

Credit checks necessary to save loan program at LBCC

by Sharon Gauthier
of The Commuter

If you need a loan to attend LBCC for the 1997-98 school year, you'd better have a clean credit history in hand.

According to Financial Aid Director Lance Popoff, beginning this summer term students will have to pass mandatory credit checks to qualify for the two major federal student loans—the Perkins and Stafford. The measure is necessary to keep LBCC from losing all of its federal loan programs, he said.

The Perkins Loan program alone means about \$200,000 per year to LBCC.

At a press conference last week, Popoff said that LBCC's rate of default on its federal Perkins Loans for 1995-96 has soared to over 24 percent. If the rate climbs to 25 percent and remains that high or higher for three

years, LBCC will be cut from the federal loan programs. According to Popoff, college officials have decided that credit checks are the best method available to immediately lower the default rate.

"If we don't do something, we will lose the loan programs entirely."

— Lance Popoff

"Philosophically, I'm opposed to doing credit checks," he said. "I don't believe credit checks belong in the schools." But previous actions, such as slowing down the loan application process and limiting Perkins Loans to second-year students, have not stopped the escalating default rate.

"If we don't do something," he said, "we will lose

the loan programs entirely."

The total federal aid programs, including grants, loans and work study, bring in about \$6 million annually to LBCC. The college's annual budget is approximately \$24 million.

Popoff blamed the high default rate, in part, on a change in the way the federal government calculates the figures. This year, students who transfer from LB into four-year colleges have been removed from the equation used to determine the default percentages.

Because of that, "you saw our default rate jump up 10 percent," he said. And until those students come back into the calculations two or more years down the line, the percentages will not correct themselves. By that time, if measures are not taken, LBCC may have already been penalized, he said.

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Bookstore 'backpack' rule creates security dilemma for students

by Shannon Weber
of The Commuter

1997 is starting out with a bang in the crime department with five bags being stolen from in front of the LBCC Bookstore last week.

On Thursday, Jan. 16, four student backpacks were taken from the open cubby-hole shelf outside the bookstore; then another was stolen Friday morning. The items from two of the bags were found dumped out and were retrieved by a security official the day of the crime.

Everything was returned to the two students who owned the bags, except for some money, a calculator, a glasses case and one of the backpacks.

The other three victims were not as fortunate, as no items have been recovered.

The day after the crimes, campus security officials posted signs in front of the bookstore that reads:

"Several backpacks have been stolen in the last two weeks. For more information contact Security and Safety Services, CC-123." The sign is dated Jan. 16, the day before the last backpack was reported stolen.

When bookstore personnel were asked if they would provide security to prevent more thefts, a spokesperson said, "We don't have enough staff to provide that."

The store used to have the cubbyhole shelves located inside the front door, but after the remodeling this past year, the shelves were moved outside. Steel lockers were added which can be locked with a key that rents for 25 cents from the Bookstore.

Security Officer Vern Jackson said his office is investigating the thefts, but that no suspects have been interviewed or apprehended.

According to a sign over the cubbyhole shelves, it is up to the students to protect their belongings. The sign read, "The college is not responsible for any item left unattended."

Ironically, it is also the bookstore's policy not to allow customers to bring backpacks or large bags into the store.

Over the years, thefts of items left unattended have been among the most prevalent crimes reported on the campus. In 1995 there were 41 reported thefts, and in 1996 there were 46.



Photo by Shawna Phillips

Grinding It Out

Instructor Mike Burke talks with David Fery about how to make a taper in the machine tool lab last week.

Student government quietly rebuilding

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Despite starting out the year with only one student representative, LBCC's student government remains alive and active.

At the beginning of fall term, Student Body President Sarah Hammelman was the sole student body officer because no other students ran for office in last spring's elections. By the end of October, a vice president and two representatives were appointed, and a third student representative joined in mid-November. The newest member, Aaron Collett, was appointed just last week to represent the Science/Industry Division.

Other council members are Matthew Alexander,

vice president; Denise O'Farrell, Liberal Arts/Human Performance representative; Andrew Perkins, Science/Industry representative; and Marnie Klassen, Business/Training/Health Occupations representative.

Hammelman has fielded many questions about ASG not having a full council, which, according to the ASLBCC constitution, "shall consist of 14 members."

Hammelman said the six current members are a diverse group, each involved in their own areas: Alexander in the medical field, Perkins with the Diesel Mechanics Club, Klassen in business, Collett with engineering, and O'Farrell with Phi Theta Kappa, the international student honor society.

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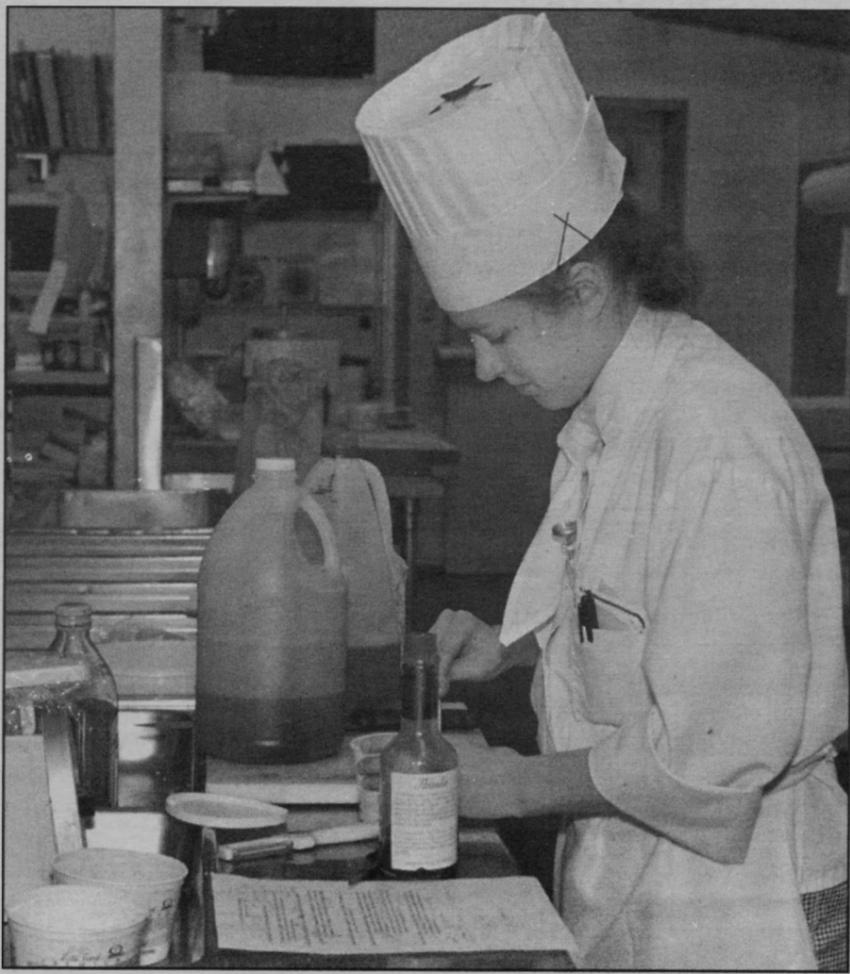


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Dishing It Up

Culinary Arts student Denise Peters prepares a recipe in the Santiam kitchen recently, where she and her colleagues are planning a special "Taste of Spain" dinner for Friday Jan. 31. Call 917-4392 for reservations. Seating is from 5 to 8 p.m.

High default rate affects LB's reputation

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However, Popoff admitted that the default rate is not just skewed by the new calculating methods. The default rates are truly creeping up.

LBCC has 1,800 to 2,000 full-time students each year, and approximately 60 percent receive some kind of financial aid. The average Perkins Loan student, over the life of his or her academic career at LBCC, will borrow about \$4,500. The average Stafford Loan student will borrow \$6,800 during the same time.

Ironically, the default rate on the Stafford Loans is only 14 percent, much less than the 24 percent default rate for the Perkins Loans; yet it is the Perkins default rate that is causing the problems.

Adding to the problem, according to Popoff, is the federal assumption that a

school with a high default rate is not providing a high quality education. In the past, high default rates have been associated with schools of marginal reputations, such as private, for-profit trucking schools and beauty colleges. That perception can affect alternative source funding for the school, he explained.

Credit checks will be made through a credit checking service, and if students are denied loans, they will be able to appeal, he said. The level of credit risk at which a student would be denied loans has not yet been decided.

Popoff admitted that the credit checks will almost certainly prevent some defaults on loans, but admitted "It will also prevent some people from going back to school... who would have made appropriate use of the money."

Loan Facts

Average annual Perkins Loan = \$3,000
 Average total Perkins Loans per student = \$4,500
 Average annual Stafford Loan = \$2,500
 Average total Stafford Loan per student = \$6,800
 National average of default rates = 10 percent
 LBCC Perkins Loan default rate in 1994/95 = 12-14 percent
 LBCC Perkins Loan default rate in 1995/96 = 24.32 percent

Food fair, film series and art used to celebrate King's birthday

by Allison Ross
of The Commuter

Today is the day to remember Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. and all of his accomplishments. The Student Life and Leadership at LBCC is celebrating today with a food fair, a film series and a children's art contest.

The food fair will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Alesa/Calapooia Rooms, where 15 different local restaurants will offer a variety of foods, including Italian, Mexican, Lebanese, Greek, Chinese and more. The fee is \$1 per plate.

The film series, "Eyes on the Prize," will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fireside Room. The series of six films focuses on the Civil Rights movement

and the people who were leading figures during that time. Admission is free.

The Family Resource Center is also holding a children's art contest featuring artwork by children of staff and students.

The theme of the art exhibit is the children's perception of the world around them. The artwork can be seen hanging in the cafeteria.

The day's events have been organized by Betsy Pacheco, multi-cultural events specialist on the Student Programming Board.

Pacheco said, "I'm hoping that people can learn that diversity can be a positive thing and that some of our greatest achievers were culturally diverse."

Last year's conflict hurt council recruitment

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Hammelman suspects that the lack of interest in last spring's student body elections stemmed from the problems that surfaced with the 1995-96 student government last year. Those problems had to deal with school policies and practices, in addition to inner-office conflicts. "It was kind of a major turn off against something that's not very popular as it is," Hammelman said.

The newly appointed student officers said that when they learned of the need for officers to fill vacant slots, they decided to jump in and help out.

Klassen said she joined because she thought she could help. An older student, Klassen said she started college 30 years ago, was injured in an accident, and dropped out after two months. "Then life happened," she added, explaining that she is finally getting back to school.

When Collett's friends asked him why he wanted to get involved after the trouble last year, Hammelman said he told them it couldn't be as bad this year.

Hammelman said she would have liked to devote more time to recruiting council members, increasing student awareness and letting them know what's going on. "I would really like to have done more fun things," said Hammelman.

Instead, ASG has been hard at work.

At the beginning of the school year, Hammelman had to tackle the annual Student Activities and Programs budget alone. "That was just shifting numbers around," she said. "I didn't make too many decisions by myself."

Once they had a student council, even though it was only one-third the size allowed, ASG was able to meet and conduct official business. A quorum of the actual council members is all that is required to make binding decisions.

The council first went over the constitution, making "a few minor changes," said Hammelman, adding that their major task was revising the by-laws. She

explained that they rewrote LBCC's student government by-laws to conform to the constitution and are trying out some new ideas. They have also revised the election codes.

All three documents are posted outside the Student Life and Leadership Office (CC-213). Hearings on the constitution and by-laws are being held at noon today and tomorrow. (See accompanying article for more information.) The revisions will be on the ballot in the student elections Feb. 26 and 27.

Hammelman said she had many goals at the beginning of her term, but "time wears things down and you start to realize your limits—what you can and can't do with the people you have."

One area she'd like student government to be more involved with is LBCC's legislative committee. During Oregon legislative sessions, this committee, composed of about 18 faculty and students, represents the school to the state government and lobbies on issues which affect students. Hammelman believes this provides good government experience for student leaders.

As president, Hammelman also serves as LBCC's representative at meetings of CCOSAC (Community Colleges of Oregon Student Associations and Commissions). She said this has served as "a major eye-opener." At their meetings they discuss problems common to community colleges.

All student officers are required to attend a workshop for leadership training. A retreat with the new officers is planned for April 18 and 19 to go over the fundamentals and help prepare them.

Student council meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Usually held in CC-135, the meetings are open to all students. Business is conducted at least twice monthly. Other sessions are work meetings, with such activities as brainstorming.

Hammelman said, "A lot of people are surprised at what we've accomplished."

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CAMPUS NEWS

ASLBCC holds hearings on constitutional changes

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Student hearings are scheduled for 12 to 1 p.m. today and Thursday to discuss changes to the ASLBCC Constitution, By-laws and Election Code.

Today's meeting will be in the Willamette Room and tomorrow's in the Board Rooms. Both sites are in the College Center. ASG officers will be available to answer questions and receive student input.

Many changes were made to the constitution last school year, but current officers found some fine-tuning was necessary.

Because the council has not been able to get enough student representatives to fill every position, it has dropped the secretary and treasurer and reassigned these responsibilities to the president and vice president.

President Sarah Hammelman said this has worked well and that the secretary and treasurer were not voting members of the council anyway.

Hammelman said they rewrote the by-laws to conform to the constitution because last year's student council didn't have time to do it. She emphasized that this was a major job and took a lot of their time.

The by-laws address the Council of Representatives and their responsibilities, clubs and organizations, the Student Activities Program (SAP) Budget Committee and talent grants.

The Election Code deals with qualifications of student officers and procedures for running the election. Changes include dropping the requirement that candidates must have already completed at least 12 credits at LBCC. Any currently enrolled student with a minimum GPA of 2.00 will be eligible to run for student

council under the new code.

The petitions still require 40 student signatures, but no longer ask for student ID numbers or majors. Of the three letters of recommendation accompanying the application, two must now be from instructors and one from an LBCC student.

Article XIII has been added to the code to cover guidelines for handling ASG applications and interviews and for accepting new council members.

The amendments to the constitution and the new by-laws will be voted on at the student body elections, which will be held Feb. 22 and 23. The student council itself approves the Election Code after the hearings.

The proposed changes for each document are posted on the bulletin board outside the Student Life and Leadership Office on the second floor of the College Center near the cafeteria.

World Wide Web and Internet classes are met with much enthusiasm

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

The computer room in Sweet Home is filled with eager students anxiously waiting to explore the Internet. The students want to maneuver around in cyberspace, and they can't wait to begin.

The high tech communication trend that has been sweeping America and the world is now here in our local area.

Instructor Ron Schaleger is bombarded with questions before the first class session has even begun.

The students want to know how to access the vast amounts of information available on the Internet.

Schaleger begins with handouts, explaining the simple basic steps to log on and how to use the address system of the great World Wide Web.

Students who have various types of computers at home ask specific ques-

tions related to their home computers. Schaleger is patient and you can't help but marvel at his extensive experience on Internet.

"I enjoy teaching the new students and seeing their excitement as they get on the Internet and move from one site to another," he said.

The class teaches how to use e-mail, gopher, Archie, FTP, and general information to the global on-line network. Two classes have been offered winter term at the East Linn Center.

One three-week class began on Jan. 11 in Sweet Home; and a four-week class will start on Feb. 1 in Lebanon.

Schaleger also teaches the HTML World Wide Web Publishing class at East Linn. This class is for students who are familiar with the use of a computer and the terminology. You will be taught and graded on making your own web

"In the HTML class I really like to see the 'wow' on the faces when they see their own web page come to life for the whole world to see what they have done."

—Ron Schaleger



Photo by Cindi Fuller

Instructor Ron Schaleger instructs the Beginning Internet class at the Sweet Home Center.

page. Basic concepts and design features will be covered, as well as graphics, tables, forms and various versions of the Hyper-Text Markup Language, which is used to create web pages.

In the classroom you will find as many variations of web pages as students—businessmen to high school students want to have their own web pages.

"In the HTML class I really like to see

the 'wow' on the faces when they see their own web page come to life for the whole world to see what they have done," said Schaleger.

The winter term class begins March 1 and runs for three weeks at the Lebanon Center. For more information on any of the classes at the East Linn Center in Sweet Home, call 367-6901; or call the Lebanon Center at 451-1014.

GED graduation to honor 61 students

Sixty-one Linn and Benton county residents, graduates of LBCC's JOBS and ABE programs, will receive their General Education Development (GED) certificates Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. in a GED Graduation and Recognition Ceremony which will be held in the Forum.

Master of ceremonies Ted Swigart,

JOBS Program Coordinator, will introduce keynote speaker, Ann Smart, Dean of Extended Learning and Information Services at LBCC, will give the keynote address.

The graduates' instructors include Sue Cowles of the Albany Program and Ann Malosh of the Lebanon Program.

Applications available for student programming board

Applications for positions on the Student Programming board will be available beginning Monday. There are nine positions including Team Coordinator, Health and Recreation Specialist, and Series Events Specialist. For more information about positions and duties contact Randy Brown in CC-213 ext. 4457.

Lutheran Students of LBCC

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Faculty photo contest held

by Anthony Pinto
of The Commuter

The LBCC Bookstore is holding a contest for the next few weeks in which students can win prizes for identifying faculty members shown in old pictures.

Pictures of faculty members as babies or youngsters will be shown in the display window in front of the bookstore. Students can try to match the pictures to the faculty names listed on a form inside the bookstore.

The students with the most matches will win prizes which will be awarded by the bookstore on Valentine's Day, Friday Feb. 14.

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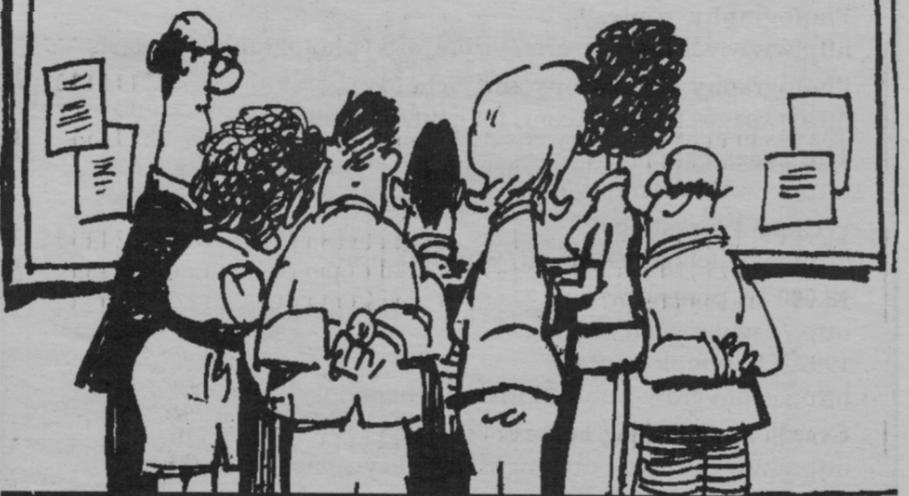
Watch The Commuter for announcements of speakers, films, and special events sponsored by the Peace Studies Program.

STUDENT HEARINGS!!!

Your Student Government has made changes to its
Constitution, By-Laws, and Election Code.
Come to either of the following meetings

Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the Willamette Room at 12:00
Thursday, Jan. 23 in the Board Rooms at 12:00

Voice your opinions on these important documents!
Be a part of the decisions that affect your experience at LBCC.
Call ext. 4464 for more more information.



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

A&E News & Notes

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

Pooh comes to campus

LBC Theater will present "Winnie-the-Pooh" on Saturdays and Sundays on Feb. 15, 16, 22, 23 and March 1 and 2. The one-hour stage adaptation, directed by LBC theater instructor George Lauris, is based on Alan Alexander Milne's book, "Winnie-the-Pooh," and follows the adventures of Pooh and his friends. Director Lauris says, "Our version of Pooh recreates his adventures with music and dialogue straight from the original 'Winnie-the-Pooh' stories Milne wrote in 1926." All performances are at 3 p.m. in the Takena Theater. Tickets are \$3 for under 18 and \$5 for adults. Tickets and reserved seating is available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis and Takena Theater Box Office, for more information call 917-4531.

Prints, glass on display

Artists Lyle Matoush of Ashland and Harold Lofton of Blodgett will be exhibiting their prints and fused glass pieces from Jan. 21 to Feb. 14 in the LBC Art Gallery. The following exhibit features Deb Ramsey's mixed media and Teresa L. Duncan's ceramic works from Feb. 18 to March 7. The Art Gallery is in Room 100, of the AHSS Building. The exhibit is free and open to the public 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information contact Patty Robidary, gallery coordinator, at 917-4544.

Gallery shows Asian art

The Corvallis Arts Center presents "Memories from the Orient: Five Contemporary Northwest artists of Asian Descent." Yuji Hiratsuka curates the ex-

hibit, which includes his own work, plus that of Robert Dozono, Michi Osaka, Harold Hoy and Frank Sumio Okada. The exhibition is being held through Feb. 5, Tuesday through Sunday, noon - 5 p.m. at 700 S.W. Madison St., Corvallis, for more information contact Hester Coucke, CAC curator at 754-1551.

Disney seeks musicians

Disney searches Nationwide for College Musicians! A national tour of 20 colleges and universities is taking place until Feb. 16 for summer season. Disney will search for 140 musicians, including violin, viola, cello, string bass, trumpet, trombone, horn, tuba, piano and saxophone players, as well as drummers and percussion players, to play in the 11-week program that provides a weekly salary and housing, local transportation, clinics and workshops. Videotape auditions will be accepted until Feb. 13 for students who cannot attend in person. Send tapes to The Disney Entertainment Career Program, P.O. Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32820. For more information call 407-397-3220 or 714-781-3414, or e-mail questions to: bob_radock@wda.disney.com.

Love story at ACT

Albany Civic Theater presents "Dear Liar," a love story directed by Mark Summers and featuring John and Victoria Baur. This is an ACT special event to help raise money for the remodeling of the theater's lobby, ACT II. Performances are Feb. 7 at 8:15 p.m. and at 2:30 and 8 p.m. on Feb. 8. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$5 for juniors and seniors. Tickets are available at Sid Stevens Jewelry in Albany, 967-8140, and at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, 752-7779.



Photo by Amanda Miller

Belting It Out

Vocal music instructor Hal Eastburn leads one of his choirs in rehearsal for a performance scheduled for March 13 at 8 p.m. in the Takena Theater.

New artist unveils '365 Days of Work' at OSU

by Shannon Weber
of The Commuter

Oregon State University is hosting an exhibition for a talented, up-and-coming art student Dwight W. Duke.

This is Duke's third and final year of being involved with the OSU art program and starting in the fall he plans to prepare himself for graduate school. Along with being a distinguished Oregon State art major, Duke assists his

professors in teaching and helps maintain the appearance and upkeep of the art facilities.

Duke's show, entitled "365 Days of Work," features works in a variety of media. It will be displayed at the OSU Fairbanks West Gallery from Jan. 26 - Feb. 1.

There will be a reception Thursday Jan. 30 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. for anyone interested in meeting the artist.

Coming concerts
and attractions

by Cindi Fuller
of The Commuter

•David Crosby with Jeff Pevor and son James Raymond plus special guest, in Portland, Jan. 24, Fastixx.

•George Carlin, at the Schnitzer in Portland, Feb. 1, Ticketmaster.

•B.B. King with special guest, in Portland, Feb. 3, Fastixx.

•BECK, at the Salem Armory, Feb. 8.

•Celine Dion, Portland, March 29, Ticketmaster.

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Oregon Concert calendars:

www.kgon.com or www.knrk.com

Worldwide Internet Music Resources:

http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/

Children's Concert Calendar:

<http://www.cowboy.net/~mharper/ccc/usnz.html>

Oregon Festival of American Music:

<http://www.efn.org/~ofam/index.html>

Apple Music's page:

<http://www.teleport.com/~apple>

Oregon Convention Center:

<http://www.oregoncc.org/>

Disney:

<http://www.disney.com>

The Simpson's:

<http://www.geocities.com/televisioncity/1838/thesimpsons.html>

Photography contests:

http://www.yahoo.com/arts/visual_arts/photography/contests

Photography Workshops and Schools:

<http://pages.prodegy.com/fotostuf/educate.html>

The Laser Fantasy:

<http://www.laserfantasy.com/>

Writers Workshops:

<http://www.lehigh.net/zuzu/worklink.html>

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SPORTS PAGE

Men capture first league victory in double overtime

by Shawna Phillips
of the Commuter

Linn-Benton pulled out a split this week, losing at home to Lane on Wednesday, but getting its first league win on Saturday against league-leading Clackamas in double overtime.

"We felt that we were a better team than we showed on Wednesday, and as a result, we came out with a very strong performance in Saturday's game," said Coach Randy Falk.

Wednesday's game against Lane started out well for the Roadrunners, as they built an early lead, but they began to fall behind with just under eight minutes left in the half. The Titans took advantage of turnovers to take a 13-point lead at the half that was capped off by three dunks.

Lane quickly built a 20-point lead in the second half and used a tough defense to win 67-55. LBCC put on a run, but could get no closer than 12 points.

Nick Matsler led the team with 16 points. Brian Fauth had 10 points and four assists, while Brian Csergei added eight points and 11 rebounds to the 67-55 loss.

"We didn't play with very much intensity in that first half," Falk said. "We played more intense in the second half, and played with a lot of intensity against Clackamas."

Falk has been pleased with the team's development and growth, which they showed off on Saturday night by beating a tough Clackamas team on their home court in double overtime, 113-107.

Five 'Runners scored in double figures, and three

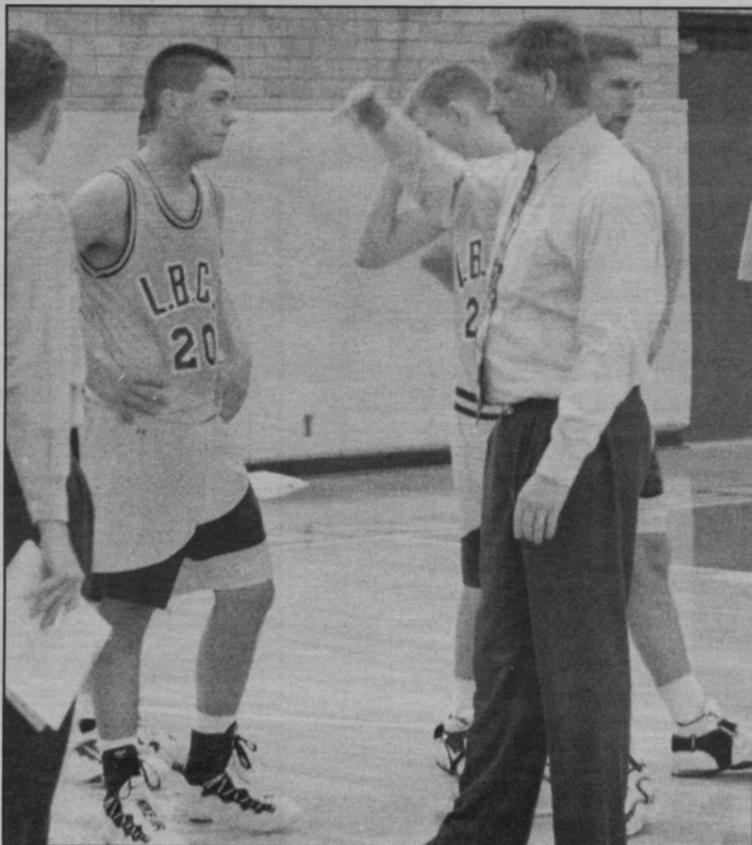


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Photo by Errin Gemache

Point Guard Justin Priddy brings the ball up the court against Lane on Wednesday. Although Linn-Benton lost that game, Priddy's 18 points and seven assists helped the Roadrunners beat Clackamas Saturday. At left, Coach Randy Falk talks with Brian Fauth who had 27 points Saturday.

had 20 or more. Fauth led all scorers with a season-high 27; Matsler had 22 points and seven rebounds; and Justin Priddy added 18 points and seven assists. Two players ended with double-doubles: Mike Graves had a team-high 11 assists and 20 points, while Csergei collected a team-high 11 rebounds to go with his 14 points.

LB took an early 16-point lead in the game, but Clackamas went on a run to cut that lead to 46-40 at the half. The second half was tough for both teams as they battled back and forth and eventually ended the game deadlocked at 89. Both teams scored 10 points in the

first overtime, but Linn-Benton finally took over and out-scored the Cougars 14-8 in the second overtime.

"Saturday's game was a big win for us," Falk said. "We showed some very strong mentalities, but we're still looking to improve in the area of our ball handling. We had way too many turnovers in both the Lane and Clackamas games." The Roadrunners had 16 turnovers against Lane and 28 against Clackamas.

Tonight they play Umpqua, one of the teams tied for first place, in Roseburg, and on Saturday they will host Portland. Both games start at 8 p.m.

'Runners new coach seeks first win

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners put up a good fight last week against Lane and Clackamas, but couldn't get Coach Chris Jackson his first win as the women's new head coach.

In Wednesday's home game against Lane, the team "played pretty well" offensively, but the defense couldn't contain the talented Lane team, Jackson said.

Dondi Schock, Martha Williams and Melinda MacLean--the only three players for LB to score in the first half--managed to keep the pressure on Lane, preventing them from building their lead into double figures. Schock gave the 'Runners the lead for the only time in the game when she scored two of her 16 points with three minutes left.

Despite a valiant effort, Linn-Benton became frustrated in the second half as some of their shots weren't falling, and the Titans maintained their strong play, hurting the Roadrunners from the free-throw line and the three-point arc. Lane built its lead to as many as 14 and won by a score of 54-66.

Williams scored 16 points and pulled down 21 rebounds for Linn-Benton, and MacLean chipped in 15 points.

At Clackamas on Saturday, the Lady Roadrunners held an eight-point lead over the Cougars at the half, but ran into

into foul trouble in the second half and couldn't hold on, losing 82-60. Shellie Leonard and Williams both fouled out, and three others ended with three fouls.

"We played a great first half--our best half of the year, period," Jackson stated. "We executed our offense really well, had some nice, easy open looks, and we shot well. In the second half we just went away from what got us the lead in the first."

Schock led in scoring with 21 points and added eight rebounds. MacLean had 11 points, while Leonard and Williams scored 10 each. Williams pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

Jackson took over as head coach of the team, replacing Bill Wold, who resigned for personal reasons. Jackson had been serving as the assistant coach.

"We're trying to do some new things since the coaching change, so it's going to be a few days process for us before we get a little better," Jackson said.

According to Jackson the players have responded well to his different teachings and defensive philosophies, and they will have a chance to prove it tonight when they travel to Roseburg to face Umpqua Community College.

The team returns home Saturday to play Portland Community College at 6 p.m.

Free lift tickets available at Mt. Bachelor

Mt. Bachelor is inviting all skiers and snow boarders to participate in the Free Ski and Ride Day Friday, Jan. 31.

Ten thousand free lift tickets will be given away to those who bring non-perishable food items and/or wearable warm clothing, which will be distributed by the Central Oregon Community Agency Action Network. For this event, Mt. Bachelor will open three of its lifts an hour earlier than usual, at 8:00.

The Free Ski Day gives Mt. Bachelor a

chance to give back to the community and show off its new Northwest Express chair lift. The NW Express is the longest and fastest chair lift in the Northwest. It opens up 458 acres of previously inaccessible terrain.

Questions regarding this or other upcoming events may be directed to Tiia Sumera, PR director, Mt. Bachelor Inc. Phone (800) 829-2442 or (541) 382-2442 or Fax (541) 382-6536 or e-mail at info@bachelor.com.

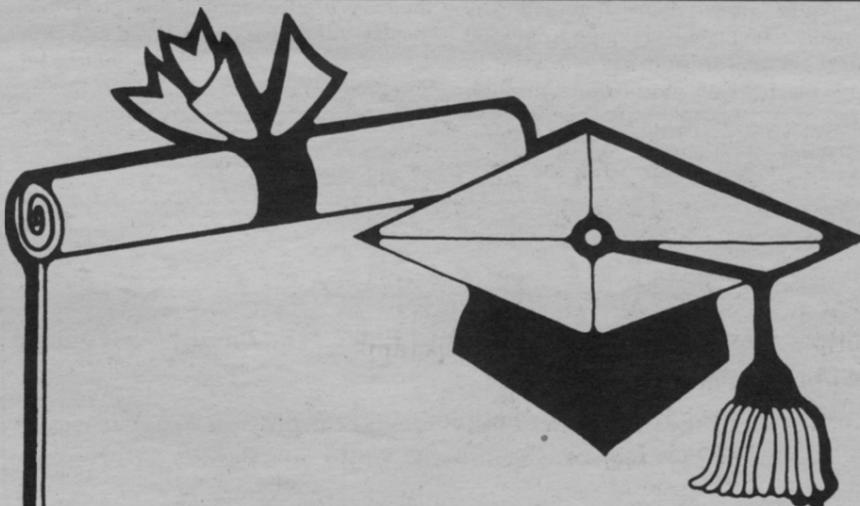
Track athletes turn in strong performance

Several LBCC track athletes turned in strong marks at a pre-season open meet in Seattle last weekend.

Matt Philips pole vaulted to 14-5; Jerry Soto ran 53.0 in the 400-meter run; Heather Decker threw the shot 37-8; and both P.J. Pinkston and Rich Stauble hit 6-1 in the high jump.

Coach Brad Carmen said the open meet drew some outstanding athletes, including some Olympians, giving his team a chance to compete against "some very high-powered people."

He said the experience will help the athletes get ready for the spring outdoor season.



GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE

If you plan on participating in the graduation ceremony and/or graduating Spring Term 1997, you need to apply at the Admissions Office by:

April 11, 1997

Caps and gowns will be available in the Bookstore prior to the graduation ceremony. The ceremony will be held on June 12, 1997

classifieds

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Crater Lake National History Association is offering grants up to \$3,000 to faculty, graduate students and undergraduates interested in doing scientific research or cultural studies about the park. Application deadline is Jan. 31, 1997. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

96-97 Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship Program is offering tuition awards to students who meet scholarship eligibility requirements. Scholarships available in Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1997.

Leslie S. Parker Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship is designed for women who have completed two years of satisfactory college work. The student must be an Oregon resident. Information regarding this scholarship is available in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

1997-98 Oregon Agriculture Memorial scholarship. Eligibility: attending or preparing to attend a college in an agricultural related major. Deadline: April 1, 1997. Add'l information available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

The Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation is offering 14 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000 per year to students who want to explore the field of horticulture through

their studies at a community college or university. Students must complete the application form, attach a copy of their transcripts and provide 3 letters of recommendation. For complete details, please go to the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1997.

Linfield College is offering a new academic scholarship for transfer students. Scholarships range from 20-50 percent of tuition. To be eligible you must apply to Linfield, have attended a 2-or 4-year college full-time and have a GPA of 3.25 or above in transferable courses. Please go to the Career Center in Takena Hall for information. Deadline is March 15th.

Three \$500 scholarships are being offered to students attending Pacific Northwest 2-year colleges. These scholarships are intended for students whose training will lead to or enhance a career in public water supply. Application deadline is April 14, 1997. Applications are available in the Career Center in Takena Hall.

The Financial Aid Office of LBCC is currently offering two scholarships. The first is the Dr. Robert Hyland Memorial Scholarship which is available to students in Science or Engineering Programs. This is a \$300 award. The second is the George and Edna McDowell Charitable Trust which is available to students in the Nursing Program or any of the Industrial Arts Programs. This is a \$500 award. Information and forms are available at the Financial Aid office in Takena Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Are you a woman over 30 years old who would like to participate in a support group dealing with life issues? For more information please contact Marlene Propst, Career Center, ext 4784.

WANTED

Tutor for Quicken (Macintosh) to help me set up personal budget/bookkeeping system. Call Melody 928-4780 eves.

Classified Ad Policy

Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

Cost: Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.



Icy Spray

The courtyard fountain shows the effects of last week's cold weather. Forecasts call for cool days and cold nights this week.

Photo by Roger Lebar

Free tickets to:

Ulali, an Indian a cappella trio, which will perform at OSU's LaSells Stewart Center on Feb. 1, 1997 at 7:30 PM.

Harmonies are sung in several tribal languages accompanied by some Native percussion. Songs bridge traditional with contemporary music.

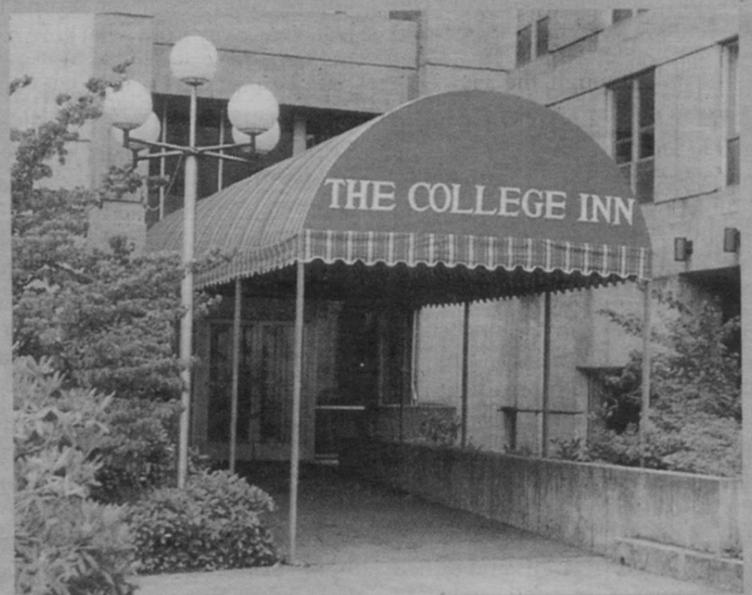
15 free tickets to LBCC students only, on a first-come, first-serve basis (two tickets per person maximum).

Tickets are available in the Student Life and Leadership office, CC-213.

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OPINION PAGE

commentary

Dr. King's example should inspire students

by Sheri Sauter
of The Cronicle (Duke University)

It's the beginning of a new semester: classes are starting, friends are back from a semester abroad, rush is soon upon us and basketball season is in full swing. With all this activity, it will be easy to get caught up in the thrills of the Gothic Wonderland this week and next. In all the excitement, however, we must stop and realize that we are also celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Although King died 29 years ago, the issues he fought for are still relevant today. Unfortunately, it seems that too many people, especially those too young to remember what life was like during the tumultuous '60s, have forgotten. Too often today we do not stop to really think about the vision and dreams of Dr. King.

Harvard educator Charles Willie wrote, "By idolizing those whom we honor, we do a disservice both to them and to ourselves. By exalting the accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr., into a legendary tale that is annually told, we fail to recognize his humanity, his personal and public struggles, that are similar to yours and mine. By idolizing those whom we honor, we fail to realize that we could go and do likewise."

I think that this is a very valuable point. I think many of us have forgotten that the challenge of building a better and more equal world still lies before us, and it is a task we can and must embrace. This year the challenge is to renew our commitment to the Civil Rights movement.

Twenty-nine years ago, our parents were the ones fighting for change, and as many of us approach adulthood, it is now our turn to take up the struggle. Too often today it's easy to forget the passion and hard work that King forged into his words.

This is a mistake that we can not afford to make.

When King died on April 4, 1968, students around the country gathered together in silent vigil. Duke University students proved no exception.

In fact, King's death prompted a weeklong vigil by students. What has since been termed the "Silent Vigil" began with students marching in protest to then-President Douglas Knight's house. Two days later, the protest moved to the Main Quad and demands were made by students concerning workers' wages. Although the vigil officially ended several days later, students continued their protest for the remainder of the semester, calling for increases in non-academic employees' wages and for adjustments in the relationship between the university and employees.

As we celebrate King's life this year, we must ask ourselves if we have lost some of the passion for rectifying injustice that prompted those students to participate in the Silent Vigil. While some might argue that the Silent Vigil was typical of the '60s, the fact still remains that many of the problems King spent so much of his time emphasizing have not been resolved. We need to stop resting on the achievements of the past and concentrate on the future and what we can do to make the world a better place. Are we all still doing our part to live up to the challenge of building a better society?

As a predominantly white university situated in the South in the midst of a diverse city, Duke has a unique challenge before it: to wrestle and grapple with the issues of racism and multiculturalism. As we celebrate King's life, we will have the opportunity to reflect, learn and absorb his ideas. This is a chance for those of us who do not know much about the Civil Rights movement to learn, and for those of us who do, to renew our commitment to carrying King's vision into the 21st century.

As we are presented with the opportunity to commemorate one of the great leaders of the 20th century and reflect on his life, we must also look at this week as a chance to plan for the future. We must live up to the challenge Dr. King placed before us so many years ago. We must stop amidst the hustle and bustle of our own busy lives to listen and learn from the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



pete petryszak

It's your money: Speak up now before it's too late

With the elections done and the new Congress and state legislature sworn in, most people assume that the political season is over. The truth is, it's only just begun.

Now that the people have voted in a new set of politicians, we need to keep them focused on the work we sent them there to do in the first place.

There are a number of issues on the Oregon Legislature's agenda that will have an impact on Linn-Benton students. Among them are alternative ways to fund schools in the wake of Measure 47. One such proposal is for the state to use revenue left over from last year's budget to help schools recoup some of the money lost after 47 was passed.

A lot of people are upset that the legislature would spend this "kicker" after planning on returning it to the taxpayers, but taxpayers with kids in grades K-12 should consider which is more important to them: getting back 10 percent of their state income tax or maintaining a quality education for their children. Of course, the kicker money might not be enough to do that, in which case the legislature needs to find a new school-funding system altogether.

In addition, the legislature and the governor will be dealing with a variety of "quality of life" and environmental issues this term, including Gov. Kitzhaber's plan to preserve the state's salmon runs, revamping state funding for the maintenance of our roads to better manage urban growth, and the development of a light-rail public transportation system.

The common thread running among all of these issues is that they all involve the spending of public money, which seems to me the most important reason for the public to get involved and let their elected officials know what's on their minds. Regardless of political ideology, we need to keep an eye on the politicians we've permitted to manage our public funds. Anything the legislature tries to do is going to cost money, and it's up to concerned, involved citizens to make sure that their money isn't wasted.

The same thing is true for the national government. Anyone who's been following the recent developments in Congress has seen how quickly the campaign rhetoric can fade and how easily the Congress can get wrapped up in business completely unrelated to anything members had promised to do during the campaign.

Once the whole Gingrich ethics business blows over, Congress will start working on important issues like campaign finance reform, drawing up a budget, and looking for ways to preserve Social Security.

Members of Congress and the state legislature already have lobbyists whispering into their ears, trying to convince them to pass bills that treat their clients favorably, so it's imperative that the people who elected them make their voices heard.

Politicians tend to confuse silence with approval, so we need to make some noise to remind them of who they work for and to let them know that they will be held accountable for their actions.

The first task of an involved citizen is to identify his or her representatives and find a way to contact them.

Following are some of the state representatives and

senators serving LBCC students and their office phone numbers:

State Senators:

Cliff Trow, D-Corvallis..... 503-986-1700

Mae Yih, D-Albany.....503-986-1719

State Representatives:

Barbara Ross, D-Corvallis.....503-986-1435

Carolyn Oakley, R-Albany.....503-986-1436

Liz VanLeeuwen, R-Halsey...503-986-1437

You can also call your state representative or senator toll-free on the Legislative Information and Citizen Access line at 800-323-2313, or write to them at State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310.

The legislature also has a web site at <http://www.leg.state.or.us> which contains daily updates of the text of proposed legislation, schedules and agendas for committee meetings, members and staffs of those committees, and contact information for legislators, including their personal e-mail addresses. The site also contains the text of the Oregon State Constitution and the Oregon Revised Statutes.

Contacting our representatives and senators in Washington, D.C., has been made easier thanks to Juan Cabanela, a 27-year-old Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota. His "Contacting the Congress" web page lists the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when applicable) for all members of Congress, as well as links to Project Vote Smart and other organizations. The page can be accessed at <http://www.visi.com/juan/congress>.

Using this page, I found the names and numbers of LBCC students' representatives and senators:

Representatives:

Peter DeFazio, D-4th District

Washington Office: 202-225-6416

Fax Number: 202-225-0373

District Office: 541-465-6732

e-mail: pdefazio@hr.house.gov

Darlene Hooley, D-5th District

Washington Office: 202-225-5711

Fax Number: 202-225-2994

District Office: 503-588-9100

Senators:

Gordon Smith, R

Washington Office: 202-224-3753

Fax Number: 202-224-0276

Ron Wyden, D

Washington Office: 202-224-5244

Fax Number: 202-224-2717

District Office: 503-326-7525

e-mail: senator@wyden.senate.gov

Or call 800-972-3524 for the Capital switchboard.

Information on people in government and pending legislation can also be obtained by contacting Project Vote Smart's Corvallis branch at 541-754-2746. You can also access their web site at <http://www.vote-smart.org>.

LOONEY LANE

Managing your plastic

by Colleen DeBaise
CPS

Easy credit has a double meaning for college students: it's easy to get . . . and it's easy to use.

According to the Roper CollegeTrack Financial Services study, 64 percent of college students have a credit card. Fifty-nine percent of these students have a general credit card, such as a Visa, MasterCard or American Express card, in their wallet.

But it's the way that these cards are managed that make all the difference.

Loren Schmerler, president of Bottom Line Management, offers advice to students on how to responsibly manage credit cards.

First, apply for a low line of credit, and make it a habit to pay off the monthly balance in full to avoid interest charges of 18 percent or more. "Don't get in the habit of just paying the minimum balance," he warned. "You will start to live beyond your means."

Also, never ever miss a monthly payment. If you don't have the funds to pay even the minimum balance, call your creditor and explain your circumstances. Most creditors will work with people, such as accepting a smaller payment, if they're honest about their circumstances, Schmerler said.

A little embarrassment is a lot less painful than seven years of bad credit.

"Late payments become a part of your credit profile for seven years and are always reported even after you bring your account current," he said.

Students also should read the fine print carefully, because not all credit cards are the same. Find out if your card gives you a "grace period" or charges you interest from the date of the charge, Schmerler advises.

Also, most cards require payment of an annual fee; some have no annual fees but have other expensive charges. Weigh all the factors

when choosing a card, he said. More and more banks are offering a debit card, which acts like a plastic checkbook by subtracting a charge directly from a bank account.

But security problems arise with the debit card. A thief can clean out "whatever you've got in your account," Schmerler cautioned. "The debit card is just a wide-open liability situation."

Also, as with ATM cards, people often forget to record purchases debited from their accounts and wind up bouncing checks. "A lot of people are lazy when it comes to that," he said.

Schmerler offers some advice for those who rely too heavily on credit cards when it comes to holiday shopping.

"Charging is heaviest at the holidays," he said. "If they're going to charge something, they should put a notation in their checkbook as if they've already spent the money. It's a trick to fool yourself into thinking you have less money than you do."

Finally, if all else fails . . .

If you lack the discipline to properly manage your credit cards, you may wish to turn them into frozen assets, suggests Dr. Barney Raffield, associate professor of management at Lebanon Valley College, Pa.

"Wrap the cards in foil, place them in a container of water and freeze them," Raffield said. "If you want to use the cards, you'll have to wait until they thaw out, since the foil wrap prevents

you from using a microwave. That way you have some time to think about why you're making the purchase with credit cards."

Also, it's important for students to understand that credit cards should only be used in an emergency, rather than as a way to supplement a lifestyle, Raffield said.

"Don't use credit cards to purchase shirts or dresses because they are on sale," he said. "And never use them to fund a party."

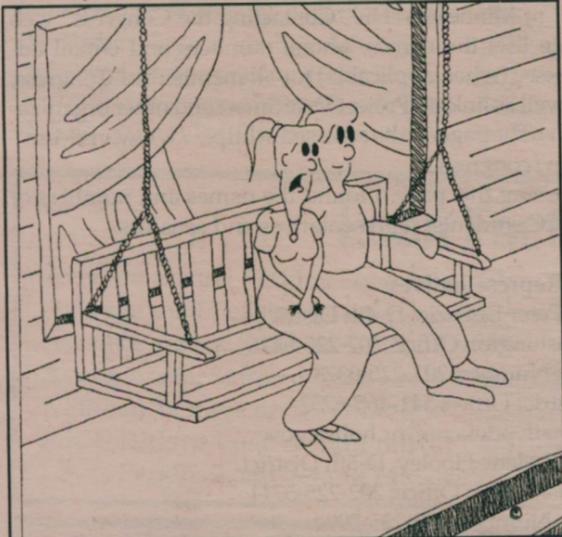
Credit Card Quiz

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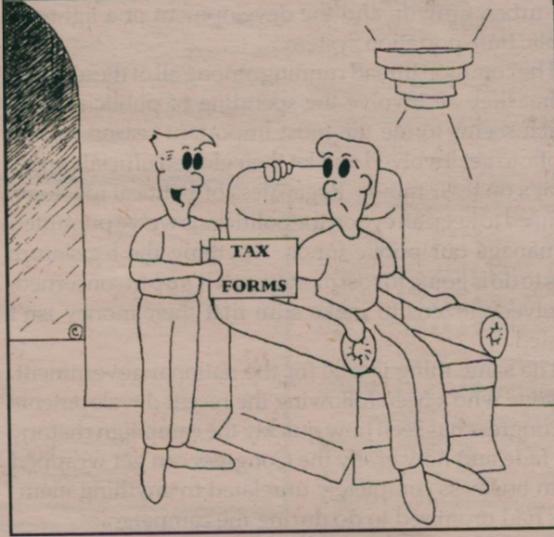
- What portion of your credit card bills do you pay each month?
 - The entire balance.
 - A good portion of the amount owed.
 - Only the minimum payment.
- When do you tend to pay your credit card bills?
 - When received.
 - As close to the due date as possible.
 - Skip some payments.
- How much of the credit line on your credit cards do you owe?
 - None, I pay my entire balance each month.
 - Less than one-half.
 - I have charged to the maximum.
- Do you know your credit card debt?
 - Yes.
 - Rough estimate.
 - Afraid to add it up.

If you answered "C" to any of the above questions, you could be in financial difficulty. Re-examine your priorities, budget and credit obligations.

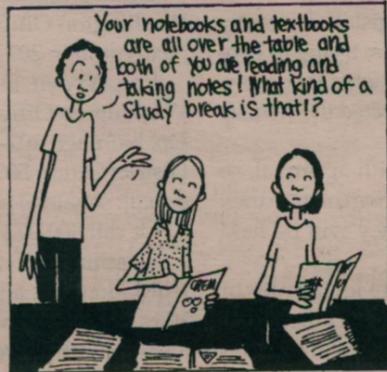
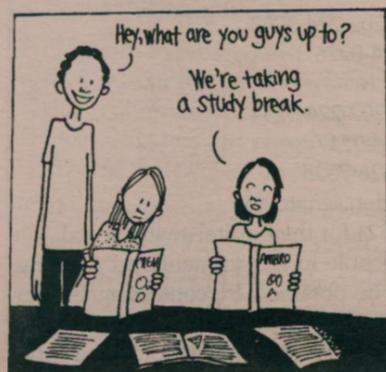
Reality Bites



I know that you don't like to get your hair cut, but when I said I wanted a lock of your hair, I didn't mean from your bathroom drain.



I got the mail, Pop, the nice people in Washington wanted to wish you a Happy New Year by sending you this gift.

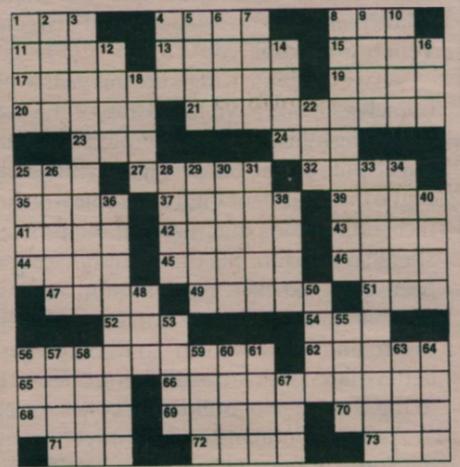


by Lance Dunn

Weekly Crossword

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- Atlas item
 - Employs
 - Fresno's state abbr.
 - Shake — (hurry)
 - Skins
 - "Exodus" writer
 - Division
 - Old cars
 - Brown
 - Honolulu citizens
 - Nav. off.
 - For
 - Title of respect
 - Journal
 - Thin Man's dog
 - Dwelling
 - Lucky number
 - "My Friend —"
 - Single entity
 - Dictation taker
 - Saturday morning kiddie fare
 - Lean
 - Belief
 - New — City
 - Astringent
 - Lieu
 - Pod denizen
 - Hit hard
 - Hesitation sounds
 - Weddings
 - Kennedy, Astin and Goodman
 - Matty and Felipe — of baseball
 - Greeting
 - Time gone by
 - "If You Knew —"
 - Lhasa —
 - Wedding announcement word
 - Tardy
 - Make clothes

- DOWN
- Large amount
 - Nautical word
 - Condiment grinder
 - tree (cornered)
 - Adam's son
 - Director Kazan



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- Stash away
- Cat killer?
- Space
- Jungle beast
- Win
- Sharp breaking sound
- Former draft group initials
- File
- Brother to George
- Close
- Ancient Asian region
- Helper: abbr.
- For — sake!
- Happening
- Adoree or Taylor
- Serviceman carriers
- Love in Roma
- Caesar's words
- "— creature was stirring..."
- Singer/composer Paul —
- Miss Piggy's word
- vu
- Go by
- Church tribunal
- Chart
- Ladd or Alda
- American Beauty
- Ancient country of Europe
- Literary lioness
- Fit
- Probusis
- Skier's need
- Golfer's gadget