tuition hike to help defray increased cost of materials

Smart cited these examples of areas of study in which cost continues to increase rapidly: Welding students need to have welding rods; in years past, students took typing classes, but now computer paper must be supplied and computer software must be continually upgraded.

"In order to train students to the new technology, we just really need to keep up-to-date with the equipment and supplies," she said.

"So what we're saying is that this second

dollar wouldn't go to fixing the sidewalks and other things we have to do, too... but each dollar increase will raise \$135,000 that we want to put back into the student's education directly.

"The committee endorsed that concept and asked the board to go ahead and have staff hold tuition hearings so that students can tell us what they think about it. After all, it's a much bigger increase than we've had for a while."

WRITERS' CORNER

Writer enjoys the simple pleasures of a quiet spring morning

By Janet Converse
For The Commuter

The morning sun was just rising above the bare branches of the huge oak trees as the woman led her child and her dog up the path to the playground.

The boy, perhaps 3 years old, tugged at his mother's arm in his haste to reach the swings. He skipped across the newly sprouting grass, his knee-high rubber boots protecting his feet from heavy dew. A blue and yellow baseball jacket, buttoned to the collar, helped keep out the morning chill.

The half-grown black labrador pulled at his leash, held tightly in the woman's right hand. His tail wagging constantly, he stumbled over his own oversized feet in excitement and adolescent clumsiness. With his wet, black nose he snuffled among clumps of sprouting dandelions and dried oak leaves. Every few steps he raised his head to sniff the air.

When a small, speckled bird flushed out of a tangle of dead blackberry briars, the lab lunged at it, almost pulling the woman over.

Robins twittered among the bare, lichen-covered branches and hopped about in the wet grass, cocking their heads to listen for the telltale sounds of earthworms moving below the surface.

As the trio reached the edge of the sandy playground, the woman let go of the boy's hand, freeing him to race toward the blue-and-orange swing set. Sand sticking to his flopping black boots, he flung his stomach across a swing seat, crying, "Push me, Mama!"

His mother fastened the dog's leash to a wooden park bench outside the sandy area.

"Sit," she told the bouncing dog, and he rested tentatively on his haunches, saliva dripping from his tongue. Quivering, he looked away from the woman and toward the boy squirming impatiently on the swing.

The woman plucked some small sticks from her heavy wool sweater, brushed her waist-length blond hair from her face and started toward her small son.

She took three steps, then, without warning, she spun around toward the dog, her forefinger pointed at him as he stood beside the bench.

"Sit!" she commanded sternly. "Sit!"

His big brown eyes filled with quilt, the dog sat back down. This time he stayed.

The woman crossed the sand to where her son was lying across the swing seat, kicking futilely against the ground and making airplane noises.

"Push me, Mama," he cried again.

The woman lifted him by the hands and turned him around, placing his small bottom squarely on the blue plastic seat. He gripped the chains tightly with sandy fingers and grinned up at her with a jelly-covered mouth.

"Hold on tight," she said. She placed her hands in the middle of his back and gently pushed him as he laughed and called, "Higher, higher!"

After a few moments the woman said, "O.K., pump your feet now," and the boy enthusiastically leaned his feet backward and forward, managing to maintain the swing's motion without his mother's help.

She watched him a moment, then walked a few steps to the adjoining swing and sat down. Holding to the chains, she leaned back as far as she could, her feet in the air and her long hair almost touching the sand. The warm spring sun shone on her face and reflected off her gold-framed glasses.

A smile crept across her face as she began to push her feet against the ground, making her own swing rise higher and higher.

"What a morning," she murmured. "What a glorious morning."

LIFE WITH TYLER

Pint-sized 'mechanic' boosts business for repairmen, but stretches mother's patience and pocketbook

By Kathe Nielsen
Of The Commuter

For as long as I've known him, 5 years now—which seems either like an eternity or a blink of an eyelash, depending on what kind of a day it's been—my son has been crazy about all things mechanical. He patiently corrects me as to proper terminology: "No Mom, you see, switches go up and down, knobs go around, and buttons go in and out."

He mastered most common household devices early: the toaster (no fork vs. coil confrontations so far); the iron (only a borderline third-degree); and the blender (although it stuck to the walls and the ceiling, what remained was a tasty strawberry smoothie.)

It's all a part of growing up, experimenting with how things work and why they don't. . . anymore. As I look around our apartment I can actually take a walk down memory lane, marking time and Tyler's age by observing when each appliance has been: 1. new, 2. damaged, 3. in the shop, 4. in the garbage or 5. replaced.

The examples of his electronic dalliances are endless. While some people find them amusing and others find them a sign of a lack of discipline, I mostly find them normal. I've grown accustomed to side-stepping small hinges, broken fuses and assorted screws that lie in wait in the carpet.

I've given up the once seriously pondered questions of "where on earth did this come from?" I have an eclectic combination of pieces and parts in my designated junk drawer, and I've come to accept most of



this as just "life with Tyler."

While I say that most of this is normal, unfortunately it is also expensive. Particularly when you come to the big ticket items. I mean sometimes I would like to splurge on buying a new red sweater rather than repairs to the sewing machine. . . again. My student budget is strained enough without having to build in padding for a replacement account.

But somehow, together we've gotten through it all—through two refrigerators (that's another story); four vacuum cleaners (part of one we have now works, but I'm shopping); and three television sets (our latest model is really quite nice but I still don't know how he managed to pull out a 10-inch length of reset button from the last television).

Surprisingly, there are some benefits. I know both the locksmith and the plumber on a first name basis. Both are nice guys really. Both punch their own timeclocks you understand, and both are a bit pricey, but they grin a lot the whole time they're at my house. And you get a chance to get to know your neighbors.

In fact, one of my neighbors may have really provided some useful insight when, after she had listened to my complaints about the trial of the moment, she shook her head and said, "Well Kathe, you're the one who took the top of the toilet off to show him how it works." Hmmm.

That was two years ago. My neighbor still shakes her head. Jim and Earl (the locksmith and the plumber) still smile when they come over. I don't do quite as much complaining, aloud at least, and for us, life goes on as normal.

OUTDOOR OREGON

Jigs can be effective for salmon, steelhead if you use them right

By Bill Kremers
For The Commuter

Starting last month I have been hooking winter steelhead using jigs with bobbers.

I had been reluctant to fish for steelhead with jigs because I have always associated jigs with panfish and bass. After talking with Jim Bradbury, the designer of the Bradbury salmon and steelhead jig, I decided to give it a try. My success so far has been fairly impressive.

Fishing with steelhead jigs is not the total answer to steelhead fishing, but it is effective in slower moving waters. Steelhead like to rest in deep, slow-moving holes. The trouble is, these holes are hard to fish. The current in them is too slow to effectively fish plugs or to drift fish. Spinners will work, but you must reel a spinner fairly fast, which means it is in front of a steelhead for only a second or two. Marabou jigs with bobber, on the other hand, stay tantalizing in front of the steelhead for a long period.

To successfully fish with jigs you must have your jig within two feet of the bottom. This means you must know the depth of the water you are fishing, then adjust your bobber and jig to that depth. Bradbury recommends using a clear plastic bobber that slides up and down your line.

To fish in less than five feet of water, insert a toothpick into the bobber to keep the fishing line from sliding through. For deeper water, insert a dacron nail knot into your fishing line, then insert a small plastic bead between the bobber and dacron nail up and down your fishing line, you can adjust your bobber to any depth you want.

Before using a clear plastic bobber, paint it so you can see it on the water. A white or yellow bobber is easiest to see. We have learned that you have to be quick when your bobber goes down. We've failed to hook steelhead, thinking the jig was stuck on the bottom, then realized too late that it was a steelhead.

Color and size of your jig are the other key factors you need to consider. An 1/8 ounce jig is best for steelhead. Selecting a jig color or color combination is more complicated. For overcast days with off-colored water, use dark colored jigs. Black and purple are popular colors. For sunny days and clear water, use bright colors. So far I have fished clear water with either pink jigs or pink-and-white jigs. Jigs also work for summer steelhead and coho salmon. For summer steelhead Jim likes orange jigs, because the color is the same as the color of crawdads found in Oregon rivers. For coho, Jim likes the pink and red jigs.

Kids with Kids

Changing attitudes, new programs help high school students handle rigors of motherhood

by Janet Converse
The Commuter

A generation ago, the teen-age girls in Cherie Baker's home economics class at Corvallis High School would have been outcasts from public school.

Instead of sitting in a circle sharing plans for exciting careers, they probably would have already begun a lifetime of waiting on tables, cleaning hotel rooms or laundering someone else's dirty clothes.

Or they would be standing in line at the welfare office, hoping for assurance of a monthly benefit check.

These teen-agers all have one thing in common: They are unwed mothers.

In the 1960s any girl who became pregnant was forced to leave school immediately, according to Sharon Beardsley, a counselor for teens. Abortions were illegal, so an unmarried girl who chose to keep her baby had few options, Beardsley said.

She could hastily get married, she could depend on welfare indefinitely, or she could work at a minimum-wage job for the rest of her life. Whatever her choice, the result was often unhappy, Beardsley said.

Unwed teen-age mothers have a much brighter future now, according to Lydia Liskman, manager of Adult and Family Services in Corvallis. The Family Support Act of 1988 will enable them to complete school and learn a skill that will let them be self-sufficient. At the same time, the state will save millions of dollars.

The new federal law is aimed at changing welfare from a system of long-term handouts to a short-term program for education and employment training, Liskman said.

Almost 8,000 Oregon teen-agers become parents every year, and most of these end up



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Corvallis High School student Becky Bradley plays with her son, Justin, in the CHS Parenteen child care lab, which is a cooperative run by student moms.

receiving public assistance, according to a study by the Department of Human Resources. Many of them belong to second- and third-generation welfare-dependent families.

In 1990, more than 31,000 families were in Oregon's Aid to Dependent Children Program. That single portion of the state's welfare program costs taxpayers \$177 million each biennium, the study showed.

Beginning this year, teen-agers who want to receive public funds are required to stay in school through age 19. If they refuse to cooperate, they will be denied benefits, Liskman said.

However, returning to the classroom isn't always easy for a young woman who has a child and has been out of school for several months or years, according to Cheryl Noland, program manager for the Corvallis Adult and Family Services office.

Recognizing this, the Human Resources Department and the Education Department have arranged several options for Benton County teens. They can return to high school classes with day care provided, enroll in an alternative program, or work in a supervised setting toward passing a high school equivalency test, Noland said.

An AFS caseworker helps them decide which choice will best suit their needs and obtains financial support for them, including money for school clothes and babysitters, Noland said.

Mothers who choose to go back to high school can join Cherie Baker's "Parenteen" group at Corvallis High School. A pilot program established just this fall, the program solves the mothers' child care dilemma and gets them back into school at the same time, Baker said.

"There used to always be a sister or aunt or mother at home who could care for a baby while the mother went to work or school," Baker said, "but nowadays most women are working themselves and can't take on that responsibility."

Eleven girls from the Corvallis school district are enrolled in Baker's program. Nine of them already have babies; two are pregnant. They range in age from 15 to 19.

Each morning, the girls bring their babies to school, drop them off at the infant/toddler center in the home economics building, and go to their regular high school classes.

Every girl spends one class period a day helping care for the children under the supervision of a licensed child care provider. Having the mothers work in the center serves two purposes, Baker said. It helps staff the center, and it provides the teens with a good role model.

Mothers who use the day care center are also required to take Baker's parenting class, which they themselves dubbed "Parenteen."

"They love that name," Baker said, "and they love the class."

Many of the class sessions focus on self-esteem, career decisions, and what resources are available locally, Baker said.



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Teen Mom Shelly Ellis and Parenteen coordinator Cherie Baker discuss 'play rules' with Ellis' daughter Samantha Flegal.

"We also talk about what it's like to be a parent and what it's like to be a single parent," she said.

Every Thursday Donna Florio, the Corvallis school district's options-in-education specialist, leads the girls in a group counseling session.

"Donna is just great," Baker said. "I'm convinced that's what really makes the program succeed."

However, Baker said she is sure none of the girls would be in school at all if the day care center weren't provided.

"As a class project, I had each of the girls write to a legislator, telling them about the program," she said. "Every single one, in her letter, said she wouldn't be in school without the day care."

One girl told the legislator that she will be the first one in her family to receive a high school diploma, Baker said.

Teen-age mothers who do not want to return to the regular classroom and participate in Baker's group have the option of joining the Positive Approach to Careers in Education program (PACE), directed by Marilyn Firth.

Sponsored jointly by the school district and the Community Services Consortium, this program provides self-paced classes at a learning center in the Ash Building in Corvallis.

"The aim of our program is really to get the kids comfortable enough to go back to high school and to make some positive decisions about their lives," Firth said. "We have about a year's worth of credit classes available to them. After they complete those, they either need to go back to school or work toward a GED."

Students choosing to be in PACE must be referred by a high school counselor, since it is regarded as part of the district's high school program, Firth said.

Core classes are learned on an individual

basis, mostly through computer programs, Firth said. Every morning, though, the teens attend a 45-minute group counseling session.

"These focus on self-esteem and decision-making," Firth said. "These students also learn the survival skills needed to make it individually and interpersonally in this world."

In addition, they are given pre-employment training, in which they learn to fill out applications and make a good impression in a job interview, she said.

Teen-age mothers who choose not to attend school at all can work toward a General Education Diploma either at the learning center in Corvallis or at LBCC, Firth said. To receive a GED, an individual studies a particular subject until she can pass the test for it, then she moves on to learn another subject. Instructors are available to provide some assistance, but regular classes are not taught in each subject, she said.

Firth said she encourages students to look at a GED not as an end in itself but as a means to go onto something else, such as vocational school.

Noland, at AFS, said she is optimistic that the Family Support Act will help make unwed teen-agers self-sufficient after they complete school. Giving the young women the financial backing they need while they are in school is a key element, but the sanction for non-participation in educational programs is equally important, she said.

"We have to have some leverage," she said.

Baker is enthusiastic about the opportunities that await the teen-age mothers in her class.

"We play a little game about where they will be five years from now," she said. "One wants to go to a culinary arts college, one wants to become an animal trainer. They wouldn't have dreamed of these things before. Now they're excited about the future."

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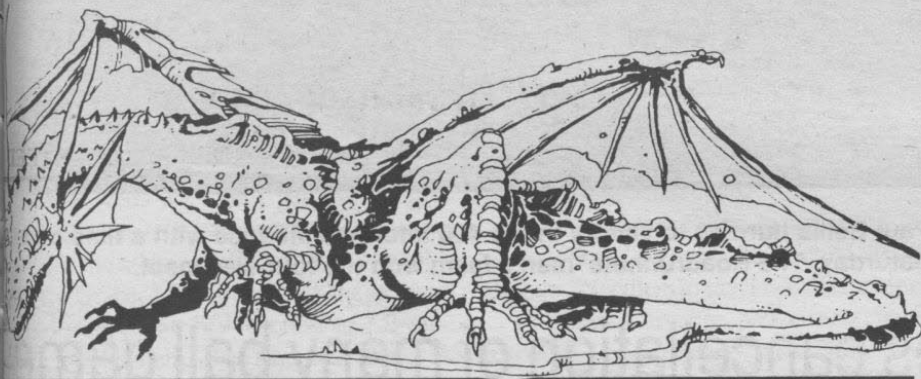
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Bookies bomb on B-ball, golf's the next best bet

By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

After Duke's thrilling against-all-odds victory over UNLV Saturday night, the most elated people in America would obviously be Duke's players and fans. But in answer to the question of who really did the loudest post-game victory dance following Duke's win, the obvious answer is not the correct one.

The ones who jumped to their collective feet, high-fived each other and broke out the champagne were the Las Vegas bookies and the sports gambling sect. Money is a much more powerful motivator of the spirit than allegiance to a fraternity, community or association to a university (in this case, Duke and UNLV).

The supply and demand side of economics concerning the sports betting industry in Vegas was staring at dire straits with the local "Tark's Sharks" in this year's Final Four. The Nevada Gambling Commission, which regulates casinos, off-track betting and sports gambling, does not allow any wagering on Nevada's universities and pro teams. Therefore, with UNLV one win away from a spot in the final, the prospects for a lucrative weekend of wagering looked bleak, considering Vegas was undefeated and favored by 9 points.

But Duke did the impossible, and bookies were doing cartwheels in the desert knowing they were now back in the money. The oddsmakers were so certain that UNLV would make it to the finals that they failed to consider listing and computing odds for the possibilities of a final without UNLV. Of the eight possible combinations of the four final teams (Duke-North Carolina, UNLV-Kansas, etc...), Vegas oddsmakers only issued point spreads with UNLV as one of the final teams.

They were a bit overconfident and lacking in foresight, considering the fact that the money wagered on the final four trails only the World Series, Kentucky Derby and Super Bowl in revenue generated. That does not include the millions of betting pools and wagers that most sports fans participate in during "March Madness" time.

Sports gambling has increased 60 percent in the past 10 years. "What's the spread, what's the line on the over and under and how many points are they giving," have crept into our sports vernacular mainly due to gambling (and Jimmy the Greek).

So what's up next for the compulsive gamblers and occasional sports betters now that the final four is history? Realistically the next major fix will be the Masters. Golf is a great sport to bet on. Get a pool together and pick two golfers for a combined score. The team with the lowest total score takes the pool.

SPORTS PAGE**Men's team takes first in only home meet**

Haflich leads short-handed women's team with three firsts

By Kevin Porter
Sports Editor

Linn-Benton's mens track team took first place in their home meet on March 30, defeating Lane, Blue Mountain and Treasure Valley community colleges.

The Roadrunners scored 64 points to Lane's 57, Blue Mountain's 40 and Treasure Valley's 27.

LB had four athletes qualify for the Northwest Championship meet last weekend. Curtis Heywood, Paul Bellis, Shawn Leffel and

Jeff Benninghoven all qualified: Heywood in the pole vault, Bellis in the high hurdles, Leffel in the high jump and Benninghoven in the hammer.

LBCC track coach Brad Carmen said he was glad to see some people get qualified. He added that there were no big let downs at the meet and some people did better than expected.

LB finished with five first place finishes and a total sweep in the 110 high hurdles and had a number of personal bests.

Bellis ran a personal best in the high hurdles with a time of 15.4. In field events Dan Cheeseman threw the shot 39-3 for his best yet, while Benninghoven and Mark Aitken both gave their best performances in the hammer with throws of 133-8 and 111-1 respectively.

Linn-Benton's womens team is still short of a complete roster, but had some good performances out of the members they have.

Misty Haflich had what Carman called "hard workout" in the meet, because she was challenged much by any of the runners who attended the meet.

Haflich won the 800, 1500, and 3000 meter runs, with times of 2:31.5, 5:23.0 and 12:48.0 respectively.

Braidy Crowson won the discus with a throw of 113-4 and the javelin with a toss of 104-7. Lisa Dittmer finished second behind Crowson with a throw of 99-3.

The women's end of the meet was full of events with only one or two people per event. There were eight events that had only one or two entries.

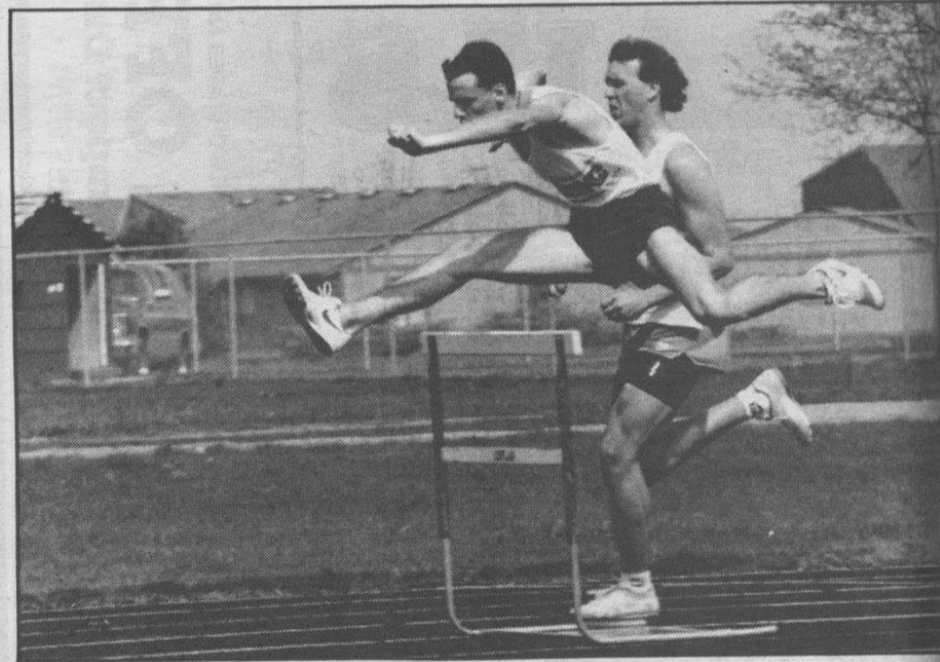
Carman said with four teams most events are usually covered, but with this meet there were a lot of women in some events and very few women in the majority of events.

The track team travels to a meet at Umpqua Community College on Saturday, April 6.



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Misty Haflich breaks the tape to take one of her three victories Saturday. Haflich was the top LB performer, winning the 800, 1500, and 3,000 meter races. This was the Roadrunner's only home meet of the season.



Paul Bellis hurdles to victory in the 400 Intermediate race with a time of 1:00 Saturday. The Roadrunners' men's team won the four-way meet.

Bad weather forces cancellation of many ball games

By Kevin Porter
Sports Editor

The Linn-Benton baseball team's luck with the weather has caused them to get off to a slow start.

The Roadrunners are 1-2 on the season with a loss coming in league play. They should have played nine games at this point in the season, but due to bad weather they have only played the three games.

LB baseball coach Greg Hawk said it definitely hurts the ball club to get ready to play games and then have them cancelled.

Other teams have played many games by now, while the Roadrunners have been sitting at home watching games on tv.

The team was scheduled to play Clackamas Community College yesterday at 3 p.m.,

but were rained out of that game also. They did get a game in between the weather storms last weekend when they played Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

LB started Kevin Logsdon on the mound hoping for good results from the transfer player from Lewis and Clark State, but the Saints scored in the first inning.

The Roadrunners took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning off a Gary Peters two-run homer, but Mt. Hood climbed back into the lead in the bottom half of the same inning on a two run single to make the score 3-2.

In the sixth, LB had runners on first and third, but one "fell asleep" and was picked off on third. The runner on first did score and that tied the game at 3-3.

Mt. Hood picked up three more runs and

pulled out the win 6-3 to make the Roadrunners opening day for league play a bad one.

"We had our opportunities to win it, but just didn't get the job done," Hawk said. He added that the team "didn't play very intense and need to be more mentally prepared games."

Freshman Bill Cohen went 2 for 3 with two runs and Shawn Henrichs went 2 for 4 with two doubles and Peters was 2 for 4 with a home run.

Logsdon went the distance for coach Hawk but wasn't able to pull out the win.

He struck out 13 batters, walked seven and gave up six singles in his debut with the Roadrunners.

If the weather cooperates, LB is scheduled to play their next game against Lower Columbia of Longview, Wash., on April 4, at 6