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Photo by G. A. Petroccione

## Here We Go Again

*Lines at registration windows last week were long and the waiting tedious. The bookstore, financial aid office and workstudy desk were also crowded. Officials say enrollment*

*appears to be up over last fall, although accurate figures are not yet available. Registration clerks have been busy with students this week adding and dropping classes and trying to get overload slips for full classes.*

## Promotions from within fill key posts

By Diane Morelli  
Editor

Registrar Jon Carnahan's appointment as vice president of instruction in July has triggered a domino effect in staff positions at LBCC.

Carnahan replaced John Keyser, who accepted the presidency at Clackamas Community College.

Robert Talbot, director of Student Development now has expanded areas of responsibility, including all student service functions.

Blaine Nisson, former director of Student Programs is now director of Admissions, Records and Student Programs.

Replacing Nissons in the Student Activities building is Mary Coleman, the new Student Activities coordinator.

Coleman graduated in June from the Student Services Personnel program at OSU.

Sue Cripe, formerly an assistant to the registrar, is now LBCC's registrar.

According to a press release by Gretchen Schuette, director of Community Relations, the board appointed Mike Patrick as director of the Industrial and Apprenticeship Division.

LBCC President Thomas Gonzales said, "A number one priority is contributing to the work-readiness of our students and we are looking to Mike Patrick to provide direction this year and in the future for that important effort."

Patrick had been serving as director of Community Education.

In additional appointments, the board named new leadership for the Community Education division. Ann Crisp of Corvallis will become director of Community Education for Benton and Lincoln Counties, and Dorie Nelson will become assistant to the Benton Center director. Mary Spilde of Albany will become director of Community Education for Linn County and the Training and Economic Development Center.



Jon Carnahan

## LBCC launches 'night owl' degrees this fall

By Quonieta D. Murphy  
Managing Editor

While wandering around campus trying to get started this fall you may see window stickers with the visage of a wide-eyed "Night Owl" staring out at you.

The night owls the stickers are referring to are new students enrolled in Linn-Benton Community College's new Evening Degree program.

Although no firm figures are available about enrollment at this time, Mary Spilde, Community Education Director for Linn County said there was an excellent turnout at the "Get Acquainted" sessions held in early September. The sessions, held at the main campus, Benton Center and Lebanon Center attracted 98 people. They were held to let people know more about the new program and how to get started.

"Our whole plan with the Evening Degree program is that we want to start small and make sure we give excellent service to the students, and then work with them to expand the program. We don't want to necessarily start big and not be able to provide the kind of services we said we were going to," said Spilde.

Spilde is in charge of the program but said that Albany Center Director, Al Barrios, will be the program's primary administrator.

Obviously, evening classes at LBCC aren't something new. They have been offered since the college first started holding classes in 1967. But this structured program is specifically designed for people who have home, family or job commitments that would restrict their ability to attend college during the day.

The program offers three associate degrees. The general transfer (undeclared major) Associate of Arts degree provides lower division classes that can be used when transferring to a four-year institution.

The Associate of Arts in Business Administration is a transfer program that will enable a student to complete a bachelor's degree in business administration at a four-year college or university.

Students will also be able to earn an Associate of General Studies degree by completing a non-specific degree program that includes both transfer and non-transfer courses.

Just how long it takes to complete a degree will depend on the student, according to Jon Carnahan, LBCC's vice president for instruction. If a student

has attended college in the past and the classes will transfer into the program, then it won't take as long as a student who is attending college for the first time. For the new student it may take up to four years.

Students can also take advantage of LBCC's telecourse offerings. Telecourses allow students to do much of the work at home. Combining telecourses with regular classes, students may be able to take more classes and complete their requirements faster.

Most classes will be held on the main Albany campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., although some will be available through LBCC's Community Education Centers in Corvallis, Lebanon and Sweet Home.

Classes will meet from 7-10 p.m., with some four-credit classes starting at 6 p.m.

According to Carnahan, students interested in the Evening Degree program have to go through the regular LBCC admissions process. They also need to either take the Comparative Guidance and Placement exam or provide a copy of a college transcript showing a minimum of 15 completed credits, including Intermediate Algebra (MT 100) and English Composition (WR 121) or the equivalent.

Many of the services normally available to day students will be available to evening students as well. Students can talk to a counselor in Takena 117 on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The counselor is there to help students with course selections and to answer questions about the new program.

Carnahan said that special evening lighting and security measures are being provided for the evening students. They'll be able to get a bite to eat or a cup of coffee at the Camas Room until 9 p.m.

Even the Facilities Division is pitching in. According to information from Director of Facilities Ray Jean's office, they have established a swing shift by rescheduling some of their custodial people.

Bathrooms will be cleaned and restocked before the evening classes start. Other areas such as the Camas Room, Fireside Room and the Takena concourse will also be cleaned in the evening as well as before morning classes start.

Students interested in the program can receive information by calling the Albany Center, 967-6108. To schedule an appointment with the Evening Degree program advisor call LBCC's Counseling Center, 928-2361, ext. 143 for a daytime appointment or the Albany Center for an evening appointment.

# Editorial

## Commuter charts new course; reader feedback encouraged

We, at the Commuter, work for you, our readers. Our job is to inform you, interest you, amuse you and listen to you.

"You" are the LBCC community—students, staff and administration on the Albany campus, the Benton, Lebanon and Sweet Home centers and the public serviced by LBCC.

Each year the new Commuter staff tries to produce a better or a different paper.

We'll be doing things a little differently this year.

Our Etcetera column will be carried on page three each week. This column is run as a service to our readers.

We encourage you to submit information on events that would be of interest to the LBCC community. Club events, fund raisers, art shows, seminars, social events and clinics are just a few of the happenings to be found in this column.

Be sure and check this bulletin board weekly so you won't miss anything.

Three new columns have been added. For you outdoors types—Gone Fishin' by Robert Botts will appear on a regular basis.

For those interested in living longer and healthier lives—Healthwise by myself will run weekly.

And for the sports minded—Extra Innings by Robert Hood will answer questions on a weekly basis.

All three writers encourage feedback from their readers.

Photo editor George Petroccione will be focusing on students and staff around campus with his camera each week and designing the back page around that person.

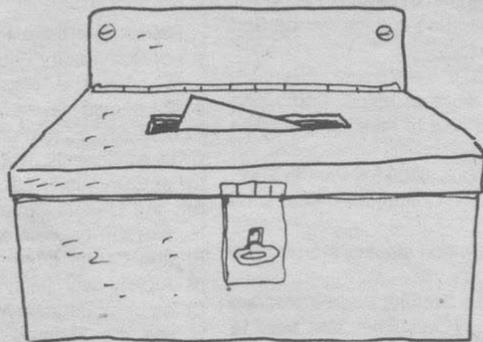
We continue to welcome guest columns and editorials which have been cleared by the editors and encourage letters to the editor. Letter must be signed and accompanied by a phone number or an address.

News tips are appreciated—stop by the Commuter office—CC 210 or call ext. 373 or 130. Our mailbox is outside our door to drop letters, advertisements or other material in if our office is closed.

We will cover breaking news on Mondays or Tuesdays but Friday, 3 p.m. is deadline for articles and advertisements.

Diane Morelli

# SUGGESTIONS



## THE COMMUTER A Student Publication

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## Health-Wise

By Diane Morelli

The purpose of this column is to inform you of some of the latest discoveries and the current advice of professionals in the fields of health and medicine.

Perhaps through the year we can help dispel some myths, prevent you from harming yourself or cause you to add years to your life by making you more aware of your state of health and what you can do about it.

According to a news release prepared by the Linn County Health Department, health professionals from throughout the Northwest will gather in Linn County October 2 to dedicate the nation's first consumer-health information system staffed by a talking computer.

"Health Line" is a joint project of the Oregon physician community, the computer industry and the Linn County Health Department.

The new system will give consumers the opportunity to get vital information about their health concerns, without charge and without leaving home. By using the buttons on a touch-tone phone, consumers will be able to call "MAXWELL," a computer voice synthesizer, and discuss their symptoms with "him."

After MAXWELL computes the probable nature of their problem, he then suggests a course of action ranging from urgent medical attention to home treatment of the problem.

The system will offer 24-hour access to health information, encouraging those people who might otherwise put off getting medical care to seek treatment in the early stages of their illnesses, and reducing the number of unnecessary doctor's visits.

Teenagers with confidentiality concerns, elderly people and young parents, who are often unsure of the urgency of their health problems, are expected to find the service particularly convenient.

Users of the system are not required to give their names but are asked their ages. This information will be combined with data on peak usage hours and most popular topics, in order to make modifications during the six-month demonstration period.

The October dedication will be opened only to a select test group of 2,000 high school students, however, after three months and a preliminary evaluation, the system will be opened to the public.

"What we're actually doing here is teaching people how to be better patients," said Dr. Lendon Smith, Portland pediatrician. "As consumers learn what a doctor needs to know to make a diagnosis, the time spent in a doctor's office will become more valuable."

## Express Yourself

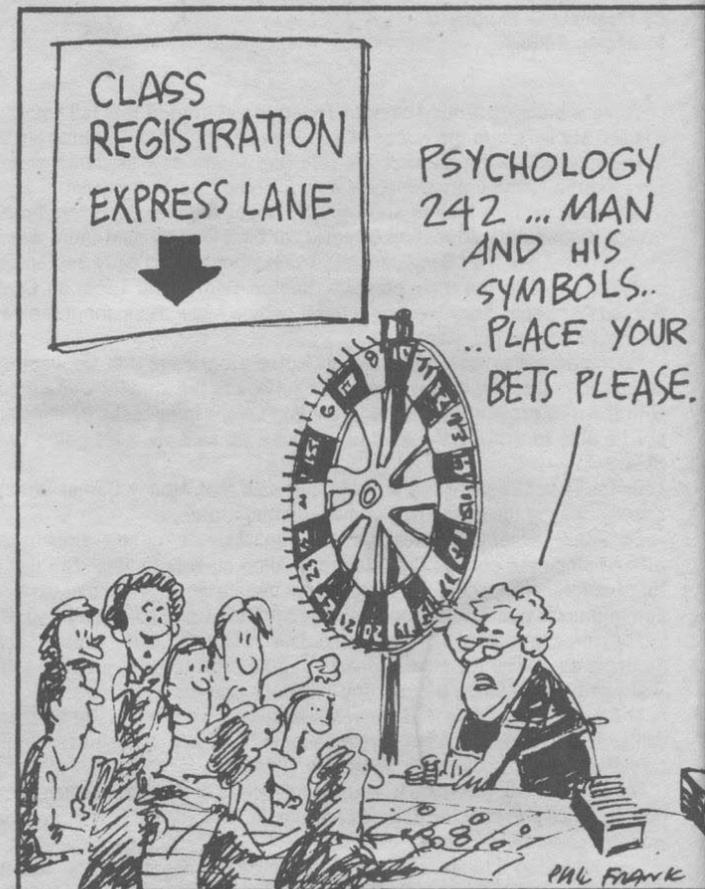
The Commuter encourages readers to use the Editorial Page to express their opinions. Commentaries and observations on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics which require deeper analysis, guest columns. All letters received will be published, space permitting, unless they are considered by the editor to be potentially libelous, obscene or in poor taste. Guest columns should be approved in advance by the editor.

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

## Frankly Speaking

by Phil Frank

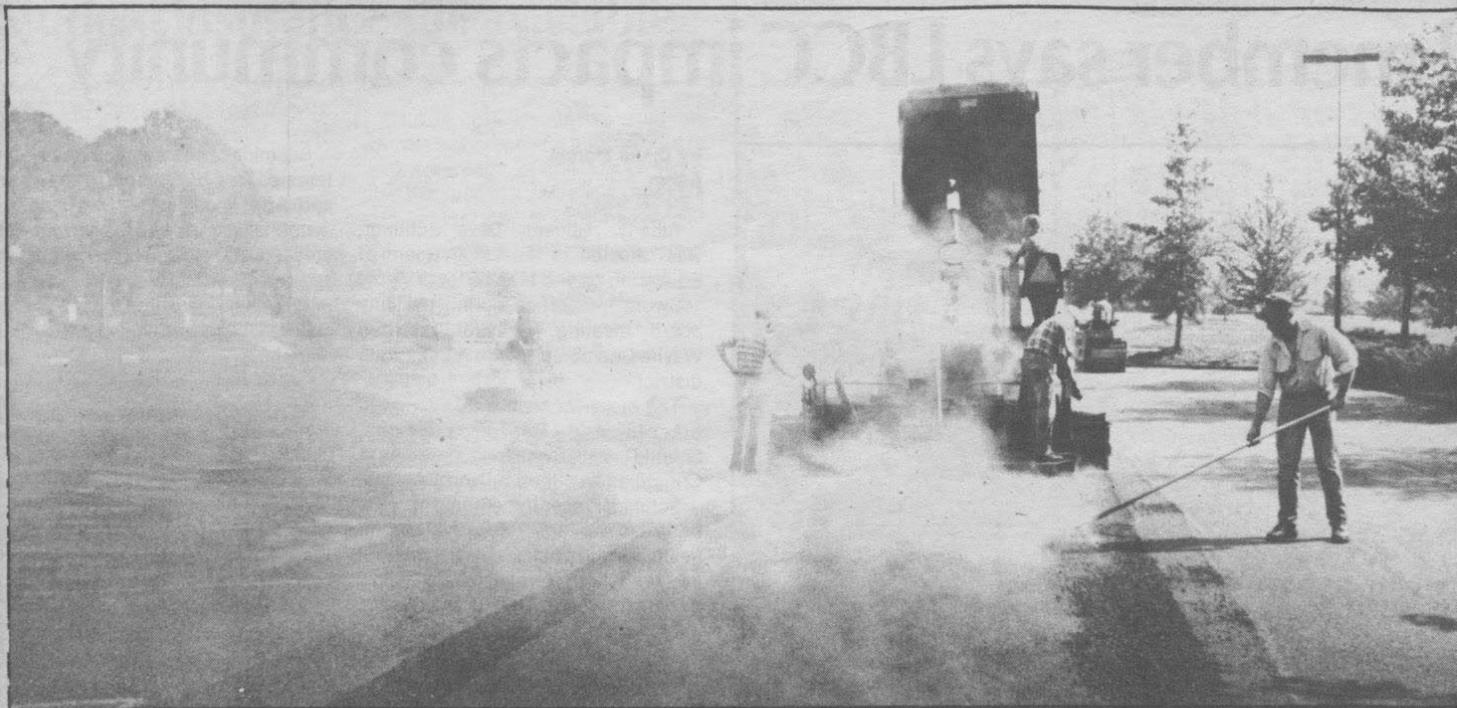


## Etcetera Column

The Commuter staff welcomes staff and students to submit announcements of upcoming events and activities to its Etcetera column, which appears weekly on Page 3.

Submissions should be no more than 100 words in length to permit publication of as many notices as possible in the space available. Final deadline for submissions to the Etcetera column is noon on the Monday prior to publication.

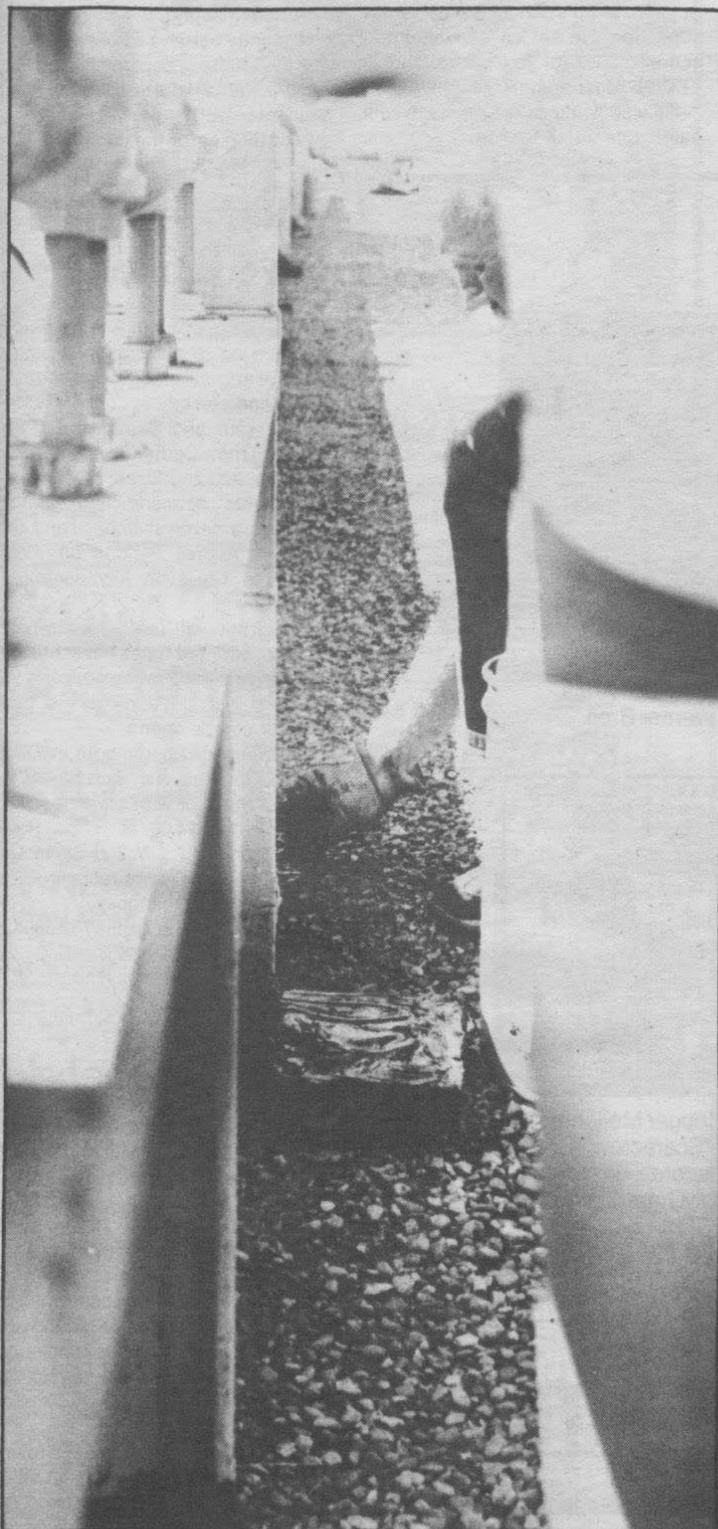
Submit written notices to: Etcetera, c/o the Editor, The Commuter, CC-210.



Photos by G. A. Petrocclone

LBCB spent more than \$40,000 getting the campus repaired and refurbished before fall term got underway. Above, workers from Morse Bros., Tangent, lay asphalt over portions of LBCB'S parking lot. Below left, an employee from Sprick Roof-

ing of Corvallis repairs a roof leak. Below, a new sidewalk, known as "T. Gonzales Way" winds from the southeast parking lot to the back door of the College Center, which contains offices for President Tom Gonzales and public meeting rooms.



## While you were away.....

By Quonieta Murphy  
Managing Editor

While you were away this last few months basking in warm, summer sunshine and taking a break away from books and exams, those left behind at LBCB were busy resurfacing, repairing and generally getting things in order.

You may notice that the driveways leading to the parking lots have been resurfaced. This is part of an ongoing project to resurface all of the parking areas. Total cost for the project will be approximately \$200,000, according to George Kurtz, vice president of business affairs. So plans are to resurface 10 percent of the total area per year for the next 10 years. Morse Bros., Inc. from Tangent did the resurfacing at a cost of \$20,000.

You may also notice on your dashes between classes that there are people on the roof. These people, who work for Sprick Roofing from Corvallis, are repairing coping, flashing, blisters and any breaks or splits.

LBCB had \$20,000 budgeted in the Plant Fund for the repairs, according to the minutes from the August 13 LBCB Board of Education meeting.

Most of this amount, \$19,560, was received from the roof bonding company who paid the College for premature failure in portions of the roof and the interest earned on that amount over a four month period.

According to the same source, a \$50,000-a-year budget contribution is going into a roof replacement reserve until enough money is accumulated to pay for roof replacement.

There is also a new sidewalk leading from the southeast parking lot to the back of the College Center. This was a joint administrative and staff project done to provide easier access to the Alsea and Calapooia Rooms, according to one of the participants in the project, Blaine Nisson, Director of Admissions, Records and Student Programs. These rooms are often used for meetings, seminars and workshops.

Besides Nisson, eight other administrators, including Mary Spilde, Pete Boyse, Bob Miller, Jon Carnahan, Ray Jean, Gretchen Schuette, Al Barrios and Anna Kircher dug and loaded sod one afternoon to prepare the area.

The walkway has been unofficially dubbed "T. Gonzales Way" by the participants.



## Etcetera

### Art gallery

Mixed media construction artists, Mike Walsh of Eugene, Oregon and Gary Webernick of Georgetown, Texas will be featured in the Corvallis Arts Center's Theater Gallery October 2, 1985 through October 27, 1985.

Walsh's constructions of paper, photographs and found objects convey his view of a fast moving, destructive world.

Gary Webernick's constructed "Images of a Stunned Person" address political and social issues, convey personal narratives and deal with form, time and space.

The Corvallis Arts Center, 700 SW Madison, is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. A reception for the artists will be held October 4, 1985, 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

### Jewish music

Nico Castel, a soloist and leading character singer with the Metropolitan Opera in New York will present an "Afternoon of Jewish Music" Sunday, September 29 at 2 p.m. at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane.

In addition to his affiliation with the Metropolitan Opera, Castel is also Cantor at Scarsdale Synagogue, Scarsdale, New York. In this dual role, he follows in the footsteps of Metropolitan luminaries Richard Tucker and Jan Peerce. A Cantor is the trained professional singer who assists a Rabbi in leading Jewish religious services.

Tickets are priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for senior adults and children under 13 and are available at any of the sponsoring agencies.

### Playboy

Playboy magazine has announced the official opening of its first College Fiction Contest. The writing competition is open to all registered college undergraduate and graduate students and offers a prize of \$3000 and publication of the winning story in a future issue of the magazine.

The contest will be judged by the editors of Playboy magazine.

Contest details and rules are being made available to students through a mailing to English and creative writing department chairmen and faculty at 1300 colleges and universities throughout the country. Details also are published in the October Playboy, the first perfect-bound issue of the magazine. The contest ends January 1, 1986.

### Sally Jessy Raphael

Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael will spend a personal afternoon with Northwest residents on Saturday, October 5, at 2 p.m., in the Masonic Temple. Admission for the non-televised speaking engagement is \$5, general admission seating only. The event is sponsored by KGW-TV and KXL Radio.

To order tickets viewers are asked to send their check or money order (payable to KXL Radio) to: "Tickets," P.O. Box 14957, Portland, Ore., 97214. Tickets can also be purchased at the Masonic Temple the day of the event.

### Community Chorale

The Community Chorale, sponsored by Linn-Benton Community College, began rehearsals for its seventh season on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The Chorale, under the direction of Hal Eastburn, LBCB vocal instructor, is open to all singers from the mid-Willamette valley.

Three concerts will be presented in the 1985-86 season. The annual Christmas Concert is set for Dec. 9 and 10 and will include "Laud to the Nativity" by Aitorino Respighi; "Songs of Christmas" by Antonin Dvák, and as time permits, a few selected choruses from the "Messiah" by G.F. Handel.

Rehearsals are scheduled for each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. in room 213 of the Arts/Humanities and Social Sciences Building on the Main Albany campus, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd.

For more information, call the Arts/Humanities and Social Sciences Department, 967-6504, ext. 217.

### Free listings

Landlords and child care providers in the two-county area can obtain free listings of their services on special bulletin boards at LBCB.

LBCB's Student Programs Office maintains a housing bulletin board listing apartments, mobile homes and houses to rent, as well as requests for roommates to share living quarters. The listings can be for rentals anywhere in Linn or Benton County.

The child care board was established last year, and also offers free listings for individuals offering babysitting services as well as group day-care providers.

Those wanting to have listings on either bulletin board should call LBCB's Student Programs Office, ext. 150.

# New board member says LBCC impacts community

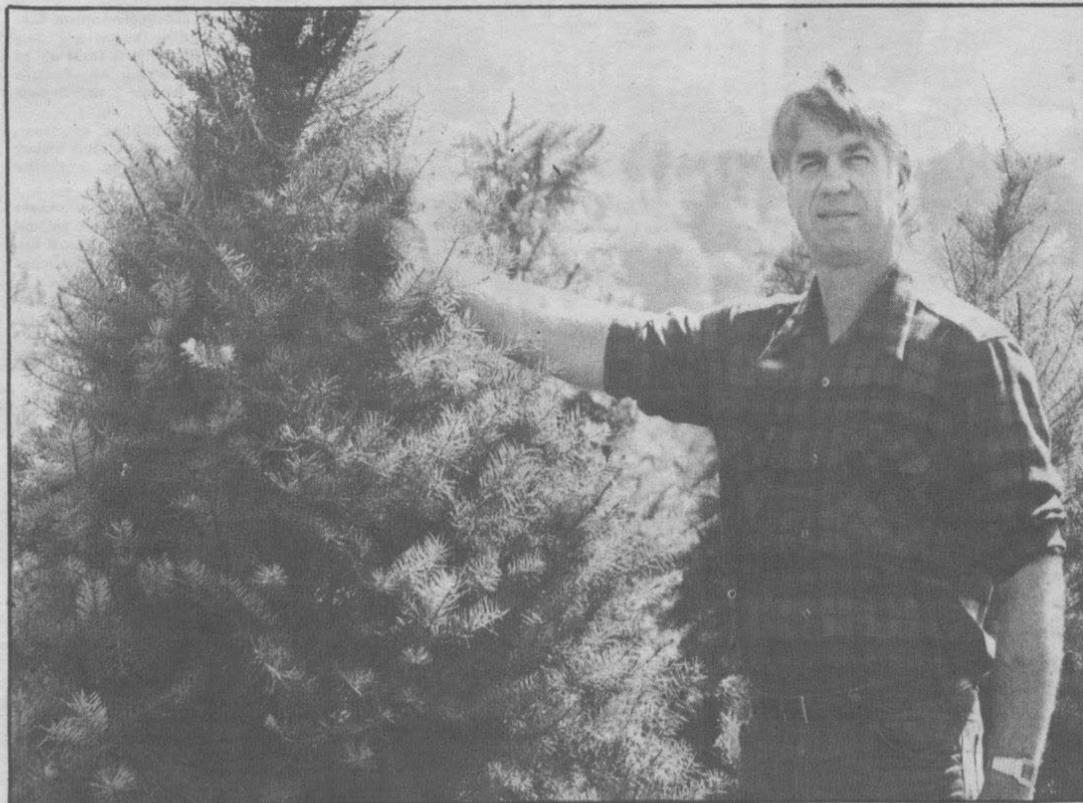


Photo by Diane Morelli

Dave Schmidt, LBCC's newest Board of Education member, owns a tree farm outside

Albany. Schmidt was elected to the board earlier this year.

By Diane Morelli  
Editor

Albany resident, Dave Schmidt, was elected to the LBCC Board of Education on the May ballot.

Sworn into office during the July board meeting, Schmidt replaced Wayne Chambers for the Albany zone district.

The owner of timber tree farms in Lincoln and Benton counties, Schmidt also owns and operates a Christmas tree farm in North Albany.

Schmidt recently entered a new business venture. He and a partner designed and published a book entitled "My School Memories." Carrying a bear theme and published under the name 4th R Productions, the book is a portfolio for a child's school years, kindergarten through 12th grade.

In his spare time, he enjoys photography, camping, tennis, spectator sports and travel.

During 1976 he traveled to the Soviet Union as part of a forestry study exchange group.

He also traveled to Japan as part of a rotary group study exchange program.

Schmidt is no stranger to the field of education. He sat on an elementary school board for four years, and an LBCC budget committee.

He also worked on a tax base campaign committee for LBCC.

Schmidt became personally interested in LBCC about three years ago. After knee surgery he attended a couple of terms at LBCC and was impressed with the quality of education and the instructors.

A father of three, one of his children began attending LBCC this fall.

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Schmidt believes LBCC affects the community, but would like to see it become more effective.

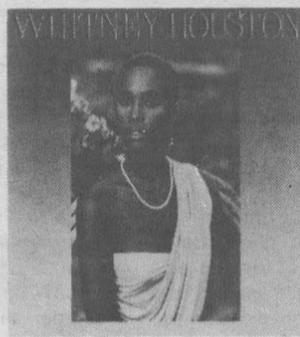
"The college influences youth, adults and other school systems," he said.

"I'd like to see a higher level of community support and see the institution meeting the needs of the community better. I would also like to see the students become more involved in the affairs of the college. Students would grow more in an understanding of the community."

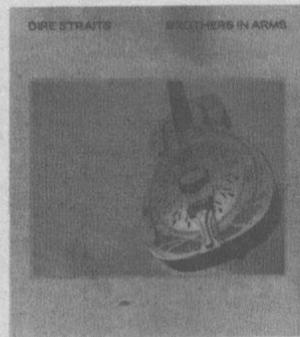
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## Gladstone, friends play in Corvallis

Neal Gladstone and Friends plug in and turn on to perform their unique blend of original electric and acoustic music and comedy in concert Friday, October 4th and Saturday, October 5th in the Oddfellows Hall Auditorium, 223 2nd Street in Corvallis.

For this appearance Neal has gathered a seven member band that includes Audrey Perkins on vocals and Fred Child on keyboards and guitar.

The group will perform many rock and jazz oriented tunes never heard in Gladstone's acoustic concerts as well as a collection of his most popular compositions.

Performances begin both evenings at 8:00. General admission tickets are \$4.50 at the door with advance tickets available for \$4.00 at Grass Roots Book Store, 227 SW 2nd St. in Corvallis. The show is not recommended for avacados or mangoes.

Contact Gray Eubank, 752-3668 or Neal Gladstone 929-3852.

## Albany Jr. Miss program to be held

Saturday night 14 Albany senior high school girls will vie for the Albany Junior Miss title and a \$500 scholarship.

The winner will go on to compete in the Oregon Junior Miss Program.

The contestants are judged on poise and appearance, physical fitness, creative and performing arts, interviews and scholastic transcripts.

This will be the second year Bob and Colleen Bell have been directors of the program.

The program will be held in Takena Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

## Student insurance still available

LBCB students taking at least one credit class are eligible to purchase health insurance at group rates through the college.

Student-only coverage, including basic and major medical benefits, costs \$42 per quarter or \$101.60 for the entire year. Family coverage is also available, with quarterly rates of \$91 for a student and one dependent, or \$127 for a student and two or more dependents.

Deadline for applying is Oct. 11. Insurance may be purchased each quarter during the registration period. However, students wanting full-year coverage can sign up during fall term

registration only.

College officials advise students who are not otherwise fully insured to take advantage of the LBCB group plan because of its extensive benefits and moderate premiums.

A brochure describing the levels of coverage is available outside the Admissions Office in Takena Hall, in the Safety and Security Office in the College Center, and in the Student Programs office (CC-213).

The plan is underwritten by the Great Republic Life Insurance Co. of Seattle. Claims are handled through the Albany Agency of Insurance.



Photo by G. A. Petroccione

Buses from the Linn-Benton Loop and the Albany Transportation System provide service to the campus from Albany and Corvallis.

## Buses, carpool offer transportation

Need a ride? Carpooling services and the Linn-Benton loop bus are available once again for students who need transportation to the LBCB campus.

For information on carpooling students can obtain a "driver" or "rider" card whichever is appropriate, at the island between The Commons and Fireside Lounge in the College Center. A color-coded map of the Corvallis/Albany area is on the bulletin board for student use. Each card is color-coded to match the various districts on the map. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Blaine Nisson, Director of Admissions, Records and Student Programs.

The loop route from Corvallis at 5th and Jefferson begins at 7 a.m. Discounts on bus passes are in effect at the Albany Transit System through the first week of classes. Specific bus schedules can be found in the College Center or Takena Hall.

Further information is available by contacting Steve Chace of the Linn-Benton Transit Loop System or by calling the Albany Transit System at 967-4371.

The Albany to LBCB bus route begins at 7:15 a.m. and runs about an hour and five minutes apart. Rides one way are twenty-five cents except at 9:30 a.m. or 2 p.m., which are twenty-five cents round-trip from LBCB to Albany City Hall.

## Shutterbugs sought for new LBCB photo club

Students interested in photography as a creative outlet are invited to participate in a new photo club being formed at LBCB.

The club is being organized to put local photographers in contact with each other and to promote creative image making of all varieties, according to faculty advisor Rich Bergeman, instructor of journalism and photography.

Among activities planned are visits to photographic exhibits, demonstrations by members and local professionals, print and slide showings, print exchanges, and shooting field

trips. Both black-and-white and color photographers are welcome. An organizational meeting will be scheduled sometime in early October. Interested photographers should contact Bergeman at Forum Rm. 108 or ext. 218.

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## Contestants wanted for TV game show

KGW-TV is looking for contestants from the Corvallis and Albany areas for the station's locally-produced game show, ON THE SPOT, announced Bill Stainton, game show producer.

A special contestant screening is scheduled in Corvallis, on Saturday, September 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Nendels Motor Inn. Nendel's is located on 1550 NW 9th.

Stainton said the ON THE SPOT staff is prepared to screen up to 500 prospective contestants. Contestants must be at least 18 years old.

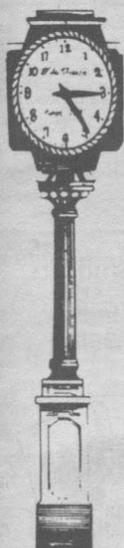
The contestant screening will consist of a written, multiple-choice test; a brief group interview; and a chance to play a round of ON THE SPOT.

The actual screening process should take approximately 30 minutes per person.

Hosted by Larry Blackmar, ON THE SPOT is a game of speed, skill and knowledge. Each weeknight at 6:30 p.m., ON THE SPOT contestants are asked multiple-choice, general knowledge questions in the first two rounds of play.

For more information on the upcoming contestant screening, please contact Linda Coffey, at 226-5076.

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March 15, 1986

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January 16, 1986

### New World Brass Quintet

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April 18

### Seattle Mime Theater

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LBCB students may purchase 2 tickets for the 1985-86 series for only

\$10.00 each

Tickets available at the College Center Office  
(Upstairs in the College Center)



# Gone Fishin'

By Robert Botts

**Editor's Note:** Robert Botts, an LBCC journalism major who's cast his line into the rivers and lakes of many of the states between Maine and Alaska, will be sharing his experiences with readers of *The Commuter* this year. A retired veterinarian from the Environmental Protection Agency, Botts is a Corvallis resident who has been fishing ever since he began pulling catfish and carp from Missouri streams as a 7-year-old. An Oregonian for the past 13 years, he spends most of his time these days fishing steelhead, tying flies, writing, and trying to keep out of his wife's way around the house.

Having fished in several states from Maine to Alaska, I find Oregon

fishing is out of step with the fishing in the rest of the country; maybe it hears a different drummer.

One of the differences is the diversity of fishing in Oregon—it cannot be matched by any other state.

When I first moved to Oregon I had never caught a steelhead, in fact I had never seen one. On the third day after my arrival I was invited to go steelhead fishing on the Siletz River. Not knowing how to fish for steelhead I felt extremely lucky when I landed one.

And, at Newport, six days later I went bottom fishing with some friends. I caught a variety of fish that I didn't even know existed—ling cod, greenling, China rockfish and cabezone. My introduction to Oregon

fishing impressed me.

The variety of fishing is matched only by the politeness of people who fish Oregon streams. This is another characteristic of fishing in Oregon that differs from fishing in other states.

After that first lucky steelhead on the Siletz, my attempts at steelhead fishing were less successful. In fact, it was almost a year before I hooked another, and again it was because of a friendly fellow fisherman.

I had been told that the Alsea River near Clement's park was a good place to fish, so I drove out one early morning to try again. I stood on the Clement's park bridge to watch another fellow fish, hoping to learn something.

He turned and said, "I've never seen anyone catch a fish without their line in the water. Come on down."

Timidly, I walked about 20 feet from him and began to cast. After I had made several unproductive casts, he

laid his pole down, came up to me and said: "If you don't mind, I think you're fishing in the wrong spot. See the nearest bridge piling? Cast above it and about 5 feet out. The fish lie in that area."

I took his advice and after about a dozen casts I hooked a fish, which I failed to land, even with the advice and encouragement of my new friend.

Since then I have met that individual several times on the Alsea River. I will never forget his friendliness.

Another characteristic about fishing in this state is the large percentage of Oregon residents who fish. I know few who don't fish.

Because of the many fishermen the streams are sometimes crowded.

My neighbor asked me to take his father, who was visiting Oregon, fishing. I agreed and said we should leave early in the morning because this time of the year is the prime time to go steelhead fishing and there will be quite a few people on the streams.

We arrived on the Alsea River while it was still pitch dark to find the road lined with cars—fishermen.

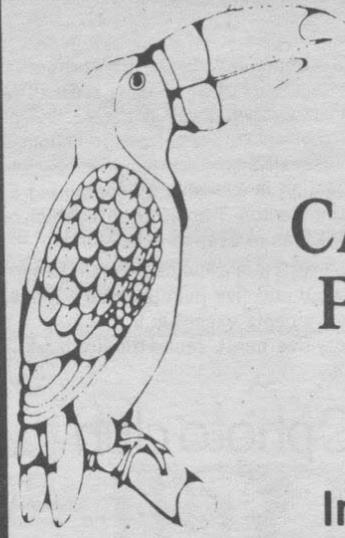
He took one look and said, "My God, where do all these people come from?"

"They are steelheaders from Albany, Corvallis, Salem and a few from Eugene," I replied.

He jokingly added, "Perhaps we should have brought our own rock to fish from."

For me Oregon fishing is the best, not necessarily because of the fishing but because of the people who fish its streams.

In the weeks to come I hope to share some of my experiences fishing in Oregon and other places with readers of the *Commuter*. I want to write about fishing because I know there is someone out there who knows a trick or two that I don't. If you feel inclined drop me a line and put it in my box at the *Commuter*. Maybe we can even swap a few fish stories or lies over a cup of coffee.



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Penny Martin, a sophomore from Gilchrist, practices a defensive move called "digging" at a recent practice. The Roadrunner opened the volleyball season last weekend at the

Lassen Community College Tournament in Marysville, Calif. The team returned from the tournament with a 1-4 record.

## Volleyball team sees wins on horizon

By Robert Hood  
Sports Editor

Before the 1985 volleyball season got underway Linn-Benton Coach Deb Strome said she felt she had a good team. Now she's positive.

In their opening tournament of the season the Roadrunners came away with a 1-4 record. Now that may not sound so good, but if you have been around LB's volleyball program at all, then you know the Roadrunners are making headway.

"We are way ahead of last year's team at this early point in the season," said Strome. "We have better athletes and we have a better attitude all the way around."

The attitude showed early as the Roadrunners faced Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) in the opening round of the Lassen Community College Tournament in Marysville, California. SWOCC, a tradi-

tional rival of Linn-Benton, defeated the Roadrunners in the opener 16-18, 2-15.

"We should have beaten SWOCC in the opener," said Strome. "There was a bad call at game point and that really hurt the team. They couldn't seem to recover after that."

SWOCC went on to win the tournament title while LB played in pool play only. The Roadrunners defeated Feather River Community College 15-0, 15-5 for their only win of the tournament.

"Team captain Toni Lindberg played real well as did Jami Moberg," said Strome. "We could have won the SWOCC contest and it really hurt that we didn't. I felt the tournament showed we can play with the teams in our league."

The Roadrunners will have a chance to compete in their own league as they host Clackamas Community College tonight and SWOCC on Friday. Both matches will begin at 7 p.m.



## Extra Innings

By Robert Hood

This corner of the paper is reserved for sports enthusiasts only! If you dislike sports I suggest you turn the page. If you enjoy hearing about summit meetings and budget committees you're wasting your time. But if you like athletics continue on.

My name's Robert Hood and this is my soapbox. If you attended Linn-Benton last year and you read the sports page of the Commuter you might remember me. If you don't know who I am I hope we can get acquainted through this column.

I love sports. I've worked with newspapers for the past six years and most of my work has been with the sports departments. I like to watch high school, college and pro athletics and I've had the privilege to cover stories in all three areas. I'm currently finishing my second and final year as sports editor for the Commuter and I'm working part-time for the Albany Democrat-Herald, writing sports.

Some of the most exciting sports competitions I've seen have involved LB athletes. Some memorable hoops games occurred last season with the Runnin' Roadrunner women's team. The 30-second shot clock used by the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges promoted a wide open style of play. The men also played well at times and the season may have been highlighted by Kevin Burton's 35 point game and the upset victory over Mount Hood.

The baseball team kept us scratching our heads as we tried to figure out what they were going to do. Lack of hitting hurt the team early but they came around at the end of the season. Head Coach Greg Hawk and the team have been working hard to give the diamond a facelift in the offseason and a different look will be seen on the field and in the standings. The track team will again be competitive so spring and early summer should be exciting.

We start the sports season at LB with volleyball and cross country. Deb Strome has yet to win a match in her two year tenure as head coach, but according to Strome, this should be one of her most experienced and talented squads. She expects to see the team in the upper division of the league so things could be on the rise for the spikers. The cross country teams will host the Region IV Championships on October 26 which will give all you running enthusiasts a chance to see the best community college runners in the state.

If you would rather participate in athletics instead of reading about them you can keep up with all of the intramural tournaments right here. Coordinator Steve Hyre has planned a 3-on-3 basketball tournament along with a 3-on-3 volleyball tourney and a badminton tourney. Hyre said more events could and would be added if student interest is high. I'll run a schedule each week telling you what events are coming up and how to get involved. If you're a softball player like myself you'll want to pay special attention. LB has a great softball league and both student and faculty have a chance to become All-Stars (at least in our own minds).

After you've read to this point each week you should be warmed up. I hope so, because at the end of each column comes the "Hot Spot." If you've got a question concerning sports leave them in the Commuter mailbox and I'll answer them in this part of my column. If you want to know why Coach Hawk starts a different secondbaseman then ask him why. If you don't understand why Steve Colter doesn't get more playing time I'll call up to Portland and get an answer. I probably won't talk to Coach Jack Ramsey but I'll talk to somebody who can give you an answer. Of course, the more candid your question the "hotter" it'll get at the end of this column.

## Cross-country opens season

Linn-Benton opened the cross country season last Saturday as they hosted Clackamas and Mt. Hood in the Linn-Benton Invitational.

"We weren't in very good condition so the meet really didn't show how well we can run as a team," said LB Coach Dave Bakley. "It will take us at

least two meets to work ourselves into shape. Then we'll have an idea just how good we are."

The Roadrunner men were led by sophomore Jimmy Jones. Jones finished sixth with a time of 21:45. The meet was won by Rob Durkee of

Clackamas with a time of 20:51. Roadrunner Pat Wilson, a freshman from Philomath High, finished 13th with a time of 23:28. The next highest LB finisher was freshman Eric Nelson who crossed the line 17th with a time of 25:26.

"I was real pleased with the way Jimmy ran," said Bakley. "When he gets in shape he'll be a good runner."

The Roadrunners finished third in the meet with 71 points. Clackamas won the event with 23 points, while Mount Hood took second with a score of 46.

None of the schools were able to field a complete women's team but the Roadrunners finished 1-2-3 with the gals that ran. Patty Gallup won the race with a time of 16:08. Sandy Ragan finished second with a time of 16:53, while Kathryn Bervin was third with a time of 17:24.

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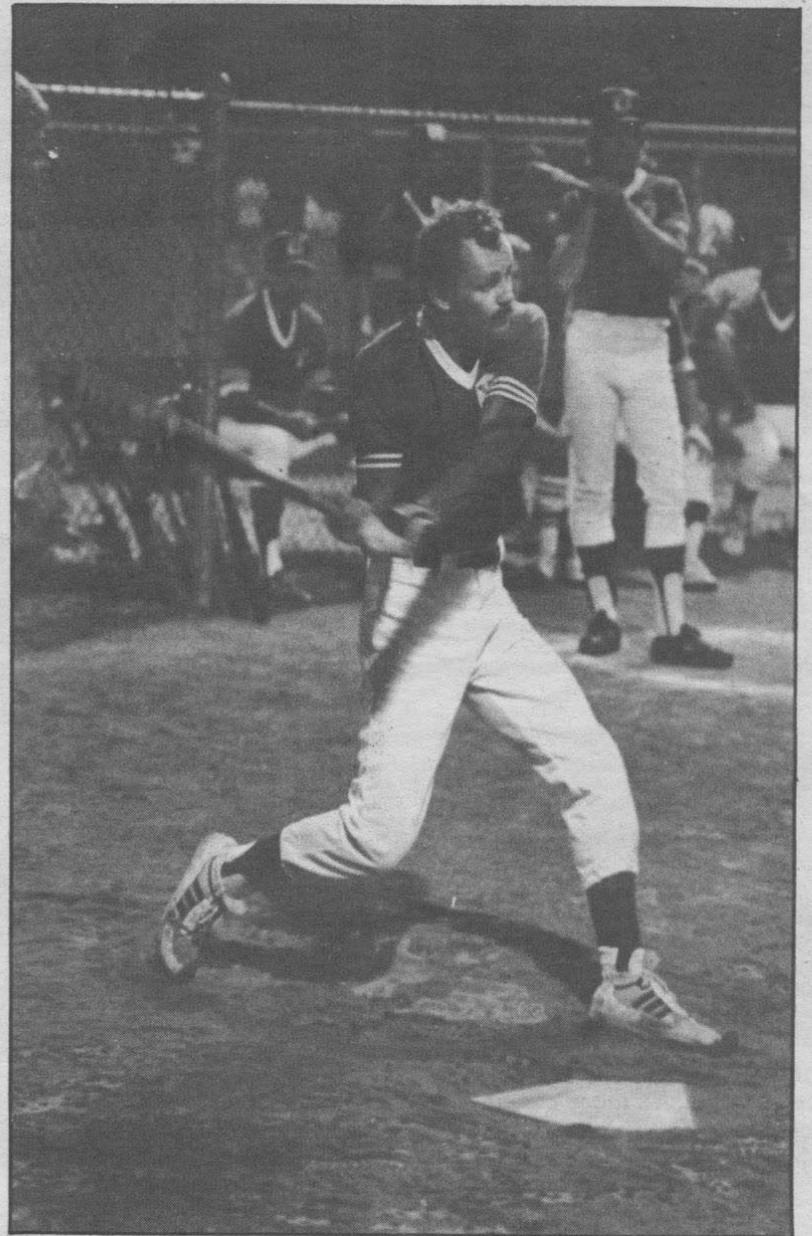
# Dan Hettick

Dan has been grooming the grounds at LBCC since coming here from Butte, Mont. six years ago. He was promoted to "leadman" on grounds this year, taking on more responsibility, including seven to 10 work study students during the school year and an additional 10 to 20 during the summer.

Dan says he enjoys working with the students, teaching them different jobs, whether it's driving a tractor or fixing leaky irrigation pipes. He takes great pride in the job he and his crew do in maintaining the 104 acre campus.

When he is not on his tractor or up to his knees in mud, Dan competes in Albany City League softball and basketball.

He has been known to have shown a few moves to a couple of LB basketball players in one on one pick-up games in the Activities Center.



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