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Student loses suit seeking tuition refund

By Elwin Price
Commuter Editor

A small claims suit filed by former LBCC student David Picray of Corvallis against LBCC, claiming a breach of contract by failing to provide and insure academic objectivity in a course taught at the Benton Center, was settled last Thursday with Benton County Judge Dickerson ruling in favor of LBCC.

Picray was suing for \$102.15 to reimburse himself for the money he spent on tuition and books for Direct Current-1, an introductory electronics course he took at the Benton Center.

Picray, who presented his own defense, said the matter stemmed from a disagreement he had with teacher Sam Holmes, who taught the course winter term. Holmes had docked six points from a problem on a unit test for improperly labeling the axis on a plotting graph.

Picray confronted the teacher and said he believed he was right and he could prove it. He showed him a section in the class workbook that described the proper labeling of an axis on a graph. Picray claimed the teacher didn't agree that this was how it should be done and would not change the grade. Picray said the teacher told him he had been warned about him (Picray), and believed that the teacher was biased because of something he had heard from a previous teacher.

In an effort to resolve the matter, he talked with Anne Smart, director of the Benton Center. He claims that she told him to go back to class to continue on. Dissatisfied, he said he discussed the matter with a number of LB officials including President Tom Gonzales. Picray, who had stopped attending the class during this time, said he felt he should be reimbursed for the money he had spent on tuition and books for the class.

College officials made him a compromise offer to reimburse him for his books but not the tuition. Picray refused.

After hearing the matter Judge Dickerson ruled against Picray, saying the evidence he presented did not convince him a breach of contract had occurred. Dickerson added that he felt the case should have been settled out of court through the normal grievance process.

LBCC Vice President Jon Carnahan, who represented LBCC in court, said he was "pleased the judge saw it the way we did," and agreed with the judge that the case shouldn't have made it to court.

Picray said afterwards that he was "unhappy with the decision" and he planned to pursue the matter further.



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Dead Week

An LB student takes dead week to the extreme as he escapes the pressure and naps between classes in the

courtyard sunshine. Gorgeous weather is expected to continue through this week, as temperatures climb under clear

skies. Students graduating at next Thursday's commencement are hoping the weather holds till then.

More than 500 expected at June 8 commencement

More than 500 students are expected to receive diplomas during Linn-Benton Community College's 21st annual graduation on Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in LBCC's Activities Center, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

This number is out of the more than 600 who have earned degrees during the 1988-89 school year, said Blaine Nisson, LBCC's director of Enrollment Management and Student Services.

Dale Parnell, president of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, will be this year's commencement speaker. Parnell, who was Oregon's Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1968-74, will speak on "Heroines and Heroes."

Born in Monmouth in 1928, Parnell was the founding president of Lane Community College. He has a bachelor's degree from Willamette University in Salem and master's and doctorate degrees in education from the University of

Oregon in Eugene. He and his wife Beverly are the parents of five grown children.

Sharing the program with Parnell will be James Thomas, representative of the Associated Students of LBCC, who will give the student address. Thomas, 27, a resident of Lebanon, will receive an associate of general studies degree in the emergency medical technician (EMT) program.

Thomas and his wife Cheryl, a nursing student at LBCC, are the parents of two daughters, ages 4 and 8. He is employed by Woodburn Ambulance.

Graduates will march to the traditional music of the Scottish Pipes and Drums.

LBCC's commencement is open to the public and tickets are not required to attend. A graduation reception sponsored by the ASLBCC will be held in Takena Hall following the ceremony.

For the second year in a row Media Services will video tape the ceremony. Copies of the ceremony can be purchased from Media Services.

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Visual 'letter' seeks forest preservation

Letter to the Editor

This wild mountain iris is brought to you, in part, by the forest. Preserved on old growth for future generations.

Sono Shinkawa

Editor bids farewell

As the last paper of 1988-89 is put together I want to thank my staff for their support and cooperation. Managing a newspaper has been a wonderful learning ex-

perience. I will be attending OSU next year but I will miss LB and especially Commuter Advisor Rich Bergeman for without his help and advice I probably would have gone crazy.

Elwin Price

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letters

Commentary author replies to criticism

Letter to the Editor

Mr. Dave Schmidt, Linn County Commissioner, replied to my May 10 commentary concerning the timber industry, old growth controversy and conversation in a letter published last issue. In it, he severely criticized my credibility, journalistic integrity and factual accuracy. In addition to accusing me of deliberately using inaccurate or false information to promote untrue conclusions, he implied that my personal motives are less than honorable.

Despite these aspersions to my character, Mr. Schmidt failed to materially distinguish in what manner my premises are less valid than his. In addition, he apparently chose to interpret my personal observations as conclusive arguments.

In the first place, I chose a downbeat style as not to alienate any readers, since my main purpose was to invite thought, not further dissent. Absolutely no one other than Mr. Schmidt accused me of sensationalism.

Secondly, Mr. Schmidt may "abhor" the use of inaccurate or false information, but by the same criteria he judges my choice of reference, his attendant conclusions are no less discreditable than mine.

Third, my "false implications and incorrect conclusions" are the product of my own observations and do not depend on fabrication or any great leap of faith or logic. The point I wanted to make is that it requires nothing but the exercise of common sense to understand that reserves of timber in the U.S. are less than they were 100, 50, and 10 years ago. In addition, the viability of sustained yield is not maintained by a consensus of informed belief, despite strenuous opinion to the contrary.

Fourth, my use of Congressman Pete DeFazio's figure of 4.3 billion board feet of timber exported in 1988 is not a willful invention. Mr. Schmidt may debate Mr. DeFazio over the accuracy.

Fifth, the forest products industry is not an isolated segment of the American economy. As such, it is not beyond moral accountability. Nor is it a "sacred cow." I object to knee-jerk reactionism that insists workers are entitled to their jobs while the raw materials of their craft are freely sold overseas. This attitude of selective protectionism is self-defeating and short sighted.

Sixth, Mr. Schmidt effectively ignored my consideration for the environmental responsibility of timber management. Public discussion as

well as disagreement within the forest service about policy, reclamation, replanting, long-term goals and resource development will not allow this issue to fade away. I understand that Mr. Schmidt is a forestry consultant. Thus, it would be hard to imagine him as being unbiased or objective. My private interest is not motivated by capital or material gain. Instead, I am compelled to question the wisdom of choices instead of believing everything I hear, especially if it's "for the best."

Finally, Mr. Schmidt confronts me with the very thing I find intolerable. For some reason, the suggestion that a forest is more valuable than so-many board-feet of lumber is often met with a vindictive denunciation. I believe that in a world where 20 percent of the population controls 80 percent of the resources, aggressive expansionism is morally reprehensible.

As a plea for careful judgment and consideration, my commentary was an exercise of personal ethics.

Pete Wisniewski
Albany

Awareness Day participants thanked

Letter to the Editor

The Access Club would like to extend their thanks to the 25 people who took part in the challenge for the day, Handicap Awareness Day.

We would also like to thank the 38 people who took part in the Panel discussion at the end of the day.

It was very nice to have the participation that we had.

Becky Smith
Handicap Club

Smokers are just plain ordinary folks

Letter to the Editor

Most smokers feel that they are just ordinary, fun-lovin' folk just like anyone else.

That is, except for the smoking student body at LBCC.

As of May 1, 1989, there is a ban on smoking in the LBCC Commons.

The general concensus among the smoking population at the college is that they are being treated as sub-humans, not as good as those who don't smoke.

During early registration in mid March, petitions to ban smoking in the commons were handed out to registering students. Of the approx-

imately 4000 students who enrolled at LBCC, only 744 received petitions and voted on the ban. This is only 5.4 percent of the student body who could have voted. Of the 744 voting, 610 were nonsmokers. The vote was 452 to 267 and the ban was put into effect.

Not all of the registering students could make it to early registration and there were not any petitions handed out at any other time. Most of the students didn't even know about the vote or when it was going to be conducted. This shows an unfair move was made and seemingly on purpose.

Smokers were told after the vote that they would be provided with their own area which, at the current time, is outside, and in the breezeway around the commons. There are currently no adequate facilities for studying and doing homework for the smokers.

Many students have families and/or are single parents who find it difficult at best to do their studying at home, so they come to campus early and stay late to get their work done.

At the president's council meeting on Tuesday, May 2, a handful of representatives for the smokers were allowed to voice their concerns. What they got in return was this statement from LBCC President Mr. Tom Gonzales: "You think we ought to accommodate your convenience?" The students were told that this issue would be discussed.

The smokers and nonsmokers used to share tables, ideas, homework and fun. The socializing is gone now, but where? Campus is a lonely place where morale is low and tension is high.

Smokers are just ordinary, plain, folk who have needs and desires like anyone else. They are going to school to better themselves, or just to be able to get a job when they graduate. They buy food at the campus and pay tuition just like nonsmokers. All they are asking for is their own area, where they can study, socialize, and smoke without bothering anyone else. They aren't asking for much, just to be treated like everyone else while trying to improve the quality of their lives.

Why should they be penalized or discriminated against just because they smoke.

As possible future students of LBCC, you are urged to consider all this carefully, and support the efforts for a permanent smoking area. A place to study, socialize, and relax without intruding on the nonsmokers.

Terri Lehmkauhl



Anything for a Buck

LBCC diesel instructor Al Jackson (left) and a colleague climb out of the depths of the

dunk tank to face more eager softball-throwing students at one of the many fund-raising events during last week's Spring Daze



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in the courtyard. At right, Wanda Stutzman and Nancy Lee sell T-Shirts designed by graphic arts students to raise money for

their student club. Spring Daze concluded with a dance to the music of the Crazy 8's band in the Commons Friday night.

Gallery shows graphics grads art works by

By Rose Kenneke
For the Commuter

Twenty years of training fine and graphic artists will be celebrated June 1-10, during this year's final showing in the Humanities Gallery at Linn-Benton Community College. The exhibit features the works of former students and graduates of LBCC's visual arts and graphic design programs.

Art works planned for the show range from "fine art pieces done primarily for personal expression to highly specific typographical solutions to design problems for business application," said Mary Martin, gallery coordinator.

Artists represented include Wanda Adams, Bill Hurst, Ginny Morgan, Nancy McMorris and Lynn Powers, all of Albany; Monica Banks, Joan Brown, Diane Eubanks, Becky Levien, Jon Olson and Connie Owston, all of Corvallis; and Katie Davenport of Portland.

These artists are now working in such areas as education, advertising and printing, either in public or private institutions or as freelancers.

The gallery, open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. is in LBCC's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Building, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

For more information, call 928-2361, ext. 404.

Survey opposes recriminalizing marijuana

By Bill Mills
Managing Editor

LBCC student Jan Powell recently conducted a Marijuana survey polling students on campus.

The survey began as a media project for her writing 121 class instructed by Nataly Daily.

Jan conducted the survey on May 17 through May 20 and approximately 200 students participated.

"Most students were willing to participate however, students over fifty would not participate as they expressed that they were not interested in the drug issue," stated Jan in her paper.

Jan's survey asked six basic questions asking if students favored House Bill number 2479 which would reinstate criminal penalties for the possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

"A lot of people felt that we should not recriminalize," said Jan in reference to how students responded. The bill has been passed and is currently in the senate ways and means committee for review.

Jan, without hesitation, will tell you that she used marijuana and is not ashamed. "I smoked pot for 20 years and I'm not brain dead from it," Jan stated.

Jan and her husband Rick both had smoked marijuana and both have stopped

their use of it. They do not hide this information from their ten year old daughter. "I'd rather tell her the truth about drugs than lie to her," said Jan.

Jan expressed her concern over how school children are being lied to. One day when Jan's daughter came home from school she told Jan that a police officer came to class and was talking about drugs. Jan said that the police officer told the children that marijuana was the worst drug because it was the "gateway" to harder drugs.

"Most people believe that marijuana is the gateway to harder drugs, but my personal opinion is alcohol is the gateway," expressed Jan.

Community Chorale performs Biblical tale

By Rose Kenneke
For the Commuter

Visions of Harry Belafonte, Maurice Chevalier and Elvis Presley are evoked in musical numbers performed by the Community Chorale in its June concert, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

The concert is scheduled for two days—Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, at 3 p.m. Both performances will be in the Mainstage Theater of Tadena Hall, Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

"We expanded to two nights because last year's concert version of 'H.M.S. Pinafore' was met with great enthusiasm by a sold out audience," said director Hal Eastburn of LBCC's Performing Arts Department.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, and Tim Rice, collaborator, is based on the Biblical story of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers.

"They (Webber and Rice) wrote the music very cleverly," he said. "The audience will recognize the style (of each number)."

Eastburn explained that the musical style fits the action. For example, the tale of Joseph's being sold into slavery in Egypt is told in disco style. The story of the brothers' capture is transformed into a gangster tune. And, the brothers' false report to their father of Joseph's death is told cowboy style.

"There's one more angel in heaven, One more star in the sky, One less place at our table, but we'll get by," they intone.

The music originally was written as a 20-minute operetta, with the women's parts sung by a boy's choir, Eastburn said. Later the operetta was enlarged to a full-fledged musical and women were included in the cast.

Webber also created "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Cats," "Evita," "Starlight Express" and "Phantom of the Opera." Some of these productions were done in collaboration with Rice.

Eastburn's production of "Joseph..." is done solely with members of the Chorale.

"We were really very successful finding the people we needed within the group," he said.

To mount a traditional production requires seven solid weeks of rehearsals. The Chorale, which meets only on Tuesday evenings, is successfully mounting its concert version on what amounts to two solid weeks of rehearsals, Eastburn said.

Appropriate costume pieces will be used with individual numbers. "It will be visually entertaining even though it is a concert," he said.

Tickets, which are \$3 general admission and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens, are available at French's Jewelers, 140 1st Ave. SW Albany, and Williams Drugs, Kings Blvd, Timberhill Shopping Center, Corvallis.

For more information, call 928-2361, ext 217.

Acting class opens recitals

Take a break from final exams Wednesday June 7, and drop in on the Acting II class recitals in Forum 104.

The class will perform scenes and monologues from noon until about 2 p.m., according to George Lauris, instructor.

"This is their final presentation," he said, "and a chance for some of them to do their best work again."

Lauris said, "I'd like to see this become an annual thing. The group gets to be just like an acting company, working together all year. I'd like to give people a peek into what goes on in acting class and what some of the results are."

He stressed that attendance is casual. "Just drop in, stay as long as you can, and leave when you have to."

Pre-nursing classes set for summer

Pre-nursing classes will be offered at Linn-Benton Community College this summer.

The classes, first-time offerings for summer term, are for students already accepted into LBCC's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program or for those planning to apply.

Described as a "packaged program" of required preparatory courses for nursing students, the classes are offered in two five-week segments and one ten-week segment.

Five-week classes offered June 19 through July 20 are elementary

physiological chemistry (Ch 130) from 8-11 a.m. and nutrition (FN 225) from noon to 2 p.m. Beginning July 24 through Aug. 24, classes offered will be human anatomy and physiology (BI 231) from 8-11 a.m. and microbiology (BI 234) from noon to 3 p.m.

A ten-week class, elements of algebra (1.110), runs from June 19 to Aug 24. Students may choose from these course offerings.

For more information about the Associate Degree Nursing program, call LBCC's Health Occupations Office, 967-6107.

Students honored for reaching goals

Approximately 400 students in Linn-Benton Community College's Student Development programs will receive certificates in a recognition ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony, which is open to the public, will be held in the Mainstage Theater of Takena Hall on LBCC's Albany campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd.

Students to be recognized have shown progress or achieved goals in the following areas: English as a second language (ESL), general education diploma (GED), adult high school diploma (AHD), living skills, and adult basic education (ABE), said Candy Johnson, chairwomen of LBCC's Adult Basic Education Department.

A reception in the foyer of Takena hall follows the ceremony.

Mural artist paints landscape on classroom wall

By Bill Mills
Managing Editor

There is a place in Lebanon where you can see a beautiful landscape no matter what time of year. There the sun is always shining, the sky is always blue and the trees are always green.

In this place there are no problems. There are only beautiful mountains, green meadows and lots of paint.

Yes, lots of paint. You can't exactly go hiking in a wall painting.

This painting can be seen in the Lebanon center on Stoltz Hill Road in one of the tiny classrooms.

"It's too bright and everything is greener than it ought to be but Oregon is very green and I want everything to be bright. I think we have enough storms in our life not to put them on the wall," stated Painting Instructor and Mural Designer Viola West.

Viola has been painting since her years at Junction City High School some 41 years ago. "Some of the murals I painted in high school are still on the wall after all these years," said Viola.

She has been teaching painting workshops and classes for eight years now and loves it.

The mural started out as a learning aid to help her students when they were painting landscapes.

"I didn't have much time so I worked about three hours each Monday for five



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Artist Viola West shows off a landscape mural she painted on classroom wall in the Lebanon Center, where she teaches painting classes. Viola's expansive

weeks until it was done," Viola said. Her painting has an unusual feature. "I live in Junction City and I drive over here and every time I see some dead opossums on the road so I thought it only fitting to paint a couple on the road in the mural," she said.

"It isn't any special place it just depicts the foothills of Lebanon I see every time I drive over here," said Viola.

"I actually paint very few landscapes.



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Farewell Party

Departing President Tom Gonzales accepts a gift at his going away party from science lab instructor Leroy Heaton. Gon-

zales and his wife Annie were honored and roasted at the event last Thursday. They leave for Seattle next month.

that. It's very important to leave a little piece of yourself for eternity. It's a wonderful thing," said Viola.

It is apparent in the way Viola speaks of her students that she is fond of them and it is every bit apparent that the feelings are mutual.

"She makes class interesting with all of her cute stories. She's full of life," said Leta Kinman one of Viola's students.

"I use a lot of her teachings on saw blades. She's a neat teacher and is always full of great ideas," said Mollie Andrews, another student of Viola's.

Viola has many accomplishments. Among them are her exhibitions in the Scandinavian Festival, the Strawberry Festival and has seven paintings on permanent display in Lebanon's sister city in India.

"I have paintings in 31 countries and 37 states," said Viola. She has paintings in Germany, Japan, England, Denmark, Spain, Mexico and Australia, to name a few.

Viola has sold six paintings to Bernard Pictures Inc. on the East coast and the company has made 364,000 prints from her paintings. "I have six paintings with them now under consideration," she stated.

"There is just something about painting that is between you and the canvas. Nothing else you do is the same. Your putting your ideas on that canvas, no one else's."

mural started out as an instructional aid to students learning how to paint landscapes, and has since become an attraction at the center.

My favorite things to paint are old buildings to try and preserve our history," said Viola. "I feel that once a barn is torn down there will never be another one like it. It's a whole era that is going away and maybe someday the pictures are all that will be left."

"I want all of my students to be their own individual when they are painting. A lot of them are painting pictures for their families and I hope I'm helping them do

Stolen pet spurs student to start animal club

New campus organization lobbies for pet protection laws, promotes public awareness

By Pete Kozak
Commuter Writer

It was just a year ago when Dametria was stolen from Julie Grizzel's back yard, but for Grizzel, the hurt remains.

At the time, Grizzel had just been re-elected to a second term on the ASLBCC student council. The trauma of losing her 8-year-old purebred cocker spaniel adversely affected her schoolwork, she said, and ultimately prompted her resignation from the council. She decided instead to devote her time and energy to help prevent similar occurrences.

The result of her efforts, and those of others who share her concerns, is the Association for Animal Protection, a campus organization formed last February to promote public awareness about such issues as pet theft and animal overpopulation. In addition, the group has lobbied vigorously for the enactment of a legislative measure, HB-3352, which they helped draft with two other animal welfare groups and a local attorney. The bill is designed to discourage animal theft by reclassifying it as a felony and by imposing stricter regulations on the research animal industry, which the association feels often contributes to the problem.

The bill, after several revisions, has recently passed the House Judiciary Committee and will next be considered by the entire House.

The theft of Grizzel's dog was not an isolated incident, say group members, many of whom have themselves been victimized. They maintain that pets are often stolen outright and sold to animal dealers who then resell them to research laboratories at a substantial profit. Frequently animals are obtained by what they term "theft by deception," where people answer ads offering animals "free to good home" and then sell them to dealers.

According to Grizzel, her dog was taken to S&S Farms, a research animal business in Lebanon. One of her neighbors witnessed the theft while driving by and got the license plate number of the thieves' truck. A 22-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy were later convicted of the crime. Unfortunately for Grizzel, when she finally traced her dog's whereabouts, the dog had already been destroyed—a routine fate for those deemed unfit for research. She said that James W. Hickey, who operated S&S Farms until last summer, admitted he killed the dog, but gave conflicting reasons why. "First he told me it wasn't the right size (for research), then said it was mean and later said it was sick," she recalled.

The research animal business is profitable for both dealers and those who supply them animals, say association members, with dealers paying up to \$50 for a dog and \$20 for a cat. The temptation to steal people's pets is simply too great, they say, and has resulted in a growing theft problem locally. Passage of HB-3352, while not eliminating the profit motive, would nonetheless be a first step towards dealing with the issue. Among other things, the bill would require dealers to keep not only detailed descriptions and a photograph of each animal they receive, but would require them to obtain thorough information on those who supply them animals. Such information, as well as that of the animal's intended destination, would be made available to the public upon request. In addition, people looking for their missing pets would be allowed to search a dealer's premises twice a week.

One dealer who opposes the bill is Hickey's son, James Joseph Hickey, who operates S&H Supply in Lebanon with his wife Shannon Hansen. Their operation is the largest supplier of research animals on the West Coast.

"It will do absolutely nothing to prevent animal theft," the younger Hickey said of the measure, and described the Association for Animal Protection's efforts as "sadly misdirected."



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He said the bill would subject suppliers, research labs and dealers like himself to continual harassment from animal activists.

Many dealers would prefer to buy animals from shelters or pounds, "ones that would be destroyed eventually," he said. Hickey has tried to get state legislators to back that idea. But animal rights groups are opposed, he said, because "their real aim is to stop the supply of animals to research labs altogether. They don't want research at all."

"Research is not the issue," countered Grizzel, saying that while group members are opposed to inhumane and often unnecessary use of animals, particularly in certain industries such as cosmetics, neither the group nor the bill is aimed at eliminating legitimate research with animals. She said, however, that many association members would rather see research labs breed animals specifically for that purpose rather than obtain them elsewhere.

Grizzel also said that most representatives of the research profession, after voicing concerns initially, now support HB-3352 in its present form.

But Hickey maintains that imposing stricter regulations on dealers would involve added costs, and that the bill unfairly singles out dealers while exempting animal shelters, "which are the real abusers," he said.

He cited the recent case in Portland where two animal welfare groups trapped and euthanized thousands of animals since 1981, using the Humane Society facility. Although those groups, Animal Aid Inc., and Citizens for Humane Education, contend that their actions were intended to reduce animal disease and malnutrition caused by overpopulation, they've been faulted for indiscriminately rounding up animals, including pets, and for shoddy record-keeping.

Hickey also dismisses criticism of the animal industry. "There are no abuses in the industry—it's so closely watched," he said. Furthermore, he argues that the theft issue has been blown out of proportion. "There's not a theft problem in this county," he said, that the animals he receives are mostly unwanted or strays.

"I can see his side of it," said Lt. Gary Horton of the Linn County Sheriff's Department, who visits Hickey's business "once or twice a week" in response to missing animal reports. Although he receives "one or two" calls daily, he said the actual number of those animals that turn up at Hickey's is "very, very small." Hickey, who steadfastly refuses to let pet owners search his property for their animals, saying it's disruptive to his operation, is legally within his rights, said Horton.

Still, Horton said that the issue of missing animals is "a continuous problem," although he now receives far fewer than the "12 to 14" daily reports he received last

fall when there was considerable publicity surrounding Hickey's operation.

That publicity arose from a 21-day suspension of Hickey's dealer's license in October by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which regulates the animal industry, and the following USDA complaint in November, which cited Hickey and his father with 57 violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

The complaint stemmed from routine USDA inspections of Hickey's facility and alleged improper record-keeping and inadequate animal care, among other things. No hearing date has yet been scheduled for the complaint.

Hickey called the allegations "ridiculous" and said the USDA erroneously linked his business with his father's. He acknowledged that the elder Hickey's operation was "a little bit sloppy at times," but said that since his father hasn't been active in the business since last summer, he should not have been included in the complaint.

"We keep better records than anyone in the state," he added, and said the USDA "trumped up a bunch of charges" to satisfy the animal rights groups. Those groups, he said, have made him "the most convenient scapegoat" for their problems.

Rosemary Bennett, faculty advisor for the Association for Animal Protection, said that shutting down Hickey's operation is not the group's aim. "He has a right to be in business," she said, adding, "To say that Hickey is the villain is not appropriate." I do think, however, that he's been imprudent to accept animals from certain people."

Bennett said the association shares Hickey's criticism of those involved in the Portland euthanasia program. That incident reflects the growing national problem of animal overpopulation, she explained.

"We kill 16 million unwanted dogs and cats across the United States each year," she said. "There's a real surplus of animals." Bennett said that the association is currently working with local veterinarians to place media ads which promote neutering of pets to combat the problem.

She also said that Hickey's proposal to obtain unwanted animals from shelters, while it had merit, also had problems.

"Research facilities want well cared-for pets" rather than strays, she explained, and said that many people would quit bringing animals to shelters if they knew they would first be subjected to research experiments before being destroyed.

John Adair, Linn County Dog Control Officer, agreed. He cited a 3-year-old policy adopted by the County Board that allows people bringing animals to shelters the option of designating whether they be used for research.

Although the county shelter has dealt with thousands of animals since the policy was implemented, Adair said that few people have chosen that option, and that those who did, brought animals unsuited for research anyway.

Adair said he supports HB-3352, calling it "a reasonable approach. I think personally more control is necessary," he said. "We're talking about stolen pets. I can see Mr. Hickey's side, but he doesn't see the pet owner's side. He should be a little bit more understanding of that issue."

Julie Grizzel, who expects the eventual passage of HB-3352, said her involvement with the measure has served as a reminder of her experience a year ago. "It's been real hard to deal with," she said. But if her efforts can spare others the kind of hurt she experienced, it will have been worth the time and energy.

"I want to see to it that it doesn't happen to anyone else. I know how badly it affected me."

Students learn about desert ecology on field trip

By Diane Young
Commuter Writer

Rattlesnakes, pronghorn antelopes, lizards, coyotes and birds were the focal point for twenty LBCC students during the Alvord Desert ecology field trip in Eastern Oregon.

The two credit class provided the chance to study wildlife habitats outside the traditional classroom setting.

Binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, hiking shoes and sunglasses were the main items used on this four day expedition.

Biology instructors Rich Liebaert and Steve Lebsack led the students through sagebrush and junipers, marshes, uplands, hot springs and riparian areas in search of wildlife.

Over 100 species of birds were observed and identified for the different ecosystems that provide resting spots for many migrating waterfowl and song birds. "This was the best year we ever had in observing wildlife," Lebsack said. This class has been offered seven times, yet the 100 mark has never been hit before.

Many of the students have taken classes such as Animal Behavior, Wildlife Resources: Birds, Environmental Issues and Nature Photography which has helped in the identification of the animals Lebsack pointed out.

Allen Eriksen, wildlife biology major, located a den of Western rattlesnakes and caught one with a homemade

lizard snare.

The snare consisted of a pine rod with fish line running up the side ending in a loop. Eriksen gently slipped the loop around the rattler's head and pulled it, coiling and rattling from its den.

Cameras clicked and mouths hung open as Eriksen shakily held out the rattler. Surpassing his own fear, Eriksen did manage to pose for a picture. It was noted by many students that his hands still shook twenty minutes after letting the snake go.

Eriksen also captured two desert dwelling lizards with the snare. The side-blotched lizard was easily identified by its bright blue spotted back and orange sides, while the striped leopard lizard was harder to key out.

Large herds of pronghorn antelopes were observed grazing throughout the sagebrush. At one point, students witnessed two pronghorns chasing a coyote wildly across the landscape. Possibly, the protection of their young could promote such rare behavior, Lebsack pointed out.

Four great horned owls and three owlets were observed at close range in the cottonwood and poplar tree communities. These trees were common around streams and abandoned homesteads.

The cattle herds, cowboys in leather chaps and tumble weeds flavored the trip with hints of the wild west.

In Frenchglen, students had to use an outhouse outside the 1901 Frenchglen hotel. The general store had a peanut barrel by the counter, worn wood floors, and a mangy mutt resting on the front porch. Yet there was

nothing rustic about the snacks the students bought. They bought their share of Cheetos, Doritos, and cans of Pepsi and 7-up.

Halfway through the trip Lebsack produced a pound bag of peanut M and Ms that satisfied many of the weary travelers.

Sleep, however, didn't come easy for many of the travelers, for certain members of the group tended to snore like chainsaws humming through a forest.

The trip was graced by a full moon on Saturday night. Many students took a moonlit stroll on Coyote Butte, near the field station, and enjoyed the view of the sage filled valley below.

The group stayed at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge field station located near Burns, Ore.

The field station consists of a dining hall, recreation room and gym, library and museum, lab space and equipment, and dormitories. The stay at the station cost each student \$50 as LBCC is a member of the Malheur consortium.

LBCC students can attend a number of classes at reduced rates this summer. Credited classes on astronomy, botany, biology, ornithology, and geology and natural history are offered. Interested students can call (503) 493-2629 for the 1989 catalog.

LBCC is offering a three day, two credit, class to Crater Lake this summer. A four day, two credit trip to the California Redwoods will be offered in the fall. Both ecology classes will be led by the instructional team of Lebsack and Liebaert.

Stargazer: Sun, Moon, Venus, Saturn in cosmic dance

By Pete Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

Venus is the "evening star" for June, climbing above bright twilight in the west-northwest for the first time since January.

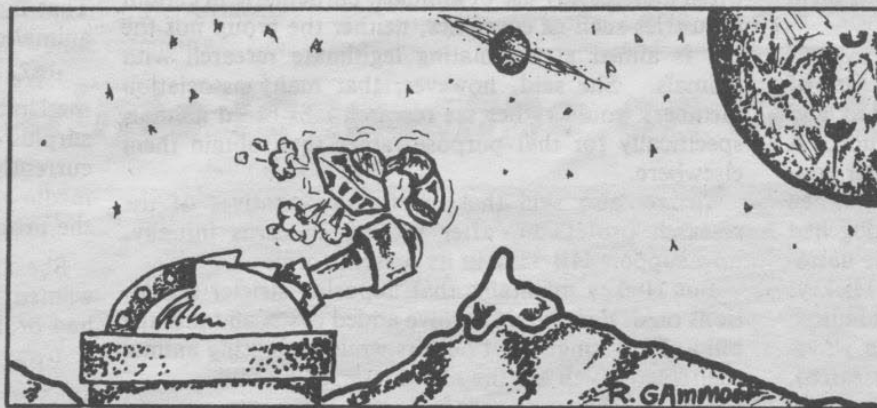
It will remain low in the west after sunset all summer, but is bright enough to be easily seen. Venus is now emerging from behind the sun and is still across the solar system from the Earth, but rapidly gaining on us in its faster, inside orbit. It appears for the next two weeks in Gemini, moving steadily higher and towards Cancer to the south.

Mars is also visible, just between the two constellations, but is being overtaken in its slower, outside orbit by Venus. On July 13, they will be within half a degree from each other in Cancer.

Mars will sweep through the Beehive Star Cluster on June 27, visible as a dim hazy patch of fog beneath a very dark sky.

The summer solstice occurs on June 21, which is the moment when the sun reaches its most northerly point on the dome of the Earth's sky.

It is a celestial feature which helps determine our calendar, and marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. Although it signals the longest day of the year and the highest sun, hotter weather still lies several weeks ahead. Known as the "lag of the seasons," the effect is due to the thermal resistance of land areas and especially ocean waters to being warmed from the cold of winter.



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The Full Moon occurs on the night of June 18/19, following a low arc across the southern sky.

This path is only about 5 degrees farther south than that of the Sun's on the first day of winter, and is due to the relative tilt of the Moon's orbit compared to the Earth's.

Mercury pops back into view the third week of June, rising in Taurus just above the east-northwest horizon during dawn. Although it reaches greatest elongation June 18, 23 degrees west of the sun, it will appear noticeably brighter the following two weeks. While not as good as the evening apparition of late April and early May, it is nevertheless a fine opportunity for seeing this elusive planet. On the morning of June 23, Mercury slides 3 degrees north of the reddish star Aldebran.

Jupiter is now traveling behind the Sun from us. It begins to rise with Mer-

cury at the end of June, just above the horizon and to the left of the Red Planet.

This marks the beginning of a fine, year-long apparition, as the giant planet blazes near the Gemini-Taurus border. On the morning of July 2, it will pass within 1 degree of Mercury.

Saturn is rapidly approaching its early July opposition, when it will be opposite the sun as viewed from Earth. It remains in Sagittarius in the general direction of our Galactic center. Early in the month, rising in the southeast about an hour after twilight's end, Saturn will be at its most prominent position for the year. By the end of the month, it will rise at sunset.

An especially extraordinary event will occur on July 2-3, Sunday night-Monday morning, as Saturn and its rings occult the 5.4 magnitude star 28 Sagittarii. This is the brightest star yet

predicted to be occulted by Saturn, providing an unprecedented opportunity for detailed examination of the fine structure of Saturn's rings.

Major observatories in the zone of visibility have already made plans to record the sequence of events with sophisticated equipment. As the rings slide in front of star, moment-to-moment variations in the star's brightness will reveal greater details than any other Earthside method. Data collected by observing the star's ring passage from numerous sites will permit a precise two-dimensional map to be constructed, which was not possible even with the Voyager flybys. In addition, comparison with the Voyager data may show significant changes in the rings over the past eight years. When the star disappears behind Saturn's atmosphere, improved information on density, temperature and composition may result.

Astronomers have been successful in observing less dramatic occultations in the past. In 1917, two English observers used 5-and-9-inch telescopes to follow the movement of a seventh magnitude star, and in 1962, amateurs used 6- to 12 1/2-inch telescopes to follow an 8.6 magnitude star. By comparison, July's event with a 5.4 magnitude star may be quite spectacular. Those with access to a medium power telescope may wish to take advantage of this occurrence. More detailed information is available in the June issue of "Sky and Telescope."

Clear skies and happy trav'ln!

Review:

Crazy 8's flood Commons with music made for dancing

By Dan Abernathy
Commuter Writer

Despite not having much of a stage show the Crazy 8's, Friday night displayed the qualities that have made them a success with outrageously wild solos and songs that reeked of audience approval.

The 8's don't peddle the popular pop fodder so many other groups do. Holding true to form Friday night they flooded the Commons with squealing guitar solos, blowing horns and sweat dripping jams that blend soul, ska, funk and reggae to gether for a combination that lends itself to dancing the night away.

Manager Marc Baker and Todd Duncan, singer, sax player, frontman and founder of the 8's met in 1982 in Corvallis while working at the radio station at Oregon State University.

Shortly afterwards Duncan rounded up a total of nine musicians and dubbed the group the Crazy 8's.

The 8's cruised the Northwest club circuit and became quite popular, and especially dominated the regional colleges. Baker stepped in as their manager about six months later.

Even though the 8's were well accepted by the public they received rejection slips from all the labels they sent demo tapes to.

In the fall of 1984 the 8's released their debut, *Law and Order*, on their own label, Red Rum.

It took them two weeks to kick it out and have sold around 15,000 copies to date.

Nervous is Suburbia, their second album, was released late in 1985, furthering the 8's ployplot approach. The new LP moved from reggae and ska to funky-soul grooves integrating African and Latin percussives to a world style beat.

The album made Tower Records' LP Charts, peaking at 69.

Nervous sold even better than their first album, the current figures are around 18,000.

Relying on their previous experience the band created their third album in 1987, *Out of the Way*. The song "One World Vision" earned a spot on CMJ's Certain Damage promo-CD series. Some of the other tracks included "Naked Party," far more subversive than its sounds, and "Love Will Find a Way," which was released as a single.

August 8, 1988 (8/8/88) the 8's released their latest album, *Big Live Nut Pack*, and it seems to be doing rather well.

All in all the Crazy 8's appear to be a group on their way up and if they ever decide to sign with a major label it will just get them to the top that much faster.



The Commuter/ARIK HESSELD AHL

Koz members Brad Duncan and Kelly Dufour rehearse for upcoming concerts at LB.

The Koz plays to a different tune

By Arik Hesseldahl
Commuter Writer

The thunder of electric guitars and steady boom of the drums that flows from the South Albany backyard shed sounds like that of any other rock band struggling to make ends meet.

Musically The Koz, a local Christian rock band, differs little from other hard-working garage bands waiting for a break. But a closer listen to the lyrics, content and underlying message of their music stands out from the pack, contrasting from the mainstream of secular rock by bringing a positive message to audiences through contemporary, high energy music.

With drummer/lead vocalist James Dufour, brother Kelly, keyboards/vocals, Brad Duncan, lead guitar and Rich Scott, bass, the band has spent the last year polishing their act and buying equipment in hopes of booking concerts and producing a demo tape. But not in a search for fame and fortune.

"We live in a real negative world and young people look at Christianity in a negative way because they see only the don'ts and no's of it," explained James.

"We just want to show them that there's a positive way to live that life with a guiltless joy. We do that by singing with a positive message and feeling, not the sex, drugs and rock and roll that other bands do," he continued.

The four met at a Christian retreat in Montana in early 1988. At the end of that retreat, James and Brad decided to start a band, Kelly joined up and Rich was the only bass player they knew.

The name Koz came from "Cause", which was already in use. "Koz came

from the pronunciation of cause in the dictionary," said Kelly.

From that point, the Koz began to write original songs, like "Run to the Father" and "Tears in the Rain", songs that all four agree have evolved with the band, reflecting their musical progress.

"I think we've grown musically" said James, "but we've got a long way to go."

So what of people who are apprehensive about Christian rock?

"It's not for everybody," James explained. "But it's not something we try to jam down people's throats. It's something we've chosen to do as a band, and we've decided it's not going to be something to make us look good, but to be used as a tool. Music can open a lot of doors because everybody listens to it, especially the young people we want to reach. They're still influenced by things that they hear, and we want to influence them in a positive way." As for future plans, the Koz is uncertain. "Hopefully someday, the right person will hear us and we'll have the right song," said Kelly.

If offered a record contract to record as a non-Christian band, they would refuse the contract in favor of their music.

All agreed when James said: "When we play our hearts out, we get a certain gratification that doesn't seem to go away. And when lives are touched by it, that's worth more than any record contract."

The Koz will begin a string of concerts with a dual booking at LBCC. The first is today in the quad at noon, or in the Commons in case of rain. The second will be Friday in the Forum building at 8 p.m. in room 104.



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Metallurgy instructor Seaton McLennan hands over a Damascus steel knife to Ole

Hiddleston, who won the department's fund-raising rally last week.

COMMENTARY

Trend toward drug testing raises privacy questions

By Tim Vanslyke
Commuter Writer

Imagine coming home after school some day in the near future. Against your better judgement you check the mail, and find an official looking envelope from the financial aid department at your school. The letter explains that you're to come in early the next day with a full bladder to fulfill a new requirement for financial aid—a drug test. If you fail, then no more financial aid.

This scenario is not yet reality, but it could be if Congress approves current proposals to add random urine tests as a condition to getting financial aid.

Ronald Reagan's Anti-Drug Abuse Act has set an example for the country. Government agencies and private industries alike have adopted drug policies for employees, most of which include drug-testing programs.

Drug testing in the workplace was initially aimed at people employed in positions in which the safety of others depended upon their sobriety. But many companies that now have such programs are testing employees who are not in safety-related jobs.

Recently the Department of Education announced that all persons who are receiving financial aid will have to sign a statement saying that they will not abuse illicit drugs. An editorial in the Lane Community College newspaper "The Torch," observed: "So far there has been no talk of mandatory drug testing for recipients of federal money. But there is no statement in the laws prohibiting drug testing in the future, and with the recent increase in such testing it is likely that this act is just the first step towards mandatory urinalysis of students receiving federal grants."

Lane Community College is already considering implementing drug-testing for students and staff in the aircraft mechanics and flight-training program.

One local company that is among the many that have recently adopted drug policies now requires all new employees to submit a urinalysis, and all existing employees have to sign a statement that they understand and will abide by the new company drug-policy.

The question still remains, despite the fact that the Supreme Court has twice now ruled in favor of the legalities of drug testing in some cases, if it is an invasion of privacy.

Most government officials and business-leaders feel that drug-testing is a viable means of ensuring that employees are not abusing illicit substances in the workplace. And employers do have a right to expect that their employees are not doing so. But the question of the legitimacy of drug-testing hinges on whether or not the ends justify the means.

George D. Lundberg, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, called drug testing programs "Chemical McCarthyism" in a recent article in Science magazine. Another article that appeared in the Sep. 13 issue of the New York Times Magazine quotes Civil Liberty attorneys as saying "the government may not condition employment on the surrender of constitutional rights."

Although the Supreme Court seems to believe that drug-testing doesn't necessarily violate civil liberties, other judges disagree. Sol Wachtler, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, said, "By restriction the government to reasonable searches the state and federal constitutions recognize that there comes a point at which searches intended to serve the public interest, however effective, may themselves undermine the public's interest in maintaining the privacy, dignity and security of its members."

Wayne LaFave, professor of law at the University of Illinois at Urbana, states in the New York Times

Magazine article that, "unless the administrative search is limited to truly extra-ordinary situations where rigorous application of typical Fourth Amendment standards would be intolerable, the amendment will largely disappear. The need to detect drug users is important, but hardly more so than the need to search for narcotics dealers, kidnapers and murderers. Yet we have never demanded 100 percent enforcement of the criminal law. Instead, we are committed to a philosophy of tolerating a certain level of undetected crime as preferable to an oppressive state."

It may very well be oppressive for authorities to demand access to the information stored within the bodily fluids of an individual without sufficient cause to suspect that person of wrong-doing.

The problem with the Fourth Amendment is that the original language of the amendment doesn't take into account technological advances in law enforcement. As Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis said in regard to wire-tapping, "Time worked changes brings into existence new conditions and purposes. Subtler and more far reaching means of invading privacy have become available to the government. Discovery and invention have made it possible for the government, by means far more effective than stretching upon the rack, to obtain disclosure in court of what is whispered in the closet."

Or, in the case of drug-testing, what is written in one's urine.

Justice Brandeis also had something to say to free people. "Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent. Men born to freedom are naturally alert to repel invasion of their liberty by evil minded rulers. The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

NATIONAL COLLEGE NEWS

Kinkos Corp. sued in copyright crackdown

By The College Press Service

Eight textbook publishers have sued Kinko's Graphics Corporation, the big printing chain that serves hundreds of college campuses around the country, charging that two of the firm's New York City stores photocopied material illegally.

The suit, filed the last week in April, followed months of speculation that book publishers were going to try to crack down on "professor publishing," in which teachers photocopy and bind together classroom materials to supplement—and in some cases replace—textbooks.

The publishers say the practice, which can save students substantial amounts of money, violates copyright law because it uses material without paying the authors or publishers for it.

Professors often use the anthologies, which typically cost about \$10, in place of requiring students to buy several textbooks, which run about \$35 each.

Under the "fair use" provision of copyright law, professors need permission to photocopy everything, unless they can pass a litmus test for brevity, spontaneity and "cumulative effect" of the copying on the course.

Campus pranksters revive pie pastings

By the College Press Service

Baylor University's Pie Man, or someone just like him, has returned.

A long-haired man recently barged into a business class, ran up to student Jim Wyatt, and hit him in the face with a pie.

"I was just sitting in class looking at my notes when I heard this guy say 'hey,' and then I looked up into a pie," Wyatt recalled.

When Wyatt left class to clean up, he was pied again in the restroom.

Meanwhile, back in the classroom, the Pie Man stuck his head into the room and yelled "Hey, Gina, you're next" to another student, Prof. Leslie Rasner reported.

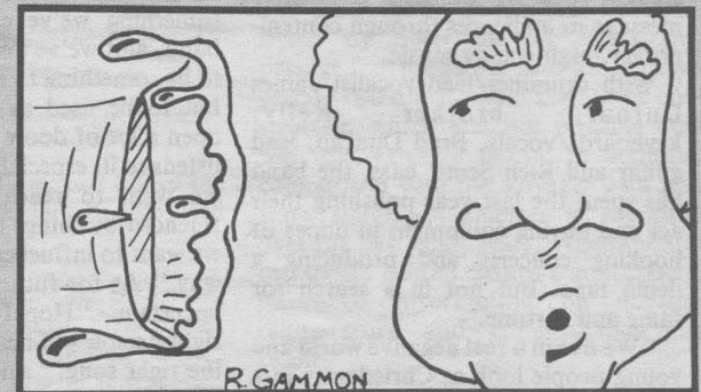
In a scene out of a TV cop show, several class members bolted up to chase the assailant. One student, Steve Spoonemore, managed to jump into the Pie Man's getaway car, but eventually had to roll out of it while it was moving.

The Pie Man and a woman companion in the car were screaming at him and hitting him, Spoonemore said.

It wasn't the first time habitués of the Waco, Texas, campus been pied this school year. Several students and professors were pied in class during first semester, but Baylor spokesman Dr. James Baker reports that the first semester Pie man has been apprehended and punished through normal disciplinary channels.

The pie massacre in Rasner's class, he concluded, had to be the work of different people.

Pie attacks were common on many campuses in the early eighties, when the weapon of choice seemed to be cream or



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berry pies. Professors at Michigan State University and the University of Colorado were victimized, as was the dean of students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Celebrities visiting campuses in those days had to be careful, too. William F. Buckley, New York Sen. Daniel Moynihan, anti-abortionists Phyllis Schlafly, former Ohio Gov. James Rhodes, Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy, artist Andy Warhol, anti-gay rights activist and singer Anita Bryant and former CIA Director William Colby all were pied at various schools during the period.

Original victim Wyatt laughed it off, noting "It tasted pretty good."

MARKETSPACE

Student Allies Sought

LBCC's Career Counseling Center is seeking work study students to fill job openings as Student Allies next fall.

Student Allies work as peer advisors to students seeking assistance at the center. Among the job responsibilities are such tasks as general office work, research, cataloging, data entry and related work.

Applicants must be eligible for work study for the 1989-90 school year.

For information, contact Diane in the Career Counseling Center in Takena Hall.

CNA for High Schoolers

A "Certified Nurse Assistant" four-week course for high school students wanting to work this summer begins Monday, June 5. The class meets Mondays through Thursdays from 4-10 p.m. in the Albany Mennonite Home, 5353 Columbus SE.

June Madison, registered nurse, will teach the 100-hour training course, which leads to state certification as a nurse assistant. The cost for the course, including text, is \$30. Payment arrangements are available and will be discussed at the first class meeting. Registration is limited. Persons not in high school are welcome. Employment is not guaranteed, and there is no employment obligation to the Mennonite Home. To register, call the Mennonite Home at 928-7232.

Tax Savings for Businesses

Minimizing your taxes is the topic of a half-day workshop, "Tax Savings for Small Business," set for Wednesday, June 14, from 1-4 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B of the College Center.

Deborah Holmes, LBCC business counselor, will conduct the seminar, which includes professionals in the tax field. Year-round tax planning, allowable deductions and the Tax Reform Act will be discussed. The cost of the seminar is \$20. Registration deadline is June 12. For more information or to register, call LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, 967-6112.

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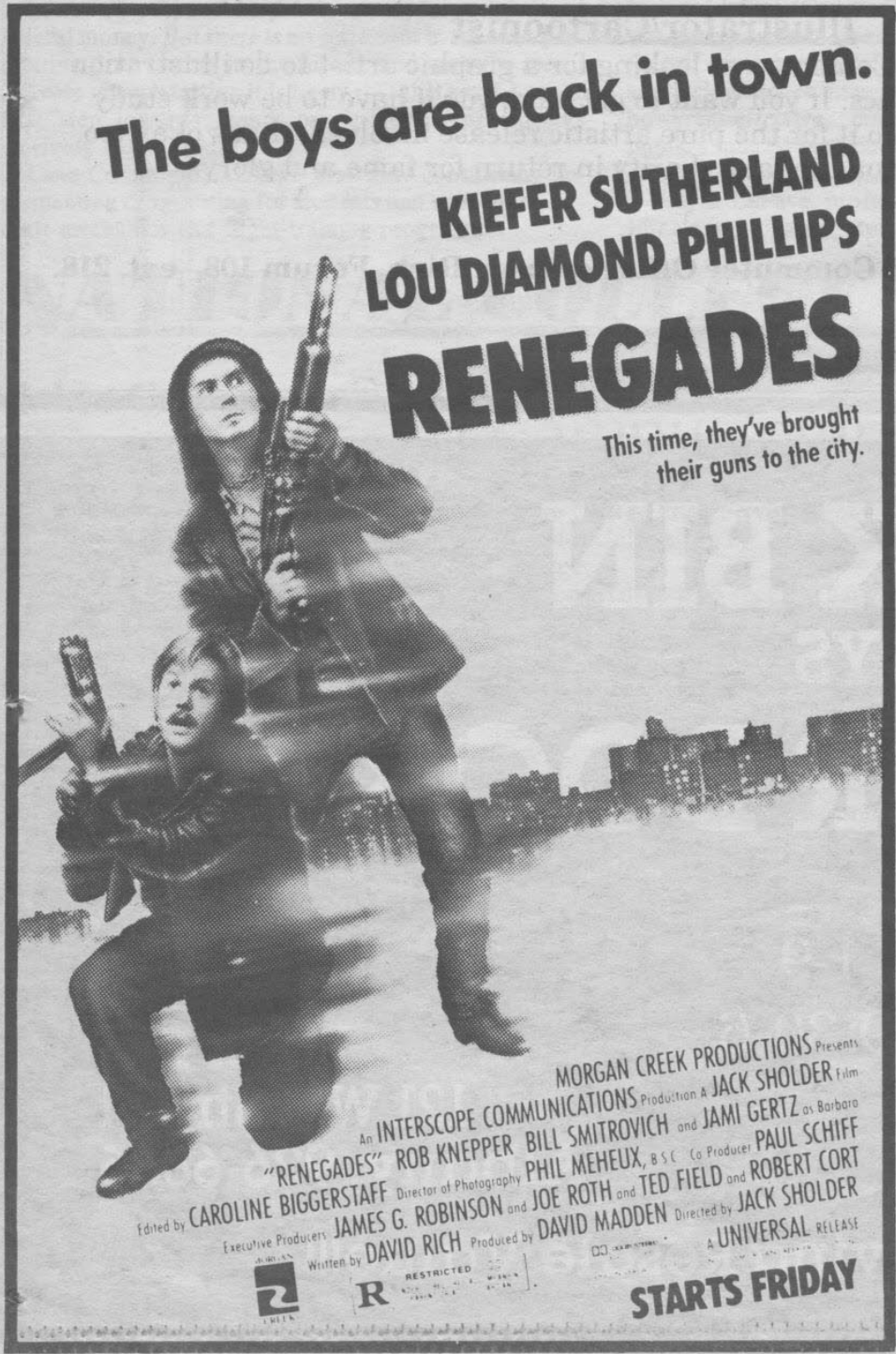
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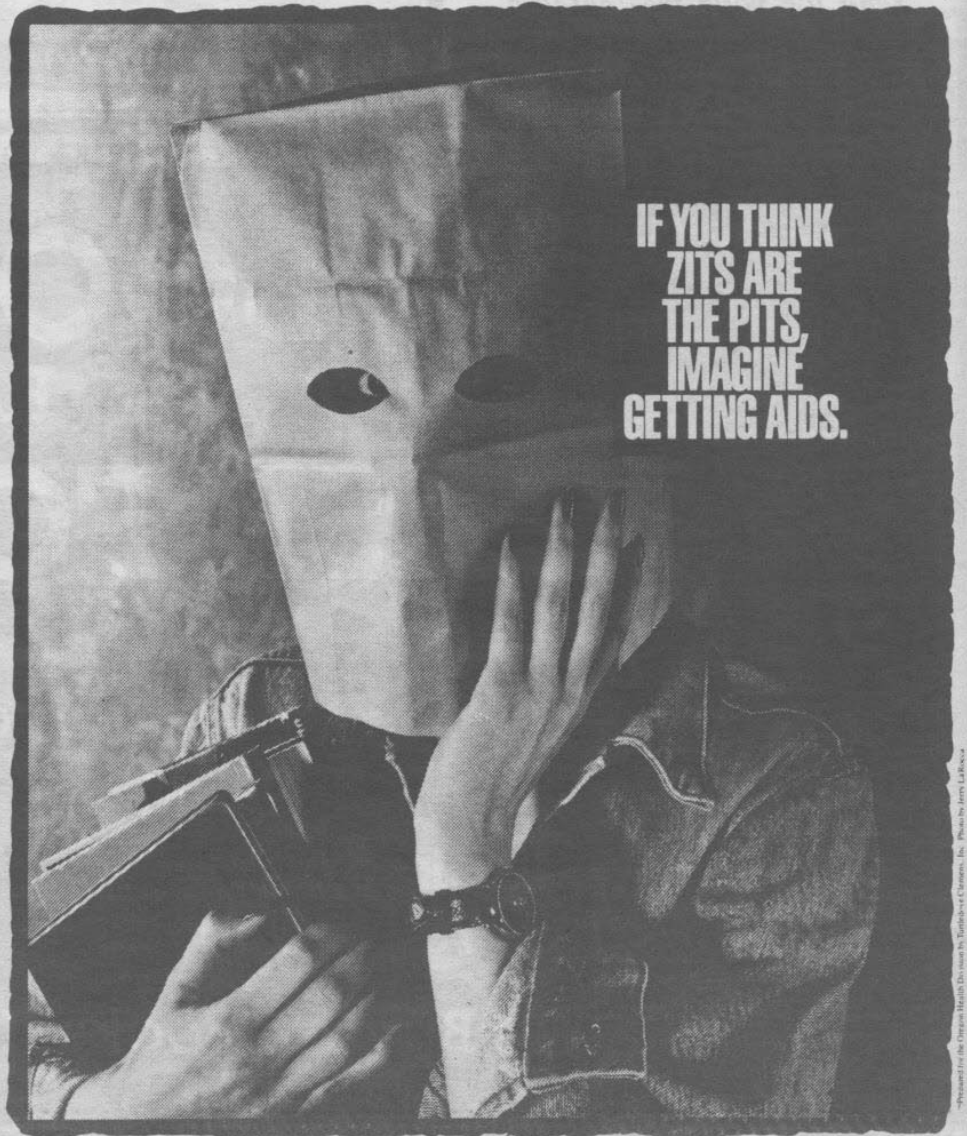
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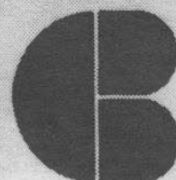
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SPORTS PAGE

Spikers earn ninth at Hood

The LBCC mens track team compiled 18 points for ninth place last weekend at the NWAACC track and field championships in Mt. Hood.

Ken France finished third in the hammer at 138 feet for the best team score. Kevin Akers came home with a personal best fourth place finish in the pole vault at 15 feet 6 inches.

Marcus Anderson had won fifth place finishes in the hurdles. A time of 15.9 seconds was recorded in the 110 while 56.8 seconds was clocked in the 400 intermediate hurdles. Sean O'Shea also came in fifth in the long jump with a distance of 21 feet 6 3/4 inches.

Roy Hage was sixth in the javelin with 172 feet 7 inches.

The men's competition was won by Highline CC of Seattle with 160 points and Spokane was second with 143.

For the women, Kim Downie was a non-placing seventh in the long jump at 14 feet. No points were scored by the LB women as Bellevue won the women's competition with 184 points.

"We had a decent meet," said Coach Dave Bakely. "We have good people who performed well."

Fourteen teams from Oregon and Washington competed in what was the final meet of the season.

Hickman, Roso, Kaveny, Holman selected to All-star baseball team

Four players from the LBCC baseball team were named to the 1989 southern division all-stars, including catcher Jim Roso who was this year's most valuable player.

Roso was one of the top defensive players in the league while also batting .316 with 28 RBI's, nine doubles and three home runs.

"He's a real defensive gem," commented coach Greg Hawk.

Joining Roso on the first team was freshman pitcher Sean Hickman. Hickman compiled a 6-1 record with 52 strike-outs and a 2.16 earned run average.

Freshman Ken Kaveny earned a second team first baseman position with a .389 batting average. He also had eight homers, 11 doubles and 40 RBI's.

Outfielder Thad Holman also made the second team with a .387 batting average along with 10 stolen bases.



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Reds scout Jeff McKey chats with Roadrunner Jim Roso.

Roso takes shot at pro's

By Jess Reed
Sports Editor

Nearly every young man, at least once in his lifetime, has a dream of getting a shot at the major leagues. A chance to be in the show is sometimes as palatable as ice cream on a hot summer day.

For most of us, the local sandlot game at the city park is the closest we'll ever come to the fame and glory of the big leagues, but Roadrunner catcher Jim Roso may get a shot at fulfilling his dream of playing with those boys of summer in the major leagues.

This year Roso was named the NWAACC southern division's most valuable player (MVP).

His excellent defensive skills along with a .316 batting average for the season has enabled this 19-year-old sophomore to become a candidate for this summer's Major League draft in which a mid-draft selection is hopeful.

"I don't know if it's going to happen. I haven't been saying too much about it just in the chance it doesn't happen," said Roso.

"I've been talking with a lot of scouts and they say good things, but they can't guarantee you anything. All they can do is put you on a list and if you're drafted you're drafted and if not you're not you're not.

He anxiously awaits this June's draft. After this time he will decide in which direction he wants to go in the future. Whether it be playing for a pro fan club or continuing to play college ball at either Portland State or Oregon State.

"If I get drafted for the right amount of money, then I'll sign."

commented Roso. "But if the money isn't right, I'll decide between one of those two schools."

Roso began his career at Aloha high school in Portland in which his coach, Bill Love, took a basically raw person and developed him into an all-league catcher his senior year while also playing for the state-metro team.

Only two schools pursued him to play college ball last year, Linn-Benton and George Fox. LBCC's winning tradition lured him from the losing ways of the George Fox club.

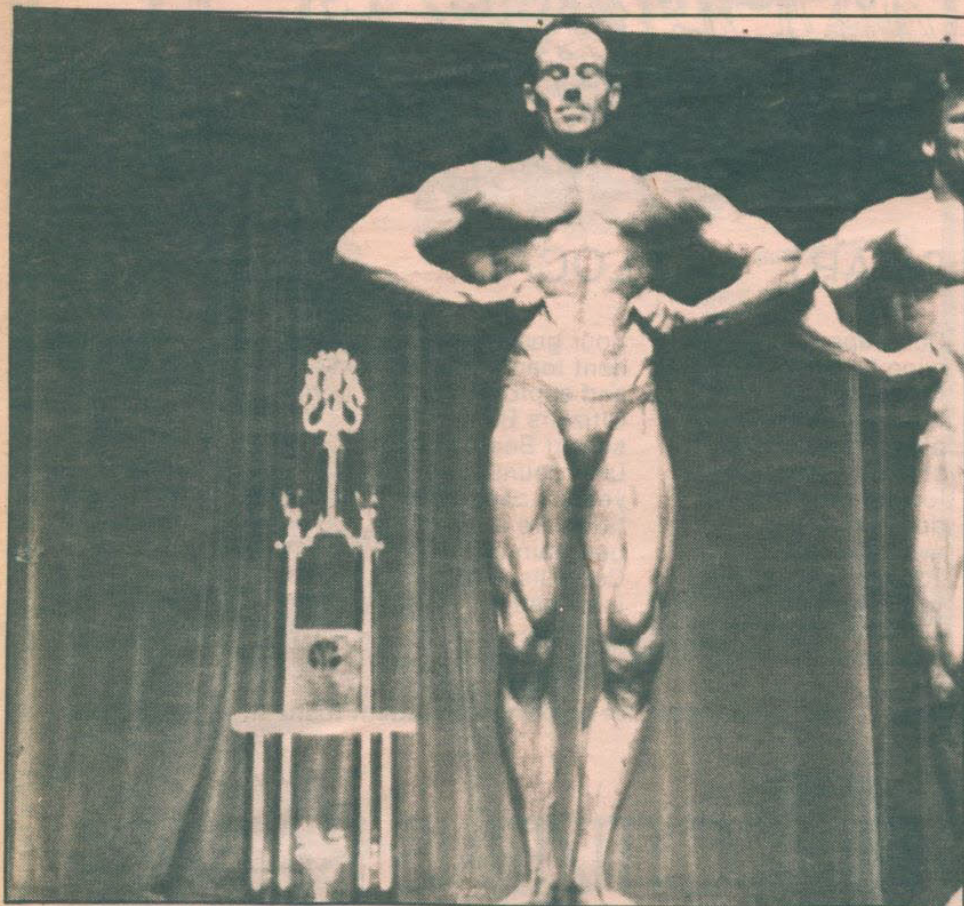
"I didn't want to go to a losing program," he commented. "It also was a four year school half the size of my high school and I didn't want to make a commitment to something that big, so I chose the junior college."

On last year's team, Roso split time as catcher with Brian Mitchel until the playoffs when Roso caught all four games including the championship game in which he batted 2 for 4 and was on the receiving end of pitcher Ken Neilson's championship MVP performance.

This year, Roso played every game. His rocket arm kept base runners from stealing and his defense helped him earn the MVP.

"Defense was the key. It's the same thing with any catcher. If you can hit, it's a bonus," he said.

If baseball were to fall through, Roso would fall back on his current major, business. But, his first priority is to stay in shape and pursue his baseball career. The sport he considers to be the best.



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Pumped Up

Steve Brattain of Downing's Gym in Corvallis shows off the build that won him the Western Oregon Bodybuilding Championship for men over 35. The contest, which attracted several bodybuilders from around the Northwest, was

held Saturday night at the LaSells-Steward Center in Corvallis. Brattain, 46, is the athletic director and football coach at Eddyville High School. Twenty-five local businesses sponsored the contest, which was attended by more than 700 spectators.