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LBCC chefs sit down to eat their lunch shortly before the Commons' regular closing time. Beginning next year, the chefs will be eating earlier, as budget cuts force the cafeteria to close an hour and a half earlier, every day. Also facing shorter hours are The Bookstore and Printing Services.

Budget axe hits cafeteria, bookstore

Students will face shorter hours next year; staff face smaller paychecks

By Mary Beth Brassill
Of The Commuter

Students may have to eat a little faster and shop a little earlier next year, when proposed budget cuts to the cafeteria, bookstore, and printing services bring shorter hours.

According to Bob Miller, head of auxiliary services, shorter hours in the cafeteria and bookstore will result in a savings of over \$20,000 to LBCC Beginning July 1, the Commons will close at 2 p.m. instead of 3:30, meaning a loss of hours and benefits for cashier Darlynn Johnston.

"To me it's like a slap in the face," Johnston said. "I understand they have to make cuts. My question is, is it worth it to stay in a job for only three and a half hours a day with no benefits?"

Johnston, who currently works 22 hours a week, says she doesn't feel secure about her job. "It makes you feel like your job is not that important."

A total of nine staff positions in the cafeteria will suffer a reduction in hours, but no positions will be eliminated, Miller said.

Full-time bookstore employees will lose two and one-half hours per week, amounting to a loss in annual income of 6.25 percent per person.

Supervisor Nancy Nunnemaker called it a "fair way" to trim the budget in her department. Lois Moss, a part-time employee who will be on call next year rather than on a set schedule, said, "I'll hang in there."

Rather than shorten hours during the school year, the

Printing Services Department will close down for two weeks in the summer. That means workers like Jerri Stinson, offset press operator in printing services, will lose two weeks of work this summer.

"I feel pretty fortunate," Stinson said. "It was a decent way to do it. Everyone gave a little bit instead of the axe falling on one person. I'm glad I still have a job."

She said July is a slow time for her department, and closing for two weeks is better than closing early every day, because they are busy throughout the rest of the year. Printing Services will close July 15-26.

Miller said the cuts amount to an approximate savings of \$4,500 in operating costs for the bookstore, \$1,700 for printing services, and over \$16,000 for food services.

Miller, who worked with the department supervisors on the cuts, said their goal "was not to let somebody go." He said he felt the decisions they made were the fairest way to handle the situation. Rather than cut out entire positions, he preferred to make a cut in operating hours, which affect all employees in the department.

Miller said LB may get an large influx of students next year due to expected tuition increases at four-year colleges, and as a result may add more afternoon classes to accommodate them. In that event, he said, "we would probably end up re-opening the commons in the afternoons" to meet those needs.

Miller said he would anticipate some cost increases in the cafeteria, but not more than average annual increases.

Gov. Roberts calls for an 'overhaul' of Oregon state taxes

By Janet Converse
Of The Commuter

If students went to hear Gov. Barbara Roberts speak in Corvallis Feb. 13 hoping she would announce that programs recently cut from OSU could be restored, they went home disappointed.

It will be at least two years before replacement revenue can be found for the state funds lost because of Ballot Measure 5, she said. Until then, budget cuts will be a fact of life.

A sales tax is what Oregon really needs, Roberts told the audience of about 1,200 gathered in LaSells Stewart Center for the annual Gov. Tom McCall lecture.

In fact, Roberts said, Oregon needs a complete tax overhaul, one such as McCall unsuccessfully recommended when he was governor.

"We either respond to the challenge, make the commitment and the investments now, or we will be relegated to the economic backwater of the 21st Century," she said.

The passage of Measure 5 has made it clear that property taxpayers feel overburdened, Roberts said. There isn't sufficient support to repeal the measure, and assistance from the federal government is unlikely because of Persian Gulf war expenses.

Because Measure 5 requires the state to replace revenues that local schools lose to property tax cuts, Roberts said she has been forced to cut millions of dollars budgeted for state programs, including higher education and human services—programs that she says have a high priority for her. Cuts in coming years will be even more drastic, totaling in the billions, she said.

"I am standing here with my hands bound by the chains of Measure 5," she said.

Once an opponent of a sales tax, Roberts said she now believes one is necessary. She said she is confident that legislators can design a tax that will not hurt senior citizens or low-income families.

Revenue gained from a sales tax should be used to fund public schools, she said. Institutions of higher learning could then be funded from income tax revenues.

Roberts said she refuses to approve a quick-fix solution to Oregon's economic problems. Neither does she intend to become just another of Oregon's "revenue replacement casualties." Instead, she intends to travel around the state encouraging voters to support a tax structure overhaul.

"Our way of life is at stake," she said.

"This is our time, and—in the spirit of Tom McCall—I believe we can make it."

POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

Carnahan throws a party, but nobody comes; you really should have been there

We missed you last week.

A small group of people—a very small group of people—met with Jon Carnahan, LBCC president, at noon last Thursday to discuss the expected impact of recent budget cuts on the college.

President Carnahan spent the hour fielding questions, focusing not so much on the cuts themselves, but on the process of how those cuts were made.

We finally got some answers—well, at least some concerns were voiced and a few questions were raised, even if no new ground was broken. While more questions were mentally formulated than were verbally expressed, the time did allow for some insight to the decision making process.

If you had been in attendance, here are some things you would have learned. That the majority of faculty:

1. Were not privy to the details of what was to be cut until it was announced.
2. Are confused over how those cuts were determined.
3. Continue to harbor anxiety over the possibility that their programs may yet be cut; and
4. Number three is fully warranted.

Carnahan believes that LBCC has offered up enough dollars to forestall the effects of Measure 5—at least until this time next year.

He also opened up the possibility that the next go-round of cuts could be handled differently. While there was some wisdom in his swift and Solomon-like approach to the budget cuts, apparently, he has reconsidered some things during these difficult days. While Carnahan remains stalwart in his "people protection" policy—that no names of those people cut be announced publicly and that those affected be informed privately—he has learned that no matter how delicately handled, this is a real "no win" situation for him.

And while these personal policies are laudable, efficiency is not routinely applauded as a great human quality and expedience is not necessarily humane.

Most in attendance seemed to share the opinion that they should have been allowed more input into the decision process, that there is value in "putting it on the table," that discussions between students, faculty, staff and college management would allow for more control over the process.

We agree. After all, misery loves company. True, there would have been tense moments and upset people on both sides, but through the soul-searching process of seeking solutions, commonality of purpose and commitment to LBCC's future would have emerged. And without the specter of hidden agendas or shadows of backroom bargains.

It was an interesting opportunity to watch Carnahan justify his decisions while asking for help and letting us know that it could well be different next time. And there will be a next time.

You missed an opportunity to gain insight into the process, the man, and the institution. And you missed an opportunity to contribute to how more cuts will be decided on in the future.

You should have been there. No, you really should have been there.

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LETTERS

Cartoonist should recognize that the military are people

To the Editor:

When an individual exposes their own ignorance of a subject privately it can be excusable. With wisdom gained through education and experience a clearer understanding of the subject will eventually emerge for that person. However, when an individual exposes their ignorance in any public media they must be immediately informed of their apparent shortcomings.

Several times during the past 4 weeks Commuter staff member, Mr. Cory J. Frye, I, Esquire, has made his feelings about the United States Military publicly known via his writings in The Commuter. In his latest journalistic attempt he distinctly informs us he has a particularly acute hatred of the U.S. Military.

Mr. Frye's expression of hatred toward the military appears to be born out of his ignorance of why the United States military exists. The fundamental reason for providing a United States military force is to protect our way of life. Pause and think about that for a minute. As an active member of that military, I am compelled to eliminate any obvious misunderstandings about the military.

The "military" is not an inanimate object. The "military" consists of individuals with multiple reasons for joining. Military members do not advocate war, and have the same concerns as any non-military member of our society. I dislike the fact that we must have a military to protect our way of life. I dislike the fact that if the military is directed to perform its mission, many casualties and deaths are likely to occur, potentially including my own. I dislike the allocation of a huge portion of our national budget necessary to fund such a military, at the expense of other socially beneficial programs.

However, those we elect to govern this country feel there is a need to provide a standing military so that all of us can enjoy our particular way of life. And those same elected officials control and direct the employment of our military based on laws founded in our Constitution.

As my parents have always done, I continually pray that my children will live to see the day when a standing U.S. military force is no longer needed to provide such protection. My energies are constantly directed at searching for areas where I can contribute to improving our society and ultimately see that prayer become reality. If Mr. Frye were to take the time to search within himself for the source of his hatred for the military, I am sure he could put that energy to use in an effective and productive effort toward eliminating the need for all countries to have standing military forces.

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EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Point of View" pages 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 that require deep analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor.

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Education program cut back, but degree still available

With two key classes eliminated in wake of budget cuts, degree requirements revamped

By Kathie Nielsen
Of The Commuter

When LBCC's list of budget cuts was announced Jan. 28, one of the programs eliminated was education. The question that has surfaced since then is whether LBCC has lost an education program or simply cancelled two classes.

Marian Roberts, faculty member in the education program and director of the Women's Center, has since been reassigned to the TED Center. She said she was "shocked and saddened" that the education program was cut.

"I'm really sorry that that decision was made," she said, "because I think we had a really good program. I know that many, many students come from all over the state for this program. It has been heralded as one of the best two-year programs in education that there is."

However, Ken Cheney, dean of the liberal arts and human performance division, said, "I would want to emphasize that we haven't cut the education program—we have eliminated two elective education courses."

The two classes to be dropped from the curriculum as of the fall 1991-92 term—ED200 Introduction to Education and ED209/209A Theory and Practicum and its corequisite seminar—were program requirements for AS degrees in both the Elementary Education Emphasis and the Secondary Education Emphasis.

While Cheney said that ED200 and ED209/209A are both "fine courses," he added, "They are exploratory courses. They don't satisfy any requirements."

Roberts said that the two classes are overviews of "what teaching is all about," a chance to "really try it on and see whether or not this is what students want to do—or are capable of doing." Once students have taken these two

classes, she explained, "they know whether or not they really want to go on and spend any more time, energy and money pursuing a teacher education career."

Roberts also said that ED200 and ED209/209A can fulfill application requirements to both Western Oregon State College and Oregon State's College of Education. Both schools require students to provide verifiable evidence of ability to work with children or youth. Roberts said she has provided that proof for hundreds of students transferring to those colleges by certifying that they have completed her classes.

But Cheney said that even without those two classes students can use "a variety of things to demonstrate an interest in working with children... teaching Sunday school, CWE coordination or doing volunteer work in the schools. There's any variety of ways to use as evidence to promote a person's application into a program, but that's not the same as meeting program requirements."

Measuring the number of students who participate in LB's education program depends on what yardstick is used. One hundred forty seven students are listed as education majors, but Cheney said that on an average, 25 students enroll in Intro to Education each term, while 12 enroll in Theory and Practicum.

"That seems to be the measure of the people who are involved in the program," he said. "You can be an Ed major without having to take ED200 or ED209/209A. You don't have to take those classes to pursue your goal of becoming a teacher."

During the 1988-89 school year, seven students graduated from LBCC with an associate degree in education; the 1989-90 school year had six education graduates.

While Roberts does not keep track of the success rate of her

students, she said that she knows "they're making it," because she goes out into the community and sees her old students, some now mentoring current students enrolled in Theory and Practicum.

She also said that whether or not a student graduates with an AS education degree has not been that important.

"It's never been an issue to me if they get their degree—I want them to have the classwork and then get into a school they want to attend. It's never been my emphasis to have everybody get the degree (LBCC's) because it's just not necessary for them to transfer," she said.

Students who are interested in graduating from LBCC with an AS degree in either pre-elementary or pre-secondary education still have that option, said Cheney. Continuing students in the education program can graduate under the requirements of this year's catalog except that, after spring term, electives will be substituted for ED200 and ED209/209A.

New students to the program will need to meet the requirements for the 1991-92 school year as listed in the newly drafted LBCC catalog outline.

"My understanding is that they'll all go through sort of the liberal arts sequence of an AA degree and just transfer. Well, certainly they will get a two-year education, but they won't get the most important component—the overview and the practical experience—now they won't get a field experience until their fifth year. And that's too late for some of them," Roberts said.

"That's why we call it pre-education," said Cheney. "It will be a series of classes that will be appropriate for students who want to be teachers, to take for the first two years—appropriate to prepare them for transfer."

Carnahan to sit on commission to study how colleges will change because of Measure 5

LBCC President Jon Carnahan is one of four community college presidents appointed to a commission charged with charting the future of Oregon's community colleges in the aftermath of Measure 5, the recently adopted property tax limitation.

Michael Holland, state community college commissioner, said Measure 5 not only threatens budgets but also promises to change how two-year schools have traditionally been governed.

In response to the changes, the State Board of Education and Oregon Community College Association established the commission to review organizational issues. The commission is expected to come up with recommendations on possible governance changes by April of 1992. "Oregon's community colleges have largely been supported by local property taxes," said Holland. "Local funding has naturally led to a governance system that has a strong local flavor."

Measure 5 puts the community colleges on

a course that will eventually lead to the replacement of much of their local revenue by state funds. The challenge to the commission, said Holland, will be to develop recommendations that "preserve local ownership and initiative in light of greater state investment."

Oregon's community colleges are the largest postsecondary system in the state. They enroll over 300,000 students every year.

"This large and popular system is where Oregon goes to college," he said. "Changes in how this system is organized and governed must be carefully thought out and fully debated. Oregon stands to lose a great deal if the strengths of the colleges fail to survive this governance transition."

The commission includes four community college presidents, two college board members and two state board members. Besides Carnahan, the presidents of Central Oregon, Portland and Rogue community colleges are represented, along with board members from Lane and Columbia Gorge community colleges.



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Flower Power

Scott Eley, ASLBCC student representative, delivers flowers to Dorothy Needham, an employee in the cafeteria.

LBCC's Sports Festival and Card Show designed to give kids a sense of achievement

By Monica Griffiths
Of The Commuter

On Saturday, February 23, the LBCC gymnasium will open its doors for the LBCC Sports Festival and Card Show, a fundraiser for the Athletic Department.

According to Dick McClain, associate dean

of Liberal Arts and Human Performance, the activities are geared towards kids, specifically to help them to get a sense of achievement, and also to get them on campus to look around "in case they may be planning to go here (LB) in the future." McClain also felt the Festival would be "good PR" for the Athletic Department.

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The day's ongoing events will include free throws, batting cages, milk jug knockdown, kiddies' catch, sports card scrambles, raffles, and more. Individual sports competitions divided between specific age groups from 5 to 16 years old are scheduled at different times

throughout the day. The sportscard show will be in progress throughout the day.

The Festival and Card Show will begin at 10 a.m. and run all day until 5 p.m. For admission prices and other information, call 967-6109 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., call Rick George at 259-1841.

ONE OF US

History major also teaches ceramics

Hi, I'm Sheryl Baird of The Commuter. Do you have a few minutes to talk?

"I guess so," says Kathy Pierce, a history/anthropology major from Independence.

Why are you at LB?

"We moved to Ketchikan, Alaska, a couple of years ago because of my husband's job. He's a personnel manager for Klukwan Forest Products. One of my two daughters needed medical treatment and medication stabilization so she and I returned to Independence last fall.

"I will probably make a better student than I did in high school. It's my turn to go. When my husband went to school during the '80s at WOSC, he was logging. If he couldn't make it to school, I'd go for him. One professor would always ask me who would get the diploma, my husband or me? He would show up for the tests but I was usually the one in class.

Why history for your major?

"I always liked history; it gives me a sense of who I was—where I've been and where I'm going...and I'm certainly not any good at math.

"History has something for everyone. We all have a history: our immediate, our family, our extended family and our ancestors. Being able to understand your ancestors, where they came from and their attitudes helps you understand yourself better. I'm a Mormon, so family and history have always interested me.

"Also, it looks like my husband will be working in Alaska for a while, and the area we will be living in has a lot of cultural heritage. Anthropology and history are naturals if you live in Alaska.

Do you have any other interests?

"My mother and I teach ceramics at her studio on her farm in Independence. We also pour greenware and make a lot of Indian pieces. We sell them at rendezvous at Azalea, Siletz and Grand Ronde.

If you decide to stay here how will you keep in touch with your husband?

"Well, we commute a lot already. In fact, my daughter and I are flying up to see him over spring break. He comes down once or twice every two months for recruiting purposes, too."

How long do you plan to attend LB?

"I'm looking forward to being here at least until next fall. This term my daughter and I can register as returning students, and we have established residency so no more out of state tuition!"



Kathy Pierce



The Commuter/DARIN RISCOL

Coach Jeff McCoy gives "high fives" to his gold medal team during recognition ceremonies at a recent game.

Albany Special Olympics team is No. 1 in more ways than one

By Susan Osburn
Of The Commuter

Members of the Road Runners, Albany's championship Special Olympics Basketball team, say it takes more than practice to be No. 1.

The team won a gold medal in the last two seconds of the state championship game in Medford Feb. 3, finishing with a final score of 18-17.

"We got the gold because of hard work," said Steve Ross, 29, team point guard, "but mostly it took working together as a team."

Ross, an LBCC student, is the youngest of 11 children and says his past family experiences give him the determination he has today.

"In 1969, our house caught fire and some of us were separated and put in foster care for awhile. This was a hard time for us, but we made it through," he said.

Ross said another turning point in his life was the death of his father.

"After that happened, my mother was taking care of all of us kids, and we learned how to really stick it out," he said. "This helped us to be strong."

Ross is sometimes teased about his goals and says some people tried to discourage him from playing basketball this year.

"When I'm told I can't do something, I don't let it bug me," he said. "I just go out and do it again, because that's the way life is—fight for your rights as best as you can."

Being in the Special Olympics, Ross said, also requires best effort and "being a winner from the heart by going out there showing the ability you know."

Team confidence can make or break a game, said player Tami Renne, 24, of Albany.

"We need to believe the shot is going to work before we try it," she said.

Renne, an LBCC student, said her favorite play is "trying to make lanes" (a running hoop shot).

Good sportsmanship is the most important team skill, said player Charles Blackwell, 24, of Albany. An LBCC student, Blackwell said his fellow students give him encouragement to be part of the team.

"I'd like to thank all the nice people at LBCC for their support," he said.

Toni Minor, 31, of Albany, said he learned some of his skills from watching professional games on television.

"I like to watch Terry Porter and Clyde Drexler (Portland Trailblazers) and see how they make their moves; they really play hard and I know it takes hard work," he said.

Minor said he also likes to watch LBCC basketball games.

"I learn how they handle the ball and how their offense and defense is set up," he said.

Most of the Road Runners attend LBCC's living skills class, taught by coach Jeff McCoy of Albany.

McCoy said he is pleased with the recent extensive newspaper coverage of his team.

"It's a lot easier for my students to feel like a part of their community when they know others care about what is going on in their life," he said.

Their involvement in Special Olympics helps his students grow in self-esteem and self-confidence, McCoy said.

"It will be easier for them to feel like members of society if they feel good about themselves," he said.

Team members had favorable comments about their coach.

Mike Newton, 23 of Albany, said McCoy gave him "the courage to keep trying."

"Jeff helps us by being there to support us; he's our friend," said Newton.

In April, the Road Runners will begin practice for Special Olympics track and field competition.

OUTDOOR OREGON

Willamette to have good chinook run

By Bill Kremers
For The Commuter

Oregon anglers know that spring is near when the first wave of spring chinook enters the lower Willamette River in the Portland area. This year the spring chinook are right on schedule as a few fish have already been caught. The catch rate is low this early in the season, but spring chinook are in such high demand, anglers are willing to spend days or even weeks to catch a spring chinook.

Fish biologists are predicting a run of over 110,000 spring chinook to return to the Willamette River system this year. With this many fish, not only will there be great fishing in the lower Willamette River, but also in rivers that make use of the Willamette system. The large number of fish that is expected to return to the Willamette system is even more impressive when you compare the number of spring chinook expected to return to other rivers. For example only 61,000 spring chinook are expected to return to the vast upper Columbia River system. This low figure proves just how destructive the dams are on the fish runs on the Columbia river.

This year there will be a twelve day commercial gill-net season during February for spring chinook. The gill-net season always brings the fishing to a near standstill and has the sport anglers grumbling. A small consolation is that this year gill-net is shorter, and will be over with in February instead of March.

Just before the Willamette River enters the Columbia River it forms two channels around Sauvie Island. Multnomah Channel on the west side is a good place to fish for spring chinook. The channel is closed to commercial river traffic allowing safer boating and fishing. There are a number of private and public boat launches along the twenty mile channel. Private ramps like Brown's Landing on Highway 30 also has boat rentals and a tackle store.

Trolling herring is a popular and easy way to fish Multnomah Channel. Troll close to the channel banks as the salmon prefer to hug the banks on their way up river. Slowly troll your herring between ten and twelve feet in the water.

The general rule is that a salmon will swim up to strike your bait, but will not swim down to take your bait. Salmon can see what is above them easier than they can see what is below them. Be sure and have good tackle as these salmon are incredibly strong and there are a number on old river pilings and snags in Multnomah Channel.

Keep in mind that spring chinook fishing take time to be successful. The more time you can spend on this fishery the greater the reward.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Alice' brings absurdity, whimsy and childhood remembrances to life

By Barbara Mabe
The Commuter

The Loft Theatre's production of "Alice in Wonderland" opened Friday night to a full house at Tadena Hall's Mainstage theater.

Through a focus on characters from Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," the Loft Theatre troupe brought absurdity, whimsy and childhood remembrances to life.

Under the direction of George Lauris, the cast was tuned in to the magic and illogic of Wonderland, creating a delightful and entertaining performance.

REVIEW

The play follows Alice on her adventures as she chases the White Rabbit throughout the strange and nonsensical Wonderland. With Alice, the audience meets such memorable characters as the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts.

Outstanding events in the play include Alice's meeting with the caterpillar while she is in her "shrunk" state. The costume and synchronization of the several actors who play the big bug are outstanding. The Cheshire Cat is also a work of genius, being an assemblage of glow-in-the-dark pieces that become disembodied on the dark stage.

Costume and stage design are to be commended, as both show great imagination and a lot of hard work. The use of sparse stage props in several scenes is very effective in creating a surreal atmosphere, although sometimes the feeling is a little too open.

The actors in "Alice" have obviously worked hard in rehearsals, as they appear to live their parts. Slip-ups on opening night were well covered, and the pace of the performance was steady.

"Alice in Wonderland" is a well done, entertaining performance for adults and children alike. Remaining performances are scheduled for Feb. 22 and 23 at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee on Feb. 24 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 for general admission and \$2.50 for students and seniors. They may be purchased at French's Jewelry in Albany, the Emporium in Corvallis or at LBCC's Theater Box Office in Tadena Hall. Advance ticket purchases are recommended.



ASLBCC and the Culinary Arts department to serve a helping of dinner and theater

"Butterflies are Free," a dinner/theater production sponsored by the Associated Students of LBCC, will be held Feb. 21 in the LBCC Commons. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for LBCC students.

The Alpha/Omega Players of the Repertory Theater of America, a national touring company, will present the comedy, which is based on the real-life story of a young blind man who was instructed to report to his draft board for induction. Unconvinced that he was blind, the draft board rated him I-A.

The story made the newspapers and television talk shows, bringing the young man to the attention of author/playwright Leonard Gershe. The ensuing play was tried out at a summer theater in 1969 with such success that, with only minor revision and one cast change, it opened in New York two months later, on Oct. 21, 1969, to rousing critical reception.

The play ran almost three years, for a total of 1,133 performances, gaining a place in

theatrical history by being one of the few plays that have run over 1,000 consecutive performances.

The film version of the play starred Goldi Hawn as Jill, Edward Albert as Don and Eileen Hackart as Mrs. Baker. The film opened in New York at Radio City Music Hall just five days after the stage production closed.

Gershe, a New Yorker by birth, began his professional theatrical career in London. He went to Los Angeles and wrote for films and contributed stories for Fred Astaire film hits, such as "Funny Face" and "Silk Stockings."

Seating for "Butterflies are Free" begins at 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:40 p.m., followed by dinner, prepared by students in LBCC culinary arts program, at 7 p.m. The play begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available at French's Jewelers in Albany, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and in the Student Programs Office, room 213, College Center.

Journalist will talk on US-Cuban relations

Karen Wald, a teacher and journalist from Oakland California, will be giving a talk about US-Cuban relations this Friday.

Wald worked as a foreign correspondent in Havana for nearly ten years, where she updated her book, "Children of Che," about Cuban childcare and education.

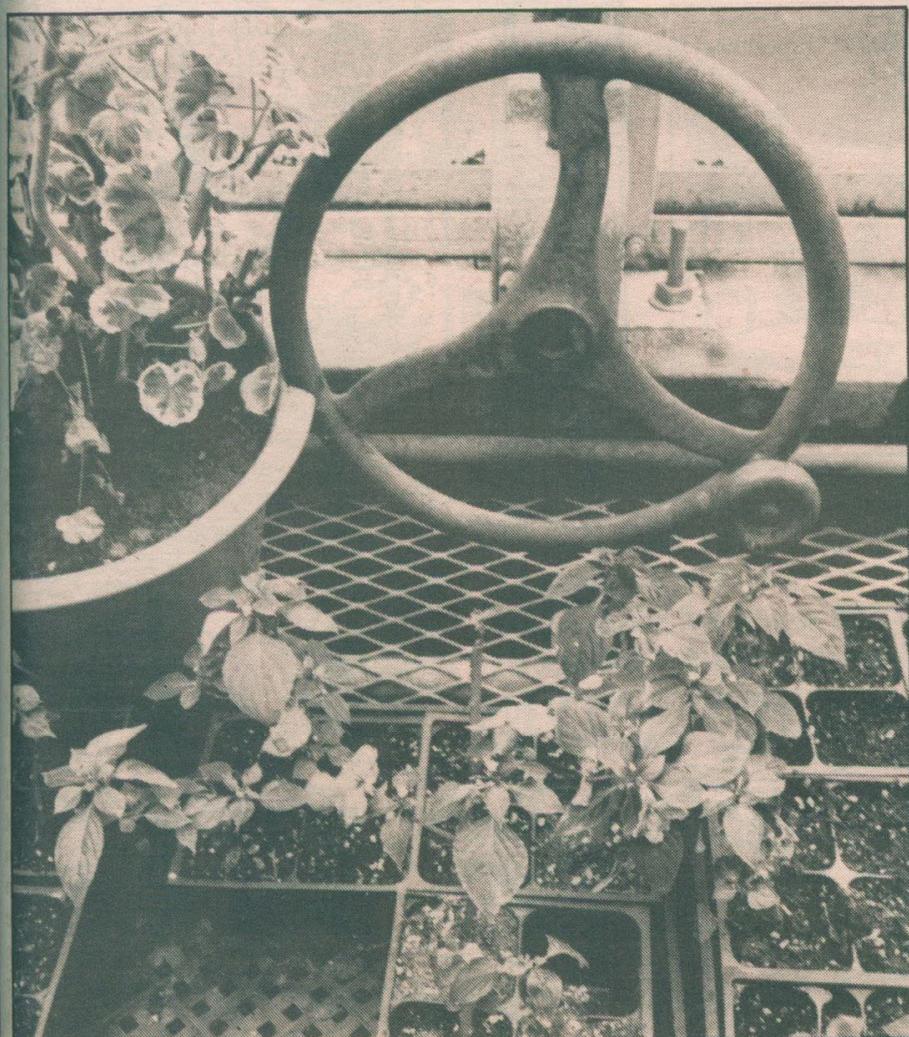
She has served as a consultant on Cuban affairs for CNN, NBC, BBC, The Los Angeles Times, the Minnesota Star Tribune and The

New York Times.

Wald holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University, a masters in Early Childhood Development and Education from University Without Walls in Berkeley, California and a bilingual, multiple-subject teaching certificate from California State University at Hayward.

The talk will be held in T219 at noon followed by an open discussion in T205.

CAMPUS FOCUS



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Driving Miss Daisy?

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COMMUTER COMICS

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This week's Top Ten: Excuses to cut class by

By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

- From the home office in Halsey, here's this week's Top Ten list of excuses for missing class.
10. My cousin was critically injured in a kiln explosion and I had to donate a kidney to save him.
 9. I couldn't make bail.
 8. A can of bad Spam I was opening blew up in my face, leaving me temporarily blind.
 7. I had to go down to the Gazette-Times and cancel my subscription.
 6. It was multiple flashing blue-light special day at K-Mart, you should have seen the long lines.
 5. Last night I was watching Oral Roberts and he told me unless I donated \$100 to his cause, God would not allow me to go to class.
 4. I took the wrong exit at Tangent, and you know how bad traffic is there.
 3. I became involved in a heated argument with my proctologist over "less filling" and "tastes great."
 2. The morning bus was hijacked to Newport by a band of crazed, crab wielding fisherman.
 1. What can I say? Yo! "MTV Raps" was on.

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PRESS ON TALES**Roadrunner has history as mascot**By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

There's the Ducks, the Beavers, the Cougars, the Chiefs, the Mountaineers and the Roadrunners. What's wrong with this picture?

If you selected the Roadrunners, you have an intuitive grasp of how the nicknames of Oregon's colleges and universities are generally indicative of people or animals indigenous to our fair state.

The legendary LB Roadrunner stands out like a sore thumb among these Oregon nicknames. Although the likelihood of running into a cougar, mountaineer or a chief in our fair state is slim, the prospect of bumping into a roadrunner is about the same as meeting Elvis in the checkout line at Safeway.

So where did this LB Roadrunner come from? Before the main campus was built, LB held classes in churches, schools and grange halls throughout the area. Getting from one class to the next without being late involved racing from one locale to another. Hence the nickname Roadrunners.

But that is as far as the tradition goes. Because Warner Bros. holds the copyright to Wiley T. Coyote's famous nemesis, the school is banned from using its likeness as a mascot and from displaying it on the gym floor or school brochures.

It was these limitations that led LBCC's student council in 1985 to propose a replacement for the Roadrunner as the school nickname. The cast of contenders for the crown included good Oregon names such as the Ospreys, Braves, Hawks and Explorers. However, the Roadrunner pulled off a narrow victory, preserving the heritage of the school's pioneer commuters.

Is it all that important or symbolic that a school's nickname and mascot reflect the school's region and history?

Look at Stanford, the most prestigious school in the West. Their school mascot is a Christmas tree. There's also the UC-Irvine Anteaters.

It is likely that future administrations and future student councils will again see fit to lead a movement to replace the Roadrunner as the school's mascot.

It is also likely that less than half of LBCC's student body could correctly identify our school nickname anyway.

If you ask me, the Roadrunner is the ideal moniker for our commuter campus, a college devoid of school spirit and limited in traditions. We basically race from home to school, then class to class, class to parking lot and then back home again.

Just like a Roadrunner, who speeds around from place to place. Unlike the Osprey, The Brave or the Explorer.

SPORTS PAGE**Miller leads LB past Chiefs and into the playoffs**By Kevin L. Porter
Sports Editor

With one second left in the game, Patricia Torrez iced the game by sinking two technical foul shots to give Linn-Benton the win 76-72 over league rival Chemeketa.

LB shook off a slow start by forcing the pace to a faster level, which proved to be an asset to the Roadrunners, as they opened up an 11 point lead with 4:00 left in the first half.

At that time Chemeketa switched their defense from a zone to a man-to-man which forced some LB turnovers and enabled them to climb back into the game before it got out of control.

Tina Johnson also picked up her third personal foul with just over 3:00 left in the half which proved to be a key factor in the Chiefs staying in the game. LB scored only one point in the last 4:00 of the half on a Torrez foul shot as Chemeketa closed the margin to eight points going into the lockerroom 34-26.

Jenni Stoulil got the Roadrunners started in the second half with a 3-pointer to give LB the 11 point margin they enjoyed most of the first half.

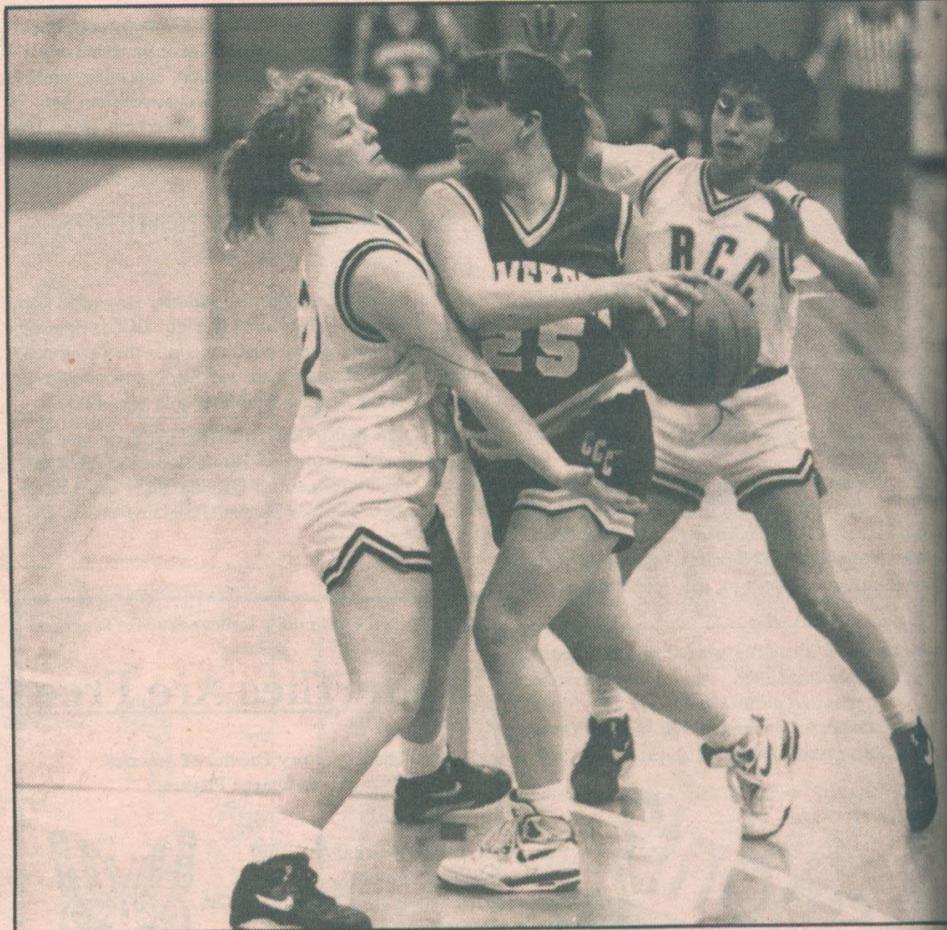
With 17:41 left to play in the game Johnson picked up her fourth personal foul with LB leading by seven points. In the next three minutes the Chiefs had cut the margin to a single bucket and on their next possession they tied it up.

Without Johnson in the game LB went to Melinda Miller to keep them close and that's what she did. She was virtually unstoppable down in the post area. She scored at will and kept the Roadrunners in the game.

Chemeketa took the lead for the first time since the early going with 12:00 left on an offensive rebound and put back 50-48.

Johnson reentered the game with 10:33 to play and the Chiefs spread the floor and pounded it inside looking for a foul on Johnson. With Johnson playing careful Chemeketa was able to stay close until Miller took over the show again and helped put the Roadrunners up by five with 6:30 to play.

The Chiefs hung tough and found themselves down only two points with 2:00 left, but



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Shelly Percy and Patricia Torres set up a trap against Chemeketa last Saturday

at the 1:00 mark Torrez stole the ball and found Johnson cutting down the middle of the key for a lay-in which put LB on top 72-66.

Chemeketa hit a 3-pointer with :32 left to pull within 4 and scored again with five seconds left to make the score 74-72.

LB threw an errant inbounds pass which was picked off by the Chief's Trina Kuzma, but she turned it over and Miller tied her up for a jump ball. LB retained possession on the alternating possession rule with one tic on the clock.

Chemeketa called a time out, but they didn't have any left so they were charged with a technical foul. Torrez went to the line to shoot

the two shot technical and made them both giving LB the win 76-72.

Miller said, "It was the best game I have played this season and that I am pretty excited that the whole team could pull together and play as a team."

Miller ended with game high honors scoring 23 points and pulling down 12 boards. LB had five players in double figures. Johnson had 16 in limited action.

The Roadrunners finished the regular season with a 10-4 league record and a third place finish in the Southern Region earning themselves a spot in the post season tournament. LB plays at second place finisher Chemeketa Thursday in the first round of the regional tournament.

Roadrunners secure playoff berth with win over LaneBy Mitch Ferguson
Of The Commuter

The LB men's basketball team slowed down the tempo and looked as though they may knock off unbeaten Chemeketa Community College Saturday, but fell short, 64-58 as Chemeketa ran their league-best record to 28-0.

Trailing 43-42 with 8:48 to play the visiting Chiefs used their full-court press to go on an 11-2 run, and appeared ready to put away victim number 28.

However, Todd Karo and Chris Whiting, who combined for 53 points, took over.

The two sophomores, playing in their last regular season home game, scored the games next eight points, culminating in Karo's two

free-throws that cut the lead to 57-56.

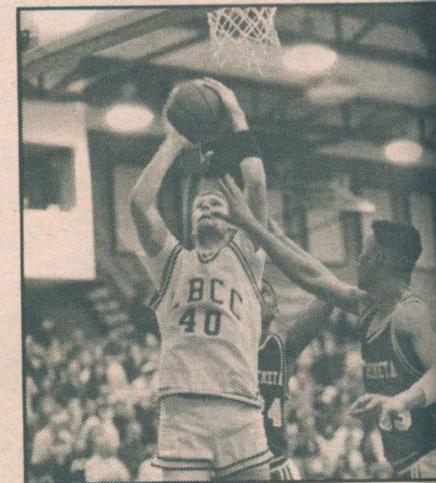
On the next trip Chemeketa converted a three-point play, and LB committed an offensive foul and a turnover on consecutive possessions to spell their doom.

The Roadrunners, (14-13, 8-8) don't have long to regroup as the loss was still good enough for a fourth place finish in the NWAACC southern division.

They will open play against the same Chiefs Thursday, in Salem.

In the weeks other action the Roadrunners ran over Lane, 79-64. they played without starters Silvano Barba (bruised thigh), and Ryan Lyons (strep throat).

Chris Whiting led the way again scoring 27 points, and Chris Wulf chipped in 21.



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Todd Karo shoots against Chemeketa