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New math requirements questioned

Business students object to taking algebra for AA degree

By Patti Baker
Commuter Writer

Faculty and some business community members have expressed concern over the proposed change in the General Education curriculum for certain Associate Degrees that would install Algebra or Math II as a requirement.

"Office Technology students in particular may find the additional math a burden," according to Sue Trautwein of the Office Technology Department. "Our main concern is the student and this could mean some will not be able to complete a two year course within that time."

In a memo dated May 2 to Jon Carnahan, vice president of instruction, Trautwein stated the first four of the five business math credits required in her department cover percentages, bank reconciliations, payroll, insurance, property and sales tax, metrics, simple and compound interest, and installment buying. Business Math, she added has enough practical content to prepare students for the job.

Though students may be able to attain a two-year certificate in

lieu of an Associate Degree, this would not enable them to transfer to a four-year college with full junior status.

Martha Chambers, Director of Volunteer Services at Good Samaritan Hospital, cited in a letter to LBCC's Business Division that "there is no need for college algebra in any of our offices. However, business math is utilized in more than a dozen of our departments, including the laboratory."

"The math we are talking about is ninth grade math," said Jon Carnahan. "Our aim is to enable students to a basic math competency on a world level. If the Competency Placement scores are sufficient, the student will not be required to take either Algebra I or Math II."

"No one is questioning the importance of Business Math," he continued. "The question is, what should the math level be for an Associate Degree?"

Trautwein contended, "This addition is saying you need algebra to function in this world. I'm not sure that is true. Most employers are concerned with their staff being able to use practical business math skills and often algebra is not utilized."

INSIDE



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Crazy 8's play for Spring Daze

By Dana Woodward
Commuter Writer

The weather is great outside. So why not celebrate the season?

LBCC Spring Daze celebration, May 22-26, provides an excellent opportunity to become more involved in LBCC.

The days are theme oriented and students are encouraged to dress accordingly.

Monday, Round-up Day, Joni Harms, a country and western singer from Canby will perform. Harms recorded the song "I Need a Wife."

Tuesday is 60 s Day with Bobby Dee, a disc jockey from radio station KGAL, providing music from the 60 s. A 2-mile wellness fun-run is scheduled to start at 11:30 on the track.

Wednesday is International Day, and a health fair will be held in Takena Hall.

Thursday is Beach Party Day, with an all campus picnic, featuring hamburgers, beans, potato salad, and beverages prepared by LBCC's Food Service. The price is \$1.50 with coupon or \$2 without. The coupon can be found in the Market space pages of next week's Commuter.

Crazy Daze winds up the week featuring a Kiss-a-Pig booth and a cow pie bingo competition sponsored by the Livestock Judging Team.

On Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight, the local rock 'n' roll band "Crazy 8's" will play in the courtyard. There is no admission charge, but those attending are asked to bring donations of non-perishable food for Fish, a non-profit organization providing food for needy people in Linn and Benton counties.

Also planned throughout the week are book sales, children's art, baked goods and ice cream; a dunk tank; and several booths featuring crafts made by LBCC's clubs and organizations.

For more information, call LBCC's Student Programs, 928-2361 ext. 150.



"Retractor . . . Sponge . . . Allen Wrench"

Printing instructor Jim Tolbert and student Nina Vaught attempt to revive a failing offset press in

the AHSS Print Shop. Tolbert and his students are printing "The Eloquent Umbrella," the LBCC literary and art journal. The 32-page publication is expected to be ready for distribution next week.

COMMENTARY

Bush vs. Noriega: The Bottom of the Ninth

Panama. On the map, you'll find it stretched between Costa Rica and Columbia. In the dictionary, you'll find it wedged between panache and panatela. In the news you'll find it on the front page and the TV screen. It's a hat, a canal and a country all rolled up in one. And once again it's hot.

The country is ruled by Gen. Manuel Noriega, head of the Panamanian Defense Forces, in much the same way Anastasio Somoza ran Nicaragua and Ferdinand Marcos ran the Phillipines—with an iron fist, little or no recognition of basic human rights and billion in American aid.

Somoza and Marcos are out of the political limelight now, but there was a time in the not too distant past when, along with Noriega, these three despotic swine were the Tres Amigos of the third world dictatorships.

All were put into office by the CIA with the best of intentions, American intentions of course, and given aid in the "guns and butter" tradition that has made America infamous around the globe.

Somoza was the first to drop the ball and although he put a brave fight against the evil communist forces backed by mother Russia and her illegitimate baby Cuba, he was forced out in the late 70's.

Imelda's shoes were the stumbling block for Ferdinand in the Phillipines, but this time around the State department was awake enough to keep the communists at bay by changing the game plan and calling for democratic elections.

Sensing the shift in policy, Noriega began straddling the fence in the mid-80's courting American aid, Soviet friendship and drug cartell money.

The Reagan administration tried to bring about a quiet end to Noriega with a Panamanian Presidential denouncement of the general, which only succeeded in getting President Eric Delvalle fired. Reagan then tried the old economic sanctions and frozen assets pitch. Strike two.

That brings us to the bottom of the ninth, two outs, two strikes and the score tied at one. Bush steps up to the plate wielding a bat leaded with 1,900 fresh troops and faces the pitcher.

It is important to point out that this is an all-american game. We bought all the bats, mits and balls both sides are using. We payed for the park, "Canal Zone Stadium," we even paid the opposing teams salary until last year.

But as American's, our goal is too win at all costs. We'll change the rules when our lead starts to slip. And when we start to lose we'll tear the park to pieces. . . because we're Americans and it's our game—no matter where the park lies. Just ask the Vietnamese.

Matthew Rasmussen

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letter



Spotted 'Owl made innocent scapegoat

Letter to the Editor

For more than 10 years the Oregon timber industry has overcut timber and underplanted new trees, as is evident from the trips around the state where you see no new plantings in clear cut areas. For the last few years we have exported 20 percent of our raw logs to Japan. This has cost the timber industry thousands of jobs in the name of profits.

But there must have been a cause for all of these problems. One day someone was walking through old growth virgin timber and high on a limb above the ground he saw the cause of all the problems. He spotted an innocent owl.

If it were not for a few concerned environmentalists, conservationists and lawyers who gave a hoot, the poor old owl would have been logged to extinction.

I always thought that under the American jurisprudence system that you were innocent until proven guilty. The spotted owl is innocent of ruining the lumber industry, but try to convince a mob of that.

Sherman Lee Pompey
Albany

Express Yourself

The Commuter encourages readers to use the Editorial Page to express their opinions. Commentaries and observations on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics which require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous, obscene or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor. Readers wishing to submit a guest column are asked to first discuss their idea with the editor.

All submissions must be signed, with phone number and address. Please limit letters to 250 words. Editors reserve the right to edit for length, grammar and spelling.

WRITER'S BLOCK

Prince William Sound, Spring 1989 In Memory of the Fallen

The sea otter surfaced, shellfish stuffed in his armpit
 Rolled on his back and began crushing
 the prey with his massive teeth,
 No need for tools as used by smaller cousins off Monterrey.

The killer whale cruised the cold sea
 dorsal fin breaking the surface as he breathed
 click and squeak vocalizations were emitted
 bouncing from Orca to Orca,
 maintaining contact with the pod,
 and monitoring the marine environment.

The Glaucous Winged Gull flew over the Sound,
 sharp eyes scanned the water surface.
 The Gull was alert to every opportunity,
 fish or carcass, feeding descent flights of his fellows,
 or pursuit dives of Cormorants
 and Murres, all indicating: Food.

Fishes swam the sea, Herring, Mackerel,
 mighty Salmon pursued by their predators including
 Fishermen in their boats, setting their nets and lines,
 Later hauling in treasures fresh caught from the sea.

The Sun rose and set, moon and stars circled overhead,
 and otters dived,
 Orcas cruised,
 gulls flew,
 Fishes swam,
 Fishermen fished.

On the shore in a warm safe room
 Bloatbelly armed with attache case
 Sang his siren song: Profits.
 Bureaucrats jumped and danced
 at the Tune of Triumph: Progress.
 Bloatfully intoned Truths: People,
 Progress, Profits and: Recent technological
 advances preclude possibility of major disaster,
 and: statistically the chances are vanishingly
 small, for all practical purposes: zero, and: thousands of jobs.

Oil flowed from Prudhoe on the slope,
 across Alaska's Tundra on to Valdez and the Sound
 and the Captain of a lonely ship on a cold sea took a drink.
 And millions of gallons are spreading
 over the surface of Prince William Sound
 Across this beautiful land a cry went up,
 Not against the Attache Case fearsome weapon that could
 make the lives of millions hopeless,
 or instantly terminate massive numbers of brothers
 with slightly different DNA,
 But against the unfortunate Sea Captain,
 Bloatbelly's choice for diversion
 and sacrifice.
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 And Sea Otters, Orcas, Gulls, Fish
 and Fishermen...

John O. Sullivan
Professor of Biology, Southern OSU

In the tiny village of Waldhauser in beautiful Bavaria, there is a simple sign carved in a stone: "Zum Gedachtnis den Gefallenen," 1939-45, In Memory of the Fallen.



Financial aid comes with more strings attached

By Tim Van Slyke
Commuter Writer

"Ask not what your country can do for you," said John F. Kennedy, "but what you can do for your country." The essence of these words may become a solution to students who have either been turned down, or have given up on Federal Financial Aid because of the increasing bureaucracy and red tape involved.

There are currently several bills before Congress that, if passed, would create programs in which students could do community service in exchange for financial aid benefits.

A report issued by the national Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators stated that "in 1987 several bills came before Congress proposing national service plans... some plans emphasized the need to make national service a condition of citizenship, while others attempted to create a civilian version of the GI Bill that would provide this generation of young Americans with the access to the American Dream that the post-war generation had been given."

Senator Clairborne Pell D-RI, a strong proponent of national service, wanted to establish a compulsory program for all young Americans, but realized the issue needed further study.

The Congress didn't pass any legislation regarding national service last year but in January of this year Senate Majority Leader, George Mitchell, brought the attention of Congress back to the issue by endorsing a bill by Sam Nunn. Since then several other proposals have followed, including one sponsored by President George Bush, and one by Senator Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Most of the bills are still in their infancy and each requires a

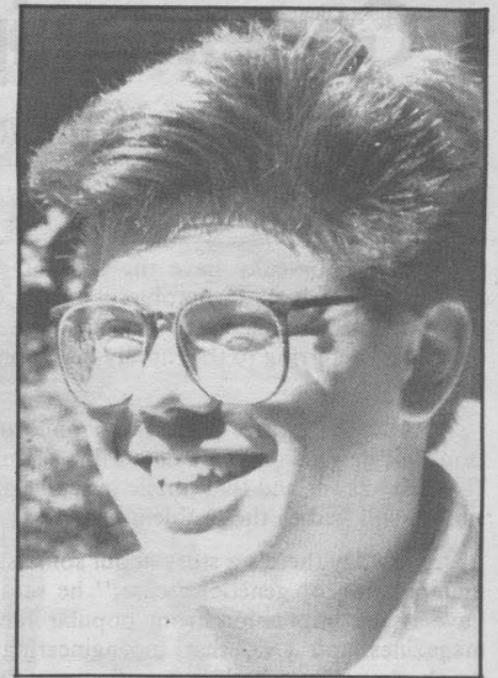
great deal of discussion and specification before legislation could be enacted.

Bush's proposal, YES, Youth Entertaining Service to America, doesn't specify who would be eligible for service, and what kind of benefits they would receive. According to the NASFAA report all that is known about Bush's proposal is that it would establish a program for community service, and that it would cost \$25-million.

A bill sponsored by senator Clairborne Pell, D-R.I., and Representative Robert Garcia, D-Mass., would give citizens age 16-24 who had completed high school or the equivalent, to do two years of community service in exchange for the following benefits: \$600 a month while serving, then after completing the minimum service: 18 months of tuition plus \$250 a month not to exceed a total of \$7,200 for any participant.

Another proposal by Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-Md. and representative David Bonior, D-Mich. would also require community service, but only for two weekends a month, and two weeks during the year for a period of three to six years. Participants would receive \$3000 a year which could be applied directly to educational costs, to pay student loans, or to put a down-payment on a home.

Lance Popoff, director of Financial Aid at LBCC, seemed to be in favor of this movement depending upon the direction it took. "I'm beginning to take some of this seriously," said Popoff, "we get so much information about what's going on in Congress and how it's going to effect financial aid programs, and then 95 percent blows over. But this one has so much support throughout society that I suspect that one of these, or a combination of these proposals, will be something that we will be dealing with real soon."



Bill Mills, a first-year student from Lebanon, was appointed editor of the 1989-90 Commuter Lebanon High graduate named Commuter editor for 1989-90

By Elwin Price
Editor

Lebanon resident Bill Mills, who is currently serving as this year's Commuter Managing editor, was appointed last Thursday as next year's Editor-in Chief.

Mills was chosen from a field of four candidates by Linn-Benton's Publications Committee to fill the post currently held by Elwin Price.

Mills believes that his experiences as managing editor was "excellent preparation for the editor job. Working closely with Elwin has helped prepare me for next year," he said.

Mills plans to make some changes in the paper when he takes the helm next year. He wants to change the advertising layout from a marketplace format, where all of the ads are clustered together on a couple of pages, to a decentralized layout. This will spread out the ads to all of the pages. Placing the ads on pages with stories should increase their effectiveness, he stated. He also plans to have more weekly column writers. "If people have a favorite column they are more inclined to read the paper every week," said Mills.

Although he won't be editor until next year Mills is already in the process of selecting a staff. There are still several positions open and he is urging anyone interested in working on the paper to apply at the Commuter Office, in CC-210. Mills said he was particularly interested in finding a Sports Editor.

Mills plans to spend about 30 hours a week on the paper to insure "hands on management" I want to be accessible to my staff as much as possible to maintain its high quality.

Mills plans to graduate from LB at the end of next year and continue on to either UO or OSU for his bachelors degree in Journalism.

Garbage can scavenger finds cold shoulders

By Bill Mills
Managing Editor

My hands were black with dirt, my clothes reeked with the unforgettable stench of rotting waste and my face wore a big grin.

While many of you were out in the sun or enjoying a good class, I spent last Friday going through the LBCC garbage to see what students throw away and to collect pop cans.

I approached my first garbage can like a true novice. I gently moved the garbage with my thumb and index finger. In it I found my first pop can.

After finding my fourth or fifth can I really got into it. Using both hands I would pick up the remnants of what used to be somebody's tunafish sandwich.

It's amazing what some people will throw away. Towards my fifteenth garbage can I found a perfectly good pair of pants. They weren't even polyester. Yep, they were cotton and baby blue in color. They weren't in my size so I put them back.

By that time I had about \$1.50 in pop cans so things weren't that bad. But then it happened. I came in contact with another human being.

A young girl was staring at me. "What am I supposed to do," I thought to myself. Then out of nowhere it came out. "Hi," I said. The girl quickly looked away like I had said nothing.

I composed myself and began my garbage hunt again. But as I came closer to the buildings the more I came in contact with other people, the more I got rejections.

Some would look away like that girl and some would point and laugh. Talk about getting the cold shoulder. At that point I could chip ice off my undershorts.

No one would recognize my existence.



It was like a Twilight Zone, I remember thinking. Then I realized I wasn't just thinking, I was talking. I was talking to myself.

My solo conversation would cover the weather or would refer to the garbage I was sorting through. I recall at one point saying "oh boy, a bottle!"

I think I was talking to myself trying to convince myself that I was not doing anything odd. And maybe to prove I still existed.

The situation left me very self-conscious. I kept seeing myself in the place of the people who shunned me.

Before this experience I used to do that. I would just look away because I wouldn't know what to say to a person going through trash.

It was becoming quite hot, and I only had two trash cans left to go. It was

becoming a game as to how many cans would be in the next trash can.

I was sure glad I didn't skip those two trash cans. I found seven pop cans. Two in one and five in the other.

When I made it back to the Commuter office I began to count my cans. '2.85 profit. "Not bad," I thought.

From going through 32 garbage cans it appears to me that pop makes up the major part of garbage on campus.

In every garbage can there were paper pop cups—from the nearby Seven Eleven or from the fountain machines on campus.

According to Dan Lind from Cascade Vending the pop machine in the Commons uses about 20 cases a week.

There are 24 cans to a case. So about 480 cans of pop are consumed a week.

Some of these cans are picked up by the janitors, some make it to the recycle box next to the pop machine and some are thrown away on campus.

Some of the cans are picked up by an LBCC employee, who wishes to go by the name Korinne.

"I walk around at lunch and one day I decided why not look," said Korinne referring to how she got started.

"To avoid harassment I try to do it when no one is around," said Korinne. "I receive terrible harassment from everyone in the office," she stated, "But everyone who teases me brings me cans."

Korinne stated that she doesn't dig around in the garbage as I did. She only takes the cans she can see without digging. But Korinne doesn't make as much as I did.

"I make about three to five dollars a week," Korinne said. "I walk around the library and Takena," she replied in regards to where she picks up her cans. "I just look around for the fun of it."

Gene manipulation offers promise, challenge, risks

Southern Oregon prof helps answer the questions of its ethics, morals, philosophy

By Pete Wesniewski
Commuter Writer

"We will someday have the technology to be architects of life," said Microbiologist Dr. Gene Fowler of Southern Oregon State College at a lecture here Thursday, referring to the rapidly developing science of gene manipulation.

He said the moral, ethical and philosophical questions this new technology raises will be complex and difficult to answer and that public misconceptions and attitudes will add to the problem.

"Every day there's a story about some aspect of gene manipulation or genetic disease," he said. "What we have is the impression from popular media sources, magazines and t.v., that bioengineering is running amok, that science itself is out of control due to eugenic alteration."

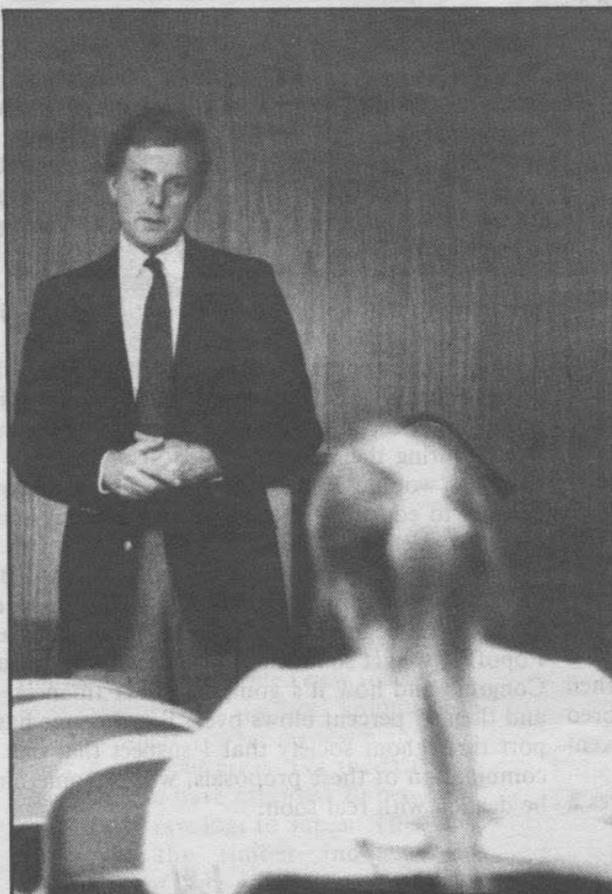
He said that people have the idea it means radically altering the structure of living things and offering the potential to enhance personal characteristics of strength, intelligence, stamina and personality.

Although such feats of bioengineering are a long way in the future, they confuse the present issue of how to apply the new technology in solving real problems. Some of the difficulty, Fowler said, is due to the confusion over what constitutes our essential humanity. "We don't know what humanness is, that's why we are so uneasy about manipulating it."

Fowler said social issues affect each one of us, which is why it is important for scientists who are doing socially relevant research to publicly communicate on their areas of interest. He said this is his motivation for speaking about gene manipulation, as well as for the work he is doing on laying the framework for assessing benefit/risk factors, experimental guidelines, and ethical standards of conduct.

There are three main types of human gene manipulation being researched, according to Fowler.

Gametocyte therapy involves direct gene modification of the DNA of a patient as a means of correcting a gene deficiency, such as that which causes sickle cell anemia. The process, not yet developed, will probably consist of removing a portion of the patient's bone marrow cells, culturing it in vitro, identifying the deficient gene location on the DNA chain, transferring this engineered material into a weakened virus which will replicate the new sequence among the in vitro cells, and reinjecting them into the patient's bone marrow.



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Dr. Gene Fowler, a microbiologist from Southern Oregon State College, discusses the ethics of gene research in the first of a series of humanities lectures last week. The next speaker will OSU English Prof. David Robinson, who will discuss Thoreau and individualism Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Boardrooms.

The instructions of the virus, which say "make more of me," will insure that this process is carried out throughout the patient's white blood cells. Since the procedure results in an actual benefit to the recipient, the elimination of a problem, it is a form of medical therapy. In addition, since the patient's DNA will have the correct gene sequence, this benefit is passed on to the offspring. This is similar to what happens naturally when an infection transmits genes to us.

Pre-embryo transformation involves the insertion of genetic material into the cells of a pre-embryo, altering the structure of its DNA chain by changing the gene pattern of its coded instructions. This process, never attempted with human cells, offers the potential for

greatest change since the bioengineering can be done on a large scale. An experiment conducted on a fertilized mouse egg, which was injected with the isolated DNA gene of rat growth hormone and placed in the uterus of a pregnant mouse, resulted in the birth of a mouse with rat characteristics.

Pre-implantation screening involves using diagnostic methods to find normal embryo for implantation. Of all three methods of gene manipulation, the existing technology is most capable of this technique. Using DNA probes, normal from abnormal genes can be identified in a sample of 4 to 8 cells.

"We're talking about changing the very nature of the human species," Fowler said about these developments in bioengineering.

Each body cell contains 100,000 strands of almost perfectly identical DNA chain, moreover, has 300 million bases for different gene configurations. All the genes each of us contain were blueprinted during fertilization. The particular order of these gene molecules, which consist of nitrogen, hydrogen, sulfur and carbon, in their attachment to the DNA molecules contain all the primary information for our body systems.

Fowler said that the technology to "read" a DNA pattern from a drop of blood is being developed. With it will come the ability to actively change our genetic characteristics. "The potential for this change is significant. The human body is a black box, where you don't know the relationships between all the various parts," he said. "The fundamental question is, how can we derive the principle of moral good inherent in gene transplant technology without abusing it."

According to Fowler, the moral questions will involve: delivery—being able to target genes in a stable manner; expression—being able to place genes precisely; and safety—being able to engineer DNA with minimum risk.

He said there seems to be two basic philosophical issues: experimenting with human potentiality; and the allocation of medical resources.

Fowler said he expects human gene therapy to become a reality within the next three years, with the potential to eliminate much social and personal suffering. "Many social disorders are the result of who we are. Perhaps we can change who we are," Fowler said.

The vision of possibility, challenge and responsibility which human gene manipulation offers humanity is a fantastic opportunity for exploring the structure of life. "Perhaps the future is not in the stars—it's within us," Fowler pointed out.

Octogenarian finds rewards in writing novels

By Chris Albee
Commuter Writer

True love that recognizes no boundaries, not even those set by a racially-minded society, with a touch of modern technology thrown in.

That's the basic idea behind Belle S. Kiersky's second book, "Assignment-Love."

A resident of Corvallis since 1962, Kiersky said, "I felt compelled to write it because of the things that are still happening around us," and went on to say, "it's about this whole thing of discrimination."

Kiersky got involved in writing in the mid-70s when, with the help of some fellow O.S.U. students in a creative

writing class, she wrote and published her first book, an autobiography entitled, "What's a Woman To Do?" That book covered her life from the time she was born in Arkansas in 1909, up until the early 80s.

Kiersky has been involved in a number of businesses in and out of the Corvallis area since the 60's including secretarial work, court and convention reporting in Salem and some biophysic and chemical work at O.S.U. She owned and operated a giftshop out by the Heart of the Valley Hospital in Corvallis. That lasted only six years because, due to the stress in running it, Kiersky suffered some medical problems which lead to her eventual selling of the shop.

While she was writing "Assignment-Love," Kiersky had to learn quite a bit about in vitro fertilization, the artificial fertilization of a female egg by a male sperm cell in a test tube which is then surgically inserted into the womb of a woman.

That's the modern twist in her black man and white woman love story.

Kiersky said that she enjoyed the research that she had to do on the whole process because she knew very little about it and went on to say, "when we stop learning, we're dead."

Both of her books have made enough money to pay for the printing expenses and Kiersky has donated much of the re-

maining money to the Corvallis Senior Center where there is an entire wing dedicated in her name.

As far as her plans for any future pieces Kiersky said, "I have several worms rolling around under my skull," but most likely, "I want to write an Adendum (sequel) to 'What's A Woman To Do?'"

"I'm a pretty tough hombre," commented Kiersky when asked how she would categorize herself, but she went on to say, "my whole life has been one of love."

Both "Assignment-Love" and "What's a Woman To Do?" are now available at Rice's Pharmacy and in the LBCC Bookstore.

Clever staging shares spotlight in 'Shrew'

By Carolyn Puntene
Commuter Writer

Daivd Apple's wild west version of "The Taming of the Shrew" opened May 12th at Takena's Mainstage Theatre. It's great fun.

This is the first show Apple has directed for LB. He's better known here as set designer and builder for many past theatre productions. None of those sets, as good as they were, compare to what he's created for "Shrew." It could be said that the star of this show is the staging itself.

Apple begins to set the stage outside the theatre auditorium, in the lobby. Gone are the sofas and endtables. Instead of the framed posters that usually grace the walls, what meets the eyes of the theatregoers as they come up the steps to the anteroom is a view of an old western town.

At the top of the stairs one steps into the scene. The mural wrapped around the walls has an almost dizzying effect. An open street lies directly before us—or so it seems. If we walk straight ahead we would continue down it, but we turn right instead and go inside to the auditorium—to see a two-story saloon hall set bursting beyond its stage proscenium.

There is no way to draw a curtain on this burgeoning scene. We see it all at once and open.

The structure is made of wood and decorated fittingly. It is beautiful, strong and sturdy. Deliberately disproportionate here and there, it has a whimsical appearance. The floor slopes up, the bar angles down: the mind gets ready for comedy.

There are already people onstage as we are seated. Cowboys are at the bar, barmaids are circulating amongst the customers, and four men sit playing cards at the table near the front of the stage.

There's an old upright at the stage's far left. A window in it allows us to see the hammers strike the strings as the music bangs out a tune.

Before the show, pretty Ann Bronson sings a sad old sweet song, and someone gets caught cheating at cards and is killed. His girlfriend sobs and wails as they carry his body away—and then the play begins.

It's the story of a scheme to get a suitorless, ill-tempered older sister (Katherine) married off so that her younger, much-sought-after sister (Bianca) can be courted.

Petruchio accepts the challenge to marry and "tame the shrew" because he will be made wealthy by it. "I come to wive it wealthily in Padua."

Apple sets the play in the Wild West and the characters assume personnas accordingly.

Kevin Allen and Kimberly Gifford have the starring roles Petruchio and Katharina. Both are popular performers at LB, Gifford especially. They display confidence in themselves and enthusiasm for their roles but need to remember not to get caught up in their own excitement: they need to slow down and not shout so much.

Other actors at various times also talk too fast and too loud. It's a short play; the audience will take the time to hear it slower and quieter.

Unflappable Bill Hill as Baptista, Town Sheriff, is probably the most believable character on stage. His lines are the most clearly spoken and easily understood.



Baptista (Bill Hill) chats with his gang.

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Town Merchant Hortensio is portrayed by a capable Garland Sprick.

Sarah Anne Sheldrick's over-acted Southern Belle Bianca is perfect. Who would have thought Elizabethan English could come across so well in a mincing Southern drawl?

Bruce Wiseman is effective and entertaining as a hard-of-hearing Gremio, Town Undertaker.

Brent Casey's Biodello, Broken Arrow is a happy creation. He has the audience waiting to see how and with what stance he'll deliver his next lines.

David Snider and John Bliss, as Lucentio and Tranio respectively, are full of charm and perform well.

The crowd's favorite is Lewie Raymond as a Mexican Grumio. His Spanish accent works. He gets the message across. In fact, this Grumio has lot more message behind his lines than the author ever intended.

Gina Sellers-Nunez was onstage in costume opening night too, signing for the hearing impaired. She uses great expression and is fun to watch. She'll be back for the matinee May 21.

Other cast members are: Victoria Long as the Widow; Dawn-Marie Dickerson as Grumio's Wife; Senora Grumio; Joseph Smith as the Town Drunk (he gets to sleep onstage through the first act); Eric Suchodolski as the Habadasher; and Brad Stockli as the Tailor.

The set was constructed by: David Albrecht, John Bliss, Brent Coe, Michael Howell, James O'Guinn, Lynn Reed; Lewie Raymond, Mike Serry, Ron Sandquist, Todd Wurster, Rich Gaynor, Andrew Lindsey, Sarah Sheldrick, Eric Suchodolski, Robert Tortora, Christopher Widrig, and Greg Bjornstrom.

The play continues through the next two weekends. Don't miss it.

Stargazers: Familiar constellations return to spring skies

By Pete Wisniewski
Commuter Writer

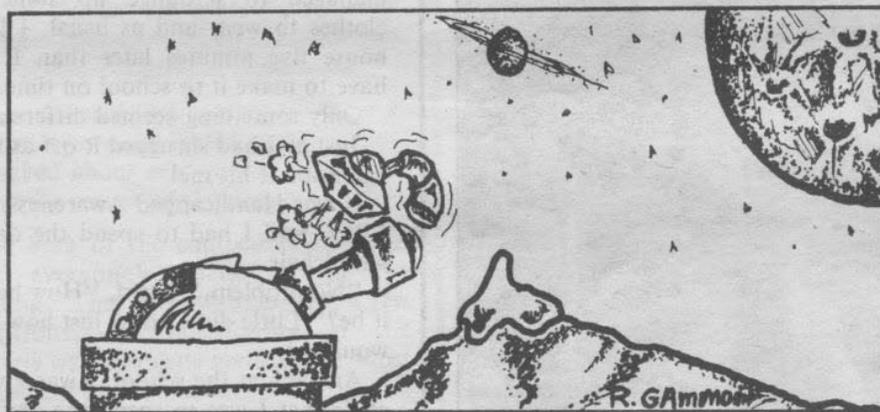
The night skies during spring feature a return of familiar constellations, as the rotating Earth provides a different view of the stars slowly moving, like a big wheel, overhead.

The Big Dipper is now high in the northeast during the evening hours. This famous asterism in the constellation Ursa Major, the Great Bear, consists of seven fairly bright stars in the shape of a dipper.

If you visually trace the handle of the Big Dipper and extend this arc outward by about 30 degrees, it will point to Arcturus in the constellation Bootes, a prominent star in the springtime sky.

Arcturus, which means "Guardian of the Bear," shines its light to us from a distance of 36 light-years. Although its surface temperature is slightly less than that of our sun, its diameter is 25 times greater, makes it one hundred times brighter. It is the fourth-brightest star in our sky. The constellation of Bootes the Herdsman is easy to identify, since it resembles a large knife.

Although Arcturus is a visual gem, the most significant thing about it may be something the eye cannot perceive: the star has a much larger proper motion than most other stars.



The Commuter/RYAN GAMMON

All the stars in our sky move through space, revolving around the center of the Galaxy. Most visible stars are like the sun, in that they are located in the flat disk of the Galaxy. They drift in the same general direction through space. Only a very slow motion of the stars with respect to each other can be observed. For most purposes, they appear "fixed."

Arcturus, however, is not a disk star. It is a temporary visitor to our region of the Galaxy, and became visible to the naked eye in the relatively short time of half a million years ago. It is part of a large group of stars resembling a halo that also orbit the center of the Galaxy. Halo stars pass at right angles through the disk of the Milky Way, slicing through it with

periods of hundreds of millions of years.

Our sun, a fairly typical star as far as stars go, follows the general rotation of the Galaxy. Moving with a relative speed of 155 miles per second, the sun orbits the Galactic center with a period, of time of completion, of 200 million years. Modern analysis of the proper motions and radical velocities of the stars around the sun has shown that the sun is moving toward the direction now occupied by the bright star Vega in the constellation of Lyra.

Despite these minutely measurable movements, the stars are so nearly fixed on the celestial sphere that the apparent groupings they form, the constellations, look almost identical to when they were

first named, more than 2000 years ago. After 50,000 years, the handle of the Big Dipper will appear much more bent than it is now.

Although we see the Milky Way as a hazy band of speckled light, we are actually looking up to a hundred thousand years in the past, across a distance to its far outer edge of 600 thousand trillion miles.

These distances are so awesome as to beggar the imagination. For instance, light could travel around the earth 7 and one-half times per second, or 6 trillion miles in one year. Yet, at that tremendous speed, it takes light 4.5 years to arrive from Alpha Proxima, our nearest star.

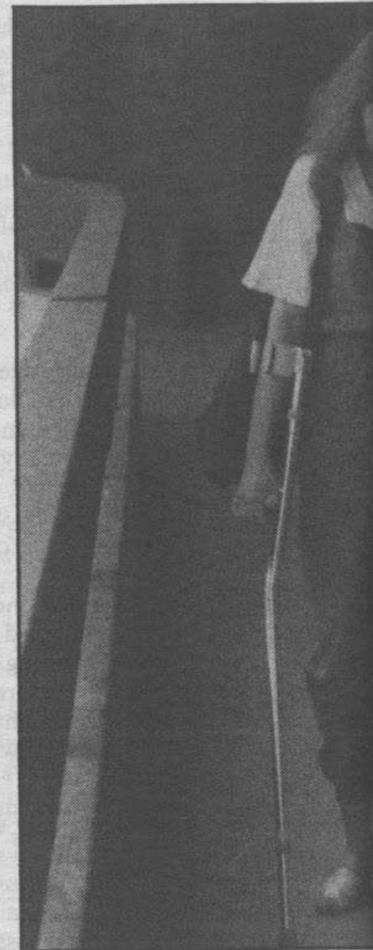
In a way, the Earth is a carousel, carrying us on a voyage of discovery, enchantment, surprise and excitement. We are all travelers on a 7900 mile diameter sphere, whirling 600 million miles per hour, while the whole incredible contraption moves in another, more fantastic circle that takes 200 million years at 558,000 miles per hour to complete. That's 977,616 million miles.

Whew! When you stop and think about it, we're on one hell of a ride! Pleasant skies and happy trav'ln!

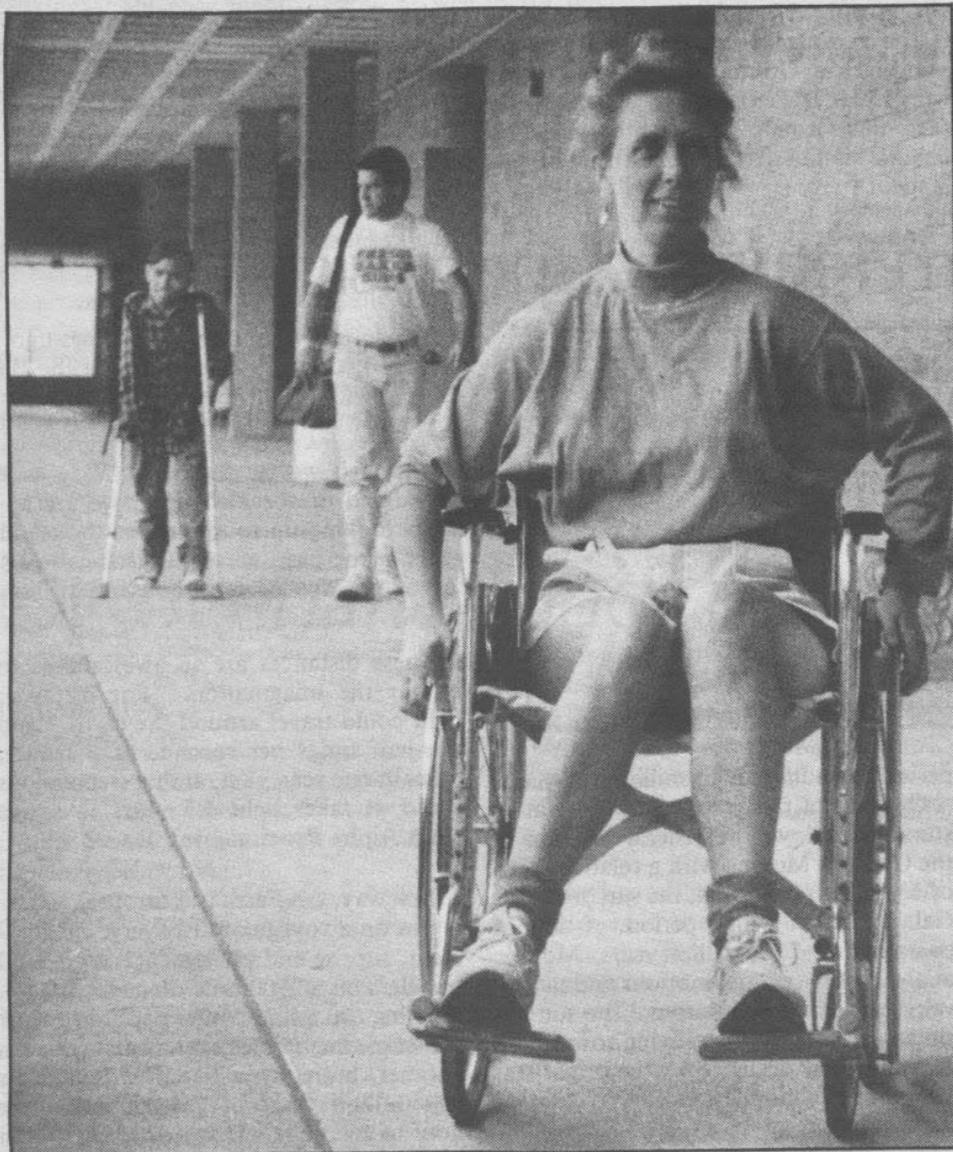
Discovering what it means to be mobility



Arik Hesseldahl discovers the difficulties the handicapped have when maneuvering into a desk. Hesseldahl was one of many students who took the challenge for Handicap Awareness Day.



Some students, including this one, opted for crutches rather than



Taking a roll on the upper balcony, Karen Lenox tests out her new wheels.

'No problem,' I told myself

By Chris Albee
Commuter Writer

Monday started out just like any other day; the alarm clock scared me to death, I managed to scrounge up some clean clothes to wear and as usual, I left my house five minutes later than I should have to make it to school on time.

Only something seemed different.

Just as I had shrugged it off as my imagination it hit me!

It was Handicapped Awareness Day at LBCC and I had to spend the day in a wheelchair.

"No problem," I said, "How hard can it be?" Little did I know just how hard it would be.

Arriving at the school, I was given the chair that I was to spend the day in. It was a beaut! And a real steal at \$1 thousand.

I was given a quick run-down of the various features of the chair and from there, I was ready to embrace the world and whatever it had in store for me.

"No problem," I said, "how hard can it be?"

The first thing I became aware of was just how much bigger the world was from this perspective. Nothing was within easy reach anymore. Even things as mindless as opening a door had become a major chore.

I decided that the best way to truly experience life as a person with impaired

ability was to try to do all the things that I would usually do in the course of a day.

My first stop was the cafeteria. Since I'm one of the millions of college students addicted to caffeine, naturally I had to get my morning cup of "jitter juice."

Everything was fine until I realized that the only way for me to carry the coffee was to put it between my legs because both my hands would be used to steer the chair.

That's when I noticed that the lids on the coffee cups were over by the register. Needless to say, carrying a scalding hot cup of coffee between my legs was not a pleasant thought! It became obvious to me that whoever had put the lids on the far side of the register had not ridden in a wheelchair lately.

Escaping from the cafeteria with everything intact, I headed for my first class of the day.

I'm willing to bet you have never noticed just how long it can take to get from one class to the next when you have to wait on the elevators at school as your way of getting from upstairs to downstairs. I was willing to overlook the fact that the location of the elevators on campus were far from convenient, but when I had to wait over ten minutes for the elevator simply to

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How about being 'able-bodied' for a day

By Dana Woodward
Commuter Writer

I am writing in response to Handicap Awareness Day and its theme "Can you accept the challenge for a day?"

Being "physically challenged" for a day is a great learning experience and gave the participants the opportunity to have a first hand glance at the challenges we face everyday. However, it is not fair! I am disabled everyday and think that I should have the chance to be able bodied for a day.

Thinking of all the things I would want to do made me realize that I would need at least a month to honestly experience what it would like to be "normal", (I use the term loosely.) At first, I thought I would go for a run or maybe a nice long bike ride. I would definitely play some basketball. Then at some point I want to play tennis, volleyball and softball. I would

like to know what it feels like to run along the beach feeling the cool water and warm sand splash between my toes. I often wonder what a real snowball fight would be like, one where I run and still make snowballs and throw them, with-out worrying about what damage will happen to my legs.

I don't mean to make being "physically challenged" sound negative, because it is not. Disabled people don't feel as though we are less than, or sub-human to "normal" people. We are just as the label says, challenged. Please do not treat us as though we are objects that can't be touched. One of the most frustrating experiences I have ever had is shopping in a store and a little child will come up to me and ask "What happened to you?" Then their mother will come up and say "Shh. Don't ask questions!" Almost as though I either do not know I am disabled or we just can't talk about it. Children are naturally curious, and there is nothing

wrong with curiosity. Neither is being disabled, so do not be afraid of asking questions. We generally are not afraid to answer them.

Often times the attitude barriers are much more difficult to overcome than the architectural barriers. We live life just like anyone else can. We are not incapable of having fun, and we are not make of china and we won't break. By the same token we are not super brave people just because we get up everyday and live our lives. "Normal" people tell us how brave they think we are because we live our lives this way. This is not an option to us and so we live our lives with the cards we are dealt. If anyone was dealt the same hand, they would not quit living—they would learn to live with it.

Being disabled is not all bad. I have learned a lot about society which I might not have known otherwise. Beside that; we never have to wait in lines at movie theaters, stores and we even get good seats at baseball games.

Photos by
Sean Lanegan

is who declined to give her name,
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How hard can it be?

that my level and open up, with no one in it
day and you, I began to see the reasons why
the handicapped students had been com-
Sincering about accessibility on campus
ident how the ten minutes between classes
to get, for the most part, totally inadequate.
ended up being 7 minutes late to my
class and then I had to sit in the back of
the room because there was no space for a
wheelchair in the classroom.

When that class was over, I realized
that it was time for me to do the thing I
had dreaded the most.

I had to go to the restroom!
Luckily, I remembered that there were
restrooms that had automatic doors on
campus so I didn't have to fight with
another stubborn door. I headed towards
the College Center and went on in the
restroom and took care of "business"
with no problems. Let's just say I cheated
a little.

The suprise came when I thought that it
could be nice to see how I looked in a
mirror. When I tried to see how I
looked, all I could see was a bunch of
mirrors.

The mirrors in the bathroom were all
so high for anyone in a wheelchair to
see. I couldn't believe how ridiculous
that was. Here it was one of the han-
dicated restrooms and they couldn't
even use a mirror. That was typical.

By the time I had finished with that, it
was time to go to the meeting in the
Fireside Room to talk to Paula Grigsby,
Director of Disabled Student Services on
campus and tell her about our day.

The discussion was led by Becky Smith,
Rusty Burton and Brett Martin, all LBCC
students and "physically challenged."

They directed their questions to the 25
students who participated in the exercise
and asked about everyone's experiences
during the course of the day.

The bulk of the complaints stemmed
from everyone's dealings with the
cafeteria. They all said that with a few
exceptions, the positioning of the
cafeteria was completely inadequate. Most
things were out of reach.

One participant remarked on his day by
saying, "I was really happy to see other
people in the same predicament as I was."

The main observation that most of the
people involved made was that there was a
"barrier" put up between unimpaired and
those with limitations and that that was
what must first be dealt with if any real
changes were to take place.

In all, everyone felt that it was an ex-
cellent learning experience, but they were
all glad to be able to get up and walk
away.

It's too bad that Becky, Rusty, and
Brett couldn't do that.



Although the campus is not entirely barrier-free, the college has installed several automatic doors that open at the push of a button located at a height convenient to wheelchair users.

Campus TV combines success, controversy

By the College Press Service

As big education groups protest new efforts to bring TV—and TV advertising—to the nation's high schools, the company that brought TV and TV advertising to the nation's colleges finds itself quietly finishing its fifth successful year in business.

Two hundred and fifty campuses, along with 20 cable TV companies via satellite, now belong to the Campus Network (CN). "We reach six million people," boasted Marilyn Freeman, CN's vice president of programming.

They seem to like the programs, too.

Susie Monk of Washington State University says she'd rather watch CN than "The Cosby Show." "You're only a college student for so long," she said. "It's good to see something that involves other students."

"I think they're really good," added Katie Murphy of Ohio University in Athens. "They have good production values."

CN's Freeman attributed it in part to dealing with a television-intensive audience. "The generation of people in college today are the first 'Sesame Street' generation. They've always had their own targeted programming."

Programming for students, however, can be controversial. In April, for example, principals, teachers, parents and even some corporations vehemently protested efforts to bring TV to high schools in much the same way CN brought TV to colleges.

Whittle Communications, the Knoxville, Tenn.-based

company that made its fortune creating advertising magazines, boxes full of samples and even "wall posters" for campuses, announced it would give about 8,000 high schools each \$50,000 worth of TV hardware if the schools agreed to run the programs Whittle sent them on its new "Channel One."

It's "very inappropriate," said Lew Armistead of the Virginia-based national Association of Secondary School Principals.

"We're against it because of the advertising," he said. "It's most inappropriate to place kids in front of advertising during class."

Action for Children's Television and several other groups also have condemned Channel One. In response, firms like Converse, Inc. and Levi Strauss said the first week in May they may not advertise on the network.

And in late April, cable television magnate Ted Turner announced his Turner Broadcasting System would launch a special commercial-free high school news show to compete with Channel One in August.

TV Winter, president of Whittle's education division, said May 1 that all the fuss had reduced to fifty-fifty the chances the company would go ahead with its national launch of Channel One in the fall.

Campus Network marketing Vice President Victor Shaffer saw no mystery in why Whittle was having so much trouble.

The high school students, he said, "are forced viewers. (With CN) if you don't want to watch it, you

don't have to. (Whittle is) force-feeding it to the high schools.

Shaffer added Channel One's success would help make students more receptive to CN when they get to college. "If they like it, they'll be more accustomed to shows targeted to them."

But Campus Network's birth was not any smoother than Channel One's.

CN began as the Campus Entertainment Network in 1983. It hoped to provide satellite dishes and equipment to campuses, and then send events like Broadway plays and megaconcerts. It would make money by selling ads on the shows and by splitting ticket receipts with member campuses, where collegians would pay premium prices to see the shows beamed to their auditoriums.

The venture crashed and burned. "We used to provide concerts, debates and lectures via satellite," Freeman recalled, "But we found that special events were not what was wanted or needed."

Soon after an elaborate CEN broadcast of what was supposed to have been The Who's last concert bombed because, among other things, it was scheduled for a December date when most students had already left for Christmas's break and CEN folded.

It returned as CN the next year with the line-up of talk shows, soap operas, game shows, MTV look-alikes and student-produced programs that made it successful.

FBI finds campus library prime espionage territory

By the College Press Service

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has confirmed for the first time that it asked librarians in campus, research and public libraries around the country to tell it who was checking out certain books.

FBI Director William Sessions had acknowledged the FBI had asked librarians "in and around New York City" to report the names of people who checked out books that included "sensitive information," but U.S. District Court Judge Louis Oberdorfer found May 1 it had also approached librarians at the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of

Maryland, Princeton and George Mason universities and as many as 290 other campuses.

Oberdorfer ordered FBI to release about 3,000 documents relating to its library program to the National Security Archives, a Washington, D.C., group that has been critical of the effort.

"The bureau has been going into libraries asking very searching questions about what people with foreign-sounding names or accents have been going into libraries to read or look at," said Quinlan Shea, Jr., of the group. "It's a fishing expedition for foreign counterintelligence."

The FBI defended the program as a way to stop Soviet agents from learning about U.S. weapons and computer technologies.

Men improve on verbal tests, as women bring math scores up

By the College Press Service

The "gender gap" between men's and women's scores on standardized tests has been narrowing, the College Board reported recently.

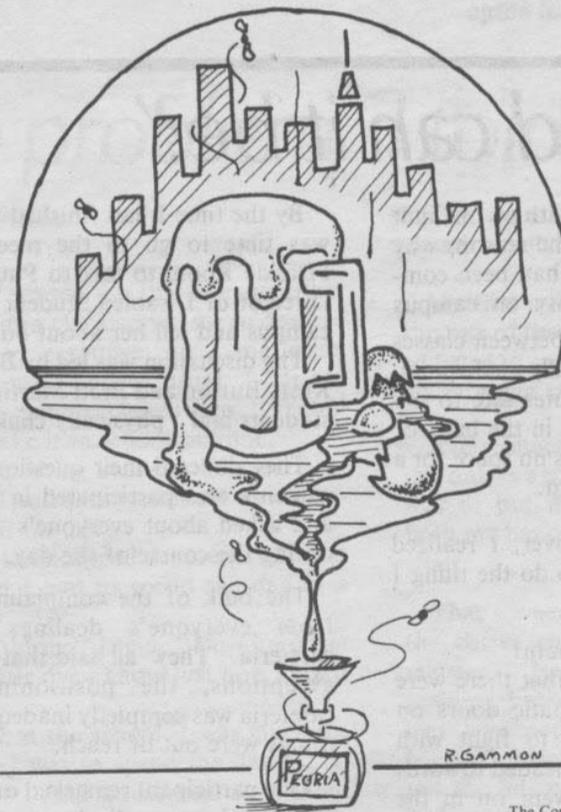
Verbal test scores are closer because men are doing better and women are doing worse than they used to, researchers Gita Wilder and Kristin Powell found in a study of 20 years of tests.

On math sections, men's scores have stayed high, and women's averages are rising, the researchers discovered.

"There is a temptation to explain away gender differences in test performance by simply dismissing test instruments as bias," College Board President Donald Stewart said in releasing the study. "This report may lead to more thoughtful reactions."

Stewart, whose group sponsors the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and other standardized admissions exams written by the Educational Testing Service, would hope so.

In February, a New York court ruled women were not getting their fair share of Empire Scholarships—which the state awards to students with high SAT scores—because the SATs seemed biased against women.



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Industrial perfume proves popular

By the College Press Service

A Bradley University student upset the mayor of Peoria, Ill., but started a new venture for himself when he started selling a perfume called "Essence of Peoria."

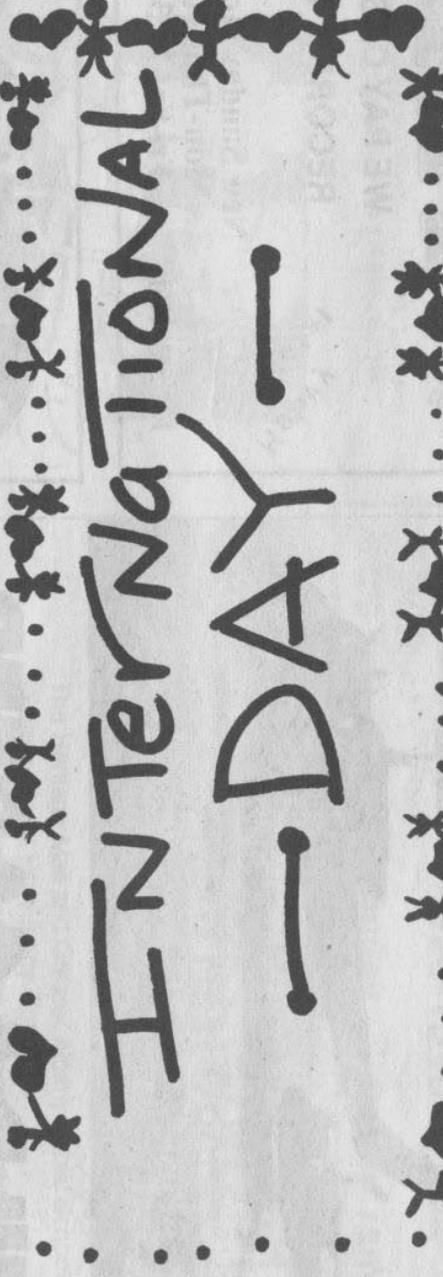
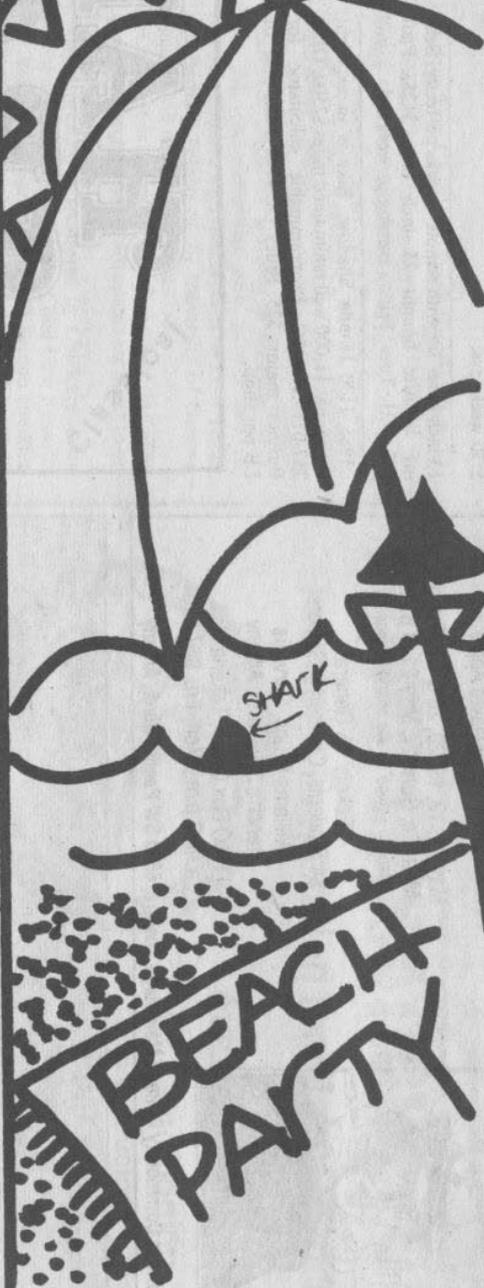
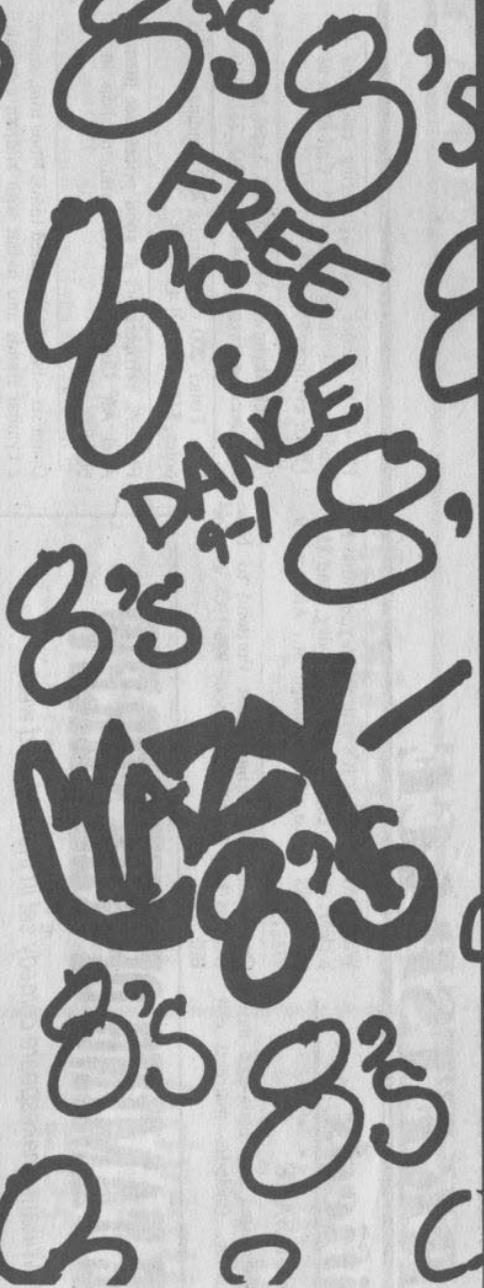
Advertised as the "finest industrial fragrance" available, student David Cook described the perfume as "the smell of very old beer, kind of an egg sulfur smell. When the wind is right, it's the smell you get all over Peoria."

"It's a gag that's going crazy," Cook told the Associated Press, adding he sold "about 300 bottles" the first week they were on the market.

"I admit it's a clever idea, but it disappoints me because I don't want to see someone making fun of our city," said Mayor Jim Maloof. "We've tried so hard the last few years to change our image. Hopefully this product, and the smell, will fade away."

SPRING MAY 22-26

DAZZLE

MONDAY 22	TUESDAY 23	WEDNESDAY 24	THURSDAY 25	FRIDAY 26
 <p data-bbox="161 1092 618 1790">WESTERN DAY I</p>		 <p data-bbox="1209 589 1478 1638">INTERNATIONAL DAY I</p>	 <p data-bbox="1693 1419 2069 1747">BEACH PARTY</p>	 <p data-bbox="2150 524 2580 1790">8's DANCE TAKE FREEDOM</p>
<p>Monday-Round-up Day: Noon—Joni Harms, country/western singer, Refrigeration Ice Cream sales, Christians on Campus book sale, SME sale—tripods and windchimes, International Club food bake sale, Jewelry sale, DECA hamburgers, Printing Services copy machine bash</p>	<p>Tuesday-60's Day: Noon—DJ Bobby Dee, CRC Art Show-Takeena, Child Care bake sale, Graphic Arts sale, SME sale, Christians on Campus book sale, Refrigeration Ice Cream sales, Jewelry sale, DECA hamburgers, Wellness 2-mile Fun-Run, 11:30 a.m. Meet at the track.</p>	<p>Wednesday-International Day: Health Fair-Takena, DECA hamburgers, Library Bood sale, Access Club bake sale, Graphic Arts sale, Diesel Dunk Tank, Metallurgy sale, Child Care bake sale, SME sale, Christians on Campus book sale, Refrigeration Ice Cream sales, International Club food booth, Animal Club Protection 11-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Thursday-Beach Party: Noon—DJ Bobby Dee, All Campus Picnic, Library Book sale, Graphic Arts sale Diesel Dunk Tank, Child Care bake sale, SME sale, Christians on Campus book sale, Refrigeration Ice Cream sales, Animal Club Protection 11-1 p.m.</p>	<p>Friday-Crazy 8's Day: Noon—Crazy 8's music, Refrigeration Ice Cream sales, Christians on Campus book sale, DECA hamburgers. 9 p.m. Crazy 8's Dance. Live performance.</p>

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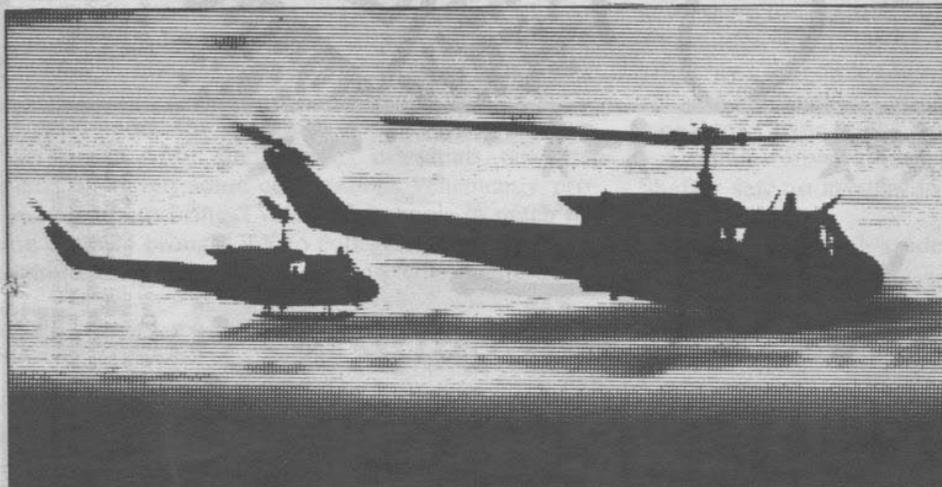
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Library Book Sale

During Spring Daze the Library will be having its annual Booksale to be held on May 24 & 25 from 10 to 3 on both days. The booksale will be held in the east side of the Courtyard.

The prices will be hardbacks .50 and paperbacks .25.

Tractor Safety

Two classes on "Tractor Safety," certifying farm workers under the age of 18, will be offered on consecutive weekends. The first class meets Friday, May 26, from 3:30-7 p.m. and Saturday, May 27, from 8 a.m. to noon. The second class meets Friday, June 2 from 3:30-7 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

All sessions meet in Room 224 of the Industrial "A" Building on Linn-Benton Community College's main campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany.

The instructor is Joel Pynch, a teacher at Central Linn High School in Halsey. To enroll, students must be at least 14 years of age.

The cost for each class is \$24.25. To register or for more information, call LBCC's Albany Center at 967-6108.

Developing Your Creative Potential

"Developing Your Creative Potential" will be discussed during a half-day seminar scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Boardrooms A and B of the College Center Building, Linn-Benton Community College.

Carol Putnam, a training specialist for LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center, will offer techniques for increasing creative potential in the workplace.

Cost of the seminar is \$20. Registration deadline is May 22.

For more information or to register, call LBCC's TED Center at 967-6112.

Libertarian Party Convention

The 1989 convention of the Libertarian Party of Oregon is in Portland at Lewis and Clark College on May 20 and 21.

The theme is "Ecofreedom: Cooperative Approaches for a Sustainable Environment."

Speakers include Russel Means, John Baden (pronounced BOD'en) Karl Hess, Jr. and Michael Emerling.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information call 648-6495 (Hillsboro).

Summer Rental?

Lion Valk (you remember! the Dutchman who exchanged jobs with Doug Clark last year) and family will be visiting us this summer. He is hoping to rent and or house-sit in Albany between July 9 and August 20. If you know of any available housing in Albany for a family of four, please contact Doug Clark at ext. 176 or at home in the evening (926-4457) as soon as possible.

Also, two Dutch students who worked with Doug last year at Ubbo Emmius are planning to visit Oregon this summer. They hope to take classes at LBCC and OSU. They will have very limited budgets and will need places to live. If you are interested in housing one of them in your home or know of possible host families, please contact Doug Clark as soon as possible.

Caring For Children With Special Needs.

Childcare providers interested in "Caring for Young Children with Special Needs" can attend a free workshop Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Family Resource Center at Linn-Benton Community College.

Topics to be covered include developmental disabilities, resources available in the community, first aid, communication with parents and integrating children with special needs. Valerie Taylor and Barbara Tolbert of the University of Oregon, Eugene, will conduct the workshop.

Childcare is provided for all children, including ones with special needs. Participants are asked to bring a lunch.

The workshop is sponsored by Childcare in the Neighborhood, which includes Child Care Resource and Referral Service of Linn and Benton counties, Mervyn's Family to Family Initiative, Mighty Oaks Development Center and Linn County Mental Health.

Registration deadline is May 18. To register or for more information, call 928-2361, ext 384.

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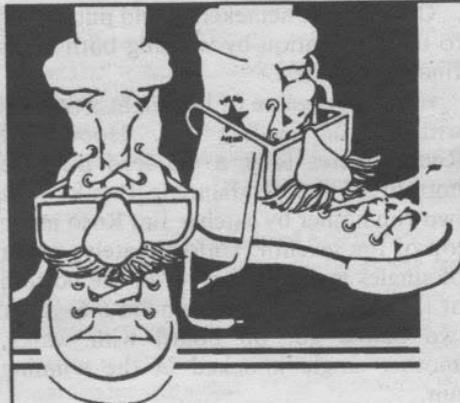
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Monday - Saturday 7am to 6pm

Health, Humor & The Hero Next Door

Heritage Mall
May 18-20

The Heritage Mall and Greater Albany Public Schools Wellness team join Albany General Hospital in celebration of the Women's Center second anniversary.



Thursday - May 18

- 10 - 4 Blood Pressure Check (free)
- Cardiovascular/Step Test (free)
- Total Cholesterol Test (\$5), Colorectal Cancer (\$1)
- Blood Glucose/Diabetes Test (\$1)
- Glaucoma/Tunnel Vision Test (free)
- 10 - 12 Foot Examination (free)
- 12 - 4 Hearing Test (free)
- 1 - 2 "Samantha's Secret" Storytime For Children (free)
- Talk: Low Fat/Low Cholesterol (free)
- 1 - 4 Lung Capacity Test (free)

Friday - May 19

- 10 - 8 Blood Pressure Check (free)
- Total Cholesterol Test (\$5), Colorectal Cancer (\$1)
- Blood Glucose/Diabetes Test (\$1)
- Glaucoma/Tunnel Vision Test (free)
- Snacks & Celebration (free)
- 10 - 4 Talk: Low Fat/Low Cholesterol (free)
- 11 - 12 Hearing Test (free)
- 12 - 5 Foot Examination (free)
- 12:30-2:30 Heart Health Evaluation (free)
- 1 - 4 Cardiovascular/Step Test (free)
- 2 - 8 Lung Capacity Test (free)
- 4 - 8 Grip Strength & Body Composition/Fat Test (free)
- 7 - 8

Saturday - May 20

- 10 - 2 Skin Cancer Screening (free) Limited appointments - Must Pre-register by calling Women's Center 928-8000
- 10 - 4 Blood Pressure Check (free)
- Total Cholesterol Test (\$5), Colorectal Test (\$1)
- Blood Glucose/Diabetes Test (\$1)
- Glaucoma/Tunnel Vision Test (free)
- Hearing Test (free)
- Grip Test & Body Composition/Fat Test (free)
- 11 - 12 Jump Rope Demonstration
- Talk: Low Fat/Low Cholesterol (free)
- 11:30 - 4 "Samantha's Secret" Storytime For Children (free)
- 2 - 4 Foot Examination (free)

Hero Next Door Celebration

Thursday, May 18

LBCC's Tadena Theatre

Special Speaker: Mark Potuck - Hero Next Door Awards

Dessert & Reception

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SPORTS PAGE



Aquatic Aerobics

Margarita Campbell exercises in the Albany Community Pool as instructor Arlene Crossman, in background, looks on. Several LBCC classes use the pool, which may close if voters don't approve Tuesday's levy. Early returns had the levy passing.



France brothers, Akers finish high in regionals

The LBCC track team came away with one second and two third place finishes in the Southern Region Championships in Oregon City last weekend.

Ken France was the top finisher for the team as he tossed the hammer 143 feet 5 inches for his second place finish. Kevin Akers came in third in the pole vault, vaulting to 14 feet 6 inches, while he placed fourth in the decathlon. Tim France also collected a third in the javelin with a throw of 186 feet. He also came in fifth in the 400 at 50.9 seconds, and finished fifth in the decathlon.

Other top finishers include Roy Hage who came in fifth in the javelin at 176 feet 2 inches and Marcus Anderson who finished sixth in the intermediate hurdles with a time of 58 seconds.

The team will take to the road again as they try to get their last few participants to qualify for the Northwest championships in the last chance qualifier in Coos Bay this Saturday.

Oops!

Holman's average understated

In last week's issue of the Commuter we ran an incorrect statistic on Thad Holman. It was stated that he was batting .338, but the correct batting percentage was .388. As of last weekend, Holman was batting .397.

Playoff hopes dim as LB loses doubleheader to Mt. Hood

By Jess Reed
Sports Editor

The LBCC baseball team lost a doubleheader to Mt. Hood Tuesday 7-6 and 8-2, but they still maintain a glimmer of hope of defending their Northwest Regional Championship thanks to Chemeketa's split with Lane.

The Roadrunners, Chiefs and Titans are all battling for the second and final playoff spot, with LBCC one game behind with two games to go. Mt. Hood has already clinched first place.

Chemeketa's split with Lane gave the Chiefs a 14-9 record. If Linn-Benton, now 13-10, can win both of Friday's games against Clackamas and if Chemeketa loses both of its next two games, LBCC would end up in second place. If LB wins two and the Chiefs split, the two teams could end up in a tie for second place. In that event, a playoff game will be held to see who gets to go to the championships in Yakima.

Muddying the picture is Lane, which is now tied with LBCC with a 13-10 record. The Titans could also tie for second with two victories this week, coupled with a Chemeketa loss.

Of course, Chemeketa could put an end to the speculation by winning both of its final two games.

In the first game of last night's twinbill with league leading Mt. Hood, the Roadrunners took a 6-5 lead into the bottom of the final inning thanks to a two-run homer by catcher Jim Roso in the top of the seventh. Unfortunately, a pair of singles and an LB error in the bottom of the seventh tied the game at 6-6. After two Saints got on board with walks, another single knocked in the winning run.

It was all Mt. Hood in the nightcap, as they came out strong in the early innings and eventually defeated LB 8-2.

In last week's games against Clark, the LB offense twice scored in double digits as pitchers Sean Hickman and J.R. Cock threw back to back shutouts to destroy Clark 10-0 and 11-0.

In the first game, Hickman gave up six hits while striking out six batters to earn his sixth victory of the season.

Clark gave up four errors while the Roadrunners collected 14 hits enroute to the first victory of the day.

Ken Kaveny went 3 for 4 and Rich Meek went 2 for 3.

In game two, Cock threw a three hitter while Clark committed seven errors as Linn Benton held their opponents scoreless for the day and claimed the 11-0 victory. Dave Dufort batted 2 for 3 with four RBI's while Lonnie Keenon went 2 for 4 also collecting four RBI's.

"Clark was missing some of their big hitters, not to take anything away from our pitchers," said Coach Greg Hawk.

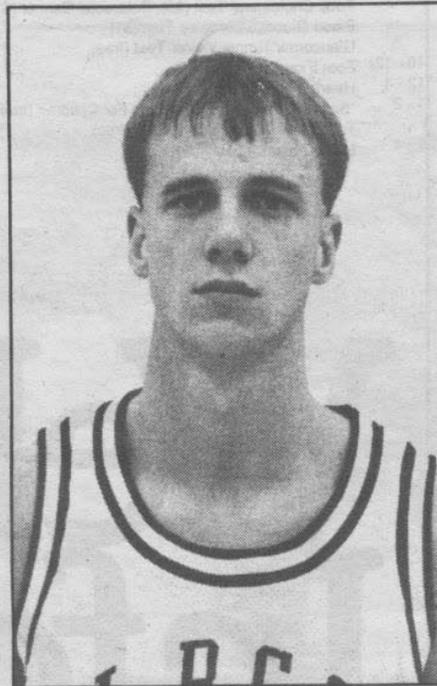
In a non-league game this week, LB attempted a late game rally, but couldn't erase a 13 point deficit as they suffered a loss to the Portland State University JV 13-10 on Thursday.

Dave Dufort went two for five with a homer and two RBI's while Demetri Kalomiris collected two hits and two RBI's for the team.

Linn Benton's overall record is now 16-15.

The Roadrunners will take on Clackamas this Friday at 1 p.m. for their last home game of the season and a possible playoff birth.

Doscher named top student athlete



Basketball player Chris Doscher was given the Academic Leadership Award for the winter sports season

Chris Doscher, the captain of the LBCC men's basketball team, received recognition for his outstanding academic and athletic participation and was named a recipient of the NWAACC Academic Leadership Award Winter Sports Season.

Doscher earned a 3.26 GPA in engineering while also averaging 16.3 points and 8.2 rebounds in his power forward position. He has been a two-year letter winner and was named to the 1989 southern region second team all-stars. Doscher is the first person from LBCC to receive the award since it was created in 1984.

The Leadership award is given to people who get a 3.25 GPA or better, and have completed more than 40 credits.

With 12 other Winter Term recipients and those who got awards during the Fall and Spring Terms, Doscher is eligible to get the male portion of the NWAACC Athlete of the year award to be named in June.