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Grads face increasing student loan debt

College officials fear rising default rate may affect federal funding

By Pete Kozak
Of The Commuter Staff

The average LBCC graduate left last year's commencement ceremonies with more than a mortar board and a diploma. If that grad received financial aid, he or she also

carried an average loan debt of nearly \$5,000.

An increasing reliance on loans to pay for a college education is contributing to a higher default rate, according to Lance Popoff, Linn-Benton's director of financial aid.

And unless this trend is reversed, the college could be faced with a loss of federal funds in the years ahead.

"Potentially, we're going to have a day of reckoning," Popoff said.

While community colleges enroll 50 percent of the nation's college students they receive only 15 per-

cent of available federal financial aid. And with fewer available grants and scholarships, more students have turned to loans—especially Guaranteed Student Loans (GSLs)—to finance their education, resulting in an increasing financial burden upon completion of school.



Over the last 10 years, the number of GSLs has increased tremendously, representing 13 percent of the total financial aid needs of LBCC students in 1977 and growing to 52 percent in 1987. The average amount borrowed per student per year has also risen during this period, from \$872 to \$1,862.

The percentage of grants to the total financial aid available, on the other hand, has dropped during this same period—from 56 percent to 41 percent.

As a result, more students—including many considered "high-risk"—rely on loans, he said, adding that LBCC's experience is typical of what's happening on a national level. Similarly, LBCC shares a common problem with many community colleges nationwide: a dangerous loan default rate.

Popoff explained that community colleges and trade schools are the biggest contributors to the GSL program's default rate—currently 10.9 nationally.

New regulations announced last year by the U.S. Department of Education would terminate all federal loan aid to schools with a default rate exceeding 20 percent by 1990.

LBCC's default rate is 22 percent for GSLs processed through Oregon banks, said Popoff. However, the state of Oregon considers loans "delinquent" if they are 120 days behind schedule, a much shorter time frame than the one year allowed by the U.S. Department of Education. Consequently, LBCC's default rate, as computed by federal rules, is probably lower.

Still, LBCC's default rate concerns Popoff.

"We're potentially one of the target schools" for federal sanctions. He said, but added, "I think the new regulations may be subject to modification."

Popoff suggested several possible reasons for the high default rates. He cited a recent study conducted in California which linked high default rates to students who left school before completing their degree. Popoff speculated that those who don't complete school either feel less obligated to repay their loans, or are less qualified for jobs that pay enough to enable them to meet their obligations.

Popoff said there is little that schools can do to prevent loan defaults and that federal sanctions which punish schools are therefore ineffective.

Nevertheless, some schools have started conducting personal interviews with students to determine eligibility while others are running credit checks on applicants in hopes of reducing defaults. However, Popoff said that for schools with a large number of potential borrowers, this would be impractical. Besides, he added, such practices have not been proven effective.

Popoff said that one way to improve the loan situation at LBCC might be to reduce the dependence on loans, particularly for low-income and other "high-risk" borrowers.

"I would like to see more endowment grants and scholarships" for these students, he said.

This might involve raising money through "institutional sources," such as the LBCC Foundation, he said.

"This is one area we need to look into," adding that only 2 percent of LBCC's educational funding comes from such sources—compared to 18 percent for schools nationwide.

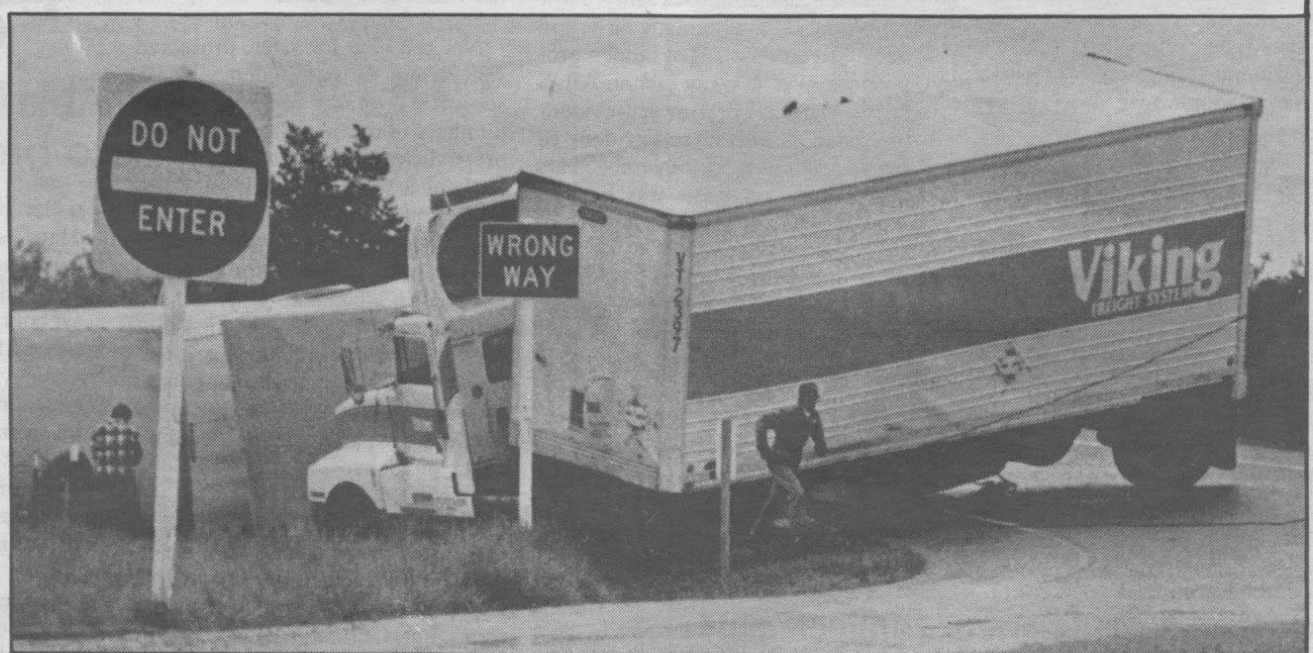
LBCC has plans to hire a full-time administrator for the foundation, which represents an important step in generating alternative funding for needy students, he said.

In the meantime, Popoff urges students to "stay away from loans unless you absolutely have to borrow. And if you must, borrow only what you absolutely need."

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Explosive Situation

Firemen and others prepare to upright a triple-trailer rig loaded with 13,500 pounds of class C explosives and 3,000 pounds of highly flammable extract flavoring. The truck overturned while exiting I-5 near Airport Road, Saturday at 4 a.m. The driver was uninjured, but over 100 people were evacuated from a nearby motel and businesses. I-5 remained closed for more than an hour.

The Commuter/RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE

Razz & Chaz

"Look at this garbage!" fumed Razz. He was waving a poster in his fist. "This truly stinks!"

"I know," said Chaz, scanning the room. "You really should vacuum more. Get a Maid."

"No no! Not the apartment. Take a look at this," said Razz.

Chaz unrolled the poster and peered at the lettering. It was a campaign advertisement. Someone was running for student council. After a moment of what could be considered thought in the world of single-celled creatures, he rolled the poster up neatly and belched.

"You're right," said Chaz. "Something must be done."

"The whole election is pointless," said Razz. "They come forward like a litter of puppies, begging to be fed with votes, promising that if they are kept alive each will grow up to be a registered purebred. Horse pucky! They're mutts! And what's more, they're powerless mutts!"

"But so are we," said Chaz.

"Yes, but at least we have the power of the pretzel," said Razz.

"Ah," Chaz philosophized, "You mean we have branches like arms?"

"No," answered Razz bluntly, "I mean the more common definition. We are like brittle, glazed, salted and usually twisted crackers. We're perfect examples of today's political leader."

"So why don't we run for student council?" said Chaz.

"I thought you'd never ask," said Razz. "Let's do it!"

And so Razz and Chaz formulated a platform, made finger-paint posters and readied the promises they would make in their speeches. At a press conference held at Ma's Dairy Farm, Razz and Chaz made their claims of superiority.



"If I am elected," said Razz, "I promise not to hold silly dances that nobody wants to go to in the first place. There shall be no prizes for dressing up like Richard Nixon!"

The press and witnesses applauded.

"If I'm elected," said Chaz, "I promise to have the custodians check and clean any unidentifiable gunk from all drinking fountain spigots, and to have them drink first, just in case."

Many chairs were toppled as those in attendance sprang to their feet, cheering their support.

"If elected to student council," said Razz, "we promise to make drastic changes in spending. Less video games are needed and more student programs should be approved, programs to help the students, not solely to keep them entertained, content and ignorant of events!"

"And how will you do all this?" asked Elwyn of the Commuter Staff.

"We will have logical and reasonable discussions with higher-ups," said Chaz. "When all points have been made and all opinions aired, we shall call for a democratic vote. This vote will not be based on rank or political and persuasive power but on each member's belief. The votes shall be tallied and the result shall stand."

"We can no longer allow the administration to look over the shoulders of student council members and influence them against making changes the students feel are right," said Razz. "It is the higher ups who make the rules, and later blame the council if something goes wrong. Down with service charges on Thousand Island dressing!"

"Students are unable to govern themselves!" shouted a voice from the shadows. "They must be guided like sheep and not allowed to make any but the least important decisions. Mark my words! When the administration is not allowed to override what the student council decides, chaos shall rule!"

This was enough to persuade the multitude who were present at Ma's. Sneering and growling, they all decided Razz and Chaz were out to bring about a true democracy, one where the student voice was not muted by higher-ups who had the final say. Razz and Chaz stood for a working student government where instead of being fooled into thinking they had the power to make changes, the power would actually be theirs.

ICOD forbid that the higher-ups would lose their scapegoats, that the sheep would rule themselves! So with blind vengeance, the press and all others present began throwing objects at Razz and Chaz.

"Duck! They're giving us everything but... never mind," said Razz as a kitchen sink smashed into the podium.

Letters

Writer off target in condom humor

To the Editor:

In response to Marco Coleman's editorial on condoms, I need to point out that everything is not as self-evident as he seems to think.

With increasing cases of sexually transmitted diseases being reported in this state and elsewhere, it should be self-evident that sexual abstinence is the only "safe sex." Is that an idea whose time has come? Somehow I doubt it.

Then it should be self-evident that absolute, lifetime monogamy is the best alternative to abstinence.

But ever since the first Kinsey Report on sexual behavior in the United States, we have been forced to recognize that many seek alternatives to lifetime monogamy.

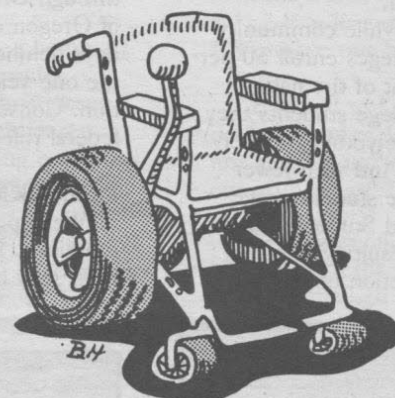
That brings us to a third alternative: protected sex. Surgeon General Koop, an otherwise politically conservative man, has forcefully argued for teaching about the condom and for using honest, clear language about sexuality. Now is no time for euphemistic birds and bees. We face a crisis of hidden proportions, and it is not just an AIDS crisis. What may seem self-evident to Marco is not so self-evident to many Americans. Several years ago, the sexual crisis was herpes. Today AIDS captures our attention.

Though too often seen as a gay disease, AIDS, in New York City, is more often found among heterosexuals than among homosexuals and intravenous drug users. But the old standbys of syphilis and gonorrhea cannot be ignored. In Oregon during the past two years, cases of syphilis and gonorrhea have risen dramatically. Sadly even newborns are beginning life with these diseases.

No, the case for safer, protected sex is not so self-evident. Health statistics, to say nothing of the numbers of unwanted or unplanned pregnancies, indicate otherwise. Perhaps it seemed a bit strange and oddly humorous on a PBS special last fall to see a professional actor demonstrate condom use by placing one on a banana. (Boy, did the banana exporters have a fit.) But such knowledge might spare someone the embarrassment and awkwardness of trying to put on a condom the same way one puts on a pair of socks.

Long ago, in a third term calculus, I learned that what is obvious is a function of knowledge and experience. Throughout the term, our German-trained teacher answered our questions with, "It's obvious." Finally, one day, from the back of the room came the plaintive cry, "Please, Dr. Tauber, tell us just how obvious it is."

Art Bervin
English Instructor



Able-bodied need to break barriers

To the Editor:

Have you ever felt that you didn't belong even though you look, feel, and act like every one else?

Of course there is one exception. I'm in a wheelchair. There seems to be an invisible barrier that people put around me that keeps them from treating me like anybody else. This makes it very difficult for me to communicate or express my need for assistance to other people. Some of these needs are as simple as asking someone to open a door for me, get something off a shelf, or pick up something I've dropped.

The only reason for this barrier is the lack of knowledge that people have when it comes to the disabled and the equipment they must use to get around.

With the ever increasing frequency of accidents that result in so-

meone becoming disabled, we need to start a program that deals with the causes and needs of the disabled. This program needs to encourage people to ask questions and feel comfortable when approaching a disabled person, whether it be to assist them or just talk, without the fear of saying or doing the wrong thing. This in turn would help those of us in wheelchairs to open up and feel free to ask for assistance should the need arise.

We may be a small minority, but the fact that anyone can become a member at any time only helps to reinforce the need for such a program. This program can bring about a change in how we are perceived in the public eye. In some cases it may help to reduce our ever growing numbers by making people realize the necessary changes needed to avert such a devastating trauma in their lives. The need to implement a program to dissolve this barrier as soon as possible is as sure as the ever present threat that an accident is all it takes to become disabled.

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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.

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Variety of candidates offered in today's elections

By Patricia Fax
Of The Commuter Staff

ASLBCC elections today and tomorrow offer students a large and diverse field of candidates to choose from.

Polling booths in the College Center will be open till 5 p.m. both days, while booths in Takena Hall will be open until 9 p.m., according to Student Program Director Annie Gonzales.

"I'm just delighted," Gonzales said yesterday. "We've had a flood of applicants since the article in last week's Commuter."

Originally, Gonzales instructed candidates to return completed election petitions to the ASLBCC office by 5 p.m. on April 12. Because only nine applicants had responded, she moved the deadline back to 5 p.m. yesterday.

Gonzales defined a "full field" of candidates as two for each of LB's six majors and one for the at-large positions.

She also commented that few of this year's candidates are campaigning on specific platforms, although one nominee hopes to banish recruiters from campus.

Poll Watchers hired by Student Programs will be on hand to check the student status of voters and to explain the voting process.

Most of the students running for office echoed the sentiments of Eric Wangerin, departing Humanities representative. "I wanted to be a part of LB," he explained. "I wanted to be informed of what's going on."

Wangerin believes that ASLBCC serves a vital function in student life, "trying to keep the students happy. I don't think students know enough about why student council is here."

Wangerin encouraged students with any kind of school-related difficulty to ask themselves, "How can ASLBCC help?" and to approach their representative for help. "If they have a beef with a teacher, they should follow the chain of command," citing a consultation with ASLBCC as a first step.



Meeting students are candidates (l-r) Ken Gribbs, Brian Miller, Don King, Kathleen Carey, Brian McMullen, Tim Hoehne, Doug Meyers, Darlene Marcel Rene, and Paul Rene.

Students who emerge victorious in today's election can expect to spend an average of 5 to 7 hours a week on council duties. In addition to attending a weekly meeting and joining two LB committees, representatives must schedule an office hour in the Student Programs office to be available to their constituents and to work on council projects.

On today's ballot are:

HO/PE—Christopher Cartwright, Don Spitz.

AHSS—Terry Cato, Janelle Elms, Bryan Miller, Pierre Osborne, Darlene Marcel Rene, Paul Rene.

Sci-Tech—Jari Heghey, Timothy W. Hoehne, Doug S. Meyers, Brian McMullen.

Community Ed—Darcy Cooper, Julie Grizzel, Donald L. King.

IA—Kathleen Carey, Ken Gibbs.

Industrial students awarded 3 firsts

By Elwyn Price
Of The Commuter Staff

Three LBCC Industrial students took first place at the state Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) skills competition held at Portland Community College on April 8-9.

Al Jackson, auto technology instructor, said that nine students placed in eight categories. Andy Epperly took first in auto service technology, John Alvin was first and Dave Hill second in diesel mechanics, Bill Christopher took second in major appliance, Dan Hamond finished second in sheetmetal, Chris Beachell was third in precision machining, and Robert Sisk was third in welding.

"There is a lot of corporate involvement in this competition," Jackson said. "They provide the equipment and technical expertise to make this a top notch contest."

According to Jackson, first place state winners and their advisors will go to a national competition called the U.S. Skills Olympics held in Wichita, Kansas, June 21-25. He said the trip will be a great learning experience for both students and advisors.

Students going to the national competition will have their transportation and motel costs covered by a corporate sponsor or the LBCC cocurricular activities fund. "I think LBCC will do real well there," Jackson said.

Secretary extraordinaire to visit LBCC

Oregon's No 1 secretary, Secretary of State Barbara Roberts, will be on campus Friday morning as the guest speaker for the 19th annual Albany Chamber of Commerce Secretaries' Breakfast.

The Breakfast, which will be held in the Commons at 6:30 a.m., kicks off Linn-Benton's salute to secretaries and National Secretaries' Week, April 25-29.

LBCC's Training and Economic Development Center is offering a series of two-hour workshops for secretaries next week.

The eight workshops have been designed to promote

personal growth, personal development, skill development and the sharing of information. There is also a workshop designed to separate the work environment from home life. According to TED Center Program Coordinator Carol Putnam, one session is specifically designed to "add a little humor to office routine."

"We've designed what we think is an exciting and varied schedule," says Putnam, "and we hope people will take advantage of it."

Each session costs \$20; two sessions on the same day cost \$35. Registration forms will be taken through Friday. For details, call 967-6112.

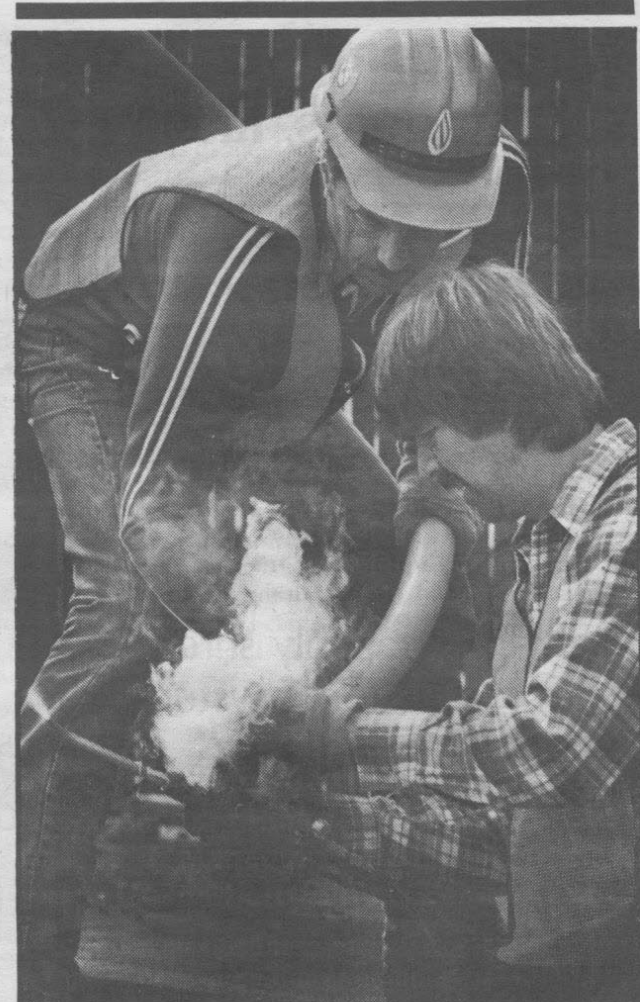
Aids campaign seen, heard, understood by many

A recently completed survey sponsored by the Oregon Health Division's AIDS Program found a high level of support among Oregonians for the use of public media for AIDS prevention information.

Six hundred and five telephone interviews of a crosssection of Oregon adults were conducted between February 1-6, 1988. Out of the total sample, 68 percent responded that they had seen or heard of the campaign. For some of the specific Public Service Announcements,

the awareness response was exceptionally high: 83 percent had seen or heard the "Use A Condom" ads; 80 percent had seen or heard "AIDS is a Killer; and 66 percent saw "One Night Stands Can Be Murder."

Ninety-six percent of the surveyed Oregonians believe that radio, television and newspapers should be used in providing information about AIDS prevention, and 83 percent strongly support condoms being specifically mentioned in radio, newspaper and television advertising.



The Commuter/DAVID GRUBBS

Flammability Experiments

Northwest Natural Gas employees Jerry Badger and Jim Bryland prepare a section of pipe to be used as a gas line on the new Child Care Lab.

National College News

Odd crime sprees hit two campuses

By The College Press Service

An odd crime wave washed over two campuses the last week in March.

At the University of Pennsylvania, police arrested two students who took a \$20,000 Zamboni—the strange-looking machine that resurfaces ice rinks—for a five-block joy ride.

And at the University of Texas at Austin, police charged the grandson of a campus legend with stealing a page of Albert Einstein's handwritten notes from a locked display in a UT building. The notes, apparently written by the great physicist in the early 1950s, may have been worth "a couple of thousand dollars," estimate UT librarian John Chalmers.

Acting on a tip, police recovered the page in the off-campus apartment of Samuel K. Royal, 18, grandson of former Texas football coach and athletic director Darrel Royal.

Samuel Royal, whose father Mack Davis works as a custodian in the building from which the document was stolen, is not a student at the university.

Chalmers said the document, one of six on display, "is a piece of our heritage. It is not to be replaced. In that sense, it has no price."

Penn officials, meanwhile, are trying to calculate how much damage the two students—whose names have not been released to the public—did to the ice resurfacing machine in their joyride.

Rink Manager Jill Maser, however, stressed she intends to press charges against the students.

"This is no joke," she said, "and the people who did this are in big trouble."

School computer fools YSU students, faculty

By The College Press Service

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—The grade-point averages of about half the student body at Youngstown State University fell all at once the last week in March.

The mass dimming of YSU students' intellects, however, turned out to be a computer error.

The school's mainframe computer mistakenly replaced all the numbers to the right of the decimal point with zeros in grade reports sent out to students who live in certain zip codes, The Jambar, the campus paper, reported.

Students cumulative averages consequently could have been diminished by as much as .99.

A wave of anxious phone calls, though, alerted Registrar Dr. Harold Yiannaki to the problem.

Worker mistakenly shreds exam results for law student

By The College Press Service

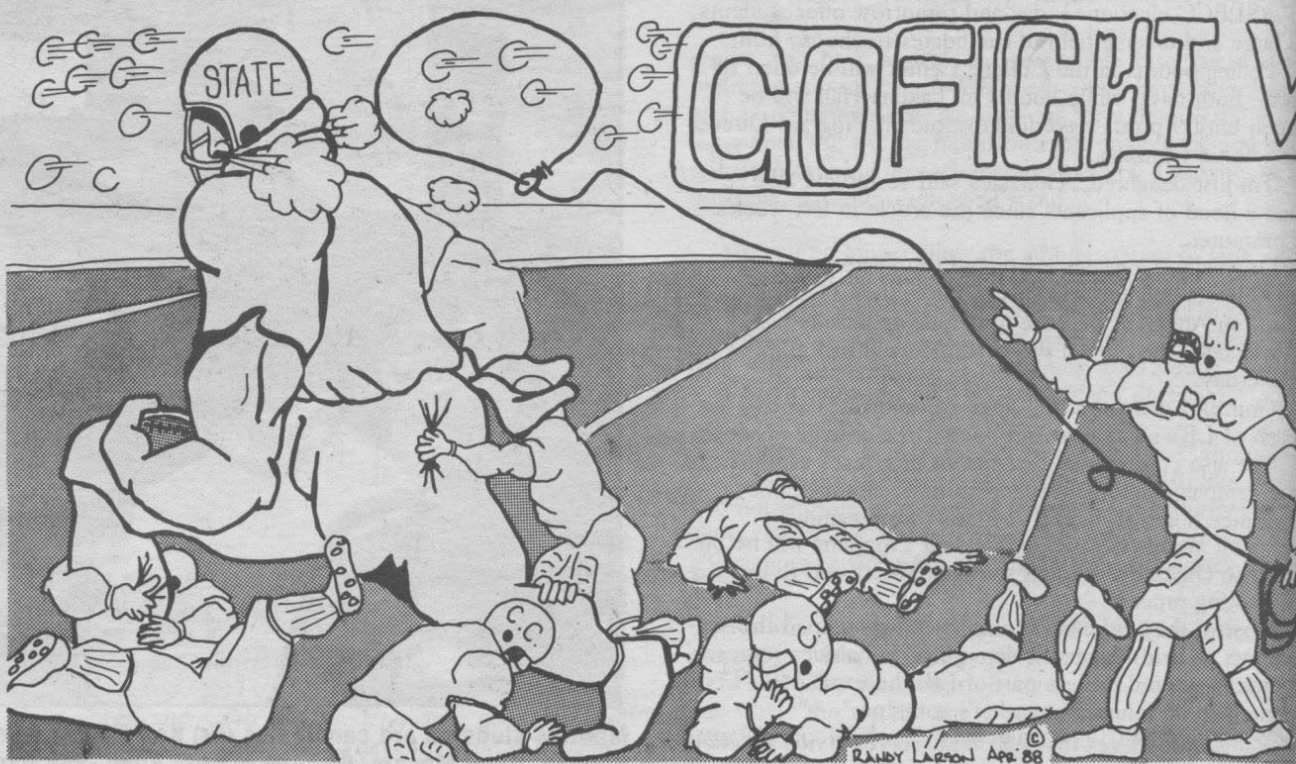
ST. LOUIS MO.—Washington University of St. Louis officials have admitted they mistakenly shredded the questions and the answers to a three-hour law exam before they had a chance to grade it.

"Some students want their money back, they're so furious," Student Bar Association President Maia Brodie told the Associated Press.

The test results, Brodie maintained, could "make the difference between a \$26,000 job and a \$40,000 job" after graduation for the law students.

In a memo—written two weeks after he found out about the shredding—Law Dean Dorsey D. Ellis, Jr. blamed a student "working without supervision" in the registrar's office for accidentally destroying the tests.

Ellis said students who took the test would get a "credit instead of a grade, and that the credit would not be calculated into their grade-point averages."



Football used as enrollment key

By The College Press

To boost their public profiles and shrinking enrollments, several small Midwest colleges in recent weeks have adopted an unusual strategy: they've decided to field football teams.

A California junior college, moreover, announced it may go to court to keep its nationally-ranked football squad for the same reasons.

Officials at Trinity College, a church-affiliated Illinois school that enrolls about 600 students, announced in early March they will field a football team in 1989.

It will be the first time Trinity has had a team in its 91-year history.

The reason, Trinity spokesman Bob Moeller says, will be to win students as much as to win football games.

"We have to do what we can to be competitive with the other small, church-affiliated, liberal arts colleges in the area," Moeller explained. "We're all competing for a shrinking pool of students."

Another Illinois school, Greenville College, started a team last fall after 94 years without a gridiron squad. The team did well on the fields its first season, and according to school officials, helped attract dozens of new students by giving the school a larger public profile.

Greenville's success, said Moeller, encouraged Trinity, which suffered through financial hard times in recent years but has since rebounded.

"I think people will see it as another sign that Trinity is healthy and doing well after a period of some trouble," he said.

A 1984 University of Kentucky study indicated a strong correlation between winning sports programs and athletic donations, but no significant relation between sports and academic gifts.

And when Wichita State University dropped its debt-ridden football program in 1988, applications, enrollment and donations actually increased.

Still, Robert Hartsook, Wichita State's vice-president for development and alumni affairs, yearns for the visibility a good football team can bring a school.

"Right now I miss not being able to have a chance at good visibility in the fall," he said. "I'd like to have had Sunday headlines that said 'Wichita State Wins' this fall."

In California, Taft College may go to court to keep such headlines, and its football team, alive.

The school—which easily won its conference championship last year and finished the season ranked third in the nation among junior colleges—was left out when the Coast Valley Conference reorganized earlier this year.

Conference officials say they assumed the state Commission on Athletics would place Taft in a more competitive league.

But the state didn't, forcing Taft officials to scramble to schedule games for the 1988 season. "It's difficult," said spokesman Dennis McCall, "since most schools have already scheduled their seasons."

Violence erupts among Indiana fraternal students

By The College Press Service

A running war between two fraternities has convinced Indiana University to cancel all dorm social events for the rest of the school year.

IU Dean of Students Michael Gordon last week said scuffles and rumors of planned future fights between members of Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi at some scheduled mixers and dances led him to distribute a memo to dorm advisers saying that "all activities are to be cancelled in order to preserve the safety of others."

Another fraternity "war" broke out at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in late February, when about 20 students from Pi Alpha Nu and Alpha Chi Rho

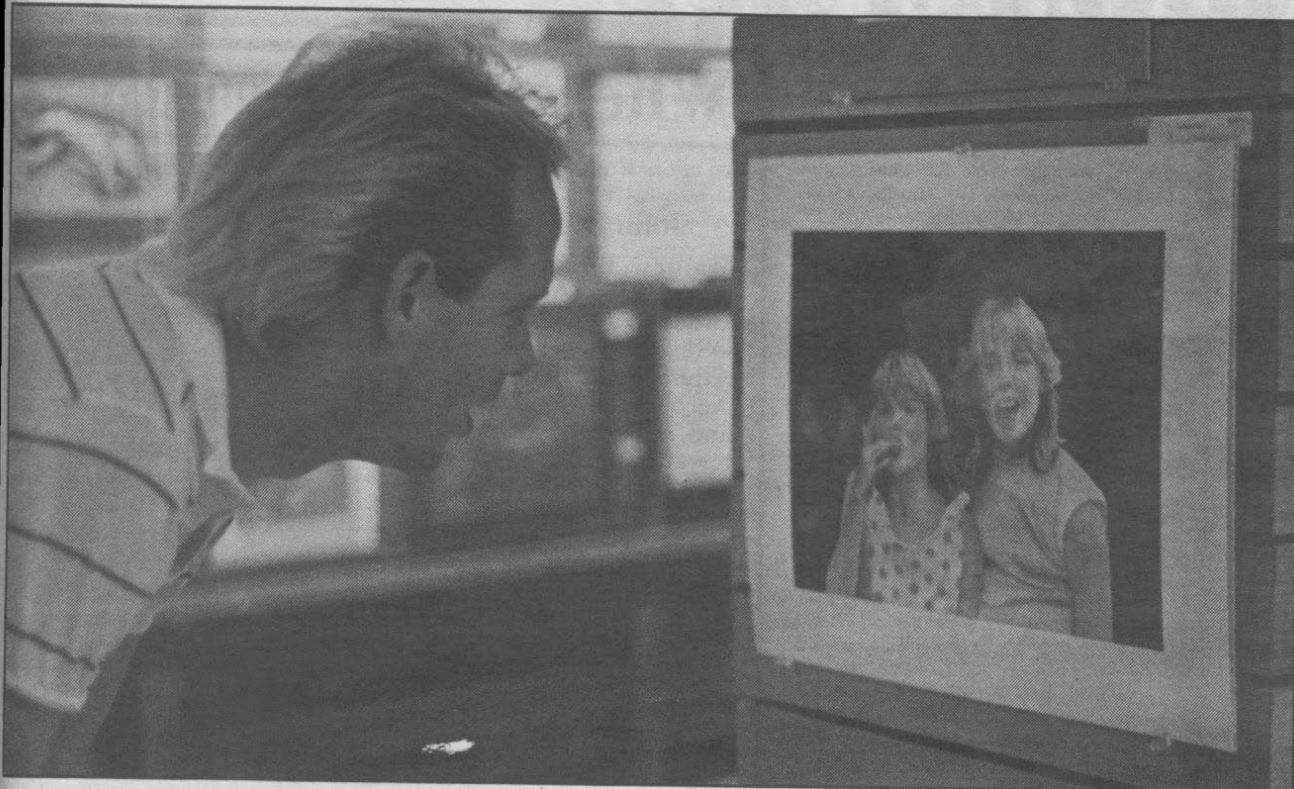
battled each other in a violent disagreement.

One student was arrested, and two suffered fractures, cuts and abrasions.

Gordon earlier had banned all dorm activities the weekend of March 9 in the wake of a March 6 brawl, and amid rumors that "a truckload" of fraternity brothers from Chicago would soon come to the Bloomington campus to continue the fight.

Neither Indiana chapter has a house, and both hold their functions in the dorms.

Rumors that alumni and related members of the two chapters will have a "confrontation" at the Little 500 bicycle race on campus in May persisted last week, Associate Dean of Students Richard KcKaig said.



The Commuter/MARY BETH BRASSILL

Art Show

Advertising/Public Relations major Jim Finch takes a time-out from his studies to browse through the Student Fine Art show now on display in the Humanities Gallery. The exhibit, which features more than 100 works by scores of art and graphics students, will be open through May 6. Finch is studying a watercolor done by graphics major Cathy Davidson.

Opera Guild to preview 'Magic Flute'

The Linn-Benton Opera Guild will present a preview of "The Magic Flute," by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, on April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, 114 S.W. 8th Street, Corvallis.

David Eiseman, professor in OSU's Department of Music, will play recorded excerpts of the music and discuss the opera. The preview is free to opera guild members and \$2.50 for non-members.

"The Magic Flute" will be performed in English. The opera tells a fairy-tale story depicting elaborately contrasted elements of good and evil and offering the proper attainment of wisdom as the ultimate key to happiness. "The Magic Flute" combines musical performance with spoken dialogue. The part of Tamino will be sung by Jon Garrison, son of James and Verna Long of Corvallis. A

former Albany man, Larry Fee, will also sing in the opera.

Joseph Scuro will conduct "The Magic Flute" on Saturday, May 7, with Jack Eddleman serving as stage director. The Opera Guild will provide two buses to attend the opera. Cost of the bus ticket is \$15.75. One bus will leave LBCC's Benton Center, 630 NW 7th St. in Corvallis at 3:30 p.m. and stop in Albany at Key Bank on third and Ellsworth streets at 4 p.m. Dinner in Portland is not included in the cost. The second bus will leave the center at 5:30 p.m. and stop in Albany at Key Bank at 6 p.m. Both buses will return immediately after the performance. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Betty Miner, Opera Guild Coordinator, 757-8949. Opera ticket information is available Monday through Friday by calling the Portland Opera Box Office at 241-1802.

Porcelain workshop to be presented by local artist

The public is invited to a free slide show demonstrating the technique of coloring opaque and translucent porcelain today from 7-10 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia rooms.

This will be followed by a porcelain workshop/potluck lunch 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, which is open and free to current and former LBCC students.

Allan Kluber the slide show and workshop presenter, has been working in porcelain and colored clays for the past 14 years. He was awarded a 1981 National Endowment for the Arts, Building Arts Grant and a 1979 Crafts Fellowship by the Oregon Arts Commission to further his

development of "Illuminated Clay." Work supported by these grants premiered at the Contemporary Crafts Gallery in Portland in 1980 and at the University of Oregon Museum of Art in 1981.

Kluber has conducted workshops throughout the Northwest and was an Oregon Arts Foundation artist in residence and a Portland Community College and University of Oregon instructor.

Workshop registration can be done the day of the workshop. For more information, contact the LBCC Ceramics Studio, 928-2361, ext. 220, or the LBCC Benton Center, 757-8944.

Free teleconference on photography aired today

Two nationally recognized photographers will be featured in a free teleconference to be shown in LBCC's Forum 115 today at 2 p.m.

Outdoor photographer Galen Rowell and "Life" photojournalist Bill Pierce will be shown working on location, and will answer questions phoned in by a national viewing audience. The program, part of Kodak's "Techniques of the Masters" teleconference series, will be shown on a tape-delayed basis at LBCC.

Rowell, whose works have appeared in several photo

books and in "National Geographic," has been dubbed "America's preeminent wilderness photographer" by Sierra Club Books. He will be shown in Yosemite testing Kodak's new Ektachrome 100 Plus film. Pierce has worked as a freelance photojournalist for "Life," "Paris Match," "The New York Times Magazine" and other periodicals. He received the 1983 Overseas Press Club Award for Best Photo-Reporting from Abroad. The Kodak program will show Pierce working in New York City testing a new black-and-white film designed for low-light conditions.

Spotlight

Memo to the Editor Writer finds life too complicated to fit in ballet

By Chuk Bacon
Of The Commuter Staff

Though I would have probably enjoyed seeing "Petrushka" and reviewing the performance of the Eugene Ballet, last Sunday, a few things kept me from going.

I was out of town on Sunday. For once my car was in working order so I can't use that for an excuse. I could have driven to Albany in time for the ballet but I had some things on my mind.

I have been working on a solo album project in Eugene. The drum track has been finished for some time and this past weekend I finally made more headway. I finished recording the rhythm guitar track.

So on Sunday I was involved in deep listening, picking apart the recording and writing other instrument parts to fit the sound. While the feeling was still fresh, I took the time to compose a bass line for each of the eight songs.

Making music is my first love but I had more things on my mind. What's a fellow to do? I'm 23 years old and by some strange chain of events, I'm going to a prom. That's right, a prom. Let me explain.

I was sitting on a friend's couch, minding my own business, when the phone rang. My friend answered and cheerfully greeted her daughter on the other end.

"My friend and I can't find any boys we want to be seen with at the dance," her daughter said, "so we're thinking about going together."

"Won't your friend's think that's a little weird?" my friend asked.

"I guess so," said the daughter. "What do you suggest?"

My friend cupped her hand over the phone and looked at me with a sly smile that I didn't recognize at the time. In my innocence, I smiled back. "Why don't you ask Chuk and Jay," she said to her daughter. My ears perked, knowing I was in deep trouble. The rest of the phone call went too fast for me to fathom and I remember the room went dark.

When I regained consciousness the date was fixed. I was to escort not my friend's daughter, but my friend's daughter's friend. I had seen her only once or twice and she usually ignored me or insulted me. Maybe when we get all dressed up and dance around at the Eugene Hilton, we'll have a chance to talk.

So I had to figure out what to wear, how I was going to afford it and if I had something else already planned on the 23rd. I know that if I break this date, for any reason, I will be skinned from the toes up.

Anyway, my guess is that Petrushka went over quite well because the Eugene Ballet Company is not known for poor performances. I could be wrong. The show could have been a flop. I don't know. I wasn't there because I couldn't spare the \$5 and after all, what would I wear?

Chinese journalist presents brown-bag discussion Monday

Tan Aiqin, an educator and journalist from mainland China, will discuss how the news is gathered and reported in her home country at an informal brown-bag discussion Monday, April 25 at noon in F-109.

The discussion is open to student journalists and other interested students and staff.

Tan Aiqin has been visiting area schools to speak on a wide variety of subjects under a cultural program sponsored by the school districts in Albany, Corvallis and LBCC. She was at LBCC April 13 to talk with a international studies class.

Tan Aiqin has been editor of the North American edition of "China Reconstruction Magazine," has edited several books and has written and traveled widely in China.

MARKETSPACE

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Board Meeting

The LBCC Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The meeting will be preceded by an Executive Session at 6 p.m. in CC-135.

Adoption Course

A five-week course on adoption will begin Friday April 29 at Albany General Hospital. The class will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. in

Conference Room No. 2.

The class is sponsored by PLAN Adoption Agency of McMinnville and the LBCC Parent Education Department. The first class is free and includes information on adoption agencies in Oregon, ages of children available for adoption, fees, international and interstate adoption processes. The remaining four sessions of the course will cost \$50.

The course is helpful to people who are "just considering" adoption as well as those who might be working with other agencies not offering similar courses. Marital status is not usually an issue. Singles may adopt.

Adoptive parents teach the course and more information can be obtained by calling Loni Gill 926-0576.

U of O Visit

A representative from the University of Oregon will be on the LBCC campus from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the College Center Lobby to talk with students interested in transferring.

ROTC Visit

A representative from OSU Army ROTC will be in the LBCC College Center Lobby from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. today to talk with interested students.

BY JOHNNY HART

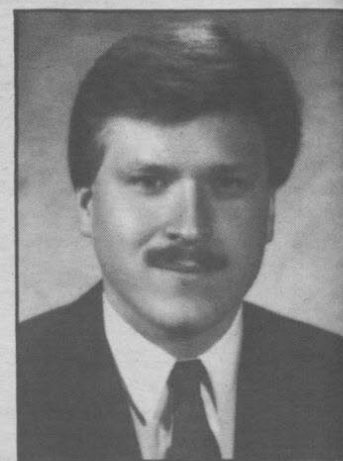
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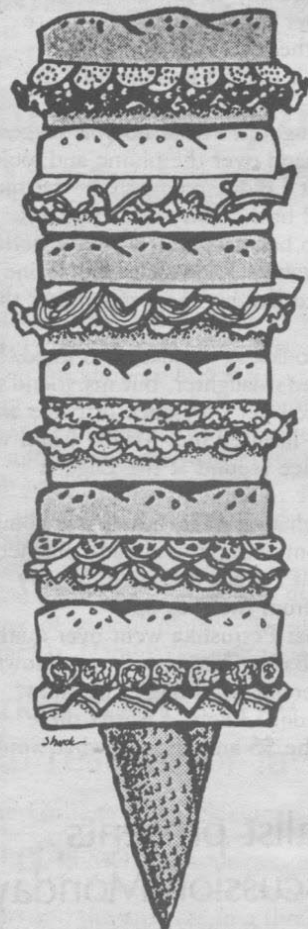
John D. Porter

Major: Business Administration (Accounting)
Graduated: LBCC 1981;
OSU, 1983
Attained Certified Public Accountant status 1985 and is currently working toward Master of Taxation at Portland State University. His current employer is Touche Ross & Co., Portland, where he is audit manager.



"LBCC's business program provided me with a sound base in business fundamentals. It successfully introduced me to other business disciplines outside of accounting. LBCC's theatre arts program greatly improved my verbal communication skills and personal self-confidence. While at LBCC I was fortunate to meet many individuals who had backgrounds quite different from mine; this interaction proved very valuable in preparing me for the business world."

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Deadline for applications is May 6.

Other positions available:

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These positions carry varying amounts of compensation in the form of position grants or commissions. In addition, work study eligible students are sought for positions as assistants in the editorial, advertising and photo departments.

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Attention Spanish Speakers: A reminder that

the Spanish Conversation table will be held this term, which is an informal time to speak in Spanish and improve our vocabulary. This will be accomplished by means of playing Scrabble in Spanish. We will meet in the cafeteria each Tuesday at 12:00 noon. We hope to see you there.

Overeaters Anonymous will be held on Wednesdays, starting April 27, 1988 in CC110H—Oak Creek Room. At that time people will be given a schedule of the meetings for the next couple of months and what room the meeting will be held. If you have any questions, please Call Jackie S. at x327.

LOST & FOUND

The following items have been turned into the LBCC Lost & Found Department, College Center 123, and may be claimed Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keys, keys, keys; two women's wristwatches; a man's wristwatch, two eye glass cases; one calculator; one pair prescription glasses; one photograph and ruler (Left in Library); one glove; one pair of gloves; three single earrings; a necklace; umbrellas; a coin purse; a bag of pens and pencils, etc; a dog leash; and misc. books, notebooks, papers.

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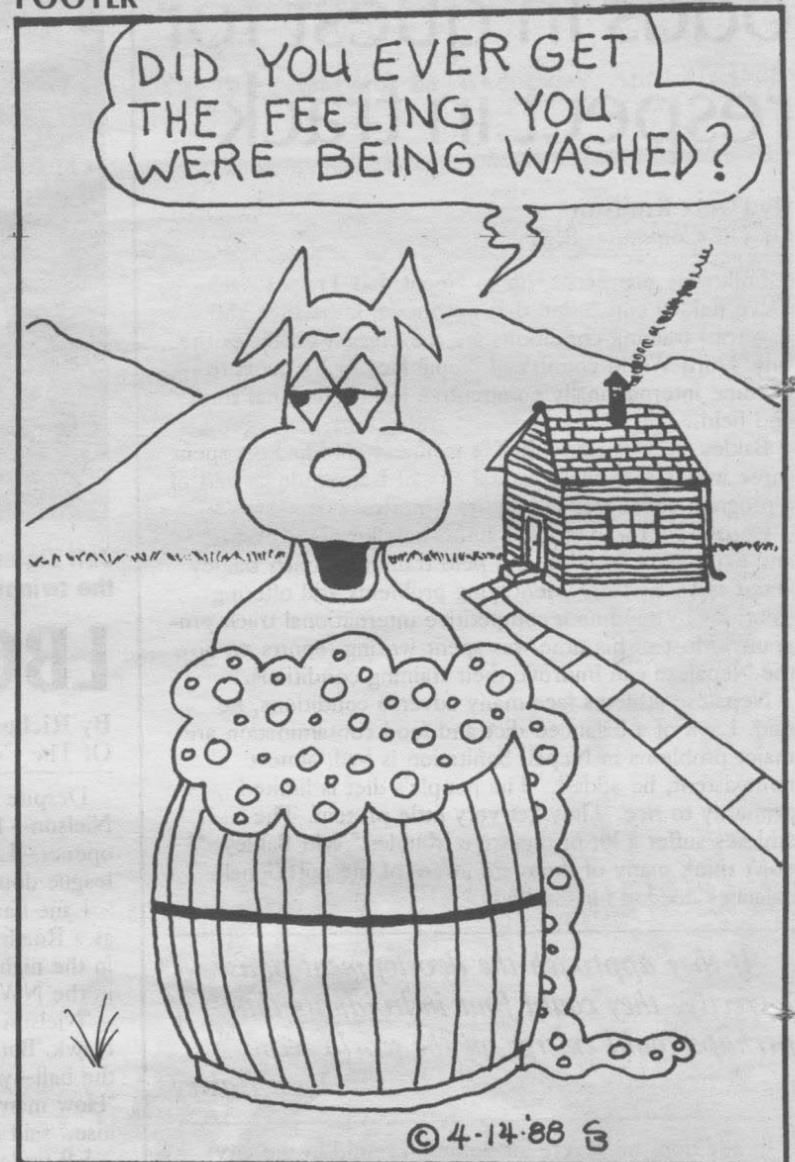
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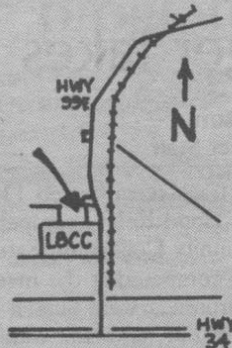
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Nepal faces long odds in quest for respect in track

By Paula Knutson
Of The Commuter Staff

Following his recent trip to Nepal, LB Track Coach Dave Bakley concluded that nutritional imbalance and dangerous training conditions are the biggest obstacles the tiny Third World country of Nepal face in its quest to become internationally competitive in international track and field.

Bakley, who is also LBCC's wellness coordinator, spent three weeks in Nepal's capital city of Katmandu as part of a program sponsored by Sports America.

Chosen by the Nepalese authorities for his expertise and experience in track and field training, Coach Bakley acted as an advisor, "identifying problems and offering solutions to building a competitive international track program." Most of his time was spent writing reports on how the Nepalese can improve their training conditions.

Nepalese athletes face many adverse conditions, he said. Lack of a balanced diet and food contamination are major problems in Nepal. Sanitation is bad, almost nonexistent, he added. "The people's diet is limited primarily to rice. They get very little protein. The athletes suffer a lot of digestive troubles," said Bakley. "I don't think many of them are aware of the nutritional balances needed for the body."

"If they approach the development phase correctly, they could find individuals that perhaps could emerge on the world scene."

—Dave Bakley

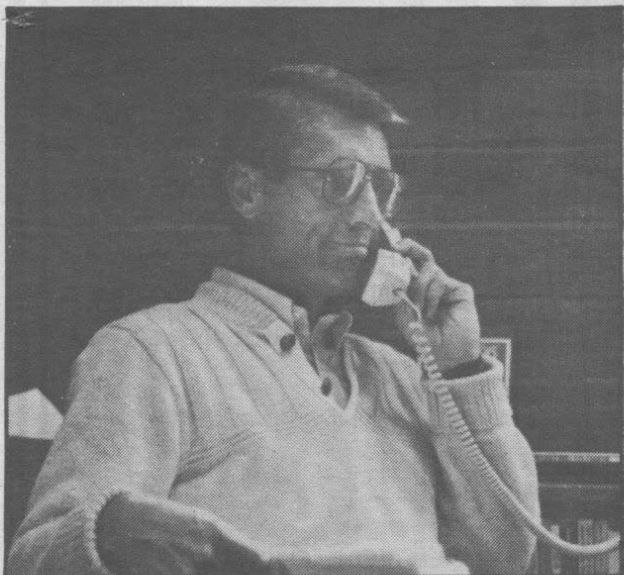
In addition the severe air pollution found in the city means training can be hazardous. Many people in the cities have respiratory problems, which Bakley believes are linked to the pollution problem.

Another adversity faced by athletes in Nepal are the inadequate facilities they have to train in. Nepal is a very poor country with a yearly per capita income of \$160; it has little monetary support to give its national sports program.

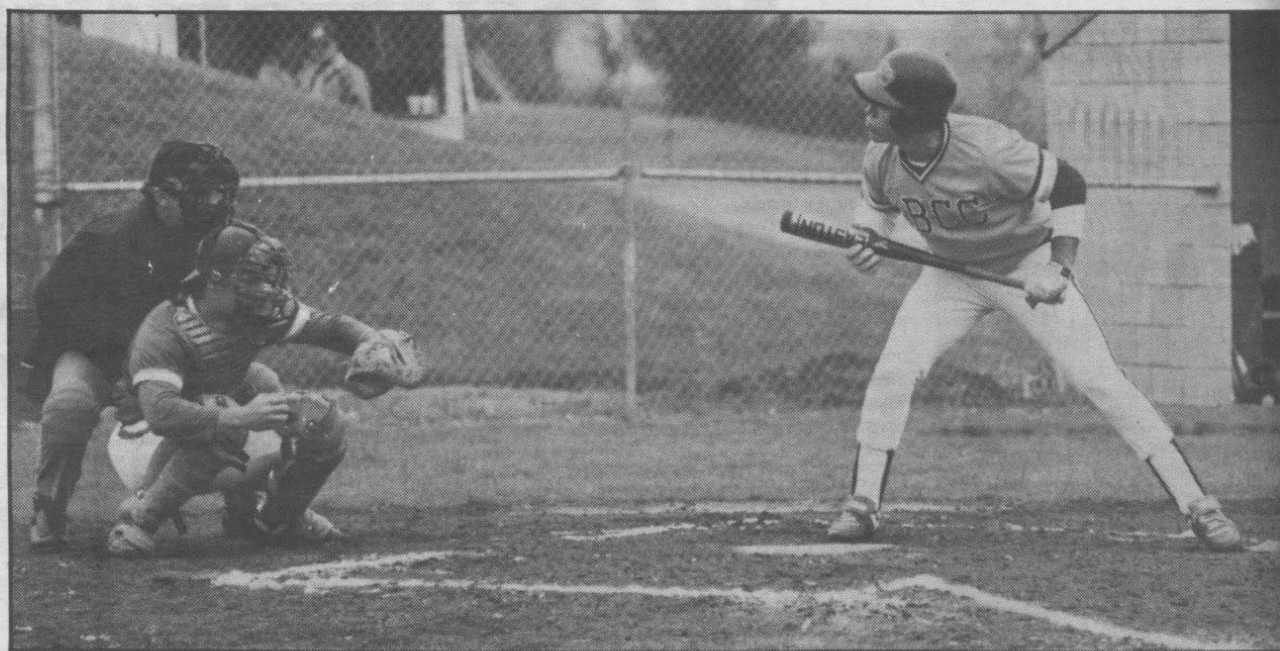
But what the Nepalese lack in training facilities and opportunities, they make up for in desire, Bakley said.

"The athletes are very knowledgeable and very hard-working. They strive to do the best for their country," Bakley said of his pupils.

Bakley is hopeful for the Nepal team. "If they approach the development phase correctly," he said, "they could find individuals that perhaps could emerge on the world scene."



LBCC Track Coach Dave Bakley recently returned from Nepal where he was asked to study that country's track and field training programs.



Jeff Ziegler looks to the umpire for the call after faking a bunt in the first game against Lane Tuesday. LBCC lost the twinbill, 3-1 and 4-3.

LBCC nine lose 2 to Lane in rain

By Richard C. Meek
Of The Commuter Staff

Despite a brilliant pitching performance by Ken Nielson—10 strikeouts with only one earned run in the opener—Linn-Benton was swept by Lane last night in a league doubleheader.

Lane handed Nielson his first league loss in two years as a Roadrunner, 3-1, then went on to beat Phil Hasslen in the nightcap, 4-3, to take sole possession of first place in the NWAACC Southern Division.

"Nielson threw a fine game," said coach Greg Hawk. "But it's tough to win when your batters don't hit the ball—you can't always wait for the long ball." "How many times does your pitcher strikeout 10 and lose," said assistant coach Bill Brown.

LB trailed Lane all afternoon, never finding that explosive spark they need to compensate for their lagging defense. The defense tallied five errors on the afternoon and allowed an equal amount of unearned runs.

The Roadrunner's only offensive flicker in the nightcap came too little and too late in the fifth as Jeff Ziegler led off the inning with a solo homer over left-center. LB loaded the bases, but could only score two off a Gary Boyer double. LB left eight men on base in the second game—a total of 13 on the day.

Mid-season rainouts have wrought havoc with the Roadrunner's schedule. Tomorrow's doubleheader against Lane, in Eugene, has been rescheduled four times this season.

The team has cancelled two games with the Pacific University JV's and rescheduled a game with the OSU JV's for a later date. The team has six league games this week—weather permitting.

Coach Hawk is understanding of the Northwest's spring weather. "It's frustrating anytime you can't meet the schedule, but you have to role with the tide and hope you stay on time," he said.

Demetri Kalomiris, a freshman middle infielder, said "Rainouts are frustrating when you have a layover and you start getting a lot of games piling up on you." Jim Roso, a freshman catcher, feels that "getting mentally prepared (for a game) and finding out that you don't play" hurts the players' concentration.

Millanger takes first in hurdles at Mt. Hood

By Paula Knutson
Of The Commuter Staff

The LB men's track team bested 11 teams to take fourth in the Mt. Hood Relays competition hosted by Mt. Hood Community College on Saturday.

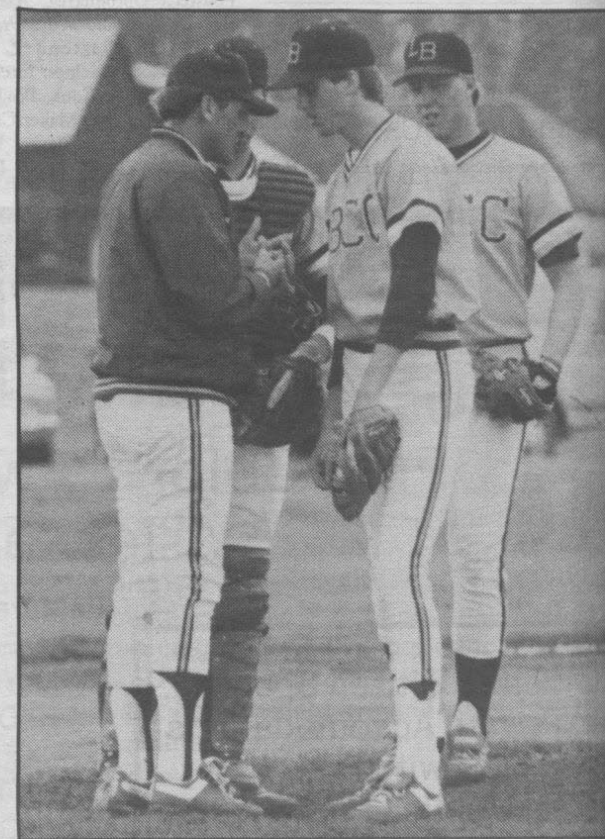
Fifteen schools competed at the meet. With a score of 62 the men Roadrunners were beaten only by Clackamas with 116, Highline 111, and Lane with 72.

LBCC had one first place winner: Jim Millanger, who won the men's 110 hurdles with a time of 14.8.

"We work on fundamentals in practice to keep us sharp for the games ahead. The team works hard so that they are mentally ready for each game," said Hawk.

"The team motivates itself by team members pushing each other in practice so we are ready for the games," added Roso.

If the rains ease, the Roadrunners will play at Lane on Thursday in a league doubleheader, at home on Saturday for another two against Mt. Hood, then go back on the road on Tuesday against Clackamas for two.



Coach Greg Hawk (left) talks with pitcher Ken Nielson and infielder Chad Hartsell on the mound. Partially hidden is catcher Jim Roso.

Four other LB tracksters also placed high. Ken Weinberg took second in the javelin with a toss of 182 feet. Second place in the triple jump went to Mike Burrell with a mark of 46-1. Jay Havel placed second in the high jump, going over the bar at 6-6. Placing fourth in the pole vault, with a vault of 14-6, was Rick Madsen.

Women's placings and team scores were unavailable.

This coming weekend's meet, the Western Oregon Invitational, will be held in Monmouth.