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Casting Their Ballots

Vern and Peggy Gleason (right) are among the first to vote at the polling place in Takena Hall Tuesday morning. Working at the table are Richard Akin, Gayle Jensen and Joe Hoffman.

Bush wins

Seat belts, sport tax, smoking ban lose

Although Oregon voters supported Mike Dukakis for president, it will be Republican George Bush in the White House next year. Bush had already collected more than enough states to win the presidential election by the time the polls closed on the West Coast.

In other races, Democrat Mike Kopetski appeared on his way to an upset win over Republican incumbent Denny Smith for the 5th Congressional Seat representing Linn and Benton counties. By midnight, with 62 percent of the vote counted, Kopetski held a strong lead over the four-term congressman.

Other results, as of midnight:

BALLOT MEASURES

Require use of Safety Belts

Yes 43% No 57%

Require repeat felony offenders to serve full sentence without parole

Yes 78% No 22%

One cent tax for sports

Yes 37% No 63%

Ban smoking in public buildings

Yes 39% No 61%

Oregon Scenic Waterways

Yes 54% No 47%

Revoke sex discrimination ban

Yes 53% No 47%

Presidential Race

Bush (R) 54%

Dukakis (D) 46%

Congress, 4th District

Peter DeFazio (D) 63%

Jim Howard (R) 37%

Congress, 5th District

Mike Kopetski (D) 51%

Denny Smith (R) 49%

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Panic!!! Drop deadline tomorrow

By Tina Gosser
Commuter Writer

Whether you fear you may not pass, or you just don't like a class, the last day to abandon your sinking ship is tomorrow at 4:30 p.m.

The seventh week drop deadline which was put into action the first time last fall, caused quite a controversy among students at Linn-Benton last year. Most students like the old deadline which was on the last day of classes.

Blaine Nisson, director of admissions, believes that "grade inflation" occurred under the old drop deadline. Nisson explained that when the drop date for classes was that last day of the term, students who weren't satisfied with their grades could simply drop a course "at the last minute." This made it appear as if students at LBCC only received A's, B's and C's.

Sue Cripe, registrar said a grade comparison made last fall

showed little difference in the average grades of students, despite the earlier drop deadline.

Cripe said the only complaints she had heard since last fall were from "people that panic" at the last minute. She added that "there are always going to be people who complain whether the date is the seventh week of the term or the last day of the term."

There are no exceptions to this deadline, but Cripe pointed out that there are different policies in each college department concerning grading. By talking to instructors, students could convert a failing grade to a "Y" which means "no basis for grade" and affects GPA's the same as a withdraw.

The only classes not affected by this deadline are the late starting and short term classes. For these classes, 60 percent of the way through the course marks the deadline.

Thursday is also the deadline for electing to receive pass no pass or audit grades.

COMMENTARY

Reagan leaves his trash as he exits White House

Good news folks, only 72 shopping days until Uncle Ron and most of his band of misfits are sent to the showers. The band will strike up a final chorus of "Hail to the Chief," which will be followed by an impromptu chorus of "Last Call For Geritol," then the good ole Dutch will climb aboard Air Force-1 and fly right outa this picture.

The bad news is that Uncle Ron isn't taking out all the trash before he rides off into the sunset. Oh sure, he's got all of his personal notes, documents, autographed pictures of his favorite Disney characters, and his jelly bean collection; but he seems to have forgotten about Curious George.

You remember Curious George, don't you? He used to be that character in children's books that would get into all kinds of mischievous trouble. I thought he was dead, but just recently I realized that he is alive and well, living in Washington D.C. under the assumed name, you guessed it, George Bush.

He's had it pretty easy for the last few years. Instead of climbing trees in search of food, he's been receiving foreign dignitaries, visiting kindergartens and throwing \$1,000-a-plate dinners to pay for Aunt Nancy's new flat-ware set.

In fact, until this whole election ordeal was whipped into a frenzy less than 12 months ago, we were lucky to see George's face once a week. Back then I rather enjoyed a glimpse of the VP. He only came out to defend the president and the cameras would always catch him with his face skewered in rage, barring his teeth and clenching his fists. He reminded me of a weasel caught in a trap viciously clawing at the media for questioning the president's policies, then burrying the truth back in his National Security burro.

I'll admit his dual wimp/weasel disguise had me fooled for seven years, but after reviewing transcripts of the Iran Contra hearings, I finally saw the light. George Bush is the real Curious George, no doubt about it.

When asked about his role in the arms-for-hostages deal, George was downright curious about the whole affair. "Gosh, I don't recall attending any cabinet meetings that week." And when the VP was backed into a corner over meetings with the reputed drug dealing leader of Panama, Gen. Manuel Noriega, Bush was curious to know where the information came from.

I myself am curious to see the truth come to light concerning these scandals. I'm curious to see what Bush will do about the debt, the homeless, the hostages, the environment and the tax code. But I'm not holding my breath. After all, curiosity only killed the cat, it didn't stick around to clean up the mess.

As acting landlords of the White House, the American people should keep the cleaning deposit Uncle Ron paid when he moved in almost eight years ago, at least until he sends someone around to pick up the garbage he left behind.

Matt Rasmussen
Assistant Editor

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letters

Perhaps measure 6 won't measure up

To the Editor

To the non-smokers who opposed Measure 6: We who smoke are already restricted. You say vote yes for smoke-free stores—we can't smoke in most stores already. You say vote yes for smoke free work places—in the majority of work places the employees and management have made them smoke-free, we can't smoke there either. You say vote yes for smoke-free restaurants—most of the restaurant owners have already gone to great lengths to separate smoking and non-smoking sections, and not just by using signs, but by installing partitions and in a few cases separate rooms.

I know this letter is too late to make a difference in the outcome, but maybe as an after thought you will realize you're not gaining as much as you thought.

Nancy Reyes
Albany, OR

do many people at LB.

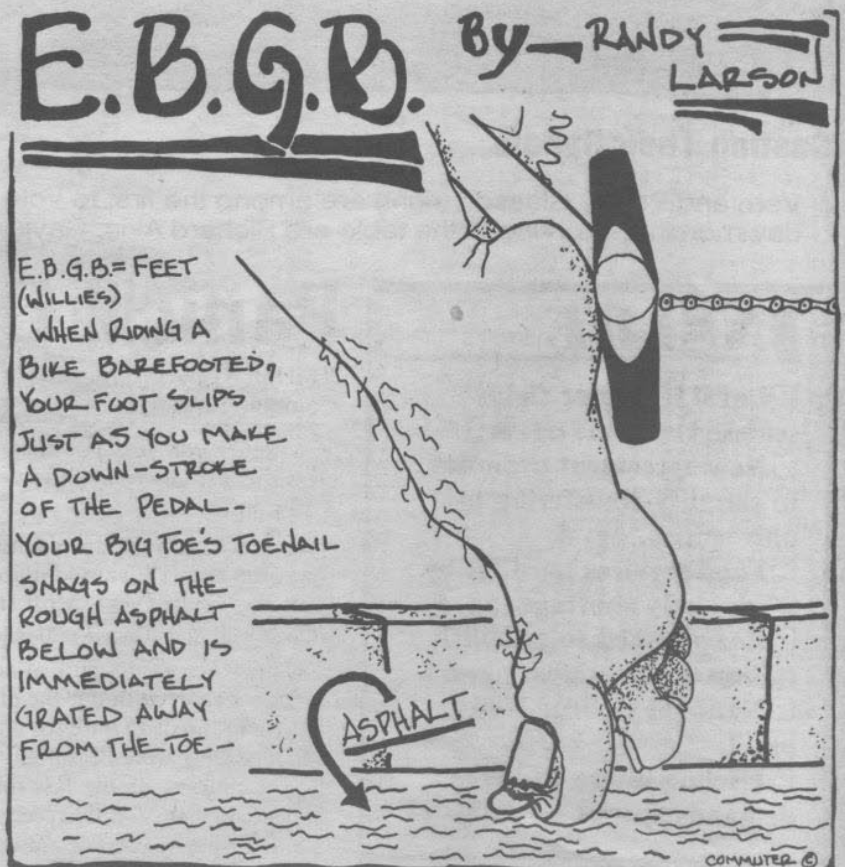
If this comic was taken out because of one very narrow minded complaint, I think you should look again. Everyone I talk to thinks this comic is great. For you to take this out of the paper devastates me.

I read Melinda DesCamp's letter to the Editor and I share her feelings as do many other LBCC students. This comic is obviously printed for fun and shouldn't be taken seriously like Trevor Stroy apparently does.

Randy Larson's form of humor has enlightened many of us and I would appreciate it if you could reconsider your decision of taking it out of the Commuter.

Roy Hage

Editor's Note: No, E.B.G.B. was not omitted from last week's Commuter because of complaints. We simply didn't have the space. Larson's cartoon will appear weekly, space permitting.



Full circle comes for comic criticism

To the Editor

After searching through the Commuter for my favorite comic, I was shocked I couldn't find it.

"E.B.G.B." wasn't included in this week's edition. Being an avid Commuter reader for over two years, I have never laughed so hard I really began to look forward to it as

Semester format prompts legislative opposition

Agreement between two and four-year schools facilitates matriculation

By Brad Gordon
Commuter Writer

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, R-Halsey, plans to introduce legislation next year to prevent Oregon's state college and universities from converting to a semester system.

The State System of Higher Education is scheduled to switch from its current quarter form to semesters in the fall of 1990. LBCC, after first deciding to follow suit, last year put that decision on hold.

Currently, the academic calendars of Oregon's state colleges and universities are divided into four, approximately 10-week sessions. The semester format would alter the calendars into two 15-week sessions plus courses in the summer. The change could force college students to begin classes earlier than usual, in late August.

VanLeeuwen, a leading opponent of the change, cited economic reasons for drafting the bill.

"We're a natural resource state," she said, "and most everything that we do in Oregon—tourism, recreation, agriculture, food-processing, a lot of things in forestry, construction of all types—nearly all have to be done in the dry season in the regular summer season, and we depend heavily on college students and many college faculty people to build those positions. It's what keeps Oregon's economy going. It provides students with the money that they need to go to school."

VanLeeuwen also voiced concern that the switch could hurt students, noting that the average age of Oregon college students is increasing. "Many people who are now the breadwinners of their family are returning to school," she said, "and the quarter format fits them better."

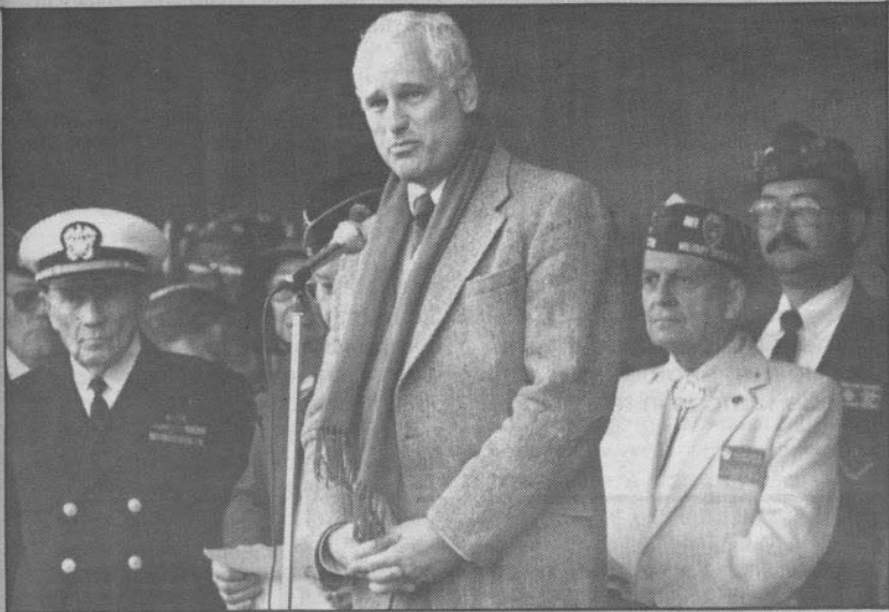
VanLeeuwen added, "There's absolutely no support-

ing data that people get a better education under the semester system than they do under the quarter. There is supporting evidence to say it sure cuts down the variety and the flexibility in your scheduling."

VanLeeuwen accused the Board of Education of trying to mislead the Legislature. She said the board stated "that if they did convert, it would cost absolutely nothing. I don't know why Higher Ed thinks the Legislature are dumb bunnies. We all know that you don't do that without it costing money, so why should we have gotten excited about it?"

The Board of Education's January, 1987 decision to convert to semesters allows an individual community colleges to decide between quarter and semester formats. According to Vice President of Instruction Jon Carnahan, LBCC like many other community colleges, has decided to postpone a decision to convert "until we see what happens with the state's higher education."

Neil honors Lebanon vets; Albany parade Friday



Gov. Neil Goldschmidt addresses the crowd at the Lebanon Veteran's Parade held this Saturday. The governor was the guest of honor at the event, marching in the parade and laying wreaths at the tomb of the unknown soldier in town. Below, Danielle Steckly, 3, along with her parents Ed and Cheryl, talks with the governor, flag in hand. The governor is expected to be among the dignitaries participating in the Albany Veteran's Day Parade—billed as the nation's largest by local officials—at 10 a.m.



George Tweed (left), a World War II veteran, joins World War I veteran Frank Groves to place flowers at the tomb of the unknown soldier during the Lebanon Veteran's Day events.

Governor Neil Goldschmidt honored area veterans by walking in Lebanon's Veterans Day parade last Saturday.

Albany will observe the holiday with a similar procession this Friday. Scheduled to appear are Adj. General Raymond Ress, head of the Oregon National Guard; State Senator Mae Yih; Lebanon mayor Ron Passmore; Thomas Weiss, State Commander of the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon; Jackie McClafin, State Commander of American Veterans; and Gary J. Kniss, State Commandant of the Marine Corps League.

One of the eight areas chosen nationwide by the National Veterans Day Committee in Washington, D.C., Albany will host a Veterans Day award banquet on Thursday, November 10. Former governor Vic Atiyeh is slated to introduce the evening's keynote speaker, astronaut Thomas Ahurs. Also speaking will be Rear Adm. Jerry Breast, operations officer for the U.S. Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.; John O'Marsh, Secretary of the Army; and Brig. General Patrick H. Brady, medal of honor recipient. Congressman Denny Smith will introduce veterans receiving the medal of honor.

Photos by Randy Wriighthouse



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Take it From a Dummy

"Vince" the dummy hands a buckle-up pamphlet to Julie Pitts, a law enforcement major. Inside the Vince costume is LBCC student Linda Minden, who was accompanied by Jim Hoene, another student, playing the role of Vince's side-kick "Larry." The two dummies were made famous in television ads promoting seat-belt use.

Multi-media facility opens

By Arik Hesseldahl
Commuter Writer

A new facility designed for videotaping lectures, speeches and presenting teleconferences has been set up by the LBCC Media Service Department this fall.

This facility, dubbed an "electronic classroom," was designed and constructed over the summer by media staff members Tom Mills and Cindy Cade, and is a part of Takena Room 117.

According to Paul Snyder, Media Services Coordinator, the facility is intended to support classes that require a special teaching environment for video and audio taping of student and faculty presentations, such as recording and playback of projects of speech classes.

Snyder added that the main idea behind the building of the classroom was to "put most activities that use the media into one area." In addition, the environment in the room has little electronic hardware to distract the speaker, which Snyder said was "more natural and relaxing."

The classroom is equipped with directional microphones in the ceiling, a telephone connection for audio teleconferencing, a computer hookup, a video projector and a satellite link to present live teleconferences.

According to a Media Services Department press release, the classroom may in the future be used as a site for live television programming to be presented to the state or nation via satellite, cable or fiber optic networks.

Arrangements to schedule classes in the classroom may be made with Snyder, at LRC-104, or by phone ext. 331.

Recorded PBS shows in library

The LBCC Library is making video tapes of PBS programs available to students and faculty.

Paul Snyder, media specialist in charge of the program, uses receiving equipment to record educational programs by satellite. Snyder said recording programs is an advantage for people who don't have much time to watch television. They can fit a recorded program into their schedule if they miss the regularly scheduled broadcast.

At the beginning of each month Snyder hands out a copy of the PBS program guide to interested teachers, who choose which programs they would like taped.

Programs are available for 30 days after recording, then they are either erased or bought at prices of \$30 to \$400.

LB is under contract by the Adult Learning Satellite Service, so the recording of these programs is legal.

Students and faculty can request programs for recording or viewing by asking at the library circulation desk.

New degree may simplify transfers

Agreement between two and four-year schools facilitates matriculation

By Tom McArt
Commuter Writer

The LBCC Board of Education approved over the summer, the Associate of Arts Block Transfer Agreement with the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

The agreement is between Oregon community colleges and the State System of Higher Education which represents year schools. It is an attempt to make transferring to a four-year university or college less confusing. For example, it should reduce the chances of taking credits that won't transfer to a university.

As a by-product of the agreement, Oregon community colleges have been forced to make the Associate of Arts degree correlate more directly with the general education requirements of Oregon's four-year schools.

This agreement is the result of a bill introduced in the last session of the Oregon legislature that required the State Board of Education, which represents community colleges, to negotiate the Block Transfer Agreement.

Jon Carnahan, vice president of instruction at LBCC was appointed to the 14-member commission that worked out the details.

"We came up with an agreement that will become effective as soon as anyone (the colleges involved) wants to make it effective, but no later than 1991." The commission was responsible for coming to terms on which degree should be used for this agreement, what the curriculum should consist of, and what the common course numbers should be for all the schools.

The consequences of this agreement are many. The A.A. degree at all Oregon community colleges had to be redefined. For instance passing the math section of the Comparative Placement Guidance exam would not fulfill the requirements for this new A.A. degree. To qualify for the A.A. degree, you will need to take four credit hours of college level math with a grade of 'C' or better.

According to Carnahan, students who know as freshmen that they will be transferring into a specific program would be better off following a curriculum in a catalog for that institution and an advisor that will lead them along the right track.

He added, however, that "very few of our students come here knowing exactly what they're going to do and where they're going to go." For such students, the Block Transfer Agreement is a "good deal" he explained. "It guarantees that all general education requirements are completed and you transfer with junior status in any Oregon state system school.

He cautioned, however, that students "still have to complete the department requirements of a specific major in the school where they intend to graduate. If there are prerequisites to a certain program you still must take those courses as well." For example this A.A. degree alone would not typically qualify you to enter directly into an engineering program.

Carnahan assured students in current programs, that they "need not worry that requirements are changing on them. Linn-Benton will keep you apprised of developments on how this upcoming degree will affect students and how they can take advantage of it."



The Commuter/LYNN READ

"Fie on Goodness"

King Arthur's knights get drunk and sing a few stories during the LBCC production of "Camelot." From left are Dean Kennedy, John

Bliss, Jeff Larson, Pete Rieth and Andrew Gamet. "Camelot" returns this weekend with performances Friday and Saturday at 8

Food service hit hardest by low work-study turnout

By Tim Vanslyke
Commuter Writer

Linn-Benton's Food Service Department is lacking 22 work-study workers and is feeling the effects of being short-handed.

Gene Neville, director of food services, says the lack of workers is hampering the service they can offer, especially in the Camas Room. In addition "a lot of odd-ball, clean-up jobs—the part that makes the difference", are being left undone throughout the department.

Despite the fact that all work-study jobs have received a 15 percent pay raise, 63 work-study positions remain unfilled, and 22 of these are in food service.

Marlene Propst, coordinator of the Student Placement Center, and Sally Wojahn, who is in charge of the work-study program commented that work-study positions have been increasingly difficult to fill in the last couple of years. Propst, Neville and Wojahn all agreed on a theory that many students are attending school to avoid just the kind of jobs offered in Food Services.

When asked if Food Service jobs were harder than other work-study positions, Neville admitted that in some instances they are. "It's hard work . . . it's dirty," he said.

Of the work-study jobs currently listed in the placement center, food service positions tie with P.E. aids for lowest hourly wages (\$3.85 per hour), but Food Service employees also get a 60-cent per hour meal allowance.

Some of the other jobs listed are: tutors, \$4.80 per hour; clerical aides, \$4.03 per hour; and custodial aides, \$4.03

per hour.

Wojahn said she doesn't foresee any more wage increases for work-study in the next few years because of the limited budget, and because raises affect the total number of hours the whole work force can work. If raises were given to food service workers, then all work-study employees would have to work fewer hours, she said.

In regard to the budget her department is working with, Wojahn said, "If all the (work-study) positions were filled and everybody worked their total allotment of hours, they would earn more than we have." Because the jobs didn't fill last year, and many students didn't complete their allotted hours, her office was able to enact the 15 percent pay raise this year.

Over the next four years federal cut-backs will force LBCC to contribute a much larger portion of the work-study funds, she said. Currently, the government pays 80 percent of the funds and the school pays 20 percent. Next year LBCC will be expected to pay 25 percent, and the "institutional portion" of the funds is expected to continue increasing until it reaches 40 percent.

"The school is very dependent on work-study workers," said Wojahn. The public would suffer if we couldn't maintain our commitment to work-study."

Neville has had to hire eight non work-study employees to work part time in the Food Service department. He said this hasn't affected food costs yet, but may in the future. One idea he has to save money and ease the strain on his workers is to start using disposable plates and utensils, but he seemed reluctant to do so.

WRITER'S BLOCK

*I sit in class and wonder wearily
will I ever understand clearly.*

*All the information being given,
This thinking and tests have me driven.*

*No sleep do I get on any night,
Failing a test I run from with fright.*

*Grades not the reason for school,
Just a measurement of knowledge tool.*

*But yet a job do I need,
At some future date, so I may feed.*

*A BMW is not what I seek,
Just to inherit the earth as one of the meek.*

*I must earn my share,
As Puritans declare.*

*The way to accomplish glory,
Is to give the teacher a better story.*

*And low and behold,
The future does hold.*

*A job at Burger King,
It's praises I sing.*

by Paul Rene

LB board to vote on doubling tuition scholarships

By Joe Couey
Staff Writer

Ninety-seven students may soon find college tuition easier on their checkbooks.

The LBCC Student Activities Budget Committee recommended to the Board of Education, during an October board meeting, that a Tuition Waiver Program be established to attract local high school students with strong academic backgrounds.

Currently, the Student Activities and

Programs budget provides 97 "talent grants," funded with student fee revenues. These are 97 terms worth of free tuition that are used as recruitment scholarships in sports, student government, drama and other co-curricular programs.

The budget committee is asking the board to match the number of talent grants with an equal number of tuition waivers. The budget committee feels this is a reasonable request, especially in relationship to recruitment scholarships

available at other Oregon community colleges, according to Admissions Director Blaine Nisson.

Lane and Linn-Benton offer 90 and 97 talent grants, respectively, followed by Chemeketa with 129; Central Oregon with 234; Mount Hood with 324; and Clackamas with 351.

Nisson explained that the waiver program would augment the recruitment efforts of the college to attract quality students. Faculty who are involved with

marketing and recruitment would be able to offer students an additional incentive to attend LBCC.

These waivers would be awarded in the same manner as the talent grants and distributed throughout the various programs offered at LBCC.

Guidelines in establishing a Tuition Waiver program have been proposed in writing to the Board of Education, and will be voted on at the next board meeting Nov. 16.

Two freshmen die in mishap on Interstate

James "David" King and Clifford C. Moody, two first year students at Linn-Benton Community College, were killed Tuesday morning, Nov. 1, 1988. The single-vehicle accident occurred on Interstate 5 about 5 miles east Harrisburg.

According to police, J. David King apparently fell asleep while heading northbound in a 1985 Toyota pickup. The pickup went off the east shoulder of the road and rolled over several times throwing both young men out of the pickup killing them. OSP Senior Trooper John Dunbar said the two might have survived if they had been wearing their seat belts.

The two had lived at the same address in Jefferson. LBCC Registrar Sue Cripe said the students had been education majors and had begun classes this fall.

Their bodies were taken to the Fisher Funeral Home. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 5, in Kodiak Alaska.

Program seeks volunteers for literacy campaign

By Susan Ryder
Commuter Writer

The Volunteer Literacy Program at LBCC is seeking volunteers to work with those who have English as a second language and individuals who were not able to complete high school.

The literacy program, coordinated by VISTA worker Nancy Kendall, consist primarily of volunteers who contribute a minimum of two hours one day a week to help others reach their educational goals.

To become involved as a volunteer one must have a high school diploma or G.E.D., interact well with people, go through an interview, and complete a 10-hour training course.

Kendall said that rewards for volunteering include the feeling that you have contributed to someone reaching their educational goal. In addition the college will pay the tuition for the one-credit course once 60 hours of volunteer work is completed.

If you feel interested in volunteering or receiving help, contact Nancy Kendall at Takena Hall 222 ext. 317.



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Hammering Away

Rick Rhodes operates a jack hammer as Raymond Grijalva shovels in the rain at Ellingson Road and Pacific Boulevard. Work is proceeding on the installation of a traffic light there.

NATIONAL COLLEGE NEWS

Bush ACLU attacks on Dukakis backfire

By The College Press Service

George Bush may be the best recruiter the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) ever had for campus chapters.

ACLU campus coordinators say the Republican presidential candidate's attacks on their group have increased their visibility, and that's resulted in increased membership in recent weeks.

Harvard Law School students "have shown an awful lot of interest in becoming card-carrying members of the ACLU," said Warren Asher of the Harvard Law School Civil Liberties Union. "People who always intended to join now do."

About 100 students, for example, attended an ACLU speaking event at the University of Maryland last week, a 100 percent increase over previous events.

"If anything, his attacks helped," added Mindy Kaiden of American University's ACLU chapter.

"We've had a substantial increase in requests for information about memberships," Lisa Beattie of the ACLU's New York office reports.

Bush had persistently attacked Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis for being a "card-carrying member of the ACLU," a group Bush characterizes as too left-wing for most Americans.

"There's a smell of McCarthyism about those kind of attacks," ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser said. The ACLU—which says it's a nonpartisan, non-ideological organization devoted to defending the Constitution and the Bill of Rights—is fighting back.

An advertising campaign, featuring actors Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry of "L.A. Law" and Burt Lancaster, will soon be waged to battle what the ACLU calls misrepresentations by the Bush campaign.

Historians protect potty at John Hopkins campus

By The College Press Service

Historians at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore are working to preserve an unusual campus landmark: an outhouse—and its antique graffiti—dating from the turn of the 19th century.

The privy belonged to the family of Charles Carroll Jr., a wealthy landowner whose expansive 1801 mansion is the centerpiece of the Hopkins Homewood campus.

"Privys from that period are very rare, and this one is even more rare because of its architectural distinction," says architect Jack Waite, who is director of the restoration project.

Campus bathrooms, of course, are infrequently cited as distinctive or rare, but they do make news from time to time.

In 1984, University of Nebraska at Lincoln architects, for example, refused to demolish a campus building until they got approval to save two huge, 6-foot urinals in the structure. They eventually installed the urinals in the new classroom building on the site.

And in March, 1987, Winona State University in Minnesota opened its new 30,000 square foot Rochester Center to student complaints the architects forgot to put in any bathrooms.

The architect—the appropriately named Pee Sieger—said plans for installing bathrooms were junked as part of the "trade-offs and tough decisions" made during construction.

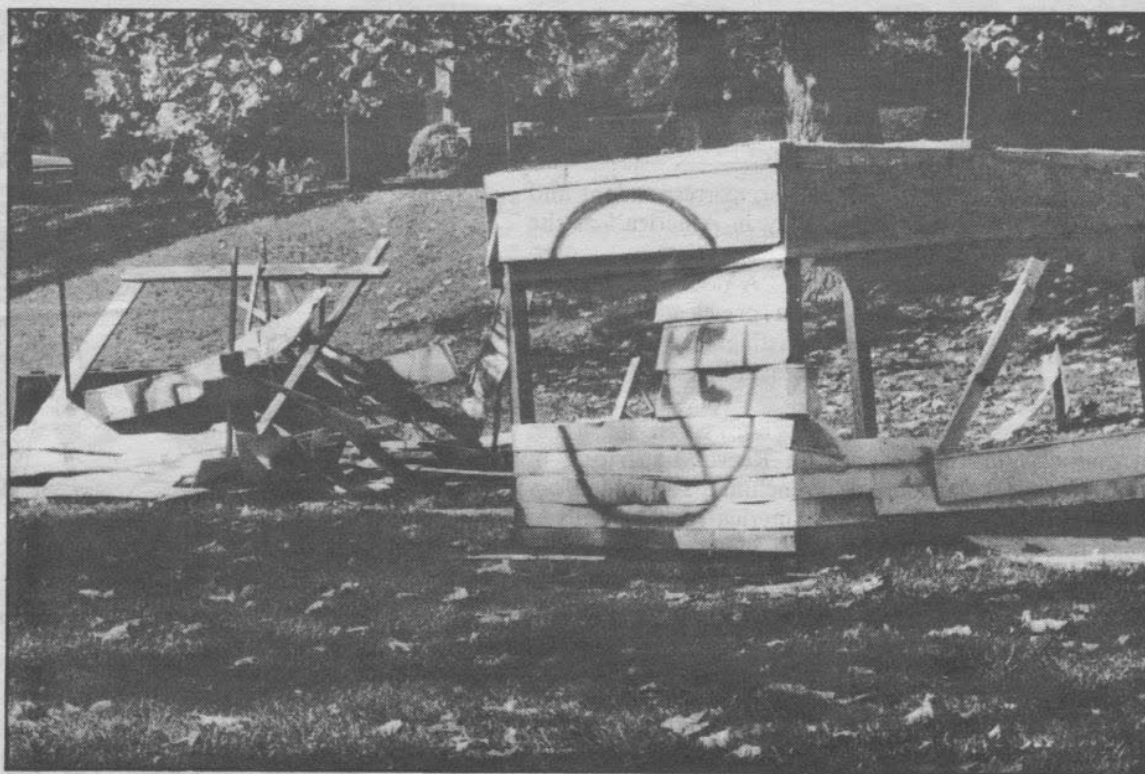
Johns Hopkins architect Waite would make no such compromise.

The ten-seat facility, designed in the federal style, has a brick exterior and a pyramidal wood shingle roof. Its windows and doors are topped by brick arches, and the interior features fine wood panelling and a high domed ceiling.

The interior panelling, still intact with its original olive-gray paint, is covered with graffiti dating from when the property was used as a country school for boys.

Scrawled in pencil across the panelling—long before the days of felt tipped markers and acrylic spray paint—are ageless schoolboy scribbles, crude sexual drawings, names of girls to "call upon" for a good time, and familiar adolescent verses.

"New York's the place for money/Boston is the place for wit/Baltimore's the place for pretty girls/and this is the place for ----," offers one toilet poet.



This shanty at Indiana University is to protest a lack of campus security, and was recently joined by another objecting to a crackdown on alcohol abuse on campus. Recently, shanties have been used as symbols for various causes on campuses around the country.

Ye Olde Campus Shanty is new symbol of solidarity

By Janet Singleton
College Press Service

The makeshift "shanty"—until recently an icon of the campus anti-apartheid movement—seems to have become everybody's favorite symbol this school year.

Indiana University, for example, sports an anti-rape shanty and, briefly in mid-October, had a shanty protesting IU's crackdown on student alcohol abuse.

In early October, volunteers at an off-campus soup kitchen built a shanty on the University of Pennsylvania campus because Penn has yet to help establish a promised "survival center" for Philadelphia's homeless.

To object to "U.S. money to Israel subsidizing the oppression of Palestinians," Muzmmil Ahamed's Muslim Students Association built an anti-Zionist shanty at the University of Michigan, where shanties protesting racism, the Reagan administration's Central American policies and—yes—even apartheid in South Africa also have crowded onto campus.

At some schools, students these days are building shanties to protest protest shanties.

Mike Rubin, president of the University Libertarian Group, said the "hovel" dramatized poor living conditions in the Soviet Union, but that it also was a demonstration of antipathy toward the two-year-old apartheid structure.

"I wanted to educate people to the idea that divesting is not a good idea," he explained, "and draw attention to the plight of the people in the Soviet Union. In South Africa the blacks are oppressed, but not as bad as everyone in the Soviet Union."

"Symbols are always fluid," noted Todd Gitlin, a University of California-Berkeley professor who authored "The Sixties: Years of Hope, Days of Rage."

"People are always adapting a symbol with one

meaning and giving it another," Gitlin added. "That's what happens with flags."

No one is quite sure who invented the shanty as a political symbol, though Rob Jones of the American Committee on Africa—the New York-based group that has helped organize many anti-apartheid efforts in the U.S.—remembers someone coming up with the idea at a meeting as early as 1984.

"The idea didn't develop in a vacuum," Jones recalled. "It came out of regional conferences in which people sat down and said, 'What can we do?'"

By April, 1985, students at Cornell University opted for something sturdier than tents and built what apparently was the first campus shanty.

"We built it as a symbol of solidarity with the people of South Africa who were forced to live in similar structures all their lives," said Brett Beeman, then a Cornell freshman who helped build the structure.

The original wood and scrap metal shanty was called an "Inhumanities Library," and used to distribute anti-apartheid pamphlets.

"We were looking for an ongoing symbol," Beeman said, "that the administration would have to face every day."

For ongoing symbols, however, they don't last long. Denise Szwmczak of Texas's Democracy in Academia says her group's shanty had been beaten, burned and run over by a car.

It's gotten so that anti-apartheid activists themselves are wrecking them, too. On October 1, members of Washington's Students Against Apartheid voluntarily dismantled their shanty, although UW has yet to divest itself of all its stock in firms that do business in segregationist South Africa.

"This doesn't mean the shanty didn't serve its purpose," said SAA spokesman Gary Nelson. "It also doesn't mean we're giving up. It simply means we're trying another tactic."

Noted author addresses health of democracy

As Americans, we try to be better as a people than we know ourselves to be as individuals

By Peter Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

Richard Reeves, noted author, correspondent and journalist, spoke on "Democracy in America" at the OSU campus Thursday.

Reeves was a guest speaker on "A Look At America, Past, Present, And Future", a pre-elections special sponsored by the Dubach Distinguished Chair in Political Science and the Convocations and Lectures Committee of OSU.

Reeves has published seven books, among them "American Journey", a project Reeves undertook in 1979 to follow the route of Frenchman Alexis de Tocqueville, who traveled across America for 9 months in 1831 in search of what he later called "Democracy in America", published in 1835. Using Toquevilles' notes, Reeves set out to see how much America had changed.

He stated that Americans have never had family values. When coming to America they left their families behind in Europe, then their families when they moved west, and now when children go off to college, they often never live at home again.

"This country has always been about the individual, not about the family," said Reeves.

The rhetoric of our politics is about individual freedom, and we are one of the few people who believe and live that, Reeves stated. "We, after all, are a self created people, and what we are are the words of the people who founded our politics and our views of the world, people like Jefferson and Lincoln."

"And then, in our time, along came Ronald Reagan, one of the great American Politicians in the Sense of understanding, viscerally, what the forces at work in America are, said Reeves. Reagan's great political genius was that he, representing the Republican party, redefined American populism. Instead of big business being the enemy of the little guy and the working man, he turned it around and made big government the enemy of the working people and the little guy."

Tocqueville predicted that either the blacks would be expelled, or there would be a race war, which whites would win. He believed that, "One man, a King, might



have the conscience to give justice to a feared minority, but a people would not rise above themselves to do that." Reeves thinks Tocqueville was wrong in that, and said "I would argue that, being an American means being a people who define themselves as trying to be better as a people than we know ourselves to be as individuals."

Reeves stated "Most of black America, today, live in what are essentially foreign conclaves within the United States, and I mean that literally, where the laws and economics of the U.S. do not reign in those areas. We have police patrol the borders, but inside, the law and economy is separate."

The greatest pacifier is not going to be alcohol or drugs, said Reeves. "The American Dream is the greatest pacifier. The blacks believe the same things, the words and the promises of all America, the ideas that came through the King James Bible, the Declaration of Independence, and the words of men like Jefferson and Lincoln. Those words are what we are," said Reeves.

He added, that the way this country has been run, with the built up hostility and pressure in Black America, he considers it amazing we have not run through a cycle of street violence.

Reeves believes that one of the reasons it hasn't happened is that Jackson's candidacy and presence has vented a lot of the anger, energy and hostility into the political system, which is a tremendous achievement. If Jackson hadn't existed, we would have had to invent him.

Reeves reflected on how much more Democratic our society has become since Toqueville travelled almost 160 years ago, citing that Americans have more individual power than any other people in the history of the world.

But, Reeves points out, some of these bulwarks of democracy have been diminished in the Reagan group, and it has been done very subtly and cleverly. One of the principles used in limiting individual access to the court system is through the use of "choke points" to stop en-

try. Cuts in legal aid, where cases are handled on an individual basis, are one of the effective ways to keep questions out of court and society. Those who are poor must prove individual discrimination before they can get into the system.

The American Constitution was not the first constitution, but it was the first time that people made a contract between themselves as individuals and a central government for equivicable rights for redress.

He stated that the Republicans are the defenders of the logical heirs to patriotism. They are the defenders of the Puritan, Yankee, Protestant values and attitudes of the early republic, and in that sense, function much like a church. The Democrats are the newcomers, playing that role through most of American history. So, in a sense, where you trace your ancestry from, to a large part determines your politics.

Two sterling examples are George Bush, who goes back to Plymouth Rock, and Dukakis, who goes back to Ellis Island. He said this should have been a classic confrontation, with the main election outcome being whose children will run the country.

Reeves then referred to the impact of technology in that the rapid distribution of information has made people much more aware of what is going on in the world. This has changed the governmental elitism of what you know and when. Most particularly with foreign policy, since people often know of events before the government can react to situations.

Still, there is concern, he adds with information being guarded so well that Colonels in the basement of the White House can conduct a secret war that the President might not even know about, or approve if he did know.

Tocqueville predicted America would never discover elegance, beauty or greatness. Reeves pointed out that these are all in the eye of the beholder, and that the great glory and frustration of democracy is that we each define greatness for ourselves.



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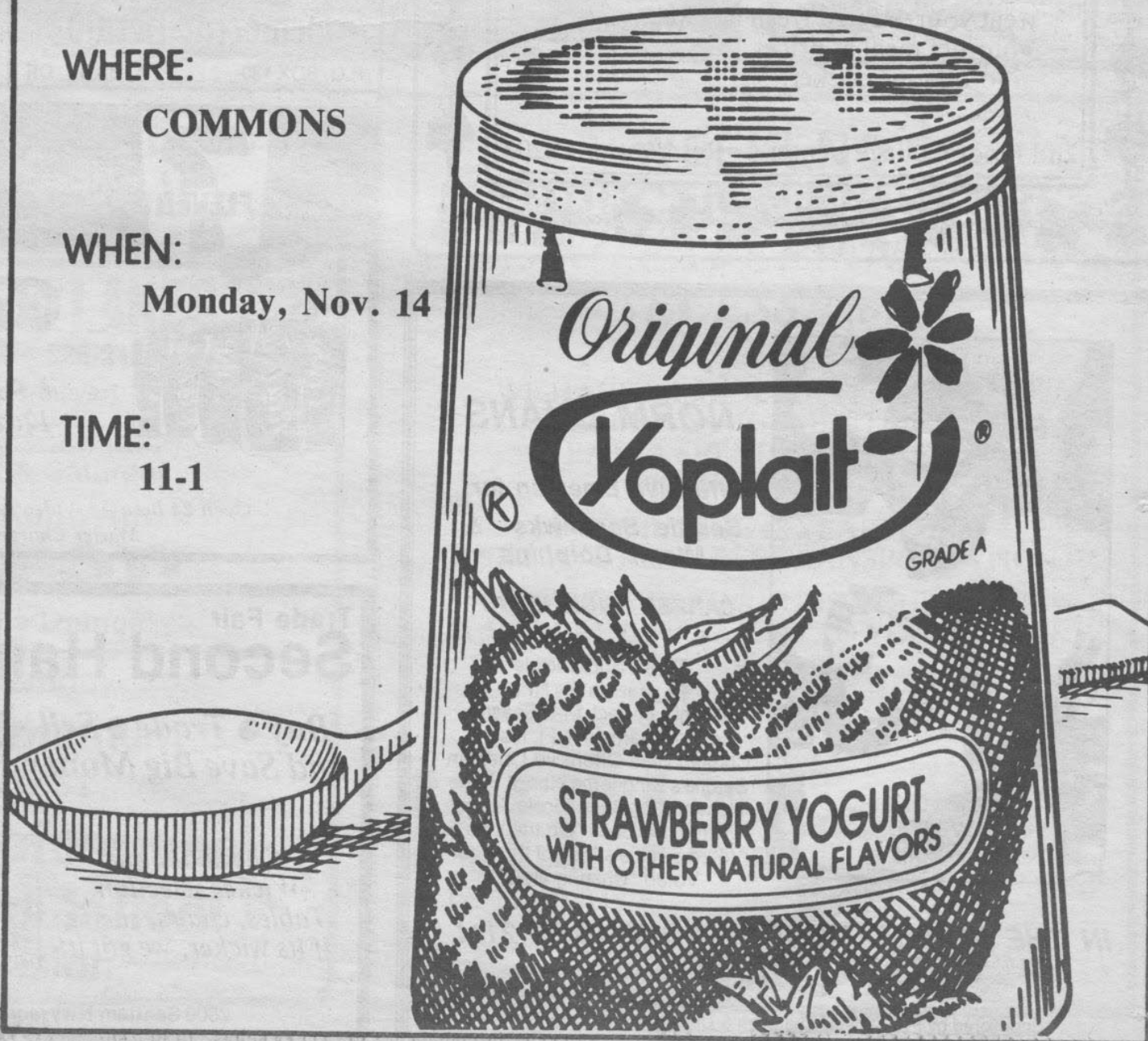
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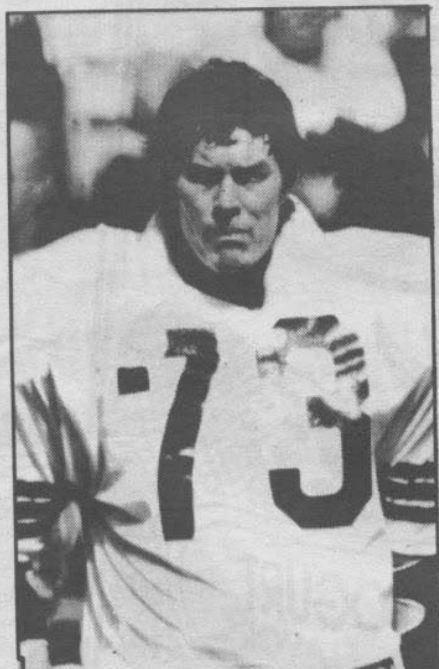
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Pam Dunn, Work and Family specialist at Linn-Benton Community College, will discuss "Letting Go of Guilt" Wednesday, Nov. 16, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Burton's Oak Tree Restaurant, 2133 Santiam Highway SE, Albany. Cost, including lunch, is \$9.

Oregon's Resources Discussed

Oregon's Ocean Resource Management Task Force will hold its third public information workshop in Newport on Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

A total of eight workshops are to be held in various coastal and interior cities to solicit ideas, opinions, and facts the public believes must be addressed in the management plan. Other workshops will be held in Eugene on Nov. 29, Portland on Nov. 30, Florence on Dec. 6, Florence on Dec. 7 and Medford on Dec. 13.

For more information call Eldon Hout, program manager, 229-6086.

United Way Day Set

United Way Day has been scheduled for Nov. 9, with events to be held in the College Center Lobby near the cafeteria.

Raffles will be held for two United Way stuffed bears, two gift certificates for Corvallis restaurants, a gift certificate for the LBCC Bookstore, a free lunch in the Santiam Room as well as a sweatshirt and T-shirt.

Donations will be accepted, and may be marked for a certain county. Refreshments will be served to students and staff.

Working With Accountants

Working with an Accountant is the topic of the second workshop in the "How-To Series for Developing Small Businesses" scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 1:30 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B of the College Center Building.

Presenter is Tad Davies, CPA. Cost is \$20. For more information, call the training and Development Center at LBCC, 967-6112.

Managing Volunteers

Management techniques that can be used in a variety of situations will be discussed during the workshop, "Volunteer Management: Leadership Styles That Will Work for You", on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B of the College Center Building.

Marcia Shaw, president of Intentional Management, will help students identify their preferred leadership style as well as other leadership styles and how to use them.

The fee, including lunch and a snack, is \$35. Registration deadline is Nov. 10.

For more information, call 967-6108.

Working With a Banker

Banker Joe Herb from the First Interstate Bank will conduct a workshop, "Working With a Banker", Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Boardrooms A and B of the College Center Building. The fee is \$15.

This workshop is third in the "How-To Series for Developing Small Businesses" sponsored by LBCC's Training and Development Center. For more information, call 967-6112.

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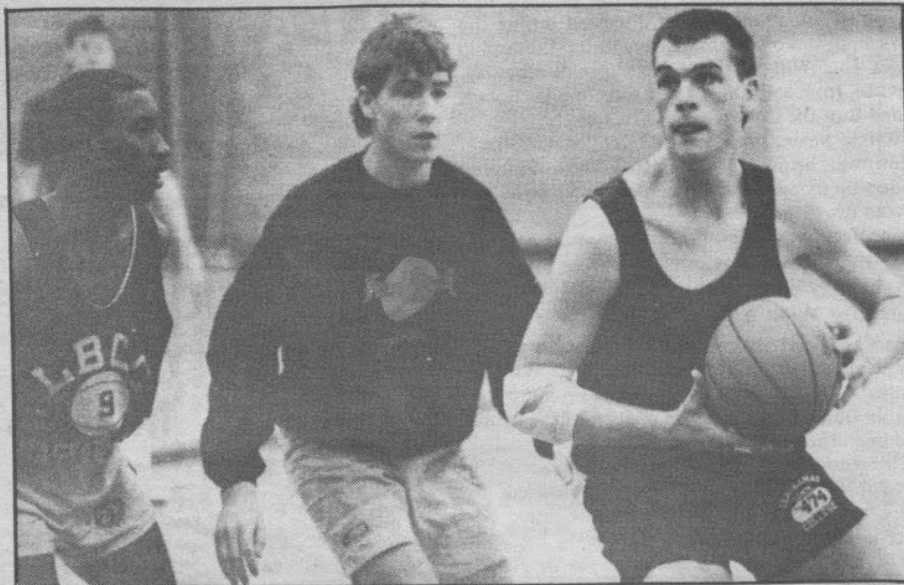
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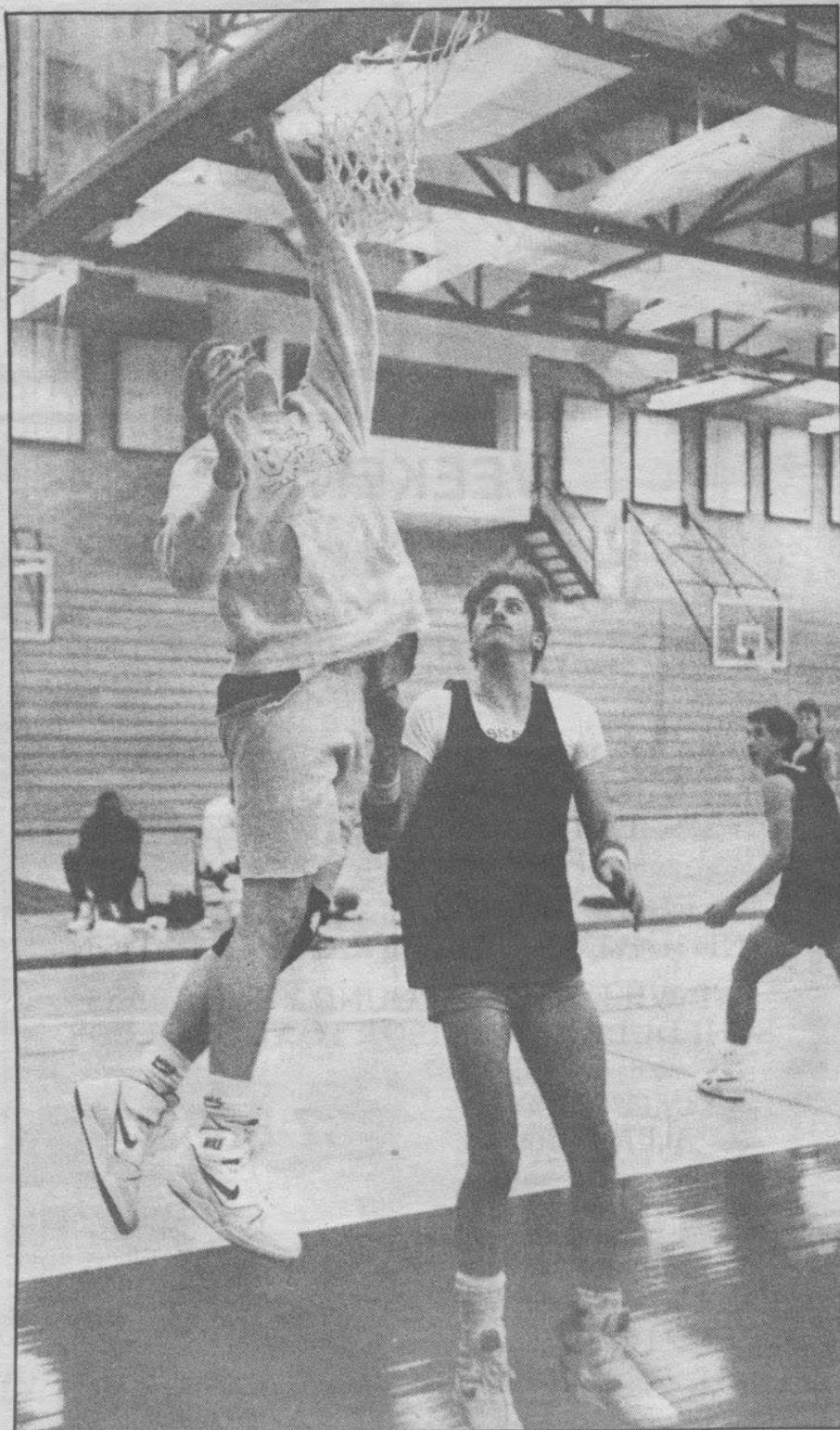
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Practice Makes Perfect

Rod Howard, Jeff Martin and Sam Taylor (l-r) practice for the upcoming basketball season. Below, Randy Arnold makes a layup while Winn Morris plays defense.



Cycling paraphernalia tempers winter riding

By Eric Ishikawa
Commuter Writer

Every year it happens, winter comes and most cyclists store their bikes for the winter and go skiing. Others simply get out their winter gear and keep riding. Others ride with-out gear, and are miserable.

You can't stay dry according to Al Miller, Albany's Bike'n'Hike manager. With this in mind he agrees with Bicycling and Cyclist magazines that three layers of clothing are necessary to stay comfortable for winter riding.

The first layer will vary depending on humidity, temperature and how much you sweat. It will range from a simple vest to a long-sleeve undershirt, a balaclava (a thin hood for the head) and sock and glove liners. The traditional materials for this layer are wool and silk; however, they don't wick water away from the skin as well as synthetic fibers such as Polypropylene, Silklite, Hellytec, Polywick and Thermax (a.k.a. Capilene).

Wool is better used in the second layer where the idea is to control temperature. Cyclist magazine says this or a synthetic fabric used in a winter jersey will usually do most insulating. A winter jersey should be tightly woven to provide some wind protection.

It also says that your legs are doing most of the work so you don't need as many layers there but they must breathe. Although wool socks are a good idea you may need larger shoes with them.

Layer three is primarily to stop the wind. Cycling jackets are usually made longer in the back and roomier in the arm-pits to accommodate the position of a rider. They are also vented on the back and under the arms to allow the rider to radiate extra heat according to Dennis Day, Covallis Cyclery employee and bicycle commuter.

Brian Adams, Bike'n'Hike employee and cyclist, stated, "water doesn't make you cold, water and wind does." A Gore-tex or Entrant treated shell will keep you drier than a nylon shell. Although Day commented that these fabrics don't breathe as well when wet.

Miller, Adams and Day all agree that it is more enjoyable to ride if you stay warm and as dry as possible. Miller and Adams also agree that it is easier to store clothes at their destination than to try and stay dry.

If for some reason this is not feasible, there are rain suits that allow you to stay dryer if you don't perspire. These should still be vented and long to help alleviate some of the extra heat. Miller suggests that you take up to twice as long to commute if you use a rain suit. This will help deep down perspiration keeping your clothes dryer.

You may have noticed that most bike shops carry a limited selection of winter wear. Don't let this stop you from getting properly fitted gear. And don't let the \$60 to \$200 price range scare you. The two most common errors are improperly fitted clothes, and dressing too warmly.

Spikers settle for seventh

By Jess Reed
Commuter Writer

The Linn-Benton volleyball team came in seventh in a round-robin tournament in Seattle this weekend.

On Friday they beat Walla Walla 15-7, 4-15, 15-10 and Edmonds CC 15-7, 15-11; but lost to Shoreline CC 11-15, 7-15. Saturday they lost to Green River 8-15, 11-15 and Yakima Valley 8-15, 15-13, 9-15; but again beat Edmonds 15-5, 15-2.

LBCC was one of only two teams from Oregon to compete in the tournament

hosted by Shoreline Community College in Seattle. The other Oregon team was Umpqua CC which finished second. LB lost to Umpqua in regular play last Wednesday in Roseburg 8-15, 15-13, 9-15.

"We played alright," said coach Kevin Robbins about the tournament.

He singled out Tawni Jeffries and Jeana Kloewer as providing strong play.

The Roadrunners will finish the season this week with some meeting at Mount Hood Community College on Wednesday and the home finale against Chemeketa Community College at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Teams trot for turkeys Thursday

By Elwin Price
Editor

The Linn-Benton intermural department is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving Poker Fun Walk/Run on Thursday November 17 at 1:10 p.m.

The event is open to both students and staff according to Intermural Director Steve Hyre.

Hyre explained that you need a team of three people to participate. Each member of the team walks or runs one mile. Each

member receives one playing card for each lap completed giving the team a total of 12 playing cards. At the end of the race the team puts their cards together to make the best possible five card poker hand.

The team with the best poker hand wins. The first place team wins a turkey pie and the second and third place teams win pies.

There is no registration fee and entry forms are available in the Activities Center office, AC-109. Registration deadline is November 16 at 5 p.m.