



LBCC students voice opinions

To lower the flag or not to lower the flag is not really the question. It's the legality of the matter which is in doubt. The LBCC Veteran's Club and a few individuals are trying to verify the laws regulating the uses of an American flag. It was hoped that there would be results from these investigations to present at the Senate meeting Tuesday, February 21, but none had been yet acquired. Even though we don't know yet whether we can or not, people are talking about the proposal (whether to lower the flag to half-mast until all of our men are back from Viet Nam) made by Gary Fetter and Gary Keenan, and because of general interest, a poll was considered worth taking.

The results fell into three categories: 1) definitely no, 2) definitely yes, and 3) yes, but no. To assert that this census is perfectly representative and proportionate of general feeling would be silly. There were approximately 3,000 students and only 75 polled, including veterans, wives of soldiers still over there, and those who are related to someone over there or have no relationship at all to that war. The results of this poll were 43 no's, 21 definite yes's, and 11 definite "It's a good point but, there must be a better way of going about it." Many of the yes's felt that it would be a good idea if the flag was kept down, not until all the soldiers were back, but for only one day at a time. It was agreed by those people that certain preparations should be made before the actual happening. For instance, the fact that it is to be lowered (i.e. March 30) would be designated at least two weeks in advance, and all colleges throughout Oregon would be notified of our intent, and could follow suit. This, many felt (even those who originally said No) was an equitable compromise. Though this may be satisfactory, it did not satisfy all.

There were many reasons given by those opposed 1) If the flag is lowered for such a long time, the act will lose its significance (even if it has

been and is still publicized) 2) It would be difficult to respect the flag and all it stands for (those who voted yes said to that argument, "Who respects it now?" and "What does it stand for?") 3) "What good would it do?" — even with publicity, as Ardell Moore stated, "I don't think you can force the government to do what they're going to do anyway." and 4) It's disrespectful to those who are injured for life and are lying in hospitals.

If anyone would consider this proposal extreme, some of the 75 replies would cause a serious case of shock. Among the replies were, "Take it all the way down," and "Burn the flag and the pole." How serious these suggestions were is anyone's guess.

One thing is certain: It takes an OKAY from a President or Governor to lower the flag (the lowering of the flag for Diane Wyckoff is, on these grounds, technically illegal). There may also be other regulations which would obstruct this faction.

But in the past, rules have been changed by the people's will.

Bloodmobile visits campus



The Bloodmobile set up shot at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, in the College Center. By 5:30 p.m. that evening, 55 pints were collected. Here, an American Red Cross nurse prepares a Linn-Benton student for her first visit as a blood donor.

Linn-Benton PBL amasses awards at state convention

Linn-Benton's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) trekked with business teachers Illa Atwood and Dr. Dorothy Hazel to participate in the state convention, February 19. Mrs. Atwood is the local chapter advisor while Dr. Hazel holds the position of assistant advisor of PBL at the state level.

Mt. Hood Community College hosted the convention. Also attending were Blue Mountain Community College, Southwestern Community College, Clackamas Community College, Southern Oregon College, Central Oregon Community College, and Linn-Benton Community College.

Leading the top finishers from Linn-Benton was Dan Sorensen who garnered two first places. He held on to the same

honor he won last year in Extemporaneous Speaking. He also capped the evening by being the only participant to win two first place awards, as he came up with the championship for Parliamentary Procedures.

Other top finalists in the Parliamentary Procedures Relay were Ed Kelley, second, and John Nitcher, third. Since five people from LBCC entered the event, they were all invited to attend the National Convention to be held in Texas, June 18-20, this year. The five hopefuls are Dan Sorensen, Ed Kelley, John Nitcher, Gary Lonien, and Allison Broadwater.

Linn-Benton student Gary Lonien knocked out all of the Vocabulary Relay contestants in the second round of that event, coming up with the First

place. He also received a second place tie in the written exam of that event.

Donna Watson, who competed successfully in the Miss Future Business Executive competition, walked away with a second place win.

A Mr. Future Business Executive contender, LBCC's Craig Blaylock snatched a third place award in that event.

Being re-elected for the state office of Historian for two years running, Ed Kelley retained that high office in the Phi Beta Lambda organization at the state level.

The PBL club hopes to continue their winning habit at the National Convention. Several tentative money raising events are being planned to acquire the necessary funds for this venture.

Budget reviewed

The ACCF members discussed many issues at their February 25th meeting.

One of the topics discussed was a petition which will be presented for funds as the need arises. If the Inner Club Council finds the amount reasonable, it will grant it to the organization.

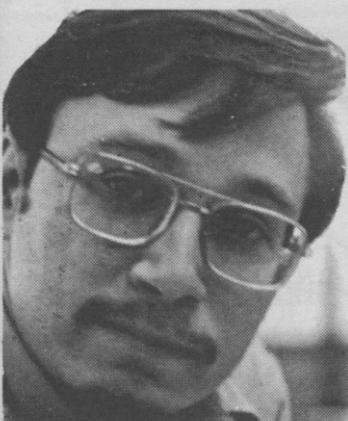
The club president and advisor(s) will decide whether to request the money from the ICC. If the amount is excessive, the club could consider sharing half the cost of the costs.

The intramurals department received a decrease of \$1,100.00 for the current year.

There has been a substantial gain in the scholarship fund. Approximately \$1,500.00 has been allocated for this student aid.

Inquiring reporter :

What do you think of the flag being held at half mast ?



JOHN CLARK: "It's an act of symbolism without meaning."



DON EASTER: "If they have it half mast, and they won't be getting out for two or three years . . . ?"



ARDELL MOORE: "I don't think you can force the government to do what they are going to do anyway."



BOB LANG: "It's a good idea. It's for those who have died, and those who are still over there."



LESLIE BROOKS: "Good idea. It wasn't treated fairly in the Senate."

Opinion

EDITORIAL

Case of wrong thing in the wrong place at the wrong time

Perhaps some of the activities offered for the enjoyment of the students aren't appropriately staged in the Center Commons. Anytime the students are made uncomfortable or forced to leave an area designated for them then they are being infringed upon. Activities that blend in well with the Commons and require no special arrangements are often times a real pleasure, such as a Coffee Concert group at 10:00 a.m. However, when the speaker requires black plastic on the windows and the closure of Chubby's Corner for the duration of his speech that becomes an infringement on the student that has to eat either a late breakfast or an early lunch.

There have been many times when students were all but forced out of their Commons. The bloodmobile, although it was for a good cause, dominated practically the entire College Center.

In the future, perhaps other areas could be reserved for some of the more involved activities, such as special interest speakers or slide presentations.

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Faculty Column 72' open house planned soon

It seems like only yesterday that LBCC first opened its doors at 203 West First Avenue in downtown Albany. Those of us old-timers who have spent the last four or five years creating a community college of our predecessors whose planning, preparation and promotion dates back as far as 1961. Their activity was not as paid employees, but as community minded individuals who had a dream or vision of a community college existing in this region.

Have the dreams of these people been fulfilled? This is a most difficult question to answer. What has been created out of the energies of others is a comprehensive community college that during the 1971-72 school year served more than 7000 separate individuals. I am sure those creators of Linn-Benton Community College were most concerned with the availability of vocational and career education in the two-county area. This priority is reflected in 21 technical majors to be offered next year. It is an ambitious enterprise, attempting to provide instruction for individuals whose aptitudes and interests span the inexhaustible variety of a community. To review the list of courses offered at each registration period makes one wonder where all of the students come from.

In the fall quarter of 1967, our first quarter, approximately 1000 students enrolled. These students were primarily part-time evening students

whose main interest was to enroll in one or two classes. In the fall of 1968, LBCC moved to the First Baptist Church (old high school) and began offering day classes. From that point on growth of the college has been astronomical, and if the number who have been enrolling in LBCC since then can be used as a measure of success, LBCC can certainly claim success.

On Easter Sunday, April 2, LBCC will present OPEN HOUSE '72. Open House '72 will emphasize the progress of the college with new building construction and evidence of the provision of career instruction. Since the college is composed of people and buildings, it is most important that students, staff and administration assist in making the open house a complete success. The visitors should see the college as it really is. Students play a major role in making the open house a realistic experience by participating as guides and carrying out activities and laboratories in classrooms. Faculty and staff will be asking you for support in assisting with the open house. In addition to your participation you should plan to tour the new construction.

Why not invite your parents and neighbors? It is their college, too.

Photographer visits LBCC college center

Lou Smaus presented a variety of slides entitled "Images and the Natural World" depicting plant and animal life of the Northwest. The slides, taken by himself, were accompanied with music of first a classical nature with oboe and cello, and later, a guitar doing improvisation. Also accompanying was a brief and eloquent description of each slide, employing words and phrases which illustrate the textures, colors, shades and contrasts of nature. His depiction went beyond that of the green, grassy hill or the mighty mountain, to the bare and rocky shoreline or reflection of a fallen oak. His graceful commentaries were comprised of his own word choices ("majestic," "flowing curves"), or borrowed from poets and naturalists.

One of his own descriptions which was particularly powerful and would have fit any of the slides was "Beauty over beauty, almost more than the eye can grasp."

As Mr. Smaus stated, after the presentation was ended, all the photos were taken in the natural, un-arranged state.

Staff column

By ELLEN K. HILLEMANN

Slowing or stopping and signaling on Highway 34 to turn onto Looney Lane presents a hazard to both lanes of traffic.

Highway 34 needs widening and straightening from the new section on to the intersection of Highway 34 and 101. This should eliminate the hazard of the Looney Lane turnoffs. Two lanes for slow traffic such as trucks and other vehicles should

be created. The highway would then total four lanes.

Signs placed before both side roads of Looney Lane would warn of the hazardous crossings from Highway 34 onto Looney Lane in the meantime.

One death and several accidents have occurred at these crossings. It is a potential hazard for a multiple car pileup, especially when there is poor visibility.

Tail Feathers

To the Editor:

I wish to write this letter as a student and not as a member of the paper staff because many students have had the same problem I have.

The other day I went in to the Learning Resources Center (LRC) to check out a text book that I needed to read because I had lost my own and was not about ready to buy another.

As I proceeded to tell the librarian or who ever was in charge at the time my problem she asked for what book and I told her and she looked and said we don't have it. I asked why and she told me that the teacher had wanted it put in the library or had not requested it done at all. She didn't know.

Now all I am saying is that for every book which is sold in the bookstore there should be a copy in the library. Since the bookstore can charge very high prices they can afford to give a copy of all the books they have to the LRC.

Thank you for reading my gripe. Think about it!

Mark Groves

Activities of interest

28 - RPM Club, 7:30 p.m., Auto Body Technology Building, Highway 34.

29 - Bible Study Group, 12 noon, C-2.

29 - Student Senate, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Schafer Lounge.

1 - Coffee Concert, Rick Graber, Classical Guitarist, Center Commons, 2 p.m.

1 - Water Renovation Club, 1st Street, Albany, check with Alex Kindred.

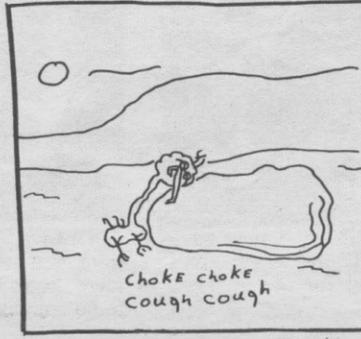
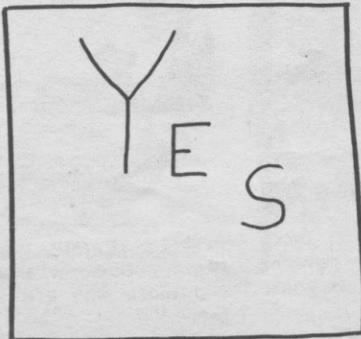
2 - OCCA Basketball Tournament, Coos Bay. March 2 and 3.

2 - Bible Study Group, 12 noon, C-2.

2 - Ski Club, 12 noon, A-5.

6 - OCVC, Schafer Lounge, 12 noon.

6 - RPM Club, 7:30 p.m., Auto Body Technology Building, Highway 34.



Features

Ecology club awards prizes

Third to Richard Erdrich for his Metal Sculpture on Driftwood.

Those who won first prize picked up their Pop Art Waste Baskets at the Ecology-Outdoor Club meeting last Friday, February 25. Ribbons were given to second, third, and fourth place winners.

When interviewed about his entry, Rich Embree stated that he was surprised at winning, and also that he could use the \$15.00.

The first judging of what is to become an annual event, the Junky Art Contest, was held Tuesday, February 22, at 11 a.m. in the Schafer Lounge. The judges included Mr. Archibald (Dean of students), Chung Li Ramsdell, who represented the students' voice, and Mr. Brick, the art teacher.

The contest was comprised of four categories. The winner(s) in each category was as follows: 1) Photographs of Pollution — Tim Hoatson for "Albany Air"; 2) Collage — Rich Embree (Grand Prize Winner) for the "Junk Man," First went to Ellen Hillemann for "Exotica," and an honorary prize went to Roger Warren and Janet Koch for "Ash Tray Collage"; 3) Functional Sculpture — First went to Gary Lonien for "Sun Glow," and Second to Ellen Hillemann for her Bottle Lamp; and 4) Non Functional Sculpture — First to Mary Shayne for "Shipwreck Ghost," Second to Dennis James for "Bike Rider," and

or none. His aim is to close all loopholes, and to broaden the taxable land properties (e.g., those belonging to timber companies, or business properties of churches).

Naturally, the subject of the Vietnam War came up. He is and has been against it, considering it to be of no moral value, and stressed the importance of making the veteran, upon his return stateside, whether he is in a hospital or looking for work, as many opportunities as possible. More funds are needed all the way around he said and added, "I think it's the least we can do for them."

One of the last queries asked brought him back to his statement of desiring employment for those out of work. The inquiry had centered upon Nixon's wage-price freeze decision which Willner was fully against. Instead of tightening money, he reiterated, the government should be training people for jobs, especially the veterans. And the training should be calculated so as to be useful not just now, but for the future, too.

could be a U.S. Senator, he feels he could do a lot more for his constituents.

He spoke for a few minutes, then invited questions. Among the questions asked was one soliciting his opinion of low-income housing. He was strongly in favor of it, especially for the elderly and migrant workers. The next question concerned his position on the "Guaranteed Income Plan." He answered this question in two parts: 1) He'd prefer to get all these unemployed people jobs, and 2) if number 1 fails, find a realistic floor of income. Also, something should be done for the single women with children; they should be allowed a choice, whether they would like to work (if so, day care centers should be provided) or stay home to raise their children. Should they choose the latter, Willner firmly believes they should not be discriminated against by the government with a lack of income.

Later, he spoke upon the fairness of the tax situation, which allows the wealthy to pay little

Speaker draws interest from Lunch Bunch club

Last Wednesday, February 23, the Jesus Lunch Bunch met in C-5 at noon. Speaker for the meeting was Mr. Lee Moore, a senior at Western Bible College. He is majoring in Home Missions, and will graduate in March. He spoke on the topic, "My Wasted Years," a brief personal personal testimony.

He is originally from Oklahoma, was married at the age of twenty-two while serving in the Air Force, and after his military service, went to Oklahoma State where he majored in electrical engineering. He graduated in 1957, and then worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories.

Lee spoke for approximately

a half hour and was, for the most part, well received by the twenty who attended.

Senator speaks on Linn-Benton campus

Senator Don Willner, who spoke in the College Center, Wednesday, February 23, began with a listing of his past achievements amassed while serving six terms as a state legislator. During this time he voted in favor of a reduction of punishment for possessing marijuana and such drugs, and for the liberalization (though not alleviation) of abortion laws.

He is now campaigning for the United States Senate by appearing at various banquets, before various organizations, and at colleges and Boys' Clubs. His two main concerns are conservation and consumer protection. He noted the inefficiency of those committees organized to protect citizens against negligence in large companies; that they often display a tendency to blend in with the company. The Food and Drug committee are also somewhat slack, he feels. In his present position, he has met President Nixon, offering suggestions and ideas for improving the consumer's situation and furthering conservation, but, Willner said, the President didn't listen. If he

Guitarist appearing

Classical guitarist Rick Graber will be performing before students March 1, 1972, at 2:00 p.m.

Rick is a senior at West Albany High School.

Among the classical selections played by Rick, compositions by Bach, Scarlotti and Weiss will be included. A few non-classical pieces will be played to add variety to the Coffee Concert.

Rick has been playing for ten years. He has performed at the State Fair, for organizations and clubs such as the Elks and has been in many talent shows.

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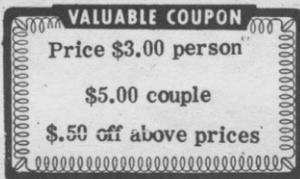
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Sports

'Runners tipped by Umpqua C.C.



Tom Williamson goes up for the tip at the start of the second half against SWOCC. Roadrunners won 88-71.

While still "thinking big," the Roadrunners didn't seem to be thinking big enough as the second placers were tipped by Umpqua Community College 81-76.

With an injury laden bench, the local five really didn't have the depth to keep on top. Sometimes being down as much as 12 points, the 'Runners fought back, usually to within two, to keep it close most of the game.

Umpqua led off with two quick buckets to start the game before the Roadrunners could tally and tie it up at four all. From then on, the timber men led most of the way.

Cold shooting and a few injury scares didn't help either. Early in the fray, Forward Bob Dekoning had a slight leg injury which may have hampered him. Glen Hubert, the other forward, took a bad tumble while attempt-

ing to block a shot and may have hurt his back.

The second half was just as frigid as the first half for the Roadrunners as they could hit on only a low percentage of their field goals and also being out rebounded by the Timbermen.

Leading scorers for Linn-Benton was Hubert with 18, followed by Tom Williamson with 17, Dekoning with 16, Jim Davidson with 14 and Gary Schneider with 11. Tim Labrousse and Jack Van Cleve did not score.

Jim Williams had a game high of 24 to lead the Timbermen.

Saturday night the Roadrunners played Lane Community College hoping to clinch a play off spot in Coos Bay this week.

MAGOO'S

In Downtown Albany

Opening Soon

Cagers win Job Openings take lead

The loss of Terry Cornutt was a tough blow to the Linn-Benton Cagers, but they have managed to keep on winning in spite of the loss of a teammate.

Though it was a little tough, the Roadrunners were able to take a 90-84 overtime win over Judson Baptist in Portland a week ago Friday.

With the loss of Cornutt the offense wasn't on like the usual but both Tim LaBrousse and Gary Schneider helped the cause.

One strange note the Roadrunners were out rebounded by the Baptists 56-40. High point men for Linn-Benton were Bob Dekoning with 27 and Jim Davidson with 25 counters.

High point for Judson was Dan Crumley with 29.

After a days layoff, the resident round ballers were at it again, this time by "Thinking Big" to humble an out-classed Clackamas Community College 105-69.

The victory, which was the Roadrunners' seventh straight, helped nab a tie for one of the four berths in OCCAA play offs this week in Coos Bay.

SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT

Attention Automotive Program students. Auto service station attendant with knowledge of cars and some sales ability. \$1.60 per hour straight time plus 10 per cent commission on sales and 40 per cent commission on labor.

BABYSITTERS

Babysitting jobs available weekends and part-time during the day and evenings. Inquire at the LBCC Placement Service.

JANITOR

Janitor needed for 4 to 6 hours daily. The pay is \$1.65 per hour. Flexible working hours. Inquire at the LBCC Placement Service.

With two games to go the Roadrunners were looking to keep their first place ranking in the league.

Against Clackamas, the 'Runners had five players in double figures; LaBrousse, Dekoning, Davidson, Tom Williamson, and Glen Hubert scored 12, 22, 26, 10, 23, respectively.

Williamson hauled down 22 rebounds while Hubert and Dekoning had 10 apiece.

SALESMAN - TV REPAIRMAN

A combination salesman - television repairman is needed for a Toledo, Oregon business within the next month. This position is full-time 5 1/2 days per week. The starting salary is \$500 per month. Inquire at the LBCC Placement Service.

MALE WAITERS

Male waiters needed for Lebanon night club Friday and Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The pay is \$1.65 per hour plus good tips. Must be 21+ years of age. Inquire at the LBCC Placement Service.

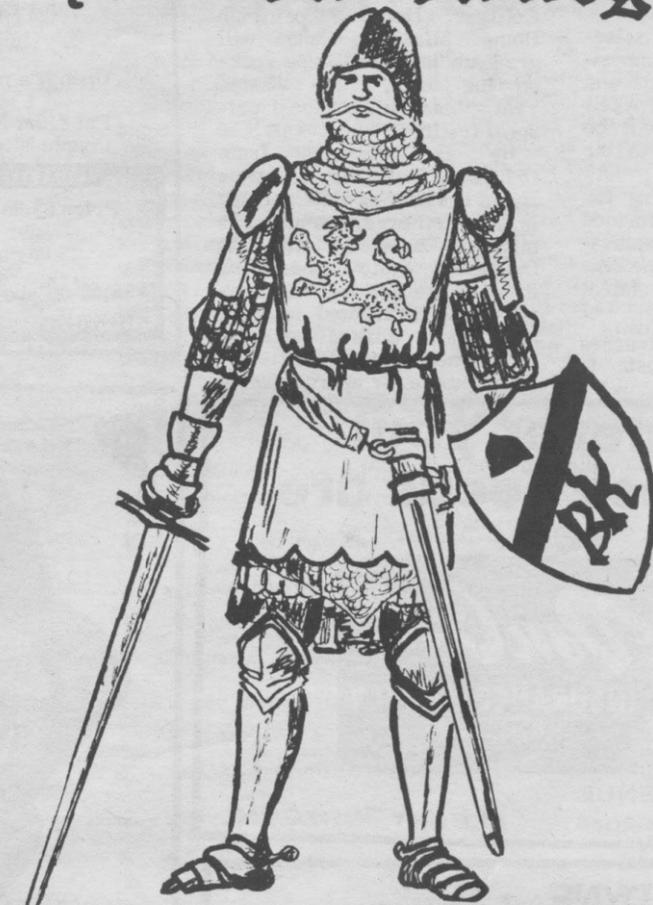
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