

# Commuter

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Photo by Kevin Shlits

Birch trees near Takena Hall shed their leaves, signaling fall's cool grip on the Valley.

## Nuclear arms freeze topic of debate

By Wendy Ekenberg  
Staff Writer

The nuclear freeze is the subject of an open forum Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room. From 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., related seminars are scheduled in the Willamette Room.

Opening the forum at 11 a.m. is a film titled, "Nuclear Countdown." It will be followed by a debate at noon.

Arguing for the freeze will be Dr. Robert Kingsbury from Westminster

House in Corvallis and Peter Bergel, a chairman of Citizen Action for Lasting Security. Debating against the freeze will be Dr. William Watson, Albany physician and Milton Mator of Mator Intl. Corp.

At 1 p.m., Doug Clark, LBCC political science instructor, will speak on the United States perception of the Soviet Union. Dr. David Grube from Philomath will speak on the medical consequences of nuclear war and the civil defense plans. Also, Lisa Fox will tell what the defense plans are for Oregon, concentrating

on Linn and Benton counties.

"Students and faculty, as well as the public are welcomed to attend," encourages Linda Eastburn, English instructor, "The forum is purely informational. Students can make up their own minds based on knowledgeable facts. No position is favored."

Clark points out, "The nuclear freeze issue is on the November ballot. It's not an accident that this issue is on the agenda."

The forum is being sponsored by Student Activities Organizations and Educators for Social Responsibility.

### At Wah Chang hearing

## Hydrologists debate sludge pond seepage

By Steve Lewis  
Staff Writer

After more than 10 hours of testimony in Salem on Friday, two hydrologists remained at odds over whether or not the seepage of radioactive radium into the groundwater from Wah Chang's sludge ponds in Millersburg falls within state standards.

Friday's hearing was the fourth since Wah Chang applied to the Energy Facility Siting Council in June for permission to permanently entomb about 100,000 cubic yards of slightly radioactive sludge by capping the existing ponds located next to the Willamette River.

To be approved by the Siting Council, Wah Chang must show that the sludge pond, once it is capped, meets state and federal standards. The standard being addressed Friday dealt with the legal limits on the seepage of radioactive radium into the groundwater.

Jeffery Randall, a hydrologist from CH2M-Hill testified that the ponds meet all the necessary standards, but afterwards Richard Mathiot, a private hydrologist, testified that Randall's conclusions were unjustified and called for a more detailed study of the groundwater.

The groundwater study originally submitted in Wah Chang's application was declared inadequate by the Siting Council and the new report was requested in June shortly after Wah Chang submitted its application.

In the first part of the study, CH2M-Hill studied the data previously collected from existing wells by state officials and Wah Chang then drilled thirteen additional wells to fill-in the "data gaps."

The data presented in the report included water table measurements, water quality analysis, and well drilling records.

Both Randall and Mathiot agreed that gross contamination of the groundwater has occurred in the vicinity of the sludge ponds but they disagree on which source was responsible.

Because he was involved in the hearings, Tom Nelson, manager of environmental quality at Wah Chang, was unavailable for additional comment on the water study.

Other sources of contaminants in the area include Truax Creek, which contains legal discharges of wastes from Wah Chang, the Western Kraft sludge ponds just north of the Wah Chang property, and a magnesium chloride residue pile, which is located beside the sludge pond in question. It is being saved for its magnesium content according to Wah Chang officials.

The second part of the study characterized the geology of the groundwater system underlying the site. According to Randall's interpretation of the well logs, which are records showing what material the drillers encountered, the geology below the ponds consists of an alluvial deposit of water-bearing gravel layers and impermeable clayey-silt layers over sandstone-claystone bedrock.

After measuring the water table in each well, Randall said that the groundwater flow is westward, and generally upward indicating that the site is in a groundwater discharge zone.

A groundwater discharge zone indicates that the contaminants will tend to stay near the surface and will likely flow into the Willamette River where they will be diluted.

Randall concluded there is a plume of contaminants in the groundwater extending from the site toward the west.

Mathiot however, testified that Randall's study did not include a sufficient number of wells to adequately characterize the underlying geology and water table.

The site may be in a groundwater recharge zone, Mathiot said, which would mean the potential impact of the contaminant plume seeping from the sludge would be much wider. In that case the chemicals would be carried underground instead of to the river.

Mathiot also challenged Randall's conclusion that the groundwater flows westward toward the river and said that he thought the contaminant plume might extend northward.

After the end of the day's testimony the hearings officers announced that further hearings are scheduled for Oct. 18-19 and 25-26 in Salem. Persons desiring information on the time, place and agenda may contact the Energy Facility Siting Council in Salem at 378-4040.

All the hearings are open to the public. A time will be set aside during each hearing for comments from any person who has not previously spoken to the Siting Council on the Wah Chang matter.

Written statements will be accepted until Nov. 10. They may be addressed to: Frank Ostrander, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Pacific Building, room 500, 520 SW Yamhill, Portland, Oregon, 97204.

## Editorial

### Wah Chang charges one-sided coverage

In the Oct. 13 issue of the Commuter, a story appeared on page 5 covering a speech made by Lloyd Marbet. Marbet is leading the opposition against the Wah Chang proposal to build a low-level radioactive sludge storage site along the Willamette River.

The story covered accusations by Marbet charging that Governor Victor Atiyeh stacked the Siting Council—the entity which will make the final decision on the site suitability at Wah Chang. Atiyeh's office was contacted and a rebuttal was included in the article.

The story also went into some of the background of the Wah Chang proposal and was to be the kick-off in a series on the radioactive storage facility.

Thursday morning, Oct. 14, representatives from Wah Chang contacted President Gonzales and charged that the article was one-sided and done in poor timing. The final Siting Council hearing was slated to begin Friday Oct. 15. Wah Chang said they were not given equal space for their side of the story.

To address the first accusation, the Marbet story was never intended to give all sides of the issue. The story covered an event, not an issue. It is true, the story may not have been timed well for Wah Chang, however, our responsibility is to our readers, not to Wah Chang. It was certainly newsworthy timing—we planned it that way.

We feel we practiced good journalism because we balanced our story with Atiyeh's comments. The thought of getting Wah Chang's response was not appropriate.

Thursday afternoon, the Commuter editors, the writer of the story, the paper's advisor, college representatives and Wah Chang representatives met to discuss the complaints.

They said Wah Chang donated money to build the college; it funds scholarships and it employs a lot of graduates. Therefore, Wah Chang said they deserved better treatment.

We listened, then asked for a statement. They offered none. We asked for an interview to gain their side of the story. Nothing could be arranged until Wed. Oct. 20, six days later—too late for the next Commuter issue.

The meeting raised two very disturbing questions.

During the course of the meeting our college representatives offered no defense for the paper, and, in fact, were not informed about the issues. Is this meeting indicative of the support the paper can expect from our administration?

The other question is equally disturbing. Does Wah Chang feel it can use its financial clout to hang over the heads of college administrators to assure either no publicity or at the least good publicity in the Commuter?

Furthermore, with all the publicity their sludge storage has been getting, why is Wah Chang so worried about one article in a small college newspaper?

Wah Chang's behavior makes us wonder what they are afraid of the public knowing.

The Commuter extends its editorial page space to Wah Chang for rebuttal.

Linda Hahn and Kevin Shilts, Editors

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## Tax limitation or tax shifting?

By Jane Sather  
Staff Writer

Election day is Nov. 2, and one of the main issues on the ballot is Measure 3, the constitutional real property tax limit forcing schools, cities and counties to operate in 1983 on 85 percent of their 1979 budget.

The questions that has been raised is, "Shall constitution limit real property tax?" Both sides have several reasons for either supporting or not supporting the measure.

Supporters of Measure 3 argue the following reasons:

\*It cuts property taxes.

\*It does not shift the burden of property taxes to the income taxpayer.

\*It protects essential service budgets of police, fire, paramedics and ambulance to 100 percent of 1979 levels.

\*It does not eliminate the Veterans Home and Farm Loan program. It merely restricts new bond issues until "true cash value" rise enough to warrant issuing new bonds.

\*It stops high assessments and even higher property taxes.

One backer of the measure is Joel Fosdick, Linn County commissioner. He said the measure is a reaction to the legislature's failure to act as they were warned in 1978 in not addressing the problem of taxes adequately. He strongly feels that people should have tax limitation instead of tax shifting.

Fosdick said "If private individuals have to get along with less why should the government go first class." With zero based budgeting we should take what we have and put things in order of priority.

Fosdick does find some flaws in the measure, but feels that once it is put in its place, adjustments can be made from there.

Another public official supporting the passage of the measure is Hal Byer, Linn County tax assessor. He feels there is a need to reorganize the tax structure of Oregon. "Property taxes are doing more than they were designed to do." He also felt the legislature paid no attention to the early storm warnings of the people's denial of measures 6 and 11 in 1978. "The people of Oregon gave them a one shot deal and they haven't done anything concrete about it."

He also stated, "The legislature in general is made up of egotistical individuals supported by political action that are so committed they don't represent the people in their districts."

## Letter

### Student applauds Wah Chang story

To the editor:

I've really enjoyed the first issues of the Commuter, especially the coverage of Teledyne Wah Chang.

It is a proper role of a college newspaper (free of commercial/corporate influence) to examine closely such issues which threaten the health of the community, both on and off campus, for generations to come.

Wah Chang has been very quietly radiating bad energy in Albany for years. They got away with it because until recently, they were the "free world's" only source of zirconium plating for nuclear reactors.

Under the cloak of "National Security," powerful corporations can get away with many moral and legal crimes. Wah Chang is guilty of both. They have spilled radioactive waste in local water, spread radioactive sludge on farmers' fields, and have left Albany a "hot spot" for thousands of years, all without a permit.

Now, Wah Chang is uncomfortable under public scrutiny. Keep it up, Commuter.

Kathy Williams, nursing student

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On the other side, those arguing against Ballot 3 have these supporting reasons:

\*The 1979 value limitation would cause Oregon's good bonding rate to plummet.

\*It would virtually stop the Veterans Home and Farm Loan program since existing bonds would be oversold for many years.

\*It may lead to a shift to a sales tax, because schools, cities and counties would be unable to operate in 1983 on 85 percent of a 1979 budget.

\*This measure takes away local control, by denying citizens the right to vote for local services they need or desire. At present voters can and do limit local spending.

\*It would necessitate innumerable, costly court cases to clarify both constitutional and statutory conflicts.

Closer to home is Thomas Gonzales, President of LBCC who is against the measure. The passage of the measure would hurt everybody, Gonzales said, but there is concern that it would be especially harmful for the community college. In specific terms it would cut 1.1 million dollars worth of services from the already existing budget.

Gonzales outlined the effects of Measure 3 on LBCC if it passed. "Measure 3 would put the college back at the 1974 operating level, forcing the elimination of complete instructional programs, 100 full and part-time jobs, and the possibility of losing all off campus offerings." He added that 20 percent of the school's operating money would be lost.

Gonzales also said, "The community college was based to service the community and to be controlled by a board of educators." If the measure passes, an amount of local control would be taken away from the college and moved up to the state level. "The state does not have the mechanisms or the knowledge to deal with this new responsibility if the measure does pass," expressed Gonzales.

Pete Boyse, LBCC's assistant to the president, is also concerned about the measure and the consequences of it passing. He has been coordinating with other agencies and speaking out against the measure as well as working with the faculty. Employees are involved, some will be out canvassing the area on Oct. 23 and 30 informing voters about the measure, Boyse said.

## Pringle report recommends raising 3 managers' salaries

By Linda Hahn  
Staff Writer

The Board of Education has accepted a wage compensation study which recommended raising some managers salaries despite the current freeze on management salaries. The annual cost to the college would be less than \$4,000 the report stated.

The analysis by the Pringle Company recommended that salaries be raised for three LBCC managers to bring them up to the minimum range, announced President Thomas Gonzales.

Administrative salaries are uniformly low said Chairman of the Board, Wayne Chambers. Gonzales agreed and said that salaries and benefits for LBCC managers are below those for other community college managers in Oregon.

Faculty salaries are some of the lowest in the state also, said Jim Lucas, president of the faculty association. He reminded the board of the management freeze and of the six percent salary cut the faculty took in July.

The board unanimously voted to accept the Pringle Report and gave Gonzales approval to use The Pringle Company to look at other classification matters within the college.

"The study was thorough and well done. We hired an excellent group. We will go slowly with implementation," said board member Larry Coady.

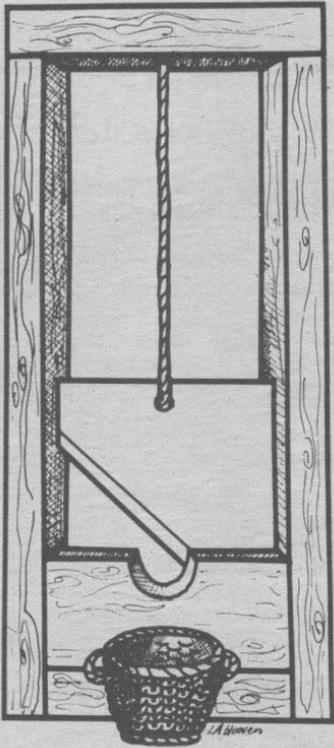
The board will discuss implementation of the report at the January Board meeting.

Board members also accepted Gonzales' offer to keep his salary at \$49,950 for another year.

Opposition to Ballot Measure 3 is not going well according to Roger Bassett, Oregon Community College Association representative. Similar measures have been on the ballot in Oregon for the last two years, but this year, Bassett said he is scared. "Polls suggest most people favor passage with only a 10-15 percent spread between yes and no votes. That's not a comfortable margin of undecided votes," he said.

About 37 percent of LBCC's \$11.7 million 1982-83 budget will come from property taxes. Passage of Ballot Measure 3 will reduce the 1983-84 budget to around \$9 million.

In other business, the board:  
• heard a review of changes in the Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The board will vote on the changes at the November meeting.



# The Chopping Block

## Early closures draw student complaints

By Randy Becker  
Staff Writer

### "Dear Screw-Ups

Thank you for closing the student lounge at night. Because of this, all the people with night classes missed the World Series. I would like to congratulate the moron who did this."

Numerous student services have altered their hours of operation this year and this was one response received by the Student Organization Office.

The library, bookstore, cafeteria, auxiliary services office, recreation and fireside rooms all have had changes in hours. However, the 4:30

closure of the recreation and fireside rooms drew the greatest amount of written complaints.

"I don't think we had any alternatives," said Blaine Nisson, coordinator for student and community programs. "I was forced into making the decision to close these areas."

The Student Organizations office which hands out equipment and provides maintenance for the fireside and recreation rooms closes at 5 p.m. The responsibility for these areas was at that time handed over to the Auxiliary Services Office. When the Auxiliary Services Office began closing its doors earlier no one was left to attend to the rooms and prompted the decision to close them earlier.

Last Monday the rooms were reopened to their regular hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. A work-study student will be responsible for maintaining them in the evenings.

Bob Miller, director of auxiliary services, stated that a 40 percent decline in night student enrollment brought about the decision to decrease hours in the Auxiliary Services Office, cafeteria and bookstore.

"There wasn't enough activity to warrant keeping these areas open in the evenings," Miller said.

Miller said it was much more efficient to leave only the Camas Room in Takena Hall open in the evenings because it took less personnel to maintain it. These changes in hours would probably be permanent, he added.

While munching on a hot dog in the Camas Room, Marvin Brakke, a Drafting Design and Printing Technology student said, "My classes are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., straight through, so I don't get a chance to eat in the cafeteria." "I commute from Salem so it would be nice to get something to eat after classes, but I'm just kinda out of luck." Brakke added the Camas

Room didn't have nearly enough different kinds of food.

"We want feedback from students to what they want us to sell," said Susan Guimelli, Camas Room supervisor. Guimelli said if the Camas Room did not generate enough money, its closure would be considered. "If we have to ask for funds from the college general fund then we would have to close down all-together and just extend our vending machines.

The library has also been operating with decreased hours this year.

Stan Ruckman, director of learning research said, because of manpower shortages and budget cuts, the library has to be closed to "get them through the first part of the year." Ruckman said, however, that the library, which has been operating from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. would be reopening its doors to its old hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. as soon as a clerical position could be filled.

The bookstore has kept its same hours with the exception of a closure on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. it reopens until 9 p.m.

## Colleges bid for high-tech grants

By Kathy Bumgarner  
Staff Writer

The Electricity/Electronics Technology and Data Processing Departments are waiting with anticipation for a \$15,000 grant LBCC requested in September.

The grant is a portion of \$75,000 earmarked by Governor Victor Atiyeh for high-technology community college education.

According to John S. Keyser, vice president for instruction at LBCC, four or five community colleges in the Willamette Valley high Technology corridor asked for part of the \$75,000 also.

The distribution of funds will be decided at a meeting of the Oregon Consortium for High Technology Education (OCHTE) on Thursday, Oct. 21. The OCHTE consists of representatives from higher educational institutions; high technology firms and their local subsidiaries; and the Board of Higher Education.

There are plans to make an ongoing grant/support system. Keyser said that an effort is being made to free up more money for future aid, "but if Ballot Measure 3 passes, there will be less money available," he added.

According to an OCHTE report, the funds designated for the community colleges will be available based upon the excellence of each school's program ideas.

LBCC's Electricity/Electronics Technology and Data Processing departments will divide the \$15 thousand request in half, if funded.

LBCC Business Division Director Phil Clark said that money put into the Data Processing department would be used to hire a part time staff member.

The additional staff would give current instructors time to develop curriculum to include data files for a pseudo company, said Clark.

At the present, data processing instructors work about 70 hours a week. It would be difficult to find time to develop the program without additional help, Clark said.

Without funding it would take longer to complete the program transition already started. However, Clark said they would continue their efforts whether or not a grant is awarded.

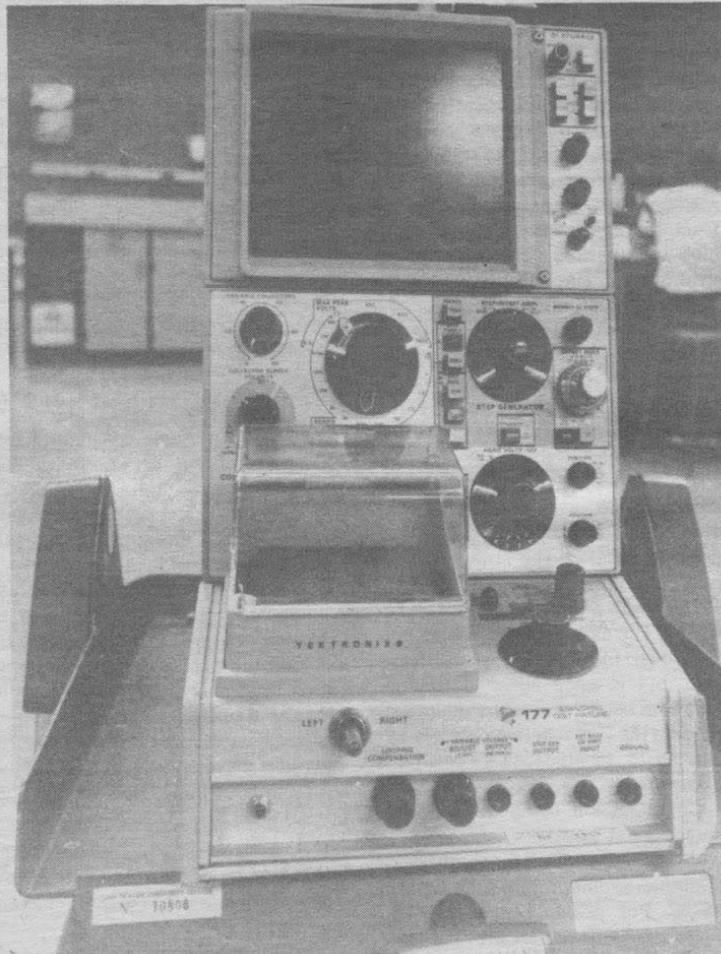


Photo by Pam Kuri

The electronics program is looking for a mate for its curve tracer, which is used for illustrating electrical signals.

Pete Scott, Director of the Science Technology Division, said the Electricity/Electronic Technology department would use their portion of the grant to hire a fourth full-time instructor for Spring term. "There is an extra section of students in electronics this year," said Clark, "An additional staff member is needed to balance out the heavy work load."

However, Scott said the division needs a "curve tracer," but the grant agreement stipulates the grant money be used for faculty, not equipment.

Although the department does have one curve tracer, Scott said two

are need to satisfy the training needs of the heavy student enrollment.

According to the OCHTE report, purchase of new equipment is not allowed because it is anticipated that the acquisition of high quality faculty will attract donation of advanced technology equipment from industry and foundations.

The report also states that the Oregon Council of the American Electronics Association, composed of 56 companies, stands ready to support an ongoing program with donations of cash as well as equipment and the providing of personnel for adjunct programs.

## Career Information Center moves into new office space

The Career Information Center has moved to the old Dean of Students office in Takena Hall.

Rosemary Bennett, the center's director, said due to the president's reorganization study, the Career Information Center was moved to Takena Hall, Room 107A, so they could work more closely with the Student Employment Center.

"The purpose of the Career Information Center is to assist people in finding information that will help them choose a course of study," explained Bennet.

There have also been some changes made. "We have reduced and modified our computer services, the old career information system is a thing of the past, but it is not yet operational," Bennett said. The computer system has a list of Oregon State University's and University of Oregon's career planning courses to choose from.

The center will be relying more on printed materials, counselors, and career-planning classes with extra help from five student allies.

There are several materials in use at the moment. Tapes on LBCC programs, college catalogues, pamphlets, and articles providing students with information on careers are available.

A student who wants career counseling, may contact any of the six counselors in the center. Classes are available to students who want to spend more time finding a career possibilities. There is also a one-credit, career-planning seminar. The seminar will meet four nights starting Nov. 10.

The center staff will also offer a television course called "Voyage" which students can watch at home, which includes individual career counseling.

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Admiring the selection, (above), a connoisseur of fine apples takes his tastebuds on a journey through last week's apple-tasting display. Across campus, Susan Adams, (below), sights in on her next shot in a friendly game of pool.

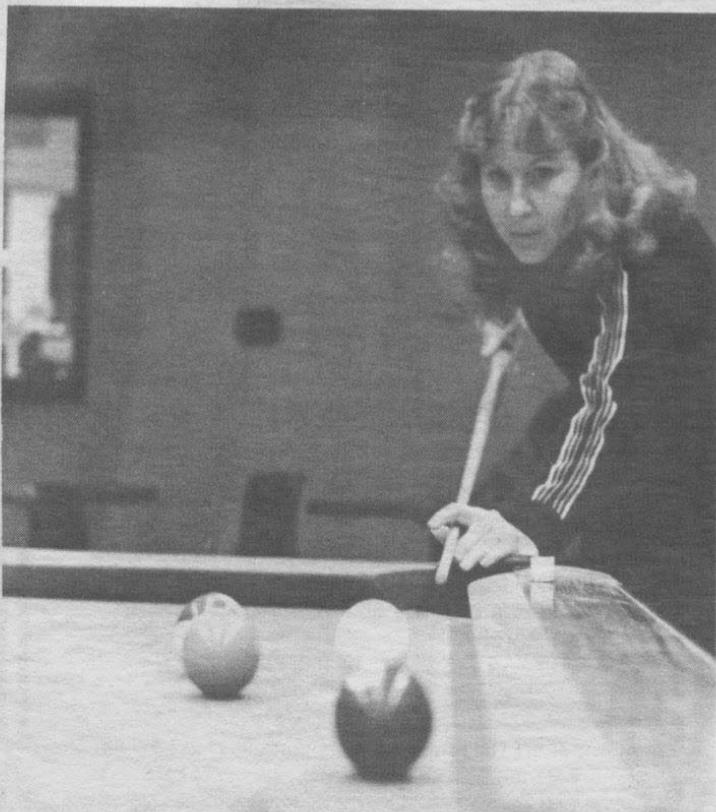


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## Christian spirit is enduring

By Karen Kirk  
Staff Writer

Eleven years ago, an LBCC student approached his biology instructor, Bob Ross, and proclaimed that he was a Christian and very lonely. He told Ross that somehow he sensed that Ross was also a Christian and he wanted to know how he could find other Christians who also felt this empty loneliness.

The Christians on Campus Club started as a solution to the problem from this simple plea.

Ross, advisor, said the goal of the club is to maintain a relaxed, free atmosphere where Christians can get together and enjoy each other's company. "We need to be in a place of loving concern, to actually be Christians, not just talk about it."

The need for companionship expressed by the sailing enthusiast who joins a yachting club is the same as a Christian who joins a Christian organization according to Dianna Harris, Counselor and graduate student at OSU. "Everybody needs support and a sense of belonging. A person searches for a support network to find others that share the same beliefs or interests," she said.

Kevin Shilts, journalism major and member of the Christians on Campus Club, expressed a major theme of the club when he said, "There is common ground in Christianity despite denominational differences."

Over the years the club has experienced a wide variety of mood changes. "Every year there is a different collective spirit," said Ross. "There have been times of peace and times of rage."

The attendance fluctuates as much as the mood, with as little as four students to as many as 50 students at any one session. The strongest support for the club was shown in 1975-76 with a total of 80 students involved. The club declined in membership over the last few years, Ross said, but is once again increasing. This year began with four students attending the first meeting date and expanded to 15 students by the third meeting date.

Christians on campus has sponsored guest speakers, shown films and provided various forms of Christian entertainment during its time at LBCC. For example, the last two years the club worked with the local Gideon chapter distributing free Bibles to interested students.

The Christians on Campus Club meets every Wednesday at noon in the Willamette Room in the College Center. For more information contact Bob Ross at 928-2361, ext. 354.

## Etcetera

### Takena Theatre offers piano recital

An inaugural Recital to celebrate LBCC's "new" used CD Steinway concert grand piano will be held Sunday, Oct. 24, in LBCC's Takena Theatre, Takena Hall, at 3 p.m.

The piano is being funded totally from private donations, and proceeds from this benefit concert will help pay the outstanding balance on the nine-foot concert grand.

The Inaugural Recital will feature Gary Ruppert, director of LBCC's Instrumental Music Program, playing both traditional, classical and jazz music. The first half of the program features classical music, including Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Sonata in E Flat Major, Op. 31 No. 3," Frederic Chopin's "Ballade in G Minor," and "Solo Pieces for Piano Students" by Francis Bittner, professor emeritus of music at the University of Oregon. Bittner was commissioned to compose the pieces by the Oregon Music Teachers Association for their convention this past summer.

A jazz sound highlights the other half of the concert, when Ruppert will be accompanied by Jim Ruhf, percussion and Bruce Morganti, bass, both second-year LBCC music students.

The trio will play Ruppert arrangements of "It Don't Mean a Thing," by Duke Ellington, "Send in the Clowns," by Stephen Sondheim, "On Green Dolphin Street," by Bernie Kaper and "Sonata in Blue."

Tickets for the Oct. 24 concert will be available at the door. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens.

Other scheduled benefits concerts include concert pianist Eleni Traganas in January and the Community Chorale in March.

### Santium Room re-opened

The Santium Room which has been serving students and staff for more than seven years has re-opened its doors this term. The service instructs 36 students in nearly all aspects of restaurant management.

The breakfast hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and lunch is served from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Santium Room is located in the southeast corner of the College Center next to the Alesia/Calapooia Room. Dishes range from homestyle ham and eggs to shrimp Barcelona and are priced to suit a students budget.

### Employment division councils vets

John Edeling, a disabled veterans representative, from the Albany office of the Oregon State Employment Division, will be available each Tuesday during Fall term beginning October 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the LBCC Office of Veterans Affairs, T 112. Edeling will be registering disabled veterans for employment and discussing employment possibilities with all vets in the local area. No appointments are necessary.

### 'Oh Coward!' opens at Takena

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival Association opens this season's Albany Performing Arts Series with a Noel Coward revue in the Takena Hall Theatre at Linn-Benton Community College Oct. 22.

In their first major production in Albany, the Shakespearean Festival players will present "Oh Coward!," a musical comedy revue of the English playwright and composer's wide-ranging works.

The players are directed by Dennis Bigelow, director of this summer's productions of "Inherit the Wind" and "Romeo and Juliet" in Ashland.

The cast of three includes Wayne Ballantyne, whose major roles this season included the part of Matthew H. Brady in "Inherit the Wind;" Priscilla Hake Lauris, who played Madame Arcati in "Blithe Spirit," and Kyle MacLachlan, who was Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet."

"Oh Coward!" features excerpts from "Private Lives," "Design for Living," and other plays, as well as such popular Coward compositions as "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," "Mad About the Boys" and "The Stately Homes of England."

### Health fair set for Saturday

Have you had your body fat checked lately? How's your blood pressure and hearing?

You'll find answers to many personal health questions when over 25 health-related organizations come together in a free all-family health fair Saturday, October 23.

The fair is organized by the senior citizen committee of the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Albany Medical Imaging Clinic and Albany General Hospital.

The fair, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be in three locations: the Albany Senior Center downtown on Water Avenue; Albany General Hospital at Sixth and Elm; and the Albany Medical Imaging Clinic on Elm Street. There will be a free shuttle service between the two locations.

### Alternative child care time scheduled

In the past, parents using the Parent-Child Lab on campus have had to have noon hours free to take children to lunch and attend noon hour seminars on Mondays and Wednesdays. This has proven to be a barrier to those student-parents who have classes scheduled through the noon hour. An alternative seminar time has been scheduled from 2:30-4:30 on Wednesday afternoons. Supervision can also be arranged for lunch hours. Parents will still be required to work 3 hours a week in the lab.

This year, the lab is also able to take part-time children on Tuesdays and Thursdays or all afternoons. The Parent-Ed program is also interested in receiving input from faculty, staff and students as to how the lab might meet their child-care needs. The lab is located in IA 227 ext. 358.

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LBCC's College Center is framed by the oak grove on the east side of the campus.

## Parking violations are subject to large fines



By Duane Duran  
Staff Writer

The Albany Police Department is now issuing citations to handicapped parking violators that could cost students up to \$250.

This year LBCC security office will leave the issuance of disabled parking permits to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Without a disabled permit parking, violators are subject to towing and a maximum fine of \$250. However that maximum fine is unlikely. "I can't see it happening," said Earl Liverman, Jr., LBCC security chief.

Among the more dramatic changes this fall is one that relieves the Security Office from determining disability or handicap, Liverman said. Before, all a disabled or handicapped student needed was a doctor's certificate stating disability. Now students are subject to a longer process. Disabled students will have to fill out DMV applications to be classified as disabled and qualify for a permit or license plates.

In order to be classified disabled or handicapped, students have to be one who: has a loss or loss of function of one or both legs or has limited use of them; is unable to be mobil without a wheelchair or assistant

device; has a loss or loss of function of both hands; is unable to see or has a substantial loss of visual acuity beyond correction; or has a respiratory or cardiovascular disability which makes walking impractical.

If a person qualifies under these requirements they can be issued a disabled permit free of charge or purchase disabled license plates, which cost no more than regular ones.

Fines will still be issued by LBCC security officers. "Our procedures haven't changed," Liverman commented. Parking violations will still result in a \$2.50 fine if paid within 48 hours, and \$5 thereafter.

If someone has been issued an LBCC parking fine, he can consider himself lucky, for the Albany Police Department will now be issuing citations on campus also. Chances are if you've been caught once, you may be fined up to \$250. Remember, it's possible, even more so, "if someone were a flagrant violator," said Liverman.

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# Grounds upkeep sparks debate

By Pamela Kuri  
Staff Writer

Several faculty members argue the grounds-keeping budget is too fat in a time of financial crisis, while the administration defends the budget, saying they must protect the taxpayers' investment in the campus.

The main priorities on campus are students and instruction, according to LBCC Faculty President, Jim Lucas.

Aesthetics deserve lower priority when instructors must endure pay cuts, suffer position layoffs, and cancel courses; and when the college can't afford books for the library. It lowers academic integrity to make such decisions and still maintain a country-club image, added Dave Perkins, science technology instructor.

On the other hand, "the over-all investment into on-site improvements amounts to \$4.5 million and the community would criticize if it was not kept up," argued Ray Jean, LBCC director of facilities.

"It makes no sense to let a multi-million dollar campus go to seed," added Wayne Chambers, LBCC board of education chairman.

The faculty is proud of the LBCC appearance and agrees that entire grounds should not be ignored completely, said Biology Instructor Rich Liebaert. He added, however, that there are ways to decrease facility service expenses and still maintain the attractive environment.

Too much money is being spent on lawn mowing, electricity to pump water fountains, scraping paint from curbs, scrubbing moss from fountains, painting bathrooms and countless other non-instructional activities, according to Gina Vee, former LBCC faculty president.

A proposal, written by Liebaert, would cut money for grounds maintenance by establishing natural areas on campus for use in field study for biology, botany, zoology, ecology, and wildlife courses. The need for study areas becomes more pressing as budget cuts limit field trips he said.

Liebaert suggested the location for the natural areas be along the creek

north of the north campus driveway and the west edge of the grounds beyond the athletic fields.

Establishment of natural areas could save LBCC money because these areas would not need fertilizing, watering and mowing. Tall grass and thickets provide homes for many more birds. Small wild places are attractive and they can enhance the entire neighborhood, he concluded.

But Facilities Director Jean insisted that wild areas are already accessible behind the athletic fields, where he had the Cooperative Youth Program go out and remove poison oak, broken limbs and blackberries.

The other area suggested for nature study will not suffice because of flooding, Jean explained. The creek north of the parking lot is part of Albany's flood control drainage plan. Left uncleaned it would prevent run-out of rain water that could flood the grounds. Insect control, also, would be a concern.

Aside from the proposed natural areas, the faculty has a misconception about the cost to maintain the grounds, Jean said.

The water does not cost LBCC a dime because it is pumped from two private wells on campus and the electric bill does not exceed \$900 for a four and a half month period. Facilities maintains 122 improved acres with only four full-time employees, Jean commented.

Also, the lawns must be watered frequently because a large part of the campus is constructed on a gravel pad. This means there is less than a foot of top soil and it dries out quickly, said Jean. In addition, the lawn gets mowed often to eliminate raking.

"The grounds program is low

maintenance and design efficient," added LBCC vice-president of business affairs, Vern Farnell.

The priorities are balanced, according to Farnell. The 1982-83 budget for grounds only is \$147,809. The instruction budget is \$6,531,276, exclusive of administration.

LBCC spends less proportionally on support expenditures than the national average for community colleges while spending more on academics. According to figures supplied by Farnell, LBCC appropriates 32.4 per cent of its total budget for support services and 65.5 per cent to academics. The national average is 36.9 per cent for support services and 61.2 per cent toward academics. Community colleges of similar size and nature, (peer institutions) allot 37.9 per cent for services and 59.7 per cent for academics.

Actual LBCC plant operation and maintenance, minus the utilities, takes 6.9 percent of the budget when the figures for other services are subtracted. Nationally operation and maintenance less utilities, takes 8.1 per cent and peer institutions operation and maintenance obtain 8.3 per cent.

"Regardless of the figures, LBCC grounds are second to no other campus. I am sure the environment has a large influence on enrollment," Jean concluded.

The college reputation will be based on the education, not the appearance of the facility, according to Perkins.

"An educational institute is on death row when it cannot financially maintain and update its library," he said. "Priorities should be reconsidered."

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## United Way fund drive open; LBCC donations lag behind

LBCC's United Way fund raising drive is slightly behind last year's level.

Of the \$6,000 goal, only 50 percent has been collected, said Marv Seeman, coordinator for the United Way drive on campus.

The drive started in the last week of September and will conclude Nov. 12.

The money is raised through contributions from faculty, managers and classified staff of the college through pledges, cash and payroll deductions. Seeman said about 50-60 percent of the college staff contributes.

Seeman said the recession is the reason for the fund drive's slowness this year. Individual contributions are

therefore down. However, Seeman said this year's county-wide United Way drive is ahead of last year's.

Of the total collected in Linn County, Seeman said United Way claims that 84 percent of that money goes directly back to volunteer county agencies with the remainder going to promotional and administrative costs.

Some area beneficiaries of United Way are: Association for Retarded Citizens, Albany Boys' and Girls' Club, Albany Day Care Center, Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence, Chamberlin House and the Salvation Army.

## Consumer Spot

# State agency offers assistance to consumers with problems

By Jon Wittrock  
Staff Writer

You've just bought a used car from a salesman who says it has a "rebuilt" engine. A check under the hood reveals a "lemon" engine. The dealer ignores your complaints.

What can you do about consumer complaints like this?

One person who may be able to help is Mike Ryan, director of the Consumer Protection and Services, a state-funded agency. Ryan had the following advice for ripped-off consumers:

1. Calm down.
2. Logically write down everything so your story is complete.
3. Contact the business.

If the problem persists, Consumer Protection and Services in Salem or Portland can help because it enforces Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

If you go into the market place and buy a service or a product, and either before, during or after the transaction there has been misleading, deceptive or fraudulent practices, then this law comes into use. "It is the most significant consumer protection for personal, family or household use. It's an alphabet soup of A-Z for consumer purchases," said Ryan.

A wide range of services are available through the Consumer Protection and Services. "We have a dual purpose of enforcing the law and education people," Ryan added. However, the major service is answering consumer questions and helping them to resolve complaints about unlawful trade practices. "We apply common sense work to get to the nuts and bolts of the consumers' problem to help him decide what should be done." Most of the cases handled by the CP&S are solved by consumers and businesses coming to an agreement. "We don't try to rake businesses over the coals but we will contact them about the complaint," said Ryan. Only 15 percent of the cases the agency handles are "sticky" ones which represent ongoing flagrant violations of the Unlawful Trade Practices Act. "In these cases, the agency can apply the 'full force of the law' to

seek restitutions of up to \$25,000. The agency can't provide the consumers with any legal help or advice. "That would be tampering with the free enterprise system," Ryan stated. Consumers must rely on their own written complaints in court.

When consumers feel they've been "ripped off" by a business, they can bypass agencies like CP&S by citing Oregon's Unlawful Trade Practices Act. Small claims courts handle consumer complaints for a fee of \$10-\$15 according to Ryan. If the consumer wins in court, the reward can amount to actual damages or \$200, whichever is higher.

Another consumer-aid which CP&S provides is referral services. "For those folks who are confused, we will sit down and advise them about which agency they should contact to meet their needs," said Ryan. As a part of their referral services, CP&S has a "Consumer Referral Telephone Directory." The directory lists in alphabetical order and by subject, 400 agencies consumers can contact to complain about specific products and services. To obtain a copy of the directory, send 75 cents to Oregon Department of Justice, Consumer Protection and Services, Justice Building, Salem, Oregon, 97310.

In November, a 55 page book which Ryan says is "the first and most comprehensive consumer protection book for Oregon ever published," comes off the press; the "Read this Before You Sign Anything Book." Ryan said the most pressing consumer problems are answered in the book. Write of call-Consumer Services for the book.

CP&S answers approximately 50,000 toll-free calls (1-800-452-7813) yearly, and 600 written complaints a month. Ryan says that the agency represents all consumers in Oregon. "We're flexible, and we try to be accessible as possible without costing people money."

Ryan suggests that people who have complaints about a business first call CP&S. On the basis of the initial call, the agency will decide if the complaint warrants attention. CP&S will then return the persons call, and inform them of their decision. If the person's complaint is addressed by the agency, a written account of the violation should be sent in, because often the consumer's only defense in court is his written account of the unlawful trade practice.

## Pauling: Don't leave nuclear arms in hands of generals and politicians

By Craig Chapman  
Staff Writer

Individual efforts, by people and countries alike, are the key to nuclear disarmament, according to two-time Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling.

Pauling spoke last Tuesday, Oct. 12, to a responsive crowd overflowing the 1,200-seat Austin Auditorium in the Oregon State University Foundation Center.

Pauling's speech, "The Path to World Peace," inaugurated OSU's Ava Helen Pauling Lectureship for World Peace. The lectureship series was established this year to honor Pauling's wife, who died in 1981. "Had it not been for her," Pauling said. "I might not have taken the action that got me the Nobel Prize."

Pauling won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1954 for his work in chemical bonding, and the Peace Prize in 1962 for his work toward nuclear disarmament. Both the Paulings graduated from OSU.

"The most important problem the world faces today is the destruction of the human race," Pauling said.

In his 81 years, Pauling has witnessed the coming of the nuclear age. He said certain steps must be taken for nuclear disarmament. First individual nations should take ac-

tions toward disarmament. If the United States put a freeze on the further production of nuclear weapons, the Russians would follow suit, Pauling said. Second, Pauling recommended that people, especially young adults, should take part in pro-nuclear freeze demonstrations and urged voting for anti-nuclear initiatives. He encouraged people to stand up for their beliefs with action and optimism.

The problem can't be left to "the generals, politicians and international treaties." Left in their hands, "the world as we know it will perish in a nuclear war," said Pauling.

The world needs nuclear weapons as a deterrent to a third world war, but that the "insane stockpiles" must be reduced to a more rational level, Pauling said.

"I deplore the waste of our wealth on militarism," Pauling declared to loud applause. He also labelled President Reagan's policy of expanding the defense budget for more nuclear weapons as dangerous.

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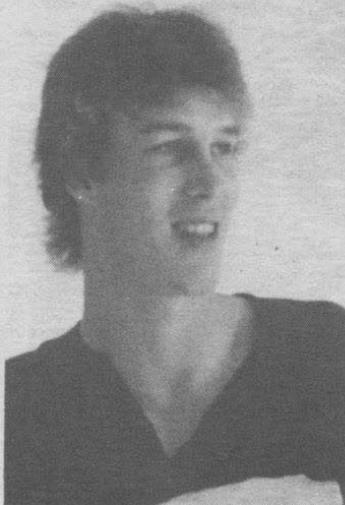
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# Students voice feelings on NFL strike

By Matt Howell  
Staff Writer

The National Football League season of 1982 came to an abrupt end after only two regular season games because players and owners could not rectify disputes over salaries,



John Roelke



Danny Eilertsen

benefits, and percentages of profits. Four and a half weeks later, the strike continues with the threat of a cancelled season looming in the future.

The Commuter's roving reporter talked with some of the professional football fans who are caught in the middle:

"I think the strike is bunk," declared John Roelke, a drafting technology major. "The owners and players are a bunch of babies. The players are too greedy but both sides are probably in the wrong. I bet they'll cancel the season."

Danny Eilertsen, a math major, had pity for fans who anticipated Sunday afternoons with a bottle of beer and a football game on TV. "All they look forward to each weekend is watching football but now they can't," he said.

Eilertsen also said the owners were

wrong. "The players deserve more money. Pro football is one of the most popular sports in the U.S. I miss the exciting games and the rivalries like the Redskins against the Cowboys."

One student who supported the players was Steve Elliott, a business major. "The players are in the right striking. Since pro football players get paid the lowest of all the big name sports, I think they deserve what they're asking. A football player has a shorter career span than both pro basketball or baseball players and have more chances of getting hurt," he commented.

Elliott prefers professional football, but he has started watching college football since the strike began. "Being an ex-option quarterback in high school, I really get into the opposition offense that the college

game has to offer. But pro ball really is the best," he said.

Fans also showed support for the owners. Ken Riley, another business major, said the players were being unfair to the owners.

"I don't think the players should be able to tell the owners what they want to be paid. Its just like working for somebody. You don't ask to be paid what you want, the boss pays you what he thinks you deserve."

Cancelled games translate to less action to Riley, "I miss the games a lot," he said, "Being able to watch pro football was always an option on Sunday and Monday nights. Now I can't even bet on games, and maybe make a little money on the side."

Debbie Knight, a medical transcriptionist major, sided with the owners. "The players union is asking for too much money. I don't think the strike

will get resolve until next season.

Knight expressed a reaction to the strike not voiced by other fans, "Now I can't even watch Bert Jones quarterback his new team, the Los Angeles Rams."

"Boy, is he dreamy!" she exclaimed.



Debbie Knight



Steve Elliot



## Inexperience results in V-ball losses

By Stan Talbott  
Staff Writer

The LBCC Lady Roadrunner volleyball team had their "wings clipped" last weekend as they lost a pair of matches to Blue Mountain and Southwestern Oregon.

The key word from Coach Kathie Woods for the whole weekend was frustration. "We couldn't pull our uniformity together long enough to come up with a win," Woods explained.

After playing three tough games

with Blue Mountain on Friday, the squad had a chance to redeem itself on Saturday against Southwestern.

Led by Cindy Weeks, who had 28 assists, and Kelly Flanagan, who had 13 kills, LBCC took the Coos Bay squad down to the final game. LBCC's efforts were just not good enough as the scoreboard showed in the fifth game, 5-15.

Woods did commend Flanagan on her efforts though. "Kelly played her best game of the year," Woods said.

Woods also explained that her

squad has to become more mentally tough. "We do have to become more consistant but that comes with experience."

She pointed out that the team is still improving and hopes that the improvement will be enough for tonight, when the team takes on Mt. Hood in Gresham.

Overall, Woods still has an optimistic attitude about her squad. "This still is the best team that LB has had in several years," she concluded.

## Injuries deplete cross country output

By Matt Howell  
Staff Writer

Still beset with nagging injuries, the LBCC men's cross country team was unable to field a complete team in the Mt. Hood Invitational held Saturday, Oct. 16. The women's teams' standings were unavailable at presstime.

The men's event consisted of a five mile course at Blue Lake Park. Leading the way for LB was Dave Keikel with a time of 27:22. John Ran-

dall was the second man in for the Roadrunners, clocking a 28:05. Erik Starr and Steve Stearns finished out the rest of the team.

"Dave Keikel had a good race, even though he can do better," commented Coach Dave Bakley. "He's been extremely consistent over the season."

For the lady Roadrunners, Sandy Ragan came out on top for LB, finishing the 3.1 mile course in 20:08. Denise Conrath followed with a 21:56.

Also competing for LB were Myra McGarry, Debbie Long, and Lori McFarland.

The best race of the day, according to Bakley, came from Sandy Ragan. "She did a super job. Overall I was very pleased with both squad's efforts."

Friday, Oct. 22, LB will hold a cross country meet. Starting at 4:00, the women will run a 3.1 mile course, with the men competing in a 4 mile run beginning at 4:30.

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She informed me that librarians do not enforce silence, that students must enforce it among themselves.

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As a mild-mannered librarian, Mooses's official job will be to reshelve books that belong on the top shelf. Then, when he hears NOISE of forbidden proportions, Moose will go into action.

A quirk in Moose's neurological make-up starts Moose's biceps flexing. He turns red, than all 200 pounds of his 6'4" frame convulses towards the site of the NOISE and...

Well, actually, no one has found out what happens after that. So far all noisemakers have been so intimidated by Moose's approaching structure, they vacate the library, the campus and the City of Albany never to be heard from again.

Very soon, all uncontrolled noise makers will learn to be aware of the wild Moose stalking the library.

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## 'Feiffer's People' cast selected

A cast of eight has been selected for "Feiffer's People," the fall Readers Theatre show at Linn-Benton Community College. They are Marlene Harris, Ruby Jonsrud, Tracey West, Michael Dilworth, David Hendrick, Mary Rebar, Liza Soine and Robert Meyers.

The satirical review, directed by Stephen Rossberg, is a series of vignettes, which touch topics such as truth, beauty, war, poverty and nuclear disaster.

The show takes its name from the writer—nationally known cartoonist Jules Feiffer. "Feiffer's People" will be on stage at 8:15 p.m., in LBCC's Loft Theatre, Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11. Tickets are \$2 and all seating is general admissions. Tickets will be available in mid-November at Mainly Miniatures in Corvallis, French's Jewelers in Albany and the College Center office on the main campus.



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Donna

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Donna

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Rikki Racer

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# Community Calendar

## Wed. Oct. 20

Veterans Educational Benefits Recipients Attendance Sign-in, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., T-105.

Portland State University, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., College Center Lobby.

Chautauqua: Linda Allen, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Asea/Calapooia Room.

Christians on Campus Club meeting, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., Willamette Room.

LBCC Opera Guild Meeting, 7-10 p.m., HSS-213.

Oregon Christian College Fair, 7-10 p.m., Asea/Calapooia Room, Board Rooms A & B.

## Thurs. Oct. 21

Pumpkin Carving Contest, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Commons.

Pacific Highway Advisory Committee, 7-10 p.m., Willamette Room.

All Staff Meeting on Ballot Measure 3, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Forum 113.

## Fri. Oct. 22

Halloween Face Painting, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., CC Lobby.

All Staff Meeting on Ballot Measure 3, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Board Rooms A & B.

CCOSAC Workshop, 5-10 p.m., Asea/Calapooia Room.

Halloween Dance, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Commons.

## Sat. Oct. 23

CCOSAC Workshop, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Asea/Calapooia Room.

## Mon. Oct. 25

Nuclear Arms discussion, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Asea/Calapooia Room.

## Tues. Oct. 26

Institutional Advisory Council, 7:30-9 a.m., Board Room B.

A.A. Club meeting, noon-1 p.m., Board Room B.

LDSSA meeting, noon-1:30 p.m., Willamette Room.

ASLBCC Council of Rep. meeting, 3-5 p.m., Willamette Room.

AIB Seminar, 7-10 p.m., Calapooia Room.

## Students use aid to thwart further reductions

(CPS)—The federal government has told California State University-Northridge to quit using financial aid money to lobby against aid cuts proposed in Congress.

The Government Accounting Office says Northridge Aid Director Leon King improperly used some \$300 in aid money to give student sample letters, stationary and stamps, which he advised students to use to write to legislators.

GAO official Gregory Ahart speculated that "a great many" other schools probably used similar funds in the same way during the height of the lobbying against the proposed aid cuts last spring.

Whether or not they spent federal money, aid offices certainly were active in the opposition last spring. The Arizona State financial aid office helped pay for WAT's lines for students to call representatives, for

example. Aid directors at UCLA, Southern Cal, Colorado State, Marquette, Iowa, Northwestern, Penn State and Northeast, among many other, helped organize letter-writing campaigns.

Indeed, William Blakey of the House Postsecondary Education Subcommittee urged a national convention of aid directors last November to fight aid cuts with letters, phone calls and other tactics.

## Mystery odor baffles Albany officials

By Kathy Bumgarner  
Staff Writer

The identity of a mysterious odor noticed in some parts of Albany this past summer continues to evade city officials and the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Albany City Manager Bill Barrons said that although the odor has been around a number of years, its source has not been discovered.

Recently the city joined forces with the DEQ to attempt to solve the smelly issue.

Preferring to make its presence known in the evenings, the elusive

smell has been described as similar to "night soil" or "an outhouse" Barrons said. It is definitely of biological origin, he said.

Possible sources being investigated include ditches, sewers and Waverly Lake. Albany's Waste Water Treatment Plant had been suspect but has been ruled out.

The sludge at the Western Kraft paper mill in Millersburg is an unlikely source according to Barrons and so is Wah Chang since the odor is not chemical in origin. Barrons added that Wah Chang is not given enough credit—it's not as bad (smelling) as

some (people) think.

Although previous tests made on Waverly Lake have not shown any proven evidence of a cause for an odor, Barrons said the lake is so far the most likely suspect. He explained a theory that as algae on the lake dies, any temperature changes may cause it to give off a sporadic odor of decay.

There have not been any reports of the offensive smell in the last couple of weeks, Barrons said, but if one comes in, the police will try to sniff it out. All we can do, he said, is to "keep our nose in the air" and try to find where it's coming from.