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'Unfortunate' budget cuts reduce faculty, staff, services

33 positions eliminated for 1991-92 as LBCC budget committee slashes \$709,000

By Kathe Nielsen
Of The Commuter

The wait is over. As promised, LBCC President Jon Carnahan on Monday detailed specific budget cuts forced by Measure 5 and other pressures.

As promised, the cuts, which will be felt this fall, are far-reaching and deep.

The college staff will be reduced by the equivalent of 33 full-time positions; services in the library, bookstore and cafeteria will be cut; several instructional programs will be cut or eliminated; and general maintenance will be reduced. All told, the cuts amount to \$709,000.

Full-time teaching positions will be eliminated in history and philosophy, technical theatre, education, ceramics, office technology, mechanics, welding, auto body and emergency medical technician training.

"It's unfortunate that it (budget cuts) has to impact the faculty at all," said Russ Gregory, president of the Faculty Association, "but it looks as though the administration has tried to minimize the impact."

Non-instructional programs will also be cut back. Services and classified staff reductions will occur in grounds-keeping, campus mail delivery, instructional computer management, human resources, business office, summer help, printing services, bookstore, cafeteria, media services, library, office technology, industrial technology, civil engineering, and the Community Education centers in Albany and Lebanon.

"It's unfortunate that this had to happen, but I'm pleased that the cuts were not worse," said Joan White, president of the Classified Association. "There's nothing worse than losing your job—and we do have some people



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

The Albany Center ceramics program will be shut down at the end of the year. Those wishing to study this art must go to the Benton Center, where they can still find instruction from Jay Widmar.

out there that will be gone."

Also gone will be part-time teaching positions at the Albany, Lebanon and Benton Centers; developmental education; high school continuation; TED Center; GED program; living skills; and The Family Resources Department.

"Impacting the people was frankly the most difficult part in the decision," said Roger Gaither, director of marketing. "These are all quality people. But we're faced with the hard

choice that we can't do it all, we don't have the dollars now to do it all."

The individual programs to be eliminated include one unspecified athletic program, the ceramics program, EMT certificate program, High School Continuation program, Welding AAS degree and two year certificate program, and the Auto Body AAS degree and two-year certificate program.

Students now enrolled in these programs will be handled on an individual basis. "We'll

work something out so that they can complete that program," said Gaither. Currently offered programs will continue through this year, but in the fall, he said, "the college just won't accept new students into that program."

The cuts come two months after Carnahan asked the deans to determine how many students were enrolled in each of their programs and the full cost of each program, including instructor time, use of facilities, materials and supplies. The budget committee then looked at results of the ongoing two-year-program evaluations, which also provided information as to what was happening in the program. Program cuts were determined by these factors and also what Gaither calls, "the cost of the service weighed against the value of the program, relative to all other programs and services at the college."

Gaither said the deans and managers are now working on the specifics of how each of the cutbacks will affect personnel, class offerings and service hours.

While the budget cuts will eliminate the ceramics program and the EMT certificate program, the college will continue to offer EMT classes. "I'm not sure what they're retaining but they are eliminating one certificate program," said Gaither. He went on to say that very few students are enrolled at LBCC's EMT certificate and that the college can still accommodate the need in the community for trained EMT personnel, without the certificate.

Regarding the elimination of an athletics program, Gaither said that the decision on which program to cut "would be up to the athletics director."

Although the High School Continuation

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Meeting scheduled to clarify selective service laws, draft options

By Janet Converse
Of The Commuter

Students can receive an explanation of Selective Service laws and discuss draft options at a meeting scheduled for 12 to 1 p.m. today (Jan. 30) in the Fireside Room.

Speaker for the program will be Greg Paulson, LBCC instructor of agriculture and horticulture. Paulson said he will talk briefly about the structure of the draft, the steps that Congress must take before authorizing a draft, and the

options available to people of draft age.

Included in his presentation will be the requirement for draft registration, penalties for non-compliance, possible jeopardy to financial aid, and official church positions on conscientious objection and resistance, he said. Following the presentation, he will answer questions. "The meeting is designed as an educational program," he said.

According to Charlene Fella, director of student programs, the session was set up in response to students'

questions about the draft.

Paulson said that although he will describe the legal steps a person has to take to become a conscientious objector, his counseling will be non-directive. A member of the Corvallis Draft Counselors, Paulson has been involved in selective service and military counseling since 1980. Their counseling is free and available to anyone. For information, Paulson can be contacted at 752-3240. He emphasized that he does not counseling on campus.

POINT OF VIEW

COMMUTER EDITORIAL

The unfettered flow of divergent views is all the more essential in times of crisis

Well, The Commuter didn't hit public radio or the Associated Press wire service like the Central Oregon Community College newspaper did last week, but—judging from a couple of strongly worded letters received recently—our own weekly comic strip, "Life in Hopeless," did hit a few nerves.

The Broadside, COCC's student newspaper, angered some readers in Bend when it published an editorial cartoon lampooning a stereotype of a military serviceman. Similarly, though not so grievously, a cartoonist's depictions of military service in our own newspaper drew angry denunciations from a reader last week, and again this week.

Although we welcome the letter writers' observations, it does appear appropriate to clarify our position regarding the satirical cartoons in question, and all expressions of opinion in general.

First of all, readers should realize that an individual cartoonist's point of view does not necessarily reflect the point of view of the entire Commuter staff. In our staff box, printed each week as space allows, this position is clearly stated. It reads: "Opinions expressed in The Commuter do not necessarily reflect those of the LBCC administration, faculty or Associated Students of LBCC. Editorials, columns and letters reflect the opinions of those who sign them." Our comic strip is signed each week.

When "Life in Hopeless" was first introduced on Nov. 7, it was intended as an upbeat satire based on the experiences of contemporary college kids. But the world has changed since then, and so have the lives of college kids. Concerns about beer busts and crummy class schedules have been replaced by concerns about the draft and the bombing of civilians. Apparently, some accept beer busts and class schedules as appropriate topics for satires on college life, while the philosophical struggles now facing young adults are not.

In these times of raw nerves and heightened emotions, just when the ideals of our liberties are most truly being tried and most earnestly being fought for, it's perhaps understandable for some to not only lose their sense of humor but their sensibilities as well.

Apparently, in the view of some critics, college students have the right to:

- Enter into a war, whether or not they believe in it;
- Shoulder the financial responsibility of a war;
- Pay the price for the war with our own lives or those of loved ones;
- Participate in the deaths of thousands of innocents.

At the same time, somewhere along the line, we've apparently lost the right to:

- Dissent;
- Be free from censorship;
- Express our individual attitudes and opinions about the driving forces behind this war.

In our newspaper, reader involvement is encouraged. Student and faculty submissions are printed, letters to the editor are expected, and space is not only reserved but, as a matter of philosophy, guaranteed for free and open expression. Cartoons, by their very nature, can bite a little harder than opinions put into words; but we ask our readers to maintain a democratic attitude toward opposing viewpoints. That doesn't mean we expect you to keep your objections to yourselves. Express yourself. Write to us when you disagree with an opinion published in this paper. Andwrite us when you agree, too. But don't expect us to quell expressions of speech, whether of dissent or support of the war or any other issue.

In our newspaper—on all pages of our newspaper—freedom of speech will prevail. Not only for our readers, but also for our writers.

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LETTERS

Witchcraft is evil by nature; high priest fears the truth

To the Editor:

Good Witch? How can anyone who practices witchcraft be good? Witchcraft by its very nature is evil, and I must speak out against such subtle deceptions as this interview with a witch. He hides behind ignorance because he fears the truth. Webster defines witch as: a) a woman supposedly having supernatural power by a compact with the devil or evil spirits; sorceress b) a man with such power: cf. WARLOCK. The Bible lists witchcraft as an act of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19-21). What more is there to say?

I believe the only reason for this increased interest in the occult is because we have become passive and tolerant of wrong doing. In doing so we have lost track of our roots as a nation. Our morals, what is right or wrong, good versus evil have been smeared into a lost sense of grey. There is right and wrong and truth and justice. Don't just sit by and let it escape your grasp.

Terry L. Brown

Reader wants more depth in interview with high priest

To the Editor:

I must say, I truly enjoyed your interview with the High Priest, and I would really like to see you do a follow up interview. But this time, I would like to see you ask more informative questions about his beliefs and religious practices and, please, no more questions about satanism. Anyone who has the distorted belief that satanism and witchcraft are the same thing, well, all I can say to them is to grow up.

I would also like to send my personal apologies to the High Priest for all the ignorant responses he will likely see in The Commuter concerning his interview.

It is always nice to see someone do articles that are, in my opinion, ground-breaking. Thank you again.

Richard L. Bradshaw
Lebanon, Oregon

LB faculty member thinks veterans deserve apology

To the Editor:

After reading the past two issues of The Commuter, I believe you owe the veterans who attend or work at LBCC an apology. Your supposed unbiased publication has portrayed all military and military veterans as mindless cattle who follow brainless, autocratic leaders.

In your obvious bias you conveniently forget that the freedom that you and much of the world enjoy was purchased and preserved with the work, sacrifices, and blood of the veterans you criticize.

I look forward to reading an apology your next issue.

Dr. Michael C. Henich
Faculty/Auto Diesel Department

Express Yourself

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

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

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

War support group to meet on Friday

By Kathie Nielsen
Of The Commuter

LBCC President Jon Carnahan started the ball rolling when, in a memo to faculty and staff regarding the gulf war, he stated that the LB Counseling Center was prepared to assist anyone who could use additional emotional support.

LBCC counselors Diane Watson and Mark Weiss began considering what kind of support should be available. "We do have a lot of students who have friends and family in the gulf, so we decided we would offer something in the form of a support group," Watson said.

The Desert Storm Support Group will hold its first gathering Friday, Feb. 1, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in IA201A, and will continue to meet every Friday until, as Watson puts it, "the war is over or until there isn't any more need."

Although LB counselors are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for short-term crisis counseling on any issue, Weiss and Watson agreed that the need for a special support group on campus had become apparent.

"We've had students in here (LB's counseling center) in tears—upset and afraid," said Watson.

Both counselors say they want to make it clear that the group meetings will not be a place to debate whether we should be in the war.

Watson said, "It's going to be a group to say, 'I have somebody in the war and these are my feelings. These are some of the things I am going through, and how can I deal with the stress, anxiety and uncertainty.'"

"We're going to have to structure that and reinforce it up front," said Weiss. "This isn't a time to debate one another; it's going to be a time to deal with concerns and to give each other support, no matter what those feelings are."

Watson and Weiss say they are prepared to make the support group "fairly informational" and "fairly open structured" in nature, providing local resources and referral contacts for those in need.

"It's going to be an opportunity for people to network," said Watson. "I think there are a lot of students here who don't know a lot of people, who don't have relatives nearby, and yet have a loved one in the Middle East."

She said the group meetings will be a place where people can meet others who are experiencing the same anxieties of war, can receive suggestions for managing stress and dealing with children's questions, and can sit with other adults and discuss their feelings about it.

The counselors say they are well aware that the Desert Storm Support Group may eventually become a place that offers help to those who are grieving.

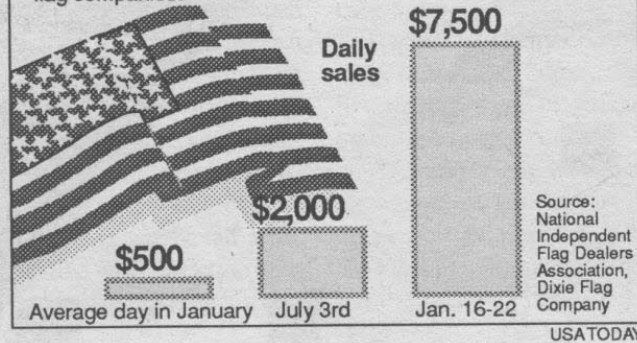
In the meantime, Weiss said, plans are for the group to be "an opportunity to deal with the question of 'How do we help each other get through a hard time?'"

Watson has some advice for coping with wartime anxiety. "I've talked to some students who've watched TV hour after hour and started getting more and more anxious when they hear what's happening," she said. "To deal with this, maybe you better not watch TV so much. Fill your time with something you enjoy doing. Live each day one day at a time. And stop worrying about the future."

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Flag sales flying

Dealers say sales of U.S. flags are soaring, each day exceeding even pre-July 4 levels, normally the year's peak sales period. Sales by one of the nation's largest flag companies:

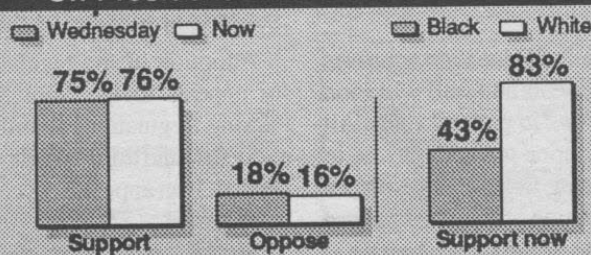


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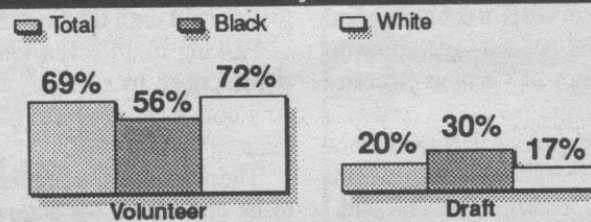
Big support for war effort

A significant majority of the U.S. public agrees on many of the key questions of the war with Iraq, a Sunday USA TODAY poll shows.

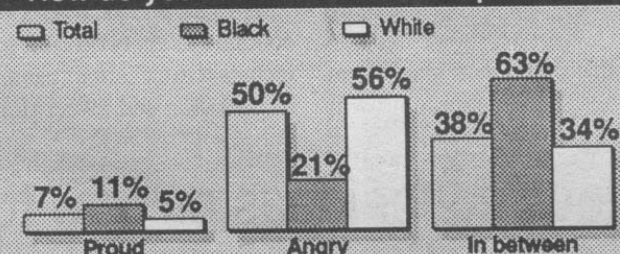
On President Bush's decision to attack



Volunteer military or reinstate draft?



How do you feel about anti-war protests?



Source: Nationwide phone poll Sunday of 641 adults by Gordon S. Black Inc. Sampling error 4% (7% for black responses).

Keith Carter, USA TODAY

Recalled students get concessions

By Mary Beth Brassill
Of The Commuter

As the war in the Persian Gulf continues and more students from LBCC are being called to report for military duty, changes to current policies are being proposed to give those students special consideration regarding tuition refunds and class completion.

According to Director of Admissions Blaine Nisson, LB's current policy gives students until the end of the third week of the term to request a tuition refund if they withdraw from classes.

The recommended policy change would allow additional time to students called to active duty. How much time they would be given beyond the normal deadline, as well as what kind of documentation they must present to verify activation, has not yet been determined. Nisson said he will discuss the issue soon with LB's president Jon Carnahan. He also said he expects that the policy changes will be retroactive for students involved in the Persian Gulf war. "It's the college's intent to give some special consideration for people that are involved in the Persian Gulf war," Nisson said. "I don't think anyone was hoping we'd ever have to deal with this as an issue, but it came dramatically home to us once we became involved in the war and we started to see students leave school."

The proposal would also give these students extra time to make up uncompleted classes. Normally, students have until the end of the following term to complete a class. This policy change would give students two full terms beyond the date of their release from active duty to make up classes without receiving a "W" (withdraw), a "Y" (no basis for grade) or a failing grade for the class.

These recommended changes, which must be approved by the administration as well as the Board of Education before they can be put in to effect, will be finalized by the end of winter term.

Nisson said there was "no rule on the books" that allows for these extensions, and that he assumes this is the first time the college has had to deal with this specific issue. He said most community colleges around the state are implementing similar procedures.

Regarding students' financial aid, LBCC's Director of Financial Aid Lance Popoff said that students called to active duty before the end of a term must repay any financial aid received for that term if there are any uncompleted credits.

Although loan repayments can be deferred and active duty students aren't expected to repay veteran's benefits, government grants for the term must be repaid upon withdrawal. Popoff said he was informed by the Regional Department of Education in Washington, D.C., that there is no provision that would eliminate the need for students called to active duty to repay their grants.

In order to reinstate their financial aid when they return to school, students who have been on active duty must present copies of their military orders and petition for aid.

Both Popoff and Nisson suggest that students write their state senators and congressmen and "get involved" to urge the government to change its policy towards grant repayments for active duty students.

Federal tax relief provisions set for Oregonians serving in Persian Gulf

The designation of the Persian Gulf as a combat zone triggers a number of federal tax relief provisions for Oregonians serving in Operation Desert Storm.

According to Carolyn Leonard, director of the Internal Revenue Service in Oregon, members of the armed forces and support personnel in the Persian Gulf assigned to Operation Desert Storm will not have to file

their 1990 federal income tax returns until at least 180 days after they depart from the Persian Gulf. No penalty or interest will be charged during this period on any tax due for 1990.

IRS also will suspend all tax return examinations and actions to collect any back taxes owed by these taxpayers for years prior to 1990 until at least 180 after the taxpayer

leaves the combat zone. During this time no penalty or interest will be added to any tax due.

These relief provisions apply not only to armed forces and support personnel serving in the Operation Desert Storm combat zone but also the their spouses, said Leonard.

In the event a member of the armed forces dies while serving in the combat zone, no tax

is due for the year of death or any prior year in which the person served in the the designated combat zone.

Leonard emphasized that taxpayers, including spouses and others acting on behalf of a taxpayer in the Operation Desert Storm combat zone, should call IRS too-free at 1-800-TAX-1040 (1-800-829-1040) for additional information of federal tax matters.

ONE OF US

Business-minded Mom seeks after self employment

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

"Okay," says Jessie Hunt, a business major from Tangent.

Why did you choose business?

"I've been in business ventures since I was about 10-years-old. Anyway I could make a dollar, I'd do it if I enjoyed it.



Jessie Hunt

Can you think of an example of your ventures?

"My folks had a vegetable truck garden in Pendleton on the Indian reservation. We had no rototiller, no power tools at all. We planted and harvested five acres all by hand. After each days harvest, I could load up my red wagon with what we couldn't use and peddle it to the neighbors.

"My family didn't have a lot of extra money. That garden really helped me. I earned lots of ice cream and swimming money that summer. I got to meet my neighbors and saw how other people lived. It was fun and interesting. I learned about other cultures and value systems just selling my vegetables. It was a cheap way of getting out and meeting people.

Why did you come back to school?

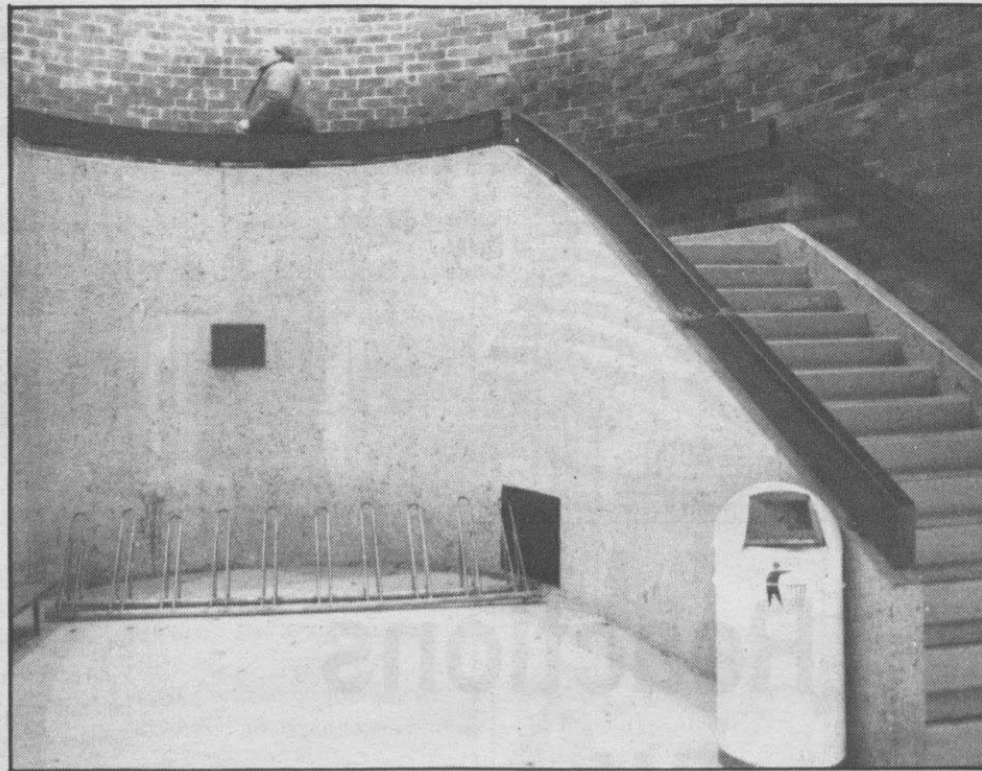
"I was married and lived in Ketchikan, Alaska. All of a sudden I found myself on my own, back in Oregon, supporting three kids.

"Returning to school was an act of determination to fill a gap of necessity. I have an Associate of Applied Science degree in business from Central Oregon CC. Due to bad counseling, I have to back-track a bit to be able to transfer to OSU for my four-year degree.

"I tried working for many years. At home I could make the decisions. In the work force I had to follow other peoples decisions that I did not necessarily agree with. Some people can live and work like that but I can't. I decided that if I went back to school and got my degree, then I could be the one making all the decisions.

"I have remarried since returning to Oregon. My husband has been home with the kids since I returned to school this fall. I don't know what I'll do when he returns to full-time work next month." I just don't know what it will be like.

"I don't know if I'll finish school now. I'm torn right now between doing what I want as an individual or sacrificing my family's needs. I don't know if I'm ready for that."



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

The use of campus bike racks could avoid unwanted fines to cycling students. Proposed parking regulations now being considered by the Board of Education establish \$5 fines for illegally parking bicycles and cars on the campus.

Illegally parked bikes to be fined under proposed parking rules

By Jamie Luckman-Dye
Of The Commuter

If the LBCC Board of Education approves a recent proposal, students and staff will soon face fines for violations in parking rules. All fines will carry a \$5 price tag and may be in effect as early as spring term. The new rules will include the formation of an appeals board for those who wish to argue their citations.

Due to problems in the past with adherence to rules and payment of fines, a consistent and fair policy change is needed, according to Mick Cook, supervisor of Campus Security and Services at LB.

The suggested regulations will carry fines for those who park in handicapped zones, fire lanes, crosswalk and loading zones, he said.

If approval is granted, bicycles will also be subject to issuance of an improper parking citation.

The proposal will prohibit individuals from chaining bicycles to posts or pipes and will

require them to walk bicycles through "interior areas of the main campus."

Adoption of the regulations will provide for appeals to the Joint Student and Staff Parking Regulations Board, which will meet every first and third Tuesday of each month, as needed. If an appeal is successful, the fine will be refunded.

Students who fail to pay the parking fines could have their registration, transcripts and grades held until the fines are paid.

Parking in all seven lots on campus will remain open to students, staff and visitors. Any policy changes will primarily affect the main campus.

The proposed new regulations are expected to be considered for action at the February LBCC Board of Education meeting.

All state and local laws governing vehicles continue to apply on college property, which includes LBCC's main campus and the Corvallis, Lebanon and Sweet Home centers.

Council looking for ideas on how to spend \$4,290 on a project benefiting students

By Ronald D. Rutherford
Of The Commuter

ASLBCC is looking for suggestions and ideas on how to use the \$4,290 earmarked for its Special Projects fund this year.

According to the student council, this fund is given "each year to use toward a project that will in some way benefit us and our school."

Charlene Fella, director of Student Programs, said, "It must be for all students not a special interest or select group."

In past years the fund has been used to purchase furnishings for the Fireside Room,

big screen TV for the Fireside Room, the microwave for student use in CC-213, the tables and chairs on the bridge in Takena Hall, and most recently the addition of the student lounge in the Benton Center.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact Dania Samudio, representative at-large, or Reba Lancaster, representative for community education.

Project applications can be picked up at Student Programs office (CC-213). Applications or suggestions need to be returned to the Student Programs Office by Feb. 13.

OUTDOOR OREGON

The payoff: Buying the driftboat, hitting the water, having fun

By Bill Kremers
For The Commuter

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on what to look for when buying a driftboat.

As you select your boat you should narrow your selection to two or three boats based on physical features. Now you should look for other deciding factors.

One is the warranty. Some warranties sound too good to be true, like a lifetime warranty.

First, a lifetime is defined in the state of Oregon as ten years. Second, these warranties exclude sinking of your boat, neglect, and commercial use. A good manufacturer will honor a defects. With normal use, a defect should show up in the first year. A warranty is only as good as the manufacturer.

In selecting a boat, try to row the kind of boat you are seriously thinking of buying. Boat dealers are willing to let you try out a boat once they know you are a serious buyer.

The best buys in driftboats are at the big sport shows from November through February.

Boat manufacturers do not like to take boats home after a show, and if you show up with cash in hand you will get a better deal. It is a little gamble, but you could save money, and there is always another show.

After you have finally decided on a boat, you need some oars, a trailer and anchor system. The grain should run straight down the oar. Make sure the oars flex some and weigh about seven pounds. Get the best trailer you can afford; more boats are abused on the trailer than in the rivers.

There are a variety of anchor lock systems on the market: Bo's, Quick Lock and a side-mount system. Water flow dictates the weight of your anchor. In winter flows, a 30- to 35-pound anchor is a good weight. In the summer you should be able to get by with a 20- to 25-pound anchor.

Once you are all fitted out and ready to go, think safety. Coast Guard approved class IV life jackets are a must. These have a headrest in the back that will keep your head out of the water. Do not overload your boat; keep it as light as possible.

Learn the water by either hiring a guide or going with experienced people who know the river.

Using a driftboat is described as "walking on water". The fishing opportunities it opens up are immense, and the enjoyment will last a lifetime.

New focus in writing styles opens doors to imaginative writers

Instructors believe imaginative writing has significance beyond just personal expression

by Carol Lysek
of The Commuter

Imaginative writing techniques that incorporate description, use of narrative, dialogue, scenic development, anecdotes and lively verbs are not just for fiction anymore. They are being used in all types of writing from journalism to technical report writing, according to Steve Sher, who has taught imaginative writing at LBCC for the past year and a half.

"I do editing and consulting for CH2M Hill and I teach engineers how to write. The whole thing now is to get away from very strict technical report writing—drab dry writing—and try to make it more inventive, try to vary the patterns, make it written more for an audience rather than something nobody reads because it is unintelligible to anyone outside the field," said Sher.

Twenty years ago, when Sher was working as a journalist, straight news writing was confined to reporting the facts; who, what, when, where and how. Now, Sher said, news stories are using more inventive leads. "You also see more definitive endings, more sense of closure in a news story which you never saw before. You see more analytical pieces in the news with endings that you might see in essay writing. So, we're stepping over boundaries

even in our non-fiction."

This change in writing is due, Sher thinks, to our shortened attention span and our wanting to be entertained. Also, "there's so much information out there we can only assimilate it if it plays upon our senses—uses imagery, uses metaphor. I think the good writers will give us metaphor and more figurative speech."

Those wanting to develop their imaginative writing skills can take a sequence of three classes. Journal writing is taught fall term, followed by imaginative writing-fiction winter term and imaginative writing-poetry spring term.

Journal writing is taught by Paul Hagood, who has been at LBCC six years. Hagood divides writing into a pre-craft stage in which the writer develops a heightened sense of awareness of the world around him, followed by a craft stage which concentrates on polishing the mechanics of writing.

Journal writing focuses on the pre-craft stage—"how to experience things a little more richly and deeply so that when you are writing you're writing from that experience not just the mundane day-to-day things."

"Sensing the mystery in the world and in yourself, seeing the beauty in the world and in yourself, finding out what you think and feel about things. Looking at your past and trying to connect with it the way a story-teller might," that's the intent of the daily journal entries that students are asked to make, said Hagood.

Hagood doesn't focus on punctuation and

grammar, but he does have students polish two pieces a term. According to Hagood, "it's more a course on finding out what it is you have to say."

Hagood says journal writing attracts a broad range of students. Some are interested in creative writing, some in personal growth, while others are simply curious.

A forum for imaginative writing is found in the annual student literary publication, Eloquent Umbrella, which will be published in May this year. English teacher Linda Eastborn has acted as its advisor in the past. Last year there were 95 published submissions out of 300 which came from current and former students as well as staff, she said.

Jane White, who has taught English at LBCC for the past 15 years, thinks there is a real demand for imaginative writing classes. "I think the number of submissions that we get to the Eloquent Umbrella is a real good indication, as well as the interest in the Valley Writers Series and open mike. The interest comes from a broad range of students. We don't have that many declared English majors on this campus."

"For the first time, I had students this year in my introduction to poetry class who wrote their first poems because they wanted to submit them to the Eloquent Umbrella before the deadline," White said.

The Valley Writers Series consists of five presentations of their own writings by Oregon writers of regional and national prominence.

Its purpose is to stimulate creative writing among area students, to enhance literary awareness and to encourage Oregon writers, said White. This is the third year the series is being presented. It begins Feb. 28 with poet Primus St. John and ends May 29 with an open mike at which local writers can read their own works. More detailed information will appear later in The Commuter.

Steve Sher has published six books and over 100 other publications. "It's important for any writer to get feedback, to not feel isolated, to not work in a vacuum. Most of us want out writing to be accepted, to know that you are saying something that's valid—that needs to be said."

Sher believes imaginative writing has a significance beyond personal expression. "My own particular interest in the last few years in the fact of the contemporary writer as a prophet in a sense. Someone who's able to anticipate things and foresee the direction of our culture and our political institutions."

"People who are serious about creative writing are more keyed into what is really happening in America and in our personal lives. I think they're more sensitive to these things in general," said Sher "Not to say other people aren't, but I think these people are tuned into it because of their writing and exploration. They probably have a greater understanding of what's happening in our country because they're exploring via their writing all the time."

FROM PAGE ONE

Cuts eliminate degree programs in welding and auto body

program will no longer be offered, Gaither said the GED program is being scaled back only in a small way. We're continuing to offer GED, we're just not offering as many sections, or as many classes as we had, by moving students around we can accommodate them."

Also, he said that even though the AAS degree programs in welding and auto body are being eliminated, LBCC will still offer one-year certificates in those vocations. He went on to explain that the biggest demand by students is in the one-year program, and that there is not a high demand for a two-year AAS degree in welding or auto body. "The number of students in the two-year program clearly has fallen and the cost of those programs is very high. The vocational programs are being very carefully considered and we are maintaining that emphasis as part of our mission. There's no question about that."

Still to be decided is how various services will be cut back, including planned reductions in hours for printing services, the college bookstore, cafeteria, and summer operation of centers.

The bookstore will close earlier in the day and the print shop will operate on limited hours, as well as close for a couple of weeks during the summer.

"It will impact the staff in these areas," said Gaither, "because it will reduce the number of hours they'll work and thereby the amount of pay they receive, but the reduction in service will not be considerable."

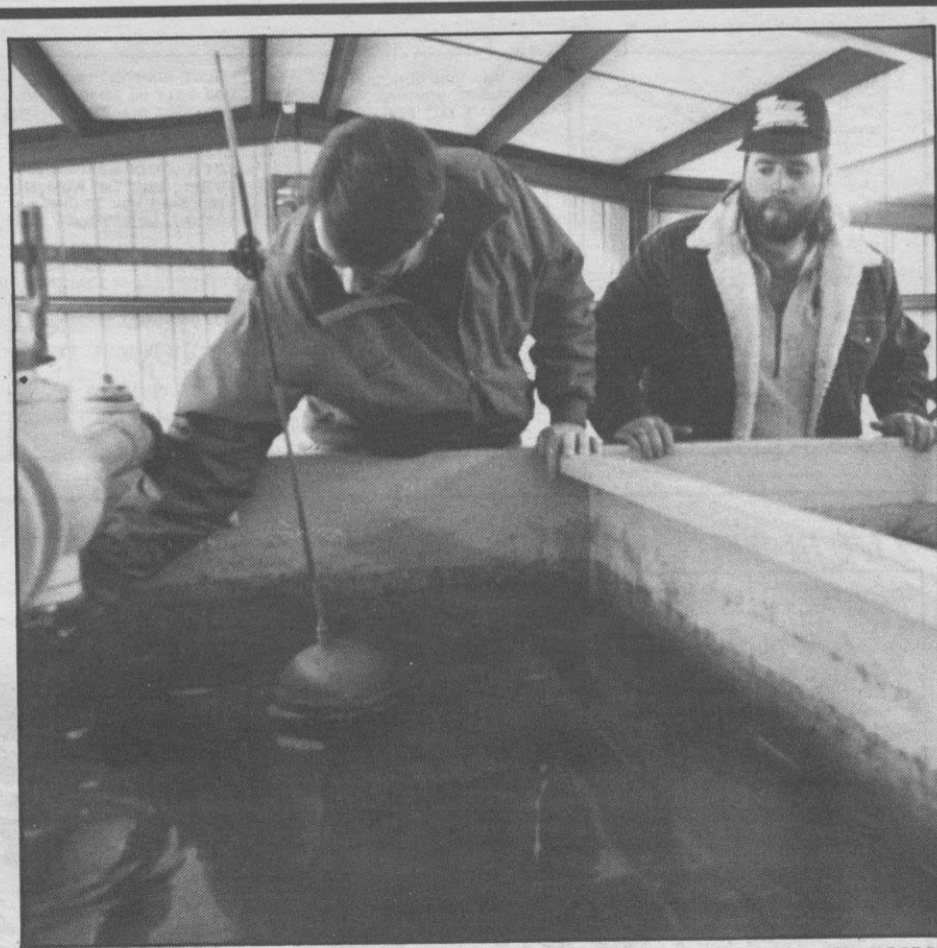
Other cost-cutting changes to be initiated next year include reducing the Board of Education travel budget, freezing all college travel budgets at the 1990-91 level, reducing the instructor recruitment budget, reducing the maintenance contract on the mainframe computer, reducing the institutional work study matching fund, tightening campus telephone usage and shutting down buildings not used in summer.

For the average student, most of these changes will not be dramatic, Gaither said. Although the student probably won't notice, he said, the institution will.

While other community colleges around the area seem to be taking a "wait and see attitude," LBCC budget committee members decided to make the cuts now. In their view, according to Gaither, the impact of Measure 5 is a surety. "These changes will happen, we're 99 per cent sure." Gaither said that all colleges have received directions from Gov. Barbara Roberts to reduce their budgets.

"It's already known that LBCC was facing a short fall of \$200,000 for the 1991-92 year. And we felt that it was best by far to make the changes now and get them behind," said Gaither, "so that we're not worried about it, anxious about it and so we can get on with our jobs."

"It's not an easy process because we know it's impacting people and the community and it's impacting the college mission to some degree," he said. "It's not easy—but I think that it was done very fairly."



The Commuter/NATHAN DODGE

'Safe to drink?'

John Keller, left, and Kurtis Self, LBCC water/waste water students, take water samples pumped from the Santiam Canal. The samples will undergo several tests to determine which chemicals should be added in order to make the water drinkable. This miniature mobile treatment plant, currently located on 34th street behind the fire station in Albany, is used by the water/wastewater technology program as a training station.

COMMUTER COMICS

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This Week's Top Ten

By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

From the home office in Banks, here's this week's Top Ten list of acceptance speeches not heard at the American Music Awards Show Monday night.

10. I'd like to thank the Betty Ford Clinic for all their continued support.
9. I'd like to thank Gun's and Rose's for writing my acceptance speech.
8. I'd like to thank mom and dad for kicking me out of the house at 16, and paving my way to rock-n-roll stardom.
7. I'd like to thank MTV for airing my bikini-clad-bimbo video 3,879 times.
6. I'd like to thank the American public's lack of musical taste in choosing me.
5. I'd like to thank all my devoted female groupies who are waiting back at my hotel.
4. I'd like to thank all the little people, the judge, my probation officer and my lawyers.
3. I'd like to thank Milli Vanilli for not making an album this year and winning every award.
2. I'd like to thank all the long-haired, spandex-clad heavy metal heads who buy my insightful, compassionate songs of satanic devil worship.
1. I'm going to Disneyland.

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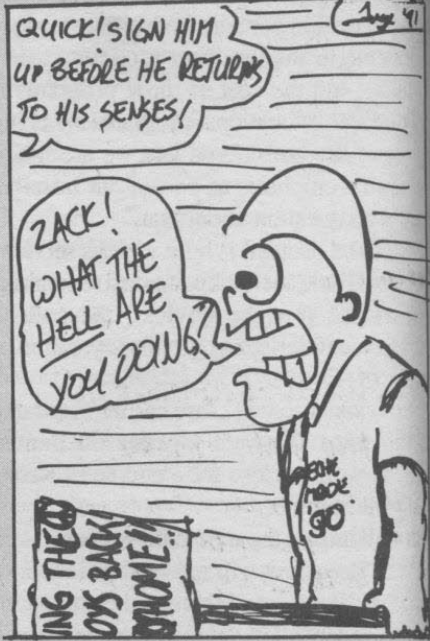
DAVID LUEBKE



LIFE IN HOPELESS



by CORI FRYE



MARKETSPACE

NEWS NOTES

College Success Awareness

Area high school students have an opportunity to enroll in a free, one-credit class called College Success and Awareness."

The class is taught by LBCC and covers choosing a major, financing your education, and educational and training opportunities at public and private schools in Oregon.

The class runs for five weeks, 7-9 p.m., starting Monday, Feb. 4 the following schools: West Albany High School, room A 8; Lebanon High School, room 26; and Corvallis High School, room 209. Students may preregister at LBCC's local centers, or at the first class meeting.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Commons Hide-A-Bed, like new—beige/rust velour. \$200. Call Maxine, Albany Center ext. 108.

Queen size waterbed, bookcase headboard, six drawer pedestal and padded rails. \$250. OBO. Call 928-8851 leave a message.

6 Tappan range \$100. Call 928-8708 or Cindy ext. 24.

99 Honda Accord LX-1 (top of the line), black/ivory, P.W., P.D.L., P.S., automatic, stereo, alloy wheel, 21,000 miles. Nice car! Only \$13,700, OBO. Call 754-1830 after 4 p.m.

Queen bed & bookcase headboard and mattress. Excellent condition. Two drawer side table plus chest of drawers. Three piece table set, one large coffee table and two good sized end tables of dark brown wood, very sturdy and good condition. Call Alicia Buckley 926-8732.

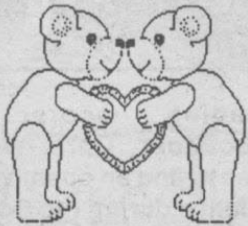
WANTED

Volunteers needed for flower processing. We need shoppers from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Valentines' Day, Feb. 14. Mexican or pizza feed provided after clean-up for volunteers. For more information call Student Activities Center ext. 150.

EMPLOYMENT

Office assistant for Family Resource Ctr., desired skills in organization, ability to work with public, interest in children & families, flexibility, typing, WordPerfect 5.0, temporary, parttime through June 1. Pay \$5.29 hr. Application deadline is Feb. 1. In placement office in Takena Hall.

The Commuter plays Cupid
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Let your sweetheart know how you feel

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Ads will appear in
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Deadline for ads is Feb. 8, 4pm
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CC210

Although there is no tuition, a \$5 lab fee is payable at the time of registration. Call ext. 102 for more information.

Workers should get W-2s by Feb. 1

Employers are required to supply each of their employees with Form W-2, "Wage and Tax Statement," by Jan. 31. Oregonians who have not received their Form W-2 by that date should contact their employer and request the form, the Internal Revenue Service says.

Oregonians who have not received their W-2 form after having contacted their employer, can request assistance from the IRS after Feb. 15. The IRS telephone numbers are: Portland, 221-3960 and, elsewhere in Oregon, the toll-free number is 1-800-TAX9829-1040. The hours of assistance are: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Corporate Jones, with special guest Without Warning in benefit concert. Feb. 8, 1991, at Majestic Theatre in Corvallis. Free admission with two cans of food. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Are you interested in Spanish culture, language, and people? Everyone is welcome to join LBCC's Spanish Club. We will meet every Wed. at noon, in the Commons, by the window. Look for the red rose! Anyone who is interested in the Spanish Club may join the table!

PERSONALS

Corvallis Draft Counselors offer legal, non-directive, free selective service and military counseling. Call Greg Paulson 752-3240.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: Large, square, wine-colored print scarf. Sentimental value. Reward \$10. Call 758-4351 or LBCC ext. 162.

Reward \$25 for return of markasite/sterling silver dragon pin. Has red eye. 1 1/2 inch by 1/2 inch. Lost Jan. 25th on campus. Sentimental value. Contact, Sandi Foster 928-0852.

New Menu

6 New Sandwiches



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Faculty art show

The annual exhibit of art by LBCC's art faculty is in the Liberal Arts Art Gallery Jan. 21-Feb. 8. Included in the show are: Sandra Zimmer, Jay Widmer, Jim Tolbert, Judith Rogers, Doris Litzer, Shelly Curtis, Rich Bergeman, Dennis Bechtel and John Aikman.

A public reception for the artists is planned for Thursday, Jan. 24, 7-9 p.m. in the Art Gallery, located in Room 100 of the Humanities Building. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Holograms, holograms!

What is a hologram and what are they used for? Answers to this question may be found in the Science display across from ST 125. Y'all come on over and be informed!

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International trade seminar offered

At the "International Trade Seminar for Small Businesses" area business owners and managers can learn about profitable international trade opportunities. The workshop meets 9 a.m.-noon on Feb. 13 in the Boardrooms, first floor of LBCC's College Center. The cost is \$15. Registration deadline is Feb. 6. For more information, call LBCC's Business Development Center, 967-6112.

Pregnant?

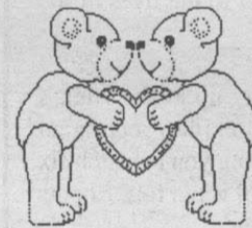
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CLASSIFIED POLICY:

DEADLINE: Valentine Ads must be submitted by Feb. 8 at 4pm to the Commuter Ad Dept. in CC210.

COST: The ad is \$1 with a three line maximum. Payment must be made when ad is submitted.

TASTE: The Commuter will not knowingly publish material which treats individuals or groups in an unfair manner. Any advertisement judged libelous or in poor taste by the editor or ad manager will not be accepted. Tasteful nicknames will be accepted but anonymous ads will not.

SPORTS PAGE

PRESS ON TALES

Sportsaholic finds road to recovery a rough one

By David Rickard
Of The Commuter

You try to ignore them and not look when they pass you in the halls, sit next to you in the cafeteria or hit you up for your last camel. They're everywhere, they permeate your sleep, they disrupt your sports recovery program and cause general fear and loathing on the rehab trail.

These nomadic sports junkies roam the clinic in a state of limbo, their blank, expressionless faces zoned out from years of abusing their tv's remote control. They look as if they just stepped out of a George Romero film.

They are the level nine priority cases at the Howard Cosell Clinic for Sports Addiction, the most seriously addicted of the clinic's patients.

We call them the Remote Control Rehab. Robots for the way their outstretched hands constantly click at an imaginary remote control clutched between their fingers. Always searching for a distant sports channel in their comatose state.

The doctors should isolate these demented basket-cases from the rest of the clinics populous. Their erratic behavior presents a constant threat to the lives of the other recovering sportsaholics.

Myself included.

One morning I was on my way up to the clinic's Television Reprogramming Division [they reprogram your sports viewing habits by forcing you to watch six hours of the Home Shopping Club] when four Robots stumbled into the elevator I was on.

They must have realized I was only a level three case, hardly in their league.

They trapped me in the corner of the elevator, all four of them pressed against me mumbling sports cliches and gouging me with their remote control pinchers.

I might have died in that elevator if I hadn't reacted quickly and yelled "Hey, isn't that Joe Namath over there," and escaped while the sports zombies searched the elevator for Broadway Joe.

That brush with death plus the numerous welts on my body convince me it was time to check out of this hotel with Astro-turf walls.

I packed my bags, found the Sony Watchman I hid under my mattress and said adios to Howard and the boys.

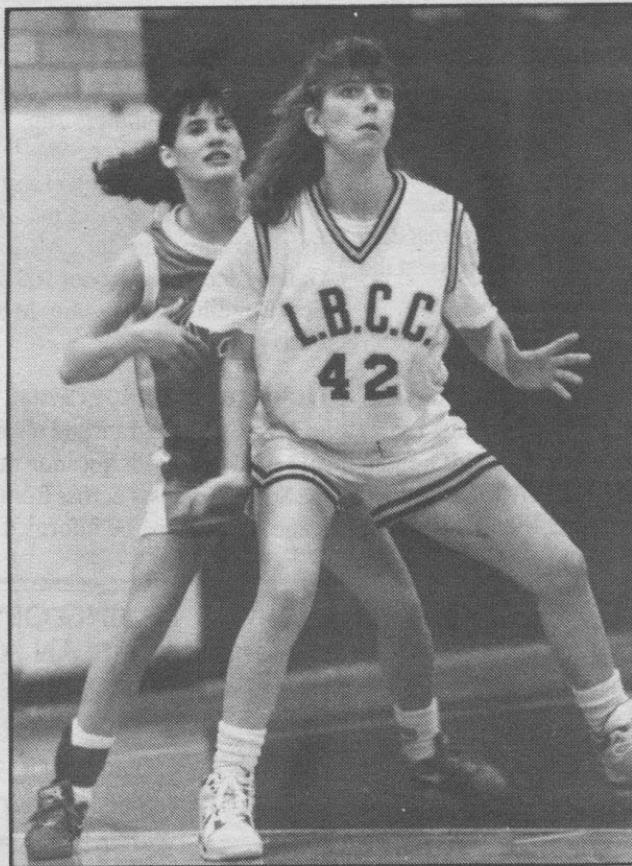
That was then this is now.

As I sit before my morning bowl of Wheaties which are growing limp, I try to put my disorder in the proper perspective. I'm distracted by a familiar face on the Wheaties box glaring at me.

The eye, he just glares back with his "What's your problem attitude," written on his contemptuous grin.

I took a spoonful of those mushy flakes and spit them back at Mr. Two-Sport Superstar covering his smirking smile on the orange box.

With milk dribbling down my chin I tell him "Bo, you might know baseball and football, but you'll never know the horrors of the Howard Cosell Clinic For Sports Addiction.



The Commuter/DARIN RISCOL

Marti Anderson jockies for position in Wednesday's home game against Lane, which LB won 84-78. The Roadrunners continued their winning ways on Saturday by beating Clackamas 79-66. Tina Johnson scored 54 points and pulled down 34 rebounds in the two games.

Missed shots spell defeat for men against Clackamas

The worst shooting of the year spelled defeat for the Linn-Benton men's basketball team as they fell to Clackamas last Saturday 78-64.

The Roadrunners shot only 39 percent from the field, even though the team was getting good shots, according to Coach Steve Seidler. It was just one of those days when the shots just weren't falling.

Dan Bartell and David Daniels scored 52 of the Cougars' 78 points. Seidler said his team did a good job in shutting down the others on the team, but did a "poor job defending the perimeter—Daniels and Bartell." In their last meeting, the Roadrunners did a good job shutting down Clackamas' two main scorers, giving up only five from Bartell and 14 from Daniels.

Unfortunately, Saturday's game was a must win, according to Seidler, because Clackamas was the only team ahead of the Roadrunners that they had beaten earlier in the season.

Now, if the two teams end the season tied, a play-off game will decide tournament seeding, assuming both teams make post-season play—which looks good so far.

In action at home last Wednesday, the Roadrunners started off slowly, but kicked into gear in the last 12 minutes of the game to come out on top of Lane, 86-71. With 12 minutes left in the game, LB was down by 12 points, but pressure defense took its toll on the Titans and Linn-Benton pulled away.

This season the Roadrunners have started slowly and finished strong on several occasions. "They don't quit, but we

Women chalk up 2 more league wins

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

The LBCC women's basketball team swept both of its games last week to remain in a first-place tie with Umpqua and Chemeketa in the NWAACC Southern Division, thus setting up a first-place showdown with Umpqua.

On Wednesday, Melinda Miller and Tina Johnson combined for 48 points and 33 rebounds to power the Roadrunners past Lane 84-78.

Johnson led the Roadrunners with 28 points and an astounding 22 rebounds despite foul trouble, while Miller chipped in 20 points and 11 rebounds.

LBCC could not handle Lane's full-court pressure, which caused 38 turnovers and kept Lane in the game.

The Roadrunners out-rebounded the Titans 50-34, being led by Johnson's 22. Patricia Torrez added 15 points and 8 assists.

On Saturday, Johnson continued to rip up the league by pumping in 24 points and ripping down 12 rebounds in a 79-66 win over Clackamas.

In all, four Roadrunners scored in double figures. Melinda Miller made another good showing by scoring 18 points and bringing down 11 rebounds.

Patricia Torrez had 12 points, including two 3-pointers, and dished out 12 assists.

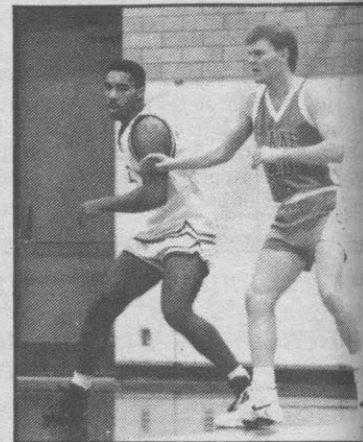
Jennifer Stoullil also chipped in 12 points for the Roadrunners (6-1, 10-8), who play at Umpqua tonight.

can't give the good teams a lead and try to come back on them," Seidler said.

Chris Whiting was a powerful force inside the paint against Lane, scoring 26 points and pulling down six rebounds. He leads the team in both categories, averaging 22 points and eight rebounds a contest.

In the Lane game LB shot 56 percent from the field and dished out 18 total assists, with Silvano Barba collecting five. Todd Karo added 19 points and seven rebounds, and Chad Westphal, who also plays baseball for LB, chipped in 13 points.

Linn-Benton started last week tied for third, but splitting last two games drops them into sole possession of fourth at 4-4. The Roadrunners travel to Roseburg to play Umpqua, the region's second place team, for an 8 p.m. game.



The Commuter/DARIN RISCOL

Leading scorer and rebounder, Chris Whiting, tries to find an opening in the defense during the Roadrunners 15 point win over Lane.

Women's track team looking for runners to round out team

It seems like the wrong time of the year to be talking about track and field, but to Linn-Benton coach Brad Carmen anytime is the right time.

He will be taking his team to the Eugene Indoor meet this Friday to get some early indications of what the year holds for his team. The meet starts at 5:30 p.m.

Carmen also said he is having trouble fielding a women's team and that it isn't too late to come out and compete for the Roadrunners in the spring. Carmen said that anybody, man or woman, who is interested in participating in track, that has some high school experience, contact him immediately in the activities center in his office at ext.109 or 246.